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Guillermo del Toro's "The Shape of Water" won best picture in an unpredictable category as the Oscars mixed Harvey Weinstein punchlines with earnest calls for equality in the movies. **Michael Phillips in A+E**

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President poised to proceed on tariffs

Aides say Trump determined despite warnings of a trade war

BY LAURA KING
Washington Bureau

WASHINGTON — Administration officials signaled Sunday that President Donald Trump is determined to impose punishing tariffs on imported steel and

aluminum, brushing aside an outcry from foreign allies, U.S. manufacturers, Republican lawmakers and other presidential advisers that he may ignite a damaging trade war.

Both Trump's commerce secretary, Wilbur Ross, and

White House trade adviser Peter Navarro, the apparent winners of an internal administration battle over the issue, said that they expect the president to follow up swiftly on his surprise announcement Thursday that he would invoke a little-used legal provision to singlehandedly impose duties of 25 percent on imported steel and 10 percent on

aluminum. "We expect probably by the end of the week it will be signed," Navarro said on CBS' "Face the Nation." Trump signaled Sunday night that he wouldn't be backing down, posting on Twitter: "Our friends and enemies have taken advantage of the U.S. for many years. Our Steel and Aluminum industries are dead.

Sorry, it's time for a change!" Navarro and Ross, making the rounds of news-talk shows, each suggested that Trump was unlikely to exempt allied countries from the tariffs, despite national-security concerns raised by some of his own advisers about the move. The president has instead invoked national security as a reason

to press ahead with the tariffs. "As soon as he starts exempting countries (from the tariffs), he has to raise the tariff on everybody else," Navarro said on "Fox News Sunday." Making trade allowances for good friends, he contended, was impractical: "As soon as he

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Patrick Hogan, Rick Headrick and Alissa Headrick celebrate Loyola's win Sunday at Bulldog Ale House in Rogers Park.

MARCH MADNESS

Loyola locks it up

Fans, players ecstatic as Ramblers head to NCAA tournament

With about 1:25 left in the Loyola-Illinois State game, Loyola fans watching the Missouri Valley Conference tournament championship felt decades of skepticism dissolve. For many, it's like your favorite club band getting a gig at the United Center. **Chicagoland, Page 6**

The Ramblers earned their first trip to the NCAA tournament in 33 years with Sunday's 65-49 victory. "This is what we've been dreaming about," senior Loyola guard Ben Richardson said, wearing a snipped-down net around his neck. "It's so special." **Chicago Sports**

Probe unveils security firm's troubled past

Man died in 2017 after struggle with guards in Chicago

BY ELYSSA CHERNEY
Chicago Tribune

Donnell Burns was shirtless, handcuffed and facedown on the pavement outside of a Walmart on the Northwest Side when police arrived. Kneeling over him was Adrian Santos III, an armed guard for Monterrey Security who detained the shoplifting suspect by shoving a knee into his neck, according to video of the encounter. Burns, high on PCP, mumbled something unintelligible when officers asked if he was OK on that afternoon in July last year, police reports show. Not long afterward, Burns, 23, stopped breathing. He had died of asphyxia during restraint

and physiologic stress, according to the Cook County medical examiner's office. When police investigated, Santos told detectives he was a sheriff's deputy in Lake County, Ind., moonlighting for Monterrey, records show. He was wearing a vest with the word "Sheriff" on it. But Santos was not a law enforcement officer as he had claimed, the Chicago Tribune found. He had been fired from the Indiana agency two years earlier. He also did not have the basic license needed to be a security guard in Illinois and had a prior arrest on domestic violence charges in which a judge ordered him to undergo anger management. None of that was caught by Monterrey Security,

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Wonk or firebrand, Ives aims for base

GOP challenger looks for others soured on Rauner

BY KIM GEIGER
Chicago Tribune

PEORIA — Jeanne Ives paused in the middle of a long, winding response to a question about taxpayer-funded abortions and stared into her phone, the only soundtrack the clink of silverware across the golf club dining room. She was searching for education data as she tried to convince a Peoria women's business group that Illinois taxpayers pay too much for schools and get too little from them. The three-term Republican lawmaker from Wheaton pulled up a state report card on a north suburban high school whose superintendent recently had been recognized with a national achievement award. "I looked up his district be-



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Jeanne Ives appeals to voters who feel Bruce Rauner betrayed them.

cause I just do that type of stuff," Ives said. "I just love to check the facts on these folks." Then she read off the stats: The district spends \$21,000 a year per student and had a 93 percent graduation rate, but just two-thirds of graduates were college-ready.

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Trump signals possible thaw with N. Korea

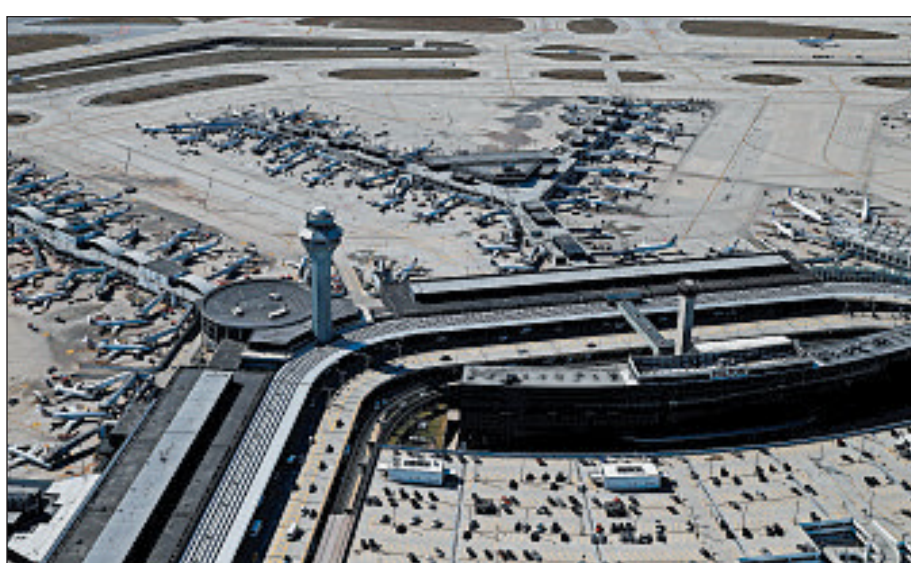
President Trump's aside at a gala dinner may indicate a willingness to engage in talks with Kim Jong Un. **Nation & World, Page 8**

Senators urging Trump to lead on gun legislation

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Why O'Hare needs a huge makeover

LaGuardia Airport in New York City, Hartsfield-Jackson International Airport in Atlanta, LAX in Los Angeles and Denver International Airport all have major modernization plans in the works. Experts agree that Chicago's O'Hare International Airport needs a major renovation to stay competitive. **Getting Around in Chicagoland, Page 3**



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Members of the World Peace and Unification Sanctuary church in Pennsylvania brought weapons to a blessing ceremony.

Bizarre week in Gunland America, where weapons reign supreme



DAHLEEN GLANTON

In the two weeks since a deranged gunman walked into a high school in Parkland, Fla., and slaughtered 17 people with an AR-15 assault rifle, some bizarre things involving guns have happened in America.

A teacher in Georgia barricaded himself in a classroom and fired a gun, leading to a frantic lockdown and evacuation of the school.

A suburban Chicago man heard a woman screaming in his apartment building and went to her rescue with an AR-15, and later boasted that the attacker was "a half a breath away from getting his head blown off."

On the last day of classes before spring break, a 19-year-old Central Michigan University student from south suburban Plainfield allegedly fatally shot his parents in his residence hall when they came to pick him up, according to several media outlets.

The Chicago Tribune reported that the 9 mm Glock handgun used to kill a Chicago police commander was first bought legally at a gun shop in Wisconsin six years ago and went through many owners before landing in the hands of a four-time convicted felon.

Is it a wonder so many Americans insist that the country needs tougher gun laws?

These are just a few of the type of incidents that occur in a country where gun laws are so lax that, in some states, you can sell a gun to another person privately without a background check, people with a history of mental illness can buy a gun without question and teenagers are free to walk around with an assault rifle strapped on their back.

Gun lovers, of course, will take issue with some of these examples, particularly the one in Illinois where an assault weapon was used to thwart an attack. Dave Thomas, who identified himself as a firearms instructor, said that after he heard the scream, he opened his door and saw blood on the

floor.

His handgun was on the bed next to the AR-15, but he chose the more powerful weapon, he said, because it was more intimidating. But, he also said, he was prepared to blow the suspect's head off.

We don't know what was going on in the apartment where three people were having a scuffle. Neither did Thomas when he burst in there with his high-powered rifle. All we know is that one man was later treated for minor knife injuries and the one who allegedly stabbed him was arrested.

Thomas should be commended for wanting to help someone in distress and also for being level-headed enough not to fire his weapon, possibly injuring more people.

But he was dead wrong when he said, "I think this is a perfect example of why ... every single law-abiding citizen should have an AR-15."

Appointing oneself the judge and jury in what possibly was a domestic situation is very risky, and the outcome isn't always so admirable. This situation could easily have escalated and ended in tragedy.

Rather than acting like a cop, what Thomas should have done was call 911.

The most bizarre event of the week, though, took place in a small town in rural Pennsylvania. Dozens of couples flocked to World Peace and Unification Sanctuary church to renew their wedding vows while carrying AR-15s.

It was so scary that students had to be moved from a nearby elementary school.

In light of the recent Florida massacre, it was disrespectful, at the very least, to hold a so-called "commitment ceremony" with people wearing crowns, drinking holy wine and clutching their "rods of iron," as if they were a symbol from the Bible.

Clearly, it was a show of force against those who question the right to own high-powered weapons under the Second Amendment. But beyond how it looked on the surface, it was the thinly veiled message underneath that made many of us shudder.

It was as though they were looking in the faces of those kids in Florida and shouting, "We don't give a

damn about your pain and suffering. We're not giving up our guns."

The ceremony was part of a week-long festival that, according to the Philadelphia Daily News, included a "President Trump Thank You Dinner."

Now, let's talk about the somersaults the fickle president performed all last week.

Most of us know that it's ridiculous to trust anything Trump says, but some of us were hoping that the young Florida survivors who have been leading the charge for tougher gun laws managed to touch his heart.

During a televised meeting with Democratic and Republican lawmakers last week, Trump endorsed proposals to significantly expand background checks on gun sales and restrict the sale of some guns to people under the age of 21.

"We want to pass something great, and to me the something great has to be where we prevent it from happening again," he said, referring to the Florida shooting.

We really got our hopes up when Trump accused lawmakers of being "petrified" by the National Rifle Association. "They have great power over you people. They have less power over me," he said.

Turns out that was a lie. In less than 24 hours, the NRA had gotten to Trump and straightened him out. By Friday, Trump had backed away from supporting any substantive gun legislation.


But the award for the NRA coward of the week goes to the Georgia legislature. After Delta Air Lines took away discounted fares to NRA members, Republican lawmakers denied the carrier a promised \$40 million tax break.

Republican Lt. Gov. Casey Cagle tweeted, "Corporations cannot attack conservatives and expect us not to fight back."

That statement just confirmed what we already knew. The NRA owns the Republican Party.

And we can forget about any kind of reasonable gun control legislation anywhere in the nation as long as it is holding the gavel.

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Why O'Hare needs a huge makeover

Recent airport expansions may offer lessons



MARY WISNIEWSKI
Getting Around

If O'Hare International Airport goes ahead with plans for a massive \$8.5 billion upgrade, it will join a host of other major U.S. airports that are completing or in the middle of big rehab projects.

LaGuardia Airport in New York City is beginning an \$8 billion makeover, which will include rehabilitating the Central Terminal. Hartfield-Jackson International Airport in Atlanta, the world's busiest airport, has started work on a \$6 billion expansion plan, which will include terminal modernization.

LAX in Los Angeles is in the midst of a multiyear, multibillion-dollar modernization project, which has included construction of a huge new international terminal with gates big enough to handle jumbo jets, with a midfield passenger terminal now underway.

And Denver International Airport announced last year a \$1.8 billion public-private partnership to get faster security screening, expanded concession space and the ability to handle millions more passengers.

One could say Chicago is late to join the rehab festival, or coming just in time to save its competitive edge. Late or not, O'Hare needs to do a major renovation to stay competitive for tourists and business travelers and continue to draw companies to the region, industry experts agree.

Chicago also wants to attract e-commerce giant Amazon, which is looking to build a second headquarters.

"The facility is outdated right now — you could say it's late to the party," said Seth Kaplan, managing editor of the industry magazine *Airline Weekly*. But he noted that a late arrival can learn from the successes and failures of airports that already have done big rehabs.

"Generally, what airlines want, what they think is best for themselves and their customers, is a facility for adequate capacity for all the flights that need to be there but isn't too expensive," said Kaplan, referring to space for planes and passengers. "Airlines don't want Taj Mahals, and they've criticized projects around the world that were so expensive that, though they added capacity, they added so much cost it can depress air service." Higher costs are passed along to



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Terminals 1, 2 and 3 (counterclockwise from top right) at O'Hare International Airport, where the city is planning an \$8.5 billion overhaul.

passengers, which can hurt business.

As an example, Kaplan said renovations at Toronto Pearson International Airport have been criticized as too costly, as was a makeover at San Jose International Airport in California. On the positive side, the Denver airport, built in the early 1990s, is "generally regarded as a pretty successful project," with parallel concourses and a train running through the middle like a spine.

The key, Kaplan said, is to "get the mix right." He said O'Hare's plans appear to be the best it can do with what's there without closing the airport for years.

The timing is tied to negotiations with O'Hare's airlines. The city is looking to leverage the May expiration date of the airlines' 35-year lease to get higher fees and charges from carriers that would help fund the project, which explains why the city thinks it can get a deal done now.

Chicago's proposal for the 73-year-old airport includes a state-of-the-art global terminal, dozens of new gates and several additional concourses. The city has been in negotiations with airlines about the expansion for more than a year.

The expansion seeks to transform an airport with a reputation for gridlock and delays by increasing growth in international flights and creating more room for domestic carriers.

More gates would allow more flights and help keep planes from getting backed up, while the new international terminal would allow quick connections between foreign and do-

mestic flights. Mayor Rahm Emanuel has said no taxpayer money or federal dollars would be needed to pay for the plan.

Last week, the plan got pushback from American Airlines, which claims Emanuel cut a last-minute secret deal with United Airlines to give that Chicago-based carrier more gates and an unfair advantage. Aviation Commissioner Ginger Evans denied the allegation, and Emanuel vowed to move forward with or without American.

Travel industry analyst Henry Harteveltd of the Atmosphere Research Group said that if the city does not rehab the airport, it is possible it could lose one of its major hub airlines, United or American, and O'Hare would not be able to improve its contribution to the Chicago economy.

But if Chicago succeeds at getting what it wants, O'Hare could potentially reclaim the title of busiest airport from Atlanta, said Harteveltd.

Atlanta has advantages in that it has more predictable weather than Chicago and less congestion created by airports around it, while O'Hare has to coordinate flights with Midway and other facilities. But if airlines decide that O'Hare is more profitable, "who knows, O'Hare will once again claim that No. 1 spot," Harteveltd said.

"It's rare to see something as comprehensive as what we've seen being proposed for O'Hare," he said.

Right now, O'Hare is about at capacity, said Kaplan.

"It's not a place where an airline can add a lot of new

service," he said.

Terminal 5 dates to the early 1990s, United's terminal to the 1980s, while the core of the airport dates to an era that predates the Boeing 747. Overall, the design has very crowded gates, and dates from before modern security measures were put in place as a result of the Sept. 11, 2001, attacks on the United States, Kaplan said.

"Before 9/11 ... people would get to the airport, spend time with their families in the main terminal and go to the gate at the very last minute," Kaplan said. "Now airlines tell people to arrive very early because the lines might be too long. Then you end up on the other side of security with lots of time to kill." New airport designs provide more amenities on the other side of security, he said.

Harteveltd warned that eight years of reconstruction will not come without some unpleasantness to travelers, though the airport will do what it can to mitigate it. Construction could impact access to terminals and ticket counter space, as well as baggage claim, security and seating areas.

"When it comes to rebuilding the main terminal building complex, that's where the headaches really start," Harteveltd said.

Mixed reviews for VW plan

The Illinois Environmental Protection Agency said last week it wants to spend most of its \$108 million Volkswagen settlement on off-road projects, which could include cleaner diesel engines for

freight and passenger locomotives. But environmental groups worry that not enough will be spent on emission-free electric vehicles.

The draft plan proposed spending up to 65 percent on off-road projects like locomotives, tugs and ferries, up to 20 percent for on-road projects, including local freight trucks and school and transit buses, and up to 10 percent for electric school buses. An additional 5 percent would go to administrative costs, according to the IEPA. The plan also discusses adding electric vehicle charging infrastructure.

VW agreed to pay more than \$15 billion in settlements after admitting to installing secret software that allowed U.S. vehicles to emit up to 40 times the legally allowable level of pollution. Some of that money is going to states for clean-air programs.

Metra intends to compete for the VW money, said commuter railroad spokesman Mike Gillis.

Public input on the IEPA draft spending plan will be accepted until April 13, directed to EPA.VW.Settlement@illinois.gov.

Illinois environmental groups criticized the IEPA's decision not to hold public hearings to come up with its plan, as other Midwestern states have done. The groups also are concerned that the plan does not do more to promote electric vehicles and charging infrastructure, rather than paying for upgrades of diesel engines, which would be cleaner than old engines but not as clean as emission-free electric.

"With \$108 million on the table, Illinois is posi-

tioned to dramatically increase its electric vehicle infrastructure and accelerate the viability of electric vehicles in our state. But this proposal diminishes that opportunity," said Toba Pearlman, clean energy advocate with the Natural Resources Defense Council, quoted in a joint statement from environmental groups.

Illinois Chamber of Commerce President and CEO Todd Maisch praised the plan for a "balanced approach to policy that encourages business growth with smart environmental investment."

"Our state faces many economic and environmental challenges, but we support the balanced approach of policy that encourages business growth with smart environmental investment," Maisch said in a statement.

Transportation song quiz

Last week's quiz looked for a musical work that focuses on the history of flight, narrated by someone who would sell no wine before it's time.

The answer is "The Airborne Symphony" by Mark Blitzstein, narrated by Orson Welles at its 1946 premiere. Kimberly Bartuska of Homer Glen was first with the right answer. Thanks to Richard Wyszynski for the suggestion.

This flower is popular in nuptial bouquets, and names a train in a song called the fiddler's national anthem. What's the song? The first person with the answer gets a Tribune notebook, and glory.

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Pro, con gun groups square off in DuPage

BY DIANE MOCA
Naperville Sun

Two groups of protesters with opposing views on firearms faced off Sunday morning at the DuPage County Fairgrounds during a sportsman's show that featured guns for sale.

"Enough is enough. Too many people have been killed by the AR-15," said Jax West of Lisle, who organized the initial rally calling for stricter gun control, which inspired a counter-protest.

West founded Friends Who March a year ago to encourage political action, and she asked her followers to protest in front of the event after learning the sportsman's show planned to raffle off an AR-15 semi-automatic rifle, the same



Military veteran Beth D'Antonio, of Wheaton, right, protests in support of stronger gun laws Sunday in Wheaton.

gun used by mass shooters at a high school in Parkland, Fla., a music festival in Las Vegas, an office party in San Bernardino, Calif., and an elementary school in Newtown, Conn.

After the fairgrounds re-

ceived criticism, the Pioneer Valley Sportsman's Association eliminated the raffle and displays of AR-15s and "bump stocks," an attachment that converts a semi-automatic rifle into an automatic firearm (which



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continuously fires while the trigger is pressed).

"We want to try to calm the situation, not inflame it," said Mario Tolomei, president of the association that has been putting on the show at the fairgrounds for

40 years.

Gun owners at the counterprotest said increasing the minimum age to purchase a weapon to 21 might not have stopped 19-year-old Nikolas Cruz, accused of killing 17 people at Marjory

Stoneman Douglas High School in Parkland.

"Maybe he wouldn't have done it with a gun, but maybe with a bomb. Criminals will find a way to circumvent the system," said Catherine Dittrich of Joliet.

While she acknowledged the opposing group may not be trying to take guns away from law-abiding citizens, Dittrich added: "I don't think they understand the consequence of the laws they're proposing."

Tolomei said his association has not made a decision about displaying AR-15s at future shows, including the next one April 29.

Diane Moca is a freelance reporter for the Naperville Sun.

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Alternative to the knife for your knee pain? Non-Surgical treatment success rate soars after using new digital technology

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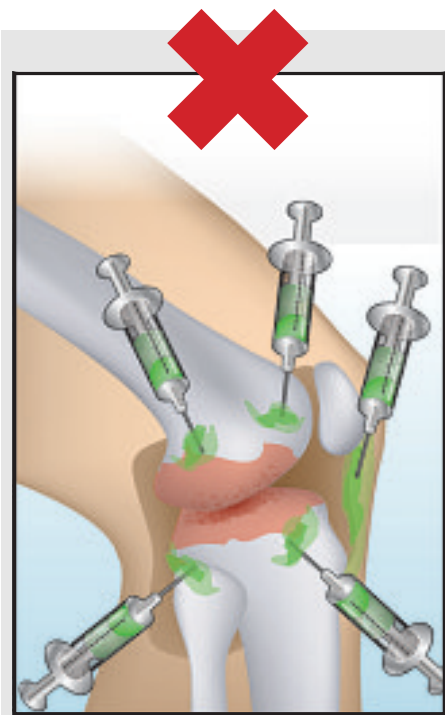
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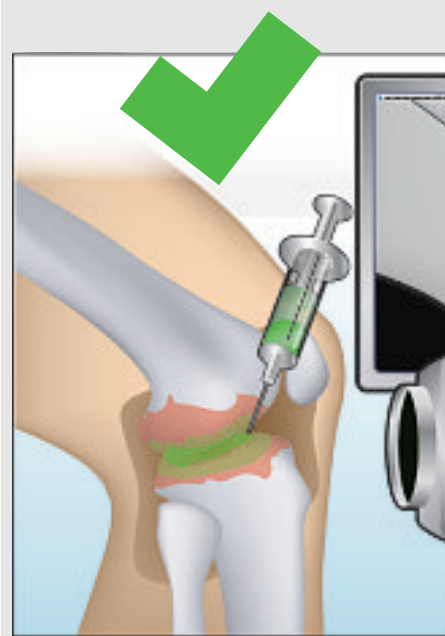
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Fans cheer as Loyola heads to tournament

Ramblers basketball team locks up first March Madness appearance in 33 years

BY TED GREGORY
Chicago Tribune

The hooting started with about 1:25 left in the Loyola-Illinois State game.

That's when four alumni of Loyola University Chicago's pep band, watching the Missouri Valley Conference tournament championship on the big screens Sunday afternoon at Bulldog Ale House, felt more than three decades of skepticism dissolve. "We want it more," Kelly Bryant shouted. "You can see it."

A short time later, it was apparent to everyone in the bar across the street from Loyola's campus. Final

score: Loyola 65, Illinois State 49. The Ramblers are going to the NCAA tournament for the first time since 1985.

"I think the heart of this team is so *there*," said Bryant, 23, who played piccolo in the pep band. "They all want it so badly. I think that's so cool."

Across the bar, alum Rick Headrick had trouble believing what he saw. "There's a lack of realism to the moment," said Headrick, 29, a former sprinter for the Ramblers track team. "It almost feels like I'm part of it."

Loyola had been playing strong all year, though it was



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Merrily and Don Smith cheer Sunday for Loyola during the Missouri Valley Conference tournament championship, as they watch at Bruno's Lounge in Rogers Park.

at the bottom of the Missouri Valley Conference in home attendance.

Little sparks of spirit had begun popping up. In the

2014-15 season, a couple of college roommates created a Twitter account, @portersjacket, as something of a joke. Loyola coach Porter

Moser has a habit of shedding his sport jacket and flinging it when he gets fired up. In midseason this year, three college buddies

started a podcast, "Blers Madness." Blers is short for Ramblers.

The two social media accounts gained followers at the same time the Ramblers won six consecutive games. Then came the regular season finale, a home game Feb. 24 against Illinois State. It was a sellout. The Ramblers won, then won three more in the MVC tourney in St. Louis.

The three podcast guys, Jim Amine, Michael Lauer and Tim Nazanin, rehased the victory while driving home from St. Louis. "Our feet are moving," said Nazanin, 30. "You know why? We're going dancing, baby."

David Markiewicz, co-creator of @portersjacket, watched the game at home. To relieve the nerves that had accumulated during the game, he went for a run, wearing his Loyola gear.

"I had two people stop me and say, 'Go Ramblers,'" said Markiewicz, 25. "I never thought that would happen."

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Security firm probed in Northwest Side death

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which tells prospective customers that it specializes in background investigations.

The encounter with Burns wasn't the first time someone was hurt on Santos' watch while he worked for Monterrey. Seven months earlier, at a Walmart on the Far South Side, Santos was accused of tackling a man and fracturing his pelvis, according to a federal lawsuit.

The situation raises concerns of how Monterrey, a firm fined for a litany of violations dating to 2001, conducts background checks on guards, according to a Tribune analysis.

In September, Monterrey's contract to provide security at Minnesota Vikings games was terminated over similar issues. And shortly after, the state of New York did not issue Monterrey a license to operate as a security firm to work at Buffalo Bills games, determining that Monterrey "had practiced fraud, deceit and/or misrepresentation," records show.

Yet the company continues to prosper in Chicago, entrusted with securing high-profile venues like Soldier Field and Navy Pier.

Monterrey was not aware of Santos' criminal charges before learning about it from the Chicago Tribune and police, said Eric Herman, a company spokesman. Herman added that Monterrey relied on documents provided annually by Santos claiming that he was a police officer.

In December, Monterrey dismissed Santos after he failed to provide those records, Herman said. Santos declined to comment on that allegation.

William Paterson, chief of police at the Lake County sheriff's department, said Monterrey could have called his agency for confirmation like many other companies do. He said he was appalled that Santos presented himself as a deputy from his office.

"It's not like it's something that can't be found out easily," he said. "It's a breach of trust."

Now, while Chicago police continue to investigate Burns' death, they have also opened an investigation into Santos' statements to police officers and Monterrey.

In a statement, Monterrey expressed sympathy for the family.

"Our hearts go out to Mr. Burns' family; this was a tragic set of circumstances," Monterrey said. "Our focus is on protecting people and keeping them safe. Situations involving drug use and criminal activity can be unpredictable, and the results in these circumstances were heart-rending."

The company added that it had made changes to the way it operates. Earlier this year, it hired a former federal prosecutor to update and improve its compliance, Herman said.

But in the end, Burns' mother, Inez, is left with overwhelming grief and unanswered questions. She



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Adrian Santos was a Monterrey guard not licensed to work in the state of Illinois.

said she misses her son who worked as a grocery store clerk and enjoyed church music.

"They took my baby, my everything, away from my family and I," she said in Facebook messages to a reporter. "I just want justice for Donnell. Nobody deserves to be manhandled and (choked) to death for no reason."

Not fit for police

It was not long after Santos started working for Monterrey in February 2014 that signs of trouble emerged.

That May, Santos was criminally charged in Hammond with domestic battery and felony strangulation following a fight with his wife. He was accused of slamming her to the ground and choking her, the bruised wife told detectives in a recorded interview.

While Santos was on leave from the sheriff's department in Lake County, Ind., a state trooper who pulled Santos over for speeding in April 2015 said that Santos presented suspended law enforcement credentials and drove away before the stop was over. This prompted the sheriff's department to file further disciplinary charges against Santos.

By July 2015, the sheriff's department merit board in Lake County had seen enough. Its members voted to fire Santos, records show.

In the domestic violence case, prosecutors dropped charges after Santos' wife recanted her statements, records show. Still, a judge ordered Santos to see a probation officer and complete anger management courses.

Yet Monterrey never found out about his disciplinary problems or that he had been fired. In his years at Monterrey, Santos never had a license to work as a security guard. The company said that Santos provided documents that he was a police officer.

Santos declined to answer specific questions about his case. Monterrey said it requires officers to provide their police identification card and a signed letter from their chief, as required by state law.

Santos said he didn't think it was necessary to inform Monterrey about the criminal charges.

"They were going to get dropped from the jump; it just took some time," he said. "Everybody has their ups and down."

Santos wasn't the only

guard who is accused of falsely claiming to be a police officer while working at Monterrey.

In 2012, Monterrey received a letter from the Blue Island Park District alerting the firm that one of Monterrey's guards had provided forged documents. Blue Island had received a call from a police agency checking the candidate's background. In this case, though, Monterrey eventually dismissed the guard.

Violent encounters

In December 2016, Santos was accused of fracturing a man's pelvis while working for Monterrey at a Walmart in the West Pullman neighborhood on Chicago's Far South Side, according to a federal lawsuit.

Hayes White, 24, was inside the store before Santos chased him into the parking lot and tackled him, fracturing his right hip, femur and pelvis, said White's attorney, Jeffrey Neslund.

Hayes, who was arrested on shoplifting charges that were later dropped, needed multiple surgeries to recover, Neslund said.

Herman, the Monterrey spokesman, said Monterrey disagrees with the lawsuit's characterization of events. "The man was engaged in theft and injured himself while fleeing," Herman said.

Walmart denied any wrongdoing in court documents and would not comment on its contract with Monterrey.

Santos continued to work for Monterrey. Seven months later, he had his run-in with Burns.

Last July, employees at the Walmart in the Northwest Side's Hermosa neighborhood notified Santos about a suspicious shopper, according to detectives' reports.

The employees saw Burns transferring items from his cart into plastic Walmart bags and exchanging unbought merchandise for a \$175 gift card using Walmart's return policy that doesn't require a receipt, police reports show.

Santos and two other guards waited near the store exits to stop Burns, but he started running, pushing one out of the way, a report said.

The chase continued outside, where Burns and the guards tumbled to the ground. Burns flailed his arms, hitting the guards in the face, a police report said. A struggle ensued until the guards eventually put Burns in handcuffs.

"Why you gonna turn this misdemeanor into a felony," Santos said, according to the police report.

The guards started walking Burns inside when he tried to pull away, so they forced him to the ground again, according to the reports. Santos pressed his knee into Burns' neck while another guard sat on his legs, according to reports and video obtained by the Tribune. Burns told the guards he was "a little high."

By the time police offi-

cers arrived and realized Burns' breathing had stalled, it was too late.

Paramedics turned Burns over, performed CPR and took him to Norwegian American Hospital, where he was pronounced dead.

The medical examiner found bruises and scrapes to Burns' forehead and face from being held facedown, according to an autopsy report.

Burns also had a potentially lethal level of PCP in his system and a heart abnormality that put him at risk of sudden death, according to the autopsy report. Both were determined to be contributing factors to his death, which was ruled a homicide. It is common practice in law enforcement not to restrain a person facedown because of the risk of asphyxiation.

Herman defended the guards' actions, saying Burns' medical condition could not have been known to the officers.

"Our employees are not medical professionals and can't determine if someone is on PCP, as was the case here, or has a heart condition, as was also the case," Herman said in an email.

Detectives initially closed the investigation into Burns' death in October, finding no criminal acts, but reopened it a month later when the medical examiner's office completed its report.

There is also a parallel investigation over how Santos represented himself to Monterrey and police, said the Chicago Police Department's chief spokesman, Anthony Guglielmi.

"The concerns raised by the Indiana Lake County Sheriff's Department of this individual possibly overstating his affiliation with the department is a significant component of this investigation," Guglielmi said.

A history of violations

A question that lingers over the case is why Santos continued to work for Monterrey after he was fired as a sheriff's deputy.

A firm as large as Monterrey, with thousands of workers, has the scale to rigorously check backgrounds of employees, said Mahesh Nalla, a professor of criminal justice at Michigan State University who has researched the security guard industry. It also has an incentive to avoid litigation, he said.

"Some of the bigger companies have much more stringent requirements to be a security guard," he said.

But Monterrey's troubles with background checks and record-keeping started soon after it was founded in 1999 by former Chicago police Officer Juan Gaytan Jr. He initially partnered with firefighter Santiago Solis, the brother of Chicago Ald. Daniel Solis.

In 2001, the Illinois Department of Financial and Professional Regulation fined Monterrey \$22,000 for operating without a license, employing 38 people who did not register to

work with the state, hiring an armed guard who was not authorized to carry a gun and printing "police" on its uniforms, department records show.

The next year, Gaytan resigned from the Police Department facing internal disciplinary charges that he had threatened to shoot a person during an arrest and fabricated evidence. The Chicago Police Board withdrew the charges upon his departure. Gaytan said he resigned to focus on Monterrey.

And in 2003, Illinois fined Monterrey again when it failed to register workers with the state despite being on probation from the initial violation, records show.

Santiago Solis left the firm in 2007, records show. Yet over the years, Monterrey has grown to dominate the security industry around Chicago, winning contracts for Soldier Field, Wrigley Field, Navy Pier, Lincoln Park Zoo, Lollapalooza and the Chicago Marathon, according to its website.

All the while, Monterrey has remained politically active.

Gaytan and his staff gave at least \$172,000 to various politicians and political action committees since 2007, according to a Tribune review of financial campaign records.

"Monterrey takes pride in being a civically engaged company," Herman said, adding, "Many people from other security firms doing business in Illinois have also made political contributions."

Licenses rejected

Regulators outside of Illinois haven't been as forgiving of Monterrey's missteps.

In September, Monterrey lost its contract at U.S. Bank Stadium in Minneapolis after a report commissioned by the stadium's management company found a litany of problems.

The report, conducted by the law firm Maslon LLP, said Monterrey didn't complete some background checks, hired employees with disqualifying criminal records and misrepresented information when it came under review.

A simultaneous inquiry by the Minnesota board of private detectives came to similar findings, prompting officials not to renew Monterrey's security license late last year.

Monterrey has appealed that decision, alleging "improper coordination" between Maslon and the state board, Herman said in an email. He called the Maslon report a "paid-for smear job done by a private law firm on behalf of a paying client."

Officials in New York learned of the Minnesota allegations and in October did not grant Monterrey's application for a security license. While Monterrey's application was pending, the Buffalo Bills had permitted Monterrey to provide services at New Era Field by subcontracting its agreement with a licensed

agency, Herman said.

In a letter to Monterrey, New York officials said they determined Monterrey "has practiced fraud, deceit and/or misrepresentation and/or had demonstrated incompetence and/or untrustworthiness in his actions, demonstrating a lack of good character and fitness for licensing." Monterrey has also appealed the New York decision, calling it "arbitrary and capricious."

Herman said New York officials were aware of its temporary arrangement with the Bills. He also contended that officials in both states have unfairly targeted Monterrey.

"It's clear that Monterrey's expansion in the NFL, where security work has long been controlled by a few nonminority firms, pushed those firms into crisis mode and an effort to smear our good name," Herman said.

In Chicago, Monterrey has received a different reception.

Luca Serra, a spokesman for Soldier Field, which is owned by the Chicago Park District, said Monterrey does an "exceptional job." He added, "Soldier Field has standard procedures in place to verify that Monterrey employees are appropriately licensed."

The city's Department of Procurement Services also followed up on the allegations raised in Minnesota.

In an Oct. 25 letter, Chief Procurement Officer Jamie Rhee sent Monterrey a preliminary notice of ineligibility as a minority business enterprise, a certification that allows Monterrey to work on city contracts.

Monterrey sent a letter of explanation, met with Rhee and submitted a copy of its hiring policy. Procurement officials also visited Monterrey's headquarters to review its records and licensing information.

"Upon a thorough review, we were satisfied that the information that was provided addressed the issues identified in the news reports, and that Monterrey had demonstrated their continued eligibility in the program," said Cathy Kwiatkowski, a spokeswoman for the procurement office.

In November, Rhee decided Monterrey was in compliance with city standards.

As for Monterrey's now-dismissed employee, Santos is back on a police force. In January, he was hired by the village of Phoenix Police Department in south suburban Cook County, state records show. The department said it was unaware of Santos' charges and didn't call his Indiana agency before it hired him.

It all leaves Donnell Burns' mother perplexed. She said every day has been a struggle since her son died in that violent encounter seven months ago.

"It's hard to get out of the bed in the morning," Inez Burns said. "I cry all day. I can't listen to music. I'm devastated."

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Ives is running right of Rauner

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"I mean, seriously, what are you getting for your money? Maybe he's made progress," Ives said of the superintendent, whom she did not name. "I don't know. I just know that this is not enough."

The detour away from the hot-button issue of abortion toward the policy wonk territory of school funding was typical of Ives, who's known for liberally tossing red meat to conservatives as a way into meandering critiques of all things government on the floor of the Illinois House.

Just weeks earlier, she'd run a widely condemned ad featuring an actor portraying a transgender woman thanking Gov. Bruce Rauner for signing a law expanding trans rights. After that headline-grabbing TV spot came a follow-up ad with the opening line, "Now that I've got your attention," in which she introduced herself as an "economic liberty, pro-family West Point grad" who's taking on her party's governor in the March 20 primary.

To a large extent, Ives is testing how the DuPage County brand of conservatism plays on the statewide stage. Still focused on abortion and immigration on the campaign trail, she's dialed back the Alan Keyes-style bomb throwing, even if she's still not exactly Henry Hyde, the late longtime congressman and abortion rights opponent from Wood Dale who was praised for his ability to disagree without being disagreeable.

Hitting the road

Ives, a 53-year-old Army veteran, has been crisscrossing Illinois, hitting small Downstate towns politicians normally bypass. They're places where Rauner did well in the 2014 governor's race and Donald Trump ran up big margins two years later in his campaign for president.

Ives' stump speech is heavy on what she deems Rauner's betrayal of Republican ideals, lighter on what she'd do if she managed to pull off two of the biggest upsets in Illinois political history and become governor.

In Peoria, Ives' digression from abortion to education was in part an attempt to illustrate that she cares enough about policy matters to dig into the details, unlike Rauner, who she says has been a "disinterested" governor.

Still, Ives' reputation precedes her, and audiences expect to hear from an aggressive, intense politician.

Consider her record in the legislature. She opposed legalizing same-sex marriage, calling it a "completely disordered relationship." She once circulated an opinion piece that described school teachers and administrators who support rights for transgender students as being "like dirty old men in trench coats lying in wait to expose children to sordid things." And in pushing her stance against abortion rights, she once penned an op-ed that recounted how she'd learned during a 20-week ultrasound that her fifth son had a deadly genetic abnormality and chose to carry the baby to term even though he faced certain and immediate death.

That style was what was on the minds of some of the women who'd come out to hear her speak at the dinner event hosted by the Central Illinois chapter of the National Association of Women Business Owners.

Take Leah Olsen, a Peoria manufacturing recruiter who saw the gathering as a chance to learn more about Ives after having her mailbox flooded with anti-Ives postcards from the Rauner campaign.

"Rauner is obviously throwing a pile of money against her," Olsen said. "And so I know he's running



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Jeanne Ives speaks in January at a VFW hall in McHenry County. Her reputation, and a TV ad, has audiences expecting an aggressive, intense politician.

scared."

Olsen said she was "disappointed" with Rauner and the choices he's made as governor. But she also had complaints about Ives, specifically the campaign ad that featured actors portraying stereotypical characters, including a transgender woman, to sarcastically thank the governor for approving several controversial bills.

"Even though I actually agree with her pretty much on every social issue and probably would just morally agree with her in a lot of ways, I didn't like that ad because I feel that really is going to alienate people," she said. "I wouldn't poke fun at a transgender person, which is kind of how I interpreted it. And I know it was playing to the base, but I think there's too much of this pandering to this one end of the spectrum and this other end of the spectrum. I'm so sick of that."

Olsen said she hadn't decided how she'd vote, but expected Ives to "resonate with women that are looking for that strong person."

That was the case for Vivian Hagaman, the assessor in Morton Township, who plans to vote for Ives.

"I've been texting everybody, 'You have to hear her speak,'" Hagaman said.

Hagaman's reasons were twofold: She likes that Ives is a woman — "if I believe that a woman is qualified, I will do anything and everything to back them" — and she feels overlooked by Rauner.

"We've had several greet-and-meets for him, but he just pops in and pops out," she said. "He's not personable. You ask him any question and if he doesn't want to answer it, he skips it."

Others said that while they appreciated Ives' foray into the race, they weren't convinced she should be the party's nominee in a contest that will be one of the nation's most-watched governor campaigns of the year.

"I admire her for stepping up," said Lynne Johnson, who owns a real estate investment company and has a home in Putnam, north of Peoria. "I think that challenge will bring out more effort, more exposure, more attention to the issues."

Party split

Ives' impetus to enter the primary was Rauner's decision in late September to sign a bill expanding taxpayer funding of abortions, which he had previously promised both Republicans and Chicago Cardinal Blase Cupich that he would veto.

Conservative Republicans already were angry about Rauner's support of a bill that protects immigrants who are in the country illegally from being detained solely because of their immigration status, with some accusing the governor of turning Illinois into a sanctuary state. Many also were frustrated when he failed to keep Republicans together last summer to block an income tax hike that ultimately passed over his veto.

It's that segment of the party that's now backing Ives' bid. Chief among them

is Dan Proft, a morning radio talk show host and longtime political operative with ties to the Illinois Policy Institute, a libertarian think tank. Proft's campaign funds have counted as top donors both Rauner, who he's now opposing, and Lake Forest businessman Richard Uihlein, who jump-started Ives' campaign with \$2.5 million.

Introducing Ives at a McHenry County fundraiser early last month, Proft recounted how he'd soured on the governor, who he said had shown a failure to understand "that elections are the means to policy ends."

"I was a supporter of Bruce Rauner's, I'm a friend of Bruce Rauner's, I like Bruce," Proft said, noting that Rauner had donated \$4.5 million over the years to Proft's super political action committee. "But here's the thing. If you're going to betray the Republican Party, if you're going to lie to people, if you're going to advance the flag of the left, then I don't need your money and neither does the Republican Party."

Proft called Ives a "once-in-a-generation candidate," generating cheers from the more than 100 people who snacked on crudites and croissant sandwiches beneath the vaulted wooden rafters of a tony country club near Woodstock.

Just hours earlier, Ives had been forced to disinvite the fundraiser's keynote speaker, an internet commentator who has said he believes African-Americans are intellectually inferior to whites. Ives' campaign insisted that she did not know the man personally, and that he'd been invited by the fundraiser's host, Gary Rabine, a one-time Rauner donor who now supports Ives.

Rabine, the founder and CEO of a national parking lot pavement company, told the audience that he'd recently warned the governor that he was backing Ives and that "she is going to kick butt and crush you." Rabine also defended the disinvited commentator, saying in an interview with the Tribune that he was "a high-quality person with not an ounce of racism in his body."

Outside the Ives circle, the episode was a reminder that her campaign was drawing support from some of the same forces that helped to fuel Trump's nationalist, and divisive, campaign for president. But inside the room, the donors who'd gathered to rub elbows with Ives, some of them sporting pro-Trump gear, seemed energized enough by her that the keynote speaker's absence was barely noticed. Anger at Rauner was clearly the unifying factor in the room.

"I didn't go to West Point, where you learn that you don't lie, cheat or steal or tolerate those that do, to now tolerate that guy who has completely destroyed our caucus, completely lied to us, lied to the cardinal," said Ives, who earned a degree in economics from the military academy. "And I was not interested in serving under him for another term. So the thought of actually running for gov-

ernor is pretty daunting, but the challenge to take this man out was worth it."

House record

During the current legislative session Ives has passed just one bill — a measure that allows the board of trustees of a water district to fire its general manager by a majority vote. A unanimous vote was the previous requirement.

In 2015, she passed a bill that restricts severance packages for community college heads in response to a pricey buyout deal awarded to the College of DuPage president. In 2014, she passed a bill that made it possible to have orders of supervision and convictions for minor misdemeanors sealed in a person's record.

While Ives repeatedly has bashed Rauner for being unwilling to get into the details of policy, much of her own campaign pitch centers on the governor and what she says are his failures to deliver on the conservative agenda, rather than on her own policy ideas.

Ives is running on a pro-business, anti-property tax platform that mirrors the agenda put forward by Rauner. She promises to rescind the income tax increase that raised the personal rate from 3.75 percent to 4.95 percent. She wants to set up a 401(k)-style retirement system for all new government hires. She says she'll limit property taxes at 1 percent of home value. And she pledges to repeal the immigration and abortion bills that Rauner signed into law.

How she'll do all those things as a member of the minority party in Springfield, she hasn't explained. Much like Rauner, Ives says she'll need the help of voters to "revolt against the political ruling class that resides in Chicago and does all their dirty deeds in Springfield."

For his part, Rauner might have been slow to take Ives' candidacy seriously, but once the money started pouring into her campaign, the governor quickly pivoted to an offensive strategy.

He started airing TV ads and sending out mailers that labeled Ives "Madigan's Favorite Republican," pointing to less than \$7000 in campaign contributions she'd received from a Madigan-allied labor union, and comments she'd made touting Madigan's support for some of her bills.

The mailers have been effective in some parts of the state, where voters have started to associate Ives with the unpopular speaker, an Ives campaign worker said.

Ives also spent money early to try to build name recognition among voters, leaving her with less for the stretch run. In an email fundraising pitch to supporters, Ives said she needs to raise \$10 million by election day to get her message out in TV ads and for get-out-the-vote operations.

Rauner largely has kept his attacks to mailers and TV ads, while veering away from getting personal in his

campaign speeches.

The two found themselves face to face a couple of weeks ago during a Lincoln Day dinner in Milford, a central Illinois farming community near the Indiana border. Rauner, who said he was on his way to meet with victims of nearby flooding, opened the event with a brief speech. While he never mentioned Ives by name, the effect of her candidacy was clear in his words.

"There's some misinformation out there about me," said Rauner, who directed the audience to printed fact sheets his campaign had distributed throughout the room that detailed the immigration legislation he'd signed. "The bill is there. Read it. People are saying it's a sanctuary bill. I do not support sanctuary, period."

While the governor usually casts himself as "pro-immigrant," this speech had none of his typical calls for "comprehensive immigration reform."

"Illegal immigration takes away American jobs, lowers American wages, keeps Americans from rising to the middle class," Rauner said. "I am against illegal immigration, and I will fight. There's a way to fix it, and that's by punishing employers who break the law and hire illegals rather than Americans. That's how we fix it."

As he wrapped up his speech, Rauner made a passing acknowledgment of his primary challenger, who was sitting a few tables away.

"I wish I didn't have to fight about it," Rauner said of the primary. He also alluded to concerns that Ives' hard-line brand of conservatism could doom the party's chances in November.

"This is a time when we've got to unite," Rauner said. "We can have some differences among us, I respect that. ... We've got to get every Republican to the polls and we've got to bring some independents and some Democrats to the polls as well. Let's be clear, we're outnumbered."

Ives, whose turn to speak came after dinner was served and once the governor was long gone, gave a pointed pitch.

"You have a choice. This is a governor who doesn't understand what it means to be a Republican," Ives said. "We have to take the fight to the Democrats, I do

agree with him on that. But Gov. Rauner is the wrong vehicle for that."

Ives offered her usual critique of the governor, and contended that he'd be unable to win the general election without enthusiastic support from conservatives.

"The truth is our caucus does not trust him," Ives said. "And when you can't trust a commander, then you've got to worry about going to battle for him because you're not sure he has your back."

Charles Schmidt, a local grain elevator manager, said he was left with "mixed opinions."

"I was a little concerned about Rauner's position on the sanctuary state, and I'm still a little confused as to whether we're a sanctuary state or not," Schmidt said. "According to him, we're not. According to Jeanne, we are."

Schmidt said he was unsure who he would vote for in the primary, but he agreed with Ives that Rauner wouldn't be able to win a general election. Schmidt said he'd voted for Trump for president, and that he was bothered by Rauner's refusal to embrace the president.

When voters have been clear in their support of Ives, it's often around the abortion issue. Toby Schippert, for example, said he was sold on Ives based on that single factor.

"Publicly funded abortions, you've got to take a stand no matter what the cost is," said Schippert, of Watseka, who attended the dinner with his wife, Dee Ann Schippert.

Dee Ann described herself as a "a huge Rauner supporter, (who) walked in parades carrying Rauner signs for him," but was turned off by his signing of the abortion bill. She had a different takeaway from the evening. She said she'd gone into it leaning toward Ives but was unimpressed by Ives' speech.

"I'm not saying that what she said was untrue, I just didn't like the tone," Schippert continued. "That was my problem tonight. I think we've gotten so far away from being able to respectfully agree to disagree. And I think there's too much of that nastiness. I think that's a liberal trait, and I don't like that."

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Trump signals possible thaw with N. Korea

President: 'We will meet, but regime must 'de-nuke'

BY BRIAN BENNETT
Washington Bureau

WASHINGTON — President Donald Trump has expressed new openness to talks with North Korea over its nuclear weapons and ballistic missile programs, saying “we will be meeting” as he delivered what was supposed to be a comedic speech at an annual gala dinner and spoof hosted by Washington journalists.

Officials said later that no meeting has been scheduled, but Trump’s apparently unscripted aside seemed to indicate a willingness to negotiate with the government of Kim Jong Un, whom Trump has taunted as “little Rocket Man” and threatened with “fire and fury like the world has never seen.”

Trump delivered a self-deprecating punchline during a rambling speech Saturday night in front of more than 600 journalists and guests at the Gridiron Dinner at the Renaissance Washington Hotel saying: “I won’t rule out direct talks with Kim Jong Un, I just won’t. As far as the risk of dealing with a madman is concerned, that’s his problem, not mine.”

But then he appeared to depart from his written remarks to describe an overture that Pyongyang has extended to Washington, apparently through the government in South Korea.

“By the way, a couple days ago they said, ‘We would like to talk,’ and I



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The government of Kim Jong Un dismissed U.S. demands that it dump its nuclear arsenal.

said, ‘So would we, but you have to de-nuke, you have to de-nuke,’” Trump said.

The Trump administration has publicly insisted that North Korea give up its nuclear weapons program before talks could begin, a demand Pyongyang on Sunday dismissed as “preposterous.”

In his comments, however, Trump hinted he may be considering other options, saying “maybe positive things are happening” and “we will be meeting, and we’ll see if anything positive happens.”

A U.S. official said Washington would insist that any talks should focus on denuclearization but that it would not demand it disarm first or set other preconditions to meet. North Korea wants international recognition of its role as a nuclear power, a position the U.S. and its allies say they cannot accept.

On Sunday, North Korea’s Ministry of Foreign Affairs dismissed U.S. demands that it give up its nuclear arsenal. But it also said dialogue with Washington was possible and

that it hopes to find a “diplomatic and peaceful solution” to the conflict.

At Camp David in January, Trump said he would “absolutely” be willing to talk to Kim without preconditions.

That signal appeared to get through to Pyongyang. Last month, Vice President Mike Pence prepared to meet secretly with North Korean officials during his visit to the Winter Olympics in Pyeongchang, South Korea.

But the North Korean delegation, led by Kim’s

sister Kim Yo Jong, canceled the meeting after Pence vowed to sharply expand U.S. sanctions.

Trump’s public willingness to negotiate marks a reversal of sorts.

Last fall, he seemed eager to quash an effort by Secretary of State Rex Tillerson to start talks with Kim’s government through back channels. In October, Trump wrote on Twitter that Tillerson was “wasting his time trying to negotiate with Little Rocket Man.”

In recent weeks, Trump has repeatedly claimed

credit for North Korea’s decision to send a delegation to the Olympic Games and have its athletes walk with South Korean athletes in the opening ceremony, although leaders in Seoul and Pyongyang arranged the episode themselves.

South Korea is sending a 10-member delegation to Pyongyang on Monday to pursue the nascent thaw in relations. The visit aims to lower tensions on the peninsula and encourage Kim’s government to re-enter dialogue with Washington, according to South Korea’s Yonhap news agency.

North Korea last year tested intercontinental ballistic missiles that for the first time appeared capable of reaching the continental United States and tested a thermonuclear device that was far more powerful than earlier versions.

U.S. officials say it is only a matter of time before Pyongyang masters the ability to build a bomb small and robust enough to be launched atop a long-range ballistic missile and thus pose a direct threat to the United States.

The Trump administration has tried to push China and Russia to further cut trade with North Korea, has pressured other countries to cut diplomatic ties with Pyongyang, and added new banking and human rights sanctions against Kim’s government.

In addition, Trump has asked the Pentagon to update U.S. military options to prevent North Korea from launching a nuclear strike.

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Obama ex-aide: McConnell downgraded Russia warning

BY KAROUN DEMIRJIAN
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WASHINGTON — A former chief of staff to President Barack Obama said Sunday that the Senate’s top Republican insisted that a bipartisan appeal for states to step up election security in the face of Russian aggression be “dramatically watered down” before it was issued in advance of the 2016 election.

Denis McDonough said on NBC’s “Meet the Press” that Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell, R-Ky., was responsible for downgrading the language in a letter “asking the states to work with us” to better secure election systems in light of intelligence indicating Russia was attempting to interfere in the election. McDonough complained that members of Congress have shown a “stunning lack of urgency about this question,” and he put the blame mostly on Republican leaders in Congress.

“The lack of urgency that we saw from the Republican leadership in 2016, we continue to see to this day,” he said. “It’s beyond time

for Congress to work with the administration, to work with the states, to ensure that our electoral systems are ready to go. This is not a game.”

McConnell spokesman Don Stewart accused McDonough on Sunday of having a selective memory. At the time, Stewart pointed out, the administration did not want to publicize the Russia connection, and McDonough even wrote in a Washington Post op-ed that he had asked Democrats to avoid calling out Russia publicly “mainly to avoid politicizing the issue.”

“Give me a break,” Stewart added.

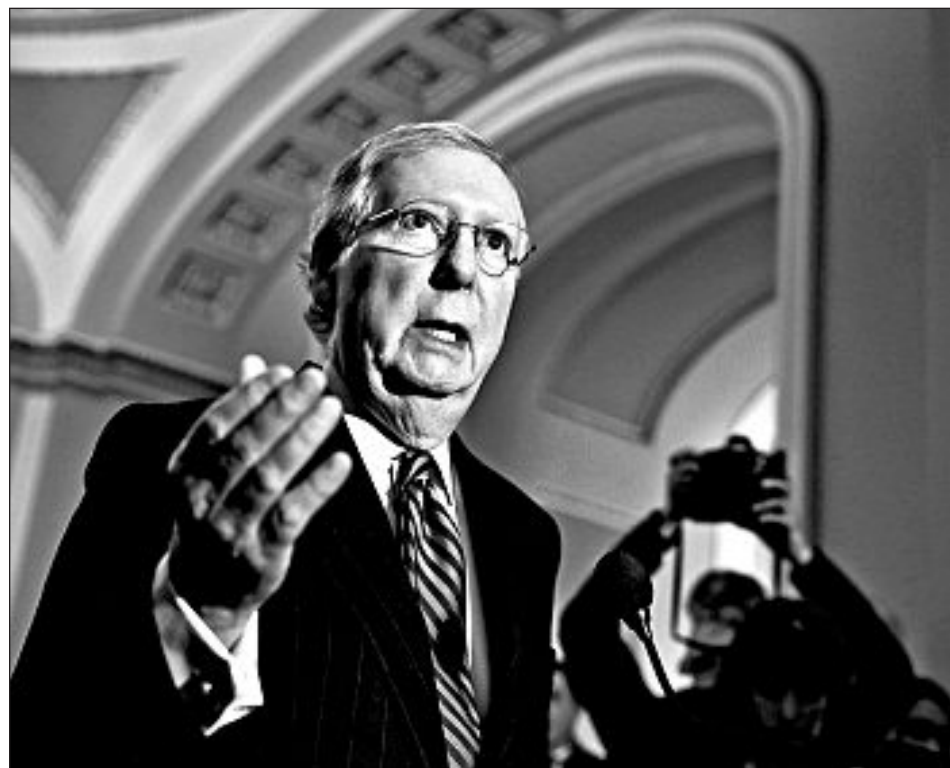
The exchange highlights a testy, ongoing standoff between Democratic and Republican lawmakers at odds over who should be held responsible for Russian interference in the election: Obama, who was president at the time, or President Donald Trump. The intelligence community has concluded that the Russian meddling had been aimed at aiding Trump’s campaign.

The partisan dispute has prompted the breakdown of

at least one investigation on Capitol Hill, where three committees are probing allegations of Russian interference in the election.

Republicans on the House intelligence committee put some of their accusations against the Obama administration into a recently publicized memo charging that federal law enforcement agencies based a request to conduct surveillance against former Trump campaign adviser Carter Page on faulty information paid for by the Democratic National Committee and the Hillary Clinton campaign. The source of that information, ex-British spy Christopher Steele, had been compiling information that he filed in a now-famous dossier alleging that Trump has personal and financial ties to Russian officials.

Democrats on that panel spent much of the past month rebutting the GOP’s claims and attempting to show through a memo of their own that federal law enforcement agencies had not only acted properly but also that there was ample reason to suspect that Page



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Sen. Mitch McConnell was responsible for downgrading an appeal for election security, a former Obama aide says.

and other Trump affiliates’ interactions with Russians were suspicious.

Not one congressional panel looking into the Russia probe has released a bipartisan plan for how to strengthen election security. The Senate intelligence committee is expected to release recommendations later this month, though that will not mark the end of

its probe.

In the House, meanwhile, lawmakers are expecting that the GOP majority will soon wrap up the intelligence panel’s investigation — allowing members to better focus on exploring how Obama’s Justice Department handled investigations of a slew of matters, including the Clinton email probe.

Several Republican lawmakers have suggested that those matters require a second special counsel to examine them. On Sunday, Rep. Trey Gowdy, R-S.C., seemed to inch toward joining their ranks.

“I think we’re trending perhaps towards another special counsel,” Gowdy said on Fox News.

Democrats, Republicans urge Trump to lead on gun legislation

BY KAROUN DEMIRJIAN
The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — Senators from both parties are imploring President Donald Trump to take a leading role in pushing for gun-control legislation, arguing that his political cover is vital to passing a bill.

“I think he knows that the mood of the country has shifted, such that he and his party are going to pay a huge price in the polls in 2018 and 2020 if they don’t start supporting things like universal background checks,” Sen. Chris Murphy, D-Conn., said on ABC’s “This Week.”



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Sen. Chris Murphy, D-Conn., warned of possible fallout for the GOP on gun issues.

Murphy was one of several Democrats who praised Trump last week for his words during a Wednesday

meeting with congressional leaders to discuss potential responses to the shooting last month in Parkland, Fla.,

that killed 17 people. At the meeting, Trump upended long-held GOP bargaining positions on guns, endorsing expanded background checks and lending support to a ban on assault weapons. Trump said that when it comes to confiscating weapons, authorities should “take the guns first, go through due process second.”

White House staffers have scrambled to temper that message, while the president held a meeting with National Rifle Association leaders in the Oval Office that he later deemed “good (great)” on Twitter. The NRA opposes several of

the measures Trump seemed to endorse on Wednesday, including a provision to raise the minimum age for all gun purchases from 18 to 21.

But advocates of gun legislation in Congress hope that Trump will not be swayed. “He can set his legacy: President Trump coming forth to something like this and putting his support behind will give Republicans enough cover to support this,” said Sen. Joe Manchin, D-WV, who co-authored with Sen. Patrick Toomey, R-Pa., a bill to require universal background checks that failed to pass the Senate in 2013, in

the wake of a shooting in Newtown, Conn.

Manchin, speaking on CBS’ “Face the Nation,” added that he believed that “if President Trump would have been president in 2013, that bill would have passed.” He said he would also take the challenge Trump offered Toomey and include a provision to raise the minimum age for purchasing firearms from 18 to 21 in their bill.

But the senator cautioned against adding a provision to ban semi-automatic rifles to that bill. “That would not help our bill at all,” Manchin said.

Aides says president to proceed on tariffs

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exempts one country, his phone starts ringing from the heads of state of other countries."

Ross, on ABC's "This Week," said he believed Trump was "talking about a fairly broad brush" in applying the tariffs, adding: "I have not heard him describe particular exemptions yet."

The president, who often doubles down in the face of criticism, has seemingly been unmoved by allies' warnings that they would be forced to retaliate. More admonitions came in Sunday, as the British Embassy reported that British Prime Minister Theresa May spoke with Trump by phone and raised "deep concern" over the forthcoming tariff move.

The prime minister told Trump that "multilateral action was the only way to resolve the problem of global overcapacity in all parties' interests," according to the British statement. The White House did not immediately offer its own account of the conversation between the two leaders, whose relations have suffered periodic strains despite the deep and longstanding friendship between the United States and Britain.



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Steelworkers labor last week in Salzgitter, Germany. Presidential aides say U.S. allies won't get relief from tariffs on steel.

In a series of tweets, Trump has seemingly relished the idea of trade clashes, even with close allies such as Canada, South Korea and members of the European Union. On Saturday, he suggested automobiles might be the next targeted trade sector.

"If the E.U. wants to increase their already massive tariffs and barriers on U.S. companies doing business there, we will simply

apply a Tax on their Cars which freely pour into the U.S.," he wrote on Twitter.

On Friday, a day after divulging the plan, the president tweeted that trade wars are "good and easy to win," a position that economists across the spectrum dispute.

Markets have responded to Trump's tariff plan with considerable trepidation. The Dow Jones industrial average and the Nasdaq

both fell sharply after the unexpected announcement by the president.

Navarro, on "Face the Nation," dismissed the notion that the plan's abrupt rollout had been a slapdash, off-the-cuff affair. "This is a serious decision," he said. "The president wanted to make a measured decision."

Yet just ahead of the president's remarks on Thursday, which he made in a meeting with steel

industry chiefs, Trump's chief economic adviser, Gary Cohn, and other aides opposed to the tariffs were assuring reporters and administration allies in business and Congress that Trump would not act.

Sen. Lindsey Graham, R-S.C., offered a blunt public message to Trump on Sunday: "You're making a huge mistake."

On CBS, Graham said China — the tariffs' ostensible

target, to punish Beijing for metals dumping — would feel little economic impact because it accounts for only a very small share of steel and aluminum imported into the U.S. American allies including Canada, the European Union, Japan and South Korea are more significant exporters.

At the same time, Graham said, the Chinese leadership might take offense at the move, even as Trump is seeking Chinese aid in reining in North Korea.

Trump has insisted that tariffs will help boost not only the aluminum and steel industry but also generate additional manufacturing jobs. That claim has been met with skepticism in the business community and by many analysts who predict a net job loss and damage to the overall U.S. and world economy as a result of the tariffs and other measures.

Sen. Chris Murphy, a Connecticut Democrat, said on ABC that a trade fight with Europe would be a "gift to Russia" because it would weaken important alliances. "There are times when targeted sanctions are necessary, but you have to recognize that none takes place in a vacuum," Murphy said.

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Former Prime Minister Silvio Berlusconi of Italy's Forza Italia party gets ready to vote.

Italian exit poll gives slight edge to center-right coalition

BY FRANCES D'EMILIO AND COLLEEN BARRY
Associated Press

ROME — Italians braved long lines and confusing ballots to vote Sunday in one of the most uncertain elections in years — one that could determine if the country succumbs to the populist and far-right sentiment that has swept through Europe.

Some Italian polling stations faced ballot delivery problems, and all had time-consuming anti-fraud measures in place that created bottlenecks at many stations.

An exit poll by RAI state TV found that a center-right coalition had a slight edge over an anti-establishment party, the 5-Star Movement.

The same poll found former Italian Prime Minister Silvio Berlusconi dueling for the center-right's leadership with anti-migrant party leader Matteo Salvini; their respective Forza Italia and League parties were running nearly neck-and-neck.

Whichever party dominates the coalition would be better poised to make a

bid for the premiership should the coalition muster enough support in Parliament to support a government.

But no party was taking enough seats to govern alone, the exit poll by the Piepoli polling agency found.

The exit poll put the center-right coalition, which includes a smaller far-right party, with 33 percent to 36 percent of the vote, compared with the 5-Star Movement's 29.5 percent to 32.5 percent.

The center-left coalition that governs Italy and led by the Democratic Party was lagging at 24.5 percent to 27.5 percent, according to the exit poll. The poll had a margin of error of plus or minus 3 percent.

The first projections based on an initial vote count were expected early Monday.

The campaigning in Italy was marked by neo-fascist rhetoric and anti-migrant violence that culminated in a shooting spree last month that targeted African migrants and injured six.

With unemployment at 10.8 percent and economic growth in the eurozone's

third-largest economy lagging the average, many Italians have all but given up hope for change.

The populist 5-Star Movement hoped to capitalize on such disgust, particularly among Italy's young. Some polls had indicated the grass-roots movement launched in 2009 would be the largest vote-getter among any single party.

But the 5-Stars weren't expected to win enough to govern on their own, and the group's principle of not allying with any party could complicate dealmaking to form a new government if Salvini's populist-leaning League ends up seeking a partner that's not Berlusconi's more moderate party.

Steve Bannon, right-wing populist architect of President Donald Trump's White House campaign, was in Rome this weekend, cheering on the populists. "I think if they create a violence among all the populists it would be fantastic, it would terrify Brussels and pierce it in its heart," Bannon was quoted as saying in Sunday's Corriere della Sera newspaper.

Deal with center-left to keep German chancellor in power

BY FRANK JORDANS
Associated Press

BERLIN — Germany ended months of political uncertainty Sunday when Chancellor Angela Merkel gained the support needed to preserve her governing coalition and secure a fourth term as leader of Europe's most powerful economy.

The center-left Social Democrats voted overwhelmingly to remain in a coalition with Merkel's conservative bloc, after difficult and drawn-out negotiations triggered by September's elections, which saw the rise of a new right-wing force in German politics and raised questions about Merkel's future. Parliament is expected to meet March 14 to reelect Merkel as chancellor, ending the longest time Germany has been without a new government after elections in its postwar history.

Merkel has drawn flak from left and right for maintaining an unabashedly centrist course since taking office in 2005. With the coalition approved, she can now turn her attention to tackling rising anti-immigrant sentiment in Germany while pushing forward efforts to reform the European Union.

"I congratulate the SPD on this clear result and look forward to continuing to work together for the good of our country," she said on Twitter, referring to Germany's Social Democratic Party.

Merkel's survival drew cheers from her allies at home and abroad, with French President Emmanuel Macron declaring it "good news for Europe."

"France and Germany will work together in the coming weeks to develop new initiatives and advance the European project," Macron said in a statement.

Belgian Prime Minister Charles Michel expressed



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German leader Angela Merkel has drawn flak for maintaining an unabashedly centrist course since taking office.

hope that the end of Germany's six-month political limbo would allow the EU to step up efforts to deal with such issues as immigration, security and trade.

In a veiled reference to the United States under President Donald Trump, Michel cited the threat of protectionism, the weakening of international cooperation and the issue of climate change as challenges the 28-nation bloc must face.

Merkel, who has proved herself a shrewd international negotiator during more than 12 years in office, faced her greatest challenge at home after deciding to allow over a million asylum-seekers into Germany since 2015. An anti-migrant party came in third in last year's election, upending Germany's traditional coalition calculus.

With Merkel's bloc and the second-place Social Democrats in government, the right-wing Alternative for Germany, or AfD, now represents the biggest opposition party in Parliament, giving it a prominent platform to attack the chancellor.

Its leaders have vowed to "hunt" Merkel, though so far AfD's novice lawmakers have stood out mainly by failing to grasp parliamentary procedures and putting forward motions all other parties reject.

The Social Democrats

were initially reluctant to extend their coalition with Merkel but eventually agreed to a deal that gives them control of the foreign, labor and finance ministries in return for supporting curbs on immigration.

Conservatives in Merkel's bloc have demanded the country of about 80 million take in no more than about 200,000 migrants a year.

Some within the Social Democratic Party, particularly on the left, had argued that the party wouldn't benefit from propping up Merkel for another term. In the end, though, two-thirds of its 464,000 members voted in favor of the coalition deal.

Had the long-time German leader faced a "no" result, she would have been left with only two realistic options: forming a minority government or seeking a new election.

"This was a really important democratic decision for our country," said acting Social Democrat leader Olaf Scholz, who is in line to become Germany's next finance minister and Merkel's deputy. The party will put forward six names for ministerial posts in the coming days.

In a first step at rejuvenating her party, Merkel has named several people to replace veteran ministers in the next Cabinet.

SNAP benefits don't cover cost of average low-income meal, study says

Analysis warns that poor people are at high risk of hunger

BY MALLORY MOENCH
Associated Press

MONTGOMERY, Ala. — Most Americans receiving food assistance benefits can't afford the cost of an average low-income meal, a new national study reported on the heels of the federal government's proposal to limit the program.

The study from the Urban Institute reported that the Supplemental Nutri-

tion Assistance Program fell short of affording an average meal in 99 percent of U.S. continental counties and the District of Columbia. The Urban Institute is a liberal-leaning think tank and research organization based in Washington, D.C.

More than 44 million Americans received SNAP benefits every month in 2016, according to the most recently available government data.

The study, published last week, follows the federal government's proposal to reduce SNAP funding by about \$213 billion, or 30

percent, over 10 years.

President Donald Trump also proposed replacing food stamps with a home delivery box similar to a "Blue Apron-style" meal kit.

The study calculated the maximum SNAP benefit per meal and compared it to the average low-income meal cost per person based on census data. The maximum SNAP benefit was \$1.86. The average meal cost was 27 percent higher.

The 20 counties with the largest gap included high-cost urban areas like New York and San Francisco and

smaller rural counties in Oregon and Michigan. California had the most counties in the top 10 percent.

SNAP is intended to supplement a family's food budget.

But the study reported that for 37 percent of SNAP households with no income, benefits are the only way to buy food.

The study also said the current SNAP benefit per meal meets the meal costs of less than 1 percent of all counties in the country: 18 of those counties are in Texas; three are in Indiana; and one is in Ohio, the

report said.

Barry Spear, public information manager for Alabama's Department of Human Resources, which administers SNAP, told The Associated Press that SNAP is meant to supplement but not meet all food needs, like the name suggests.

"It's not the only source that they have to find food," Spear said. "A lot of people think it's supposed to take care of all their needs, and it's not designed to do that."

He said individuals can join other federal programs like WIC, which gives aid

to women and children, or go to food banks run by nonprofit groups or churches.

The study acknowledged that SNAP isn't designed to meet all food needs but added that people in low- or no-income households will be "at high risk of experiencing hunger and food insecurity."

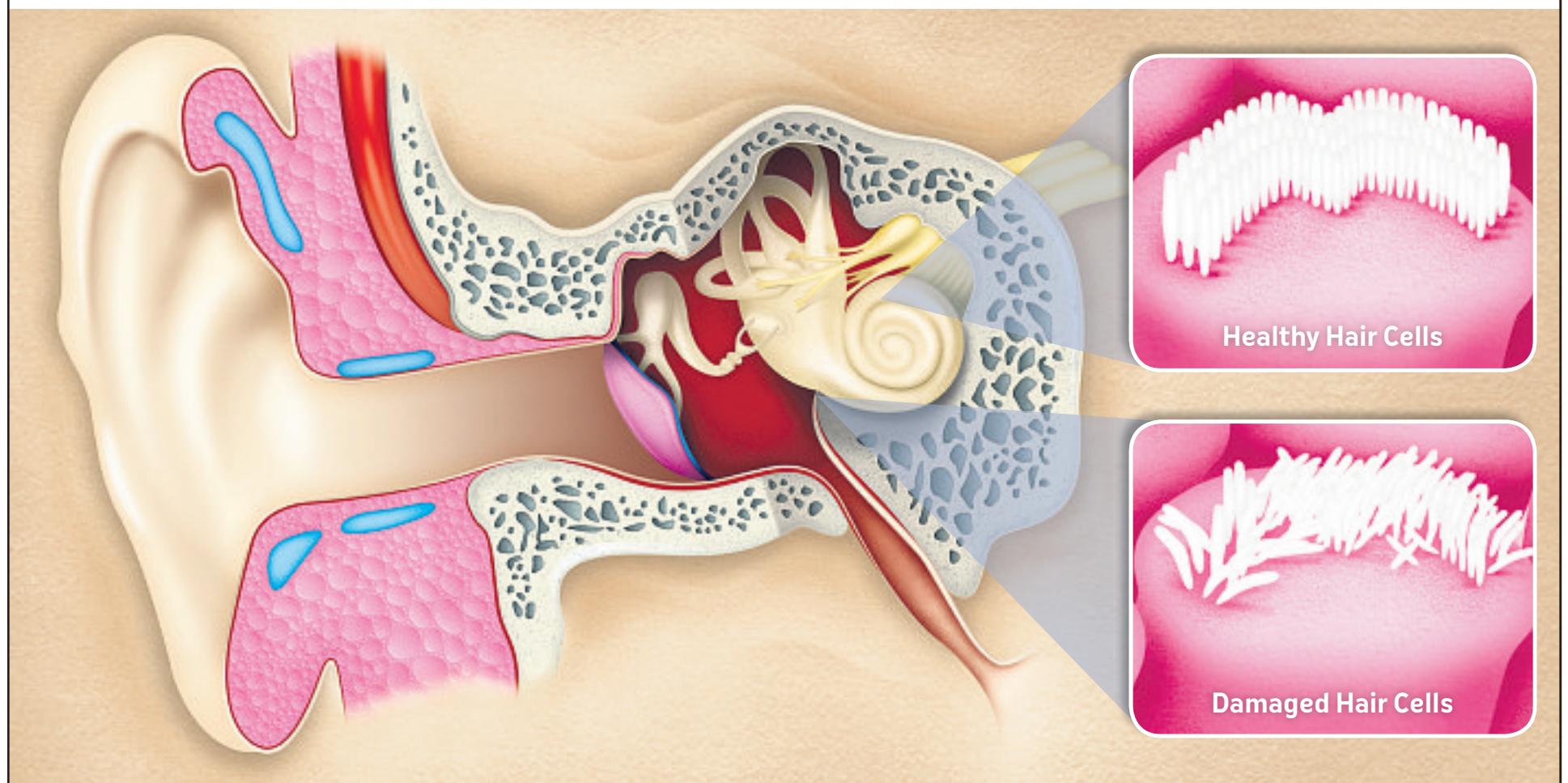
"This analysis further confirms that food price affects a wide variety of communities — small and large, urban and rural, and in all geographic regions of the continental US," the study said.

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Storm leaves 1M in East without power

BY BOB SALSBERG AND DAVID CRARY
Associated Press

BOSTON — From Virginia to Massachusetts, about 1 million people remained without power Sunday, two days after a destructive nor'easter, leaving some unsure when they could return home and schools unsure if they would open Monday.

The storm was blamed for nine deaths, including two children struck by trees. But many communities faced major challenges

restoring power and cleaning up debris.

In Scituate, Mass., a coastal town near Boston, construction vehicles worked to clear away several feet of sand that covered roads near Peggotty Beach. Town officials planned to deploy a drone to help assess damage.

Massachusetts GOP Gov. Charlie Baker inspected storm damage in other battered coastal communities. While perched on a sea wall in Gloucester — something officials have urged people

not to do — Baker got soaked by a strong wave, WBZ-AM reported.

"People should not stand on sea walls, correct?" Baker said sheepishly. "However, I did want to get a look at what things were like on the other side, which I did get a look at before I got hit by the wave."

As of Sunday afternoon, more than 180,000 people remained without power in Massachusetts. More than 230,000 were powerless in Pennsylvania, and large-scale outages also contin-

ued in New York, New Jersey, Virginia and Maryland.

In New Jersey, officials said some areas might not have their electricity restored until Tuesday or Wednesday.

New Hampshire was spared extensive power outages, but its short stretch of coastline was littered with debris.

In North Carolina, Highway 12 was closed in both directions along a section on Hatteras Island.



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A bus in Bryn Mawr, Pa., shows the effects Sunday of a storm that slammed various states on the Atlantic Coast.

Beach city draws line in sand for plastic

Malibu bans the cutlery, straws to protect coastline

BY AMANDA LEE MYERS
Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — It's the last straw for the California beachside city of Malibu.

The city council has banned all plastic cutlery and straws, citing concerns over keeping its famous beaches clean and protecting the environment.

The move builds on the city's previous bans of plastic bags and Styrofoam, and is part of an overall strategy to eliminate all single-use plastic items in Malibu, which has 21 miles of picturesque coast and is known as a haven for celebrities.

"It's the right thing to do," City Councilwoman Laura Rosenthal said last week. "If people could see all the plastics that we find on a daily basis, I think everyone would be supportive of this ban."

Mayor Rick Mullen said in a news release that the city is committed to keeping beaches clean for everyone, now and in the future.

"Ocean, beaches, and natural surroundings are a central part of life in Malibu," he said.

Instead of plastic utensils, straws and stirrers, Malibu businesses will have to provide items that are made from paper, wood or bamboo.

The city is providing one box of paper straws to businesses to help with the transition before the ban

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—Laura Rosenthal, Malibu City Council

takes effect June 1.

Malibu is among the first cities to take such an aggressive move against plastic.

Manhattan Beach, just outside Los Angeles, and Central California's Santa Cruz have banned all disposable plastics.

A ban in Seattle on plastic straws and utensils takes effect in July.

Other cities are considering their own bans and restaurants across the nation have individually made the switch.

Sheila Morovati, a Pacific Palisades resident and local activist who fought for the Malibu ban, said she's now setting her sights on Los Angeles, Santa Monica, Beverly Hills, and then beyond California.

"When I go to Italy and visit my family they say, 'Do you know Malibu?'" Morovati said.

"I know for a fact that Malibu is a beacon beach community, and people around the world know what Malibu is and Malibu does, people will follow."

"I feel like we're at the beginning of a huge wave," she said.

A bill at the California legislature would make it illegal for restaurants to provide plastic straws unless requested. It still needs approval from both houses.

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China's Xi poised to make historic grab at indefinite rule

BEIJING — President Xi Jinping is poised to make a historic power grab as China's legislators gather beginning Monday to approve changes that will let him rule indefinitely and undo decades of efforts to prevent a return to crushing dictatorship. This year's gathering of the ceremonial National People's Congress has been overshadowed by Xi's surprise move — announced just a week ago — to end constitutional two-

term limits on the presidency. The move is seen as the culmination of the 64-year-old Xi's efforts since being appointed leader of the ruling Communist Party in 2012. The constitutional amendment would upend a system enacted by former leader Deng Xiaoping in 1982 to prevent the bloody excesses of a life-long dictatorship typified by Mao Zedong's 1966-1976 Cultural Revolution.

Prosecutors in Cosby retrial want multiple women to testify

PHILADELPHIA — Prosecutors in Bill Cosby's retrial want to call as many as 19 other women to the witness stand to show he had a five-decade pattern of drugging and harming women. Cosby is due in court for a pretrial hearing Monday, less than two weeks after the death of his daughter Ensa Cosby, as his lawyers clash with prosecutors over how many of his accusers are allowed to

testify at his April 2 sexual assault trial. Judge Steven O'Neill allowed just one other accuser to take the witness stand at Cosby's first trial, which ended in a hung jury last year. Prosecutors had proposed calling as many as 13. They added six more to the list for the retrial. Cosby has pleaded not guilty to charges he drugged and molested Andrea Constand.

Police ID man who killed himself near White House

WASHINGTON — Police have identified the man who fatally shot himself outside the White House on Saturday as a 26-year-old Alabama resident. Cameron Ross Burgess, of Maylene, Ala., approached the White House's north fence line shortly before noon, pulled out a handgun and fired several shots — none of which were directed at the White House, D.C.

police said Sunday. Burgess was standing before a crowd of more than 100 people when he pulled out the gun and shot himself as onlookers fled, according to witnesses. A police spokeswoman explained the department does not typically announce the identities of suicide victims, but Saturday's case was an exception because of the public nature of the shooting.



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Joan Mooney, president of The Faith & Politics Institute, and Rep. John Lewis of Georgia take part in a commemoration ceremony in Selma, Ala., on Sunday.

Racial violence of Alabama's 'Bloody Sunday' remembered

SELMA, Ala. — Several members of Congress joined civil rights activists and others Sunday for the annual commemoration of a day of racial violence in Selma dating to 1965. A bipartisan group including Democratic Rep. John Lewis of Georgia led the crossing of the Edmund Pettus Bridge. It was to recall "Bloody Sunday," when voting rights protesters were attacked by police as they attempted to cross the bridge. "It's very meaningful to come back here, to come back to this historic site and

be here with so many wonderful people. It's a beautiful day here today in Selma," Lewis said as he was surrounded by his peers, the Selma Times-Journal reported. Lewis, then a young organizer, was among those injured in 1965. That violence set the stage for the Selma-to-Montgomery march, which helped build support for congressional approval of the Voting Rights Act months later. Democratic Sen. Kamala Harris of California, who spoke at the Martin and Coretta King Unity Break-

fast, said she felt a mixture of emotions walking across the bridge. "It's bittersweet," Harris said. "It's sadness and pain at the thought of what they endured 53 years ago, but it's also inspiration about again fighting for the best of who we are and honoring those who have been heroes and are still heroes." The annual celebration drew tens of thousands of people in 2015, when then-President Barack Obama spoke near the base of the bridge as former President George W. Bush listened.

4 killed, 24 injured in Poland building collapse

WARSAW, Poland — An apartment building collapsed Sunday in Poland's western city of Poznan, killing four people and injuring 24 others, officials said as firefighters and rescuers with dogs combed the rubble in search of more victims. The building contained

18 apartments and housed 40 residents, according to fire officials. Polish TV channel TVP INFO showed part of a four-story building in a heap and rescuers checking the debris in sub-freezing temperatures. The search was expected to continue until Monday.

Police and prosecutors questioned witnesses. "We heard this loud bang and then terrible cries from people 'Save us! Save us!'" ground-floor resident Krzysztof Sledz told state news agency PAP. "My wife and I dressed and left the apartment to help the neighbors."

Syrian troops advance on rebels near Damascus

BEIRUT — Syrian President Bashar Assad vowed Sunday to continue with a military offensive in a rebel-held region near the capital, as troops and allied militias captured at least six villages and towns in the largest advance since a wide-scale operation began last month. Speaking to a small group of reporters in Damascus, Assad said the five-hour daily "humanitarian pause" in eastern Ghouta would continue, to allow for any civilians wishing to leave the area to do so. Assad also denied that the Syrian government carried out toxic gas attacks, describing such reports as part of the Western countries' "dictionary of lies." The United Nations said it planned to deliver aid to a total of 70,000 people in the stricken region starting Monday.

Authorities say two people have died, two others have been seriously injured and one is missing after a series of avalanches in the French Alps. Officials in France's eastern region of Haute-Savoie said three avalanches occurred over a two-hour period Sunday and a fourth took place near the Swiss border.

Russia will "never" extradite any of the 13 Russians indicted by the United States on election-meddling charges, Russian President Vladimir Putin said. Putin's comments to NBC News illustrated the long odds that the Russians will ever appear in U.S. court. "Russia does not extradite its citizens to anyone," Putin said.

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1 Start of the alphabet

5 "___ Here to Eternity"

9 Seize by force, as a throne

14 Lump of dirt

15 "The Hawkeye State"

16 ___ trail; series of records that can be traced

17 Golfer's delight

19 Stingless bee

20 Female animal

21 ___ with; abounding in

22 Delicate

23 Sweltering

24 "Phooey!"

26 Sailor

30 Mrs. Roosevelt

35 Eat away at

36 Nervous

38 Shoestring

39 Shy and scared

40 Not up to ___; substandard

41 Upper crust

42 As straight ___ arrow

43 Rational

44 ___ in; enjoy

45 Drawn-out

47 Dartboards

DOWN

1 Muscle pain

2 Hard hit

3 Nat King ___

4 Ike's initials

5 Limited

6 Husetop

7 Possessed

8 ___ West

9 Modernize

10 Calcutta dress

11 Stock ___; buy food to store away

12 Landlord's collection

13 ___ on; victimize

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EDITORIALS

For Cook County Board

Last year's geysierlike public eruption over a sweetened beverage tax — think Mento mints in, um, Diet Coke — left voters with a big win and an abundance of candidates for the Cook County Board, which foolishly had imposed the revenue grab while pretending it was all about health benefits. (If it was, why were nonsugary drinks also taxed?) We credit board members for repealing it, although we don't know if they learned anything or only wanted to save their fannies.

All 17 board seats are up for election this year. Contested races in the March 20 primary:

1st District: On a board with some members who display the most energy on paydays, incumbent Democrat **Richard Boykin** is an activist. Boykin, an attorney, pushes board discussions on life-and-death issues such as violent crime and drug abuse. He angered some officials with his robust opposition to the soda tax and his suggestion that better training of county health and jail workers would save a fortune in legal fees, settlement costs and court judgments.



Boykin's opponent, Chicago Teachers Union organizer Brandon Johnson, advocates tax increases to balance budgets. Asked if he favors or opposes privatizing services and downsizing the county's workforce, Johnson responded: "I oppose privatization, consolidation, and closures." He wants an annual charge on large employers for each of their low-wage workers, with proceeds redistributed to low-income workers and programs that serve them. Johnson's agenda, in sum, would raise taxes, shield public employment from economic realities and encourage businesses to leave Cook County. Boykin is endorsed.

2nd District: Democratic committeemen last July picked **Dennis Deer** to replace the late Commissioner Robert Steele. We sometimes worry about Deer, a psychologist who looked mighty anxious last fall as he tried to reconcile his fealty to board President Toni Preckwinkle with his vote to kill her soda tax. He's also working to square his policy ideas, such as tightening spending yet also opposing privatization. His synthesis: "Simply put, I am not in favor of raising taxes. However I am in favor of streamlining Cook County operations." Deer also sent us the first Tribune questionnaire responses ever to advocate "financial stewardship based on ethical principles." Paul J. Montes II, Lupe Aguirre, Darryl D. Smith and Eddie Johnson III also are on the ballot. Deer is endorsed.



3rd District: Pause to honor soul singer-songwriter Jerry "Iceman" Butler for three-plus decades of board service championing health care for the poor. Of seven Democrats seeking to replace him, our choice is attorney **Bill Lowry** by a hair over Joshua Gray, an officer at KIPP charter schools, and Charise Williams, who works for the state treasurer. Lowry, who's from a family long prominent in the civil rights movement, told us he'd cut county employment before raising taxes. He understands that unincorporated areas are getting more than their fair share of county spending. And while he doesn't favor privatization, he advocates competition between public employees and private contractors to see who best delivers services.



Lowry has great promise. If he succeeds Toni Preckwinkle as board president, remember, you read it first in a Tribune editorial. Lowry is endorsed. Also on the ballot: Steven R. Wolfe, Erick M. Nickerson, Patricia Horton and Horace "Washington" Howard.

4th District: At the start of the 2014 election cycle, former County Board bully William Beavers observed the filing deadline by reporting to federal prison; he had looted campaign money for gambling and other personal uses. His successor, Stanley Moore, told us in '14 that if forced to cut county jobs or raise taxes, he'd "raise taxes to keep hard-working county employees on the payroll." Sure enough, in 2015, Moore voted to raise the sales tax. Get this: He said the hike wouldn't drive shoppers elsewhere and close stores in this district because "They're already closed." Naturally, Moore also voted for the soda tax. Constituents tell us he hides from them, avoiding meetings where he'd be challenged. Democrats, wise up. Fire Moore. **Gaylon Alcaraz** is finishing a doctorate, teaches at Northeastern Illinois University, runs her own consulting firm — and brims with energy and fresh ideas. She wants county Assessor Joseph Berrios ousted for his discriminatory policies. Also running: Maria M. Barlow and Marcel Bright. But Alcaraz is strongly endorsed.



5th District: Tribune editorial of March 12, 2014: *Every four years we're surprised that south suburban employers and other taxpayers don't unite to unseat Democratic incumbent Deborah Sims, whose hard work for tax increases has helped make Cook County a less competitive place for businesses and the jobs they bring. Sims is famous in County Building lore for co-sponsoring a rollback of Todd Stroger's sales tax — and promptly voting to keep the tax intact.*



Four years later, Sims has a superb challenger, **Audrey Lynn Tanksley**, an internal medicine specialist at the University of Chicago. Tanksley calls her agenda HEAL: Health and wellness, Economic development, Assessment of property, and Labor and workforce development. Voters in this heavily Democratic district can endure another four years of Sims or nominate a physician who would improve county health deliberations. Tim Parker, a deputy sheriff, also is running. Tanksley is strongly endorsed.

6th District: Our emphatic choice is Democrat **Donna Miller**, a health care consultant whom we endorsed in her unsuccessful 2012 run for a state Senate seat. Miller's responses to our questionnaire are a tutorial in Cook County's challenges and how to address them. She impressed us with deep awareness of how taxation drives residents elsewhere — and how county government can use technology to adapt service delivery to population shifts. Crestwood residents Patricia Joan Murphy and Lou Presta also are running. Miller is endorsed.



7th District: Democrat **Angeles Sandoval**, a ComEd business analyst, is bright, articulate and, yes, has that private sector experience. Good. She'd be more independent than Alma Anaya, an aide to Commissioner Jesus "Chuy" Garcia, who's running for Congress. We think Anaya, like Garcia, would be in lockstep with the Preckwinkle agenda — regardless of its impact on constituents. Sandoval is endorsed.



8th District: Always remember that after pledging to consolidate county offices and streamline services "at all levels" before raising taxes, Democrat Luis Arroyo Jr. in 2015 cast the crucial vote to raise the county sales tax. Too bad he's unopposed here. Walter Zarnecki and Renne "Tex" Chavez are on the GOP ballot. Neither would face scrutiny by responding to our questions. No endorsement.

10th District: The stellar record of incumbent **Bridget Gainer** makes this an easy call. Start with her leadership on pension issues, her support for consolidating duplicative offices, her ordinance raising transparency in costly legal settlements. Add her creativity in spearheading the Cook County Land Bank: Predominantly minority developers rehab dilapidated homes for resale; the land bank uses no taxpayer funds and has returned \$20 million worth of property to tax rolls. Attorney Mary Ann Kosiak is running, but not hard. Gainer is endorsed.



11th District: Two Republicans, Carl Segvich and Steven S. Graves, wouldn't respond to us so we could evaluate them. No endorsement. Democrat and board Finance Chairman John Daley is unopposed.

12th District: Incumbent Democrat **John Fritchey** has bruises from his fight against old-school Dems to combine the clerk and recorder officers. The old-schoolers now want to defeat him. All those candidates who promise to economize? Fritchey delivered for taxpayers. He also drafted and passed a measure that put on this ballot a non-binding referendum on legalization of recreational marijuana. We hope attorney and first-time candidate Bridget Degnen remains active. But given his work to drag this government out of the 19th century, we endorse Fritchey.



13th District: We're relieved that **Larry Suffredin** is willing to serve a fifth term. We salute newcomers Daniel Foster and Bushra Amiwala for running. But they're up against a leader in restoring this government after the dysfunctional Todd Stroger era. We criticized Suffredin's unwavering support for the soda tax. But his work on criminal justice, health care and environmental issues is unsurpassed; his work to protect forest preserves from land grabs by other local governments is unequaled. Suffredin is strongly endorsed.



15th District: Incumbent Timothy Schneider, a businessman who chairs the state Republican Party, is unopposed and probably unassailable. Democrat **Kevin B. Morrison** says the right things ("create more jobs," "allow more businesses to take root here," "boost our economy") and he wants to create an enterprise zone for Hoffman Estates and Streamwood. But he also wants a new lease tax on employers. And while saying he'd cut waste, he opposes privatizing costly county service delivery and doesn't want to downsize the feather-bedded workforce. Morrison leaves us a little confused, but we endorse him over Ravi Raju and his laid-back campaign.



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

Putin's nuke boasts: Bluster? Mortal threat? Both?

At his state of the nation speech last week, Russian President Vladimir Putin claimed his country is readying for its arsenal new nuclear weapons that cannot be intercepted by U.S. and NATO missile defense systems. The boasts — if grounded in reality — sound ominous.

A nuclear-powered cruise missile that can strike anywhere in the world. An underwater drone, also nuclear-powered, that could carry out strikes on aircraft carriers and coastal regions. A hypersonic nuclear missile 20 times faster than the speed of sound.

That's a surprising escalation of belligerent menace, even for the former KGB spy who has made a living engineering anti-American agendas.

Does Russia really have these capabilities or was this Kremlin bluster? We don't know. What we do know is that Putin's aggressive remarks need a hefty dose of context.

Though Putin framed his remarks as a response to the Trump administration's

own hawkish pledges to beef up America's nuclear arsenal, technology as complex as Putin described likely has been under development for years. Long before the Trump presidency, Putin was rankled by Washington's insistence on deploying missile defense systems in Europe, which the U.S. eventually did in Romania and Poland.

The Pentagon has always maintained those systems are aimed at the threat posed by Iran and North Korea, but Moscow has never bought that rationale.

So why discuss the technology now? Putin's gearing up for a presidential election March 18. It's a contest he surely will win. Nevertheless, election season is always a moment Putin seizes to polish up his image domestically, and faster, better nukes equals a Russian public that feels safer and prouder.

Also, while it's likely that such weapons have been in the works for some time, President Donald Trump's own State of the Union address promised a nuclear arsenal potent enough to "deter any acts of aggres-

sion." Putin's remarks sound like a direct parry.

But just how far along are the Russians with this technology? The Pentagon appears to be aware of what Moscow's up to.

According to The Washington Post, U.S. officials were "not surprised" by Putin's remarks. And the Pentagon noted that a recent Russian test of a nuclear-powered cruise missile ended in a crash in the Arctic.

Still, this is a Putin chess move that the U.S. and the West cannot afford to ignore. A nuclear-powered cruise missile would eliminate the constraints of conventional fuel and greatly extend the weapon's range. It's not just that such a missile could reach worldwide, it's that it could take longer, circuitous routes to avoid existing Western detection systems. As Putin spoke, a display screen showed animated images of a cruise missile weaving around detection systems in the Atlantic Ocean, flying around the southern tip of South America before making its way for America's West Coast.

We hope that Washington's lack of surprise signals not only awareness, but ongoing preparation to defend against whatever nuclear weapons advances Moscow produces. Putin's chest-thumping is a reminder that Russia is an adversary not only with nuclear power but also with a view of the world antithetical to America's. In a savage way, Putin has turned Syria into his outpost in the Middle East, countering American influence. He invaded Ukraine and won't let go. His hackers and trolls meddled in an American presidential election — and in all likelihood will try to meddle again, perhaps as soon as the upcoming U.S. midterm elections.

Congress enacted sanctions against Russia for its interference in the presidential election, but Trump refuses to implement those sanctions. Rather than countering or confronting Putin, Trump coddles him, as if Putin can be schmoozed into a partnership.

Doubtful. A Russian president who boasts that his missiles can thwart U.S. defenses isn't playing along.

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Stock prices of U.S. steel and aluminum manufacturers rose with the White House announcement of tariffs last week; other firms lost stock value.

Who's picking the winners and losers?

BY CATHERINE RAMPPELL

WASHINGTON — Republicans say they favor free markets. They're not like those pinko-commie Democrats, who prefer "picking winners and losers."

Oh, come off it already.

Republicans love picking winners and losers too. They just choose different winners and different losers than Democrats do. For today's Republican officials, the winners are mostly donors, incumbents, culture-war favorites and cheats.

On Thursday, the White House announced yet more tariffs, this time on steel and aluminum imports. Predictably, this protectionist measure pushed stock prices for beneficiaries like U.S. Steel and Century Aluminum way up. It also initially pushed stock prices for other industrial companies such as Caterpillar and Boeing — which will now face higher prices for raw materials, as well as the threat of retaliatory tariffs abroad — way down.

This White House announcement follows an earlier round of tariffs on solar panels and washing machines. Those, too, are likely to lead to higher prices for consumers, and have already caused at least one U.S. company that imports solar panels to announce layoffs.

President Donald Trump has undertaken other measures to sub-

dize specific industries he has a soft spot for, especially coal. At one point his own appointees stepped in to block a set of subsidies to coal power plants that had been proposed by Energy Secretary Rick Perry.

There are other energy-related regulatory carve-outs for friends and family, such as the offshore drilling plan that shields Florida beaches (at the behest of Republican Gov. Rick Scott) but not those in deep-blue California.

And before you start arguing that these market interventions are all Trump-specific, consider what happened in Georgia last week.

Republican officials there vowed to punish Delta Air Lines, one of the state's largest employers, for canceling discounted prices for National Rifle Association members.

Lt. Gov. Casey Cagle, who is running for governor, gave Delta an ultimatum: Restore the NRA discount, or forget the \$50 million sales-tax exemption on jet fuel that Republican lawmakers had been considering. In other words, restore our special discount, or we won't give you your own special discount. Delta didn't budge, so lawmakers axed the tax break Thursday afternoon.

It takes a funny formulation of free markets to punish a private company for not giving your favored political group a good price.

Don't get me wrong. These kinds

of state-level arbitrary tax carve-outs — often intended to appease a particular big firm bearing lots of jobs — are often bad policy and can lead to a race to the bottom. They also distort markets, affecting the incentives for where firms invest and in what. And they favor some firms at the expense of others.

But Georgia state legislators didn't kill the jet-fuel tax break because they fear distorting markets, or because they don't want to choose winners and losers. The debate in Georgia was instead over whether Delta should be a winner, or whether it should be a loser.

That's sort of the problem.

GOP officials nationwide keep proving that when they say they're "pro-business," what they really mean is that they're pro-certain businesses and anti-others.

Trump and the Republican-led Congress have taken deliberate measures to put their thumb on the scale in favor of certain firms that deceive and defraud their customers.

They've done this by kneecapping public officials who try to enforce laws still on the books, and limiting the ability of consumers to fight back when they've been cheated.

The Education Department, for instance, is trying to block state governments from enforcing laws against student-loan servicers that mislead borrowers, according to a

draft document obtained by Bloomberg and Politico.

And last year Republicans dismantled or delayed regulations curbing mandatory arbitration agreements as a condition of being a customer of financial firms, for-profit schools and nursing homes. A number of other bills that have been introduced or have already passed the House also send seemingly obscure categories of disputes, such as over forestry management, into binding arbitration.

Other efforts try to restrict consumers' ability to seek restitution. Ironically, on the same day in September that Equifax announced its data breach, the House held a hearing on a bill to limit actual and statutory damages for class actions involving credit agencies to \$500,000, and to eliminate punitive damages.

All these actions cap the consequences that corner-cutters and scam artists face if they get caught. Which constitutes an implicit subsidy to firms whose profits depend on cutting corners and scamming customers, and an implicit penalty upon firms that obey the law.

There are lots of ways to pick favorites. Republicans are exploiting all of them.

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Why I traded my smartphone for a flip phone

BY KATIE REID

The other day I traded in my iPhone for a flip phone. Well, technically, I got to keep the iPhone. But when I asked the Verizon employee if the iPhone would be deactivated after he was finished setting up my sturdy new Kyocera, he looked at me gravely and replied, "It's already deactivated."

So, yeah, I still have it, but it's "passed on," so to speak.

I first had the urge to ditch my smartphone over a year ago, when I realized the first thing I did in the morning — like, as soon as I opened my eyes — was look at Instagram and Twitter. I didn't like that. And while I wasn't exactly sure why I didn't like it, I just knew it didn't feel right.

Subsequently, I took some pretty heavy social media breaks, mostly due to the divisiveness in the post-election days. After about a three-month hiatus, and a disastrous trip to a Verizon store (where an employee came pretty close to flat out refusing to help me get a basic phone), I was back on social media and back to my old phone habits again — first thing in the morning, last thing before bed, frequently throughout the workday and any time I was standing in line somewhere or riding



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as a passenger in the car or driving the car, but at a stoplight or ... you get the idea.

Then I had my daughter.

Watching Ruby grow and discover the world has been incredible. She is the busiest baby I've ever seen. It's like she wakes up with a to-do list each morning, and she doesn't stop moving or exploring until she goes to bed for the night. Her main goal in

life right now is to make things — all the things! — happen for the sole purpose of experiencing them.

And it didn't take her long at all to figure out that she wanted eyes and hands on the phones in the house. She's seen us look at them, definitely. But there also just seems to be something about an iPhone. It fits in your hand. It reacts to your touch and lights up. It talks and sings, and the screen moves. It is, for these little humans for whom everything is magic, the most enthralling contraption you could possibly dangle in front of them.

I know, someday, Ruby will want a phone — I'm not naive enough to think getting rid of my smartphone will change that — and we'll have to figure out how to handle that once we get there. But I know for a fact that I don't want my daughter's closest friend to be a phone. Once I realized that, I had to ask myself: "Do I really want my closest friend to be a phone?"

Our phones have become intimate parts of our lives. We hold them physically close to us all day long. We gaze at them for hours at a time. Some of us even sleep with them. And, in turn, they are pretty dependable companions. They help distract us when we're bored; they make us feel good

about ourselves (the self-facing camera in Instagram takes the best selfies, FYI); they get us out of awkward social situations, like any good friend would.

But honestly, I often use my phone to feed my worst impulses. Don't get me wrong, I use other things to feed my worst impulses too. (McDouble from the Dollar Menu, anyone?) But, generally speaking, I don't have a cheeseburger in my pocket at the ready for the very moment that shameful urge arises.

I still have a computer. I got an iPad for my birthday this year, which has proved really useful for my work and for reading the news. I am not, by any means, unplugged or disconnected. I'm just taking back control of a relationship that took over my life in the quietest of ways, and feeling empowered by this truth: I don't need that phone. I have everything I need without it.

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A video image provided by RU-RTR Russian television Thursday shows what President Vladimir Putin said is Russia's new nuclear-powered intercontinental cruise missile.

Putin's nuclear-powered cruise missile is bigger than Trump's

BY JEFFREY LEWIS
Foreign Policy

President Donald Trump's Nuclear Posture Review proposed that the United States create two new nuclear weapons — a low-yield warhead for U.S. submarine-launched ballistic missiles and a new sea-launched cruise missile.

So, naturally, Russian President Vladimir Putin just asked the Federal Assembly to hold his beer.

Speaking before the Assembly in what is, more or less, Russia's equivalent to the State of the Union address, Putin announced a series of new weapons systems, including four new or recent systems designed to defeat U.S. missile defenses. Each was accompanied with a short film that mixed real footage with animation. The fun bits are:

- A giant liquid-fueled intercontinental ballistic missile called the Sarmat. Putin showed an animation of the Sarmat that made the point that it was powerful enough to travel over the South Pole and strike the United States, a route that would conveniently evade any missile defenses.

- A maneuvering re-entry vehicle that will arm Russia's other ICBMs, allowing them to penetrate U.S. missile defense systems.
- A nuclear-powered underwater drone capable of traveling thousands of miles before detonating in a U.S. port, all the while staying submerged where there are no missile defenses.

- Last, but certainly not least, a global-range, nuclear-powered — that's right, nuclear-powered — cruise missile that is externally identical to Russia's X-101 cruise missile.

In a charming twist, Putin explained that the Russians have yet to choose names for the nuclear-powered cruise missile and unmanned underwater vehicle, asking the public to offer suggestions.

Ph.D. student Marty Pfeiffer is already suggesting the name Missile McMissile-Face. You can submit your suggestions for a name at the Russian Ministry of Defense website: <http://vote.mil.ru>.

We already knew about some of these systems, including the Sarmat and the nuclear-powered doomsday torpedo. And we knew, generally, that Russia was developing a maneuvering re-entry vehicle to penetrate missile defenses. Still, Putin offered a lot more detail than was previously available.

That idea — again?

Oh, and then there's that pesky nuclear-powered cruise missile! The U.S. developed a nuclear-powered cruise missile in the 1960s, but canceled it because, well, it was insane. The nuclear-powered ramjet was literally deafening to people on the ground and left a trail of radioactivity from the unshielded reactor. The United States couldn't even find a suitable place to fight-test this monster. Officials worried that if it went off course from the Nevada nuclear test site, it might crash into Las Vegas.

Putin says Russia has already tested its version. The U.S. intelligence community, in return, says the Russian missile crashed in testing. Maybe the Russians have developed a new nuclear-powered turbofan engine that poses fewer problems than the United States' ramjet. Or maybe, if you find yourself visiting Russia, you might want to consider lead underwear.

All of these Russian systems predated Trump and his Nuclear Posture Review. In fact, all of these systems were known to the Barack Obama administration — even the cruise missile, which I now realize in retrospect some U.S. officials had been hinting at for some time.

The real genesis of Russia's new generation of bizarre nuclear weapons lies not in the most recent Nuclear Posture Review, but in the George W. Bush administration's decision in 2001 to withdraw from the Anti-Ballistic Missile Treaty, and the bipartisan failure by both the Bush and Obama administrations to engage meaningfully with the Russians over their concerns about American missile defenses. Putin said as much in his remarks.

“During all these years since the uni-

lateral U.S. withdrawal from the ABM Treaty,” Putin explained, “we have been working intensively on advanced equipment and arms, which allowed us to make a breakthrough in developing new models of strategic weapons.” Those technological breakthroughs are now here. Sadly, we never got the diplomatic ones we needed.

Still, a nuclear-powered cruise missile and a doomsday torpedo are, as reactions to missile defenses go, a bit over the top. It takes a special kind of Cold War nostalgia to conclude that it would be good to invest in a range of bizarre doomsday weapons.

So, it wasn't merely that the United States withdrew from the ABM Treaty or that Washington failed to address Russian concerns. The last piece of the puzzle was the collapse of democracy in Russia. With Putin's consolidation of power, we have seen a return of a lot of Soviet patterns and behaviors, from the communist-era national anthem to state-sponsored thugs gleefully murdering dissidents. It is not surprising that, among these Soviet behaviors, we are also seeing a resurgent Soviet defense industry, with its priorities and prerogatives.

And without meaningful political participation by Russian citizens, who will question the defense industry? Who is going to complain? If an environmentalist pipes up about the radiation from a nuclear-powered cruise missile, well, we know what happens to troublesome environmentalists in Russia.

The endgame

I point this out to say that Washington's options at this point aren't great. Limiting missile defenses is the third rail of American national security politics and, even if the United States suddenly got very reasonable, the Russians are pretty taken with their new toys.

But this also means arms racing with the Russians is pointless. The Russians are arms racing with themselves.

The strategy the United States is left with, as I have long argued, is trying to

raise the international cost that Moscow faces for developing these grotesque systems. That's why I have argued so vehemently that the United States should engage with the people pushing to ban nuclear weapons — to increase the political price that Moscow pays for these programs. Instead, the Obama administration decided that arms control was something best done with the Russians, or perhaps the other nuclear weapons states, and that everyone else could mind their own business. The problem with that strategy is that it created the impression of moral equivalence between modernization programs in the United States and Russia, encouraging America's allies to make excuses for Moscow.

The recent Nuclear Posture Review, I fear, continues this trend. The tone of the document, as well as some of the more controversial proposals, gives the impression of enthusiasm for the arms race. The result is that the United States' allies, those with whom it needs to work to contain Russia, are just as worried about Trump as they are about Putin. This is an awful state of affairs.

A coalition opposing Putin's new nuclear weapons seems unlikely, at least as long as this U.S. president treats the country's alliances like a protection racket while envying Putin's “nuclear” for being “tippy top” and making sure the world knows his “button” is bigger than North Korean leader Kim Jong Un's. Rather than expect any condemnation of Russia's new systems, I can only imagine how excited Trump will be when he's told about the nuclear-powered cruise missile: how his eyes will grow wide when it is explained to him, and the temper tantrum he'll throw when he's told he can't have one.

Foreign Policy

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COMMENTARY:

“I went straight down.”

— Chicagoan Chelsea Brown, on falling into a large pothole near her Avondale home last fall. The city says it hasn't been a bad pothole season, but despite Brown's calls to 311, her pothole remains unfixed.

“Well how jolly decent of Harry & Meghan to invite members of the public to Windsor Castle for their wedding considering it is the public who are paying for it.”

— Martin O'Neill (@DrNostromo), in a tweet about the announcement that Prince Harry and Meghan Markle will invite about 2,640 members of the public to their May wedding

“This is a crucial moment in our country, and I want to make sure our students have an opportunity to express themselves and engage thoughtfully in our national dialogue.”

— Chicago Public Schools CEO Janice Jackson, on the decision to allow individual school principals to set rules about student activism

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A man aims a semi-automatic AR-15 rifle at Good Guys Guns & Range in Orem, Utah, on Feb. 15.

Seize the moment

Doing piecemeal gun control will not make a dent in our gun violence problem. Here are three steps that should be enacted to address the problem:

1. Ban assault rifles (then bump stocks wouldn't be needed).
2. Create a national licensing/registration (using the gun serial number) of all guns and gun owners (similar to vehicle registration) to easily track the purchase or transfer of ownership of guns.
3. Create a comprehensive national database of individuals with serious mental health issues who pose a threat to citizens. Establish laws that limit or prohibit their gun ownership.

Any legislator who opposes any of these changes should be required to face the American people and explain why. Just saying that lawmakers "can't get the votes" is not a valid answer — that has to do with getting re-elected, not with protecting the American people. Invoking the Second Amendment is a well-worn argument that most Americans feel does not permit possession of assault rifles or allow those deemed dangerous to the general public to own guns.

The time has come for meaningful, comprehensive gun control change. We can't let this moment pass. Our legislators need to act now.

— Jim Klaric, St. Charles

America's militia

The question of how to protect our schoolchildren from deranged shooters is on everybody's minds. So, I offer a solution that is inexpensive and should be to everybody's liking.

Since gun ownership is rampant in the country and all meaningful reforms are vehemently opposed by the National Rifle Association, let's just make the NRA responsible for the protection of the schools. The NRA should assign every card-carrying member a day to spend at his or her local school as an armed guard. Let's put this well-armed "militia" to work protecting its communities.

I'm sure the NRA members would be happy to volunteer to spend a day or two each year walking the school halls as unpaid armed guards. And since all NRA members are rational, well-trained gun owners, no government oversight of the program would be needed.

— Tom Hattan, Downers Grove

Child's play

Those who support unrestricted rights to possess assault weapons, under the guise of the Second Amendment, remind me of spoiled children. They want the freedom to have the toys of their choice, and they choose to play with guns meant for military action. And, as allowing practices in a home to be governed by the whims of a child might be unwise, allowing the laws and practices of our society to be controlled by the demands of those who want to play with assault weapons might also be exceptionally foolish. In order to assure that their demands are not denied, we're now considering the appalling idea of arming teachers in the classroom and entering the legally impossible maze of determining who is suffering from a threatening mental condition.

— Patricia Courtney, West Chicago

Two possibilities

It seems at this point in the investigation into Russia's meddling in our election, there are one of two scenarios in play. 1. Trump knew about it. If this is true, we should go directly from impeachment to charges of treason. Or 2. He legitimately didn't know anything about it, in which case that would make him the most ignorant, ill-informed person to ever occupy the Oval Office. Now if that's true, it would bring up the question, do we really want a man this clueless to be running this great country?

— Don Weber, Minooka

Traffic jam

I read about the O'Hare expansion with great interest. But what I was looking for wasn't mentioned — accommodating the increased automobile traffic that comes with an increase in airline arrivals and departures. Been to O'Hare lately? More gates and planes sound great, but the passengers still have to get in and out. The entire passenger-access issue has to be part and parcel with the expansion on the aircraft side of the security checkpoint.

— Ken Dorn, Grayslake



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Sanctioned surveillance

Democrats have released their response to the Republicans' memo regarding the basis for the FBI's decision, with the approval of the FISA court, to conduct surveillance of Carter Page and perhaps other members of Donald Trump's campaign staff (supposedly to determine if there was any collusion with the Russians to affect the outcome of the 2016 presidential election). Since both versions have a political bias, in the interest of transparency, why not release the entire FISA application? Then the public can determine, without any prejudice, whether this surveillance was appropriate or merely a political witch hunt.

— Dan Schuchardt, Glen Ellyn

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There is no 'right side of history'



JONAH GOLDBERG

Tuesday marked the 10-year anniversary of the passing of my old boss, William F. Buckley Jr., the founder of National Review (where I am a senior editor). This is not a column about Bill but about life and time — and how they don't move in tandem.

In 2001, Linton "Lin" Wells, a former Navy officer turned in-house Defense Department intellectual, was asked to offer his thoughts for the Quadrennial Defense Review.

Here's an extended excerpt: ■ If you had been a security policymaker in the world's greatest power in 1900, you would have been a Brit, looking warily at your age-old enemy, France. ■ By 1910, you would be allied with France and your enemy would be Germany. ■ By 1920, World War I would have been fought and won, and you'd be engaged in a naval arms race with your erstwhile allies, the U.S. and Japan.

■ By 1930, naval arms limitation treaties were in effect, the Great Depression was underway, and the defense planning standard said "no war for 10 years."

■ Nine years later World War II had begun.

Wells keeps going, but you get the point. At any period in our lives, even modest predictions about the future are very unreliable. Outside theoretical physics, time moves in a linear, arithmetic progression: i.e., one day at a time. Life works differently. I can predict what the date will be 100 years from now with perfect accuracy, but I can't begin to tell you what life will be like.

And yet, many people make straight-line projections about politics, technology and all manner of things. "Trend X has been going in this direction for the last few years," people say, "so trend X will continue inexorably into the future." (OK, few people actually say it like that, but you get the point.) Intellectuals are often guilty of this kind of thinking, partly because they make a living looking for patterns and trends.

Writing in 1946, George Orwell argued that reflexive belief in the "continuation of the thing that is happening" amounts to a kind of "power worship."

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At various times, everyone was sure the Soviet Union, Nazi Germany or the Ottoman and the Roman empires would endure forever, because no one could imagine beyond the bars of the iron cage of the moment. Similarly, every era has been infested with business gurus who couldn't foresee the demise or decline of Standard Oil or IBM or, these days, Amazon or Google.

Sometimes people put their faith less in the idea of power and more in the power of an idea, convincing themselves that there is an unseen algorithm guiding events. Marxism was a classic version of this. The impersonal forces of the universe guaranteed that utopian communism was the last exit of history.

But other ideas have similar power.

When Orwell wrote "1984," it was widely believed that the state — Big Brother — would use technology to oppress people.

Later, people became convinced that technology would keep Big Brother at bay by liberating people. With the rise of the internet, this idea has taken hold in much of the West. The truth is that neither proposition is an iron law. Technology helped spread the Arab Spring, but it is also helping China throttle freedom. (And how did the Arab Spring turn out?)

Speaking of China, it was also widely believed that market forces, once unleashed, would unwind authoritarianism. Why? Because that's how it worked in the past. That's not what's happening in China, which is why President Xi Jinping is fast on his way to becoming president for life.

Shortly after the fall of the Soviet Union, Francis Fukuyama heralded the "End of History" because liberal democracy had proven itself the only legitimate form of government. Since then,

authoritarianism has had something of a renaissance around the globe.

Which brings me back to Bill Buckley. When he founded National Review, Buckley wrote that part of its mission would be to "stand athwart history, yelling Stop."

The passage, widely misunderstood, contained a powerful insight: We cannot outsource life to the clockwork of the universe. There is no teleology, no "right side of history." We make the world we want to live in, and we have a responsibility to do that work. Bill's friend Whittaker Chambers believed that when he renounced communism and joined the forces of freedom, he was switching to the "losing side." Chambers was wrong because he, and people like him, made a choice to fight for the world they wanted. In short, they chose life over time. And thank God they did.

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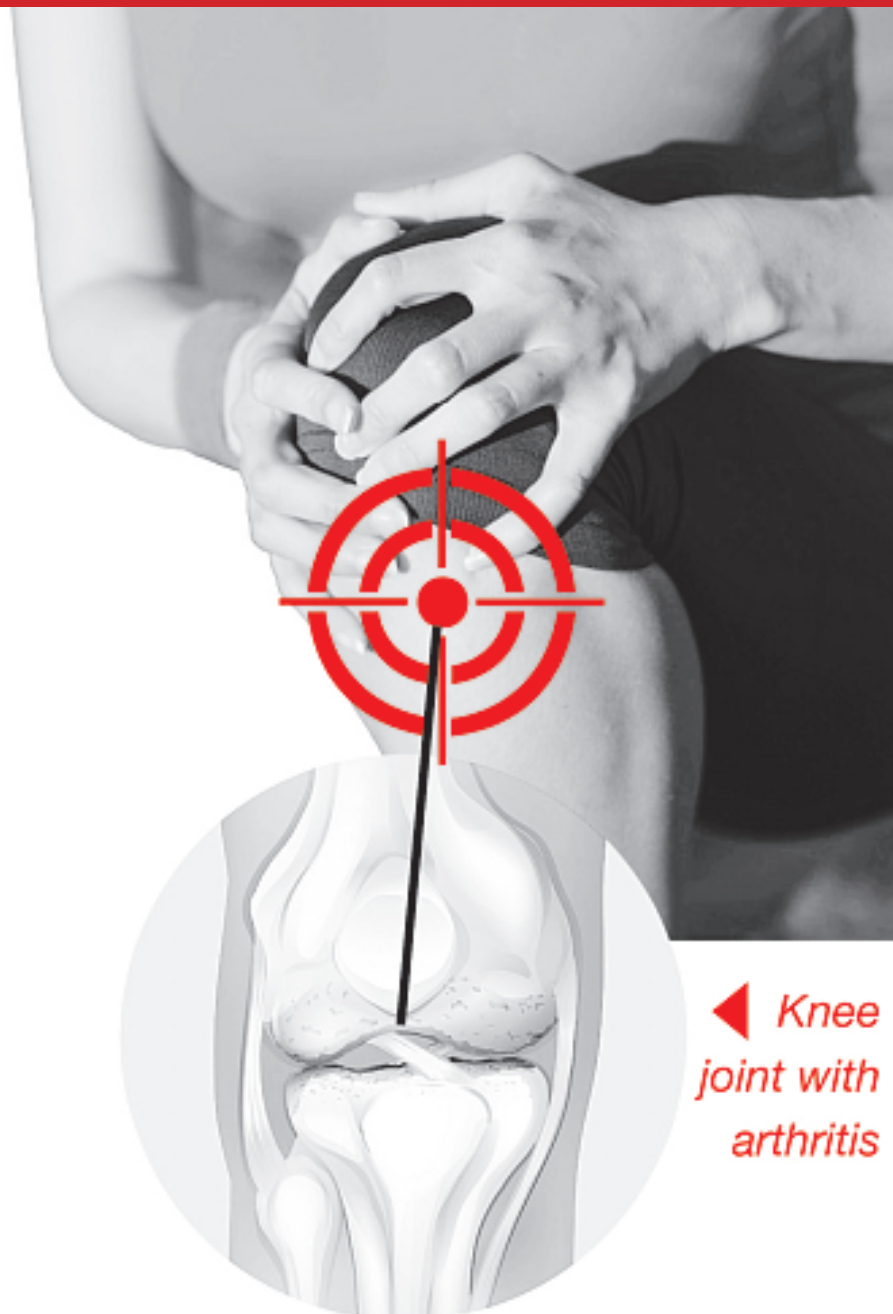
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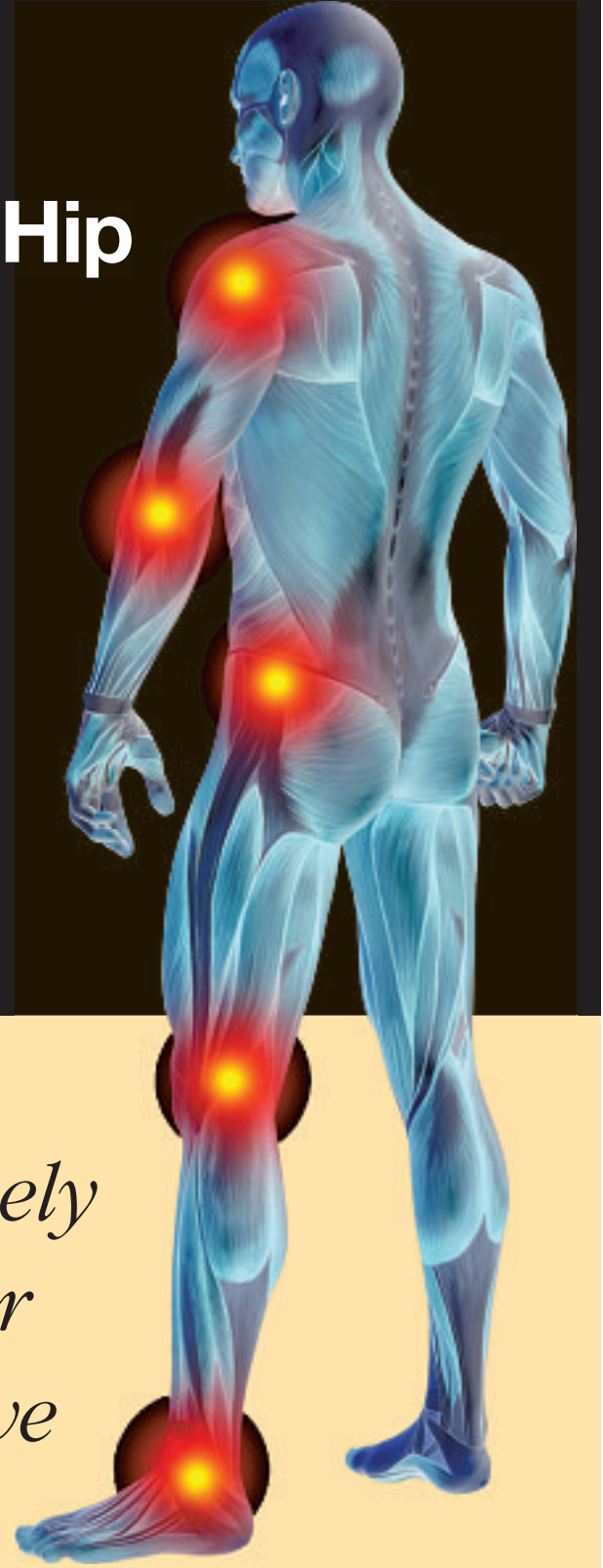
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Responding to growing inflation fears

Worries about rising inflation have spooked stock and bond investors. As a reminder, inflation occurs when the prices of goods and services rise and, as a result, every dollar you spend in the economy purchases less.

The annual rate of inflation from 1917 until 2017 has averaged just over 3 percent annually. That might not sound like much, but consider this: Today you need \$7,272 to buy what \$1,000 could get you 50 years ago.

Inflation has hovered just above 2 percent over the past 20 years, despite repeated warnings that the Federal Reserve's intervention during the financial crisis and its aftermath would spark a surge in prices. The relatively tepid recovery, combined with an aging population and technological advances, kept a lid on overall prices.

The most recent inflation alarm bells went off on Feb. 2, when data showed that hourly wages had jumped by 2.9 percent in January from a year ago.

As of January, the government's measure of inflation, the Consumer Price Index, had increased 2.1 percent over the last 12 months (1.8 percent without food or energy costs included). But as the global economy improves and U.S. tax cuts spur more spending, many believe that the era of low inflation is probably behind us.

So how can you adapt to the new economic order? One strategy is to lock in fixed-rate mortgages. Borrowing for the long term is still historically cheap. If you are refinancing, you may want to fold in home equity loans or credit card debts that are tied to variable, short-term interest rates.

For investments, your goal is to grow your portfolio at a quicker pace than the rate of inflation, while keeping focused on the total risk level you can assume. While no single asset acts as a perfect inflation hedge, consider the following:

Commodities: When inflation rises, the prices of commodities such as gold, energy and raw materials also increase. This is a volatile asset class that can stagnate or lose money over long stretches of time, so investors would be wise to limit exposure to 3 to 6 percent of total portfolio value.

Real estate investment trusts (REITs): The ultimate "real asset," REITs tend to perform well during inflationary periods, due to rising property values and rents.

Stocks: Many investors don't think about stocks as an asset class to combat inflation, but long-term data show that stocks, especially dividend-producing stocks, tend to perform well in inflationary periods. That said, during short-term inflationary spikes, the stocks might drop before reverting to the longer-term trend.

Treasury Inflation Protected Securities (TIPS): Rising prices can diminish a bond's fixed-income return. But the US government directly offers investors inflation-indexed bonds, or TIPS, which proved a fixed interest rate above the rate of inflation, as measured by the CPI.

International bonds: Inflation can shred the value of the dollar so consider a small allocation to international bonds, which are denominated in foreign currencies.

While inflation may be looming, it's important to underscore that a diversified portfolio, which takes into account your time horizon and risk tolerance, will go a long way toward providing protection.

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The abundance approach

The most effective leaders are happy to share with their teams

BY GORDON TREGOLD | **Inc.**

The fastest way to accumulate things is to take, take, take. You have to fight for your share, because if you don't get it, someone else will.

As you probably have guessed, this is the way bad leaders operate. They believe there isn't enough to go around, so they spend all their energy trying to get everything they can. They fight for money, praise and position and do everything they can to get it all.

They operate with a scarcity attitude. Money, praise and power are limited resources, so they have to hoard it.

Instead of having a scarcity attitude as a leader, you need to take an abundance approach. The best leaders are happy to share what they have. In doing so, they put their teams first and their own needs second.

That, in turn, allows everyone to thrive, including the leader.

On the surface, this sounds simple. You'll go into work tomorrow and give everyone a raise, or you'll relinquish some of your power to your right-hand employee. Then, you can cross that item off your list and go back to doing business as usual, knowing you shared.

It's not that simple. This isn't just an item on your to-do list. You need to create a culture of generosity by giving on a daily basis.

So, now it's sounding a little more difficult, right? Well, it really isn't that hard. If you do four things on a daily basis, you will become a generous leader. Everyone will view you as a giver instead of a taker and your company will thrive.

Be mindful of employees

Takers keep all the attention for themselves. They don't connect with employees because that means they have to give something of themselves. You need to do the opposite.

Be mindful of the people who are around you and connect to them. Be

generous with your attention in order to become a more generous leader. As you make these connections, your team will want to work harder for you. You will quickly realize that the more you give, the more you end up with in the end.

Share what you know

As a leader, you have accumulated a wealth of knowledge over the years. Knowledge is power in the business world, so share some knowledge with others.

Teach people what you have learned, so they can develop into leaders themselves. You want to surround yourself with the best people, and that's easier to do when you share your training and knowledge.

Share your time

"I cannot be generous if I'm overly protective of my time."

Repeat that sentence over and over again until it's ingrained in your head.

This is the hardest thing for leaders to understand. If you are always in a rush and only want to spend your time doing the things you want to do, you will get a reputation as a taker. When you are willing to share your time, you show people you think they are important. Then, they will view you as generous.

That doesn't mean you need to make yourself available at all times. You will have to deal with deadlines, but don't

spend all day watching the clock. Give someone 10 or 20 minutes. That person will pay you back in dividends.

Delegate control

This might sound absurd, but many leaders are afraid to delegate. Sure, they keep their employees busy, but they refuse to part with important tasks.

Some are afraid others won't do it correctly, so they decide to do it themselves. Others don't want to part with important tasks because they don't want someone else to get the credit. They want all the glory, so they do the work.

Whatever the case may be, it all really comes down to control. People who refuse to delegate do not want to give up control.

It's time to change that. Show your employees you trust them by delegating key tasks. Then heap on the praise when they do a job well. This will show everyone you're willing to give employees the opportunity to succeed, and when they do, you're right there with the praise.

The takeaway

If you're a taker, you're going to have a hard time leading. Your employees will quickly realize you're in it for yourself, and they'll lose all faith in you. It won't take long for them to understand that even if they succeed, you'll take the credit. They'll start failing because there isn't an incentive to succeed.

On the other hand, if you're a giver, you will come off as a generous leader. You will create a stronger team and you will have more time on your hands. You will form real connections with your employees and you will also build a pleasant working environment.

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New tax law creates saving opportunities

By now, you likely have prepared your 2017 taxes (if not, get to it!), so it's a good time to look ahead to the return you will file next year. Some of the changes in the tax laws create opportunities for tax savings — if you start now.

Next year's tax return is likely to be easier to file. In 2018, people who are married and filing jointly will have a standard deduction of \$24,000, up from \$12,700. And single taxpayers will have a \$12,000 standard deduction, up from \$6,350 in 2017. That means, itemizing deductions might not be so valuable next year.

There will no longer be a personal exemption (which would have been a \$4,150 per person deduction). But the child tax credit has been increased to \$2,000 per qualifying child under age 17, up from \$1,000.

And, of course, all tax brackets are lower on income earned in 2018. The new top tax rate is 37 percent, and it applies to singles with income over \$500,000 or couples filing jointly with income over \$600,000. Even those with lower earnings will see the benefits of a tax cut in their paycheck.

Leaving all economic arguments aside, most people — except those who live in high-tax states and can no longer deduct more than \$10,000 for state income, property and sales taxes — should find not only that their returns are easier to file but also that they are left with more money in their paychecks.

And that's where there are opportunities to increase retirement savings and pay down debt. The time to consult a tax adviser is now, to make sure you make the best of your situation and to make sure you avoid some hidden pitfalls.

Pitfalls: Beware of home equity loans

One of those pitfalls has to do with deductibility of interest on a home equity loan. The IRS has just clarified some confusion created by the wording in the tax law.

Under the new law, mortgage interest is not deductible for mortgage amounts over \$750,000 — down from \$1 million previously — for loans taken out after December 15, 2017. The new tax law suspends until 2026 the deduction for interest paid on home equity loans and lines of credit — unless they are used to buy, build or substantially improve the taxpayer's home that secures the loan.

Thus, if you take out a home equity loan (up to a total of \$750,000 in loans on your residences) and use the money to update your kitchen, the interest is still tax deductible. But if you use your home equity loan to pay your child's college tuition or to pay off student loans or pay down credit card debt, the interest on that home equity loan will not be deductible.

Potential benefits: Enhanced retirement plan opportunities

In 2018, you can contribute more to your workplace retirement plan — \$18,500, up \$500 from last year's limit. Now is the time to adjust your payroll contribution to take advantage of the higher limit, and to make sure you divide your payments equally over the year to get the maximum employer matching contribution.

And if you can discipline yourself to contribute to a non-deductible Roth IRA, the law now makes those accounts available to people with higher incomes. For single taxpayers, the income eligibility starts phasing out at \$120,000, and you are no longer eligible for a Roth with income over \$135,000. For married couples, the income phase-out range is \$189,000 to \$199,000.

Remember, Roth contributions are not tax deductible, but the account grows tax-free for retirement. The maximum you can contribute in any year is \$5,500, unless you are age 50 or older, in which case you can contribute up to \$6,500 to any type of IRA.

Plan now to make that money work for you. And that's The Savage Truth.

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ELLIOT RAPHAELSON

Many investors are nervous about investing in the stock market because of the recent volatility. This is understandable. It is necessary to take a long-term approach no matter how close you are to retirement.

If you are far from retirement, don't be too concerned about the recent volatility. In the long run, common stocks will outperform bonds. It makes sense to have a higher portion of stocks in your portfolio than bonds. Whether you prefer mutual funds or exchange-traded funds, you have to pay attention to costs. There are many diversified index funds and ETFs that are available with low annual costs.

U.S. common stocks currently are still more expensive, based on price-earnings ratio comparisons, than foreign common stocks. Accordingly, it makes sense to have a percentage of your common stock portfolio in international funds or ETFs.

It is likely that there will continue to be more volatility in the stock market

than in the last few years. To take advantage of this volatility, you should use dollar-cost-averaging for new investments. It also makes sense to rebalance frequently, at least annually.

A significant mistake investors have made over the years is to bail completely from stocks after significant drops in stock market prices. This is dangerous in the long term. Nobody can predict tops and bottoms in the market. No one can tell you when stocks will rebound after significant decreases in prices.

By being completely out of the market, you will not be able to profit from stock market increases after they rebound. Maintain a diversified portfolio of common stocks in some form as long as business conditions are favorable; corporations are able to maintain and increase their earnings; and employment rates are high.

Even as you approach retirement, it still pays to maintain a significant portion of common stocks in your portfolio. I have been retired for more than 20 years, and during that time, I have always maintained at least 45 percent of my total investment portfolio in some form of common stock investments. It has worked well for me and other investors. It is not unusual for me to hear from retired readers who lament the fact that they didn't maintain a significant

portion of their assets in some form of common stocks.

Even with the recent fall in common stock value, investors who had maintained a significant portion of their assets in diversified common stock index funds or ETFs for several years are much better off than investors who maintained most of their portfolio in conservative investments, such as money-market funds, Treasury bills or certificates of deposit.

As you do approach retirement, however, it does make sense to review whether you want to reduce the percentage of funds you have in the stock market. For example, if you have maintained 70 percent of your portfolio in common stocks, you may want to gradually reduce that figure. However, I believe a 50 percent allocation in common stocks during retirement is not that risky.

For people in retirement, it can be just as risky, if not more risky, to have an investment portfolio whose returns will not keep up with inflation.

Fortunately, many of us will be living 30 or more years in retirement. That means, however, that many of us will have to revise our investment horizons and the strategies that fit them.

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Spotting IRS scams

Agency will not send email requesting bank account information

BY KIMBERLY LANKFORD
Kiplinger

Q: I received an email claiming to be from the IRS and asking for my bank account information to deposit my refund. I'm almost positive it's a scam. How can I find out for sure, and how can I report it if it is fraudulent?

A: It's a scam — and one that's common around tax season. The IRS doesn't initiate contact by phone or email.

Most people know to be suspicious of calls and emails claiming to be from the IRS and asking for your money or personal information. But the crooks are getting smarter and introducing a new level of tax-related schemes, which are especially prevalent this time of year as people begin to file their tax returns.

And people are even more susceptible to scams this year because of confusion about the new tax law. In the most common tax scams, IRS impostors claim that you owe money and threaten lawsuits or arrest if you don't pay immediately by credit card or by wiring the money or

sending a prepaid debit card or gift card. They have even started to spoof caller IDs to make it look like the call is from Washington, the U.S. Treasury or your state or local department of revenue.

Be aware that if you owe money, you'll receive a notice from the IRS in the mail first. And the agency does not demand that you pay taxes without a chance to question or appeal the amount it says you owe.

As you discovered, scam artists also are sending emails that look like official IRS correspondence asking for your bank account information to directly deposit your refund. Some emails include a link to a website that looks legitimate but is just a way to gather your information and steal your money or identity.

Con artists also send emails claiming to be from your tax software company or tax professional, asking for information

related to your refund or confirming personal information. The email may ask you to update your "IRS e-file information immediately" to prevent a delay of your refund. The IRS will not send an email asking for personal or financial information.

You can report these phishing scams at phishing@irs.gov. If you think there's a chance that the correspondence may be legitimate, don't click on any links or respond. Instead, look up the phone number of your tax preparer or tax software company separately and call to check.

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Budget travel tips: Europe's grand cities

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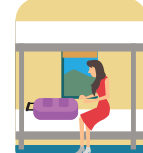
Don't try to see six cities in eight or nine days. You will exhaust yourself and it will cost a lot in airfare and/or train tickets to get from place to place.

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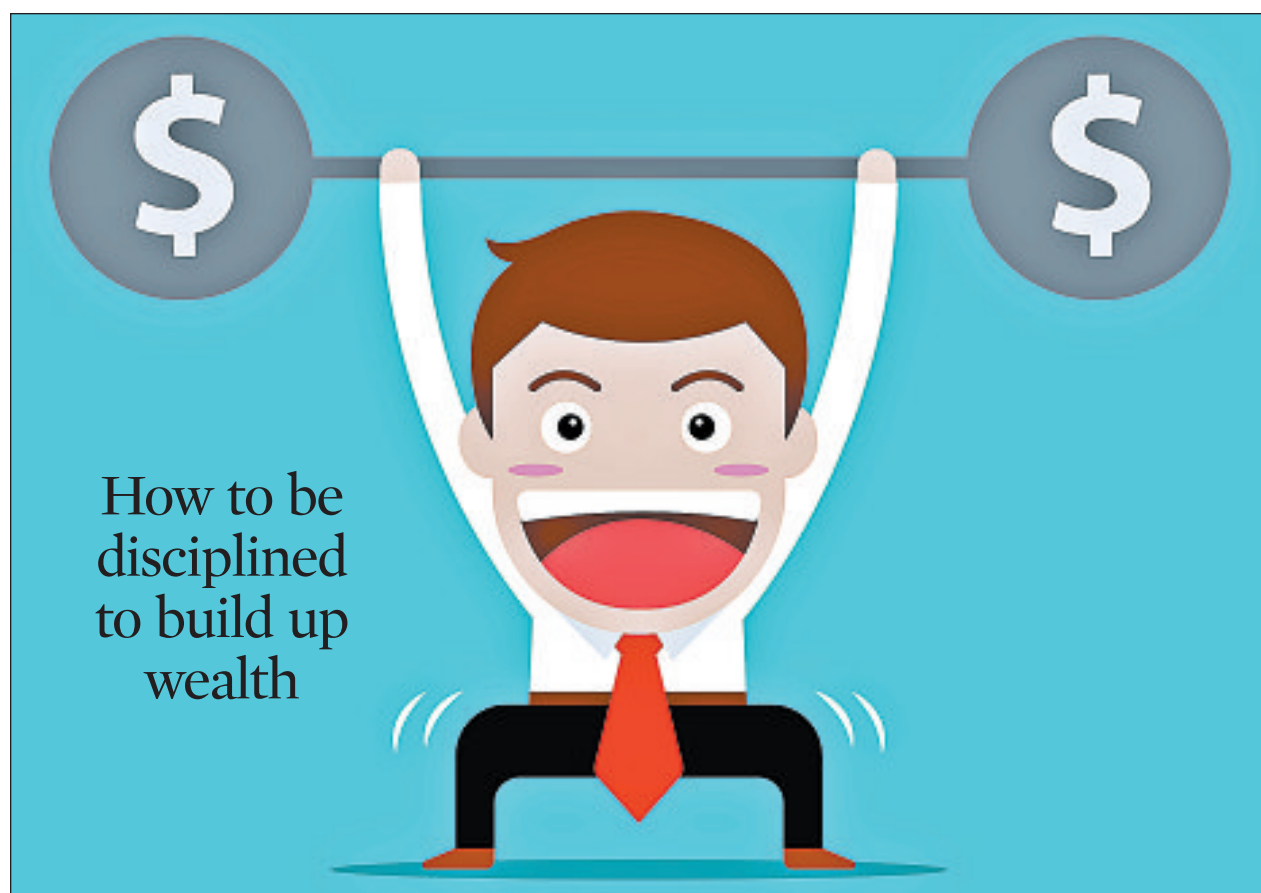
**Save on sightseeing**

Most major European cities have some kind of city pass. Some aren't worth the trouble, but if you plan to visit several museums and historical sites and the pass covers them, go for it. Some city passes also can be used on trains and buses, and some allow you to skip the line at museums, which will save you time and aggravation.

**Stay smart**

Hotels are shockingly expensive in many cities, so try a hostel. And, yes, your image of a hostel may be outdated. Take a spin through Hostelworld.com and note the cool-looking places in many cities. You can get a dorm room bed in Paris, for instance, for as little as \$30 per night. You also can book a private room, often for less than a hotel room. If you want more space, an Airbnb or VRBO apartment also makes sense and can save lots of money.

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Shape up, investor!

BY LARRY ALTON
Inc.

When it comes to building wealth, the average person has two options: earning income or investing. Most people require both a stable income and consistent investing to amass wealth over their lifetime.

However, if you want to find success with investing, you must remain disciplined.

Disciplined investing sounds nice on paper, but is challenging to execute in the real world where market conditions change, incomes fluctuate and personal needs and desires evolve. If you really want to be a disciplined investor, you must study what others are doing and create a game plan that allows you to remain steady for decades to come.

Here are five tips for remaining disciplined with your investments:

1. Start investing early and often

Disciplined investors invest money into the market early and often.

They don't just invest large chunks of money one year and nothing the next. Month after month, year after year, they put money away and watch it grow.

2. Don't let emotions dictate behavior

There should be nothing emotional about investing.

While it's hard to gain and lose money without feeling twinges of excitement and fear, you have to insulate yourself against external factors. This will allow you to

stay the course when positive and negative events happen.

3. Respect the cyclical nature of the market

If you have a bunch of money tied up in the stock market, it's easy to get nervous when there's steep downward movement. However, disciplined investors understand that the market is cyclical and there will be periods of growth and decline.

Recently, we experienced a rather significant market correction, which MarketBeat describes as a 10 percent decline from a recent peak. While a lot of people jumped ship when they saw the markets plunging, disciplined investors shrugged their shoulders and saw it as an opportunity to stay put and invest more.

Over time, this correction will become nothing more than a blip on the radar. The historical trajectory of the market has always been up, so there's no reason to panic when you have years to ride it out.

4. Balance your portfolio

Diversification is one of the staples of disciplined investing. While there will be times when it's tempting to throw all of your money at a "surefire" investment, making these high-risk decisions will eventually bite you in the rear.

Strategically allocating your portfolio over multiple assets and funds will allow you to maximize earnings while mitigating risk.

5. Leave it there

As you see your investment grow over time, you'll occasionally feel the tempta-

tion to pull some of it out and spend it on something exciting, such as a new car, bigger house or a fancy trip. But if you're truly disciplined, you'll fight these urges and leave your money alone until you reach retirement.

"Don't touch it," says financial analyst Todd Lebor of The Motley Fool. "I know this sounds harsh, but that's how money grows. It feeds on itself. Like a virus, it multiplies and multiplies. Messing with it kills the regeneration. Pick a figure that you are comfortable you can do without. Invest it regularly and keep your grubby little hands off it."

The final word

While it may be more fun to chase hot stocks and move money around as the market ebbs and flows, an approach like this is risky and unstable. You may experience some hot streaks and good years, but you're more likely to eventually get burned using such a strategy. Over the long run, disciplined investing is far safer and more effective.

If there were three words to describe disciplined investing, they would be slow, steady and strategic. If these descriptors sound boring, you're probably right.

But do you know what isn't boring? Watching your money grow and amassing wealth that allows you to enjoy a happy and comfortable lifestyle and retirement.

In fact, it doesn't get much more exciting than that.

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Over 50 and unemployed

Older workers often face biases about relevancy

BY EILEEN AMBROSE
Kiplinger

Few events can derail retirement plans faster than losing a job. That's particularly true for older workers who might be laid off in their peak earning years, when they had been counting on catching up on retirement savings.

Older workers have one of the lowest unemployment rates of any sector of the workforce: 3.3 percent or less, as of the end of last year. But once they lose a job, it takes them longer than younger job seekers to find a new one.

On average, 25- to 44-year-olds land a new job in just over five months, but it takes two to five months longer for older workers, depending on their age, reports the Bureau of Labor Statistics.

How can you get back on track?

Reconnect with contacts from college or previous jobs to let them know you need work: "Everybody finds jobs through networking," says Lori B. Rassas, an employment attorney and author of "Over the Hill But Not the Cliff."

Try to dispel the stereotypes concerning older workers: Ageism is a reality for older job seekers, Rassas says, but there's no need to scrub your resume of all hints of your age.

"No one cares that you're 60," Rassas says. "It's not the age. It's what it represents."

Employers often assume older workers have low energy and are inflexible, uncomfortable with technology and merely biding their time until retirement.

Stay current: To overcome these views, show that you are still interested in learning by attending conferences and learning new skills.

Sites such as Udemy, Lynda.com, Coursera and Khan Academy and open courses from sites such as MIT, Yale and Stanford teach robotics, programming, marketing strategy, philosophy and more, Forbes.com notes.

Be involved online: Check social media to see what influencers are posting and post your own content about areas of expertise. Build connections there.

Update your LinkedIn profile and ask people to write recommendations for you or endorse you for skills. If you don't have a LinkedIn profile, employers may assume you lack the technology skills to



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keep up, Rassas says.

Apply to smaller companies: They often get fewer résumés than larger employers do, Rassas says. You may have to accept less pay, but don't offer to take a large pay cut right off the bat because you may sound desperate, she says.

Once you find a job, develop a side hustle in a related field that brings in money and broadens your network. If you're laid off again, the side gig can at least provide income while you search for other work, Rassas says.

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STEVE ROSEN
Kids & Money

Cousin of AP test another way to save dollars

It's the lesser-known cousin of the Advanced Placement test, but it too packs plenty of value for students looking to shave some of the high costs of a college education.

That's the biggest selling point behind the College Level Examination Program, which offers a way for students to earn course credits and possibly graduate early.

Some simple math may reinforce that financial benefit. Start with the average cost of a college credit hour, which is about \$594 for schools nationwide, based on a survey by studentloanhero.com of schools across all sectors of higher education, including public, private and two-year schools. In contrast, the CLEP exam costs \$65 per test, plus an administrative fee charged by the test center.

That amounts to about a \$500 savings, which could be applied toward books or other college costs.

Like the AP test, the CLEP is administered by the College Board and is designed to cover material typically found in an introductory-level college course. Students achieving qualifying scores can earn several hours of college credits.

The exams are not just for high school seniors. Students currently on campus, including adult students and those in the military, also can benefit by taking the test. Indeed, the CLEP was originally intended for adults in the workforce or the military.

Here are some of the basics about CLEPs, with more information available at the College Board website (www.collegeboard.org):

■ There are 33 exams in five categories — composition and literature; foreign languages; history and social sciences; science and mathematics; and business.

■ There are about 1,800 testing centers nationwide, usually on college campuses. The 90-minute tests are primarily multiple choice.

■ Unlike the AP exam, CLEP exams are offered year-round.

Richard Slovacek is a big proponent of CLEP exams. Slovacek, a retired professor at North Central College in Naperville, Ill., said many of his students over the years received credit for multiple courses through the CLEP option and "saved considerable tuition and textbook costs."

To prepare for the exams, Slovacek suggested that students review at least two textbooks in the course subject and try to do so over spring or Christmas break or summer vacation when they are not taking other courses. The College Board website also offers free, downloadable resources.

But CLEP exams are not the answer for every student.

Mark Kantrowitz, a financial aid and admissions expert, said the AP exams are better because more colleges provide credit for those tests than for CLEP exams. And while the College Board says that 2,900 colleges and universities accept CLEP results for college credit, not all accept all the CLEP tests that are offered.

For example, the University of Texas at Austin accepts CLEP test scores for American and English literature, with 45 being the minimum score on each exam to earn three credit hours, according to the university website. The university also accepts CLEP results for American government, calculus and college algebra.

However, the flagship Texas campus does not accept CLEP tests in a number of other courses, including foreign languages, chemistry and college composition.

Kantrowitz also noted that even if a college provides credit for a CLEP exam, it might not satisfy any prerequisites. Instead, it may satisfy just general credit requirements. Check with the schools you're considering or the College Board website for specifics on an institutions' policy with CLEP course credits.

Despite some shortcomings, CLEP exams can still be a good choice for moving forward through college. And it's hard to beat the price.

Questions, comments column ideas? Reach Steve Rosen at sbrosen1030@gmail.com.

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Social media posts alone aren't going to boost your business

Business owners must do more than use channels as billboards

BY CHRISTINA NICHOLSON
Inc.

Why do so many business owners think that if they post something on social media, people will flock to them and buy everything they're selling?

"Build it (or post it) and they will come" no longer applies, especially in 2018.

So why is the focus put on what is being posted?

Because that's what's easy to see. Everything else takes a little effort, and that's the difference between treating your social media channels as billboards and using social media to socialize with potential customers and clients to generate leads.

Whether it's Facebook, Instagram or any other social media channel, business owners must do more. Here are ways to generate more attention and business.

Provide customer service

This is what gets a consumer to trust you. The time your manager takes to respond to questions and engage in conversation could (and should) drive sales.

"Your social media is your storefront where customer relationships happen," said Karla Campos, founder of Social Media Sass, a marketing agency. "Sure you can have great graphics, but if you are bad at customer service, it's definitely going to have a

negative effect on your business. We should pay attention to private messages, customer concerns and customer sentiment."

Time everything right

Strategy and timing are part of the full equation. Flexibility and going in a different direction while staying on point is a strong trait to have as a manager.

This means you shouldn't schedule everything and call it a day. Be live. Be social in real time. Engage with customers or potential ones on Twitter. You don't want to be late to the party on social media when things are happening now.

Look at data

Basic brand knowledge, decent imagery and good writing skills aren't enough.

"Without the strategic pieces like targeting, creating profiles aligned with your ideal audience, regularly reading and responding to the analytics behind which posts engage (or don't) and why (or why not), posting is not only a waste of time but a waste of money," said Jamie Prince, founder of Flourish, a communications agency.

Facebook and Instagram offer great insights. There are also third-party resources you can use, but why pay for them when the social media giants are telling you how people are reacting to your content for free? Seeing what people are liking, how they're engaging with it and when it's all happening are vital



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for moving forward with your strategy.

The great thing about social media, both organic use and paid, is the access to data. You can see what works and what doesn't, and then you can modify your strategy.

"Even the most creative brand needs to utilize data analysis tools, most of which are free," said Monica Dimperio, founder at Hashtag Lifestyle, an agency that connects luxury brands with influencers.

Listen and engage

If you're just pushing out content, you're basically the social media equivalent of a person who won't stop talking. (Who wants to listen to someone who only talks, and never listens or responds?)

Social media is not a billboard on the highway for people to drive by and look at. If someone posts a question, answer it. And don't wait a week to do it. Answer it within 24 hours. Make it a point

to log onto your accounts once a day to see what people are saying. They're telling you what they like and don't like by their interaction, or lack thereof, so listen.

It's no longer a one-way conversation owned by traditional media.

"An effective and holistic social media strategy includes having a dialogue with your fans," said Dian Oved, a marketing strategist behind Empower Digital who works to verify big names on social media. "Asking them questions, responding to comments and paying attention to what is trending on social media is extremely important."

Generate leads

Remember when I said you can't just post and think people will buy whatever you're selling? That's because people have been trying that for years. Now, you need to pay those platforms if you want to be seen, especially on Facebook.

Spending some money to create a good strategy with images or video and targeting your ideal customer or client online can bring in quality leads over time to nurture, then convert.

Work with others

When you post on your platforms, you're only reaching your audience. By teaming up with other brands who serve the same audience, you're expanding your reach.

When you invite influencers or members of the media to post on their social media accounts about you by tagging you or promoting you in another way, it acts as a third-party endorsement.

Years ago, posting for the sake of posting may have worked. Today, social media is like a science and needs to be approached as the complex marketing giant it is.

Christina Nicholson is the owner of Media Maven, a public relations firm.

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OBITUARIES

ROBERT W. CHAMBERS 1924-2018

Love of history led to book about Glen Ellyn

BY BOB GOLDSBOROUGH
Chicago Tribune

Robert W. Chambers was a lifelong Glen Ellyn resident whose love of history culminated in his co-authoring of "Glen Ellyn: A Village Remembered," a comprehensive book about his hometown.

An electrician by vocation, Chambers came by his love of history from an early age, when he would clip articles from the local Glen Ellyn News newspaper, family members said. And Chambers had "an uncanny recollection of the people, places and events that had happened in our community from the 1920s on," said former Glen Ellyn Historical Society Executive Director Jan Langford.

"Although he took meticulous records and was computer-savvy and had no problem with technology, his mental recollection of events and places that he could just pull from the top of his head was really unbelievable," Langford said. "He literally co-wrote the book on Glen Ellyn's history."

Chambers, 93, died of pneumonia Feb. 11 at Northwestern Medicine Central DuPage Hospital in Winfield, said his daughter, Nancy Schefer. Chambers had been battling Parkinson's disease for the past seven years, and pneumonia was a complication of that ailment, she said.

Born in Oak Park, Chambers grew up in Glen Ellyn and graduated from Glenside Township High School, which now is Glenside West High School. During World War II, he served in the Navy in the South Pacific as a radioman, starting in 1943.

After returning home in 1946, Chambers began a career as an electrician, working until his retirement in 1986. Chambers also began sharing his knowledge of local history with those around him, including serving on the board of the Glen Ellyn Historical Society and as president of the board of Glen Ellyn's Forest Hill Cemetery. He was president of the cemetery board until his death.

Throughout the village's earlier history, several books had been written about Glen Ellyn, including



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Robert Chambers served on the board of the Glen Ellyn Historical Society.

"The Story of an Old Town — Glen Ellyn," which was published in 1928, and Dorothy Vandercook's "Glen Ellyn's Story," which came out in 1976.

In the early 1990s, Chambers and several colleagues from the historical society concluded that a more comprehensive book was in order — updating and correcting errors in earlier books.

So Chambers and colleagues Helen Ward and Ruth Wright began working on a new book over a roughly seven-year period, Schefer said. Ward, who died in 2012, and Chambers handled the research and writing of the book. Wright, who had been the society's president, designed the pages.

The effort reflected about 25,000 volunteer hours, Wright estimated in an interview with the Tribune in 1999.

Part of what made the research easier was that Chambers' house was several doors from the historical society's offices, Langford recalled.

"His life was Glen Ellyn and Glen Ellyn's history, and he gave so much time to the historical society that he was a permanent fixture there," said Michael Formento, former Glen Ellyn village president and former DuPage County Board member. "With the book he wrote, the amount of time that he put into researching and developing the information was miraculous, frankly. A lot of that information had kind of (disappeared), and he resurrected it. Bob really stepped in after a previous village historian, Lee Hesterman, had

passed away, and Bob took over the charge and helped restore so much of the historical elements of the community. He was a wonderful man."

In 1999, the historical society published the 528-page hardback book, which also has 340 photos and illustrations, as part of a 3,000-copy print run. The book is still available at the historical society.

Reflecting on its publication and the imminent arrival of a new century, Chambers told the Tribune that "it is rewarding to know that a hundred years from now I might be helping someone out. ... People years from now should realize how hard folks have worked to make this a special place."

Langford remained close with Chambers even after she stepped down as the historical society's executive director about seven years ago, getting together with him for breakfast every Saturday morning.

"Bob was a very simple man, but his simple manner really belied a tremendous intelligence, a tremendous sense of humor and a tremendous regard for his community," Langford said. "It's unusual to live in a community our whole life and to study it, and he became a student of Glen Ellyn. He could just pull from the top of his head and tell you about a building from Glen Ellyn, every iteration of who had owned it, every business that it had been for the past 70 years. He was really unbelievable."

Within the past decade, Chambers had stepped down from the board of the historical society.

Outside work and his love of local history, Chambers spent time golfing in a weekly golf league, gardening, fishing and listening to big band music.

Chambers' wife, Dee, proofread the manuscript for "Glen Ellyn: A Village Remembered." She died in 2000.

In addition to his daughter, Chambers is survived by a son, Rob; a sister, Joy Murphy; a sister-in-law, Nancy Bair; and two grandchildren.

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Death Notices

Barker, Joan C.

Joan C. Barker, nee Cassin. Age 84. Loving sister of William (Karen) Cassin. Dear aunt of Kristine and William John (Elizabeth) Cassin. Great-aunt of Liam, Anna, Maya and the late David Cassin. Fond cousin of many. Visitation Wednesday, March 7, 10 a.m. until time of prayers, 12 p.m., at **Ryan-Parke Funeral Home**, 120 S. Northwest Hwy. (2 blks. S. of Touhy), Park Ridge. Funeral Mass to follow at 12:30 p.m. at St. Paul of the Cross Church. Private interment Holy Sepulchre Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, memorials to Rainbow Hospice, www.rainbowhospice.org, are appreciated. Funeral info., www.ryan-parke.com.

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Bartzis, Joseph Peter

Joseph Peter Bartzis, 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 trusted friend of many. He loved his family fiercely above all else. Joseph was a graduate of New Trier High School, Arizona State University and was a proud member of the Sigma Chi Fraternity.

Upon graduation with a degree in Business and Sustainability, Joey began working in the sustainable energy industry. In his short but accomplished career, Joey worked for Sunpin Solar as a business development manager, where he led the charge in establishing multimillion dollar solar farms across the country, residing in Arizona, Connecticut, Los Angeles, and most recently Boston. His passion and dedication to his work led his peers to commonly refer to him as "Solar Joe." Outside of work, Joey also passionately cared about his health as well as the health of others. As a fitness-enthusiast and a certified personal trainer, you could always find him at the gym, likely being envied by every other gym-goer. Joey was truly one of a kind, he touched so many lives in his short-lived 26 years. His radiant smile and positive energy brightened every room he walked into. May Joey's larger-than-life spirit continue to inspire.

Joey was diagnosed with AL Amyloidosis, a rare and incurable blood disease, for which there are only 4,500 cases diagnosed a year. A major challenge is the current lack of early diagnosis in amyloidosis patients, which is a key factor in disease progression and prognosis. Awareness by the medical community and the general public is essential to turn this around. Increasing the level of support is crucial for research in this underserved disease class, so developmental therapies can be implemented to improve the outlook for amyloidosis patients in the future.

Joey and his family's wish is that young people make it a priority to have annual physicals, as Joey's story is proof that no one, no matter how strong, is invincible. The family requests that in lieu of flowers, donations be made in Joseph's name to the Amyloidosis Support Group 232 Orchard Dr., Wood Dale, IL 60191 or www.amyloidosisupport.org.

Visitation Sunday March 4, 2018 4 PM - 9 PM at Smith Corcoran Funeral Home 1104 Waukegan Rd., Glenview, IL. Family and friends will meet Monday at St. Demetrius Greek Orthodox Church 2727 W. Winona Ave., Chicago, IL for funeral service at 10:30 AM. Interment will be private.

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Bure, John Peter

John Peter Bure, 82, beloved husband of Dawn Gale Bure, father of Michael, Kathleen Marino (Joe), Elizabeth Jimenez-Bure (Jose); grandfather of Meghan, Jake, Elliot, Joey, Peyton, Frances, and Jose-Andres, joined our Lord on March 3, 2018. He was surrounded by friends and family. He graduated from his beloved University of Notre Dame in 1957. He prided himself on attaining justice in his six decades as a lawyer in Lake County. He valued his family and friends above all else. He expressed how grateful he was for the life God had given him. Visitation will be from 4:00 pm - 7:00 pm on Wednesday, March 7 at Kelley and Spalding Funeral Home, 1787 Deerfield Rd, Highland Park. Funeral mass will take place at 10:00 am Thursday at old St. Patrick's Church, 991 Waukegan Rd. Lake Forest. For more info or directions please contact Kelley & Spalding Funeral Home at 847-831-4260 or www.kelleyspaldingfuneralhome.com

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Carbone, Jasper Joseph

In loving memory of Jasper Joseph Carbone, 91, Chicago, IL, (Palm Coast, FL). Beloved husband of the late Helen. Loving father of Greg, Linda, and the late Leslie. Loving grandfather of 4, great-grandfather of 4.

WWII Veteran, Army, Military Police during the Occupation of Japan 1945-46. Member of American Legion Post 541. Compassionate humanitarian who loved all people. "Always look forward to tomorrow". Started each day with the comics and a smile.

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Cox, Terence "Terry"

Terence "Terry" Cox 69, March 1, 2018 native of Rosspoint Ballina, Co. Mayo, Ireland. Beloved husband of Jane (nee Roche). Loving father of Jane (Brian) Zia and Maureen (Timmy) Lawless. Dear grandfather of Colin Pochie, Brian and Elizabeth Zia. Fond brother of Maureen McDarby of Dublin, Ireland. Cherished uncle, nephew, cousin and friend of many. Faithful companion of Duke. Funeral Wednesday 10:30 a.m. from **Donnellan Funeral Home** 10525 S. Western Ave to St. Cajetan Church 2445 West 112th. Street, Chicago for Mass 11:30 a.m. Int. Holy Sepulchre Cemetery. Visitation Tuesday 3 - 9 p.m. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the Prostate Cancer Foundation 1250 Fourth Street, Santa Monica, CA. 90401. Info (773) 238-0075. Sign guestbook at www.donnellanfuneralhome.com

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Donahue, Patrick A.

Patrick A. Donahue, Air Force Veteran, retired member of the International Alliance of Theatrical Stage Employees, Local #2, lifelong White Sox fan; loving father of Mark (Sande), Frank (fiancée Halyna), Timothy (Lisa) and Christine (Tim)

Perkins; Cherished grandfather of Liam; beloved son of the late Patrick and Katherine, nee Barrett; dear brother of the late Frank, Jack Donahue and the late Mary Ingersoll; also many nieces and nephews. Funeral Wednesday 9:15 am from **Modell Funeral Home**, 7710 South Cass Ave., Darien, to Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Church, Mass 10:00 a.m. Int. Holy Sepulchre Cem. Visitation Tuesday 3 to 9 pm for info. 630-852-3595 or www.modelldarien.com

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Driscoll, Molly P.

Molly P. Driscoll nee Packel, age 67, suddenly in Mexico, beloved wife of Michael P., loving mother of Mark (Abbey) and Greg Driscoll and Breanne (Erik) Liscinsky. Devoted grandmother of Kellan and Katherine Driscoll and Ian and Emmett Liscinsky. Dear sister of Jeannine Packel, Renée (James) Wochner and the late Joel, Ned and John Packel. Molly was a graduate of St. Joseph Grammar School 1964, New Trier High School 1968 and Stephens College. Visitation Tuesday, March 6th from 3 to 7 pm at St. Norbert Church, 1809 Walters Avenue, Northbrook, where funeral Mass will be celebrated on Wednesday, March 7th at 10:00 am, interment private. In lieu of flowers contributions to St. Norbert School or an Animal welfare charity of your choice.. Funeral info: 773-764-1617

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Evans, Robert Francis

Robert Evans beloved husband of Carol Lord, loving father of Robert (Helen) Evans, Daniel (Charlene) Evans, George (Cathy)Evans, Theresa (Joe) Wendt, Christine (Michael) Consago, Sally (John) Centella, Allan(Katherine) Evans, Joe Evans, Clancy (Tracy) Evans, Barb (Peter) Goworowski, Brian (The Late Duane Williamson) Lord, and Martin Lord; loved grandfather of 21. Memorial visitation will be Friday, March 9 from 4-8PM at Toynton's Walworth Funeral Home, 328 Kenosha St., Walworth, WI. Mass will be on Saturday at 1:00 PM at St. Benedict's Catholic Church in Fontana, Wisconsin. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in Bob's name to Open Arms Free Clinic, Elkhorn, WI. For more information visit www.ToytonFuneralHome.com

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Galloway, Robert 'Bob'

Robert "Bob" Galloway; beloved husband of Clair nee McNichols; adoring father of Liam; cherished son of Nancy and John; loving brother of Ryan; fond nephew, cousin and friend of many; dear son-in-law of Breda and the late Mike McNichols and brother-in-law of John and Michael McNichols; Proud member of Local #130 and Plumber for Dept. Of Water Management. Visitation Tuesday 3-9 PM and Wednesday 9 AM until time of prayer 10:15 AM at **Gibbons Family Funeral Home** 5917 W. Irving Park RD (1/2 Block East of Austin) to St. Eugene Church. Mass 11 AM. Interment Private. In lieu of flowers donations may be made to the Liam Galloway Educational Fund. For info 773-777-3944 or www.GFFH.com

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Higgins, Loretta M.

Loretta M. Higgins, nee Moylan, 92, died February 27, 2018. Happily married for 69 years to Francis Higgins, Sr. Loving mother of Margaret (Bill) Lawler, Joan (John) Schmitz, Francis (Nancy) Higgins, Michael Higgins, Kathleen (John) Bonaccorsi, and Mary Higgins Judge. Proud grandmother of Ryan, David, Beth, Dennis, Jeremy, Matthew, Savannah,

Thomas, Anne, Michael, Tracy, Joshua, Tasha, Francesca, Ryan, and Henry. Great-grandmother of six. Preceded in death by her parents, Michael and Bridget (Kenny) Moylan, and siblings, Joseph and Dorothy (late John) O'Connell. Survived by siblings, Eileen (late Elmer Mack and Pep) Weilandt, and William Moylan. Fond aunt of many nieces and nephews. Private Memorial Service March 9, 2018 at 9:30 a.m., at Holy Trinity Catholic Church, 111 S. Cass Ave., Westmont, Illinois. In lieu of flowers, donations to the Alzheimer's Association would be appreciated. (www.alz.org)

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Houha-Berg, Jeanne

Jeanne Houha-Berg, age 90, at rest March 3, 2018. Preceded in death by her loving husband Jim Berg, beloved sister Carol Murray and her brother Len Houha. Survived by nieces Caryn and Eileen, nephew Bob and many grandnieces and nephews. Friends and family are asked to meet Tuesday March 6, 2018 at Divine Infant Church 1601 Newcastle, Westchester for a 10 AM Funeral Mass. Interment private. Please omit flowers. Arrangements entrusted to **West Suburban Funeral Home & Cremation Services**. Info 630-852-8000 or www.westsuburbanfh.com

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ON MARCH 5 ...

In 1770 the Boston Massacre took place as British soldiers who had been taunted by a crowd of colonists opened fire, killing five people.

In 1853 Heinrich Steinway and his sons established their piano-manufacturing business in New York.

In 1868 the Senate was organized into a court of impeachment to decide charges against President Andrew Johnson.

In 1933, in German parliamentary elections, the Nazi Party won 44 percent of the vote, enabling it to join with the Nationalists to gain a slender majority in the Reichstag.

In 1946 Winston Churchill delivered his famous "Iron

Curtain" speech at Westminster College in Fulton, Mo.

In 1963 country music star Patsy Cline, 30, was killed in the crash of her private plane near Camden, Tenn. (Also killed were singers Cowboy Copas and Hawkshaw Hawkins.)

In 1982 Chicago-born comedian John Belushi was found dead of a drug overdose in a rented bungalow in Hollywood; he was 33.

In 1984 the U.S. Supreme Court ruled, 5-4, that a city could use public funds to build a Nativity scene as part of an official display without violating the Constitution's separation of church and state.

In 1990, to the cheers of onlookers, workers in Bucharest, Romania, finally

succeeded in removing a 25-foot, seven-ton bronze statue of Vladimir Lenin from its foundation.

In 1998 NASA scientists said enough water was frozen in the loose soil of the moon to support a lunar base and perhaps, one day, a human colony.

In 2002 President George W. Bush slapped punishing tariffs of eight percent to 30 percent on several types of imported steel in an effort to aid the ailing U.S. industry.

In 2016, on his first official day on the job, Univeristy of Illinois athletic director Josh Whitman announced the firing of head football coach Bill Cubit; two days later former Bears coach Lovie Smith became the first African-American to fill the position.

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March 4	
Pick 3 midday	764 / 7
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Pick 3 evening	130 / 6
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Lucky Day Lotto evening	22 24 30 34 43

March 5 Lotto: \$6.25M
March 6 Mega Millions: \$265M
March 7 Powerball: \$348M

WISCONSIN	
March 4	
Pick 3	938
Pick 4	8508
Badger 5	01 07 17 26 27
SuperCash	15 18 27 29 33 38

INDIANA	
March 4	
Daily 3 midday	617 / 6
Daily 4 midday	3371 / 6
Daily 3 evening	172 / 0
Daily 4 evening	3344 / 0
Cash 5	03 07 20 24 26

MICHIGAN	
March 4	
Daily 3 midday	956
Daily 4 midday	1640
Daily 3 evening	149
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Karsten, Joan Elizabeth

I am honored to share the life of my incredible mother, Joan. It's a life that should be celebrated and remembered as one filled with love, laughter and commitment. Joan Elizabeth Karsten was born to Alphonse and Ruth Hesse in Bronxville, N.Y., on July 7th, 1933. She met her husband, Edward August Karsten, and wed on September 28, 1958.

Joan and Ed had strong family values, which they passed on to four children: Edward Jr. Karsten, Deborah Miller and Laura Jane Savarie, who reside in the Chicagoland area, and Suzanne, who recently moved to Nashville, TN. Joan has ten amazing grandchildren. Her legacy has been passed on to AJ Bruce, Tori Karsten, Christine Karsten, Molly Miller, Keeley Miller, Riley Miller, Chip Savarie, Ryan Savarie, Clayton Savarie and Logan Savarie. Joan was a woman of faith and was active in the Catholic church. She served on the Chicago Women's Board for the Chicago Rehabilitation Institute. She was surrounded by great friends, who valued strength, character, purpose and a good glass of wine! Joan was very creative and her Christmas ornaments were cherished by all. She was athletic, competitive and played a great game of tennis. Joan joined my dad on Valentine's Day at the pearly gates. I am confident he picked her up in his red convertible and they went off to play a fabulous game of tennis and started catching up on lost time. This special woman, mother, wife and friend will be greatly missed.

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Lojkutz, Leo G.

Leo G. Lojkutz; beloved husband of Florence nee Tyszk; loving father of Gregory, Daniel, Deborah (Mark) Eckert, William (late Ala), Lorrie (Dale) Johnson, and the late John; cherished grandfather of Adam, Michael (Elisa), Paul (Katelyn), Kristin (Jeff), Eric, Nicholas, Johnathon, and April; great grandfather of Amelia, Jade, Eva, Ian, and Layla; fond brother of the late Bruno; also loving uncle and friend of many. Leo was a member of VFW Post # 3579 in Park Ridge and a member of the Golden Diners.

Visitation Tuesday, March 6, 2018 from 3:00 - 9:00 p.m. at COLONIAL-WOJCIECHOWSKI FUNERAL HOME 6250 N. Milwaukee Ave., Chicago. Funeral services Wednesday, March 7, starting with prayers at 10:00 a.m. from the funeral home, proceeding to Our Lady of Victory Church for 11:00 a.m. Mass. Interment will follow at Resurrection Cemetery in Justice. Info 773-774-0366 or www.colonialfuneral.com



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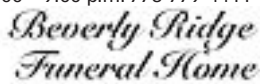
Lukas, Clara Alley

Clara A. Lukas passed away Monday, December 4th after a brief but serious illness. She was a loving mother and grandmother and had many wonderful friends. She will live in our hearts forever. Surviving her are her son, Chris Lukas, her daughter-in-law, Erika and her four granddaughters: Skye, Irini, Athena and Lyra. No formal funeral is planned.

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Madison, Midori

Midori Madison, nee Koide, long time resident of Mt. Greenwood. Beloved wife of Ken for 49 years. Dear mother of John, Steve (Jackie) and Rick (Kate). Loving grandmother of Cody, Sarah, Ava, Robert and Leah. Fond aunt of many nieces and nephews. Funeral Wednesday 9:15 a.m. from **Beverly Ridge Funeral Home**; 10415 S. Kedzie Ave to Queen of Martyrs Church Mass of Christian Burial 10:00 a.m. Interment Holy Sepulchre Cemetery. Visitation Tuesday 3:00 - 9:00 p.m. 773-779-4411



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Michalczak, Kenneth G.

Kenneth G. Michalczak, age 61, of Tinley Park. Beloved husband of Bonny Michalczak nee Mehr. Loving father of Sarah and Hannah Michalczak. Dear son of the late Florence and Edward Michalczak. Private services will be held. Further information contact 708-798-5300 or tews-ryanfh.com.



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O'Dell, Liliana M.A.

Liliana M. A. O'Dell nee (Canghiari), 91 of Arlington Heights, beloved wife of the late Kenneth; loving mother of Richard (Kathy) Cacini and Ronald (Kathy) Cacini, Sr.; dear grandmother of Ronald (Robyn) Cacini, Jr., Robert (Andrea) Cacini, Theresa Cacini, Michael (Amy) Cacini, and Bill (Cindy) O'Dell; devoted great-grandmother of Alyssa Cacini, Grace Cacini, Zachary Cacini, Anna Cacini, Cole Cacini, Jackson Cacini, Jacob Cacini, Brandon Tate, Michael Manusos, Jonah Tomko-Smith, Juliellyn Day, William Cacini, Christian Cacini, and Myra Cacini. sister of Rossana Canghiari. Visitation from 3:00 pm until 8:00 pm, Tuesday, March 6, 2018 at **Glueckert Funeral Home, Ltd.**, 1520 N. Arlington Heights Rd., (4 blocks south of Palatine Rd.) and Wednesday from 9:00 am until time of Mass 10:00 am Service at St. Raymond Catholic Church 301 S. Ioka, Mt. Prospect. Interment Private. Funeral Info. & condolences www.GlueckertFuneralHome.com or (847) 253-0168.



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Peshek, Janet Amanda

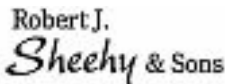
Janet Amanda Peshek, nee Bottari, age 75, of Palatine. Beloved wife of the late Robert Donald Peshek. Loving mother of Steve (Maggie) Peshek, Susan (Dave) Pedersen and Sheryl (Rick) Gayeski. Cherished grandmother of Kiersten, Christian, Caelen Peshek, Jonathan and James Pedersen. Dear sister of Joyce (Allan) Bicek. Dear aunt of many nieces and nephews. Janet was born in Chicago on May 4, 1942 to the late Anthony and Amanda Bottari, and she passed away on March 2, 2018. Visitation will be Thursday, March 8th from 3:30-7:30 PM at **Smith-Corcoran Funeral Home**, 185 E. Northwest Hwy., Palatine. Funeral Friday, March 9th, 9:15 AM from the funeral home to St. Colette Church, Rolling Meadows for Mass at 10 AM. Interment at St. Michael the Archangel Cemetery, Palatine. A celebration of life will follow. 847-359-8020 or smithcorcoran.com.



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Pistello, Geraldine "Geri"

Pistello, Geraldine "Geri" Beloved wife of Joe Pistello, and the late Edward McGuigan Sr. Loving mother of Deborah (Dave, and the late Richard Sr.) Metz-Markus, the late Edward McGuigan Jr., the late Margie McGuigan, John McGuigan, Gerard (Steve Pawlowski), Patricia (Jim) Zic, Joey Pistello, and Gail (Mary Jo) Pistello. Proud grandmother of Richard Metz Jr., Robert Metz, Robbie Markus, Joseph McGuigan, Kristin Collins, Jackie McCarthy, Katie Pistello, and Ashley Pistello. Cherished great grandmother of Richard "RJ" Metz III, Joey Collins, and Tommy Collins. Dear sister of the late LaVerne, the late Peggy, Mary Lou, the late Bernard, and the late Bobby. Fond aunt of many nieces and nephews. Visitation Tuesday 3:00-9:00 p.m. Funeral Wednesday 8:45 a.m. from the **Robert J. Sheehy & Sons Funeral Home**, 9000 W. 151st Street, Orland Park, IL to St. Michael Church, Mass 9:30 a.m. Interment St. Mary Cemetery. www.sheehyfh.com 708-857-7878



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Rajan, Krishnaswamy S.

Krishnaswamy S. Rajan, formerly of Elmhurst. Beloved husband of the late Sakuntala S. "Chakku" Rajan; loving father of Malini (Ravi) Ravindranath and Nina (Santhanam) Suresh; dear grandfather of Chandana, Arun, Aneesha (Anirban), Sunitha and Madhav; great grandfather of Keshav. Visitation with funeral service Monday, 2-4:30 p.m. with cremation rites to follow at **HURSEN FUNERAL HOME & CREMATORY**, SW corner of Roosevelt & Mannheim Roads., Hillside/Westchester. Info 1-800-562-0082 www.hursen.com.



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Reich, Dr. Jerome R.

Dr. Jerome R. Reich, 94, WWII Vet, beloved husband for 68 years of Chana nee Prale; loving father of Michael (Elaine) and Daniel Reich; cherished grandfather of Alex (Siesan) and David Reich. A professor of history and education at Chicago State University, he was also a Jewish educator, principal at KAM Temple and Telshe Yeshiva. Graveside service Tuesday 1 PM at Waldheim Cemetery, Gate 204, 1700 Harlem Ave, North Riverside. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to a charity of your choice. Info: **Weinstein & Piser Funeral Home**, 847-256-5700.



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Saltiel, Eugenia 'Jenny'

Eugenia "Jenny" Saltiel (nee Henriquez) of Pembroke Pines, FL; formerly of Hillside, IL. Beloved wife of the late Isaac 'Armando' Saltiel, M.D.; loving mother of Diana Cenci, Dr. Armando (Lori) and Dr. Frank (Patti); devoted grandmother of Laura (Omar) Delgado, Stephanie, Jessica, Jennifer, Armando, Emily, Sarah, Samuel and Frank Saltiel; cherished daughter of the late Francisco Henriquez and the late Adela Noller. Visitation 11:30am until time of Funeral Service 2:30pm Saturday, March 10th at **Hallowell & James Funeral Home**, 1025 W. 55th St., Countryside. Interment Oakridge Cemetery to follow. In lieu of flowers, memorials to Make a Wish Foundation appreciated. For Info: 708-352-6500 or hjfuneerals.com

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Toomey, Timothy C

Timothy C. Toomey, 77. Tim received his undergraduate degree from Georgetown University and his JD from Loyola University. He worked in private practice. Tim spent a large part of his career dedicating his time working with the Jesuit Priests. He was the special friend and companion of Finola Seider. Loving father of John (Sue), Kathleen, Kevin (Karen) Toomey, Maureen (Warren) Mula, Bridget Toomey and Erin (Dan) Cary. Dear grandfather of Jack, Nora, George, Ryan, Margot, Michaela, Charlie, Lucy, Finley and Sally. Tim was also a father and grandfather to the Seider Family; Jim (Alyssa), Tara (Alex), Rory (Janessa), Matthew, Ethan, Dani, Sophia, Bailey, Shae and Aine. Brother of Norellen (Fred) Stokley, Margaret and the late Kathleen Toomey. Funeral Wednesday March 7, 9:30 am from **Smith-Corcoran Funeral Home**, 6150 N. Cicero Ave., to Queen of All Saints Basilica for Mass at 10:00 am. Interment All Saints Cemetery. Visitation Tuesday 3-9 pm. Info 773-736-3833 or visit Tim's memorial at smithcorcoran.com



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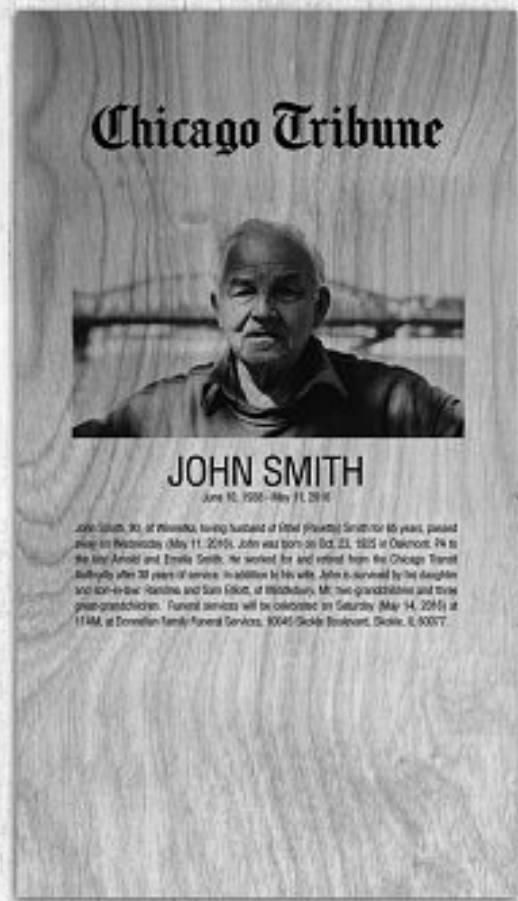


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Rausch Infrastructure, 1111 E. Touhy Ave, STE 120, 60018, 708-667-0165 is seeking quotes from qualified DBEs for Flagg Creek WRD PR & Excess Flow Project 2017-03 for subcontracting/supplying in division 2-16. Interested and qualified DBEs should contact Anthony Rausch, abrausch@riclic.com to discuss the opportunities. All negotiations must be completed prior to the bid opening of March 23, 2018. Proposals will be evaluated based on scope of work and price. Subcontracts will be awarded to the lowest responsive and responsible bidder.

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ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS VILLAGE OF DOWNERS GROVE, ILLINOIS
Separate sealed BIDS for the construction of the 2018 Water Main Improvements Contract B for the Village of Downers Grove, Illinois, will be received until 10:30 a.m. local time, Friday, April 6, 2018 at the Public Works Facility, 5101 Walnut Avenue, Downers Grove, Illinois 60515-4074, and at that time publicly opened and read. A Pre-Bid Meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 13, 2018 at 10:00 a.m. at the Public Works Facility. This meeting is mandatory. This project shall consist of the installation of approximately 5,005 LF of 8" DIP, installation of 62 residential water services, asphalt patching, PCC sidewalk and driveway apron removal and replacement, parkway restoration. Any contract or contracts awarded under this invitation for bids are expected to be funded in part by a loan from the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency (Illinois EPA). Neither the State of Illinois nor any of its departments, agencies, or employees is or will be a party to this invitation for bids or any resulting contract. The procurement will be subject to regulations contained in the Procedures for Issuing Loans from the Public Water Supply Loan Program (35IAC Part 662), the Davis-Bacon Act (40 USC 276a through 276a-5) as defined by the United States Department of Labor, the Employment of Illinois Workers on Public Works Act (30 ILCS 570), and the "Use of American Iron and Steel" requirements as contained in Section 436 of H.R. 3547, The Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2014. This procurement is also subject to the loan recipient's policy regarding the increased use of disadvantaged business enterprises. The loan recipient's policy requires all bidders to undertake specified affirmative efforts at least sixteen (16) days prior to bid opening. The policy is contained in the specifications. Bidders are also required to comply with the President's Executive Order No. 11246, as amended. The requirements for bidders and contractors under this order are explained in 41 CFR 60-4. The contract documents may be examined at the Public Works Facility, 5101 Walnut Avenue, Downers Grove. The bid documents may be obtained at the Public Works Facility, 5101 Walnut Avenue, Downers Grove. There is no fee for the documents. Documents can only be obtained at the Public Works Facility. Inquiries shall be directed to Scott A. Vasko, PE, Project Engineer, at (630) 434-6804.

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Copies of the tentative budget and appropriation ordinance are available for public inspection between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, at 600 East Butterfield Road, Elmhurst, Illinois. Citizens attending the hearing shall have the right to provide written and oral comments and ask questions concerning the budget and appropriation ordinance.

Carolyn A. Johnson
Clerk
DuPage Water Commission

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IN THE INTEREST OF **Business Franklin AKA Business Mathius Lynn Franklin AKA Business Franklin**

MINOR(S) CHILD(REN) OF **Holly Franklin (Mother)**

JUVENILE NO.: **17JA01037**

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

NOTICE IS GIVEN YOU, **Jason Barbierre (Father)**, respondents, and to **All Whom It May Concern**, that on **October 5, 2017**, a petition was filed under the Juvenile Court Act by **KIM FOXX** in this court and that in the courtroom of Judge **Bernard Sarley** in the Cook County Juvenile Court Building, 1100 So. Hamilton Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, ON **03/28/2018**, at **1:30 PM** in CALENDAR 9 COURTROOM I, or as soon thereafter as this case may be heard, an adjudicatory hearing will be held upon the petition to have the minor declared to be a ward of the court and for other relief under the Act.

THE COURT HAS AUTHORITY IN THIS CASE TO TAKE FROM YOU THE CUSTODY AND GUARDIANSHIP OF THE MINOR, TO TERMINATE YOUR PARENTAL RIGHTS AND TO APPOINT A GUARDIAN WITH POWER TO CONSENT TO ADOPTION, YOU MAY LOSE ALL PARENTAL RIGHTS TO YOUR CHILD. IF THE PETITION REQUESTS THE TERMINATION OF YOUR PARENTAL RIGHTS AND APPOINTMENT OF A GUARDIAN WITH POWER TO CONSENT TO ADOPTION, YOU MAY LOSE ALL PARENTAL RIGHTS TO THE CHILD.

UNLESS YOU appear, you will not be entitled to further written notices or publication notices of the proceedings in this case, including the filing of an amended petition or a motion to terminate parental rights.

UNLESS YOU appear at the hearing and show cause against the petition, the allegations of the petition may stand admitted as against you and each of you, and an order of judgment entered.

DOROTHY BROWN, CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS
March 5, 2018

LEGAL NOTICES GOVERNMENT/EDUCATION

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

IN THE INTEREST OF **Camille Mc Clatchey Bahja Mc Clatchey Cecelia Mc Clatchey**

MINOR(S) CHILD(REN) OF **Patricia Mc Clatchey (Mother)**

JUVENILE NO.: **17JA01310, 17JA01311, 17JA01312**

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION


NOTICE IS GIVEN YOU, **Mc Clatchey, Patricia (Mother)**, respondents, and to **All Whom It May Concern**, that on **December 14, 2017**, a petition was filed under the Juvenile Court Act by **KIM FOXX** in this court and that in the courtroom of Judge **Kimberly Lewis** in the Cook County Juvenile Court Building, 1100 So. Hamilton Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, ON **03/21/2018**, at **10:00 AM** in CALENDAR 8 COURTROOM H, or as soon thereafter as this case may be heard, an adjudicatory hearing will be held upon the petition to have the minor declared to be a ward of the court and for other relief under the Act.

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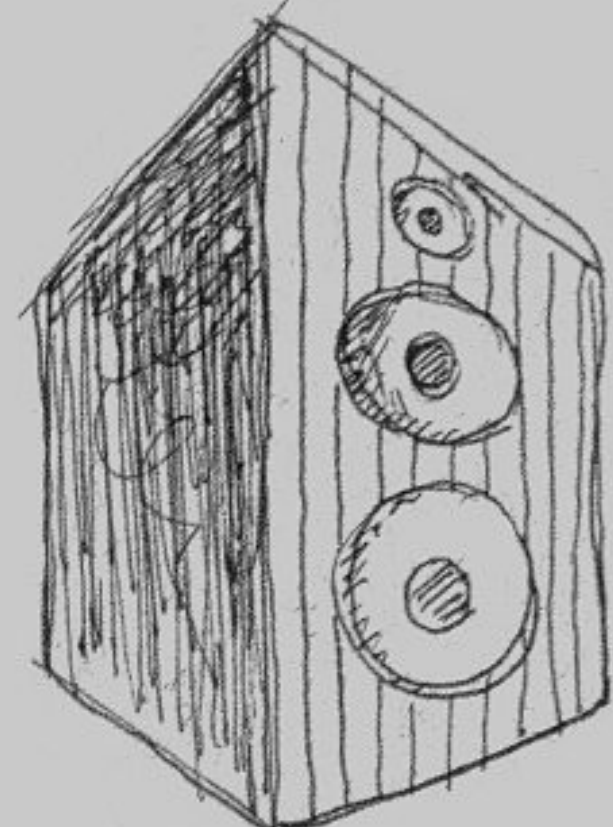
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Loyola's Donte Ingram, left, celebrates with teammates after the Ramblers earned an NCAA tournament berth. Ingram was named most outstanding player of the MVC tournament.

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RAMBLE ON

Loyola is on its way: Victory assures 1st NCAA trip since '85

BY SHANNON RYAN
Chicago Tribune

ST. LOUIS — A fan at the Scottrade Center held up a sign with 30 seconds left on the clock. The black letters spelled out: "Party Like It's 1985."

Finally, Loyola is celebrating again.

The Ramblers earned their first trip to the NCAA tournament in 33 years with Sunday's 65-49 victory against Illinois State in the Missouri Valley Conference tournament championship game. As the final horn sounded, Loyola players erupted in a huddle of celebration near their bench in front of fans in their maroon-and-gold scarves.

"This is what we've been

dreaming about," senior guard Ben Richardson said, wearing a snipped-down net around his neck. "This is what we've been talking about. We knew we had a lot of potential, a lot of pieces this year. It's so special."

The Ramblers (28-5) avoided a week of anxiety by grabbing the automatic NCAA bid.

Loyola had wondered if it had done enough to earn an invitation to March Madness even without a victory in the title game. Fans crunched numbers and reviewed analytic websites Sunday morning, wondering if the Ramblers' No. 28 RPI and strong record would be enough for a selection committee that has spurned mid-

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DILIP VISHWANATH/GETTY

Lucas Williamson makes his way around Illinois State's Daouda Ndiaye during Loyola's victory in the Missouri Valley tournament title game.

MORE COLLEGE BASKETBALL

Michigan rolling into NCAA tourney

Wolverines knock off Purdue 75-66 to win second straight Big Ten tournament title, will enter NCAAs on nine-game winning streak. **Page 5**

MORE CHICAGO SPORTS INSIDE

Hawks at crossroads

Playing first meaningless March in 10 years, where do they go from here? **Page 2**

Bull knows his role

Valentine deals with sub's life even with team putting premium on shooting. **Back Page**

BEARS

Search for receiver help will be spread out wide

Among other options, a deep draft offers variety

BY RICH CAMPBELL
Chicago Tribune

Just because Ryan Pace said last week that the Bears can quickly improve at receiver this offseason, it doesn't mean they'll take a one-dimensional approach to such a critical task. As the fourth-year general manager indicated, he is preparing to attack the Bears' greatest offensive need on multiple fronts.

After shopping in a competitive and relatively thin free agent market when the negotiating window opens March 12, the Bears almost certainly will draft at least one. It's a matter of who, when and how many.

At the scouting combine in

Indianapolis last week, they continued to do their due diligence on a draft class characterized by enticing mid-round depth. Atop the group are Alabama's Calvin Ridley, Texas A&M's Christian Kirk and SMU's Courtland Sutton.

"Right now, the wide receiver position is really cloudy," said NFL Network draft analyst Mike Mayock. "There are different flavors of wide receiver. After Ridley and Kirk, this draft could go anywhere."

Coach Matt Nagy's flavor, so to speak, has yet to crystallize for observers who are curious about what the Bears' new offense will

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DARRON CUMMINGS/AP

Alabama wide receiver Calvin Ridley is a candidate to land with the Bears at No. 8 in the draft.

Bases training: Lester working on bounce pass

Lefty tries new way to throw to 1st, field position

SCOTTSDALE, Ariz. — Jon Lester's first hide-your-eyes throwing error of the spring occurred Sunday at Salt River Fields at Talking Stick, reminding everyone of his glaring inability to throw to bases.

Lester cleanly fielded David Peralta's chopper to the left side of the mound in the third inning of the Cubs' 2-0 loss to the Diamondbacks, but his throw bounced a few times to first base on what was scored a hit and an error.

Lester got out of the inning unscathed, and it didn't really matter in a meaningless Cactus League game. Still, throwing poorly to first is a deficiency Lester can't seem to shake, and he



PAUL SULLIVAN
On the Cubs

said Sunday he has been working on a new method with third-base coach Brian Butterfield.

"We're working on the Jordan-to-Pippen bounce pass," Lester said.

That's what Butterfield is calling the move he wants Lester to make on grounders, naming it after former Bulls stars Michael Jordan and Scottie Pippen.

"In his words, just eliminate all tension and bounce it over there," Lester said. "We've been working on it early in the morning. Obviously it was not a good throw, but my sights were a little off on what we've been working on."

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TOP OF THE SECOND



JOE KNOWLES

Bad old days back for Hawks

If you are one of those fans who discovered the Blackhawks only in the last decade or so, you are about to enter uncharted territory.

Welcome to a month or more of games that don't matter.

For longtime fans, games such as the 7-2 pounding the Sharks laid on the Hawks on Thursday night felt like an unpleasant but not unfamiliar flashback. If you squinted just right at your TV screen, you could almost see Alexander Karpovtsev turning the puck over in his own zone or Alex Zhamnov inexplicably wearing the captain's "C" on his sweater.

It was a reminder of the bad old days, when almost every game — even those early in the season — was a pointless exercise, just one more step on a long march to nowhere.

The last time the Blackhawks played a truly meaningless game was April 6, 2008, the final match of the '07-08 season in Detroit against the Red Wings. Two nights earlier, the Hawks had been eliminated from playoff contention with a 3-1 loss to the Predators at the United Center.

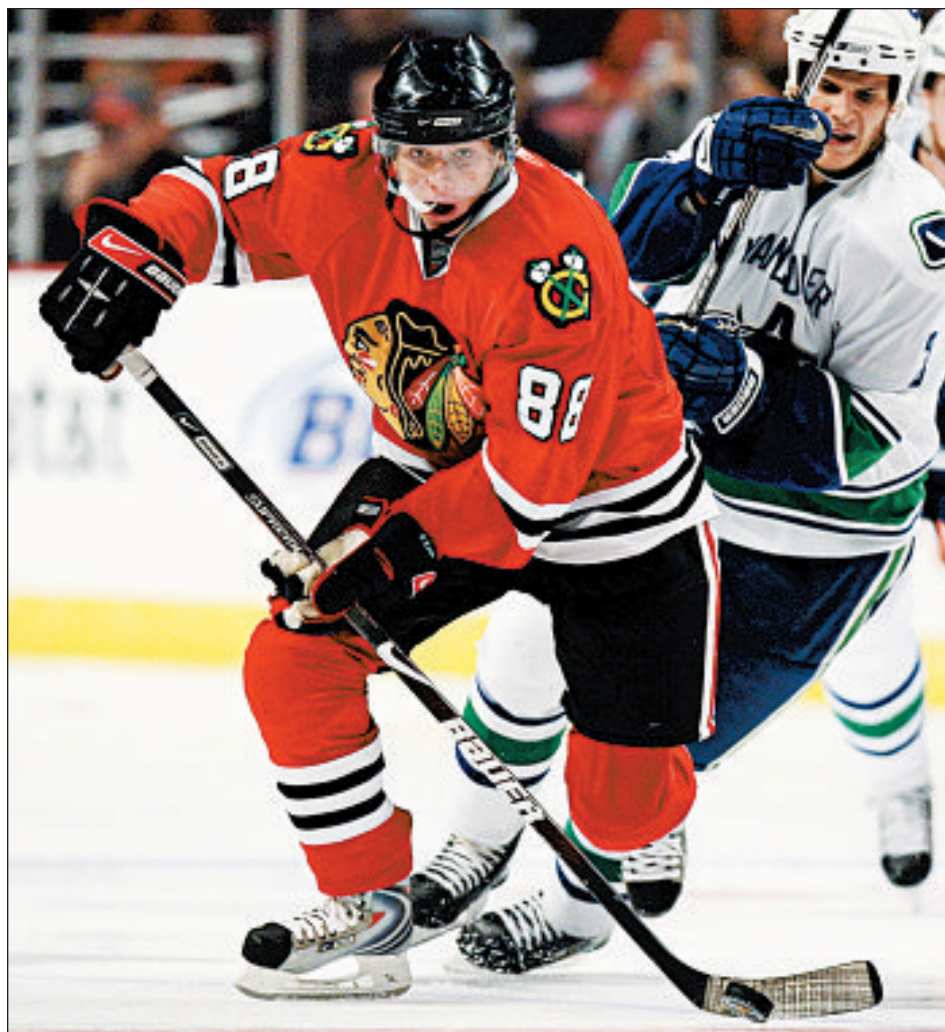
The Hawks finished 40-34-8 that season under coach Denis Savard, good enough for 88 points and third place in the Central Division but miles away from the first-place Wings, who led the NHL with 115 points. It was the fifth straight season the Hawks failed to make the playoffs. Still, there were signs of progress and hope everywhere you looked.

In goal, a pair of 30-somethings, Nikolai Khabibulin and Patrick Lalime, handled the bulk of the work, but 23-year-old Corey Crawford made three starts and put up strong numbers — a .929 save percentage and a 2.14 goals-against average.

The blue-line crew was shaping up nicely, thanks to the emergence of 22-year-old Brent Seabrook and 24-year-old Duncan Keith as top-four quality defensemen. Dustin Byfuglien, a 22-year-old 6-foot-5 hybrid defenseman/forward, added 19 goals as well as a much-needed physical edginess. A late season call-up, 20-year-old Niklas Hjalmarsson, showed promise in his first handful of games in the league.

Up front, there was 19-year-old Patrick Kane, who racked up 21 goals and 51 assists to win the Calder Trophy as the league's outstanding rookie. There was another 19-year-old, center Jonathan Toews, who missed 18 games but still produced 24 goals. There was 26-year-old Patrick Sharp suddenly having a breakout season and scoring 36 goals (which turned out to be a career high), a league-leading seven of them while short-handed. There was newcomer Andrew Ladd, a skillful 22-year-old winger who had already won a Cup with the Hurricanes.

"You have the talent here," Ladd said in March 2008. "It's going in the right direction, and I'm excited about the future of this team. It looks bright."



NUCCIO DINUZZO/CHICAGO TRIBUNE

It looks like Patrick Kane and the Hawks have a lot of meaningless games in their future.

Now, 10 years later, after basking in the glow of three championships, the Hawks find themselves at a crossroads. Do they take one more swing for the fences, add a few free agents and go all-in with this group of veterans? Or is it time to sweep it clean and start over, assuming that's even possible given the team's long-term salary commitments?

Are we seeing the signs of progress and hope we saw back in '08, or does it look more like regression and resignation?

In recent years, March and April have been months of giddy anticipation for Hawks fans. Usually the Hawks were pretty much locked into a playoff berth by this time and merely jostling for position. A few times, they were sitting pretty at or near the top of the standings, in full glide mode, confidently gauging possible opponents for a first-round matchup.

Since Joel Quenneville took over as coach early in the 2008-09 season, the Blackhawks have never missed the playoffs. In four of those years, their postseasons were brief, ending in the first round. But this year, barring a miracle, the playoffs will go on without them from the start. The

city's hockey fans — not the diehard minority but the casual ones who compose the majority of the base — likely will not be tuning in to watch 16 teams that aren't the Blackhawks compete in one of the greatest tournaments in all of sports.

That's a shame, but not a surprise. Even in this Original Six city, interest in the NHL beyond the Blackhawks is minimal, as the TV ratings for the upcoming Stanley Cup playoffs unquestionably will demonstrate.

The bigger issue lies beyond this season or postseason. Will that casual majority of fans — many of whom have known only success — still pack the United Center if and when meaningless games become the norm rather than the exception? Will they still buy the souvenir sweaters when the team inevitably falls on hard times?

We may be about to find out. Unless GM Stan Bowman can have a much better offseason this year than last — and unless his core of highly paid players can return to form — those hard times could be arriving soon, if indeed they are not already upon us.

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THE LINEUP

Bryant's golden moment



Kobe Bryant is a winner in retirement too. The former Lakers star won an Oscar in the animated short category for "Dear Basketball," a poem he wrote after ending his 20-year

career on the court in 2016. He'll add it to an already jammed trophy collection that includes five NBA championships with the Lakers, two Olympic gold medals, NBA Finals most valuable player awards, a league MVP award and four All-Star game MVP awards.

As executive producer, Bryant accepted his golden Oscar statue from "Star Wars" star Mark Hamill on Sunday night. He shared the award with Disney animator Glen Keane.

"As basketball players, we're told to shut up and dribble," Bryant said on stage. "I'm glad we did a little bit more than that." AP

THE QUOTE

"He's Michael Vick. He has as good a pair of legs as anybody in the history of the game."

— NFL Network's Mike Mayock on Louisville quarterback Lamar Jackson

Trial run for Konerko?



Former White Sox slugger **Paul Konerko** visited Camelback Ranch on Sunday with his son's baseball team in tow.

Konerko and former Sox teammate J.J. Putz, who also has a son on the team, are the coaches of 9-year-olds who were thrilled to mingle with Sox players.

So does Konerko, who played for the Sox from 1999 to 2014, have a desire to coach at the major-league level?

"We have like two practices a week and after that I kind of have my baseball fix," said Konerko, an Arizona resident. "You take for granted how much work coaches do. ... But who knows? Maybe down the line." Chris Kuc

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DUCKS 6, BLACKHAWKS 3

On a slide, Toews takes his swings

Simmering feud with Kesler boils over in Hawks' defeat

BY PAUL SKRBINA | Chicago Tribune

ANAHEIM, Calif. — One Blackhawk, at least, showed some rare fight Sunday.

The same couldn't be said for most of the rest of Jonathan Toews' teammates during a 6-3 loss to the Ducks, the Hawks' eighth defeat in their last nine on the road.

Eight seconds into the second period, Ryan Kesler finally goaded Toews into dropping his gloves after years of history between the two that has a lot to do with many intense postseason meetings.

They rekindled their rivalry at the Honda Center, just the seventh fight of Toews' career, according to hockeyfightsof.com.

They exchanged blows for a good 30 to 40 seconds before both collapsed in an exhausted heap and subsequently served five-minute sentences in the penalty box.

"I guess you could say a while," Toews said when asked how long the fight had been brewing. "He's ... been trying to nudge me in that direction for a while, so I finally gave in."

While Toews tried his best to defend himself — and spark his team in the process — the Blackhawks had a difficult time doing the same against the Ducks in their second matinee in two days.

Twenty-nine seconds after Anthony Duclair was called for a slashing penalty, defenseman Duncan Keith was caught looking as Rickard Rakell put the Ducks ahead 1-0 just 2 minutes, 28 seconds in.

Blackhawks goalie Anton Forsberg might as well have dropped his stick and held up a sign that read "10" as an ode to Corey Perry's performance later in the period.

He would have had just as much of a chance of stopping Perry's ballerina-like spin move that accounted for the Ducks' second goal. This time, defenseman Jordan Oesterle was caught in no-man's land, leaving Forsberg defenseless.



SEAN M. HAFEEY/GETTY

Erik Gustafsson (56) battles the Ducks' Ryan Kesler for a loose puck in the Hawks' loss.

PAUL SKRBINA'S THREE STARS

- 1. Jakob Silfverberg**, Ducks: Two goals.
 - 2. Corey Perry**, Ducks: Two goals.
 - 3. Ryan Getzlaf**, Ducks: Three assists.
- Up next:** Vs. Avalanche, 7:30 p.m. Tuesday; WGN-9, WGN-AM 720.

THE SUMMARY

BLACKHAWKS	0	1	2	2-3
ANAHEIM	11	12	8	31
FIRST PERIOD: 1. Anaheim, Rakell 27 (Getzlaf, Montour), 2:23 (pp). 2. Anaheim, Perry 13 (Manson, Getzlaf), 6:14. Penalties: Duclair, Hawks (slashing), 1:54; Ritchie, Ana, (slashing), 8:59; Montour, Ana, (high sticking), 17:52. SECOND PERIOD: 3. Anaheim, Pettersson 1 (Grant, Bieksa), 2:09. 4. Anaheim, Silfverberg 14 (Grant, Cogliano), 6:39. 5. Blackhawks, Jurco 2 (Murphy, Keith), 14:59. Penalties: Toews, Hawks, Major (fighting), 0:08; Kesler, Ana, Major (fighting), 0:08; Sharp, Hawks, (slashing), 10:34. THIRD PERIOD: 6. Blackhawks, Schmalz 19 (Hinojosa), 1:07. 7. Anaheim, Silfverberg 15 (Cogliano, Kesler), 7:00. 8. Anaheim, Perry 14 (Fowler, Getzlaf), 14:41. 9. Blackhawks, Schmalz 20 (DeBrincat, Hinojosa), 17:32.				
SHOTS				
BLACKHAWKS	10	18	12	40
ANAHEIM	11	12	8	31
Goalies: Blackhawks, Berube 11-10 (10 shots-8 saves), Forsberg 8-14-3 (21-17), Anaheim, Gibson 24-15-6 (40-37). Referees: Kyle Rehman, Chris Rooney. Linesmen: Vaughan Rody, Tony Sericolo. T: 2:24. A: 16,989 (17,174).				

The Ducks scored twice more in the second after Toews' fight before Tomas Jurco finally put the visitors on the board with his second goal in four games.

Still, Nick Schmalz said Toews' scuffle inspired the Hawks, if only briefly.

"Fired up the bench to see your leader and one of our best players do that; that shows a lot about him," said Schmalz, who scored two third-period goals.

But by the time this one was over, the Hawks' three-game, four-day California trip ended with 16 goals allowed and two

losses. For the second time on this trip and the seventh time this season, the Hawks used more than one goalie as Forsberg was yanked in favor of Jean-Francois Berube in the second.

Keith winced at that number, 16, then dug for a reason.

"It's 16?" he said. "There's been a lot of things that have gone wrong ... It seems like every little play we make, or mistake, is costing us. It's a matter of trying to stay positive and stick with it like we did in L.A."

The Hawks won that game 5-3 on Saturday but had to come from behind to do it. It's also a game Keith probably would rather forget because he made two errant passes that led directly to Kings goals.

Keith said he and Brent Seabrook, as team veterans, "definitely shoulder a lot of the blame" in the Hawks' poor defensive showings of late. Keith said he tries not to get frustrated, though, because it can be counterproductive.

"I feel like I'm always better when I'm keeping things simple," he said. "I have to be better for this team."

Coach Joel Quenneville praised Toews' play, but not that of his team's defense.

"As a group it was not good enough," he said. "The other team was in playoff mode. ... That first period we were lucky it was (only 2-0)."

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BLACKHAWKS NOTES

Duclair skates, but Hawks pay

BY PAUL SKRBINA | Chicago Tribune

ANAHEIM, Calif. — When asked whether he saw similarities between the costly penalty **Ryan Hartman** committed less than two weeks ago and the one **Anthony Duclair** committed Sunday, Blackhawks coach **Joel Quenneville** was noncommittal.

Hartman drew Quenneville's ire — and a seat on the bench for the final two-plus periods of what turned out to be his last game with the Hawks — for committing what his coach deemed an unwise and unnecessary penalty.

Hartman was trailing on an odd-man rush when he was called for high-sticking, potentially costing the Hawks a goal.

Hartman was traded two days later, the penalty having nothing to do with it, the Hawks said.

On Sunday, Duclair was called for a seemingly unnecessary slashing penalty early in the first period that ended up costing the Hawks as **Rickard Rakell** scored on the ensuing power play 2 minutes, 28 seconds in for a 1-0 lead. But it didn't cost Duclair playing time.

"It was the start of the game," Quenneville said. "It was kind of, you could argue on the call. It was one of those calls."

He's No. 2: **Nick Schmalz's** two goals pushed him to 45 points (20 goals, 25 assists) this season, second on the team behind **Patrick Kane's** 62.

The 22-year-old has four goals and an assist in his last five games, but Sunday's was especially frustrating.

"It's tough to come (back) from four down," Schmalz said of the 4-0 deficit the Hawks faced. "I thought we had some good stretches. We were hunting pucks and playing hard and getting pucks back. But at the end of the day, it's not what we wanted."

He said it: "I was more tired from sitting there for a while. You don't do it that often, you get the adrenaline going, get the little extra jump." — **Jonathan Toews** on how tiring his fight with **Ryan Kesler** was.

WHITE SOX



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Young second baseman Yoan Moncada envisions himself as the top-of-the-order hitter for the White Sox.

1st goal: Hit 1st

Moncada covets leading off — and Sox are amenable

By CHRIS KUC
Chicago Tribune

GLENDAL, Ariz. — Set to embark on his first full season as the White Sox second baseman, Yoan Moncada is in a much better place when it comes to expressing his opinions about where he should bat in the lineup than he was a year ago.

So when he sat down with manager Rick Renteria last week to discuss his role for 2018, Moncada didn't hesitate to share his thoughts.

"I feel more comfortable now and I can express myself with more honesty and I can communicate about the things that I like or dislike," Moncada said via a team interpreter.

That explains Moncada's spot at the top of the Sox lineup when they faced the Padres in Cactus League play Sunday at Camelback Ranch. The 22-year-old batted second, fourth, fifth, sixth and seventh during his 54 games with the Sox last season, but never in the spot in which he is most comfortable: leadoff.

"I've always liked being a leadoff hitter because I get to see more pitches and better pitches," said Moncada, who went 0-for-3 with two strikeouts in the Sox's 7-6 loss. "I was the leadoff man last year in Triple A, and I did well and I liked it. If I have to be down in the three, four or five spot, I can do it, too, but I feel

WHITE SOX RECAP

The White Sox lost to the Padres 7-6 in Cactus League play Sunday at Camelback Ranch. Once trailing 5-0, the Sox rallied but came up short to fall to 5-5 in spring play.

At the plate: Wellington Castillo went 2-for-2 with a home run and Adam Engel was 2-for-3 with a three-run blast. Kevan Smith added two RBIs

On the mound: Carson Fulmer started for the Sox and struggled, allowing four runs on four hits with four walks and a strikeout in one-plus innings. Hector Santiago had another strong outing, yielding a run on two hits with a walk and four strikeouts in three innings. Jeanmar Gomez continued to impress with 1 $\frac{2}{3}$ innings of scoreless work and Nate Jones struck out the side.

In the field: The Sox, who had fielding drills on the back fields before the game, didn't make an error.

Up next: At Athletics, 2:05 p.m. Monday in Mesa, Ariz. RH Dylan Cease vs. RH Daniel Mengden.

more comfortable and have more confidence in the leadoff spot."

Renteria said the Sox will experiment with Moncada batting leadoff and try to take advantage of his speed and ability to get on base. Moncada was at his best batting near the top of the order last year. Moncada flourished in '17 in the 34 games during which he hit second, the switch hitter batted .265 with an on-base percentage of .346. For the season, Moncada batted .231

with a .338 on-base percentage after coming on strong in September.

"His on-base percentage just in general over the course of his career has been very high," Renteria said. "The human element is that he feels very comfortable (batting leadoff), so we're trying to allow him the opportunity. ... He's happier doing that right now than I've seen him hitting anywhere else in the lineup. We're going to give it a shot."

Batting leadoff will also give Moncada a chance to use his speed. He stole 49 and 45 bases in the minor leagues with the Red Sox in 2015 and '16, respectively, and had 17 in 80 games at Charlotte last season before the Sox called him up in July.

"That is also a factor in why I feel comfortable in that spot and ... Ricky agreed with me," Moncada said of his speed. "I think I can take advantage of my strengths in that spot in the error."

The possible switch to the leadoff spot along with last season's experience has Moncada thinking big for 2018.

"I've always believed in myself and the things that I can do," Moncada said. "I also know that I have to work hard to be the kind of player that I want to be."

"I'm working to accomplish my goals, and one of those goals is to be in the All-Star Game. That's why I'm doing all the preparation that I need to do to position myself in the best spot to have success."

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CUBS

CUBS NOTES

Wilson hopes to rewrite the script

After struggling last season, calmer reliever so far has been spot on

By PAUL SULLIVAN
Chicago Tribune

SCOTTSDALE, Ariz. — Left-handed reliever Justin Wilson had a difficult time last summer after being acquired from the Tigers at the trade deadline.

The Cubs had hoped Wilson would replace Wade Davis as closer in 2018, but he struggled in 23 outings, posting a 5.09 ERA and issuing 19 walks in 17 $\frac{2}{3}$ innings. That forced the Cubs to spend on Brandon Morrow to close games.

Will Wilson return to form?

It's early of course, but he has been spotless in his first two spring outings.

"First of all, he's much calmer about the whole thing, right?" manager Joe Maddon said. "He's looks more at ease on the mound than he has in the past. Coming over when he did, we probably thrust him in a situation or position, and it just didn't play well for him early, and I think that just compounded."

"He's doing this all the right way. The delivery looks great. The adjustments he makes when ON HIS he gets off-kilter look great also. I anticipate it's going to maintain."

Talking the talk: Maddon recently played golf with some of his new players — including Tyler Chatwood and Morrow — trying to establish a strong relationship.

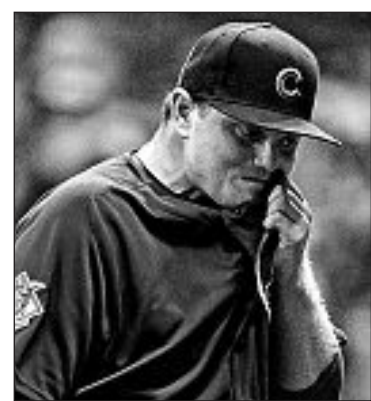
"My stuff spews out," he said. "Just talking about wine. Talking with Tyler, he played for (manager) Buddy Black in Denver, and how much I loved that."

"When you're trying to build a relationship, it's about conversation. The sooner we get into that conversational mode, we just talk about a lot of minutia. It doesn't matter (what)."

Whiffle art: Some of the paintings Maddon commissioned in his "art and baseball" series will be available on T-shirts, posters, metal and even on whiffle bats, if Maddon has his way.

The idea sprung from the mind of Maddon's trusted counselor, former Rays media relations director Rick Vaughn.

"I like that combination of a



BRIAN CASSELLA/CHICAGO TRIBUNE

Reliever Justin Wilson struggled last season in 23 outings with the Cubs. He posted a 5.09 ERA.

CUBS RECAP

The Cubs were shut out for the first time in 2018, garnering only two hits in a 2-0 loss to the Diamondbacks, falling to 6-2-2.

On the mound: Jon Lester got through a 25-pitch, two-walk first inning and allowed one run on three hits in 2 $\frac{2}{3}$ innings.

At the plate: Jason Heyward went 0-for-3 with one strikeout in the leadoff spot and is hitting .091. Javier Baez struck out twice and was 0-for-3.

In the field: Lester committed a throwing error, bouncing one to first in the third inning.

The quote: "An absolute perfect example of an under-the-radar guy. On top of all of that, if you say David Bote very quickly it sounds like David Bowie. I'm really encouraging him to use 'Rebel, Rebel' as his walk-up song." — Joe Maddon on third baseman David Bote.

Up next: At Rockies, 2:10 p.m. Monday at Talking Stick. RH Kyle Hendricks vs. LH Tyler Anderson.

baseball bat and art, and the kids are out there playing whiffle ball," Maddon said. "It's such a ripe vein of ideas. I want to run with it a bit and drop it."

Extra innings: Ben Zobrist is expected to make his Cactus League debut Tuesday against the Dodgers. Yu Darvish and Morrow plan to make their debuts that day as well. ... Maddon's "Respect Bald" fundraiser Saturday at Sloan Park raised \$80,000 for pediatric cancer research. Players had their heads shaved for charity. Ex-Cub Rick Sutcliffe collected Anthony Rizzo's shorn locks and handed them out to fans.

Lester trying 'bouncy ball'

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"The ball kind of checked up. We've been working on it in mornings, so it's been a little wet. The sight line has been a little different."

Lester knows it's unconventional and seems bizarre for one of the game's elite pitchers to have to bounce a throw to first for an out.

"I don't really care what it looks like," he said. "I don't care if it bounces 72 times over there. An out's an out. It goes down as a 1-3 or a 1-6 or a 1-4."

"It's like when you jam a guy and he hits a ball down right field. It goes down as a line drive (in the box score). We'll continue to work on it."

Lester began purposely bouncing some throws to first last year, but usually they were one-hoppers that Anthony Rizzo could dig out. This spring he's working on the throws with the regular infielders, and said minor league first baseman Efrén Navarro, who started Sunday's game, wasn't familiar with the move.

"I feel bad for the guy today," Lester said. "He had no idea what's going on. He's never been a part of it. With Rizz, probably the surprise wouldn't have been there. ... Spring training. We'll get the sight line right."

Lester has never been efficient throwing to bases, dating to his high school days. It's why he seldom makes pickoff throws, and why Cubs fans celebrate wildly whenever he does pick someone off, as he did with the Cardinals' Tommy Pham in a game last June at Wrigley Field.

At the Cubs Convention in January, catcher Willson Contreras claimed he gave Lester some sage advice during a mound visit before the pickoff.

"I went out there and I said, 'Hey (bleep), throw the (bleep) ball to first.'" Contreras told an audience that included dozens of children.

Lester said Contreras' story was true "for the most part," but added the catcher "wasn't that emphatic" about throwing to first.

Manager Joe Maddon insisted a pitcher's time to the plate is more important than his move to first. He said quickly getting the ball to the strong-armed Contreras is "a deterrent."

"The biggest thing I want for Jon is to not worry about first base, but worry about home plate," Maddon said. "He's so good, if he just varies like he has and he's quick to the plate like he has been, he'll pitch. I really think it will take care of itself."

In his fourth season with the Cubs, Lester has addressed the throwing issue repeatedly. It started his first game in 2015 when ESPN focused on the throwing problem during its broadcast.

"I've never run from it," Lester said. "I feel like I've been upfront with everything. I've worked my butt off to get better at things. I've tried to speed my delivery up."

"Obviously from the outside looking in, it's kind of like 'Why can't you do that?' As I've said many times before, if I knew why the things (happen), obviously it wouldn't be an issue."

"Just part of the game. When you're able to be open about it and talk to your teammates and coaches, then we can combat it. That's all we're trying to do — fight to get another out."

Lester said he welcomes players bunting on him, especially if it's a power hitter.

"If you're not good at something, then you need to be better in different areas," he said. "I tried to be better at being quick, getting Willy the ball as fast as I can."

Last year 19 baserunners stole off Lester, suggesting the issue hasn't affected him as it did in 2015, when 44 runners stole off him.

Lester said Contreras' arm and the Cubs infielders are part of the reason for the difference. He pointed to one steal off him in his four outings during the post-season.

"I'll take those odds," he said.

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WHITE SOX NOTES

Lefty Ross has shot to revive career

By CHRIS KUC
Chicago Tribune

GLENDAL, Ariz. — **Robbie Ross** still has the baseball he used to record his first major-league strikeout on Aug. 8, 2012.

It happened while the left-hander was a member of the Rangers and it came against Paul Konerko of the White Sox, the team with which Ross signed a minor-league contract Sunday.

Ross is general manager Rick Hahn's latest reclamation project for the bullpen. The 28-year-old is coming off a back injury that required surgery in August, ending his 2017 season after eight appearances with the Red Sox.

"I'm just excited about this opportunity," Ross said. "It's been a while since I've been back out there, so it's exciting that the White Sox would ... come after me and help me get back into the big leagues."

In five-plus seasons in the majors, Ross has a 16-12 record with six saves and a 3.78 ERA in 266 games.

"I hope to help the organization as best as I can, and also I

hope I can be healthy and strong and show that ability to help out with innings," Ross said.

"When I'm at my best, I feel like I could definitely be in some situations (manager Rick Renteria) might need me in this year. Hopefully, I can prove that in the time I have left in spring training. If it's too short, I can work my way back. Whatever it is, I'm looking forward to it day by day."

Rough go: Carson Fulmer had his second consecutive rough outing during the Sox's 7-6 loss to the Padres on Sunday at Camelback Ranch.

The right-hander allowed four runs on four hits with four walks and a strikeout in one-plus innings. That came on the heels of a spring debut in which Fulmer yielded four runs — one earned — on five hits during a loss to the Cubs.

"Like last outing, I got ahead of a lot of guys, either 0-2 or 1-2, and just wasn't able to put them away," Fulmer said. "I fell back behind in counts, leaving balls over the middle of the plate. It's easy to say ... let this one go and

get ready for the next one, but it's tough, especially in the position that I am. To make an impact on this team I have to be able to put away guys, and I'm definitely going to use this outing and build off of it as much as I can."

After two spring starts, Fulmer is 0-2 with a 22.50 ERA but said he is not discouraged.

"I'll never become discouraged about anything," Fulmer said. "It's just about being able to take the positives out of as much as you can and continue to move forward."

Positive news: Reliever Gregory Infante, who hasn't pitched in a spring game because of shoulder inflammation, threw a bullpen session Sunday.

"He's feeling good," Renteria said. "(Saturday) he was feeling good and the day before he was feeling good, so we're progressing nicely."

Renteria added that he believes Infante, who was 2-1 with a 3.31 ERA in 52 appearances with the Sox last season, will get into a Cactus League game before the team breaks camp.

SCOREBOARD

CALENDAR

TEAM	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	SUN
	EXH @COL 2:10	EXH LAD 2:05	EXH @CLE 7:05 WGN-9	EXH SD 2:05	EXH LAA 2:05 AM-670	EXH SOX, 2 AM-670 @LAD, 8	EXH @OAK 3:05
	EXH @OAK 2:05	EXH MIL 2:05 AM-720	EXH CIN 2:05	EXH @TEX, 2 KC, 2	EXH @SD 2:10	EXH @CUBS, 2 WGN-9 AM-720	EXH ARI 3:05 AM-720
	BOS 7 NBCSCH AM-670		MEM 7 NBCSCH AM-670		@DET 6 WGN-9 AM-670		@ATL 6 WGN-9 AM-670
		COL 7:30 WGN-9 AM-720		CAR 7:30 NBCSCH AM-720		@BOS Noon NBCSCH AM-720	BOS 11:30 am NBC-5 AM-720

MONDAY ON TV/RADIO

TIME	EVENT	NETWORK
Noon	Twins at Phillies	MLBN
7:30 p.m.	Diamondbacks at Padres	MLBN
NBA		
6 p.m.	Pistons at Cavaliers	NBA TV
7 p.m.	Celtics at Bulls	NBCSCH, WSCR-AM 670
9:30 p.m.	Trail Blazers at Lakers	NBA TV
MEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL		
5 p.m.	Colonial semifinal	CBSSN
6 p.m.	Metro Atlantic final	ESPN
6 p.m.	Horizon semifinal	ESPNU
7:30 p.m.	Colonial semifinal	ESPNU
8 p.m.	West Coast semifinal	ESPN
8 p.m.	Southern final	ESPN2
8 p.m.	Horizon semifinal	ESPNU
10 p.m.	West Coast semifinal	ESPN2
WOMEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL		
1:30 p.m.	Metro Atlantic final	ESPNU
3 p.m.	Big East semifinal	FS1
3:30 p.m.	American semifinal	ESPNU
5:30 p.m.	Big East semifinal	FS1
6 p.m.	American semifinal	ESPN2
8 p.m.	Big 12 final	FS1

WOMEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL

TIME	EVENT	NETWORK
1:30 p.m.	Metro Atlantic final	ESPNU
3 p.m.	Big East semifinal	FS1
3:30 p.m.	American semifinal	ESPNU
5:30 p.m.	Big East semifinal	FS1
6 p.m.	American semifinal	ESPN2
8 p.m.	Big 12 final	FS1

NHL

TIME	EVENT	NETWORK
6:30 p.m.	Maple Leafs at Sabres	NBCSN

PREMIER LEAGUE SOCCER

TIME	EVENT	NETWORK
1:55 p.m.	Manchester United at Crystal Palace	NBCSN

TENNIS

TIME	EVENT	NETWORK
9:30 p.m.	Match for Africa: Roger Federer vs. Jack Sock	Tennis Ch.

MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL: SPRING TRAINING

RECORDS	SPRING TRAINING RESULTS, SCHEDULE
AMERICAN LEAGUE	QUICK HIT *SPLIT SQUAD
WHITE SOX 5-5	San Diego 7, White Sox 6
Baltimore 5-5	Arizona 2, Cubs 0
Boston 7-4	Baltimore 10, Boston 8
Cleveland 6-1	Washington 6, Detroit 2
Detroit 7-4	Houston 4, St. Louis 1
Houston 6-1	Atlanta 5, Miami 2
Kansas City 6-2	Pittsburgh 9, Minnesota 3
Los Angeles 5-5	Tampa Bay 9, N.Y. Yankees 1
Minnesota 4-5	Philadelphia 4, Toronto 2
New York 8-2	Philadelphia 7, N.Y. Mets 1
Oakland 3-5	Cleveland 6, Milwaukee 2
Seattle 5-5	Cleveland 4, Kansas City 3
Tampa Bay 6-5	L.A. Dodgers 9, San Fran. 3
Texas 2-6	Seattle 10, Texas 7
Toronto 3-7	Oakland 12, San Diego 4

NATIONAL LEAGUE

CUBS	MONDAY'S SCHEDULE	SITE	TIME
Arizona	White Sox vs. Oakland	Mesa, Ariz.	2:05
Atlanta	Cubs vs. Colorado	Scottsdale, Ariz.	2:10
Cincinnati	Miami vs. Houston	West Palm Beach, Fla.	12:05
Cleveland	Minnesota vs. Philadelphia	Clearwater, Fla.	12:05
Los Angeles	Washington vs. St. Louis	Jupiter, Fla.	12:05
Miami	Pittsburgh vs. Atlanta	Kissimmee, Fla.	12:05
Milwaukee	Pittsburgh vs. N.Y. Mets	Port St. Lucie, Fla.	12:05
New York	Cleveland vs. L.A. Dodgers	Glen Dale, Ariz.	2:05
Philadelphia	San Francisco vs. Texas	Surprise, Ariz.	2:05
Pittsburgh	L.A. Angels vs. Cincinnati	Goodyear, Ariz.	2:05
St. Louis	Arizona vs. San Diego	Peoria, Ariz.	7:10

DIAMONDBACKS 2, CUBS 0

CUBS	AB	R	H	BI	IP	ER	BB	SO
Heyward rf	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Zagunis rf	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Ja.Baez 2b	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
C.Young ss	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Centraes c	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Russell ss	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Da.Bote 2b	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Navarro 1b	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Alm Jr. cf	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Griffen dh	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
J.Villar 3b	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
R.Court 3b	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Bourjos lf	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

PADRES 7, WHITE SOX 6

SD	AB	R	H	BI	WSOX	AB	R	H	BI				
M.Mrpot cf	1	2	1	1	Mncda 2b	3	0	0	0				
Rosario cf	1	0	0	0	L.Garcia 2b	1	0	0	0				
C.Asaje 2b	4	0	1	1	Andrson ss	3	0	0	0				
Es.Ruiz 2b	1	0	0	0	J.Rodrig 1b	1	0	0	0				
Spring dh	0	0	0	0	L.Aadro 1b	3	0	0	0				
Ornelas ph	1	0	0	0	Gilspie 1b	1	0	0	0				
Vilveva 3b	1	0	0	0	A.Garcia rf	3	0	0	0				
Coleman pr	1	0	0	0	D.Palka rf	1	0	0	0				
Cordero lf	1	2	1	0	Castillo 2b	2	2	1	0				
Spring dh	0	0	0	0	M.Aadro ph	1	0	0	0				
Renfroef rf	3	0	0	0	D.McCormick dh	1	0	0	0				
M.Gtysys rf	4	0	0	0	L.Sbabe lf	1	0	0	0				
Tts Jr. ss	4	0	4	5	Schnz 3b	2	1	0	0				
O.Garias pr	1	0	0	0	M.Slade pr	2	2	1	0				
J.Naylor 4b	4	0	0	0	K.Smith c	1	0	0	0				
A.Ellis c	2	1	0	0	G.Nzalez c	1	0	0	0				
S.McGee c	1	0	0	0	A.Engel cf	1	0	0	0				
C.Pello pr	1	0	0	0	TOTALS	35	710	7	TOTALS	31	6	12	6

TOTALS

CUBS	AB	R	H	BI	IP	ER	BB	SO
Home	28	0	2	0	0	0	0	0
Arizona	28	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

CUBS	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Lester L	1-0	2 1/3	1	1	2	3
Camarena	2 2/3	0	0	0	0	0
Grimm	1 1/3	0	0	0	0	0
Simmons	1	1	0	0	0	0
Ryan	1	1	0	0	0	0
Roth	1	1	1	1	0	1
Brooks	1	0	0	0	1	2

ARIZONA	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Walker	3	0	0	0	0	0
Hirano	1	0	0	0	0	0
Bradley	2	1	0	0	0	0
Shiple	1 1/3	0	0	0	0	2
De la Rosa H	1 1/3	0	0	0	1	1
Buchanan	1	0	0	0	0	1

ADP:	by:	Roth (Hazelbaker), PB:	Rice.
HRP:	Home, Ryan Blanton, First.	WRP:	Arroyo.
Umpires:	Home, Dan Bellino; First, Jim Reynolds; Second, Alfonso Marquez; Third, Shane Livensparger.		
T:	2:45; A: 13:782		

ATP WORLD TOUR BRASIL OPEN

Final: At Esporthe Clube Pinheiros; Sao Paulo; outdoor-clay
Purce : 5916,205 (w1250)
M. McDowell 39-49; K. Harvick 50-121
Nicolas Jarry, 1-6, 6-1, 6-4

AUTO RACING

NASCAR MONSTER ENERGY CUP PENNZOIL 400

Sunday at Las Vegas Motor Speedway; lap length: 1.5 miles

FP	SP DRIVER	M	LAPS	PT
1	2 Kevin Harvick	F	267	60
2	11 Aric Almirola	F	265	19
3	5 Kyle Larson	C	267	50
4	4 Martin Truex Jr.	T	267	46
5	10 Ryan Blaney	F	267	48
6	14 Chad Keselowski	F	267	43
7	7 Joey Logano	F	267	43
8	9 Erik Jones	F	267	29
9	12 Paul Menard	F	267	20
10	18 Daniel Suarez	F	266	27
11	25 Ryan Newman	C	266	26
12	14 Jimmie Johnson	C	266	25
13	16 Austin Dillon	C	266	24
14	13 Kyle Busch	F	265	19
15	28 Chris Buescher	C	265	22
16	20 Alex Bowman	C	265	21
17	19 Denny Hamlin	T	265	20
18	27 AJ Allmendinger	C	262	17
19	24 Trevor Bayne	F	264	17
20	26 Darrell Wallace Jr.	C	264	16
21	13 Ryan Blaney	F	264	15
22	32 Matt DiBenedetto	F	264	14
23	23 David Ragan	F	264	14
24	31 Ty Dillon	C	264	13
25	30 Cole Custer	F	264	10
26	18 Daniel Suarez	F	263	11
27	17 William Byron	C	263	10
28	34 Cole Whitt	C	262	9
29	33 Ross Chastain	C	262	0
30	14 Jimmie Johnson	C	255	6
31	36 Jeffrey Earnhardt	C	255	6
32	37 Joey Gase	C	253	0
33	35 Gary Gaardling	T	195	-8
34	6 Chase Elliott	F	183	-8
35	3 Kurt Busch	F	183	-9
36	22 Jamie McMurray	C	176	-9
37	15 Michael McDowell	F	100	-1

ENGLISH PREMIER LEAGUE

CLUB	W	L	D	GF	GA	PTS
Man City	25	3	1	83	20	78
Liverpool	17	9	3	67	32	59
Man United	18	5	5	53	29	59
Tottenham	17	7	5	55	24	58
Chelsea	16	8	5	50	26	53
Arsenal	13	10	5	41	45	45
Burnley	10	10	9	24	40	40
Leicester	9	10	10	41	42	37
Watford	10	13	13	39	47	37
Hughton	8	10	11	28	38	34
Everton	7	13	13	39	34	30
Bournemouth	8	15	12	34	43	30
Swansea	8	15	12	34	43	30
West Ham	7	13	16	34	50	29
Huddersfield	8	15	15	25	30	29
Newcastle	7	14	17	27	40	29
Southampton	5	13	11	29	41	27
Crystal Palace	6	9	13	25	43	27
Stoke	6	14	18	24	57	24
West Brom	3	11	15	22	43	20

WOMEN'S RESULTS

TEAM	W	L	D	GF	GA	PTS
Brighton 2, Arsenal 1						
Man City 1, Chelsea 0						

MONDAY'S SCHEDULE

COLLEGE BASKETBALL

No 'easy sailing' for Moser

Coach fought uphill battles, feels 'blessed' to lead Ramblers

By SHANNON RYAN
Chicago Tribune

ST. LOUIS — When Porter Moser accepted the head coaching job at Loyola in 2011, he believed it was a good fit for a few reasons. Among them, the potential storybook narrative of a local boy's success.

"I was telling friends and family, 'I'm a Catholic kid from Chicago,'" said Moser, a Naperville native. "How cool would it be for Loyola to go to the NCAA tournament?" And some of them were looking at me like I was nuts."

Moser, 49, will indeed take the Jesuit school on the lake to its first NCAA appearance since 1985. In his 14th season as a head coach — the last seven with Loyola — he will coach on the largest stage of his career when the Ramblers go dancing.

That was assured with the Ramblers' 65-49 victory against Illinois State in Sunday's Mis-

souri Valley Conference championship game.

"I'm blessed to coach this group," Moser said after cutting down nets at the Scottrade Center.

Moser has steadily built Loyola into a winner with local recruiting. When he took over, only one player from the state was on the roster. Today there are six, including Donte Ingram, the MVC tournament's most outstanding player. Moser also had to contend with the school's switch from the Horizon League to the Missouri Valley five years ago — and the notion among some critics that the Ramblers didn't belong.

The Ramblers had posted only one 20-win season in their last 26 when he took over. They had struggled through three losing seasons in the previous four. And the NCAA tournament seemed like a pipe dream.

But this wasn't Moser's first rebuild.

And if it appeared easy, let him tell you, it wasn't.

"That rebuild is tough," he said.

Arkansas-Little Rock had gone

4-24 when he was hired for his first head coaching job in 2000. The Trojans recorded three straight 18-win seasons after he took over.

When he left for Illinois State in 2003, the Redbirds were 8-21 the previous season. The program went through three athletic directors in his four seasons before he was fired with a 51-67 record.

He credits the patience he was given at Loyola, which won only seven games in his first season and now enters the tournament with a 28-5 record.

"Any time you invest so much and you don't have easy sailing — and I haven't — it makes it so rewarding to sit with a group like this and to be in a league like this and to win it," he said.

Moser, who played at Creighton, became just the second person to win a Missouri Valley Conference tournament championship as both a player and coach, joining Southern Illinois' Chris Lowery.

Without hesitating, he said the achievement is more enjoyable as a player. A few of his teammates from Creighton were in the



DILIP VISHWANAT/GETTY

Coach Porter Moser gets irate with officials during Loyola's Missouri Valley title game victory.

stands in St. Louis, and Moser talked about the lifelong bond that teammates form.

But he's enjoying this one too. "I'm so excited for where we're going, where the program's going," he said. "But if you really ask me why I'm excited, it's because (of) the group in the locker room and just the moments we're sharing right now. It's been special."

BIG TEN TOURNAMENT
MICHIGAN 75, PURDUE 66

Michigan fires up Garden

By RALPH D. RUSSO
Associated Press

NEW YORK — The tenacious point guard his coach calls a "pit bull" drove to the basket, but instead of putting up his go-to hook shot Xavier Simpson whipped a pass to the backup big man who became a Michigan folk hero at Madison Square Garden on Sunday.

Jon Teske's two-handed slam brought down the house and pretty much finished off No. 8 Purdue in the Big Ten tournament championship game. With Simpson playing catalyst on both ends of the floor — running Michigan's efficient offense and leading its lock-down defense — and Teske scoring a surprising 14 points, the 15th-ranked Wolverines beat the Boilermakers 75-66.

Fifth-seeded Michigan (28-7) became the first team to repeat as Big Ten tournament champs since Ohio State in 2010 and '11.

Simpson finished with 10 points, five assists and five rebounds. Moe Wagner led Michigan with 17 points and was named most outstanding player of the tournament despite playing only 17 minutes against Purdue because of foul trouble.

That's where Teske stepped in. The 7-foot-1 sophomore came in averaging 3.3 points but scored 12 in the first half and picked up the slack guarding 7-2 Purdue center Isaac Haas.

Simpson and Teske put an exclamation point on Michigan's four-day Garden party with 6 minutes, 2 seconds left. Simpson drove and dished to Teske, who finished over Haas and let out a roar while chest bumping teammates on his way to the bench.

"I was so happy when he popped off after that dunk," Wagner said. "I got so excited. He got emotional. Yeah, I know how good he is. That was long overdue."

The dunk made it 66-48 and brought chants of "Tes-key!" from the Michigan fans.

Purdue (28-6) chipped away in the final minutes with Michigan missing free throws, but it was way too late.



ABBIE PARR/GETTY

Moe Wagner was happy with the result after Michigan's second straight Big Ten tournament title.

HORIZON LEAGUE TOURNAMENT
MILWAUKEE 80, UIC 75

Milwaukee bounces UIC

Tribune news services

DETROIT — UIC picked a bad time to play its worst against Milwaukee.

After twice beating Milwaukee handily during the regular season, the No. 3-seeded Flames fell to the sixth-seeded Panthers 80-75 on Sunday in a Horizon League tournament quarterfinal game.

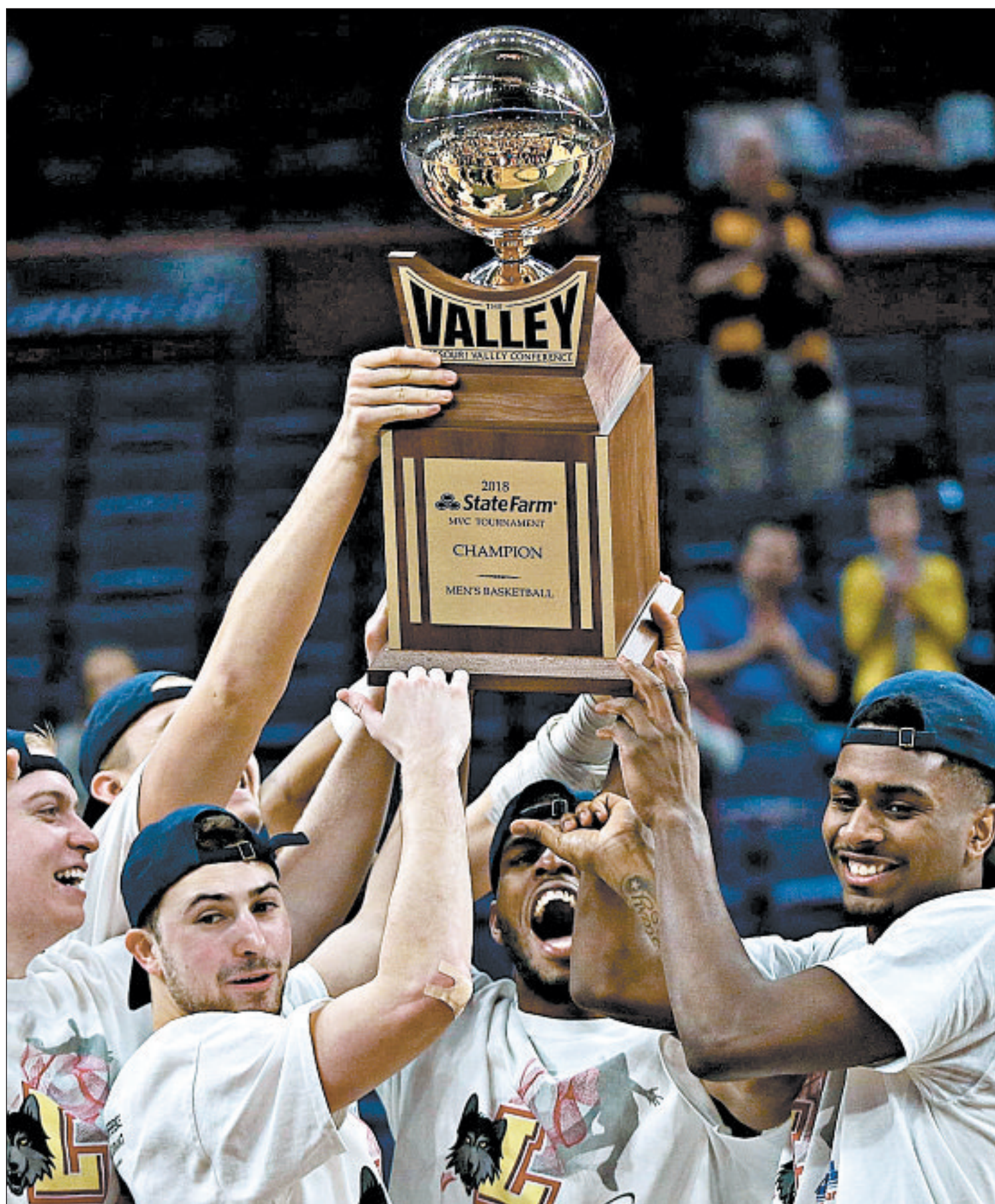
It was the second straight year that Milwaukee knocked UIC out of the conference tournament.

Milwaukee (16-16) will play second-seeded Wright State in a semifinal Monday. UIC (17-15) ended the season with a three-game losing streak after having won nine of 10.

UIC had 16 turnovers, which Milwaukee turned into 25 points.

Dikembe Dixon's 3-pointer with 5:04 left brought UIC within 63-62 before Milwaukee went on an 8-0 run with Brock Stull sinking three free throws and a jump shot. The Flames made eight straight free throws on four consecutive possessions, but Milwaukee got another 3 from Stull and a jumper from Jeremiah Bell for a 76-70 lead.

Stull scored a game-high 25 points. Tarkus Ferguson had a season-high 23 points for UIC.



DILIP VISHWANAT/GETTY

Loyola players hoist the Missouri Valley Conference tournament trophy after earning the program's first NCAA tournament bid in 33 years.

Loyola on its way

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major programs many times.

But the victory ensured Rogers Park will enjoy a week of reveling in being the toast of Chicago — so far the only team in the state with a bid. Northwestern failed to repeat after its historic tournament run last season. Illinois is still in rebuilding mode. DePaul remains stuck near the bottom of the Big East.

"We have the utmost respect for Northwestern, DePaul, all these Chicago schools," said senior Donte Ingram, who won the MVC tournament most outstanding player award after scoring 18 points and grabbing eight rebounds against the Redbirds. "We were all happy for (Northwestern last year). We support each other. It means a lot for the city of Chicago. We just want to keep that going."

The championship loss was the Redbirds' sixth in 11 seasons

and third in the last four, including last season's defeat in the title game to Wichita State.

"I'm not thinking much about last year right now," coach Dan Muller said. "We just didn't play well."

Illinois State (18-15) hopes to receive an NIT invitation.

After an "Arch Madness" full of close games decided by fewer than 10 points, the Ramblers finally got a blowout, leading from start to finish. The win marked their first Valley tournament championship since joining the conference five seasons ago.

They did it the way Loyola has won all season — precise passing, timely 3-pointers, balanced scoring and lockdown defense. The Ramblers hit 9 of 24 3-pointers, dished 15 assists on 22 shots and had six players with at least six points.

Freshman Cameron Krutwig dominated inside with 11 points and nine rebounds.

As much as Loyola's reputation is tied to its offense, the Ramblers held the Redbirds to 31.8 percent shooting.

Richardson (eight points, five rebounds) left the game with 2:45 remaining after taking a hard spill. He retreated to the locker room but returned a minute later and checked back into the game.

"I went to the scorers table and on my way (coach Porter Moser) stopped me, and he was like, 'You sure?' Richardson said. "I was like, 'Yes, I'm going in.' I think they all knew I wanted to be in there really bad after everything we've been through. I would have done anything to be back on the court to finish that out."

It's a party nobody wanted to miss.

A few buses hauled Loyola students to the game and they stood on the court chanting "L-U-C" as players celebrated.

Loyola's 98-year-old chaplain, Sister Jean Schmidt, said she was

determined to make the trip and cheered from her wheelchair. Moser snipped a final piece of the net and yelled out that it belonged to her.

Moser's wife and four children hugged him.

Jerry Harkness, captain of the famed 1963 national championship team — the only one from the state of Illinois — stood on a midcourt stage in his Loyola pullover, bowing to Ingram as he handed him the MOP trophy and embracing Moser.

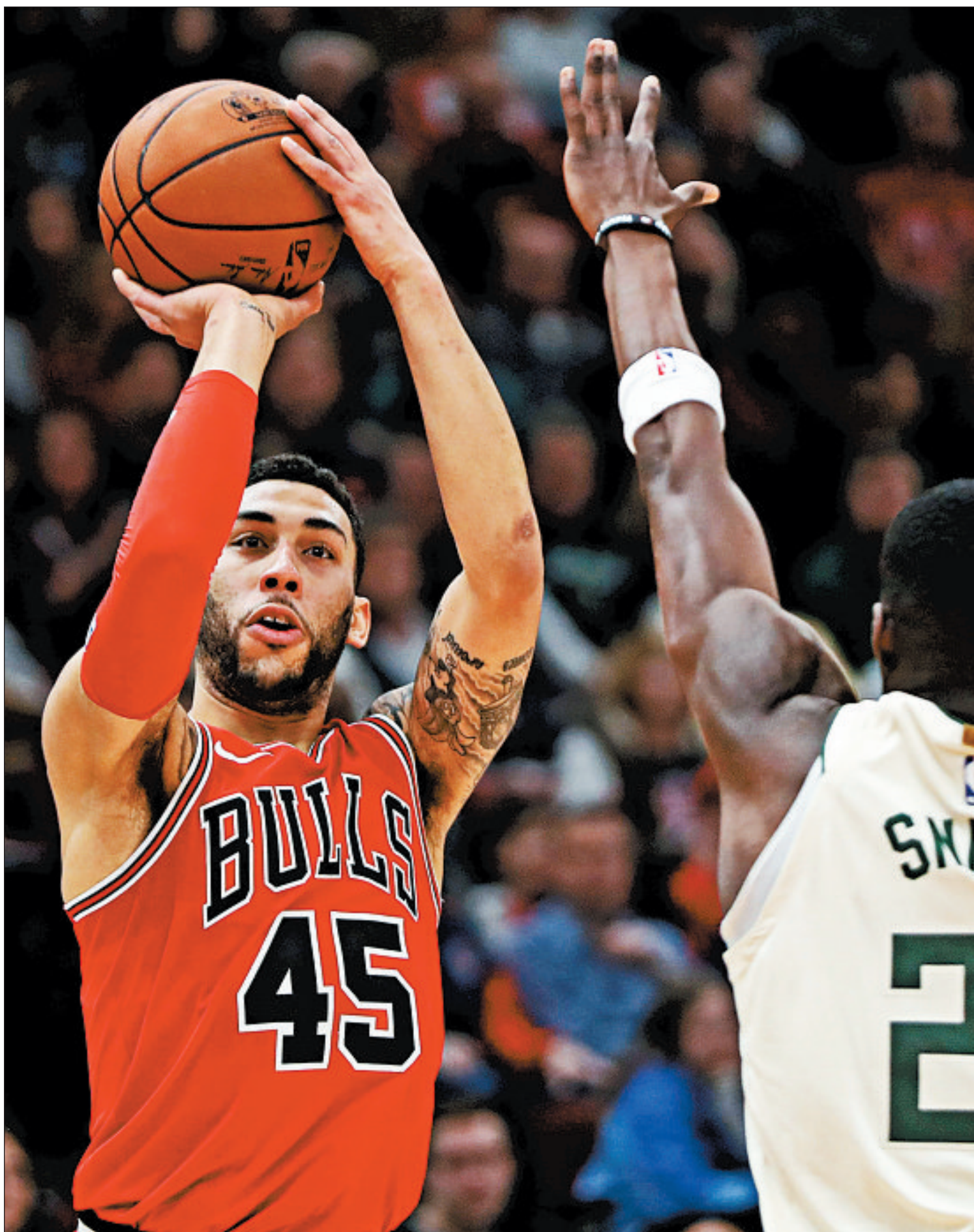
Moser called the victory a "watershed moment" for the program.

The Ramblers will find out Sunday whom and where they play in the NCAA tournament. They want the party to keep rolling.

"Whoever we play, we're going to give it our best," Ingram said.

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BULLS



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Bulls guard Denzel Valentine, firing a shot over Tony Snell of the Bucks on Jan. 28, is shooting 37.5 percent from 3-point range this season.

Reserving judgment

Valentine puts up strong numbers coming off bench

By K.C. JOHNSON
Chicago Tribune

.325. .349. .350. .370. .385.
These aren't Cubs spring training batting averages. They're the 3-point percentages — from Kris Dunn on the low end to Zach LaVine on the high — of Fred Hoiberg's five starters for Monday's matchup with the Celtics.

With Bobby Portis, he of the .350 3-point percentage, shooting up front alongside Lauri Markkanen, he of the .349 vintage, it's not only a nod to today's NBA, which places less of a premium on positions and more on shooting. It's also one of the rare times Hoiberg will start a lineup that could bring his pace-and-space philosophy to life.

"Your 4 and 5 have to play off each other," Hoiberg said, using the vernacular for his power forward and center. "Lauri and

CELTICS AT BULLS

TV/radio: 7 p.m. Monday; NBCSCH, WSCR-670 AM.

Storylines: The teams split the first two meetings, although Nikola Mirotic posted 24 points and eight rebounds in the December home victory and he's gone. This is the first of at least five games with Bobby Portis starting at center.

Trending: The Bulls have won five straight home games in this series.

Bobby did a good job playing off each other, especially in the fourth quarter, the other night (victory over Mavericks).

"Lauri set a screen, Bobby saw his man move off, he popped and Bobby rolled. Those are the things those two will have to figure out on the floor together. It's not perfect where the teams will play the same way every time based on Lauri's ability to shoot. But when they do switch, Bobby's ability to make the high-low pass — which he did a really good job of with Niko (Mirotic) when

teams switched onto Niko — is big."

Of course, Hoiberg, being a coach, is worried about the Bulls' ability to rebound while starting an undersized group and how the second unit will provide enough offense now that Portis isn't in it. But the Celtics start Al Horford at center. And this is where Denzel Valentine comes into play.

Valentine is shooting 37.5 percent from 3-point range, which is not only better than starter David Nwaba's 37.0 but on 264 more attempts. Valentine played well in 32 starts, which is why he let slip some honesty when asked about his role before adding his typical team-first approach.

"It's been really difficult personally for me dealing with all this," Valentine said. "But I've been given a great opportunity to showcase what I can do and try to help the team."

Valentine responded to whether he thought he'd get another starting opportunity now that management and the coaching staff are looking at different combinations over five-game

blocks. Nwaba is starting his second block of five games as a starter, while Portis is replacing Cristiano Felicio.

"I'm not too worried about that," Valentine said. "Whatever happens happens. As long as I get an opportunity to play, that's all I can ask for. Just try to do the most with my minutes."

Hoiberg answered with a mere "we'll see" when asked if Valentine is locked in as a reserve down the stretch. If so, with Portis moving into the first five, Valentine knows his role.

"I'm going to have to be more aggressive," he said. "Shooting is definitely the skill I bring to the table. Other than that, I've shown what I can do as far as playmaking, defending, leading, things like that. I just have to continue to be consistent and finish out the year the right way."

"It always works itself out. We're going to play with energy and as hard as we can. It's a great opportunity for us."

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BEARS

Draft deep at receiver

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look like.

Pace was reluctant to publicize the prototype during his media session Wednesday for fear of compromising the team's intentions or negotiating position in free agency or the draft. But he did offer one clue.

"There's a lot of different alignments at that position," Pace said, "so we have to be mindful of football IQ as we go forward."

OK, that's stating the obvious. What team doesn't want smart receivers? But there's also no need for the Bears to adhere to a strict physical profile.

Whether it's a big receiver who uses his body well and makes back-shoulder catches, or a smaller, quicker receiver who makes explosive plays after the catch, the Bears could use all kinds as they overhaul the position group. As long as a receiver is productive, he'll be welcomed by Nagy and second-year quarterback Mitch Trubisky.

In the draft, the intrigue begins for the Bears with their first pick, No. 8 overall. As disappointing as it would be for them to redraft the position at which they selected Kevin White seventh overall in 2015, the Bears will consider it.

Because White has lost all three of his NFL seasons to injury, the Bears will treat him this summer like they did cornerback Kyle Fuller last year: They won't plan on him contributing — how could they? — and they'll consider anything they get a bonus.

That said, they must decide whether Ridley presents good value at No. 8.

"He can come in day one and be your starting slot," Mayock said at the combine. "He's so tough and so quick that if he and Trubisky can get on the same page, he'll be his best friend. Now, I don't know if he's going eighth. That's kind of high."

Ridley measured 6-foot and 189 pounds at the combine. He established himself at Alabama as a smooth strider with route-running prowess.

"I'm patient in my routes and identify coverages pretty good, and I get in and out my breaks pretty good," he told reporters at the combine. "I beat defenders pretty well. Great separation."

If the Bears drafted Ridley eighth, they would have to be comfortable with his potential to improve against press coverage, which promises to be a vital part of receivers' skill sets in Nagy's quick, precise West Coast passing attack.

Ridley said he watched some Bears games last season and considers them an ascending team.

"If they want to pick or choose me, I'll come in and make plays right away," he said. "They have a great quarterback. I feel like I could go in there and be the guy."

In determining Ridley's value, the Bears must decide whether he is on a tier by himself and measure what many evaluators perceive to be quality depth in the receiver class on Day 2.

Kirk is another natural slot receiver. At 5-10, 200 pounds, he is like Ridley in that he runs good routes and can gain chunks of yardage after the catch. Plus, he was a productive kickoff and punt returner at Texas A&M.

"I have a combination of it all," Kirk told reporters at the combine. "Definitely strength to get off of press (coverage) at the line of scrimmage. Then speed and quickness and smart. So I know how to set up defenders, set up DBs and how to get into my route, be decisive at the top of my route and create separation."

Sutton also had the attention of Bears scouts last season. In contrast to Ridley and Kirk, he's a big-bodied receiver who projects mainly as an outside target. He measured 6-3, 218 pounds with long (32³/₈-inch) arms. He isn't known for speed or separating from coverage with quick footwork.

"Keep in mind there are a lot of ways to separate," Mayock said. "We used to talk about quickness and speed and route running. There is another way to separate now, and that is with size. Back-shoulder fades, the outside-the-number throws. (Sutton) is mostly a fade, fade/stop, pitch-and-slant player right now."

In other words, the Bears have options early in the draft. And those are just a subset within the different avenues they'll take to ignite their passing game.

"I like looking for guys that are just natural receivers," Nagy said, "guys that know how to play football."

Vague criteria for a team that will cast a wide net in its search for upgrades.

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BULLS NOTES

Since big punch, Portis, Mirotic on a roll

By K.C. JOHNSON
Chicago Tribune

The upward trajectories of Bobby Portis' and Nikola Mirotic's seasons may be one of the most amazing storylines in yet another wacky NBA season filled with them.

Think about it: After playing well all season as a reserve, including alongside a player he punched in the face to break two facial bones, Portis becomes a starter on Monday. Portis overcame an eight-game suspension for that punch of Mirotic to post career-high statistics virtually across the board.

Meanwhile, Mirotic, who missed 23 games after Portis' aforementioned punch, has helped lead his second team to a seven-game winning streak. When he did so with the Bulls in

December, it marked the first time in NBA history a team followed a 10-game losing streak with a seven-game winning streak.

Now with the Pelicans, it's actually hurting his former team, which received a top-five protected first-round pick in this June's draft in their February trade of Mirotic. The better the Pelicans play, the lower that pick drops for the Bulls.

Entering Sunday's game against the Mavericks, Mirotic had averaged 14 points and 8.1 rebounds while shooting 27.8 percent from 3-point range in 10 games and 32.1 minutes per game for the Pelicans. Contrast that with his averages of 16.8 points and 6.4 rebounds while shooting 42.9 percent from 3-point range in 25 games and 24.9 minutes for the Bulls.

Even with Mirotic's dips in scoring and shooting, he, like Portis, is having a career-best season. Nobody could've predicted either scenario on Oct. 17, the day of the altercation.

"The way everything was handled with (Portis) and Niko able to put it behind them and not affect the team in a negative way is very admirable," Bulls coach Fred Hoiberg said. "They had a professionalism about things."

School spirit: Denzel Valentine had a solid response at the ready when some good-natured ribbing came his way after Michigan State's loss to Michigan in the Big Ten tournament.

"We'll be fine as a No. 2 seed (in the NCAA tournament)," Valentine said. "Hopefully, they make the tournament."

Valentine grew up in East

Lansing, Mich., and his father, Carlton, played and coached at Michigan State, so his ties to the school run deep. His older brother, Drew, now an assistant at Loyola, also worked briefly for Tom Izzo as a graduate assistant.

"I was a fan before I played there," Valentine said.

Draft dodger: With his investment in the school unusually strong, Valentine fielded a question on whether he'd offer a scouting report to Bulls management on potential draft picks Miles Bridges and Jaren Jackson Jr. of the Spartans.

"I think they'll both be really good in the pros," Valentine said. "It's always hard to say. You never know how they'll adapt. But they're both really good players. They both should be lottery picks. So I'm excited for them."

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LYNNE SLADKY/AP

David Beckham speaks at a Jan. 29 event where it was announced Major League Soccer will bring an expansion team to Miami. The team is backed by Beckham and a team of investors.

Soccer goal needs assist

Miami neighbors aren't thrilled by Beckham franchise

BY ANDRES VIGLUCCI
AND DOUGLAS HANKS

Miami Herald

Miami soccer fans were elated when retired star David Beckham was finally awarded an MLS franchise after four years of fits and starts. Their long-cherished dream was in sight: a gleaming new stadium packed with chanting hometown supporters.

But the battle may have only just begun.

For Beckham's group, winning the needed approvals to build a proposed 25,000-seat soccer stadium on the western edge of Overtown will be nothing like a free kick. Given burgeoning neighborhood opposition, in fact, it could easily turn into a slog that might remind the former English national of his perennial struggle to win in soccer's World Cup.

Assuming Beckham's new majority partners, brothers Jorge and Jose Mas, stick with the Overtown site and close on the final remaining piece of property for their land assemblage, they will face some daunting regulatory hurdles. Those include land-use changes, rezonings and the permanent closure of a busy thoroughfare, Northwest Seventh Street, not to mention environmental review and potentially contentious public hearings before appointed boards and elected officials. The area is in the City of Miami.

That means plenty of opportunity for opponents of the privately financed stadium to block or delay approvals. Some neighbors are already pledging to fight the plan, both in historically black Overtown and in the adjacent historic neighborhood of Spring Garden. They cite some of the usual flashpoints, such as noise from games and concerts and the impact on local traffic, but also some singular elements of the announced plan, including the lack of on-site parking.

In addition, wealthy activist Bruce Matheson, who owns property in Spring Garden, is suing Miami-Dade County over its decision to sell the Beckham group a 3-acre truck depot yard for \$9 million without seeking competing bids for the land.

"Our motto is, it's not a done deal," said Amanda Hand, a Spring Garden resident who has helped spearhead neighborhood opposition to the stadium in collaboration with some Overtown residents. "That we will challenge it at every step is absolutely true. There is potentially nothing that will change our neighborhoods more than a 25,000-seat open-air stadium with 40 events a year, including lots of concerts."

The Beckham group did not respond to interview requests.



WILFREDO LEE/AP

Miami residents at a community meeting voice their concerns that they may be displaced by a new stadium.

Going up against Beckham and the Mas brothers may seem like a David-and-Goliath matchup for local residents.

But recent experience in Miami shows that determined opponents willing to spend some money can significantly gum up the approval works for major projects by filing challenges, lawsuits and appeals. And, sometimes, they even prevail.

A single activist, Grant Stern, has managed to stall, if not kill, a planned Midtown Miami Walmart store for several years by persistently challenging planning and zoning approvals. A grassroots group has managed to hold up a Walmart-anchored mall in South Miami-Dade County over environmental concerns.

Residents of the historic Morningside neighborhood in Miami's Upper East Side have defeated several development proposals along Biscayne Boulevard over the years — including a pair of high-rises — through a combination of litigation and pressure on elected officials.

Matheson effectively forced the Miami Open tennis tournament to move out of Key Biscayne by blocking a planned expansion of the county's Crandon tennis center in court. And though Matheson's initial suit on the Beckham stadium was dismissed, he has filed an appeal at the Third District Court of Appeal. Because the court can take months to rule, the appeal could potentially delay approvals for months.

Spring Garden residents, meanwhile, have earned a reputation for being fiercely protective of their riverside residential enclave, one of the oldest in Miami.

They're just coming off a small but surprising victory over the city and another developer who sought to open a restaurant at a marine industrial site across the Miami River from Spring Garden. In winning an 8-1 favorable vote from the city's zoning board, Spring Garden residents argued the restaurant would bring unwanted noise to the area and violate protections for marine businesses.

Spring Garden has another not-so-secret weapon in Hand, a former assistant city attorney who specialized in zoning and land use law. Hand has helped forge an alliance with an influential pastor, Bishop James Adams of the St. John Institutional Missionary Baptist Church, who has raised concerns about plunking down the stadium in the middle of a mostly low-income residential neighborhood.

Adams, who said he has been seeking a sit-down with the Mas brothers, hopes they decide to pursue a different site. Speculation has it that the new majority owners, who have been silent since celebrating the awarding of the franchise, dislike the Overtown site that was selected before they joined the Beckham group.

Adams and Spring Garden residents note the stadium, which would not be used most days, will not bring about the kind of economic development Overtown needs.

"I don't know which way they will ultimately go, but I'm sure they are individuals of reason and will more than likely know that's a poor location for a stadium," Adams said of the Mas brothers. "Certainly there has to be sensitiv-

ity to the fact that that is a historic black neighborhood."

Andrew Dickman, an attorney who represents the Miami River Marine Group, a business association, won a landmark case on behalf of river residents against the administration of Miami Mayor Manny Diaz a decade ago. The decision blocked rezonings of existing marine-dependent business along the waterway.

While he says the Beckham group could eventually win needed approvals, it won't be easy. Dickman, who practices in Naples and Miami and is also city attorney for St. Pete Beach on Florida's Gulf Coast, is not involved in opposition to the soccer stadium.

"I know getting the franchise was Round One," Dickman said. "This is Part Two of the very difficult job they have in bringing soccer to Miami."

The Beckham group does not yet own its chosen stadium site. While it purchased six acres of privately owned land for about \$19 million in 2016, it has until June to close on its pending \$9 million purchase of three acres of county land.

The properties are divided by Northwest Seventh Street. The Beckham group has said it would seek to close the street permanently to build the stadium facility over it.

But closing the street is an issue for both Overtown and Spring Garden residents because it would make it harder to get in and out of both neighborhoods. Because Spring Garden is bordered by the Miami River and a canal, there are few entry points into the historic enclave. Seventh Street leads into the only access point on

the neighborhood's east side, the quaint Humpback Bridge.

The stadium lots are classified as commercial and industrial and would likely require rezoning. The city says one approach would be to use a controversial zoning tool called a Special Area Plan, which gives owners of properties of more than nine acres and city planners considerable flexibility to go beyond the letter of the city's zoning Miami 21 code.

"It would most likely need certain flexibilities where a Special Area Plan may be most appropriate and likely encouraged," said assistant city planning director Luciana Gonzalez in an email.

But Miami city commissioners have grown leery of what some critics have claimed is the city's overuse of SAPs, which are often unpopular with neighbors in residential areas. And the Beckham land is not quite nine acres, meaning it might not qualify for an SAP, which could make the planning and zoning approvals more difficult.

The extended city approval process also offers the kind of exit ramp the Beckham partnership may be looking for if it opts to bolt for another site. The Mas brothers, Beckham's first local partners, have raised the possibility of other sites in private conversations and are said to have concerns about the lack of parking in the Overtown plan and whether that location is the best fit.

The word "Overtown" was not mentioned during the downtown Miami event on Jan. 29 when Beckham made his triumphant return to the city to celebrate Major League Soccer's approval of his expansion franchise.

The speeches did not touch on the economic-development messages on jobs and local contracts that had been key in earlier messaging to Overtown residents and their elected leaders. Though Spring Garden residents have been openly concerned about noise from the stadium disrupting their lives, Mas promised the "most raucous, loudest, most fun" game experience he could provide.

And he also promised to re-define the stadium experience in Miami, with entertainment options before and after the games. But in Overtown, he's facing a stadium site that's particularly compressed. By contrast, Marlins Park sits on about 17 acres of land and features modest amounts of ground-level retail options.

Francis Suarez, Miami's newly elected mayor, said in a recent interview that opposition from Matheson and others was enough for him to consider an alternative stadium site.

"I would be open to it," Suarez said in January. "I think the current site has some issues that everybody has sort of acknowledged, related to the opposition from some members of the community."

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After pitching a total of two innings in two years because of an assortment of setbacks, Mariners right-hander Ryan Cook is finally back in the game — and thankful for the opportunity.

Back from his setbacks

After string of issues, Mariners' Cook relishes a shot

BY RYAN DIVISH | Seattle Times

GOODYEAR, Ariz. — The significance went unnoticed by probably 99 percent of the 2,615 fans still in attendance for Wednesday's Cactus League game at Goodyear Ballpark, an eventual 4-2 victory for the Indians over the Mariners.

To them it was just another tall, bearded reliever — and there are a lot of those pitching in spring training — throwing a meaningless inning in a month filled with meaningless innings of games that don't count and are easily forgotten.

Even when all of the Mariners players and coaches — people who understood the importance of the moment — were standing and eagerly waiting to congratulate Ryan Cook as he ended that sixth inning with a strikeout of Ulysses Cantu, the implication probably didn't register.

The inning's results weren't spectacular: Six batters faced, one run allowed on three hits after getting the first two outs quickly.

And yet for Cook, it meant everything. It represented a milestone in perseverance, triumph over personal doubt, vindication over anyone who questioned why he kept trying, thinking he'd never pitch again and a reminder of why he endured the last two years of injuries and setbacks.

Yes, two years.

Cook, 30, signed with the Mariners before the 2016 season, hoping for a chance to make the bullpen after a vagabond 2015 season that started with command struggles, shoulder problems, a demotion to Triple A while with the A's and a trade to the Red Sox.

Once an All-Star with the A's in 2012, he was just trying to find a fresh start. He had a legitimate chance to make the 2016 Mariners bullpen. It was Jerry Dipoto's first season as general manager, and he was turning over the roster at a prodigious rate.

"I was feeling really good and ready to rebound from a down year," Cook said.

Instead of a fresh start, he found the disabled list — a place where he would remain.

It started on March 2, 2016, with the first batter he faced in a Cactus League game that spring — Alexei Amarista of the Padres. Cook tore his latissimus dorsi.

"I remember throwing a 3-2 fastball and I felt my lat go," he said. "I didn't think anything of it. I thought, 'Well, that felt kind of funky.' So I finished the inning."

He was shut down immediately, receiv-

ing a platelet-rich plasma injection hoping to speed the recovery process. Torn lat muscles have become a common injury for pitchers. They are lengthy recoveries of six to eight weeks, but they aren't career-ending.

Cook remained in Arizona to rehab and was progressing as expected. And then ...

"I tore my hamstring doing just our normal running, nothing crazy," he said. "So I obviously had to rehab that. That was in probably May."

So he began rehabbing both injuries, slowly working his way back to the mound, building strength in his shoulder and leg. Eventually, he worked his way back to a rehab appearance. On July 10, pitching for the Arizona Rookie League Mariners, Cook started the game and felt an awful pain in his elbow after a pitch. He'd torn his ulnar collateral ligament.

"It was also the first hitter of the game," he said. "And that was obviously kind of demoralizing."

Instead of opting for surgery immediately, he tried to recover without surgery.

"We tried rehab for eight weeks on it, just trying to see if we could save being ready for 2017, but knowing all along it wasn't a very good shot," he said.

The elbow didn't respond. "After that little stint of eight weeks trying to make it right, in my second bullpen, I knew it wasn't right," he said. "So we decided to have surgery then and there."

Cook underwent Tommy John surgery on Oct. 20, 2016.

Surely this was the last of his problems. With advanced technology and medical techniques, the success rate for these surgeries is enough to allow a pitcher to believe he'll be healthy and whole again in about a year.

"We started that process of recovery," he said. "And I was feeling pretty good, and then the ulnar nerve situation happened."

The "situation" started in February 2017 when Cook began to notice that he was losing feeling and function in the fingers on his throwing hand.

"I was just about to even throwing a tennis ball, and I couldn't grip a tennis ball or baseball," he said.

Cook visited two nerve specialists, both of whom ordered immediate nerve-transposition surgery.

"They each said I should have the surgery yesterday, and I had to do something quick or risk possible permanent

nerve damage," he said.

Cook went to renowned surgeon Neal ElAttrache in Los Angeles for the procedure.

"What had happened was the scar tissue from the surgery was squeezing my nerve slowly," he said. "Once that happened, it was clear sailing. It was just trying to get strong again, get back and being able to work out again because it had been so damn long."

The grind of a lengthy recovery is both mental and physical. It's two different opponents beating on you — one pummeling your gut and the other punching you in the head, both equally painful and frustrating. Cook endured it for two years.

"I had days where I physically couldn't do the things I used to be able to do so effortlessly," he said. "That was tough."

"And there's the mental part that comes with that aspect of 'Can you do this anymore? Is your body physically capable of doing this?' It wasn't ever a doubt of 'Can I do this mentally?' because I know how to pitch and I've done it since I was a kid. But that doubt of 'Physically, is my body going to be able to come back and compete at the highest level?'"

How did he just not want to quit? Many people simply wouldn't withstand such situations. But he found strength in being strong for others.

"There were definitely those days," he said. "I was down here in Arizona rehabbing the whole time. There was a lot of benefit that came from that for me."

"I was able to help a lot of younger kids that were going through rehab as well. And every time I started to feel that way, I would help somebody and that would get my brain back to the right thought process that this is all part of it. And if you do want to come out on the other side, you have to stay strong through this."

It wasn't strength in numbers. It was group motivation. I'll pick you up and you do the same for me.

"Through helping other guys, it almost helped me as well to keep that positive outlook on it," he said. "It just reminded me that baseball will be fun again."

He also had the support of his parents and his fiancée.

"Obviously my family has been with me throughout the whole process, and my fiancée has seen the crappy days of me saying, 'I don't know if I'm going to come back from this,' or the doubt that creeps into your head of not being healthy or not even think about throwing a pitch competitively," he said.

In two years, he'd torn his lat, torn his hamstring, torn an elbow ligament and had nearly gotten permanent nerve damage from the elbow problems from a surgery while throwing a total of two innings.

That's why that one inning Wednesday was so significant to Cook and those who know his journey.

"Once I came out of the clubhouse and went to the bullpen, everything was kind of routine and normal," he said. "In the clubhouse when we got there and during the morning, I was nervous and more excited that it was finally here. I mean, I essentially put in two years of time working toward that moment."

And it didn't disappoint.

"To be honest with you, it was pretty special," he said. "I had fun playing baseball again. Obviously there's the competition between a hitter and a pitcher, but it was a bigger picture than that for me."

"I was just trying to focus on making pitches and having a good time being back out on a baseball field. I did a lot of good things and I did a couple of bad things. But all in all, I was extremely pleased with how it went. I think I set a good foundation to build upon."

More importantly, he had no problems a day later.

"I came out feeling good," he said. "I had normal soreness, normal tightness of being a pitcher, and that was actually a pretty good feeling."

So what's next?

"I keep competing," he said. "I'm coming into camp with the regular aspirations that I would have if I'd never have been down for two years. I'm just going to keep pitching. The first one was obviously getting my feet wet."

"From here, I'd like to go out there and keep competing and making sure my stuff is getting sharper and helping the ballclub in any way I can."

If Cook could pitch meaningful innings again, it would be an ultimate thank you to the Mariners organization that never cast him aside during this two-year process.

"I cannot say enough good things about the staff that's been here, the training staff that I had, the organization and the front office for giving me the opportunity because, let's be honest, not many would, I don't think," he said.

"I'm extremely thankful to Jerry and his staff and everybody to give me that opportunity, for sure. In some aspect, it would be really nice to be myself again and do it for the organization and those guys that have given me this opportunity."

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90TH ACADEMY AWARDS



CHRIS PIZZELLO/INVISION PHOTOS

Guillermo del Toro's Cold War fantasy "The Shape of Water" won best picture at this year's Academy Awards, and the Mexican-born del Toro won for direction.

Oscars can still surprise us

In 90th year of awards, legitimate suspense reigned in post-Weinstein era



MICHAEL PHILLIPS
Tribune movie critic

Down to the wire, as the 90th Academy Awards approached the four-hour mark, the suspense was legitimate. Who would win the best picture Oscar, in this first year of the post-Harvey Weinstein era? This "new day in Hollywood," as presenter Jennifer Lawrence put it?

This divided, divisive world, with half our nation's citizens wishing it would all go back to the way it was, while the other half pushes it forward into a new version of itself?

The answer: Guillermo del Toro's Cold War fantasy "The Shape of Water," a movie that looks forward to a world of inclusion and tolerance, while embracing Hollywood's monster-movie past.

The film won best picture, and the Mexican-born del Toro won for direction. This was the third win for a Mexican-born auteur in the last five years. Alfonso Cuarón won for "Gravity" in 2014; Alejandro González Iñárritu scored consecutive directorial wins for "Birdman" in 2015 and "The Revenant" in 2016.

"I am an immigrant," del Toro said from the stage. His simple statement was echoed throughout the evening, the award-acceptance highlight coming in the moment Frances McDormand, winner for "Three Billboards Outside Ebbing, Missouri," exhorted all the female nominees in the Dolby Theatre to stand and be recognized.

"We all have stories to tell and projects we need financed," McDormand said. The acting awards played out as expected. In addition to McDormand's leading actress nod, Gary Oldman won for his Winston Churchill in "Darkest Hour," and the supporting performances went to Allison Janney for "I, Tonya" and Sam Rockwell for



Frances McDormand accepts the award for best performance by an actress in a leading role for "Three Billboards Outside Ebbing, Missouri."

"Three Billboards." The uncertainty was all in the best picture win, which few felt confident about predicting in the final lap of the awards season.

The show itself was long, and then longer. But Jimmy Kimmel's second go at the hosting duties asserted his innate skill and pacing as emcee.

The local angles went mostly unnoticed Sunday night. Adding personal insult to the injurious existence of the cruddy, Chicago-set "Death Wish" remake now in theaters, the nominees with notable Illinois ties lost to competitors in their respective categories.

Laurie Metcalf of "Lady Bird," a longtime Steppenwolf Theatre Company ensemble member, entered the awards season a serious contender. But as Janney's Oscar-winning turn as the blistering, abusive mother of Tonya Harding in "I, Tonya" proves: The actress dining out on the role of a sociopathic mother has the edge over the one portraying the merely difficult one.

Other Chicago area nominees last night: director Steve James and producer Mark Mitten for the documentary "Abacus: Small Enough to Jail"; DeKalb, Ill.-born Richard Jenkins, supporting actor nominee for his portrayal of the empathetic illustrator in "The Shape of Water"; and actor/musician Common, nominated for best

song ("Marshall").

On the other hand: Jordan Peele, the writer-director of "Get Out," won original screenplay. The onetime Chicago improv performer received a huge ovation for his win.

Meantime, Chicago's indisputable favorite movie son appeared in one of the evening's classy tribute montages. Movies, the late Roger Ebert said famously in the clip, are like a "machine that generates empathy." The Pulitzer Prize-winning critic's presence in the 90th Oscars generated enough Chicago goodwill to make up for "Death Wish," even.

If "Three Billboards" had won the top prize, it would've been the most divisive pick in years — a movie, like the Oscar-winning "Crash" (2004), about the unlikely redemption of a racist white cop. This, the year of #MeToo and #TimesUp, just wasn't the one.

With "The Shape of Water," the academy recognized the second full-blown fantasy to win the top Oscar. (The first: "The Lord of the Rings: Return of the King" from 2003.) The most conspicuous movie bash on the global calendar said, in effect: We're going forward by way of a fish story. Del Toro's touching, violent fairy tale is a paean to outsiders of all stripes. And its time was now.

Michael Phillips is a Tribune critic.

SUNDAY'S WINNERS

Picture: "The Shape of Water"

Director: Guillermo del Toro, "The Shape of Water"

Actor: Gary Oldman, "Darkest Hour"

Actress: Frances McDormand, "Three Billboards Outside Ebbing, Missouri"

Supporting actor: Sam Rockwell, "Three Billboards Outside Ebbing, Missouri"

Supporting actress: Allison Janney, "I, Tonya"

Animated feature: "Coco"

Cinematography: Roger Deakins, "Blade Runner 2049"

Costume design: Mark Bridges, "Phantom Thread"

Documentary feature: "Icarus"

Documentary short: "Heaven is a Traffic Jam on the 405"

Film editing: "Dunkirk"

Foreign language film: "A Fantastic Woman," Chile

Makeup and hairstyling: "Darkest Hour"

Original score: Alexandre Desplat, "The Shape of Water,"

Original song: "Remember Me," "Coco"

Production design: "The Shape of Water," Paul D. Austerberry, Jeffrey A. Melvin, Shane Vieau

Animated short film: "Dear Basketball"

Live-action short: "The Silent Child"

Sound editing: "Dunkirk"

Sound mixing: "Dunkirk"

Visual effects: "Blade Runner 2049"

Adapted screenplay: "Call Me by Your Name," James Ivory

Original screenplay: "Get Out," Jordan Peele



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Jennifer Lawrence talked about a "new day in Hollywood" on Sunday at the Academy Awards.

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Jordan Peele accepts the award for best director at the Independent Film Spirit Awards on Saturday.

'Get Out' wins Spirit for best film, director

Jordan Peele's "Get Out" won best film and best director on Saturday at the 33rd Independent Film Spirit Awards, a day before the horror sensation will vie for top honors at the Academy Awards.

The wins for Peele's directorial debut gave the Spirits, a celebration of indie filmmaking, something unusual: a box-office behemoth. Made for just \$4.5 million, "Get Out" grossed \$255 million worldwide.

"We are in the beginning of a renaissance right now, where stories from the outsider, stories from the people in this room, the same stories that independent filmmakers have been telling for years are being honored and recognized and celebrated," Peele said.

Held in a beachside tent, the Spirit Awards are the dressed-down prelude to the Academy Awards.

"I continue to be amazed that you let me get to the microphone. What are you crazy?" said Frances McDormand, who again won best actress for her performance in "Three Billboards Outside Ebbing, Missouri." "Do you know how hard it's been not to swear over the last couple of months? Because this awards convention goes on for (expletive) forever."

Allison Janney continued her sweep of the best supporting actress awards for "I, Tonya." The supporting actor Oscar favorite Sam Rockwell ("Three Billboards Outside Ebbing, Missouri") added to his string of awards.

Timothee Chalamet, the "Call Me By Your Name" breakthrough star, took best actor, a category that at the Spirits didn't include the Oscar favorite Gary Oldman. The 22-year-old said he was trying to savor the moment. "I don't know if this kind of thing is ever going to happen again," Chalamet said.

— Associated Press

Box office

1. Black Panther **\$65.7 million**
2. Red Sparrow **\$17**
3. Death Wish **\$13**
4. Game Night **\$10.7**
5. Peter Rabbit **\$10**
6. Annihilation **\$5.6**
7. Jumanji: Welcome to the Jungle **\$4.5**
8. Fifty Shades Freed **\$3.3**
9. The Greatest Showman **\$2.6**
10. Every Day **\$1.5**

SOURCE: Associated Press, estimated sales, Friday-Sunday.



ROBYN BECK/GETTY-AFF

'M.A.S.H.' star dies:

David Ogden Stiers, a prolific actor best known for playing a surgeon on the "M.A.S.H." television series, has died. He was 75. The actor's agent confirmed in an email that Stiers died Saturday after battling bladder cancer. Stiers played the aristocratic Maj. Charles Winchester III on "M.A.S.H." and received two Emmy nominations for his work on the series.

March 5 birthdays: Actor Dean Stockwell is 82. Actor Michael Warren is 72. Magician Penn Jillette is 63. Actress Eva Mendes is 44. Actor Jake Lloyd is 29.



ASK AMY

By AMY DICKINSON

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Man says behavior a 'Southern thing'

Dear Amy: My boyfriend and I rekindled our relationship a year ago, after many years apart. We now are (supposed to be) in a committed, exclusive (but long-distance) relationship. We are both mature, divorced adults, and we love each other.

Recently, I visited him at his home for three weeks. We had a wonderful time.

He has been talking a lot about "Miranda," whose mother died months ago. He said he'd invited her to his home for drinks and "breaks," while her husband stayed home with the "baby" (who turned out to be a 13-year-old).

During a visit, after a party at his home (her husband had left), "Miranda" put her arms around my boyfriend's neck while his hands were on her hips, and they kissed repeatedly on the lips. This made me wonder what they do when they are alone, which they often are. I privately complained to my boyfriend. I asked him how he would feel if I was kissing another man like that.

He said: "It's a Southern thing. Her mother just died."

Then he blamed me for being jealous.

I told him that where I come from, we have boundaries, respect for other people's feelings and relationships and we treat others the way we would like to be treated.

Every time he brings up the incident and compares it to another grandmotherly friend who kisses him on the cheek, we disagree, and I burst into tears.

Is this a "Southern thing"? How should I handle it if it happens

again?
— Southern Exposure

Dear Southern: I shared your question with the most "Southern" gentleman I know — writer and humorist Roy Blount Jr.

Roy responds: "I don't think anybody should get away with anything by calling it 'Southern,' any more than I think anything should be put down by calling it Southern. I would say the 'mother's death' excuse for expanded affection expires, universally, after three to five days.

"The question this raises for me is less about regionalisms than about the Golden Rule, which I feel is flawed in its execution here. 'We treat others the way we would like to be treated' is working for Boyfriend and 'Miranda,' because they both like being treated the way they treat each other. If either of them were in Southern Exposure's shoes, they might like being treated to the same behavior they're treating her to.

"But she doesn't like it. So Boyfriend has to say, 'Oh, I didn't realize how those little pecks on the lips look to you. I'll bear that in mind. But you don't think I kiss her the way I kiss YOU, do you? C'mere?'"

I'll add that you've stated your case. You should not bring it up again. The fact that he does bring this up makes me believe that he's attempting to gaslight you.

Dear Amy: Yesterday after having skin surgery on my face, I went shopping. I had sutures, which were covered up by small butterfly bandages.

I emerged from the store and headed to my car.

I was immediately stopped by an older man who offered unsolicited advice, loudly calling out to me: "Miss, Miss — you know what you need to do? Neosporin, twice a day! That's what you should do." Amy, he repeated this several times — even though it was obvious that I'd heard him.

I was startled and speechless!

What would have been an appropriate response?
— Rosalind

Dear Rosalind: This came out of nowhere, but please understand that — just as you were walking around with visible injuries on this particular day, there are also people walking around whose broken places aren't as obvious.

One response would be for you to make eye contact with this person and say, "Hi friend. Thank you! I'll take it from here."

Of course, it is challenging to respond in the moment. In cases such as this, stunned silence might be the best you can do.

Dear Amy: "Worried Pilot's Wife" was trying to persuade her husband to stop constantly texting while driving. I appreciated your response, pointing out the alarming number of crashes caused by texting. But you forgot to point out that texting while driving is illegal!
— Concerned

Dear Concerned: Absolutely. Thank you.

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'THE CHI' EPISODE 8 RECAP

Intervention and absurdity

By WILLIAM LEE AND NINA METZ
Chicago Tribune

Each week, William Lee and Nina Metz recap and discuss the first season of "The Chi," which airs at 9 p.m. Sundays on Showtime.

Spoilers ahead

William Lee: This week, for me, was one of the most entertaining episodes and exemplifies what the show could be: wildly diverging vignettes showing the highs and lows of these characters independently from one another in this single neighborhood.

We saw a triumphant Brandon, who appears to be finally getting his life on track, buying an ugly old ice-cream truck and starting his food-truck business. Ronnie finally hit rock bottom after his re-injured gunshot wound set off a chain reaction leading him to Rafiq's mosque. And we see Reggie, the lieutenant in the neighborhood's gun ring, experience real fear in the face of Quentin's unknown intentions back at the house, as we begin to see the older man's dark side emerge.

Were you shocked when the Chicken Pit owner Sonny walloped Reggie?

Nina Metz: Sonny's alive! I'm so glad he remains part of the tapestry of "The Chi" because, aside from Habib at the corner store, Sonny is the only other business owner on "The Chi." That's an important experience to include — an important experience to show.

I was taken aback when Sonny came to his brother's rescue only to turn around a moment later and basically say, "We're done." Handing Quentin their father's porter whistle felt meaningful. We learned some of the back story last week. You can see how both Quentin and Sonny internalized the lessons from that. Quentin saw

how things are rigged even when you earn an honest living and decided there was more upside — more power — in crime. Sonny stayed on the straight and narrow but he's no company man; he went into business for himself.

WL: We also see Emmett search the streets for his toddler EJ as he continues to teeter between boyhood and fatherhood. And separately, Kevin and Papa try to save Jake from street life.

Mingled among these characters is a randomness that makes the Chicago hood and this series so compelling, like the drug-addicted radiologist at Meldrick's place who helps patch up Ronnie, the Chinese tenant living (comfortably, might I add) in Hannibal's closet and recently fired nurse Jada checking in on Ethel and saving the day, though she no longer has to.

The episode succeeds in making all this madness feel organic and thankfully shielded away from gimmicks in its storytelling like in the episode weeks earlier.

NM: Do we think Ronnie might be living with some PTSD from his time in the military? I was wondering how he would deal with Meldrick's order to dispose of the radiologist's body and was impressed with his solution.

I want to go back to Kevin and the boys because their storyline this week was that great mix of human drama and absurdist comedy that "The Chi" does so well.

Papa's real name is Stanley! And he likes to whittle! If I wasn't already in the bag for this kid, I would have been the minute he informed Kevin that his "whittlin' music" was important because "I'm making something special for my moms."

NM: When Jake and Papa asked Kevin about his mom

and her girlfriend, it seemed wonderfully low-key and naturally curious. But also, this shouldn't be new information to his friends, right? Maybe as preteens they're starting to pay more attention to the idea of romantic couplings and that prompted their questions.

WL: Kudos for the show's writers in burying intimate details within the shell of scenes like that, which unfolded details without resorting to an after-school special moment. As stated last week, the show has really hit its stride and found a way to comfortably have these different story lines. This episode bounced between tense and light story arcs without making the audience queasy. And that's big-city life — complicated opposing forces somehow occupying the same small space.

NM: Their intervention with Jake didn't go very well and that's also complicated because on one hand, it's incredible that these boys are taking on that responsibility themselves — it says a lot about who they are — and on the other I'm so upset that they have to do this at all.

WL: Kevin and Papa's intervention with Jake is an important plot point because even inner-city kids can see when their peers begin their descent into darkness.

NM: Did you notice, when Emmett finally located his ex, she said he'd only been taking care of EJ for two weeks. That's all? Doesn't it seem like it's been longer? OK. A lot has happened in two weeks.

Read next week's recap after the episode airs Sunday.

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IN PERFORMANCE 'FAUST' ★★★

Splendid cast gives Gounod his due in muddled staging

BY JOHN VON RHEIN
Chicago Tribune

Stage director Kevin Newbury has devised a Faustian bargain of his own for the new production of Gounod's "Faust" that is closing Lyric Opera's main-stage season at the Lyric Opera House.

His cinematic staging, while sometimes theatrically arresting and filled with intriguingly weird imagery, often goes against the grain of this melodious French Romantic warhorse. At the first performance on Saturday night, one found more to admire in the musical performance than in the muddled dramatic conception.

The title character is usually depicted as a burned-out old philosopher who strikes a pact with the Devil so he can be transformed into a young man and experience the worldly pleasures that eluded him in his long and fruitless search for knowledge.

The Faust as depicted here is an artist struggling to find the meaning of life through his creations. These spring to life through jerky stop-motion animated projections and

surreal set pieces taken from, or inspired by, sculptures and film images of the noted American visual artist John Frame, the show's production designer. Newbury's creative team includes Vita Tzykun (who created the semi-stylized set and colorful period costumes), David Adam Moore (who devised the surreal projections) and Duane Schuler (who supplied the gloomy lighting).

Too bad the concept comes to naught by the end, as the busy designs decorate the story more than they illuminate it. The famed soldiers chorus, for example, is played for irony, with grinning animated skeletons dancing across screens framing a zombie-like parade of the walking dead, in direct contradiction of what Gounod's triumphant music is telling us.

What saves this "Faust" from conceptual perdition are the superior performances of Lyric's admirable international cast under conductor Emmanuel Villaume, a master of Gallic style who has Lyric's orchestra and chorus glorying in Gounod's great score. The show brings a sensational American debut, that

of the splendid young French lyric tenor Benjamin Bernheim in the title role. Completing a strong trio of principal singers are soprano Ailyn Perez as the heroine Marguerite and bass-baritone Christian Van Horn as their infernal nemesis, Mephistopheles.

We see the aged, suicidal Faust literally carving the Devil out of a wooden block and animating this *grand seigneur* of evil. Treating Mephistopheles as Faust's alter ego, while hardly original with stage directors, has possibilities that go unrealized here. Once Faust has signed away his soul and regained his youth, he sees a vision of the lovely young Marguerite. His pursuit of her comes across as little more than a scientific experiment: The bewildered hero stumbles about as if he can't quite believe anything, or anyone, is real. And maybe they're not.

Marguerite, pointlessly rendered as physically disabled, aborts her baby in church and is deprived of her heavenly apotheosis. The final scene leaves her in the lurch as her house goes up in flames and Faust dons a devil's mask before trudging off to hell along



TERRENCE ANTONIO JAMES/CHICAGO TRIBUNE

Ailyn Perez, center, plays Marguerite and Benjamin Bernheim, right, plays Faust during a dress rehearsal of the Lyric Opera's new production of Gounod's "Faust" on Tuesday.

with Satan and his four mini-devil henchmen. These scampering imps are a distracting intrusion that shifts one's attention away from the singers at crucial moments in the drama.

Bernheim sounded very much like the major French lyric tenor the opera world is longing for. With his bright, reedy sound, he invested Faust's long-breathed phrases with great lyrical tenderness and an elegant legato line, bringing down the house with his soliloquy, "Salut, demeure," beautifully sung. Bravo to the Lyric for snapping him up ahead of every other major U.S. company.

Perez invested Marguerite's music with ravishing delicacy and grace, and

had no trouble summoning full-toned intensity for the character's emotionally fraught scenes later in the opera. She gave an affecting account of the King of Thule ballad and sailed easily through the sparkling roudades of the Jewel Song despite the intrusion of those infernal imps.

Dapper in his orange-plaid three-piece suit, Lyric stalwart Van Horn played the Devil as more sardonic than truly sinister, never less than vocally commanding as he stage-managed the action.

Baritone Edward Parks, in his Lyric debut, sounded rather coarse-grained in his opening aria but rose with imposing force to the scene

in which the dying soldier Valentin curses his fallen sister.

The sturdy supporting cast included Annie Rosen, a suitably puppyish Siebel; Jill Grove, hilarious as the old cronette Marthe, Marguerite's neighbor; and Emmett O'Hanlon as the student Wagner.

Lyric Opera's production of Gounod's "Faust" continues through March 21 at the Lyric Opera House, 20 N. Wacker Drive; \$34-\$279; 312-827-5600, www.lyric-opera.org.

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IN PERFORMANCE 'PLANTATION' ★★

Playing racism, reparation for laughs

BY CHRIS JONES
Chicago Tribune

The premise of Kevin Douglas' "Plantation," now at the Lookingglass Theatre in downtown Chicago under the direction of David Schwimmer, is a doozy. A modern-day Texas matriarch comes to realize that her family's cotton fortune was built on the backs of the slave-driven economy and, in a grand act of personal reparation, decides to disinherit her own daughters and give away her entire plantation to three descendants of one of those very slaves.

So Lillian (played by Janet Ulrich Brooks) calls a "King Lear"-like meeting between her daughters — that would be Kara (Linsey Page Morton), Kimberly (Louise Lamson) and Kayley (Grace Smith) — and three very surprised African-American women from Chicago — Madison (Tamberla Perry), London (Lily Mojekwu) and Sydney (Ericka Ratcliff) — who are summoned to Texas to hear of this complex development in their lives. Meanwhile, the dispossessed Texan daughters — none of whom have their acts even remotely together — are chagrined to find out their mother wants to give away their family homestead to strangers. Complications ensue.

I'd love to see a truthful play on this topic. Not a work necessarily devoid of the comedy of human malevolence and frailty, but one rooted in the fundamental historical truth of the argument that precipitates Lillian's decision. A play that's cognizant of one of the most fascinating and under-explored conflicts of the moment: how the growing forces for economic justice plan to coexist with good old, self-interested, intergenerational American capitalism,



LIZ LAUREN PHOTO

Ericka Ratcliff as Sydney, from left, Tamberla Perry as Madison, Louise Lamson as Kimberly, Lily Mojekwu as London and Grace Smith as Kayley in Lookingglass Theatre's "Plantation," running through April 22 at Water Tower Water Works.

which argues against giving away your family farm, however moral the reasons.

This is not that play. In fairness to Douglas, a young writer I admire, and Schwimmer, whose entire career I admire, these two progressive men clearly wanted to build an uproarious farce for women (the only other character we see is a domestic helper, Diana, dryly played by Hannah Gomez) with intersectional racism and the need for reparations as its backdrop.

This begs the question, of course, as to whether slavery and its racist residue are something we can all sit in a room together and laugh uproariously about. Douglas takes some risks there — at one point, the Texan women don the outfits of the Ku Klux Klan and a comic chase ensues. I didn't find that funny on Saturday night, to be honest, though many around me did, and I also buy the Mel Brooks-ian argument that the best way to fight

hate is to render it absurd. I wasn't laughing because the scene exists in a show that hasn't yet figured out how real it wants to be.

Or, to put it another way, how true it dares to be.

By making the Texan women — especially Lamson's very out-there Kimberly, but all of them, really — so wackily removed from believability, they become paper tigers, blunting what I think Douglas and Schwimmer really want to say. "Plantation" could

work as crazy satire, and it has some successful moments in that mode, but satire is, by nature, amoral. And there is actually a very moral intent behind this work: a very good moral argument, in fact, that inherited wealth that comes from slavery must now be rethought. And that rethinking must, by necessity, be personal.

But instead of making us realize how much we all share with these characters, and allowing us to feel

When: Through April 22

Where: Lookingglass Theatre in Water Tower Water Works, 821 N. Michigan Ave.

Running time: 1 hour, 30 minutes

Tickets: \$40-\$75 at 312-337-0665 and www.lookingglasstheatre.org

the weight of all their problems, we watch them from a place removed. The African-American women are drawn with more complexity, but, in any kind of reality, they also would ask a lot of questions that never get mentioned here. While I'm on that topic, a central plot point involving a crisis in the family business that's predicated on a FedEx delivery is absurd, in a house full of Wi-Fi. Those things matter: The more out there you want a farce to be, the more rooted you have to be in truth.

Rooted is not the word that comes to mind here. Over its 90 minutes, "Plantation" really varies in style, and the result is that you're never sure of the stylistic baseline. There are some fine zingers, and even a couple of revelations that moved me greatly. Just a couple. But this very talented cast does not have enough that is emotionally complex to do. Overall, the show yet has to find itself.

I hope Douglas and Schwimmer do more work on "Plantation," rendering it more as a human comedy of believable women all forced to deal with the original American sin and obliged to negotiate a more enlightened fairness. It was given a major production before it was fully ready; but I think it could really be something.

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90TH ACADEMY AWARDS

High-voltage style

BY DAVID SYREK | Chicago Tribune

On Hollywood's biggest and most fashionable night, the stars came out for a standout year of inspired looks.

Color came back to the red carpet, most notably in embellished, soft blush looks (Allison Williams in Armani Prive Couture) hot red (Sofia Carson in Giambattista Valli, Allison Janney in Reem Acra) and dramatic white looks (Margot Robbie in Chanel Haute Couture).

Hollywood legend Rita Moreno hit the red carpet in the stunning dress made of Japanese obi fabric that she originally wore in 1962 when she won an Oscar for "West Side Story."

Along with the glitz and glam, the 90th Academy Awards held at the Dolby Theatre in Hollywood brought an especially thought-provoking awards season to the finish line.

In addition to making statements about personal style, many stars used the red carpet to draw attention to much more serious causes that they support.

Mira Sorvino and Ashley Judd, who arrived together, took time to speak about their role in bringing awareness to sexual harassment in Hollywood and the workplace.

Because of sexual harassment allegations, E!'s Oscars pre-show host Ryan Seacrest became part of the red carpet story he was covering. He has denied all charges.

Here are a few standout looks at the night's big trends: hot reds to soft blush to sparkling metallics.



FRAZER HARRISON/GETTY Gal Gadot sparkles in a silver fringe gown by Givenchy and art deco-inspired jewelry by Tiffany.



JORDAN STRAUSS/INVISION Last-minute arrival and 2003 Oscar winner Nicole Kidman stuns in a blue gown from Armani Prive.



JORDAN STRAUSS/INVISION Lupita Nyong'o, an Oscar winner in 2014, shimmers in a gold gown by Versace.



JORDAN STRAUSS/INVISION Sofia Carson strikes a pose in a bold red Giambattista Valli gown.



VALERIE MACON/GETTY-AFP Rita Moreno wears the dress that she wore in 1962 when she won an Oscar for "West Side Story."



KEVORK DJANSEZIAN/GETTY Oscar nominee Timothée Chalamet stands out on the red carpet in a white tux from Berluti.



FRAZER HARRISON/GETTY "Ladybird" actress Saoirse Ronan in an Oscar-worthy Calvin Klein by Appointment gown.

'Shape of Water' tops at Oscars

On gender issues, host Kimmel says 'world is watching'

BY JAKE COYLE
Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — The 90th Academy Awards brought the most tumultuous awards season in recent memory to a close Sunday with a ceremony that confronted the post-Harvey Weinstein era and carried a palpable sense of change, of a Hollywood seeking to be a more inclusive movie business.

"The Shape of Water" won best picture. The award was presented in a special reprise by Faye Dunaway and Warren Beatty.

"Get Out" won for original screenplay, a historic moment for writer-director Jordan Peele, the first African-American writer to win in the category.

Peele said he stopped writing "20 times," skeptical the movie would ever get made. "But I kept coming back to it because I knew if someone would let me make this movie, that people would hear it and people would see it," Peele said. "So I want to dedicate this to all the people who raised my voice and let me make this movie."

Frances McDormand took the top actress category for "Three Billboards Outside Ebbing, Missouri." Accepting the award, she said, "I've got some things to say," highlighting her fellow female filmmakers.

Gary Oldman won best actor for "Darkest Hour."

Guillermo del Toro's monster fable "The Shape of Water," which came in with a leading 13 nods, took best production design, best score and best director for del Toro. He became the third Mexican-born



CHRIS PIZZELLO/INVISION Guillermo del Toro on Sunday at the Dolby Theatre became the third Mexican-born filmmaker to win best director award.

filmmaker to win the award.

"Call Me By Your Name" won for adapted screenplay, making writer James Ivory, 89, the oldest winner in history.

Host Jimmy Kimmel got the Oscars underway Sunday at the Dolby Theatre in Los Angeles with an opening monologue that mixed Weinstein punchlines with earnest comments about reforming gender equality in Hollywood. And of course, Kimmel — returning to the scene of the flub — dove straight into material about last year's infamous best-picture mix-up.

"I do want to mention, this year, when you hear your name called, don't get up right away," Kimmel said. "Give us a minute."

But while Kimmel spent a few moments on the fiasco known as Envelopegate, he expended far more minutes frankly and soberly discussing the parade of sexual harassment allegations that have coursed through the movie business in the wake of the revelations regarding Weinstein. He also spoke straightforwardly about the industry's poor record on female directors and equal pay.

"We can't let bad behavior slide anymore," Kimmel said. "The world is watching us."

Gesturing to a giant statue on the stage, he praised Oscar for keeping "his hands where you can see them." But Kimmel introduced the broadcast as

"a night for positivity," and cited, among other things, the box-office sensation of "Black Panther."

"I remember a time when the major studios didn't believe a woman or a minority could open a superhero movie — and the reason I remember that time is because it was March of last year," Kimmel said.

Sam Rockwell ("Three Billboards Outside Ebbing, Missouri") won best supporting actor. Rockwell dedicated his award to his late friend and fellow New York actor Philip Seymour Hoffman, who died in 2014. "For my buddy, Phil Hoffman," said Rockwell, raising his Oscar.

Kimmel, with stopwatch in hand, also emphasized

keeping acceptance speeches short. He promised the shortest speech would win a Jet Ski. Go long, and winners might get Lakeith Stansfield screaming "Get out!" as the actor briefly reprised his character from "Get Out" on stage.

Best documentary went to Netflix's "Icarus," Bryan Fogel's investigation into doping in sports, aided by Grigory Rodchenkov, head of the Russian anti-doping laboratory. It's the first feature film Oscar for Netflix. "At least now we know Putin didn't rig this election," Kimmel said.

In another topical moment, Pakistan-born comedian Kumail Nanjiani joined Kenyan-born Lupita Nyong'o to salute the so-called Dreamers — immi-

grants brought to the U.S. illegally as children. "Dreams are the foundation of Hollywood and dreams are the foundation of America. And, so, to all the Dreamers out there, we stand with you," Nanjiani said.

"Dear Basketball" by Glen Keane and Kobe Bryant won for animated short.

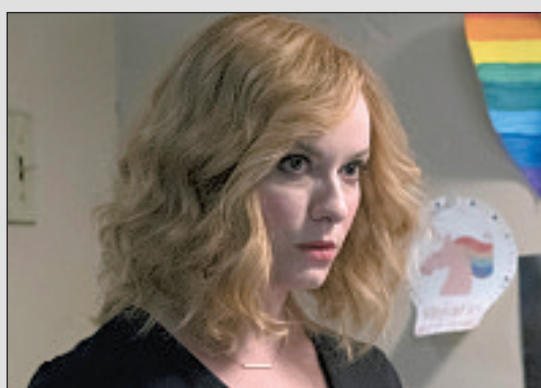
The ceremony was the crescendo of one of Hollywood's most turbulent awards seasons — one that saw cascading allegations of sexual harassment topple movie moguls, upended Oscar campaigns and new movements launched to improve gender equality throughout the industry.

No Golden Globes-style fashion protest was held by organizers of Time's Up, the initiative begun by several hundred prominent women in entertainment to combat sexual harassment. Their goals go beyond red carpets, organizers said in the lead-up to the Oscars. "We did the dress code thing and now we're doing the work," #MeToo founder Tarana Burke said on the red carpet.

But the movement made the red carpet a more serious place. Ryan Seacrest typically gets the most sought-after interviews, but on Oscars night he had a lot of idle time. Some key nominees and stars did not stop for the host of E!'s Oscars red carpet show. Timothée Chalamet, Margot Robbie and others walked past him, as did Oscar winner Viola Davis. There was speculation that stars would avoid Seacrest because of sexual harassment allegations levied against him by a former employee. E! said it investigated the claims and found insufficient evidence.

In all, it's been an unusually lengthy and unpredictable awards season.

WATCH THIS: MONDAY



Christina Hendricks

“Good Girls” (9 p.m., NBC): One heist begets another for the women (Christina Hendricks, Retta, Mae Whitman), as they have to stage another robbery in order to secure the money they need for a necessary payoff. Each has her own problems, too: Beth (Hendricks) tries to adjust to single-parenthood, Annie (Whitman) faces a setback in her custody battle, and Ruby’s (Retta) worries about Sara’s (Lidya Jewett) health deepen.

“Kevin Can Wait” (7 p.m., CBS): Now she’s cooking ... literally: Vanessa (Leah Remini) ends up filling more of a place in Kevin’s (Kevin James) life than she bargained for. In the new episode “The Whole Enchilada.” She gets him to call things off romantically with neighbor Wendy (guest star Florencia Lozano), who was making meals for him — prompting Vanessa to try to assume that role, though she’s no culinary expert. Ryan Cartwright and Gary Valentine also star.

“Man With a Plan” (7:30 p.m., CBS): “Growing Pains” alum Joanna Kerns has become a frequent television director, as shown in part by her work behind the camera on the new episode “Everybody’s a Winner.” Kate (Grace Kaufman) is invited to a dance by an older boy, leaving Adam and Andi (Matt LeBlanc, Liza Snyder) split on their views about the situation. Sherri Shepherd guest stars. Kevin Nealon and Stacy Keach also star.

“The Resident” (8 p.m., FOX): Conrad (Matt Czuchry) has dilemmas both personal and professional in the new episode “No Matter the Cost,” as his father (guest star Glenn Morshower) pays a visit while Conrad is trying to defend a patient against several eager doctors. Nic (Emily VanCamp) learns something about Mina (Shaunette Renee Wilson), who is determined to help a would-be mugger.

“Living Biblically” (8:30 p.m., CBS): Chip (Jay R. Ferguson) doesn’t have a traditional reason for detaching from his smartphone in the new episode “False Idol,” as Father Gene and Rabbi Gil (Ian Gomez, David Krumholtz) suggest that his devotion to the device is a form of worship. When Chip abruptly stops using it, Leslie (Lindsey Kraft) and others become concerned that they can’t contact him.

“Scorpion” (9 p.m., CBS): Walter (Elyes Gabel) and his colleagues unwittingly stumble into a bank robbery in progress and end up as the criminals’ hostages in the new episode “Dork Day Afternoon.” Though he has his own concerns about the situation, Sylvester (Ari Stidham) also has his mind on Florence (Tina Majorino). Robert Patrick, Eddie Kaye Thomas and Jadyn Wong also star.

TALK SHOWS

- “Conan”** (10 p.m. 11:30 p.m., TBS): Actor Kevin Hart; director Nash Edgerton.*
- “The Tonight Show Starring Jimmy Fallon”** (10:34 p.m., NBC): Actress Katie Holmes; actor Brian Tyree Henry; U.S. women’s Olympic ice hockey team; Meghan Trainor performs; Bun B sits in with The Roots.*
- “The Late Show With Stephen Colbert”** (10:35 p.m., CBS): Actor David Oyelowo; author Chelsea Clinton; lifestyle expert Martha Stewart.*
- “Jimmy Kimmel Live”** (10:35 p.m., ABC): Celebrity guests and comedy skits.*

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BROADCAST	CBS	2	Kevin Can Wait (N) ©	Man With a Plan (N) ©	Superior Do-nuts (N)	Living Bibli-cally (N) ©	Scorpion: “Dork Day Afternoon.” (N) ©	News (N) ▶		
	NBC	5	The Voice: “The Blind Auditions, Part 3.” (N) ©					Good Girls: “Mo Money Mo Problems.” (N) ©	NBC 5 News (N) ▶	
	ABC	7	The Bachelor (N) ©							News at 10pm (N) ▶
	WGN	9	Two and a Half Men	Two and a Half Men	Last Man Standing ©	Last Man Standing ©	WGN News at Nine (N) (Live) ©		WGN News at Ten (N)	
	Antenna	9.2	3’s Comp.	Soap ©	Benson ©	Wings ©	Murphy	Becker ©	Coach ©	
	This TV	9.3	Broadway Danny Rose (PG,‘84) *** Woody Allen.					All or Nothing (R,‘02) *** ©		
	PBS	11	Chicago To-night (N)	Hamilton’s America ©				Brain Mind Body Connection With Dr. Rudy ▶		
	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 ▶	
CABLE	Bounce	26.5	Living Single	Living Single	In the Cut	Mann &	Mad Money (PG-13,‘08) ***			
	FOX	32	Lucifer: “Infernal Guinea Pig.” (N) ©	The Resident: “No Matter the Cost.” (N) ©	Fox 32 News at Nine (N)		Modern Family ©			
	Ion	38	Criminal Minds: “Tribute.”		Criminal Minds ©	Criminal Minds ©	Criminal ▶			
	Telem	44	José José, el príncipe (N)	Al otro lado del muro (N)	Enemigo íntimo (N) ©	Chicago (N)				
	CW	50	DC’s Legends (N)	iZombie: “Blue Bloody.” (N)	Law & Order: SVU	Law-SVU ▶				
	UniMas	60	La niña (N) ©	La tierra prometida (N)	Vecinos	Vecinos	Noticias Uni			
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	Univ	66	El rico y Lázaro (N)	Papá a toda madre (N)	Por amar sin ley		Noticias (N)			
	AE	Jonestown: The Women								
	AMC	*(4:30) The Godfather, Part II (R,‘74) **** Al Pacino.								
ANIM	Alaska- Last Frontier (N)		Alaska- Last Frontier (N)		Alaska- Last Frontier (N)		Alaska ▶			
BBCA	Star Trek: Voyager ©		Star Trek: Voyager ©		Star Trek: Voyager ©		Star Trek ▶			
BET	*(6) Daddy’s Little Girls (PG-13,‘07) ** Idris Elba									
BIGTEN	* BTN in 60		B1G		BTN Basketball in 60 ©		B1G			
BRAVO	Vanderpump Rules ©									
CLTV	News at 7		News (N)		News at 8		News (N)			
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E!	The Kardashians		The Kardashians		Unsolved: Tupac and BIG		E! News ▶			
ESPN	* College Basketball (N)									
ESPN2	* Wm. Basketball (N)									
FNC	Tucker Carlson (N)		Hannity (N) ©		The Ingraham Angle (N)		Fox News			
FOOD	Kids Baking		Kids Baking (Season Finale) (N)		Ridiculous		Ridiculous			
FREE	* Waterboy									
FX	*(6) Pitch Perfect 2 (PG-13,‘15) ** ©									
HALL	Full House		Full House		The Middle		The Middle			
HGTV	Hunters (N)		Hunters (N)		Home Town (N) ©		Hunters (N)			
HISTV	American Pickers									
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IFC	Two Men		Two Men		Two Men		Two Men			
LIFE	*(6) Pretty Woman (R,‘90) *** Richard Gere.									
MSNBC	All In With Chris Hayes		Rachel Maddow Show (N)		The Last Word (N)		11th Hour (N)			
MTV	Teen Mom: Young (N)		(8:01) Teen Mom 2 ©		(9:02) Siesta Key (N) ©		Teen Mom			
NBCSCH	NBA Basketball: Boston Celtics at Chicago Bulls. (N) (Live) ©									
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OVATION	*(6:30) Tango & Cash (R,‘89) ** Sylvester Stallone.									
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OXY	Dateline: Secrets		Dateline: Secrets		Dateline: Secrets		A Killer			
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SYFY	G.I. Joe: The Rise of Cobra (PG-13,‘09) * Channing Tatum.									
TBS	Family Guy		Family Guy		Family Guy		American (N)			
TCM	The Three Faces of Eve (NR,‘57) *** ©									
TLC	Girls Who Don’t Age ©		Counting On (N)		Little People, Big World		Counting ▶			
TLN	Supernatural		Humanit		Faith Chi		Gaither Homecoming			
TNT	*(5:45) San Andreas **									
TOON	King of Hill		Amer. Dad		Cleveland		Amer. Dad			
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WE	Criminal Minds: “Big Sea.”		Criminal Minds ©		Criminal Minds ©		Criminal ▶			
WGN America	Cops ©		Cops ©		Cops ©		Cops ©			
PREMIUM	HBO	Die Hard (R,‘88) *** Bruce Willis.		(9:15) Here and Now ©		Divorce ▶				
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- Taurus** (April 20-May 20): 8. Collaborate with your partner today and tomorrow. Stick to familiar routines. Listen to loved ones, especially children. Enjoy simple pleasures together.
- Gemini** (May 21-June 20): 7. Practice your moves before a performance. The possibility of mechanical or technical error is high. Keep things simple and elegant. Slow and rest.
- Cancer** (June 21-July 22): 7. Love blossoms over the next few days. Entertaining distractions abound; take care of business first. Express your artistry and creative ideas.
- Leo** (July 23-Aug. 22): 7. Discuss home renovations or changes with your family over the next few days. Go over options. Don't touch savings. Work up your budget.
- Virgo** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): 7. A creative undercurrent flows through your work. Anticipate resistance. Present your argument tactfully. Think diplomatically, and choose words carefully. Practice your persuasive arts.
- Libra** (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): 8. Focus on moneymaking for a few days. Not everything goes as planned. Keep expectations realistic and scheduling flexible. Delegate what you can.
- Scorpio** (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): 9. You're creating a buzz. Enjoy a two-day self-confident phase. Encourage another's enthusiasm. You can't be two places at the same time. Use your power responsibly.
- Sagittarius** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): 7. Concentrate on organizing and cleaning today and tomorrow. Listen more than you speak. Sort, file and discover buried treasure.
- Capricorn** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): 8. Confer with allies over the next few days. Find agreement on some tough issues. Cultivate leadership. Put in a good word for someone else.
- Aquarius** (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): 8. Consider career opportunities through tomorrow. Seek out lucrative possibilities. Completion leads to profits. Beat a deadline and win a prize.
- Pisces** (Feb. 19-March 20): 7. Get into a two-day adventurous phase. Explore near or far. Study and investigate. Costs can vary widely. Don't waste funding on something you don't need.

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The Argyle Sweater By Scott Hilburn



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Bridge

Here are the answers to the weekly quiz:

Q.1—North-South vulnerable, as South, you hold:
♠ Q 9 ♥ Q 9 8 7 6 3 ♦ 6 ♣ A J 9 2

Partner opens one no trump, 15-17, and right-hand opponent bids two diamonds. What call would you make?

A.1—Should you play Texas transfers, where you transfer to your major at the four level, the convention still applies over two-level overcalls. Bid four diamonds. Otherwise, bid four hearts.

Q.2—Neither vulnerable, as South, you hold:
♠ A K 2 ♥ J 7 4 ♦ K ♣ A K Q 9 6 2

With both opponents passing, you open one club and partner responds one diamond. What call would you make?

A.2—Jump shifting into a three-card major invites disaster, and the hand is too good for three clubs or two no trump. What's left? Bid three no trump.

Q.3—East-West vulnerable, as South, you hold:
♠ Q 10 5 3 2 ♥ K 7 ♦ A J 8 5 ♣ J 4

North	East	South	West
1♦	Pass	1♠	Pass
1NT	Pass	2♣*	Pass
2NT	Pass	?	

*New Minor Forcing

What call would you make?

A.3—Partner's one no trump rebid showed 12-14 and your "new minor" bid promised at least invitational values. Partner could have bid three no trump with a maximum. Pass.

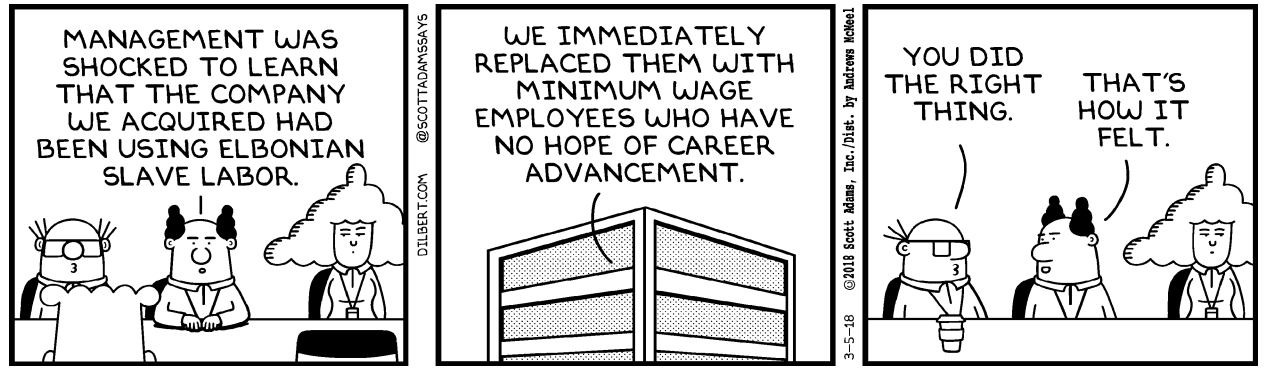
Q.4—Both vulnerable, as South, you hold:
♠ A ♥ J 9 5 4 ♦ K Q J 3 2 ♣ Q J 3

Partner opens one heart and right-hand opponent passes. What call would you make?

A.4—Slam is in the air and there is much to do. Start by bidding two diamonds. That will sound like a potential source of tricks when you support hearts later.

— Bob Jones
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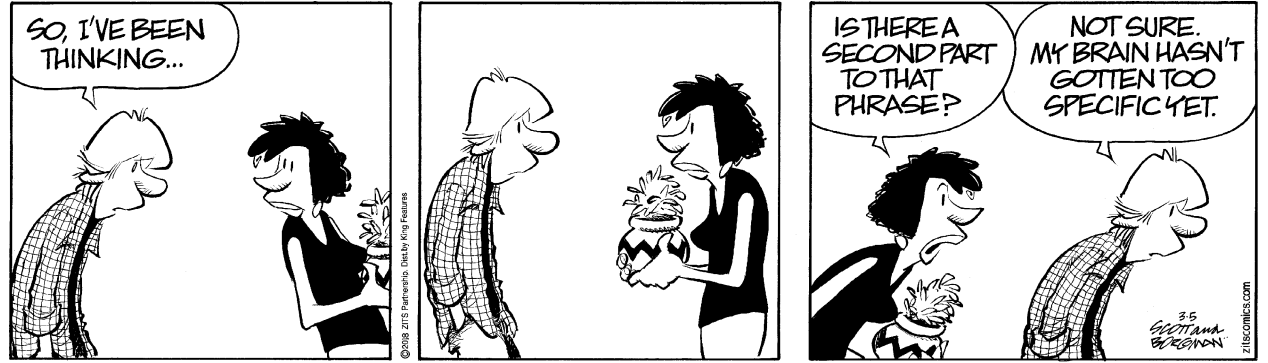
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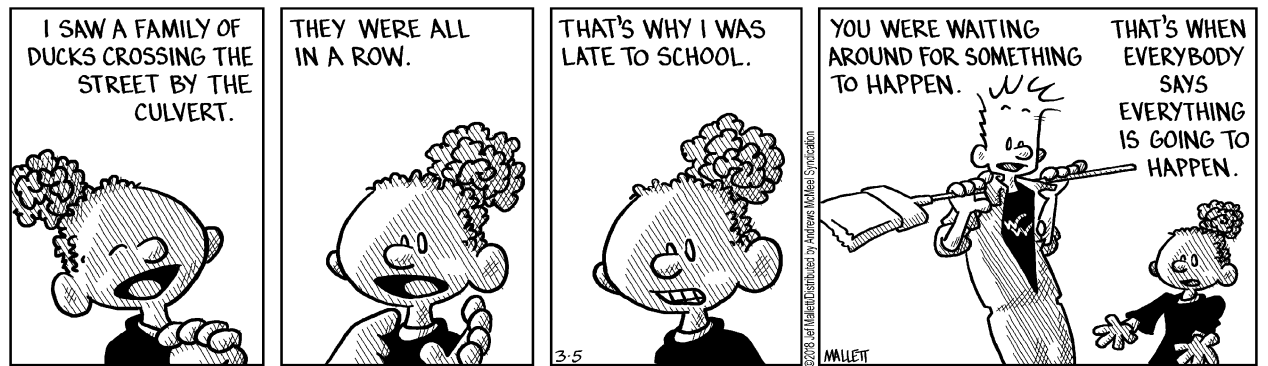
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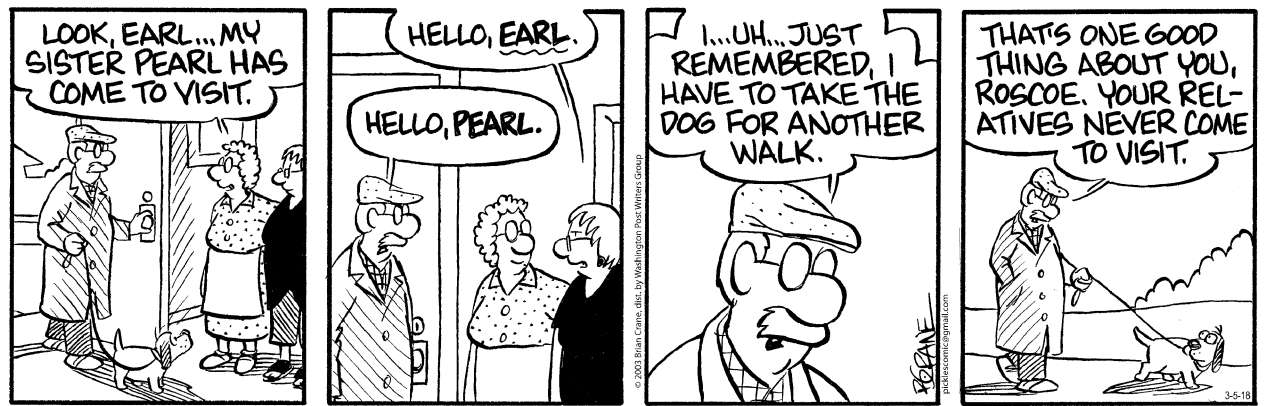
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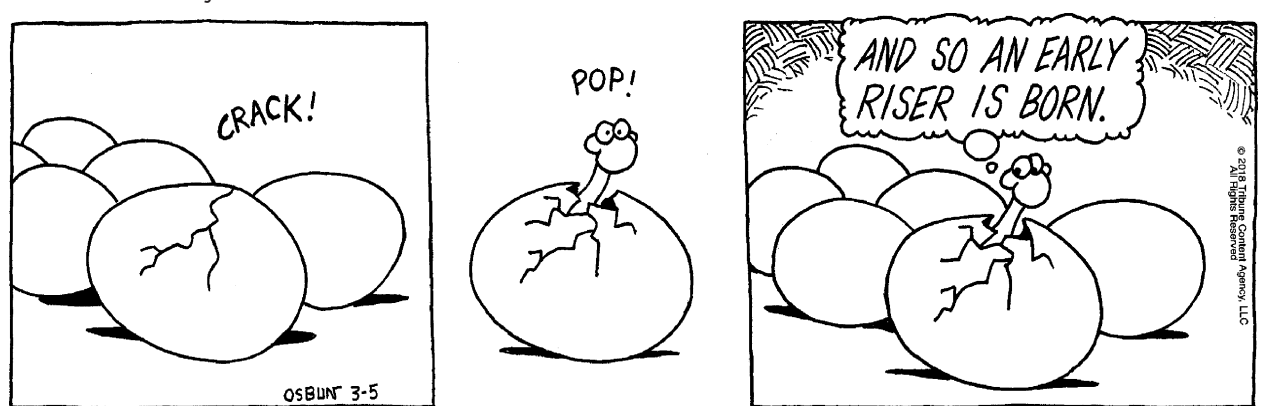
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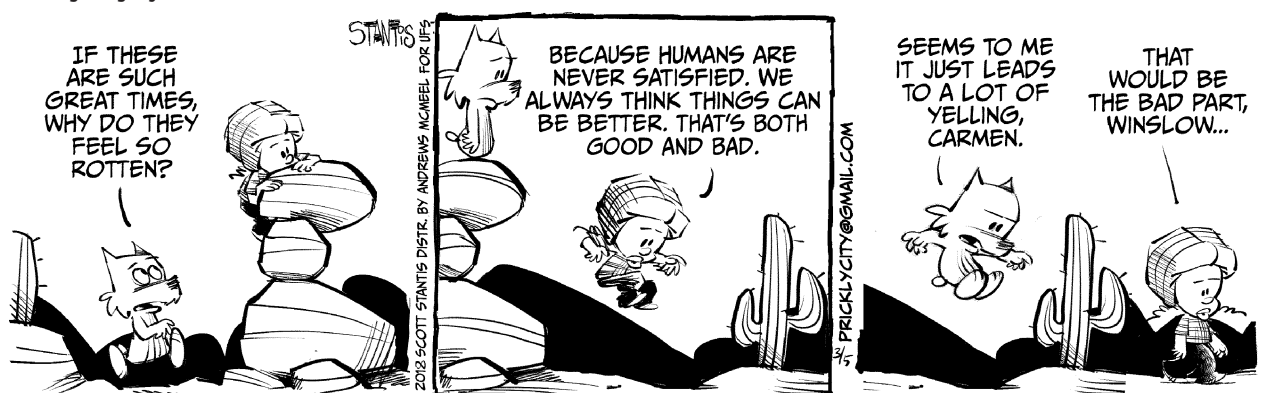
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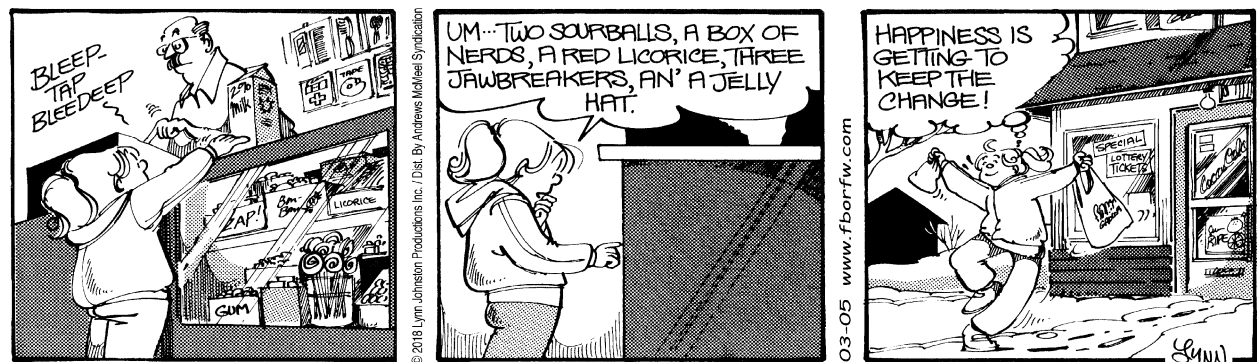


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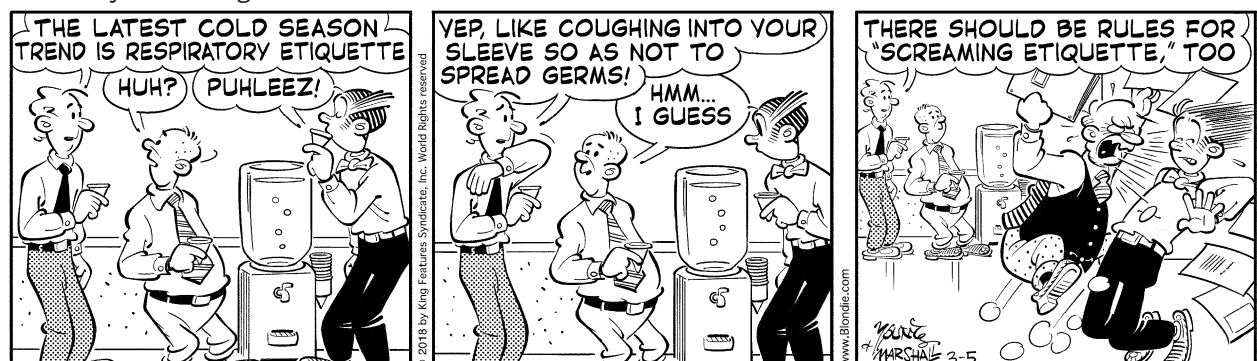
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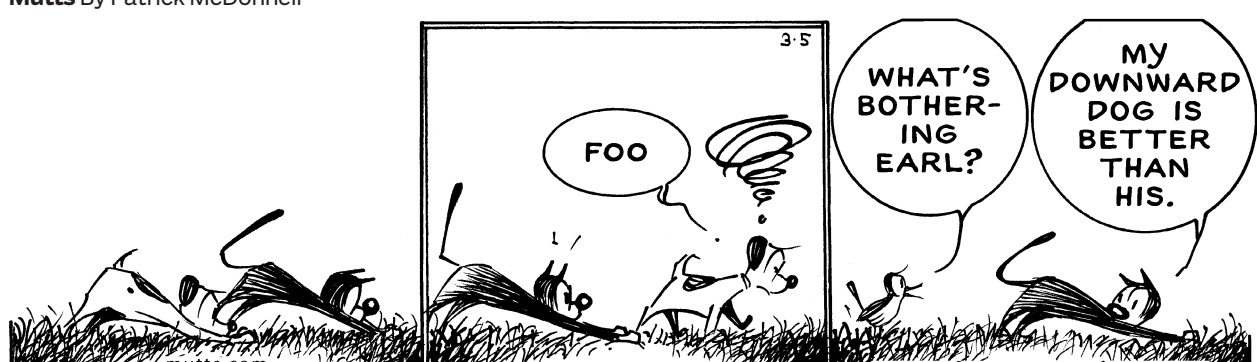
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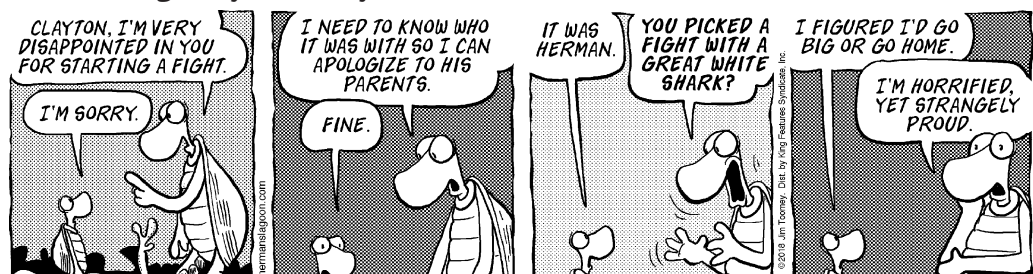
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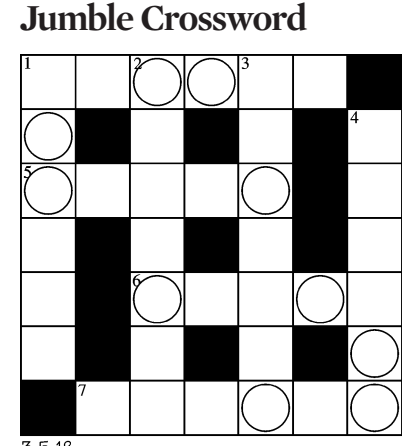
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Trivia Bits

Chris Partridge from "The Partridge Family" and Becky Conner from "Roseanne" have what in common?
 A) Oldest kids in their sitcom families
 B) Drummers in their family bands
 C) Role played by identical twins
 D) Role played by two unrelated performers
 Saturday's answer: Diane Ladd and Laura Dern.
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Jumble Crossword



CLUE ACROSS
 1. Blackjack
 5. Wanderer
 6. Registered
 7. Only just

CLUE DOWN
 1. Small boat
 2. Pungent gas
 3. Back
 4. Cure, solution

ANSWER ACROSS
 EADREL
 MDNAO
 RUESN
 AYLBER

ANSWER DOWN
 YINDGH
 IAANOMM
 SRONEED
 DREEMY

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.

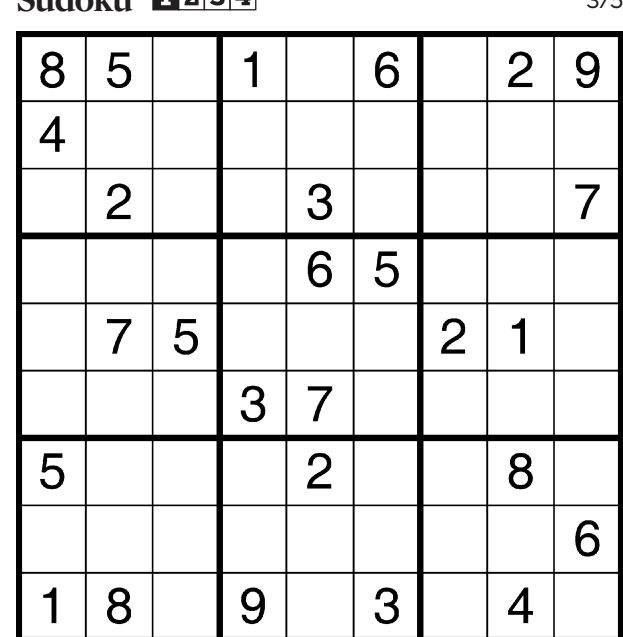
CLUE: This opened on July 17, 1955.

BONUS ○○○○○○○○○○○○○○○○○○○

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 ANSWERS: 1-A. Dealer 5-A. Normal 6-A. Nurse 7-A. Barty 12-B. Party 15-B. Party 19-B. Party 20-A. Normal 21-B. Party 22-B. Party 23-B. Party 24-B. Party 25-B. Party 26-B. Party 27-B. Party 28-B. Party 29-B. Party 30-B. Party 31-B. Party 32-B. Party 33-B. Party 34-B. Party 35-B. Party 36-B. Party 37-B. Party 38-B. Party 39-B. Party 40-B. Party 41-B. Party 42-B. Party 43-B. Party 44-B. Party 45-B. Party 46-B. Party 47-B. Party 48-B. Party 49-B. Party 50-B. Party 51-B. Party 52-B. Party 53-B. Party 54-B. Party 55-B. Party 56-B. Party 57-B. Party 58-B. Party 59-B. Party 60-B. Party 61-B. Party 62-B. Party 63-B. Party 64-B. Party 65-B. Party 66-B. Party 67-B. Party 68-B. Party 69-B. Party
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Sudoku 1 2 3 4

3/5



4	3	6	5	9	2	1	8	7
7	1	5	3	8	4	6	9	2
8	9	2	7	6	1	3	5	4
5	4	9	1	3	7	2	6	8
3	6	8	2	5	9	4	7	1
1	2	7	6	4	8	9	3	5
9	5	1	8	2	6	7	4	3
6	7	3	4	1	5	8	2	9
2	8	4	9	7	3	5	1	6

Complete the grid so each row, column and 3-by-3 box in bold borders contains every digit 1 to 9.
Saturday'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.

NIHTK
 ○○○○○

FARET
 ○○○○○

MOSTOH
 ○○○○○

GULJEG
 ○○○○○

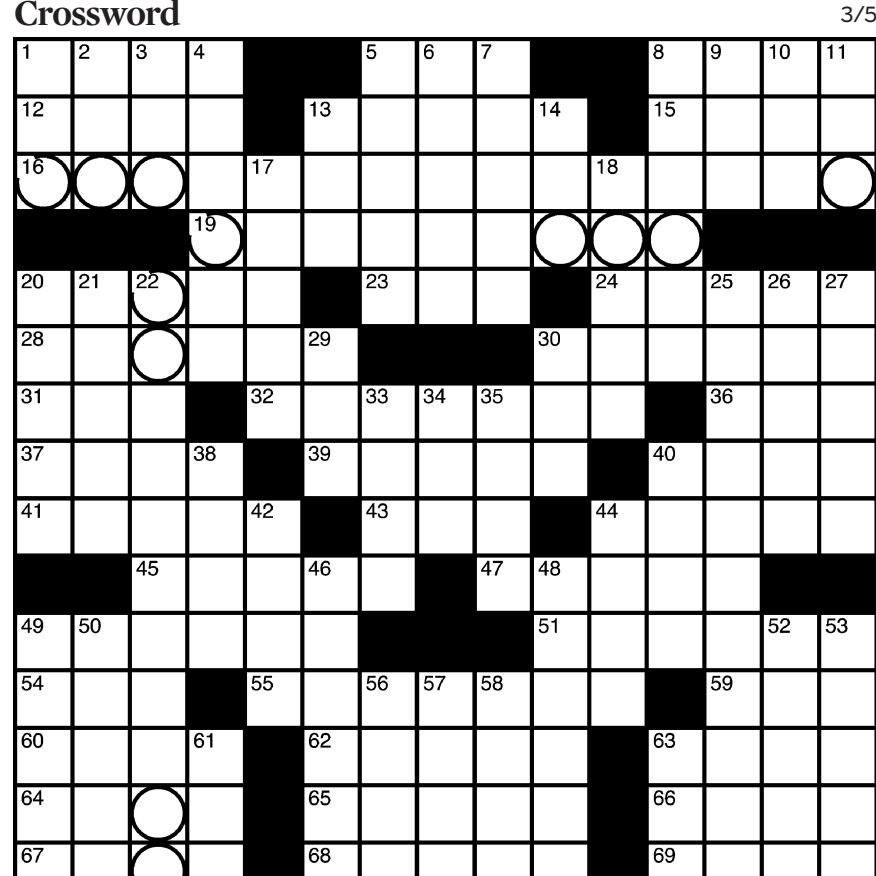
Check out the new, free JUST JUMBLE app.
 These coarse sheets will work best. How big is the table? It's about 36 square feet. Maybe more.
 HE WASN'T SURE HOW MUCH SANDPAPER HE'D NEED, BUT HE HAD A ---

Answer here
 ○○○○○ ○○○○○○○○○○○

Saturday's answers
 Jumbles: FRAUD AGILE PIGLET BUNKER
 Answer: The team was for sale for about \$800 million. The price was a — BALLPARK FIGURE
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Crossword

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Across
 1 The Bounty, e.g.
 5 Remote control targets
 8 Landowner's document
 12 Subtle glow
 13 Spruce oneself up
 15 Addresses with forward slashes
 16 *Kaput
 19 *Life in a breakfast bowl, say
 20 Move like a crab
 23 Often-stubbed digit
 24 Black Russian liquor
 28 Nivea competitor
 30 Invalidate, as a law
 31 Rapper _ Wayne
 32 Disney's title lamp rubber
 36 Sailor's agreement
 37 Stage designs
 39 Emulate flowers on a hot day
 40 Source of linen
 41 "Dilbert" creator Scott Elliott
 43 "Little Women" woman
 44 Spongy cake laced with rum
 45 Scammer's targets
 47 Step in a flight
 49 West Coast state
 51 Everglades waders
 54 Layer of eggs
 55 Target practice props
 59 "___ you awake?"
 60 Software test version
 62 "M*A*S*H" actor
 63 Body covering
 64 Racetrack shape
 65 Homer Simpson's wife
 66 Four-legged companions
 67 Give a holler
 68 In the future
 69 Gratis

Down
 1 Pathetic
 2 Tint
 3 Nest egg acronym
 4 Ping-Pong need
 5 Piece of land
 6 Instagram upload
 7 Messy campfire snack
 8 Firestone competitor
 9 Pitching stat with a decimal point
 10 Inventor Whitney
 11 Broadband option, for short
 13 Maj. for a future shrink
 14 "The 18-Down" poet
 17 Structure with skyboxes

Saturday's solution
 ALTIMACGRAW VALE
 BASESALARY ITEM
 BREAKRANKS CHAT
 EDEN DNG STALKS
 SORDID ORE
 SABINE DEPOSITS
 ONATEAR NUT SAL
 BIC ODE TMS UPI
 ETO REV EPIGRAM
 RANGTRUE HERESY
 MOW ENCASE
 AVALON OON NOME
 TINA AUTODEALER
 OBIS STEPLADDER
 MEAT TASTETESTS

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CHICAGO WEATHER CENTER

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MONDAY, MARCH 5 NORMAL HIGH: 42° NORMAL LOW: 26° RECORD HIGH: 75° (1983) RECORD LOW: 0° (1978)

Approaching system to bring late-season snow

LOCAL FORECAST

HIGH 42 **LOW** 33

■ Winter weather advisory along/north of I-88 Monday afternoon and evening.

■ Some filtered sun early with temps hovering at, or just above freezing.

■ SE winds build to 20-25 mph by afternoon.

■ Midday temps range from upper 30s near the lake, to low 40s across much of the city, and mid 40s south suburbs.

■ Clouds thicken as rain arrives toward the evening rush. Rain changes to wet snow during the evening, with accumulations of 2-4 inches possible from the city, north.

NATIONAL FORECAST



Satellite imagery late Sunday showed a large storm system moving onto the high Plains. In response, thunderstorms developed across parts of North Dakota and Minnesota. As this feature moves slowly southeast on Monday, it will develop a pool of colder air, changing rain to snow over a large portion of the Plains and upper Midwest. Blizzard warnings were posted for portions of the Dakotas, where snow totals may reach 15 inches, with winds as high as 55 mph. This storm is expected to begin impacting Chicago on Monday afternoon as a band of rain over-spreads the area. Rain is then forecast to change to wet snow as temperatures dip to the low and mid-30s during the evening commute. Bursts of snow Monday evening may leave as much as 4 inches of accumulation across northern portions of the metro area.

TUESDAY, MARCH 6

HIGH 43 **LOW** 28

Sunny areas fill with building clouds by late morning. Sporadic showers develop, mixing with or changing to snow showers. Temps peak in the low 40s midday. Light winds.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 7

HIGH 36 **LOW** 23

Morning flurries possible, then clouds decrease as low pressure shifts east. Colder. Temps slowly climb to the mid 30s. Partly cloudy, colder overnight. NW winds 15-25 mph.

THURSDAY, MARCH 8

HIGH 33 **LOW** 22

Sun punctuated by passing cloud patches. Rather brisk and continued cold. Temps run about 10 degrees below normal, only reaching the low-mid 30s. NW winds diminish late.

FRIDAY, MARCH 9

HIGH 41 **LOW** 30

Morning sun followed by increasing cloudiness. Not as cold, but daytime readings still run a few degrees below normal. Light winds become SE around 10 mph.

SATURDAY, MARCH 10

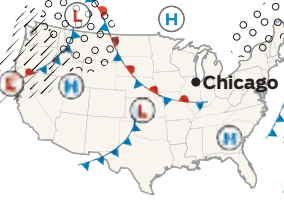
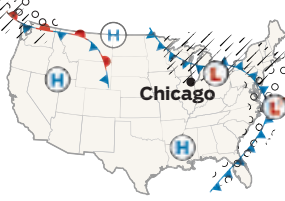
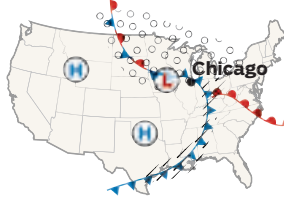
HIGH 44 **LOW** 33

Considerable cloudiness, though peeks of sun emerge at times. Seasonably chilly with highs in the mid 40s. E winds at 10-15 mph keep lakeside areas colder.

SUNDAY, MARCH 11

HIGH 37 **LOW** 28

A gray and blustery start to the day. Temps near freezing early only rise to the mid and upper 30s. Snow or snow showers possible. E-NE winds 15 to 25 mph add to the chill.



ASK TOM

Dear Tom,
I've heard some people describe this past winter's temperatures as "extreme." Would you agree?
— Dirk Peterson

Dear Dirk,
This winter's temperatures were not extreme, but rather highly variable, but rather highly variable, consistently flip-flopping between well above- and well below-normal temperature regimes. Overall, winter temperatures averaged about a half degree above normal, while logging a typical nine subzero days and a season's lowest reading of minus 9.

Through Christmas Eve, December was quite mild, averaging nearly five degrees above normal, but then cold weather set in, with temperatures averaging more than 18 degrees below normal through Jan. 7. Readings the rest of January fluctuated between well above and well below normal, with the last two weeks nearly 11 degrees above normal. February followed suit.

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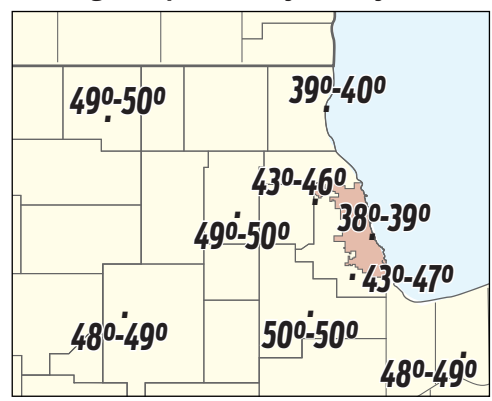
WGN-TV meteorologists Steve Kahn, Richard Koehneman, Paul Merzlock and Paul Dailey, plus Bill Snyder, contribute to this page.

Hear Tom Skilling's weather updates weekdays 3 to 6 p.m. on WGN-AM 720 Chicago.



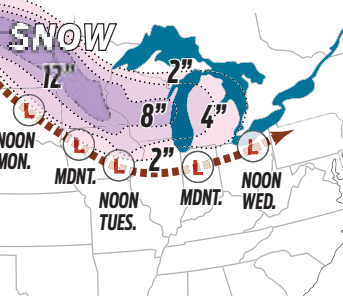
Sluggish system to bring late-season bout of wintry weather

WINDS OFF LAKE PUT DAMPER ON WEEKEND WARMUP
Area high temps Saturday-Sunday



SOURCES: Frank Wachowski, National Weather Service archives

SNOW-MAKER TO IMPACT AREA WEATHER INTO MIDWEEK
Forecast path and snowfall
Monday through Wednesday



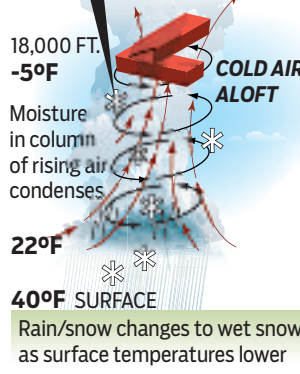
SNOWFALL FORECAST
Monday night and Tuesday
A change to wet snow expected early Monday evening

3-5" Milwaukee
2-4" Joliet
1-2" Joliet
<1" Joliet

MONDAY NIGHT/TUESDAY
Evolving upper-level low to bring unsettled weather

Winds to converge into area of low pressure as "warmer" low-level air rises

Temperatures aloft are cold enough to produce snow



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CHICAGO DIGEST

SUNDAY TEMPERATURES

LOCATION	HI	LO	LOCATION	HI	LO
Aurora	50	30	Midway	47	32
Gary	50	30	O'Hare	46	32
Kankakee	48	30	Romeoville	50	31
Lakefront	39	34	Valparaiso	49	26
Lansing	47	29	Waukegan	40	33

CHICAGO PRECIPITATION

PERIOD	2018	NORMAL
Sun. (through 6 p.m.)	0.00"	0.08"
Month to date	0.81"	0.31"
Year to date	3.83"	3.83"

CHICAGO SNOWFALL

PERIOD	O'HARE	MIDWAY
Sunday	0.0"	0.0"
Season to date	30.3"	32.7"
Normal to date	30.9"	31.7"

LAKE MICHIGAN CONDITIONS

	MONDAY	TUESDAY
Wind	SE 30 kts.	SE-E 10-15 kts.
Waves	4-6 feet	2-4 feet
Sun. shore/crib water temps	40°/38°	

U.S. SNOW COVER

MARCH 4	2018	2017
Area covered by snow	33.4%	25.6%
Average snow depth	5.3"	4.9"

TRACKING THE COLD

SINCE OCT. 15	O'HARE	MIDWAY
Sun-32° highs	37 days	35 days
Subzero lows	9 days	6 days

CHICAGO AIR QUALITY

Sunday reading	Moderate
Monday forecast	Moderate
Critical pollutant	Particulates

MOON RISE/SET TIMES

SUN	6:19 a.m.	5:46 p.m.
MOON	9:59 a.m.	8:33 a.m.

3RD Q NEW 1ST Q FULL
March 9 March 17 March 24 March 31

MONDAY PLANET WATCH

PLANET	RISE	SET
Mercury	6:52 a.m.	6:56 p.m.
Venus	6:57 a.m.	6:50 p.m.
Mars	1:53 a.m.	11:01 a.m.
Jupiter	11:21 p.m.	9:20 a.m.
Saturn	2:54 a.m.	12:07 p.m.

BEST VIEWING TIME DIRECTION

Mercury	6:30 p.m.	4.5° W
Venus	6:30 p.m.	3.5° W
Mars	5:30 a.m.	24° SSE
Jupiter	4:30 a.m.	30.5° S
Saturn	5:30 a.m.	20° SSE

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