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Trump steps up Twitter attacks

President lashes out at Mueller, others, draws Republican warning

BY LAURA KING
Washington Bureau

WASHINGTON — President Donald Trump stepped up his attacks against Robert Mueller on Sunday even as some Republican allies cautioned the president against any move to fire the special counsel, who is carrying out a broad investigation arising from Russian interference in the U.S. presidential election.

Tensions over the Mueller probe gained intensity from the firing late Friday night of Andrew McCabe, the former deputy director of the FBI. Attorney General Jeff Sessions fired McCabe just hours before he would have qualified for the full government pension given to law enforcement officers.

Trump, who had targeted McCabe, publicly cheered his removal.

McCabe is expected to be a significant witness in the Mueller investigation. News reports said that he kept notes about his encounters with Trump as well as memos about his conversations with fired FBI Director James Comey. Mueller's investigators have asked questions of witnesses that suggest they are looking at whether Trump's firing of Comey was part of an effort to obstruct justice.

According to Justice Department officials, internal FBI overseers recommended that McCabe be fired over a matter unrelated to the Mueller probe — his handling of information about the FBI's investigation of allegations against Hillary Clinton.

But Sessions' decision to dismiss him, and the speed with which that happened, quickly became a talking point for both critics and defenders of the president in the context of the Russia investigation.

The president, who spent a sunny Sunday at his golf property in Virginia, began the day with a series of caustic early morning tweets aimed at McCabe, Comey and Mueller.

One expressed doubts concerning whether McCabe had indeed documented details about their conversations. Trump tweeted that McCabe "never took notes when he was with me" and added that the memos were probably written at a later date "to help his own agenda."

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HEROES' WELCOME

The Loyola men's basketball team on Thursday will make its first NCAA tournament Sweet 16 appearance since 1985. Above, guard Clayton Custer and his teammates are greeted by fans in their return to campus on Sunday. Basketball and religion go hand in hand at the Ramblers' Rogers Park campus. Read how that faith and faith in each other drive the players and coach. **David Haugh, Chicago Sports**

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Big Ten upset: No. 3 seed Michigan State is stunned by No. 11 Syracuse 55-53.



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Loyola's next foe: No. 7 Nevada will play Loyola after defeating No. 2 Cincinnati.



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Another No. 1 falls: No. 9 Florida State topples No. 1 Xavier 75-70.

State House race test of Burke clan's dominance

'Chuy' Garcia hopes to lessen family's power in Springfield, Chicago

BY BILL RUTHHART
Chicago Tribune

On a recent evening, state Rep. Dan Burke stood in the sun-kissed living room of Mary Anne Turner's brick bungalow on South Mulligan Street and listened for 19 minutes as the longtime resident described a rat infestation on her block.

For the first time, she won't be planting peppers and tomatoes this year. She's wary of letting her two aging terriers roam outside. And the neighbors stopped letting their kids play in the backyard baby pool last summer.

"The focus is, of course, on all of you right now. It should be. It's prime time. But the question is, 'What is going to happen after the election?'" Turner asked Burke. "These rats are out of control here, and you know what? We don't ask for anything. I have to tell you: Even though I have voted for you every year for forever, this is the first time I've put your name out front in the yard. I'm desperate to get this fixed."

"Oh, how kind of you," Burke replied, cracking a smile. "Maybe the sign will scare the rats away."

The 66-year-old throwback politician's patience reflects an electoral reality: Burke may need every vote he can muster to hold off Aaron Ortiz, a 26-year-old challenger backed by Cook County Commissioner Jesus "Chuy" Garcia in a Southwest Side turf battle that could mark the

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TV ad tab in governor primaries tops \$65M as voter verdict nears

BY RICK PEARSON,
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Chicago Tribune

Like Chicago's downtown on St. Patrick's Day weekend, a river of green has flowed through TV sets ahead of Tuesday's primary vote, as governor candidates have spent tens of millions of dollars on advertising during the long campaign.

The frenzied final weekend of in-person campaigning supplements the nearly \$65.7 mil-

lion spent by governor candidates and interest groups on TV commercials so far. The contest could become the most expensive race to be Illinois' chief executive in state history.

That TV spending total — in just the primary — is more than the record \$65.3 million Republican Gov. Bruce Rauner spent on his entire 2014 campaign.

Democratic candidate J.B. Pritzker, a billionaire heir to the Hyatt hotel fortune who has put a record \$69.5 million into his bid, has spent nearly \$33.5

million on TV advertising, according to a study by Advertising Analytics for NBC News. He has used the spots to try to introduce himself to voters in his first statewide campaign and attack his lesser-funded opponents.

Asked on Sunday how much more money he would be willing to spend should he win the Democratic nomination, Pritzker said he wasn't sure but that "whatever it is, I would say

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CTA's ghosts haunt Obama center

This section of the Green Line at Ellis Avenue and 63rd Street, shown in 1996, was falling apart. That was part of the reason the decision was made to tear down a stretch of the "L" line in 1997. In hindsight, it seems to be a head-scratching move. That line today would lead to the area where the Obama center will be built. Read more in Mary Wisniewski's "Getting Around" column. **Chicagoland**, Page 3

Another term for Putin as many skip voting in Russia

Vladimir Putin rolled easily to re-election victory Sunday for six more years as Russia's president, and he told cheering supporters in a triumphant but brief speech that "we are bound for success." There had been no doubt that Putin would win in his fourth contest; he faced seven minor candidates, and his most prominent foe was blocked from the ballot. **Nation & World**, Page 6

South by Southwest a display of diversity in crowds, on stage

At this year's South by Southwest Music Festival, female artists, artists of color, outsiders from every corner of the world — from Africa and Poland to Jordan and Russia — filled the crowded bars and clubs of the Texas capital with dissenting guitars, empowered voices and raised fists. **A+E**

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Former chief strategist Steve Bannon, from left, national security adviser H.R. McMaster and former White House chief of staff Reince Priebus all drew the ire of President Donald Trump. McMaster may soon be shown the door.

The real job description to work for Trump: Blind loyalty



DAHLEEN GLANTON

Due to reasons beyond any rational person's control, several high-ranking jobs recently have become available in Washington.

In just 15 months, a steady procession of high-profile government employees has gone out the door of the White House.

Steve Bannon, Omarosa Manigault and Anthony Scaramucci — people Donald Trump used to actually like — were tossed out by his housekeepers.

But this time around, Trump is doing his own housecleaning. And he's getting rid of some sturdy pieces of his Cabinet and anyone else who gets in his way.

He kicked out Secretary of State Rex Tillerson last Tuesday. Three days later, he got rid of FBI Deputy Director Andrew McCabe.

There are reports that H.R. McMaster, the national security adviser appointed when disgraced Michael Flynn was forced to step down, may soon leave. Attorney General Jeff Sessions also appears to be on shaky ground, and even John Kelly, who was hired as chief of staff after Reince Priebus was ousted, could be facing some uncertainty.

Trump says he's getting closer to having the Cabinet and other things he wants. And he has made it clear that he's looking for replacements who are on his same "wavelength."

The president doesn't need to waste time writing job descriptions. He knows exactly what he's looking for in an employee. He only wants people who are willing to abandon all common sense and make fools of themselves in order to make him seem smart.

In other words, he is looking for egomaniacs, enablers and liars.

The White House wants a few loyal men, specifically white men who think like Trump. But more importantly, it wants "yes" men.

Trump wants a national security adviser who will stand with him in support of Russian President Vladimir Putin, no matter how many elections he interferes with or how many ex-spies he has likely had poisoned.

He wants an attorney general who is willing to pull out his sword when the special counsel's investigation into Russian meddling appears to be getting closer to the president and cut it off at the knees.

He wants men who not only will disregard facts but are ruthless enough to look the American people in the eye and tell us that the sky is red when we can see that it is blue.

Trump is looking for men who appear to be sturdy on the outside but turn into jelly when he enters the room. He wants men who will hold their tongues and insist that he is right even when they are sure he is wrong.

He wants men he can trust to follow him blindly as he leads the country down a path of destruction. He wants men willing to sell their souls for brief stints of power — because no one who joins Trump's administration can survive for long.

He wants men who will stroke his ego when the media get too tough. And when he picks up his phone at 5:42 a.m. and starts ranting on Twitter about Alec Baldwin's portrayal of him on "Saturday Night Live," he isn't looking for a chief of staff who will threaten to take his phone away. He wants someone who might actually be inclined to "like" his tweet.

There's no need to go scrolling through the whitehouse.gov website looking for specific job postings. You'd be wasting your time. But if someone in the White House decided to go rogue and be honest for a change, here's what they might say about the recent opening for a new secretary of

state: This job requires skillful diplomacy, not so much in working with foreign nations but more so in dealing with our own commander in chief. The man who takes this job must be prepared to travel abroad and speak on behalf of the president, even though the president is back at home undermining his every move.

He must be willing to go along with the president's reckless plan to dismantle the deal to keep nuclear weapons out of the hands of Iran, because it was negotiated during the administration of Barack Obama, a man he vehemently detests.

He must act as though Trump's idea to impose stiff tariffs on some goods imported from countries like China and Canada is a great idea, even though it could start a trade war that might upset the global economy.

But most importantly, the new secretary of state must be disciplined enough to keep his personal thoughts about the president to himself. Even if he thinks Trump is a moron, he must be willing to swallow his pride and go in front of television cameras and declare, "He loves his country. He puts Americans and America first. He's smart."

And if that's not humiliating enough, he must be willing to hold his head up high when he learns via a tweet that he's been fired.

Trump thinks that Tillerson would be "much happier" leaving the State Department. No doubt, he's right about that.

There are plenty of Americans who are unhappy with the job Tillerson and conservative hard-liners like Sessions have been doing. But let's not start jumping for joy before we know for certain who ends up landing in all of those vacated slots.

God help America if Trump succeeds in getting a Cabinet that's entirely on his same "wavelength."

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Ghost of 'L' branch haunts Obama center

Track teardown in 1997 has left area with no 'L' service



MARY WISNIEWSKI
Getting Around

When the Obama Presidential Center opens in about three years, visitors will be able to get to it by car, Metra, bike or bus, but not by that most iconic form of Chicago transportation — the “L.”

That's because a Green Line branch that would have led right to the center was torn down in 1997, after some community leaders complained that it was hurting development.

It is one of those Chicago decisions — like the selling of the city's parking meter franchise — that leaves posterity scratching its head.

“It would have been so great ...” said Arthur Lyons, director of the Center for Economic Policy Analysis, which had done research in support of keeping the branch. “It was always our view that it would have helped development in that corridor.”

The controversial razing of a nearly mile-long branch of the Green Line along 63rd Street was the most recent of more than half a dozen “L” branch losses since the Chicago Transit Authority's creation in 1947 out of private transit companies.

The 1950s teardowns

Other branches were knocked down in the 1950s because of changes in the system, low ridership and redundancy with streetcar and bus routes.

“The CTA was under a lot of pressure basically to reduce costs and improve productivity,” said Graham Garfield, CTA general manager of customer information who also acts as agency historian. “That meant in some cases trimming light-ridership services.”

Departed branches of what is now the Blue Line include the Humboldt Park branch, which ran from just northwest of the Damen stop west to Lawndale Avenue, and the Westchester branch, which began in suburban Forest Park and ran west along what is now the Illinois Prairie Path through suburban Maywood and Bellwood, then south to Westchester. One of the branches ran from what is now the western terminus of the Pink Line at 54th Avenue and Cermak Road west to Oak Park Avenue and Cermak in Berwyn.

Another now-gone “L” branch of what is known today as the Blue Line stretched along Paulina Street, from an area southeast of the North Avenue and Damen Street stop south to Lake Street, where riders could transfer to trains downtown. The Paulina section was knocked down after the city dug a subway north-west to Division.

Defunct Green Line branches included the Normal Park branch, which



The Green Line ends near 63rd Street and Maryland Avenue. A torn-down branch could have served the Obama center.



Workers tear down the Humboldt Park “L” branch, which ran from near the Damen stop west to Lawndale Avenue.

stretched south from the old Chicago Normal College in the Englewood neighborhood; another branch to the Stock Yards; and the Kenwood branch, which started at Indiana and went east toward the lake, Garfield said.

Though the CTA bought most of the assets of the private transit companies, it did not own four of the branches it decided to eliminate and had to pay rent and operating costs for, without a government subsidy, Garfield said. The agency also was adjusting to an automobile-oriented decade, with expressways going up and the suburbs growing.

A route from the city to Skokie was closed in 1948 and later brought back as what is now the Yellow Line.

Of the branches that closed in the '50s, Humboldt Park had the best ridership, Garfield said. Its closing drew complaints from area residents, and it might have done well now, considering the real estate boom in the West Town neighborhood.

“I think the decision was made that the ridership did not support the cost of operating a separate branch when you had the North Avenue bus half a block south,” said Garfield. He said that when transit was privately owned, streetcars and the “L” competed for business, while the CTA wanted everything to work

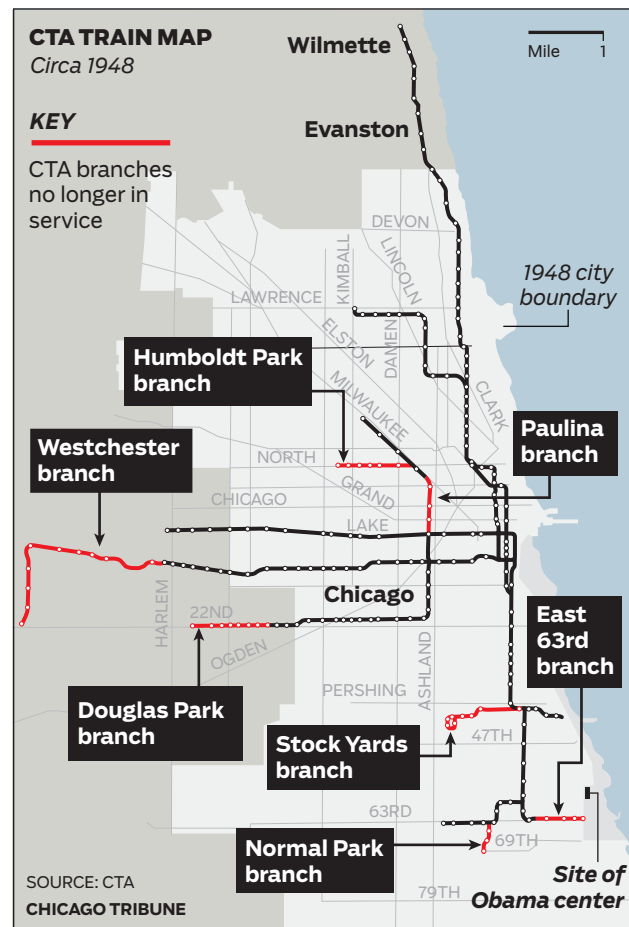
together.

Green Line history

The 1997 razing of the Green Line that ran from Cottage Grove to University Avenue has a complicated story. The line originally went to Jackson Park to carry visitors to the 1893 World's Columbian Exposition. After the fair closed, the line was cut to end at Stony Island Avenue, Garfield said.

In the early 1980s, during a routine inspection, the bridge that carried the “L” over the Illinois Central railroad was found to be structurally deficient, and service was suspended on the Green Line branch while the city and the CTA decided what to do, Garfield said. A new bridge would have been expensive, and the city decided to restore service just to University, with a plan to eventually re-extend it to Dorchester Avenue.

The entire Green Line was closed for rehabilitation from 1994 until 1996. When the line reopened, the part east of Cottage Grove remained closed, waiting for repairs. Some South Side community leaders, including the late Bishop Arthur Brazier, pastor of the Apostolic Church of God, and the Rev. Leon Finney Jr., chairman of the Woodlawn Organization, wanted the structure torn down.



Supporters of demolition argued that it interfered with development by darkening the street beneath and contributing to a perception of crime.

After a hearing and other public comment, city officials told the Federal Transit Administration that most residents favored demolition. Activists who opposed demolition charged that survey numbers were phony and that the community's wishes were being ignored.

“They misrepresented the data,” Lyons said. Opponents also charged that the teardown plan was designed to permit the Apostolic Church's and Brazier's continued purchase of city-owned parcels along 63rd. Finney's nonprofit also had property along 63rd.

“They (Brazier and Finney) wanted to suburbanize Woodlawn — they didn't want to have typical urban-type housing in Woodlawn,” said Jacky Grimshaw, vice president for governmental affairs at the Center for Neighborhood Technology, which had opposed the razing.

CTA spokesman Stephen Mayberry said the CTA decided to raze the branch based on a number of factors, including declining ridership and “strong community support.” Workers

with blowtorches started bringing down the steel structure in September 1997.

The Tribune reported last year that much of the land acquired by Brazier's and Finney's entities was undeveloped or used for parking, though a couple of blocks of single-family homes were built. Preservation of Affordable Housing, or POAH, a Boston-based affordable housing nonprofit organization, is now putting up new residential and retail development around the Cottage Grove station, which the CTA is planning to improve.

Brazier's son, the Rev. Byron Brazier, the Apostolic Church pastor, had no regrets when he spoke to the Tribune last year — he said the tracks were a barrier to development and that the single-family homes built along 63rd were a way to “build community wealth and make things better for individual families.”

Brazier said last week in a statement that the Green Line should be improved beginning at the Martin Luther King Jr. Drive station to the Cottage Grove station in order to support all of Woodlawn.

“Only enhancing Cottage Grove is insufficient for community growth and

development,” said Brazier, who added that he has spoken to city officials about the matter.

Finney did not respond to requests for comment.

Grimshaw, who was on the CTA board between 2009 and 2015, said the razing of an “L” branch would be more difficult today, since more people are aware of the value of transit-oriented development, which means putting high-density retail and residential buildings near transit. She said it also would be harder to ignore community wishes.

Mayberry said the CTA has no plans to rebuild the branch but noted that the agency has enhanced the “L” in other ways, through new and rehabbed stations and signal and track work. A massive Red-Purple Line modernization project is planned, and the agency has picked a route for an extension of the Red Line from 95th Street to 130th Street.

There is other public transit to the planned presidential center — Metra is designing the rehabilitation of the 59th Street station, which will include adding elevators and reopening the 60th Street entrance, said Metra spokesman Michael Gillis.

The cost of a Metra ride from downtown to 59th is \$4 — \$1.50 more than the “L.”

It's better than no train at all.

BNSF schedule change

Metra has to make changes to its Burlington Northern Santa Fe schedule this summer, after it implements new train safety technology on the line to Aurora.

The commuter railroad's busiest line will be the first to have Positive Train Control, a federally mandated technology designed to automatically stop a train to avoid danger if an engineer fails to do so. But operating with PTC means a train will need a little more time to “flip” or get ready before it can leave downtown for a return trip to the suburbs, said spokesman Gillis.

Gillis said trains can usually flip in about 10 minutes, but additional data entry required by PTC means it will take 12-15 minutes. So a new schedule is needed. BNSF riders can see the proposed weekday schedule at www.metra.com, on trains and at Union Station this week, and provide feedback until April 15 at BNSFservice2018@metrarr.com

Transportation song quiz

Last week's quiz asked for a song about offering a girl cookies and a ride, performed by a band known for its melancholy psychedelic hits. The song is “Bike” by Pink Floyd. Paul Lockwood of Woodstock was first with the right answer.

There are lots of songs about racy automobiles, but this 1988 ballad is about a different need for speed — the desire to escape to anyplace better. Name the song and the singer. The winner gets a Tribune notebook, and glory.

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McCarthy to announce mayoral run this week, source says

BY JOHN BYRNE
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Former Chicago police Superintendent Garry McCarthy plans to announce this week that he will run for mayor in 2019, a source close to his campaign said.

The announcement making it official will come via a video, the source said. The former top cop has been inching toward entering

politics for months. Mayor Rahm Emanuel fired McCarthy in the wake of the Laquan McDonald shooting video going public in late 2015.

McCarthy declined to comment Friday, and his campaign exploratory committee released a statement on his behalf Friday that stopped short of confirming he would run.

“It's no secret that for the last several months literally

thousands of Chicagoans have asked me to run for mayor,” the statement said.

“I have taken those calls to heart because I know the city is badly in need of genuine leadership and real change,” it reads. “At some point next week I will be making my final decision and sharing that with my supporters and the citizens of Chicago.”

Last month, McCarthy held a fundraiser for his

potential mayoral bid, calling Chicago “a mess” and noting that shootings have surged in the city since his departure.

“We've got problems in this city we haven't seen for 30, 40 years,” McCarthy told supporters at the Irish American Heritage Center on the Northwest Side. “The crime rate is out of control. The economy of the city is horrible. The taxes are through the roof. Our

education system needs a lot of help. And the way we do business in the city, as I like to say, the acceptable political practices in the city of Chicago are unacceptable.”

Emanuel already has said he'll seek a third term in the February 2019 election. Among potential challengers, Chicago principals association president Troy LaRaviere has launched a campaign, and business-

man Willie Wilson has said he'll run again. Former Chicago Public Schools CEO Paul Vallas and Cook County Commissioner Bridget Gainer have said they are considering a run.

Voters will have a better picture of who's in and who's out when candidate filing takes place in late November.

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Garcia supporting Rep. Burke's challenger

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start of a serious threat to the Burke family political dynasty.

Burke's brother, Ald. Edward Burke, has controlled the 14th Ward as committeeman for 50 years. He's been the alderman for 49 years. He took over both positions after his father, Joseph Burke, died of lung cancer after serving 15 years as alderman.

Over the years, Ed Burke has built one of the strongest ward organizations the city has ever seen. As Chicago's undisputed most powerful alderman, he has controlled the Finance Committee — and City Hall's purse strings — for decades.

He is the longest-serving alderman in Chicago's 180-year history.

But in the 65 years that the Burke family has run its political machine, the Southwest Side has changed dramatically.

A bungalow belt once made up of Polish, Lithuanian and other Eastern European white ethnics made way for a Mexican-American and immigrant population. Despite the demographic changes, Ed Burke has retained an ironclad command of the ward, running virtually unopposed election after election.

Garcia wants to loosen that grip.

Enjoying newfound recognition after forcing Mayor Rahm Emanuel into a 2015 runoff, Garcia now is the front-runner for a congressional seat being vacated by retiring U.S. Rep. Luis Guterrez.

As Garcia has campaigned for Congress, he also has taken aim at Ed Burke, highlighting the alderman's work to help Republican President Donald Trump reduce tax bills on his downtown skyscraper. The move seeks to capitalize on the deep disdain Latinos have for the president.

Garcia dominated Emanuel in Burke's ward, winning 64 percent of the vote. This time Garcia is hoping his coattails are big enough to carry Ortiz, a high school counselor, to victory over Dan Burke for the Illinois House 1st District seat.

"The 2015 race was a significant awakening of the Latino community. It raised awareness, and I think there is an enthusiasm for new leadership," Garcia said in an interview at his Archer Avenue campaign office where a "Fire Rahm" sign is still taped to the front door. "They are yearning to have their voice heard and their vote respected."

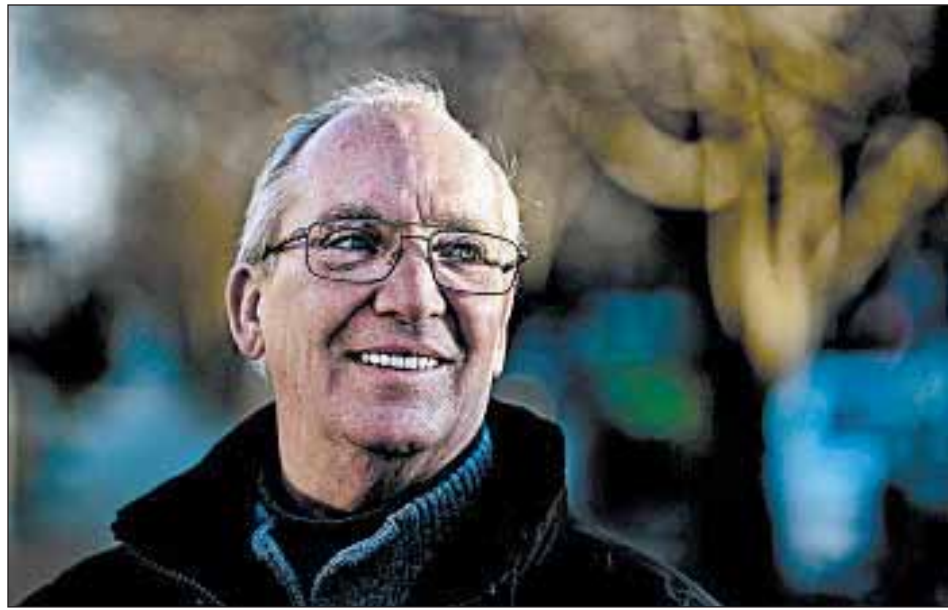
Dan Burke dismissed accusations that he can't relate to Latino residents and said he should be judged on his own record — not his brother's.

"I'm kind of a unique character in that I don't look like my constituency for the most part, but I certainly want to feel like them and I certainly have to understand what their needs and concerns are," Burke said. "And I do a damn good job bringing those issues to the state legislature."



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Aaron Ortiz, center, a candidate for the 1st District seat in the Illinois House, takes photos with volunteers before a neighborhood canvass March 10.



Chris Sweda/Chicago Tribune

State Rep. Dan Burke, brother of Ald. Edward Burke, has been in office for 27 years.



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Alejandro Aleman, right, expressed his support for Ortiz after learning the candidate backs a \$15 minimum wage.

Out of touch?

The Burkes rarely face a credible ballot threat.

Dan Burke said he's had only two real challenges during his 27 years as a state lawmaker. Ed Burke has run unopposed in 10 out of his last 11 elections for alderman and has never received less than 70 percent of the vote.

Ed Burke did not respond to interview requests. A source close to the 74-year-old alderman, though, con-

firmed Burke is concerned that if his brother were to lose his statehouse seat, Garcia will come after his City Council seat next. After a recent City Club of Chicago speech commemorating his 50 years in politics, the alderman ignored a reporter's question about whether he's worried his brother could lose.

His wife, Illinois Supreme Court Justice Anne Burke, did answer the question: "Absolutely not."

When Dan Burke was

first elected in 1990, the district was mostly made up of white ethnic voters. Then it was redrawn to become predominantly African-American, including Englewood. More recently it has been one of the state's most Latino districts.

The lawmaker said political insiders doubted he'd survive representing Englewood because of his brother's role as a chief antagonist to Harold Washington, the city's first black mayor. Dan Burke said he managed to hang around by listening to voters and passing legislation aimed at helping them. The same, he said, has been true with Latino voters.

But Garcia and Ortiz charge that Burke has survived by suppressing the voices of minorities and is rarely available to Latino constituents.

"I think as an elected official, you need to be visible and accessible," Ortiz said in an interview. "It's the one thing the Burkes haven't been doing at all."

This contest isn't the first time Garcia has taken aim at

the Burkes. In 2010, Rudy Lozano Jr., son of the late legendary Mexican-American union organizer, ran against Dan Burke, who eked out a win with 51 percent of the vote. This time, instead of a four-way contest, it's a one-on-one battle.

After that close call eight years ago, House Speaker Michael Madigan and Democrats who control the legislature redrew Burke's district to exclude the heavily Mexican-American Little Village neighborhood and to take in nearly all of the 14th Ward.

The district went from being 82 percent Latino to 68 percent, but it's still Illinois' second-most-Hispanic House seat. It was an advantageous change that Dan Burke — with a straight face — called "the luck of the draw."

This time Garcia is backing Ortiz, who studied urban planning at the University of Illinois and works as a counselor at Back of the Yards College Prep. He is the son of Mexican immigrants — his father works at a cold storage plant and his mother is a former lunch lady.

As he was growing up in Gage Park, Ortiz said, the Burkes didn't interact with residents in his neighborhood.

"The last time I ever saw Ed Burke directly be part of the community — and I didn't even meet him — was when I first started playing soccer at 6 years old, they gave us T-shirts with the Burke name on the back," Ortiz said.

Dan Burke calls accusations that he's out of touch with the district "absurd." He notes that he co-founded the Latino Caucus in Springfield and passed legislation allowing access to religious advisers for immigrants who are detained.

He also pointed to his co-sponsorship of the Illinois Dream Act that protects immigrant rights and said the ward office at 51st Street and Washtenaw Avenue is always accessible.

"I share space with my brother. He has a staff of five people out there," Dan Burke said. "If you can't find me, you're blind, deaf and dumb."

'The highest insult'

Burke has spent much of the race fending off attempts to tie him to Trump via his brother.

Ortiz's campaign flyers include a photo of a smiling Ed Burke seated next to Trump at a 2015 City Club event and refer to a Sun-Times report of how the alderman has saved the real estate tycoon-turned-president millions of dollars by challenging Trump Tower Chicago property tax bills.

"That is the highest insult if you consider when Donald Trump announced his candidacy for the presidency, he specifically attacked the Mexican-American community," Garcia said. "You continued to entrench yourself, you continue to become extremely wealthy while disregarding your community and their dignity. That is what this is about."

The alderman has declined to answer questions about whether he still represents Trump. Asked about the Trump attacks, Dan Burke shakes his head.

"I would suggest that if Mr. Ortiz wanted to run for alderman, he should have filed to run for alderman," the lawmaker said. "And to use my brother, who Mr. 'Chuy' Garcia has identified as his target, that he wants to take down Ald. Burke and

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Candidates urge voters to go to polls

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Illinois is worth it."

Rauner, a wealthy private equity investor who pumped \$50 million into his re-election campaign back in December 2016, has spent \$16.5 million on TV so far — assailing both Pritzker and his Republican primary challenger, state Rep. Jeanne Ives of Wheaton.

Of the remaining money, nearly \$4.5 million has been spent by Democratic contender Daniel Biss, a state senator from Evanston, \$2.8 million by rival Chris Kennedy, a businessman from Kenilworth, and another \$2.8 million by Ives, the study said.

In addition to ads from the candidates, outside groups have paid big to oppose and support candidates. And there's nearly a half-million dollars pumped into TV ads from the Democratic Governors Association that attack — but serve to reinforce —

Ives' conservative credentials and criticize Rauner.

The governor and the Illinois Republican Party he funds decry the DGA move as an assist to Ives. It comes as the governor spent months seeking to link Pritzker to Democratic House Speaker Michael Madigan and imprisoned former Gov. Rod Blagojevich, before turning his focus on Ives as the primary drew closer.

"What the Democrat Governors Association is doing is promoting Ives. They want Ives to win because they know they could beat her," Rauner said Saturday.

"Pritzker's always going to be the nominee. We don't want him getting momentum and we want the truth known," Rauner said. "He's a corrupt insider. We want the truth known about Pritzker. He's going to be the nominee. Madigan rigged the system for him already."

Ives, who once said she needed \$10 million to run an effective race against Rauner, has raised nearly \$4 million — including \$2.5 million from conservative megadonor Richard Uihlein of Lake Forest. In recent days Vincent Kolber, a transportation asset manager from Chicago, lent her \$250,000 in addition to \$410,000 he already had given.

Ives said Saturday she'll have enough money to keep airing ads through Tuesday, despite a fundraising email pitch from her campaign seeking money for "our final chance to get on TV."

But TV ads can only go so far. While commercials fill the airwaves, candidates over the weekend focused on delivering their voters to the polls Tuesday.

Since March 1, Pritzker has given more than \$256,000 to local politicians and ward organizations, including \$110,000 to Cook County Board President

Toni Preckwinkle, \$16,500 to 34th Ward South Side Ald. Carrie Austin and \$15,000 to Cook County Clerk candidate Karen Yarbrough, who also chairs the Proviso Township Democratic organization.

On Sunday, Rauner was in Bloomington and Peoria, and Ives spent the day doing media interviews. Both are scheduled to be back in the Chicago area Monday.

Pritzker made his pitch to a few dozen people gathered at a South Shore high-rise, painting himself as the best Democratic candidate to defeat Rauner in the November general election and contending the governor has done little to expand health care, create jobs and help education.

"On Tuesday, we have maybe the most important election that we've ever had in the state of Illinois, because we cannot stand four more years of Bruce Rauner. We cannot. So, everybody's got to get out to vote," he



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Democratic governor candidates J.B. Pritzker, from left, Chris Kennedy and Daniel Biss prepare to debate last week.

said.

Kennedy made stops on Chicago's South Side, where he shook hands with church members and spoke about the area's food deserts, residents' lack of access to pharmacies and mental health care, shuttered schools and the trauma gun violence has caused to communities.

"It's time that we put a new and righteous face in our city and in our state," he said during an eight-minute speech at the Providence Missionary Baptist Church

on South Ashland Avenue, drawing a connection with one of the service's readings.

And Biss campaigned at churches with his running mate, state Rep. Litesa Wallace, in her home city of Rockford ahead of a rally in far northwest suburban Crystal Lake.

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Speaker Madigan ... I don't know that's the way to attract a constituency."

Both the Burke and Ortiz campaigns have stretched the truth during the campaign.

Ortiz flyers incorrectly refer to Dan Burke as a "full-time corporate lobbyist."

Although he lobbied City Hall for two years more than a decade ago, he is not currently registered as a lobbyist with the city or state.

Dan Burke incorrectly alleged that Ortiz has voted only once. City election records show Ortiz has voted in the last five elections, dating to 2014.

Burke has a 3-to-1 money advantage, raising nearly \$550,000. He has received \$55,000 from Madigan-controlled committees but only a \$1,000 contribution and a \$50,000 loan from his brother, though the powerful alderman's three campaign funds total more than \$11.8 million. That loan was dated the day after Christmas.

Ortiz, meanwhile, has raised \$187,000, with \$51,000 coming from funds controlled by Garcia and \$45,000 from the Chicago Teachers Union, of which Ortiz is a member.

'It's almost genetic'

Ortiz and Dan Burke are separated not only by 40 years but also by a generational divide that's reflected in their campaign styles.

On a recent Saturday, Ortiz crammed into a partially finished Garcia campaign office at Archer Avenue and 35th Street to kick off a canvass of 75 volunteers, many of them young Latino students fueling up on doughnuts and eager to support Garcia's slate of candidates.

Later that morning, Ortiz pulled his black Jeep onto a leafy Gage Park street where loud jets preparing to land at Midway Airport flew overhead.

Joined by his girlfriend and a cousin, Ortiz carried his campaign signs and door hangers as he walked down a sidewalk, looking for the address of the next home to visit.

The MiniVAN canvassing application on his phone tracks where his canvassers have visited and the homes where they still need to knock on doors. Since taking a leave from his job in January, Ortiz said, he's spent six to eight hours every day hitting the streets and has knocked on nearly 5,000 doors.

Alejandro Aleman told Ortiz he had his vote after reading on a flyer that the candidate backs a \$15-an-hour minimum wage. Aleman, 45, said he has not voted in 10 years.

"I'm an ex-felon, and there are not a lot of jobs. It's in my background, but it's been five years," Aleman said. "Everybody needs a second chance, no?"

"Absolutely," Ortiz replied, directing him to the Gage Park Fieldhouse, where Aleman could still register and vote early. "I agree with you 100 percent. We need more opportunities."

When Dan Burke visits a home, he's usually not the first representative from his campaign to make the stop. Precinct captains already have assessed which homes have reliable Burke backers.

On Wednesday, Burke strolled his district's streets for more than two hours. A precinct captain escorted him up the stoops of homes where his campaign signs already were in the yard — more than half the bungalows on the block.

That's how Dan Burke ended up in the living room of Turner, the constituent with the rat problem. The precinct captain promised another visit from a city rat abatement crew and more signs warning neighbors to pick up dog excrement, and even committed to personally cleaning out her rat-dropping-filled garage with the help of some neighborhood kids.

Turner, 70, thanked him for the help and noted that, like the 14th Ward, she has moved west throughout her life, describing the moves by Catholic parish: from St. John the Baptist in Back of the Yards to St. Rita's in Chicago Lawn to St. Dan's in Garfield Ridge.

She said her late husband, James, retired from the city. The last line of his obituary: "Member of the 14th Ward Democratic Organization." Turner said her husband was a precinct captain for 20 years, and she reminded Dan Burke they had chatted with him a few times at political fundraisers.

"Your brother is the VIP going around everywhere, but you were always kind enough to sit down and talk to me," Turner told Dan Burke. "You are the common guy."

Dan Burke's jeans, brown

wingtips and casual jacket on this day are a far cry from Ed Burke's trademark pinstriped power suits, colorful ties and flamboyant pocket squares. In many ways, Dan Burke has played a bit part in a show that long has starred his older brother.

"My father and brother were very, very close. My brother didn't even call my father Dad. He called him Joe. They were more friends than father-son," Dan Burke said. "My father never went to any event, any public appearance, without my brother in his company. So, he got it from the point

of being able to walk, and I got much of it, but not as much as I would have preferred — my father died when I was 15. But it's almost genetic."

Asked whether he's thought about how a loss on Tuesday might mark the beginning of the end for his family's long political reign, the lawmaker didn't hesitate.

"Of course I have," he said. "Anything can happen."

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State Rep. Dan Burke, shown talking last week with Jamie Corrozzo, left, is more low-key than brother Edward.

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Putin cruises amid charges of charade

Russia's president gets new term as many skip voting

BY ANTON TROIANOVSKI
The Washington Post

MOSCOW — Vladimir Putin cruised to victory Sunday for another six-year presidential term after an election that was long on spectacle and short on suspense.

From the Arctic to the International Space Station, Russia rolled out an elaborate election day display designed to show the breadth of Putin's public support as he extended his tenure for a fourth term to 2024.

Putin's opponents on Sunday's ballot included a nationalist, a Communist and two liberals. But Putin barely campaigned, opposition activist Alexei Navalny was barred from the ballot, and reports of ballot-stuffing and people ordered to vote by employers rolled in throughout the day.

With about two thirds of the ballots counted, more than 75 percent were for Putin, according to the Central Election Commission. The runner-up was Communist Party candidate Pavel Grudinin with 12.7 percent. "Success awaits us!" Putin told supporters in central Moscow. "Together, we will get to work on a great, massive scale, in the name of Russia."

The biggest question as Russians went to the polls on Sunday was the level of turnout, and uncertainty on the final tally lingered into the night in Moscow. While independent surveys show



Russian President Vladimir Putin appears Sunday with supporters in Moscow, where he declared, "Success awaits us."

that most Russians continue to approve of Putin as president, a lack of suspense or popular opposition candidates threatened to keep people home. The Kremlin, analysts say, was looking for high turnout to deliver legitimacy for another Putin term.

Late Sunday, Russia's Central Election Commission said, nationwide turnout stood at 59.9 percent, just above the level in the 2012 election at that time.

Putin himself cast his ballot at the Russian Academy

of Sciences in Moscow. Asked what result he was hoping for, he responded: "Any that gives me the right to fulfill the duty of president."

Russian state TV broadcast images of lines of Russian beachgoers voting in Thailand, a polling place in the mountains of Dagestan, mothers casting their ballots at a maternity ward, and a helicopter delivering ballots to remote settlements in the Arctic. A Russian on the International Space Station was

reported to have voted while in orbit.

The election was held on the fourth anniversary of Russia's annexation of Crimea — a move core to Putin's domestic brand as a fearless defender of Russian interests.

Critics described the vote as a charade, and opposition activist Navalny urged his supporters to boycott the vote ever since he was barred from the ballot in December. The independent Golos election-monitoring group

broadcast a video from the city of Krasnodar that it said showed people being forced to vote by their employers. "They told us at work" to go vote, one of them said.

"Tell yourself: I don't want to be a part of this," Navalny urged his 2 million Twitter followers ahead of the vote. "I don't want elections without a choice. I won't vote for Putin or for those whom Putin picked as his sparring partners."

Online, videos of ballot stuffing at polling stations

across Russia surfaced throughout the day. One such video, taken outside Moscow, showed two election officials repeatedly dropping ballots into a box in the center of the room.

The Moscow Region Election Commission later said that both of the women seen in the video are facing criminal charges and that the ballot box has been sealed and will not be counted. Other videos published Sunday showed ballot stuffing in Chechnya, Dagestan and the Sakha Republic.

While several outspoken Putin opponents were on the ballot, many potential voters who dislike Putin stayed home to avoid legitimizing the election. Daria Suslina, 20, said she decided to skip the chance to vote in a presidential election for the first time in her life after getting numerous appeals to do so by text message and at work.

"The pressure to go and vote was disgusting," said Suslina, a student who works part-time at a state research and manufacturing company. "The whole thing — the elections today — seems so artificial, I don't want to be a part of it."

Election Day even included allegations of foreign meddling. A cyberattack originating in 15 different countries hit the website of the Central Elections Commission overnight, according to commission chairwoman Ella Pamfilova, the Interfax news agency reported.

As with prior elections, the elections commission rolled out foreign "observers" to testify to the fairness of the vote.

Watchdog: Kushner Cos. filed false forms

Building docs didn't reveal tenants with rent regulations

BY BERNARD CONDON
Associated Press

NEW YORK — When the Kushner Cos. bought three apartment buildings in a gentrifying neighborhood of Queens in 2015, most of the tenants were protected by special rules that prevent developers from pushing them out, raising rents and turning a tidy profit.

But that's exactly what the company then run by Jared Kushner did, and with remarkable speed. Two years later, it sold all three buildings for \$60 million, nearly 50 percent more than it paid.

Now a clue has emerged as to how President Donald Trump's son-in-law's firm was able to move so fast: The Kushner Cos. routinely filed false paperwork with the city declaring it had zero rent-regulated tenants in dozens of buildings it owned across the city when, in fact, it had hundreds.

While none of the documents during a three-year period when Kushner was CEO bore his personal signature, they provide a window into the ethics of the business empire he ran be-

fore he went on to become one of the most trusted advisers to the president of the United States.

"It's bare-faced greed," said Aaron Carr, founder of Housing Rights Initiative, a tenants' rights watchdog that compiled the work permit application documents and shared them with The Associated Press. "The fact that the company was falsifying all these applications with the government shows a sordid attempt to avert accountability and get a rapid return on its investment."

Kushner Cos. responded in a statement that it outsources the preparation of such documents to third parties that are reviewed by independent counsel, and "if mistakes or violations are identified, corrective action is taken immediately."

"Kushner would never deny any tenant their due-process rights," it said.

For the three Queens buildings in the borough's Astoria neighborhood, the Kushner Cos. checked a box on construction permit applications in 2015 that indicated the buildings had

zero rent-regulated tenants.

Tax records filed a few months later showed the company inherited as many as 94 rent-regulated units from the previous owner.

In all, Housing Rights Initiative found the Kushner Cos. filed at least 80 false applications for construction permits in 34 buildings across New York City from 2013 to 2016, all of them indicating there were no rent-regulated tenants.

Instead, tax documents show there were more than 300 rent-regulated units. Nearly all the permit applications were signed by a Kushner employee, including sometimes the chief operating officer.

Had the Kushner Cos. disclosed those rent-regulated tenants, it could have triggered stricter oversight of construction crews by the city, including possibly unscheduled "sweeps" on site by inspectors to keep the company from harassing tenants and getting them to leave.

Instead, current and former tenants of the Queens buildings told the AP that they were subjected to extensive construction, with



Kushner Cos. filed construction permits on three buildings in Queens, N.Y., including this one, declaring it had zero rent-regulated tenants.

banging, drilling, dust and leaking water that they believe were part of targeted harassment to get them to leave and clear the way for higher-paying renters.

Tax records show those rent-regulated units that numbered as many as 94 when Kushner took over fell to 25 by 2016.

In Kushner buildings across the city, records show frequent complaints about construction going on early in the morning or late at night against the rules, improper or illegal construction, and work without a permit.

Housing Rights Initiative found the Kushner Cos. filed dozens of amended forms for the buildings mentioned in the documents, most of them a year to two later.

Exactly how much money the Kushner Cos. earned from the buildings mentioned in the documents is unclear. Of those 34 buildings, only the three in Queens and a fourth in Brooklyn appear to have been sold. The company also likely made money by reducing the number of rent-regulated tenants and bringing in those who

would pay more.

Jared Kushner, who stepped down as CEO of the Kushner Cos. last year before taking on his advisory role at the White House, sold off part of his real estate holdings as required under government ethics rules. But he retained stakes in many properties, including Westminster Management, the Kushner Cos. subsidiary that oversees its residential properties. A financial disclosure last year showed he still owns a stake in Westminster and earned \$1.6 million from the holding.

White House: Wants fewer opioid prescriptions, stiffer penalties

BY KATIE ZEZIMA
The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — The Trump administration said it will seek stiffer penalties against drug dealers — including the death penalty where appropriate under current law — and it wants the number of prescriptions for powerful painkillers to be cut by one-third nationwide as part of an effort to combat the opioid crisis.

Administration officials said Sunday that the measures are part of a three-

pronged approach to fighting the opioid epidemic, which killed tens of thousands of people in 2016. The White House said it aims to reduce the demand for opioids, including overprescribing, cut off the supply of illicit drugs and help those who are addicted.

"The opioid crisis is viewed by us at the White House as a nonpartisan problem searching for a bipartisan solution," White House counselor Kellyanne Conway said.

The White House said it

wants people who deal fentanyl, a powerful synthetic opioid, to be prosecuted more aggressively. The administration had considered making trafficking large quantities of fentanyl a capital crime, because tiny amounts can kill many people, but it said Sunday that the Justice Department will seek capital punishment for drug traffickers under current federal law.

The law allows for the death penalty to be applied in four types of drug-related cases, according to the

Death Penalty Information Center: murder committed during a drug-related drive-by shooting, murder committed with the use of a firearm during a drug-trafficking crime, murder related to drug trafficking and murder of a law enforcement officer that relates to drugs.

The administration is looking for new ways to crack down on fentanyl traffickers, calling for Congress to reduce the threshold needed to impose mandatory-minimum sentences

on people who are convicted of dealing fentanyl and other powerful opioids that can kill people in trace amounts. It also is calling for a more aggressive policing of the internet, where fentanyl is often purchased, and mail, where it is shipped from countries including China.

The White House aims to slash opioid prescriptions by one-third over three years. It also wants to tighten the number of opioid prescriptions that can be reimbursed by Medicaid

as a way to curb overprescribing.

The administration wants to test all federal inmates for opioid addiction and provide options for treatment when inmates complete their sentences and re-enter society.

The plan also calls for putting more naloxone, a drug that can reverse opioid overdoses, in the hands of more first responders.

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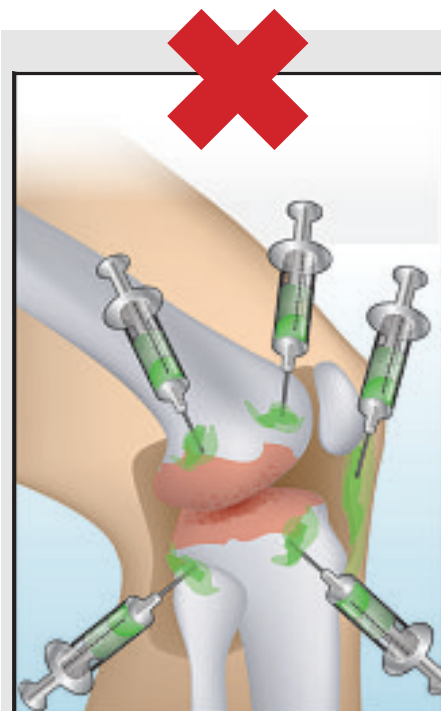
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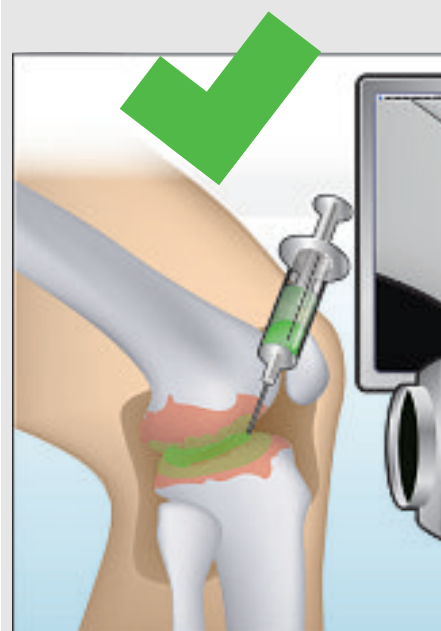
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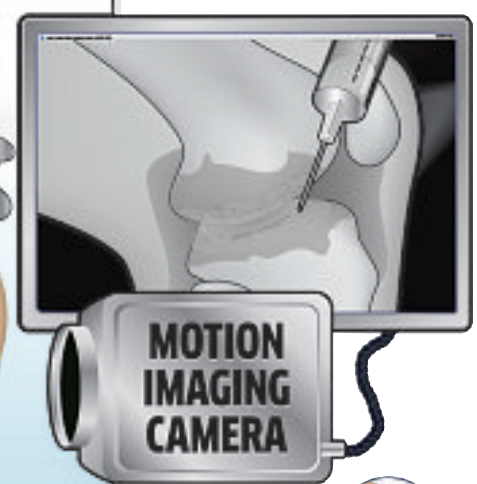
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Trump steps up tweet attacks on Mueller

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"Can we call them Fake Memos?" the president asked rhetorically.

When dealing with a sensitive legal matter, law enforcement personnel often document encounters in as much detail as they can recall, immediately after the fact, in what are known as contemporaneous memos.

Another presidential tweet accused Comey of lying to congressional investigators months ago, and yet another suggested that the investigative team of Mueller, a lifelong Republican, was tainted by political partisanship.

That tweet marked the second day in a row in which Trump had publicly mentioned the special counsel by name, despite urgings from his legal team to refrain from doing so.

Speculation that the president might be preparing to move against Mueller took on new energy Saturday, when one of his lawyers, John Dowd, suggested that the McCabe affair should serve as a prelude to a forced end to the special counsel's investigation.

That drew a blunt warning Sunday from Sen. Lindsey Graham, R-S.C., who has said consistently that any attempt by the White House to halt Mueller's work would be disastrous



EVAN VUCCI/AP

President Donald Trump began Sunday with tweets aimed at Andrew McCabe, James Comey and Robert Mueller.

for Trump.

"If he tried to do that, it would be the beginning of the end of his presidency," said Graham. "We are a rule-of-law nation."

Late Sunday, White House lawyer Ty Cobb released a statement saying the "White House yet again confirms that the President is not considering or discussing the firing of the Special Counsel, Robert Mueller."

Interviewed on CNN's "State of the Union," Graham said that Mueller could only be dismissed for cause.

"I see no cause," the senator said. "I think he's doing a good job."

Another South Carolina Republican, Rep. Trey Gowdy, took aim at Dowd, who had expressed hope Saturday that the "brilliant and courageous example" set by the firing of McCabe would "bring an end to the alleged Russia Collusion investigation."

Dowd's comments made it appear that Trump had something to hide, Gowdy said on "Fox News Sunday."

"The president's attorney frankly does him a disser-



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Special counsel Robert Mueller's investigators have asked questions that suggest a probe into obstruction of justice.

vice when he says that, and when he frames the investigation that way," said Gowdy. "If you have an innocent client, Mr. Dowd, act like it."

One of the few Republicans who has spoken out strongly against Trump's behavior on a wider range of issues predicted that the president would see a groundswell of opposition to any attempt to end the special counsel's investigation.

"I don't know what the designs are on Mueller, but it seems to be building

toward that," Sen. Jeff Flake of Arizona said on "State of the Union." He said he would expect "considerable pushback in the next couple of days, urging the president not to go there."

Democrats have long been harshly critical of Trump's stance toward the Mueller investigation. They also insist that large numbers of Republican officials are privately horrified by the president's behavior.

"I hear so many Republican senators grumble about his ethics, about his name-calling," Ohio Democratic

Sen. Sherrod Brown said on NBC's "Meet the Press."

The issue of whether McCabe will be stripped of his retirement benefits was still unclear Sunday.

Trump appeared to demand months ago that the former deputy director be fired in time to prevent him from collecting a pension earned over two decades of FBI service.

Some experts on federal employment suggested, however, that any loss of retirement income could be prevented if a member of Congress hired McCabe, thus keeping him on the federal payroll for at least a few more days.

Several lawmakers quickly offered to do so, sometimes accompanying their overtures with sardonic commentary on Twitter. Rep. Mark Pocan, D-Wis., tweeted, "Andrew call me. I could use a good two-day report on the biggest crime families in Washington, D.C."

Another Twitter message came from Rep. Luis Guterrez, saying it was important to "stand up to bullies."

"If you need a federal job, call me on Monday," the Illinois Democrat said in a tweet directed at McCabe. "I am serious."

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U.S., EU officials: Facebook CEO owes an explanation

BY CRAIG TIMBERG, TONY ROMM AND ELIZABETH DWOSKIN
The Washington Post

U.S. and European officials on Sunday called for Facebook Chief Executive Mark Zuckerberg to explain how personal information about tens of millions of users ended up in the hands of a data analysis firm that worked for President Donald Trump's 2016 campaign — without the permission or knowledge of the vast majority of those affected.

News reports about Facebook's role in the aggressive form of data collection also have raised serious questions about whether the company violated a landmark consent decree with a federal watchdog agency designed to prevent privacy violations.

Two former U.S. officials who negotiated the 2011 agreement between the Federal Trade Commission and Facebook say the company may have broken its promises, potentially triggering many millions of dollars in fines.

"I would not be surprised if at some point the FTC looks at this. I would expect them to," said David Vladeck, a former director of the FTC's Bureau of Consumer Protection. In that role, he oversaw the investigation of alleged privacy violations by Facebook and the resulting consent decree.

Vladeck said the law allows fines up to \$40,000 per violation. With a reported 50 million people affected, he said, the "maximum exposure" could reach into the billions of dollars.

It is more likely that, if the FTC found violations, Facebook would face far smaller but still substantial fines as well as other consequences.

Facebook has denied



ELISE AMENDOLA/AP 2017

Facebook has denied violating a landmark consent decree with the Federal Trade Commission, a watchdog agency.

violating the agreement with the FTC, which did not respond to requests for comment Sunday.

But the surge of political and regulatory scrutiny over the weekend again turned a harsh spotlight on a company that has been scrambling to protect its reputation since allegations emerged about Russian agents using the social media platform in an attempt to manipulate American voters during the 2016 election season and beyond.

The latest revelations concern how people working for Cambridge Analytica, which the Trump campaign paid at least \$6 million to assist in its digital operations, used an app to gather research on 270,000 users in 2014 and 2015.

But the number of affected people was many more — likely in the tens of millions — because the data routinely available to app developers in that era also included information on a user's list of friends, including names, education, work histories, birthdays, likes, locations, photos, relationship statuses, and religious

and political affiliations.

That kind of information is extremely valuable to political campaigns for tailoring messages, ads and fundraising pitches.

Though both Facebook and Cambridge Analytica have been embroiled in investigations in Washington and London for months, some of this weekend's demands have taken on a more personal tone, focusing explicitly on Zuckerberg, who has not testified publicly on these matters in either capital.

Similar calls for official investigation came from several U.S. lawmakers, the European Union's justice commissioner and a British lawmaker, Damian Collins, head of a parliamentary committee that has been investigating Facebook and Cambridge Analytica.

Facebook declined to comment on the requests for Zuckerberg to testify. The company said in a statement Sunday afternoon that it was renewing efforts to investigate what happened with the data that reached Cambridge Analytica.

Senators want CIA to lift veil on nominee's 'black site' past

BY DEB RIECHMANN
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Gina Haspel's long spy career is so shrouded in mystery that senators want documents declassified so they can decide if her role at a CIA "black site" should prevent her from directing the agency.

It's a deep dive into Haspel's past that reflects key questions about her future: Would she support President Donald Trump if he tried to reinstate waterboarding and, in his words, "a lot worse"? Is Haspel the right person to lead the CIA at a time of escalating Russian aggression and on-going extremist threats?

Haspel's upcoming confirmation hearing will be focused on the time she spent supervising a secret prison in Thailand. The CIA won't say when in 2002 Haspel was there, but at various times that year interrogators at the site sought to make terror suspects talk by slamming them against walls, keeping them from sleeping, holding them in coffin-sized boxes and forcing water down their throats — a technique called waterboarding.

Haspel also is accused of drafting a memo calling for the destruction of 92 videotapes of interrogation sessions. Their destruction in 2005 prompted a lengthy Justice Department investigation that ended without charges.

"We should not be asked to confirm a nominee whose background cannot be publicly discussed and who cannot then be held accountable for her actions," said Sen. Martin Heinrich, who joined other Democrats on the Senate intelligence committee in asking the CIA to declassify more details about Haspel.

Court filings, declassified documents and books written by those involved in the CIA's now-defunct



CIA

CIA Deputy Director Gina Haspel is expected to face questions about her past at her confirmation hearings.

interrogation program suggest Haspel didn't arrive at the secret prison in Thailand until after one detainee, Abu Zubaydah, was waterboarded 83 times in August 2002. But they indicate she arrived before another detainee, Abd al-Rahim al-Nashiri, was waterboarded at least three times in November 2002.

Even if Haspel was at the prison site for just a few months, Steven Watt, an American Civil Liberties Union attorney, said she was deeply involved in the interrogation program. For much of its existence, Haspel was deputy director of the CIA's counterterrorism center that ran the program using "enhanced interrogation techniques."

At least 119 men were detained and interrogated as part of the program, said Watt, who represented two detainees and the family of another in a 2015 lawsuit against a pair of CIA-hired psychologists.

Several colleagues and former intelligence officials have come to Haspel's defense. Mike Morell, who was an acting director of the CIA, worked closely with Haspel from 2006 until he retired in 2013. Morell has described her as a person who gets things done in a "quiet, yet effective

way" and is "calm under fire."

"The media is also likely to refer to a moment in her career when she drafted a cable instructing a field station to destroy videotapes of CIA interrogations of senior al-Qaida operatives," Morell wrote when Haspel became deputy CIA director last year. "She did so at the request of her direct supervisor and believing that it was lawful to do so."

And former CIA spokesman Bill Harlow said the focus on interrogation obscures the CIA director's wide-ranging portfolio. Instead of re-litigating the past, he said Haspel should be asked about Russia, China and cyber threats and how to improve intelligence collection on U.S. adversaries.

Ret. Air Force Col. Steven Kleinman, a long-time interrogator, isn't sure. He said he doesn't know Haspel's views on the harsh interrogations, but said there's no indication she ever tried to halt them.

"That question has to be asked by the Senate: 'Did you at any time suggest that it be stopped because it's ineffective, immoral or illegal?'" Kleinman said. "I think we all deserve an answer to that."

N. Korean envoy to talk with U.S., S. Korea

Associated Press

SEOUL, South Korea — A senior North Korean diplomat who handles North American affairs was heading to Finland on Sunday for talks with the United States and South Korea.

Choe Kang Il's trip comes ahead of a possible meeting between President Donald Trump and North Korean leader Kim Jong Un.

South Korea's Yonhap news agency said Choe was seen at a Beijing airport on Sunday before boarding a

flight to Finland. The report cited unnamed "diplomatic sources" in Seoul as saying Choe would take part in a meeting with former U.S. diplomats, including former U.S. Ambassador to South Korea Kathleen Stephens, and South Korean security experts.

South Korea's Foreign Ministry said the gathering would be similar to the so-called "Track 2" dialogue that has involved North Korean officials and former U.S. officials and experts. It gave no further

details.

Choe was in the delegation North Korea sent to last month's Winter Olympics in South Korea.

On Saturday, Sweden's foreign minister concluded three days of talks in Stockholm with her North Korean counterpart, saying they discussed the "opportunities and challenges for continued diplomatic efforts to reach a peaceful solution" to the Koreas' dispute.

Sweden has been rumored as a possible site for a U.S.-North Korea summit,

though a truce village on the South Korean side of the Demilitarized Zone between the Koreas is seen as more likely.

Trump has agreed to meet Kim by May. So far, North Korea has yet to comment publicly on what it hopes to gain from the talks.

Senior South Korean officials who traveled to the North Korean capital of Pyongyang this month and met with Kim say he is willing to discuss the North's nuclear program.



KYODO NEWS

Choe Kang Il, a senior North Korean diplomat, makes his way through the Beijing airport on Sunday.

Bloc: Implement U.N. sanctions

SYDNEY — Southeast Asian leaders and Australia's prime minister on Sunday called on North Korea to end its nuclear program and urged U.N. countries to fully implement sanctions against the country.

The ASEAN-Australia joint statement urged North Korea to "immediately and fully comply with its obligations under all relevant United Nations Security Council Resolutions" and called on all countries to implement sanctions.

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GOP Sens. Graham, Paul at odds on Pompeo nomination

A leading GOP hawk on Sunday praised Mike Pompeo's nomination to lead the State Department, while Congress' most libertarian-minded senator slammed it.

Sen. Lindsey Graham, R-S.C., called Pompeo a "highly qualified person" to be secretary of state and suggested that he is better aligned with President Donald Trump's views about world affairs and diplomacy than Rex Tillerson, the oil executive the

president ousted last week. Pompeo is "close to the president," Graham said Sunday on CNN's "State of the Union." "I think he can do an outstanding job to the world explaining President Trump's foreign policy."

But Sen. Rand Paul, R-Ky., expressed disappointment at Trump's nomination. Paul said the president was undermining his expressed opposition to the Iraq War by nominating Pompeo.

Obama to visit Singapore, New Zealand, Australia, Japan

WASHINGTON — Former President Barack Obama is embarking on a weeklong tour of Singapore, New Zealand, Australia and Japan.

Obama's office says he'll be in Singapore on Monday for an Obama Foundation discussion with young adults representing Southeast Asian nations. Obama will also participate in the Bank of Singapore's Thought Leadership Series and visit with

Prime Minister Lee Hsien Loong.

Obama will spend Wednesday to Friday in New Zealand. He'll meet with Prime Minister Jacinda Ardern and participate in separate moderated conversations.

On Friday and Saturday, Obama will visit Sydney, Australia, for another New Zealand-United States Council conversation and to meet with Prime Minister Malcolm Turnbull.

Texas capital explosion sends 2 to hospital; cause unknown

AUSTIN, Texas — Two people were injured in another explosion in Texas' capital Sunday night, after three package bombs detonated earlier this month in other areas of the city and killed two people and injured two others.

Austin-Travis County Emergency Management Services reported that an explosion in southwest Austin injured two men in their 20s who were hospi-

talized with injuries that didn't appear to be life-threatening.

There was no immediate word on what caused the blast or if it was related to the previous ones.

Sunday's explosion occurred far from the first three blasts, which happened in separate, suburban neighborhoods in the eastern part of the city.

Those blasts began when a package bomb exploded March 2.



A fire engulfs the Manila Pavilion Hotel and Casino on Sunday, in Manila, Philippines. Officials said the fire killed at least three workers and that more than 300 guests were evacuated, some by helicopter. The hotel is in the heart of Manila's tourist district.

Putin: U.K. accusations over ex-spy poisoning 'nonsense'

MOSCOW — Russian President Vladimir Putin on Sunday dismissed British accusations of Russia's involvement in an ex-spy's poisoning as "nonsense" but added that Moscow is ready to cooperate with London in the investigation.

In his first comments on the incident, Putin referred to the poisoning of ex-spy Sergei Skripal and his daughter as a "tragedy" but added that if the British claim that they were poisoned by the Soviet-designed nerve agent were true, the victims would have been killed instantly.

Skripal, a former Russian intelligence officer convicted in his home country of spying for Britain, and his daughter have remained in critical condition following the March 4 poisoning.

"It's quite obvious that if it were a military-grade nerve agent, people would have died on the spot," he said. "Russia doesn't have such means. We have destroyed all our chemical weapons under international oversight unlike some of our partners."

Putin's comments came a few hours after British Foreign Secretary Boris

Johnson said he has evidence that Russia has been stockpiling a nerve agent in violation of international law "very likely for the purposes of assassination."

Johnson said the trail of blame for the poisoning of Skripal and his daughter Yulia in the English city of Salisbury "leads inexorably to the Kremlin."

Johnson told reporters that Britain has information that within the last 10 years, "the Russian state has been engaged in investigating the delivery of such agents, Novichok agents very likely, for the purposes of assassination."

Lawmakers say U.K. should mull a Brexit delay

LONDON — Britain should consider postponing Brexit because there may not be enough time to strike a deal with the European Union before the U.K. leaves the bloc a year from now, a key committee of British lawmakers said Sunday.

The House of Commons

Exiting the EU Committee said if major aspects of the future relationship with the EU remain unsettled by October, Britain should seek a "limited extension" of its EU membership.

Britain and the EU want a deal on future relations settled by the fall.

In a report published

Sunday, the lawmakers said a proposed transition period of about two years should be able to be extended if needed.

The two sides have agreed in principle that Britain will continue to remain part of the bloc's structures and rules until the end of 2020.

Palestinian stabs Israeli in Jerusalem, is killed by police

JERUSALEM — Israel's Shin Bet security service says a Palestinian has stabbed an Israeli in Jerusalem, seriously wounding him. Police said he was shot dead by officers at the scene.

The attack Sunday occurred in Jerusalem's Old City, home to sensitive holy sites sacred to Jews, Christians and Muslims.

Shin Bet said the attacker was from the West Bank city of Nablus.

There has been a spike in violence since President Donald Trump's Dec. 6 recognition of Jerusalem as Israel's capital.

Palestinians seek east Jerusalem as their future capital and view Trump's decision as siding with Israel.

On Friday, a Palestinian killed two Israeli soldiers and badly wounded two others when he drove his car into them in the West Bank.

If you bought a Powerball ticket in Pennsylvania for Saturday's drawing, you may be holding a piece of paper worth \$457 million. Officials say one winning ticket was sold in Pennsylvania that matches all of the winning numbers: 22-57-59-60-66 and Powerball 7. The jackpot is the eighth-largest for the Powerball game.

Authorities in Mississippi say a 9-year-old boy shot his 13-year-old sister in the head after an argument over a video game controller.

The Monroe County sheriff told local news outlets that the girl wouldn't give up the video game controller Saturday. Her condition wasn't immediately known.



Turkish-backed Syrian rebels celebrate the seizure of Afrin from Kurdish forces.

Turkey-backed forces seize Kurdish town in Syria's north

BY ZEYNEP BILGINSOY AND SARAH EL DEEB
Associated Press

ISTANBUL — Turkish military and allied Syrian forces marched into the center of the northern Syrian town of Afrin Sunday, raising their flags and shooting in the air in celebration nearly two months after launching their offensive on the Kurdish enclave. The advancing troops faced little resistance from the Kurdish militia that retreated and vowed to turn to guerrilla tactics.

Turkey's President Recep Tayyip Erdogan announced the capture of Afrin, previously controlled by the Kurdish militia known as the People's Defense Units, or YPG.

"Many of the terrorists had turned tail and run away already," Erdogan said in a speech in western Turkey. "In Afrin's center, it is no longer the rags of the terror organization that are waving but rather the symbols of peace and security."

The Kurdish militia called the assault on Afrin an "occupation" and vowed a "new phase" of guerrilla tactics against Turkish troops and its allied Syrian

fighters.

It is not clear what Turkey would do after the capture of Afrin. Turkey views the Kurdish forces in the Afrin enclave along the border as terrorists linked to the outlawed Kurdistan Workers' Party, or PKK, which has waged a decades-long insurgency within Turkey's borders.

Erdogan has repeatedly said that Turkey will not allow a "terror corridor" along its border and has vowed to push east after Afrin. Erdogan threatened to move to Manbij, a Kurdish-run town to the east where U.S. troops have also maintained a presence after it was cleared of Islamic State militants in 2016.

Washington's support to the YPG, including arming the militia and relying on it to battle Islamic State militants in eastern Syria, has strained relations between Turkey and the U.S. A push east could further inflame tension.

In an attempt to prevent such a move east, Washington began discussions to address Turkey's concerns about the Kurdish militia's presence in Manbij. Turkey wants the YPG to pull out from the town.

Meanwhile, U.S. and

Kurdish officials said Turkey's fight with the YPG has distracted from fighting Islamic State. A Kurdish official Sunday said the fight against Islamic State in northeastern Deir el-Zour province, where remnants of the group have remained, have been put on hold as the battle for Afrin unfolded.

On Sunday, Kurdish officials said they had evacuated Afrin of civilians. Footage of long lines of vehicles leaving the town was aired on Syrian state-run TV. Fewer residents got out on foot or on motorcycles.

Later Sunday, limited fighting was reported in some pockets in Afrin while Turkish military said it was combing the area for land mines and explosives.

In a press conference outside of Afrin, Kurdish official Othman Sheik Issa said a new phase of the fight will begin against Turkey, threatening "hit and run tactics" to target Turkish troops and its allied forces. He said YPG fighters remain deployed in areas of Afrin.

"Our forces in all parts of Afrin will turn into a continuous nightmare for them," Issa said.

Tariffs on China talk elicits protests, warnings — in U.S.

BY LISA MASCARO AND JOSH BOAK
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — President Donald Trump is considering sweeping tariffs on imports from China, with an announcement possible as early as this week. And that has industry groups and some lawmakers scrambling to prevent the next front in a potential trade war that could reverberate across the U.S. economy.

Early indications from the White House have officials braced for tariffs across a variety of consumer goods, from apparel to electronics, and even on imported parts for products made in the U.S.

The size and scope remain under debate, but the U.S. Chamber of Commerce is warning that annual tariffs of as much as \$60 billion on Chinese goods would be "devastating."

Trump's focus on China could be even more consequential, both at home and abroad, than the recently announced penalty tariffs on steel and aluminum.

Amid the staff turmoil at the White House, it's being read as a sign of rising influence for the administration's populist economic aides, led by Commerce Secretary Wilbur Ross and adviser Peter Navarro.

Larry Kudlow — an avowed free trader tapped to replace Gary Cohn as director of the White House National Economic Council — has said China deserves a "tough response" from the United States and its friends.

He told CNBC last week, "The United States could lead a coalition of large trading partners and allies against China."

But with these tariffs, the Trump administration appears so far to be content to go it alone.

On Friday, the National Retail Federation, which recently hosted industry



Rep. Kevin Brady, R-Texas, right, speaks to President Donald Trump about trade policy during a meeting last week.

groups to organize opposition to another round of tariffs, convened a conference call to update its members.

"They're all concerned about this," said David French, vice president for government relations. "Tariffs are a tax on consumers, and they're best used sparingly as tools."

Trade experts and economists say the tariffs could lead to rising prices for U.S. consumers and businesses without accomplishing one of the president's stated goals — reducing last year's trade imbalance of \$566 billion.

China, the largest source of the trade imbalance, would likely respond to any tariffs by retaliating with higher import taxes on U.S. goods, among other possible restrictions.

"They signaled that they will aim at things that affect the United States politically as well as economically," said Claude Barfield, a scholar at the conservative American Enterprise Institute and former consultant with the U.S. trade representative.

"The farmer in Kansas or Iowa could feel it," he said. "U.S. high tech companies could feel it because the supply chains for iPhones go through China."

Lawmakers on Capitol

Hill, who have been shut out of administration deliberations, fear tariffs would stunt economic benefits in the U.S. that could be stemming from the GOP tax cuts.

Republican leaders, including House Speaker Paul Ryan of Wisconsin and Rep. Kevin Brady of Texas, chairman of the Ways and Means Committee, have urged the administration to target any proposed tariffs as narrowly as possible, away from U.S. allies and focused on countries engaged in over-production and product dumping.

Republicans in Congress opposed Trump's steel and aluminum tariffs and are working with the administration on a process for allowing waivers or carve outs for certain countries or types of metals, beyond the exemption the White House is allowing for Canada and Mexico.

"Tariffs are taxes — lower is better, zero is the best," Brady said Friday on Fox.

The metals tariffs have sparked a European Union response, which Friday released a list of U.S. products — from whiskey and motorcycles to breakfast foods and batteries — it plans to introduce duties on if the 28-nation bloc is not exempted.

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EDITORIALS

An extra nudge for these candidates on Tuesday

The headline on a March 19, 2014, editorial published the day after the primary election read, “Where was everybody?”

Record low turnout four years ago plagued polling places throughout Chicagoland. While turnout usually is depressed in nonpresidential years, the numbers were the lowest in modern history. Just 16 percent of registered voters in Chicago and suburban Cook County cast ballots. A few of the collar counties recorded similarly abysmal numbers: 14 percent in Lake County, 15 percent in Will County and about 19 percent in DuPage County.

Voters, let’s do better. If you’re thinking of staying home Tuesday, we’re offering a roundup of races to perk your attention and motivate your feet.

The first order of business belongs to GOP primary voters on the Southwest Side of Chicago and west suburbs. Don’t accidentally vote for Arthur Jones, who is running in the 3rd Congressional District. A perennial candidate who slipped under the Illinois Republican Party’s radar, Jones is a Holocaust denier, anti-Semite and neo-Nazi whose campaign website includes such trash.

The trouble is, he is unopposed. Jones will be the nominee. There is a chance the Illinois GOP will draft an independent or write-in candidate before the fall general election. Let’s hope. In the meantime, remember to skip this race. Don’t support the neo-Nazi.

Most of the action is on the Democratic side.

First, we want to grab the attention of voters in the 4th Congressional District — a C-shaped gerrymander that runs from the



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The Tribune endorses Sol Flores in the 4th Congressional District Democratic primary.

Northwest Side of Chicago out to the western suburbs and then back to the city’s Southwest Side. Incumbent Democratic Rep. Luis Gutierrez decided to retire and threw his support to Cook County Board Commissioner Jesus “Chuy” Garcia. This election feels like a done deal, and that’s wrong. Our pick in this race is **Sol Flores**. She is executive director of La Casa Norte, a nonprofit in Humboldt Park that helps homeless families and victims of domestic abuse. Send change to Congress. Send Flores.

For the Cook County Board, three candidates from the South Side and Southland would make an engaged and mighty trio. For the board’s 4th, 5th and 6th districts, we recommend **Gaylon Alcaraz** of Chicago, **Audrey Lynn Tanksley** of Chicago and **Donna Miller** of Lynwood. They would better represent a region of the county desperate for economic development and new ideas.



Alcaraz



Tanksley



Miller



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We also offer a suggestion for the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District. The unexpected death of Commissioner Timothy Bradford created a vacancy. In the voting for a two-year term where no candidate’s name appears, write in the name **Cam Davis**, a Great Lakes and water resource expert. Remember that.

If you plan to take a Democratic ballot and you have a conscience, vote for Frederick “Fritz” Kaegi for assessor. Don’t be complicit in continuing the reign of Joseph Berrios and his assessment system, which discriminates against poor and minority communities.

If you live on Chicago’s Northwest Side or suburbs, we suggest it’s time to retire state Sen. Ira Silverstein, D-Chicago, and replace him with **Ram Villivalam**, a former union liaison. A legislative inspector general’s investigation into sexual harassment allegations found that while Silverstein did not engage in that behavior, his conduct toward a victims’ advocate violated the ethics act and was “unbecoming” of a legislator.

For the Illinois House, two newcomers in the Southland are worthy of Democratic voters’ attention: **Mary Carvlin**, a teacher

from Blue Island, is running against the machine. She hopes to unseat Rep. Bob Rita, also of Blue Island, in a race that includes another woman on the ballot. That person, however, is not running a real campaign. She’s there to split the anti-Rita vote and make it easier for him to coast to another term. Voters, pick Carvlin.

All voters should remember to bring our list of recommended judges into the voting booth. You can find it — that is, you can find a downloadable, printable list of all our endorsements — at chicagotribune.com/candidates.

And finally, for voters in southern Illinois: Pull a GOP ballot and vote for **Blaine Wilhour** of Beecher City, **Don Moore** of Troy, **Darren Bailey** of Xenia, **Paul Jacobs** of Pomona, **Joshua Griffith** of Abingdon and **Chris Miller** of Oakland. They’re all running in seats where the sitting Illinois House member voted for the 32 percent income tax hike last summer as part of a budget deal — with no reform. Replace them with fresher talent.

Most of all, show up at the polls. Voter turnout numbers in the teens should be embarrassing to us all. Be heard. Vote.

School walkouts: Making the most of gun violence protests

Like their peers across the country, many Downers Grove North and South High School students walked out of class on Wednesday to protest gun violence that claimed 17 lives in a Florida school. They walked, even though Community High School District 99 representatives had offered students several alternatives “that would not disturb the educational environment,” district spokeswoman Jill Browning said. Students rejected those options, she said, favoring a “political rally around a variety of issues.”

Now the consequences, which the district had described in advance to students and parents: An estimated 1,100 students will serve one hour of detention. About 3,900 students remained in class during the walkout, the district said.

Some of the protesters apparently consider the detention a “badge of honor” and a symbol that they are willing to pay a personal price for standing up for their rights, Browning said. Other districts, including Chicago Public Schools, said students would not be disciplined for walking out.

In a message to District 99 families, Superintendent Hank Thiele said “accepting the consequences for their actions” allows students “to receive the full civics lesson of what it means to participate in a protest.” Two reactions:

■ We applaud the students’ passion around the issue of gun control — and their willingness to accept the consequences of defying school rules. That’s admirable. The walkouts caught the na-

tion’s attention. The Downers Grove students are telling the adults in their lives that they’ll invest a detention period to express their outrage over gun violence.

■ Downers Grove and other schools that are imposing consequences have an opportunity to provide more than an hour of detention. They can use that hour to talk with students about other effective ways to seek change. That could include an hourlong seminar about how to write persuasive letters and other commentaries to lawmakers or news outlets. Or an analysis of famous protest movements — the civil rights struggle, the anti-Vietnam War demonstrations — and how they succeeded. One smart idea: Four high schools in Plainfield Community Consolidated School District 202 are allowing

students to attend a session with Illinois lawmakers, instead of detention, to discuss how to change the status quo. We wouldn’t be surprised if the adults learned a thing or two from this kids in these encounters.

The student-led protest in Florida has already notched a huge victory: Republican Gov. Rick Scott signed a set of gun measures into law, defying the National Rifle Association. But action elsewhere, including in Congress, is sluggish. We hope this movement gains momentum, that these students inspire their generation, and their elders, to champion laws that may curb gun violence. Because as an editorial here put it in late February: You want “this time” to be different? The kids can’t do it alone.

REASONS TO FIRE ASSESSOR BERRIOS

Because of J.B. Pritzker’s toilets

Next in a series of 10 compelling reasons Democratic voters should defeat Cook County Assessor Joseph Berrios in the March 20 primary election.

Reason 9: Because of J.B. Pritzker’s toilets.

Recall those news stories last spring about billionaire-for-governor Pritzker wanting *your* property taxes to keep rising after he won big savings on his property taxes?

Pritzker told an audience he opposes Gov. Bruce Rauner’s fight to freeze property taxes. Yet the Sun-Times discovered that in addition to winning a reduced assessment from Berrios’ office on the 12,500-square-foot Gold Coast house we’ll call Mansion One, Pritzker also won big savings on his 6,387-square-foot Mansion Two next door. How so? Berrios’ office accepted Pritzker’s argument that Mansion Two was uninhabitable, in part because it had no working bathrooms: Somebody had disconnected the toilets. Cute trick.

Berrios’ office tanked — sorry — the assessed value of Mansion Two from \$6.25 million down to \$1.1 million. What would have been a \$117,087 tax bill on Mansion Two plummeted 83 percent, to \$19,719.

Yes, whoever gave Mansion Two the toiletectomy gave Pritzker a loophole to exploit. But don’t tell us Berrios’ office had no choice but to bless Pritzker’s appeal. Pritzker didn’t slash his Mansion Two assessment. Berrios’ office did.

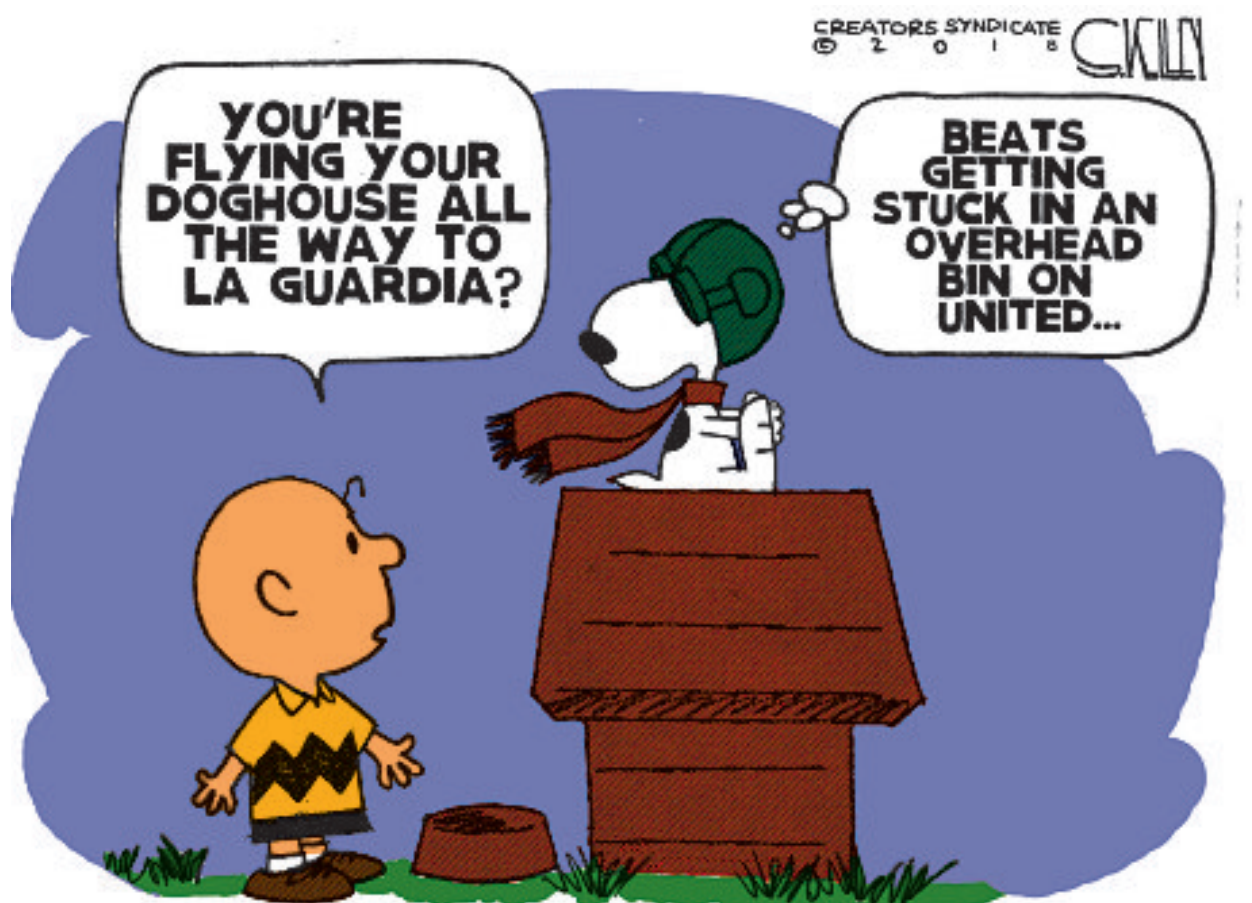
Just one more glimpse at the insider cabal of Assessor Berrios and the property tax attorneys who work the angles with his office — and who also give Berrios juicy campaign contributions.

Time to go, Joe. The better ballot choice is Frederick “Fritz” Kaegi, right, a financial analyst from Oak Park.



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PERSPECTIVE

I'm glad I wasn't armed when a second-grader pointed a gun at me

BY JENNIFER RICH

When I began teaching, I taught second grade. Pokemon cards were popular then, and children often brought them to school to trade at recess. One day, a boy kept playing with his cards during class time. After two warnings, I told him that I was going to hold his Pokemon cards until the end of the day. His response? "I don't care. I have a gun, and I'll shoot you." He calmly pulled a gun out of his desk and pointed it at me.

I have tried to imagine what might happen in this scenario under President Donald Trump's "arm the teachers" proposal. I can spin out two possibilities. In the first, I'd be one of the 20 percent of teachers who would be trained and armed. I would pull out my previously concealed weapon and aim at a child. In the tension of the moment, I would, perhaps, shoot him.

Alternatively, another adult in my school would be armed. I would send up an alert, and a grown-up with a gun would enter my classroom within moments. He or she would see a young Hispanic child pointing a gun at a white, female teacher, with a roomful of terrified, cowering children. The student holding the gun would, perhaps, be shot.

Let's say, in either of these scenarios, this young boy escapes with his life. In both, I would have lost the trust of my students. I would have become another source of fear.

What happened

What happened, instead, is something that could only have happened 18 years ago. It was the post-Columbine era, certainly, but it was a world before school shootings felt ... commonplace.

I walked up to the student, a boy I liked who often wore an impish grin along with his pressed school uniform, whose hair was always gelled carefully, who had a sweet sense of humor, put one hand on his face to distract him, and said, "Oh, you don't want to do that, sweetie."

With my other hand, I reached

out and took the gun by the barrel, and pulled it away from him. I called the office. Help came. I found out three things later: The gun belonged to his dad. It was not loaded. He'd learned his behavior by watching his dad threaten his mom.

The next generation

Now, I teach the teachers — that is, college undergraduates planning a career in education. Each semester, it seems, there has been a school shooting, and I tell them this story. I also tell them that I have had to talk to elementary school classes, as well as my own young children, about school shootings. I give them guidelines for those discussions. They take notes. I have become very good at having this conversation with my college students; it is my least favorite skill.

My students are hopeful and brave and funny and smart and caring, eager to be the best teachers they can be. These young men and women will have students coming to them hungry, homeless and abused. They will have students who have parents divorcing, who are adjusting to new siblings, and who experience blessings and disasters, illnesses and bullying. These young teachers will also, of course, have to help 25 students each year learn to read, to add, and to understand how flowers grow and what it means to be a part of a community. Some children in their classes will have mental-health needs, some will need extra attention for no diagnosable reason. Each child is part of a family, and that family might need extra support as well.

I encourage my students to debate, to learn, to engage whatever strategies work so that each child in their care knows that he or she is valued, and that he or she is safe. I will never, ever advocate that my students arm themselves.

Teachers are not ...

Teachers are not soldiers or police officers. Schools are not battlegrounds.

The tools I give my students



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will not solve all their problems, but they are a start. I encourage them to use their gut, to teach with empathy and heart. I remind them that it is more important to be kind than to be right, and a little bit of extra time goes a long way.

There is so much that teachers need to keep a school safe. We need time to focus on students, to listen to them and to help them

listen thoughtfully to one another. We need books to engage student imaginations, to teach them about the better worlds that they can create. We need paper, pencils and crayons. We need music, theater and history, as well as science, math and technology. We need the tools to talk about the fear our children feel when they learn of another school shooting.

There is one thing we do not

need, both because we are horribly ill-equipped to handle the awesome responsibility of taking a life and because it would shatter the culture of trust within a classroom, and that is a gun.

The Washington Post

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False rumors spread fast. So do some true ones.

BY CASS R. SUNSTEIN

Did you hear? Taylor Swift is doing a new album, consisting of her favorite Katy Perry songs — and despite their lengthy feud, Perry herself will be performing on the album!

OK, that's not true. But a new study finds that by every measure, false rumors are more likely to spread than true ones. For those who believe in the marketplace of ideas and democratic self-government, that's a big problem, raising an obvious question: What, if anything, are we going to do about it?

The study, conducted by Soroush Vosoughi, Deb Roy and Sinan Aral of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, was based on a massive data set, consisting of all fact-checked rumor "cascades" that spread on Twitter from 2006 to 2017. All in all, there were about 126,000 such cascades, spread by about 3 million people more than 4.5 million times.

To test whether truth was stronger than falsehood, the researchers looked at rumors that had been fact-checked by six independent organizations (Snopes.com, PolitiFact.com, FactCheck.org, TruthOrFiction.com, Hoax-Slayer.com and UrbanLegendsOnline.com). The organizations reached the same conclusion about these rumors at least 95 percent of the time. The central questions: Did falsehoods get retweeted more often? Were they more likely to go viral?

The answers were clear: Yes and yes. Using careful statistical tests, Vosoughi and his co-authors find that "falsehood diffused



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significantly farther, faster, deeper, and more broadly than the truth in all categories of information."

For example, falsehoods reached 1,500 people six times more rapidly than truth. And while false statements about business, science and entertainment did better than true ones, the biggest difference was in the domain of politics.

Importantly, the researchers found that falsehoods do not spread only or mostly because of the actions of "bots." Vosoughi and his co-authors reran their study while using a bot-detection algorithm to identify and remove all bots — and they found that all of their main conclusions held. Human beings, it seems, are far more likely to spread falsehood than truth.

The researchers speculate that

one reason may be novelty. Enlisting a variety of metrics to test whether tweets convey new information, they find that "false rumors were measurably more novel than true rumors." It's reasonable to hypothesize that novel information is more likely to spread, and that hypothesis may help to explain the comparative popularity of falsehoods.

Psychologists have also found that rumors are more likely to spread if they produce identifiable emotions, such as disgust. Vosoughi and his co-authors compared the emotional content of replies to true and false rumors. They found that truth produced greater sadness, trust and anticipation — while falsehoods produced greater surprise and disgust.

These are striking and important findings, but it's possible to

raise some questions. Vosoughi and his colleagues do not really show that falsehoods are more likely to spread than truth. More precisely, they find that within the category of popular rumors tested by independent fact-finding bodies, the false ones are especially likely to spread.

That's an important distinction, because plenty of falsehoods don't spread. If I tweeted that the Michigan Law Review is now publishing its 112th volume, that the population of Germany is 85 million, that Carl Yastrzemski won baseball's Triple Crown in 1969, or that Section 553 of the Administrative Procedure Act governs adjudication, people wouldn't be all that interested, even though every one of these statements is false.

At the same time, lots of true statements get tons of attention. Consider those involving Robert Mueller's investigation, or Stormy Daniels' lawsuit against Donald Trump, or the latest statements and actions of North Korean leader Kim Jong Un.

In short, independent fact-checkers investigate only a very small subset of both false and true statements. Of that subset, the false ones may be especially provocative and interesting, above all in the political domain.

Anticipating this objection, Vosoughi and his co-authors also had their students study a sample of rumor cascades that had not been verified by fact-finding organizations. Their central conclusion held: Rumors found to be false spread more quickly than rumors found to be true. But that study could not possibly explore the full universe of true and false

rumors, including the many false rumors that are deadly dull and get little or no attention.

Even with these qualifications, the new research is highly significant, because it shows that demonstrably false rumors receive a great deal of attention on social media. But what's the best response?

Vosoughi and his co-authors conclude that "misinformation-containment policies" should include "behavioral interventions, like labeling and incentives to dissuade the spread of misinformation." That might be right, but it's pretty vague. Suppose that those who run Twitter, Facebook and other social media platforms were determined to reduce the spread of demonstrably false statements, at least when those statements are highly likely to cause serious harm.

It would be useful, if only as a thought experiment, to specify possible responses. Social media platforms could rely on the marketplace of ideas — and do nothing. They could get pretty aggressive — and immediately delete the false statements. They could offer corrections, red flags or vivid warnings. One or another approach would make sense in imaginable contexts.

In the coming years, the question deserves sustained attention, with particular focus on what current platforms are, and aren't, doing right now.

Bloomberg

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PERSPECTIVE

Again, what to do about Louis Farrakhan?



LEONARD PITTS

And here we are again, back to the same question. What to do about Louis Farrakhan?

The leader of the Nation of Islam has, for years, been a toxic fount of anti-Semitic and homophobic rhetoric. “These false Jews,” he preached in 2006, “promote the filth of Hollywood that is seeding the American people and the people of the world and bringing you down in moral strength. It’s the wicked Jews, the false Jews, that are promoting lesbianism, homosexuality. It’s the wicked Jews, false Jews, that make it a crime for you to preach the word of God, then they call you homophobic!”

The hatred in those words is as clear as if they had been spoken by David Duke — as, indeed, they easily could have been. And faced with that hatred, the obligation of moral people would seem obvious.

Condemn it. Condemn it loudly. Condemn it with vigor. Condemn it unflinchingly.

But for some African-Americans, it has never been that easy where Farrakhan is concerned. Consider U.S. Rep. Danny Davis, D-Chicago. Asked about Farrakhan earlier this month by a reporter for the conservative *Daily Caller*, he danced like Baryshnikov around the NOI leader’s record of Jew-bashing.

“That’s just one segment of what goes on in our world,” Davis said. “The world is so much bigger than Farrakhan and the Jewish question and his position on that and so forth. For those heavy into it, that’s their thing, but it ain’t my thing.”

To which there can be only one proper response: Huh?

He’s not the only one being questioned about the NOI leader. Women’s March co-chair Tamika Mallory has also come under fire after news broke that she attended the Nation’s annual Saviours’ Day event in February, where Farrakhan delivered the keynote.

The question of how black folks should (or should not) engage with him is thornier than an outsider may appreciate.



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The question of how black people should (or should not) engage with Nation of Islam leader Louis Farrakhan is a thorny one.

Many of us are genuinely impressed by the NOI’s philosophy of self-reliance and its record of turning black lives around. And when Farrakhan gets ranting on his pet hates, some of us tend to write it off, to tolerate him as you would a dotty uncle.

That instinct is understandable. But hate demands more. Hate must be taken seriously, always.

Farrakhan, then, requires a difficult balancing act. Anthony Clark, a teacher who is challenging Davis in the March 20 primary, has gotten the balance about as right as anyone. While making clear his respect for Farrakhan’s record of black empowerment, he has also made clear, as he put it on Twitter, that

“Farrakhan or anyone who shares anti-Semitic or homophobic viewpoints should be called out. I don’t care who they are.”

Davis argues that African-Americans who support Farrakhan for his good deeds while ignoring or downplaying his anti-Semitism and homophobia are like the white people who claimed to support Donald Trump for his promise of economic miracles while forgetting to care that he is a racist and a misogynist. It’s a sobering thought.

Yes, Louis Farrakhan has said and done some powerful things. But he has also said and done some things that are truly hurtful and reprehensible. So let’s not rush to make harmless this dotty

uncle of the African-American experience. Let’s not fall into the trap of condemning bigotry when it comes toward people who look like us, but tolerating it when it comes from people who look like us. We are required to be better than that.

There is, after all, a reason the obligation of moral people when faced with hatred seems obvious.

Ultimately, it is.

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Let’s hope Bannon never returns from his European tour



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One of the things that motivated my old friend Andrew Breitbart was his righteous indignation at being called a racist. That’s a running theme in his book, “Righteous Indignation.”

“Andrew Breitbart despised racism,” his friend Ben Shapiro told me. “He took pride in rejecting racism and fighting it tooth and nail. He saw it as a form of bullying. Nothing devastated him more personally than being maligned as racist.”

He would also advise conservatives not to be deterred if their opponents on the left unfairly called them racists — something he rightly believed happened all the time. Indeed, one of the things that got him out of bed in the morning was fighting the media/Democratic narrative that conservatives are all a bunch of racists.

In one famous episode, members of the Congressional Black Caucus walked through a crowd of tea partiers. Subsequently, they claimed the attendants screamed the N-word and other epithets at them. The press reported it as fact. Andrew, noting the sea of cameras and iPhones at the event, offered \$100,000 to anyone who could provide proof of those claims. No one came forward.

That was the Andrew Breitbart I was proud to call my friend.

Recently, just after the sixth anniversary of Andrew’s demise, the man who replaced him at Breitbart News, Steve Bannon, launched his blood-and-soil tour of Europe. The climax was a speech to the ultra-right French National Front in which he perverted Andrew’s defiant message, preferring to embrace the caricatures Andrew dedicated himself to fighting.

“Let them call you racists,” Bannon told the crowd. “Let them call you xenophobes. Let them call you nativists. Wear it as a badge of honor.”

He continued: “The tide of history is with us, and it will compel us to victory after victory after victory.”



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Steve Bannon’s potted nativist nationalism and racially tinged populism run counter to the best and highest ideals of conservatism.

There’s something darkly comic about a guy who in the last year was fired from the White House, ousted from his website and defenestrated by the patrons who supported him speaking to a sparse crowd of Vichy nostalgists, claiming that the tide of history is with him.

If Andrew were still around, I bet he’d tell Bannon to stay in Europe — and not just because his tendency to wear several shirts at once seems more consistent with European fashion. Bannon’s understanding of conservatism is entirely European.

In a famous — and famously misunderstood — essay, “Why I Am Not a Conservative,” Friedrich Hayek, the Nobel prize-winning economist and political theorist, wrote: “Conservatism proper is a legitimate, probably necessary, and certainly widespread attitude of opposition to drastic change. It has, since the French Revolution, for a century and a half played an important role in European politics. Until the rise of socialism, its opposite was

liberalism.”

What Hayek meant by liberalism is the laissez-faire, limited-government philosophy that defined the best parts of the French and Scottish enlightenments. These classical liberals fought with conservatives of all stripes, arguing for inalienable and universal human rights. They were opposed by theocrats, aristocrats, monarchists and arch-traditionalists who argued for the rule of altar and throne, caste and guild.

“There is nothing corresponding to this conflict in the history of the United States,” Hayek observed, “because what in Europe was called ‘liberalism’ was here the common tradition on which the American polity had been built: the defender of the American tradition was a liberal in the European sense.”

Conservatism in America has always been deeply traditionalist, sometimes too much so. But at the core of the modern conservative movement has been the

effort to protect, defend and conserve the traditions of a liberal revolution, grounded in the best arguments of the enlightenment (slavery notwithstanding).

Bannon’s potted nativist nationalism and racially tinged populism run counter to that project and to the best and highest ideals of conservatism and America itself. He turned Andrew’s Breitbart.com into a “platform” (his word) for the alt-right, seeking to inject European swill into the American body politic.

Let Bannon stay in Europe and hand out torches for the marchers. His un-American shtick has no place here. I’m sure Andrew would agree.

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Democratic governor candidate J.B. Pritzker will face rivals Chris Kennedy and Daniel Biss in Tuesday's primary.

No excuse for dirty tricks

Although J.B. Pritzker has never been my first choice for governor of Illinois, I admired his commitment to the Center on Wrongful Convictions and his prominence in many efforts seeking solutions to social and political wrongs. I was shaken by the Blagojevich-Pritzker tapes, but I had become reconciled to the idea that Pritzker would probably win the Democratic primary and that I would be voting for

him in the fall, as I certainly cannot support Gov. Bruce Rauner.

However, two weeks ago, when I started getting the misleading mailings picturing sullen Illinois public servants purporting to report on Daniel Biss' record on pension reform and not mentioning Pritzker providing significant lobbying funds for similar reform, I was shocked. Then I saw another of the Pritzker campaign's dirty tricks,

appropriating a website called danbiss.net, so that voters seeking information about Biss would be diverted to a site of misleading anti-Biss propaganda. There is no excuse for Pritzker going so low.

Now I am unsure how this "yellow dog" Democrat will vote, if Pritzker turns out to be the Democratic Party choice.

— Joan Safford, Evanston

The gun fight

The dramatic stories of gallant gunfighters like Bill Hickok, Bat Masterson and Wyatt Earp, who purportedly protected the Old West towns from wild gun-toting cowboys, have been a staple in our American history legends.

The problem is that this attempted solution did not work and only increased the number of shootings.

The idea of hiring gunfighters for our schools to protect our children from random shooters is juvenile in concept and ineffective in practice. It is a simple mathematical truth shown by experience that there is never a reduction in the number of shootings by an increase in the number of guns.

— Thomas H. Fegan, Chicago

Moral of the story

The continued uproar surrounding U.S. Sen. Elizabeth Warren's claim of Cherokee heritage is missing a fundamental point. As Warren has repeatedly stated, her claim is based on family story — one that was passed on to her and her siblings from her parents. According to Warren, her father fell in love. His family, from Oklahoma, opposed the relationship based on their belief that the woman was Cherokee. Her father pursued the relationship in spite of his family's objections. Keep in mind that bigotry in Oklahoma was most certainly not reserved for the African-American population there.

Warren's story illustrates that it is possible to oppose bigotry even when it emanates from those closest to you. Perhaps Warren's story is a simple illustration that love conquers all. Perhaps Warren tells the story to remind us that she was raised to fol-



SUSAN WALSH/AP

low her heart to do the right thing, in spite of the pressures from those who worry more about appearance than substance.

DNA is not the issue, standing up to prejudice based on ancestry is the issue.

— Mary Pat McKie, Naperville

Presidential education

Help us, Mr. President — or former Mr. Presidents, that is. The current occupant needs a mentor. Together you all have the skills, experience and accomplishments to help him. Teach him to lead. Teach him to care. Teach him to uplift us, to encourage us, to give us hope, to honor and respect one another, to protect us. Teach him to show some dignity in office, to take responsibility for mistakes and correct them. Teach him to set aside personal aims and work to keep America the land of the free and home of the brave. The list goes on. Please help this man be what he should be while he represents us.

— John Bean, Chicago

Our undoing

Let's stop and think about the sudden suggestion there be a meeting between President Donald Trump and North Korean leader Kim Jong Un. How quickly this has happened is suspicious and scary. Two narcissists coming together after they have insulted and threatened one another could be our undoing.

The idea brings to mind a child's poem by Mary Howitt: "Will you walk into my parlour?" said the Spider to the Fly." In the end the fly succumbs to the wiles of the spider's flattery and is trapped.

Are we going to be attacked by this unpredictable man because of his dislike for our imprudent president and his reckless childish comments?

— Sharon Johnson, Brookfield

Attack ads

The political attack ads constantly airing on television and radio are an affront to our eyes, ears and democracy. Only truthful ads should be allowed on our airwaves. All ads should be submitted to a neutral third party for vetting before being allowed on the air. The misleading, mudslinging half-truths and innuendos are an embarrassment to our great nation's democracy.

— Mark S. Renz, Oak Lawn

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Justice Thomas has a big decision ahead

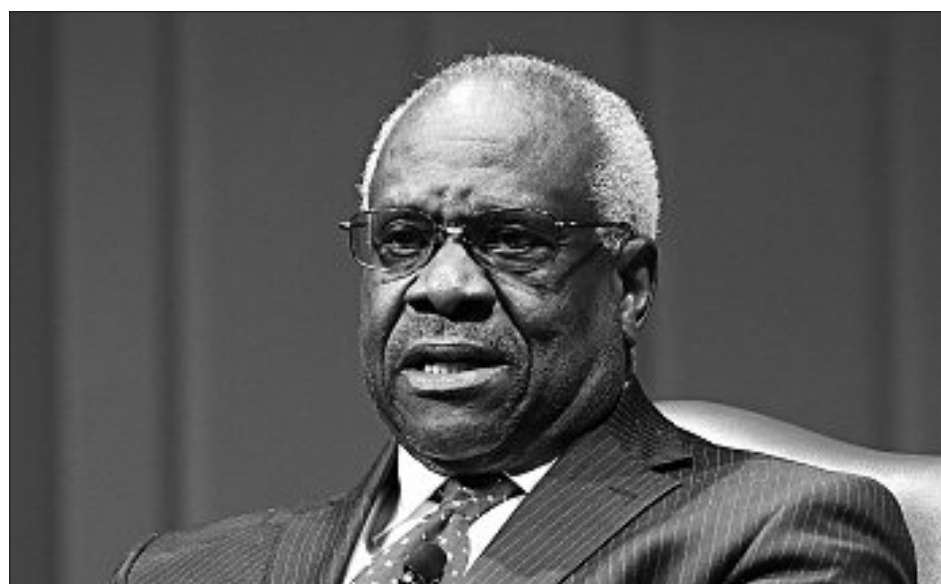
BY JONATHAN BERNSTEIN

The one person who may be feeling the most pressure after the special election in Pennsylvania isn't Paul Ryan or Mitch McConnell. Sure, they're both in danger of losing their respective majority statuses in November's midterm elections, but they already knew that. Nor does anything change for President Donald Trump. No, the one person who should be feeling the most pressure is Supreme Court Justice Clarence Thomas.

It was clear last spring that Thomas — if he really cares about the principles he's fought for on the court — should step down before Trump leaves office. But with what was then a 52-48 Senate majority for the Republicans, a 2018 playing field that featured lots of vulnerable Democrats, and few endangered Republican Senate seats, there was no real hurry for him to act.

That's changed. Most analysts still believe Republicans are more likely than not to keep their Senate majority, but it's no longer a sure thing. After Alabama's special election, the majority is down to 51-49, and normally endangered Democrats in West Virginia, North Dakota, Missouri, Indiana and other states are looking safer.

Republicans entered the 2018 cycle with one difficult seat to defend in Nevada. It's now at least possible to imagine them losing in Arizona, Tennessee, Texas and Mississippi's second seat, an election in November to replace resigning Sen. Thad



PABLO MARTINEZ MONSIVAIS/AP

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Cochran. There's even the possibility of a second election in Arizona, given that Sen. John McCain has yet to attend a Senate session since December and could still resign this year.

If the chances of a Democratic majority in the next Senate were remote a year ago, they're now probably somewhere between a 1-in-5 or a 1-in-3 chance. Which means the pressure is on Thomas to act very soon

if he wants to guarantee his replacement will be named by Trump.

Sure, it's possible a Senate with a Democratic majority would confirm a Trump Supreme Court nominee, but the urge to get revenge for Merrick Garland, whom then-President Barack Obama nominated and a Republican majority refused to consider, would be intense. If there's a Democratic majority, I'd say there's almost no

way it would confirm anyone in 2020, and it's unlikely to do so in 2019. And of course it's way too early to know whether Trump will be re-elected, let alone what would happen in subsequent elections.

It's entirely possible that the next few months will be the last chance for Thomas to be replaced by a Republican president with a Republican Senate for some time. Thomas will be 70 in June. He would be 80 before a two-term Democrat elected in 2020 would leave office. He's been on the court since 1991. He certainly seems partisan enough that he probably cares a lot about who replaces him. There's no right or wrong thing to do in these circumstances; if Thomas is willing to live with the risk, as Justices Ruth Bader Ginsburg and Stephen Breyer have been, then he has every right to stick around.

I'm assuming the calculations are different for Justice Anthony Kennedy, who is 81 but may not have strong feelings about being replaced by a Republican. If that is important to him, however, the incentives are of course even stronger for him. But I'm fairly sure there are a lot of Republican court-watchers who are rooting hard for two confirmations this summer.

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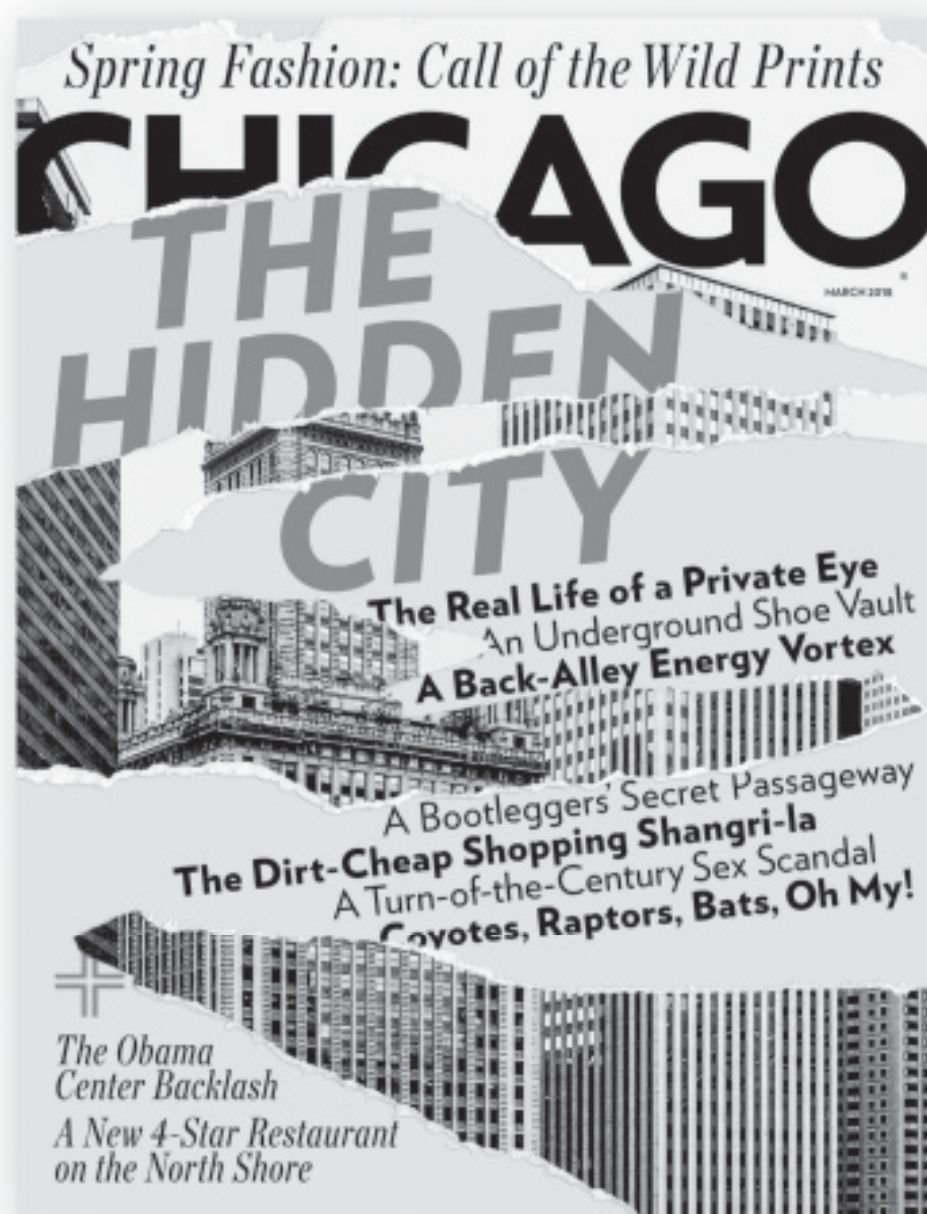
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What to know about tariff talk

After announcing new tariffs on imported steel and aluminum, President Donald Trump tweeted, "Trade wars are good," but economists are not so sure.

While some would argue that Trump is just making good on his campaign promise to level the international trade playing field, others are concerned that the action could hurt the U.S. economy and, more importantly, trigger a trade war that could cause the next global recession.

Here's what you need to know:

What is a tariff? A tax or duty to be paid on a particular class of imports or exports, in this case, a 25 percent charge on imported steel and a 10 percent one on foreign aluminum. The rationale behind the imposition of tariffs is to raise money or to protect particular industries from competition.

The administration would levy these new tariffs based on national security grounds — the Commerce Department would rely on a rarely-used loophole that allows countries to impose restrictions in times of war.

When would they go into effect?

The tariffs will go into effect March 23. Trump signed orders on March 8 imposing the tariffs, but he sought to soften the blow on some allies by exempting Canada and Mexico.

Who are the winners from tariffs? Domestic producers will be the biggest beneficiaries. If their businesses increase enough, these producers could potentially hire more.

Who are the losers? Companies that purchase the imported steel and aluminum are the losers. Included in this group are car manufacturers, equipment makers, construction firms, tool and dye makers, manufacturers of air conditioners and industries that use aluminum for packaging, such as beer companies and canned food makers.

Which countries are most affected?

Although the president has criticized China for flooding the market with cheap metals, it is not one of the top 10 exporters of steel to the U.S. There were already targeted tariffs in place, which have dramatically reduced China's exports. But the Trump administration is considering a trade package including indefinite tariffs, investment restrictions and possible visa restrictions on Chinese travelers, a source told CNBC last week.

According to the Commerce Department's International Trade Administration, through the third quarter of last year, the U.S. imports steel from more than 110 countries and territories and the top 10 source countries represented 78 percent of the total steel import volume. Canada accounted for the largest share (16 percent), followed by Brazil (13 percent), South Korea at (10 percent) and Mexico and Russia (9 percent each).

How could this lead to a larger international conflict? Affected countries are not going to take tariffs sitting down. Jean-Claude Juncker, the president of the European Commission, said before Trump signed the tariff orders that the EU would respond in kind.

U.S. agricultural businesses, which amass a surplus of about \$21 billion from worldwide trade, are bracing for retaliation. A joint statement from the National Association of Wheat Growers and U.S. Wheat Associates said: "It is dismaying that the voices of farmers and many other industries were ignored in favor of an industry that is already among the most protected in the country."

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MEN, FIND A FEMALE MENTOR

One of the best ways to be an ally is to learn from women

BY MELISSA LAMSON | **Inc.**

What do diversity and inclusion look like in the workplace today? Women and men are struggling to define the new normal in the age of Time's Up and #Metoo.

"How can I show my support to my female colleagues?" men ask. This has come up a lot in my work. During a recent podcast, I mentioned that women can, and should, mentor men to help them understand the issues at hand.

There's a lot of talk right now about women mentoring younger women, but I think women need to mentor men as well. If I were a man who saw a personal, moral or business reason to support gender diversity in my workplace, I would go to a female colleague and ask her to mentor me.

According to researchers Anna Marie Valerio and Katina Sawyer: "Gender inclusiveness means involving both men and women in advancing women's leadership. Although many organizations have attempted to fight gender bias by focusing on women — offering training programs or networking groups specifically for them — the leaders we interviewed realized that any solutions that involve only 50 percent of the human population are likely to have limited success."

I know this to be true. One of my clients hires me to lead Advancement Strategies for Women workshops.

My client had succeeded in raising

the number of women in management from 22 percent to 37 percent in four years. But it became clear that without enlisting men's active support within the company, the company would only go so far in creating gender balance at the top.

That same company has launched workshops for men, and they have been really powerful. Men will say things such as, "I just realized our KPIs are gender-biased."

If women and men don't work together, we won't achieve equality in the workplace. It begins by understanding our differences, learning to communicate and backing each other up.

Men and women often communicate differently, something most of us understand instinctively but don't always recognize in the moment. Psychology Today notes that while most women speak around 250 words a minute on average, men clock in at around 125. During the course of a day, women might speak up to 25,000 words, while men speak around 12,000.

I teach five key differences in communication between the sexes. One of them is status and recognition. The research shows that men seek first and foremost to be seen as the most important and the one with the most power in the room. Women primarily like to be appreciated for their accomplishments, hard work and a job well done.

For example, thanking men is fine

but isn't always necessary because they typically don't need it. In fact, sometimes it's seen as a sign of weakness. By contrast, not thanking a woman could erode a working relationship.

Understanding the differences in communication style is a vital part of becoming an ally to women.

Non-verbal signals abound in the workplace. Women tend to go silent when they are talked over, interrupted or criticized.

During a meeting, if a man and a woman are talking and that woman suddenly gets quiet, what should the guy do? He should pivot and start re-engaging her by asking questions and listening more. Or, if he's in a meeting and his female colleague is interrupted, he can ask her to say more on the topic.

And then there are emotions. If a female colleague is upset, men can help. Abandon the need to solve her problem for her. She needs empathy and understanding. Next, show you care by saying something like: "It seems like you're having a hard time. Can I do anything to help?"

Finally, just listen. I guarantee after listening and just being there for her, you will make a big difference.

And women, step up and take on the responsibility for mentoring your male colleagues. You can make a tremendous difference by doing so. Here are three tips to help you get started mentoring your male colleagues:

Be direct and clear: According to research, men hear better if the information is delivered without couching or soft-pedaling.

Be specific, especially if you have a request: Men are hardwired to solve, and they go to solutions quickly. State exactly what you want them to do.

Don't be critical: Reassure your male colleague that this is a learning process and, of course, it's going to be awkward. It's not about being a bad guy; it's learning about sexist attitudes that have hurt women in the workplace.

So, men, go find a woman who can mentor you and help you learn how to be an ally in the workplace.

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ELLIOT RAPHAELSON

There is no question that Social Security issues are important to everyone. It is not unusual for me to receive more than 100 responses from readers when I write a Social Security-related column.

Regular readers know that I frequently reference Andy Landis as a source. He has just updated his book, "Social Security: The Inside Story," which I consider an indispensable resource on the topic. His book is up-to-date, comprehensive, well-organized and easy to understand.

He provides numerous helpful examples. In each chapter, he includes Social Security references so readers can find the associated regulations that were discussed.

The book provides a useful overview of Social Security and chapters on retirement benefits, family benefits, survivor benefits, disability benefits and Medicare. There are references to available calculators for estimating your benefits, hints on effective filing and a very important chapter on maximizing your benefits.

The chapter on maximizing Social Security benefits is particularly useful. Landis discusses the advantages of postponing filing for benefits up to age 70, which increases your benefits by 8 per-

cent for every year you wait past full retirement age.

Another advantage in doing so is that widow/widowers might be entitled to a larger benefit if you choose this option. Filing for widow/widower benefits only does not preclude filing for benefits based on your work record at a later time.

The chapter also discusses restricted application for "spousal only" payments. This option allows you to file for your spousal benefit after you reach your FRA, and then to file for your benefits based on your work record up to age 70.

Unfortunately, many Social Security representatives do not understand this option. When I have written about this, I have been amazed at the number of readers who write complaining about the ignorance of many Social Security Administration representatives.

Note that this option is available only to individuals who were born before Jan. 2, 1954. And to qualify, your spouse would have to have already filed for his/her benefits. You must not have received a reduced retirement benefit or spousal payment before.

It would make sense to use this option only if your payment at age 70 is higher than your spousal payment at FRA. If you meet these qualifications, it can be a valuable tool.

Many of the options and tools discussed in this book will help you make the right decisions. You cannot depend on advice from SSA representatives. Many financial planners are far from

experts in Social Security as well. I recommend that it is in your best interests to become an expert in Social Security before it is time to apply for benefits.

Making the right decision can provide you with hundreds of thousands of additional benefits.

Many divorced people do not understand their Social Security options. If your previous marriage lasted at least 10 years, and you either have not remarried or remarried after age 60, you may have benefits you are not aware of.

You can't depend on the SSA to inform you. For example, many individuals believe that because their ex-spouse remarried, it affects their benefits. This is false; it has no impact.

If your ex predeceases you, it is possible that you are entitled to larger benefits than you previously were receiving. For example, assume your ex worked until age 70 and was receiving \$2,000 per month in Social Security benefits, and he or she died. If you are single, or remarried after age 60, you are entitled to whichever is greater, your ex-spouse's benefit or the benefit you are now receiving.

Landis' book covers this and other topics in great detail.

If you have any relatives approaching retirement age, one of the best gifts you can provide is a copy of this book. It can make their retirement much more prosperous. Making the right Social Security choices is critical. Making the wrong choices is expensive and difficult to undo.

Elliot Raphaelson welcomes questions and comments at raphelliot@gmail.com.

TERRY SAVAGE
The Savage Truth

Do a 401(k) plan checkup

After nine years of a bull market, your 401(k) retirement plan is likely your largest financial asset, perhaps even dwarfing the value of your home. Yet, while you pay attention to home repairs, you may not spend much time inspecting your retirement plan.

First and foremost, you should be contributing the maximum to get your employer's matching contribution. Yet many people miss out on this free money.

Here are five more things you should consider about your 401(k) plan:

Know your plan's investments: It's amazing how many people know their account is growing but have no idea what their actual investments are, having never reassessed their original investment decisions.

What was once a conservative asset allocation certainly has become unbalanced with the booming stock market. So the first step is to take a look at the investments inside your plan and the alternative choices you might now want to consider.

Most 401(k) plans have very few choices that are essentially places to hide from turbulent markets, because these plans are designed to build retirement assets. Because bonds can be as risky as stocks in a rising rate environment, you'll want to see if there's either a money market alternative or a stable value fund to stash some of your account as you get closer to retirement.

Reconsider target-date funds: Ever since target-date funds were approved as a safe harbor investment for retirement plans — meaning the corporate plan sponsor could not be blamed for the results — most plans automatically invest contributions in a fund designed to grow more conservative as it approaches your theoretical retirement date.

But not all target-date funds have the same exposure to aggressive stock market investments. And not all have the same slope, or glide path, toward conservative investing as you age. Understand the risk exposure in a target-date plan, instead of assuming it will all work out for the best in the end. Remember, you'll have to sell shares to take required distributions once you reach age 70 1/2.

Roll over at retirement: Because a 401(k) plan is designed for workers to take advantage of the growth in the stock market over the long run, it might be worth moving your account by doing an IRA rollover to a diversified fund company like Vanguard, Fidelity or T. Rowe Price. That will allow you access to a wider selection of more conservative or income-producing investments.

Make sure this is a direct rollover from your employer to the new IRA custodian — making a mistake could subject your entire account to taxes.

And be sure to avoid the army of financial salespeople who are trying to sell you investment products for your IRA rollover account. You can get free, unbiased advice for asset allocation at these low-cost fund companies.

Understand the power of your 401(k) plan: Don't be tempted to borrow from your retirement plan for what seems like good reasons, such as kids' tuition or debt consolidation. That's a huge mistake. You lose all the growth the money could have generated. And if you leave your job, you must immediately repay the loan or face taxes and potential penalties.

Check plan fees and costs: Employers are required to disclose all 401(k) plan fees and costs annually. At www.EmployeeFiduciary.com, you can benchmark your company's plan costs to see if they are reasonable. If not, get your co-workers together to demand a lower cost plan.

Your 401(k) plan is your nest egg. It will pay off in the long run if you watch over it closely along the way. That's The Savage Truth.

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Filing amended returns for previous years

Taxpayers typically have 3 years to get back extra money

BY KIMBERLY LANKFORD

Kiplinger

Q: I read your column about semi-retired people and the retirement savers' tax credit just in time to claim the credit when filing my taxes for 2017. I contributed to an IRA over the past few years, and I think my income would have qualified for the credit in those years too. Can I file an amended return and get back money for the savers' credit in the past?

A: If you qualified for the credit in previous years, you can file an amended return and get back the extra money as a refund. You generally have up to three years after the deadline for filing your original federal tax return to submit an amended return if you missed a tax break or need to make other changes.

The savers' credit, worth up to \$1,000 for singles and \$2,000 for married joint filers, is available to those who contribute to a retirement account, such as an IRA, 401(k) or Simplified Employee Pension.

For joint filers, the income limits to qualify are up to \$62,000 in 2017 and \$63,000 in 2018. For singles, the income limits are up to \$31,000 in 2017 and \$31,500 in 2018.

To amend your return to claim the credit, you'll need to file a separate Form 1040X for each year you're amending. Enter the year you're amending, note the changes you are making and attach any tax forms that are affected by the change. (You can't file amended returns electronically.) See the Instructions for Form 1040X at irs.gov for more information.

In your case, you'll attach Form 8880, Credit for Qualified Retirement Saving Contributions. See the All Form 8880 Revisions at irs.gov (search "About Form 8880" and click on the link) for previous years' versions of the form and more information about each year's requirements. The income levels to qualify for the retirement savers' credit were slightly lower for each of the past few years. See the Saver's Credit fact sheet for the income levels from 2015 to 2018.

While you're at it, search for our "22



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Most Overlooked Tax Deductions" slideshow at Kiplinger.com to see if you qualified for any other breaks that you missed.

It can take the IRS up to 16 weeks to process the amended return. You can check its status starting three weeks after you file by going to irs.gov and searching for the "Where's My Amended Return?" tool. For more information, see the IRS's Amended Return factsheet available at irs.gov/taxtopics/tc308.

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Cover letter horror stories

A hot topic of discussion these days is whether cover letters should go the way of the dinosaur. Until that happens, it pays to know how to write a cover letter well. Misspelling words and getting names wrong are common errors, but things can get really strange. Here are five real-life cover letter failures that hiring professionals shared:



SOURCE: Inc.



1. Cooking preferences: "The cover letter attachment ... was actually a list of the candidate's favorite recipes."



2. No fear of identity theft: "I got the candidate's picture, DOB, SSN, marital status and number of children."



3. Selling yourself with profanities: "One candidate wrote, 'I get (expletive) done' in the first line of his cover letter."



4. Being childish: "Creativity points to the person who sent their cover letter written in crayon. Wanted to stand out, but it was a finance position. No kidding."



5. When a picture isn't worth a thousand words: "I once got a cover letter that was just a picture of a guy and a tiger. What else do I need to know really?"

You should craft something that gets a recruiter to notice you, but you need to be creative and attention-grabbing in an appropriate way.



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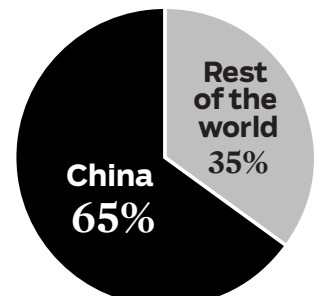
Google cofounder Larry Page went public last week with his latest venture: an electric, autonomous flying taxi startup called Kitty Hawk. The two-seater drone called Cora takes off like a helicopter and flies like an airplane. Page is seeking regulatory approval for commercial flights — starting in New Zealand — in as soon as three years. Page brought on the former CEO of Virgin America to run it, so you know he's serious.

Whose side is Qualcomm on?

President Donald Trump last week killed what would have been the biggest takeover in the history of the tech industry: Broadcom's \$117 billion bid for U.S. mobile chip maker Qualcomm. Trump took the rare move of personally quashing a merger over national security concerns. He doesn't want Qualcomm's advanced 5G wireless technologies to fall into Chinese hands, nor does Qualcomm, which sought federal review of the deal. Broadcom, based in Singapore, is seen as having substantial commercial ties to China's telecom industry. But so does Qualcomm (see chart). If Trump increases tariffs on Chinese imports, as he reportedly wants to do, Qualcomm may have some awkward conversations in Beijing.

Where Qualcomm gets paid

2017 revenue



Source: Company reports
Graphic: Tribune News Service

Playlists and the new payola?

Music labels used to bribe DJs to play their songs until that practice was banned. Now scrutiny is turning to those trying to influence Spotify, the wildly popular online music streaming service with 159 million active users and 71 million paid subscribers. Its human-curated playlists like Rap Caviar can turn songs into gold and a cottage industry has sprung up to get songs onto these playlists. Spotify denies any pay-for-play, but the game will always go on.

The biggest purchase order ever?

Not to be outdone by anyone, Volkswagen just put in what might be the biggest purchase order in automotive history: \$25 billion for enough batteries to flood the world with electric VWs. (See related story at left about the coming oversupply of lithium for car batteries.) The world's largest carmaker said it wants to equip 16 factories to produce electric vehicles by the end of 2022, compared with three currently. The goal is to produce 3 million electric cars a year by 2025. Tesla's own battery purchase order stood last year at \$17.5 billion and the California carmaker is struggling to produce even a few thousand a week. Your move @elonmusk.

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AN ENDURING SOCIAL MOVEMENT

It's been a month since a disaffected teenager with a semi-automatic rifle killed 14 students and three staff members at Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School in Parkland, Fla. But the survivors of the Parkland shooting won't let us move on, the way we did after Columbine, Virginia Tech, Sandy Hook, UC Santa Barbara, Umpqua Community College and so many others. For more on the #NeverAgain effort, go to chicagotribune.com



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These companies will pay you to shut off your phone

By ALYSON KRUEGER
Tribune Interactive

It started out for Sam Machado as a relatively low-effort way to get free pizza. In 2014 Machado was a 20-year-old junior at California State University, Chico, when he came across an app called Pocket Points. The app earned him rewards such as free slices whenever he shut off his phone during classes. Machado, who was partly putting himself through school, was often strapped for cash. The easy rewards outweighed the temptation to pull out his phone in the middle of lectures.

But then something funny happened. Machado started paying attention to what his teachers were saying. "You'd be surprised how much more you can learn when you get off Instagram and Snapchat and take some actual notes," says Machado.

You don't say. Mobile phone use for many of us has become a consuming, nasty habit, and researchers are starting to dig into the phones' impact on cognition, memory, emotions, and a good night's sleep. Americans spend five hours a day on their devices, and touch their phones on the order of 2,600 times a day, according to a 2014 study. Psychologists even coined a word, nomophobia, for the irrational fear of being without one's phone. It's gotten so bad that a cottage industry is popping up to encourage people to take a much-needed screen break.

Pocket Points debuted at Chico State in the fall of 2014 and, within a few weeks, was in use by almost a third of Chico State's 17,000 students. The app has since spread to almost 400 colleges in the U.S. and boasts more than a million users. The app uses a phone's location to detect when students are on campus and, once they are, offers the choice to lock the mobile and start accruing points toward discounts or gifts at shops and restaurants. The longer the app stays locked, the more rewards they get. Similar to Groupon, Pocket Points makes money by taking a small percentage of whatever students buy at the stores and websites where they get the offers.

"I remember going into classrooms during the launch semester, and half the classroom would be whispering

about how many points they had amassed," said Machado. Pocket Points has raised \$2 million from investors including Chris Friedland, founder of Build.com, and Bob Bozeman, formerly of Angel Investors LP, who helped fund Google and PayPal in the early days. It aims to be on every U.S. college campus within the year.

"People are going to become more conscious of how they are using their apps, and if they are having a positive or negative effect on their life," said Mitch Gardner, co-founder and COO of Pocket Points. "Imagine smartphones are like a refrigerator, and you have all different types of food in there: spinach, chicken, ice cream, and soda. Eating ice cream is great,

'We look forward to welcoming any and all guests who are willing to take the challenge.'

— Noelle Nicolai, who is in charge of the Wyndham Grand hotel chain's challenge to entice families away from their screens

but you shouldn't be doing it all day."

Cinemark Theatres, which operates 339 movie houses and 4,561 screens in 41 states, has always urged filmgoers to silence their phones, but those pre-movie messages and ads just weren't cutting it. So in 2012, it added a CineMode feature to its app that gives rewards towards snacks and tickets to customers who register when the film begins and keep their fingers off the phone during the show. If they check their phone even once, the prizes disappear.

Matthew Hassett, a graduate student at Harvard University's Kennedy School of Government, is getting ready to pilot his app named QuietCoin. Similar to other apps, users will take a break from their phones, do something fun and meaningful in real life, and then redeem their QuietCoins for exclusive rewards such as a new type of workout

class or a meal at a healthy restaurant. The tagline for the company: "Live deliberately."

Says Hassett, "Reclaiming control of your time is a lot easier when you're able to recognize its value. The true gift of QuietCoin is getting your time back; the rewards are the icing on the cake."

General managers of the Wyndham Grand hotel chain, which has properties in cities such as Chicago, Orlando and Tucson, were fed up with how much time parents spent on their phone on family vacations. An internal study found that 54 percent of its young guests thought their parents checked their phone too often; 32 percent reported feeling "unimportant" when it happened. Some parents would miss entire meals or activities because they were on their phones.

So, on Feb. 23 it launched a mobile-free challenge to entice families away from their screens. Those who agreed stored their phones in a lock box for as much time as the family deems necessary to receive a five percent discount on their stay. The hotel bestows on phone-free guests a package of gifts for in-real-life fun: an Instax camera to take pictures the old-school way, an indoor s'mores kit, and instructions and supplies to make blanket forts in hotel rooms.

Right now, the program is rolled out in five hotels and will soon be available in all of them. It's not an easy task for families to go back to non-mobile, old-fashioned fun, said Noelle Nicolai, who is in charge of the program and has the title Grand Resident Reconnector. "We look forward to welcoming any and all guests who are willing to take the challenge."

Gardner, no surprise, thinks the turn-off movement is only in its very early stages. "You are going to see more apps that motivate positive behavior," he said. "We know we are not even close to the ceiling of this opportunity." With billions of phones in use and millions of apps to distract us, Gardner is not going to lack for nomophobics.

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THE COMING BUST IN LITHIUM

By BRUCE UPBIN
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Everyone wants more of lithium, the shiny, soft, and highly reactive mineral that powers the battery inside your smartphone and Prius (or Tesla, if you're one of the lucky ones).

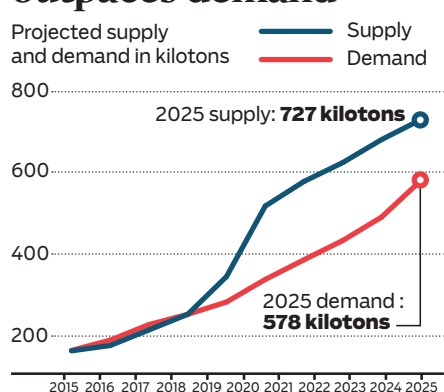
Annual sales of electric vehicles are forecast to jump from 1 million last year to 9.2 million in the middle of the next decade. These cars are major consumers of lithium (see chart).

Supplies have been tight, but miners in China and the high deserts of the Andes are racing to produce a whole lot more. (Chile is sometimes called the Saudi Arabia of lithium.)

Morgan Stanley analysts just revised their supply estimates upward by 35% over the next 8 years. That's going to crush lithium prices — in the most bearish case by more than 50% by 2025.

That's a good thing for the cost of your

Lithium supply outpaces demand



Source: Morgan Stanley Research
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Prius and iPhone, but not at all a good thing for lithium mining stocks such as Albemarle, Galaxy Resources, SQM, and Tianqi Lithium Industries. Look out below.



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A Bolivian chemical engineer checks containers with brine at a lithium plant.

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By **BOB GOLDSBOROUGH**
Chicago Tribune

Raymond Gadke assisted several generations of researchers and students in his oversight of University of Chicago Library's microforms department and later of its periodical collections and all its reading room collections.

A scholar himself who had a master's degree in history from the U. of C., Gadke was known for his intellectual curiosity and for his willingness to help anyone seeking assistance with the university's vast collections.

"If anyone aspired to be a perpetual college student, Ray pulled it off," said Steven R. Strahler, a University of Chicago graduate and longtime friend. "He was a scholar who sought no recognition or remuneration while helping hundreds of students pursue their studies and goals."

Gadke, 74, died of cardiovascular disease brought on by stomach flu Feb. 26 at his home, said his brother, Richard. He had been a longtime resident of the South Side Hyde Park neighborhood.

Gadke grew up on a farm in then-rural Long Grove. He graduated in 1961 from Ela-Vernon High School — now Lake Zurich High School — where he developed the nickname "Father Ray," owing to his nurturing, paternal nature. During high school, Gadke was interested in history, and he also became fluent in German and studied Latin.

After high school, Gadke earned a bachelor's degree in history in 1965 from Knox College in Galesburg, where he helped support himself by working in the college's kitchen. He earned a master's degree in history at the U. of C. in 1966 and then began to pursue a doctorate in history.

In 1969, Gadke joined the university's library staff. When the Regenstein Library opened in the early 1970s, Gadke took over the microforms department.



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Ray Gadke oversaw various collections at the University of Chicago Library.

Gadke later added other area of oversight, including the library's periodicals and, ultimately, all of the library's reading room collections, which encompass the periodical reading room, the reference collections throughout the library and microforms.

River Forest author and U. of C. alum John Binder met Gadke in the late 1970s while working on his doctoral dissertation and reading microfilm.

"I remember him as being very intelligent, well-grounded, helping and compassionate," Binder said. "He was helpful to library users and a mentor to various students who worked under him in the library in internships and part-time jobs. Ray was one of those guys who exhibited the finest of the University of Chicago."

Craig Kennedy, a U. of C. alum who now is a senior fellow at the Hudson Institute, worked in the library during college but not directly with Gadke. However, he called Gadke "one of the two reasons that I got through the University of Chicago."

"He was one of these incredibly supportive guys who are able to identify kids who might have been over their head at Chicago, especially a farm kid like me," Kennedy said. "He was just an incredible support, and he was generous."

Retired Chicago attorney Tim McGree credited Gadke with reading his pa-

pers and helping to improve his writing.

"It sounds kind of hokey, but his true calling was helping other people, everybody who came his way," McGree said.

In 2015, the university established an internship in Gadke's name, as a way to help offer undergraduate students paid experience in a chosen field. David Bottorff, the library's head of collection management and circulation, called Gadke "a consistently kind and generous soul, whether as a colleague, a mentor to his student employees or to the countless library patrons he assisted over the decades. His warmth, humor and compassion, as well as his intellectual curiosity and dedication, will be sorely missed."

Gadke, who was known for his collection of colorful Hawaiian shirts, never retired.

"He basically spent from whatever time he was there in the morning until after 9 o'clock at night at the library," Richard Gadke said. "That's where his friends were. That's where his life was."

Gadke in the 1980s began collecting religious statues after Catholic priests whom he had met in his graduate studies began giving him artifacts from Catholic churches or schools that were closing. Gadke's collection filled two rooms in his apartment.

Gadke frequently trekked out to visit his brother's Boone County farm on weekends.

"He liked to come out and help run the farm, and he was well-liked out here too," Richard Gadke said. "He fit right in. Whether it was college professors in Chicago or simple farm folks out here in rural Boone County, he fit right in."

Apart from his brother, there were no other immediate survivors.

Services were held.

Bob Goldsborough is a freelance reporter.

Chicago Daily Tribune

ON MARCH 19 ...

In 1962 a cease-fire in Algeria ended seven years of warfare between the French and nationalists in the North African colony.

In 1975 the U.S. Supreme Court struck down part of the Social Security law that authorized survivors' benefits for widows with children but denied benefits for widowed men with children.

In 1976 Buckingham Palace announced the separation of Princess Margaret and her husband, the Earl of Snowdon, after 16 years of marriage.

In 1977 after seven seasons, CBS broadcast the final episode of "The Mary Tyler Moore Show."

In 1979 the U.S. House began television broadcasts of its day-to-day business.

In 1981, at Cape Canaveral, Fla., two workers were killed in an accident during tests for the space shuttle Columbia.

In 1982, 27 people were killed in the crash of a National Guard jet tanker near Greenwood, Ill.

In 1983 a federal jury in Denver found Procter & Gamble negligent in putting Rely tampons — blamed by some for toxic shock syndrome — on the market.

In 1987 televangelist Jim Bakker resigned as chairman of his PTL ministry organization amid a sex and money scandal involving Jessica Hahn, a former church secretary from Oklahoma.

In 1990 Latvia's political opposition claimed victory in the republic's first free elections in 50 years.

In 1994 talks between North Korea and South Korea collapsed, imperiling a U.S.-brokered deal to resolve the North Korean nuclear dispute.

In 1996 Senate Majority Leader Bob Dole wrapped up the Republican presidential nomination with solid primary victories in four Midwestern states.

In 1998, completing baseball's transformation from family ownership to corporate control, Rupert Murdoch's Fox Group won approval to buy the Los Angeles Dodgers for a record \$350 million.

In 2001 California officials declared a power alert, ordering the first of two days of rolling blackouts.

In 2002 U.S. intelligence analyst Ana Belen Montes pleaded guilty in federal court to spying for Cuba; she was later sentenced to 25 years in prison.

In 2004 Taiwanese President Chen Shui-bian and his vice president were shot and slightly wounded in an apparent assassination attempt on the final day of Taiwan's presidential campaign.

In 2006 Tennessee's Candace Parker became the first woman to dunk in an NCAA tournament game, jamming one-handed on a breakaway just 6:12 into the Lady Vols' 102-54 victory against Army.

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Bireley, SJ, Fr. Robert L.

Fr. Robert L. Bireley, SJ, age 84, March 14, 2018, at St. Camillus Jesuit Community in Wauwatosa, WI. A Jesuit for 66 years, Fr. Bireley earned many degrees, including a BA in Latin (1956) and an MA in history (1963) from Loyola University Chicago; a licentiate in theology from Sankt Georgen in Frankfurt, Germany (1965); and a Ph.D. in history from Harvard University (1972). During 45 years as a professor at Loyola University Chicago, Fr. Bireley was highly regarded for his teaching and preaching, and widely recognized for his scholarly writing and service on editorial boards and academic committees. Born in Evanston, IL on July 26, 1933, he is preceded in death by his parents, John and Marian; a brother, John; a sister, Barbara, RSCJ; a half-brother, Paul; and a half-sister, Katharine. He is survived by three nieces- Martha (Chris) McCurdy, Marybeth (Jim) Chess, Margie (Bill) Snyder and three nephews- Matt (Kelly) Bireley, Mark (Marian) Bireley, J. Michael (Polly) Bireley. Visitation Thursday, March 22nd from 2pm until time of Funeral Mass, 3pm at Madonna della Strada Chapel Loyola University Chicago. Interment Friday, March 23rd, 10am at All Saints Cemetery, Des Plaines, IL. Memorial gifts may be made to USA Midwest Jesuits, 1010 N Hooker St., Chicago, IL 60642. Visit www.jesuitsmidwest.org to read full obituary, sign a guestbook, or make an online memorial gift. For information **John E Maloney Funeral Directors** (773)764-1617.



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Blitz, Donald

Donald Blitz, passed away suddenly, age 74. Beloved husband of Eileen, nee Rotkin. Loving father of David and Sean (Tara) Blitz. Proud grandfather of Emmy and Beau Blitz. Dear brother of Clark (Barbara Brayfield) Blitz. Will be missed by many nieces, nephews, cousins, friends and students. Service Monday 12:30 PM at **Chicago Jewish Funerals**, 8851 Skokie Blvd (at Niles Center Road), Skokie. Interment Memorial Park Cemetery. Arrangements by **Chicago Jewish Funerals** - Skokie Chapel, 847.229.8822, www.cjinfo.com.



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Brelin, William P.

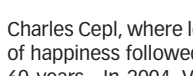
William P. Brelin, of Morton Grove, beloved husband of Joann; loving brother of the late Roger (Marie) and Robert "Bobby". Retired from Walgreens corporate office after 37 years. Funeral from **Simkins Funeral Home** 6251 Dempster St. Morton Grove, IL 60053 Thursday 9:30 a.m. to St. Martha Church. Mass at 10 a.m. Interment St. Adalbert Cemetery. Visitation Wednesday 4 to 7 p.m. Sign online guest book at www.simkinsfh.com. (847) 965-2500



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Cepl, Valerie

It is with great sadness that the family of Valerie Cepl announces her passing on Saturday, March 17, 2018, at the age of 82. A native of Chicago, Valerie attended and graduated from Mount Sinai School of Nursing, where she would dedicate herself to nursing for 50 years. Early in her career, Valerie was taking care of a patient by the name of Charles Cepl, where love was sparked and a lifetime of happiness followed, as the two were married for 60 years. In 2004, Valerie and her loving husband Charles, moved to Apple River, Illinois to enjoy boating, wildlife and their friends and family. Valerie, survived by husband, Charles Cepl and beloved mother of Michael (Tricia) and her daughter Catherine. Proud grandmother of her four grandchildren; Michael, Samantha, Tyler and Victoria. Dear sister of Robert Stolarski and many other cousins, nieces and nephews. Preceded in death by parents Victoria (nee Szewczyk) and Stanley Stolarski; three sisters, Eleanor Boruta, Estelle Rosenau, Florence Schorie; two brothers, Theodore and Raymond Stolarski. Visitation in memory of Valerie Cepl will be held Wednesday, March 21, 2018 at 10:00 AM until the time of Catholic Mass, 11:00 AM - St. Peters Catholic Church - 1891 Kaneville Road, Geneva, IL 60134. **Laird Funeral Home**, Elgin is handling arrangements for information call 847-741-8800 or www.lairdfamilyfuneralservices.com



Charles Cepl, where love was sparked and a lifetime of happiness followed, as the two were married for 60 years. In 2004, Valerie and her loving husband Charles, moved to Apple River, Illinois to enjoy boating, wildlife and their friends and family. Valerie, survived by husband, Charles Cepl and beloved mother of Michael (Tricia) and her daughter Catherine. Proud grandmother of her four grandchildren; Michael, Samantha, Tyler and Victoria. Dear sister of Robert Stolarski and many other cousins, nieces and nephews. Preceded in death by parents Victoria (nee Szewczyk) and Stanley Stolarski; three sisters, Eleanor Boruta, Estelle Rosenau, Florence Schorie; two brothers, Theodore and Raymond Stolarski. Visitation in memory of Valerie Cepl will be held Wednesday, March 21, 2018 at 10:00 AM until the time of Catholic Mass, 11:00 AM - St. Peters Catholic Church - 1891 Kaneville Road, Geneva, IL 60134. **Laird Funeral Home**, Elgin is handling arrangements for information call 847-741-8800 or www.lairdfamilyfuneralservices.com

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Cohen, Rosalie

Rosalie Cohen wife of the late Gerald. Loving and caring mother to Sheri (Bruce) Marsden and Lauren (Jordan) Zelman. Wonderful grandmother to Ilissa Marsden (Bradley Robinson), Bari (Scott) Schwartz, Bradley Zelman, Blake Zelman, and Brandon Zelman. Cherished great-grandmother to Ava, Jacob Schwartz and Wynn Robinson. Graveside services, Tuesday 10:30AM at Westlawn Cemetery (Memorial Section), 7801 W. Montrose, Norridge. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to American Lung Association, www.lung.org, or American Heart Association, www.heart.org. Arrangements by **Chicago Jewish Funerals** - Buffalo Grove Chapel, 847.229.8822, www.cjinfo.com.



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Cummings, Paul K.

Paul K. Cummings WWII Navy Veteran beloved husband of the late Dorothy nee Jarnell; loving father of Paul Jr., Barbara (David) Cella, Michael and Laura (Gary) LaMonto; dearest grandfather of Brian (Phil Banasiak) Saubert, Bridget Cummings, Marissa Cummings, Nicole (Walter) Brenzek, Paul III (Jackie) Cummings, Jennifer (Michael) Turner, Lainey LaMonto, Matthew Cummings and Sam LaMonto; dear great grandfather of 9; fond brother of Leota (Joseph) Kremposky, Carol Burge and the late Jeanne (Charles) Virgin and Walter (Nancy) Cummings; cherished uncle of many nieces and nephews. Visitation Thursday 9:00 A.M. until time of prayers 10:30 A.M. at **Lawn Funeral Home** 7909 State Road (5500W) Burbank IL 60459 Interment Chapel Hill Garden South Cemetery Funeral info (708) 636-2320.



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Davis, Seaborn L.

Seaborn L. Davis, age 79, retired Lieutenant CFD engine 76. Beloved husband of Peggy for 44 years. Dear brother of Kathryn (Michael) Karaffa. Loving son of the late Seaborn and Kathryn Davis. Fond uncle to many nieces and nephews, and friend to many. Visitation Tuesday March 20th from 3-9 PM at **Smith-Corcoran Funeral Home** 6150 N. Cicero Ave. Chicago. Funeral service Wednesday March 21st, 10 AM at Smith-Corcoran. Interment Arlington Cemetery in Elmhurst. Info 773-736-3833 or visit Seaborn's memorial at www.smithcorcoran.com



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Ginsberg, Hon. Robert E.

Judge Robert E. Ginsberg, age 73, died March 17, 2018. Judge Ginsberg was a retired United States Bankruptcy Judge for the Northern District of Illinois, where he served for 18 years. Previously, he was a professor at DePaul University Washington College of Law. He is survived by his wife of 51 years, Gail Ginsberg, his loving daughters, Deborah and Dana Ginsberg, grandchildren, David Ginsberg and Aurora Buntain, sister, Marlon Levine, brothers-in-law, Bruce Cohen and Irwin Muskat, and many nieces and nephews, cousins, close friends and former colleagues. He is pre-deceased by his sister, Margery Muskat. Services will be private. Memorial donations can be made to the Parkinson's Foundation or the Michael J. Fox Foundation.

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Gort, Aida 'Tata'

Aida "Tata" Gort (nee Mila), beloved wife of the late Terrance Gort. Devoted mother of Ida (Noel) Nieto; cherished grandmother of Ana and Sofia Nieto. Dearest sister of the late Mercy (the late Dr. Gustavo) Abello and the late Jose (Lourdes) Mila. Proud madrina to Tina Abello and Lydia (Herbert) Garmier and aunt of Gus (Isabell) Abello, Lourdes (Mark) Malik, and Joe (Cathy) Mila. Visitation Friday, March 23, 2018 from 3:00pm to 7:00pm at Drake & Son Funeral Home, 5303 North Western Avenue, Chicago. Mass of the Resurrection 11:00am Saturday, March 24, 2018, at St. Gregory the Great Church, 5545 N Paulina Avenue. Tata worked joyfully for many years at Edgewater Hospital and was a member of Opus Dei, St. Lambert's Prayer Group, and St. Gregory's Friendship Club. In lieu of flowers, masses preferred. Entombment Rosehill Mausoleum. Info: 773-561-6874



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Harris, Jerome

Jerome Harris, age 93, beloved husband of the late Zippora Harris, happily married for 60 years; loving father of Julie (Dr. Bruce Bergelson) Harris and Lisa (Thomas) Quinn; cherished Zaida of Lauren and Daniel Bergelson, Sarah (Nicholas) Gutwirth and Samuel Quinn; treasured uncle of many nieces and nephews. Jerome was a highly respected dentist in Pittsburgh for many years. Private services arranged by **Shalom Memorial Funeral Home**. In lieu of flowers memorials may be made to PAWS Chicago or the Alzheimer's Association. For information and condolences: 847-255-3520 or www.shalom2.com



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Heersink, Evert

Evert Jan Heersink, age 86, of Downers Grove. Beloved husband of 61 years to Geraldine Heersink, nee Tameling; loving father of Anita (Jeff) Agopsowicz, Linda (David) Speelman and Michael (Tricia); dear son of the late Hendrik and the late Grada Heersink; devoted grandfather of Amy, Brian (Carissa), Kristen and Jacob Speelman, Megan, Allison, and Nathan Heersink; great-grandfather of Adeline Speelman; fond brother of Ali (the late Al and the late Gerben Heersink) DeBoer, Johanna (the late Gary) Senti, Adolf (Florence) Heersink, and the late Henrietta (the late Gerald) Koops; uncle of many nieces, nephews and the late Wesley Heersink. Visitation Wednesday, March 21, 3-7PM at **Knollcrest Funeral Home**, 1500 S. Meyers Rd. (3 blks. So. of Roosevelt Rd) Lombard. Memorial Service Thursday, 11AM at the Christian Reformed Church of Western Springs, 5140 Wolf Rd. Western Springs, IL 60558. Interment Private. In lieu of flowers, donations to Timothy Christian Schools or Trinity College are appreciated. For info: www.knollcrest.net or 630-932-1500.

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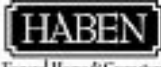
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Hohs, Bernard J. 'Bud'

BERNARD "BUD" J. HOHS, age 97, of Fox Lake, formerly of Antioch and Skokie. Beloved husband of the late Betty and June; dear father of Timothy J. (Lorie), Pamela (Greg) Goldbogen, Mark (Kathy) and Pamela (Mark) Dolezal; loving grandfather of Erika Denkenberger, Anneliese Pratt, Alec Boehm, Cory and Casey Hohs, Zak Dolezal and Emily Fox;



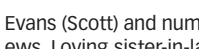
cherished great-grandfather of Sabine, Mikkel and Emmerich Denkenberger, Sullivan and Clara Pratt, Sawyer, Ruby and Wendel Dolezal; fond brother of the late Lona Baumann, Maudie Kalisiak, Adam, Peter, William, Betty Whitesell, Deedie Baumann and Mae Burke. Visitation Tuesday, 3-9 p.m. at Haben Funeral Home, 8057 Niles Center Rd., Skokie. Funeral Wednesday, 10:15 a.m. from the funeral home for Mass, 10:30 a.m. at St. Peter Church, Skokie. Interment St. Peter Cemetery, Skokie. Memorial contributions may be made to the Alzheimer's Association, 8430 W. Bryn Mawr Ave., Suite 800, Chicago, IL, 60631; A Safe Haven, 2750 W. Roosevelt Rd., Chicago, IL, 60608; or Urban Warriors YMCA (donate.ymcachicago.org). Funeral info: 847-673-6111 or www.habenfuneral.com.



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Kreckler, Eugenia D.

Eugenia D Kreckler, age 91, passed away Tuesday, March 13, 2018. Beloved wife of the late Hans Kreckler for 61 years. Loving mother of Judy Parker (Bill) and the late Warren Kreckler (Sophia Gates). Cherished grandmother of Christina Swain (fiance John Sinclair) and Julie Dickerson (Joshua). Loving great grandmother of Nicki Swain. Dear aunt of Jan



Evans (Scott) and numerous other nieces and nephews. Loving sister-in-law of Don Schwartz. She was predeceased by her brothers, Josef and Bernard Kolodziej and her sisters Madeline Berger and Elizabeth Schwartz. She emigrated from Germany in 1954, worked for Diebel and Die Manufacturing for 30 years and for Kuhn's Deli and Cafe (as a cook) for 7 years. Above all she was devoted to her husband and family. Visitation Friday, March 23rd, 3:00 P.M. - 9:00 P.M. at Friedrichs Funeral Home, 320 W. Central Rd., Mt. Prospect. Funeral service Saturday, March 24th, 10:30 A.M. at the funeral home. Interment Maryhill Cemetery. Funeral information call 847-255-7800 or www.friedrichsfh.com

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Levitzke, Roman Augustus 'Romey'

Roman A. Levitzke passed away at Advocate Good Shepherd Hospital on March 17th, 2018 in Barrington, Illinois at the age of 88. Roman was a loving husband, father and grandfather who was an avid fisherman and lifelong Chicago Cubs fan.



Roman is survived by: his wife, Elizabeth Hoffman Levitzke; his sons Mark Levitzke (wife, Janet) and Michael Levitzke (wife, Donna), and daughter Mary Ellen Giangrasso (husband, Joseph); his grandchildren Joseph Giangrasso (fiancé, Marianne Mooney), Marisa Hentis (husband, Nathan), Nicole Bultinck (husband, Jared), Michael Levitzke, Jr. (fiancé, Alexandra Woods), Matthew Levitzke and Maxwell Levitzke (girlfriend, Kylie Hennagin); and his great-grandchildren Amber Bultinck, Merzadies Bultinck, Liam Bultinck, Jaxon Bultinck, Alanna Kelly, and Ezra Levitzke.

Roman was born on February 22nd, 1930 in Chicago, IL to Clement Levitzke and Clara Kolosiekie. Roman married Elizabeth Hoffman in 1953. They raised their family of three children in Elk Grove Village, Illinois. Roman was a proud member of the Cement Masons Local 502 Union.

A private ceremony will be held on March 19th, 2018. In lieu of sending flowers for condolences, the family would appreciate your contribution to the American Heart Association.

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Meyer, Ruth

Ruth Meyer nee Baron, 98; caring wife of the late Sidney; loving mother of Bonnie Allen and Ian Yavitz and dear friend of Jan Chatter; cherished Bubby of Deborah Mann, Lisa Woods, Jessica Yavitz and Jarett Yavitz; proud and adoring great-grandma of Kasey; treasured sister of the late Martin (Olga) Baron, the late Earl (the late Jeanne) Baron and the late Max Baron; special aunt and great aunt to all she loved. Graveside service, Tuesday, 11 AM at Memorial Park Cemetery, 9900 Gross Point Road, Skokie. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to JourneyCare Hospice and the American Cancer Society. For information and to leave condolences: Shalom Memorial Funeral Home (847)255-3520 or www.shalom2.com.



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Michaels, Shirley J.

Shirley J. Michaels nee Levit, 99, beloved wife of the late Sol; loving mother of Terry (Bobbi) Michaels, Babette (John) Tilden and Debbie (Howard) Bloom; cherished grandmother of Jennie, Lisa (Paul), Jason, David (Haley Lehman), Alexi and the late Ryan; proud great-grandmother of Aidan and Maeve; sister of the late Earl (the late Marilyn) Levit. Funeral service Tuesday 1 PM at **Weinstein & Piser Funeral Home**, 111 Skokie Blvd, Wilmette. Entombment private. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to Les Turner ALS Foundation, www.lesturnerals.org. Info: 847-256-5700.



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Orangias, Frank

Frank Orangias, known as Sinatra by those who loved him, died early Sunday morning, March 18, 2018, surrounded by his daughters. He was born July 17, 1931 to Michele "Mike" and Angeline Orangias in Melrose Park, IL where he lived all his life. He was also loving stepson to Marie (Hartmann) Orangias.

Frank was an avid golfer who loved sports and fishing. He worked at the American Can Company and as a meat cutter and for the Village of Melrose Park.

Preceded in death by his wife Louise (Cubelotti) Orangias and stepbrother Charles.

He is survived by his caring daughters Antonia (Anthony) De Cola, Jan (Ray) Lollini and Fran (Clint) Pelegrino as well as his siblings Dan Orangias, Millie (Sam) Gatti, Rosemary Bartz, Gloria, Carol, Linda, Gail and Anthony.

He was the adored grandfather to Nick (Debbie) De Cola, Susan (Jeff) Torres, Elizabeth (Greg) Gielda, Ray (Ellen) Lollini, Nancy De Cola and Lauren Lollini. He was beloved great grandfather to Matt, Richey, Doug, Dustin, Max, Jacob, Rachel, Robby, Nate, Gabbi, Becca, Emma, Anthony and Lucy and great great grandfather to Vinny.

Funeral Services Wednesday 9am from **Carbonara Funeral Home** 1515 N 25th Ave Melrose Park to Our Lady of Mount Carmel church; Mass 10am. Entombment Queen of Heaven Mausoleum. Visitation Tuesday 3-9pm. Please Visit Frank's Tribute at CarbonaraFuneralHome.net 708-343-6161



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Rak, Annette A.

Annette A. Rak (nee Jakubowski), age 69, beloved wife of Steven Rak; devoted daughter of the late Ann and Raymond Jakubowski; dearest sister-in-law of Ann Lieske; best friend of Carol Olson. Services for Annette were held last Monday.

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Sorquist, Thomas J.

Loving father of Joan (Robert) Eicken and Susan Sorquist; proud and treasured grandfather of Kevin, Elizabeth, and Thomas Eicken. Cherished brother of Ruth (the late John) Deering and cherished brother-in-law of Mary Frances (the late Robert) Sorquist; fond uncle of many nieces and nephews. Preceded in death by his beloved wife of 45 years, the late Jean Sorquist and his brother, the late Floyd Sorquist. Tom graduated from Fenwick High School, Loyola University and proudly served in the U.S. Army. He was happiest spending time with family, golfing with friends, and working in his garden. He was devoted to his family and his parish and will forever be in our hearts. Visitation Tuesday, March 20, from 3:00pm until 8:00pm at **Oehler Funeral Home**, 2099 Miner St., Des Plaines. Funeral Wednesday at 10:00am at St. Zachary Catholic Church, 567 W. Algonquin Rd., Des Plaines. Interment All Saints Cemetery. For more info please call 847-824-5155 or visit www.oehlerfuneralhome.com

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Tuchman, Janice L.

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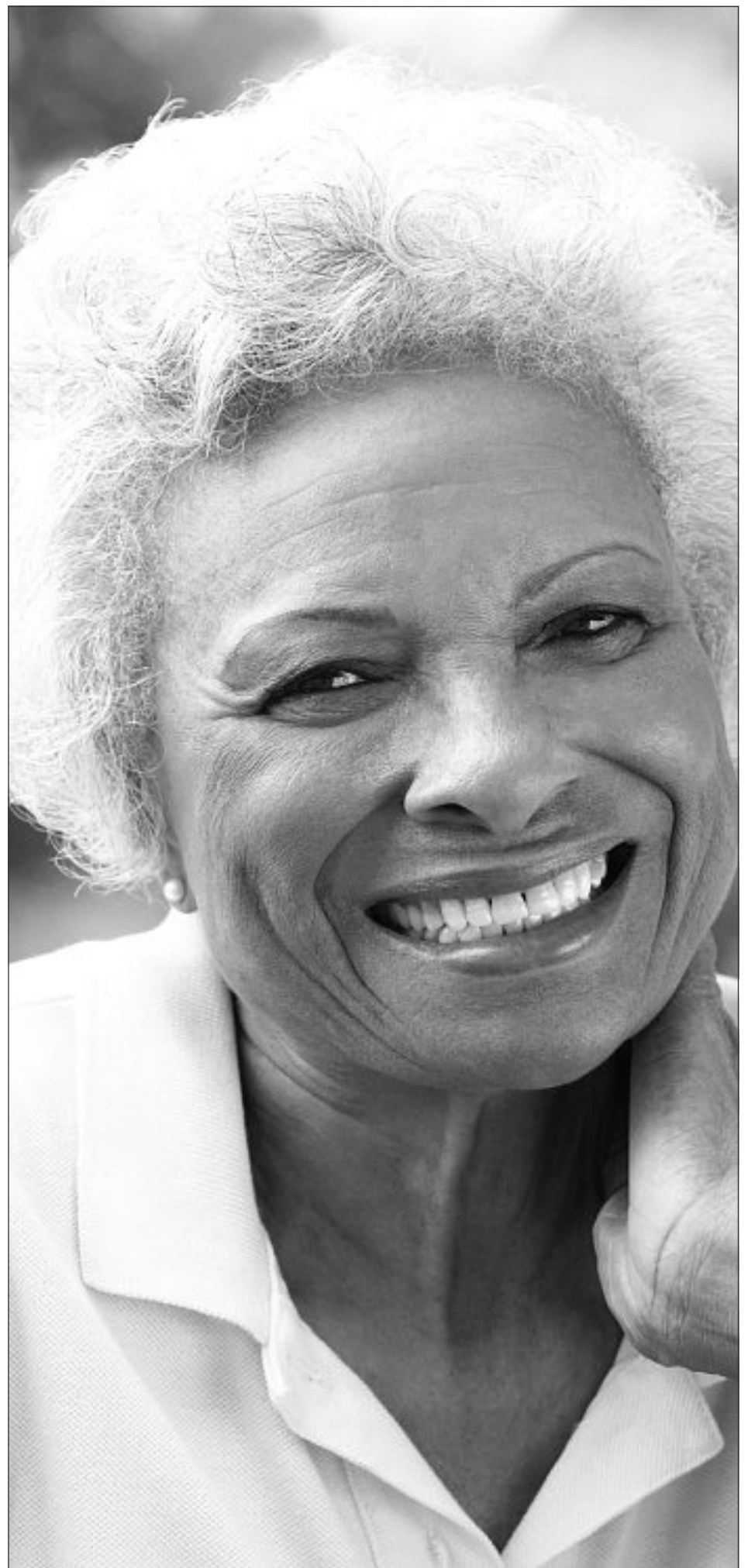
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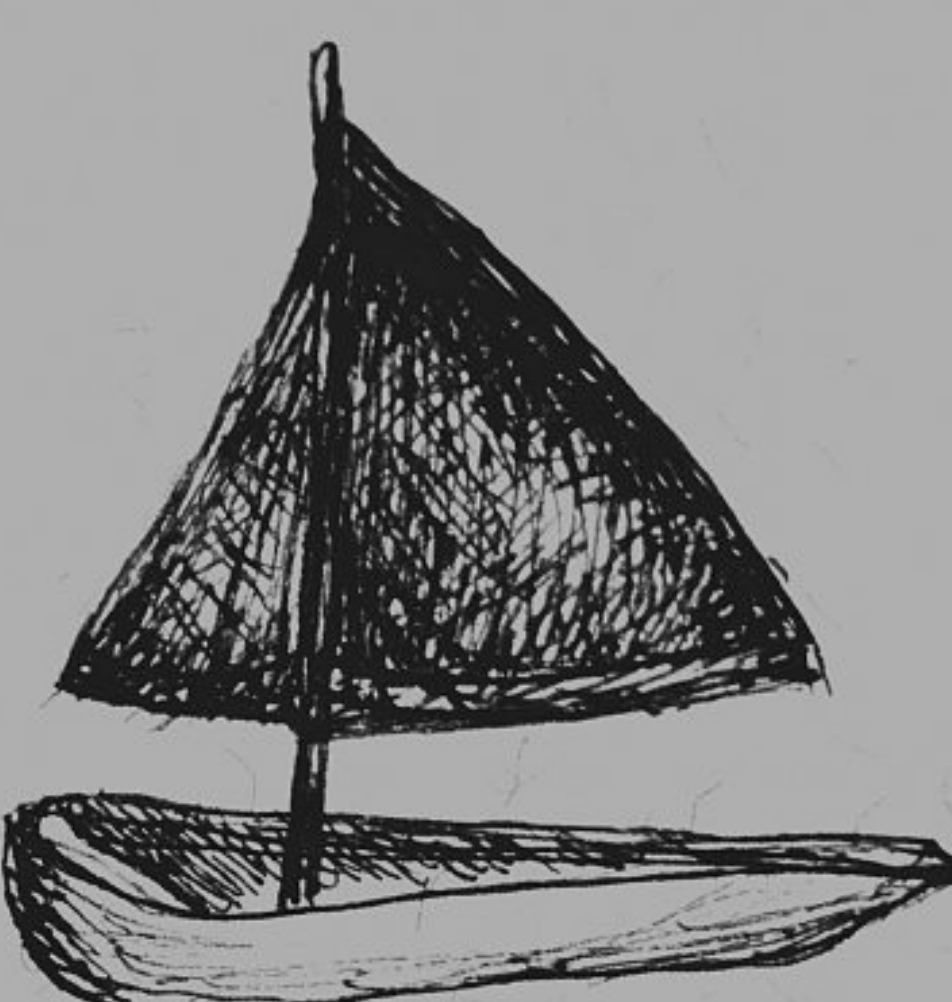
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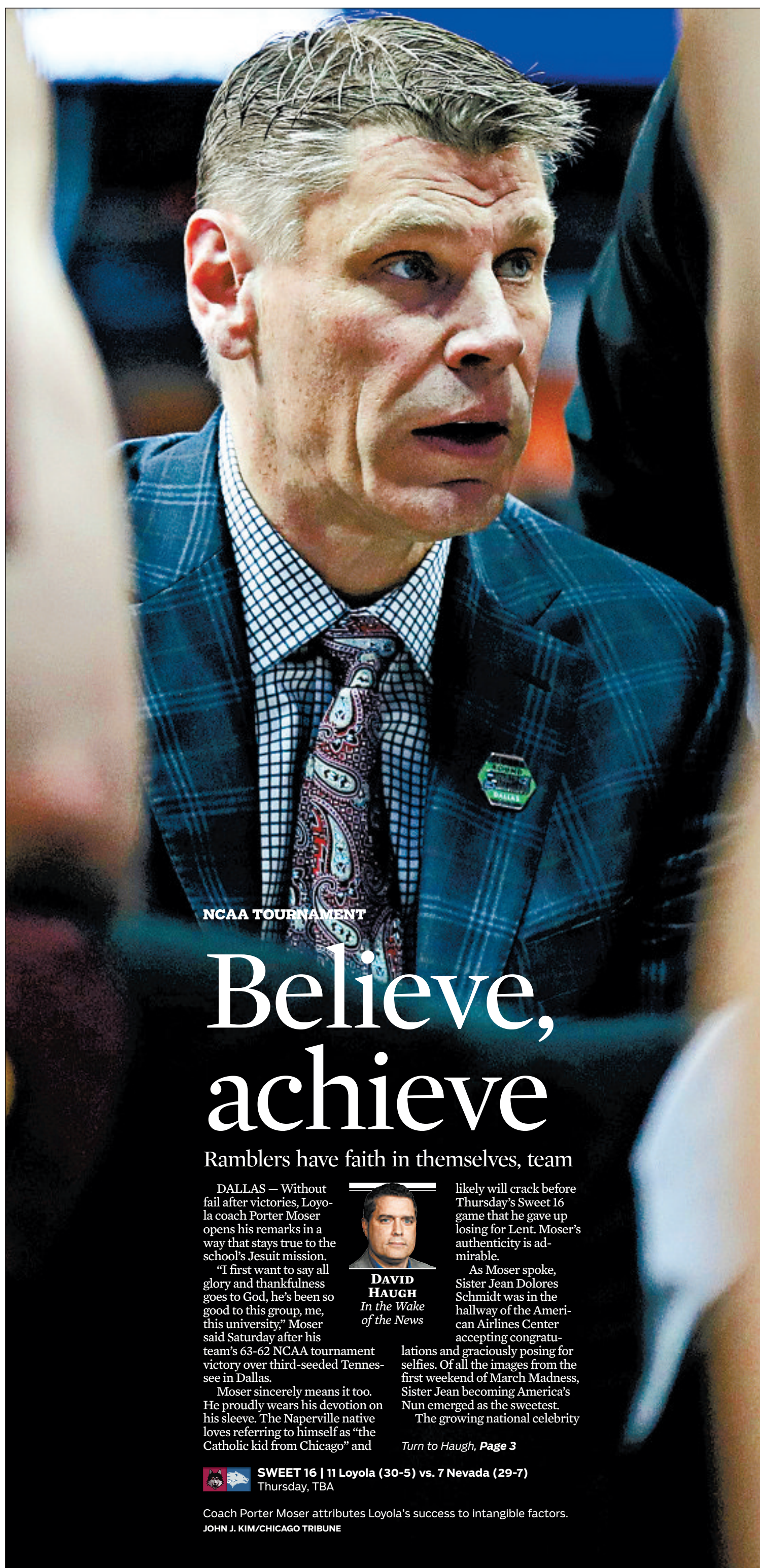
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NCAA TOURNAMENT

Believe, achieve

Ramblers have faith in themselves, team

DALLAS — Without fail after victories, Loyola coach Porter Moser opens his remarks in a way that stays true to the school's Jesuit mission.

"I first want to say all glory and thankfulness goes to God, he's been so good to this group, me, this university," Moser said Saturday after his team's 63-62 NCAA tournament victory over third-seeded Tennessee in Dallas.

Moser sincerely means it too. He proudly wears his devotion on his sleeve. The Naperville native loves referring to himself as "the Catholic kid from Chicago" and



DAVID HAUGH
In the Wake of the News

likely will crack before Thursday's Sweet 16 game that he gave up losing for Lent. Moser's authenticity is admirable.

As Moser spoke, Sister Jean Dolores Schmidt was in the hallway of the American Airlines Center accepting congratulations and graciously posing for selfies. Of all the images from the first weekend of March Madness, Sister Jean becoming America's Nun emerged as the sweetest.

The growing national celebrity
Turn to Haugh, Page 3

SWEET 16 | 11 Loyola (30-5) vs. 7 Nevada (29-7)
Thursday, TBA

Coach Porter Moser attributes Loyola's success to intangible factors.
JOHN J. KIM/CHICAGO TRIBUNE



SHANNON RYAN
On college basketball

Good times roll in early rounds

Fantastic finishes, memorable moments: Now it's on to Sweet 16

The opening two rounds of March Madness were filled with moments that could provide a flash of happiness for even the harshest critic of the NCAA.

If you're a parent or teacher or youth coach, you probably showed a child a video of Michigan's Moe Wagner running down the court in celebration of a last-second shot with his teammates only to stop and comfort a crushed Houston opponent.

Maryland, Baltimore County (UMBC) made history by becoming the first No. 16 seed to topple a No. 1 seed. The only people who picked the Retrievers to upset Virginia — including one basketball reporter's daughter — were dog enthusiasts.

No. 11 seed Loyola has gained as much recognition with back-to-back game-winning shots in the closing seconds to take down No. 6 Miami and No. 3 Tennessee. Who's rooting against a team with a 5-foot, 98-year-old nun who is greeted in her wheelchair after each victory with warm hugs from players about 80 years younger?

Syracuse isn't a mid-major, but the Orange are another No. 11 seed that advanced. Jim Boeheim and that dastardly zone did it again (a la 2016 as a No. 10 seed) with upsets against No. 6 TCU and No. 3 Michigan State.

Last team in the field of 68? Oh, well. You can almost feel Boeheim's smugness — deserved in this case — at getting his team to the Sweet 16.

Nine higher seeds fell in the first round. The second round saw powerhouse No. 2 seed North Carolina and No. 3 Michigan State — national championship contenders in many brackets — fall, along with No. 1 seed Xavier.

Turn to Ryan, Page 4



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Nevada rallies to stun No. 2 seed Cincinnati

Josh Hall, above, and the Wolf Pack rally from 22 down to earn a date with Loyola. No. 1 Xavier, No. 2 North Carolina and No. 3 Michigan State also go down. Pages 2-4



ARMANDO L. SANCHEZ/TRIBUNE

Cubs shortstop Addison Russell says, "We can definitely go the distance with the guys we have."

Good chemistry? Changes test clubhouse

Cubs' Series core intact, but key departures put premium on new voices

LAS VEGAS — The Cubs reportedly handed out 1,908 World Series rings last year, seemingly rewarding anyone with a passing relationship with the organization.

But only 25 men were on the actual roster when the drought ended, and that group will always be linked for ending the 107-year drought.



PAUL SULLIVAN
On the Cubs

As catcher Miguel Montero put it when he was booed upon returning to Wrigley Field with the Blue Jays last summer: "They cheered a lot of big hits when I was here, and whether they hate me or love me, they're going to

ON THE CLOCK
10 Days until the Cubs season opener against the Marlins.

remember me forever."

Amazingly, with Jake Arrieta and Justin Grimm getting released and catching on with the Royals, only 13 players remain from that World Series roster as the Cubs prepare to open the 2018 season.

Clubhouse leaders including Arrieta and Dexter Fowler left via

free agency, while David Ross retired and John Lackey apparently has done likewise. The only pitchers remaining are starters Jon Lester and Kyle Hendricks and relievers Carl Edwards Jr., Mike Montgomery and Pedro Strop.

It's hard to believe you can lose that many key players and retain the same clubhouse chemistry, but most of the championship core remains.

"That's the way the game goes

Turn to Sullivan, Page 7

TOP OF THE SECOND

Winners take it all, losers have to fall

BY TEDDY GREENSTEIN, PHIL ROSENTHAL, TIM BANNON
Chicago Tribune

After two rounds, four days, 48 games and one Sister Jean, here are the NCAA tournament's winners and losers so far.

Winner: Sister Jean

Our local treasure has become a national star. Bless her heart.

Loser: Thomas Jefferson

The third U.S. president and principal author of the Declaration of Independence might never have founded the University of Virginia had he known the Cavaliers would become the first men's No. 1 seed to lose to a 16 seed — by 20 points.

Winner: Brad Underwood

The Illinois coach drew some applause from his fellow panelists after being introduced on Turner Sports' tip-off show. "I'm a very fortunate man," he said. Indeed. Underwood was able to give his program some pub without actually having to talk about his team, which got knocked out on the first day of the Big Ten tournament.

Winner: TruTV

The television home to such cultural gems as "Impractical Jokers" and "Bobcat Goldthwait's Misfits & Monsters" briefly gets a whole new clientele to watch a few tournament games, assuming people can find it on their TVs. Bonus points for this year's self-deprecating promo campaign referring to this as "TruTV Awareness Month."

Loser: NCAA tournament selection committee

Loyola is an 11 seed. Syracuse, last team in the field, also got an 11. That means that Loyola would have been denied a spot had it stumbled in the Missouri Valley Conference tournament. Hello ... McFly? Have you watched the Ramblers? The resume and eye test make it obvious this team should have been seeded around 8.

Winner: Being the No. 11 seed

While Loyola might have wished to be seeded No. 8, it's one of two No. 11 seeds to have advanced to the Sweet 16. No eighth-seeded teams survived the first weekend.

Loser: The Masters

The more CBS pushes the annual tour-



OTTO KITSINGER/AP

Arizona's first-round loss to Buffalo was tough for the players as well as for the Pac-12.

name as "a tradition unlike any other," the more it comes to seem like every other long-running TV sports event. Real tradition is like old money. Those who have it realized long ago that it's gauche to advertise it.

Winner: 1998 Harvard women's basketball team

No. 16 seed University of Maryland, Baltimore County's historic upset of top-seeded Virginia was a first for the men's NCAA Division I men's basketball tournament, but not unprecedented. The upset was cause to recall Harvard's 16th-seeded women downing No. 1 Stanford 71-67 in their tournament 20 years earlier.

Winner: Candace Parker

The Naperville Central alumna gave the death stare to a monitor showing Loyola squeezing out a victory over her alma mater, Tennessee. Parker handled the loss with class, making an appeal to Sister Jean Dolores Schmidt: "If you are willing to allow me to jump on the bandwagon of Loyola, I am willing to join the party. I am sorry. I was wrong. I will never doubt Sister Jean again."

Loser: Friar Dom

Arguably the nation's most horrifying

mascot (yes, even more than Purdue Pete) lost its chance to continue haunting the dreams of college basketball fans everywhere when Providence lost Friday to Texas A&M.

Winner: Zach Seidel

The most satisfying way to relive UMBC's historic first-round upset of top-seeded Virginia is not by watching a replay of the game or even highlights. Read Seidel's official @UMBCAthletics Twitter feed. Its salty, self-assured tone will make you smile (unless perhaps you are a Virginia fan or leaned too heavily on the Cavs in your bracket).

Loser: Arizona backers

ESPN.com reported that more money was wagered on Arizona (15-1 odds) to win it all than any other team. And one Las Vegas bettor made a money-line wager of \$10,000, figuring heavy favorite Arizona would beat Buffalo in the first round. The Wildcats got drilled 89-68.

Loser: Pac-12 Conference

With UCLA and Arizona State failing to get out of Dayton in their First Four games and Arizona falling in the round of 64, the 0-3 Pac-12 was out of the NCAA tournament by Thursday's end.

THE LINEUP

Buckle up, Sister Jean



Cubs manager Joe Maddon hasn't watched the NCAA tournament closely, but he's aware of Loyola's recent success.

When Maddon learned that this was Loyola's first appearance in the tournament since 1985, he immediately thought of his 1985 Oldsmobile Cutlass station wagon that he currently drives around Arizona.

So Maddon thought it would be fitting to give the team a ride in his station wagon, at least certain members.

"Sister Jean (Delores Schmidt), she might want to go for an ice cream cone in that thing," said Maddon, referring to the Ramblers' 98-year-old chaplain. "And the Ramblers, they can all fit — Sister Jean and that starting five. ... If we're really brave, Sister Jean can drive."

Mark Gonzales

New kicks for UMBC



Countdown Warriors guard Stephen Curry among those cheering on UMBC.

Two days after they became the first No. 16 seed in NCAA tournament history to beat a No. 1 seed, the Retrievers tweeted their thanks to Curry for sending the school his unreleased new Under Armour shoes for the players to wear in Sunday's second-round game against Kansas State.

Curry first stepped into the national spotlight during March Madness eight years ago on Davidson's Elite Eight run.

UMBC is an Under Armour program, and Curry is one of the brand's most prominent spokesmen. To comply with NCAA rules, he sent the shoes and other gear to the school, not the players directly.

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NCAA WOMEN'S TOURNAMENT

Bruno 'irritated' as DePaul blows 17-point lead, falls

Associated Press

Freshman Chennedy Carter sank a 3-pointer with 3.2 seconds left, capping a 37-point performance that helped Texas A&M rally from a 17-point second-half deficit and beat DePaul 80-79 in the second round of the women's NCAA tournament Sunday in College Station, Texas.

The fourth-seeded Aggies (26-9) pulled off the largest comeback ever seen in the second round of the tournament.

Blue Demons coach Doug Bruno was

disappointed that his team was outbounded 25-14 in the second half.

"You have a 17-point lead, you have to take care of that lead by executing, and I was just really irritated with our lack of execution rebounding-wise," he said. "But Chennedy is a great player, knocked down shots, and we had no answer for her."

DePaul (27-8) was led by Tanita Allen's 19 points and Mart'e Grays' 14.

Westbeld fires up Irish: With top-seeded Notre Dame tied at halftime, coach Muffet

McGraw had seen enough.

The visibly angry coach inserted Kathryn Westbeld, who sat out the first half with a sprained left ankle, and the Irish made the regional semifinals for the ninth straight season with a 98-72 victory over Villanova in South Bend, Ind.

Westbeld had two points and six rebounds and left to a standing ovation.

Jessica Shepard had her fourth straight double-double with 25 points and 10 rebounds for the Irish (31-3). Arike Ogunbowale and Jackie Young scored 24 each.

Bad kind of history: Tennessee lost for the first time at home in women's tournament history when the third-seeded Lady Vols fell 66-59 to sixth-seeded Oregon State.

The Lady Vols had been 57-0 at home, with most of those victories coming under late Hall of Fame coach Pat Summitt.

It's the second straight season that Tennessee (24-8) has lost in the second round, and the Lady Vols will miss the Sweet 16 in back-to-back seasons for the first time in the program's 37-year tournament history.

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Donte Ingram, center, and several Loyola teammates meet fans who welcomed the Ramblers back to campus on Sunday.

Mutual admiration

Ramblers, fans share affection, optimism

BY SHANNON RYAN | Chicago Tribune

Loyola guard Marques Townes has passed out flyers with teammates in campus dorms, encouraging his fellow students to come watch them play. Coach Porter Moser has spoken at freshman orientations throughout his seven seasons, hoping to make an impression that turns new students into fans.

Moser and his Ramblers have even stood in the student center next to Gentile Arena and handed out hot dogs as a marketing gimmick.

"It's humbling. 'Please, we have a game tonight. Come,'" Moser said they told students. "'Here's a hot dog.' We've done that a lot. It's grass roots. It's paid off. Slowly but surely, we've got it here."

In front of about 500 adoring fans who greeted the team Sunday outside the Gentile Center, Moser made a plea indicative of the steps Loyola has taken during this extraordinary and captivating season.

"Please, buy your tickets to Atlanta," Moser said into a microphone.

That's where Loyola (30-5) will play in the Sweet 16 for the first time since 1985 after back-to-back thrillers won in the closing seconds on dramatic game-winning shots. On Thursday, the Ramblers will

meet another fighter in No. 7 seed Nevada, which came back from 14 points down in the first round to beat Texas 87-83 and rallied from a 22-point deficit in the second round to upset No. 2 seed Cincinnati 75-73.

An excited Moser celebrated in front of an exuberant Loyola fan section Saturday after beating No. 3 Tennessee 63-62. And Nevada coach Eric Musselman matched him, partying with his fans after Sunday's win against the Bearcats. "We're not done yet," both coaches have said.

Nevada last played in the Sweet 16 in 2004. The Wolf Pack (29-7) are hungry too.

A peek at the South Region must make both teams salivate. No region has featured none of the top four seeds until now: No. 5 Kentucky, No. 7 Nevada, No. 9 Kansas State and No. 11 Loyola.

Why not make a little more history? Loyola players said they're still embracing their "no finish line" motto, and they've appeared level-headed as the tournament spotlight shines brighter with each victory.

Former President Barack Obama has tweeted congratulations to the team. Chance the Rapper mentioned Donte Ingram — who hit the game-winning 3-pointer to beat Miami in the first round — in a tweet: "Go crazy shorty."

The United Center hung Loyola banners in its windows. Cubs and Blackhawks players have made good-luck videos. Draymond Green tweeted about the

team's "hammer play." Scottie Pippen also gave a shout-out.

But the Ramblers' return to campus felt like a long-awaited embrace.

Moser said fans in cars on Sheridan Road honked their horns as their bus passed by. Some people got out of their cars to snap photos.

"It was real exciting just seeing the Loyola community and having them support us through this journey," Townes said. "I'm glad they have something to cheer about."

This season the student section has been more consistently showing up for games. "They've stepped up," said Ingram, a senior.

Moser said there were times when it held only about 10 people. They ranked last in the Missouri Valley Conference in attendance this season, but fans started taking notice and ended the home schedule with a sellout.

"This is what a college basketball program should be about," he said. "I'm hoping this is just the beginning."

Now? They're the toast of Chicago — and maybe more importantly, their own campus.

"It's a great feeling to get that support," Ingram said. "We haven't had that vibe around for a long time."

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SOUTH NEVADA 75,
CINCINNATI 73

Down 22, Wolf Pack storm back

BY STEVE MEGARGEE
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NASHVILLE, Tenn. — Josh Hall converted an offensive rebound for the tiebreaking basket with 91 seconds left as Nevada erased a 22-point deficit in the final 11 minutes of a stunning 75-73 victory over Cincinnati in the NCAA tournament on Sunday.

Nevada's stirring comeback — the second-largest in tournament history — came just two days after the seventh-seeded Wolf Pack rallied from 14 points down to beat Texas 87-83 for its first NCAA victory since 2007. The Wolf Pack (28-7) move on to an all-upstart South Region semifinal matchup with 11th-seeded Loyola (30-5) on Thursday night in Atlanta.

"Nothing feels better," Nevada coach Eric Musselman said. "Nothing. Sweet 16!"

Cincinnati, the No. 2 seed, never trailed until Hall's tiebreaking basket but watched its lead disintegrate as it failed to make a basket in the final 5:45.

With the game tied in the closing seconds, Hall got a rebound off a missed shot by Cody Martin. Hall made a move in the paint and then hit the winning basket.

Cincinnati (31-5) never got off a shot before the buzzer. Cane Broome briefly lost control of the ball and then passed to the area of Gary Clark as the final seconds ticked away.

As the horn sounded, a stunned Clark lay on his back under the basket while Nevada's Jordan Caroline slid toward midcourt as part of a wild celebration.

Martin had 25 points, seven assists, six rebounds and no turnovers to lead five Nevada players in double figures.

Jacob Evans had 19 and Jarron Cumberland had 17 for Cincinnati.

Nevada earned its trip to Atlanta because Martin led a comeback for the ages.

The only bigger comeback in NCAA history came in 2012, when BYU beat Iona after trailing by 25 points. Nevada's rally is tied for second place with Duke, which erased a 22-point deficit to beat Maryland in the 2001 Final Four.

"That locker room right now, I've never seen anything like it in my life," Musselman said. "It's the happiest I've ever seen. It's the happiest I've ever been in my life."

While Nevada celebrated, Cincinnati's players stood silently in their locker room wondering how their defense that ranked second among all Division I teams allowed 32 points in the last 11 minutes.

MIDWEST SYRACUSE 55,
MICHIGAN STATE 53

Cold-shooting Spartans upset

BY LARRY LAGE
Associated Press

DETROIT — The last team selected for the field of 68 is going to the Round of 16.

Tyus Battle had 17 points and Oshae Brissett scored 15, lifting 11th-seeded Syracuse to a 55-53 win over third-seeded Michigan State on Sunday and into the NCAA tournament's Sweet 16.

Cassius Winston missed an opportunity to win the game for the Spartans with a shot from about 45 feet just before the buzzer. The Spartans, flummoxed by Syracuse's 2-3 zone, didn't make a basket in the last 5:41.

The Orange (23-13) forced the Spartans (30-5) to settle for 3-pointers all afternoon and it worked brilliantly for Hall of Fame coach Jim Boeheim against Hall of Fame coach Tom Izzo.

The Spartans took a school-record 37 shots beyond the arc, making just eight of them.

"No one plays zone like we do," Brissett said. "We're always moving, and we challenge every shot, so teams never get easy looks against us."

Syracuse has won three straight since being sent to Dayton for the First Four as what the selection committee chairman acknowledged was the final team to receive an at-large bid.

Miles Bridges missed a 3 with a chance to tie with 11 seconds left and teammate Joshua Langford missed a putback, but Syracuse turned the ball over with 7.9 seconds left.

The Orange fouled intentionally to avoid giving up a game-tying 3 twice in the closing seconds and the Spartans made two pairs of free throws to pull within a point both times.

"We're always going to foul in those situations and it's always worked for us," Boeheim said. "I've seen too many guys when the guy makes a 3 and it goes into overtime."

Pascal Chukwu connected on one free throw with 2.4 seconds left and the miss gave Michigan State a chance to win in dramatic fashion, but Winston couldn't make a long shot to be hailed in his hometown.

Bridges' college career likely is ending with a performance he would like to forget.

"It's probably the saddest I've ever been in my life," Bridges said.

The sophomore star, who turned down a chance to go pro last year, was held scoreless for much of the first half and finished with 11 points on 4-of-18 shooting.

Lovable Loyola believing, achieving

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of Loyola's 98-year-old chaplain — a petition circulated Sunday to get Sister Jean on "Ellen" — only deepened the impression that somehow the Ramblers' prayers get answered first. Even Loyola guard Clayton Custer, Saturday's hero who hit the game-winner with 3.6 seconds left, reinforced that notion by thanking the basketball gods for a lucky bounce.

Basketball and religion go hand in hand on the Rogers Park campus, as they always should, but lest anyone forget, the players showing faith in each other carried Loyola to the program's first Sweet 16 appearance since 1985 more than any other factor. It's fun to watch how a team that prays together stays together when games get tight, but be careful not to overlook Loyola evolving into more than just a divinely blessed bunch of Ramblers. It is a supremely talented basketball team, too, one that has won 12 straight games and a school-record 30 overall, built around a belief system instilled by the indefatigably optimistic Moser.

Surely, Sister Jean prayed hard for the 33 previous Loyola teams that didn't make the Sweet 16. And you can bet more than a few Tennessee players and fans looked toward the heavens for help Saturday in the final minutes. But Loyola prevailed after a rocky start because this particular collection of skillful players showed complete trust and confidence in someone or something — which is Webster's definition of faith. They believed, in themselves and their teammates.

A higher power always will be part of

the equation for Loyola basketball. But what ultimately made this team special goes back to the hire power exercised by former Loyola athletic director Grace Calhoun on April 6, 2011, when she introduced a new coach, Moser, who dramatically changed the culture.

It takes time to change the way a program perceives itself, and Moser consistently praises the Loyola administration for its patience in recognizing something other schools feel pressure to ignore. Loyola officials bought into Moser's infectious energy then, through the tough early years, as much as players do now.

"It's amazing when you have a group of people who believe," Moser marveled late Saturday, repeating his mantra from day one. "They believe. We've come back from deficits. We've lost leads and found ways to win games. You know, they just kept believing."

That's the essence of the Loyola offense, which dictates the course of every game. Just kept believing. The half-court sets revolve around ball movement and back cuts, depending on details like screen angles and ball fakes until somebody gets an open look. The system perfectly fits the Missouri Valley Conference, a league full of offenses reliant on execution more than isolation. The precise way Loyola operates typically works the shot clock down, condensing the game so the offense makes the defense more efficient and tenacious.

Every Loyola player commits to the idea that his teammate can do the job as well as he can, that five must work as one. After Donte Ingram hit the epic 3-pointer at the buzzer to beat Miami on Thursday,

he summed up Loyola's philosophy well.

"Any one of us could have hit that shot, but I was just fortunate enough to be in position," Ingram said.

He was right, as was Custer when he expressed a similar sentiment after Saturday's heroics. Five Ramblers averaged in double figures this season.

"Anybody on our team could make a big shot down the stretch," Custer said. "The ball is going to find you if you're open, and we have so many weapons that we trust that people are going to make plays."

Stop Ingram or Custer and somebody else will step up, as Aundre Jackson did against Tennessee. Jackson epitomizes the unselfishness that makes this team so likable — and so dangerous in Atlanta.

When Moser returned Jackson to the bench after 13 starts in favor of freshman Cameron Krutwig, the senior embraced his role. When Tennessee jumped to a 15-6 lead, the 6-foot-5 forward entered the game and steadied Loyola with two straight baskets and an assist, using his uncanny ability to score inside on taller defenders. The Ramblers neutralized any athletic advantage Tennessee had by spreading the floor with five players 6-5 or under. Jackson, back near his hometown of Fort Worth, Texas, led Loyola with 16 points on seven shots.

"I hugged him so hard on the floor," Moser said. "I said, 'Man, your hometown, going to the Sweet 16, family and friends here. God is good.'"

So is Loyola, the biggest problem for its March opponents.

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NCAA TOURNAMENT

EAST March 13	LIU Brooklyn 61 Radford 71	EAST March 13	St. Bonaventure 65 UCLA 58	FIRST FOUR IN DAYTON, OHIO March 13-14	WEST March 14	N.C. Central 46 Texas Southern 64	MIDWEST March 14	Arizona State 56 Syracuse 60
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Coach Roy Williams and his UNC players watch as their championship defense ends in the second round.

SUNDAY'S ROUNDUP

SOUTH Nevada 75, Cincinnati 73: Josh Hall converted an offensive rebound for the tiebreaking basket with 9.1 seconds left as Nevada erased a 22-point deficit in the final 11 minutes of a stunning victory over No. 2 Cincinnati. It was the second-largest in tournament history. Cincinnati (31-5) never trailed until Hall's basket but watched its lead disintegrate as it failed to make a basket in the final 5:45. Cody Martin had 25 points, seven assists, six rebounds and no turnovers for Nevada (28-7).

Kansas State 50, UMBC 43: Barry Brown scored 18 points, and Kansas State ended UMBC's historic tournament. UMBC became the first 16 seed to beat a No. 1, destroying top-ranked Virginia 74-54 on Friday. The ninth-seeded Wildcats (24-11) moved on to the Sweet 16 for the first time since 2010 when they lost in the Elite Eight. UMBC (25-11) had only two field goals in the final six minutes.

WEST Texas A&M 86, UNC 65: T.J. Starks scored 21 points and Texas A&M overpowered North Carolina inside, upsetting the reigning

national champs in Charlotte, N.C. The seventh-seeded Aggies (22-12) did everything they had to do to hand the Tar Heels a rare loss in a home-state NCAA game. Robert Williams finished with 13 rebounds, helping the Aggies take a 50-36 edge while making 10 of 24 from 3-point range. The Tar Heels (26-11) fell to 34-2 in NCAA games in their home state.

Florida State 75, Xavier 70: PJ Savoy made a 3-pointer with 1:08 left to give Florida State its first lead of the second half, and the Seminoles rallied from a 12-point deficit to upset the No. 1 seed. The ninth-seeded Seminoles (22-11) advanced to the Sweet 16 for the first time since 2011. Trevon Bluiett, who entered the game averaging 19.6 points per game, finished with just eight on 2-of-8 shooting for Xavier (29-6).

EAST Purdue 76, Butler 73: Dakota Mathias sank a 3 with 14.2 seconds left and second-seeded Purdue, minus injured center Isaac Haas, held off 10th-seeded Butler. Vincent Edwards finished with 20 points for Purdue (30-6). Kelan Martin scored 29 points for Butler (21-14).

West Virginia 94, Marshall 71: Jevon Carter scored 28 points, Lamont West added 18 off the bench and fifth-seeded West Virginia routed its in-state rival. The Mountaineers (26-10) took control with a 19-0 first-half run, and Carter's three 3-pointers. Ajdin Penava led 13th-seeded Marshall (25-11) with 18 points.

MIDWEST Syracuse 55, Michigan St. 53: Tyus Battle had 17 points and Oshae Brissett scored 15, lifting 11th-seeded Syracuse over third-seeded Michigan State. The Spartans (30-5) didn't make a basket in the last 5:41. They tempted school-record 37 3s in the loss, making just eight. Syracuse (23-13) has won three straight since being sent to Dayton for the First Four.

Clemson 84, Auburn 53: Gabe DeVoe scored 22 points and Elijah Thomas had 18 points and 11 rebounds for fifth-seeded Clemson, which closed the first half with a 25-4 run. Clemson (25-9) advanced to its first Sweet 16 since 1997. Fourth-seeded Auburn (26-8) shot just 25.8 percent from the field.

On to the Sweet 16

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The defending champion Tar Heels' loss coupled with Virginia's meltdown was jarring for the ACC.

Here's what to expect in the Sweet 16:

SOUTH No. 7 Nevada vs. No. 11 Loyola

These teams know how to fight. Their coaches know how to make adjustments. Neither team wants to stop pulling off upsets. Loyola won its first two games on heroic shots in the closing seconds. The Ramblers have the longest winning streak — at 12 games — of any team in the tournament. Nevada fought back from a 22-point deficit in the final 11 minutes to beat No. 2 Cincinnati. **Prediction:** Loyola 67, Nevada 64.

No. 9 Kansas State vs. No. 5 Kentucky

Kentucky will have a packed house in Atlanta, which is within driving distance for its legions of passionate fans. The Wildcats will be facing a third straight opponent with a lower seed thanks to upsets. Kansas State coach Bruce Weber is taking a third team (after Southern Illinois and Illinois) to a Sweet 16. **Prediction:** Kentucky 75, Kansas State 62.

WEST No. 3 Michigan vs. No. 7 Texas A&M

The Wolverines have won 11 straight games, propelling themselves into the Sweet 16 with a 3-pointer at the buzzer by freshman Jordan Poole. Wagner bounced back from a subpar five-point game against Montana to supply 12 points and seven rebounds against Houston. The Aggies overpowered North Carolina in a stunner. They grabbed a whopping 50 rebounds against the Tar Heels and 44 against first-round opponent Providence. **Prediction:** Michigan 68, Texas A&M 64.

No. 9 Florida State vs. No. 4 Gonzaga

Gonzaga redshirt freshman guard Zach Norvell Jr., from Simeon, had 28 points, with six 3-pointers and 12 rebounds, to beat Ohio State in the second round. The 'Zags are looking for another crack at the championship game. Five Florida State players scored in double digits

to upset No. 1 seed Xavier. **Prediction:** Gonzaga 78, Florida State 68

MIDWEST No. 11 Syracuse vs. No. 2 Duke

Two zone teams. Two coaching legends in Boheim and Duke's Mike Krzyzewski. Krzyzewski is a five-time national champion. Boheim won it in 2003. They have 17 combined Final Fours (12 for Krzyzewski). The Blue Devils beat the Orange 60-44 in the regular season. Duke has far superior talent. This won't be close. **Prediction:** Duke 66, Syracuse 50.

No. 5 Clemson vs. No. 1 Kansas

The Tigers entered the NCAA tournament with two losses in three games. But their 84-53 dismantling of Auburn in the second round was the largest margin of victory so far in the tournament. Kansas has experience, hoping to advance to a third straight Elite Eight. The Jayhawks rank fifth in offensive efficiency, while Clemson ranks 10th in adjusted defensive efficiency, according to KenPom. The Jayhawks will be playing only about 200 miles from home in Omaha, Neb. **Prediction:** Kansas 88, Clemson 79.

EAST No. 3 Texas Tech vs. No. 2 Purdue

The Boilermakers were dealt a rough blow with the loss of Isaac Haas, who broke his elbow in the first round. They still managed to hold off a talented No. 10-seeded Butler. Four Purdue players managed double digits. The Red Raiders are skilled at forcing turnovers but struggled at the free-throw line in beating Florida. Purdue guard Carsten Edwards will be the difference-maker. **Prediction:** Purdue 75, Texas Tech 68.

No. 1 Villanova vs. No. 5 West Virginia

The game features arguably the two best point guards in the tournament: Villanova's Jalen Brunson and West Virginia's Jevon Carter. This is the marquee game of the Sweet 16. **Prediction:** Villanova 85, West Virginia 81.

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BLUES 5, BLACKHAWKS 4 (OT)



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Jonathan Toews (19) battles Blues left wing Jaden Schwartz late in the Blackhawks' 5-4 overtime loss.

Too-late bloomer

Toews is closing fast, but higher production won't secure playoffs

BY PAUL SKRBINA
Chicago Tribune

Historically, there has been strength in Jonathan Toews' numbers.

He's one of three NHL players who have scored 20 goals in each of the last 11 seasons. His company on that list is Patrick Kane and Alex Ovechkin.

He has four goals and seven assists in his last nine games after going pointless in Sunday's 5-4 overtime loss to the Blues.

"I feel like late in the season always seems to be where I pick it up and have my best hockey," Toews said. "You stop thinking out there and just play, and eventually pucks go in."

Toews has more career goals (56) and assists (111) in March than any other month. He also has played nine more games in March than any other month.

While better late than never, Toews' recent resurgence has been overshadowed by another number — as in the pretty much zero percent chance the Hawks have to make the playoffs.

Toews knows the score, even if he doesn't want to come out and say it.

The closest he has come is saying the Hawks could play spoiler to many, including the Blues.

Toews also knows that once the Hawks are home for the postseason for the first time in 10 years, he will take a look at his numbers and try to make sense of a season that has made little sense. He'll compare them to what he has done in the past and try to move forward.

"It's hard not to," he said. "Once in a while you look at the big picture, trying to see what the trends are in the game, what you need to work on, what you're doing well. Sometimes things change as far as circumstances. You focus on what you can do better and what you can improve upon."

"There's no doubt everyone kind of looks at their numbers, especially if you consider yourself an offensive player."

That part of Toews' season has been steadied since he and Kane were put together on the top line March 3 against the Kings. The two hadn't played regularly together in years.

Blackhawks coach Joel Quenneville said it's "possible" he'll keep the two together next season.

"Whether it's that line he's been with, with the two of them (and Brandon Saad), I think they

are three guys that can make plays and all are productive," Quenneville said. "That line can be dangerous every single night."

"Defensively, one of his strengths is playing against other teams' top lines or their top guys. Jonny traditionally has good numbers in that matchup."

What hasn't been tradition, for all but the first of Toews' 11 seasons, is not making the playoffs.

He has been a captain for three Stanley Cup championships.

He has lost in the conference finals twice.

He has won two Olympic gold medals with Team Canada.

Simply put, he's not used to losing. And he doesn't plan to get used to it.

"We need to grow," he said. "We need to learn from what we've been through. No better time than now. Let's not wait until the offseason or next year. We can all grow as players and look around and let the bumps in the road kind of sink in and keep analyzing what we need to do better and apply that as soon as we can."

This season it happened too late.

But it's never too early for next season.

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BLACKHAWKS NOTES

DeBrincat the Cat with the hat

BY PAUL SKRBINA
Chicago Tribune

Alex DeBrincat tried to make up for lost time in a lost season Sunday.

The rookie hadn't scored in 13 games, his longest drought by five games, before he swatted in two during the first period and the go-ahead goal with 3 minutes, 13 seconds left in the third.

But that wasn't enough to earn the Hawks a victory.

The Blues prevailed 5-4, thanks to Patrik Berglund's goal late in overtime.

DeBrincat's 25th goal tied Patrick Kane for the team lead.

"I got a few lucky breaks," he said. "That's the way it is. Sometimes they'll go and sometimes they won't."

The first came on a power play 13:07 into the first, the second 6:01 later.

"Nice to see him score a power-play goal and continue to be around the net," coach Joel Quenneville said. "He's had a really good year for us. Not too many guys ... in his first year (are

PAUL SKRBINA'S THREE STARS

1. **Alex DeBrincat, Blackhawks:** Third hat trick of the season.
2. **Vince Dunn, Blues:** A goal and three assists.
3. **Patrik Berglund, Blues:** Winning goal in overtime.

Up next: Vs. Avalanche, 7:30 p.m. Tuesday; NBCSCH, WGN-AM 720.

THE SUMMARY

St. Louis 0 2 2 1-5
BLACKHAWKS 2 1 1 0-4

FIRST PERIOD:
1. BLACKHAWKS, DeBrincat 23 (Keith, Schmaltz), 13:07 (pp)
2. BLACKHAWKS, DeBrincat 24 (Oesterle, Jurco), 19:08.
Penalties: Kane, Hawks, (hooking), 0:35;
Bortuzzo, STL, (slashing), 11:33.

SECOND PERIOD:
3. St. Louis, Steen 14 (Pietrangelo, Dunn), 2:02 (pp).
4. St. Louis, Dunn 5 (Schenn, Pietrangelo), 5:14 (pp).
5. BLACKHAWKS, Kampf 4 (Keith, Hinostroza), 19:58.
Penalties: Oesterle, Hawks, (holding), 0:56;
Keith, Hawks, (high sticking), 4:42.

THIRD PERIOD:
6. St. Louis, Sobotka 11 (Dunn, Brodzia), 15:24.
7. Blackhawks, DeBrincat 25 (Jurco, Anisimov), 16:47.
8. St. Louis, Pietrangelo 15 (Schwartz, Dunn), 18:38.

OVERTIME:
9. St. Louis, Berglund 10 (Steen, Pietrangelo), 3:31. PP.

SHOTS ON GOAL: St. Louis 8 14 15 4-41 2-3
BLACKHAWKS 13 10 7 0-30 1-1

Goals: St. Louis, Allen 22-21-2 (30 shots-26 saves).
BLACKHAWKS, Berube 2-4-0 (41-36).

Referees: Graham Skilliter, Ian Walsh. A: 21,687
Linesmen: Johnny Murray, Libor Suchanek.

going to get three hat tricks in the season. Pretty impressive."

The two-goal lead quickly was given back when the Blues made good on a pair of power plays during the second period — one by Alexander Steen and the other by Vince Dunn.

BULLS

We're all witnesses to James' greatness

Don't bother comparing his stats with Jordan's, just enjoy the artistry



K.C. JOHNSON
On the NBA

The 11-year-old kid wearing the LeBron James jersey who scored James' game-worn arm sleeve late Saturday night didn't have to be told to appreciate what we're all witnessing.

His tears said it all. "In joy, I hope, not because of the sweat," James cracked.

Unlike in some of his previous stops in Chicago, James downplayed a question about the special nature of playing at the United Center.

"I like playing in every building, to be honest," he said. "I just love to hoop. I'm a gym rat. I love being in the gym. I love playing ball. And the fact I get to do it in front of pretty much a sold-out crowd every night either at home or on the road is an honor and blessing for me."

Nevertheless, some similarities between James and another No. 23 who used to grace the United Center hardwood are unmistakable. Behold the greatness. Savor it. Like a Michael Jordan follow-through, it doesn't last forever.

Every time James plays, it makes the night an event with a capital E. You don't see Ohio native and Bears quarterback Mitch Trubisky sitting courtside with teammate Kyle Long at, say, Bulls-Hawks.

From the shrieks during lineup introductions to the postgame screams to take home anything he has touched, James engenders the same swooning reactions Jordan did. He just plies his trade here twice a year as opposed to Jordan's 41, not counting the playoffs, of course.

James has dominated — or decimated Bulls playoff runs — in Chicago so many times that Saturday night might've felt like just another night at the office. But the force with which he played on a night the Cavaliers were far from whole, not to mention the joy he displayed afterward, said otherwise.

The 33-point, 12-rebound and 12-assist effort marked James' 70th career triple-double.

"The joy of the game is very high for me right now," James admitted.

James sat as part of a captive audience when the Bulls pitched him in 2010 free agency, impressed by Tom Thibodeau's X's and O's, John Paxson's pedigree



CHRIS SWEDA/CHICAGO TRIBUNE

Denzel Valentine gets a good look as LeBron James eyes the basket Saturday at the United Center.

and personality and Jerry Reinsdorf's sense of humor. As a fan of the league and its history, he has talked glowingly of the organization's history in previous stops.

That he has broken the Bulls' hearts so often could be his sign of appreciation. After all, Jordan was as ruthless a competitor as the game has seen.

James has drawn unfounded criticism in the past for not possessing Jordan's assassin-like mentality — for dishing instead of dominating at times, for making the right basketball play. Never mind that the memory of James basically driving a stake through the heart of the Thibodeau era with his buzzer-beating jumper in Game 4 of the 2015 playoffs second round still lingers.

James' all-around artistry should be complimented as the standard for how to play, not criticized.

None of this is to compare the games of James and Jordan. It's merely to hope it's appreciated, mindful that it won't last forever.

Here we are in season No. 15. James is averaging 27.1 points, tied for his highest scoring average since 2009-10. He's averaging a career-high nine assists and a career-high-tying 8.6 rebounds. He's shooting 54.5 percent.

That's not just greatness. It's ridiculousness.

The Bulls won't face the Cavaliers in the playoffs because, well, those days are gone for now at the United Center. And four, five, maybe six years from now, so, too, will be the dominance of James, who turned 33 in December.

Late Saturday, James answered earnestly when asked how he determines who gets his occasional postgame gifts.

"Sometimes, the eyes do all the talking, how genuinely they look at me," James said. "I just try to be an inspiration to them and leave an impression other than me playing basketball."

As if that's not great enough.

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BULLS NOTES

Valentine makes strong case for a starting role

BY K.C. JOHNSON
Chicago Tribune

With Zach LaVine, Kris Dunn and Lauri Markkanen out and the Bulls employing their 18th starting lineup, Denzel Valentine drew the distinction of being introduced last before Saturday's home loss to the Cavaliers.

Historically, that spot has been saved for the franchise's best player. And at least for one night, Valentine played the part, posting career highs with 34 points and eight 3-pointers.

The former bettered his previous high by a whopping 14 points. The latter fell one 3-pointer shy of the franchise record shared by Ben Gordon and Nikola Mirotic.

Valentine is averaging 10.5 points, 6.1 rebounds and 3.4 assists while shooting 41.8 percent from 3-point range over 33 starts. The second-year guard is averaging 10.1 points, 5.4 rebounds and 3.2 assists overall.

"I believe I'm a starter in this league," Valentine said.

He'll almost certainly start again Monday against the Knicks since LaVine, Dunn and Markkanen all stayed in Chicago. LaVine is nursing minor knee tendinitis, Dunn has a sprained big right toe, Markkanen is battling back spasms and the Bulls are eyeing draft lottery possibilities.

Whether that becomes reality next season alongside Dunn and LaVine remains to be seen, although coach Fred Hoiberg is comfortable with Valentine in a reserve scoring role.

"I believe I can be an important

BULLS AT KNICKS

TV/radio: 6:30 p.m. Monday; WGN-9, WSCR-AM 670.

Storylines: The teams have been swapping the eighth and ninth spots in the draft lottery standings over recent days. The Bulls traveled without Zach LaVine, Kris Dunn and Lauri Markkanen, all nursing minor injuries.

Trending: The Knicks are 2-13 since losing Kristaps Porzingis to a torn ACL. The Bulls have won the first three meetings this season, including a double-overtime victory in New York on Jan. 10 when Markkanen scored 33 points with eight 3-pointers.

piece of an NBA team," Valentine said. "Whatever my role is, whatever the organization wants me to do, I'll do. But I believe I can contribute in major ways."

Dancing days: Valentine received word during Saturday's first quarter that his brother, Drew, an assistant coach at Loyola, had advanced to the Sweet 16 of the NCAA tournament.

"That kind of amped me up," Denzel said. "I'm like, 'Since he made the Sweet 16, I've got to step my game up. He can't be having a good time and I'm having a bad game.' I've got to lock in so my parents can be happy."

Layups: Sunday marked the 23rd anniversary of Michael Jordan's famous "I'm back" fax that ended his minor-league baseball experiment and returned him to the Bulls. ... Dunn turned 24 Sunday.

SCOREBOARD

CALENDAR

TEAM	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	SUN
	EXH @CIN 8:05		EXH @TEX 3:05	EXH @SF 9:05 AM-670	EXH MIL 3:05 AM-670	EXH @SEA, 8 COL, 9, NBCSCH	EXH @KC, 2 WGN-9 AM-670
	EXH @ARI 3:10 NBCSCH	EXH TEX 3:05 NBCSCH	EXH SD 3:05 NBCSCH	EXH @ARI 8:40	EXH SEA 3:05 AM-720	EXH @LAD 2:05	EXH MIL, 2 NBCSCH AM-720
	@NY 6:30 WGN-9 AM-670		DEN 7 NBCSCH AM-670		MIL 7 NBCSCH AM-670	@DET 6 NBCSCH AM-670	
		COL 7:30 NBCSCH AM-720		VAN 7:30 NBCSCH AM-720		@NYI 6 WGN-9 AM-720	
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MONDAY ON TV/RADIO

MLB EXHIBITION
3:10 p.m. White Sox at Diamondbacks NBCSCH, MLBN
8 p.m. Rockies at Rangers MLBN

NBA
6 p.m. Bucks at Cavaliers ESPN

3:30 p.m. Bulls at Knicks WGN-9, WSCR-AM 670

8:30 p.m. Warriors at Spurs ESPN

MEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL

6 p.m. NIT second round ESPN
8 p.m. NIT second round ESPN

10 p.m. NIT second round ESPN

10:30 p.m. NIT second round ESPN

WOMEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL: NCAA TOURNAMENT

5:30 p.m. NCAA second round ESPN

8 p.m. NCAA second round ESPN

WOMEN'S CURLING

1 p.m. U.S. vs. Japan NBCSN

NHL

7 p.m. Kings at Wild NBCSN

WOMEN'S COLLEGE LACROSSE

3 p.m. Princeton at Penn State BTN

MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL: SPRING TRAINING

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Minnesota 11-11-2	N.Y. Mets 5, Baltimore 4	N.Y. Mets 5, Baltimore 4	Mets' Syndergaard: 5 SO in 7 IP		
New York 13-9-1	Minnesota 4, Philadelphia 3	Minnesota 4, Philadelphia 3	Phillies' Nola: 3 SO in 5 IP		
Oakland 12-9-2	St. Louis 10, Washington 0	St. Louis 10, Washington 0	Cardinals' Cole: 6 SO in 4 IP		
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INDIANS 11, CUBS 4

CLE AB R HBI **CUBS** AB R HBI
 Lndor ss 3 0 0 0 Rizzo lb 2 0 0 0
 Stmts ss 3 0 0 0 Blgrt lb 2 1 2 1
 Davis lf 3 1 0 0 Brynt dh 2 0 1 0
 Allen lf 2 1 0 0 Gilmr ph 1 0 0 0
 Knis dh 1 1 0 0 Castillo ph 0 1 0 0
 Jot Jr. pr 2 1 1 0 Russell ss 2 0 0 0
 Paulino ph 1 0 0 0 Bote 2b 1 0 0 0
 Npoli lb 1 1 0 0 Hywrd rf 2 0 0 0
 Sever pr 2 1 0 0 Zagnis rf1 0 0 0
 Nolas 3b 3 1 0 0 Santiago ph 0 0 0 0
 Hankins pr 1 1 1 0 Crafati c 2 1 1 0
 Zmmer cf 1 0 1 1 Solis c 1 0 0 0
 Ka-Tom cf 2 0 1 1 Court 3b 1 1 2
 Brnes rf 3 0 0 0 Vlsr lb 1 0 0 0
 Papi rf 2 1 0 1 Hnmn cf 1 0 0 0
 Haase c 3 1 1 4 Mrtin cf 1 0 0 0
 Mrphy ph 2 0 0 0 Young 2b 2 1 0 0
 Magby 2b 4 1 2 0 Brckmyr ph1 0 0 0
 Burks lf 3 0 1 0
TOTALS 40 11 12 10 **TOTALS 32 4 7 4**

ATHLETICS 14, WHITE SOX 0

WSOX AB R HBI **OAK** AB R HBI
 Cordell cf 3 0 1 0 Joyce dh 5 2 2 5
 Ti-Polo cf 1 0 0 0 Tylor ph 1 0 0 0
 Sladino ss 3 0 0 0 Smien ss 4 0 1 0
 Yzarriz ss 1 0 0 0 Allen ph 2 0 1 0
 Diminco lf 3 0 1 0 Lwrie 2b 3 1 1 1
 Castillo c 2 0 0 0 Mrcs pr 1 0 0 0
 K-Smith c 1 0 0 0 M.Olson lb4 1 2 0
 Sanchez 2b 2 0 0 0 Cnha ph 1 0 0 0
 D.Gioris 3b 1 0 0 0 Pscotty rf 3 2 2 1
 M.Skole lb2 2 0 0 0 Dchm rf 1 0 0 0
 L.Grcia 2b 2 0 0 0 Smolinski crf 1 1 2
 Mndick 2b 1 0 0 0 Beck cf 0 0 0 0
 Nvaez 2b 2 0 1 0 Maxwell c3 2 0 0
 G.Shets ph 1 0 0 0 Carneau c1 0 0 0
 Jac-May rf 2 0 0 0 Neuse 3b 3 2 5
 Dedelr lf 0 0 0 0 Tfey 3b 1 0 0 0
 B.Powell lf 3 2 2 0
 B.Barny lf 1 0 0 0
TOTALS 28 0 4 0 **TOTALS 40 14 16 14**

WHITE SOX 104, OAKLAND 10

IP H R ER BB SO
 Shields L (0-1) 3 1/3 8 7 7 2 4
 Goldberg 1/3 2 0 0 0 0
 Koepch 1/3 3 7 4 3 1
 Clares 1 0 0 0 2
 Foster 1 1 0 0 1 0
 Wright 1 0 0 0 0 1
OAKLAND IP H R ER BB SO
 Luzardo W (1-0) 2 1/3 2 0 0 0 2
 Coulombe H 2 1/3 0 0 0 0 0
 Ruiz H, 1 2 0 0 0 1 2
 Hatcher 1 0 0 0 0 1
 Hendrix 1 0 0 0 0 0
 Finnegan 1 0 0 0 0 0
 Blackwood 1 1 0 0 0 2
WP: Shields.
Umpires: Home, Shane Livensparger; Danley, Second, Pat Hoberg; Third, Doug Eddings. **Time:** 2:59. **A:** 10,774

ROYALS 11, CUBS 9

KC AB R HBI **CUBS** AB R HBI
 Jay cf 2 1 0 0 Zobrist 2b 3 0 1 0
 Esclera cf 2 1 0 0 Bruno 2b 2 0 1 0
 C.Thbert 3b 4 3 3 0 Ja.Baez ss 3 1 0 0
 C.Asche 1b 1 1 0 0 Vazsz ss 2 0 0 0
 Moustakas (2), Schwindl (2), Soler (2), Contreras (4), Giamborne (1), SB: Soler (2), Schwarber (4), Almora Jr. (1), SF: Goins (2), Butera (2).

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IP H R ER BB SO
 Duffy 4 1/3 7 6 4 3 4
 Flynn 1 1/3 0 0 0 0 1
 Smith W (2-1) 1 1 0 0 0 3
 Sparkman H 1 1 0 0 0 3
 Maurer S (1-1) 1 2 0 0 1 0
CUBS IP H R ER BB SO
 Chatwood 5 7 5 4 3 6
 Cishek H, 2 1/3 0 0 0 0 3
 Wilson BS (0-2) 0 3 3 3 1 2
 Berg 1/3 0 0 0 0 0
MONDAY'S SCHEDULE
HBP: by: Chatwood (Jay), **WP:** Duffy, Chatwood. **Time:** 2:59. **A:** 15,200

TRANSACTIONS

BASEBALL
MLB: Suspended Minnesota SS Jorge Polanco 80 games without pay after testing positive for Stanozolol, a performance-enhancing substance, in violation of Major League Baseball's Joint Drug Prevention and Treatment Program.

AMERICAN LEAGUE
Kansas City: Optioned INF Ramon Torres, C Cam Gallagher and RHPs Miguel Almonte, Sam Gaviglio and Trevor Oaks to Omaha (PCL). Designated Gaviglio for assignment. Agreed to terms with RHP Justin Grimm on a one-year contract.

Minnesota: Reassigned RHPs Jake Reed and Myles Jaye, C Jordan Pacheco, INF Nick Gordon, and OFs Nick Buss and LAM-out Wade to their minor league camp.

NATIONAL LEAGUE
St. Louis: Optioned RHPs Jack Flaherty and John Gant, LHP Ryan Sherriff, C Carson Kelly, INF Bryce Valera and OF Carlos

MLB EXHIBITION

3:10 p.m. White Sox at Diamondbacks NBCSCH, MLBN

8 p.m. Rockies at Rangers MLBN

NBA

6 p.m. Bucks at Cavaliers ESPN

3:30 p.m. Bulls at Knicks WGN-9, WSCR-AM 670

8:30 p.m. Warriors at Spurs ESPN

MEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL

6 p.m. NIT second round ESPN
8 p.m. NIT second round ESPN

10 p.m. NIT second round ESPN

WOMEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL: NCAA TOURNAMENT

5:30 p.m. NCAA second round ESPN

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LATEST LINE

NBA
 pregame.com off
 at New York 1-2 off
 at Indiana off
 at Philadelphia 8
 at Miami off
 at Brooklyn 5
 at San Antonio 2 1/2
 Detroit 2 1/2

MONDAY
 Bulls off
 Milwaukee off
 LA Lakers off
 Charlotte off
 Denver off
 Memphis off
 Golden State off
 at Sacramento off

COLLEGE BASKETBALL

at Oklahoma State 7 1/2
 at Utah 4
 at St. Mary's Ca 11
 at USC 4
 at Campbell 6
 at Cleveland 1
 at North Texas 1
 Utah Valley 1
 E. Michigan 1 1/2

FRIDAY
 Purdue 1 1/2
 Texas Tech off

NHL

at Boston off
 Nashville -226
 at Buffalo +206
 Florida -140
 at Minnesota -135
 Los Angeles +125
 at Arizona off
 Calgary off

MONDAY

at Boston off
 Nashville -226
 at Buffalo +206
 Florida -140
 at Minnesota -135
 Los Angeles +125
 at Arizona off
 Calgary off

SOCCER

MAJOR LEAGUE SOCCER

EASTERN W L TPTS GF GA
 N.Y. City FC 3 0 0 9 6 1
 Columbus 2 0 1 7 5 2
 Atlanta FC 2 1 0 6 7 6
 Philadelphia 1 0 1 4 2 5
 New York 1 1 0 3 4 1
 Montreal 1 2 0 3 4 5
 New England 1 1 0 3 2 3
 D.C. United 2 0 2 4 6 6
 Orlando City 0 2 0 4 6 6
 FIRE 0 2 0 0 4 6
 Toronto FC 0 2 0 0 3 3
WESTERN W L TPTS GF GA
 Los Angeles FC 2 0 0 6 6 1
 Minnesota 2 1 0 6 6 5
 Kansas City 2 1 0 6 7 7
 Vancouver 1 0 1 4 5 6
 Houston 1 1 1 4 7 4
 Real Salt Lake 1 1 1 4 3 6
 San Jose 1 1 0 3 5 5
 LA Galaxy 0 1 0 3 3 3
 FC Dallas 0 0 1 1 3 5
 Colorado 0 1 0 0 1 2
 Portland 0 1 0 0 1 1
 Portland 0 2 0 0 1 6

Notes: 3 points for win, 1 point for tie.

SUNDAY'S RESULT

SATURDAY'S SCHEDULE
 New York City FC at New England, 12:30
 Portland at FC Dallas, 2:30
 D.C. United at Columbus, 5
 Minnesota at New York, 6
 Sporting Kansas City at Colorado, 8
 LA Galaxy at Vancouver, 9

ENGLISH PREMIER LEAGUE

CLUB W L GF GA PTS
 Man City 26 3 1 85 20 81
 Man United 20 5 9 68 23 65
 Liverpool 18 9 4 73 34 63
 Tottenham 18 7 5 59 25 61
 Chelsea 17 5 8 52 27 56
 Arsenal 16 5 5 49 28 53
 Burnley 11 10 9 27 26 43
 Leicester 10 10 10 45 41 40
 Everton 11 7 13 37 50 40
 Bournemouth 9 9 13 37 49 36
 Watford 10 6 15 39 55 35
 Brighton 8 10 12 28 40 34
 Newcastle 8 14 30 40 32
 Swansea 8 7 15 25 42 31
 Huddersfield 8 7 16 25 52 31
 Crystal Palace 7 9 15 30 48 29
 West Ham 7 9 14 26 57 30
 Southampton 5 13 12 29 44 28
 Stoke 6 9 16 29 58 27
 West Brom 3 11 17 24 49 20

SATURDAY, MARCH 17

Crystal Palace vs. Liverpool, 6:30 a.m.
 West Ham vs. Southampton, 9 a.m.
 Watford vs. Bournemouth, 9 a.m.
 Newcastle vs. Huddersfield, 9 a.m.
 Man United vs. Swansea, 9 a.m.
 West Brom vs. Burnley, 9 a.m.
 Brighton vs. Leicester, 9 a.m.
 Everton vs. Man City, 11:30 a.m.

AUTO RACING

NASCAR MONSTER ENERGY CUP
AT AUTO CLUB SPEEDWAY; Fontana, Calif.; lap length: 2 miles
FP SP DRIVER M LAPS PTS
 1: Martin Truex Jr. T 200 60
 2: Kyle Larson C 200 51
 3: Matt DiBenedetto F 199 20
 4: 11 Brad Keselowski F 200 49
 5: Joey Logano F 200 45
 6: 25 Daniel Hamlin T 200 39
 7: Erik Jones F 200 35
 8: 8 Ryan Blaney F 200 29
 9: 33 Jimmie Johnson C 200 28
 10: 5 Austin Dillon C 200 27
 11: 26 Clint Bowyer F 199 30
 12: 22 Aric Almirola F 199 20
 13: 28 Cole Custer C 199 24
 14: 7 Kurt Busch F 199 27
 15: 29 William Byron C 199 23
 16: 31 Chase Elliott C 199 21
 17: 14 Ricky Stenhouse Jr. F 199 20
 18: 16 Ricky Stenhouse Jr. F 199 19
 19: 14 Paul Menard F 199 18
 20: 19 Darrell Wallace Jr. C 199 17
 21: 9 Ryan Newman C 199 16
 22: 32 Jeffrey Earnhardt C 189 11
 23: 30 Daniel Suarez T 199 14
 24: 34 Kasey Kahne C 199 13
 25: 21 David Ragan F 199 12
 26: 22 Michael McDowell F 199 12
 27: 17 Ty Dillon C 198 10
 28: 37 Cole Whitt C 198 9
 29: 36 Ross Chastain C 198 0
 30: 12 Chris Buescher C 197 7
 31: 18 Matt Hagan, 4:04. 322.04.
 32: 20 Gary Gaudin T 194 5
 33: 35 Timmy Hill C 193 0
 34: 24 Reed Sorenson C 193 3
 35: 10 Kevin Harvick F 191 2
 36: 17 Jeffrey Earnhardt C 189 11
 37: 13 Trevor Bayne F 108-1 a
 38: 36 Ross Chastain C 198 0
 39: 12 Chris Buescher C 197 7
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 41: 20 Gary Gaudin T 194 5
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 44: 10 Kevin Harvick F 191 2
 45: 17 Jeffrey Earnhardt C 189 11
 46: 13 Trevor Bayne F 108-1 a

WINNER'S average speed: 147.528 mph.
Time: 2:42-41. **Margins:** 1.685.
Caution flags: 5 for 21 laps.
Lead changes: 16 among 7 drivers.
Lap leaders: Truex 1-10, Kyle Busch 11-28, McMurray 29, Kyle Busch 30, Truex 31-63, Logano 64-72, Truex 73-89, Kyle Busch 90-93, Truex 94-223, Kyle Busch 124-130, Kahne 131, Byron 132, Kyle Busch 133-160, Truex 161-163, Hamlin 164,

BASEBALL

Clubhouse chemistry will be tested

Sullivan, from Page 1

sometimes," shortstop Addison Russell said. "I think we have the core that we need, the players that we need right now to make a pretty good run for the postseason. We may have lost a few pieces, but we picked up pieces I think are going to be very vital for our success down the stretch.

"They all seem like they're professionals, the way they carry themselves, and are great guys in general. Having guys like that will make things easier now that we don't have the Jake Arrieta or the Lackey in the locker room. We can definitely go the distance with the guys we have."

The Cubs aren't going to lose their *joie de vivre*. They showed it again Sunday when Anthony Rizzo went out to his position before the start of the game against the Indians at Cashman Field, while the rest of the starters remained in the dugout and made him wait.

There's no doubt Yu Darvish and Brandon Morrow are quality players, and they seem to fit in well in the Cubs clubhouse. But the edginess of Arrieta and Lackey can't be easily replicated.

Arrieta basically was the conscience of the clubhouse, saying things that no one else would dare to utter in public, as when he said after the Cubs passed the Brewers in July "we expect to remain in first" the rest of the season. The Cubs backed up Arrieta's boast and went on to win the division.

At the start of spring training, Lester was anointed by Joe Maddon as one of the leaders of the 2018 Cubs, a process Maddon said occurred "organically." Lester already was one of those guys, though typically he did it behind the scenes, such as arranging a party for the team at a Wrigleyville bar after the 2015 clincher or getting Grimm a suite at the national championship football game in January so Grimm could watch his beloved Georgia Bulldogs.

This will be Lester's first season without either Ross or Lackey in the Cubs clubhouse. The three former Red Sox teammates went through the wars together, including the 2013 championship in Boston, the fried-chicken-and-beer episode and the end of the Cubs' championship drought.

Lester conceded at the start of camp it was "weird" to be without Lackey, his teammate for most of the last decade.

"It's fun, it's just a different time now for me," Lester said. "I get to see now what



NANCY STONE/CHICAGO TRIBUNE

In the past, veteran starter Jon Lester has been a behind-the-scenes team leader.

'Lack' got to see for so long, being one of the older guys."

Former Cub Ryan Dempster, who played with the three on the '13 champs, said Lester won't suffer from empty-nest syndrome.

"We'll have to make sure we have a reunion and bring them all in," Dempster said. "But that's the nice part about this team. It's one tight team. Lester has people over to his house after a game, and everybody's there. Just because those guys are gone, there are other guys here. I'm around, and Rossy comes around. He's got buddies."

Some young players will have to step up and be more vocal in '18. Or maybe not.

Russell said he's not going to change his personality.

"I'm always going to be the kind of person I am, stay humble and go about my business," he said. "For the most part, it's pretty much the same guys. We've reached an (understanding) where everyone knows they can be themselves — 'Don't shy away from being yourself, from being an individual.'"

"It's what we welcome over here in the Cubs organization. If you (be yourself) you'll fit right in. ... The personalities in our clubhouse will be pretty much the same."

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BASEBALL NOTES

Long day for Shields, Kopecch

Associated Press

Matt Joyce hit a leadoff home run and a grand slam as the A's shut out the White Sox 14-0 on Sunday in Mesa, Ariz.

Sox starter **James Shields** was roughed up for seven runs in 3²/₃ innings and has a 9.39 ERA this spring.

Top prospect **Michael Kopecch** also allowed seven runs, though just four were earned, on three hits and three walks while retiring just one batter.

Polanco suspended: Twins shortstop **Jorge Polanco** was suspended 80 games after testing positive for the performance enhancer Stanozolol.

Polanco said he didn't "intentionally consume this steroid," saying he requested a substance from his trainer in the Dominican Republic but was given something else.

Polanco hit .256 with 13 home runs and 74 RBIs last season in 127 starts.

Surgery for Vargas: Left-hander **Jason Vargas** will have surgery Tuesday after breaking his right hand on a line drive in a minor-league game. The Mets said he would resume throwing about five days later.

■ **Noah Syndergaard** pitched seven innings, allowing one run on eight hits with five strikeouts and no walks in a 5-4 victory over the Orioles.

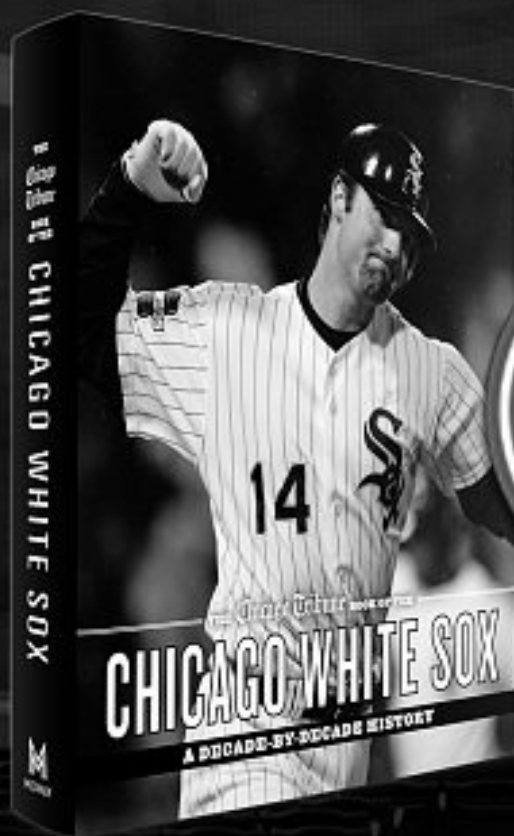
MadBum sharp: **Madison Bumgarner** threw six one-hit innings in the Giants' 13-0 shutout of the Rockies.

Hunter Pence, hitting .065 last week, homered and has eight hits in his last 17 at-bats. **Nick Hundley** homered and doubled.

Extra innings: **Christian Yelich** hit his first Brewers home run, drove in three runs and scored three times to key a 7-3 victory over the Dodgers. ... **Yan Gomes** hit a grand slam and drove in five runs as an Indians split squad beat the Mariners 16-3. ... Newly signed RHP **Anibal Sanchez** made his first start for the Braves, yielding two runs in four innings of a 6-3 win over the Astros. ... The Royals signed reliever **Justin Grimm** after his release by the Cubs.

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CUBS



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Cubs starter Tyler Chatwood threw strikes on just 58 percent of his first pitches last season for the Rockies.

It's No.1 priority

Chatwood's focus on throwing more first-pitch strikes

BY MARK GONZALES
Chicago Tribune

MESA, Ariz. — High ground-ball and spin rates combined with success away from Coors Field attracted the Cubs to Tyler Chatwood in free agency.

But there is a simple factor that could dictate how Chatwood fares — first-pitch strikes.

Kyle Hendricks has observed Chatwood, his former travel-ball teammate, and strategy coach Mike Borzello addressing this during their video sessions this spring.

"It's like a whole new world," Hendricks said. "You can talk about it as much as you want and see it on the video. But when you commit to it and throw it and see the results, then you know you have it."

"It's a matter of being unpredictable but being able to execute everything you have."

Chatwood threw only 58 percent first-pitch strikes last season, and the outcome was convincing. Opponents batted .293 against

him after 1-0 counts but only .192 after 0-1.

In Sunday's start against the Royals, Chatwood got ahead of Jon Jay and Mike Moustakas with first-pitch strikes in the first inning before striking them out on breaking pitches. But Chatwood fell behind Cheslor Cuthbert, who hit a single that preceded a two-run homer by Frank Schwindel. In the second, Jorge Soler hit a home run after Chatwood fell behind 1-0.

Chatwood said he struggled with the release point of his cut fastball, leading to the hits by Cuthbert and Soler. He added that he would have steered away from that pitch sooner if it were a regular-season game.

"That's always a pitch I've had," Chatwood said. "It was weird I didn't have that extra gear to turn left."

The 5-foot-11, 200-pound Chatwood generates unusually high velocity for his size, but his 77 walks were third highest in the National League last season.

"With Chatty, you can't deny the stuff," Rockies manager Bud Black said last month. "It comes out hot ... moving. He can spin a breaking ball ... got a nice cutter. His changeup on certain nights is legit; he's got four weapons.

"But it comes back to him staying within his delivery and not trying to do too much. He pitches with aggressiveness — long stride, a momentum-building delivery. He can get out of whack a little delivery-wise. But if he's in sync, heads-up ... He's got it coming."

Chatwood appeared to be gaining momentum last week when he allowed one hit while striking out nine in only five innings against the Giants.

Part of Chatwood's success was that he possessed command of his cut fastball and changeup later in counts to keep batters honest. That could boost his 58.6 percent ground-ball rate. The spin rate on his four-seam fastball and curve placed him in the mid-90 percentile of major-league pitchers in the second half of 2017, according to Fangraphs.com.

"What you saw the other day was not a fluke," manager Joe Maddon said. "You're going to see more of that. He's very driven and motivated. He's listed as a fifth starter, but he's one of five. He can pitch in every rotation in the big leagues, and it's just a matter of where you want to spot him. His stuff is that good."

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CUBS NOTES

Coaches have Baez on 'better' path

BY MARK GONZALES
Chicago Tribune

MESA, Ariz. — The once-common occurrences of wild swings on two-strike pitches and errant throws on routine plays are diminishing for **Javier Baez**.

That's the latest observation from manager **Joe Maddon**, who believes Baez is making strides toward becoming a more finished product.

"We're reining it in pretty (well)," Maddon said.

Maddon would like Baez to draw more walks, but he said he was impressed Saturday when Baez rebounded from a strikeout on a wide slider to hit a single in his next at-bat and has liked the dialogue between Baez and new hitting coach **Chili Davis** between at-bats.

"Chili is not up there beating

mechanics or (saying) what this guy is going to throw on a certain count," Maddon said. "I'm really not an advocate of that method at all."

"Pitchers are more proactive, and Chili will talk to them more what to look for zone-wise."

Maddon also said he likes the bond between Baez and new infield coach **Brian Butterfield**, especially in an effort to reduce Baez's errors on routine plays.

"Part of his routine is to not miss a ground ball in pregame (work)," Maddon said. "Guys like that are so good they may get into some bad habits by using their hand, or hands, and not their feet. So Butter is pounding (using) his feet into him. I like that."

"Butter's daily approach attempt should lead to (fewer miscues). His mistakes are routine stuff, ground-ball stuff where he

lays back too much and gets flat-footed. That's normally his issue. Butter will handle that."

"Offensively, I'm seeing better on an annual basis. Just the maturation process. He's getting better, and Chili constantly talking approach. It should make a difference."

Extra innings: Against the Royals on Sunday, left-hander **Justin Wilson** was summoned with two outs and nobody on in the sixth but failed to retire any of the four batters he faced. Wilson's troubles started when he walked **Jon Jay** and continued when he surrendered a three-run home run to fellow left-handed hitter **Mike Moustakas**. ... **Kyle Hendricks** is scheduled to pitch in a minor-league game at the Cubs complex Tuesday, the team's scheduled day off.

WHITE SOX

Sox's ship sailing in right direction

Controversy-free spring just what they needed



PAUL SULLIVAN
On the White Sox

Back in Sarasota, Fla., during the spring of 1996, White Sox camp was roiled early by the disappearance of Tony Phillips, who had signed as a free-agent over the winter.

Phillips had called it quits after belatedly deciding his two-year, \$3.6 million contract was unsatisfactory, giving the Sox a made-for-media controversy at the start of camp.

We loved it, of course, because for the most part spring training is rather dull.

But it didn't last long.

After talking with some of his friends — Dusty Baker, Chili Davis and Dave Stewart — Phillips changed his mind and returned a few days later.

So what prompted the comeback?

"I wouldn't call it a comeback," Phillips said with a laugh. "Actually, what really happened is I retired and went home and my wife said, 'No, no.'"

That was the first of several memorable controversies I'd cover over various springs as a Sox beat writer or baseball columnist.

There was Frank Thomas' doctor's note that excused him from a spring training drill, leading to a shouting match with manager Jerry Manuel, and Thomas' spring walkout the next year in protest of the so-called "diminished skills" clause in his contract.

A personal favorite was the spring of 2002 when the Sox couldn't reach an agreement with new ace Mark Buehrle on his contract and opted to renew the kid for \$310,000, or \$15,000 less than what they had offered in arbitration. That in-your-face move sparked speculation Buehrle would eventually bolt when he hit free agency. (Spoiler alert: He didn't.)

And of course there was the Adam LaRoche saga of two years ago, when the Sox first baseman quit during spring training after management changed its mind about letting his teenage son, Drake, have full access to the clubhouse during the season. Chris Sale went ballistic, ripping Sox executive Ken Williams, and the story became national news.

As the 2018 Sox prepare for the March 29 season opener in Kansas City with their final week of spring training in Glendale, Ariz., it has been one of the quieter springs in recent memory.

The only blip on the radar occurred last week when manager Rick Renteria pulled Avisail Garcia from a game for not running out a ground ball. But the story was quickly diffused when Renteria lauded Garcia and Garcia admitted he was in the wrong.

No harm, no foul. Play on.

Otherwise, the Sox basically have accomplished what every major-league team wants to get done in camp, namely to get their work in and keep key players healthy for the upcoming season.

With few new names on the Sox roster outside of the bullpen, it basically has been a continuation of the final weeks of 2017, after the trades of Todd Frazier, Dave Robertson, Melky Cabrera, Anthony Swarzak and a few other veterans lowered the average age of the roster.

"We're really young and we kind of jelled together last year after everyone got traded," third baseman Matt Davidson said.



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Eloy Jimenez made everyone stand up and take notice when he homered against the Cubs.

"Just picking up right where we left off. It's a young, exciting, fun and kind of light camp. We're just having fun."

Perhaps the moment that will be remembered long after everything else is forgotten will be Eloy Jimenez's pinch-hit home run against the Cubs at Sloan Park after a two-week layoff with left knee tendinitis.

The Sox hadn't planned to use Jimenez until the next day. But Jimenez later admitted he "hassled" Renteria on the bench to let him hit against his former organization until Renteria eventually relented.

In the visitors clubhouse, Garcia and Jose Abreu were getting ready to leave when they stopped to watch Jimenez's at-bat. Lucas Giolito offered to delay his press briefing so reporters could watch on TV.

Sure, it was only a spring training game, but when Jimenez hit an opposite-field home run, it brought smiles to all of his teammates' faces. They know his importance to the rebuild, and how one at-bat could build confidence in the 21-year-old slugger.

Jimenez followed by hitting another homer and a line-drive triple in his first two at-bats the next day and wound up reaching in six consecutive at-bats over three games before the Sox sent him to minor-league camp to play with his Double-A Birmingham teammates.

It was just a brief glimpse of what Jimenez could do, but everyone who saw him was impressed with his maturity and plate discipline, including Cubs manager Joe Maddon, who had the Sox's top prospect in spring training in 2017.

"I think he's going to become very good," Maddon said. "This kid is talented. There's no doubt in my mind. With good health, this kid is going to be outstanding. Combination of skill and who he is, I really liked him as a person. I liked talking to him. He's very mature. And he speaks very well. He comes from an educated background in his family. I really wish him well. I was very impressed."

The proverbial can't-miss kid?

"I don't want to say he's a can't-miss because nobody is a can't-miss," Maddon said. "But this guy has a chance to hit some homers, especially in that ballpark where the ball goes. He can really tear that up."

When Jimenez gets that chance to tear up Sox Park is anyone's guess. The Sox don't seem to be in any hurry to rush him, which makes sense if they're not contending anyway.

But the sooner they get Jimenez into a Sox uniform, the better. He'll bring an immediate spark to the organization, just as Kris Bryant did with the Cubs in 2015.

To paraphrase Rolling Stone's 1974 story on little-known artist Bruce Springsteen, I saw the Sox's future, and its name is Eloy Jimenez.

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She's a survivor

Tucker endured hostage trauma

By Mike Jensen
Philadelphia Inquirer

As Jannah Tucker described the ticking clock on her college basketball career, and her role on Villanova's NCAA tournament team, and her transfer from Tennessee — and the reason for her delayed start with the Volunteers — and the attempts now to extend her college career by one semester, her words veer away from knee surgeries and her play on the court.

"I got the protective order the day after I escaped," Tucker said in a recent interview in Villanova's basketball office.

Tucker talked of once having "a whole plan" for her hoops career. She was Tennessee's first recruit in the post-Pat Summitt era, one of the top dozen high school players nationally in her class coming out of Baltimore, a 30-points-a-game scorer as a high school junior.

Two knee surgeries changed her physical abilities, but her story isn't about damaged ligaments. Tucker recites a psychological torture straight out of a movie — not just a teenage relationship filled with domestic violence but an actual hostage situation spanning weeks. She was the hostage.

She'll tell you about a dozen weeks inside her boyfriend's house, even as her family and soon-to-be Tennessee coach went to his door. Tennessee's coach went to Baltimore with her assistants expressly to go to Tucker's boyfriend's house, trying to intervene. Her boyfriend, Tucker said, told her to keep quiet as the visitors stood outside the door. Tucker followed that directive instead of trying a fast break for freedom. Her family finally convinced the police that she needed rescuing, that she wasn't simply living with a boyfriend against their wishes.

All this comes back to Tucker, 22, as Villanova compliance officers interview her as part of their attempt to persuade the NCAA to grant her an extra semester. They are asking for a waiver that would allow her to go past the five-year window of college play since her eligibility clock kept ticking as she kept reliving her nightmare.

"It was surprising to me how much it affected me over the last four months or so," Tucker said.

The last two seasons, Tucker has been a starter, if not a star, for Villanova. The 6-foot player guarded those she used to be, usually the opposing team's best outside shooter, while she averaged 9.25 points for her team that finished 23-9 after losing to Notre Dame 98-72 Sunday night in the second round of the NCAA tournament. Her shining moment was a recent ESPN highlight when her shot from three-quarters of the court away against Providence went in to end a quarter. It is a shot that may be defined her career beyond the trajectory of a basketball.

"She's a good leader," said Villanova coach Harry Perretta, whose ninth-seeded team opened the NCAA tournament with a 81-74 overtime victory over eighth-seeded South Dakota State in which Tucker scored 20 points.

"She's been through it all," Perretta said. "You can't go through more than what she's been through."

That plan she had? "All of a sudden that plan just doesn't happen and not only doesn't happen, probably isn't going to happen," Tucker said.

Tucker had made arrangements to enroll at Tennessee for the 2013 summer session, starting her freshman year early.

"I went to see my boyfriend before I left," Tucker said, describing herself as "an 18-year-old. You know, this is the love of my life. My first love. I'm going to be with him forever."

She describes how her boyfriend had similar ideas.

"He would not let me leave," Tucker said. "I remember every moment of that day so vividly. He took my phone. I had no contact with my parents, my family. They're freaking out. They go to the police. The police are like, 'No, she's 18. She's got to come on her own.'"

She talked about how her boyfriend "would email my coaches at Tennessee back as if he were me just saying, 'I'm not going. I've decided to stay with my boyfriend, I've decided to live with him.'"

Then there was abuse, which had begun, she said, before that fateful day.

"Physical and verbal abuse all the time," Tucker said. "He would hit my knee because he knew I'd had surgery. Just trying to tear me down, telling me I was worthless. You start to believe those things."

He was her age, a basketball player too.

"I tell people all the time, it's so psychological," Tucker said. "It's so much of a mind game that you start to believe that you are the problem. I 100 percent started to believe that I was just not doing the right things, like, 'I make him do this. I'm just a bad person.' Because when they're nice to you, you think that's them. That's genuinely who they are. But that's not the case."

Her father had been to the door. No luck getting it to open. Finally, after a couple of months, her boyfriend started a new job, and she found her phone, called her mother. They arranged to meet up. She was out.

And then pulled back in.

"He reached out to me. I was super naive," Tucker said. "Again I thought that super nice person was him. He said, 'Can we just talk?'"

Tucker didn't tell her family about this.

"We met at a grocery store near my mom's house. I got in the car with him," Tucker said. "Wasn't smart. And then he drove me back to his house while hitting me in the car. Got to his house. At this point I already told my mom I was being physically abused and verbally abused and emotionally. He took my phone and texted, 'Hey, I've decided to stay.'"

Her mother didn't buy that. She went to the police, who began saying the same things about her age and the need to come out on her own.

"I found my phone when he wasn't in that room," Tucker said, "and I sent my mom a message like, 'Please don't call the cops. I'll meet you. I'll try to get out again.'"

A family member had a security job at a college, and he went to the police, convincing them this wasn't a teenage love story. A police report noted a large bruise on Tucker's cheek. She got a protective order against him. According to news reports and court records, he eventually pleaded guilty to one count of second-degree assault. He was sentenced to eight years, all but 28 days suspended.

His name appeared in reports, but this is the first time Tucker has spoken at length about the ordeal. Tucker's family requested



ROBERT FRANKLIN/AP

Villanova's Jannah Tucker blocks a shot by South Dakota State's Macy Miller during a first-round game in South Bend, Ind.

that her assailant's name not be used. According to court records, he is in prison in another state on other charges.

Tucker stayed home for the fall semester of her freshman year before going to Tennessee.

"As soon as I got to Tennessee, we put in plans for games for my safety," Tucker said. "When we traveled, we would have an extra undercover person who could protect everyone there. It was a lot implemented for my safety. I was extremely anxious. I would get updates, like if he moved to somewhere else. I was having to fly back home in the middle of my academic semesters for court, just to be told it was postponed. That also took a toll on me."

Tucker still raves about Tennessee coach Holly Warlick.

"She has the most kind heart," Tucker said. And when she thinks about how to be a leader at Villanova, Tucker immediately talks about the seniors who were at Tennessee when she got there.

"I went to a practice after everything, and they all stopped practice, ran up and hugged, and we all just started crying," Tucker said. "This moment I really felt comfortable and safe. And my seniors always looked out for me, always made sure I got everything done. They got on me a lot, especially with my academics. I was not doing well.

They kind of set a precedent of what a senior leader should be. Here, I've always tried to implement what I learned."

After sitting out as a freshman, Tucker played only two games as a sophomore before hurting her knee again.

"Why is my knee not getting better? Why am I still not playing?" Tucker said of that sophomore year. "I felt like I was OK to play some days, and other days it was just completely terrible. I struggled academically. It was a tough, tough year."

The clouds descended quickly.

"I really felt like I was wasting my time," Tucker said. "Why are you doing this? You can stop doing this. You can go somewhere and stop playing basketball and be fine. Whatever. I'm here, but I don't know my place. I don't know what direction I should be going in. ... I immediately entered this downward spiral of complete negativity. I struggled in school. I often was like, 'Why does it matter?'"

As for the awful events she had endured, "Going through it, I never realized how much I was affected by it. I felt like I had detached myself a lot from it, especially since I saw there was an opening for me to speak out about it and be an advocate for awareness of domestic violence. So I think a part of me became detached and became the

spokesperson, letting myself heal through" that role.

She decided to transfer closer to home, and Villanova had recruited her in high school.

"She just called us and said she wanted to come home," Perretta said. "I said, 'Fine.' There was really no recruiting process. This was her second choice in high school. We knew she had two semesters left. But we figured it was a no-brainer to get the last semester back. We figured there was no way with her knee injury and the abuse thing that the NCAA wouldn't allow her an extra semester. I was shocked when I was told we couldn't use the abuse stuff to ask for a waiver."

Now the school is asking for a legislative-relief waiver, essentially asking for the governing body to put aside its own bylaws given all the circumstances. For Tucker, who has next fall's semester to play and is waiting to hear about next spring, words Perretta spoke to her soon after she got there provided perspective.

"Harry was like, 'You have to be able to come to terms with that you might not be as good as you were. You have to deal with that,'" Tucker said.

Perretta gave her permission, in a sense, to leave her past behind.

"That was a big adjustment for me," Tucker said. "I'm like, 'I can still do this, do that.' I had to really

self-reflect and focus on my health first and then know it was not a be-all and end-all because I had made basketball a be-all and end-all."

Tucker is still close to her family. Her father makes it up to her games. She calls her mother her role model in life.

"It's so weird. This is obviously an awful thing that happened, but it has taught me so much," Tucker said. "It forced me to mature, to have an open perspective to a life bigger than basketball, to other things people might be going through. I was brought up in a house where you're tough. You don't show this much emotion. You don't let people get you riled up. You're just a very tough person, and you can handle whatever. And it broke me."

So, now, Tucker said, if she can help someone and try to understand that person's circumstances, she's going to do it. She's finishing up her bachelor's degree in sociology, starting on a master's degree.

In writing a statement to the NCAA, she said, she explained her fights against adversity.

"The whole thing with my domestic violence," she said, "he targeted certain body parts of mine, so that I wouldn't play basketball again. So for me, this is very deep in the sense of, 'No, I will play basketball, and I will continue on the path that I am on. And I will do it with excellence.'"

— eNEWSPAPER BONUS COVERAGE —

Inspiration goes 2 ways

Leukemia-stricken boy a big fan of Gators — as they are of him

BY KEVIN BROCKWAY
Gainesville Sun

The text message was sent to Florida coach Mike White a couple of weeks ago on his 41st birthday.

In the form of a video, 11-year-old William Collett passed along best wishes and some advice through his dad's cellphone.

"Happy Birthday, Coach White," William said. "Tell KeVaughn (Allen) to keep shooting."

Young William has been sending quite a few texts to White lately, offering words of encouragement through the Gators' up-and-down 2017-18 season. At an early age, William has learned about adversity.

Last May, William was a healthy fourth-grader at Queen of Peace Academy in Gainesville, Fla., looking forward to going to White's basketball camp for the second straight year the next month.

But over Mother's Day weekend, William complained of headaches and felt run down. Tom and Ann Collett took their son the next Monday to the family pediatrician, who saw something in William's bloodwork she didn't like.

Then came the trip to UF Health Shands Hospital. Then came the diagnosis — childhood acute lymphoblastic leukemia.

The 10 months since have produced a mix of tears, smiles, hugs, long hospital stays, grueling chemotherapy treatments and head-shaving parties. The Florida basketball team, which was eliminated by Texas Tech on Saturday in the second round of the NCAA tournament, has been supportive through William's journey.

Junior guard KeVaughn Allen and junior center Kevarrus Hayes first visited William in his fourth-floor hospital room at Shands last summer. White has invited William to practices and shootarounds.

In November, on William's 11th birthday, senior point guard Chris Chiozza sent a signed poster to him. The poster was of Chiozza rising to shoot the game-winning 3-pointer in overtime in Florida's Sweet 16 win over Wisconsin last year.

"It kind of lifts me up knowing that they are here for me, knowing that they share the love of basketball like I do," William said.

That spirit goes both ways.

"It just shows you not to take anything for granted," Chiozza said. "I get to play the game that I love. He's just a little kid, and he's battling every day. That's something a lot of people don't get to overcome."

"It just puts things in perspective; it just humbles you. I'm just hoping that he beats it. We're all pulling for him. We're all behind him. We're just hoping he gets over it."

A family fight

Florida fans know Tom Collett as the booming voice over the PA system during Gators basketball games, a labor of love at which he has toiled since Florida's first Final Four run in 1994. Collett helps broadcast a number of other university events, including serving as the voice for the women's volleyball team.

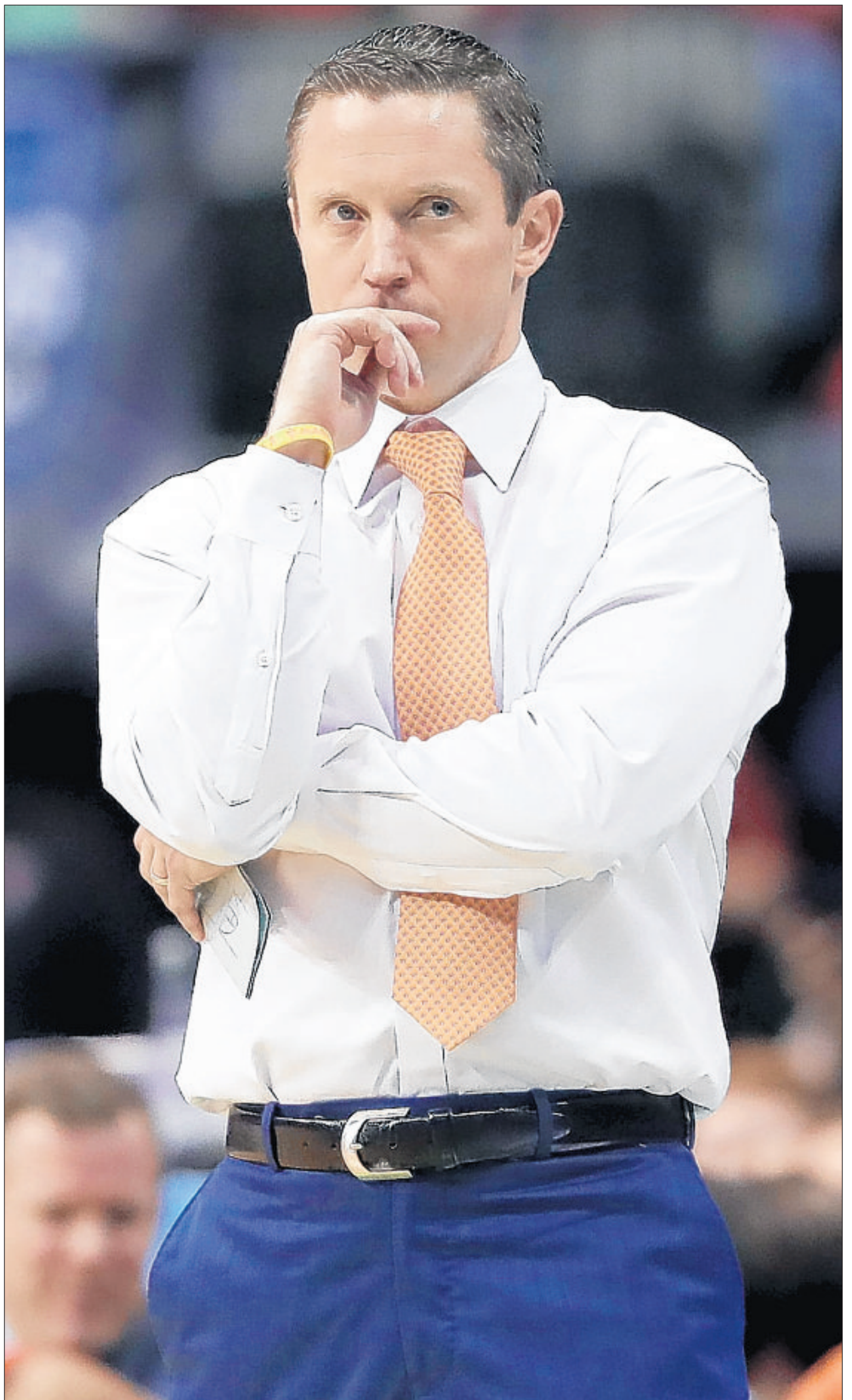
For Tom and Ann, the news of William's diagnosis was met with a range of emotions. William is the oldest of their two children. The couple also have a 9-year-old daughter, Magen.

"You never really think what the diagnosis is going to be, so complete shock," Ann said. "But in that instant I just said to myself, and Tom and I both agreed, that God was going to heal him completely and we had that belief and that ... we don't like this diagnosis, but we were going to make the most of it along the way."

Tom recalled pacing the hallways of the fourth floor at Shands for hours that night. He then had to drive home to gather William's belongings for the first of many hospital stays. He didn't remember much about the drive home.

"It was a mixture of praying and crying and just the whole gamut of emotions," Tom said.

"But I think the one thing that anchored us is our faith that with God anything is possible, so we will place our trust in God and asked him to direct the people at Shands, and we've always asked for folks, for the best thing to do



TONY GUTIERREZ/AP

Coach Mike White, watching Florida's loss to Texas Tech on Saturday, has gained a fresh perspective through leukemia-stricken William Collett, 11.

for William and for our family is to pray and that he's going to be OK."

William was told he couldn't go to school for the rest of the fourth-grade year and wouldn't be able to participate in White's summer camp. However, William did summon the strength to take part in the Knights of Columbus free throw contest. Wearing a surgical mask to prevent infection, William made 22 of 25 to advance to the regional round.

Last month, weakened by chemotherapy treatments, William took part in the regional event. Running up to the line to attempt the shots, William made just 7 of 25 attempts but still finished as runner-up.

"William told me he would have felt bad if he didn't at least try," Tom said.

As kids do, William found the bright side of his diagnosis. Not going to school meant William could watch his favorite sport, basketball, deep into the night instead of having to wake up early for class. So William and Tom have spent their share of nights in hospital rooms watching 10:30 p.m. tips of William's two favorite teams — the Golden State Warriors and Oklahoma City Thunder

(because of former Florida coach Billy Donovan). The Thunder, in care of Donovan, have sent gift packages to William's hospital room as well.

In a sign of solidarity, Tom shaved his head over the summer to match William's bald look. So did William's two best friends at Queen of Peace, Ethan Walsh and Jackson Islam.

Ann has served as William's primary caregiver and has witnessed strength and wisdom from her son that belies his age.

"The name William, the meaning of the name is 'warrior,' and I think that has certainly come through," Ann said. "Through the course of this process, he's very inspirational. He doesn't get really ... upset necessarily. He almost has an innate ability to redirect his focus on other things, so he's not focused on the ugliness of what he's going through."

"He is very positive and joyful every day, and we find laughter and joy and fun in every single day regardless of how the treatment may be that day or how bad it makes him feel."

The latest medical reports on William's condition are promising. After an intense round of

chemotherapy in which William was spending five days a week at Shands, the latest tests show his white blood cell counts are up. He's beginning what is termed as the maintenance phase of his treatment, which includes oral chemotherapy.

Back to school, camp

William was recently cleared by doctors to return to school next month with his fifth-grade classmates (he has been taking classes remotely). More good news came when William received a letter from his primary physician that he can return to White's basketball camp in June.

"He's a fighter and a tough kid," White said. "He's got a magnetic personality, and he's become a friend. We're anxious to get him back into camp."

In late-season games, White wore a yellow wristband that reads "Pray for William," the same wristband that William's classmates at Queen of Peace have worn during the school year. William exchanged his own "Pray for William" wristband with Florida freshman soccer player Lauren Evans, who like William was

diagnosed with leukemia. That wristband reads, "#HE-LO-FAS-TORY," with the LO standing for Lauren's nickname.

Other Florida athletic programs have reached out to William as well. First-year women's basketball coach Cam Newbauer invited William to speak at a practice. William also received visits from women's volleyball coach Mary Wise and several players last May.

Tom took in the scene at a shootaround last month for Florida's game against Alabama. William posed for pictures with Chiozza and junior guard Jalen Hudson in his surgical mask. Then William shot the ball at the far end of the court, with White and the rest of the coaching staff rebounding for him.

"It makes you appreciate all of the little moments," Tom said. "Every day is a gift, and you can't spend enough time with your kids. Know where your priorities are."

"It's shed new light on the importance of family. You can't get time back, and it's raised that level of knowing that you need to do everything you can with your family with the time you've got."



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One-woman band Sudan Archives wove African violin drone around electronically altered pop landscapes at South by Southwest.

At SXSW, diversity trumps adversity

Female artists, those of color take center stage at music festival

BY GREG KOT
 Chicago Tribune

AUSTIN, Texas — It was not a South by Southwest Music Festival for the diversity-averse. Its very existence served as an act of defiance aimed at those who would fence off America from the world.

Female artists, artists of color, outsiders from every corner of the world — from Africa and Poland to Jordan and Russia — filled the crowded bars and clubs of the Texas capital with dissenting guitars, empowered voices and raised fists.

South by Southwest, with its interwoven conferences on technology, film and music, concluded its 32nd year Sunday. It draws more than 2,000 bands from around the world and brings more than \$325 million to the Austin economy. It wasn't an oasis apart from a troubled world. On Saturday, a festival concert headlined by the Roots was canceled because of a bomb threat. Austin police later arrested a 26-year-old man and charged him with making a terrorist threat. Earlier in the week, a package bomb killed an Austin resident and seri-



Gato Preto, a multinational electronic dance band, performs during the festival.

ously injured another. It followed a similar bombing 10 days earlier that killed another resident. All the victims were African-Americans.

Against that backdrop, the art and music that was being made at this international festival took on added urgency. Though the conference has grown beyond its modest origins as a celebration of Texas regional music and become something of a music industry showcase for deal-making and profiteering, it also serves a wider purpose. It was framed by bands representing the voices of the marginalized.

On the music festival's opening night, the Russian collective Pussy Riot donned masks, waved a flag with an explicit message and verbally assailed the regimes of President Donald Trump and Russian leader Vladimir Putin. The collective has paid a price for its dissent — two of its members were once imprisoned in Russia for public protest — but it has not been silenced. The agit-punks were introduced by another formerly imprisoned dissident, Chelsea Manning, and took aim in their songs at the prison-industrial complex and voting-rights repression. "I got this microphone to wake you up," they

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"The Chi" creator Lena Waithe

'The Chi's' Waithe on what did, didn't work

BY WILLIAM LEE AND NINA METZ
 Chicago Tribune

Tribune reporters William Lee and Nina Metz have recapped the first season of Showtime's "The Chi" through the finale. Here they talk with show creator Lena Waithe about her thoughts on the season and her plans for next season.

Lena Waithe: Hi, how are you guys?

William Lee: Hi, Lena, we're good, thanks. I don't know if you've been following our recaps at all ...

Waithe: I have — y'all been reading us for filth sometimes!

I'm kidding, but this is the deal: The first season of a show is al-

ways tricky. This is my first show. Obviously I wrote the pilot and I created it, but I'm going to

speak in a politically correct way and say I wasn't necessarily showrunning. So there were certain things that you guys were saying that me and the other lovely African-American writers agree with. We read your recaps every week and we're like, "Yep, um-mm. Yep, yep. We agree."

Even though people think I'm almighty and powerful because I'm the creator, you sometimes lose control because they (the executives) think of me as a young'un and they're like, "No, we're going to do things *this* way." So the great thing is that the studio and the network have kind of seen like, "Oh, OK — Lena knows what she's talking about, we're going to trust her." (Note: Waithe's clout has grown immeasurably with an Emmy win and more since the show was first picked up.)

So we look forward to reading your recaps of Season 2, because now I *am* empowered. Now they're like, "Get in there, what do

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IN PERFORMANCE 'FELLOW TRAVELERS' ★★★★★

Gay love affair set in '50s D.C. transcends time, place

BY JOHN VON RHEIN
 Chicago Tribune

It would be easy to regard the story of a doomed 1950s gay romance that is "Fellow Travelers" as a period piece. Except for one thing: The fear and paranoia created by the steady drumbeat of untruths and intrigues that marks Washington politics never goes away. That reality lends topical resonance to the affecting music drama by composer Gregory Spears and librettist Greg Pierce.

But beyond the contemporary relevance, "Fellow Travelers" which is based on Thomas Mallon's 2007 fact-based novel of the same name, is a deeply human, quietly tragic love story that transcends time, place and gender distinctions.

It is the latest and best among the newer American operas that have received their Chicago premieres in recent weeks. The re-mounting of Cincinnati Opera's world-premiere 2016 production, courtesy of Lyric Opera's educa-

tion and outreach arm, Lyric Unlimited, must be reckoned one of the must-see events of the season. The show opened to an enthusiastic reception Saturday night at the Athenaeum Theatre, where it plays through next weekend.

"Fellow Travelers" is set in 1950s Washington at the height of the McCarthy era, when an affair between two men ensnares them in the "lavender scare," the witch hunt that purged gay employees from the federal government at the same time Sen. Joseph McCarthy and his cohorts were busy rooting out suspected communists and fellow travelers. Thousands of gay men and lesbians lost their jobs, also in some cases their lives, as a result of the officially sanctioned persecution.

The bittersweet romance centers on two men. Hawkins Fuller, a suave, handsome apparatchik in the State Department, hits on Timothy Laughlin, a wide-eyed Fordham University graduate newly arrived in the nation's



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Jonas Hacker, left, portrays Timothy Laughlin and Joseph Lattanzi is Hawkins Fuller in "Fellow Travelers" at the Athenaeum Theatre.

capital. Hawk (as he's known) gets Timothy a job as a speechwriter to a senator close to McCarthy, and seduces the younger

man. They embark on a furtive affair.

For Timothy (or Skippy, as Hawk calls him), an ardent anti-

communist and devout Roman Catholic, their love affair is his first taste of sexual fulfillment. He transfers his worship of God onto his lover. Meanwhile, the older, more cynical, more sexually experienced Hawk knows their liaison could destroy his career at any moment, given the homophobia and red-baiting rampant on Capitol Hill.

Fuller in fact is subjected to a humiliating interrogation about possible deviant behavior but lies his way out of it. In the office, only his perceptive assistant, Mary Johnson, sees beneath his macho-man swagger. Fuller is the less committed of the lovers, and Timothy's despair over Fuller's promiscuity leads him to enlist in the Army to rid himself of his obsession. It takes a devastating act of betrayal to shatter forever his dream of permanent domestic bliss.

Spears, Pierce and director Kevin Newbury created "Fellow

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Streisand says she's never had #MeToo moment

Barbra Streisand says she's never suffered sexual harassment but has felt abused by the media. During a tribute to Streisand's decades of TV music specials and other programs, producer and longtime admirer Ryan Murphy queried her about her career, the #MeToo movement and her aversion to interviews. "Never," she replied when asked if she had been sexually mistreated. "I wasn't like those pretty girls with those nice little noses. Maybe that's why." She acknowledged the power of protests against gender inequality sweeping through Hollywood and society. "We're in a strange time now in terms of men and women and the pendulum swinging this way and that way, and it's going to have to come to the center," Streisand said during Friday's Paley Center for Media event. Her reluctance to talk to news outlets is based on years of what she called inaccurate reporting, including one story that claimed she has an "awards room" at home dedicated to her Oscars, Emmys and other trophies. But it was the late TV journalist Mike Wallace who came in for the sharpest criticism. Streisand said he asked her hurtful questions during a TV interview, and she called him afterward to complain. But on a subsequent show, Wallace told viewers who'd objected to his treatment of Streisand that she "loved" the interview, according to the star. "I thought, I don't know what date rape is, it's terrible but it was such a violation," she said. "Why lie?"

— Associated Press

Box office

1. Black Panther **\$27 million**
2. Tomb Raider **\$23.5**
3. I Can Only Imagine **\$17.1**
4. A Wrinkle in Time **\$16.6**
5. Love, Simon **\$11.5**
6. Game Night **\$5.6**
7. Peter Rabbit **\$5.2**
8. Strangers: Prey at Night **\$4.8**
9. Red Sparrow **\$4.5**
10. Death Wish **\$3.4**

SOURCE: Associated Press, estimated sales, Friday–Sunday.



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Milestone for Lovato: Demi Lovato, above, celebrated six years of sobriety at a Friday concert in New York with tour mate DJ Khaled. The pop star, 25, told the audience that March 15 was a proud day for her. "Six years ago, I was drinking vodka out of a Sprite bottle at 9 in the morning, throwing up in the car," Lovato said. "So I took a look at my life and I said, 'Something has to change, I've got to get sober.' So, I did."

March 19 birthdays: Author Philip Roth is 85. Actress Ursula Andress is 82. Actress Glenn Close is 71. Actor Bruce Willis is 63.



ASK AMY

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Dad faces telling sons mom is dead

Dear Amy: I am an American man living in China with my two sons.

I left my wife because she was a drug addict. I paid for her to go to a treatment program, but it did not work. She died of an overdose. My older son was 3 when his mother died; his younger brother was two. We moved to China a few months before she died.

Both boys think their mother is in America. I have not told them the truth. I don't think they know that she had any problems, or that she has died. My older boy is proud to say (when asked) that his mom is in America. But I think that he surely must wonder why she is never in touch.

I know I need to tell my sons the truth. I would never tell them that she died of an overdose, but I wonder about the guidelines. How old should they be when I tell them their mother is gone forever?

My oldest son is 5 and the younger is almost four. I'd really appreciate your help.

— Lost

Dear Lost: I shared your question with Dr. Joshua Sparrow, director of the Brazelton Touchpoints Center at Boston Children's Hospital and Harvard Medical School.

He responds: "Yes, you need to tell your sons the truth. As parents, that's our best chance to sustain our children's trust in us, and to model the importance of being truthful. We parents must do our best to help our children learn to cope with the inescapable challenges that we all must live with."

"Never say anything that you will have to take back. There is no need to say more than a young child can understand, but it is important not to say things that you will later need to contradict. You must tell them that death is forever. Of course, they will not understand. Most adults can't really fathom death's irreversibility either."

"Tell the truth in simple terms. Don't add more detail than they can handle. They will let you know when they're ready for more. There is no such thing as closure after a death."

"Children, like grown-ups, revisit the loss through time. As they grow, they will raise new questions that they didn't even know to ask when they were younger. Be ready to NOT be ready."

"You can say that their mother died from a very bad sickness that most people — including children — never get."

"Manage your own feelings about their mother's addiction so that your children do not have to deal with your conflicted feelings while dealing with their own. It is important not to cast blame, because children, even very young ones, often blame themselves for a parent's death."

Dr. Sparrow and I agree that your children are lucky to have a father willing to walk this difficult path, hand in hand with them.

Dear Amy: I work for a family-owned company in the Midwest. I am first (blood) cousin to the owners of the company.

I love them and go above and beyond in my work.

I've worked for them for eight months, but for the last six months, I have not been paid. This is nepotism, right?

I tried having conversations with them about this issue, but they make it about their and the company's problems. What hurts most is the emotional investment, time and loyalty. I know my family needs my help, but I get the short end of the stick. I just want to make everyone happy. Your advice?

— Uncompensated

Dear Uncompensated: If you are on the payroll at this company and you are working and they are not paying you, they are likely breaking federal law.

"Nepotism" is when family members favor one another in the workplace.

What you are experiencing is abuse.

You should find another job immediately. Keep all of your records from this job, including all written communication, in order to try to receive back pay.

If you want to help your family members in your free time, perhaps you could volunteer on nights or weekends. Working under these circumstances is not good for you.

Dear Amy: Wow. "Driving Me Nuts" described that annoying, grating speaking style that I even hear on NPR. "Vocal fry" describes it perfectly. Now, how can we get it to stop?

— Had It

Dear Had It: This, too, shall pass.

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- 50 Comedian ___ Kovacs
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A touching, tragic opera

Travelers, from Page 1

Travelers" as a team, and these Chicago performances follow ones they created for Cincinnati in 2016 and, earlier this year, New York. So seamlessly integrated are the music, text, stage direction and scenic design that it's impossible to separate one element from the other. The heartfelt yet candid sentiment the creative team applies to the Timothy-Hawk relationship makes this rather like a gay "La Traviata," albeit without anyone dying at the end.

Pierce's smart text draws with utter naturalness on the cadences of conversational speech that Spears' score captures beautifully, making it a refreshing improvement over the gray parlendo style that riddles the vocal writing in so many American operas. Not for nothing is Spears among the most admired of America's present crop of music theater composers.

His tonal, accessible, sometimes ravishing music combines the pulsing energy of minimalism with the sensuous melismas of ancient troubadour music and archaic dance forms. Particularly striking are the arioso-like set pieces that define key emotional signposts in the lovers' relationship, most notably when Timothy rhapsodizes about his sexual awakening ("I died last night"), and Hawk laments the future he and Timothy will never share.

The spare orchestration for 16 players, precisely attended to by a solid pit band under conductor Daniela Candillari, mirrors the behind-closed-doors reticence with which the lovers must conduct their forbidden affair.

Newbury's direction, with set design by Vita Tzykun, costumes by Paul Carey and lighting by Tomas C. Hase, is comparably spare and remarkably fluid. The drama unfolds as



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Joseph Lattanzi, right, plays Hawkins Fuller, whose sexual orientation is under scrutiny in the McCarthy era-set play.

a series of short, sometimes overlapping scenes, with file cabinets and pieces of furniture pushed into place by the singers, several of them holdovers from the premiere production I caught in Cincinnati in July 2016. The Chicago ensemble is flawless in its own right.

As Timothy, Jonas Hacker powers his lucid, focused tenor as every fraught emotional situation requires, yet registers the protagonist's inner journey with tender lyricism and poignant vulnerability. You won't soon forget Timothy's slow leave-taking before the final curtain, set against a montage of portraits of actual men and women sacrificed to the lavender scare.

Joseph Lattanzi recreates his Hawkins Fuller splendidly, bringing out the character's deeply conflicted nature with a resonant baritone and a charismatic stage presence. Like Timothy, you want to love and hate this guy at the same time.

As Mary, Fuller's assistant and Timothy's confidante, soprano Devon Guthrie, another holdover from the Cincinnati per-

formances, is entirely sympathetic and compelling. She handles the twisty coloratura of her difficult, high-lying vocal writing in her Act 2 showpiece with astonishing poise.

Among the strong supporting cast, Marcus DeLoach makes a suitably blustery McCarthy, and Ryan Opera Center alumni Will Liverman and Sam Handley make telling impressions in multiple roles. Reginald Smith Jr. savors the role of Sen. Charles Potter, Laughlin's boss. Vanessa Becerra is the snoopy secretary, Miss Lightfoot. Amy Kuckelman is Lucy, Fuller's oblivious wife.

The 984-seat Athenaeum provides a suitably intimate frame for a sometimes painfully intimate and touching love story.

The Lyric Unlimited production of Gregory Spears' "Fellow Travelers" plays through March 25 at the Athenaeum Theatre, 2936 N. Southport Ave.; \$29-\$55; 312-827-5600, www.lyricopera.com/fellowtravelers

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IN PERFORMANCE

Denise Thimes sizzles at Winter's

BY HOWARD REICH
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A week ago, St. Louis singer Denise Thimes moved to Chicago.

So as of Friday night, she could be considered one of this city's more commanding jazz vocalists.

For the Nancy Wilson tribute show that Thimes presented at Winter's Jazz Club proved that St. Louis' loss is Chicago's gain. Combining a big and bluesy voice with a larger-than-life stage presence, Thimes reminded listeners what earthy, soulful jazz singing is all about. No pretense, no affectation, no empty mannerisms — just the whole truth and nothing but the truth, delivered in great surges of sound.

Not that this was the first time Thimes has been heard in Chicago. During the past couple of years, as

she has pondered relocating here, Thimes has played several short runs in various local rooms. But her two-night engagement at Winter's, which has been championing her, announced the arrival of a major talent in a town that has been launching jazz stars since early in the last century.

It didn't take more than a few measures of Thimes' opening selection, Cole Porter's "You'd Be So Nice To Come Home To," to begin to perceive the scope, size and stature of Thimes' alto. Hers is a voluptuous, round sound that's as full on top as it is throaty down low. Like many of the best jazz singers through history, Thimes leaves no doubt that even when she's going at full throttle, there's plenty more where that came from.

Still, this wasn't just

about sonic heft. Thimes' nice-and-easy swing rhythm, emphasis on blue-note shadings and honeyed midregister encouraged listeners to bask in the warmth of this music. That Thimes sometimes rendered the microphone unnecessary, pulling it away from her lips so that her natural tones could ring forth, only added to her appeal.

You can learn a lot about a singer from how she handles slow tempos and soft tones, which Thimes did audaciously in "The Very Thought of You." Had Thimes taken any more of her sweet time, the melody line might have disintegrated. That she could sustain phrases at this deliberate pace, all the while wringing meaning from every syllable, said quite a bit about both her vocal control and her

understanding of the structure of the tune. The *a cappella* coda emerged as a tour de force. Thimes' dips and rises of phrase evoking Sarah Vaughan without merely mimicking her.

It's true that every so often Thimes veered a bit off pitch, and listeners might debate whether she was pushing notes a shade flat for expressive purposes or simply because she had lost some focus. I'd lean toward the latter while hastening to discount the importance of these instances. For the musical message matters most, and that's where Thimes made her impact, leading a robust sextet.

More than a couple of decades ago, Nancy Wilson had an autumnal triumph with "When October Goes," a heartbreaking ballad for which Barry Manilow had composed



DIANE ANDERSON PHOTO

Denise Thimes brings a big and bluesy sound to Chicago.

music to an unpublished lyric by Johnny Mercer. Say what you will about some of Manilow's more saccharine tunes, this exquisite one has endured for good reason, inspiring Thimes to bring a cry to her voice. As she reached the climax of the piece, she produced more decibels than the intimate room could contain, but then she cut back to a whisper in aptly dramatic fashion.

When Thimes told the audience she couldn't sing a Wilson tribute without doing a certain song, the

whoops and hollers in the crowd suggested that everyone knew what it was going to be. Not surprisingly, Thimes made a mini-opera of "Guess Who I Saw Today," a searing indictment of infidelity, sharply drawn on this occasion.

Now that Thimes lives here, there could be more such profound moments to come.

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Singer Fargana Qasimova, center rear, performs with the ensemble in "Layla and Majnun" at the Harris Theater.

IN PERFORMANCE

Dance impact lacking in 'Layla and Majnun'

BY LAUREN WARNECKE
Chicago Tribune

The Silk Road, consisting of ancient trade routes that connected Asia, the Middle East and Africa with Europe, shaped modern American culture. Trade between Eastern and Western cultures promoted the exchange of goods and ideas, the earliest derivative of the complex political trade agreements that now allow us to enjoy avocados in the middle of winter. To understand just a little of this history makes it easy to appreciate that culture does not exist in a silo, that the expression of a collective culture in the West includes the adoption of things like hot dogs and apple pie — things that we forget aren't actually "American" (see also: cowboys, peanut butter, fireworks and hot yoga — OK, maybe the last one was obvious).

The internet and relative ease of international travel have opened the world to its citizens in a way that men and women traveling along the Silk Road might never have thought possible. But the point is, the world was cracked open far before direct flights to Beijing were a thing.

It is in this spirit of global cultural exchange and collaboration that world-renowned cellist Yo-Yo Ma formed the Silkroad Ensemble 20 years ago, a collective of musicians inspired by the Silk Road as a model for cultural exchange by intersecting various Eastern and Western musical traditions.

In 2005, Azerbaijani singer Alim Qasimov accepted Silkroad's invitation to perform in New York, which further led to an adaptation of the opera

"Layla and Majnun," playing through Saturday at the Harris Theater.

Qasimov and his daughter, Fargana Qasimova, are Azerbaijan's pre-eminent mugham singers, the traditional music of the former Soviet republic nestled between Russia, Georgia, Armenia and Iran on the shores of the Caspian Sea. Qasimov paired with Silkroad to consolidate Uzeyir Hajibeyli's four-act, three-hour "Layla and Majnun," completed in 1908 and purported to be the first Azerbaijani opera. More than a century later, the collaborative efforts of Qasimov and Silkroad, who toured the work in 2008-09, now include choreographer Mark Morris and the late scenic and costume designer Howard Hodgkin to fully realize what is considered the largest-scale version of the work to ever be performed in the West.

Morris' interpretation of "Layla and Majnun" overlays this timeless story, a tale as common in Persian folklore as "Romeo & Juliet," with a blithe, pedestrian style of modern dance. Layla and Majnun are in love from childhood, but Layla's parents will not permit them to wed. Majnun goes mad as Layla marries another, and she later dies in sorrow. Majnun falls on her grave and dies too; their deaths mean they might be together in the afterlife.

Taken at face value, "Layla and Majnun" is exquisite. The visual landscape created by Hodgkin's brightly colored canvas looks like gorgeous strokes of a giant paintbrush cast across the back wall of the Harris Theater. It complements the softer palette of his costume design: The men wear long royal blue

kurtas while the women, hair down, sport flowy orange-toned dresses. Flickering candles line a series of risers set behind the musicians, serving as platforms where much of the dancing takes place. The staging harmoniously blends music, dance and visual art; no one element gets more play time — a rarity that reminds us that dance is, and always has been, a multimedia art form.

There are fine, ever-changing lines between inspiration, collaboration and appropriation, and for me, the musical arrangement is where all the magic lies in this "Layla and Majnun." The score's layered instrumentation includes strings, clarinet, pipa (a four-stringed, pear-shaped instrument originating in China), and kamancheh and tar, two traditional Azerbaijani instruments. Qasimov and Qasimova are seated on a platform at center stage, with the other musicians positioned around them, offering inspired performances of this soulful score. I was struck by the father and daughter's vocal control — their unwavering passes tracing notes above and below the resolution of each phrase. Supertitles above seemed far too sparse to fully illustrate the passionate words of these beloved characters.

The music undulates between major and minor keys, Eastern and Western musical traditions settling on remarkable resonance between dissonant chords. In the music and the story, there is a common ground, less felt in the dancing, which seems to only scratch the surface.

Four couples take turns portraying the lead characters — indicated by an

exchange of scarves in each scene. It was confusing at first, to figure out that whoever had the scarf was Layla or Majnun, but ultimately it sends a beautiful message about universality: We are all Layla. We are all Majnun. It is in movement invention that I find the work a bit dicey. It neither moves the plot forward nor wholly abstracts it. Paddle turns, copious shoulder shimmies and far too much "hair-ography" perhaps provide too cursory a view at Middle Eastern dance traditions in 2018.

I think the dance, like the music, is also created in this spirit of exchange. And maybe it's not for me to ask if "Layla and Majnun" is or isn't OK. The issue of cultural appropriation in modern dance goes as far back as Isadora Duncan and Ruth St. Denis, who are still largely viewed as pioneers who opened our hearts to cultural traditions unfamiliar to American audiences. And if Azerbaijani artists wanted to present an adaptation of Shakespeare's "Romeo & Juliet," I can't imagine Brits would object.

All of this is not to say that "Layla and Majnun" isn't worth seeing. It's really, really beautiful and illuminates the rich cultural traditions of a place largely unknown to the West. But I suspect many Americans' eyes are open enough to the rest of the world to want more from this piece. Can future collaborations take a pass at the folk tale that confronts the issues of a messy, complex, modern world? I hope so.

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Diverse acts shine at SXSW festival

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sang.

On Saturday, the London-based Superorganism embodied the multi-culti, genre-blurring music so commonplace at South by Southwest. The octet's members have roots in countries as far-flung as South Korea, New Zealand, Japan and Australia, and their set was as much a multimedia collage as a series of songs. Wearing raincoats and face paint while ringing tiny bells and waving tasseled tambourines, the group delivered ebullient melodies augmented by free-form videos, loosely narrated by a talking cartoon hippopotamus. Diminutive singer Orono Noguchi led a singalong to "Everybody Wants to be Famous" that addressed dreams and destiny, the notion that they are one of thousands of bands at South by Southwest in the process of figuring out who they can be: "Cause we're all stars tonight, just need to figure out why?"

At festival panels, it was all business. The digital revolution that shook the economic foundation of the music industry nearly two decades ago has shifted how the music is created and marketed, and how it is covered by media. Talent scouts noted that artists are now under greater pressure than ever to create nonstop rather than wait a year or two to put out an album. "Most of my signings are not doing record deals but content deals," said Drew Thurlow, a Sony Music Entertainment executive. Artists "disappear under the old album cycle" so they need to keep "the faucet on by continually releasing tracks and engaging on their social feed."

Another major shift years in the making: The line between music journalism and music promotion doesn't exist, at least as viewed by a panel that included Pitchfork founder Ryan Schreiber and Fader magazine Publisher Andy Cohn. Pitchfork holds festivals in Chicago and Paris that feature bands the magazine ostensibly reviews. Cohn described how his magazine hooks up artists such as MIA with managers and record labels. "That's what we do," he said. If anyone was concerned about the ethical questions raised by media powerhouses creating a financial relationship with the artists they reportedly cover, it wasn't raised.

Soul-searching has never been a particular attribute of the mainstream music industry, and that lack of self-interrogation came under scrutiny at a panel on sexual misconduct. While the #MeToo movement has rolled through other entertainment industries, in particular Hollywood with the public fallout from the Harvey Weinstein scandal, the music industry has

been relatively immune. "Rock star behavior" has become an excuse, said journalist Andrea Domanick, whose two-year investigation of industry harassment was published last week in Noisy. "When does sexual liberation end and sexual misconduct begin?" Meanwhile the careers of artists such as R. Kelly, Chris Brown and Dr. Luke roll on despite allegations of sexual misconduct.

In the clubs, there was soul-searching aplenty. The range of inquiry came from artists from all corners of the globe and across a spectrum of genres, including some bands and artists who seldom if ever tour America. British singer-songwriter Frank Turner sang of compassion rather than divisiveness in "Make America Great Again" and Gato Preto, a multinational electronic dance band with roots in Africa and Germany, put its own Afrofuturistic spin on the tradition of Sun Ra and George Clinton with topical songs and propulsive beats.

New Zealand's Hex fused metal riffs and epic-choral harmonies into its investigation of alternative spirituality and Jordan's Jadal slammed out rock chords over percolating polyrhythms. Havana's DJ Jigue masterfully blended American hip-hop textures with Afro-Cuban percussion, one-woman band Sudan Archives wove African violin drone around electronically altered pop landscapes and Poland's Trupa Trupa combined poetic introspection with abrasive post-punk guitars, one of which was fashioned out of a fuel can.

Innovation wasn't as important as sheer exuberance for some young bands. Bat Fangs, with guitarist Betsy Wright crushing glam riffs over Laura King's furious drumming, brought an element of showmanship and bravado to an indie-rock scene severely lacking in both qualities. That went double for Starcrawler, with Arrow de Wilde a teenage singer in constant search of chaos.

Slightly more subdued was the singer Cuco, a self-described 19-year-old Mexican-American loner who played to huge audiences everywhere he went. The artist began making recordings in his bedroom a couple of years ago, and his unabashedly romantic electro-pop and psychedelic ballads have brought him to the cusp of the unimaginable. At one performance where the audience sang along to each of his songs, he expressed his amazement. "As a Mexican-American kid," he said, "I thought this was impossible for me."

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'THE CHI' EPISODE 10 RECAP

Wrapping up arcs, hinting at new ones

BY WILLIAM LEE
AND NINA METZ
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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: The season finale for Chicago native Lena Waithe's "The Chi" didn't disappoint, providing answers to some long-awaited questions. The finale also wraps up some long story arcs while also starting new ones.

First off, I'm so happy that Papa survived the first season alive. After the show effortlessly fleshed out this young character — possibly more than any other character on the show — I feared he would be cut down by a stray bullet.

He and his pals Kevin and Jake all made it out of the season alive, though Jake is forever changed after witnessing (or at least hearing) his brother Reg shoot Trice dead at Quentin's baritone insistence. Quentin was very busy this entire episode, where we finally learn how his son Jason, killed in the first episode, wound up dead.

Did this explanation work for you?

Nina Metz: Quentin may style himself as a gentleman gangster, but it's all theater. The man is ruthless and scarily violent. His portions of the show have always felt self-consciously like a TV show in the way they're framed, which is out of step with the show's more naturalistic approach when it comes to the kids or Emmett. That said, Steven Williams has just been incredible to watch. The whole cast is terrific, actually.

The police storyline never really fit into the larger ensemble narrative, although good riddance to Detective Wallace, who was deeply corrupt — not just on the job but in his soul. Are we going to spend



PARRISH LEWIS/SHOWTIME

Barton Fitzpatrick, left, as Reg and Michael Epps as Jake in the "The Chi," which has been renewed for a second season.

an inordinate amount of time with Detective Cruz next season? Man, I hope not.

WL: We also see Ronnie confess to Coogie's murder and his new life as a Cook County Jail inmate. While we know Ronnie deserves to be there, did you find yourself feeling sorry for him, like I did?

NM: I do worry for Ronnie, we've come to care about him! But I think even he would say he deserves to be there. By the way, what is he playing at by giving Detective Cruz Kevin's name? Did he say Kevin shot him? Even if he didn't, won't that come to light if the police ask enough questions?

You're a seasoned bond court reporter, I'm curious what you thought of Ron-

nie's arraignment. Was that true to life? The courtroom looked small.

WL: Ronnie's hearing was pretty close to a real bail hearing. Judges keep dependent relatives silent. The defendant's background (stated before the judge for some consideration) is sometimes the only thing keeping them out of jail. And whatever will poor Ethel do? Sometimes prosecutors will say what spurred a shooting and, just like that, the judge says bail or no bail.

NM: Something I need to say: I've never liked how the show has handled Maisha's story. Preteen girls on this show deserve to be just as well-rounded on as the boys. Earlier in the season she was a sexual predator, but absent any sense of why she might be

behaving this way (is she a victim herself and now acting out on others?). Then she was an object of Kevin's pity. And now she's simply undesirable because ... she's plus-sized? She could have been given a full, complicated story — like Papa, who is a fan favorite for good reason — but instead she has been treated badly, both by these boys and the show itself. I'm so angry about it.

But let's talk broad strokes, since this is the finale. The show has a lot of characters. Is it too many? I've enjoyed spending time with each of these people over the course of 10 episodes — especially side characters like Hannibal and Amir — but I'm wondering if the show struggles to service them all.

Reg has assumed his new role at the top and looks to be snaring Brandon into

whatever schemes he has up his sleeve. Laverne changed her mind about selling the house and has decided to stay in Chicago for the trial. Emmett is rightfully concerned about E.J.'s safety now that he sees what's happening in Tiffany's house.

And the kids remain the show's emotional core. It was telling that Jake wanted to go to the school play. He still wants to be a kid. But there was a wistful look on his face sitting in the auditorium, as if he were saying goodbye to all of it.

WL: Your point is very valid as to the shortness of time with each character. For example, we never heard how Emmett and Amir resolved the situation with Amir borrowing money from Habib the store owner. That looked to be leading somewhere before

we were sidetracked with his baby mama drama. The same goes for Brandon and Sarah. There are only so many minutes in an episode.

NM: Some hopes for Season 2:

■ Incorporating a teacher or two more fully as characters. There's a lot of story to be mined about a Chicago public school on the South Side — right now in real life, parents and teachers feel pretty forsaken by the mayor and the city itself.

■ Laverne deserves a storyline that takes her outside the house more often. She and new hubs Greavy developed into terrific on-screen company, but I want to see them in a context that isn't solely about Coogie's death. Also: Will Laverne and Tracy form a bond or keep their distance? Give the women on this show more to do!

■ I'd love a flashback to the Ms. Ethel in her prime in the 1970s. Dear "The Chi" writers: Please make this happen!

I think ultimately this episode had so many loose ends to tie up — many of them dramatic and violent — that the show stumbled a little in its final chapter, losing that wonderful balance of absurdist humor jostling with slice-of-life seriousness that we saw throughout the back half of the season. The show really soars when it weaves in small little grace notes, such as Hannibal's roommate-in-a-closet detail from a few episodes back.

That said, I'm so glad "The Chi" was renewed and I'm excited to see how things shake out in Season 2.

WL: It did show Chicago in a light I recognized — a hustler's town full of people trying to do bigger things in their confined spaces. And I hope they can show even more.

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Changes ahead for 'Chi'

Waithe, from Page 1

you want to do?" And we have an amazing new showrunner, her name is Ayanna Floyd Davis, she's a black woman, she's Jamaican so she's like really dope.

WL: We've been watching for any of the Chicago-isms — pop vs. soda and that sort of thing. Going into the next season, are there neighborhoods or landmarks that you'd like to see show up?

Waithe: I didn't want to be cliché with landmarks. We showed the White Palace diner in one episode, which a lot of people responded to — that's a place that I know and that I've been to. I want more of that. There was an element (ahead of the first season) of like, "Well, let's get someone more seasoned who knows what they're doing to come in and run the show." But what happens is, when you do that, that person might not always be on the same page

as the creator.

So the great thing about Season 2 is the showrunner is like, "Lena, what are the places you go to?"

Apparently I heard that some of our crew was a little nervous to film on the South Side, and I'm like no — the South Side is not a jungle. The thing I hate, we were filming on the West Side because the people on the crew were like, "Oh, that's closer to where the production house is, we want to be close to that."

(Note: The soundstage at Cinespace is in North Lawndale.) And I'm like, "No, we're going to take the trek to the South Side." That's where I'm from. That's where Chance is from. That's where (executive producer) Common is from.

So it's like, if we say we're on the South Side that's where we're going to be. I think that's the biggest thing, getting the geography right, that's important to me.

Another big thing I was frustrated with in Season 1, if I had had more power, would have been: Let's

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— Lena Waithe, creator of "The Chi"

actually talk to people and figure out what are some things that they're grappling with. For me it's like, I want the storylines and issues to be born out of people who still live in the city.

So I think for us, we just really want to make sure it feels more authentic. Get even more of that Chicago lingo in there. What you can expect from Season 2 is that it will be *blacker*. Before, I think there was an element of, "Oh, we don't have to focus on the blackness of the city." And I'm like, "No, that's what the show is!" And we really want to be immersed in the city and to show some actual places. I'm really grateful that the studio and network are really more in bed with my vision for Season 2.

Nina Metz: We only saw a little bit of the women's lives on the show. Are you hoping to expand on some of those characters and delve into their stories more?

Waithe: Absolutely. Look, you now have two black women at the head of the table, and there's no way that these women will be shortchanged again, that's just not going to happen. We have phenomenal black queens (writing) on this show and I think now our voices are really going to be amplified. We're going to be heard. We had a lot of really cool ideas for these female characters that, for whatever

reason, weren't able to come to fruition in Season 1. And now we can really explore these women and give them a real place.

WL: Three of the characters I really connected with were Kevin, Emmett and Ronnie. They all represent different stages of black men in their lives.

Waithe: I grew up with cats like Emmett. Seriously. I really wanted to show that there's a stereotype about those kinds of guys. And what I wanted to show with Emmett is that they may not be responsible at first but then they learn to be good fathers and they figure it out.

You mentioned Kevin, and I think he's a great example of what every little black boy in Chicago is. He's maybe seen too much, but he's still innocent. And also he has a lot of different role models. He looks up to Brandon, but he also looks up to Reg in a way. Those choices: Who do I want to be? Who do I want to be most like? What kind of man do I want to be? Every black man in Chicago walks through the world differently, and I think what young black boys do is observe, and that's what gives them their road map.

But look, I appreciate y'all's honesty, for real. And I think in Season 2 we'll look at it a little bit differently because there were a lot of things that I didn't have control over in Season 1, if you get my drift. So we were kind of, like, glad that you guys were speaking to that. Because the network and studio read it. So they know: OK, that's not working, that didn't play. So you created less work for us going into Season 2 because we can say, "This is why we shouldn't have to do this again!" I think it'll make for a much better second season.

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Stacey Petrek & Robert Butler III

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WATCH THIS: MONDAY



Caity Lotz

"DC's Legends of Tomorrow" (7 p.m., CW): Sara (Caity Lotz) unwittingly becomes the bearer of one of the Totems as Mallus' malign power over her re-exerts itself in the new episode "Necromancing the Stone." Rory (Dominic Purcell) seeks to wield his own Totem power to help save the crew, but first he must vanquish his dark side. Agent Sharpe (Jes Macallan) recruits someone unexpected to help after she notices something is wrong. Brandon Routh and Nick Zano also star.

"The Resident" (8 p.m., FOX): Bell (Bruce Greenwood) is dismayed when Conrad and Nic (Matt Czuchry, Emily VanCamp) decide to admit a homeless Jane Doe (guest star Jennifer Landon, "Animal Kingdom") who they suspect another hospital dumped off during the distraction of Chastain's big Charity Ball in the new episode "Family Affair." Another patient, a male escort, has some very solid advice for Devon (Manish Dayal), whose parents are in town.

"iZombie" (8 p.m., CW): Continuing a story line introduced last week, the new "Brainless in Seattle, Part 2" finds Liv and Clive (Rose McIver, Malcolm Goodwin) still pursuing their murder investigation and discovering that the homicide in question was the work of a serial killer. Elsewhere, the Colonel (Robert Buckley) ventures onto some dangerous turf. Rahul Kohli, David Anders, Aly Michalka and Robert Knepper also star.

"Mary Kills People" (8 p.m., Lifetime): In a new episode called "The Connection," Mary (Caroline Dhavernas) finds herself and her family in more danger than ever after her recent confrontation with Olivia (Rachelle Lefevre), but an attempt to fix this tense situation only leads her to another face-to-face encounter with Ben (Jay Ryan).

"The Alienist" (8 p.m., 8:59 p.m., TNT): Kreizler (Daniel Bruhl) mourns the loss of a friend, while Sara (Dakota Fanning) urges the team to continue forging ahead in their investigation in the new episode "Requiem." Meanwhile, Cyrus (Robert Ray Wisdom) embarks on a determined quest for revenge. Douglas Smith, Matt Lintz, David Wilmot and Matthew Shear also star.

"McMafia" (9 p.m., AMC): In the new "Episode 104," after Semiyon (David Strathairn) warns Alex (James Norton) not to do business with the Mexican cartel, Alex hires a computer expert to keep his dealings with Semiyon concealed from his staff. Worried when Alex lies to her about a second phone of his she has found, Rebecca (Juliet Rylance) takes the matter to his father, Dimitri (Aleksy Serebryakov).

TALK SHOWS

"Conan" (10 p.m. 11:30 p.m., TBS): Celebrity guests, music acts and comics.*

"The Tonight Show Starring Jimmy Fallon" (10:34 p.m., NBC): Actor Scott Eastwood; Blake Shelton performs.*

"The Late Show With Stephen Colbert" (10:35 p.m., CBS): Actress Drew Barrymore; actor Adam DeVine; Moby performs.*

"Jimmy Kimmel Live" (10:35 p.m., ABC): Celebrity guests and comedy skits.*

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Wheaton singer eager for 'Idol'

BY TRACY SWARTZ
Chicago Tribune

Even as a 10-year-old boy, Sam Sohmer took "American Idol" very seriously. The Wheaton-raised singer said he was devastated when David Cook beat David Archuleta in 2008 for the Season 7 title.

"I remember wiggling out in my family room. My parents, they were David Cook fans, and they were celebrating and then I was just so upset so I just ran out of the room," Sohmer said.

Ten years later, the Wheaton North High School alum has his turn on "American Idol." The 20-year-old sings Allen Stone's "Unaware" on an audition episode scheduled to air at 7 p.m. Monday. ABC rebooted the

longtime Fox network show with new judges Katy Perry, Lionel Richie and Luke Bryan.

Sohmer — who goes by the stage name Samothias, a nickname his dad gave him as a kid — said he wasn't much of a singer until Wheaton North vocal music director Kassy Krause encouraged him to join show choir.

"To me, Sam is the epitome of Michelangelo's quote about his sculptures: 'I saw the angel in the marble and carved until I set him free.' Sam is Michelangelo, and the angel is his music," Krause said in an email to the Tribune.

Sohmer said he briefly attended Belmont University in Nashville because he wanted to be a music teacher, but now he's in the process of moving to Los Angeles to pur-

sue music opportunities. He auditioned for "American Idol" in Nashville.

The show winner is slated to receive a recording contract with Hollywood Records and \$250,000. Sohmer said his ultimate goal is to change lives by inspiring people to "look at music and study music and appreciate music as much as I do."

The new season of "American Idol," which airs Sundays and Mondays, premiered March 11.

Misha Gontar, an MRI technologist from Ukraine living in Marengo in McHenry County, delivered one of the most memorable auditions so far. Although his performance of a Ukrainian tune didn't earn him a ticket to Hollywood on the March 12 episode, Perry told him "this is the most fun we've had all day."

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Sohmer

MONDAY EVENING, MAR. 19

	PM	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00
BROADCAST	CBS 2	Kevin Can Wait (N) ©	Man With a Plan (N) ©	Superior Do-nuts (N)	Living Bibli-cally (N) ©	Scorpion: "Gator Done." (N) ©		News (N) ▶
	NBC 5	The Voice: "The Battles Premiere." (N) ©				(9:01) Good Girls: "Atom Bomb." (N) ©		NBC 5 News (N) ▶
	ABC 7	American Idol: "104 (Auditions)." (N) ©				The Good Doctor: "Smile." (N) ©		News at 10pm (N) ▶
	WGN 9	† (6:30) NBA Basketball: Chicago Bulls at New York Knicks. From Madison Square Garden in New York. (N)				WGN News at Nine (N)		WGN News at Ten (N)
	Antenna 9.2	3's Comp. Soap ©	Benson Wings ©			Murphy Becker ©		Coach ©
	This TV 9.3	Igby Goes Down (R,'02) *** Kieran Culkin. ©				Griffin and Phoenix (PG-13,'06) ©		
	PBS 11	Chicago Tonight (N)		Antiques Roadshow: "Spokane." ©			Jackie Robinson: "Part One." ©	(Part 1 of 2) ▶
	The U 26.1	7 Eyewitness News (N)	The Game	The Game		Broke Girl Broke Girl		Seinfeld ©
	MeTV 26.3	Andy Griffith Andy Griffith	Gomer Pyle	Mama's		Hogan Hero		C. Burnett
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	FOX 32	Lucifer: "The Last Heart-break." (N) ©	The Resident: "Family Af-fair." (N) ©			Fox 32 News at Nine (N)		Modern Family ©
	Ion 38	Criminal Minds ©	Criminal Minds: "Parasite."			Criminal Minds ©		Criminal ▶
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	CW 50	DC's Legends (N)	iZombie (N) ©			Law & Order: SVU		Law-SVU ▶
	UniMas 60	La niña	La tierra prometida			Reto 4 elementos ▶		
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	AE	Waco: Madman or Messiah: "Part 1." © (Part 1 of 2)				Waco: Madman or Messiah: "Part 2." ▶		
	AMC	† (6) Independence Day (PG-13,'96) *** Will Smith.				McMafia: "Episode 104." (N) ©		
ANIM	Alaska- Last Frontier	Alaska- Last Frontier (Season Premiere) (N)			Alaska- Last Frontier (N)		Wolfpack ▶	
BBCA	Ghost Rider (PG-13,'07) ** Nicolas Cage, Eva Mendes. ©				Ghost Rider: Spirit ▶			
BET	† (6:30) Barbershop 2: Back in Business '04) ***				Barbershop (PG-13,'02) **		Ice Cube. ▶	
BIGTEN	BTN Basketball in 60 ©	B1G (N)	B1G		B1G		Football ▶	
BRAVO	Vanderpump Rules ©	Vanderpump Rules (N)			(9:01) Summer House (N)		Watch (N) ▶	
CLTV	News at 7	News (N)	News at 8	News (N)	SportsFeed ©		Politics	
CNBC	Shark Tank ©		Shark Tank ©		American Greed (N) ©		Greed ▶	
CNN	Anderson Cooper 360 (N)	Anderson Cooper 360 (N)			CNN Tonight (N)		Tonight (N) ▶	
COM	The Office	The Office	The Office	The Office	The Office	The Office	Daily (N) ▶	
DISC	Fast N' Loud: Revved Up		Fast N' Loud (N) ©		Shifting (N)		Fast-Loud ▶	
DISN	Bunk'd ©	Bunk'd ©	Bizaardvark	Bizaardvark	Gravity Falls	Gravity Falls	Stuck	
E!	Step Brothers (R,'08) ** Will Ferrell. ©				Step Brothers (R,'08) ** Will Ferrell. ▶			
ESPN	† NBA Basketball: Bucks at Cavaliers (N)	† NBA Basketball: Warriors at Spurs (N) ▶						
ESPN2	† Basketball NCAA (N)	2018 NCAA Women's Basketball Tournament (N)					NCAA (N)	
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FOOD	Spring Baking	Spring Baking (N)			Cake Boss	Cake Boss	Baking ▶	
FREE	† Captain A	The Incredible Hulk (PG-13,'08) *** Edward Norton. ©					700 Club ▶	
FX	Transformers: Age of Extinction (PG-13,'14) ** Mark Wahlberg, Stanley Tucci. ©							
HALL	Full House	Full House	The Middle	The Middle	The Middle	The Middle	Golden Girls	
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HISTV	American Pickers ©		American Pick. (N)		Pawn (N)	Pawn Stars	Truck ▶	
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IFC	Two Men	Two Men	Two Men	Two Men	Two Men	Two Men	Para 2 ▶	
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MSNBC	All In With Chris Hayes		Rachel Maddow Show (N)		The Last Word (N)		11th Hour (N)	
MTV	Teen Mom OG ©		Teen Mom OG (N) ©		Teen Mom: Young (N)		Teen Mom	
NBCSCH	Fight Sports				Chicago	Point	The Loop (N)	
NICK	Puss in Boots (PG,'11) *** Salma Hayek. ©				Full House	Full House	Friends ©	
OVATION	† (6) Fury (R,'14) *** Brad Pitt, Shia LaBeouf.				X Company (N) ©		Executive ▶	
OWN	Dateline on OWN ©		Dateline on OWN ©		Dateline on OWN ©		Dateline ▶	
OXY	† Aaron Hernandez		Aaron Hernandez Uncovered © (Part 2 of 2)				A Killer	
PARMT	† Friends ©	† Friends ©	† Cops ©	† Cops ©	† Cops ©	† Cops ©	† Cops ©	
SYFY	Tomorrowland (PG,'15) ** George Clooney, Hugh Laurie. ©				Superman: Unbound ▶			
TBS	Family Guy	Family Guy	Family Guy	Family Guy	American (N)	Final Sp. (N)	Conan (N) ▶	
TCM	Bonnie and Clyde (R,'67) **** Warren Beatty. ©				The Lady From Shanghai ('48) *** ▶			
TLC	Long Lost Family ©		Counting On (N)		Counting (N)	Medium	Counting ▶	
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WGN America	Cops ©		Godzilla (PG-13,'14) ** Aaron Taylor-Johnson, Ken Watanabe. ©				BelleVue ▶	
PREMIUM	HBO	Arthur Miller: Writer (NR,'17) ©		(8:45) The Beguiled (R,'17) *** Colin Farrell.				
	HBO2	Here and Now ©		High Main.		John Wick: Chapter 2 (R,'17) *** Keanu Reeves. ▶		
	MAX	Jennifer's Body (R,'09) ** Megan Fox.		(8:45) CHIPS (R,'17) ** Michael Peña. ©				
	SHO	HomeLand ©		The Chi ©		HomeLand ©		The Chi ▶
	STARZ	Counterpart ©		(7:55) Blue Streak (PG-13,'99) *			Ash vs Evil	Counter ▶
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Today's birthday (March 19): Go adventuring this year. Explore and investigate. Blend leadership with teamwork. You can find the necessary resources. New love this summer settles into a reflective phase. Organization supports your work and health through an energy burst. Winter illuminates friends and family.

Aries (March 21-April 19): Today is an 8. Your actions today and tomorrow can get especially profitable. You're especially confident and persuasive. Generate new income and prosperity through providing excellent work.

Taurus (April 20-May 20): 9. Get moving on a personal project. Take time to polish your brand, appearance and image. Update your website. Get feedback from respected allies and friends.

Gemini (May 21-June 20): 6. Strategize and make plans over the next few days. Get productive in peaceful privacy. Consider the future and what you'd like to see.

Cancer (June 21-July 22): 8. Teamwork gets results today and tomorrow. Share leadership tasks. Plug a financial leak. Meetings and gatherings provide useful solutions. Come together for shared commitments.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22): 8. A professional challenge has your attention. Actions go further than expected. Get moving and figure out what needs to be done. Someone important is watching.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): 8. Classes, seminars and trips invite discovery. Explore your subject in depth. Long-distance travel and cultural exchange open your heart and mind.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): 8. You're more patient with numbers and finances over the next few days. Talk with your partner and family about shared goals and possibilities.

Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): 9. Collaborate with someone you love. Share tasks and responsibilities. Physical magnetism is part of the fun. Make a lovely discovery together.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): 9. The next two days may get busy. Put on some good dancing music and move to the beat. Physical action gets satisfying results.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): 7. Relax and enjoy time with family and friends today and tomorrow. Pay attention to someone attractive. Share delicious flavors and experiences.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): 7. Domestic comforts draw you in. Clean and beautify your space before settling into it. Savor simple homemade pleasures. Provide treats for your family.

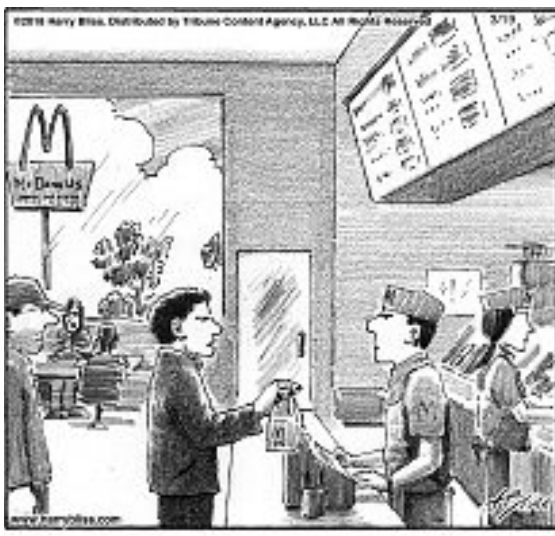
Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20): 8. Get into a fascinating conversation. Brilliant ideas arise and surprise. Passion energizes the discourse. Talk about a subject you love. Word travels fast.

— Nancy Black, Tribune Content Agency

The Argyle Sweater By Scott Hilburn



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Bridge

Here are the answers to the weekly quiz:

Q.1—Neither vulnerable, as South, you hold:
♠ K 4 3 ♥ J ♦ J 10 9 8 7 6 ♣ 6 3 2

West	North	East	South
3♣	Dbf	Pass	3♦
Pass	3♠	Pass	?

What call would you make?

A.1—Partner's bidding has shown a hand that was too good to overcall three spades at his first turn. You have two or three tricks for him. Bid four spades.

Q.2—East-West vulnerable, as South, you hold:

♠ 9 4 ♥ A Q 5 ♦ A J 9 8 ♣ 8 7 6 5

Partner opens two spades, weak, and right-hand opponent bids three clubs. What call would you make?

A.2—Simple rule: "When partner pre-empts in your shortest suit, stay out of the auction unless you have a strong no trump or the equivalent." Pass.

Q.3—North-South vulnerable, as South, you hold:

♠ K Q J 6 ♥ A J 10 2 ♦ 7 ♣ K Q J 3

South	West	North	East
1♣	Pass	1♥	Pass
?			

What call would you make?

A.3—This hand is worth about 20 points in support of hearts. A splinter bid of four diamonds is perfect. A jump to four hearts, instead, would show a balanced hand with more high-card points. Should you not play splinters, bid four hearts.

Q.4—Both vulnerable, as South, you hold:

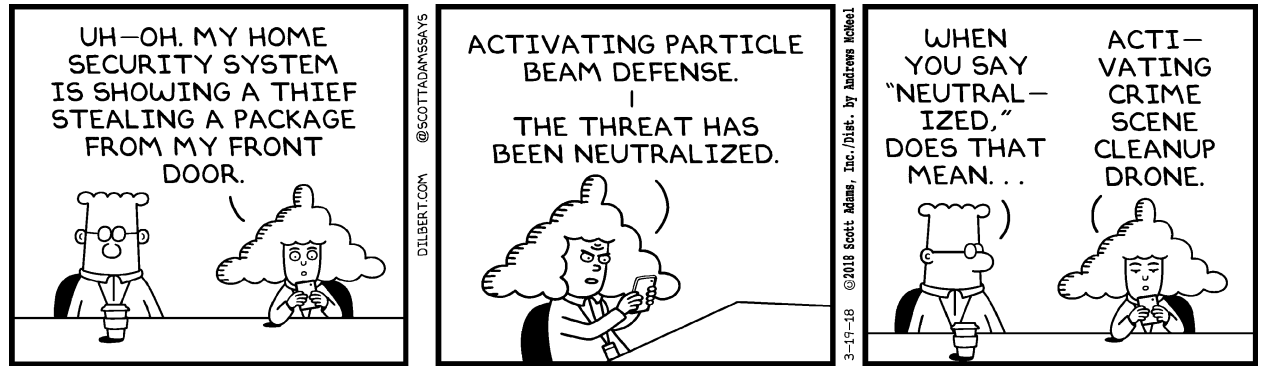
♠ A 8 ♥ K 9 8 ♦ A K J 4 3 ♣ A 9 6

As dealer, what call would you make?

A.4—19 high-card points, almost all in prime cards, and the good five card suit make this hand worth at least 20 points. Open two no trump.

— Bob Jones
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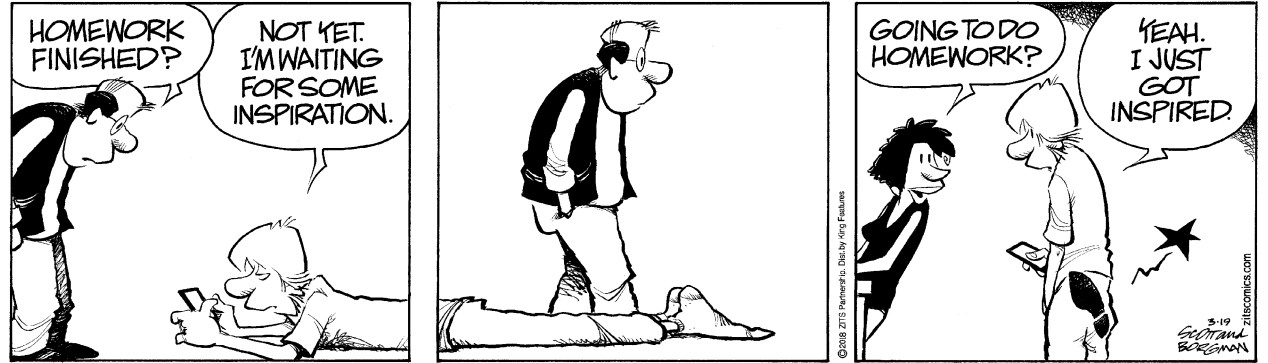
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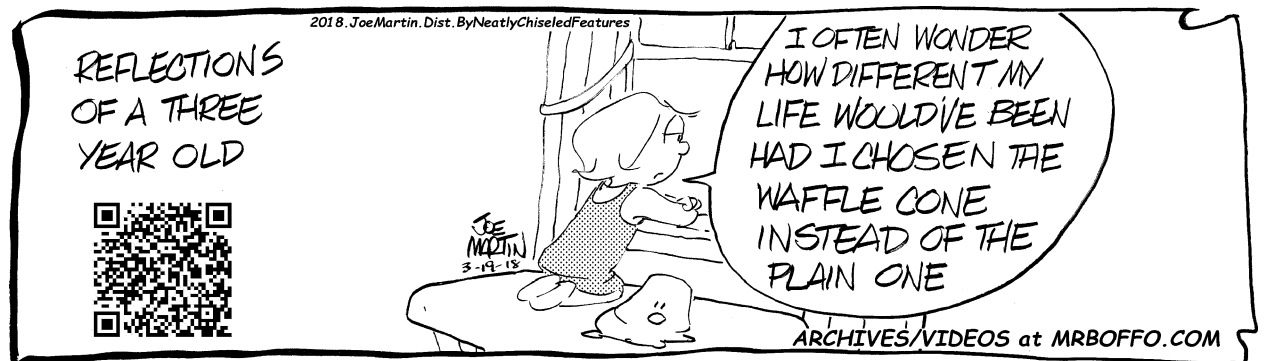
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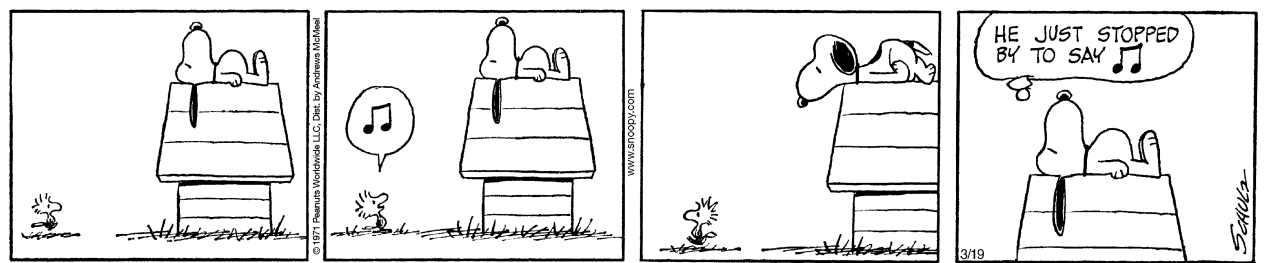
Mr. Boffo By Joe Martin



Frazz By Jef Mallett



Classic Peanuts By Charles Schulz



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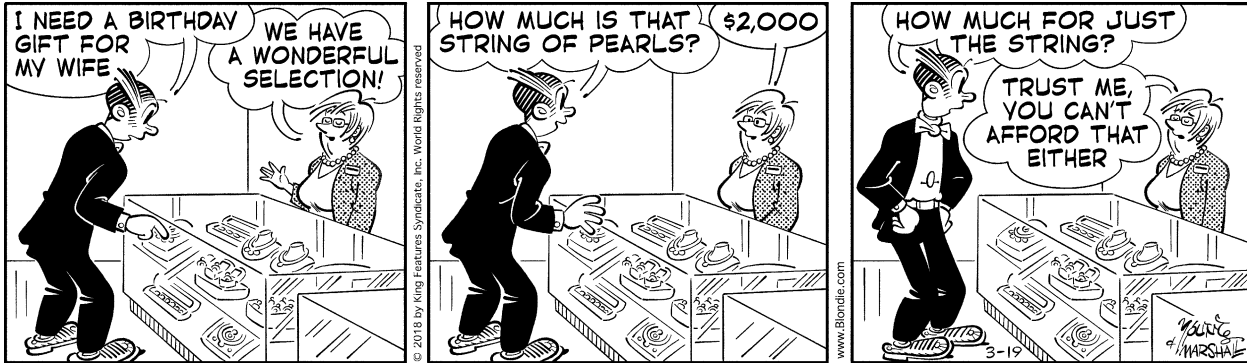
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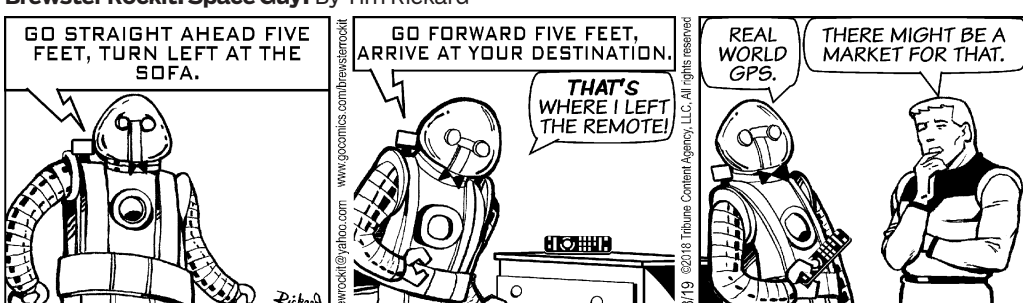
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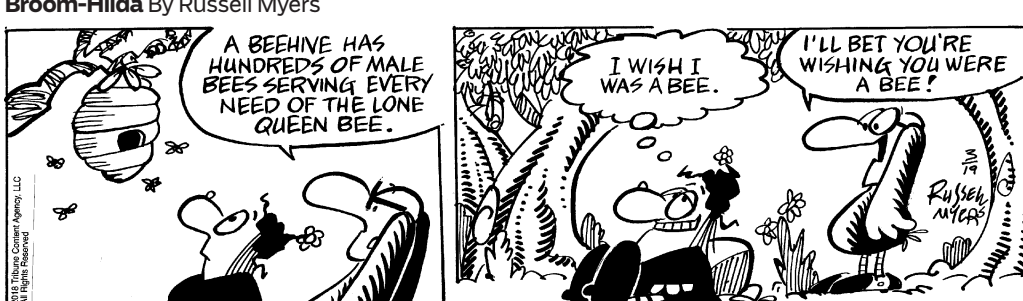
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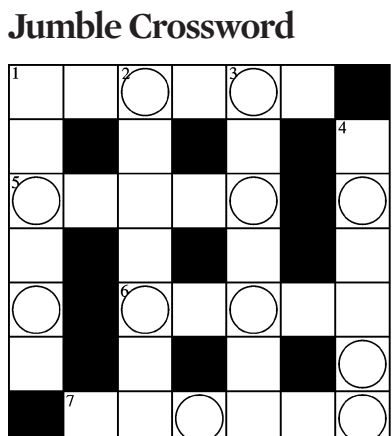
Trivia Bits

Who was the first chief justice of the United States?

- A) John Adams
- B) Alexander Hamilton
- C) John Jay
- D) Earl Warren

Saturday's answer: Chicago is a form of the card game bridge, related to contract bridge and rubber bridge.

Jumble Crossword



- CLUE ACROSS**
- Air _____
 - _____ anesthetic
 - Join forces
 - Like Snoopy
- CLUE DOWN**
- Bravely
 - Reply to "Why?"
 - Rhythmic
 - Plunder, steal
- How to play - Complete the crossword puzzle by looking at the clues and unscrambling the answers. When the puzzle is complete, unscramble the circled letters to solve the BONUS.

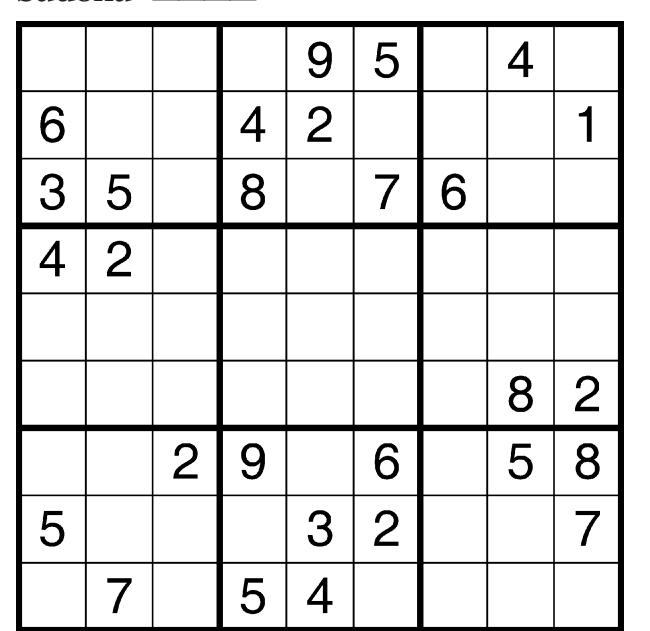
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CLUE: _____ began her performing career using the stage names Diane Belmont and Dianne Belmont.

BONUS [Grid of circles]

Sudoku 1 2 3 4

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6	2	3	5	8	9	7	4	1
1	8	4	2	7	6	3	9	5
8	6	9	4	5	2	1	7	3
3	7	2	8	6	1	4	5	9
5	4	1	3	9	7	8	6	2
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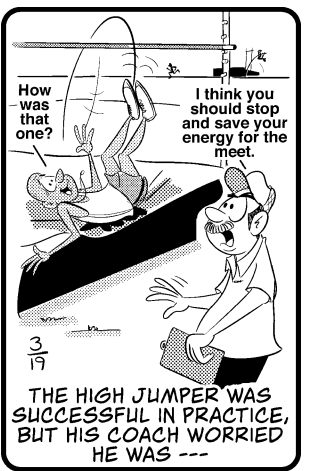
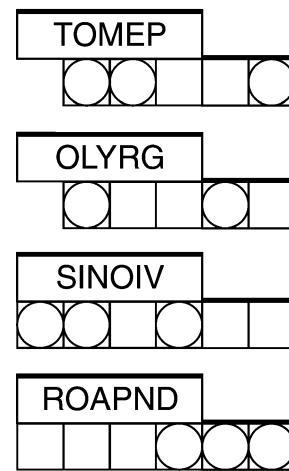
Complete the grid so each row, column and 3-by-3 box in bold borders contains every digit 1 to 9.

Saturday's solutions

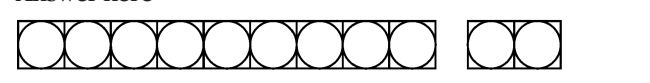
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Jumble

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.



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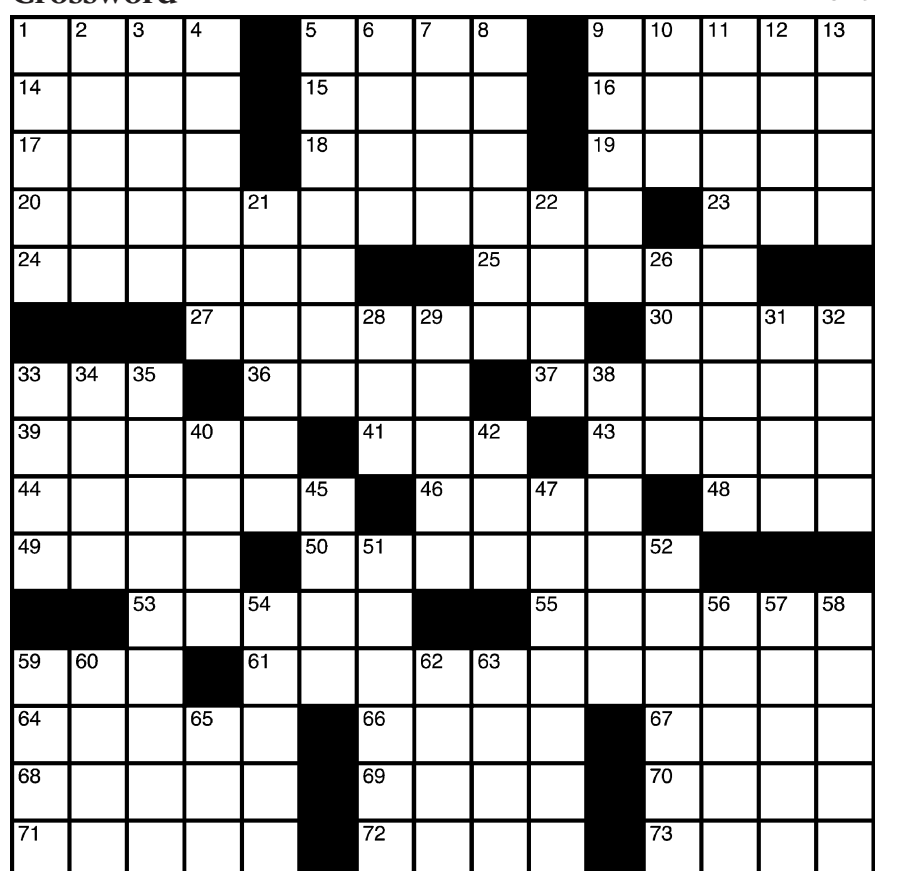
Saturday's answers

Jumbles: FORGO EXILE ENOUGH SALUTE
Answer: The extra charge for the side salad at the golf course's restaurant was a — GREENS FEE

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Crossword

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Across

- Bird's crop
- Pols with a donkey symbol
- Specialized, committee-wise
- Operate with a beam
- Natural burn soother
- Set of beliefs
- "— That a Shame"
- "Hold your horses!"
- Cybercommerce
- *Begin preparing an evening meal
- Nov. 11 honoree
- Capital of Minn.
- Taxi driver
- Many a '50s pompadour sporter
- Catastrophic 2017 hurricane
- "The fresh air is delightful!"
- Suffr with Jumbo

- Spreads apart, as one's fingers
- Hunt like a cat
- Internet connectivity delay
- "The Waste Land" poet T.S.
- Tennis great Gibson
- Starlet's goal
- Org. with Bulls and Bucks
- Bonkers
- Tart plant stalk diced for pie filling
- 53 A : Z :: alpha : —
- Originate (from)
- Arctic toymaker
- Two-couple outings ... and what the answers to starred clues are?
- Civilian attire
- Wordsmith Webster
- Hertz fleet
- Spring for a meal
- Fish in some cat food
- Otherwise
- Oozes
- "Don't go"
- Actress Cannon

- "— & the Women": 2000 Gere film
- *Downpour
- "Garfield" dog
- Future stallion
- Slowpoke in a shell
- Body parts that may be pierced
- List of charges
- Big name in ISPs
- Chaotic mess
- "Butt out," for short
- Dog in old whodunits
- "C'mon, be —!": "Little help, please!"
- Woody's son
- *Steaming morning mugful
- Looked closely
- "To — it may concern"
- Yak it up
- 2012 Affleck thriller
- Seized the opportunity
- Favorite hangouts
- Prepared (oneself), as for a jolt
- Does film splicing, say
- Lombardy's land
- Vice —
- German steel town
- Rescue squad VIPs
- Light, to a moth
- 60 Match in a ring
- Singer Del Rey
- Bojangles' dance genre

Saturday's solution



Down

- Yearbook section
- Grammy winner Bonnie
- "It's —": "No problem"
- Counter-wiping aid
- Procrastinator
- Pre-college, briefly
- Cow's hurdle, in rhyme
- Mystical gathering
- Severe, as criticism

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CHICAGO WEATHER CENTER

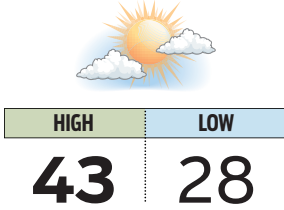
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MONDAY, MARCH 19 NORMAL HIGH: 48° NORMAL LOW: 30° RECORD HIGH: 79° (2012) RECORD LOW: 0° (1923)

Persistent northeast winds portend chilly week

LOCAL FORECAST



Sharply cooler weather arrives as northeast winds set in for an extended stay

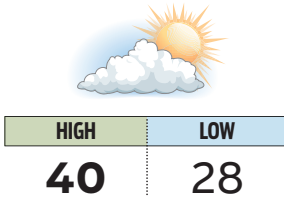
Despite an excess of sunshine, gusty northeast winds at 15-25 mph deliver chilly weather to the area. Highs down about 15 degrees from Sunday's mild readings ranging from the mid-upper 40s inland to the upper 30s lakeside. Fair and chilly overnight. Lows in the middle 20s inland to the middle 30s downtown.

NATIONAL FORECAST

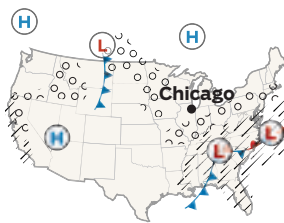


On Sunday, Chicagoans basked in the mildest weather in nearly three weeks, as temperatures climbed into the upper 50s. The city's official 57-degree high at O'Hare was the highest reading here since a balmy 59 degrees Feb. 28. This mild interlude will be "one and done," as strong Canadian high pressure anchored near Hudson Bay is scheduled to feed a steady stream of chilly northeast winds into the area through the upcoming week.

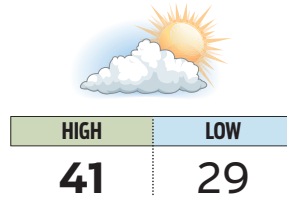
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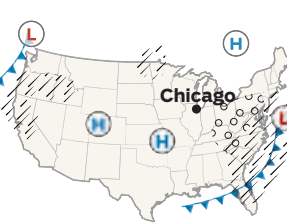
Astronomical spring begins at 11:15 a.m. on a windy and chilly Election Day. Mainly cloudy; some sun. Gusty NE winds at 15-25 mph. Highs low 40s inland, 30s lakeside.



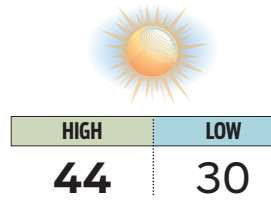
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 21



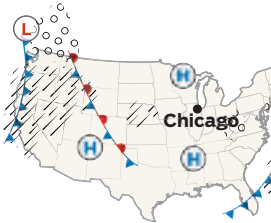
More sun than clouds, but still windy and chilly. Brisk northeast winds at 12-22 mph. Temps in low-mid 30s inland but once again 30s near the lake.



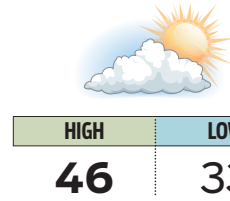
THURSDAY, MARCH 22



High pressure delivers unlimited sunshine. Chill continues. Highs range from the mid-40s inland to upper 30s near the lake. Northeast winds around 10 mph.



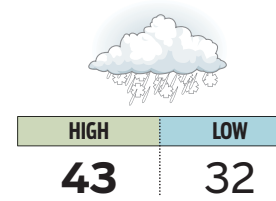
FRIDAY, MARCH 23



Overcast with a chance of rain late. Strengthening east winds. Still chilly. Highs from mid-upper 40s inland to upper 30s lakeside. Rain and snow at night.



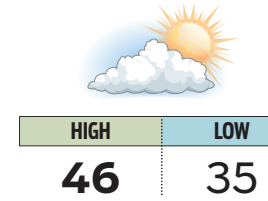
SATURDAY, MARCH 24



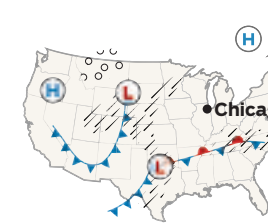
Cloudy, windy and raw, with periods of rain and snow. Highs struggle to the lower 40s, but once again 30s near the lake.



SUNDAY, MARCH 25



Clouds dominate, with periods of filtered sunshine as the clouds break and thin. Still chilly with highs in the mid-40s inland but lower near the lake.



ASK TOM

Dear Tom, My son is studying tornadoes and hurricanes in his fourth-grade science class, and the following question has caused some controversy and discussion: Do tornadoes have eyes? — Denise Perkins

Dear Denise, Tornadoes are small-scale storms that produce the fastest winds on Earth. Single-vortex tornadoes (tornadoes that consist of a single column of air rotating around a center) are theorized to have a calm or nearly calm "eye," an area of relatively low wind speed near the center of the vortex. The theory is actually born out by Doppler velocity radar observations. A few eyewitness accounts also exist, though they are rare.

It should be noted, however, that the calm or nearly calm air in the eye of a tornado is actually moving with the speed at which the tornado itself is moving.

Write to: ASK TOM 2501 W. Bradley Place Chicago, IL 60618 asktomwhy@wgn9.com

WGN-TV meteorologists Steve Kahn, Richard Koeman, 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.



Mild Sunday an aberration as March returns to its chilly ways

DON'T PUT AWAY THE SNOW BLOWER YET! Early spring can still pack some very snowy punches. In a typical year, 92% of the city's normal seasonal snowfall (36.3") has fallen by March 18

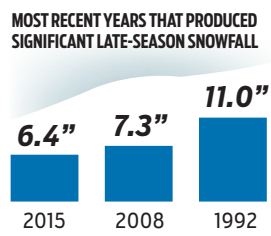
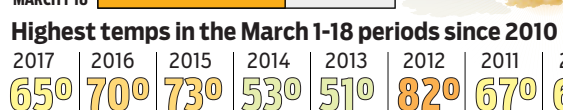


Table of Chicago's snowiest seasons beyond March 18, listing years and snowfall amounts.

Table showing the fewest severe weather watches in 3 years (2015-2018) for tornado and severe T-storm watches.

SUNDAY'S 57° HIGH THE MILDEST SO FAR THIS MARCH

Even this January and February have posted milder days: 59° and 66°. Despite lack of warmth, sunshine has been well above normal (63% of possible sunshine vs. normal 49%).



Forecast section including Hudson Bay High to keep Chicago chilly and dry, and No precip until Friday/Saturday.

MIDWEST CITIES

Table of weather forecasts for Midwest cities including Chicago, Detroit, and others.

OTHER U.S. CITIES

Table of weather forecasts for other U.S. cities including Denver, Phoenix, and others.

WORLD CITIES

Table of weather forecasts for world cities including London, Tokyo, and others.

CHICAGO AIR QUALITY

Table showing current and forecast air quality metrics for Chicago.

LAKE MICHIGAN CONDITIONS

Table showing lake conditions including wind, waves, and water temperatures.

PAST WEEK'S PEAK POLLEN LEVEL

Table showing pollen levels for various tree species over the past week.

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