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Dan Fagen, 41, sits with his son J. Kelly, 8, as they watch the ninth inning of the White Sox's home-opening loss on Thursday.

Future Sox pillar

Davidson quietly hammers way into starring role for rebuilding club

DAVID HAUGH
In the Wake of the News

Before White Sox slugger Matt Davidson was making team history with four home runs in his first five games, he nearly made a drastic decision.

This was 2015, just after Davidson struggled through his second straight season at Triple-A Charlotte. Striking out 355 times in 1,006 minor-league at-bats can try a man's patience.

"I almost hung it up," Davidson recalled Thursday before the Sox's 9-7 10-inning loss to the Tigers in the home opener at Guaranteed Rate Field. "Those were tough times. I tried everything."

Davidson's bewilderment brought him back home to Yucaipa, Calif., a blue-collar community of 52,000 at the foothills of the San Bernardino Mountains where baseball came easiest.

In search of simplicity, Davidson cleared his head by retreating to the refuge of the Little League fields of his youth at the Bryant Glen Sports Complex. It was there that Davidson learned the game with fellow future major-leaguers such as former Sox pitcher Scott Snodgress and Cubs pitcher Tyler Chatwood, his neighbor.

Matt Davidson (24) slaps hands with Leury Garcia after scoring in the first inning.

"I just wanted to go back to my roots and remember things at the spot of that success," Davidson said. "To examine why. Life was a straight uphill climb to that point. I never struggled. And you kind of get this false sense that this is what life is.

"But life isn't always good, and there's nothing wrong with that. You can lose confidence and feel like it's all over, but

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■ You knew there were going to be days like this in Year Two of the rebuild, writes Paul Sullivan in **Chicago Sports**.

Social media stirs scrutiny of mascot at Maine West

School re-evaluating use of Native American Warrior

BY JOHN KEILMAN | Chicago Tribune

While many high schools and colleges have abandoned their American Indian-themed mascots, the Maine West Warrior has endured despite increasingly heated debates over cultural sensitivity.

The Warrior, portrayed by a student, wears a fringed, buckskin-like costume that includes a headdress adorned with feathers of pale blue, one of Maine West's school colors. He performs a leaping dance reminiscent of the "Three-in-One" routine done by Chief Illiniwek, the University of Illinois' now-banned symbol.

Principal Audrey Haugan said she has not heard local complaints about the mascot, which has been part of the Des Plaines high school since it opened its doors in 1959.

MAINE WEST HIGH SCHOOL

A screenshot from a video shows a Maine West High School student portraying the Warrior mascot passing the headdress to a new student at a pep assembly March 23.

But last week, a burst of online criticism shook up the Warrior's controversy-free existence and prompted the school to re-examine its use.

Brett Chapman, an Oklahoma attorney and member of the Pawnee Nation, saw an image on Twitter of the mascot performing at an assembly and took offense, saying the Warrior trades on stereotypical images to serve as entertainment. Others chimed in with their own criticism.

"The (gleeful) reaction of the crowd, to me, that's the most egregious part," Chapman told the Tribune. "They're saying, 'We have such respect for this tradition,' and it's clear they don't."

Portraying the Warrior is considered a great honor at Maine West, school officials said, and students who seek the role go through a selection process that considers character, grades, interviews and teacher recommendations.

The mascot, whose stylized visage is also part of Maine West's logo, is meant to

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Trump: 2K-4K troops for border

National Guard to fill support roles, remain until wall is built, president says

BY ANITA SNOW AND CATHERINE LUCEY
Associated Press

PHOENIX — President Donald Trump said Thursday that he wants to send 2,000 to 4,000 National Guard members to the U.S.-Mexico border to help federal officials fight illegal immigration and drug trafficking.

Trump's comments to reporters on Air Force One were his first estimate on Guard levels he believes are needed for border protection. It would be a lower number of troops than the 6,400 National Guard members that former President George W. Bush sent to the border between 2006 and 2008.

Trump said his administration is looking into the cost of sending the troops to the border and added, "We'll probably keep them or a large portion of them until the wall is built."

Earlier Thursday, Ronald Vitiello, U.S. Customs and Border Protection's acting deputy commissioner, cautioned against a rushed deployment.

"We are going to do it as quickly as we can do it safely," Vitiello told Fox News Channel.

He said Guard members would be placed in jobs that do not require law

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Blurring the line between journalism and politics

Groups tied to conservative figure fund media outlets critics call propagandist

BY JOE MAHR | Chicago Tribune

A copy of the East Central Reporter landed in select mailboxes in 2016 with the look of a typical local newspaper.

It had a community calendar. It listed high school sports statistics. And it contained an article about a statehouse candidate's pitch to voters.

But was that story news? Or was it a novel form of political advertising?

Recently obtained documents and interviews show that an organization called Think Freely Media helped fund the operation that produced the article for the East Central Reporter's website. As a nonprofit, Think Freely is forbidden by federal law from engaging in politics, and it has described the articles it funded as news.

But Illinois State Board of Elections records also show a political committee, Liberty Principles, paid the same private company to publish the story in a print newspaper and mail it. That group, which state law says must spend its money on politicking, has labeled such content political ads.

What these organizations have in

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John Cena in "Blockers"

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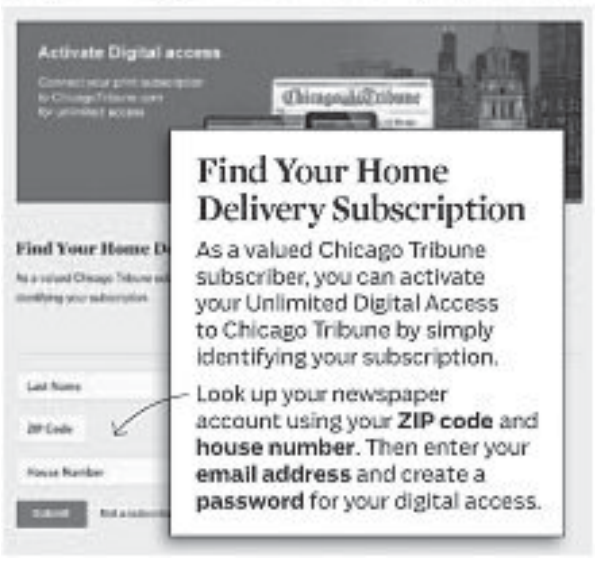

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■ Also on that Perspective page, Virginia Postrel's last name was misspelled in her byline on an op-ed piece about the TV show "Roseanne."
The Tribune regrets the errors.

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If you're going to roast a lamb for Greek Easter guests, should it be intact or modified to spare the young and queasy?

John Kass

The Greek Easter lamb debate: Head on or off?

Orthodox Christians celebrate Easter on Sunday, and at our house we're having the same Greek Easter debate we've been having since forever.

No, not whether there is a hell. That's settled. It's about tradition, and whether to keep the head on the Easter lamb. Tradition!!!

Tradition dictates that when you spit roast an Easter lamb, you leave the head on, so guests and other strangers to our Greek ways may witness nature in all its glory.

But Betty doesn't want our guests to see the head and the eyes and the teeth that are exposed when the gums withdraw as the lamb roasts over hot coals.

"No way, no, no, no," says Betty. "You can't leave the head on. The kids will see it and freak out. You're the host. You're supposed to please your guests, not make them sick. So, no."

She gave me her Sicilian look. It wasn't the best time to remind her that roast lamb head — with garlic and rosemary — is a delicacy in Sicily.

What got her going was listening to this week's episode of my podcast, "The Chicago Way." I asked my co-host, WGN radio producer Jeff Carlin, and guest Kristen McQueary, of the Tribune's Editorial Board, to join us on Sunday.

"Oh my gosh," said McQueary, "are you going to be roasting something in the front yard with the eyes still in it and I have to warn my kids?"

Well, not in the front yard exactly. More like at the lip of the garage, to keep the lamb out of the expected snow and winds.

But all Betty had to hear was Kristen utter the words "with the eyes" and do "I have to warn my kids?" and she had another ally in the "No Lamb Head Shall Be Seen" club. "The head will not be seen," she said.

So I decided to put it to readers on social media. Lamb head: On or off?

"Dude! Off with its head," cried MaryEllen Angelucci. "Haven't you learned anything from Betty after all these years? Wow."

Jenny Curt also voted thumbs-down on visible toothy lamb heads. "Nope, I don't want to find anyone else's teeth in my meat," she said, meaning lamb's teeth.

William Hielscher had an idea on that issue. "Floss them first," he said.

But that would be creepy, Bill. Really.

"Off!!!" said Anne Kavanagh. "OMG Head off!" said Joyce Collignon. "Oh Lord, OFFFFFF," said Jill Taplin.

Yet if I have the head removed, and it isn't offered during the meal, or wrapped in aluminum foil and kept in the fridge to terrify someone later, can I still call myself a true Greek?

"I like things that had a face, doesn't mean I want to see it," said Ben Goldstein. "Being Jewish I made gefilte fish for Passover. Even though 'gefilte' means stuffed, I didn't stuff the fish head and serve it."

Others wanted to know whether lamb's head offered special benefits.

"Is it an aphrodisiac?" asked Katie Carrillo-Majewski.

Hmm. Probably. At least I've never heard anyone say that eating a lamb head — even cold from the fridge with salt, pepper, lemon and a few crisp green onions while watching sports on TV — wasn't a moving experience.

Because once you get past the idea of eating a head that was once living, you eventually come to realize that everything we eat was once living.

Spinach had life of its own, as did lentils, also chicken, veal, pork, beef and lamb. Even fish.

"Head off," says Sharon Zee. "With the head on, it looks like a demon. And who wants to see that when celebrating the Resurrection? If you like the tasty head, enjoy it in your kitchen after guests leave."

"OFF with its head!" said Melinda Abney Kaiser. "It's like that scene in 'A Christmas Story' — no one wants to look their food in the face."

No one? I beg your pardon, Melinda.

As famed cooks will tell you, the head is delicious, especially the cheek meats. You may wish to use a grapefruit spoon to get every tender morsel; or a paring knife. Just don't look into the eyes until you eat them.

"Are you trying to freak out your guests?" said Liz Cherco-Selk. "Head off!!!"

"You do as your wife requests," admonished Christopher Casey.

If people don't like seeing a lamb's head, what will they do if I ever go to French cooking school and learn how to prepare ortolan, offering linen napkins to guests so they may shield their faces from heaven?

Happily, not everyone has allowed modernity to divorce them from the natural world.

"Head on," said Dominic Lynch. "Can't miss out on the tongue!"

Yes, it is tender indeed, but getting to it in a roomful of horrified guests is a difficult prospect at best.

Still, some people understand that eating an animal means, well, eating an animal.

"If we're going to eat animals, we need to face the reality of what that looks like/entails," reasoned Denise Taylor. "Head, teeth, grimace or not, that's what we're eating. Either we celebrate the honest circle of life that's part of being a carnivore, or we drop the hypocrisy and go vegan."

Yes, this is true, but there's another truth: I love my wife and if she doesn't want the head on this year, so be it.

But next year? Next year I'll put my foot down. Next year. Tradition!

And to all of you celebrating Easter this Sunday, Kalo Pascha, and Kali Anastasi!

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By Kim Janssen, Tracy Swartz and Phil Thompson

LaVine's cologne is 'him in a bottle'

Zach LaVine (or any other athlete for that matter) can't sniff at **Michael Jordan** when it comes to shilling cologne, but here's one boast LaVine can make to the king pitchman: Is your scent data-driven, Mike?

Last week, cologne company Hawthorne for Men rolled out LaVine's signature fragrance, "Hawthorne for Zach," and like its other regular customers, Hawthorne based the Bulls star's line on his body chemistry, lifestyle preferences and other survey answers.

LaVine's data — he's a meat-and-vegetable, nonsmoking, street-clothes-wearing, juice-drinking extrovert who keeps a level body temperature — were thrown into Hawthorne's proprietary formula, which pumped out the smells he's most likely to favor. LaVine's analysis served up a woody fragrance with hints of citrus and black pepper.

"Our perfurmer, **Olivier** (**Gillotin**), describes it as having a very like bouncy sparkling opening. When you first spray it's like bitter citrus," said **Brian Jeong**, who co-founded the boutique cologne startup with **Phil Wong** in 2016. "And then once it kind of dries down you get this really deep and grounded Haitian vetiver, which is very earthy and woody. So even the fragrance itself is very much inspired by him as a person. It kind of made sense that this was the version of the perfume that he really liked because it was him in a bottle."

The company started selling "Hawthorne for Zach" on Bulls game days about a week ago and limits the batches of $95 bottles to the number of points the Bulls score, whether LaVine has played or not. So if the Bulls score 110 points, only 110 go on sale online. The cologne maker will close up shop on LaVine's line shortly after the Bulls' season finale Wednesday.

But you would think it would be catastrophic, or at least horrible timing, to have your pitchman shelved for the final five games with knee tendinitis soon after the launch of your monthlong campaign.

"Of course we definitely wanted him to be playing in the games when we were releasing the different batches. But for us it worked out well because, again, this whole campaign was to show a different side of him," Jeong said. "It's almost like folks are not distracted by him throwing down 35 (points) against the Timberwolves or him throwing down a ridiculous dunk on someone on the Kings. It's kind of like a breather for us to show this is Zach, this is a different side of Zach, this is a more personal side of Zach."

— Phil Thompson

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Bulls guard Zach LaVine has endorsed a cologne, "Hawthorne for Zach," based on his body chemistry and other personal survey data.

Scents and sensibility

Here's how Zach LaVine's and Michael Jordan's colognes stack up, according to Hawthorne company information and basenotes .net.

"Hawthorne for Zach" (2018)
Top notes: Italian cedrat (bitter citrus)
Middle notes: Black pepper
Base notes: Haitian vetiver, Dominican sandalwood, Canadian pine

"Jordan" (1996)
Top notes: Cedar leaf, grapefruit, lemon, cypress, rosewood, geranium, cognac
Middle notes: Green tea, clove leaf, suede, incense, clary sage, fresh-cut grass, lavender, fir needles, juniper berry
Base notes: Sandalwood, patchouli, musk

Rauner gifted 'Godfather' memorabilia to Dartmouth

Gov. **Bruce Rauner** took heat in February 2016 for a budget speech that proposed slashing state university funding by 20 percent.

But it turns out that just a day later, Rauner was quietly digging into his own pockets to help out higher education — by, er, spending $625,000 on "The Godfather" memorabilia.

Rauner and his wife, **Diana**, last week donated their haul of the papers and possessions formerly belonging to the classic gangster movie's author, **Mario Puzo**, to Rauner's alma mater, Dartmouth College.

Records show that the items, including the 1965 Olympia typewriter on which Puzo likely wrote the novel on which the movie is based, sold for $625,000 at a Boston auction Feb. 18, 2016, eight months into the state's budget crisis and a day after Rauner delivered a budget address that was poorly received by academics.

Rauner's staff did not respond to a request for comment Thursday, but according to a news release from Dartmouth, Rauner said, "We love the fact that Puzo's papers document the creation of Dartmouth's most famous fictional alumnus, **Michael Corleone**, and that they will live for centuries to come with the papers of so many prominent, *and real*, alumni!"

Rauner could afford to splurge: In the preceding year, he made $188 million, according to his tax return.

— Kim Janssen

U. of C. senior competes in 'Jeopardy' tournament

Kioko

University of Chicago senior **Harry Kioko** is one of 15 contestants vying for the $100,000 prize in the "Jeopardy" College Championship.

Kioko, from Princeton, N.J., competes on an episode scheduled to air Thursday. He told "Jeopardy" producers he's "gotten really good at capitals."

The tournament is set to air at 3:30 p.m. weekdays, starting Monday and continuing until April 20, on WLS-Ch. 7. Besides prize money, the winner is slated to receive entry into the next "Jeopardy" Tournament of Champions.

There have been quite a few contestants with Chicago-area ties lately. The Times of Northwest Indiana statehouse reporter **Daniel Carden**, who hails from Orland Park, won $25,600 on Monday's episode. Chicago Public Schools data analyst **Lydia DiSabatino** came in second place on Wednesday's episode. Naperville's **Shannan Younger**, who blogs for ChicagoNow (which is managed by Tribune parent company Tronc), came in second place on an episode that aired last week.

— Tracy Swartz

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Why the flu may be good — for clarity

MARY SCHMICH

Let us pause today to praise the flu.

When I felt the bug sneaking up on me a few days ago, my first response was to do what I always do when sickness creeps in. I refused to believe it.

Fever? Chills? Must be my imagination talking. Sore throat, cough, inexplicable exhaustion? Figments of my fevered brain.

"Knock it off," I heard a disembodied voice say. I recognized the speaker. Who else? My dearly departed drill sergeant of a father.

In the household of my childhood, saying you were sick was an evil as great as lying, a turpitude that had a special name.

"You're goldbricking!" my father, who learned a lot of his favorite vocabulary in the Army, would scold when one of his children claimed to be too ill to go to church or school, too sick to wash the dishes or mow the lawn.

In case it's not clear, "goldbricking" is an old-fashioned synonym for "shirking," and my father's children learned that unless your temperature was high enough to crack the thermometer, you were well enough to do your duty.

In my father's defense, I should add that he applied the same stern standard to himself.

So it was with a certain shame the other day that after Googling "flu symptoms" and verifying that I had every single one, I concluded that I was too sick to work.

If you've had the flu — as apparently 62.3 percent of Chicagoans do at this very moment — you know what I'm talking about. It leaves you feeling you've been run over by a car, then by a truck and then, just as you thought you could get up, by a lawn mower.

And yet in the midst of my misery, a strange thing began to happen. I began to find unexpected pleasure in being laid so low.

Sure, I felt the obligatory self-pity, the conviction that this was a sign of my premature old age, a preview of my death. But deprived of the energy to do all the things with which I fill an ordinary day, I entered a state of what might be called miserable bliss.

I spent hours sacked out on the couch staring at the trees: Look at that, those tiny red sprouts on the branches. Maybe "Chicago spring" is not an oxymoron.

I took long naps, the deep, dark kind that make you feel you've climbed back into the womb.

I finally watched the movie "Moonlight," which was as good as I'd heard.

Hoping to banish the virus from my sheets and towels, I did a load of laundry, then folded it very, very, very slowly, so slowly I savored the texture of the towels, the shape of the pillowcases, wondering: Is there a market for a book called "The Zen of Flu"?

I answered some long-overdue email, then fell asleep again.

The news bored me. It felt so trivial compared with my impending death. This left my mind free to roam through less agitating sights and thoughts.

For the first time, as I sat staring into space, I noticed a carved doodad missing from the built-in ornaments on the old oak bookcase.

I spotted a little dead bug, belly up, underneath a chair. How long had it been there?

One night — a fact that only illness can explain — I dreamed about Vladimir Putin and I'm sorry to say it was not an unpleasant dream.

As I began to feel better, I mentioned my miserable bliss theory to a friend who has also been sick recently.

"And I appreciated all of those things," she concurred, "along with two patient dogs who were just thrilled that I was home during the day and willing to let them form a puppy pile with me on the couch. That was wonderful."

But.

"But after being 'better' for a couple of weeks, a terrible head cold set in," she said.

I didn't want to hear more. Now that I can see the end in sight, I'm choosing to think of the flu not as an interminable affliction but as a brief luxury retreat.

People pay a lot of money for the pleasures I've been experiencing: to be weaned of the news, to spend time noticing the little things, to sleep, perchance to dream.

Though, ideally, not of Putin.

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Jackie Wilson, 57, who alleges he was beaten by Chicago police 36 years ago, at the Leighton Criminal Court Building in Chicago on Thursday.

Closing arguments cap months of hearings on alleged torture

Man: Ex-police Cmdr. Burge, crew beat him until he confessed

BY MEGAN CREPEAU
Chicago Tribune

As attorneys argued a case fraught with decades of tension, the 57-year-old prisoner at the center of the storm listened attentively, leaning back in his chair at the defense table with his chin in his hands.

Jackie Wilson alleges he was beaten 36 years ago at the hands of disgraced ex-Chicago police Cmdr. Jon Burge and his crew until he confessed to being present when his now-deceased brother, Andrew, fatally shot officers Richard O'Brien and William Fahey.

Thursday's closing arguments capped months of hearings centered on Wilson's allegations of torture.

"Here the vigilantes with badges broke the law, the interrogation methods they used to coerce an involuntary statement from Jackie Wilson broke the law," said Wilson's attorney Elliot Slosar.

Attorneys for Wilson are trying to get the confession tossed — a development that would make it difficult for prosecutors to convict him again.

"Jon Burge was bouncing between torture chambers like the conductor of an orchestra, but the only sounds that were coming out were screams," Slosar said.

The team of special prosecutors opposing Wilson's bid attacked him as a liar, saying the evidence didn't show he was beaten, unlike his brother, Andrew.

"No amount of talking, no matter of cajoling ... will get this court to the point where this petitioner is Andrew," special prosecutor Shane Costelloe said.

Photographs taken shortly after his interrogation show Jackie Wilson smiling, with no visible injuries, Costelloe said.

"He is a practiced, skilled dissembler," the special prosecutor said. "But he can't talk his way out of the photographs. He can't say that this isn't him."

On the contrary, Slosar said, Burge had instructed detectives under his command not to leave a visible mark on Jackie Wilson. And he smiled because one of his interrogators ordered him to and he was terrified to disobey, Slosar said.

"It wasn't an indication of how he felt," Slosar said. "It was, in fact, an indication of how involuntary his statement was."

Judge William Hooks, noting the voluminous evidence he must consider, indicated he may rule in June on whether the confession was coerced. The proceedings began in December.

In recent weeks, the hearings heated up after Hooks accused the special prosecutors of acting more like defense lawyers for police than prosecutors, and criticized one former lawyer on the team who moved on to represent Burge in a civil suit brought by another alleged torture victim.

"That smelled really bad. It still smells bad. It smells like rotten eggs," Hooks said last month from the bench.

In turn, the special prosecutors' team hired an attorney of their own and called for Hooks to recuse himself from the case, saying his comments amounted to an attack on their integrity.

But the issues were resolved behind closed doors last month.

"The parties are in substantial agreement and have resolved to their satisfaction any matters in controversy that do not involve the substance of the underlying proceedings," a written order from Hooks said.

The order does not detail how or why the agreement was reached but notes that the prosecutors have dropped their attempt to oust the judge from the case.

Scores of African-American men have accused Burge, who is white, and detectives working under him of torturing or abusing them during the 1970s and '80s on the South Side. The scandal has stained the city's reputation and so far cost taxpayers at least $115 million in lawsuit settlements, judgments and other compensation to victims. Disciplinary authorities fired Burge in 1993 after determining he had tortured Andrew Wilson.

Burge was convicted in federal court of perjury and obstruction of justice in 2010 after jurors found he lied in connection with a lawsuit when he denied witnessing torture or abusing suspects. He was sentenced to 4 ½ years in prison.

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Shooting spurs questions about U. of C. services

Concerns raised over police, resources for mental health issues

BY ELYSSA CHERNEY
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Living with bipolar disorder, Kathleen Thomas kept close watch on her son, a 21-year-old University of Chicago student, in case he started showing symptoms of the condition.

But Charles Thomas seemed to be doing well in his fourth year at the prestigious Hyde Park university, where he studied history and made friends on the crew team.

That left his mother without a clear answer when she saw video footage released by U. of C. late Wednesday that showed her son swinging an iron tent stake at campus police officers, prompting one to shoot him in the shoulder.

"I have never seen him act that way. ... I have never seen anger like that," Kathleen Thomas said by phone from Northwestern Memorial Hospital, where her son was being treated. "He was under pressure trying to get his big bachelor's thesis done, but this is beyond a stress break. He was saying things, according to his friends, that just did not make sense, which makes me think there's definitely some psychological issues going on."

The shooting Tuesday, believed to be the first by a university department officer in more than 30 years, rattled the South Side neighborhood and raised concerns about the role of an armed, private police force on a university campus and the mental health services available to students.

FAMILY PHOTO

Charles Thomas, a U. of C. student, was shot by campus police Tuesday. His mom had been concerned for his mental health.

Thomas, who's from Southern California, faces charges of aggravated assault of a police officer with a weapon and criminal damage to property. In bond court Thursday, Cook County Judge Stephanie Miller set Thomas' bond at $15,000, saying she took into account the family history of mental health disorders and the fact that Thomas had not been arrested before. Miller also ordered Thomas to be kept on electronic home monitoring following his release on bond.

Assistant State's Attorney Erin Antonietti said officers from U. of C. and the Chicago Police Department first encountered Thomas about 10:15 p.m. Tuesday in the 5300 block of South Kimbark Avenue while responding to a call of burglary and criminal damage to property.

Thomas used an iron tent stake to break the front and back glass doors of the apartment building where he lived, and he smashed three car windows, Antonietti said.

Five officers — three with U. of C. and two with Chicago police — saw Thomas swinging the stake back and forth in an alley as he screamed obscenities at them, she said. The officers ordered Thomas to drop the weapon, but Thomas, wearing a visor and what appeared to be a red jacket, continued advancing and ran toward a U. of C. officer who was walking backward.

In videos captured by police body and dash cameras, Thomas is seen running toward the officer, who screamed, "Don't come at me" and fired a shot.

Thomas suffered a gunshot wound to the shoulder and a broken shoulder blade.

Thomas' attorney, Steven Goldman, argued the episode was an isolated incident related to his client's recent mental health issues.

"I'm told not only is he receiving treatment for a gunshot wound, he is being evaluated with the psychiatric department to get medication," Goldberg said in court.

He noted that Thomas didn't damage police squad cars as he walked past them with the stake and was approaching the officers because he was trying to exit the alley and get away.

Students concerned by the shooting took part in a rally on Thursday afternoon at the Booth School of Business in Hyde Park.

Fourth-year student Alex Peltz, 21, a friend who lived in the same apartment building as Thomas, urged the university to provide more resources to students suffering from mental health issues and improve officer training.

"This is a person in the midst of crisis, like a person who is having a heart attack, and our police officers ... were so afraid of this scary kid that they had to try to kill him," said Peltz, who's from Boston.

Four faculty members published a letter in the campus newspaper Thursday calling for a broader and deeper discussion of campus police.

"This is a private police force, it's the second largest in the state and it's likely among the largest private police forces in the country. So the role of a private police force in the community is something that deserves to be interrogated: What role should they play?" said Reuben Jonathan Miller, an assistant professor in the School of Social Service Administration.

Thomas was in the hospital under the guard of a police officer, according to family members and his attorney.

Kathleen Thomas said her son enjoyed the rigorous academics at U. of C. and attended the school on a scholarship. He planned to graduate in June and hoped to work on archaeological dig sites before returning to school to pursue a doctorate.

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Fatal fire in South Austin

A fire Thursday morning in the 5200 block of West Race Avenue on Chicago's West Side killed two residents and hospitalized two others, authorities said. The dead were identified as Arthur Davis, 86, and Peggy Davis, 60. The fire reportedly broke out in the basement around 10 a.m.

Ex-social worker arrested on sexual misconduct charges

Patient alleges he was 'sex slave' at state-run facility

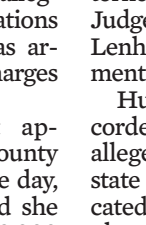
By Christy Gutowski
Chicago Tribune

A former Elgin Mental Health Center social worker who is named in two federal lawsuits alleging she had sexual relations with two patients was arrested on felony charges early Thursday.

Christy Lenhardt appeared in Kane County bond court later in the day, when a judge ordered she remain held on $100,000 bond. She posted $10,000 bail a few hours after the hearing.

She is charged with 14 felony counts alleging sexual misconduct with a person with disabilities and official misconduct following a lengthy Illinois State Police investigation. If convicted, Lenhardt faces up to five years in prison. She also would be eligible for probation.

The criminal charges relate to allegations from November 2014 to last July and involve the first patient who sued Lenhardt. In a federal civil rights complaint filed in November, Benahdam Hurt of Aurora accused Lenhardt of making him her "sex slave" during a nearly three-year relationship that included regular trysts in her office and his bedroom in the state-run facility.



Lenhardt

Hurt, who appeared at a news conference last year to announce the lawsuit and agreed to be named publicly, said Lenhardt allowed him unfettered access to other patients' medical files and lavished him with electronics and other gifts during their alleged affair.

Lenhardt, 53, of South Elgin, is no longer a state employee, Illinois Department of Human Services officials confirmed. They said she resigned Aug. 23. Lenhardt had a long career and nearly $90,000 annual salary, according to state records.

"We are aware that a former Elgin Mental Health Center employee has been arrested," said Meghan Powers, a department spokeswoman. "Due to pending litigation, we cannot provide any further comment."

Lenhardt's professional license as a clinical social worker remains in good standing, according to state licensing officials.

Hurt, 24, was involuntarily committed for treatment to the Elgin facility in summer 2014 after he was found not guilty by reason of insanity for felony aggravated battery of a peace officer in Aurora.

In the lawsuit, Hurt said Lenhardt admitted to him that she had inappropriate sexual contact with two other male patients, including Angelo Rotunno, who escaped from the Elgin facility Feb. 24, 2006, and remains a fugitive.

Rotunno, who is listed on the state's sex offender registry, was sent to Elgin in 2002 after he was found not guilty by reason of insanity for aggravated kidnapping of a child, court records showed. Lenhardt allegedly gave Rotunno her car keys, told him to hide in her car and then drove him to the airport, where he flew to Europe, according to the lawsuit.

Lenhardt has not been charged criminally in connection with the escape. But in court Thursday, Kane County Assistant State's Attorney Vincent Coyle told Judge Todd Tarter about Lenhardt's alleged involvement in the 2006 escape.

Hurt said he secretly recorded Lenhardt during the alleged conversation but state police officials confiscated the recording, explicit photos and other evidence as part of their investigation.

Another former Elgin Mental Health Center patient also has sued Lenhardt. His allegations, though, were not included in the criminal case.

In the second lawsuit, filed in January, Mark Owens said Lenhardt made sexual advances toward him shortly after he arrived at the state-run facility in early 2012.

After Owens suggested their counseling sessions take place somewhere other than her private office, she retaliated by suggesting to his treatment team that he was paranoid, suffering from a major mental illness and in need of stronger medication, the complaint alleges.

The 27-year-old University Park man said he reported the inappropriate conduct to his psychiatrist but the professional failed to take action, allowing the abuse to escalate and include sexual contact on at least three occasions, according to the complaint.

Owens was involuntarily committed for treatment after he was found not guilty by reason of insanity in Will County for felony disarming a police officer in 2010.

He remains under treatment at Chicago Read Mental Health Center.

The men's attorneys, Randy Kretchmar and Joe Cecala, said leadership at Elgin Mental Health Center turned a blind eye to the sexual assault and battery of a disabled adult and should be held accountable for an alleged systemic pattern of abuse that has long existed at the facility because of a lack of training, supervision and proper investigative procedures.

"The system is responsible," Kretchmar said. "At the very least we have to demand some kind of policy change to prevent this from happening again."

Both suits seeking $10 million in damages are pending in U.S. District Court.

Lenhardt has not responded to previous Tribune requests for comment. Her attorney, Robert Stanker, said Lenhardt does not have a prior criminal history.

Stanker declined further comment.

"At this point, we're going to await the police reports and let the legal process play out in court," he said.

Lenhardt is due back in court April 20.

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Police oversight plan could get a vote

Alderman wants long-languishing proposal weighed

By John Byrne
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Backers of a long-shot proposal to give an elected board power to investigate and fire Chicago police officers threatened Thursday to force a vote on their idea, resurfacing a third option into an ongoing debate about civilian oversight of city police.

The Civilian Police Accountability Commission ordinance has been languishing in a City Council committee since summer 2016, and it almost certainly lacks the aldermanic support to approach the 26 votes needed to pass the 50-member body.

Still, Northwest Side Ald. Carlos Ramirez-Rosa, 35th, said Thursday he intends to use a parliamentary procedure to bring it to aldermen for an up-or-down vote. He said he was prompted to act when the mayor's hand-picked Public Safety Committee chairman, Northwest Side Ald. Ariel Reboyras, 30th, introduced his own police oversight ordinances. Ramirez-Rosa called them inadequate.

"The reality here is that we know that Mayor Rahm Emanuel controls the Chicago City Council," Ramirez-Rosa said at a City Hall news conference. "We know he appoints the chairs of our committees. And we know the committee chairs do not do anything without coordinating with the fifth floor. So the demand here is coming forth from the public, and the demand is that we have a real conversation about police accountability reform."

Members of the Civilian Police Accountability Commission that Ramirez-Rosa supports would be elected from each of the city's 22 police districts. They would have their own staffs and the power to investigate police misconduct. Findings could be referred to federal grand juries for possible criminal indictments against police officers.

The full board could fire officers and would hire the Police Department superintendent. It would replace most of the city bureaucracy currently in place to oversee the Police Department.

Ramirez-Rosa said that while he prefers his plan, he also could live with a competing one from the Grassroots Alliance for Police Accountability. Under its proposal, the police superintendent and command staff would continue to run the day-to-day operations of the department, but the commission would have final say on policy decisions.

Ald. Carlos Ramirez-Rosa, 35th, said he will use a parliamentary procedure.

More controversial is the alliance's recommendation that the commission be able to fire the superintendent, a decision currently left to only the mayor. The commission's oversight would extend beyond the Police Department to the Civilian Office of Police Accountability, which investigates police misconduct allegations, and the Chicago Police Board, which decides discipline.

While the alliance proposal gives the commission no authority to review individual disciplinary decisions by COPA, it would have the power to hire and fire the head of that police oversight agency as well as the head of and members of the Police Board. Those hiring decisions would be subject to City Council confirmation.

After the alliance came forth with its framework last month following two years of community meetings on the topic, Reboyras introduced two police oversight ordinances of his own to the City Council.

Reboyras' documents envision an oversight board more advisory in nature. Under his plans, the members would be appointed by some combination of the mayor, the City Council and other commissioners, rather than by publicly elected councils in each police district. Neither of Reboyras' proposals gives the board power to fire the superintendent.

Ramirez-Rosa said he would time his move to force a floor vote on his plan to when Reboyras' ordinances also come up. That could take a while. The Emanuel administration could try to find a way to combine proposals to create a single oversight package that allows him to keep as much control as possible, while also incorporating parts of the community-driven plan so the mayor can say he listened to their ideas.

Emanuel has not publicly taken a position on the competing police oversight plans, saying he would leave it to the City Council to debate the proposals' merits.

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Federal investigation presses on in Markham

City vendors face scrutiny in wake of ex-mayor's plea

By Gregory Pratt and Sarah Freishtat
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Former Markham Mayor David Webb said when he pleaded guilty that he would keep cooperating with prosecutors.

Even after former Markham Mayor David Webb pleaded guilty in January to accusations he took part in an alleged $300,000 bribery scheme, federal prosecutors have continued to probe the south suburb's vendors, a newly released grand jury subpoena shows.

Markham was issued a subpoena earlier this year related to two companies that have done business with the city, both of which were also political donors to Webb, a copy of the subpoena shows. Federal investigators sought payments made by the city to Pol Carpenters and company President Pawel Tylka, as well as payments made to Barnett Landscaping and its owner, Dean Barnett, the subpoena shows.

The subpoena is dated Jan. 18 — the same day Webb pleaded guilty to honest services wire fraud and filing a false tax return for his role in the alleged bribery scheme.

Webb, 69, was accused late last year in federal court of accepting bribes through shell companies, campaign contributions and small sums of cash hidden in coffee cups. The indictment also charged city vendor Tower Contracting; its president, Michael Jarigese; and Alsterda Cartage and Construction owner Thomas Summers for their alleged roles in a scheme to defraud the south suburb. Those individuals have pleaded not guilty. Tylka and Barnett have not been criminally charged in relation to the case.

Barnett, who is also the embattled Hazel Crest school board president, said he did not know why federal investigators requested documents related to him and his company but speculated it could be related to his and his company's political and business ties to Markham.

He said he had never been involved in "funny business," which he clarified was a reference to the bribes Webb has admitted accepting. Barnett's company has never been involved in a "quid pro quo," he said.

"At no point has our company ever been involved in any form of wrongdoing as it relates to contributions versus works that were awarded to our company," he said. "All work that we were awarded, we gave proposals, we did the work. That was it."

Tylka could not be reached for comment Wednesday. One publicly listed number for Tylka did not have a working voice mailbox and another was disconnected.

The Daily Southtown in a September 2016 story highlighted Webb's prolific political fundraising. As head of Markham, Webb took in more than $1 million in contributions since 2000, campaign finance records show.

Much of Webb's political war chest came from city vendors, with Markham paying out at least $72 million since 2001 to Webb's political supporters, records show.

Barnett and Barnett Landscaping donated a combined $11,925 to Webb's campaign between 2002 and 2014, and Barnett Landscaping received at least $401,776 in city business between 2001 and 2015, records show.

Pol Carpenters donated $300 to Webb's campaign in 2006, and the company received $34,375 in city business between 2011 and 2013, according to records.

The Southtown previously detailed city payments to other Webb political donors who have since been ensnared in the federal bribery probe.

Markham paid out more than $3.7 million since 2008 to Alsterda Cartage and Construction, records show. The company has donated $36,650 to Webb since 2004.

Between 2010 and 2015, Markham paid Tower Contracting more than $15 million, records show. Since 2010, Tower has donated $34,400 to Webb's campaign.

Those company's leaders have since been charged in relation to Webb's bribery scheme.

When Webb pleaded guilty earlier this year, his attorney said the former mayor would continue cooperating with prosecutors and work to "own up to his own conduct and set things right."

His attorney did not return a message this week seeking comment.

Whether prosecutors are looking at other businesses in Markham is unclear, but a recently unsealed search warrant application shows the FBI captured audio of a well-known south suburban businessman discussing his influence in Markham.

The warrant application showed that the FBI has been actively investigating bribery charges in neighboring Harvey.

At the center of the investigation is a series of secret recordings made by a now-deceased Harvey comptroller, Joseph Letke, whose firm was also paid by Markham.

Letke recorded conversations with Harvey officials, including Donald Luster, a consultant to Harvey given influence over economic development by Mayor Eric Kellogg. Luster said he could fast-track projects if given bribes, according to the affidavit filed in court for a search warrant.

Luster previously denied wrongdoing and has not been charged with a crime. Letke committed suicide in 2016.

Letke's recordings also captured south suburban businessman Ron Finlay discussing a development deal and bribes involving a Harvey property Finlay wanted to make a paintball park, the affidavit alleged.

On the recordings, Luster and Finlay discussed the possibility of Harvey taking the property sought by Finlay and giving it to him due to unpaid taxes.

"Say we get 'em done, we get 'em washed, although it can be done, they don't do it for everybody," Luster said, the documents show.

Finlay replied, "I'm gonna imagine your influence and persuasion is no different than mine in Markham," according to the documents.

Finlay has been listed as the owner and general manager of a Markham nightclub known for violence that received nearly $1 million in tax breaks from Markham. He was also listed as the landlord for a strip club that has seen numerous shootings in the same city.

After the search warrant application surfaced last month, Finlay said he does not have an attorney and that he's done "nothing wrong."

Reached by telephone Wednesday, Finlay said he had no comment and hung up. He has not been charged with a crime.

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Davidson earns spot as future Sox pillar

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Players stand during the national anthem before the first pitch of the White Sox's home opener Thursday, a 9-7 loss to the Tigers in 10 innings.

everyone struggles. I had to come to that realization."

That mental refresher helped Davidson endure the agony that followed months later after the Sox finally called up the third baseman on June 30, 2016. In Davidson's first game, he broke his foot, delaying his progress another year. Overcoming the adversity only made Davidson's breakout season of 2017 all the more satisfying. He hit 26 home runs and drove in 68 runs last year with a slash line of .220/.260/.452, flashing a powerful glimpse of possibility.

"I wasn't surprised," Davidson said. "I still feel like I have more in the tank where that came from. That just comes from the belief I have in myself."

So far this spring, seeing is believing for Davidson, whose hot bat in Arizona accompanied the Sox's designated hitter into the regular season. He opened eyes on opening day with three home runs — only the fourth player since 1908 to achieve such a feat. Tuffy Rhodes famously did it for the Cubs in 1994, not that Davidson was aware of the other Chicago player with whom he shared a distinction.

"No," Davidson answered when asked if he had heard of Rhodes. "I guess I have now, but I didn't before."

Davidson plans on becoming a more familiar name in a baseball city that happily welcomed the Sox back to the South Side on a snowy, 43-degree April afternoon before a crowd of 33,318 fans.

But every day is sunny and warm in the world of Sox manager Rick Renteria, the man in charge of molding the considerable young talent at his disposal.

Having just turned 27 last week, Davidson fits the profile of a developing player whose prime could coincide with the Sox's arrival as contenders. Offseason work refining his swing mechanics and sharpening his plate approach under the eye of hitting coach Todd Steverson improved Davidson's discipline enough to notice. As shortstop Tim Anderson announced out loud as Davidson began an interview with the Tribune, "The kid is locked in."

Davidson's RBI double to right-center field proved Anderson's point. Davidson also singled and walked twice, scoring all four times he reached base.

"He has a great plan right now," general manager Rick Hahn said. "The ability always has been there, the physical tools. Let's see how he adjusts as the league continues to adjust."

Possessing solid character and a high ceiling, Davidson offers rare power that makes a high strikeout rate a little more tolerable. Yet when listing reasons to believe in the Sox rebuild, rarely do you hear Davidson mentioned with the likes of more highly publicized hitting prospects such as Eloy Jimenez, Luis Robert and Jake Burger — which is the way Davidson likes it.

"It's kind of a blessing you don't have the attention," Davidson said. "That's more my personality anyway. I am not about that. I'm from a small town in California. I just enjoy playing baseball, and it's fun to be able to do this. We have some great guys coming up. I hope all those prospects hit, but the hype doesn't really matter to me."

Consistency does.

"There will be high points and low points, and I want to stay in the middle," Davidson said.

If Davidson can stay steady, he will play himself into becoming a core piece instead of trade bait in a season in which Hahn said the Sox remain "open for business" if the right deal arises. That requires the team's evaluation of players to remain fluid.

"From a player-acquisition standpoint, you're not going to see nearly the pace we had over first 12 to 15 months," Hahn said. "We're in the development stage, finding out who in fact will reach their potential and make themselves part of this core.

"(But) we are still open for business to moves that put us in better shape for the long term."

Long term, Davidson's knack for the long ball qualifies him as a keeper.

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Maine West re-examining American Indian mascot

Mascot, *from Page 1*

embody characteristics such as integrity, responsibility, empathy and self-respect. For a long time, school officials believed that positive depiction had won the endorsement of the Cherokee Nation.

But that belief appears to rest on a shaky foundation.

It goes back to the early 1990s, when a poet named Mary Littlefield visited the school. Littlefield, who is of Cherokee heritage, spoke about her culture and history, and donated a poem to the school. After her visit, school officials apparently believed she had given the mascot a seal of approval on behalf of the Cherokee Nation.

"Although our mascot is called 'warrior,' (the Cherokees) believe that he is depicted in paintings located in our spectator gym and bus concourse as being kind and with the wisdom that comes from years of humanitarian leadership of his Native Americans," Maine West's late former Principal James Coburn wrote in a 1993 memo.

"The expressed behaviors of our students and mascot, they believe, also reinforce our respect for Native Americans. ... I recommend that we accept the Cherokee Nation's gracious offer as a tribute to Maine West and the dignity it accords the Native American Indian."

In an interview, though, Littlefield said she doesn't recall expressing support for the mascot during her visit. "I never gave any endorsement for this, for myself or the Cherokee Nation," she said.

Representatives of the Oklahoma-based Cherokee Nation also said they have no records showing that officials approved the mascot.

"It would be highly unlikely that we would have," said Chuck Hoskin Jr., the nation's secretary of state. "The reason is that the mascot's depiction of Cherokee culture is just not Cherokee. It has zero relevance to our culture.

"I have no doubt that the school believed they were acting in good faith, but they didn't have enough information and didn't do the research. I can't believe any official of this nation would have blessed that depiction."

Many American Indian organizations oppose the use of native-themed mascots, even if they are intended as a tribute. Some research has concluded that the mascots perpetuate negative stereotypes and damage the self-esteem of young American Indians.

"When you have members of the actual community saying it's disrespectful, doesn't that make you want to step back and say maybe it's not an honor?" said Heather Miller of Chicago's American Indian Center.

D.J. Meyers, a 2015 Maine West graduate, portrayed the Warrior his senior year. At the time, he said, he believed the costume and dance were accurate representations of Native American culture, and that the Cherokee Nation had given the mascot its approval. He said he aimed to give respectful performances and never heard a negative comment during his time wearing the costume.

"It brought me the biggest joy I've ever had in my life," he said. "I was ecstatic every time I did it."

Meyers, 21, said he wants Maine West to retain the mascot, perhaps by improving its authenticity, but Hoskin said the school should reconsider its appropriateness altogether.

"This is an opportunity for this school to say, 'Years ago we made a mistake; now let's learn about what the Cherokee Nation is really about,' " he said. "This can be turned into a great moment for the school."

David Beery, spokesman for Maine Township High School District 207, said the criticism has prompted the school to re-examine its use of the mascot.

"We are well aware that sensitivities have shifted significantly since the time (Littlefield) visited the school," he said. "In light of that, we are definitely willing to review what we're doing. ... It's not our intent or wish to offend."

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Convicted Black Souls leaders' attorneys allege jury problem

By Megan Crepeau
Chicago Tribune

Attorneys for six reputed Black Souls gang leaders convicted of racketeering want to interview a juror who they believe has made explosive allegations about racist conduct amid chaos during the jury's closed-door deliberations.

The lawyers filed an affidavit from a sister of defendant Antwan Davis in which she alleged that the African-American juror told her that other jurors had screamed insults, used the N-word, and thrown chairs and jumped on tables during the deliberations.

"Yes, they were calling us every name but the child of God," the affidavit quoted the undisclosed juror as telling Davis' sister Shira, 28.

It has been difficult to change a verdict based on a juror's later complaints, but in Thursday's filing, the attorneys cited a U.S. Supreme Court decision in 2017 that a judge weighing a new trial can consider if jurors acted with racist motivations to reach a verdict.

The lawyers are seeking approval to talk to the juror from Judge Michael McHale, who barred contact with the jury after six leaders of the West Side street gang were convicted in December following a nearly two-month trial in Cook County's first test of a tough state anti-racketeering law.

The deliberations came to an abrupt halt after two jurors handed up a note to the judge complaining of racism and chauvinism in the jury room. McHale removed five jurors — one for allegedly making racist remarks in the jury room, another for lying on her jury questionnaire, a third who lost consciousness and had to be taken away by paramedics, and the final two for protesting the fairness of the jury's legal instructions.

Five alternates took their places and convicted the six defendants on charges of racketeering conspiracy and drug conspiracy. They face sentences of up to life in prison.

According to Davis' affidavit, she talked to the juror by phone March 5 after first reaching out on Facebook. Davis said the juror told her a male juror screamed at another female juror and called her ugly. The juror said she then spoke up, telling the man he was ugly and that he needed to "back off before she knocked his ass out," the affidavit said. The other female juror then had an anxiety attack, the juror allegedly said.

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Judge delays trial for 2 in Hadiya slaying

By Megan Crepeau
Chicago Tribune

Ward

Williams

A Cook County judge on Thursday postponed the upcoming trial of two reputed gang members charged in the 2013 fatal shooting of 15-year-old Hadiya Pendleton.

Jury selection had been slated to begin April 26 for Micheail Ward, the alleged gunman, and co-defendant Kenneth Williams.

Judge Nicholas Ford, who is presiding over the high-profile case, blamed the delay on a scheduling issue with an expert witness who is expected to testify. "Your trial, gentleman, is looking like it will go in August," Ford told Ward and Williams during a hearing in the Leighton Criminal Court Building.

No specific trial date was set, however.

Hadiya's killing just a week after she performed at festivities for President Barack Obama's second inauguration became emblematic of Chicago's entrenched gun violence.

The sophomore was taking shelter from rain in Harsh Park after final exams at King College Prep High School when, prosecutors have said, Ward got out of a car driven by Williams and opened fire. The park is about a mile from the Obamas' home in the South Side's Kenwood neighborhood.

Hadiya was fatally struck in the back, and two other students were wounded.

Prosecutors are expected to lean heavily on Ward's video-recorded statement to detectives.

The recorded interrogation — which the Tribune detailed in a front-page story in 2016 before Ford granted prosecutors' request to seal it — provides a look at how detectives methodically worked to gain a confession. Ward's lawyers allege his admissions were improperly coerced, but Ford allowed the evidence at trial.

Ward told police he had driven to a friend's house after the slaying and cried because he had felt pressured by Williams to open fire into the park. According to prosecutors, Ward and Williams belonged to a Gangster Disciples faction known as SUWU and were driving through the turf of 4-6 Terror, a rival faction with whom they were feuding, looking for rivals to shoot.

The students who were shot had no gang affiliation, authorities have said.

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Disbarred attorney gets 8 years for stealing from clients

A former Schaumburg lawyer who authorities said stole hundreds of thousands of dollars from his clients was sentenced Tuesday to eight years in prison, officials said.

Cook County Judge Timothy Joyce ordered Lino Menconi taken into custody immediately. A jury in February found Menconi guilty of theft. The Illinois Supreme Court disbarred him in 2014 after the Attorney Registration and Disciplinary Commission accused him of taking more than $600,000 from clients as far back as 2006.

Prosecutors accused him of misleading elderly, ailing clients and using their money for his children's tuition, his secretary's wages and country club dues.

In one case, prosecutors alleged, Menconi cashed a $112,000 check for an IRA that belonged to an 86-year-old client. In another case involving his 71-year-old uncle, who was living in a nursing home, Menconi converted a death benefit into $174,000 in payments for his uncle's care but spent only $52,000 on his uncle and withdrew the rest.

Nine supporters spoke in court on Menconi's behalf, and prosecutors said Menconi cited personal problems as reasons he mishandled the money. He is eligible for release after serving half the sentence.

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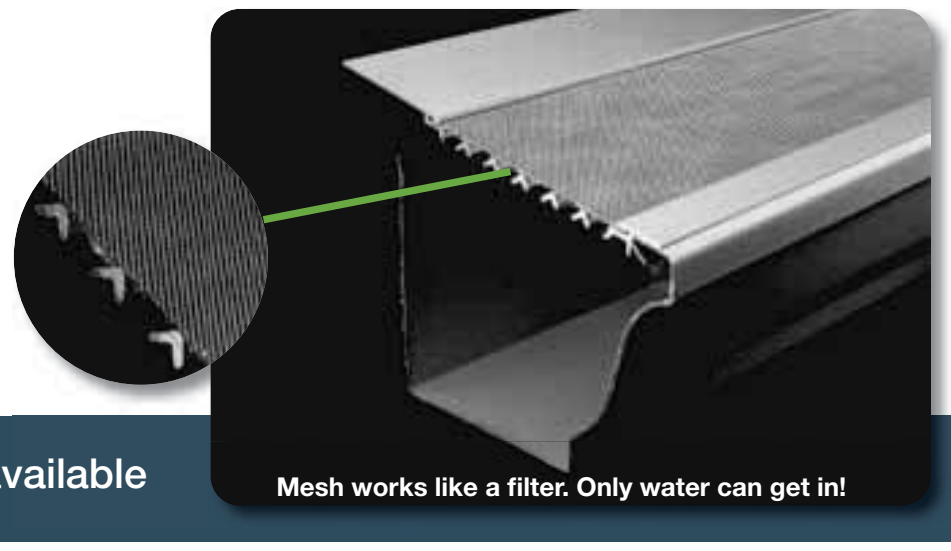
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Publications push conservative view

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common is one of the state's most visible and controversial political figures, Dan Proft. Though Proft is known for backing conservative candidates for office through Liberty Principles, recent tax, business and campaign filings illuminate how other organizations with ties to Proft helped spread his political views through publications that showcase candidates he supports.

It's a situation that encompasses not only ethical questions about a modern tool of Illinois political warfare but also the national discussion over what constitutes "fake news."

Since 2015, thousands of articles have been published in more than two dozen print and online publications tied to Proft, who in addition to heading Liberty Principles has served as a consultant to Think Freely Media.

The first articles were produced by a firm run by media entrepreneur Brian Timpone, a longtime friend of Proft's who has frequently discussed Illinois politics as a guest on Proft's morning radio show. Timpone's firm, called Newsinator, also has a history of doing paid political work and offers marketing services to companies under the name Interactive Content Services.

After Proft's political committee paid Newsinator in 2016 to mail print versions of some publications to voters, the state elections board ordered Liberty Principles to identify such materials as political advertising more clearly in the future.

But regulators did not impose fines, and since then, records and interviews show, Proft has doubled down on his media venture by teaming with Timpone to start a new private company, Local Government Information Services, that now runs the websites and publications created by Newsinator.

The new firm lists 29 websites it controls and 11 print publications, with names ranging from the Grundy Reporter to the North Cook News. The sites typically mix community calendars and local sports coverage, largely computer-generated, with articles that range from statistical dives into local government spending to stories that feature candidates whom Proft's political committee has supported.

The publications' emergence over the past three years has drawn a range of critics, including Proft's political opponents in both parties as well as journalists who have worked for traditional news organizations.

Among them is Charlie Wheeler, a former longtime Chicago Sun-Times reporter who now directs the public affairs reporting program at the University of Illinois at Springfield.

"They purport to be newspapers, but in my judgment they don't subscribe to the tenets of traditional journalism. They do not provide balanced coverage," Wheeler said.

Different views of news

Timpone said his publications could be compared to the journalism model employed in America in the 18th and 19th centuries, in which writers reported topics from clearly identified political points of view. And Timpone said the mainstream media skews liberal, regardless of stated intentions.

"I'm a conservative Republican. I don't hide from it, and I never will," said Timpone, a former TV reporter who also spent time as a Republican statehouse aide. "You can call me biased. You can call me one-sided. ... I just don't lie about it. I try to be fair in my coverage."

Beyond offering a "pro-taxpayer" perspective, Timpone said, the articles are meant to be produced quickly — often written with just one side, often quoting from press releases or other media reports. It's how Timpone said consumers want to digest news now.

Proft declined to answer specific questions, but in an email he said the financial transactions were all disclosed and transparent. He questioned the motives of "cultural Marxists at the Tribune," who he said are taking part in unfair, "thinly veiled political attacks" against him because the Tribune doesn't want "conservative perspectives" to emerge or conservative candidates to be elected.

"This forthcoming Tribune tale will be little more than leftist propaganda," Proft said in the email.

Timpone also criticized the Tribune after it broke ties with him in 2012. A firm of Timpone's called Journatic once used database mining and low-cost freelance writers to create hyperlocal news stories for the Tribune until complaints emerged of plagiarism and faked bylines. Timpone said those complaints were overblown.

The firm, now known as Locality Labs, is credited with providing much of the content for Timpone and Proft's publications since the pair's for-profit firm took over management of the news operation.

In 2016, Timpone's Newsinator produced the article in the East Central Reporter that featured one of Proft's favored candidates, Reggie Phillips. The article's only mention of his opponent in the Republican primary, Jonathan Kaye, was a quote from Phillips saying Kaye lacked "the experience or trust" to do the job. Phillips went on to win the primary and general election.

After Phillips chose to retire, Proft's political committee spent more than $100,000 to secure a win in the 2018 primary for its preferred candidate to succeed him, Chris Miller. Meanwhile, one of Proft's publications wrote extensively about Miller and not the other candidate, records show.

Kaye, the Republican who ran unsuccessfully against Phillips in 2016, told the Tribune he believes the articles are part of a "shell game" of connected groups used by wealthy Chicago-area ultraconservatives to win legislative seats Downstate.

"Newsinator and journalism, now that's funny," Kaye said sarcastically. The firm "was just another part of the shell game to make it look like an arm's-length arrangement. It was the same people doing the same thing for the same purpose."

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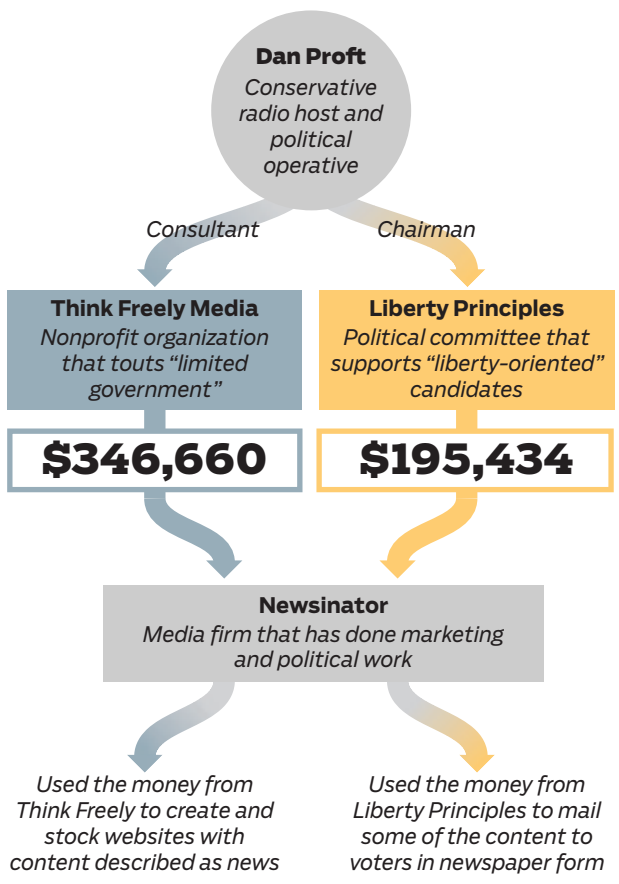
Conservative operative Dan Proft, right, interviews business partner Brian Timpone last month on his radio talk show.

Publications mix news, politics

A loose network of groups linked to a controversial political figure has created and distributed publications that showcase the views of conservative candidates in Illinois.



SOURCES: Newsinator, Think Freely Media, federal and state filings

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Funding a network

A few years after the Tribune broke ties with Journatic, Timpone still saw a void in the market for local news and wanted to fill it, he said. So he turned to a longtime friend, John Tillman.

Tillman is credited with building up the Illinois Policy Institute, which describes itself as a think tank and is backed largely by wealthy conservatives like Lake Forest businessman Richard Uihlein. Gov. Bruce Rauner was also among the biggest donors until he fell out of favor a year ago amid complaints he wasn't conservative enough. Proft has served as one of the institute's senior fellows.

Tillman and his allies have long complained that traditional media has a liberal bias. His think tank created a news operation of its own, the nonprofit Illinois News Network, that offers free coverage of state government to traditional media outlets. They call the content balanced; critics call it biased.

Tillman also created Think Freely Media with the aim of touting the "benefits of limited government," according to its IRS filing. In August 2015, the nonprofit began funding Timpone's Newsinator. Tax filings show that first round of cash amounted to $346,660.

Think Freely Media's president, Eric Tubbs, told the Tribune the organization chose to work with Timpone's company on "policy-focused, localized news content." Tillman did not respond to questions, and his office said he was out of the country.

Records show that on Aug. 21, 2015, six websites were registered with the domain service GoDaddy at the same time, including the Lake County Gazette, McHenry Times, Kankakee Times and North Cook News. To cover St. Louis' eastern suburbs, there was the Metro East Sun. For Champaign-Urbana, the Chambana Sun.

They joined the DuPage Policy Journal, which Timpone said Newsinator had started earlier as a prototype.

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John Tillman, CEO of the Illinois Policy Institute, created Think Freely Media, which funded Timpone's Newsinator.

Creating news content isn't Newsinator's only stated business. State and court records show the firm also has helped candidates establish websites, monitor what's being said about them on the internet and advise what to do about it. Under another name, Interactive Content Services, the company also produces articles for paying clients, who get to approve what's written. The content is then posted on social media and specially created websites — which Timpone said are separate from his news ventures.

"Quick 5-10 min interviews are all that's needed to get a feature length story published about your business," according to the company's website.

Timpone said the cash from Think Freely Media — as well as money from others he declined to name — soon spurred the creation of additional websites, including the East Central Reporter, that targeted areas east of Interstate 57 between Champaign and Effingham.

Those sites produce a wide range of content, he said. As examples, Timpone pointed to one report exploring how many lawmakers advocating for public schools went to private schools and another that questioned the pay and benefits packages of West Chicago teachers who were threatening to strike.

Timpone said he did not seek or need approval from the nonprofit of what was written, and he said no content his company produced with nonprofit money was intended for political purposes. Tubbs of Think Freely Media agreed.

"None of the content that was funded by TFM was political or electioneering in nature. To imply otherwise would be wrong," Tubbs wrote.

But one group did say otherwise: Proft's political committee, Liberty Principles.

An 'electioneering' paper

The political committee, started in 2012, is one of many ventures for Proft, a former Republican statehouse staffer, Cicero spokesman, public relations entrepreneur and gubernatorial candidate. By 2016, he was hosting a morning talk radio show with side gigs running Liberty Principles and a consulting firm that was paid roughly $100,000 a year by Think Freely.

Liberty Principles is a type of political organization called an "independent expenditure committee." Unlike a traditional political action committee or PAC, it can accept unlimited donations. In 2016, Liberty Principles spent more than $5 million on radio ads, TV ads, consultants and phone banks to support eight candidates for statehouse seats.

Of that, $195,434 was spent on behalf of the candidates for what Proft's committee described in state filings as newspaper advertising.

The committee later told state elections officials that the money was paid to Newsinator to create, print and mail newspapers with articles about the eight candidates.

(Records show the newspapers were mailed through Tribune Direct Marketing, a division of the Chicago Tribune's parent company, Tronc, that offers direct mailing services to marketers.)

Among the articles was the one about Phillips' re-election bid, which prompted a complaint from Kaye to the state elections board.

Three other complaints followed, all arguing that the political committee's paid reporters improperly coordinated with the candidates by interviewing them and that, in any case, the law prohibited the committee from sending out such mailings because they weren't explicitly labeled as political advertising mailers.

The lawyer representing Liberty Principles, Christine Svenson, argued to elections officials that although Timpone's company controlled the content of the articles, the newspapers were a political mailing.

"She stated that the newspapers are in fact electioneering communications, as they expressly advocate for or against candidates even though the articles primarily don't contain language saying 'vote for, elect or vote against,'" an elections board hearing officer recounted in a May 2016 report. "She believes on the face of the articles it is clear that they are expressly advocating for particular candidates."

In response to Tribune questions, however, Timpone and Tubbs said Proft's political committee got it wrong.

Timpone said the articles that appeared in the newspapers had already been published online with funding from Think Freely Media and were not political. The money from the political committee, Timpone told the Tribune, covered the cost of producing and mailing actual newspapers, which carried the same names as the websites funded by the nonprofit.

The content complies with legal requirements for nonprofits and "TFM is not responsible for how a PAC uses it, characterizes it or otherwise mischaracterizes it as Ms. Svenson did," Tubbs wrote in an email.

Svenson, now a Republican candidate for Cook County judge, declined to say whether she still believes the content was political.

New company takes over

Two years ago, elections board officials determined the complaints about the newspapers were filed on "justifiable grounds" but closed three of the four cases without holding a public hearing. (The other was dropped by the person who filed it.)

One reason the officials cited for closing the cases was that Illinois had not written precise enough rules to govern independent expenditure committees like Liberty Principles.

No fines were issued — and in two years since, no new rules have been written.

The board did order Liberty Principles to be more explicit next time it published something so people knew they were reading a political ad.

Instead, Proft formed a new company called Local Government Information Services before the 2016 general election, state records show.

Although Timpone is not listed in state records as a company official, Timpone said he partnered with Proft on the new for-profit venture and transferred over the websites he had originally created with Newsinator.

There are now even more websites, 29 in all. The firm says it converts articles from 11 of the sites into print newspapers.

Timpone said there are differences between the news operation begun by Newsinator and the one run by Local Government Information Services, which is known by its initials. For one, LGIS is seeking subscribers to support the publications, along with investors Timpone would not name. Newsinator is no longer mentioned as a content provider; another Timpone firm called Locality Labs — sometimes referred to as Local Labs — is credited with content.

State records show that the new firm's listed business agent is Svenson, the lawyer who previously argued to elections officials that the newspapers produced by Proft's political committee were political.

In certain areas, Timpone said, free papers are mailed to households where people have voted in past elections. He said the editions aren't being sent in an attempt to sway votes but rather as a free sample in the hope that a reader interested in elections will pick up a copy and enjoy the edition so much that he or she subscribes.

The majority of the 11 print papers list coverage areas where Proft's political committee endorsed specific candidates in the 2018 primary election, the Tribune found. Timpone said there's no connection.

In last month's primary, state records show, Liberty Principles spent more than $100,000 on Miller, its preferred candidate in the House's 110th District race. An internet search shows LGIS' East Central Reporter featured Miller in 15 articles before the election — including one that complimented a TV ad that Liberty Principles had just produced.

Miller, who defeated Terry Davis by 30 percentage points, did not respond to Tribune attempts to reach him for comment.

Before the primary, just one of the 15 articles mentioned Davis by name, and Davis was not quoted in any of them. Timpone said he suspects that is because Davis never sent a news release. Davis said no reporter from that paper ever called him.

Timpone said the coverage had nothing to do with helping Proft's favored candidate. "Liberty Principles PAC is Liberty Principles PAC. LGIS is LGIS. Free speech is free speech," he said.

Davis said someone would have to be "pretty naive" to not see the connections.

"I don't think these people are stupid," Davis said. "I believe they know what the laws are and how they can get around them."

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Heat builds on EPA's Pruitt

President lauds him, but White House voices concern

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Embattled EPA Administrator Scott Pruitt's situation appears to have unraveled quickly.

WASHINGTON — EPA Administrator Scott Pruitt once seemed immune from the Trump administration chaos. No more.

Questions are dogging Pruitt over first-class plane trips at taxpayer expense, a housing deal from a lobbyist's wife and big government payouts for his friends. The anti-regulatory crusader's days in the Trump administration may be numbered.

By midweek, even Pruitt looked rattled by how fast things were unraveling as he struggled to explain on national television how two aides he recruited from his home state of Oklahoma came to receive immense pay hikes — one for $57,000 — that the White House had refused to authorize. He bristled on Fox News when asked how accepting a below-market room-rental from the wife of a Washington lobbyist whose firm does business before the EPA fit with President Donald Trump's vow to "drain the swamp."

Pruitt has found little refuge at the White House.

Asked Wednesday if Trump is comfortable with the alleged ethics lapses swirling around Pruitt, White House Press Secretary Sarah Huckabee Sanders was frank. "The president's not," she said. "We're reviewing the situation."

On Thursday, the White House repeated its concern. "We expect that administrator Pruitt (will) answer those questions," said deputy press secretary Hogan Gidley.

Pruitt, who denies any ethical lapses or abuse of taxpayer money, may yet hang onto his job at the EPA. As he boarded Air Force One on Thursday, Trump was asked if he had confidence in Pruitt. "I do," he said. Later, Trump told reporters he would "look at" the reports about Pruitt and "make that determination." But he added, "I think he's done a fantastic job. I think he's done an incredible job. He's been very courageous."

Buffered by the adoration that oil and coal industries heap upon him as he dismantles Obama-era environmental policies, Pruitt had avoided the turbulence and turnover gripping Trump's inner circle. His supporters had once even floated his name as a possible attorney general replacement.

Some Trump allies are rushing to Pruitt's defense as he confronts charges that he abused his office and showed poor ethical judgment. But even before the controversies over pay hikes and housing deals, White House confidence in Pruitt was eroded by headlines about Pruitt's penchant for flying first-class at taxpayer expense. He insisted security concerns mandated first-class tickets but vowed to scale it back.

Pruitt's luxury plane travel, demands for a large personal security detail and other spending at the agency triggered alarms for some of the EPA staffers who managed such things. Several of them, according to The New York Times, were reassigned or demoted when they brought their concerns to Pruitt. The head of Pruitt's security detail was reportedly reassigned soon after refusing Pruitt's request to use a government vehicle's sirens and flashing lights to cut through Washington traffic during a non-emergency trip. EPA officials said Pruitt had no role in when sirens were used.

Pruitt says the cascade of allegations about his ethics is part of a conspiracy against him and the Trump policy agenda. The former Oklahoma attorney general is confronting it by avoiding the mainstream media and taking his story to conservative outlets such as Fox News and the Washington Examiner.

As calls for his resignation grew midweek to include two House Republicans, Pruitt told the Examiner it is much about nothing.

"It's toxic here," he said of Washington. "There are people that have long in this town done business a different way and this agency has been the poster child of it. And so, do I think that because we are leading on this agenda that there are some who want to keep that from happening? Absolutely. And do I think that they will resort to anything to achieve that? Yes."

The trade publication Inside EPA reported Thursday that a key source of the damaging information circulated about Pruitt is former White House staffer Rob Porter, who resigned amid allegations he had been physically abusive to women, including two ex-wives.

The report cites anonymous sources and Porter has not commented. But one of Pruitt's top confidantes is an ex-girlfriend of Porter's who informed the White House about his alleged violent history with women. That Pruitt aide, policy adviser Samantha Dravis, resigned from the EPA last week.

Just before Dravis left the agency, Sen. Tom Carper, D-Del., had begun raising questions about her work history. Last week, he asked the EPA's inspector general to investigate reports he had heard that Dravis was absent from work for much or all of November, December and January. Pruitt and the EPA did not respond to requests for comment.

Top White House officials are making known their frustration that Pruitt's controversies are undermining the president's promise to "drain the swamp" of corruption in Washington.

If the EPA chief hangs on, it may be because Trump can't afford more administration turmoil. He recently dismissed his secretary of state and his Veterans Affairs chief over Twitter. And since Trump's appointment of CIA director Mike Pompeo to the secretary of state job leaves the CIA post to be filled, that means three Senate confirmation battles are looming as the GOP-led Congress tries to hang on to power in this year's midterm elections.

There were already three open EPA inspector general investigations into Pruitt before this week, involving his first class travel, his hiring practices and his installation of a $43,000 phone booth in his office meant to deter eavesdroppers. And the inspector general is now considering the launch of a fourth into the housing deal he negotiated in a condo owned by the wife of Washington lobbyist J. Steven Hart.

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ISIS shows new momentum as Trump mulls Syria pullout

By Sarah El Deeb and Philip Issa
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A U.S. soldier patrols this week in an armored vehicle on a road in Syria that leads to a tense front line in Manbij.

MANBIJ, Syria — Even as President Donald Trump mulls a U.S. pullout from Syria, insisting that the Islamic State group is "almost completely defeated," the extremist group is showing signs of a revival.

Despite being kicked out of the main towns they once occupied near the Iraqi border, the militants have regrouped elsewhere and revised their tactics, recently mounting a brazen attack on a border city in eastern Syria and expanding their footprint inside the Syrian capital itself.

Talk of a U.S. troop withdrawal has alarmed the United States' main ally in Syria, the Kurds, who fought alongside the Americans to roll back Islamic State, also known as ISIS. They fear not only an ISIS resurgence but also that without U.S. troops in the country, Turkey, Russia and Iran will fill the void and wrest control of northern and eastern Syria.

The White House said Wednesday that the U.S. military mission against ISIS in Syria is coming to a "rapid end" but offered no timetable for the withdrawal of the 2,000 U.S. troops other than to say they will leave as soon as the last remaining ISIS fighters can be vanquished.

Trump, however, has signaled to his advisers that ideally he wants all troops out within six months, according to three U.S. officials, who spoke on condition of anonymity because they weren't authorized to discuss what transpired in a meeting with the president.

Developments on the ground, however, suggest it will be difficult, if not impossible, to completely snuff out the group before then.

"Daesh is not over," said the commander of the U.S.-backed Manbij Military Council, the joint Kurdish-Arab body administering this northern Syrian town. He referred to ISIS by its Arabic acronym.

Speaking to the Associated Press on Wednesday, he said the U.S. statements about a pullout were a cause for "concern on the street level" but that Kurdish officials were receiving reassurances from U.S. generals on the ground that American troops were staying.

Last week, an explosion killed two coalition personnel, an American and a Briton, during an operation to capture a known ISIS member in Manbij, where U.S. troops maintain a large presence. It was the first such blast to hit the U.S.-led coalition since it deployed in the town months after the U.S.-backed forces liberated it from ISIS in 2016 following fierce battles that lasted nearly three months.

Since then, the town has served as a model of stabilization, but officials are now expressing concern about ISIS attempting to re-emerge.

The U.S.-backed forces — a mix of Kurdish and Arab fighters known as the Syrian Democratic Forces, or SDF — routed ISIS militants from almost all the territory the extremists controlled in northern Syria, including the group's de facto capital of Raqqa, in October. In November, a coalition of Iranian, Iraqi, Syrian and Russian forces secured the militant's last urban stronghold, Boukamal, in eastern Syria on the border with Iraq.

That seemed to herald victory over the militants. The various sides then turned their attention to pursuing their own interests in the disintegrated country.

The ISIS militants kept a sliver of territory along the Euphrates River and some nebulous zones of control in the desert of eastern Syria and on the border with Iraq — but nothing that seemed beyond containment.

But in a surprise attack, the militants stormed Boukamal on Monday, triggering heavy fighting before Iranian-backed Shiite militias beat them out, according to a war monitoring group and Syrian opposition activists with connections to the region. Approximately 400 ISIS fighters crossed the Euphrates River and ambushed the town, killing 11 pro-government fighters in clashes, a monitoring group said.

U.S. and Kurdish officers warned of an ISIS resurgence in March when Turkey attacked Afrin in northwestern Syria to drive out the main Kurdish militia, known as the YPG.

Trump proposes $100 billion in new tariffs on Chinese goods

By Jill Colvin
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — President Donald Trump has instructed the U.S. trade representative to consider slapping an additional $100 billion in tariffs on Chinese goods, the White House announced Thursday, in a dramatic escalation in the trade dispute between the two countries.

The news came a day after Beijing announced plans to tax $50 billion in American products, including soybeans and small aircraft, in response to a U.S. move earlier this week to slap tariffs on $50 billion in Chinese imports.

The White House said Trump had instructed the Office of the United States Trade Representative to consider whether $100 billion of additional tariffs would be appropriate and, if so, to identify which products they should apply to. He also has instructed his secretary of agriculture "to implement a plan to protect our farmers and agricultural interests."

"China's illicit trade practices ignored for years by Washington have destroyed thousands of American factories and millions of American jobs," Trump said in a statement.

The latest escalation comes after the U.S. on Tuesday said it would impose 25 percent duties on $50 billion of imports from China, and China quickly retaliated by listing $50 billion of products that it could hit with its own 25 percent tariffs. The Chinese list Wednesday included soybeans, the biggest U.S. export to China, and aircraft up to 45 tons. Also on the list were American beef, whiskey, passenger vehicles and industrial chemicals.

Earlier in the week, Beijing announced separate import duties on $3 billion of U.S. goods in response to the Trump administration's duties on all steel and aluminum imports, including from China.

U.S. officials have sought to downplay the threat of a broader trade dispute, saying a negotiated outcome is still possible. But economists warn that the tit-for-tat moves bear the hallmarks of a rift that could escalate. Already, tensions between the world's two biggest economies have rattled global stock markets.

U.S. Trade Representative Robert Lighthizer called China's moved "unjustified" and said Trump's proposal was an "appropriate response to China's recent threat of new tariffs."

"Such measures would undoubtedly cause further harm to American workers, farmers, and businesses," he said in a statement. "Under these circumstances, the President is right to ask for additional appropriate action to obtain the elimination of the unfair acts, policies, and practices identified in USTR's report."

The clash reflects the tension between Trump's promises to narrow a U.S. trade deficit with China that stood at $375.2 billion in goods last year and China's ruling Communist Party's development ambitions.

U.S., Mexico target new drug war front

Smugglers on the high seas face new cooperative effort

By Julie Watson
Associated Press

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A U.S. Coast Guard law enforcement team boards a fishing boat carrying a cocaine shipment in the Pacific Ocean.

SAN DIEGO — The U.S. and Mexican governments are sparring over immigration and trade, but the two countries are joining forces on the high seas like never before to go after drug smugglers.

The United States, Mexico and Colombia will target drug smugglers off South America's Pacific coast in an operation scheduled to begin Sunday and last for the foreseeable future, Coast Guard officials told The Associated Press.

U.S. Coast Guard Adm. Paul Zukunft teased the idea during a recent defense conference in San Diego, saying the United States "can't do it alone."

"It's no secret we are besieged with the flow of drugs from Latin America to the United States," he said.

U.S. and Mexican forces have routinely worked together at sea, but the latest effort "marks a significant step in terms of information sharing, collaboration and cooperation between the United States, Mexico and other partner nations," according to the Coast Guard.

The Americans and Mexicans will exchange intelligence more freely than in the past, which could mean sharing information on well-traveled routes for drug smugglers or preferred paths for specific smuggling organizations, Coast Guard spokeswoman Alana Miller said.

They will also board the other country's vessels to view operations and gain expertise, Miller said. In 2015, three members of the Mexican navy boarded a Coast Guard vessel during a port call in Huatulco, Mexico, but this operation calls for more exchanges, and they will be at sea.

The operation will last "for the foreseeable future as long as it's working for everyone," Miller said. "It's sort of open-ended."

Traffickers have turned to the sea to move their illegal goods, traversing an area off South America that is so big, the continental U.S. could be dropped inside. Smugglers routinely move cocaine out of countries like Colombia to Central America and Mexico via fishing boats, skiffs, commercial cargo ships — even homemade submarines.

The operation comes after five years of record seizures by the Coast Guard.

But U.S. officials say because of limited resources, the U.S. military's smallest service still catches only about 25 percent of illegal shipments in the Pacific.

Even so, the Coast Guard annually seizes three times the amount of cocaine confiscated at the U.S.-Mexico border. Yet ocean smuggling has not grabbed lawmakers' attention like the flow of drugs across the nearly 2,000-mile-long border, where the Trump administration wants to spend billions to build a wall.

As much as 20 percent of the cocaine moving through South America ends up in the United States, and most of it lands first in Mexico from seafaring smugglers.

The hope is boats will be stopped before their shipments are loaded onto Mexican trucks that fan out on various routes bound for the U.S. border, authorities said. Large boats can cart 20 tons of cocaine or more.

Mexico has historically been among the Latin American countries that are most reluctant to join operations with the U.S., which can be traced back to the Mexican-American War that was fought 170 years ago. The United States cannot open military bases in Mexico, and U.S. officials cannot venture into Mexican waters without prior permission, even if they are chasing drug vessels.

The Coast Guard now stops its pursuit and alerts Mexican authorities if suspicious boats cross into their territorial waters.

It's unclear whether this new cooperation will affect those restrictions.

Treaties with nations such as Colombia have allowed U.S. authorities more latitude, such as permitting Coast Guard officers to board Colombian-flagged ships. U.S. officials have touted Colombia's joint anti-drug efforts as a model for the region.

The U.S. and Mexican military relationship has strengthened since the two nations signed the 2008 Merida Initiative to work together in the drug war.

There have been more cross-border trainings, especially with the Mexican navy, which is considered less corrupt than the Mexican army and has raised its profile with the captures and killings of drug bosses.

The combined operation was planned in meetings over the last year. The maritime services signed letters of intent to work together to fight organized crime while respecting each country's sovereignty and territorial waters.

David Shirk, associate professor of political science at the University of San Diego, said the operation falls in line with President Donald Trump's vow to go after the "bad hombres," while President Enrique Pena Nieto has recognized organized crime is so severe that Mexico needs help.

"With more walled-off sections of the border, we've seen drug trafficking organizations literally go underground or offshore," he said.

Last year, the Coast Guard seized more than 455,000 pounds of cocaine worth more than $6 billion and brought more than 600 suspected traffickers back to the United States for prosecution.

The Coast Guard has been criticized for holding suspects on ships where they cannot easily access lawyers.

Shirk said joint operations could lead "to serious violations of suspects' rights at sea and possible human rights violations in the process."

Coast Guard officials say they respect suspects' rights. Where suspects will be sent with the three countries participating in the operation will be decided on a case-by-case basis.

U.S. military officials have been reluctant to openly discuss details of the cooperation with their Mexican counterparts, sensitive to the Mexican public's historical view and recent barbs between the two presidents.

Jorge Chabat, a political scientist at the Center for Economic Research and Teaching in Mexico City, said he doubts the combined operation will get much negative reaction from a Mexican public tired of drug violence.

"The more insecurity we have, the less nationalism we have in Mexico," he said.

Ultimately, he doubts the joint operation will make much difference.

"This is something they have to do to maintain drug trafficking at the same level, and not allow it to grow," he said. "That's the most you can do. You can't just surrender."

Trump: 2K-4K Guard troops for border

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President Trump said National Guard troops would be on the border until the wall is built.

enforcement work, an apparent reference to undertaking patrols and making arrests.

The National Guard in Texas expressed support, but said in a statement that deployment remained in "very early planning stages."

The Republican governors of New Mexico and Arizona have also backed the deployment. It remained unclear Thursday how Democratic California Gov. Jerry Brown would respond to Trump's call.

Brown's office repeatedly referred requests for comment to the California National Guard, which said the state first must be informed where money for the deployment would come from, how long it would last and clearly define the operation's objectives.

In Washington, Marine Lt. Gen. Kenneth McKenzie told reporters at the Pentagon that it has not yet been determined how many, if any, of the troops participating in the border security operation will be armed.

Trump ordered the deployment because "we are at a crisis point" with illegal immigration, Secretary Kirstjen Nielsen of the Department of Homeland Security said.

"We'd like to stop it before the numbers get even bigger," she said.

Nielsen said Guard members would provide support to border officials, "help look at the technology, the surveillance, in some cases we'll ask for some fleet mechanics" and free up agents trained in law enforcement for other duties.

Arrests along the U.S. border with Mexico jumped to 50,308 in March, a 37 percent increase from February, and more than triple the same period last year. Border arrests rose 10 of the last 11 months after falling in April 2017 to the lowest since the Department of Homeland Security was created in 2003.

The numbers remain quite low by historical standards, however, tracking closely with figures from recent years in which the number of people apprehended crossing the border rose sharply in the spring. Overall, illegal border crossings in recent years have been at the lowest level since the early 1970s.

In 1997, U.S. Marines ordered to patrol the border for drugs in West Texas shot and killed 18-year-old Esequiel Hernandez Jr. while he was herding his family's goats near the tiny village of Redford, Texas, along the border.

That shooting sparked anger in the region and ended the President Bill Clinton-era military presence along the border.

After Sept. 11, Bush sent unarmed National Guard units to the border to support federal agents.

The troops that Bush sent improved lighting at border crossings, extended existing fencing along the international boundary, built roads, monitored remote cameras, operated communications equipment and sat in mobile observation towers watching for people sneaking into the U.S.

Their presence was especially felt in Palomas, Mexico, a smuggling hub south of the village of Columbus, New Mexico, where the increased presence and equipment was credited with easing illegal northbound immigrant travel.

President Barack Obama in 2010 deployed National Guard troops to the border over fear of increasing drug-trafficking violence.

Those troops worked on intelligence, surveillance and reconnaissance support, analysis and training, and support efforts to block drug trafficking.

They temporarily supplemented Border Patrol agents until Homeland Security could recruit and train additional officers and agents to work on the border. While some were armed for their own self-defense, they were not authorized to make arrests.

During the last two border deployments, the guard's supporting role was criticized by some people who thought they should be more involved in enforcement.

There are now more than 20,000 Border Patrol agents along the U.S.-Mexico boundary and Trump wants to add 5,000 more to the force's currently funded level of about 21,000.

Earlier in White Sulphur Springs, W. Va., Trump tossed his "boring" prepared remarks into the air and unleashed a fierce denunciation of the nation's immigration policies.

In Mexico, President Enrique Pena Nieto and other presidential candidates put aside their differences Thursday to condemn Trump's decision to deploy troops to the border. Mexico's Senate passed a resolution Wednesday calling for the suspension of cooperation on illegal immigration and drug trafficking in retaliation.

"The presidential candidates, independently of their natural differences, all of them coincided in rejecting these measures that run counter to good relations between neighbors," Pena Nieto said in a broadcast message.

Meanwhile, migrants in a caravan that drew criticism from Trump began packing up their meager possessions and boarding buses to Mexico City and the nearby city of Puebla. The migrants had been camped out at a sports field in southern Oaxaca since the weekend. Trump had said they were marching toward the U.S. border, though that was never part of organizers' plans.

Trump says he didn't know of porn star's payoff

By Catherine Lucey
Associated Press

ABOARD AIR FORCE ONE — President Donald Trump said Thursday that he didn't know about the $130,000 payment his personal attorney made to Stormy Daniels, issuing a firm denial in his first public comments about the adult-film actress who alleges she had an affair with him.

Asked aboard Air Force One whether he knew about the payment, Trump said flatly: "No."

Trump also said he didn't know why his longtime lawyer, Michael Cohen, had made the payment or where the attorney got the money, saying, "You'll have to ask Michael Cohen. Michael is my attorney. You'll have to ask Michael."

Until now, Trump had avoided any questions on Daniels, though the White House has said Trump denies the relationship.

He has been dogged by the focus on the porn actress, who says she had a sexual encounter with the president in 2006 and was paid to keep quiet about it as part of a nondisclosure agreement she signed days before the 2016 election.

Daniels is now seeking to invalidate that agreement.

Her attorney, Michael Avenatti, tweeted in response to Trump on Thursday that, "We very much look forward to testing the truthfulness of Mr. Trump's feigned lack of knowledge concerning the $130k payment as stated on Air Force One."

"As history teaches us," he said, "it is one thing to deceive the press and quite another to do so under oath."

Avenatti told The Associated Press: "I don't believe the feigned denial, but we're going to put it to the test."

One of several women pursuing potentially damaging legal actions, Daniels has kept the highest profile in the news, helped by a punchy Twitter feed, a widely viewed interview on "60 Minutes" and an attorney who has become a fixture on cable news.

Daniels, whose real name is Stephanie Clifford, has offered to return the $130,000 as she tries to "set the record straight."

She's said she had sex with Trump once in 2006, and their relationship continued for about a year.

Trump married his current wife, Melania, in 2005, and their son Barron was born in 2006.

Daniels argues the nondisclosure agreement is legally invalid because it was only signed by her and Cohen, not by Trump.

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Michael Cohen has served as a longtime personal attorney for President Donald Trump.

At 6 months, #MeToo at a milestone

Activists upbeat on movement's future amid wins, setbacks

By David Crary
Associated Press

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Thousands attend last year's women's march in Salt Lake City. The marches served as a prelude to the #MeToo initiative.

NEW YORK — Six months after bursting into the spotlight, the #MeToo movement has toppled scores of men from prominent positions and fueled a national conversation about workplace sexual harassment.

There is also ample evidence that the movement has some staying power that will make it a force six months from now and beyond as lawmakers across the nation enact an array of anti-harassment legislation, corporate America roots out bad behavior in the workplace and more women feel emboldened to speak out.

And the movement has the potential to guide the conversation surrounding the midterm elections, as evidenced by the record number of women getting into politics in 2018.

"We are in the midst of a national reckoning concerning sexual harassment," Connecticut Senate President Martin Looney said as the state debated anti-harassment legislation, including a plan to eliminate the statute of limitations for sexual assault crimes. "Our constituents are in need of our protection."

The movement took shape in October 2017, when reports in The New York Times and The New Yorker gave voice to numerous women accusing Hollywood mogul Harvey Weinstein of sexual misconduct. Soon afterward, the #MeToo hashtag went viral, becoming worldwide shorthand for speaking out about sexual harassment.

Along with the steady stream of harassment cases involving men, there has been extensive activity in statehouses across the country.

More than a dozen legislatures are considering bills that address sexual harassment in workplaces statewide; an even larger number are addressing harassment affecting officeholders, staff and lobbyists at the statehouses.

Those in-house efforts often have been fueled by scandal: At least two-dozen legislators have resigned or been ousted over the past year due to sexual misconduct allegations.

#MeToo activists believe the legislatures' collective efforts will produce lasting change. They also believe #MeToo has provided new awareness and resources for women experiencing harassment in the workplace.

The TIME'S UP Legal Defense Fund was launched in January by the National Women's Law Center with the aim of providing attorneys for victimized women, notably those in low-wage jobs who couldn't afford a lawyer on their own.

Fatima Goss Graves, the law center's CEO, said more than 500 attorneys have signed up, and complaints have been fielded from more than 2,300 people. The fund underwriting the program totals $21 million, provided by about 20,000 donors.

While many of those seeking help are hotel and restaurant workers, complaints have arrived from about 60 different employment sectors, including retail, farming, government, construction and the military.

Goss Graves hopes the initiative proves long-lasting.

"There is not a quick fix to this problem," she said. "If there was, we would have fixed it long ago."

Others are skeptical about the movement bringing about real change.

"Mostly, I've seen a lot of talk and gnashing of teeth but not much change," said Donna Ballman, an employment lawyer in Florida. "Women continue to be disbelieved unless they can find others to back them up. Women continue to be retaliated against with damaging transfers, ostracism and worse."

And despite the widespread action at the state level, anti-harassment efforts have suffered some setbacks.

In Florida, the House and Senate approved different measures to address the problem, and ended the session without agreement on a bill.

"It makes me angry not just because of me, but because of the women who have shared their stories," said Republican Rep. Jennifer Sullivan, who sponsored the House bill. "By them not finishing this, they're basically just silencing them yet again by saying we're going to maintain the status quo."

States like California and Washington have taken a more aggressive stance.

In California, at least 20 anti-harassment bills have been filed. One proposes equipping hotel housekeepers with panic buttons to use in cases of sexual assault; similar measures already are in place in some cities.

Washington lawmakers passed a package of harassment bills.

In Congress, the focus has been on internal problems.

The House approved legislation to speed the slow-moving process for harassment complaints, require more disclosure of settlements, and force lawmakers to personally pay any penalties they're required to make. The Senate's 22 female members are pressuring their chamber's leaders to take comparable steps.

Among employers, Microsoft has endorsed a move to eliminate private arbitration proceedings in cases of alleged sexual harassment.

Efforts are underway in several cities to train restaurant owners to address harassment. And numerous industry and professional groups have launched initiatives to strengthen anti-harassment policies.

Zoe Chance, a marketing professor at Yale School of Management, believes #MeToo will spark lasting change. One reason for her optimism: a sense that many men are supportive.

"I'm often asked to speak about women's issues — the #MeToo movement marked the first time those inquiries have come from men," she said by email. "Now that women can discuss the issues calmly, men are there for us, realizing what a huge burden this has been and what abuse we've faced."

Debra Katz, a Washington attorney who specializes in sexual harassment law, says #MeToo has had an impact at her firm.

"We're deluged with calls from people reporting sexual harassment," she said. "In the past, people just assumed their employer wouldn't believe them. Now, companies are extremely vulnerable to becoming the next poster child for harassment."

Another change, she says, is that companies are firing top executives implicated in harassment, rather than keeping them on the job while paying out confidential settlements.

Assessing #MeToo's long-term legacy, activists cite its role in raising awareness of other workplace problems, beyond harassment, that women face.

Kristin Rowe-Finkbeiner of MomsRising noted two recent developments: Washington state passing a bill promoting gender-equal pay and Starbucks announcing it had attained 100 percent gender pay equity for its U.S. employees.

"All these issues are interconnected," Rowe-Finkbeiner said. "The #MeToo movement has blown the door open for women to come forward."

Child of poisoned Russian ex-spy says she's recovering

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Yulia Skripal and her father, Sergei, were poisoned in the U.K. by a nerve agent.

LONDON — In her first public comment since she and her father, a former Russian spy, were poisoned by a nerve agent, Yulia Skripal said Thursday from a hospital that she's recovering quickly but that the ordeal has been "somewhat disorientating."

Britain has blamed Russia for the March 4 poisoning of Yulia and Sergei Skripal in Salisbury, and more than two dozen Western allies have expelled over 150 Russian diplomats in a show of solidarity. Moscow has fiercely denied the accusations and sent home an equal number of envoys in an all-out diplomatic war.

Yulia Skripal, 33, said in a statement released by British police that her "strength is growing daily" and expressed gratitude to those who came to her aid.

"I am sure you appreciate that the entire episode is somewhat disorientating, and I hope that you'll respect my privacy and that of my family during the period of my convalescence," she said.

The hospital treating the Skripals confirmed that Yulia's health has improved, while her 66-year-old father remains in critical condition.

Russian state TV on Thursday released a recording of a purported phone call between Yulia Skripal and her cousin in Russia, although the broadcaster said it could not verify its authenticity. In the call, Yulia Skripal allegedly says she and her father are both recovering and in normal health and that her father's health has not been irreparably damaged.

Rossiya TV said Skripal's niece, Viktoria, who lives in Moscow, gave it the purported recording.

Russian Foreign Minister Sergey Lavrov described the British accusations against Moscow as a mockery of international law. At a news conference Thursday, Lavrov insisted the poisoning case was fabricated by Britain to "demonize" Russia.

Britain's U.N. Ambassador Karen Pierce said Russia has come up with 24 theories on who bears responsibility in the poisoning case, but the United Kingdom has only one — that it's highly likely Russia was responsible.

"We believe that the U.K.'s actions stand up to any scrutiny," Pierce said. "We have nothing to hide, but I do fear that Russia might have something to fear."

As part of the diplomatic row, Russia last week ordered 60 U.S. diplomats to leave the country in retaliation for Washington's expulsion of the same number of Russians.

Three buses believed to be carrying expelled American diplomats left the U.S. Embassy in Moscow early Thursday after loading their luggage on trucks. Some toted pet carriers.

Lavrov noted that Russia will respond in kind to any further hostile moves but added that "we also want to establish the truth."

He sarcastically likened the British accusations to the queen from Alice in Wonderland urging "sentence first — verdict afterward."

On Wednesday, Russia called a meeting of the international chemical weapons watchdog to demand a joint investigation with Britain into the poisoning — a demand that London has rejected.

The Organization for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons voted against the Russian proposal, but Moscow said the number of countries that abstained from the vote suggested many have doubts about Britain's accusations. "It's unacceptable to make unfounded accusations instead of conducting a fair investigation and providing concrete facts," Lavrov said. "Yesterday's debate in The Hague showed that self-respecting adults don't believe in fairy tales."

Asked if Russia would accept the OPCW's conclusions, Lavrov said Moscow must be part of the inquiry and see the evidence.

"We can't give an advance approval to results of the investigation, in which we aren't taking part and which is kept secret," he said.

Russia's U.N. ambassador says Moscow assumes "with a high degree of probability" that the intelligence services of other countries are likely behind the poisoning of the former Russian spy and his daughter in Britain.

Vassily Nebenzia told the U.N. Security Council at a Thursday meeting called by Russia that "everything confirms this is a coordinated, very well-planned campaign" intended "to discredit and even delegitimize Russia."

British Foreign Secretary Boris Johnson said Wednesday "the purpose of Russia's ludicrous proposal at The Hague was clear — to undermine the independent, impartial work of the international chemical weapons watchdog."

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Police investigate a crime in east London, where there's been a spike in violence.

London struggles with spike in violent crime, homicides

By Jill Lawless
Associated Press

LONDON — Friends say Israel Ogunsola was a young man with a knack for making people laugh.

This week the 18-year-old was stabbed to death, becoming London's 53rd murder victim of 2018. The British capital is being shaken by a spike in deadly violence, much of it involving young people with knives caught up in gang feuds.

The causes are disputed and so are the solutions. But the pain is raw.

"I'm still in disbelief, because I don't understand why," said 19-year-old Nella Panda, standing beside a police cordon in the east London borough of Hackney, yards from where Ogunsola collapsed on Wednesday evening. Police and an off-duty paramedic battled to save him, but he was pronounced dead 25 minutes later.

"He was just a nice bubbly person," Panda said Thursday. "He made friends with everybody. It was always a good time when you was with him."

Ogunsola was the 12th teenager to die violently in London since January. Many of those arrested in connection with the killings are also in their teens and 20s.

In a country where guns are tightly restricted and shootings relatively rare, most of the city's murder victims were stabbed to death.

If the bloody trend continues, London will far surpass the 130 murders in 2017 and reach a number not seen since the early 2000s.

In February and March, London hit the unwanted milestone of recording more homicides than New York. The cities are roughly the same size, with more than 8 million people, and have similar extremes of poverty and wealth, but London has never recorded more murders in a year than the U.S. metropolis. New York had 290 homicides in 2017, the lowest number in decades.

Police and community workers say London's surge in violence is partly driven by battles over control of the illegal drug trade and a "postcode war" between street gangs. Some victims were targeted, while others may have been in the wrong place at the wrong time — such as 17-year-old Tanesha Melbourne, killed in a drive-by shooting on Monday as she hung out with friends.

As well as multiple causes, there are multiple candidates to blame for the city's rising homicide rate.

Some have criticized London Mayor Sadiq Khan, who oversees London's Metropolitan Police. But most of the police budget comes from the British government, which has cut police funding by more than 20 percent since 2010.

"Since I first became mayor, I have been saying to the government that it's not sustainable to make the level of cuts they have been making to London," he said.

The deficit-cutting Conservative government has also slashed funding to local councils, which run many social services, leading to the closure of youth clubs, libraries and programs for young people.

Money is not the only concern. Some argue that crime-fighting has been hampered by curbs to police stop-and-search powers — a decision made by then-Home Secretary Theresa May, who is now prime minister.

Metropolitan Police Chief Cressida Dick has blamed social media for allowing disputes to escalate rapidly, taking young people "from slightly angry with each other to 'fight' very quickly."

In U.S. capital, cellphone spying common

But while foreign spies use devices, so do our agents, cops

By Frank Bajak
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Sen. Ron Wyden received a letter from DHS saying it detected unauthorized cell-site simulators being used in the capital.

WASHINGTON — For the first time, the U.S. government has publicly acknowledged the existence in Washington of what appear to be rogue devices that foreign spies and criminals could be using to track individual cellphones and intercept calls and messages.

The use of what are known as cellphone-site simulators by foreign powers has long been a concern, but American intelligence and law enforcement agencies — which use such eavesdropping equipment themselves — have been silent on the issue until now.

In a March 26 letter to Sen. Ron Wyden, D-Ore., the Department of Homeland Security acknowledged that last year it identified suspected unauthorized cell-site simulators in the nation's capital. The agency said it had not determined the type of devices in use or who might have been operating them. Nor did it say how many it detected or where.

The agency's response, obtained by The Associated Press from Wyden's office, suggests little has been done about such equipment, known popularly as Stingrays after a brand common among U.S. police departments. The Federal Communications Commission, which regulates the nation's airwaves, formed a task force on the subject four years ago, but it never produced a report and no longer meets regularly.

The devices work by tricking mobile devices into locking onto them instead of legitimate cell towers, revealing the exact location of a particular cellphone. More sophisticated versions can eavesdrop on calls by forcing phones to step down to older, unencrypted 2G wireless technology. Some attempt to plant malware.

They can cost anywhere from $1,000 to about $200,000. They are commonly the size of a briefcase; some are as small as a cellphone. They can be placed in a car next to a government building. The most powerful can be deployed in low-flying aircraft.

Thousands of members of the military, the NSA, the CIA, the FBI and the rest of the national-security apparatus live and work in the Washington area. The surveillance-savvy among them encrypt their phone and data communications and employ electronic countermeasures. But unsuspecting citizens could fall prey.

Wyden wrote DHS in November requesting information about unauthorized use of the cell-site simulators.

The reply from DHS official Christopher Krebs noted that DHS had observed "anomalous activity" consistent with Stingrays in the Washington area. A DHS official who spoke on condition of anonymity because the letter has not been publicly released added that the devices were detected in a 90-day trial that began in January 2017 with equipment from a Las Vegas-based DHS contractor, ESD America.

Krebs, the top official in the department's National Protection and Programs Directorate, noted in the letter that DHS lacks the equipment and funding to detect Stingrays even though their use by foreign governments "may threaten U.S. national and economic security." The department did report its findings to "federal partners" Krebs did not name. That presumably includes the FBI.

The CEO of ESD America, Les Goldsmith, said his company has a relationship with DHS but would not comment further.

Legislators have been raising alarms about the use of Stingrays in the capital since at least 2014, when Goldsmith and other security-company researchers conducted public sweeps that located suspected unauthorized devices near the White House, the Supreme Court, the Commerce Department and the Pentagon, among other locations.

The executive branch, however, has shied away from even discussing the subject.

Aaron Turner, president of the mobile security consultancy Integricell, was among the experts who conducted the 2014 sweeps, in part to try to drum up business. Little has changed since, he said.

Like other major world capitals, he said, Washington is awash in unauthorized interception devices. Foreign embassies have free rein because they are on sovereign soil.

Every embassy "worth their salt" has a cell tower simulator installed, Turner said. They use them "to track interesting people that come toward their embassies." The Russians' equipment is so powerful it can track targets a mile away, he said.

Shutting down rogue Stingrays is an expensive proposition that would require wireless network upgrades the industry has been loath to pay for, security experts say. It could also lead to conflict with U.S. intelligence and law enforcement.

In addition to federal agencies, police departments use them in at least 25 states and the District of Columbia, according to the American Civil Liberties Union.

Wyden said in a statement Tuesday that "leaving security to the phone companies has proven to be disastrous."

He added that the FCC has refused to hold the industry accountable "despite repeated warnings and clear evidence that our phone networks are being exploited by foreign governments and hackers."

After the 2014 news reports about Stingrays in Washington, Rep. Alan Grayson, D-Fla, wrote the FCC in alarm. In a reply, then-FCC chairman Tom Wheeler said the agency had created a task force to combat illicit and unauthorized use of the devices. In that letter, the FCC did not say it had identified such use itself, but cited media reports of the security sweeps.

That task force appears to have accomplished little. A former adviser to Wheeler, Gigi Sohn, said there was no political will to tackle the issue against opposition from the intelligence community and local police forces that were using the devices "willy-nilly."

"To the extent that there is a major problem here, it's largely due to the FCC not doing its job," said Laura Moy of the Center on Privacy and Technology at Georgetown University. The agency, she said, should be requiring wireless carriers to protect their networks from such security threats and "ensuring that anyone transmitting over licensed spectrum actually has a license to do it."

FCC spokesman Neil Grace, however, said the agency's only role is "certifying" such devices to ensure they don't interfere with other wireless communications, much the way it does with phones and Wi-Fi routers.

Facebook struggles to deal with hate speech posts in Asia

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Facebook has struggled to monitor hate speech in Asia.

COLOMBO, Sri Lanka — With Sri Lanka under a state of emergency after a spasm of anti-Muslim bloodshed, lawyer Jeevanee Kariyawasam went on Facebook to complain. The company hadn't blocked users inciting violence, she wrote, and the government hadn't arrested those sending out the offending posts.

Facebook's response was swift: It suspended Kariyawasam's account.

The company restored her account within 24 hours, but the incident this month highlighted how Facebook has become a powerful vehicle for hate speech worldwide, and how the Silicon Valley giant's efforts to police incendiary rhetoric in distant countries have often fallen short.

As Facebook confronts a scandal over data privacy in the United States and Britain, it faces widening criticism in Asia for stoking discord in countries with few legal protections for religious, ethnic and political minorities.

When a Sri Lankan Facebook user complained in March of a post that said, "Kill all Muslims, don't let even one child of the dogs escape," it took the company six days to respond. Then it said the post did not meet its definition of hate speech.

In Myanmar, United Nations investigators said in March that Facebook had "turned into a beast" by propelling racism and calls to violence against Rohingya Muslims. In Cambodia and the Philippines, authoritarian leaders have used Facebook to disseminate propaganda and whip up animosity toward journalists and political opponents.

In Sri Lanka the government accused Facebook of failing to take down posts and videos that encouraged the violence in Kandy in early March. As extremists from the island nation's Buddhist majority torched Muslim-owned houses and businesses, authorities directed internet providers to block Facebook and its two popular apps, WhatsApp and Instagram, along with other social media.

The ban was lifted a week later, after officials from Facebook's regional office in India flew down to meet with government representatives in Colombo, Sri Lanka's capital. Over a two-hour meeting at the seafront presidential offices, company officials pledged to act more swiftly to remove hate speech in Sri Lanka's native languages.

"We wanted them to be concerned about the fact that if you go on like this, you will create bloodshed unnecessarily," said Austin Fernando, a senior aide to Sri Lanka's president.

Facebook has been shaken by the criticism across Asia, the company's fastest growing regional market with half a billion daily users, nearly three times the number in the United States. In emerging economies where internet access is expanding and space for public expression is often limited, Facebook's popularity has grown faster than its ability to monitor what its users are saying.

Company officials say they have invested heavily in technology to more quickly identify and remove content that violates its "community standards" barring racist and discriminatory posts. Over the last year, Facebook says, it has also doubled its number of content monitors, with about 14,000 people now checking posts and reviewing complaints in more than 40 languages.

But that is less than half of the more than 100 languages Facebook supports.

In Sri Lanka — with an estimated 6 million users — Facebook said it increased its capacity to monitor posts in Sinhala, the language spoken by the Buddhist majority.

It took down some accounts, including one belonging to Amith Weerasinghe, a Buddhist radical with more than 150,000 followers, who was seen on a video prodding Sinhalese to attack Muslims in Kandy. Weerasinghe and several suspected associates were arrested, among dozens jailed in connection with the violence.

"We have clear rules against such content and will remove it when we're made aware of it," Facebook said in a statement. "We have been working with the government and non-government organizations in Sri Lanka to identify and remove hate speech."

Still, the company has privately acknowledged mistakes.

During the violence in Kandy, which left three people dead and caused millions of dollars in damage, Kariyawasam emerged as one of the most prolific online activists reporting accounts with names such as "Sinhala Racist," which claimed that Sri Lanka was "the exclusive domain of the Sinhalese race." But Facebook chose to not block that and many other accounts, she said, while hers was peppered with death threats.

"It makes you think that Facebook is either under capacity to monitor what's happening in Sinhala, or that some of their Sinhala-speaking monitors share the same biases as the people that are being reported," said Yudhanjaya Wijeratne, an author and internet researcher in Colombo.

For decades, Sri Lanka has been riven by violence between Sinhalese Buddhists, who make up about 70 percent of the country's 21 million people, and minorities including Muslims and Tamil-speaking Hindus. Since a long civil war against Tamil rebels ended a decade ago, Buddhist extremists have periodically led attacks against Muslims, who account for about 10 percent of the population.

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Top doctor urges overdose antidote access to stem opioid crisis

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ATLANTA — The nation's chief doctor wants more Americans to start carrying the overdose antidote naloxone to help combat the nation's opioid crisis and save lives.

Speaking at the National Rx Drug Abuse & Heroin Summit on Thursday morning in Atlanta, U.S. Surgeon General Dr. Jerome Adams issued his office's first national public health advisory in 13 years.

Adams

Adams said he hopes those at risk — as well as their friends and family members — will keep the antidote on hand and learn how to use it.

"You don't have to be a policeman or a firefighter or a paramedic to save a life," said Adams, who pointed out that more than half of opioid overdose deaths in the U.S. occur at home.

According to federal data, more than 42,000 Americans suffered fatal opioid overdoses in 2016, more than double the number who died in 2010.

Naloxone can restore a person's breathing after it is sprayed in the nostrils or injected, quickly bringing overdose victims back from near-death.

The drug, often referred to by the brand name Narcan, is available without a prescription in most states and is used by first responders across the country.

Another product, Evzio, is available with a prescription and delivers naloxone via a hand-held auto-injector.

Adams said 95 percent of all insured Americans are covered to purchase naloxone.

First responders and community organizations can purchase Narcan nasal spray, one of the most widely available products, at group discounts of $37.50 per dose, drugmaker Adapt Pharma said in a news release.

Generic, injectable versions of naloxone are cheaper.

For those who are uninsured, Narcan can cost around $80 per dose, but the antidote is often available at little or no cost through local public health programs, Adams said. The surgeon general also wants more federal funds dedicated to increasing naloxone access on local levels.

"Costs should not and, in the near future, will not be a barrier to accessing naloxone for anyone in America," Adams said.

Maine's Republican Gov. Paul LePage has been one of the most outspoken opponents of the push, arguing that naloxone doesn't treat addiction and merely discourages people from seeking treatment by essentially offering a safety net if they do overdose.

Proponents, however, argue that greater access to naloxone doesn't draw people to illegal drug use or foster an addiction.

NEWS BRIEFING

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Okla.'s largest school districts set to close for 5th straight day

OKLAHOMA CITY — Oklahoma's two largest school districts have canceled classes for the fifth consecutive day as striking teachers demand lawmakers approve more funding for education.

Oklahoma City schools, the state's largest district, and Tulsa Public Schools said Thursday they will close on Friday as teachers return to the state Capitol for protests. Many smaller school districts had said they would close on Friday. The state House and Senate will convene on Friday to take up revenue-raising measures. A Senate leader says lawmakers plan to consider "substantive" legislation.

Legislation granting 15 to 18 percent salary increases for Oklahoma teachers was approved last week, but teachers say more funding is needed for their classrooms.

Teachers haven't said when the walkout will end.

Air Force Thunderbirds pilot dies in Nevada F-16 crash

NELLIS AIR FORCE BASE, Nev. — A U.S. Air Force Thunderbirds pilot was killed in the crash of his F-16 Fighting Falcon jet during training over the Nevada desert, officials said Thursday.

The pilot was indentified as Maj. Stephen Del Bagno, 34, of Valencia, Calif.

A crash investigation is underway, and the team's participation at an air show this weekend at March Air Reserve Base in California has been canceled.

The jet went down around 10:30 a.m. Wednesday during a routine aerial demonstration training flight over the remote Nevada Test and Training Range, according to a statement from Nellis Air Force Base, where the Thunderbirds are based.

The incident was the third U.S. military aircraft crash this week.

U.S. cancels Horn of Africa air exercise after 2 accidents

WASHINGTON — The U.S. military on Thursday canceled the remainder of a training exercise in the Horn of Africa, and Djibouti called a halt to U.S. military air operations in its country, following two U.S. Marine aircraft accidents this week.

Lt. Gen. Kenneth F. McKenzie told reporters at the Pentagon that the decision to cancel the remainder of an exercise called Alligator Dagger was "a reasonable precaution" in light of the aviation accidents, which happened within a few hours of each other on Tuesday.

A Marine AV-8B Harrier jet crashed after the pilot ejected during takeoff from Djibouti Ambouli International Airport. In the second incident — about two hours after the first — a Marine CH-53 Super Stallion helicopter sustained structural damage during a landing.

ESTEBAN FELIX/AP

Education unrest in Chile: Police in Santiago, Chile, on Thursday detain a student demonstrator during a protest demanding education reform, including free access to school for all ages, from President Sebastian Pinera's government.

Puerto Rico set to close 283 schools as families leave island

SAN JUAN, Puerto Rico — Puerto Rico's Department of Education announced Thursday that it will close 283 schools this summer following a sharp drop in enrollment amid the island's long economic slump and the continued departure of families after Hurricane Maria.

Education Secretary Julia Keleher said there would be no layoffs, with teachers and other employees being reassigned to other schools as part of a fiscal plan that aims to save the department some $150 million.

The U.S. territory currently has more than 1,100 public schools that serve 319,000 students.

"We know it's a difficult and painful process," Keleher said. "Our children deserve the best education that we are capable of giving them taking into account Puerto Rico's fiscal reality."

Keleher said enrollment has dropped by more than 38,700 students since last May and that nearly half of the schools are using only 60 percent of their capacity.

After the closures, 828 public schools will remain operational.

Keleher said she has invited mayors in the island's 78 municipalities to propose new uses for the shuttered schools.

The announcement of closures came two weeks after Gov. Ricardo Rossello signed a bill for implementing a charter schools pilot program in 10 percent of public schools and offering private school vouchers to 3 percent of students starting in 2019-2020 as part of an education overhaul.

Aida Diaz, president of a union that represents some 30,000 teachers, said she and others would fight the closures.

Ex-Tenn. teacher who fled with teen pleads guilty

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — A Tennessee teacher who set off a nationwide manhunt last year after he fled with a 15-year-old student broke down in court Thursday after pleading guilty to crossing state lines to have sex with a minor.

Former forensics teacher Tad Cummins also pleaded guilty Thursday to obstruction of justice before U.S. District Judge Aleta Trauger in federal court.

"I cannot be the man I need to be and not tell the truth," he said before losing his composure.

Cummins faces a mandatory minimum of 10 years in prison for crossing state lines for sex with a minor. He also faces up to 20 years for obstruction of justice for destroying his and his former student's cellphone when he fled with her.

The victim was in court but did not speak afterward.

Israeli strike on Gaza border kills Palestinian

JERUSALEM — An Israeli airstrike killed a Gaza man Thursday, while a second Palestinian died of wounds sustained in last week's mass protest along the Gaza-Israel border, officials said.

The deaths brought to 21 the number of Palestinians killed by Israeli fire over the past week, including 15 who had been involved in the protests.

The man killed in the airstrike before dawn Thursday had approached the border fence with an assault rifle, the Israeli military said. It released a grainy video showing the armed man walking in the dark. A new round of protests along the border is expected on Friday.

The protest march last week, largely organized by Gaza's Hamas rulers, had been billed as the first of several weeks of intermittent protests against a stifling decade-old Israeli blockade.

German Chancellor Angela Merkel will be visiting President Donald Trump in Washington in the coming weeks. That's according to the White House, which says details of the visit are still being worked out. Germany's Bild reported that Merkel plans to visit Trump on April 27. It would mark her second visit to Trump.

A Brazilian judge issued an arrest warrant Thursday for former President Luiz Inacio Lula da Silva, who was trying to mount a political comeback ahead of October's elections. The warrant came after the country's top body voted 6-5 to deny a da Silva request to stay out of prison while he appealed a corruption conviction.

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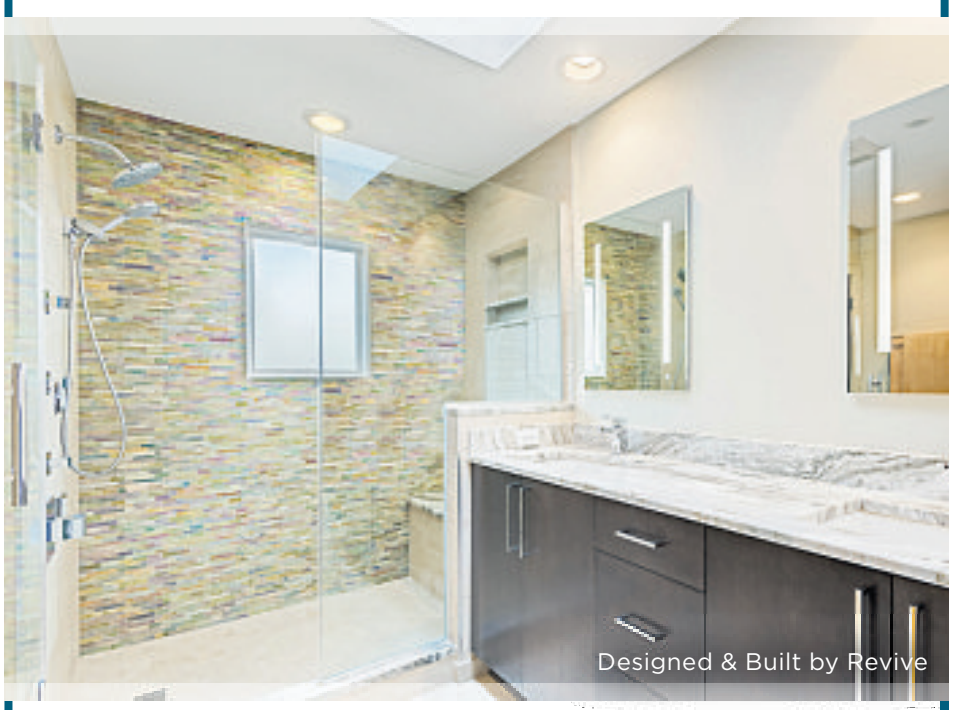

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Finding the right ways to fight Chicago's carjacking surge

Kim Fasula was getting into her Jeep Grand Cherokee in her Bridgeport garage one morning in June to go to work. Before she knew it, a car blocked her in and a man put a gun to her head. She gave him the key, got out of the car and watched as it sped away. Police soon recovered the SUV, but Fasula told the Tribune that the crime "drastically changed my life, and I question whether I'll ever be the way I was."

Unfortunately, a lot of Chicagoans know exactly how she feels. Carjacking is a nightmarish crime that has become a local epidemic, with nearly 1,000 reported in the city last year — double the number in 2012. One victim was fatally shot. Police say the crimes are often carried out by members of gangs, which sometimes use the vehicles in other crimes.

In recent days, city and suburban authorities have investigated the carjacking of a woman driver at a shopping center in Oak Brook; of a woman in a parked car in Chicago's Morgan Park neighborhood; of a Maywood driver, an incident that led to a wild police chase on the Eisenhower Expressway; of a "bump and run" victim in Oak Park — thieves nudged their vehicle into a woman's car and, when she stepped out, stole it. A run of at least four carjackings at gunpoint during the past two weeks prompted Chicago police to issue an alert to residents in and around West Garfield Park.

In response to the surge of carjackings, Mayor Rahm Emanuel has endorsed legislation sponsored by Sen. Antonio Munoz, D-Chicago, and Rep. Jaime Andrade, D-Chicago. Walter Katz, the mayor's deputy chief of staff for public safety, says the measure is needed because when someone is caught driving a carjacked vehicle, he may falsely claim he didn't know it was stolen — and it's hard for police and prosecutors to prove he did.

Instead of being charged with car theft, a felony that carries prison time of three to seven years, this category of driver now often gets off with a trespass charge — a misdemeanor that carries up to a year in jail but usually results in probation. In the past year, only 21 percent of Chicago car theft charges were for felonies.

So the bill Emanuel supports as a weapon against carjacking has some appeal. And we don't doubt its motivation. But it doesn't stand up to scrutiny.

Yes, the bill would eliminate the inconvenient requirement that those driving stolen cars know the vehicles were stolen to be guilty of car theft. But the change would apply to all vehicle thefts, the great majority of which don't involve violence or intimidation. What's more, the bill would effectively force suspects to prove they *didn't* know they were driving stolen cars instead of forcing prosecutors to prove they *did* know the vehicle was stolen.

That shift in the burden of proof would be unwise and often unnecessary. Carjackings invariably have witnesses, who may be able to identify the arrested driver of a stolen vehicle as the thief. Or fingerprints, phone records and text messages can serve to show a connection between the apprehended suspect and whoever actually carjacked the vehicle.

We aren't advocating short sentences and early release for actual carjackers who commit this terrifying crime. Judges do tend to issue stiff penalties, as they should. But what about the non-carjacker who, hours or days later, unwittingly winds up behind the wheel? In other words: One scary downside of the proposed change is that someone who is lent a car he truly doesn't know is stolen could end up with a lengthy prison term. That would be a gross injustice.

Richard Kling, a professor at Chicago-Kent College of Law, doesn't buy the mayor's case. "How is possession of a stolen motor vehicle different than possession of any stolen property — to which most defendants who deny guilt rely on the defense of lack of knowledge that the property was stolen?" he asks. "In those cases, like all cases, the circumstances of possession, the applicable law, common sense, and credibility should determine the outcome."

A more troubling shortcoming of current laws is their treatment of repeat offenders – who, Katz says, make up 37 percent of those arrested and charged in these cases. Someone who gets caught driving a stolen vehicle on multiple occasions is unlikely to be a luckless naif. But currently Illinois law doesn't increase penalties for his or her repeat offenses.

That statute should be changed to make these repeat crimes felonies. In the meantime, there is nothing to stop judges from denying probation to habitual miscreants and making them sit in jail while they await trial.

Carjacking in and around Chicago is a serious problem that warrants firm countermeasures. But it's no excuse for an overreaction that confuses violent criminals who carjacked vehicles with possessors of stolen vehicles who didn't.

Spread the word about crisis pregnancies and safe havens

Pallbearers were not needed at the funeral of Baby Hope in September 2016. A DuPage County official carried her small casket in his two hands as she was laid to rest surrounded by loving strangers.

A month earlier, landscaping crews discovered her body inside a black backpack near a driveway in rural Wheaton. The coroner determined she likely had been there for a day and that she took at least one breath before she died. Her official cause of death remains unknown, as do her parents and the circumstances surrounding her death.

It didn't have to be that way. Illinois law allows for the safe, anonymous relinquishment of newborns. Hospitals and fire and police stations will accept newborns whose parents cannot care for them, no questions asked. Last September, it happened at a fire station in Indiana equipped with a baby box. An alarm let fire officials know the box, equipped with a warming device and fastened to the outside of the building, had been opened. Inside lay a newborn baby girl, wide-eyed and still bloody from her birth.

We have written extensively on Illinois' Abandoned Babies Act, which lawmakers approved in 2001. Since then, 126 babies have been saved in this fashion. But 82 others were illegally abandoned, such as Baby Hope, and of those 43 died.

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Erica Ruelas from Addison blows a kiss as she lays flowers on the casket during burial ceremony for Baby Hope at St. Michael's Cemetery in Wheaton on Sept. 22, 2016. Baby Hope, a newborn girl, had been found dead along a private drive near Wheaton on Aug. 15.

We write again on this subject to remind parents, teachers, college campus employees, social workers and religious leaders to talk to teens and young adults about the law. Continuing education is vital in part because each year brings a new cohort of young people capable of bearing children.

This year, the Chicago-based organization responsible for launching the act in 2001, the Save Abandoned Babies Foundation, is expanding its repertoire, urging the use of social media to spread the message. It's a surefire way for adults with influence over young audiences to reach them with this message: There is a compassionate way to deal with a crisis. Babies in Illinois, and most states, safely relinquished under such an act receive proper medical attention, then are delivered to child welfare officials and placed for adoption, often with families that have been waiting for just such a miracle.

Baby Hope didn't have to be left at the edge of a dirt driveway. But she was, and her story serves as another reminder of the need to educate, educate, educate. This is your reminder.

WHAT OTHERS ARE SAYING

Although he has indeed laced his speeches with skepticism about Washington's global role, worries that President Donald Trump is an isolationist are out of place. ... Indeed, across the portfolio of hard power, the Trump administration's policies seem, if anything, more ambitious than those of Barack Obama.

The administration is overcommitted militarily; it is cavalier about the threat of force; it has no strategic priorities whatsoever; it has no actual plan to ensure more equitable burden sharing among U.S. allies; under the guise of counterterrorism, it intends to remain deeply involved militarily in the internal affairs of other countries; and it is dropping too many bombs, in too many places, on too many people. These errors will likely produce the same pattern of poor results at home and abroad that the United States has experienced since the end of the Cold War.

Barry Posen, Foreign Affairs

It's not unusual for gun sales to increase after a mass shooting, likely because consumers worry they may not be able to buy certain firearms in the future. We're now in another such moment, but the options for growing your arsenal aren't limited to weapons you can buy from a bricks-and-mortar store.

Right now, the market for building unmarked and unserialized do-it-yourself weapons — assembled either from components you buy or ones you 3-D print — is booming. ... (The) do-it-yourself gun market has thrived within a small loophole of the Gun Control Act of 1968, which made it illegal to make a firearm and sell it without a license, but if you make the firearm and keep it — that's legal, no background check, serial number or seller's license needed.

April Glaser, Slate

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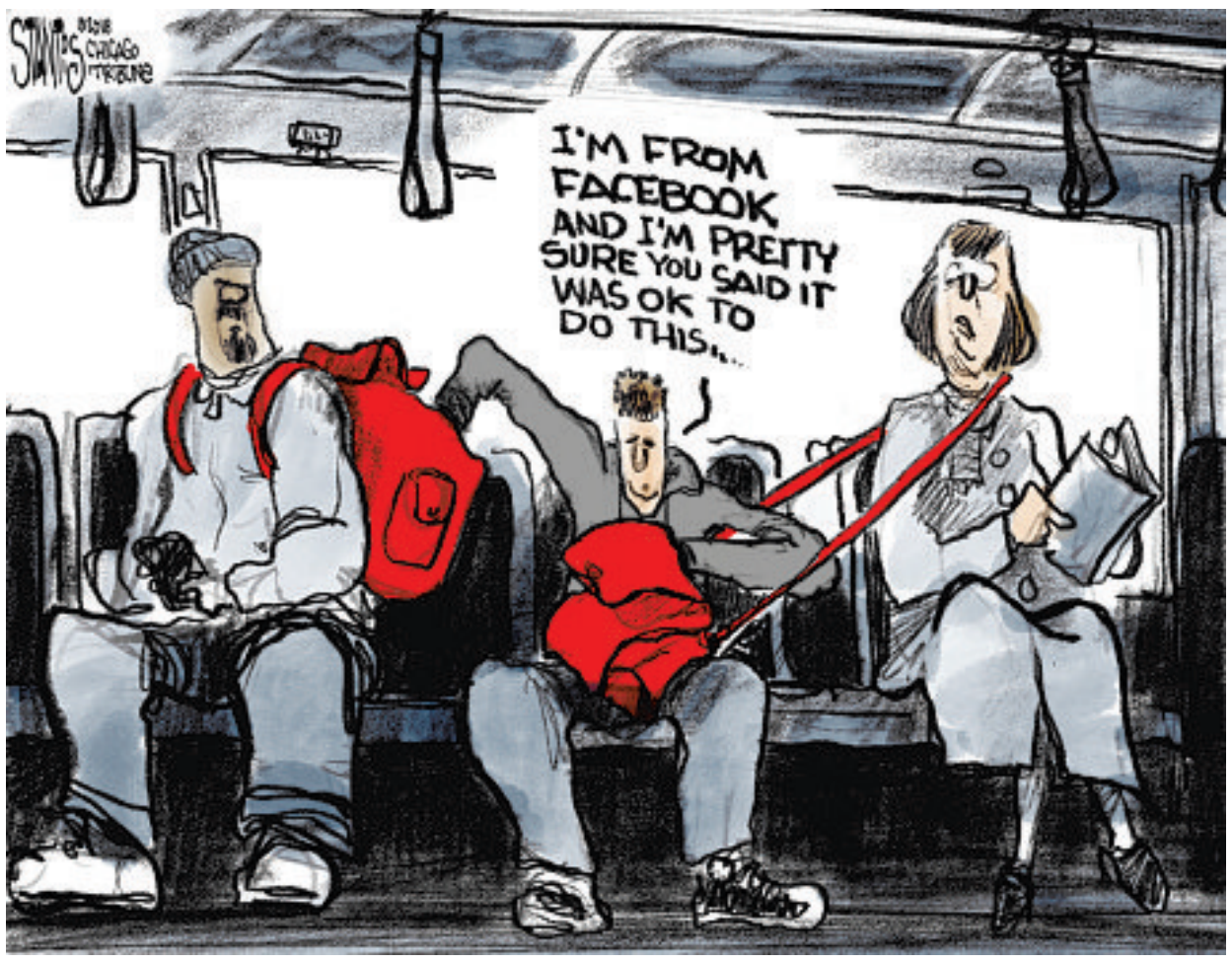

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Republican Gov. Bruce Rauner declares victory in his primary March 20. Rauner and his challenger, Rep. Jeanne Ives, reportedly have not spoken since election day.

How is Gov. Rauner in trouble? Let me count the days

ERIC ZORN

The Democratic Governors Association sent another mass email Thursday morning, updating the length of the era of post-primary strife among Illinois Republicans.

"Day 16," began the subject header.

That email marked 16 days in which there had been no unity breakfast or other meeting of the minds between the winner of the gubernatorial primary, incumbent Bruce Rauner, and his barely vanquished firebrand conservative opponent, state Rep. Jeanne Ives of Wheaton.

Sixteen days in which the two have reportedly not spoken. Sixteen days in which Rauner has not given in to Ives' demand that he take out an ad admitting that he lied about her during the campaign.

Sixteen days in which Ives has declined to retract or soften her blistering attacks on Rauner from the campaign, attacks that included: "Nobody can trust Bruce Rauner, he's lied to everybody about everything." He "has failed the integrity test in many ways." "He basically got nothing done." And "What the hell is wrong with this governor?"

The daily count-up emails from the Democrats are likely to end soon — they're already starting to feel a little spammy — but DGA spokesman Sal Salustro directed me to a running tally of the days at Medium.com that will continue. "We're going to keep a focus on it," he said. "There is no path to victory for Rauner without Ives and her supporters."

Rauner seemed to acknowledge as much during his televised victory speech March 20 after the primary election.

"For those of you around Illinois who wanted to send me a message, let me be clear," he said. "I have heard you."

In fact, however, "I have heard you" was anything but clear under the circumstances.

Literally, yes, obviously, Rauner had heard the outraged howls of social conservatives who'd voted for Ives in large part to express their displeasure at his signing a bill expanding abortion rights and his several other deviations from right-wing orthodoxy.

"I've come to expect politicians to shade the truth, but what's clear today is that Rauner's promises were just flat-out lies," said House GOP floor leader Peter Breen of Lombard after the governor signed the abortion bill. "In the face of overwhelming evidence of Rauner's inability to competently administer the Illinois government, inability to stand up to Mike Madigan effectively and inability to keep his word and his commitments, I can no longer support him."

Those howls translated into votes — enough that the wealthy incumbent was able to squeak by a scrappy state legislator by fewer than 3 percentage points.

But hearing is not heeding, as anyone who has ever deftly deployed the expression "I have heard you" in an argument knows well.

What *did* Rauner mean? That he planned to adopt some of the views of those who had opposed him? Or that these views had registered with him, but he planned to ignore them?

Both meanings are politically perilous.

If Rauner lurches to the right to placate social conservatives, he risks alienating the moderate voters who provided his narrow margin of victory in 2014, when, as a first-time candidate, he proudly ran with "no social agenda."

And if he fails to apologize or correct course, a significant number of dispirited GOP base voters may well stay home on Election Day in November.

So I put the question to Rauner spokesman Justin Giorgio: "What is the message that he heard? What is the message that he believes 48 percent of primary voters are trying to give him? And how will he act upon that message?"

Giorgio's reply: "The governor understands that we all have to work harder to find common ground on the issues we disagree on. He understands the need to engage all Illinoisans to continue making progress on the issues that unite us: cutting taxes, creating jobs and rooting out corruption."

Translation: Pound sand, wing nuts. When it comes down to a choice between me and Democratic nominee J.B. Pritzker, you'll discover your inner Peter Breen.

Rep. Breen, who had been all in for Ives, announced after the primary that "Gov. Rauner stated in the media that he's heard the message, and I believe he has. (He) is our party's nominee, and I support him 100 percent."

I wanted to know what message Breen believes Rauner heard, but he did not respond to requests for comment.

Sure, primaries are bruising, the rhetoric is heated and pragmatism generally ends up superseding principle when it comes time to vote. Even Ives has said she'll vote for Rauner (though she's said her husband will not).

Unity breakfasts, like the gathering the Democratic gubernatorial rivals had the Saturday morning after the March 20 primary, are polite agreements to ignore the preceding ugliness and pretend the ideological differences are minor.

But that rhetorical salve is important. Parties with open, infected wounds have a hard time getting healthy by the time voters go to the polls. Every day that goes by with Rauner refusing to apologize and Ives refusing to offer a single nice word about him is a day for the Democrats to celebrate.

Seventeen days on Friday. And counting.

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Death trap: Why so many veterans kill themselves

BY THOMAS E. RICKS

Why do so many soldiers continue to take their own lives at a higher rate than their civilian counterparts, whether young or old? I've spent a lot of time stewing about this over the past few days.

It began Monday morning, when I got a note from a vet in a very dark place and contemplating the act. He'd served in Vietnam. His risk of suicide is about 22 percent higher than that of his nonveteran peers, according to a report last year from the Department of Veterans Affairs.

That afternoon, I learned that an Army captain who had been featured a while back in my old "Best Defense" column on the Foreign Policy website had gone out in the middle of the night and sat on railroad tracks near Fort Carson, Colo., and apparently let a train run over him. He was still in the military but may have been thinking of leaving. People getting out are at the highest risk in the year after they leave — about 1½ to 2 times as likely to kill themselves as those still on active duty.

A friend of his wrote to me, "He was always a high-performing and intelligent guy. He had deployed to Afghanistan with 10th Mountain, then to Kuwait with 4th ID (Infantry Division) prior to Atlantic Resolve where it looks like you met him. He was on deck to teach military science at West Point. He had a wife and daughter. Nothing about his death makes sense. The only indicator I had that he was unhappy was his deep frustrations with the conventional military, the high op tempo for support roles and exercises, and the impact on his family."

Last month, the commander of the Marine 4th Reconnaissance Battalion was found dead in his home. He also had deployed several times to Iraq and Afghanistan.

Also recently, I read that a retired major who had served in military intelligence in Iraq had killed his wife and himself.

The suicide rate for veterans has gone up 35 percent since 2001, in part because of increases in post-9/11 veterans killing themselves.

I know what I am seeing around me is anecdotal. But it just doesn't feel right. What is going on here?

Here are four possibilities, specific to the conditions of our recent war:

A lost war: My initial thought was that perhaps people are feeling empty and lost as the Middle Eastern war winds down and we don't have a lot to show for it, besides Iran being more powerful than ever. But a friend who did several tours in Vietnam said he also knew that feeling but didn't see any rash of suicides in the 1970s among his former comrades.

Death by rotation: Another theory is that everyone is born with just so much to give and that repeated deployments drain that reserve, without replenishment. At some point, a person might just decide he can't do this anymore, that this is too painful, and look for the fastest exit.

Brain injury: A third theory, related to the extensive use of roadside bombs in the Middle East, suggests that the human brain can, at best, withstand only one or two nearby explosions and cannot heal the deep damage inflicted by repeated blasts.

More to come: Or is it that depressed vets are responding to the whiff of another possible war on the horizon, with North Korea?

Whether it is one of these, or a combination, or something else, it worries me deeply.

The Washington Post

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QUOTABLES

"Don't make us shut the university down for a week."

— Sarita Heer, a nontenured instructor at Loyola University who participated Wednesday in a one-day strike at the Chicago school. Instructors, who unionized in 2016, are frustrated that more than two years of negotiations have yet to produce the union's first contract.

"There are 300 kids and 400 women. Babies with bibs and milk bottles, not armaments. How much of a threat can they be?"

— Irineo Mujica, Mexico director of People Without Borders, an advocacy group that coordinated a caravan of migrants, on President Donald Trump's Twitter attacks and promise of a militarized U.S.-Mexico border.

"I will gladly work with the president when his ideas aren't stupid and detrimental to the United States. Unfortunately, this is what this plan is."

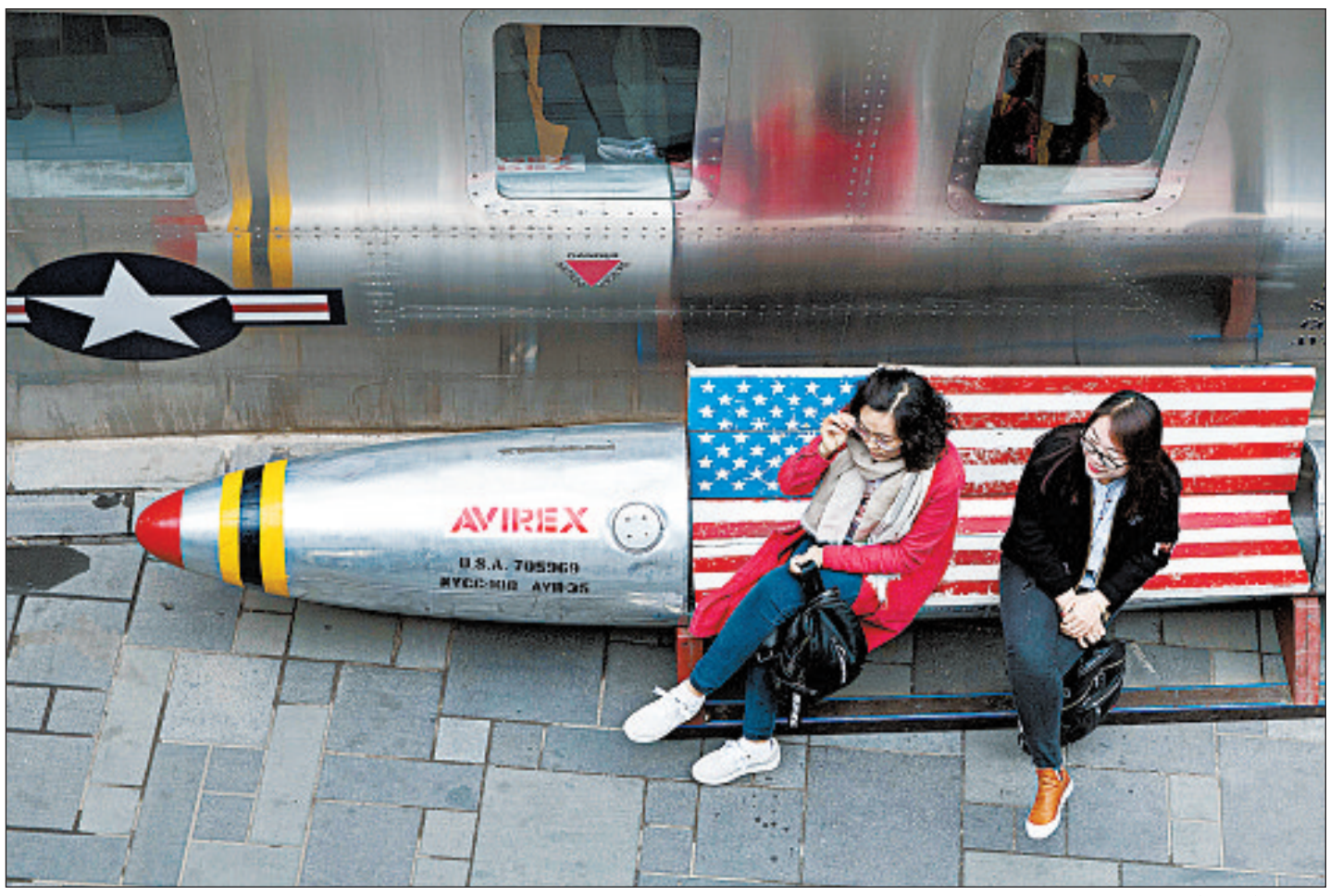
— Rep. Ruben Gallego, D-Ariz., on the White House's challenge that he "stop blaming the president." Gallego had been critical of Trump's plan to deploy National Guard troops to the U.S. border with Mexico.

"My view is, look, I'm a growth guy, I'm a Reagan supply-side growth guy. I think at the end of this whole process, the end of the rainbow, there's a pot of gold."

— Larry Kudlow, newly hired economic adviser to President Trump, insisting there is no trade war unfolding between the U.S. and China.

Trump is slashing knots that bound Obama, Bush and Clinton

Victor Davis Hanson



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Chinese women sit on a bench with a U.S. flag theme outside an apparel store in Beijing.

The proverbial knot of Gordium was impossible to untie. Anyone clever enough to untie it would supposedly become the king of Asia. Many princes tried; all failed.

When Alexander the Great arrived, he was challenged to unravel the impossible knot. Instead, he pulled out his sword and cut through it. Problem solved.

Donald Trump inherited an array of perennial crises when he was sworn in as president in 2017. He certainly did not possess the traditional diplomatic skills and temperament to deal with any of them.

In the last year of the Barack Obama administration, a lunatic North Korean regime purportedly had gained the ability to send nuclear-tipped missiles to the U.S. West Coast.

China had not only been violating trade agreements, but forcing U.S. companies to hand over their technological expertise as the price of doing business in China.

NATO may have been born to protect the European mainland, but a distant U.S. was paying an increasingly greater percentage of its budget to maintain NATO than were its direct beneficiaries.

Mexico keeps sending its impoverished citizens to the U.S., and they usually enter illegally. That way, Mexico relieves its own social tensions, develops a pro-Mexico expatriate community in the U.S. and gains an estimated $30 billion a year from remittances that people living in this country illegally send back home, often on the premise that American social services can free up cash for them to do so.

In the past, traditional and accepted methods failed to deal with all of these challenges. Bill Clinton's "Agreed Framework," George W. Bush's "six-party talks" and the "strategic patience" of the Obama administration essentially offered North Korea cash to denuclearize.

American diplomats whined to China about its unfair trade practices. When rebuffed, they more or less shut up, convinced either that they could not do anything or that China's growing economy would sooner or later westernize.

Europeans were used to American nagging about delinquent NATO contributions. Diplomatic niceties usually meant that European leaders only talked nonstop about the idea that they should shoulder more of their own defense.

Mexico ignored U.S. whining that our neighbor to the south was cynically undermining U.S. immigration law. If America protested too much, Mexico usually fell back on boilerplate charges of racism, xenophobia and nativism, despite its own tough treatment of immigrants arriving into Mexico illegally from Central America.

In other words, before Trump arrived, the niceties of American diplomacy and statecraft had untied none of these knots. But like Alexander, the outsider Trump was not invested in any of the accustomed protocols about untying them. Instead, he pulled out his proverbial sword and began slashing.

If Kim Jong Un kept threatening the U.S., then Trump would threaten him back and ridicule him in the process as "Rocket Man." Meanwhile, the U.S. would beef up its own nuclear arsenal, press ahead with missile defense, warn China that its neighbors might have to nuclearize, and generally seem as threatening to Kim as he traditionally has been to others.

Trump was no more patient with China. If it continues to cheat and demand technology transfers as the price of doing business in China, then it will face tariffs on its exports and a trade war. Trump's position is that Chinese trade duplicity is so complex and layered that it can never be untied, only cut apart.

Trump seemingly had no patience with endless rounds of negotiations about NATO defense contributions. If frontline European nations wished to spend little to defend their own borders, why should America have to spend so much to protect such distant nations?

In Trump's mind, if Mexico was often critical of the U.S., despite effectively open borders and billions of dollars in remittances, then he might as well give Mexico something real to be angry about, such as a border wall, enforcement of existing U.S. immigration laws and deportations of many of those residing illegally on U.S. soil.

There are common themes to all these slashed knots. Diplomatic niceties had solved little. American laxity was seen as naivete to be taken advantage of, not as generous concessions to be returned in kind.

Second, American presidents and their diplomatic teams had spent their careers deeply invested in the so-called postwar rules and protocols of diplomacy. In a nutshell, the central theme has been that the U.S. is so rich and powerful, its duty is to take repeated hits for the global order.

In light of American power, reciprocity supposedly did not matter — as if getting away with something would not lead to getting away with something even bigger.

Knot cutters may not know how to untie knots. But by the same token, those who struggle to untie knots also do not know how to cut them.

And sometimes knots can only be cut — even as we recoil at the brash Alexanders who won't play by traditional rules and instead dare to pull out their swords.

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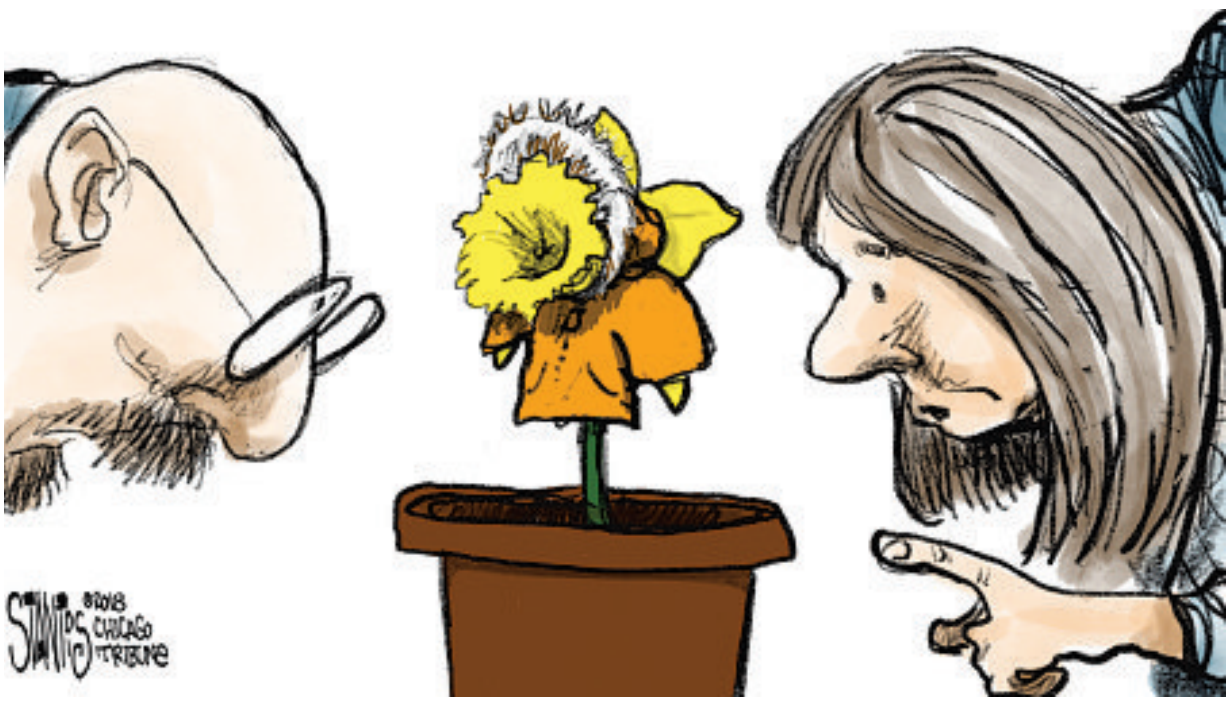

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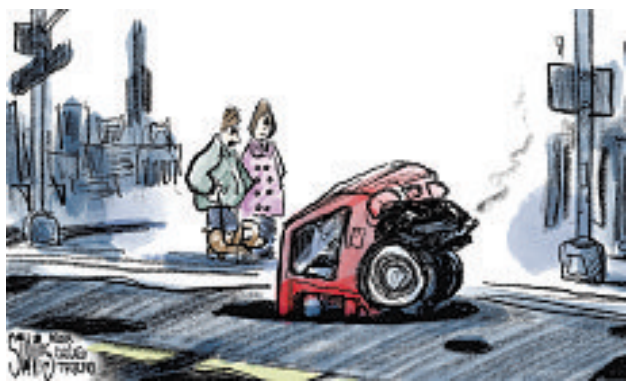

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Lucky for him the semi went in first.
Pat Foley, Homer Glen

RUNNERS-UP

Houston's 'Cloud Column' got nothing on us.
Lydia Wala, Chicago

To add insult to injury, there's a parking meter in there.
Dave Strom, Lockport

And they almost made it to Indiana.
John Gelling, San Carlos, Sonora, Mexico

PERSPECTIVE

I'm a proud member of the CTU. Here's why

By Gina Caneva

When I first started teaching in Chicago, I was skeptical about being a member of the Chicago Teachers Union. I was a hotshot rookie teacher who looked at the "step-and-lane" system of pay as archaic. When I saw then-Harlem Children's Zone CEO Geoffrey Canada tell Oprah Winfrey that teachers unions were the greatest impediment to school success, I began to further question my union's purpose and my allegiance to it. If someone had told me during those first few years that I could've skipped paying my dues and opted out of the union, as may likely be the outcome of the Janus v. AFSCME Supreme Court case, I probably would have. Boy, I would have been sorry. (The Janus case is about whether public-sector unions should be allowed to collect fees from nonmembers who benefit from collective bargaining.)

Now, after 14 years as a Chicago Public Schools teacher and CTU member, I see this issue much differently. I began my career and my union membership during the seemingly peaceful times of Mayor Richard M. Daley. During my eighth year of teaching, Mayor Rahm Emanuel took charge of the school district.

One of the first decisions he made was to ask for a longer school year and school day without offering teachers a raise for this extra time. It was this decision, as well as feelings of mistrust and disrespect toward the mayor, that led to Chicago's 2012 teachers strike.

I marched during that strike and reaped the benefits that the CTU won for me and my colleagues. What I found in my union was the call for social justice that I wasn't hearing from CPS. Not only did CTU leaders fight for teachers' salaries and benefits, the union did not back away from addressing educational conditions not conducive for students' learning — overcrowded classrooms, aged textbooks, outdated technology, and the lack of supportive services, such as school librarians, counselors, psychiatrists and nurses.

I am grateful that I have a union to defend my salary, my working conditions, my position and my students' educational conditions. What Mark Janus, a child support specialist for the Illinois Department of Healthcare and Family Services, who is not a member of the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees, and Gov. Bruce Rauner, who has championed Janus' fight in Washington, are ignoring is that their workplace experience as white men doesn't equate to that of women or people of color.

In 2017, CNN Money noted that women in the workplace ask for raises as frequently as men, but they are 25 percent less likely to get them. In 2001, Bloomberg reported that African-American workers saw slower growth compared with whites in every wage bracket. The wage gap between Latinos and whites is large as well, with Latina women earning 54 cents for every dollar a white man makes.

In the world of unions, however, fairness in salary exists. A teacher with as much experience and education as I have acquired earns as much as I do, regardless of his or her gender, race, ethnicity, creed or political affiliation. Though I think financial sweeteners should be made to the salary schedule to raise the value of teacher leadership positions, I now value union negotiations in ways that I didn't in my first few years of teaching.

I see the impact a strong union can have on its workers and the people they serve — in my case, the students of Chicago Public Schools. Last fall, Stanford University professor Sean Reardon reported that during the school years of 2009 through 2014, Chicago students' elementary standardized test scores showed six grades of growth in five years of schooling. During those same years, I worked for five different CEOs; the last was Barbara Byrd-Bennett who is now in prison.The one constant for CPS teachers is the CTU.

Teachers elected Karen Lewis as CTU president, along with her slate in 2010, and we haven't had a leadership change since.

Teachers in Kentucky and Oklahoma are on strike for fair wages and more educational funding for students. Just last month, with the recent successful teachers strike in West Virginia, we witnessed one of the greatest examples of the effects of ending mandatory fair share fees. Unions in West Virginia don't have mandatory fees or even formal collective bargaining rights. These are two reasons why the state's average teacher salary is one of the lowest in the country at $45,622. West Virginia teachers statewide banded together and won a 5 percent raise.

People need to understand the moral and ethical reasons for staying in a union, as well as the behind-the-scenes work a union does.

I know that because my union fees are mandatory, the Chicago Teachers Union is able to function at an effective level, just as I can professionally because it has my back.

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'Trump effect': GOP should be freaking out

By Ed Rogers

RICK WOOD/AP

Judge Rebecca Dallet celebrates with her daughters Rachel, left, and Ellie, right, and husband, Brad, on Tuesday in Milwaukee. Dallet defeated Michael Screnock for a seat on the Wisconsin Supreme Court, shrinking the court's conservative majority.

I believe in the power of panic. And I believe a little productive panic within the GOP is in order.

On Tuesday, Democrats won big in a race for the Wisconsin Supreme Court. It may seem not particularly consequential, but as The Washington Post's Amber Phillips reported, Wisconsin Gov. Scott Walker, a Republican, is "outright hitting the panic button for his party." Well, good. The GOP's loss in Wisconsin is a harbinger of what we might face in November.

As I always say, what's supposed to happen tends to happen. And in midterms, the president's party almost always takes a beating — especially when voters have a largely negative opinion of their president. Remember, when a president's job approval is below 50 percent, his party loses, on average, 40 House seats and five Senate seats.

Compounding the issue of a historical midterm bias favoring Democrats this year, Republicans may be victims of their own success. Purple states that overperformed during the Obama era by electing Republican governors, state legislators, U.S. senators and some House members are likely to experience a correction. And in Wisconsin, that correction appears to be underway. Democrats didn't just scrape by to beat Republicans this week. They won by more than 11 points after already winning a special election for the state senate in January in a district that President Donald Trump won by 17 points. It isn't just a red light flashing on the GOP's dashboard — a fire alarm is now audible.

Trump isn't to blame for every GOP loss thus far or every loss that will occur in November. But there is such a thing as the "Trump effect," which is having a negative impact on Republican campaigns — and it isn't fueled by policy disagreements. At the human level, many traditional, center-right voters find Trump ill-suited for the office he holds. They see him as exhausting and insufferable. He is neither a role model nor an inspirational figure. Even among those who think he is the bull in the china shop that we need, few find pride in his performance. Ultimately, it is these sentiments that will suppress turnout among Republican voters and energize the Democrats.

Plenty of Republican and independent voters are more interested in Trump providing real results on the economy, trade and national security issues than seeing his latest tweet or hearing about whom he is going to fire next. But those tweets, firings, rants, rages and tangents motivate Democrats and anti-Trump independents. Turnout in Wisconsin this week was the second-highest for a comparable statewide election since 2000.

It is difficult to say whether the "blue wave" will be as bad as some predict, but based on what has happened in Wisconsin, Alabama, Pennsylvania and elsewhere, Republicans are in a position where a little panic couldn't hurt.

The Washington Post

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VOICE OF THE PEOPLE

Preventing tragedy

Growing up in the same Deerfield neighborhood my mom did, I always felt safe. I'm encouraged that our village, along with others, has taken steps to preserve that safety by passing a ban on assault weapons.

However, this may not be enough to prevent the next tragedy. The next mass shooter may choose a different weapon, albeit less deadly. Furthermore, most gun deaths are not homicides, they're suicides.

Fortunately there is another tool that can prevent these deaths: a gun violence restraining order, or GVRO.

A GVRO allows concerned family members or social workers to go to a court and ask a judge to permit law enforcement to temporarily remove guns from the home of a potential shooter.

While the GVRO is in effect (anywhere from a month to a year), family and social workers can intervene so the person is no longer a danger to himself, herself or others. The subject of a GVRO is also entitled to an immediate hearing to ensure that due process rights are respected.

GVROs have bipartisan support. Liberals like that they make accessing guns more difficult for the wrong people. Conservatives like that they don't punish law-abiding gun owners.

Five states, including Indiana, are already using this tool to save lives. Indeed, a GVRO might have prevented the recent Parkland shooting. Many people close to the shooter tried to approach authorities about his intentions. None had the tool to stop him.

What kept me safe growing up was that I had family, teachers and other community members all looking out for me. These are the people who can spot when others are going through an especially hard time and may be a danger to themselves or others.

Let's give them the tool to prevent the next tragedy.

— Jeremy Siegel, master of public health candidate, Johns Hopkins University, Baltimore

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Relentless taxes

I couldn't agree more with Abbie Lukas' April 4 letter regarding the editorial "Illinois Exodus: Flight of the expats." Let me add the "old folks' " perspective.

I paid into Social Security for 48 years. I started collecting benefits at age 68. Our last real estate tax bill consumed almost two-thirds of my Social Security. Although our home has not appreciated in over nine years, our real estate taxes increased 14 percent in 2016 and 10 percent in 2017. In fewer than five years, at that rate, the entirety of my Social Security, every last dime, will be devoured by real estate taxes. This means that I will not have a penny of Social Security left to buy food, pay the mortgage, or put gas in the car.

I keep thinking this is some kind of cruel joke. Where is the so-called lock box? Where is the safety net? It certainly seems that the only answer is to join the tens of thousands who are fleeing Illinois and its insidious taxes at every level of government.

— Robert Martier, Glenview

Polite discourse

In his column "Free speech takes another hit from thin-skinned liberals," Cal Thomas seems to feel that free speech means free of consequences. That is not the case. The right to free speech is a right to speak without fear of retaliation from the government. It guarantees people the right to express their opinions about the government, and by extension, government policies and actions without fear of being jailed or fined. Not all speech is unfettered. Selling or otherwise releasing state secrets is treason. Slander and libel are punishable by law. The stealing of trade secrets and the unauthorized use of intellectual property are also crimes.

Those restrictions leave open a whole range of public discourse not only unregulated but, in many cases, protected from regulation. That doesn't mean the public shouldn't or doesn't react to speech made in the public forum.

Thomas used his platform as a newspaper columnist to defend Laura Ingraham's attack (in her platform as a high-paid cable news personality) on a high school student for publicly sharing his disappointment at not being accepted in some colleges. Thomas was critical that the student did not respond to his public shaming by Ingraham with grace and decorum and was further dismayed that advertisers are pulling their support for Ingraham's show.

Thomas says of the student: "If he were my kid and behaved as he does, he'd be grounded. If the behavior continued, he'd have to find somewhere else to live."

So, according to Thomas, Ingraham should be able to say whatever she wants without feeling the brunt of public opinion, but a high school student can be ridiculed on national television and should be threatened with loss of freedom and even homelessness for exercising his free speech rights?

Thomas states the student should have "asked to appear on Ingraham's show, where the two could have debated the issues." Like Thomas, I agree that the absence of civility in much of civic discourse is keeping us from achieving the desired goal of public discourse. But I fail to see what "issues" Ingraham was debating when she belittled a teenager on her show. I would suggest that if Thomas wants to elevate public discourse, he should start at home. He and his friend Ingraham can begin by using their platforms to model the kind of discourse they wish to see from others.

— Janice Cody, Chicago

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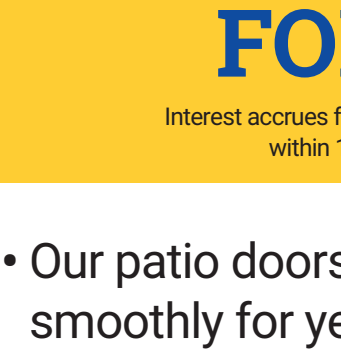

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TOP WORK PLACES 2018

Chicago Tribune

The Chicago Tribune is seeking nominations for our annual Top Workplaces special report, in which we explore how organizations create and sustain a positive and productive culture. We'll also compile this year's list of Top Workplaces in Chicago. But we can't do it without you, the people who know and work at these great companies.

A top workplace can be described this way: It's an organization that is successful because its employees enjoy their work, embrace their mission and feel like valued teammates. Compensation and perks are factors, but the more important components include opportunities for professional growth and being treated with respect.

To qualify, a workplace must have at least 100 employees in the Chicago area. Nominations are open to all employers, including nonprofits. Nominated companies that agree to participate will distribute to employees an easy-to-complete, confidential survey developed by the Tribune's research partner, Energage, which will calculate the list of top workplaces. Top performers will be recognized in the report, in an online directory and at a Tribune-sponsored event. There is no fee to participate. To nominate a company, go to **www.chicagotribune.com/nominate** or call 312-878-7356.

Deadline for nominations is May 11.

Chicago Tribune
BUSINESS

Rivals eager to benefit from tariff spat

While U.S. faces off with China, many nations may profit

By Joe McDonald
Associated Press

BEIJING — China's threat to raise tariffs on U.S. exports could be a disaster for American soybean farmers but a boon to their Brazilian and Argentine competitors, European aerospace companies and Japanese whiskey distillers.

Regulators picked products China can get elsewhere when they made a $50 billion list including soybeans and small aircraft for possible retaliation in a trade spat with Washington.

That should help minimize China's losses if President Donald Trump goes ahead with a planned tariff hike and Beijing responds, said economist Lu Feng at Peking University's School of National Development.

"Compared with the U.S. list, which focuses on high-tech, China's list is more diversified," said Lu. "The impact to China's overall economy is under control."

The two sides have not set a date for raising duties.

Trump has approved higher duties on Chinese telecoms, aerospace and other technology goods but left time to negotiate by announcing a comment period through May 11. Beijing says its timing depends on what Trump does.

Already, the threat of disruption has jolted the business world.

Share prices of American exporters of aircraft, farm equipment and grain sagged Wednesday after Beijing announced its list of 106 products.

Others picked for a possible 25 percent rise in Chinese import duty include beef, electric vehicles, industrial chemicals, orange juice and tobacco.

Losers, including Chinese consumers who might face higher

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ANDY WONG/AP

Customers check out Tesla electric vehicles Thursday in Beijing. Other countries stand to profit if tariff wars start.

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Kids are tiring of movie-linked playthings, such as Hasbro's Star Wars lineups, that used to be reliable moneymakers.

BAD TRENDS AT PLAY FOR TOYMAKERS

Toys R Us closing news worsens outlooks for biggest brands

By Carol Matlack | Bloomberg News

There's trouble in toyland, and it started long before Toys R Us went bust.

Sales at the world's three biggest toymakers — Lego, Hasbro and Mattel — slumped during the crucial 2017 holiday season, and the outlook for 2018 isn't much better. Kids are tiring of movie-linked playthings, such as Lego's Batman and Hasbro's Star Wars lineups, that used to be reliable moneymakers. Venerable brands such as Mattel's Barbie and American Girl are showing their age.

Many shoppers are trading down to collectible figurines such as L.O.L. Surprise dolls and Hatchimals stuffed animals that can retail for less than $10. And the big toymakers don't have much skin in the fast-growing mobile-games sector, which already commands 20 percent of the $187 billion global toys and games market, according to Euromonitor.

What went wrong, and how can the Big Three bounce back? The companies focus mainly on saturated North American and European markets, when they should be stepping up efforts in Asia, Latin America and the Middle East, where there's more growth opportunity, according to industry watchers. And the giants need to do a better job of pitching their wares via YouTube, Instagram and other social media, which smaller rivals are using to gain market share.

These problems "are all self-inflicted," says Lutz Muller, president of Klosters Trading Corp., an independent toys consultancy based in Vermont. "Kids are wedded to their smartphones, wedded to social media, and the savvy marketers are using this to promote their products."

Lego in early March announced its first revenue decrease in 13 years, after dismissing some 8 percent of its work force in 2017. Hasbro, which ranks just behind closely held Lego in worldwide sales, suffered a 2 percent fourth-quarter drop, although full-year sales grew 3.8 percent. Mattel has plunged from global No. 1 to No. 3 after four straight years of revenue decline, including a 12 percent slump in the last quarter of 2017. Mattel's chief brands officer stepped down in February, as the company said its top two executives would assume more control over its biggest properties.

Then on March 15, Toys R Us announced it would shutter all its U.S. and U.K. stores. The closings could dent Mattel's 2018 sales by as much as 10 percent and Hasbro's up to 5 percent, Bloomberg Intelligence estimates.

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Airlines launch program for safety of animals

By Robert Channick
Chicago Tribune

Reeling from a string of high-profile mishaps involving pets, the airline industry is launching a new certification program designed to improve the safety of animal passengers.

The International Air Transport Association, a trade organization representing 280 airlines, announced the program Thursday . It takes into account both physical and emotional needs across breeds and species in an effort to safely get animals to their destinations.

"Animal owners and shippers rely heavily on airlines to carry their precious cargo," Nick Careen, the association's senior vice president for cargo, said in a news release. "As an industry, we have a duty of care to ensure that standards and best practices are in place around the world to protect the welfare of these animals."

The new certification standard comes in the wake of a series of incidents involving pets traveling on United Airlines, including the death last month of a French bulldog puppy that was stowed in an overhead bin at a flight attendant's direction on a Houston-to-New York flight.

United also had several pet cargo mishaps last month, sending a Kansas City-bound German shepherd to Japan and diverting a St. Louis-bound flight to Akron, Ohio, after mistakenly loading a dog. Passengers aboard the diverted flight were compensated.

Chicago-based United suspended its PetSafe cargo program while conducting a review of its practices and policies that will conclude on May 1. There is no specific date set for pet cargo service to resume, according to airline spokesman Charlie Hobart.

Beyond the airline's internal review, he said United would look into the new global certification standard. "We'd consider any reasonable recommendation that improves the overall safety and comfort of all animals that we fly," Hobart said.

The new international certification program will cover everything from dogs and cats to farm and zoo animals. The association said the certification standards will go beyond physical well-being, taking into consideration "the emotional response of the animals when placed in a special-purpose, if unfamiliar, environment by trained professionals."

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Cybercriminals are increasingly targeting online retailers

Here's how to protect your information

By Ally Marotti
Chicago Tribune

Cybersecurity can be a cat-and-mouse game. Fix one weakness, and the criminals find another target.

It's a lesson industries from retail to restaurants to airlines are learning as consumers' data increasingly draws the attention of online thieves. Just this week, Sears and Kmart, Panera Bread and Delta Air Lines notified customers that their payment information and other personal data may have been compromised in security breaches.

The theft of payment information collected at checkoutstands, once a more common threat, is declining. The use of chip-enabled credit cards as well as lessons learned from major consumer data breaches — like one at Target in 2013 that affected more than 41 million people — have encouraged retailers to step up their data defenses.

"That went a long way toward securing those point-of-sale systems and making them less of a juicy target for criminals," said Karl Sigler, threat intelligence manager at SpiderLabs, the research team at Chicago-based cybersecurity firm Trustwave. But in response, criminals are targeting payment information consumers provide when they shop online.

Data breaches affecting checkout systems in stores comprised 20 percent of the incidents Trustwave investigated in 2017, down from 31 percent the year before, according to the firm's Global Security Report, released Thursday. E-commerce incidents, on the other hand, were 30 percent

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MARK LENNIHAN/AP

Food safety experts say eggs with a 45-day expiration will be safe to eat, although at six weeks they might lose some moisture. Proponents say the change will cut waste.

Arizona weighs plan for longer shelf life for eggs

Lawmaker wants expiration date grown to 45 days

By Melissa Daniels
Associated Press

PHOENIX — Arizona lawmakers are considering an unusual proposal to put a 45-day expiration date on Grade A eggs, a longer window of use than the current 24-day sell-by date that's one of the strictest in the U.S. That means Arizona consumers could be cracking and cooking eggs that left the farm more than six weeks ago — and food safety experts say that's perfectly safe.

"When it comes to use-by, sell-by or best-if-used-by dates, these are there much more for quality purposes, not so much for safety," said Sadhana Ravishankar, a food microbiologist and associate professor at the University of Arizona.

Republican state Rep. Jill Norgaard said Arizona's strict sell-by rules led her to sponsor the proposal. Other states have 30- to 45-day expiration dates, she said, which reduces food waste by extending the shelf life.

"We throw over 2 million eggs away because of expiration dates in Arizona," Norgaard said.

Supporters include the free-market advocates Americans for Prosperity, Walmart and the Arizona Chamber of Commerce and Industry. The state's grocery lobby, the Arizona Food Marketing Alliance, did not officially weigh in, according to state legislative records.

Norgaard said the proposal would drive down egg costs by luring out-of-state egg producers who have more time to transport product into Arizona.

"That will increase the supply and hopefully reduce the price point," she said.

The current iteration of the proposal doesn't create new expiration dates for Grade AA eggs. They would continue to be marked with a 24-day sell-by requirement.

The proposal previously garnered more than three-quarters support from the House of Representatives, and was unanimously moved out of the Senate. It's due for one more vote in the House before it could head to Gov. Doug Ducey. Norgaard said she's optimistic that could happen as early as next week.

Republican state Rep. T.J. Shope cast one of the votes against the measure. His family has been in the grocery business since the 1950s, and he said most purchase Grade AA eggs.

"The average consumer is not going to notice a difference," he said.

Arizona shoppers bought nearly 316 million dozens of eggs last year, up from more than 285 million dozens of eggs in 2016, according to state Department of Agriculture data.

Some consumers might balk at the idea of using monthold eggs. Pat Sparks, a professor at the Department of Nutritional Sciences at the University of Arizona, said eggs with a 45-day expiration date will be safe to eat, though they may lose some moisture as they age.

BUSINESS BRIEFING

From news services

Twitter halts accounts for 1.21 million

Twitter Inc. said Thursday it has suspended 1.21 million accounts from its social media platform between August 2015 and the end of 2017 for "violations related to the promotion of terrorism."

Twitter also said the suspensions were on a downswing.

They included 274,460 suspended accounts in the second half of 2017, which were down 8.4 percent from the previous reporting period and the second consecutive period "in which we've seen a drop in the number of accounts being suspended for this reason," Twitter said in a blog post covering its 12th biannual "transparency report."

Twitter also said 74 percent of the accounts involved in the latest reporting period "were suspended before their first tweet."

"We continue to see the positive, significant impact of years of hard work making our site an undesirable place for those seeking to promote terrorism, resulting in this type of activity increasingly shifting away from Twitter," the company said.

Twitter said that 93 percent of the 274,460 accounts suspended in the last half of 2017 "were flagged by internal, proprietary tools" and that government reports of such violations accounted for only 0.2 percent of all suspensions.

DLR

Researchers at Germany's Neumayer Station III say they've picked 70 radishes grown in an Antarctica site.

1st veggies in Antarctic greenhouse

Scientists in Antarctica have harvested their first crop of vegetables grown without earth, daylight or pesticides as part of a project designed to help astronauts cultivate fresh food on other planets.

Researchers at Germany's Neumayer Station III said they've picked 8 pounds of salad greens, 18 cucumbers and 70 radishes grown inside a high-tech greenhouse as temperatures outside dropped below -4 Fahrenheit. The German Aerospace Center DLR coordinates the project.

While NASA has grown greens on the International Space Station, DLR's Daniel Schubert said the Antarctic project aims to produce a wider range of vegetables that might one day be grown on Mars or the moon.

Virgin Galactic tests new rocket

Virgin Galactic has conducted the first powered test flight of its new space tourism rocket.

Virgin Galactic tweets the spaceship Unity was carried aloft by its mother ship and released over California's Mojave Desert early Thursday.

The company said the spacecraft achieved supersonic speed before the pilots shut down the engine, and it glided back to Mojave Air & Space Port. This was Virgin Galactic's first powered flight since the 2014 crash of its original spaceship that killed one pilot.

Unity has been flown before on test flights in which it stayed attached to the mother ship and others in which it was released to glide without lighting the rocket.

THE BOTTOM LINE

4.40% Average rate on 30-year, fixed-rate mortgages after falling from 4.44 percent last week. The benchmark stood at an average 4.10 percent a year ago. The decline followed scant movement in long-term rates last week and a months-long stretch of increases in January, February and early March as interest rates generally rose. The average rate on 15-year, fixed-rate loans declined to 3.87 percent from 3.90 percent last week.

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Retail hit hardest by cyberattacks

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of cases, up from 26 percent in 2016.

What's so insecure about online shopping? Sigler said e-commerce sites are getting more complex — with connections to vendors and outside credit card processors — and each added complexity is an added vulnerability.

Trustwave found security holes in every web application it tested in 2017, according to the report. And insecurities aren't an easy problem to solve, Sigler said. Web development teams are sometimes dispersed across the globe.

"You have teams that have to work together like clockwork in order to really produce good security and have that as a priority," he said.

Conversations about data security have gone from the data center to the board room in recent years, said Mohammed Elkhatib, founder and CEO of cybersecurity company Anomalix, which is based at Chicago tech hub 1871. Unfortunately, there are still issues — sometimes obvious ones — that slip through.

Companies need to establish a security framework and hold third parties that handle customers' data accountable, Elkhatib said. No matter who's in charge of the data, they need to play by the same rules, he said.

"Whether it's an on-premise private data center or in the cloud, the risk never goes away because it's (their) brand," Elkhatib said.

The public is pushing companies to better protect their online data, be it from cybercriminals or advertisers. But there are measures consumers can take to protect themselves too.

When customers buy something online, many sites ask them to store their payment info to make their next purchase quicker, Sigler said. That is frequently stored in online retail sites' back-end databases, which hackers often target. Consumers should think twice before storing that information.

Consumers also should make sure their web browsers are updated because many updates involve patches for security flaws, Sigler said.

When buying online, use a credit card instead of a debit card, Elkhatib said. Credit card companies are more likely to refund money from fraudulent purchases. Additionally, consumers should make sure the website they're buying from is legitimate.

"They have to be judicious about where they're putting their data," Elkhatib said. "I hate to say it, but they have to be paranoid."

For Delta, Sears and Kmart, the breach involved the same third-party online customer service provider. Hoffman Estates-based Sears Holdings Corp., the parent of Sears and Kmart, said in a statement that fewer than 100,000 customers had their credit card information accessed. The breach occurred in September through October, and the support company informed the retailers in March.

Delta said that several hundred thousand customers were potentially exposed, but couldn't say definitely whether any of their information was actually compromised.

The Panera breach affected customers who had registered for the cafe's online food ordering program, according to The Washington Post security news site KrebsOnSecurity reported. Panera estimated fewer than 10,000 people were affected.

Retail was the industry hit hardest by cyberattacks in 2017, accounting for about 17 percent of the incidents Trustwave investigated. Companies need to be better at protecting consumer data, Sigler said. And they shouldn't think just about prevention, he said.

"How to investigate (a potential incident) and respond, if it is a breach, is just as important as anything," Sigler said.

If the company can detect the breach on its own, it can take care of the problem more quickly, minimizing damage, according to the report. The median time between a hack and detection of the hack by an external party is 83 days. Breaches detected internally can be caught the same day.

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Chicago Stock Exchange to be sold to NYSE parent

By Steve Dickson
Bloomberg News

The Chicago Stock Exchange's two-year sale process is finally ending.

The New York Stock Exchange's parent company, Intercontinental Exchange Inc., agreed to acquire the tiny 136-year-old market operator for an undisclosed amount, according to a statement Thursday.

The deal follows a lengthy sale ordeal that included a takeover agreement from another group of buyers — a largely unknown collection of companies led by a Chinese conglomerate — that U.S. regulators rejected this year.

ICE's takeover raises the question of why a behemoth would bother with a company that's an afterthought in the U.S. stock market. The Chicago Stock Exchange handles less than 1 percent of the nation's equity volume, while more than a fifth takes place on the three NYSE exchanges.

Though NYSE isn't picking up a meaningful amount of business, it does get another license to operate an exchange. Those can either be acquired by going through a long approval process at the Securities and Exchange Commission or by taking over an existing market.

NYSE and its rivals Nasdaq and Cboe Global Markets have hoarded those licenses in recent years, in part because each gives them another vote on deciding the fate of important parts of the market's infrastructure, including the lucrative data feeds that traders can't operate without.

NYSE could also experiment on whatever market it sets up. After the Chicago Stock Exchange's previous sale process fell apart, some speculated that a cryptocurrency company might try to purchase it, given that the SEC wants to shift some digital token trading onto regulated markets. NYSE in 2015 bought a stake in Coinbase, one of the biggest crypto exchanges.

Last week, people familiar with the matter said ICE would likely pay $50 million to $100 million for the exchange. ICE said Thursday that the deal's "financial impact will not be material." The Chicago Stock Exchange's prior deal with the Chinese-led consortium was for about $20 million.

U.S. trade deficit rises for 6th straight month

By Paul Wiseman
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The U.S. trade deficit rose for the sixth straight month in February, reaching the highest level since October 2008 and defying President Donald Trump's efforts to rebalance America's lopsided trade with the rest of the world.

The Commerce Department said Thursday that the trade gap — the difference between what America sells and what it buys in foreign markets — widened to $57.6 billion in February from $56.7 billion in January. Exports of goods and services hit a record $204.4 billion; imports set a record $262 billion.

The news comes amid a U.S. trade dispute with China that has rattled global financial markets and raised fears among U.S. farmers and businesses that depend on access to the Chinese market. The trade deficit in goods with China narrowed in February to $29.3 billion from $36 billion in January.

The United States ran a $77 billion deficit in the trade of goods in February, the highest level since July 2008. That was partially offset by a $19.4 billion surplus in services such as education and banking, lowest since December 2012. The services surplus was dragged down by $1 billion in payments for broadcast rights for the 2018 Pyeongchang Winter Olympics, which count as a services import.

Exports of cars and auto parts posted big increases in February as did imports of pharmaceuticals, crude oil and civilian aircraft.

Trump campaigned on a pledge to take aggressive action to reduce America's massive trade deficits. In March, he slapped tariffs on imported steel and aluminum but exempted most major countries except China and Japan. China counterpunched this week with tariffs on $3 billion in U.S. products.

On Tuesday, the U.S. proposed slapping tariffs on $50 billion in Chinese imports, and Beijing responded within hours with plans to tax $50 billion in American products, including soybeans and small aircraft. The two countries have signaled that they will seek to settle their differences before the tariffs take effect.

The president views trade deficits as a sign of economic weakness and as the result of bad trade agreements and unfair practices by America's trading partners. Most economists say they are caused by bigger economic forces, mainly the fact that the United States consistently spends more than it produces.

The trade gap has continued to rise since Trump entered the White House partly because the U.S. economy is strong and American consumers have an appetite for imported products.

Emerging markets could benefit

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food prices, will likely outnumber winners.

"It definitely will affect my choices," said Wang Xiaoyu, a 20-year-old student in Beijing. "For daily necessities, mobile phones or electronics, I am more likely to choose domestic brands or choose products with the same price as U.S. products before the price hike."

While importers that buy big volumes of American soybeans and other goods might struggle to fill the whole gap, those shortfalls could create opportunities for rival suppliers.

"The obviouswinners' would be the other major suppliers of these products," said Adam Slater of Oxford Economics in an email.

The biggest impact of higher Chinese duties would fall on American soybean farmers. China accounted for almost 60 percent of their exports and $12.4 billion in revenue for the year that ended Aug. 31.

Farmers in Brazil, Argentina or Australia might step up to supply Chinese buyers who use soybeans as animal feed and to produce cooking oil.

A 25 percent price hike for American pork, whiskey and tobacco could make sources in Europe, Russia, Japan and elsewhere more attractive.

It was unclear whether Beijing might try to make an exception for Chinese-owned U.S. exporters such as pork producer Smithfield Foods. WH Group, which bought Smithfield in 2013, opened a facility in the Chinese city of Zhengzhou to produce its brands but uses meat imported from the United States.

At the same time, American meat producers might save money if weaker Chinese demand depresses the price of soybeans they use to feed cows and pigs.

Higher prices for American small aircraft and aviation technology also could give French and German competitors a chance to gain market share.

U.S. aviation-related exports to China totaled $13.2 billion in 2016. That accounted for 58 percent of Chinese imports, giving potential rivals plenty of room to grow.

"We will continue in our own efforts to proactively engage both governments," said Boeing Co. in a statement. "A strong and vibrant aerospace industry is important to the economic prosperity and national security of both countries.

Other potential winners include developing countries that might replace China as a supplier to American markets, according to William Jackson of Capital Economics.

Mexico produces many of the goods targeted for U.S. tariffs on Chinese imports such as televisions and electrical circuits, he said in a report. South Korea, Malaysia and Thailand export semiconductors and other technology.

"To the extent that the tariffs do result in the U.S. importing from elsewhere, other emerging markets might stand to benefit," wrote Jackson.

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Chase plans to add branches, technology or enter new markets, CEO Jamie Dimon said.

Building bigger, better banking

JPMorgan Chase's CEO Dimon sees opportunities for growth

By Sonali Basak and Hugh Son | Bloomberg News

JPMorgan Chase & Co. Chief Executive Officer Jamie Dimon seems set on building the Amazon.com of the financial world.

In an annual letter to shareholders, the head of the largest U.S. bank said he sees opportunities for his company to expand "almost everywhere" — including in businesses where it's already dominant and one that's been particularly tough across the industry in recent years.

"We see growth opportunities even in fixed income, currencies and commodities, where we already have the No. 1 market share," Dimon wrote, pointing to an area where competitors have pulled back amid a slump in client transactions. Those operations will benefit as capital markets around the world expand, and JPMorgan can win more business "in various products and in certain regions where we have low share," he said.

In other areas — such as investment banking, asset management and consumer and commercial banking — the bank plans to hire, add branches, enter new markets or roll out new technology, he said. In some cases, it already has announced specific targets.

Below are excerpts from the letter, showing how Dimon, 62, characterized growth prospects in specific divisions:

ASSET & WEALTH MANAGEMENT

"In the United States, our share of the ultra-high-net-worth market ($10 million or greater) is 8 percent. We believe we have a superior business and that we can grow our share by essentially adding bankers, branches and better products. In the high-net-worth business ($3 million to $10 million) and the Chase affluent business ($500,000 to $5 million), our market shares are only 1 percent and 4 percent, respectively. We have no doubt that we can grow by adding bankers and locations, particularly because we have some exciting new products coming soon. There is no reason we can't more than double our share over the next 10 years."

INVESTMENT BANKING

"Country by country and industry by industry, there are still plenty of opportunities to increase our low market share. For example, we have 10 percent share in the United States but less than 5 percent share in Asia."

CORPORATE BANKING

"In treasury services and custody, where our market shares are 4.7 percent and 8 percent, respectively, we believe we can grow significantly by adding bankers, building better technology, entering new countries, building better products and continuing to do a great job for clients."

CONSUMER BANKING

"We recently announced that we will start to expand the consumer branch business into cities like Boston, Philadelphia and Washington, D.C. Over the next five years, we hope to expand to another 15-20 new markets."

EARNED-INCOME TAX CREDIT

In an op-ed in the Wall Street Journal late Wednesday, Dimon said an expansion of the earned-income tax credit would help the U.S. adapt to globalization and technological change. Converting the EITC into a payroll credit would get the benefit to more Americans in need, and calculating it automatically on behalf of recipients would help reduce fraud, Dimon said in the editorial. "Supplementing workers' wages is an investment, not a gift," Dimon said. "It draws more people into the workforce and increases the likelihood they will remain employed." The U.S. also must reform education to improve Americans' productivity and earning power, and change regulations to help former prison inmates re-enter the workforce, Dimon said.

More states aim to spark retirement programs

By Mary Esch
Associated Press

ALBANY, N.Y. — New York is among a growing number of states considering legislation to create government-sponsored payroll-deduction retirement programs for small businesses, which financial planners say could be a relatively painless way to help Americans reverse a dismal record of saving for their golden years.

Personal finance expert Jean Chatzky notes 52 percent of American households age 55 or over have no retirement savings, leaving them with only Social Security. She's working with AARP in New York and other states to lobby for an individual retirement account plan with state oversight for small businesses that allows workers to have a portion of their paychecks set aside automatically.

"In my book of money rules, my favorite one is: 'If you can't see it and can't touch it, you won't spend it,' " Chatzky said. "That's the magic behind the 401(k) and other work-based retirement plans. The problem for 3.5 million New Yorkers is that they don't have access to one."

With an estimated 55 million Americans lacking access to retirement plans at work, 40 states have considered legislation since 2012 to establish state-facilitated retirement programs for private-sector workers. Five have enacted state-run programs, and two, New Jersey and Washington state, have launched marketplaces connecting employers with low-cost private-sector retirement plans.

New York's plan, proposed by Democratic Gov. Andrew Cuomo in his 2018 budget and awaiting action in the Legislature, would have a state board oversee investments made through payroll deduction with no employer contribution.

It's similar to initiatives launched in California, Connecticut, Illinois, Maryland and Oregon, but with a key difference: Participation by businesses would be voluntary in New York, while the other five states mandate that companies meeting a certain size threshold automatically enroll all employees.

"We think it's a fantastic idea," said Corey Meyer, who with his wife, Sara, owns Little Bird Kitchen, a Long Island confectioner that makes jalapeno-laced chocolates. "It allows small businesses to have access to employee perks that normally we can't afford."

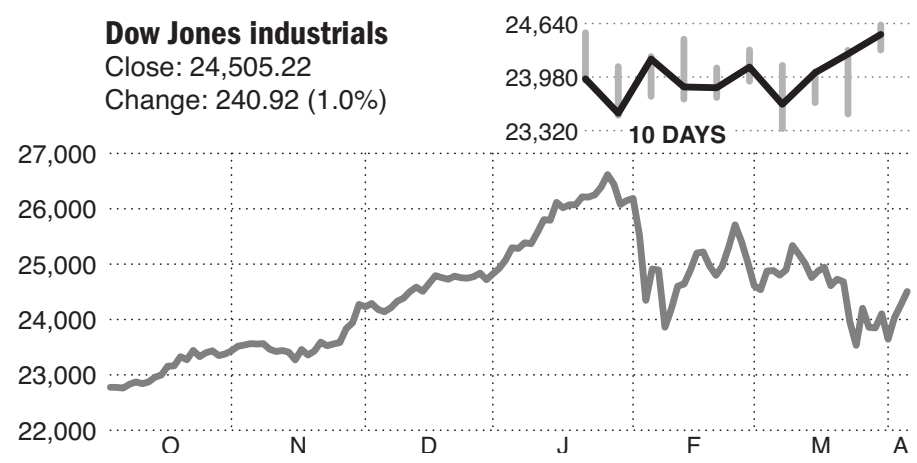
The Business Council of New York State, which represents private employers, initially opposed the legislation. But the group is re-evaluating its position pending clarification of the voluntary nature of the program, said Lev Ginsburg, the Business Council's financial services expert.

Mandated state-run retirement savings plans have gotten pushback from businesses and Congressional Republicans who say they stifle private competition, impose onerous regulations and expose employers to lawsuits.

Last year, President Donald Trump signed legislation revoking an Obama-era Labor Department rule designed to provide a legal safe haven for the state programs, which Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell called "more government at the expense of the private sector and American workers."

MARKET ROUNDUP

Dow High: 24,622.26 Low: 24,313.91 Previous: 24,264.30



Nasdaq		S&P 500		Russell 2000	
↗	+34.44 (+.49%)	↗	+18.15 (+.69%)	↗	+11.27 (+.74%)
Close	7,076.55	Close	2,662.84	Close	1,542.93
High	7,112.38	High	2,672.08	High	1,545.28
Low	7,036.62	Low	2,649.58	Low	1,532.95
Previous	7,042.11	Previous	2,644.69	Previous	1,531.66

10-yr T-note	Gold futures	Yen	Euro	Crude Oil
↗	↘	↗	↗	↗
+.02 to 2.83%	-11.50 to $1,324.30	+.71 to 107.45/$1	+.0029 to .8172/$1	+.17 to $63.54

Major market growth and decline

5-day % change			30-day % change			1-year % change		
DOW	NASD	S&P	DOW	NASD	S&P	DOW	NASD	S&P
+1.67	+.19	+.83	-1.57	-4.73	-2.78	+18.59	+20.37	+12.95
↗	↗	↗	↘	↘	↘	↗	↗	↗

FUTURES

COMMODITY	AMOUNT-PRICE	MO.	OPEN	HIGH	LOW	SETTLE	CHG.
WHEAT (CBOT)	5,000 bu minimum- cents per bushel	May 18	458	466	456.50	464.75	+9
		Jul 18	475.50	482.50	473.75	481.25	+8.25
CORN (CBOT)	5,000 bu minimum- cents per bushel	May 18	382	389.50	380.75	389.50	+8.50
		Jul 18	390.75	398.25	389.75	398.25	+8.50
SOYBEANS (CBOT)	5,000 bu minimum- cents per bushel	May 18	1015.50	1034	1011.75	1031.25	+16
		Jul 18	1026.50	1044.25	1023	1042	+15.50
SOYBEAN OIL (CBOT)	60,000 lbs- cents per lb	May 18	31.78	31.82	31.52	31.78	+.10
		Jul 18	32.04	32.09	31.80	32.05	+.09
SOYBEAN MEAL (CBOT)	100 tons- dollars per ton	May 18	382.00	384.90	379.00	383.60	+1.80
		Jul 18	385.00	387.90	382.20	387.00	+2.10
LIGHT SWEET CRUDE (NYMX)	1,000 bbl.- dollars per bbl.	May 18	63.60	64.12	63.07	63.54	+.17
		Jun 18	63.63	64.10	63.06	63.54	+.21
NATURAL GAS (NYMX)	10,000 mm btu's, $ per mm btu	May 18	2.712	2.715	2.651	2.675	-.043
		Jun 18	2.764	2.764	2.702	2.729	-.037
NY HARBOR GAS BLEND (NYMX)	42,000 gallons- dollars per gallon	May 18	1.9875	1.9913	1.9632	1.9816	+.0048
		Jun 18	1.9911	1.9941	1.9672	1.9857	+.0058

Source: The Associated Press

LOCAL STOCKS

Stocks listed may change due to daily fluctuations in market capitalization. *Exchange key: N=NYSE, O=NASDAQ*

STOCK	XCHG.	CLOSE	CHG.	STOCK	XCHG.	CLOSE	CHG.	STOCK	XCHG.	CLOSE	CHG.
Abbott Labs	N	59.86	+.40	Equity Lifesty Prop	N	86.93	-.82	McDonalds Corp	N	163.95	+2.22
AbbVie Inc	N	92.21	-.73	Equity Residential	N	63.29	+.14	Middleby Corp	O	124.81	+1.29
Allstate Corp	N	97.13	+.60	Exelon Corp	N	39.00	+.22	Mondelez Intl	O	42.20	+.13
Aptargroup Inc	N	90.40	+.69	First Indl RT	N	29.21	-.10	Morningstar Inc	O	97.38	+1.90
Arch Dan Mid	N	44.43	+.53	Fortune Brds Hm&Sec	N	59.95	+.98	Motorola Solutions	N	106.69	+.62
Baxter Intl	N	65.52	+1.11	Gallagher AJ	N	68.43	+.03	Navistar Intl	N	36.20	+1.59
Boeing Co	N	336.40	+8.96	Grainger WW	N	293.77	+5.32	NiSource Inc	N	24.43	+.24
Brunswick Corp	N	59.50	+.89	GrubHub Inc	N	100.18	+.65	Nthn Trust Cp	O	104.46	-.34
CBOE Global Markets	O	111.60	+.39	Hill-Rom Hldgs	N	86.18	+.12	Old Republic	N	21.63	-.03
CDK Global Inc	O	64.29	+.56	Hyatt Hotels Corp	N	77.16	+.32	Packaging Corp Am	N	113.16	+.84
CDW Corp	O	69.72	+.14	IDEX Corp	N	142.63	-.03	Stericycle Inc	O	58.57	+.26
CF Industries	N	38.58	+1.47	ITW	N	158.72	+.69	TransUnion	N	57.07	+.82
CME Group	O	162.99	+2.50	Ingredion Inc	N	128.57	-.87	Tribune Media Co A	N	40.28	-.04
CNA Financial	N	49.57	+.37	John Bean Technol	N	113.40	+3.65	USG Corp	N	40.32	+.28
Caterpillar Inc	N	148.13	+2.95	Jones Lang LaSalle	N	174.18	+1.00	Ulta Salon Cosmetics	O	206.92	+.60
ConAgra Brands Inc	N	36.81	-.20	KapStone Paper	N	34.49	+.03	United Contl Hldgs	N	70.69	+.70
Deere Co	N	151.34	+2.77	Kraft Heinz Co	O	61.31	-.07	Ventas Inc	N	50.04	-.28
Discover Fin Svcs	N	72.13	+.44	LKQ Corporation	O	38.73	+.50	Walgreen Boots Alli	O	64.65	-.86
Dover Corp	N	97.69	+.56	Littelfuse Inc	O	202.37	+.82	Wintrust Financial	O	88.73	+.97
Equity Commonwlth	N	30.40	-.20	MB Financial	O	41.62	-.06	Zebra Tech	O	139.18	-.30

MOST ACTIVE STOCKS

NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE

STOCK	CLOSE	CHG.
Bank of America	30.32	+.44
Gen Electric	13.43	+.15
Weatherford Intl Ltd	2.42	+.26
Chesapk Engy	3.08	+.17
Ford Motor	11.35	+.02
Twitter Inc	28.64	+.39
Pfizer Inc	35.73	-.40
Marathon Oil	16.80	+.91
Ambev S.A.	7.16	-.05
Vale SA	12.95	+.30
Alibaba Group Hldg	172.57	+.50
AT&T Inc	36.14	+.26
Petrobras	13.98	+.35
Snap Inc A	14.39	-.20
JPMorgan Chase & Co	111.88	+1.45
Wells Fargo & Co	53.26	+.35
Freeport McMoRan	18.11	+.77
Williams Cos	24.80	+.34
Citigroup	70.22	+.91
Penney JC Co Inc	3.37	+.13
Hewlett Pack Ent	17.20	-.05
CenturyLink Inc	17.36	+.20
Exxon Mobil Corp	76.02	+1.15
Rite Aid Corp	1.65	+.03

NASDAQ STOCK MARKET

STOCK	CLOSE	CHG.
Neovasc Inc	.04	+.01
Micron Tech	49.84	-3.55
Adv Micro Dev	10.02	+.25
Caesars Entertain	11.50	+.45
Facebook Inc	159.34	+4.24
Microsoft Corp	92.38	+.05
Cisco Syst	41.82	+.62
Apple Inc	172.80	+1.19
Intel Corp	50.38	+.39
Comcast Corp A	34.60	+.29
Tesla Inc	305.72	+18.78
Nvidia Corporation	221.38	-4.86
Zynga Inc	3.52	...
LongFin Corp	19.14	+7.53
Akers Biosciences	.64	+.07
Applied Matls	54.29	-1.27
Marvell Tech Grp	21.13	+.33
21st Century Fox A	36.36	+.22
Netflix Inc	293.97	+5.03
Finisar Corp	15.62	+.92
JD.com Inc	40.19	+.75
Sirius XM Hldgs Inc	6.31	+.02
PayPal Holdings	76.95	+2.17
Novavax Inc	2.06	-.17

FOREIGN MARKETS

INDEX	CLOSE	CHG./%
Shanghai	3131.11	/...
Stoxx600	376.13	+8.8/+2.4
Nikkei	21645.42	+325.9/+1.5
MSCI-EAFE	2010.03	+23.0/+1.2
Bovespa	85209.66	+850.0/+1.0
FTSE 100	7199.50	+165.5/+2.4
CAC-40	5276.67	+134.9/+2.6

LARGEST COMPANIES

Based on market capitalization

STOCK	CLOSE	CHG.
Alphabet Inc C	1027.81	+2.67
Alphabet Inc A	1032.64	+2.93
Amazon.com Inc	1451.75	+41.18
Apple Inc	172.80	+1.19
Bank of America	30.32	+.44
Berkshire Hath A	301750	+1900
Berkshire Hath B	200.85	+.74
Chevron Corp	117.29	+2.81
Exxon Mobil Corp	76.02	+1.15
Facebook Inc	159.34	+4.24
FstTr SenFltRIncoII	13.02	-.03
Intel Corp	50.38	+.39
JPMorgan Chase	111.88	+1.45
Johnson & Johnson	130.71	+.30
Mexico Fund	16.62	+.04
Microsoft Corp	92.38	+.05
Source Cap	39.90	+.15
WalMart Strs	87.81	+.59
Wells Fargo & Co	53.26	+.35

TREASURY YIELDS

DURATION	CLOSE	PREV.
3-month disc	1.67	1.67
6-month disc	1.82	1.86
2-year	2.31	2.30
10-year	2.83	2.81
30-year	3.08	3.04

SPOT METALS

	CLOSE	PREV.
Gold	$1324.30	$1335.80
Silver	$16.320	$16.209
Platinum	$909.80	$912.10

INTEREST RATES

Prime Rate	4.75
Discount Rate Primary	2.25
Fed Funds Target	1.50-1.75
Money Mkt Overnight Avg.	0.33

FOREIGN EXCHANGE

A U.S. Dollar buys . . .

Argentina (Peso)	20.1694
Australia (Dollar)	1.3016
Brazil (Real)	3.3381
Britain (Pound)	.7142
Canada (Dollar)	1.2756
China (Yuan)	6.3054
Euro	.8172
India (Rupee)	64.851
Israel (Shekel)	3.5300
Japan (Yen)	107.45
Mexico (Peso)	18.1719
Poland (Zloty)	3.43
So. Korea (Won)	1062.13
Taiwan (Dollar)	29.24
Thailand (Baht)	31.25

LARGEST MUTUAL FUNDS

Based on total assets

FUND	NAV	CHG IN $	1-YR %RTN
American Funds AMCpA m	32.60	+.20	+20.0
American Funds AmrcnBalA m	26.87	+.11	+10.1
American Funds CptWldGrIncA m	51.31	+.31	+17.3
American Funds CptlIncBldrA m	60.82	+.30	+6.7
American Funds EuroPacGrA m	56.84	+.37	+20.9
American Funds FdmtlInvsA m	62.21	+.49	+16.3
American Funds GrfAmrcA m	51.22	+.39	+21.0
American Funds IncAmrcA m	22.89	+.14	+8.1
American Funds InvCAmrcA m	39.95	+.26	+12.8
American Funds NwPrspctvA m	44.30	+.37	+20.9
American Funds WAMtInvsA m	45.29	+.31	+15.1
DFA EMktCorEqI	23.65	+.16	+21.7
Dodge & Cox Inc	13.49	-.01	+1.8
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Vanguard InsIdxIns	242.69	+1.69	+15.4
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d - Deferred sales charge, or redemption fee.
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SAVINGS UPDATE

Opening savings and CD accounts for children

For parents looking to help their children financially, custodial accounts provide the child a gift for the future while parents save on taxes today.

Custodial accounts are held in the name of a minor but are legally managed by an adult, typically a parent or grandparent. Deposits can be made into the account, interest is earned, and the custodian retains control until the child reaches the age of majority.

The advantage for parents is that special tax rules apply, allowing up to $1,000 in earnings per year to go untaxed and a second $1,000 to be taxed at the child's rate. Only earnings above $2,000 will find their way onto the parent's tax return.

Among the most common custodial accounts are savings and CD accounts at a bank or credit union. With these, parents can make a lump-sum gift or periodic deposits and the principal will accrue interest modestly but with almost risk-free safety.

Opening such an account is not much more difficult than opening one for yourself, and almost all banks and credit unions offer them. Just note that you'll need to provide personal information and a social security number for both the child and the custodian.

You'll also need to decide whether to open an UGMA (Uniform Gift to Minors Act) account or an UTMA (Uniform Transfer to Minors Act). UGMAs can hold deposit and brokerage assets and generally transfer to the child at age 18. UTMAs, meanwhile, can also hold assets such as real estate and typically remain custodial until age 21.

As always, shopping for a top rate is smart when opening a custodial savings or CD account. Once you've chosen a financial institution, their representatives can answer your questions on the age of majority in your state and which account will suit your child best.

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Ignoring technology, mobile has hurt brands

Toymakers, *from Page 1*

Other big-box retailers could take up some of the slack; Walmart is already the No. 1 U.S. toy retailer. But because non-specialty retailers allocate less shelf space to toys, "they put out what's less risky," focusing on a limited selection of proven hot sellers, says Bloomberg Intelligence analyst Mariam Sherzad.

That could jeopardize secondary brands and product innovation. Hasbro, for example, has more than 60 brands, from Baby Alive dolls to Battleship war games. Mattel was planning to launch new products as part of its turnaround effort. "They may have to hold back on that now," Sherzad says.

While toymakers are building their own e-commerce sites, online sales account for less than 16 percent of the global toys and games market, according to Euromonitor.

The shift toward cheap toys is yet another worry. Sales growth in the $10-and-under category is outpacing the overall toy market, with social media-fueled crazes such as a line of miniature collectibles based on Hatchimals, tiny stuffed animals that "hatch" from plastic eggs.

They're made by Spin Master Corp., a Canadian company whose revenue growth has dwarfed that of Hasbro and Mattel in recent years.

Social media is central to Spin Master's marketing strategy. The company built anticipation for Hatchimals before the product's launch in late 2016 with YouTube videos and other online posts that showed the plastic eggs without disclosing what was inside.

The big toymakers need to become more adept at spotting trends and taking advantage of social media, says Frederique Tutt, global toys industry analyst at NPD Group. "They need to think about new growth generators."

Mobile gaming is often blamed for toymakers' woes, but the evidence is scant. Kids 8 and under now spend an average of nearly 49 minutes a day in front of a smartphone or tablet, up from 5 minutes in 2011, according to a 2017 study by Common Sense Media, a nonprofit advocacy group. But the study found that increased time spent on mobile devices was offset by an equal decline in TV viewing, so kids' available time to play with traditional toys hasn't changed.

Some toymakers still have reasons to celebrate. While Mattel and Lego have lost market share in the U.S., Hasbro's share has grown to nearly 16 percent from 13 percent over the past four years, according to Klosters data. Though sales of its Star Wars toys have been tepid, Hasbro struck gold this year on the hit movie "Black Panther." Citing "robust demand," the company says it's ramping up production of action figures, claws and other items linked to the movie's superhero star.

Hasbro Chief Executive Officer Brian Goldner expects movie-linked toys will continue to drive sales growth. The company has a strong slate of products tied to new Star Wars and Avengers movies this year, he said in an interview. That lineup will help Hasbro "deal with the short-term challenges that the Toys R Us liquidation presents," he said.

Hasbro is also transforming iconic brands such as Monopoly and My Little Pony into mobile games. The company took a controlling stake in Colorado-based mobile-games maker Backflip Studios in 2013 and increased its holding to 100 percent last year. Gaming now accounts for 16 percent of Hasbro revenues.

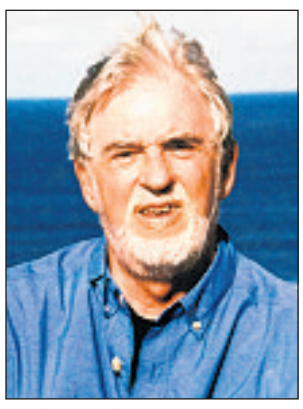
Lego is stepping up investment to pair its traditional plastic-brick toys with digital technology. An example is the Lego Boost, a mobile app launched last year for kids age 7 and up that lets them use coding to build customized robots.

OBITUARIES

WILLIAM PROCHNAU 1937-2018

Vanity Fair journalist and best-selling author

By Ellie Silverman
The Washington Post



COURTESY OF LAURA PARKER

William Prochnau wrote about sports, politics, national affairs, war and more.

William Prochnau, a journalist and best-selling author whose compelling narratives chronicled the business of extortion by Colombian terrorist groups, Vietnam War reporters who turned a skeptical eye on sunny government accounts of the conflict and followed a man on a seemingly quixotic seven-year journey by kayak, died March 28 at his home in Washington. He was 80.

The cause was coronary artery disease, said his wife, Laura Parker, a journalist with whom he often collaborated and who is now a staff writer for National Geographic magazine.

Prochnau, a regular contributor to Vanity Fair for the past two decades, covered the Vietnam War for The Seattle Times and spent much of his early career writing about politics and national affairs for publications including The Washington Post.

Prochnau left the Post in the 1980s to focus on a second career as a freelancer and full-time author. His 1983 novel, "Trinity's Child," was a nuclear thriller adapted into a well-received HBO movie in 1990, "By Dawn's Early Light," starring James Earl Jones.

Prochnau spent 11 years working on "Once Upon a Distant War" (1995), a book examining how a new breed of aggressive young journalists — including David Halberstam of The New York Times and Neil Sheehan of United Press International — covered the United States' deepening involvement in the Vietnam War with brash skill. Because of their impeccable on-the-ground reporting, they argued with military commanders giving optimistic estimates of the war's progress and equally gung-ho editors back home.

The reporters he chronicled were not radicals but committed anti-communists, Prochnau once told The New York Times, "Cold War children, just like me, brought up on hiding under the desk." But they did not countenance being "lied to" by military authorities and few minced words about it.

In a Post review, journalist and Cold War historian Martin Walker described "Once Upon a Distant War" as "a riveting account of that array of talented and ambitious young journalists who gathered in Saigon in the Kennedy years to make their names and record the coming disaster to American arms and American pretensions."

William Walter Prochnau (pronounced PROCK-now) was born Aug, 9, 1937, in Everett, Wash. He was 8 when his father died, and his mother, needing to support the family, became a nurse.

Prochnau attended Everett Community College and Seattle University and declined an offer to play minor-league baseball to focus on his burgeoning sports writing career in Washington state and Alaska. He became The Seattle Times' D.C. correspondent and co-wrote with Times reporter Richard Larsen "A Certain Democrat," a 1972 biography of Sen. Henry "Scoop" Jackson of Washington state.

Prochnau helped found the short-lived Daily Journal-American in Bellevue, Wash., and later worked for the Seattle Post-Intelligencer as political editor and special projects reporter until joining the Post in 1980.

His first marriage, to Lani Gruger, with whom he had four children, ended in divorce.

Prochnau began writing for Vanity Fair in 1996, on the recommendation of Halberstam. Former editor Graydon Carter wrote in an email that Prochnau "came at me back in the day with so many enticing ideas I would have been an idiot not to sign him up."

The 2000 movie "Proof of Life," starring Meg Ryan as the wife an engineer who is kidnapped in a fictional South American country and Russell Crowe as a hostage negotiator, was based in part on Prochnau's 1998 Vanity Fair story "Adventures in the Ransom Trade," about the big business behind kidnappings of executives of multinational companies.

Prochnau's last published Vanity Fair story took more than 15 years to make it into print. It started with a query in 2002 from Carter, who had sent a clipping of an exhibit on an enigmatic adventurer named Oskar Speck in the Australian National Maritime Museum in Sydney.

The couple began piecing together a profile on Speck, a German who left his country in 1932 before Adolf Hitler came to power and kayaked 30,000 miles for 7½ years before landing in Australia.

"Speck stood five feet ten inches, and weighed a lean 140 pounds," they wrote. "He couldn't swim — and even traveling halfway around the world by ocean he never bothered to learn. He pushed off with little money, little planning, and only a vague goal of reaching Cyprus to find work in the copper mines."

The story, written over several months, held and held — and held. The 9,000-word opus had no news value, Carter recalled in a post about his 25 years at Vanity Fair, but it was "a terrific tale and told perfectly."

The story was published in the magazine's February issue as "From Nazi Germany to Australia: The Incredible True Story of History's Longest Kayak Journey."

Besides Parker, his wife of 30 years, survivors include daughters Monica Bradley and Jennifer McMaster; a brother; three grandchildren; and a great-granddaughter.

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ON APRIL 6 ...

In 1954, four weeks after being attacked on the air by Edward R. Murrow, Sen. Joseph McCarthy, R-Wis., delivered a filmed response on CBS' "See It Now" in which he charged that Murrow had, in the past, "engaged in propaganda for Communist causes."

In 1963 the U.S. signed an agreement to sell Polaris A-3 missiles to Britain.

In 1965 the United States launched the Early Bird communications satellite.

In 1983, saying rock 'n' roll bands attracted "the wrong element," Interior Secretary James Watt declined to invite the Beach Boys to perform at a Washington Fourth of July celebration — a stand he later reversed.

In 1987 Los Angeles Dodgers executive Al Campanis said on ABC's "Nightline" that blacks "may not have some of the necessities" to hold managerial jobs in major league baseball. (Campanis later was fired over his remarks.)

In 1994 Supreme Court Justice Harry Blackmun announced his retirement after 24 years.

In 1995 the Senate unanimously approved a $16 billion package of cuts in social programs.

In 1999 Yugoslav President Slobodan Milosevic declared a unilateral cease-fire in his campaign to crush rebels in Kosovo; Western leaders called the move a sham and pledged to press ahead with airstrikes.

In 2000 a private company mapping the human genetic blueprint announced it had decoded all of the DNA pieces that make up the genetic pattern of a single human being.

In 2001 Pacific Gas and Electric filed for bankruptcy in an offshoot of the California energy crisis.

In 2004 Jordan's military court convicted eight Muslim militants and sentenced them to death for the 2002 killing of U.S. aid official Laurence Foley in a terror conspiracy linked to al-Qaida.

In 2008 President George W. Bush and Russian President Vladimir Putin, meeting at the Black Sea resort of Sochi, failed to overcome sharp differences over a U.S. missile defense system as they closed their seven-year relationship.

In 2013 explosions killed five Americans, including diplomat Anne Smedinghoff, and an Afghan doctor while they were walking from a military base to a nearby school to deliver textbooks in Zabul province in southern Afghanistan.

WINNING LOTTERY NUMBERS

ILLINOIS
April 5
Lotto ..... 06 10 28 30 36 42 / 21
Lotto jackpot: $9.5M
Pick 3 midday ..... 526 / 8
Pick 4 midday ..... 9890 / 1
Lucky Day Lotto midday 03 06 13 31 32
Pick 3 evening ..... 020 / 2
Pick 4 evening ..... 4478 / 1
Lucky Day Lotto evening 01 06 31 34 44

April 6 Mega Millions: $45M
April 7 Powerball: $74M

WISCONSIN
April 5
Pick 3 712
Pick 4 9427
Badger 5 ..... 10 15 18 20 23
SuperCash 13 15 22 26 31 35

INDIANA
April 5
Daily 3 midday ..... 512 / 4
Daily 4 midday ..... 7351 / 4
Daily 3 evening ..... 806 / 1
Daily 4 evening ..... 8595 / 1
Cash 5 ..... 05 30 35 43 44

MICHIGAN
April 5
Daily 3 midday 186
Daily 4 midday 4233
Daily 3 evening 306
Daily 4 evening 2990
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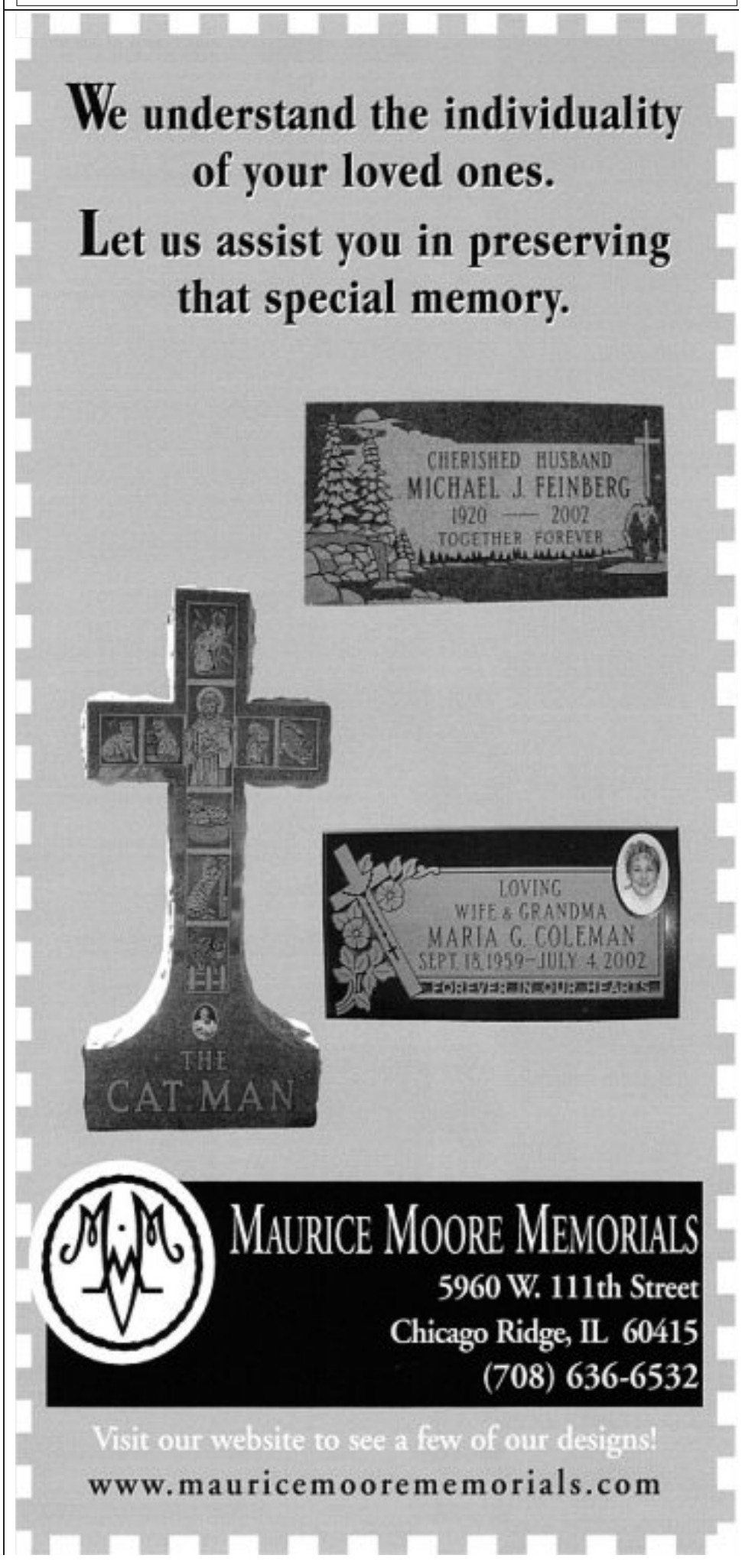

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In Memoriam

Bradley Christopher White

June 30, 1972 -- April 6, 2014

Four years ago, the world lost an exceptional man. Brad was a civilian international pilot whose territory was the world. He lived life "his way," with charm, passion and courage. He was filled with a sort of infectious secret joy that drew people to him. And when it came to the art of friendship, he was a genius. That special "somethingness" in him enriched so many lives. Brad, we love you and miss you. You are still with us in our hearts and always will be.

Mom --Barbara

Brother, S-I-L, and nephew --Don, Amy, and Quinn

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Death Notices

Battistoni, Lydia

Lydia Battistoni was born on June 2, 1921 in Mount Prospect to Ernest and Amanda (nee Blume) Miller. She died Monday, April 2, 2018 in Arlington Hts. Mrs. Battistoni worked in the pro shop at Old Orchard Country Club, in Mt. Prospect, for over 50 years. She was a lifelong member of St. Peter Lutheran Church in Arlington Hts. Lydia enjoyed traveling to Florida, playing (and winning) at bingo, and gardening, particularly raising African violets. She also loved garage sales and finding good bargains. Lydia enjoyed spending time with her family, especially her grandchildren and great-grandchildren, and was loved by all. Lydia is survived by her daughters, Orchard (Michael) Utzinger and Jean Marie Battistoni; granddaughters, Corrina (Jordan) Beverung, and Rachel Utzinger; and her great-grandchildren, Isabel and Asher Beverung. She was preceded in death by her husband, Gene Battistoni; and her parents. Visitation will be Sunday, April 8, 2018 at 1 pm, with Funeral Services immediately to follow at 2 pm at Chapel of St. John the Beloved, Lutheran Home, 800 W. Oakton St., Arlington Hts., IL 60004. Interment will be 2 pm, Monday, April 9, 2018 at Memory Gardens Cemetery in Arlington Hts. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be given to St. Peter Lutheran Church, 111 West Olive St., Arlington Hts., IL 60004. Funeral Information and condolences can be given at www.GlueckertFuneralHome.com or (847) 253-0168.

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Bethman, Alice

Alice Bethman, 92, passed away on Tuesday, April 3, 2018. She was preceded in death by her siblings, Mamie Kacaba, Rose (Fred) Anderson, Tillie (Earl) Nelson, Anna (Nick) Honcharuk, Evelen (Rex) Dawson, Olga (Ted) Skiba, and Bill (Millie) Kacaba; and parents, Steven Kacaba and Ella (nee Lasz). Survived by daughter Nora. Visitation Sunday, April 8, 2018 from 3 to 8 pm at **Rago Brothers** Funeral Home, 7751 W. Irving Park Road, Chicago, IL 773-237-2300. Funeral from Rago Bros. Monday, April 9, 2018 at 10:30 am. Information, 773-276-7800.

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Bober, Mary

Mary Bright Bober (nee Hagerty), age 99, beloved wife of the late Robert Bright, the late Edward Janke and the late Mitchell Bober; loving mother of Diane (Donald) Anderson, Robert (Rita) Bright Jr., the late Ronald (the late Pamela) Bright, Janet (David) Sosin, Jean (James) Dumouchel; dearest grandmother of Beverly (Vincent) Smith, James Anderson, Deborah (Dean) Zowaski, Karen (Thomas) Berryman, Keith Bright, Kyle (Dee) Bright, Jody Tutt, Jerrett (Katy) Dumouchel; dear great grandmother of 14; fond sister of the late Leo (Rose) Hagerty, the late Martin (the late Marcella) Hagerty, the late Ignacius Steven (the late Jules) Hagerty, the late James (the late Rita) Hagerty. Cherished friend of Robert Redden, Candy Dandurand, Patricia D'Amato, Mary Varkolis, Dee Sipos and Sandi Danaher. Visitation Saturday 10:00 A.M. until time of Funeral Service 11:30 A.M. at **Lawn Funeral Home** 7732 W. 159th St. Orland Park. Interment Private. Funeral Info: 708 429-3200

Lawn Funeral Home

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Carroll, Lillian H.

Lillian H. Carroll, age 95 of LaGrange formerly of Brookfield. Beloved wife of the late Francis "Frank" J. Carroll, Jr.; loving mother of Patricia Pygman, Thomas (Mary Kay) Carroll, Robert (JoAnna) Carroll and Kimberly (Steven) Vaughan; cherished grandmother of Trisha (Stace) Stremski, Tracy (Michael) Egan, Eric "Kip" Pygman, Patrick (Melissa) Caroll, Erin Carroll and Daniel Carroll; great grandmother of Kiera Egan, Sean Egan, Rory Egan, Colin Egan, Sofia Stremski, Josie Stremski, Connor Carroll, Harper Carroll and Carson Carroll; sister of the late Edward Foerster, Arthur Foester and Melvin Foester; aunt of many nieces and nephews. Visitation Sunday, April 8, 2018 from 3 P.M. to 8 P.M. at **Hitzeman Funeral Home Ltd.** 9445 W. 31st Street, Brookfield. Will Lie in State Monday April 9, 2018 from 10:30 A.M. to time of service 11 A.M. at Faith Lutheran Church, Westchester. Interment Mt. Emblem Cemetery. Memorials appreciated to the Lutheran Bible Translators PO BOX 789, Concordia, MO 64020 or Faith Lutheran Church, 1124 Westchester Blvd., Westchester, IL 60154. Information 708-485-2000 or www.HitzemanFuneral.com

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Cohen, Buddy

Buddy Cohen, age 94. Beloved husband of Carol nee Turner. Loving father of Steven (Sara) Cohen and Iris (Peter) Zinni. Proud grandfather of Benji and Mckenzi Cohen, Sami Zinni. Service Sunday 2PM at **Chicago Jewish Funerals**, 8851 Skokie Blvd (at Niles Center Road), Skokie. Interment Zion Gardens, Chicago. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the charity of your choice. Arrangements by **Chicago Jewish Funerals** – Skokie Chapel, 847.229.8822, www.cjfinfo.com

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Cummins, Susan Leslie

Susan Leslie Easterday Cummins, 77, of La Grange Park, Illinois, passed away peacefully in her sleep on April 2, 2018. She was preceded in death two years earlier by her husband of 53 years, Jerry Cummins. Susan is survived by her son Joel Cummins, 43, and daughter-in-law Dasha Davis, 36. Susan fought valiantly against pancreatic cancer over the past year with the positive attitude that defined her approach to her long and full life.

Susan immediately struck people as a classy, elegant and vibrant woman, but also kind, generous and down-to-earth. With her broad smile and warm gaze, she showed people that they had her full attention, whether she was talking to a relative, a young student or someone she had just met. Susan was an incredible listener, motivator and negotiator. She also had a way with customer-service employees. She valued family, education, church, friendship, hard work, fitness and adventure. In the mid 1980's, she famously drove through the front door of Vaughn's Garden Center, demolishing the entryway. It was one of a few incidents in which she mistook drive for reverse in her stylish Buick Riviera. She stepped out of the car and asked the stunned onlookers, "Did I win the door prize?"

Her four-decade career as an elementary school teacher began in 1962 and continued beyond her retirement. She taught first and second grade for many of those years at Laidlaw, Field Park, and Forest Hills elementary schools in Western Springs. She also taught in Australia with Jerry from 1972 to 1974 and preschool at Western Springs Village Church for two years. After retirement, Susan continued to mentor student teachers at Benedictine University outside Chicago.

She was born in Rosiclare, Illinois on Jan. 4, 1941, to Leslie Easterday and Lowanda Easterday of Metropolis, Illinois. An only child, she grew up across the street from Jerry Cummins, who became her high school sweetheart, her college classmate, and her loving spouse. There were bumps along the way, however: At age 6, Susan sent Jerry home crying after she popped his bubble-gum bubble. Susan graduated from high school in 1958 and attended Southern Illinois University, where she was a majorette and was elected governor of Girls State. Susan told her boyfriend Jerry he would have to join her at college or she would break up with him. He wisely joined her at SIU, where they received her bachelor's degrees in education. They married on June 17, 1962 and moved to the Chicago area, where Susan began her career at Field Park Elementary. She and Jerry drove across the country for the next two summers to complete master's degrees in education and administration at the University of Oregon in Eugene.

In 1975, Susan and Jerry welcomed their son Joel into the world. They encouraged his interest in music, which blossomed into a career as a professional musician with the band Umphrey's McGee. When people approached her at concerts, Susan would occasionally remind them she had paid for Joel's piano lessons.

In addition to teaching in public schools, Susan and Jerry led Young Life, taught Sunday school at Village Church of Western Springs, and instructed Fortnightly dance and etiquette class to middle-schoolers. She and Jerry loved to play golf and tennis, and she enjoyed running and Rollerblading for most of her life. They traveled the world together, including visits to China, Egypt, Europe, Australia and Japan.

In 2013 they moved to Plymouth Place in La Grange Park, a retirement community that fit their needs perfectly. They joined the First Congregational Church of Western Springs, where Susan discovered a new talent: playing the steel drums in a church band. After he passed in January 2016, she made no secret that she deeply missed her life partner. They have now been reunited.

A memorial service and reception will be held in Susan's honor at First Congregational Church of Western Springs, 1106 Chestnut St. from 1 to 3 p.m. on Monday, April 9.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests contributions to Lyons Township High School's Susan Cummins Elementary Teacher's Scholarship, which will be awarded annually to a student pursuing a career as an elementary teacher. Checks can be written to LTHS, with "Susan Cummins Scholarship" in the memo, and mailed to Lianne Musser, College Coordinator, Lyons Township High School, 100 S. Brainard Ave., La Grange, IL 60525.

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DeBose, Marc Z.

Marc Z. DeBose is the beloved husband of Tracy DeBose; Devoted father of Grace and Ruby DeBose; Loving son of Frank and Lindsey DeBose; Memorial Visitation Saturday, April 7, 2018 from 12:00 p.m. until 4:00 p.m. at **Salerno's Galewood Chapels**,1857 N. Harlem Ave., Chicago. Interment will be held privately. for Info (773) 889-1700

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Dragisic, Nick P.

Nick P. Dragisic Jr. aka "Moon" aka "Mr. Inside" aka "The Dream" aka "The Nickinator" aka "Poppa Picture" aka "The Original Nick Dragisic" passed away on March 31, 2018 the same way he lived his life. After battling cancer for five and a half years, suffering a pulmonary embolism, blood clots in his lungs, gangrene appendicitis and multiple strokes, when asked by the doctor if he felt any pain, he simply answered, "No."

A man whose reputation preceded him, he was the definition of larger-than-life. A star athlete, he dropped bombs on the baseball and later softball field, never lost a basketball game, ran over 25 marathons and ultra-marathons, and could shoot in the high 70's when he was feeling it on the golf course. Not to be outdone elsewhere, he could quote Shakespeare and Whitman, program in Java and taught himself how to trade stocks for a living.

But most of all, he was a man with an enormous heart and of unparalleled warmth. He loved his family and friends with an unmatched fervor and had an energy that could make anyone in the room instantly fall in love with him. He never met a party he didn't like and the party never stopped until he was finished. If you were down or needed help, he was always there no matter what, no questions asked. The number of lives he touched during his 68 years is uncountable, his impact immeasurable.

Beloved husband of Lynn Dragisic, nee Bellezzo, he adored her for 33 years - showering her with gifts, dancing with her in the living room and kissing her in the kitchen. Loving father of Nick Joseph Dragisic, he was his son's own real-life superhero - the same height and weight as Superman. Son of Georgianna Dragisic, brother of Patricia Dragisic and Carol Brown, and uncle of Scott and Kelly Retterer, and Jason Brown. He is also survived by his aunt Helen Dragisic, his cousins Nancy and Ken Kucinski, and their children Lauren and Kenneth.

Visitation Friday, 3:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. Funeral Saturday, 9:15 a.m. from **Sullivan Funeral Home**; 60 S. Grant Street, Hinsdale, IL 60521 to Notre Dame Church; 64 Norfolk Avenue, Clarendon Hills, IL 60514. Mass, 10:00 a.m. Interment, Bronswood Cemetery. 630-323-0275 or www.sullivanfuneralhomehinsdale.com.

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Faul, Darlene

Darlene Faul, nee Lavernway, loving wife of the late George H. Faul; beloved mother of Jean (Mario) Molinelli and Mariann; grandmother of Ryan (Jessica) and Daniel; great-grandmother of Nicholas, Katelyn, and Nathan; sister of LaRoy Lavernway; aunt of Deb Sims and Mike Lavernway. Funeral Monday Apr. 9th, 11 AM from **Smith-Corcoran Funeral Home** 6150 N. Cicero Ave. Chicago, for 11:30 AM Mass at Queen of All Saints Basilica. Interment Rosehill Cemetery. Visitation Sunday 3-9 PM. Info 773-736-3833 or www.smithcorcoran.com

Smith-Corcoran Funeral Homes

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Filipello, Frank

Frank Filipello 92, At rest Tuesday, April 3, 2018. Dear brother of Jim (Marj) (the late Frances), Hank (Katherine) the late Fred (the late Jenny) Michael Angelo (Lynda) and Anthony. Fond uncle and great uncle to many Visitation Sunday from 2:00 to 5:00 P.M. at Cumberland Chapels (**FRIEL FUNERAL DIRECTORS**) 8300 W. Lawrence Ave., Norridge. Family and Friends are asked to meet on Monday April 9th at Sacred Heart Church 819 N. 16Th Ave., Melrose Park, Il 60160 (708) 344-0757. Funeral Mass 10:00 A.M., Entombment All Saints Cemetery Info: www.cumberlandchapels.com or 708/ 456-8300

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Fucarino, Paola

Paola Fucarino (nee Vallone), age 99 of Brookfield. Beloved wife of the late Dominick, loving mother of Josephine (James) Rauba and Anna (Joe) Ruggirello, cherished grandmother of Jessica and Dominick Rauba and Stephanie and Mario Ruggirello, dear sister to many. Funeral Saturday, April 7, 9:30am Prayers at **Johnson-Nosek Funeral Home, 3847 Prairie Avenue, Brookfield** to St. Barbara Church, Brookfield, Mass 10:00am. Entombment Queen of Heaven Cemetery, Christ the King Garden Mausoleum. Visitation Friday, 3:00pm to 9:00pm. Online condolences may be offered to the family at www.johnsonnosek.com. Info: (708) 485-0214.

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Gelles, Larry B.

Larry B. Gelles, age 76, of Chicago, former member of the Chicago Board Options Exchange (CBOE) and current stock broker; beloved husband for 40 years of Phyllis, nee Friedstein; loving father of Jay, Lisa, Debbie (Frank) McPherson and Paul (Amy); grandfather of Shayna, Max, Noah, Zachary, Emma and Benjamin; treasured brother-in-law, uncle and friend to many. Service Monday, 10:00 a.m. at Anshe Emet Synagogue, 3751 N. Broadway, Chicago, IL 60613. Interment Memorial Park. In lieu of flowers, contributions to Anshe Emet Synagogue www.ansheemet.org, Mazon: A Jewish Response to Hunger www.mazon.org, or Rolfe Pancreatic Cancer Foundation www.rolfefoundation.org. Info: The **Goldman Funeral Group**, www.goldmanfuneralgroup.com (847) 478-1600.

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Grieve, Wanda L.

Wanda L. Grieve nee Skinner of Oak Park; beloved wife of the late Albert L. Grieve, loving mother of Sherry (Thomas) Lenz, Geoff (Denise) and Laura Grieve; devoted grandmother of Amy Grieve (Esteban) Caicedo, Ryan (Ann) and Daniel Grieve; delighted great-grandmother of Morgan Caicedo; dear sister of the late Charles (Linda) Skinner; dear sister-in-law of Louise (the late Versal) Hicks; fond aunt of many. Visitation Sunday 3 p.m. until time of service 5 p.m. at **Drechsler, Brown & Williams Funeral Home**, 203 S. Marion St., Oak Park. Private interment Chapel Hill Gardens West Cemetery. Info: 708-383-3191 or drechslerbrownwilliams.com

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Harris, Edward Samuel

Edward Samuel Harris was born into Depression-era Chicago, the first son of Russian-Jewish immigrants -Rochelle (neé Shapiro) and Leo Harris- at a time when restrictive covenants dictated where Jews and Blacks and Asians were allowed to live. Edward began working at Leo's Dancewear, the legacy company founded by his father, after school at the age of 10. Bar-mitzvah'd Yitzak Schmuel, and graduated from high-school, he moved on to attend the University of Chicago by age 16. Edward was the first in his family to go to college, where his love of learning lead him to law school and an M.B.A. at DePaul University in Chicago. He served 8 years in the U.S. National Guard. He retired from Leo's, as the Chief Financial Officer, at the age of 78. As a lawyer, Edward was committed to fairness in labor relations, contract agreements, and immigrant rights. He lead Leo's Dancewear in weathering the storms of both the Reagan and Bush-era recessions, all the while, fighting the rising tide of outsourcing and job-cuts. A long-time coworker used to say: "Eddie has a mind like a steel trap."

Edward raised two daughters as a single father, with unflinching dedication, love, responsibility, and integrity. He carried his three grandchildren into the 21st century with humor, poetry, and support, as he lived for ten years with Alzheimer's Disease at the home of his daughter and son-in-law, Sara Harris and Jesse Lerner, in Los Angeles. Edward then brought the joy of his daily presence to the Urbana, IL home of his younger daughter, Amanda Harris, where he lived out the last wondrous year of his journey through the complications of the disease, singing, punning, and making people laugh every day.

On March 30th, 2018, Edward Samuel Harris, passed in peace and gratitude, joining his sister Florence Baruch and brother Alan Harris, and surrounded by his grandchildren, Hannah Lascar Harris, Minerva Harris Lerner, Khalil Lascar Harris, and his two daughters. Edward was a poet, a scholar, a composer, a fair and prosperous businessman, and first and foremost, a giant spirit wrapped in a small package of generosity and grace. He will be missed.

A memorial service will be held on Sunday, April 8th, 2018 at 1pm at **Morgan Memorial Home**, 1304 Regency Drive West, Savoy, IL 61874 with a private repast afterward. For details, please call: 217.356.5858. Please consider making a donation in Edward's honor to Jewish Family Services, Los Angeles, CA, Circle of Friends, Urbana, IL, or the national Alzheimer's Association.

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Gene Hardy 1929-2017

Gene Hardy served in the Korean War and was an active member of his local VFW. Gene was a star basketball player in high school, and a huge Bears fan. He shared his love for the game with his children and grandchildren, and they never missed a home game. Gene, a long-time resident of Oak Park, passed away peacefully in his home over the weekend. He was surrounded by his loving wife of 45 years, Melanie, and his four children Thomas, Maggie, Ross, and Luke. An animal-lover, Gene leaves behind his two cats, Fiona and Ray, and his dog, Sammy. Gene loved to read and ra[illegible] neighborhood open to anyone

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Kehoe, Donna M.

70, (nee Swope) beloved wife of Francis Retired Dep. Chief C.P.D.; loving mother of Brian C.F.D. (Gloria C.F.D), Daniel (Elizabeth) and Elizabeth (Martin) Kalina; proud and cherished grandmother of Kathleen and Kevin Kehoe, Sean and Abigail Kalina and Ryan and Cora Kehoe; dear sister of Francis (Jill), Michael, Patrick (Suzanne) and Timothy (Maureen) Swope; fond aunt of many nieces and nephews. Providence Associate and Notre Dame de Namur Associate and long time teacher at Chicago Catholic Schools. Visitation Sunday 3-8 p.m. at **Cooney Funeral Home** 625 Busse Hwy Park Ridge. Funeral Monday, Lying in state from 9:15 to 10:00 a.m. at St. Robert Bellarmine Church. Funeral Mass at 10:00 a.m. Interment Maryhill. Info 847-685-1002 www.cooneyfuneralhome.com

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Kosinski, Leonard L.

Leonard L. Kosinski, WWII Army Veteran. Beloved husband of Donna nee Sable. Loving father of Kenneth (Catherine) Kosinski, Valerie (Alan) Crookes & the late Lauren Lyons. Cherished grandfather of Samantha, Hannah, Bradley & Ian. Proud great grandfather of Eli. Funeral Monday 8:45 am from Thompson & Kuenster Funeral Home, 5570 W. 95th St., Oak Lawn to St. Germaine Church for mass at 9:30 am. Interment Chapel Hill Gardens South Cemetery. Visitation Sunday from 3 pm until 7 pm. thompsonkuensterfuneralhome.com 708-425-0500

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Meister, Bernard T.

Bernard T. Meister, 87. Husband of Toby, nee Bramson. Father of Suzanne (Ron) Breitstein and Kenneth (Jodi) Meister. Proud grandfather of Jake, Rebecca, Kyle and Ryan. Brother of Dorothy Meister. Brother-in-law of Max (the late Roslyn) Dolins and uncle to many. Dedicated Chicago Public School teacher for 38 years. Services and interment will be private. Memorials may be made in his memory to The Michael J. Fox Foundation for Parkinson's Research, www.michaeljfox.org. Arrangements by **Chicago Jewish Funerals** – Skokie Chapel, 847.229.8822, www.cjfinfo.com

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O'Malley, Kathy M.

Kathy M. O'Malley (nee Guth) age 64; Beloved wife of Terry J. O'Malley for 44 years; Loving mother of Ryan (Corey) O'Malley and Colin (Emily Range) O'Malley; Fun-loving Grandma "Kaffers" of Delaney, Declan and Cecilia O'Malley; Dear sister of Jeff (Winda) Guth, Peter (Jeannie) Guth, Debbie (Bob) Somerville, Dan (Deb) Guth, the late Mary Guth, the late Joanie Guth, Rick (Debbie) Guth, Brian Guth, Scott (Erin) Guth, Angi Guth, Patti Guth and Kerin Guth; Fond aunt of many nieces, nephews and a loving friend. Memorial visitation Saturday, April 7, 2018 at 9:00 a.m. at St. John Fisher Church, 10234 S. Washtenaw, Chicago until Mass at 10:00 a.m. Interment private. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations to Christmas Without Cancer, P.O. Box 628, Oak Lawn, IL 60454 would be most appreciated. Funeral arrangements entrusted to **Walter Quinlan Funeral Directors**. For more info www.walterquinlanfuneraldirectors.com or 708-425-3700.

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Occomy, Norma J. 'Jeannie'

Norma Jean "Jeannie" Occomy was born on October 25, 1939 in Benham, Kentucky and died March 29, 2018 due to complications from dementia. She was surrounded by family. She spent her early years in Birmingham, Alabama where she excelled in school, skipping a grade. Her family discovered early on that she had a gift for music.

Norma's mother sent her to Chicago to expand her educational opportunities. She lived in the West Chesterfield community and attended Hyde Park High School, then graduated from Fenger High. She earned a Bachelor's degree at Chicago Teachers College and taught in District 130 in Blue Island for 30 years. Norma became a member of St. James AME Church and remained a proud member for 60 years until her death.

She is survived by her three children, their spouses and children and relatives and friends. A memorial service will be held Saturday, April 7, 2018 at St. James AME Church, 9256 S. Lafayette Ave. at 10:00am, prepast at 9:00am.

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Olejnik, Sr. Mary Maximillia

Sr. Mary Maximillia Olejnik,102, teacher, sacristan, caregiver, and 85 year member of Sisters of St. Joseph TOSF, passed away Monday, April 2 at Clare Oaks. Loving daughter of the late Joseph A. and the late Agnes(nee Polus) Olejnik; dear sister of Leonard Olejnik and the late Eva Agnes Olejnik, Joseph Olejnik, Winifred Carey, Florence Sellers, Margaret Dubranski, Cyril V. Olejnik, Geraldine Bigoness, Richard V. Olejnik, Patricia Haller, and Dolores Maxine Anna; fond aunt of many nieces and nephews and great nieces and nephews. Visitation Saturday, April 7 from 9:30am until time of Mass 10:30am at Sacred Heart Chapel at Clare Oaks 801 Carillon Dr., Bartlett. Interment 1:00pm at Resurrection Cemetery, Justice, IL. In lieu of flowers memorials to Sisters of St. Joseph TOSF P. O. Box 305, Stevens Point, WI 54481 appreciated. Arrangements by **Countryside Funeral Home**, Bartlett (630)289-7575 or www.countrysidefuneralhomes.com.

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Pergler, Geraldine

Geraldine Pergler nee Kupiec, age 85; beloved wife of the late Frank; loving mother of Darlene (Mark) Georgen and Frank G. (Jennifer); dear grandmother of Leslie (Matthew) Cockrell, Jeffrey and Kendyll Georgen, Jaycie and Jacob Pergler; great-grandmother of Daniel, Lily and Caroline Cockrell. Funeral Monday 9:15 A.M. from **Modell Funeral Home**, 7710 S. Cass Ave., Darien to Our Lady of Peace Church. Mass 10:00 A.M. Int. Resurrection Cemetery. Visitation Sunday 3-9 P.M. In lieu of flowers, donations to St. Jude Children's Hospital appreciated. For funeral info: (630) 852-3595 or www.modelldarien.com.

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Reichert, Lois

Lois R. Reichert, 79, of Skokie, beloved wife of the late Richard W.; loving mother of Rick (Cathy) and Bob (Jennifer); dear grandmother of Caitlin (fiance Daniel Hammond), Tim, Kristin, and Kylie; fond sister of the late Robert "Butch" (Gloria) Kalchbrenner. Funeral from **Simkins Funeral Home** 6251 Dempster St. Morton Grove, IL 60053 Monday 9:30 a.m. to St. Paul Lutheran Church 5201 Galitz Ave. Skokie, IL 60077. Service at 10:00 a.m. Interment St. Paul Lutheran Cemetery. Visitation Sunday 2:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. In lieu of flowers, donations to the church appreciated. Sign online guest book at www.simkinsfh.com. (847) 965-2500

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Reinstein, Sharon

Sharon Reinstein, nee Meadows, 76, beloved wife of Philip for 53 wonderful years; loving mother of Arthur (Debbie) Reinstein, Jill (Jack) Pinto, the late Robyn Cohen and dear mother-in-law of Josh and Marci Cohen; cherished and extremely proud grandma of Noah, Sammie and Lexi Reinstein, Mia and Sarah Pinto and Maya, Zoe and Max Cohen; dearest sister of Tammy (Jerry) Goldberg, Roberta (Marvin) Littky and Stanley (Jean) Meadows; treasured aunt, cousin and close friend of many. Chapel service Monday 10 AM at **Shalom Memorial Funeral Home**, 1700 W. Rand Road, Arlington Heights. Interment Shalom Memorial Park. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to MPN Research Foundation. For information and condolences, (847) 255-3520 or www.shalom2.com

Shalom Memorial Funeral Home

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Reuss, Henry Otto

Henry O. Reuss, age 97, late of Orland Park, formerly of Blue Island, IL. US Army WWII Veteran; 774 Tank Destroyer Battalion in Gen. George S. Patton's 3rd Army. Beloved husband of the late Ann Krylowicz and the late Shirley Larson Kloth. Loving father of John, stepfather of Robert Kloth. Dear brother of Richard (Mary), Vernon (Diane), late Melvin, late Norman (Emily), late Gladys (Roy) Roos and the late Alfred (Ruth). Proud member of Tinley Park VFW Post-2791, American Legion BI-50, Elks 1596, ODD fellows 630. Chapel service Monday April 9, 2018, 11:00 AM at the **Vandenberg Funeral Home** 17248 Harlem Avenue, Tinley Park, IL. 60477. Interment with Military honors to follow in Chapel Hills Garden South. Visitation Monday 9:00-11:00 AM at the Funeral Home. For information on services, 708-532-1635 or www.vandenbergfuneralhome.com

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Rosencranz, Robert

Robert Rosencranz, age 91, of Urbana, formerly of Highland Park, Illinois passed away on Tuesday April 3, 2018 at Meadowbrook Health Center in Urbana, Illinois. He was born on July 2, 1926 in Chicago, Illinois to Lillian (Greenstein) and Bernard Rosencranz. He was married for 58 years to Judith (Levey) until her death in 2010.

Bob attended Lane Technical High School in Chicago. Following high school, he served in the US Navy during World War II where he developed advanced skills in electronics and radio engineering. He then received a bachelor's degree in electrical engineering in 1948 from the University of Illinois in Urbana. He earned two more bachelor's degrees in mechanical and industrial engineering form the Illinois Institute of Technology, as well as an MBA from Roosevelt University in Chicago.

Bob enjoyed a long and distinguished career as an engineer. He retired from Abbott Laboratories in 1996 after 23 years in the Corporate and Diagnostic divisions. During his career, he was awarded 3 US patents and published numerous articles in the field of engineering. He co-authored his most recent article at the age of 80 on the measurement of blood viscosity in the American Journal of Clinical Pathology. He was also an avid HAM radio enthusiast; his K9HMZ license plates were a familiar sight. He was known by all for his kindness, sense of humor, generosity, love of animals, and exceptional home and auto repair skills. He was a loving son, father, brother, uncle and grandfather. He was a greatly loved and admired by everyone who knew him.

He is survived by his daughters, Leslie Herzog and Dr. Holly Rosencranz (Warren Lavey) and five grandchildren, Jennifer Herzog, Andrea Herzog, Allison Lavey (Elizabeth Anne Scharle), Stephanie Lavey (Jordan Eccles) and Douglas Lavey.

A memorial service will be held on Sunday, April 8 at 2:00 PM at Clark-Lindsey Village, 101 West Windsor Rd., Urbana. Memorial donations may be made in his name to the International Waldenstrom's Macroglobulinemia Foundation (https://www.iwmf.com/give) or the Champaign County Humane Society (https://www.iwmf.com/give).

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Rowland, Eileen F.

(nee O'Sullivan). Age 81. Beloved wife of 61 years to Michael J. Rowland. Devoted mother of Kathleen (Kevin) Sheehan, Brian (Neli) Rowland, Kevin Rowland, Sean (Karen) Rowland, and Michael Rowland. Proud grandmother of Molly (Scott), Kevin, Devin, Dylan, Aisling, and Jack. Loving sister of Daniel (Margaret) O'Sullivan. Adored aunt of many nieces and nephews. Visitation Sunday 1-7 p.m. at the **Robert J. Sheehy & Sons Funeral Home**, 9000 W. 151st Street, Orland Park, IL. Family and friends to gather Monday at St. Cajetan Church, 2445 W 112th St, Chicago, IL for Mass of the Resurrection, 10:00 a.m. Interment private. In lieu of flowers, donations to A Safe Haven, 2750 W. Roosevelt Road, Chicago, IL 60608 would be appreciated. www.sheehyfh.com 708-857-7878

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Rukavina, Ivan 'John'

Ivan "John" Rukavina, 88, of Skokie. Beloved husband of Barbara. Loving father of Jadranka "Maria" Rukavina and Johnny Rukavina. Dear brother of Stipe Rukavina, the late Marija Basic, the late Pave Rukavina and the late Joso Rukavina. Fond uncle of Alojs, Stipe, Ivica, Lucy and nephews in Croatia, Stipe and Ive. Visitation Sunday, April 8, 2018 from 3-9 PM. Funeral Monday, April 9, 2018, 9:15 AM from **Smith-Corcoran** Funeral Home, 6150 N. Cicero Avenue, Chicago to Blessed Alojzije Stepinac Croatian Church for Mass at 10 AM. Interment All Saints Cemetery. 773-736-3833 or visit John's memorial at www.smithcorcoran.com.

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Scheck, Burton D.

Burton D Scheck of Las Vegas and Chicago. Married for 73 years to the love of his life Irene nee Emanuel. Fond son of the late Leo and Helen Scheck. Loving father of Dale (Jeannine), Dean, Don (Karen), Duane and Danny (Cheryl). Devoted grandfather of Wesley, Brooke, Felicia, Leo (Amy), Lena (Jason), Loni, Zach, Nate, Shelby, Sami, Joey, Jeremy and Jessie (Ross). Great grandfather of Michael, Gabriel and Judah. The funeral services and Interment will be private. The shiva will be on Sunday at Ravinia Green Country Club 1200 Saunders Rd., Riverwoods from 2:00 pm - 8:00 pm. Contributions in his memory can be made to www.Tourette.org , www.Alpha1.org or www.nationalmssociety.org (MS Walk – Team Poppy Burt) would be appreciated. Arrangements by **Chicago Jewish Funerals** – Skokie Chapel, 847.229.8822, www.cjfinfo.com

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Sobczak, Dolores M.

Dolores M. Sobczak nee Kazak; age 76; beloved daughter of Johanna and the late Stanley; loving mother of John, Mary Sobczak (Jose Ortiz), Karen Sobczak; devoted grandmother of Joyce, Victoria, and Michelle; great grandmother of Avery, Aiden, Alicia, Myrtle, Sienna, and Liam; fond sister of Don Kazak. She leaves behind a legacy of love.

Visitation Sunday, April 8, 2018 from 2:00 - 8:00 p.m. at COLONIAL-WOJCIECHOWSKI FUNERAL HOME 6250 N. Milwaukee Ave., Chicago. Funeral services Monday, April 9, starting with prayers at 9:00 a.m. from the funeral home, proceeding to St. John Berchmans Church for 10:00 a.m. Mass. Interment will follow at St. Adalbert Cemetery in Niles. Info 773-774-0366 or www.colonialfuneral.com

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Usavage, Maryann K.

Maryann K. Usavage, nee Catena, age 72. Beloved wife of Richard, loving mother of Debbie (James) Rediger. Devoted grandmother of Megan and Kevin Rediger. Cherished daughter of the late George and Victoria Catena. Funeral Monday 10:15am from **RICHARD J MODELL FUNERAL HOME & CREMATION SERVICES**, 12641 W. 143rd St., Homer Glen to St. Francis of Assisi Church, Mass 11am. Interment private. Member of the Golden G.M. Visitation Sunday 2pm to 8pm. 708-301-3595 or rjmodellfh.com.

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Vinci, Bernice G.

Bernice G. Vinci nee Calzaretta, age 94; beloved wife of the late Charles J.; loving mother of Michael (Valerie) Vinci and Debra Kosak; cherished grandmother of Carla Kosak and Heather Vinci; fond great-grandmother of Peyton Connolley. Funeral Monday 10:45 A.M. from **Modell Funeral Home**, 7710 S. Cass Ave., Darien to Our Lady of Peace Church. Mass 11:30 A.M. Entombment Queen of Heaven Christ the King Garden Mausoleum. Visitation Sunday 3 to 8 P.M. For funeral info: 630-852-3595 or www.modelldarien.com.

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Zaldivar, Silvia

Silvia Zaldivar y Guardiola, age 90, of Chicago, born Jan. 29, 1928 in Caibarién, Cuba, passed away April 5, 2018 in Chicago, IL. Beloved wife of the late Raul; loving mother of Raul (Barbara) Zaldivar of Palatine, Carlos (Tracy) Zaldivar of Inverness, Eduardo (Jean) Zaldivar of Miami, FL, and Sylvia Maria Zaldivar of Evanston; cherished grandmother of Tony (Lindsey), Robert (Hailey), Lucas (Jill), Julia, Jesse, Olivia, Zoi, Zac, Evan and Ian; adored great grandmother of Harry, Ivy, Ledger and Beckett; dearest sister of the late Felix (Elena) Guardiola; dear aunt of many nieces and nephews. Mrs. Zaldivar was active in the Cuban Catholic Action Youth Ministry and retired from Catholic Charities after 30 years of service. She served on many nonprofit boards throughout her life and devoted her life to the service of those less fortunate. She will be missed by the countless people whom she touched with her warmth and her dedication. Visitation Sunday, April 8th, 3:00 – 8:00 PM at Nelson Funeral Home, 820 Talcott Rd., Park Ridge. Friends and family will meet at St. Ita Church, 1220 W. Catalpa, Chicago on Monday, April 9th for visitation from 10:00 a.m. until time of Mass of Christian Burial at 11:00 AM. Interment All Saints Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Catholic Charities, 721 N. LaSalle, Chicago 60610 or Catholic Extension Cuba Initiative, 150 S. Wacker Dr., Suite 2000, Chicago 60606. Info., 847-823-5122 or 847-951-9953 or www.anellofuneralandcremation.com.

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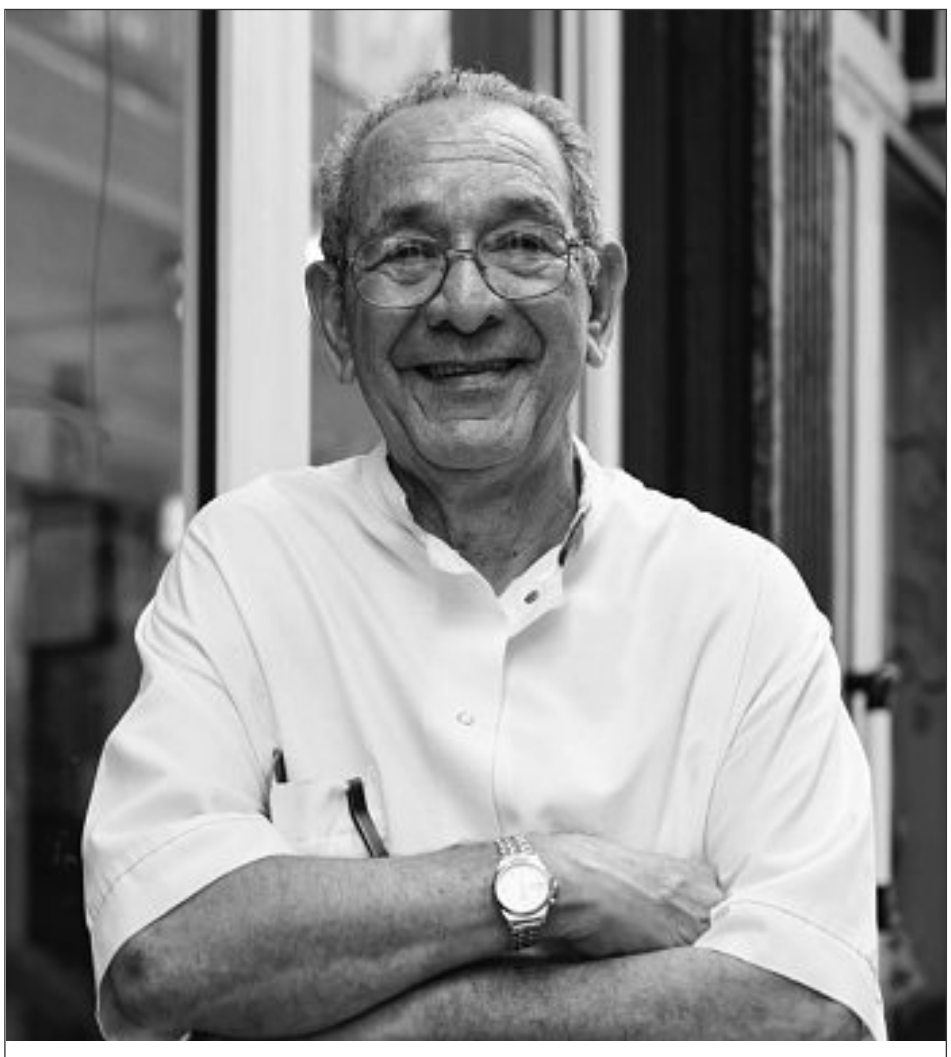

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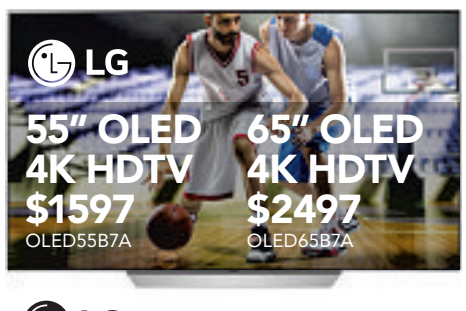

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The Tigers' Nick Castellanos scores the tying run in the ninth inning Thursday at Guaranteed Rate Field as White Sox catcher Omar Narvaez waits for a relay throw that never came.

Feel the chill

In snowy home opener, Sox blow 4-run lead, fall in extras

Paul Sullivan
On the White Sox

Swirling snowflakes greeted the White Sox on Thursday for their home opener against the Tigers, making for a picturesque scene on the South Side.

While playing baseball inside a snow globe isn't the most conducive atmosphere for hitting, the Sox shrugged off the conditions most of the day and appeared to be in complete control with a three-run lead and two outs in the ninth inning.

But an avalanche of runs quickly buried White Sox closer Joakim Soria, whose blown save sent the game into extra innings and turned the remaining fans of the original crowd of 33,318 uncomfortably numb.

HOME OPENER
TIGERS 9, WHITE SOX 7 (10)

THAT'S QUITE A 1-2 PUNCH
Hawk Harrelson, A.J. Pierzynski hold court before home opener.

SNOWIN' SITUATION
Midgame snow adds drama to chilly scene: "It was crazy."
Coverage, Page 3

The Sox wound up losing 9-7 in 10 innings, spoiling the opener and making those human Popsicles wonder why they stuck around four hours to watch this ending. You knew there were going to be days like this in Year Two of the rebuild. But it was hard to stomach nevertheless.

"We're going to have games when we end up coming out on top on the other end," manager Rick Renteria said. "Today was a day that in spite of it all, we get the potential winning run to the plate (in the 10th). We weren't able to keep it going."

The snowflakes began to fall in the third inning and kept on falling into the late innings. But the Sox built a 7-3 lead going into the eighth and appeared to have the game in hand.

Even after Nate Jones gave up a run in the eighth, there was no

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For Hawks, no move best move

Quenneville, Bowman earned right to find way back to top

Steve Rosenbloom

Stan Bowman and Joel Quenneville get a do-over.

The Blackhawks' general manager and coach will keep their jobs.

That's good. That's good for them, certainly. That's a good decision by President John McDonough, who declared it so Thursday. That's good for the organ-I-zation.

McDonough took the drama out of the final weekend of a last-place season, and there would have been some drama, believe me. The Hawks are not used to last-place finishes. The Hawks are spoiled. Nine straight playoff years, five conference finals and those three Stanley Cups in six years after none in 49 will do that to a franchise.

If this dreadful season had resulted in the firing of the decorated GM and coach after consecutive first-round exits, nobody would have been surprised when we're talking about a franchise that made "One Goal" a motto and a reality.

But no. Bowman and Quenneville are staying. Their resumes and jewelry suggested they were the right men to change

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Tiger Woods failed to birdie any of the par-5s Thursday and sits seven off the lead.

THE MASTERS

Where to start ...

Woods' major return only part of busy 1st day at Augusta

Tiger Woods felt the love from fans but didn't give them much to cheer during an opening 73 in the Masters — Woods' first round in a major since 2015 because of multiple back surgeries. But there were plenty of early fireworks, including first-round leader Jordan Spieth's five straight birdies in a 66.

Tony Finau recovered from a partially dislocated ankle the day before to shoot a 68. Arlington Heights amateur Doug Ghim made two eagles — one a rare 2 on the 18th hole. And duffers everywhere could relate to defending champion Sergio Garcia, who put five balls in the pond at No. 15 to card a 13. **Back Page**

CUBS 8, BREWERS 0

That's more like it: Baez, Lester star

Cubs put forth best effort yet in shutting out rival Brewers

By Mark Gonzales
Chicago Tribune

MILWAUKEE — The presence of President Theo Epstein and general manager Jed Hoyer at Miller Park for the sixth game of the season seemed a tad strange, but Epstein stressed his appearance wasn't in response to the Cubs' inconsistent start.

"The early part of the baseball season is made for overreactions both ways," Epstein said Thursday night. "No matter how long you have been in the game, you can't help but overreact. A guy goes 2-for-4 on opening day, you might think this is the year he hits .300 or .500.

"That's the way it goes. You have to discipline yourself not to get like that. Most people are more comfortable when you get a month in."

Epstein said the lack of home games and the proximity from the Wrigley Field offices made it convenient for him and Hoyer to make a trip, and they were treated to the Cubs' best all-around performance so far.

The offense snapped a 19-inning scoreless drought with timely hitting and daring baserunning from Javier Baez, and Jon

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TOP OF THE SECOND

STEVE ROSENBLOOM

Chance for Darvish do-over

Until the Cubs get to the playoffs, each Yu Darvish start will be some kind of statement outing, or at least over-scrutinized because one never can over-scrutinize pitchers too early in the season, especially $126 million pitchers.

Darvish gets the ball Saturday for a second time as a Cub against the team some believe to be their new, big rival. Maybe the Brewers actually are the new objects of hate, maybe it's just a chance to tweak the Cardinals, but either way they are Darvish's next assignment in Milwaukee.

And it better not be as ugly as his debut in Miami.

In his first start, Darvish gave up five runs on five hits and two walks while also hitting two batters in just 4 1/3 shudder-inducing innings.

Shudder-inducing for those watching, I should say. For the guy pitching, it wasn't "too bad."

That's what Darvish said after the game. But it was bad.

He was down 2-0 two batters into his Cubs career. After being staked to a 5-2 lead in the fifth, Darvish immediately gave it all back before he could record a second out. In fact, he still hasn't recorded that second out in the bottom of the fifth.

See? Bad. If Darvish makes 30 starts this season after signing that big deal with an average annual value of $21 million, then the Cubs just spent $700,000 for a 10.38 ERA.

That's bad, Yu. Stop that. Fix that.

Turns out, Darvish was talking Tuesday about fixing himself, specifically his arsenal.

After throwing only 59 strikes in his 102 pitches against the Marlins, Darvish said he spent his bullpen session trying to hone his fastball but also working in his other pitches. Relying primarily on his fastball and slider in Miami, Darvish indicated he wants to make greater use of his cut fastball, curve and changeup.

Yes. Well, why weren't they used in his debut?

We went through this kind of scrutiny and delayed gratification with Jon Lester, you might recall. In 2015, he signed a deal guaranteeing him $155 million and promptly was yanked in his debut after — hmmm, look at that — 4 1/3 innings in which he allowed three earned runs. He gave up six earned runs in six innings in his next start, and by the end of April the Cubs' supposed ace had an ERA of 6.23.

MARK BROWN/GETTY

Yu Darvish's pitching debut with the Cubs on Saturday lasted less than five full innings.

Then came May, and Lester gave up eight earned runs total in six starts, posting a 1.76 ERA, and there was the $155 million guy the Cubs believed they signed.

Funny thing about Lester's first season: He alternated lousy months with great ones — 6.23 ERA in March/April, 1.76 in May, 5.74 in June, 1.66 in July, 5.04 in August and 2.36 in September/October.

The inconsistency wasn't as scrutinized because Jake Arrieta was in the midst of a historic stretch in which he gave up four earned runs in — don't laugh because this remains so unbelievable — 88 1/3 innings in his 12 starts covering August through the end of the regular season. Four earned runs — four. An ERA in that stretch of — again, don't laugh out loud until all the kudos have been listed — 0.41. And then Arrieta threw nine shutout innings against the Pirates in the wild-card playoff game.

So, yeah, that took the edge off Lester's inconsistency. It might be that Lester and Kyle Hendricks, and maybe Jose Quintana, will have to do that for Darvish.

But it would be better if we didn't have to depend on the rest of the rotation to shelter the biggest free-agent pitcher signed last offseason.

Is a quality start that much to ask? At least six innings, no more than three runs allowed, give the Cubs a chance to win. Guys making less than $126 million do it. Heck, Eddie Butler did it over seven innings in relief last week.

If Darvish does that against the Brewers on Saturday, then he can say his start wasn't "too bad."

THE LINEUP

Taking it outside the ring

UFC star **Conor McGregor** turned himself in to New York police late Thursday in the wake of a backstage melee he instigated that forced the removal of three fights off UFC's biggest card of the year.

Video footage appears to show McGregor, 29, throwing a hand truck at a bus full of fighters after a news conference for UFC 223 on Saturday at the Barclays Center. No charges had been filed as of late Thursday, though sources told the New York Daily News that assault charges could be pending.

Video showed McGregor tossing trash cans and being prevented from throwing a barricade at a bus during his unannounced appearance. New York Police said McGregor threw a hand truck at a bus, causing minor injury to an individual on the bus. UFC said three fights on the UFC 223 card have been scrapped as a result of the incident.

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She's upset to the gills

A **Predators** fan was so angry about an overturned call during Tuesday's game against the Panthers that she sent two dead catfish to NHL headquarters in Toronto.

During the game in Sunrise, Fla., it appeared as if the Predators had tied the score at 2 on a last-second goal by Filip Forsberg. However, the goal was disallowed after video review determined Panthers goalie Roberto Luongo was interfered with, and the Panthers won 2-1.

Briley Meeks told ESPN that after seeing a post on the Predators' Facebook page suggesting someone send a catfish to the NHL, she did.

"One minute I was sitting on my couch, the next minute I was going to buy fish and shipping it to Canada," said Meeks, who paid $150 for the shipment.

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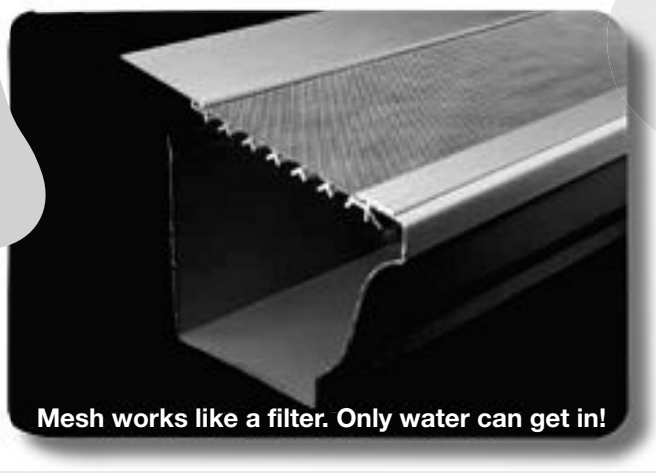

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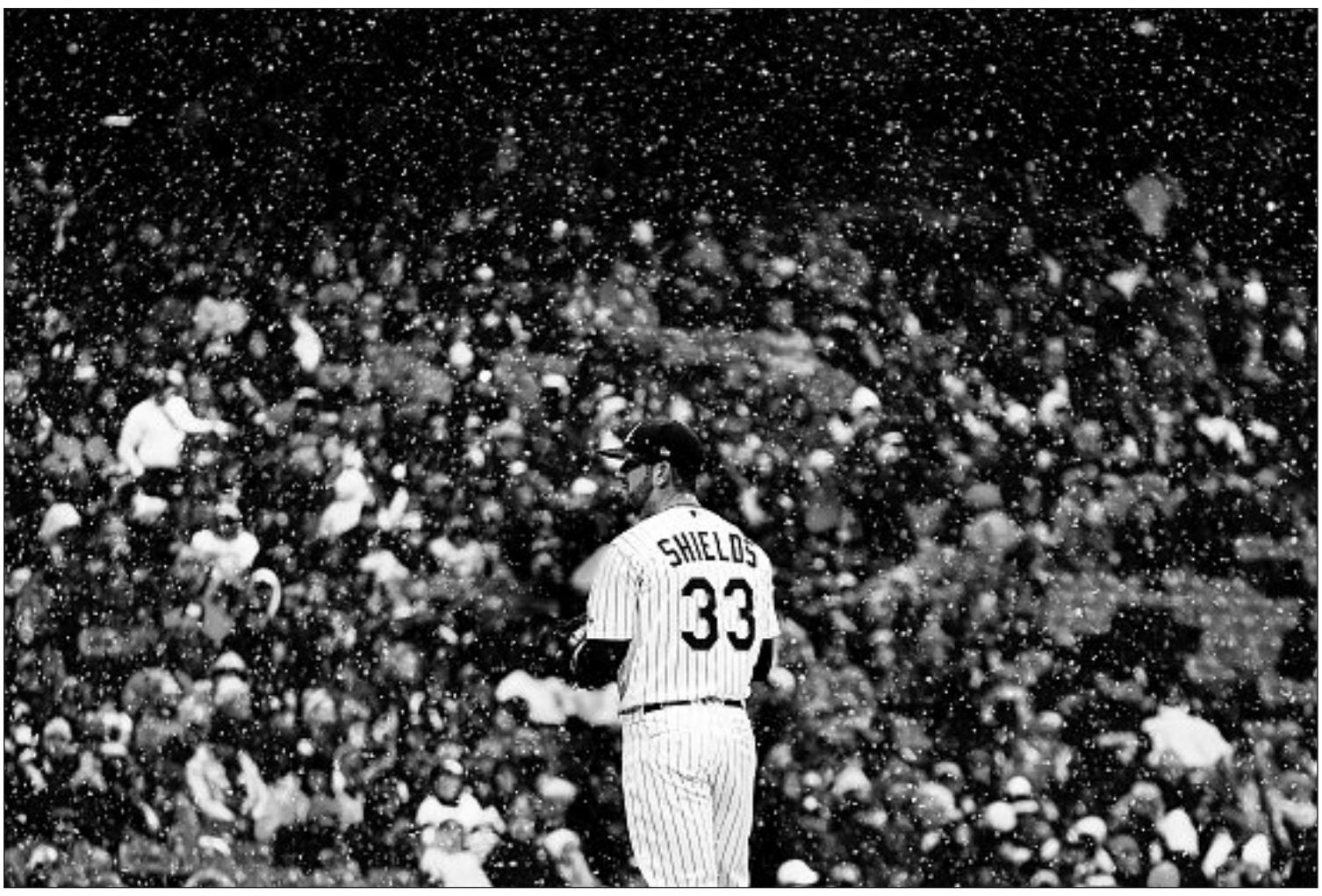

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Starting pitcher James Shields stands on the mound as the snow comes down during the third inning of the White Sox home opener.

WHITE SOX NOTES

Unique circumstances

Most Sox players enjoy rare experience of playing in snow

By Paul Sullivan
Chicago Tribune

The Snow Game is in the books now, but whether the White Sox and Tigers should even have played in flurries is a question that is open for debate.

"It was a tough day to pitch, a tough day to play baseball in general," White Sox starter **James Shields** said. "It was unfortunate. The first few innings weren't too bad. With the snow, you don't realize how wet (the ball) gets."

Shields managed to get through it, though he said it was "hard to see the ball off the bat."

Should the umpires have stopped the game at any point?

"I don't think they should have," Shields said. "There were a few innings when it was snowing pretty good. But again, it was fairly visible for the most part. It wasn't downright snowing to the point we couldn't see anything.

"There were a few times when I had to wipe my eyes, but it wasn't too bad."

Some of the Sox players actually enjoyed the strangeness of playing in the snow. Six of the position players were born in Latin American countries, and only **Adam Engel** was from the Midwest, where high school teams play in the cold with snow flurries frequently.

"It was crazy," **Matt Davidson** said. "First time I've ever done that, and it's kind of distracting when you're on the bases and hitting. You kind of have to take a step back and re-focus a little bit, but it was really cool."

Yolmer Sanchez and **Leury Garcia** both used Vaseline on their bodies to try to stay warm.

New beginnings: It's not every groundskeeper who gets a media throng on opening day.

"I thought it died down, all of a sudden it came right back at me again," said **Nevest Coleman,** who was ready to work his first game since prosecutors vacated his conviction and he was granted a certificate of innocence from a rape and murder for which he served 23 years in prison. "I don't mind. It's something that needs to be told. I appreciate y'all telling my story."

Coleman returned to his old job with the Sox and thanked the organization for giving him a chance.

"I'll work the whole season, if they keep me here all season," he said, laughing.

Coleman said he hoped to talk to Sox Chairman **Jerry Reinsdorf** and personally thank him for the opportunity. He said he wasn't bitter about missing more than two decades of his life for a crime he didn't commit.

"When I finally came home, all the anger was gone, all the misery, all that was gone, because I had my family," he said. "I finally (saw) my son and my daughter and my three grandbabies, I finally saw them, hugged them — can't be miserable around them."

The quote: Joakim Soria on the ninth inning — "Unfortunately I had a little bad luck. Three shots that if they hit it a little harder we have the out and we are going home with the win. It didn't happen and that's what it is."

Phil Thompson contributed to this report

ARMANDO L. SANCHEZ/CHICAGO TRIBUNE

Bundled-up fans Eric Kolman, 32, left, and Scott Kowalski, 33, watch the Sox's home opener Thursday.

Sox blow 4-run lead, fall in 10

Sullivan, *from Page 1*

panic. Perhaps everyone was too cold to panic. But the fact the Tigers also are in a semi-rebuild gave everyone false hope it was all over but the shoveling.

Soria, the chosen closer over Jones, replaced Jones for the ninth and gave up a one-out single. With two outs, Niko Goodrum, who replaced an injured Miguel Cabrera (hip flexor) in the second, managed to line one barely over the right-field fence for a two-run homer, making it 7-6. Nick Castellanos then followed with a single to right, and Victor Martinez stroked a hit down the left field line that should have sent the tying run to third. Instead, left fielder Leury Garcia let the ball skip past him Castellanos scored as Martinez moved into second.

"The wind took it a little bit, but I either have to catch the ball or keep it in front of me," Garcia said. "No excuse. I'll learn from it. That's not going to happen anymore."

The Tigers scored a pair of runs in the 10th off Gregory Infante and Aaron Bummer, and what could have been a confidence-boosting victory turned into a demoralizing defeat.

"That's a tough loss, especially in those weather conditions," said Sox starter James Shields, who grinded it out for five innings pitching with snowflakes in his eyes."We came out banging the ball, but unfortunately the back end of the bullpen didn't do their jobs tonight. But those guys are veterans and they're really good back there and I know they're going to come back."

For most of the day the Sox seemed to find new ways to keep from incurring frostbite. Yolmer Sanchez kept warm by running around the bases, tripling twice and driving in three runs. The only one who didn't have to chill out, literally-speaking, was designated-hitter Matt Davidson, who scored four runs while spending much of his time in the clubhouse between innings.

"DH isn't too bad of a thing when it's this cold," Davidson said before the game. "You try to be a good teammate. If they want some hot coffee, I'll be the guy running in and out."

Davidson said he was OK with being the designated waiter.

"They tip well, too," he said.

One week into the 2018 season, we're trying to figure out whether this suddenly explosive offense is the real thing or just a mirage. The Sox entered the day leading the majors in home runs, slugging and OPS, which doesn't mean much given the small sample size.

But if they can keep it up in the sub-arctic conditions, chances are good they can gain some confidence for when the weather warms up in another month or so.

Still, the bullpen is going to have to do its job, and thus far it has been the team's Achilles heel.

"Today we just fell a little short," Renteria said. "I thought we had all the right pieces in the right places, it just didn't work out."

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THE BOX SCORE

DETROIT	AB	R	H	BI	AVG.
Martin cf	6	1	2	2	.217
Candelario 3b	6	0	1	1	.185
Cabrera 1b	1	0	1	0	.318
Goodrum 1b	5	2	2	2	.286
Castellanos rf	5	2	3	0	.385
Martinez dh	4	0	3	2	.333
1-J.Jones pr-dh	0	0	0	0	.500
McCann c	5	0	1	0	.238
Mahtook lf	4	1	1	1	.182
Iglesias ss	4	2	1	0	.100
Machado 2b	5	1	2	1	.280
TOTALS	**45**	**9**	**17**	**9**	

WHITE SOX	AB	R	H	BI	AVG.
Moncada 2b	6	0	0	0	.154
A.Garcia rf	5	2	2	0	.333
Abreu 1b	5	0	0	0	.320
Davidson dh	3	4	2	1	.318
Sanchez 3b	5	0	3	3	.400
L.Garcia lf	5	0	2	2	.333
Anderson ss	3	1	1	0	.304
Narvaez c	4	0	1	0	.250
2-Saladino pr	0	0	0	0	.000
Engel cf	3	0	0	1	.211
a-Delmonico ph	0	0	0	0	.077
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a-hit by pitch for Engel in the 10th. 1-ran for Martinez in the 9th. 2-ran for Narvaez in the 10th. **E:** Abreu (1). **LOB:** Detroit 9, WHITE SOX 9. **2B:** Martinez (2), Machado 2 (5), A.Garcia (2), Davidson (1), L.Garcia (1), Narvaez (1). **3B:** Sanchez 2 (2). **HR:** Goodrum (1), off Soria. **RBIs:** Martin 2 (2), Candelario (1), Martinez 2 (5), Mahtook (1), Machado (5), Goodrum 2 (3), Davidson (8), Sanchez 3 (7), L.Garcia 2 (2), Engel (2). **SB:** Goodrum (1), Anderson (4). **CS:** Martin (1). **SF:** Mahtook, Engel. **SO:** Martin (1), Candelario (1), Goodrum (1), McCann (1), Mahtook (1), Iglesias (1), Moncada (4), A.Garcia (1), Abreu (1), Sanchez (1), L.Garcia (1), Anderson (2), Narvaez (1), Engel (1). **Runners left in scoring position:** Detroit 5 (Martin, Martinez, McCann 3); WHITE SOX 5 (Moncada 2, L.Garcia, Narvaez 2). RISP: Detroit 5 for 14; WHITE SOX X4 for 13. **Runners moved up:** Castellanos 2, Machado, Narvaez. **GIDP:** Iglesias, Goodrum. **DP:** WHITE SOX 2 (Sanchez, Abreu), (Bummer, Sanchez, Abreu).

DETROIT	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Zimmermann	4⅓	9	6	6	1	3	8.71
Saupold	⅓	1	0	0	1	0	0.00
Norris	3⅓	1	1	1	2	6	2.70
Jimenez, **W**,1-0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0.00
Greene, **S**,1-1	1	0	0	0	1	3	6.75

WHITE SOX	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Shields	5	8	3	3	1	1	5.73
Farquhar, H, 1	1⅓	0	0	0	0	3	3.86
Avilan, H, 2	⅔	0	0	0	0	2	4.50
N.Jones	1	3	1	1	0	0	2.70
Soria, **BS**,1-3	1	4	3	3	0	0	9.00
Infante, L, 0-1	⅓	1	2	2	1	0	37.80
Bummer	⅔	1	0	0	0	0	0.00

Inherited runners-scored: Saupold 1-1, Norris 2-0, Bummer 2-3. **HBP:** Greene (Delmonico). **Umpires:** H, Marvin Hudson; 1B, James Hoye; 2B, Jeff Kellogg; 3B, Chris Segal. **Time:** 4:03. **A:** 33,318 (40,615).

HOW THEY SCORED

WHITE SOX FIRST: Moncada flied out. A. Garcia singled. Abreu flied out. Davidson walked, A. Garcia to second. Sanchez tripled, scoring A. Garcia and Davidson. L. Garcia popped out. **Two runs. White Sox 2-0.**
TIGERS SECOND: Mahtook grounded out. Iglesias lined out. Machado doubled. Martin singled, scoring Machado. Martin caught stealing. **One run. White Sox 2-1.**
WHITE SOX SECOND: Anderson singled. Anderson stole second. Narvaez grounded out, Anderson to third. Engel sacrifice fly, scoring Anderson. Moncada struck out. **One run. White Sox 3-1.**
WHITE SOX THIRD: A. Garcia grounded out. Abreu lined out. Davidson singled. Sanchez singled, Davidson to second. L. Garcia singled, scoring Davidson, Sanchez to second, Sanchez out at third. **One run, White Sox 4-1.**
TIGERS FOURTH: McCann grounded out. Mahtook popped out. Iglesias singled. Machado doubled, scoring Iglesias. Martin lined out. **One run. White Sox 4-2.**
TIGERS FIFTH: Candelario grounded out. Goodrum singled. Castellanos grounded out, Goodrum to second. Martinez singled, scoring Goodrum. McCann struck out. **One run. White Sox 4-3.**
WHITE SOX FIFTH: A. Garcia doubled. Abreu grounded out. Davidson doubled, scoring A. Garcia. Saupold pitching. Sanchez tripled, scoring Davidson. L. Garcia grounded out. Anderson walked. Norris pitching. Narvaez lined out. **Two runs. White Sox 6-3.**
WHITE SOX SEVENTH: Abreu struck out. Davidson walked. Sanchez struck out. L. Garcia doubled, scoring Davidson. Anderson walked. Narvaez struck out. **One run. White Sox 7-3.**
TIGERS EIGHTH: Jones pitching. Castellanos singled. Martinez singled, Castellanos to second. McCann singled, Catellanos to third, Martinez to second. Mahtook sacrifice fly, scoring Catellanos. Iglesias grounded into double play, Martinez out at third. **One run. White Sox 7-4.**
TIGERS NINTH: Soria pitching. Machado grounded out. Martin singled. Martin to second on fielder's indifference. Candelario popped out. Goodrum homered, scoring Martin. Castellanos singled. Martinez doubled, scoring Castellanos. McCann grounded out. **Three runs. Tied 7-7**.
TIGERS 10TH: Infante pitching. Mahtook singled. Iglesias walked, Mahtook to second. Machado flied out, Mahtook to third. Bummer pitching. Martin singled, scoring Mahtook, Iglesias to second. Candelario singled, scoring Iglesias. Goodrum grounded into double play, Martin out at second. **Two runs. Tigers 9-7.**

Hawk-A.J. tandem should be lots of fun

In news conference, chemistry between two on full display

By Paul Sullivan
Chicago Tribune

The beginning of the end for Hawk Harrelson started Thursday as the longtime White Sox announcer entered his final year of broadcasting.

"I've been lucky," Harrelson said. "I've been in the right place at the right time in a lot of places."

Harrelson and former White Sox catcher A.J. Pierzynski teamed up Thursday for a wild news conference before the home opener, giving a glimpse of what's in store later this season when they team up in the booth.

Harrelson obviously is an old-school "homer" for the Sox, a dying breed in today's game. I asked him if his style would go over well with teams if he was starting out now in an era when announcers are much more objective than in the past.

"No," he said. "Broadcasting today is entirely different than it was. I started out in 1975 broadcasting with the Red Sox, and I've been lucky in that respect because everybody I've ever played for gave me the leeway and the flexibility to just be myself and say what I needed to say.

"Now (Sox Chairman Jerry) Reinsdorf on numerous occasions has gotten on my behind about umpires. He'd text me after a game — 'Hey, lay off the umpires.' But to me, umpiring is an integral part of the game, obviously. Just like a player, you've got good players, mediocre players and bad players. You've got good umpires, mediocre umpires and bad umpires. The only thing that got to me about umpires is if they didn't hustle, don't get in shape.

"I've been lucky to have the flexibility. Harry (Caray) had that. Guys in the past had that. But the marketing of a club today is entirely different than it has ever been, and the content of what comes out of the broadcast booth is getting to be entirely different than it was 15, 20, 25, 30, 40 years ago. This will be my 42nd year announcing, and boy has it changed. It's just that simple."

Pierzynski lauded Harrelson's "passion" and said there is no one else like him in the game.

"If you just watch any TV show or anything on media, you'll see people using the things he came up with — 'He gone,' 'Put it on the board,' " Pierzynski said. "People say it all the time, just in everyday language. Just for that alone, he should be in the Hall of Fame.

"Then just to sit down next to him and do three hours. I can listen to his stories and I can tee him up and Hawk can knock 'em down. It'll be like bowling. I'll set all the pins up and he comes in and bowls 300."

"My pinboy," Harrelson said.

Harrelson has been on the final ballot for the Ford C. Frick Award a few times but has yet to get the call from the Hall of Fame. He said, "Some of those voters I don't like, and I've told them that in the past about certain things."

"I don't even think about it, to tell you the truth," he said. "It'll probably happen. It'll probably be when I'm dead."

"I hope not," Pierzynski said. "I want (to hear) that speech."

Harrelson said he's known Pierzynski since he was a sophomore in high school and said Pierzynski has never changed.

"He was a (bleep) then and he's a bigger (bleep) now," he cracked. "It's been great for me. I tried to get the Sox to draft him. They drafted Mark Johnson, and he went third to Minnesota. It was fun watching him and his career. As far as his post-career, I feel he has a chance to be the best analyst in the game."

Pierzynski, playing the role of "pinboy," set up Harrelson later on, asking him about the embattled Phillies manager Gabe Kapler, who has mismanaged his bullpen in the early going.

"Gabe Kapler isn't doing a good job?" Pierzynski said with a smirk

"I thought you were talking about Terry (Bevington)," Harrelson replied, referring to the time the former Sox manager called for a reliever who wasn't warming up, as Kapler did last week.

Eventually "The A.J. and Hawk Show" had to end. But if this was the pilot episode, the rest of the show figures to be a big hit.

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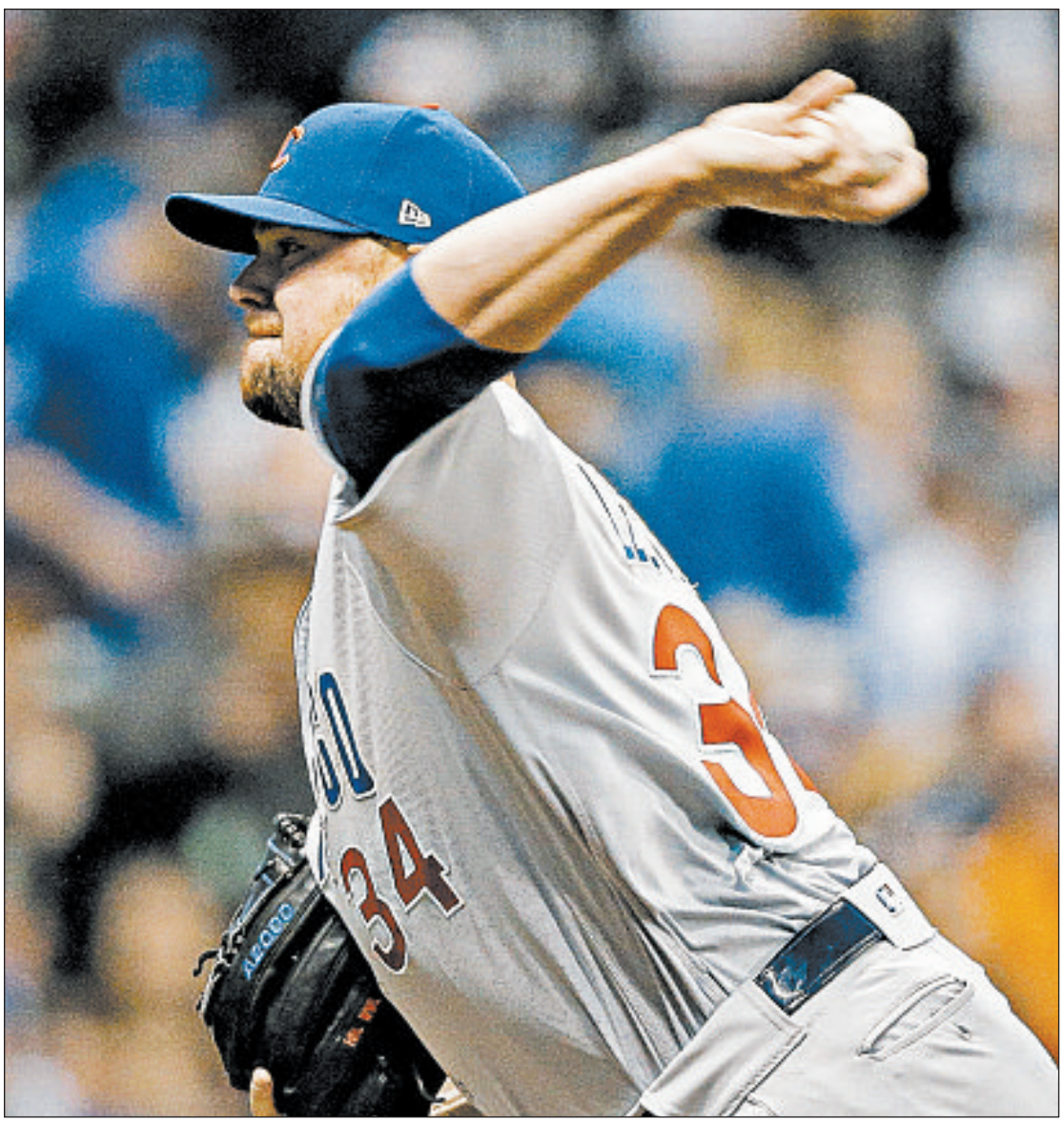

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Starter Jon Lester lets fly with a pitch in the first inning of Thursday night's game against the Brewers.

CUBS NOTES

A shared mindset

Zobrist praises players' willingness to discuss offensive approach

By Mark Gonzales
Chicago Tribune

MILWAUKEE — The Cubs haven't looked far for possible solutions to their recent hitting woes.

"We're talking as a group," **Ben Zobrist** said. "Everyone is still learning.

"Everyone is growing, learning with a mindset regarding their own swing and how we can get things going quicker. We have done a better job than I've seen any team do at bouncing things off each other early in the season and in spring training.

"Everyone can rest assured there are a lot of conversations happening behind closed doors and a lot of thought being put into what's happening on the field. You still have to execute and find a way to get things going. Timing and all that come into it, but the right thoughts are happening."

Zobrist thought some of the attention was magnified because of two consecutive days off after back-to-back shutouts.

"It has been a unique first five games," said Zobrist, alluding to the Cubs' 18 runs combined in their two victories and one run total over their three losses. "It's not normal, but that's the game. We're adapting and going from there."

Returning to play after the layoff might be a timely prescription, Zobrist thought.

"I can't imagine what football players deal with when they're done for six days," Zobrist said. "It's good for our fans and everyone for us to get back on the field."

Manager **Joe Maddon** steers clear of players gathering unless he's asked to join.

"They feel the ability or freedom to do that, where they're not looking over their shoulder all the time," Maddon said. "They're kind of free right now, and I like that."

Home away from home: **Anthony Rizzo** provided an amusing answer when asked if the Brewers' internet sale of tickets to 10 games against the Cubs being for Wisconsin residents only would affect the Cubs' traditionally large following at Miller Park.

"We might sink into a hole as players," Rizzo said. "We really love our Cubs fans on the road. It's fun to come out on the road and see a lot of Cubs fans.

"I'm almost certain that if you're from the state of Illinois and you want to see a game here, you find a way. I've seen it before. I've seen it before Game 7 of the World Series."

TOM LYNN/AP

Javier Baez avoids the tag by Brewers catcher Jett Bandy to score from first on a two-error play in the second inning of the Cubs' win.

THE BOX SCORE

CUBS	AB	R	H	BI	AVG.
Happ lf	6	1	1	0	.136
Zobrist rf	5	0	2	0	.375
Cishek p	0	0	0	0	.000
d-La Stella ph	1	0	0	0	.400
Butler p	0	0	0	0	.000
Bryant 3b	5	0	2	1	.346
Rizzo 1b	5	0	0	0	.107
Contreras c	4	1	3	0	.280
Almora cf	5	2	1	1	.176
Russell ss	5	1	2	1	.304
Baez 2b	1	2	1	2	.158
Lester p	3	0	0	0	.000
b-Schwarber ph	1	0	0	0	.278
Edwards p	0	0	0	0	—
Heyward rf	1	1	1	2	.278
TOTALS	**42**	**8**	**13**	**7**	

MILWAUKEE	AB	R	H	BI	AVG.
Cain cf	4	0	0	0	.310
Santana rf	4	0	0	0	.250
Braun lf	3	0	1	0	.200
Shaw 3b	3	0	0	0	.310
Sogard 2b	1	0	0	0	.000
Aguilar 1b-3b	4	0	3	0	.500
Perez 2b-3b-p	3	0	0	0	.000
Arcia ss	3	0	0	0	.150
Bandy c	2	0	0	0	.143
Suter p	1	0	0	0	.000
a-Villar ph	1	0	0	0	.292
Barnes p	0	0	0	0	—
Jennings p	0	0	0	0	—
c-Thames ph	1	0	0	0	.235
Knebel p	0	0	0	0	—
Pina 1b	0	0	0	0	.200
TOTALS	**30**	**0**	**4**	**0**	

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a-grounded out for Suter in the 5th. b-grounded out for Lester in the 7th. c-flied out for Jennings in the 8th. d-lined out for Cishek in the 9th.
E: Cain (1), Perez 2 (2). **LOB:** CUBS 12, Milwaukee 5. **2B:** Contreras (2), Russell (3), Braun (1), Aguilar (1). **3B:** Almora (1). **HR:** Heyward (1), off Knebel. **RBIs:** Bryant (5), Almora (1), Russell (1), Baez 2 (3), Heyward 2 (4). **SB:** Happ (1), Braun (1). **CS:** Braun (1). **SO:** Happ (4), Rizzo (1), Almora (1), Russell (1), Lester (2), Cain (1), Santana (2), Braun (1), Shaw (1), Aguilar (1), Perez (2), Arcia (2), Bandy (1). **Runners left in scoring position:** CUBS cago 6 (Contreras 2, Almora 2, Lester 2); Milwaukee 2 (Shaw, Perez). RISP: CUBS 3 for 11; Milwaukee 0 for 2. **Runners moved up:** Rizzo.

CUBS	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Lester, **W**,1-0	6	3	0	0	1	6	2.89
Edwards	1	1	0	0	0	3	3.00
Cishek	1	0	0	0	0	0	0.00
Butler	1	0	0	0	0	2	1.12
MILWAUKEE	**IP**	**H**	**R**	**ER**	**BB**	**SO**	**ERA**
Perez	⅓	0	0	0	0	0	0.00
Suter, **L**,1-1	5	8	5	4	3	5	6.30
Barnes	2	1	0	0	1	2	0.00
Jennings	1	3	1	1	0	1	1.93
Knebel	⅔	1	2	2	0	1	10.12

HBP: Lester (Bandy), Knebel (Baez). **PB:** Bandy (1). **Umpires:** H, Brian O'Nora; 1B, Chad Whitson; 2B, Chris Conroy; 3B, Fieldin Culbreth. **Time:** 2:52. **A:** 24,310 (41,900).

HOW THEY SCORED

CUBS SECOND: Contreras singled. Almora Jr. grounded into fielder's choice, Contreras out at second. Russell singled, Almora Jr. to third, Russell to second on throw. Baez singled, scoring Almora Jr. and Russell. Lester grounded into fielder's choice, Baez safe at second on Perez's error. Baez scored, Lester safe at first on Cain's error. Happ grounded into fielder's choice, Lester out at second. Zovrist lined out. **Three runs. Cubs 3-0.**
CUBS THIRD: Bryant grounded out. Rizzo flied out. Contreras singled. Almora Jr. tripled, scoring Contreras. Russell doubled, scoring Almora Jr. Baez walked. Lester struck out. **Two runs. Cubs 5-0.**
CUBS EIGHTH: Jennings pitching. Happ singled. Happ stole second. Zobrist grounded out. Bryant singled, scoring Happ. Rizzo struck out. Contreras doubled, Bryant to third. Almora Jr. grounded out. **One run. Cubs 6-0.**
CUBS NINTH: Knebel pitching. Russell lined out. Baez hit by pitch. Heyward homered, scoring Baez. Happ struck out. Perez pitching. La Stella lined out. **Two runs. Cubs 8-0.**

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Lester gained made amends for his rough opening-day start with six shutout innings in an 8-0 victory over the Brewers.

Despite the newness of the season, Ben Zobrist placed extra importance on this four-game series against their National League Central rivals.

"Even though it's the first time we're playing them," Zobrist said, "it's four games and we want to get things going right."

Epstein described the Cubs' 58 strikeouts through the first five games as an "aberration" and was mindful that 20 of those strikeouts occurred in a 17-inning loss at Miami.

"We haven't played our game yet," Epstein said. "Just write it off. We're not into the flow of the season yet. ... Give it time, we'll be fine."

Javier Baez delivered a two-run single and later took advantage of a bobble by center fielder Lorenzo Cain to score from first base on a headfirst slide to cap a three-run second.

"He has eyes on the back of his head," said manager Joe Maddon, who compared Baez's astute baserunning to that of Hall of Famer Willie Mays. "He's going to make a good parent."

Baez thought that running hard from first to third might have caused Cain to hurry his attempt to field the ball cleanly and eventually allowed him the chance to elude the tag at home plate from catcher Jett Bandy.

"I turned, and (Cain) bobbled the ball, and I kept going," Baez said. "They let me run the bases how I want to."

Consecutive hits from Willson Contreras, Albert Almora Jr. and Addison Russell produced two runs in the third. Jason Heyward clubbed a two-run homer in the ninth.

Meanwhile, Lester allowed only one batter to advance past first base, and that occurred in the first when Ryan Braun drew a walk and took off for second before Lester could attempt a throw.

Braun, well aware of Lester's battles with holding runners, then broke early toward third. But Lester had enough time to bounce a throw to Kris Bryant, who was in position to catch it and apply the tag for the final out.

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BLACKHAWKS

'Continuity' drives important decision

McDonough shows faith, retains Bowman, Quenneville for '18-19

By Rich Campbell
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The three newest Stanley Cup championship banners at United Center hang above the ice not only to commemorate the Blackhawks dynasty of the last decade but also as a ubiquitous reminder of how those teams re-established the organizational standard.

The standard comes with expectations, especially for the men who deserve credit for those titles. Coach Joel Quenneville and general manager Stan Bowman not long ago guided the Blackhawks to greatness. That's why this season, the team's first without postseason qualification since 2008, has been so confounding.

On Thursday, though, team President John McDonough expressed optimism amid failure and reiterated his faith in Quenneville and Bowman when he announced they will return for next season.

Their status had been the subject of public speculation as the Blackhawks (33-37-10) floundered to a last-place finish in the Central Division and Quenneville's first losing record in 21 seasons as an NHL coach.

"I believe in continuity," McDonough told reporters at United Center. "They have had an incredible body of success. We're not tethered to the past. This has been a very disappointing year, and our expectations are incredibly high. We're not going to deviate from those expectations, but I believe both Stan and Joel are the guys to bring this back."

McDonough said he discussed Bowman's future with him about a week ago, and he spoke at length with Quenneville on Thursday morning. Quenneville appeared relieved when he met with reporters after practice.

"We all expect and look forward to getting back to where we want to be," he said. "That's a contending team, learning from this experience from the beginning to the end, finding ways to recapture what made us so successful in the past and finding that appetite of winning again."

McDonough acknowledged his decision to retain his coach and GM required some deliberation but that "I felt pretty confident they would be back."

Quenneville, in turn, admitted he was not able to fully distance himself from the speculation, saying: "We (the coaching staff) are happy where we're at today."

Bowman is expected to meet with media next week.

"I want them to succeed," McDonough said. "There have been some circumstances that transpired this year that were out of their control."

McDonough cited the emergence of young players such as Alex DeBrincat and Nick Schmaltz as grounds for continued faith in Quenneville. He dismissed outside criticism about Quenneville's ability to develop young players, saying: "Nothing could be further from the truth."

"The respect in that (locker) room for Joel is incredible," he said. "II think the players respond to him."

Captain Jonathan Toews, who has hoisted the Cup three times under Quenneville and Bowman, corroborated that.

"For the guys who have played for Joel for a long time, there's nothing but respect there," he said. "But the game has changed. It's faster. It's younger. For our veteran guys, playing that different style, has been an adjustment, and I think for our coaching staff it has probably been an adjustment, as well. As a group, we all need to grow and get better and learn from our mistakes this year."

As for the organization's state overall, McDonough expressed disappointment and a predictable urgency, noting that at this time a year ago the Blackhawks were the top seed in the Western Conference and a favorite to win the Stanley Cup.

"The future is bright," he said. "Our core needs to improve. There's no doubt about it. Our top players need to be our top players. We're starting to see the maturity of our young guys, and there's going to be kind of a secondary core that's going to be coming on the scene. I'm very excited about that, as well. We'll see where we go from there."

Clarifying Quenneville and Bowman's status now enables them to transition smoothly to roster evaluations after the season ends Saturday.

Goalie Corey Crawford's upper-body injury, which has kept him out since Dec. 23, was a major blow that exposed a porous defense. McDonough became the latest member of the organization to express belief that Crawford will return next season, but the goalie's absence has spotlighted the need to solidify the backup role.

Then there's the matter of getting the team's established players, such as Toews, Patrick Kane, Duncan Keith, Brent Seabrook and Brandon Saad, to play up to their personal standards and in accordance with their salaries.

"There are still a lot of things to be sorted out," Quenneville said.

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BLUES AT BLACKHAWKS
TV/radio: 7:30 p.m. Friday; NBCSCH, WGN-AM 720.
Storylines: After team president John McDonough announced Thursday that coach Joel Quenneville and Stan Bowman will return next season, the Blackhawks can exhale and simply play out the final two games. They hurt the Blues wild-card chances Wednesday in St. Louis with a 4-3 comeback win, and they could crush them with another victory. The Blues trail the Avalanche by one point for the final spot with two games to play.
Trending: Before Duncan Keith scored the game-winning goal with 8.5 seconds left Wednesday, the Blackhawks overcame a 3-1 deficit on goals by rookies Blake Hillman and Alex DeBrincat. It was Hillman's first NHL goal, while DeBrincat's 28th on the season gave him the team lead. Keith wasn't moved by the fact the Blackhawks got decisive contributions from rookies. "Most of our team is rookies," he said, "so somebody has got to score."

Good call: Bowman, Quenneville staying

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this descent and had earned the chance to return the Hawks to championship glory. That was part of management's message.

Or it might be management saying, "You guys got us into this mess. Now get us out of it."

Either way, this is the right call, and a return to contending might not be as far away as their drop in the standings looks.

There was a lot of bad in this Hawks season. The core players with all the rings needed to be better. The power play needed to be better. The backup goalies needed to be better. The goal differential needed to be better.

Certainly, the loss of Marian Hossa because of an odd skin affliction hurt. They also took a defensive hit when Bowman traded Niklas Hjalmarsson to the Coyotes. Goalie Corey Crawford's season-ending injury in December sealed it.

But optimism can be found in the growth of some young players, most notably rookie Alex DeBrincat, who leads the team with 28 goals. Nick Schmaltz has scored 21 goals and his 51 points ranks fourth on the team. Vinnie Hinostroza has 25 points in 48 games. Several young defensemen were given a lot of valuable ice time.

And for all of their scoring issues, the Hawks still rank among the league leaders in Corsi For percentage, meaning they had the puck more than their opponents. Finishing better next season will be expected.

The Hawks still need to make moves, and Bowman's history indicates he embraces bold steps. Finding a top-four defenseman would seem to be a priority.

Much depends on Crawford. A return to his Vezina Trophy-caliber form is required for this team to think big next season.

We don't know how much can be accomplished, but keeping Bowman and Quenneville is a good first step.

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NORTHWESTERN

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An exterior view of the new Ryan Fieldhouse, which was unveiled Thursday on the Northwestern campus.

School officials, donors and athletes gather at the opening ceremony for Northwestern's new fieldhouse.

People take in the view from an upper entrance foyer with floor-to-ceiling windows at Ryan Fieldhouse.

Glimpse of the future at Ryan Fieldhouse

Major facility upgrade on NU campus as bold as it is pragmatic

By Shannon Ryan
Chicago Tribune

In front of floor-to-ceiling windows overlooking crashing Lake Michigan waves, Northwestern football coach Pat Fitzgerald thought back to when he was recruited by the Wildcats in the early 1990s and compared the facilities then with where he stood Thursday.

Northwestern administrators, athletic department heads, donors and athletes gathered at the unveiling of Ryan Fieldhouse, a 96,135-square-foot practice facility that's part of a larger $270 million sports complex with skyline views just feet from the lake.

"I think back to the guys, the generations before me," Fitzgerald said. "To think about the lack of support they had to the amazing support we have now, we stand on the shoulders of those guys. We're very thankful. It's a surreal day. It shows the commitment from the university. It's continuing to make that climb as a program."

The indoor, regulation-size practice field could be used for football, soccer and lacrosse games. The apex of the domed ceiling reaches 87 feet to allow for punting and kicking. The deep sidelines have "better run-off than Wrigley," Fitzgerald joked, referring to a 2010 game when Illinois and Northwestern played a game on the Cubs' cramped field.

Along with the Walter Athletics Center — athletic offices opening in August — the complex offers locker rooms, weight rooms and nutrition, medical and academic services to all Wildcats teams.

Football players will attend their first practice at Ryan Fieldhouse on Saturday, Fitzgerald said. Teams will begin moving in around June.

The complex is closer to the center of campus, instead of the 1-mile hike to the current facilities. Athletic director Jim Phillips mentioned "location, integration and recreation."

"The location is in the heart of campus," he said. "The integration with faculty and staff and students, they'll cross paths on a daily basis. It will cause a great integration you haven't seen in many places. Some (colleges) are building these separate entities — athletics here, university here. We've tried to go the other way."

Phillips said he toured 64 college facilities with hopes of designing "something really significant."

Donations were made by Patrick and Shirley Ryan, Stephen and Susan Wilson, and Mitchell and Valerie Slotnick. In the last four years, Northwestern has raised $400 million for athletics, Phillips said. The revamped Welsh-Ryan Arena will open for the basketball season in November followed by the new Trienens Performance Center.

The facility also will host events such as a communications department gala, freshman convocations and dance marathons.

On Thursday, the Northwestern band played the school fight song as guests filed onto Wilson Field in the new fieldhouse. People took selfies in front of the windows with Lake Michigan in the background. A video board played a slideshow of NU athletes.

"It's a corny saying, but dreams do come true," Phillips said. "There's been a lot of work and dedication. I'm so happy for our student-athletes and coaches that are going to be in here on a daily basis. This will be one of those legacy types of facilities that will not only touch current student-athletes but so many of our future student-athletes."

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BULLS

Hoiberg deserves share of the credit

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On the Bulls

At every opportunity, Fred Hoiberg has deflected credit.

When the Bulls not only navigated the altercation between Nikola Mirotic and Bobby Portis but thrived with those two playing together, the Bulls coach heaped praise on his fighting forwards.

When the Bulls overcame a 3-20 start to post a 10-6 record in December, Hoiberg spoke glowingly of the growth from Kris Dunn and Lauri Markkanen.

When the Bulls potentially harmed their draft-lottery position Tuesday by earning their third straight victory with a performance that again featured selfless offense and effort on defense, Hoiberg complimented Markkanen, Ryan Arcidiacono and Sean Kilpatrick.

The NBA is a players' league. Hoiberg, who played for 10 years, knows that as well as anyone. The players deserve credit for still arriving early for practice, staying engaged in film sessions and competing.

But what about Hoiberg? At the start of training camp, management said the third-year coach and his staff wouldn't be judged by the win-loss record but by player development and effort.

Bobby Portis is averaging career bests in all statistics. Denzel Valentine has doubled his output from his rookie season. Dunn improved throughout his reclamation season. Markkanen is averaging 20.5 points in just 25.3 minutes over his last four games.

And the effort is there for anyone to see. Again, players deserve ample credit, but shouldn't Hoiberg receive some as well?

"Fred has stayed Fred," Justin Holiday said. "That usually never changes, which obviously is a good thing."

Said Antonio Blakeney: "He gives us a lot of freedom on offense. He really wants the ball to move."

The fact players as wide-ranging as the veteran Holiday and the rookie Blakeney, who is on a two-way contract, accentuated Hoiberg's positives speaks to his even-keeled approach. Hoiberg is known as a players' coach, which sometimes led to issues during his first two seasons with more established players who took advantage of him.

But executive vice president John Paxson has talked about Hoiberg finding his footing and coaching with more confidence as the Bulls have embarked upon this rebuild. Whether or not Hoiberg is the long-term answer or a championship-level coach is a separate subject.

This season, he has done everything management has asked.

"I give our guys a lot of credit," Hoiberg said, consistent as ever with that stance. "I've said all along that our guys have gone out and played the right way.

"They've found a way to fight through adversity and given great effort most every time they've stepped on the floor. That has been our message to our team. The wins are obviously nice, but you're looking at, 'Did you go out and play harder than the other team?' And for the most part our guys have competed at a very high level.

"I've talked about the importance of coming to practice every day, coming to shootaround with the right mentality and learning and accomplishing things in those types of environments and film sessions. The approach our guys have shown with that has been off the charts. That is gratifying."

Gratification is about all Hoiberg will take, not credit.

"Look at our start, and they continued to come in here and work, keep a positive attitude and want to get things reversed," Hoiberg said. "It shows a lot about our group, and especially the leadership with Robin (Lopez) and Justin.

"When you're going through times like that, it's important for our young guys to see that and hopefully take some of those qualities into the summer and next season, when we're going to have to have some (other) guys emerge as leaders with that young core we have."

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BULLS NOTES

Holiday the perfect age to be a big help

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Justin Holiday turned 29 on Thursday.

"I don't feel 29 by the way, for the record," Holiday said, laughing. "I don't know what age I feel, but I feel younger than that. My body is younger than 29, so that's all that really matters."

From the start, this has been a different season for Holiday.

He never before had been a full-time starter or an elder statesman. Then management took him out of the lineup after the All-Star break to evaluate younger players.

Now Holiday is back starting games because **Zach LaVine, Kris Dunn, Denzel Valentine, Paul Zipser** and **Antonio Blakeney** are all injured and out for the rest of the season.

"I guess I couldn't really imagine going through it, but it has happened," Holiday said. "And the good thing is I'm going to grow from it and become stronger. We all will here. It will make me more of a vet I guess."

Holiday played all 82 games for the first time in his five-year career last season with the Knicks, starting four. This season, he has started all 69 of his appearances and is averaging career bests in points (12.2), rebounds (four), assists (2.1), steals (1.1), turnovers (1.3) and minutes (31.6). He's shooting 36.8 percent from 3-point range.

Holiday signed a two-year, $9 million deal in free agency last summer.

"I don't have any reason to feel that will be changed," Holiday said of being part of the core next season. "But things can happen."

Heavy hardware: As players gathered for their pre-practice huddle Thursday, coach **Fred Hoiberg** made an announcement: The Gatorade League named Blakeney its Rookie of the Year.

"It's awesome," Hoiberg said. "It was a really cool moment for his teammates to be excited, and he thanked **(Ryan Arcidiacono)** for giving him all those passes. But to average 32 points shows he has a skill. And he showed it at times at this level."

Blakeney averaged 7.9 points in 19 games with the Bulls before suffering a season-ending fracture of his left wrist that needs another four weeks to heal.

"He has unbelievable athleticism," Hoiberg said. "He can get a shot up whenever he wants."

Blakeney said the award "means a lot." But his sights are set higher.

"I definitely think they like me," Blakeney said of the Bulls. "Everybody's going to be competing for a rotation spot."

Big blow: On Friday, the Bulls face the Celtics, who announced Thursday that **Kyrie Irving** will miss four to five months. The All-Star guard needs to have removed two screws that were implanted in his left patella after he fractured it during the 2015 NBA Finals for fear of the area becoming further infected.

BULLS AT CELTICS
TV/radio: 6:30 p.m. Friday; WGN-9, WIND-560 AM.
Storylines: The Celtics have won two of the three meetings this season, although they're dealing with the blow of losing Kyrie Irving for four to five months to have screws removed from his knee that had caused an infection. Noah Vonleh is questionable with a calf injury on top of the Bulls' several season-ending injuries.
Trending: The Bulls have lost five straight games in Boston. Lauri Markkanen has sank five 3-pointers in consecutive games.

BASEBALL

PROBABLE PITCHING MATCHUPS

NATIONAL LEAGUE			2018 TEAM			2017 VS. OPP.		
TEAM	PITCHER	TIME	W-L	ERA	REC	W-L	IP	ERA
Cubs	Hendricks (R)		0-0	1.50	0-1	1-1	28.0	4.18
Mil	Woodruff (R)	7:10p	0-0	5.40	0-0	0-0	5.0	7.20
Atl	McCarthy (R)		1-0	3.38	1-0	0-0	5.0	12.60
Col	Marquez (R)	3:10p	0-0	0.00	1-0	0-0	0.0	0.00
Cin	Castillo (R)		0-1	10.80	0-1	0-1	11.0	2.45
Pit	Williams (R)	6:05p	1-0	0.00	1-0	1-0	16.1	3.31
LA	Maeda (R)		1-0	0.00	1-0	0-0	3.0	12.00
SF	Holland (L)	9:15p	0-1	5.40	0-1	0-0	0.0	0.00
AMERICAN LEAGUE			2018 TEAM			2017 VS. OPP.		
TEAM	PITCHER	TIME	W-L	ERA	REC	W-L	IP	ERA
KC	Duffy (L)		0-1	11.25	0-1	0-3	15.2	4.60
Cle	Carrasco (R)	3:10p	1-0	7.94	1-0	2-1	18.0	4.50
Bal	Gausman (R)		0-1	13.50	0-1	1-2	22.1	9.27
NY	Sabathia (L)	6:05p	0-0	1.80	0-1	0-0	17.0	7.41
Tor	Estrada (R)		0-0	3.86	1-0	1-0	9.2	6.52
Tex	Moore (L)	7:05p	0-1	9.00	0-1	0-0	0.0	0.00
Oak	Gossett (R)		0-1	9.00	0-1	0-1	6.2	2.70
LA	Bridwell (R)	9:07p	0-0	0.00	0-0	0-0	6.0	19.50
INTERLEAGUE			2018 TEAM			2017 VS. OPP.		
TEAM	PITCHER	TIME	W-L	ERA	REC	W-L	IP	ERA
SD	Perdomo (R)		0-1	11.25	0-1	0-0	0.0	0.00
Hou	McCullers Jr. (R)	7:10p	1-0	3.38	1-0	0-0	0.0	0.00

TEAM REC-Team's Record in games started by today's pitcher. VS OPP-Pitcher's record versus this opponent 2017 statistics.

RESULTS, SCHEDULE

THURSDAY'S RESULTS
Detroit 9, **WHITE SOX** 7 (10)
Cubs 8, MILWAUKEE 0
N.Y. Mets 8, WASHINGTON 2
BOSTON 3, Tampa Bay 2 (12)
PHILADELPHIA 5, Miami 0
Texas 6, OAKLAND 3
Colorado 3, SAN DIEGO 1
MINNESOTA 4, Seattle 2
Baltimore 5, N.Y. YANKEES 2
PITTSBURGH 5, Cincinnati 2
Arizona 3, ST. LOUIS 1

SATURDAY'S SCHEDULE
Detroit at **White Sox**, 1:10
Cubs at Milwaukee, 3:05
Tampa Bay at Boston, 12:05
Baltimore at N.Y. Yankees, 12:05
N.Y. Mets at Washington, 12:05
Seattle at Minnesota, 1:10
Arizona at St. Louis, 1:15
L.A. Dodgers at San Francisco, 3:05
Kansas City at Cleveland, 3:10
Miami at Philadelphia, 5:05
Cincinnati at Pittsburgh, 6:05
San Diego at Houston, 6:10
Toronto at Texas, 7:05
Atlanta at Colorado, 7:10
Oakland at L.A. Angels, 8:07

SUNDAY'S SCHEDULE
Detroit at **White Sox**, 1:10
Cubs at Milwaukee, 1:10
Tampa Bay at Boston, 12:05
Baltimore at N.Y. Yankees, 12:05
Kansas City at Cleveland, 12:10
Miami at Philadelphia, 12:35
Cincinnati at Pittsburgh, 12:35
San Diego at Houston, 1:10
Seattle at Minnesota, 1:10
Arizona at St. Louis, 1:15
Toronto at Texas, 2:05
Atlanta at Colorado, 2:10
L.A. Dodgers at San Francisco, 3:05
Oakland at L.A. Angels, 3:07
N.Y. Mets at Washington, 7:05

MONDAY'S SCHEDULE
Pittsburgh at **Cubs**, 1:20
Tampa Bay at **White Sox**, 7:10
Detroit at Cleveland, 5:10
Toronto at Baltimore, 6:05
Cincinnati at Philadelphia, 6:05
Milwaukee at St. Louis, 6:05
Atlanta at Washington, 6:05
N.Y. Mets at Miami, 6:10
L.A. Angels at Texas, 7:05
Houston at Minnesota, 7:10
Seattle at Kansas City, 7:15
San Diego at Colorado, 7:40
Arizona at San Francisco, 9:15

WEDNESDAY'S RESULTS
White Sox 4, TORONTO 3
ATLANTA 7, Washington 1
N.Y. YANKEES 7, Tampa Bay 2
N.Y. METS 4, Philadelphia 2
HOUSTON 3, Baltimore 2
ARIZONA 3, L.A. Dodgers 0
L.A. ANGELS 3, Cleveland 2 (13)
Minnesota 7, PITTSBURGH 3
SAN FRANCISCO 10, Seattle 1
St. Louis 6, MILWAUKEE 0
OAKLAND 6, Texas 2
Colorado 5, SAN DIEGO 2
Kansas City at Detroit, ppd.

home team in CAPS

NL LEADERS

BATTING	G	AB	R	H	BA
Eaton Was	6	22	10	10	.455
RFlaherty Atl	6	23	6	10	.435
Gennett Cin	5	21	1	9	.429
Owings Ari	7	21	7	9	.429
Tucker Atl	6	21	4	9	.429
FFreeman Atl	6	19	9	8	.421
Hoskins Phi	6	20	3	8	.400
DeJong StL	7	26	5	10	.385
Yelich Mil	6	26	6	10	.385
Panik SF	6	21	4	8	.381

HOME RUNS
Blackmon, CO 4
Harper, WAS 4
Cespedes, NY 3
DeJong, STL 3
Molina, STL 3
Panik, SF 3
Villanueva, SD 3
10 tied at 2

RUNS
Eaton, WAS 10
Freeman, ATL 9
Blackmon, CO 8
Harrison, PIT 8
Harper, WAS 7
Owings, AZ 7
6 tied at 6

RBI
Freeman, ATL 9
Harper, WAS 9
Polanco, PIT 9
Tucker, ATL 8

HITS
Blackmon, CO 10
Castro, MIA 10
DeJong, STL 10
Eaton, WAS 10
Flaherty, ATL 10
Yelich, MIL 10
11 tied at 9

DOUBLES
Pollock, AZ 5
Flaherty, ATL 4
Hosmer, SD 4
Kendrick, WAS 4
Shaw, MIL 4
9 tied at 3

STOLEN BASES
Cain, MIL 3
Taylor, WAS 3
Turner, WAS 3

STRIKEOUTS
Ray, AZ 17
Scherzer, WAS 17
Syndergrd, NY 17

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AL LEADERS

BATTING	G	AB	R	H	BA
Correa Hou	6	19	7	9	.474
Cano Sea	6	23	6	10	.435
Altuve Hou	7	29	7	12	.414
MChapman Oak	8	30	5	12	.400
Cuthbert KC	4	10	1	4	.400
DGordon Sea	6	25	4	10	.400
YSanchez ChW	6	20	3	8	.400
Gregorius NYY	7	23	7	9	.391
Castellanos Det	6	26	8	10	.385
Smoak Tor	7	26	5	10	.385

HOME RUNS
Davidson, CHI 9
Castellanos, DET 8
Dozier, MIN 8
Altuve, HOU 7
Anderson, CHI 7
Correa, HOU 7
Donaldson, TOR 7
Gregorius, NY 7
7 tied at 6

RBI
Gregorius, NY 9
Smoak, TOR 9
Correa, HOU 8
Davidson, CHI 8
Jones, BAL 7
Sano, MIN 7
Sanchez, CHI 7
5 tied at 6

HITS
Altuve, HOU 12
Chapman, OAK 12
Bogaerts, BOS 11
Simmons, LA 11
7 tied at 10

DOUBLES
Bogaerts, BOS 6
Gregorius, NY 5
Machado, DET 5
Smoak, TOR 5

TRIPLES
Castellanos, DET 2
Fisher, HOU 2
Sanchez, CHI 2
11 tied at 1 HOME

RUNS
Davidson, CHI 4
Dozier, MIN 4

STOLEN BASES
Anderson, CHI 4
Gordon, SEA 3
Pillar, TOR 3

STRIKEOUTS
Hamels, TEX 18
Bundy, BAL 15
Sale, BOS 15
Tanaka, NY 15

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AMERICAN LEAGUE

CENTRAL	W	L	PCT	GB	WCGB	L10	STR	HOME	AWAY
Minnesota	4	2	.687	—	—	4-2	W-2	1-0	3-2
WHITE SOX	3	3	.500	1	1	3-3	L-1	0-1	3-2
Cleveland	2	4	.333	2	2	2-4	L-2	0-0	2-4
Detroit	2	4	.333	2	2	2-4	W-1	1-4	1-0
Kansas City	1	3	.250	2	2	1-3	W-1	0-2	1-1
EAST	**W**	**L**	**PCT**	**GB**	**WCGB**	**L10**	**STR**	**HOME**	**AWAY**
Boston	6	1	.857	—	—	6-1	W-6	1-0	5-1
New York	4	3	.571	2	—	4-3	L-1	2-1	2-2
Toronto	4	3	.571	2	—	4-3	L-1	4-3	0-0
Baltimore	2	5	.286	4	2	2-5	W-1	1-2	1-3
Tampa Bay	1	6	.143	5	3	1-6	L-6	1-3	0-3
WEST	**W**	**L**	**PCT**	**GB**	**WCGB**	**L10**	**STR**	**HOME**	**AWAY**
Houston	6	1	.857	—	—	6-1	W-5	3-0	3-1
Los Angeles	5	2	.714	1	½	5-2	W-2	2-1	3-1
Seattle	3	3	.500	2½	1	3-3	L-2	2-1	1-2
Oakland	3	5	.375	3½	2	3-5	L-1	3-5	0-0
Texas	3	5	.375	3½	2	3-5	W-1	1-3	2-2

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NATIONAL LEAGUE

CENTRAL	W	L	PCT	GB	WCGB	L10	STR	HOME	AWAY
Pittsburgh	5	1	.833	—	—	5-1	W-1	2-1	3-0
Milwaukee	4	3	.571	1½	—	4-3	L-2	1-3	3-0
CUBS	3	3	.500	2	½	3-3	W-1	0-0	3-3
St. Louis	3	4	.429	2½	1½	3-4	L-1	0-1	3-3
Cincinnati	1	4	.200	3½	2	1-4	L-1	1-3	0-1
EAST	**W**	**L**	**PCT**	**GB**	**WCGB**	**L10**	**STR**	**HOME**	**AWAY**
New York	5	1	.833	—	—	5-1	W-3	4-1	1-0
Atlanta	4	2	.667	1	—	4-2	W-2	4-2	0-0
Washington	4	3	.571	1½	½	4-3	L-3	0-1	4-2
Philadelphia	2	4	.333	3	2	2-4	W-1	1-0	1-4
Miami	2	4	.333	3½	2½	2-5	L-3	2-4	0-1
WEST	**W**	**L**	**PCT**	**GB**	**WCGB**	**L10**	**STR**	**HOME**	**AWAY**
Arizona	6	1	.857	—	—	6-1	W-4	5-1	1-0
Colorado	4	3	.571	2	½	4-3	W-2	0-0	4-3
San Francisco	3	3	.500	2½	1	3-3	W-1	1-1	2-2
Los Angeles	2	5	.286	4	2½	2-5	L-3	2-2	0-3
San Diego	1	6	.143	5	3½	1-6	L-2	1-6	0-0

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METS 8, NATIONALS 2

Conforto homer fuels Mets' victory

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Michael Conforto got exactly what he wanted. So did the Mets.

In his first regular-season game since August, Conforto came off the disabled list to hit a tiebreaking, two-run homer off Stephen Strasburg, helping the Mets register an 8-2 victory over the Nationals in the latter's home opener Thursday.

Yoenis Cespedes also went deep against Strasburg and Jay Bruce tacked on an insurance grand slam off reliever Brandon Kintzler in the seventh inning.

"As a competitor, you want to go up against the best, (and) they don't get much better than him," said Conforto, a 2017 NL All-Star who had surgery on his left shoulder in September. "If we're starting there, then we should be OK."

Conforto struck out on three pitches leading off the game, then grounded into a double play in the third inning. On his third at-bat with two outs in the fifth, he drove a 97 mph pitch out to left.

It was originally ruled that the ball remained in the field of play, so Conforto stopped at second base. After a replay review, the hit was changed to a homer.

Bruce joked about the Mets center fielder and leadoff hitter: "His first two at-bats were his rehab. (By) his third at-bat, he was ready."

Said Strasburg: "I definitely want two pitches back. Mistakes were made and I paid the price for it."

The Mets improved to an NL East-leading 5-1, while the two-time reigning division champion Nationals have lost three in a row after a 4-0 start under rookie manager Dave Martinez.

"Everybody's in a really good spot confidence-wise," new Mets manager Mickey Callaway said. "It's just fun to see."

AROUND THE HORN

■ **Red Sox:** 1B Hanley Ramirez's bases-loaded fly ball over a drawn-in outfield broke a 12th-inning tie and the Red Sox, who rallied from a two-run deficit in the ninth, beat the Rays 3-2 to win their home opener Thursday. It was the sixth straight victory for the Red Sox and new manager Alex Cora, and the sixth loss in a row for the Rays.

■ **Rangers:** LHP Martin Perez pitched into the sixth inning and the Rangers held on to beat the Athletics 6-3. DH Shin-Soo Choo homered for the second consecutive day and OF Nomar Mazara added two hits to help the Rangers split the four-game series. 3B Adrian Beltre singled and doubled to pass Rod Carew as the all-time hits leader among Latin American-born players and is now tied with Rickey Henderson for 23rd place on the career list with 3,055 hits.

■ **Brewers:** Closer Corey Knebel exited the ninth inning of an 8-0 loss to the Cubs with a left hamstring injury. Brewers manager Craig Counsell said Knebel, who fell to the ground after throwing a pitch to INF Tommy La Stella and had to be helped off the field, will get an MRI and likely go on the disabled list.

■ **Diamondbacks:** LHP Robbie Ray worked around five walks over six innings and the bullpen closed out a two-hitter, helping the Diamondbacks spoil the Cardinals' home opener with a 3-1 win. Ray struck out nine as the Diamondbacks improved to 6-1, equaling the best seven-game start in franchise history.

■ **Rockies:** 1B Ryan McMahon drew a bases-loaded walk off All-Star closer Brad Hand to break a scoreless tie in the ninth inning and 2B DJ LeMahieu added a two-run single for the Rockies, who beat the Padres 3-1. The Rockies finished with just four hits.

■ **Phillies:** RHP Nick Pivetta struck out nine over 5⅔ innings, 3B Maikel Franco had three hits and four RBIs, and the Phillies won their first home opener since 2011 with a 5-0 victory over the Marlins. Franco included a homer and triple among his hits.

ON THIS DATE

1972: For the first time in history, the major leagues failed to open on schedule because of a player strike, which started on April 1. The traditional season opener between Houston and Cincinnati was canceled and a total of 86 games were lost before the strike was settled.
2016: Rookie Trevor Story made baseball history by hitting a home run in each of his first three major league games and Colorado beat Arizona 4-3. Story also became first player in history to hit a home run for each of his first four hits. Story's two-run homer off Patrick Corbin in first inning gave him 4 for the season.

Mets 8, Nationals 2

NEW YORK	AB	R	H	BI	AVG.
Conforto cf	4	2	1	2	.250
Cabrera 2b	4	0	1	0	.292
Cespedes lf	4	2	1	1	.273
Bruce rf	4	2	2	4	.250
Frazier 3b	4	0	0	0	.190
Gonzalez 1b	4	0	1	0	.294
Plawecki c	3	1	1	0	.250
Reyes ss	4	0	0	0	.000
deGrom p	1	0	0	0	.333
Nimmo ph	1	1	1	0	.375
Flores ph	1	0	0	0	.125
Lugo p	0	0	0	0	—
TOTALS	**34**	**8**	**8**	**7**	

WASHINGTON	AB	R	H	BI	AVG.
Eaton lf	1	2	1	0	.455
Goodwin lf	2	0	1	0	.417
Rendon 3b	3	0	3	1	.290
Harper rf	3	0	0	0	.286
Zimmerman 1b	4	0	0	0	.136
Kendrick 2b	4	0	1	0	.348
Turner ss	3	0	0	0	.231
Adams ph	1	0	0	0	.200
Montero c	3	0	0	0	.000
Severino c	1	0	0	0	.500
Strasburg p	2	0	0	0	.000
Difo ss	2	0	0	0	.154
Taylor cf	3	0	0	0	.143
TOTALS	**32**	**2**	**6**	**1**	

New York	010	120	400—8	8 1
Washington	101	000	000—2	6 0

E: Bruce (1). **LOB:** New York 4, Washington 6. **2B:** Bruce (2), Nimmo (1), Eaton (3), Rendon 2 (2). **HR:** Cespedes (3), off Strasburg; Conforto (1), off Strasburg; Bruce (1), off Kintzler. **RBIs:** Conforto 2 (2), Cespedes (7), Bruce 4 (5), Rendon (4). **SO:** Conforto (2), Cabrera (1), Cespedes (3), Gonzalez (2), Plawecki (1), deGrom (1), Goodwin (1), Harper (2), Zimmerman (1), Turner (3), Montero (2), Difo (1), Taylor (1).

NEW YORK	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
deGrom, **W**,2-0	6	4	2	1	3	5	1.54
Blevins	⅔	0	0	0	0	2	0.00
Gsellman	⅓	0	0	0	0	1	0.00
Robles	1	1	0	0	0	3	0.00
Lugo	1	1	0	0	0	0	0.00
WASHINGTON	**IP**	**H**	**R**	**ER**	**BB**	**SO**	**ERA**
Strasburg, **L**,1-1	6	5	4	4	2	6	3.65
Kintzler	1	2	4	4	2	1	18.00
Madson	1	0	0	0	0	1	0.00
Doolittle	1	1	0	0	0	2	6.00

HBP: Strasburg (Cabrera). **Umpires:** H, Doug Eddings; 1B, Marty Foster; 2B, Mark Ripperger; 3B, Joe West. **Time:** 2:57. **A:** 42,477.

Red Sox 3, Rays 2 (12)

TAMPA BAY	AB	R	H	BI	AVG.
Duffy 3b	6	1	1	2	.259
Kiermaier cf	5	0	0	0	.071
Gomez rf	4	0	0	0	.091
Cron dh	5	0	1	0	.190
Ramos c	5	0	0	0	.130
Miller 1b	5	0	1	0	.190
Hechavarria ss	5	0	0	0	.222
Robertson 2b	2	0	1	0	.250
Span ph	1	0	1	0	.222
Wendle 2b	1	0	1	0	.231
Refsnyder lf	0	0	0	0	.000
M.Smith ph-lf	1	1	0	0	.273
TOTALS	**40**	**2**	**6**	**2**	

BOSTON	AB	R	H	BI	AVG.
Betts rf	5	1	2	0	.346
Benintendi lf	4	1	1	0	.174
Ramirez 1b	6	0	2	2	.310
Martinez dh	5	0	2	0	.240
Swihart pr-dh	0	0	0	0	.250
Bogaerts ss	4	0	1	1	.344
Devers 3b	3	0	0	0	.280
Nunez 2b	5	0	1	0	.222
Bradley Jr. cf	5	1	1	0	.136
Vazquez c	4	0	0	0	.227
TOTALS	**41**	**3**	**10**	**3**	

Tampa Bay	000	000	020	000—2 6 0
Boston	000	000	002	001—3 10 0

One out when winning run scored. **LOB:** Tampa Bay 9, Boston 11. **2B:** Robertson (1), Bogaerts (6), Bradley Jr. (2). **3B:** Martinez (1). **HR:** Duffy (1), off C.Smith. **RBIs:** Duffy 2 (4), Ramirez 2 (6), Bogaerts (3). **SB:** Betts (2). **S:** M.Smith, Vazquez. **SO:** Duffy (2), Kiermaier (2), Gomez (1), Cron (2), Ramos (1), Miller (1), Hechavarria (1), Robertson (1), Betts (1), Ramirez (2), Martinez (1), Bogaerts (1), Devers (1), Bradley Jr. (1), Vazquez (2). **Runners left in scoring position:** Tampa Bay 5; Boston 5.

TAMPA BAY	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Chirinos	5	3	0	0	0	4	0.00
Roe	1	0	0	0	0	0	2.70
Romo	1	0	0	0	1	2	3.86
Alvarado, H, 1	1	0	0	0	0	2	2.25
Colome, **BS**,1-2	1	4	2	2	2	0	9.00
Kittrdge, **L**,0-2	2⅓	2	1	1	2	1	3.18
Yarbrough	0	1	0	0	1	0	2.25
BOSTON	**IP**	**H**	**R**	**ER**	**BB**	**SO**	**ERA**
Price	7	3	0	0	3	5	0.00
C.Smith	1	1	2	2	1	1	13.50
Velazquez	1	0	0	0	0	0	1.35
Kimbrel	1	1	0	0	2	2	0.00
Poyner, **W**,1-0	2	1	0	0	0	3	1.93

Inherited runners-scored: Yarbrough 2-1. **PB:** Ramos 2 (2). **Time:** 3:55. **A:** 36,134.

Phillies 5, Marlins 0

MIAMI	AB	R	H	BI	AVG.
Brinson cf	4	0	0	0	.200
Dietrich lf	4	0	1	0	.281
Castro 2b	4	0	1	0	.313
Bour 1b	4	0	1	0	.192
Anderson 3b	3	0	1	0	.321
Maybin rf	3	0	0	0	.320
Rojas ss	3	0	0	0	.222
Holaday c	2	0	0	0	.111
Lee ph	1	0	0	0	.000
Guerrero p	0	0	0	0	—
Smith p	1	0	0	0	.000
J.Garcia p	1	0	0	0	.000
Telis ph-c	1	0	0	0	.250
TOTALS	**31**	**0**	**4**	**0**	

PHILA	AB	R	H	BI	AVG.
Hernandez 2b	2	1	1	0	.304
Santana 1b	4	0	0	0	.136
Kingery rf	4	1	0	0	.222
Hoskins lf	3	1	0	0	.400
Herrera cf	3	1	2	1	.250
Franco 3b	4	1	3	4	.267
Alfaro c	2	0	0	0	.111
Pivetta p	3	0	0	0	.000
Morgan p	0	0	0	0	—
Altherr ph	1	0	0	0	.056
L.Garcia p	0	0	0	0	—
Neris p	0	0	0	0	—
Crawford ss	4	0	0	0	.053
TOTALS	**30**	**5**	**6**	**5**	

Miami	000	000	000—0	4 1
Philadelphia	201	000	20x—5	6 1

E: Castro (1), Hernandez (2). **LOB:** Miami 4, Philadelphia 10. **2B:** Anderson (2). **3B:** Franco (1). **HR:** Franco (1), off J.Garcia. **RBIs:** Herrera (1), Franco 4 (5). **SB:** Hernandez 2 (2), Kingery (1), Herrera (1). **CS:** Hernandez (1). **SO:** Brinson (4), Dietrich (1), Bour (1), Maybin (2), Rojas (1), Holaday (1), Smith (1), J.Garcia (1), Santana (2), Kingery (1), Hoskins (2), Alfaro (1), Pivetta (2), Crawford (1).

MIAMI	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Smith, **L**,0-1	3	2	3	3	6	4	4.32
J.Garcia	4	4	2	2	2	2	1.80
Guerrero	1	0	0	0	1	3	8.31
PHILA	**IP**	**H**	**R**	**ER**	**BB**	**SO**	**ERA**
Pivetta, **W**,1-0	5⅔	4	0	0	0	9	2.79
Morgan, H, 3	1⅓	0	0	0	0	1	5.40
L.Garcia	1	0	0	0	0	1	2.25
Neris	1	0	0	0	0	1	10.12

Inherited runners-scored: Morgan 1-0. **Umpires:** H, Paul Nauert; 1B, Scott Barry; 2B, Carlos Torres; 3B, Kerwin Danley. **Time:** 3:03. **A:** 44,488.

Rangers 6, Athletics 3

TEXAS	AB	R	H	BI	AVG.
Choo dh	5	1	1	2	.296
Gallo 1b	5	0	0	0	.182
Andrus ss	4	0	1	0	.333
Beltre 3b	3	1	2	0	.241
Mazara rf	4	1	2	0	.357
Odor 2b	4	1	1	1	.167
Rua lf	2	1	0	0	.100
Robinson cf	4	0	1	1	.267
Centeno c	4	1	2	0	.250
TOTALS	**35**	**6**	**10**	**4**	

OAKLAND	AB	R	H	BI	AVG.
Semien ss	5	1	1	0	.265
Pinder lf-cf	4	1	2	0	.308
Lowrie 2b	4	0	3	1	.313
Davis dh	3	0	0	1	.222
Olson 1b	4	0	0	0	.241
Chapman 3b	4	1	2	0	.400
Lucroy c	4	0	1	0	.273
Piscotty rf	4	0	2	0	.222
Smolinski cf	2	0	1	0	.143
a-Joyce ph-lf	1	0	0	1	.217
TOTALS	**35**	**3**	**12**	**3**	

Texas	040	000	002—6	10 0
Oakland	002	001	000—3	12 1

E: Mengden (1). **LOB:** Texas 5, Oakland 10. **2B:** Andrus (3), Beltre (3), Lowrie (3). **HR:** Choo (2), off Hatcher. **RBIs:** Choo 2 (3), Odor (4), Robinson (2), Lowrie (5), Davis (5), Joyce (1). **CS:** Andrus (1), Robinson (1). **SF:** Davis, Joyce. **S:** Rua. **SO:** Choo (1), Andrus (1), Rua (1), Robinson (1), Pinder (1), Davis (2), Olson (1), Lucroy (1). **Runners left in scoring position:** Texas 2 (Choo, Odor); Oakland 6 (Semien, Davis, Olson 3, Chapman). RISP: Texas 3 for 5; Oakland 1 for 9. **Runners moved up:** Davis. **GIDP:** Piscotty. **DP:** Texas 1 (Odor, Andrus, Gallo).

TEXAS	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Perez, **W**,1-0	5⅓	10	3	3	0	1	5.06
Jepsen, H, 1	⅓	0	0	0	0	0	4.50
Bush, H, 1	⅓	1	0	0	1	1	2.70
Diekman, H, 1	⅓	0	0	0	0	1	6.75
Martin, H, 3	1	1	0	0	0	0	4.15
Kela, **S**,2-2	1	0	0	0	0	1	2	0.00
OAKLAND	**IP**	**H**	**R**	**ER**	**BB**	**SO**	**ERA**
Mengdn, **L**,0-2	5⅓	5	4	3	1	2	6.55
Coulombe 1	⅓	1	0	0	1	2	0.00
Pagan	⅓	1	0	0	0	0	3.38
Buchter	⅓	1	0	0	0	0	0.00
Hatcher	1	2	2	2	0	0	10.80

Inherited runners-scored: Jepsen 2-1, Diekman 2-0, Coulombe 2-0, Buchter 1-0. **Umpires:** H, Jim Wolf; 1B, D.J. Reyburn; 2B, Sam Holbrook; 3B, Ryan Blakney.

Rockies 3, Padres 1

COLORADO	AB	R	H	BI	AVG.
Blackmon cf	5	2	2	0	.333
LeMahieu 2b	5	2	2	0	.286
Arenado 3b	2	1	1	1	.286
Desmond lf	4	0	2	2	.421
Story ss	3	0	1	2	.174
Gonzalez rf	4	0	1	0	.240
Valaika 1b	4	0	0	0	.000
Wolters c	4	0	0	0	.000
Gray p	3	0	0	0	.000
McMahon 1b	1	0	0	0	.000
TOTALS	**35**	**5**	**9**	**5**	

SAN DIEGO	AB	R	H	BI	AVG.
Pirela rf-lf	2	1	0	0	.280
Asuaje 2b	4	0	2	0	.273
Hosmer 1b	4	1	0	0	.261
Villanueva 3b	3	0	0	0	.300
Erlin p	0	0	0	0	1.000
b-Renfroe ph-rf	1	0	1	1	.300
Spangenberg lf	4	0	2	0	.333
Galvis ss	3	0	0	0	.286
Szczur cf	4	0	1	0	.286
Hedges c	4	0	0	0	.067
Richard p	1	0	0	0	.000
a-Headley ph-3b	2	0	0	0	.000
TOTALS	**32**	**2**	**6**	**1**	

Colorado	320	000	000—5	9 1
San Diego	000	000	020—2	6 0

2B: Arenado (3), Story (1), Spangenberg (1). **RBIs:** Arenado (5), Desmond 2 (7), Story 2 (2), Renfroe (1). **SO:** Blackmon (1), Desmond (2), Story (1), Gonzalez (1), Valaika (2), Wolters (3), McMahon (1), Asuaje (1), Hosmer (2), Villanueva (1), Spangenberg (1), Galvis (1), a-Headley (1). **Runners left in scoring position:** Colorado 2 (Valaika 2); San Diego 2 (Villanueva, Hedges). RISP: Colorado

SCOREBOARD

CALENDAR

TEAM	FRI	SAT	SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU
	@MIL 7:10 NBCSCH+ AM-670	@MIL 3:05 ABC-7, FS1 AM-670	@MIL 1:10 WGN-9 AM-670	PIT 1:20 ABC-7 AM-670		PIT 7:05 WGN-9 AM-670	PIT 1:20 NBCSCH AM-670
		DET 1:10 WGN-9 AM-720	DET 1:10 NBCSCH AM-720	TB 7:10 WGN-9 AM-720	TB 1:10 NBCSCH AM-720	TB 1:10 NBCSCH AM-720	@MIN 7:10 NBCSCH AM-720
	@BOS 6:30 WGN-9 AM-560	BKN 7 NBCSCH AM-670		@BKN 6:30 NBCSCH AM-670		DET 7 NBCSCH AM-560	
	STL 7:30 NBCSCH AM-720	@WIN 6 WGN-9 AM-720					
		CLB 7:30 AM-1200					

FRIDAY ON TV/RADIO

MLB		
3 p.m.	Royals at Indians	MLBN
6 p.m.	Orioles at Yankees	MLBN
7:10 p.m.	Cubs at Brewers	NBCSCH+, WSCR-AM 670
NBA		
6 p.m.	Cavaliers at 76ers	NBA TV
6:30 p.m.	Bulls at Celtics	WGN-9, WIND-AM 560
9:30 p.m.	Timberwolves at Lakers	NBA TV
COLLEGE BASKETBALL		
7 p.m.	College basketball awards	ESPN2
GOLF		
2 p.m.	Masters	ESPN
COLLEGE GYMNASTICS		
6 p.m.	Big Ten championships	BTN
NHL		
7:30 p.m.	Blues at Blackhawks	NBCSCH, WGN-AM 720
9 p.m.	Stars at Ducks	NBCSN
MOTORSPORTS		
4:30 p.m.	NASCAR Cup qualifying	FS1
6 p.m.	NHRA qualifying	FS1
7 p.m.	IndyCar qualifying	NBCSN
BUNDESLIGA SOCCER		
1:20 p.m.	Werder Bremen at Hannover	FS2
COLLEGE SOFTBALL		
3 p.m.	Minnesota at Michigan State	BTN
3:30 p.m.	North Carolina A&T at Florida A&M	ESPNU
5:30 p.m.	Tennessee at Auburn	ESPNU
7:30 p.m.	Texas A&M at Mississippi State	ESPNU
TENNIS		
10 a.m.	WTA Volvo Open	Tennis Channel
4 p.m.	Davis Cup, U.S. vs. Belgium	Tennis Channel

SATURDAY HIGHLIGHTS ON TV/RADIO

MLB		
Noon	Orioles at Yankees	MLBN
1:10 p.m.	Tigers at White Sox	WGN-9, WGN-AM 720
3:05 p.m.	Cubs at Brewers	ABC-7, FS1, WSCR-AM 670
6 p.m.	Padres at Astros	MLBN
COLLEGE BASEBALL		
7 p.m.	Oklahoma at Texas Christian	ESPNU
NBA		
2:30 p.m.	Nuggets at Clippers	NBA TV
7 p.m.	Nets at Bulls	NBCSCH, WSCR-AM 670
7:30 p.m.	Thunder at Rockets	ABC-7, WMVP-AM 1000
BOXING		
9 p.m.	Jerrett Hurd vs. Erislandy Lara	Showtime
COLLEGE FOOTBALL		
11 a.m.	Purdue spring game	BTN
1 p.m.	Mississippi spring game	ESPNU
4 p.m.	Michigan State spring game	BTN
GOLF		
2 p.m.	Masters	CBS-2, WMVP-AM 1000
COLLEGE GYMNASTICS		
6 p.m.	Big Ten individual championships	BTN
NHL		
2 p.m.	Rangers at Flyers	NBC-5
6 p.m.	Blackhawks at Jets	WGN-9, WGN-AM 720
6 p.m.	Canadiens at Maple Leafs	NHLN
9:30 p.m.	Wild at Sharks	NHLN
AHL		
7 p.m.	Admirals at Wolves	WPWR-50
COLLEGE HOCKEY: NCAA FINAL		
6:30 p.m.	Teams TBD	ESPN
HORSE RACING		
4:30 p.m.	Wood Memorial, Bluegrass Stakes	NBCSN
MEN'S COLLEGE LACROSSE		
11 a.m.	Ohio State at Johns Hopkins	ESPNU
Noon	Loyola (Md.) at Lehigh	CBSSN
2:15 p.m.	Army at Boston U.	CBSSN
3 p.m.	Duke at Notre Dame	ESPNU
4:30 p.m.	Colgate at Navy	CBSSN
MARTIAL ARTS		
7 p.m.	UFC 223 prelims	FS1
MOTORSPORTS		
8:30 a.m.	NASCAR Cup qualifying	FS1
10 a.m.	Formula One qualifying	ESPN2
11 a.m.	NASCAR Xfinity qualifying	FS1
2 p.m.	NASCAR Xfinity My Bariatric Solutions 300	FOX-32
7 p.m.	NHRA qualifying	FS1
8:30 p.m.	IndyCar Phoenix Grand Prix	NBCSN
MLS		
4 p.m.	Los Angeles FC at Atlanta United FC	ESPN
7:30 p.m.	Crew at Fire	WTRO-1200
PREMIER LEAGUE SOCCER		
6:25 a.m.	Liverpool at Everton	NBCSN
8:55 a.m.	Huddersfield at Brighton	NBCSN
9 a.m.	Crystal Palace at Bournemouth	CNBC
11:30 a.m.	Manchester United at Manchester City	NBC-5
TENNIS		
9:30 a.m.	WTA Volvo Open, doubles semifinal	Tennis Channel
Noon	WTA Volvo Open, semifinals	Tennis Channel
4 p.m.	Davis Cup, U.S. vs. Belgium	Tennis Channel
WRESTLING		
2:30 p.m.	UWW World Cup	NBCSN

AHL

WESTERN CONFERENCE

CENTRAL	W	L	OL	SOL	PT	GF	GA
WOLVES	38	21	7	4	87	220	186
Manitoba	40	23	4	4	88	239	188
G. Rapids	39	24	1	7	86	219	197
Rockford	38	25	4	4	84	220	214
Milwaukee	36	29	4	1	77	201	214
Iowa	30	26	9	6	75	217	229
Cleveland	23	37	7	3	56	173	237

2 points for a win, 1 point for an overtime/shootout loss.
THURSDAY: Toronto 3, Utica 2
FRIDAY'S SCHEDULE
Wolves at Iowa, 7
Toronto at Utica, 6
San Antonio at Cleveland, 6
Hartford at Providence, 6:05
Bridgeport at WB/Scranton, 6:05
Syracuse at Binghamton, 6:05
Belleville at Rochester, 6:05
Springfield at Laval, 6:30
Bakersfield at Manitoba, 7
Rockford at Texas, 7:30
San Diego at Ontario, 9
San Jose at Stockton, 9
Grand Rapids at Tucson, 9:05

COLLEGE HOCKEY

NCAA D1 TOURNAMENT
FROZEN FOUR; St. Paul, Minn.
Thursday's national semifinals
Minnesota-Duluth 2, Ohio State 1
Notre Dame 4, Michigan 3
Saturday's national championship
Minnesota-Duluth (24-16-3) vs. Notre Dame (28-9-2), 6:30 (ESPN)

NBA G LEAGUE

LEAGUE PLAYOFFS
WEST CONFERENCE FINALS
Thursday: Austin 104, South Bay 93
EASTERN CONFERENCE FINALS
Friday: Raptors at Erie, 7

MINOR LEAGUE BASEBALL

MIDWEST LEAGUE

EASTERN	W	L	PCT.	GB
Lansing (Blue Jays)	1	0	1.000	—
Lake Co. (Indians)	1	0	1.000	—
W Michigan (Tigers)	1	0	1.000	—
Dayton (Reds)	1	0	1.000	—
Bowl. Green (Rays)	1	0	1.000	1
Fort Wayne (Padres)	0	1	000	1
Gr. Lakes (Dodgers)	0	1	000	1
South Bend (Cubs)	0	1	000	1
WESTERN	**W**	**L**	**PCT.**	**GB**
Beloit (Athletics)	1	0	1.000	—
Burlington (Angels)	1	0	1.000	—
Cedar Rapids (Twins)	1	0	1.000	—
Clinton (Mariners)	0	0	000	½
Kane Co ('backs)	0	0	000	½
Peoria (Cardinals)	0	1	000	1
Quad Cities (Astros)	0	1	000	1
Wisconsin (Brewers)	0	1	000	1

THURSDAY'S RESULTS
Lansing 11, Great Lakes 1
Lake County 3, Fort Wayne 2
West Michigan 6. South Bend 2
Cedar Rapids 2, Quad Cities 0
Bowling Green 5, Dayton 4
Burlington 4, Peoria 2
Beloit 4, Wisconsin 3 (11)
Clinton at Kane County, ppd.

LATEST LINE

MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL
NATIONAL LEAGUE

pregame.com			FRIDAY
Cubs	-138	at Milwaukee	+128
at Colorado	-151	Atlanta	+141
at Pittsburgh	-110	Cincinnati	+100
Los Angeles	-141	at San Fran.	+131

AMERICAN LEAGUE

			FRIDAY
at Cleveland	-212	Kansas City	+192
at New York	-167	Baltimore	+157
Toronto	-115	at Texas	+105
at Los Angeles	-142	Oakland	+132

INTERLEAGUE

			FRIDAY
at Houston	-248	San Diego	+228

NBA

		FRIDAY **Bulls**
at Boston	10	
Charlotte	5½	at Orlando
at Detroit	off	Dallas
at Washington	off	Atlanta
at Philadelphia	3½	Cleveland
at Toronto	8	Indiana
Miami	9	at New York
at Memphis	off	Sacramento
New Orleans	10½	at Phoenix
at LA Lakers	off	Minnesota

NHL

			FRIDAY
St. Louis	-152	at **Blackhawks**	+142
at Pittsburgh	off	Ottawa	off
at Tampa Bay	-350	Buffalo	+320
at Anaheim	off	Dallas	off

SOCCER

CHAMPIONS LEAGUE
QUARTERFINAL LEG 2 of 2
Tuesday
Man City vs. Liverpool, 1:45
Roma vs. Barcelona, 1:45
Wednesday
Bayern vs. Sevilla, 1:45
Real Madrid vs. Juventus, 1:45

MAJOR LEAGUE SOCCER

EASTERN	W	L	T	PT	GF	GA
N.Y. City FC	4	0	1	13	10	4
Columbus	3	1	1	10	9	5
Atlanta FC	3	1	0	9	8	6
New England	2	1	1	7	6	5
N.Y. Red Bulls	2	2	0	6	10	5
Montreal	2	2	0	6	5	5
Philadelphia	1	1	1	4	2	3
Orlando City	1	2	1	4	6	8
Toronto FC	1	2	0	3	3	4
D.C. United	0	3	2	2	5	10
FIRE	0	2	1	1	6	8
WESTERN	**W**	**L**	**T**	**PT**	**GF**	**GA**
Sporting KC	3	1	1	10	10	9
Vancouver	3	1	1	10	7	7
LA Galaxy	2	1	1	7	7	6
Los Angeles FC	2	1	0	6	9	5
Minnesota	2	3	0	6	6	9
FC Dallas	1	0	2	5	5	2
Colorado	1	1	1	4	6	4
Houston	1	2	1	4	7	6
Real Salt Lake	1	2	1	4	4	9
San Jose	1	2	0	3	6	7
Portland	0	2	2	2	4	9
Seattle	0	3	0	0	0	5

3 points for win, 1 point for tie.
FRIDAY'S SCHEDULE
Montreal at New England, 6:30
SATURDAY'S SCHEDULE
Columbus at **Fire**, 7:30
Houston at N.Y. Red Bulls, 2
Los Angeles FC at Atlanta, 4
San Jose at Philadelphia, 6
D.C. United at Toronto FC, 6:30
Colorado at FC Dallas, 7
Vancouver at Real Salt Lake, 8:30
SUNDAY'S SCHEDULE
Portland at Orlando City, 3
Sporting KC at LA Galaxy, 8

NATIONAL WOMEN'S LEAGUE

CLUB	W	L	T	PTS	GF	GA
North Carolina	2	0	0	6	2	0
Seattle	1	0	0	3	2	1
Portland	1	1	0	3	3	3
Washington	1	1	0	3	3	2
Houston	0	0	2	2	1	1
Utah	0	0	2	2	1	1
RED STARS	0	1	1	1	3	4
Orlando	0	1	1	1	1	3
Sky Blue FC	0	1	0	0	0	1

SATURDAY, APRIL 14
Red Stars at Utah, 2:30
North Carolina at Washington, 6

ENGLISH PREMIER LEAGUE

CLUB	W	T	L	GF	GA	PTS
Man City	27	3	1	88	21	84
Man United	21	5	5	60	23	68
Liverpool	19	9	4	75	35	66
Tottenham	19	7	5	62	26	64
Chelsea	17	5	9	53	30	56
Arsenal	15	6	10	58	41	51
Burnley	12	10	9	29	27	46
Leicester	11	10	10	47	43	43
Everton	11	7	14	38	53	40
Bournemouth	9	10	13	39	51	37
Watford	10	7	15	41	57	37
Newcastle	9	8	14	31	40	35
Brighton	8	10	13	28	42	34
West Ham	8	9	14	39	57	33
Swansea	8	7	16	25	44	31
Huddersfield	8	7	17	25	53	31
Crystal Palace	7	9	16	31	50	30
Southampton	5	13	13	29	47	28
Stoke	6	9	17	29	61	27
West Brom	3	11	18	25	51	20

SATURDAY'S SCHEDULE
Everton vs. Liverpool, 6:30 a.m.
Stoke vs. Tottenham, 9 a.m.
Leicester vs. Newcastle, 9 a.m.
West Brom vs. Swansea, 9 a.m.
Watford vs. Burnley, 9 a.m.
Bournemouth vs. Crystal Palace, 9 a.m.
Brighton vs. Huddersfield, 9 a.m.
Man City vs. Man United, 11:30 a.m.

TENNIS

WTA VOLVO CAR OPEN
R3; in Charleston, S.C.; clay-outdoor
#14 Alize Cornet d.
#1 Caroline Garcia, 5-7, 6-1, 6-4
#3 Daria Kasatkina d.
#13 Irina-Camelia Begu, 6-2, 6-1
#5 Julia Goerges d.
#10 Naomi Osaka, 7-6 (4), 6-3
#7 Madison Keys d. C. Giorgi, 6-4, 6-3
#8 Anastasija Sevastova d.
#9 Ashleigh Barty, 6-3, 6-4
#12 Kiki Bertens d. Fanny Stollar, 6-2, 6-4
Kristyna Pliskova d.
#16 Elena Vesnina, 6-3, 1-6, 6-2
Bernarda Pera d. Sara Errani, 6-3, 2-6, 6-4

WTA ABIERTO GNP SEGUROS
R2; in Monterrey, Mexico; hard-outdoor
#1 Garbine Muguruza d. A. Riske, 6-2, 6-3
#2 Magdalena Rybarikova d. J. Fett, 7-5, 6-2
D. Collins d. #3 Lesia Tsurenko, walkover
#4 Timea Babos d. N. Broady, 6-3, 6-7 (6), 7-5
#6 Ana Bogdan d. S. Sorribes Tormo, 6-2, 6-3
#7 Sachia Vickery d.
Ana Sofia Sanchez, 6-3, 6-3
#8 Ajla Tomljanovic d.
Anna Blinkova, 6-2, 5-7, 6-2

AUTO RACING

NASCAR MONSTER ENERGY CUP O'REILLY AUTO PARTS 500
Site: Fort Worth, Texas
Schedule: Friday, practice, 12 p.m. (FS1), qualifying, 4:45 p.m. (FS1); Saturday, practice, 10 & 12:30 p.m. (FS1), Sunday, race, 1 p.m., FS1
Track: Texas Motor Speedway (oval, 1.5 miles).
Distance: 501 miles, 334 laps.
Last year: Jimmie Johnson picked up his first win of 2017 in Texas.
Last race: Clint Bowyer snapped a winless streak that had stretched back 190 races by taking first in Martinsville.
Next race: Food City 500, April 15, Bristol Motor Speedway, Bristol, Tennessee.
Online: http://www.nascar.com

XFINITY MY BARIATRIC SOLUTIONS 300
Site: Fort Worth, Texas
Schedule: Friday, practice, 1:05 & 3:05 p.m. (FS1), Saturday, qualifying, 11:10 p.m. (FS1), race, 2 p.m., FOX
Track: Texas Motor Speedway.
Distance: 300 miles, 200 laps.
Last year: Erik Jones won the first of back-to-back races.
Last race: Joey Logano was dominant in Fontana on March 17, leading all but 11 laps.
Next race: Fitzgerald Glider Kits 300, April 14, Bristol Motor Speedway.
Online: http://www.nascar.com

INDYCAR PHOENIX GRAND PRIX
Site: Phoenix
Track: ISM Raceway (oval, 1.022 miles).
Distance: 255.5 miles, 250 laps.

FORMULA ONE BAHRAIN GRAND PRIX
Site: Sakhir, Bahrain
Track: Bahrain International Circuit (3.36 miles).

GOLF: THE 82ND MASTERS

1st of 4 rds; At Augusta National GC; Augusta, Ga.
7,435 yds; Par 72 (36-36)
a- amateur
66 (-6)
Jordan Spieth 34-32
68 (-4)
Tony Finau 33-35
Matt Kuchar 37-31
69 (-3)
Henrik Stenson 34-35
Adam Hadwin 35-34
Charley Hoffman 35-34
Patrick Reed 35-34
Haotong Li 35-34
Rory McIlroy 35-34
Rafa Cabrera Bello 37-32
70 (-2)
Bernd Wiesberger 37-33
Zach Johnson 36-34
Marc Leishman 33-37
Rickie Fowler 37-33
Phil Mickelson 36-34
71 (-1)
Satoshi Kodaira 35-36
Vijay Singh 35-36
Cameron Smith 37-34
Xander Schauffele 35-36
Louis Oosthuizen 38-33
72 (E)
Francesco Molinari 37-35
Kyle Stanley 36-36
Tommy Fleetwood 36-36
a-Doug Ghim 39-33
Fred Couples 37-35
Charl Schwartzel 35-37
Kevin Kisner 37-35
Justin Rose 38-34
73 (+1)
Ted Potter 39-34
Brian Harman 39-34
Daniel Berger 38-35
Pat Perez 38-35
Jason Dufner 37-36
Hideki Matsuyama 36-37
Branden Grace 38-35
Tiger Woods 37-36
Bubba Watson 37-36
Jimmy Walker 37-36
Russell Henley 40-33
Thomas Pieters 37-36
Dustin Johnson 38-35
74 (+2)
Wesley Bryan 36-38
Austin Cook 37-37
Ryan Moore 38-36
Jose Maria Olazabal 36-38
Bryson DeChambeau 38-36
Paul Casey 38-36
Martin Kaymer 38-36
Justin Thomas 37-37
Sandy Lyle 36-38
Ian Poulter 38-36
Bernhard Langer 37-37
Tyrrell Hatton 36-38
Alex Noren 39-35
75 (+3)
Matthew Fitzpatrick 38-37
Danny Willett 41-34
Jason Day 40-35
Si Woo Kim 38-37
Patrick Cantlay 40-35
Jon Rahm 36-39
Adam Scott 37-38
76 (+4)
Brendan Steele 38-38
Mike Weir 40-36
Patton Kizzire 38-38
a-Doc Redman 37-39
Billy Horschel 39-37
Chez Reavie 37-39
Angel Cabrera 40-36
a-Joaquin Niemann 40-36
Larry Mize 39-37
Yuta Ikeda 38-38
Webb Simpson 37-39
77 (+5)
Jhonattan Vegas 39-38
Kevin Chappell 39-38
Dylan Frittelli 38-39
Shubhankar Sharma 38-39
Yusaku Miyazato 36-41
78 (+6)
Mark O'Meara 40-38
Trevor Immelman 37-41
Ross Fisher 39-39
Gary Woodland 42-36
79 (+7)
Ian Woosnam 38-41
Kira. Aphibarnrat 40-39
a-Yuxin Lin 39-40
81 (+9)
a-Matt Parziale 40-41
Sergio Garcia 38-43

FRIDAY'S TEE TIMES
a-amateur
7:30 a.m.
Billy Horschel
Chez Reavie
Cameron Smith.
7:41 a.m.
Sandy Lyle
Si Koo Kim
a-Doug Ghim.
7:52 a.m.
Trevor Immelman
Ian Poulter
Patrick Cantlay.
8:03 a.m.
Angel Cabrera
Ross Fishe
Jimmy Walker.
8:14 a.m.
Fred Couples
Li Haotong
a-Joaquin Niemann.
8:25 a.m.
Larry Mize
Russell Henley
Shubhankar Sharma.
8:36 a.m.
Bernhard Langer
Tony Finau
Yuta Ikeda.
8:47 a.m.
Charl Schwartzel
Webb Simpson
a-Lin Yuxin.
8:58 a.m.
Kevin Kisner
Thomas Pieters
Xander Schauffele.
9:09 a.m.
Gary Woodland
Yusaku Miyazato
Tyrrell Hatton.
9:31 a.m.
Phil Mickelson
Rickie Fowler
Matt Kuchar.
9:42 a.m.
Adam Scott
Rory McIlroy
Jon Rahm.
9:53 a.m.
Jordan Spieth
Alex Noren
Louis Oosthuizen.
10:04 a.m.
Justin Rose
Dustin Johnson
Rafa Cabrera Bello.
10:15 a.m.
Austin Cook
Ted Potter Jr.
Wesley Bryan
10:26 a.m.
Ian Woosnam
Ryan Moore
Jhonattna Vegas
10:37 a.m.
Mike Weir
Brendan Steele
a-Matt Parziale.
10:48 a.m.
Jose Maria Olazabal
Kevin Chappell
Dylan Frittelli.
10:59 a.m.
Bryson DeChambeau
Bernd Wiesberger
Matt Fitzpatrick.
11:10 a.m.
Mark O'Meara
Brian Harman
a-Harry Ellis.
11:32 a.m.
Vijay Singh
Satoshi Kodaira
Daniel Berger.
11:43 a.m.
Kiradech Aphibarnrat
Pat Perez
Francesco Molinari.
11:54 a.m.
Danny Willett
Kyle Stanley
Jason Dufner.
12:05 p.m.
Hideki Matsuyama
Patton Kizzire
Paul Casey.
12:16 p.m.
Zach Johnson
Martin Kaymer
Branden Grace.
12:27 p.m.
Tiger Woods
Marc Leishman
Tommy Fleetwood.
12:38 p.m.
Sergio Garcia
Justin Thomas
a-Doc Redman.
12:49 p.m.
Bubba Watson
Henrik Stenson
Jason Day
1 p.m.
Patrick Reed
Charley Hoffman
Adam Hadwin.

NBA

EASTERN CONFERENCE

CENTRAL	W	L	PCT	GB	L10	STK	HOME	AWAY	CONF
x-Cleveland	49	30	.620	—	9-1	W-5	29-11	20-19	34-15
x-Indiana	47	32	.595	2	7-3	W-1	27-13	20-19	31-18
x-Milwaukee	42	37	.532	7	5-5	L-1	24-16	18-21	25-24
Detroit	37	41	.474	11½	7-3	L-1	24-15	13-26	23-27
BULLS	27	51	.346	21½	3-7	W-3	17-22	10-29	21-27
ATLANTIC	**W**	**L**	**PCT**	**GB**	**L10**	**STK**	**HOME**	**AWAY**	**CONF**
x-Toronto	56	22	.718	—	5-5	W-1	32-7	24-15	37-11
x-Boston	53	25	.679	3	7-3	L-2	25-13	28-12	31-17
x-Philadelphia	48	30	.615	8	10-0	W-12	27-11	21-19	31-18
New York	27	51	.346	29	3-7	L-4	18-20	9-31	15-33
Brooklyn	26	53	.329	30½	5-5	W-1	14-26	12-27	17-32
SOUTHEAST	**W**	**L**	**PCT**	**GB**	**L10**	**STK**	**HOME**	**AWAY**	**CONF**
x-Miami	43	36	.544	—	7-3	W-2	25-14	18-22	30-20
x-Washington	42	37	.532	1	3-7	L-3	22-17	20-20	27-22
Charlotte	34	45	.430	9	4-6	L-4	21-19	13-26	20-29
Orlando	24	54	.308	18½	4-6	W-2	16-23	8-31	14-34
Atlanta	22	57	.278	21	2-8	L-2	16-24	6-33	10-39

WESTERN CONFERENCE

SOUTHWEST	W	L	PCT	GB	L10	STK	HOME	AWAY	CONF
z-Houston	64	15	.810	—	9-1	W-2	34-6	30-9	40-9
San Antonio	45	34	.570	19	6-4	L-2	31-8	14-26	27-22
New Orleans	44	34	.564	19½	5-5	W-1	23-17	21-17	23-25
Dallas	24	55	.304	40	2-8	L-1	15-25	9-30	14-37
Memphis	21	57	.269	42½	3-7	L-3	15-24	6-33	18-31
NORTHWEST	**W**	**L**	**PCT**	**GB**	**L10**	**STK**	**HOME**	**AWAY**	**CONF**
x-Portland	48	31	.608	—	5-5	L-2	27-13	21-18	30-19
Utah	46	33	.582	2	7-3	W-4	27-13	19-20	32-17
Oklahoma City	45	34	.570	3	5-5	L-1	26-14	19-20	26-24
Minnesota	44	35	.557	4	4-6	L-2	28-11	16-24	31-18
Denver	44	35	.557	4	6-4	W-4	30-10	14-25	26-23
PACIFIC	**W**	**L**	**PCT**	**GB**	**L10**	**STK**	**HOME**	**AWAY**	**CONF**
y-Golden State	57	22	.722	—	5-5	L-1	29-11	28-11	33-16
L.A. Clippers	42	37	.532	15	5-5	L-1	22-16	20-21	24-25
L.A. Lakers	34	44	.436	22½	3-7	W-1	20-18	14-26	18-30
Sacramento	25	54	.316	32	3-7	L-1	13-27	12-27	12-37
Phoenix	20	59	.253	37	1-9	W-1	10-29	10-30	14-35

x-clinched playoff spot; y-clinched division; z-clinched conference
through Thursday

THURSDAY'S RESULTS
INDIANA 126, Golden State 106
Brooklyn 119, MILWAUKEE 111
HOUSTON 96, Portland 94
CLEVELAND 119, Washington 115
UTAH 117, L.A. Clippers 95
DENVER 100, Minnesota 96
FRIDAY'S SCHEDULE
Bulls at Boston, 6:30
Atlanta at Washington, 6
Charlotte at Orlando, 6
Cleveland at Philadelphia, 6
Dallas at Detroit, 6
Indiana at Toronto, 6:30
Miami at New York, 6:30
Sacramento at Memphis, 7
New Orleans at Phoenix, 9
Minnesota at L.A. Lakers, 9:30
WEDNESDAY'S RESULTS
ORLANDO 105, Dallas 100
Philadelphia 115, DETROIT 108
Miami 115, ATLANTA 86
TORONTO 96, Boston 78
NEW ORLEANS 123, Memphis 95
L.A. LAKERS 122, San Antonio 112 (OT)
home team in CAPS

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WESTERN CONFERENCE

CENTRAL	GP	W	L	OT	PTS	GF	GA	HOME	AWAY	DIV
z-Nashville	81	52	18	11	115	263	209	27-9-4	25-9-7	18-5-3
x-Winnipeg	81	51	20	10	112	273	217	30-7-2	21-13-8	14-9-2
x-Minnesota	81	44	26	11	99	247	229	27-6-8	17-20-3	13-12-1
Colorado	81	42	30	9	93	252	235	27-11-2	15-19-7	12-10-3
St. Louis	80	43	31	6	92	220	216	24-17-0	19-14-6	10-11-3
Dallas	80	41	31	8	90	228	218	26-12-3	15-19-5	12-14-0
Chicago	80	33	37	10	76	227	248	18-17-5	15-20-5	9-12-3
PACIFIC	**GP**	**W**	**L**	**OT**	**PTS**	**GF**	**GA**	**HOME**	**AWAY**	**DIV**
y-Vegas	81	51	23	7	109	271	221	29-10-2	22-13-5	20-4-3
x-San Jose	81	45	26	10	100	249	223	25-12-3	20-14-7	21-5-3
x-Anaheim	80	42	25	13	97	227	213	25-10-5	17-15-8	14-7-7
x-Los Angeles	81	45	28	8	98	237	199	23-14-3	22-14-5	13-11-5
Calgary	81	36	35	10	82	211	247	16-20-4	20-15-6	11-14-3
Edmonton	81	35	40	6	76	231	261	18-18-4	17-22-2	15-11-2
Vancouver	81	31	41	9	71	216	261	16-19-6	15-22-3	9-18-1
Arizona	81	29	40	12	70	208	253	16-20-4	13-20-8	10-11-7

EASTERN CONFERENCE

ATLANTIC	GP	W	L	OT	PTS	GF	GA	HOME	AWAY	DIV
x-Boston	80	49	19	12	110	263	208	27-7-5	22-12-7	17-7-2
x-Tampa Bay	80	53	23	4	110	287	228	28-10-2	25-13-2	17-8-2
x-Toronto	81	48	26	7	103	273	230	28-10-2	21-15-5	16-8-3
Florida	80	42	30	8	92	240	241	26-11-3	16-19-5	15-8-3
Detroit	80	30	39	12	72	214	251	16-16-8	14-24-3	8-16-4
Montreal	81	28	39	13	69	203	257	18-15-8	10-25-4	12-9-5
Ottawa	80	28	41	11	67	219	282	16-19-6	12-22-5	10-13-4
Buffalo	80	25	43	12	62	191	269	11-25-5	14-18-7	11-12-3
METRO	**GP**	**W**	**L**	**OT**	**PTS**	**GF**	**GA**	**HOME**	**AWAY**	**DIV**
y-Washington	81	48	26	7	103	254	236	27-11-2	21-15-5	16-8-3
x-Pittsburgh	81	46	29	6	98	268	250	29-9-2	17-20-4	18-8-2
x-Columbus	81	45	29	7	97	240	226	26-12-3	19-17-4	14-10-4
x-New Jersey	81	44	28	9	97	245	239	23-14-4	21-14-5	16-9-2
Philadelphia	81	41	26	14	96	246	243	21-13-6	20-13-8	13-8-6
Carolina	81	35	35	11	81	225	254

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Jordan Spieth tees off from the 17th hole on his way to his fifth consecutive birdie Thursday during the first round of the Masters.

Drama dominates

Spieth's birdie surge, Sergio's splash downs part of fun at Augusta

By Teddy Greenstein
Chicago Tribune

AUGUSTA, GA. — Why do we love the Masters? It's not the azaleas or $1.50 pimento cheese sandwiches.

A main reason is the drama this spectacular golf course provides.

Where else on earth could we see the defending champion rinse five consecutive shots on the same day an amateur makes two eagles? And those were just two of the stunning developments Thursday from Round 1 at Augusta National:

Jordan Spieth saw this coming. Few others did, writing off the 2015 Masters champion after his putting stroke went MIA over the winter and stayed lost until last week's tie for third in Houston. On the eve of the Masters, the headline on a golf.com video asked: "Does Jordan Spieth have a confidence problem?"

All together now: NO.

Spieth eagled the eighth hole by getting up and down from 276 yards and reeled off five straight birdies on Nos. 13-17. Would he close the round with a sixth straight? No, not after hooking a drive into the trees, chipping out sideways and ripping a 3-wood well left of the green. But a brilliant pitch led to a satisfying bogey and a 6-under 66 to lead the field by two.

What got him going? A fresh glove for a sweaty left hand.

"I started pin-seeking after that," he said.

Sergio Garcia's response to pumping five balls into the pond that fronts the 15th green was classic Sergio. What, you thought *he* was responsible?

"It's the first time in my career where I make a 13 without missing a shot," he said. "Simple as that."

The defending champion hit a 6-iron from 206 yards that he thought "was perfect."

And then he essentially hit the same shot four straight times, overspinning a sand wedge and watching as the balls retreated into the *agua*.

"The ball just wouldn't stop," he said.

Bubba Watson, observing from the group behind, defended Garcia: "He wasn't hitting bad shots; it's not like he was duffing or giving up."

And Garcia followed up his 13 with a birdie 2 on the 16th.

The 13 is the highest score ever recorded at No. 15 (by two shots!) and ties Tommy Nakajima (13th hole, 1978) and Tom Weiskopf (12th hole, 1980) for the highest score in Masters history.

Tony Finau called it nothing short of a miracle, and we will not disagree. If you saw what transpired Wednesday after he ran backward to celebrate an ace in the par-3 contest, you were thinking amputation was more likely than a next-day 68 in the Masters.

For those who didn't see it — don't. Finau crumpled to the ground after partially dislocating his left ankle, which he then popped back into place out of embarrassment.

"The last thing I wanted was to get put on a stretcher," he said during an ESPN interview, adding that the excruciation level was 10 out of 10.

An MRI revealed no structural damage, clearing Finau to play.

And play he did, thriving on Augusta National's hilly fairways to record six birdies.

Tiger Woods used to feast on Augusta National's par-5s — even after club officials "Tiger-proofed" them. On Thursday he said he played them "very sloppily," and the result was all pars.

But let's not get carried away regarding Woods' mediocre 1-over 73 in his first round in a major since 2015. He's still well in contention, seven shots behind Spieth. And he has never been Mr. Thursday. In his 20 previous first rounds here, Woods broke 70 only once. In 2005, he shot an opening 74. Three days later (66-65-71), he donned his fourth green jacket.

And this quote should put his performance — and remarkable recovery from spinal fusion surgery — into perspective.

"I came up here the last couple of years just to have food," he said of the Champions Dinner.

Spieth inspired fellow Texas Longhorn Doug Ghim by telling him: "It's scoreable. There's no wind. Go tear it up." Ghim, who turned in the day's low amateur score of even-par 72, made eagles on Nos. 13 and 18, where he holed out from 188 yards with a 6-iron and embraced his caddie/father, Jeff. It was only the sixth eagle at No. 18 in Masters history.

Ghim will receive two pairs of crystal goblets for the eagles.

Said Spieth: "He's going to take those four glasses back to college, and those will be a hit."

Ghim's emotions soaring with pair of eagles

By Teddy Greenstein
Chicago Tribune

AUGUSTA. GA. — As Jeff Ghim walked up the 18th fairway at Augusta National with a smile bigger than Texas, friends shouted, "Great yardage!"

What got everyone fired up was how Jeff's son, Doug, had finished his first round in the Masters. The 21-year-old amateur from Arlington Heights had 188 yards to the hole from the center of the fairway.

He flushed a 6-iron and then watched as ... it might be ... it could be ... it is! The crowd reaction let him know he had made his second eagle of the day and just the sixth ever recorded on the Masters' closing hole.

"I turned around and my dad was running at me full speed," Doug said of the celebration. "It's a moment I'll never forget the rest of my life."

It got even better as he embraced his mother, Susan, on the way to the scoring area.

"I'm on cloud nine," she said. "I feel (as if) I'm floating."

Ghim, a senior at the University of Texas, is an accomplished player. He shot a course-record 63 at Beverly Country Club in the 2014 Western Amateur and, while wearing a Chicago Cubs cap, finished runner-up to Doc Redman in the U.S. Amateur last summer at Riviera to earn the invitation to Augusta.

CHRIS CARLSON/AP

"I turned around and my dad was running at me full speed."

— Arlington Heights amateur Doug Ghim, who made the sixth eagle at the 18th hole in Masters history

But this is the Masters, Ghim's first professional event, let alone his first major.

Susan said her son has been calm: "He said, 'I'll make it the best game of my life. The crowds don't bother me; the more, the better. I feel like a pro already.' "

Doug will turn pro after the U.S. Open, but his immediate focus is on following up an even-par 72 that was the best score among six amateurs.

The 5-foot-9 Ghim was scuffling at 4 over until he reached No. 13. He parlayed a 279-yard drive into a high, soft hybrid to 7 feet. After making the eagle putt, he asked playing partner Sandy Lyle, the 1988 Masters champion: Is it true I get a trophy for this?

Indeed, he received a pair of crystal goblets.

"I was super excited knowing that no matter what happens this week, I was going home with something with my name on it from the Masters — and not from the pro shop," Ghim quipped.

Then he doubled down on the hardware.

"Two eagles!" Jeff Ghim shouted after the round upon seeing his wife.

It was perfect the two could share the joy of the moment: Jeff is the only swing coach Doug has ever had.

Woods still the center of attention

Regardless of performance, fans are still following Tiger

Teddy Greenstein
On the Masters

AUGUSTA. GA. — Around the practice green they waited. And waited.

Tiger Woods' caddie, Joe LaCava, appeared first. Observers noticed that LaCava, who lives in Connecticut, had a New York Rangers T-shirt under his white caddie uniform.

"Last-place-Ran-gers," a man chanted, ever so softly.

Then Woods emerged, a dashing figure dressed entirely in black, save for the white Swooshes.

Expressionless, he dropped two balls on the green and then toweled off his putter grip.

A man noticed that, as he strolled to the back of the green, Woods walked in the putting lines of his playing partners, Marc Leishman and Tommy Fleetwood.

"He doesn't give a (damn)," the man said.

The man then debated whether to try to snake his way to the first tee.

"If you want to see him tee off, you better be 7½ feet tall," one fan responded. "It's 40 people deep."

Indeed, if you want a close-up of Woods on the first hole, you walk up the left side of the fairway. If you can pace it off, go about 285 yards.

Former instructor Hank Haney wrote a book about Woods called, "The Big Miss," and Woods' big miss on No. 1 always goes left. Sometimes it hooks enough to end up in the ninth fairway.

He pulled his drive Thursday, and the ball bounced and then ...

"It's coming for us!" one man hollered.

"Oh, my God!" another said.

It settled in the pine straw, its "B" Bridgestone logo visible.

Within seconds, several marshals in green jackets (not *those* green jackets) knifed through the gallery. "Everyone will need to move back six to eight feet," one said.

"Move way back, folks," he said, using the two-handed pass-interference signal we see on football weekends.

Fans were giddy over their good fortune, a potential interaction with Woods, playing in his first Masters since 2015. Woods arrived but said nothing to the crowd, completely focused on the next shot.

LaCava told Woods he had "46" to the front, meaning 146 yards. Woods would have to hook his ball, off the pine straw, to an uphill green.

"Nice and still, please," LaCava said as Woods took practice swings.

Considering the circumstances, the shot was sensational. No. 1 often plays as the hardest par-4 on the course, and every jittery player just wants to make a par on the first hole of the season's first major. Woods' shot bounced up to the front fringe, and he two-putted for par.

He later joked about his poor drive on No. 1: "Hit a little fade up the left side. It didn't fade."

The hole reflected a meandering day for Woods, who hit eight fairways (meh), 11 greens in regulation (more meh) and shot a pedestrian 1-over 73.

The fans were eager to show their affection for Woods, but he gave them little to work with. His reactions to his three birdies were muted.

"The crowds have been incredible," he said. "It's been awesome this entire comeback. I got a standing ovation on the range. Coming up to the first tee, the people come out of the clubhouse and the putting green. They're really into it."

Years from now, Stewart Spinks likely won't recall Woods' score. But he'll remember how Woods' ball glanced off his shoulder.

"My bad shoulder," he joked. "I have kinesiology tape all over it."

Spinks, the chairman of a chain of convenience stores in South Carolina called Spinx, has been coming to the Masters since 1960, when he worked in the scoreboards as a 13-year-old.

"I grew up here," he said. "It's a thrill to see Tiger playing. We all love him."

I asked why.

"I grew up in a segregated world — no integration," he said. "I went to the University of Tennessee on a football scholarship. I never played with a black athlete; I never got to see the talent. It's wonderful to see the world change to appreciate people of all color. That's a world my parents didn't know."

He also mentioned a funny connection for his interviewer from Chicago.

"My uncle, Mack Stewart, pitched for the 1945 Cubs," he said. "Look it up. They called him the slim man with the rubber arm."

Indeed, the 6-foot Stewart was listed at 167 pounds. His entire career consisted of 24 appearances (0-1, 3.76 ERA). He worked 28⅓ innings for those 1945 Cubs, who won the National League pennant. He even got a base hit in three tries.

If there's a moral here, it's this: Walk around this place enough, and you're almost guaranteed to find a story.

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eNEWSPAPER BONUS COVERAGE

With Woods at Masters, Tigermania's in full swing

By Tod Leonard
San Diego Union-Tribune

Ken Bentley doesn't need to turn on the television or open a sports page to know the fervor for Tiger Woods is back in a big way as the Masters began Thursday.

All he had to do was to get a haircut.

Bentley regularly settles into a chair at On The Top, a barbershop in the Baldwin Hills neighborhood of Los Angeles, and listens to the mostly African-American clientele talk sports nearly every minute of the day.

For the past couple of years, Bentley observed, as Woods disappeared from the PGA Tour while he mended from back surgeries, so did golf from the shop's TV.

Bentley, 66, is an L.A. native, golf fanatic, and CEO of the Advocates Pro Tour, which gives budding minority golfers a chance to compete at the professional level. He also sits on the Tiger Woods Foundation board.

He'll watch golf anytime, but he's different from a lot of his buddies.

"If you're a hard-core golfer, you appreciate Rory (McIlroy) and Jason (Day)," Bentley said. "But to the average sports fan, they couldn't care less about those guys. They're just ho-hum about golf.

"Now, the guys in the barber shop are all asking, 'How do you think Tiger is going to do?' They're replaying the shots he hit in the tournament before. You didn't see that excitement when Tiger was out.

"If you ask me, golf needed that jolt of excitement."

Ask anybody. TV executives. Tournament directors. Equipment manufacturers. Golf course owners. Youth organizers.

Twenty-one years after Woods shook the game's landscape with his first, record-breaking, barrier-shattering victory in the Masters, and nearly five seasons removed from his last PGA Tour victory, his extraordinary comeback from four back surgeries is giving golf a boost many never saw coming.

"He is once again transcending the sport," Steve Mona, CEO of the World Golf Foundation, said on the phone from his headquarters in St. Augustine, Fla.

"To come back as he has, and just jump right into the fray ... in my heart of hearts, I wondered if it was really going to happen."

Heading into his first competition at Augusta National Golf Club since 2015, Woods was coming off two contending finishes on the tour's Florida swing — a tie for second at the Valspar Championship and tie for fifth in the Arnold Palmer Invitational.

The television ratings and attendance for those tournaments were the best they'd been in years, and Woods' sharpening of his game is making this Masters one of the most anticipated ever.

Though Woods hasn't pulled on a Masters green jacket since 2005 (his fourth win at Augusta), and hasn't captured a major since the 2008 U.S. Open at Torrey Pines, Las Vegas oddsmakers tabbed him a 9-1 favorite to beat the likes of Day, McIlroy, Dustin Johnson, Bubba Watson and Phil Mickelson.

"If he was to win it, you're talking about one of the epic moments in the history of the sport," CBS Sports anchor Jim Nantz said last week.

"To have him back in Butler Cabin," Nantz added of the green jacket ceremony, "it would truly be one of the all-time scripts. And this is an event that has an amazing ability to produce Hollywood-quality stories."

The second coming of Tiger Mania is real, with plenty of numbers and anecdotes to back it up.

In the back-to-back weeks Woods contended in Florida, the two final-round telecasts were off the charts. The Valspar numbers were the best for a non-major since Woods' 2013 victory in the Players Championship, and the ratings for the Arnold Palmer Invitational were 136 percent better than last year.

At the Genesis Open at Riviera Country Club, Woods didn't make the cut, but his presence was felt long before the first tee shot. Tournament Director Mike Antolini reported advance ticket sales were up 40 to 50 percent, and clubhouse package purchases rose 60 to 70 percent.

Woods, out of the hunt, teed off on the back nine Sunday in the Farmers Insurance Open at Torrey Pines, and still the ratings were 38 percent higher than in '17.

Nantz pointed out the viewership stayed high to the end of the broadcast of a playoff that was extended to Monday by darkness, with Day eventually beating Alex Noren.

"To me, this is what he brings to the game," Nantz said. "He brought people to the set, and a whole new audience. They got interested in the competition and stayed with it."

Beyond television, there is the business of golf, and no player affects consumer behavior more than Woods.

In 2016, when Nike stopped branding golf balls, Woods switched to Bridgestone. Angel Ilagen, the company's CEO and president, said sales increased with Woods not even playing last year, but the impact was nothing like he has seen in the last month.

Ilagen said purchases of the specific ball Woods is using — the Bridgestone Tour B XS — have shot up 265 percent, and that's before the special edition with a special Woods logo went on sale last week in California.

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The crowd watches Tiger Woods tee off on the 18th hole during a practice round Tuesday.

Ilgan said the Woods ball previously accounted for 15 percent of Bridgestone sales; now it's at least 40 percent.

With Nike out of the picture other than its clothing line, Bridgestone is the only company that produces a ball that has a logo — a fat "B" — that can be recognized on TV. And since virtually every shot of Woods' is shown, that's some fantastic product placement.

"He was worth more than the endorsement (money) last year," Ilgan said. "Now it's ridiculous.

"I think he's just as popular today as he ever was. Maybe more so. It's nicer to root for the guys who is making a comeback versus the guy who is demolishing everybody."

Therein lies an interesting and ongoing social experiment with Woods.

A few weeks ago, Nantz compared Woods' comeback, at the age of 42, to that of Tom Brady or Michael Jordan taking five years off and returning to a competitive level. Yet neither of those men would have had to climb back from the physical and emotional scars Woods carries.

Beyond his body and game falling apart — it doesn't get much more embarrassing than the chipping yips he suffered in early 2015 —Woods dealt with the shame of his extramarital affairs being exposed in 2009, and his DUI arrest in May 2017, for which he eventually pleaded guilty to reckless driving.

Woods —bags bulging under his eyes, his thinning hair disheveled — was a shockingly forlorn figure in his arrest mug shot.

All those troubles, though, may be contributing to the excitement with which fans have come back to watch him play. He has been a fascinating study in an idol's precipitous fall, only to find, in the hearts of some, forgiveness and redemption, without yet notching a single victory.

"I knew Tiger Mania when I was 8 years old," said Megan Mahoney, executive director of the San Diego County Junior Golf Association and IMG Academy Junior World Championships.

Mahoney is six months older than Woods and competed at the same courses he did throughout their Junior World careers in San Diego.

"I root for the guy," she said. "I certainly am not impressed with some of the things he's done in the past, but I think I represent a fairly common side of the population. We're a forgiving society. Time moves people on.

"If I see him on the range, I'm not thinking about what he did on a day in November," she added of Woods' infamous collision with a fire hydrant in 2009. "I'm more inclined to look at his swing structure. Are we going to see it hold up for another few years?"

Bentley, a former executive at Nestle who through the years has played three times with Woods in the Farmers Open pro-am, said he believes we're watching a man with a different vision of his life.

"He really seems to be enjoying himself," Bentley said. "It's nice to see the smiles, and to see him interact with the crowd and the other players.

"Here's a guy who has won 14 majors and is the arguably the second-best golfer in history. And despite all of these back surgeries, he wanted to come back. That's a testament to how much he loves the game, and that's coming across now."

What this second coming of Woods' popularity means to golf, long-term, is the subject of much debate.

It is well documented in studies by the National Golf Foundation that recreational participation peaked in 2000 — perhaps Woods' greatest season. In a go-go economy, there were 518 million rounds played in the U.S. that year. In 2017, there were 71 million fewer than that.

According to the NGF, there were 284 golf course openings in America in 2001. Last year, there were 25.

Mona said of Woods' first emergence, "He turbocharged golf. I shudder to think about if Tiger didn't come along."

But he adds this cold reality, "Tiger's place in the game does not translate into a one-to-one basis for participation in the game. Tiger creates interest, and it's up to us as an industry to convert that."

More than two decades after Woods' emergence, Mona said he believes golf is far more equipped to meet a new demand with greater options.

He cites programs such as the First Tee, the inner-city initiative that was in its infancy in the early 2000s, and "Get Golf Ready" — instruction for beginners that Mona said introduces 100,000 new players to the game each year.

Virtually all of golf's organizations, Mona said, are committing resources to focus on women, children, and minorities.

"Without fear of contradiction, I can say golf's understanding about the importance of diversity and inclusion has never been higher," Mona said.

"I would be the first to admit that we're not there yet, in terms of what golf looks like to the public. But there's a tremendous amount of effort in those areas."

Some numbers are encouraging. According to NGF's 2016 study of participation, 33 percent of golfers ages 6 to 17 were females — up from 17 percent in 1995. Also among junior golfers, 27 percent were non-Caucasian. That number was 6 percent in '95.

Glaringly absent still from the top levels of professional golf are African-American competitors. Only a handful of black golfers have reached the PGA and LPGA tours in the last 20 years.

"It hasn't happened as fast as all of us thought it would," Bentley said of the potential influx of black players. "There are a lot of guys out there playing and trying. I think that story gets lost sometimes."

He said he grew up playing tennis, and that the racket sport has been more successful at nurturing potential stars.

In part, that's why Bentley started the Advocates Tour in 2010, with the goal of giving minorities competitive outlets after they played golf in high school or college.

"It's almost like the foster care system," Bentley said. "They're just thrown out there."

The Advocates Tour subsidizes entry fees, Bentley said, and even paid for one player's asthma medication.

"Somebody needs to break through and say, 'I want to be the champion for this,' " he said.

Until then, it seems golf will collectively cross its fingers, keep a close eye on Woods' back, and hope he sticks around a while.

The guys in the barbershop will be watching.

"When he wins one," Bentley predicted, "he's going to win a bunch."

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Jay Triano has spent all but the first three games of the season as the Suns coach, but he likely won't be back next season as the team plans to pursue a big-name to lead the franchise.

Hot in here? Coaches in NBA will be feeling it

By Tim Bontemps | Washington Post

Last season, no NBA coaches were fired — something that hadn't happened in a half-century. It took only three games this season for the Suns to end that streak by firing Earl Watson. The Grizzlies and Bucks eventually followed suit by parting ways with David Fizdale and Jason Kidd. That won't be the end of the firings, though. By the end of next week, there could be as many as 10 openings around the NBA — meaning a full third of the league could be searching for a new coach. Here's a rundown of the temperature of some of the league's hottest seats heading into the regular season's final days:

Get the resumes ready

Jay Triano, Suns: Triano will have a chance to become Watson's permanent replacement, and he has earned plaudits from players for the way he's handled them this season. But the Suns have already opened up their search, and general manager Ryan McDonough said recently the team is willing to pay big money for a new coach — signaling they could be pursuing a big name this summer.

Joe Prunty, Bucks: Barring a surprise deep playoff run, the Bucks will be moving on from Kidd's temporary replacement this spring. Between a new, state-of-the-art practice facility, a brand-new arena that will be open in time for next season and — most important — the presence of one of the league's best players in Giannis Antetokounmpo, the Bucks job will be the most sought after of all the openings this year. Milwaukee should have its choice of prime candidates for what is a crucial juncture for the franchise. One man who won't be the Bucks' next coach, however, is Rick Pitino.

J.B. Bickerstaff, Grizzlies: The Grizzlies interim coach could wind up with this job, but with so much uncertainty in Memphis it's hard to know in what direction the franchise will go. That uncertainty stems from the complicated buy/sell situation between the team's main shareholders — majority owner Robert Pera and minority owners Steve Kaplan and Daniel Straus. Pera is expected to buy out the other two, which could lead to sticking with the status quo. But between the ownership drama and the aging status of the roster, this is one of the least desirable jobs available.

Jeff Hornacek, Knicks: Hornacek never really had a chance in New York — first dealing with Phil Jackson and the triangle offense, and then being inherited by a new regime this season. That said, Hornacek's time with the Knicks is all but certain to end after Wednesday's season finale. Several names have already been linked to the job — including Monty Williams, Mark Jackson and Jason Kidd. In the midst of a full rebuild, team President Steve Mills and general manager Scott Perry could go in multiple directions with this hire.

Frank Vogel, Magic: Like Hornacek with the Knicks, Vogel has been playing catch-up from the start. The general manager that hired him, Rob Hennigan, was let go last year, and now new team President Jeff Weltman and general manager John Hammond are beginning yet another rebuild in Orlando. Vogel is a good coach and should get another chance. But this job is expected to come open next week.

Change could be coming

Stan Van Gundy, Pistons: The answer to the questions about Van Gundy's future in Detroit will come when he meets with owner Tom Gores after the regular season ends next week. The Pistons have endured plenty of injuries that have limited them this season — specifically to Reggie Jackson, with whom they are 25-15 — and made a huge midseason trade to land Blake Griffin. But Detroit has missed the playoffs in three of Van Gundy's four seasons — assuming the Pistons' razor-thin chances of making it this year fail, as expected. The lean here is that Detroit, which should finish right around .500, will give Van Gundy and his regime one more year to take a step forward, but it's anyone's guess how Gores will proceed.

Steve Clifford, Hornets: General manager Rich Cho has already been let go, and while the Hornets have begun a search for his replacement, the status of Clifford is up in the air. Clifford, 56, is well-respected around the league and well-liked by owner Michael Jordan. But this decision could come down to whom Jordan hires to replace Cho and whether they want to make a fresh start on the sideline.

Mike Budenholzer, Hawks: Among all of the names on this list, this one stands out because if there is a parting of ways here, it would be because the coach prefers it. Budenholzer is under no job pressure in Atlanta, which is beginning a rebuild under new general manager Travis Schlenk. But Budenholzer didn't sign up for a rebuild when he left Gregg Popovich's staff to come to Atlanta, so both sides may prefer to start fresh.

Doc Rivers, Clippers: Ever since the Clippers changed their management structure last summer, removing Rivers from being in charge of basketball operations, there has been speculation Rivers could be on his way out in Los Angeles. Rivers then proceeded to put together one of the best coaching jobs of his career and still has the Clippers on the verge of a playoff spot in the West. Like Budenholzer, he would be a hot commodity on the market if he wants to coach next season.

Mike Malone, Nuggets: Malone has done a very good job in Denver, taking over a team that had won 30 games and increasing its win total in each of his three seasons in the job. This season, though, the expectation was Denver would make the playoffs. But the Nuggets currently sit in ninth, a game behind the Pelicans for the final playoff spot. They have the league's 27th-ranked defense, a 14-25 road record and losses to cellar dwellers like Memphis, Dallas, Atlanta, Sacramento and Phoenix.

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The job of Pelicans coach Alvin Gentry (above) looks to be safe thanks to the play of star Anthony Davis.

Seemingly safe

Alvin Gentry, Pelicans: The fates of Gentry and general manager Dell Demps seemingly hang in the balance every year — only for the two of them to find a way to survive. When DeMarcus Cousins tore his Achilles tendon back in January, it looked as if it might finally be curtains for them both — only for the Pelicans to go on a tear thanks to stellar play from Anthony Davis.

Luke Walton, Lakers: When LaVar Ball was taking shots at Walton — and Lakers management said nothing in response — there was a line of thought Walton could be let go in his second season on the job. But the Lakers have already won 33 games this season — seven more than they won last season, Walton's first in Los Angeles, which was a nine-game improvement from their record in Byron Scott's final year in charge.

Fred Hoiberg, Bulls: If Hoiberg didn't have three years remaining on his contract, he may have been done after last season. But he did and has worked well with the young core this season. After being the first name atop everyone's lists of coaches to be let go at some point this season back in October, he now feels almost certain to be back for a fourth year with the Bulls.

Dave Joerger, Kings: With the Kings in the middle of a seemingly endless rebuild, the only reason Joerger would even be mentioned is as a way to cover our bases in the event that — as it often does in Sacramento — something strange happens. But despite there having been multiple regime changes in the two seasons Joerger has been with the Kings, there has been no talk of him being replaced in Sacramento, and it would be a surprise if he was.

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John Cena, left, plays Mitchell, whose daughter Kayla (Geraldine Viswanathan) is going to prom with Connor (Miles Robbins).

'BLOCKERS' ★★★

WELCOME TO PROM

Parents try to shut down teens' sex pact in raunchy, yet sweet, comedy

By Michael Phillips
Chicago Tribune

I went into "Blockers" cringing and came out smiling, which says more about me (*Double standard! They wouldn't treat graduating high school males that way!*) than it says about the movie. But that's how moviegoing works. We're pre-judgy that way. And "Blockers," the feature directorial debut of "Pitch Perfect" screenwriter Kay Cannon, turns out to be well-aware of that double standard, in a consistently funny and rather sweet fashion.

This is what Hollywood used to call a generation gap comedy, although imagining David Niven in "The Impossible Years" (1968) entering a butt-chugging contest at a kegger is, well, not imaginable and only serves to remind us that times, mores and the lines in the sand of tastelessness are always shifting.

The movie is set in Waukegan, Ill., and environs. (It was shot in cost-effective Georgia.) Leslie Mann, Ike Barinholtz and John Cena play the blockers of the title, nominal friends since their daughters, played by the extremely deft trio of Kathryn Newton, Geraldine Viswanathan and Gideon Adlon, bonded in elementary school.

Leslie Mann and Ike Barinholtz play parents of seniors going to prom in "Blockers."

Now they're graduating seniors. One day at lunch the girls make a pact to lose their virginities on prom night. "I'm having sex," Newton's character, Julie, declares. Great, says Sam, played by Adlon. "I'm having soup." With that one exchange the movie had me: The teenage girls act, and interact, like human beings on planet Earth, fully free of the John Hughesian archetypes of "babe" or "wallflower" and "uptight

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IN PERFORMANCE 'Smart People' ★★★

Resourceful look at sexual and racial identity

By Chris Jones
Chicago Tribune

Does intelligence make a white person any less inherently racist? How about a white neurologist who actually does research into his own racism?

Those questions — which are interesting ones to ponder in the theater — hang over the longtime Chicago writer Lydia R. Diamond's aptly titled new play, "Smart People," a notably ambitious piece at Writers Theatre in Glencoe that's focused on the complexities of racial and sexual identity, and that's set on and around the campus of Harvard University.

It's quite a timely show. Take, for example, the recent furor over the Brooklyn Museum's hiring of an impeccably credentialed white woman as its consulting curator of African art.

Diamond here is not only interested in the question of whether lived experience should or should not trump (no pun intended) academic degrees, how scholarly achievement should or should not interact with optics and the issues of representations; she's also well qualified herself in its exploration. On all sides.

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Julian Parker, from left, Kayla Carter, Deanna Myers and Erik Hellman in "Smart People."

The action revolves around a diverse quartet of single smart people, all with an urge to merge. This group includes a white professor of neuroscience (played by Erik Hellman), an Asian-American psychologist (Deanna Myers), an African-American doctor (Julian Parker) and an African-American actress (Kayla Carter), a Harvard MFA graduate who cleans houses on the side, although it is never specified how she afforded that program's expensive tuition.

Despite their apparent professional successes and elite place of study and employment, none of Diamond's characters are especially happy. Hellman's Brian is annoyed by his facile undergraduates and by how so many people use his skin color to diminish his meticulously researched understanding of racial prejudice. Myers' Ginny seems assured and confident, but she's

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Monteverde chef Sarah Grueneberg is host of WTTW-Ch. 11-produced "Dishalicious."

Latest cooking show's a delight

'Dishalicious' gathers ace Chicago chefs for wizardry, tips, banter

By Steve Johnson
Chicago Tribune

It's not easy to make a compelling new cooking show these days. Chef's kitchen formats have been done. World cuisine tours have been done. Competition shows have been overdone to the point where the kitchen fire alarm is going off.

Yet along comes "Dishalicious," a bubbly new entry in this crowded field from Chicago PBS station WTTW-Ch. 11 and "Check, Please!" impresario David Manilow.

It is an utter delight, fresh and effervescent, yet with surprising depth, as well. You practically taste the flavors as three top Chicago chefs prepare a meal on stage in front of a studio audience and, seemingly, 15 cameras.

You sense the camaraderie and the competition that come with cooking at the highest levels. On Friday's premiere (8:30 p.m., WTTW), focusing on Italian cooking, Spiaggia's Tony Mantuano and GT Prime's Giuseppe Tentori go at it like brothers. "Oh, God, these guys," says host Sarah Grueneberg, chef at Monteverde and a former "Top Chef" runner-up.

On next week's Mexican-themed show, Rick Bayless (Frontera Grill, etc.) threatens to run away with the chocolate tamale batter prepared by former colleague Alfonso Sotelo (5 Rabitinos). Diana Davila (Mi Tocaya Antojeria) breaks from the cooking to tell Bayless about the first gourmet date she and her high school sweetheart had, at Bayless' Topolobampo. Reader, she married him.

And while perched in this kind of ultimate seat at a table in a dream restaurant kitchen, you learn a lot to inspire your own cooking, or at least your own ordering from menus.

Did you know that you should always use white onions in Mexican cooking, never

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'Jersey Shore' returns to MTV

A mere five years and some months after it ended its run, "Jersey Shore" is back on the air in one of the most pointless revivals to come along this TV season. **Page 3**

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Kesha, performing in January, and others recorded an album of love songs with gender-swapped pronouns.

Dylan, Kesha offer LGBTQ love songs

Bob Dylan, Kesha and St. Vincent have reimagined popular love songs to honor the LGBTQ community, and the singers are doing it by switching pronouns.

The six-song album, "Universal Love," was released digitally Thursday and includes Death Cab for Cutie's Benjamin Gibbard, Valerie June and Bloc Party's Kele Okereke.

Dylan reworked "She's Funny That Way" into "He's Funny That Way," singing lines like "I got a man crazy for me." Kesha sings "I Need a Woman to Love Me," a spinoff of Janis Joplin's "I Need a Man to Love Me." And Gibbard rerecorded the Beatles' "And I Love Her" to create "And I Love Him."

"If you look at the history of pop music, love songs have predominantly come from one heterosexual perspective," said Tom Murphy, a co-producer of "Universal Love," said. "If we view music as something that brings people together, shouldn't these popular songs be open to everyone?"

"Universal Love," available on streaming platforms like Spotify and Apple Music, was produced by MGM Resorts and is distributed through Sony Music's Legacy Recordings.

— Associated Press and Variety

April 6 birthdays: Actor Billy Dee Williams is 81. Actor John Ratzenberger is 71. Actress Marilu Henner is 65. Actor Paul Rudd is 49. Actor Zach Braff is 43.

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"Despacito" milestone: "Despacito," the global hit by Luis Fonsi, above, has broken a new digital record. The official video of the Spanish-language track, featuring Puerto Rican rapper Daddy Yankee, on Wednesday surpassed 5 billion views on YouTube — becoming the first video in the platform's history to hit that mark. Note that it's not the version of "Despacito" with Justin Bieber; the official video of that remix sits at a mere 7.6 million views.

Harding on "Dancing": Tonya Harding will be one of the celebrities competing on this season's all-athlete edition of "Dancing With the Stars." Harding, best known for her calamitous rivalry with Nancy Kerrigan before and during the 1994 Winter Olympics, resurfaced on the pop-cultural radar last year with the release the Oscar-nominated film "I, Tonya." Kerrigan competed on Season 24 of "DWTS." The full cast of "Dancing With the Stars: Athletes" will be announced April 13.

Bollywood star sentenced: Salman Khan was convicted Thursday of poaching rare deer in a wildlife preserve two decades ago and sentenced to five years in prison, with the judge describing him as a "habitual offender." The heavily muscled actor contended he did not shoot the two blackbuck deer in the western India preserve in 1998. He was acquitted in related cases. Khan, 52, has starred in more than 90 Hindi-language films but has also long had a reputation as a Bollywood bad boy, known for his run-ins with the law and his troubled relationships with women.

ASK AMY

By Amy Dickinson

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Was grandparents' decision racist?

Dear Amy: My (white) parents have never approved of my wife, who was born in Mexico. They also seem not to care for our daughters — their two grandchildren.

A while back they asked to take these granddaughters for the weekend. The girls were 4 and 6 at the time.

Our daughters have always had long, dark hair — down to their waists — that my wife loves to put into ponytails or braids. When we went to pick up the girls after the weekend with my parents, we found that my mother had decided the girls' hair was "too much work," and took the kids to the local barber.

Their long hair was gone, replaced with very short cuts above their ears.

My wife was heartbroken, but said little. My mother told me that I was wrong to protest the haircuts, and that they had done the girls a favor. My father laughed at me for being angry and told me the girls "finally looked normal." My family seems entirely racist to me. I feel they are a danger to their granddaughters (who they do not seem to care for or about). Is estrangement merited?

— Disgusted Dad

Dear Dad: Yep, your folks also seem fairly racist to me, too.

Granted, grandparents have undermined their grown children and disrespected their grandchildren in this way from time immemorial, but that doesn't make it right.

What makes this act racist is the extra context they've thrown in, just to make sure you know that they don't see your children as quite "normal," and that their long, dark hair is strange and unmanageable.

Your wife showed amazing restraint, but I wonder why she was so silent. She is not a second-class citizen. She is the mother of these children, and she has a voice and a right to use it.

Your folks' attitude, statements and behavior toward your daughters puts them in the category of, "With grandparents like these, who needs incompetent jerks?"

On top of other, more important, matters — if your parents can't manage to help groom their granddaughters for a total of two days, then they aren't equipped (or able, or willing) to take care of small humans.

I also assume your folks could have returned their grandkids after a weekend looking like they were raised by wolves and that wouldn't have mattered, as long as everyone had fun and felt well-loved.

I don't necessarily recommend total estrangement, but I do recommend distance. It is a natural consequence of their actions and attitude.

Dear Amy: I have been married for a long time. My husband is a great guy. He's a hard worker, considerate and a wonderful father.

However, he has developed many facial tics lately — he is constantly pulling his ear, touching his nose or rubbing his lips.

It's nonstop and incredibly annoying. I have a hard time even looking at him, which has (understandably) created all sorts of problems.

I have mentioned it to him multiple times and he gets very defensive and oftentimes denies he does it. It seems to get worse during times of stress. Any suggestions?

— Trying to Overlook It

Dear Trying: Rather than try to overlook this, you should urge your husband to see his physician. This rather sudden and marked change in his physical behavior could be a sign that there is an underlying medical cause that should be addressed. Because this seems to come on during times of stress, he may be offered simple strategies to control his stress level, and these various tics would subside, but this could also indicate something more serious.

I would hesitate to take an amateur stab at diagnosing him, which is why he should see his doctor right away.

Dear Amy: The question from "Tired Mom" took me back. Tired Mom was exhausted by hosting her teen daughter and her friends, and driving them around. She wanted other parents to step up. Well, my own parents never stepped up. Fortunately, I had a friend whose parents were fun and lively, and always made time for all of us. They helped give me a happier childhood.

— Grateful

Dear Grateful: Any teen is lucky to live in "that house" — the house where everyone gathers. Tired Mom is doing a great job.

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Parents on prom mission

'Blockers', *from Page 1*

scold."

Some casual digital monitoring reveals the plan to their parents. Overprotective Lisa (Mann), still smarting from her own dubious choices at her daughter's age, panics nearly as much as Mitchell (Cena), despite the protestations of Mitchell's wife (Sarayu Blue) that he's acting like an idiot, treating their daughter like a helpless flower to be protected.

The party-boy slob Hunter (Barinholtz) feels differently; he wasn't much of a family man when he was married, but he's striving for a connection with his daughter, and he knows she's about to come out of the closet. For a while, he's the voice of reasonable opposition to the other parents' plans to block those kicks. (Screenwriters and brothers Brian and Jim Kehoe can't really figure out how to sustain that opposition, so they simply drop it, midmovie.)

The dithering middle-age killjoys follow the girls, and their dates, from prom to lakeside after-party to hotel bash. Some of the gags are centuries old (Mann hiding under the bed where her daughter's about to Do It); other scenes redirect the movie to a fresher, more incisive place.

In no way, shape or form is "Blockers" a female "Porky's" or a female version of any traditional boys club scenario. It's closer in spirit to something like "Superbad" in its mixture of commercial hooks and character-driven detours. Director Cannon's technique is jumpy and rudimentary, but she doesn't push the young women or men into farce behavior, even when her direction is visually obvious.

A little of Barinholtz goes a pretty good distance for me, but sharing scenes with Mann (who has the timing of a wizard) and blocklike Cena (funny just standing there, with his "cop haircut" and perpetually aghast reactions), he's what the movie needs: a relaxed wild card. The girls' friendship, however, is what makes "Blockers" more than an elevator pitch. One trio gets 'em in the door; the other trio keeps 'em there.

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Leslie Mann, from left, Ike Barinholtz and John Cena play parents determined to thwart their daughters' sex plans.

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‘Jersey Shore’ — same as it ever was

Just 5 years later, Snooki & co. return in pointless revival

Nina Metz
Chicago Close-up

MTV

The cast of “Jersey Shore” is back on MTV, doing the same old thing. Clockwise from top left: Ronnie Ortiz-Magro, Nicole Polizzi, Deena Nicole Cortese, Vinny Guadagnino, Michael Sorrentino, Jennifer Lynn Farley and Paul DelVecchio.

“Jersey Shore” is back on MTV this week, a mere five years-plus after its original run ended. The show lasted just three years, but it seeded an entire pop cultural moment with its GTL ethos — have we forgotten so quickly? That would be the daily regimen of gym, tan, laundry. And plenty of boozing and fist-pumping into the night. A few marriages and babies later, the cast is back. Now in their 30s. Still drinking and clowning for the camera. Did you miss them? Did you even notice their absence?

“Jersey Shore: Family Vacation” might be one of the most pointless revivals in a TV season that has worked steadily to exploit our desire for nostalgia. Apparently bringing back a show after just five years is enough to stoke those fires. But is it really?

Millennials were in their teens and early 20s during the show’s heyday. I wonder if a generation now fully into adulthood — buried by student loans and a bad job market — will view “Jersey Shore’s” return with more skepticism. Has the premise soured? Has the moment passed?

Andy Dehnart is the editor of Reality Blurred, the go-to website for analysis and info on the vast landscape of reality TV. “MTV’s desperation is a giant part of this story,” he told me. “They’ve not been able to find anything that works at all, and they’re floundering. So of course they would reach backwards to a time when they were culturally relevant.”

That floundering has a few causes. There are now vastly more shows competing for viewers than there were 10 years ago. MTV’s target audience was once teenagers, who would now rather scroll through friends’ Instagram stories, which more or less function as reality TV for the digital age — bite-size, minus any commercials or hokey tropes mandated by nervous TV executives.

Here’s the thing about “Jersey Shore”: Even if you didn’t watch it, you were probably aware of it. It was a phenomenon that seeped into the pop cultural conversation by virtue of its happy embrace of its (self-proclaimed) guido signifiers and equally happy outlandishness. The cast at least seemed in on the joke. Their nicknames (Snooki, JWOWW, The Situation) were as oddly memorable as their colloquialisms (“beating up the beat,” otherwise known as their fist-pumping nightclub dance moves).

When it was canceled in 2012, Denhart noted that interest in the show had already plummeted: Season 4 debuted to 8.8 million viewers, but just a year later, during Season 6, one of its episodes drew only 2.4 million. “That’s a pretty huge plunge,” he wrote at the time. “More importantly, is anyone talking about the show or its cast in the same way anymore?”

It feels even sadder to ask that question in 2018. The New York Post recently caught up with the cast members and Nicole “Snooki” Polizzi mentions that upon meeting Beyonce at the MTV Music Video Awards, she “came up to us and kissed us on the cheeks and said, ‘I love your show.’ I was like, ‘I can retire now.’ ”

So ... why didn’t she?

If the first two episodes of the new season are any indication — persistently dull despite efforts to recapture the old magic, whatever it was — this incarnation collapses in on itself. Look at their smiling faces staring out from that promotional photo. They all look friendly enough. But despite the “family vacation” stylings of the title, this is purely a transactional pursuit for the cast.

The one exception is Samantha Giancola (aka Sammi Sweetheart) who declined to film. She explained her reasons in a post on Instagram: “I am at a completely different place in my life right now. I’m not the same person I was at 22. At 31, I am extremely happy in every aspect of my life and want to avoid potentially toxic situations.” That decision left cast member Pauly D confused: “She must be rich!” he told the pop culture site TooFab. “Maybe she doesn’t need the money. I’m trying to think about it, like, maybe she’s rich?”

It gets even weirder when you consider that, at the time of filming, Mike “The Situation” Sorrentino was still navigating federal tax evasion charges for failing to pay on $8.9 million in income. Is he just being open about his life by inviting the cameras in, or foolhardy since that’s what got him into this mess to begin with? He pleaded to one count of tax evasion in January (on the show we see him delaying the trip to Miami until he gets the judge’s OK), and he will be sentenced later this month. That could include jail time. The show glides over specifics about the case, instead focusing on Sorrentino’s seemingly earnest intention to turn his life around and remain sober. He seems resigned to the fact that a prison sentence could be in his future — but is that just yet another performance?

Here’s Dehnart: “It’s not sad necessarily to be someone who continues to pop up on television — that’s what actors do and that’s what television personalities do. But just to be doing the same thing over and over again in the same way? That just seems so boring to me. It’s boring to watch and I can’t imagine what it’s like to live it.”

Even the cast seems over it. Of their drunken shenanigans, Vinny Guadagnino notes that they’re just doing the same things they were doing five years ago. Pauly D jokes that they’re even wearing the same clothes.

“I think on some shows, the format is stronger than the personalities, and on other shows the personalities are stronger than the format,” said Dehnart. But in the case of “Jersey Shore,” I’m not sure either applies. What time has revealed is that these are people who lack charisma, especially considering they have nothing to actually do when they’re on camera.

I asked Dehnart which reality show he thinks works best these days, and he pointed to the baking competition “Nailed It!” on Netflix. “It’s produced by the production company Magical Elves, who created ‘Project Runway’ when it first aired on Bravo, and they created and still produce ‘Top Chef.’ So they’re the originators of that talent format, and it’s fun to see them relax outside of the constraints of a network production.”

The show, he said, “completely ignores all the conventions and tropes that have become so tired. It just sort of admits that it’s ridiculous. But it also has a lot of heart because it’s not just there to ridicule and mock people either — the competitors are really trying and sometimes they’re succeeding better than expected. These are home bakers who are trying to reproduce these masterpieces and everyone involved in the show, from the contestants to the producers to the judges, knows that there is no possibility of them truly succeeding. I made the point in my review that it’s one of the most American shows ever because it’s like, ‘Yeah, let’s try this big experiment and if we fail, we’ll laugh through it and try again.’

“And that’s interesting to watch versus watching a Food Network competition, where every time something goes wrong there are cymbals crashing to tell me ‘this is bad’ and it’s just all so predictable and cliche. When a show can ignore those conventions and breathe a little bit, it’s so full of life that I can’t help but love it.”

Ironically “Nailed It!” is hosted by the Nicole Byer, who is funny and charming — and whose short-lived MTV comedy series last year failed to bring in a sizable audience and therefore likely played a part in paving the way for the current “Jersey Shore” retread.

One last thing. Dehnart pointed me to a 2012 post on Jezebel from writer Tracie Egan Morrissey with the headline: “I Successfully Stalked the ‘Jersey Shore’ Cast.” It’s worth a read if only to relive the mania surrounding the show.

Morrissey talks about bringing her family (mom, husband and baby) along with her to Seaside Heights, N.J., in order to see the cast in action. After signing a release form, they were allowed to shop in the T-shirt store staffed by the cast.

While there, Sammi compliments Morrissey’s baby. “I thought, ‘Wow, this girl is so nice to be dedicating herself to this (crummy) retail job when she’s a millionaire,’ before I remembered that she was just playing the part of a T-shirt shop sales girl for TV. They were faking, we were faking. Each batch of 10 customers that came in the store was just a different take on the same scene.”

Half a decade later, nothing has changed but the filming location.

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Intellectuals grapple with disappointment

Smart, *from Page 1*

more than a tad impervious and, it seems, addicted to shopping. Parker’s Jackson is frustrated by how often his authority and identity as a physician are undermined by racist assumptions. And Carter’s Valerie not only has to deal with the prejudices of casting directors — some of the most vividly drawn scenes in the play — but also the impecuniousness and lack of dignity that come from her chosen profession, as distinct from all the tenured and otherwise overcredentialed people in her orbit.

For much of “Smart People,” which was previously seen off-Broadway and is directed at Writers by Hallie Gordon, you wonder if that is supposed to be the main takeaway: there is no escaping racial unease and ambivalence in today’s fractured America, even in a world that is supposed to run primarily on hard science and observable data. Not only does the play imply that interracial sexuality is fraught with systemic problems, but it also hardly suggests that intraracial hook-ups are any easier. Jackson and Valerie, the doctor and the actress, can’t even get through dinner, let alone sex, without fighting over who has the most valid “black card” to play.

Diamond certainly has a very fine understanding of what academia often tries to hide, how age-old power structures hardly have been vanquished by some loftily declared new commitment to diversity. These areas of inquiry, I think, are the play’s main strength. Its weakness is, to my mind, forgivable: You get the sense of a writer being overwhelmed by all the detritus that even well-meaning liberals are failing to process in a way that does not cause at least someone offense. In the end, she throws up her hands. Which is an admirably unsentimental conclusion.

And, of course, this isn’t a great moment for comedy about any of this stuff, which perhaps explains why the script is, I think, potentially riskier and more amusing than Gordon’s studied and cautious production allows, even if you see why it went in that direction, given the studied nature of the play. A little more pushback and risk, though, would have enhanced the whole.

Nonetheless, the piece is very well cast. Valerie and Jackson emerge as the more empathetic pair. Carter is a very likable and honest actress, here playing a genuinely luminous artist whose travails Diamond knows and understands. And there are a few moments when Parker really breaks out of the show’s more protective mold: He’s a consistently restless actor, always right in the moment and, you feel, on the edge of something. You perk up as he contemplates taking a chance.

Hellman, who ranges deep, and Myers, who embraces enigma, are also good, and by the second act, the production, which is always sophisticated and never facile, begins to acquire some of the courage we all are going to need to reconcile some of these divides. Although it is hard to imagine any of that will start on a campus like this one.

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Kayla Carter and Erik Hellman in “Smart People,” written by Lydia R. Diamond.

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Fresh new take on the cooking show

Dishalicious, *from Page 1*

yellow ("muddy flavor," Bayless explains)? Did you know how easy it is to make a homemade giardiniera, if you're willing to be patient about the two nights of soaking, in salt and then vinegar? Mantuano will show you.

And did you know that a key to a good sauce can involve frying it first, to take the edge off of potentially bitter flavors? Bayless uses that technique for a mouthwatering ancho chile concoction he makes — to drench seared rib-eye chunks and serve alongside mashed black beans. Watching what he's doing, Grueneberg says, in almost a eureka moment: "This is the same technique I use to make my tomato sauce!"

A big part of the credit for the show working so well goes to Grueneberg. She's like a good Champagne buzz, a little bit frothy but still in control. She's got the high-end knowledge to enrich the food talk, yet she's down-home enough to own up to what she doesn't know. And she keeps the proceedings at the level of energy — where there's room for banter and substance, and anticipation of each — that makes a dinner party memorable.

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Host Sarah Grueneberg joins guest chefs Giuseppe Tentori, left, and Tony Mantuano.

Credit, too, goes to the format devised by Manilow, who is listed as "creator." It provides room for both talk about and the creation of something impressive. The studio audience, heard but unseen, can be felt driving the pace of these half-hours and pushing the cooks to be, perhaps, a more glowing version of themselves. The format also takes advantage of the fact that, for contemporary star chefs, being good on TV, or at least wanting to, is another of the expected tools.

WTTW filmed three episodes at its studios earlier this year, the third one focusing on Korean cuisine with chefs including Beverly Kim from Parachute and Bill Kim from urbanbelly. The idea is to take it national as the station's first such effort in decades.

The name, I think, can work: It's a mouthful, but it's memorable. I would argue for a more sophisticated title sequence, though. The current one feels a little homey.

But it's a format that should have legs. There are any number of ways you can combine three chefs: by geography, by cooking style, by ingredients, even, perhaps, by the tools they use. And it is almost always interesting to hear talented people talk about what they do as you witness them doing it — all the more so when you have a host like Grueneberg keeping things lively.

But even if "Dishalicious" never goes anywhere, I'm happy enough to now have the inspiration — and the recipes on the website going live Friday night, **wttw.com/dishalicious** — to make that Bayless beef dish and several others.

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Helen Hunt plays a stern but quirky girls volleyball coach in "The Miracle Season."

'THE MIRACLE SEASON' ★★

Girls rally after losing teammate

By Katie Walsh
Tribune News Service

MPAA rating: PG (for some thematic elements)

Running time: 1:39

Opens: Friday

Inspirational sports movies tend to be testosterone-heavy, so the all-girl volleyball movie "The Miracle Season" is a welcome twist on the familiar genre. Based on the true story of Iowa City's West High School girls volleyball team who battled back from tragedy in 2011, "The Miracle Season" is a formulaic but rousing tale of teamwork, girl power and community, and a tear-jerker to boot.

Directed by journeyman director Sean McNamara, written by David Aaron Cohen and Elissa Matsueda, "The Miracle Season" introduces us to the state champion Lady Trojans of West, led by their fearless, magnetic leader — the wild, charismatic and sometimes reckless Caroline Found (Danika Yarosh), known affectionately by her nickname, Line. She's the kind of friend who's full of life, up for anything and never, ever self-conscious. As portrayed by Yarosh, Line teeters on the edge of manic, constantly pushing boundaries and searching for her next high, which we come to understand is her coping mechanism to deal with her dying mother's battle with cancer.

It's always a shock when someone so young and full of energy dies, and Line's tragic death in a moped accident devastates her father, friends, team and school. Gruff coach Kathy Bresnahan, "Bres" (Helen Hunt), implores Line's best friend, Kelley (Erin Moriarty), to rally the team. They want to win for Line, but volleyball proves to be an important outlet to channel their grief into action and pay tribute to their lost friend — they might even vie for the title of state champs again, even though it's the longest of shots.

"The Miracle Season" moves with a brisk energy and pace, pausing only to draw a few tears. It's peppered with girl power bangers, training montages and inspirational speeches. But it relies on storytelling that tells rather than shows. We're told what a special person Line was, but we don't quite grasp it based on the short amount of time we have with her impulsive character. The character of Kelley can tell us over and over again that Line was "sent from above," and that the team is in emotional distress, but if we never see and process it, the operatic displays of emotion aren't grounded in any reality. The ultimate emotional resolution, centered around the mantra to "live like Line," feels forced and unconvincing.

"The Miracle Season" is pleasantly swift, but in a quest for ruthless efficiency, a few character beats are skipped. It seems as though Hunt's Coach Bres is lacking some expository characterization. We come to understand what a quirky, odd woman she is, but that's never fully established. It's also strange that she's able to overcome her fear of public speaking so easily.

Watching young women physically compete with power and grace, cheered on by adoring crowds is an important representational image for young audiences. The true story is remarkable and ideal for this kind of inspirational sports movie treatment. Despite some storytelling mishaps, ultimately "The Miracle Season" fuses emotional catharsis with the triumph of the human spirit on the volleyball court.

'A QUIET PLACE' ★★ ½

Hush, little family, don't say a word — or you'll die

By Michael Phillips
Chicago Tribune

PARAMOUNT PICTURES

Emily Blunt stars in director John Krasinski's film.

MPAA rating: PG-13 (for terror and some bloody images)

Running time: 1:35

Director John Krasinski's third feature, and by far his most accomplished, "A Quiet Place" is a pretty crafty small-scale thriller set a few years in the future, with minimal dialogue and maximal, human-eating monsters. The creatures' origin is never discussed or explained by way of the usual sheepish exposition about a meteor or some garden-variety bio-disaster. Produced by Michael Bay, the movie takes them for granted and then goes about figuring a vanquishing plan. It's a survivalist's dream: living off the grid, close to the land, home-schooling the kids, no modern culture or digital distractions to corrupt anyone's wits.

It's a farm movie, since most of it takes place on a farm or inside a very quiet farmhouse, as well as a newfangled Western, full of sincere, stripped-down emotion and frontier grit. "Day 89," the opening title reads. The plague of monsters is well underway, and the town of Little Falls, N.Y., has been abandoned.

The prologue sets the stakes good and high. Mother Evelyn (top-billed Emily Blunt, a warming presence throughout) has ventured into the decimated town with her husband, Lee (Krasinski, Blunt's husband in actual life), and their three children. A few minutes later, in a swift, violent flash, one is gone.

As we learn in bloody, fleeting dribs and drabs, the monsters have insect-like legs and crablike pinchers. They're blind but blessed with an acute sense of hearing. A year and a half into the storyline, Lee and Evelyn live in virtual silence, as does their hearing son Marcus (Noah Jupe, big on the astonished and terrified reaction shots) and their deaf daughter, Regan. There's a cloud of residual guilt hanging over Regan, tied to the prologue.

It's inaccurate to characterize "A Quiet Place" as a quiet movie. In the proximity of a waterfall, for example, father and son can have a chat about life and death. And in the proximity of the film's overbearing sound design, in cahoots with composer Marco Beltrami's "Sicario"-like chords of doom and relentless jump-scare cues, Krasinksi's $17 million-dollar film delivers a lot of the usual commercial zaps that may well secure him a financial success.

My favorite moment, an encounter between Regan and one of the monsters in a cornfield, plays with sound and image and tension, creatively. Other bits are more shameless. The centerpiece finds Blunt's character delivering a baby, alone, in anguished silence while one of the bugglies is poking around the house. I don't know whether I'd call "A Quiet Place" enjoyable; it's more grueling than cathartic. But the upbeat, can-do, shotgun-blasting climax gets the crowd going. I'd characterize the appeal as located at the dusty intersection of mid-period M. Night Shyamalan and Cormac McCarthy's "The Road." Krasinski exhibits a sure sense of what will hold the audience, moment to moment.

There's one significant exception. "A Quiet Place" depends on a single plausibility factor above all: These creatures find their human prey through their sense of hearing, and they can hear almost anything, from long distances. But too often, the human characters are rustling the cornstalks or knocking over this or that, and nothing comes of it.

I know, I know: Thanks very much, Mr. Logic Cop, Mr. Realism Man. You'll have to take my word for it; typically I don't give a damn about that sort of thing. With "A Quiet Place," there are times when the screws tighten and you quit dwelling on that stuff. And there are times when they loosen, and you start dwelling again.

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'GOLDSTONE' ★★★

Good and evil face off in Australian Outback

By Michael O'Sullivan
The Washington Post

MPAA rating: R (for violence, strong language and mature thematic material)

Running time: 1:50

Opens: Friday

LIGHTYEAR ENTERTAINMENT

Alex Russell, left, and Aaron Pedersen star in writer-director Ivan Sen's film.

A noirish, Western-flavored thriller set in the Australian Outback, in a provincial community where no one seems capable of giving a straight answer to a direct question, "Goldstone" is less concerned with solving the missing-person case that is its ostensible subject than it is with maintaining its cynical tone.

Written and directed by Ivan Sen, the film takes place in and around the town that lends the film its title, a dusty backwater seemingly consisting of a diner, a whorehouse and a jail. Surrounding it are a few trailers, housing the white employees of a rapacious gold-mining company, and the equally modest homes of the indigenous people who once called the land theirs. It is a story not of justice but of a kind of standoff between good and evil.

Initially, there seems precious little of the former.

That's especially true as manifested by the town's one policeman, Josh (Alex Russell of "Chronicle"), a young man who can be bought with something as simple as an apple pie, proffered by the town's mayor, a woman with the smile of a grandmother and the warmth of a snake (played by the great Jacki Weaver of "Silver Linings Playbook"). As the film opens, Josh has just detained a drunken traveler named Jay (Aaron Pedersen), who turns out to be a detective investigating the disappearance, six months ago, of a young Chinese woman fleeing from the brothel where she and others like her appear to have been brought against their will.

The fact that Jay is both aboriginal and a cop puts him in bad stead, not only with Goldstone's racists, but also with the aboriginal residents, who don't take kindly to officials of any color. At the heart of the story is the relationship between Josh, who is white, and Jay, which evolves, in the course of the film's slow burn, from mistrust to grudging respect.

Released in Australia in 2016, the film was nominated for several prizes, including best picture, by Australia's Academy of Cinema and Television Arts. Stylistically, it feels like a cousin of the socially conscious contemporary Westerns of writer-turned-director Taylor Sheridan, whose screenplay for "Hell or High Water" deals with a similar relationship between a white cop (Jeff Bridges) and his Native American/Mexican-American partner (Gil Birmingham), and whose directorial debut, "Wind River," centers on the investigation of a murder on an Indian reservation.

Sen spins this mesmerizing yarn unhurriedly, even up to the point where its many tangled threads — sex trafficking, cultural oppression and the all-too-common complicity of the oppressed — threaten to break apart in an explosion of violence.

"Goldstone" is punctuated by striking aerial photography, underscoring a sense of the tale's place in the larger cultural context.

Ultimately, though set in the remote Australian bush, "Goldstone" is grounded in the vivid familiarity of the here and now.

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'1945' ★★★ ½

Villagers must reconcile past after WWII

By Kenneth Turan
Los Angeles Times

MENEMSHA FILMS

Peter Rudolf plays the town notary and pharmacy owner in Ferenc Torok's "1945."

No MPAA rating

Running time: 1:49

Opens: Friday

The premise is simple but compelling: Two strangers get off a train in a small town and nothing is ever the same again.

It could be the premise for a classic Western set in Tombstone or Dodge, but the town is in rural Hungary, the two men are Orthodox Jews and the year, as the title indicates, is "1945."

Strongly directed by Ferenc Torok from a script he co-wrote with Gabor T. Szanto, this is a lean, unadorned parable about guilt and the nature and consequences of evil.

Photographed in luminous, high-contrast black and white by Elemer Ragalyi and driven by Tibor Szemzo's unnerving score, "1945" is a quietly furious film that puts a particular time and place under a microscope, revealing hidden fault lines and differences that had been papered over.

Taking place over several hours on a single hot August afternoon, just a few months past V-E Day, "1945" presents a world that is trying to get back to normal even as it senses that normal will be harder to achieve than it hopes.

Istvan Szentes (Peter Rudolf), the town notary and owner of a prosperous pharmacy, is introduced shaving for what he hopes will be a wonderful day. His unassuming son Arpad (Bence Tasnadi) is set to marry a local beauty, Kisrozsi (Dora Sztarenki), and if he can keep his substance-abusing wife, Anna (Ezter Nagy-Kalozy), under control, Istvan is looking forward to a respite from his troubles.

Then the train, belching black smoke like some malignant presence, arrives, and those two serious, unsmiling Jews, father Hermann Samuel (Ivan Angelusz) and his son walk out onto the platform, creating a major disturbance in the field by their very presence.

Arriving with a large, mysterious trunk, they arrange to have it taken into town by cart but insist on walking alongside it.

Like characters in some kind of slow-motion horror film, the townspeople share the terrifying word: "Jews have arrived," "Jews are in the village" or the blunt "They're back."

Questions of what happened during the war, what was done to make everyone feel this way, are artfully raised and gradually answered.

One of the factors that makes "1945" especially involving is that the arrival of the Jews is so disturbing that it stirs up conflicts, tensions and animosities that have little to do with the newcomers or what happened during the just-concluded war.

*Director Ferenc Torok will be in attendance for Q&As after these showings: 7 p.m. Friday; 2 p.m. and 4:30 p.m. Saturday at the Music Box Theatre, 3733 N. Southport Ave., **www.musicboxtheatre.com**; and at 7 p.m. Saturday and 4 p.m. and 7 p.m. Sunday at Landmark's Renaissance Place Cinema, Highland Park.*

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'OUTSIDE IN' ★★★

Ex-con back in hometown falls for English teacher

By Justin Chang
Los Angeles Times

ORCHARD

Edie Falco and Jay Duplass star in "Outside In."

No MPAA rating

Running time: 1:49

Opens: Friday

One of the bittersweet recurring images we see in "Outside In," Lynn Shelton's sharp and stirring new drama, is of a man riding his bicycle.

Chris (Jay Duplass), a scruffily handsome 38-year-old, has just returned to his sleepy Pacific Northwest hometown after two decades in prison, having received a mandatory minimum sentence for a crime he didn't commit. Riding his bike feels like both a blissful assertion of his newfound freedom and something of a sad throwback to his teenage years, a more innocent time before his life was so cruelly derailed.

We never learn the exact details of the felony for which Chris wound up taking the rap; indeed, a brief, explosive verbal flashback to that fateful night is one of the few missteps in this otherwise beautifully assured movie. The past may weigh heavily on Chris and the few people who are still in his life, but what concerns Shelton, who directed the film from a script she wrote with Duplass, is how her characters adjust to the difficulties of the present.

For Chris, those difficulties come in all shapes and sizes: He's mystified by the weirdly ubiquitous phenomenon that is texting, and his criminal record makes it all but impossible to find work. Now stuck living with his estranged brother, Ted (Ben Schwartz), he feels alienated. The only person he's genuinely excited to see, and as often as possible, is his old high school English teacher and longtime advocate Carol (an unsurprisingly superb Edie Falco).

Carol, we learn, spent years calling Chris every week, keeping him busy with regular homework assignments and doing the legal research that helped ensure his early release. The two manage to downplay their mutual affection at an awkward welcome-home party for Chris, but the first time they meet in private, the intensity of their bond shines through: It's there in the smile that suddenly lights up Carol's careworn features, in the infectious laughter that suffuses their conversation and in the quiet determination with which Carol at one point gently pulls her hand away from Chris'.

In nearly every respect, their relationship made more sense when one of them was behind bars, and "Outside In" charts their emotional confusion. Their once-frequent phone calls suddenly take on an air of secrecy, as do their occasional in-person meetings. At home, Carol struggles to connect with her lumpen, uncommunicative husband (Charles Leggett) and their moody teenage daughter, Hildy (Kaitlyn Dever).

These domestic troubles explain both Carol's deep sense of attachment to Chris and her reluctance to act on that attachment, despite his own heartbreakingly sincere declarations of love. When Carol draws a temporary line in the sand, Chris naturally gravitates toward Hildy.

Duplass' puppy-dog affect may seem softer than you'd expect for a character who spent 20 years behind bars, but the actor's quietly wrenching performance gives the lie to any easy assumptions about the experience of the incarcerated. And Falco, whose Carol at times seems positively dazed by her sheer capacity for feeling, gives a performance of aching depth and subtlety; this could be the finest work she's done in a movie since 2002's "Sunshine State."

Shelton doesn't neglect the unmistakable erotic dimension of Carol and Chris' bond, but she doesn't make it the fulcrum of the drama, either. To some extent, "Outside In" is a love story about two people whose age difference matters less, in the end, than the realization that they may be headed in different directions. By the end you may flash back to that image of Chris on his bicycle, but it's to the credit of this tender, moving film that he isn't the only one who's found a reason to keep going.

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ROADSIDE ATTRACTIONS

Imelda Staunton and Timothy Spall play dance partners in "Finding Your Feet."

'FINDING YOUR FEET' ★★★

Imelda Staunton dances past heartbreak of affair

By Guy Lodge
Variety

MPAA rating: PG-13 (for suggestive material, brief drug use, and brief strong language)

Running time: 1:41

Opens: Friday

For a film as ostensibly bouncy as "Finding Your Feet," there's an awful lot of death in it.

That's no bad thing. As Richard Loncraine's good-natured golden-years comedy zips through zero weddings and a couple of funerals, the light pressure of mortality on proceedings gives an otherwise silly, sentimental affair a glancing connection with real life and its limits: It's the kind of feel-good cinema that at least pays lip service to other feelings.

Starring Imelda Staunton as a wronged society wife forced to drop her airs and gain some oxygen when she moves in with her freewheeling boho sister (a sparkling Celia Imrie), "Feet" rests pleasantly enough on its mild Sunday-lunch charms and the unstrained gifts of a tony ensemble.

It's not every day that Timothy Spall gets to flex his muscles as a romantic lead. From the second his character Charlie, a cheery Cockney furniture restorer, brushes shoulders with haughty social climber Lady Sandra Abbott (Staunton), we know the thick, mustardy layer of instant antagonism between them isn't long for this world: "Finding Your Feet" hits its romantic-comedy beats with clockwork efficiency.

Not that Sandra is easily brought out of the funk that followed her discovery of a yearslong affair between her husband, Mike (John Sessions), and one of her best friends.

Unable to face the social humiliation in her moneyed countryside community, she turns up at the shabby north London apartment of her estranged older sister Elizabeth, with the intention of drinking herself into a stupor.

Elizabeth, a never-married misfit with a wide array of oddball friends and liberal causes, instead prescribes senior-citizens dancing classes, where Sandra and Charlie find more than just a good waltzing rhythm together.

It's thanks more to Staunton's vulnerability as a performer than to the over-tidy reversals of Nick Moorcroft and Meg Leonard's script that Sandra thaws as sympathetically as she does, since she's a pretty bitter pill to be around for the first act.

But "Finding Your Feet" has little time for staying put, or set in one's ways: It's a story that shows time to be of the essence in multiple ways, as its characters, all with their own hidden pockets of tragedy, frankly set about ensuring they don't die angry, lonely or without ever having participated in a dance flashmob in Piccadilly Circus.

The rewards in "Finding Your Feet" are ones of sprightly human chemistry rather than great narrative discovery, of all-round good humor rather than outright hilarity.

'CHAPPAQUIDDICK' ★★

Selling of a tragedy, the Kennedy way

By Michael Phillips
Chicago Tribune

MPAA rating: PG-13 (for thematic material, disturbing images, some strong language, and historical smoking)

Running time: 1:41

Opens: Friday

A political biopic's most difficult target lies in the elusive circle above character assassination and below hagiography. "Chappaquiddick" misses that target. But it's a fairly intriguing mixture of strengths and weaknesses, a case of a sharp cast and a careful director toning up a script best described as "a good try."

The film speculates on what happened in the wee hours of July 18, 1969, involving Massachusetts Sen. Edward M. Kennedy, better known as Ted, or Teddy, and Mary Jo Kopechne, a former secretary of Kennedy's late brother, Robert. The facts: The car driven by Kennedy plunged into the water off a pier on Chappaquiddick Island, near Martha's Vineyard. Kopechne drowned; Kennedy lived, though he didn't inform police until the next day.

The screenplay focuses on how Kennedy managed to salvage a political career after the fatal incident, even if that career didn't include the presidency. This is a sausage-making procedural; "Chappaquiddick" allows plenty of leeway for seasoned character actors, such as Clancy Brown (who plays a wily, ruthless Robert McNamara) and Taylor Nichols (genial, soul-weary Ted Sorensen), to bring various fixers and operatives to life. The hapless puppet, Teddy, becomes a plaything in their clever hands.

It's certainly watchable, though five minutes into director John Curran's picture, the atmospheric accumulation of dread, moral failing and sinister cover-ups is pretty thick, and we're not even through the executive producer credits. The script, in fact, is a first-time effort by two of the credited producers, Taylor Allen and Andrew Logan.

The movie's version of events does not implicate Kennedy and Kopechne in a sexual relationship. We don't see Kennedy drinking as much as some have said he did, all that day and into the evening.

The film does, however, imagine Kopechne's final seconds, or minutes, as gasping for air in the rapidly filling car underwater, while her date for the evening failed to rescue her, or even try very hard. (She recites the Lord's Prayer before expiring.) When Teddy meets face-to-face with the fearsome, stroke-addled family patriarch, Joe (Bruce Dern, giving it 400 percent), the scenes devolve quickly into "you never loved me; I was the least of the Kennedy boys" cliches. As the man in the middle of the mess he made, Jason Clarke's performance as Kennedy is extremely controlled, and artfully free of interpretive judgment. The material favors anything that makes this man, and this grimly pathetic self-made crisis, a blunt morality play.

Ed Helms plays the conscience of that play, the put-upon Joe Gargan; Jim Gaffigan portrays friend and confidant Paul Markham. Kate Mara's interpretation of Kopechne is that of a dedicated Kennedy acolyte, shaken to her core by the assassination of Robert F. Kennedy, uneasily drawn back into the family orbit.

CLAIRE FOLGER/ENTERTAINMENT STUDIOS

Jason Clarke and Kate Mara star in "Chappaquiddick," the story of Sen. Ted Kennedy's involvement in a fatal crash.

"I spent my whole life chasing your dreams, for you," Teddy bleats to his mutely admonishing father at one point in "Chappaquiddick." The movie needs fewer moments made of tin like that, and a few more suggesting what Kennedy really might've been thinking, and feeling, in those hours after the fatal accident. The superhumanly durable appeal of the Kennedy clan and its attendant tragedies and losses remains a riddle, a paradox and a wellspring of guesswork. Curran's film has its moments; he has made some very good work in the past, including "The Painted Veil" and "Tracks." But the script's guessing games don't amount to much.

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WATCH THIS: FRIDAY

Alex O'Loughlin

"Hawaii Five-0" (8 p.m., CBS): McGarrett's (Alex O'Loughlin) heritage factors into the new episode "Aohe mea make i ka hewa; make no i ka mihi ole" (Hawaiian for "No One Has Ever Died For the Mistakes He Has Made; Only Because He Didn't Repent"). He's approached by a hired killer (Frankie Faison) whom McGarrett's father wasn't able to incarcerate, but he's now ready to admit to his crimes and reveal evidence. Scott Caan also stars.

"VICE" (6:30 p.m., 10 p.m., HBO): As major news outlets focus on covering the developments arising from the Donald Trump presidency, this series focuses instead on lesser known yet equally critical subjects of interest, stories that more often than not play out on the global stage, in Iraq, Russia, Africa and China. Tonight's Season 6 premiere, however, finds actor Michael Kenneth Williams (taking a look at the root of the American mass incarceration crisis: the juvenile justice system.

"MasterChef" (7 p.m., FOX): The contestants still in the competition are a little tied up — literally — in the new episode "Junior Edition: Donut Sweat It." They're attached to each other in pairs as they have 10 minutes to decorate donuts, The subsequent challenge features host and judge Gordon Ramsay's daughter Matilda, whose special twist on a hamburger and French fries must be duplicated by the contenders. Christina Tosi and Joe Bastianich are the other judges.

"Jane The Virgin" (8 p.m., CW): JR's (guest star Rosario Dawson) apparent disapproval of Jane (Gina Rodriguez) disturbs the latter woman in the new "Chapter Seventy-Nine." Jane also is troubled by a "moment" she has with Rafael (Justin Baldoni). Rogelio's (Jaime Camil) plan to set things straight with Darci (guest star Justina Machado) gets him into trouble with Xo (Andrea Navedo).

"Diners, Drive-Ins and Dives" (8 p.m., Food): Some truly diverse dining is in store for host Guy Fieri in the new episode "Pizza, Pork and Peru" as he starts out in a Lansing, Mich., pizzeria, where the pies come with a surprise. A Wilmington, N.C., eatery brings a taste of Philly to the South via some truly memorable sandwiches.

"Blue Bloods" (9 p.m., CBS): Danny (Donnie Wahlberg) delves into an unsolved murder, which doesn't sit well with the detective who originally investigated it, in the new episode "Friendship, Love and Loyalty." Erin and Anthony (Bridget Moynahan, Steven Schirripa) also are unhappy about the new investigation while Erin squares off against ex-husband Jack (Peter Hermann) in court again. Eddie (Vanessa Ray) is wounded on the job. Frank (Tom Selleck) is troubled by the mayor's (Lorraine Bracco) lack of police support.

TALK SHOWS

"The Tonight Show Starring Jimmy Fallon" (10:34 p.m., NBC): Actress Tiffany Haddish; actor Jay Chandrasekhar; actor Kevin Heffernan.*

"Jimmy Kimmel Live" (10:35 p.m., ABC): Celebrity guests and comedy skits.*

"The Late Show With Stephen Colbert" (10:50 p.m., CBS): Actress Oprah Winfrey; actor Justin Hartley.*

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MOVIES

	PM	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00
BROADCAST	CBS 2	MacGyver: "Benjamin Franklin & Grey Duffle." (N)		Hawaii Five-0 (N) © HD		Blue Bloods: "Friendship, Love, and Loyalty." (N)		News (N) ♦
	NBC 5	Taken: "All About Eve." (N) © HD		Dateline NBC: "The Pink Gun Mystery." (N) © HD				NBC 5 News (N) ♦
	ABC 7	Once Upon a Time: "Bread-crumbs." (N) HD		(8:01) Marvel's Agents of S.H.I.E.L.D. (N) ©		(9:01) 20/20 (N) © HD		News at 10pm (N) ♦
	WGN 9	♦ (6:30) NBA Basketball: Chicago Bulls at Boston Celtics. From TD Garden in Boston. (N) (Live) © HD				WGN News at Nine (N) (Live) © HD		WGN News at Ten (N)
	Antenna 9.2	3's Comp.	Soap ©	Benson ©	Wings ©	Murphy	Becker ©	Coach ©
	This TV 9.3	♦ (6) The Spy Who Loved Me (PG,'77) ★★★ ©				A View to a Kill (PG,'85) ★★ © ♦		
	PBS 11	Chi. Tonight: Review (N)	Interview Show (N)	Check, Please! (N)	Dishalicious: "Italian." (N)	Soundbreaking: "Going Electric." © HD		Soundbreaking © ♦
	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	WKRP Cinci.	Hogan Hero	Hogan Hero	C. Burnett
	H&I 26.4	Star Trek ©		Star Trek: Next		Star Trek: Deep Space 9		Star Trek ♦
	Bounce 26.5	Living Single	Living Single	Phat Girlz (PG-13,'06) ★★ Mo'Nique, Jimmy Jean-Louis.				Daddy ♦
	FOX 32	MasterChef: "Junior Edition: Donut Sweat It." (N)		The Resident: "The Elopement." © HD		Fox 32 News (N)	Flannery Fired Up	Modern Family ©
	Ion 38	CSI: Crime Scene		CSI: Crime Scene		CSI: Crime Scene		CSI: Crime ♦
	TeleM 44	José José, el príncipe (N)		Al otro lado del muro (N)		Enemigo íntimo (N) ©		Chicago (N)
	CW 50	Dynasty (N) © HD		Jane The Virgin (N) ©		American Ninja Warrior		Ninja ♦
	UniMas 60	La niña		La tierra prometida		Nosotr.	Nosotr.	Noticias Uni
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	Univ 66	El rico y Lázaro (N)		Papá a toda madre (N)		Por amar sin ley (N)		Noticias (N)
CABLE	AE	Live PD: Rewind (N) ©		Live PD: "Live PD -- 04.06.18." (N) (Live) © ♦				
	AMC	♦ (6) The Outsiders ('83) ★★		Batman (PG-13,'89) ★★★ Jack Nicholson, Michael Keaton. © ♦				
	ANIM	Tanked: Unfiltered (N) ©		Tanked (N) ©		(9:05) Tanked ©		Tanked ♦
	BBCA	♦ (6) Casino Royale (PG-13,'06) ★★★ Daniel Craig. ©				Graham Norton Show (N)		Bridget J ♦
	BET	♦ (5:30) Coach Carter (PG-13,'05) ★★★ Robert Ri'chard				The Quad		Black ♦
	BIGTEN	♦ College Gymnastics (N)			The B1G	The B1G	The B1G	The B1G
	BRAVO	♦ (5:42) Miss Congeniality		(7:50) Miss Congeniality (PG-13,'00) ★★ ©				No Strings ♦
	CLTV	News at 7	News (N)	News at 8	News (N)	Chic.Best	Weekend	Politics
	CNBC	Shark Tank ©		Shark Tank ©		Shark Tank ©		Greed ♦
	CNN	Anderson Cooper 360 (N)		Anderson Cooper 360 (N)		CNN Tonight (N)		Tonight (N) ♦
	COM	The Office	Wayne's World (PG-13,'92) ★★ Mike Myers. ©				Comedy Central Roast ♦	
	DISC	Gold Rush (N)		Gold Rush (N) ©		Bering Sea Gold (N) ©		Gold Rush ♦
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	E!	Monster-in-Law (PG-13,'05) ★★ Jennifer Lopez, Jane Fonda. ©					Enough (PG-13,'02) ★★ ♦	
	ESPN	2018 Masters Tournament: Second Round. (N Tape)						SportCtr (N)
	ESPN2	College Basketball Awards (N) (Live)		Kickboxing: GLORY 52. (Tape)				
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	FREE	♦ Ace Ventura		(7:50) Ace Ventura: When Nature Calls ('95) ★★ ©				700 Club ♦
	FX	The Martian (PG-13,'15) ★★★ Matt Damon, Jessica Chastain. ©						Trust © ♦
	HALL	Switched for Christmas (NR,'17) ©				The Middle	The Middle	Golden Girls
	HGTV	Dream	Dream	Dream (N)	Dream	Hunters (N)	Hunt Intl (N)	Hunters
	HIST	Ancient Aliens ©		Ancient Aliens ©		(9:03) Ancient Aliens ©		Aliens ♦
	HLN	Unmasking a Killer ©		Death Row Stories ©		Forensic	Forensic	Forensic
	IFC	The Town (R,'10) ★★★ Ben Affleck, Rebecca Hall. ©						The Town ♦
	LIFE	Heaven Is for Real (PG,'14) ★★ Greg Kinnear. ©				(9:02) Heaven Is for Real ('14) ★★ ♦		
	MSNBC	Revolution (Series Premiere) (N) ©		Rachel Maddow Show (N)		The Last Word (N)		11th Hour (N)
	MTV	♦ Ridiculous.	Ridiculous.	Ridiculous.	Ridiculous.	Ridiculous.	Ridiculous.	Jersey ♦
	NBCSCH	Pregame (N)	NHL Hockey: St. Louis Blues at Chicago Blackhawks. (N) (Live) ©					Postgame
	NICK	Full House	Full House	Full House	Full House	Friends ©	Friends ©	Friends ©
	OVATION	♦ (6) Dave (PG-13,'93) ★★★ Kevin Kline.			Desperado (R,'95) ★★ Antonio Banderas. ♦			
	OWN	The Paynes	The Paynes	The Paynes	The Paynes	The Paynes	The Paynes	The Paynes
	OXY	Bobbi Kristina Brown		Mysteries & Scandals (N)		In Ice Cold Blood ©		Snapped ♦
	PARMT	♦ The Expendables 2 (R) ★★		Bellator MMA Live: "Bellator MMA Live 196." (N) ©				Bellator (N) ♦
	SYFY	Futurama	Futurama	Futurama	Futurama	Futurama	Futurama	Futurama
	TBS	♦ (6) Shrek the Third ★★		Shrek (PG,'01) ★★★ Voices of Mike Myers. ©				ELEAGUE
	TCM	Freaks (NR,'32) ★★★		(8:15) Ruggles of Red Gap (NR,'35) ★★★ ©				Way-West ♦
	TLC	Trading Spaces ©		Trading Spaces ©		Trading Spaces ©		Trading ♦
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	TNT	Star Wars: The Force Awakens (PG-13,'15) ★★★ Harrison Ford. ©						Ghost Rdr ♦
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	VH1	Casino (R,'95) ★★★ Robert De Niro, Sharon Stone. © ♦						
	WE	Marriage- Reality Stars		Marriage- Stars (N)		(9:05) Bridezillas (N) ©		Love- Loc. ♦
	WGN America	M*A*S*H ©	M*A*S*H ©	M*A*S*H ©	M*A*S*H ©	M*A*S*H ©	M*A*S*H ©	M*A*S*H ©
PREMIUM	HBO	♦ VICE	(7:21) Mechanic: Resurrection ('16) ★★			Real Time, Bill (N)		VICE © ♦
	HBO2	Here and Now: "Yes." ©		Wonder Woman (PG-13,'17) ★★★ Gal Gadot, Chris Pine. ©				
	MAX	♦ (6:55) Underworld (R,'03) ★★ Kate Beckinsale.				Strike Back (Season Finale) (N) ©		Strike ♦
	SHO	A Dog's Purpose (PG,'17) ★★ ©			Pirates of the Caribbean: Dead Man's Chest ★★ ♦			
	STARZ	Outlander ©		Power: "Time's Up." ©		Counterpart ©		Ash vs Evil
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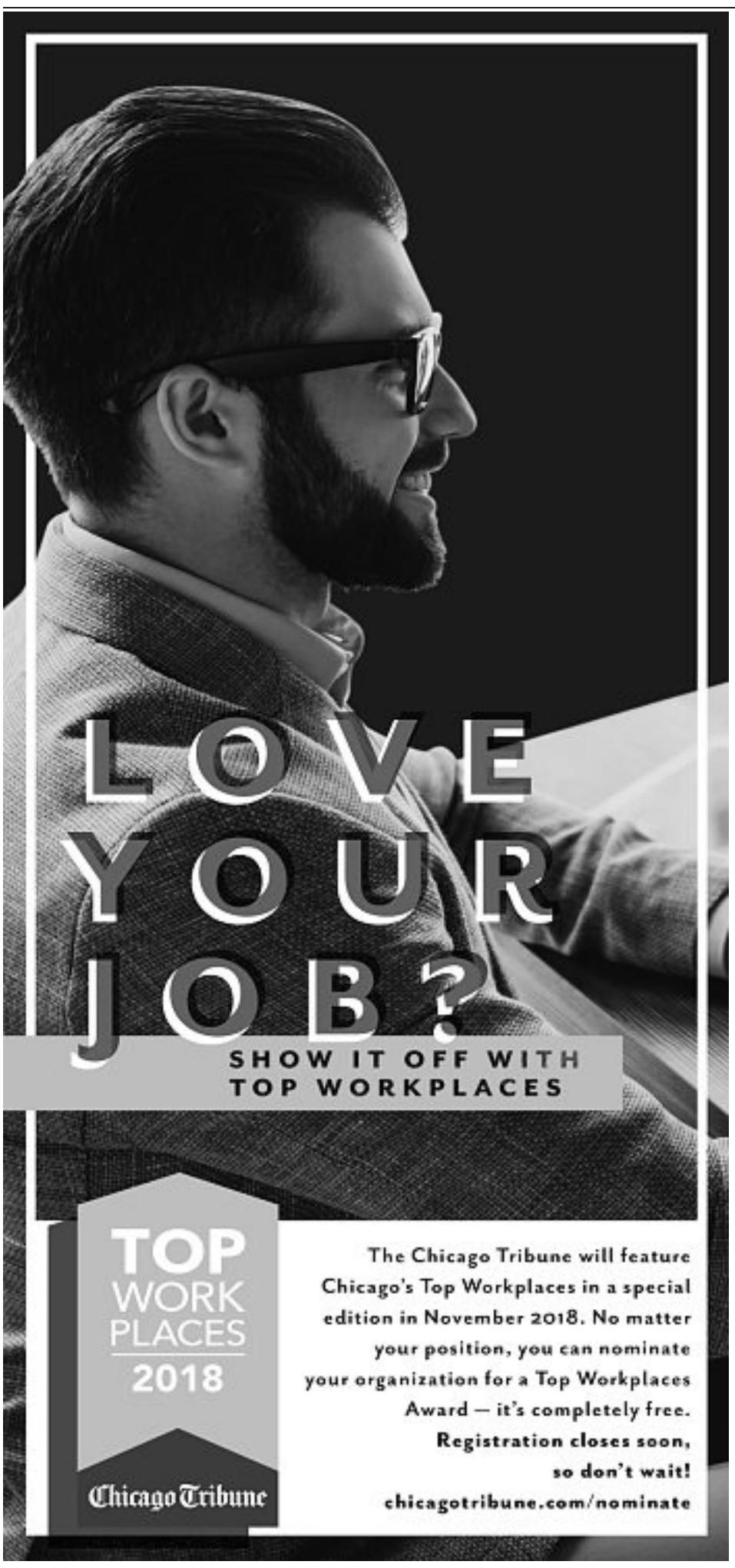

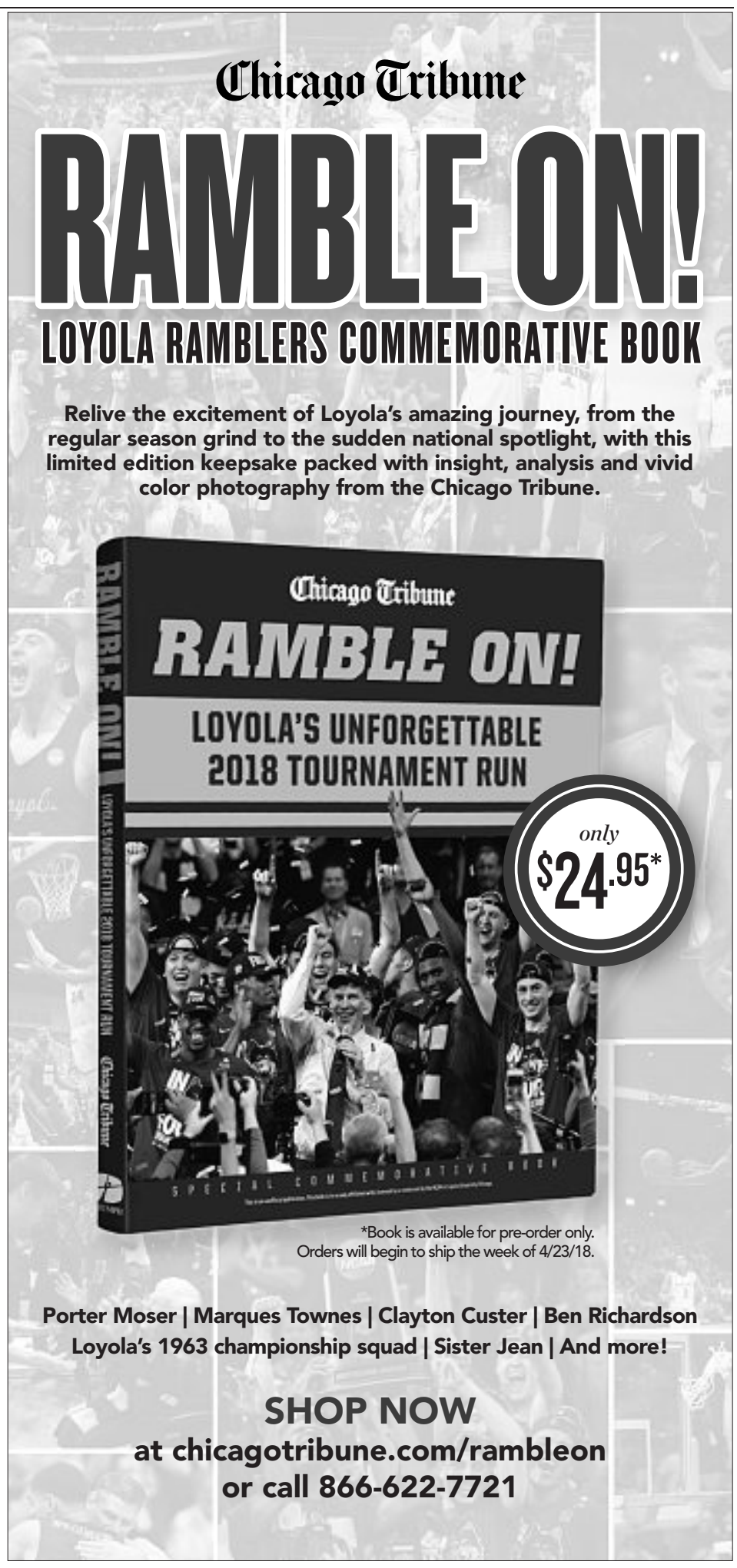

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Today's birthday (April 6): Lay careful plans for a profitable year, and launch them this summer. Do your professional homework. Family and household additions fill your home with laughter and romance. Changes with a group project lead to profitable professional options next winter.

Aries (March 21-April 19): Today is an 8. Consider your professional dreams. Figure out what you want so you recognize it when it appears. Today and tomorrow bring career opportunities. Listen to your angels.

Taurus (April 20-May 20): 7. You're itching to go explore; lay the groundwork first. Make plans, itineraries and reservations. Save hassle, money and time by plotting your moves carefully in advance.

Gemini (May 21-June 20): 8. Discuss financial concerns and considerations with your partner. Sort through clutter to get to bare facts. Envision what you want, and plot a budget for it.

Cancer (June 21-July 22): 8. You and your partner could help each other see past your respective blind spots; or bicker and complain. Your choice. What are you committed to?

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22): 7. Focus on your work, services and health. Strengthen your infrastructure. Listen to an experienced coach or teacher. Eat well, exercise and rest.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): 8. Share your heart with someone dreamy. Avoid expensive complications, and go for simple pleasures. Show off your secret talents. Enjoy something delicious together.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): 7. Home and family take your heart today and tomorrow. Make household changes and repairs. Avoid buying stuff you don't need. Keep it simple.

Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): 8. Delve into a fascinating subject. Words flow easily. Explain and clarify a murky view. Tackle projects involving writing, expression and publishing.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): 9. The next two days could get especially lucrative. Don't throw your money around. Read the fine print before signing. Stash resources for later.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): 8. Success with personal projects hinges on infrastructure, foundations and basic, behind-the-scenes efforts. Tempers may be short and obstacles abound. Keep your patience and humor.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): 6. Sit back and think things over before making your moves. Anticipate disagreement or potential conflict. Avoid risky propositions.

Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20): 7. Hold meetings and gatherings to forward a common cause. Listen to turn complaints into actionable projects, and then invite sign-ups.

— Nancy Black, Tribune Content Agency

The Argyle Sweater By Scott Hilburn

Bliss By Harry Bliss

"Snowflake, quit eyeballing me!"

Bridge

Both vulnerable, East deals

North
♠ Q 10 2
♥ Q 5
♦ A J 9 8 6
♣ 9 8 4

West
♠ A 8 7 6
♥ 10 9 2
♦ 7 5
♣ J 6 5 2

East
♠ J 3
♥ 8
♦ K Q 10 4
♣ A K Q 10 7 3

South
♠ K 9 5 4
♥ A K J 7 6 4 3
♦ 3 2
♣ Void

Today's deal was played in the finals of the Life Master Pairs some years ago. South was Florida expert Larry Cohen.

We have no idea why West chose to lead a diamond rather than a club. The lead of a worthless doubleton in an unbid suit is usually a poor choice. It cost nothing directly here, but it led to an inference for Cohen that allowed him to make an overtrick — precious in a pairs competition.

The bidding:

East	South	West	North
1♣	4♥	All pass	

Opening lead: Seven of ♦

Cohen, quite pleased with his dummy, won the opening diamond lead with dummy's ace and drew trumps in three rounds, noting East's singleton. 10 tricks were assured, and finding the jack of spades would lead to a great score. Should the spades be splitting 3-3, it was a pure guess as to who held the jack. A 4-2 split, however, and Cohen would want to play the hand with the doubleton spade for the jack in order to pick up the suit for three tricks. Cohen led a diamond at this point hoping to learn more about the hand. When West followed with the five and East won with the 10, it seemed pretty clear that East has started with four diamonds. This meant that he was likely to have started with at least five clubs for his opening bid, and therefore no more than three spades — perhaps fewer.

Cohen ruffed the ace of clubs shift and led a low spade to dummy's queen. When a low spade from dummy fetched the jack from East, Cohen claimed his overtrick. Nicely played!

— Bob Jones
tcaeditors@tribpub.com

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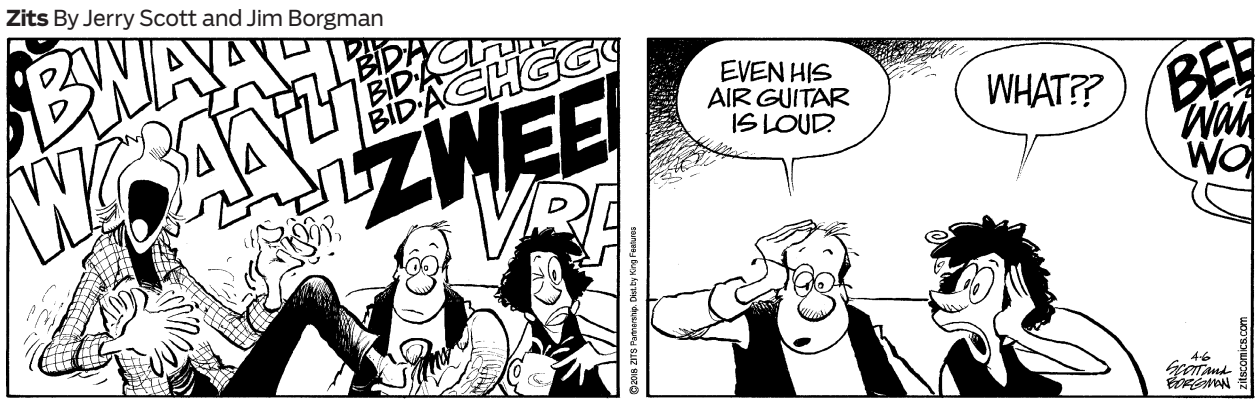
Baby Blues By Rick Kirkman and Jerry Scott

Zits By Jerry Scott and Jim Borgman



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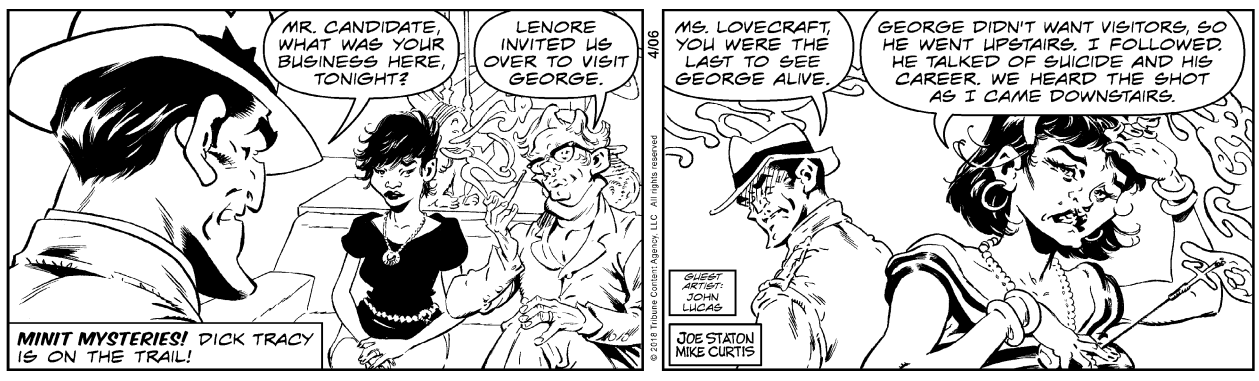
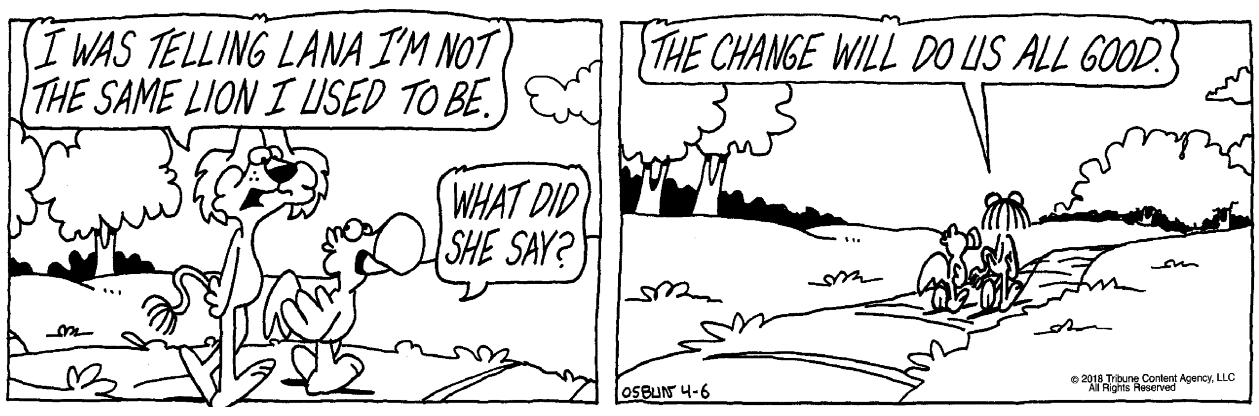


Animal Crackers By Mike Osbun



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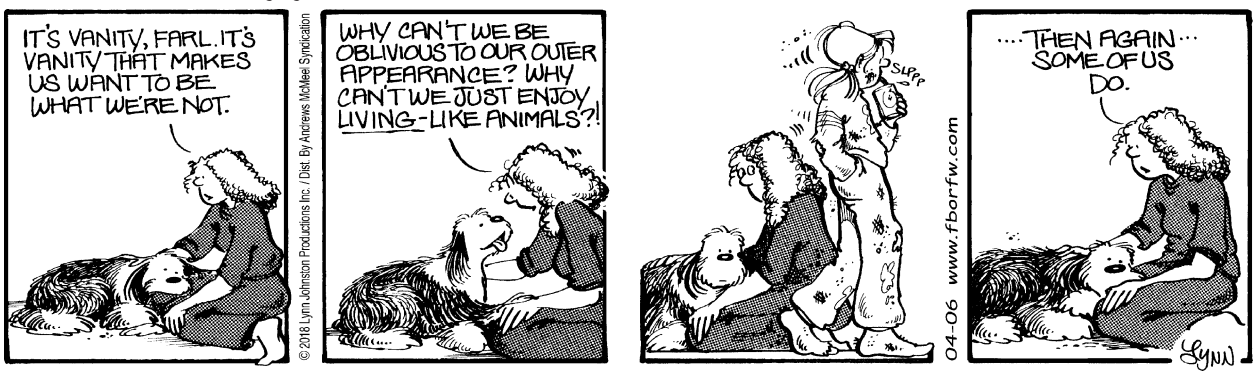

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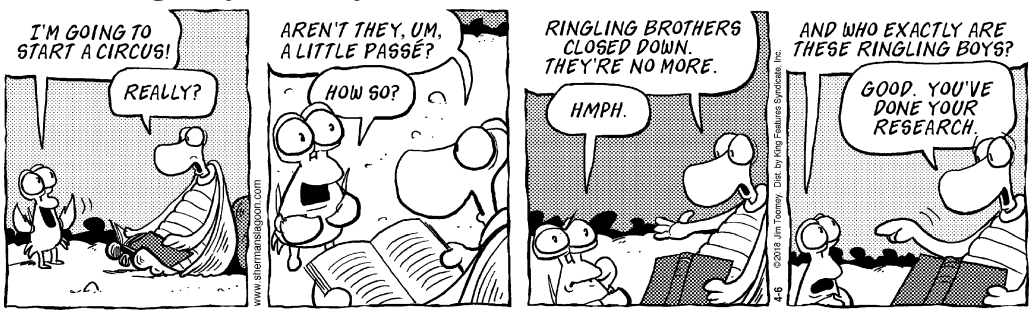

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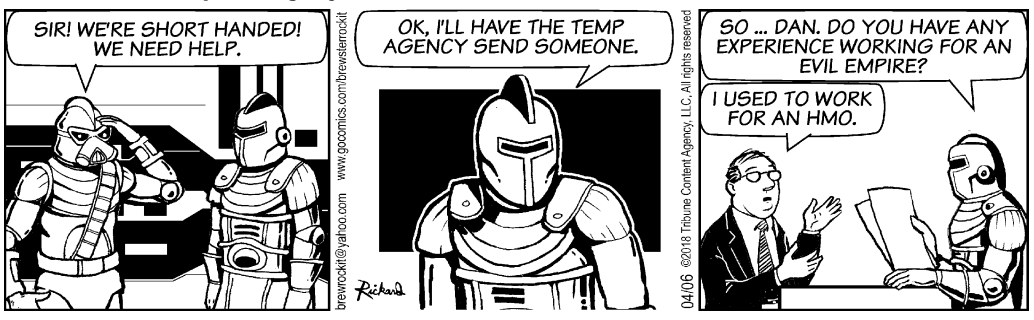

Broom-Hilda By Russell Myers

Trivia Bits

NUMA, the National Underwater and Marine Agency, is a nonprofit maritime heritage preservation organization founded by what author?

A) Rick Campbell
B) Tom Clancy
C) Clive Cussler
D) Frederick Forsyth

Thursday's answer: Connecticut.

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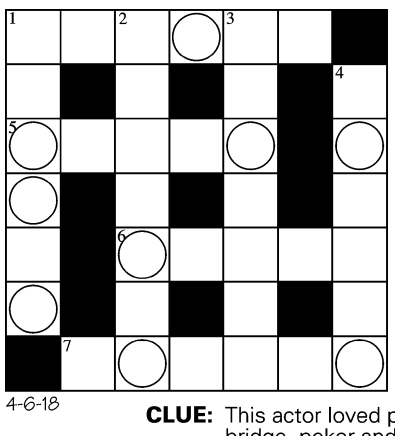
Jumble Crossword



4-6-18

ACROSS

CLUE	ANSWER
1. Cerumen	RWXEAA
5. Blackberry ___	EJLYL
6. Acknowledge	MIATD
7. Mental wellness	LATHEH

DOWN

CLUE	ANSWER
1. Prohibit	JNIEON
2. Let go	SEEAERL
3. Bottomless	MBYASLA
4. Grab, steal	HNCTSA

How to play - Complete the crossword puzzle by looking at the clues and unscrambling the answers. When the puzzle is complete, unscramble the circled letters to solve the BONUS.

CLUE: This actor loved playing bridge, poker and chess.

BONUS

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ANSWERS: 1A-Earwax 5A-Jelly 6A-Admit 7A-Health 1D-Enjoin 2D-Release 3D-Abysmal 4D-Snatch B-John Wayne

By David L. Hoyt.

Sudoku 1234

4/6

	4				3		8	
	3			9				
5		7	4			9		
				2				
	2	3				5	6	
4				5				
		6			4	7		8
	5			1			4	
	9		8				1	

Complete the grid so each row, column and 3-by-3 box in bold borders contains every digit 1 to 9.

Thursday's solutions

6	2	4	8	3	9	1	5	7
3	9	7	4	5	1	2	6	8
5	1	8	2	6	7	9	4	3
7	8	6	1	9	2	5	3	4
2	3	9	5	4	8	7	1	6
4	5	1	3	7	6	8	2	9
9	7	2	6	1	4	3	8	5
1	6	5	7	8	3	4	9	2
8	4	3	9	2	5	6	7	1

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Jumble

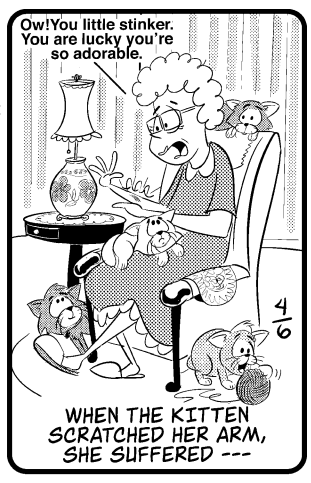
Unscramble the four Jumbles, one letter per square, to form four words. Then arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by this cartoon.

GYANT

CANTE

TIRRYA

COYCUP



Answer here

“ ○-○○○○ ” ○○○○

Thursday's answers

Jumbles: IGLOO THANK TRIPLE CANVAS
Answer: The preparation put into stabbing Dracula in his heart was — PAINSTAKING

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Crossword

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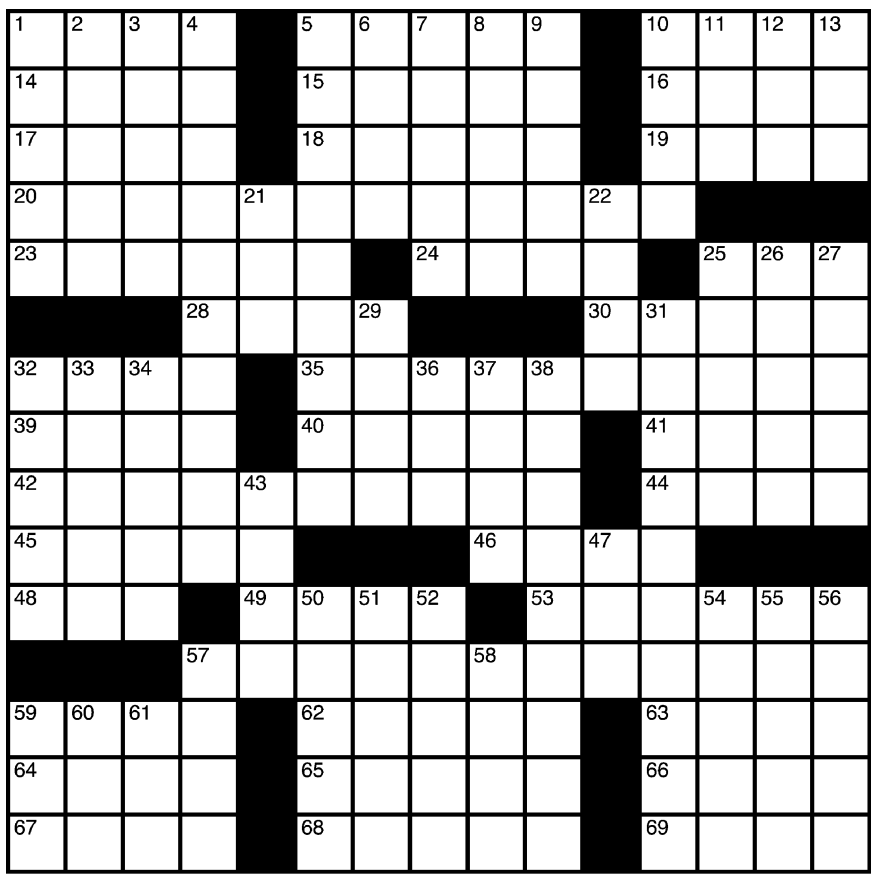

Across

1 Disagreement
5 Her first speaking role was in MGM's "Anna Christie"
10 Unlikely
14 Fashion designer Rabanne
15 Cold shoulder or hot corner
16 Elizabeth of "Jacob's Ladder"
17 Wee bit
18 It might be uncured
19 Plant with hips
20 Salute in an old orbiter?
23 Arizona neighbor
24 Former SETI funder
25 Pokémon Go finder: Abbr.
28 Spa supplies
30 African megalopolis
32 Nonstick kitchen product
35 Stadium scene after a big win?
39 Normandy river
40 Foil firm
41 It borders both the Missouri and the Mississippi rivers
42 Fishing parties?
44 Early Disney productions
45 ___ del Carmen, Mexico
46 Distant beginning?
48 Photog's choice
49 Org. offering shelter for some homeless
53 It merged with Chevron in 2005
57 Edward Scissorhands' syndrome?
59 Chain part
62 1975 Pulitzer winner for criticism
63 Old film dog
64 Catty reply
65 ___ attack
66 Flit
67 Cat catchers
68 Seriously reduce
69 Prizes in los Juegos Olímpicos

Thursday's solution

Down

1 Bombards with e-junk
2 Deck alternative
3 Nut with a cap
4 Nonsense
5 Iberian peninsula territory
6 Economist Smith
7 Puerto ___
8 Half an Ivy cheer
9 Dodges of old
10 Agile
11 Uncle on "Seinfeld"
12 Advantages for job seekers
13 Novelist Rita ___ Brown
21 "He's mine, ___ am his": "Coriolanus"
22 Stand snack
25 Boy toy?
26 Lurk
27 Milk sources
29 Prairie skyline feature
31 Buff
32 Name on collectible cards
33 Bell or whistle?
34 At hand, poetically
36 Old French coin
37 It's often skipped
38 Cryptozoologist's quarry
43 Wicked slice
47 Conjunction in a German article
50 Buds, slangily
51 Band of intrigants
52 Concert setting
54 Romero who played The Joker
55 Dog in Orbit City
56 Exams for future attys.
57 Susie-shirts tongue-twister link
58 Hosp. tests
59 Little demon
60 Sells-shells tongue-twister link
61 Bit of cowspeak

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CHICAGO WEATHER CENTER

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FRIDAY, APRIL 6 NORMAL HIGH: **55°** NORMAL LOW: **36°** RECORD HIGH: **84° (1929)** RECORD LOW: **15° (1982)**

Chilly temps remain locked in for Chicago area

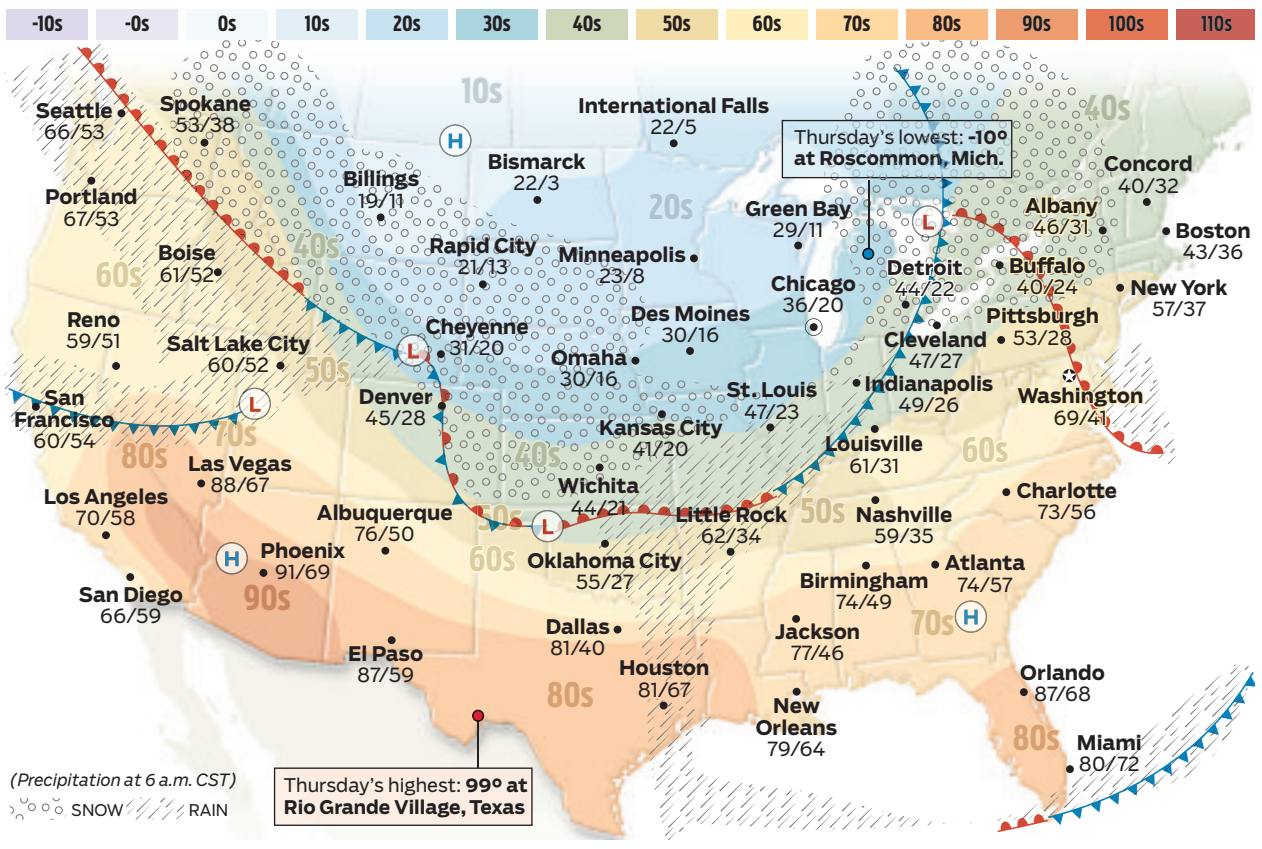
LOCAL FORECAST

HIGH	LOW
36	20

■ The leading edge of cold Canadian-source high pressure noses into the Chicago area, while a low pressure disturbance passes to our south, moving up the Ohio River Valley.

■ Mostly cloudy south, occasional sun north. Periods of wet snow possible south of Interstate-80. Blustery winds out of the north/northwest and continued unseasonably cold – highs in the middle 30s. Clear and cold overnight with lows in the upper teens to lower 20s.

NATIONAL FORECAST



With a chilling Canadian-source high pressure reinforcing the almost constant chill over our area, highs on Friday will most likely hover some 20 degrees below normal, in the middle 30s, for the third day this month.

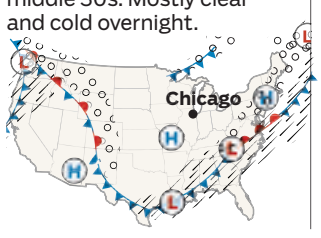
Northwest winds gusting over 25 mph will produce wind chills in the teens to lower 20s. The center of the cold high pressure should be overhead Saturday with the considerable sunshine not expected to budge temperatures out of the 30s.

With cold air still in place, low pressure approaching from the west looks to give another threat of sticking snow Sunday and Sunday night. The chill looks to persist along with snow flurries Monday as the Cubs celebrate their home opener.

SATURDAY, APRIL 7

HIGH	LOW
37	22

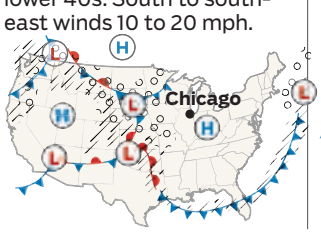
Bright sunshine belies another cold day. Canadian-source high pressure centered over the area brings diminishing northwest winds. Highs in the middle 30s. Mostly clear and cold overnight.



SUNDAY, APRIL 8

HIGH	LOW
39	30

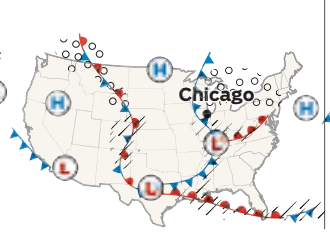
Increasing and thickening clouds with wet snow spreading into the area from the west during the afternoon and continuing overnight. Highs in the upper 30s to lower 40s. South to southeast winds 10 to 20 mph.



MONDAY, APRIL 9

HIGH	LOW
38	28

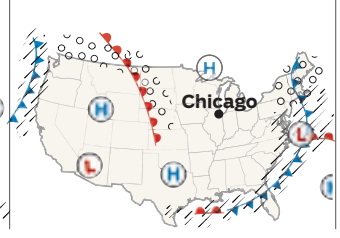
Mostly cloudy with a chance of snow showers. A chilly home opener for the Cubs. Highs in the upper 30s. Mostly cloudy overnight. Gusty northeast winds.



TUESDAY, APRIL 10

HIGH	LOW
42	32

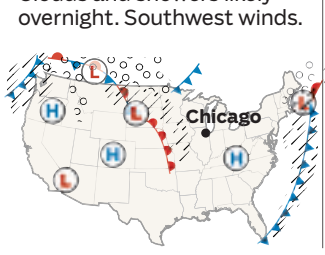
Abundant sunshine and not as cold. Highs in the lower to middle 40s. North winds shift to the southwest at night.



WEDNESDAY, APRIL 11

HIGH	LOW
56	42

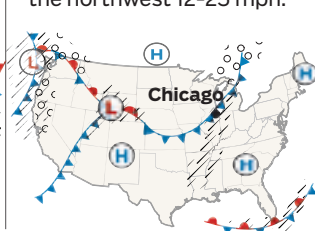
Considerable sunshine with a gradual increase in high and midlevel clouds during the afternoon. Warmer with highs in the middle 50s. Clouds and showers likely overnight. Southwest winds.



THURSDAY, APRIL 12

HIGH	LOW
61	46

Clouds and remnant showers early, becoming partly sunny. Mild with afternoon highs in the lower 60s. Mostly clear skies overnight. Winds shift to the northwest 12-25 mph.



ASK TOM

Dear Tom,

When was the last time it snowed for both the Sox and Cubs home openers?

— Larry Hau, Aurora

Dear Larry,

Both the Cubs and White Sox have had home openers when snow fell during the game, but never in the same season. This season could be the first. In recent years, the 2016 Sox home opener was played in chilling 35-degree weather with a mixture of rain and snow, and in 2007, some flurries fell during the Cubs home debut.

In 1982, both teams had some aspects of their home openers impacted by snow. The April 5 Sox opener fell victim to one of the city's biggest late-season snowfalls when 9.4 inches fell. Snow still covered the ground for the April 9 Cubs home opener. It didn't snow during the game, but light snow fell through 9 a.m. When Bill Buckner hit a home run, fans threw snowballs onto the field.

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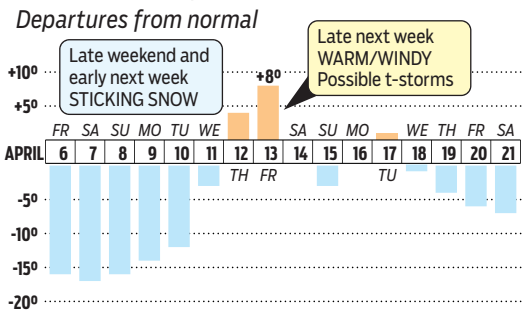
February-level chill in April; late weekend sticking snow

NEXT WEEK COULD HAVE IT ALL —EARLY WEEK SNOW; LATE WEEK 60s

Predicted Chicago temperatures

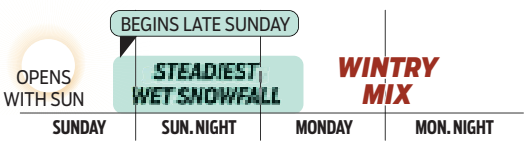
Departures from normal



LATE WEEKEND/EARLY WEEK PRECIPITATION

Chicago forecast timeline

Departures from normal



CHICAGO'S PREDICTED APRIL 6-10 HIGH TEMPERATURES

February-level high the next 4 days

	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY
FORECAST	36°	37°	39°	36°	42°
NORMAL	55°	56°	56°	56°	57°

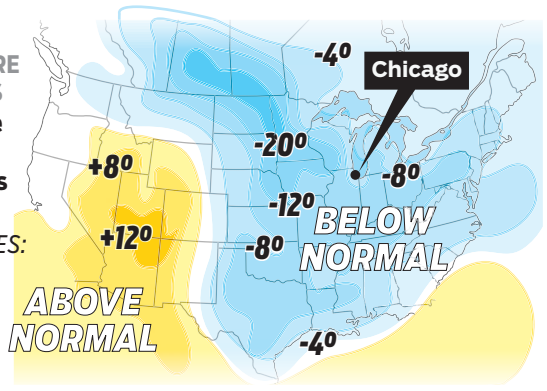
PREDICTED HIGHS EQUAL TO THE "NORMAL" HIGHS ON THESE DATES:

Feb. 16	Feb. 19	Feb. 25	Feb. 16	March 4

SATURDAY'S TEMPERATURE DEPARTURES

Chill grips the country east of the Rockies

FORECAST TEMPERATURES: How far from normal?



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CHICAGO DIGEST

THURSDAY TEMPERATURES

LOCATION	HI	LO	LOCATION	HI	LO
Aurora	38	22	Midway	42	24
Gary	41	25	O'Hare	42	23
Kankakee	38	25	Romeoville	39	19
Lakefront	41	27	Valparaiso	42	24
Lansing	40	22	Waukegan	43	19

CHICAGO PRECIPITATION

PERIOD	2019	NORMAL
Thursday	0.0"	0.10"
Month to date	0.21"	0.52"
Year to date	8.13"	6.54"

CHICAGO SNOWFALL

PERIOD	O'HARE	MIDWAY
Thursday	Trace	Trace
Season to date	33.1"	35.5"
Normal to date	35.6"	36.5"

SOURCE: Frank Wachowski

LAKE MICHIGAN CONDITIONS

	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Wind	NW 15-30 kts.	NW 10-20 kts.
Waves	4-7 feet	2-4 feet
Thur. shore/crib water temps	40°/39°	

THURSDAY PEAK POLLEN LEVEL

POLLEN	LEVEL
Tree	N/A
Grass	N/A
Mold	N/A
Ragweed	N/A
Weed	N/A

SOURCE: The Gottlieb Memorial Hospital Allergy Count, Dr. Joseph Leija

CHICAGO AIR QUALITY

Thursday's reading	Good
Friday's forecast	Good
Critical pollutant	Particulates

FRIDAY RISE/SET TIMES

	RISE	SET
Sun	6:25 a.m.	7:22 p.m.
Moon	12:41 a.m.	10:30 a.m.

3RD Q	NEW	1ST Q	FULL
April 8	April 15	April 22	April 29

FRIDAY PLANET WATCH

PLANET	RISE	SET
Mercury	5:58 a.m.	6:35 p.m.
Venus	7:19 a.m.	9:09 p.m.
Mars	2:08 a.m.	11:12 a.m.
Jupiter	10:09 p.m.	8:11 a.m.
Saturn	1:54 a.m.	11:08 p.m.

BEST VIEWING	TIME	DIRECTION
Mercury	Not visible	
Venus	8:00 p.m.	12° W
Mars	5:30 a.m.	22.5° SSE
Jupiter	3:15 a.m.	31° S
Saturn	5:30 a.m.	24.5° SSE

SOURCE: Dan Joyce, Triton College

MIDWEST CITIES

FRI./SAT.	FC	HI	LO	FC	HI	LO
Illinois						
Carbondale	sh	54	29	su	44	27
Champaign	sh	42	20	su	40	23
Decatur	sh	42	21	su	40	22
Moline	pc	34	16	su	40	21
Peoria	sh	37	18	su	39	22
Quincy	sh	38	19	su	41	27
Rockford	sh	33	17	su	38	19
Springfield	sh	41	20	su	41	23
Sterling	pc	34	16	su	40	20
Indiana						
Bloomington	sh	51	27	pc	43	23
Evansville	sh	56	29	pc	43	27
Fort Wayne	pc	44	24	pc	37	21
Indianapolis	cl	49	26	pc	42	23
Lafayette	sh	42	21	su	38	21
South Bend	pc	36	21	pc	31	19
Wisconsin						
Green Bay	pc	29	11	pc	30	9
Kenosha	sh	35	18	su	35	21
La Crosse	pc	28	11	pc	35	15
Madison	cl	29	14	pc	36	16
Milwaukee	pc	32	17	su	35	21
Wausau	pc	24	8	pc	28	2
Michigan						
Detroit	pc	44	22	pc	38	23
Grand Rapids	pc	36	20	sh	32	19
Marquette	sn	25	14	sh	27	12
St. Ste. Marie	ss	30	19	sh	25	14
Traverse City	ss	32	20	sh	28	17
Iowa						
Ames	pc	27	14	su	38	24
Cedar Rapids	pc	29	13	su	38	20
Des Moines	sh	30	16	su	39	26
Dubuque	pc	30	14	su	38	19

OTHER U.S. CITIES

FRI./SAT.	FC	HI	LO	FC	HI	LO
Abilene	pc	86	34	sh	45	42
Albany	rs	46	31	pc	39	25
Albuquerque	pc	76	50	pc	83	59
Amarillo	pc	63	25	pc	53	37
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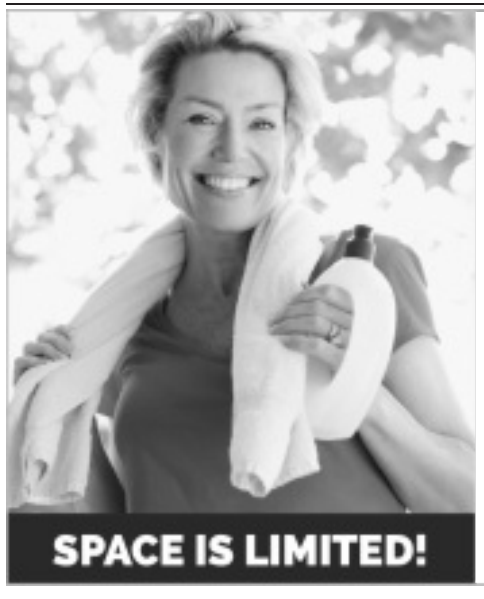

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Reasons to be cheerful

Touring season has started: From Lucy Dacus to Ministry

By Steve Knopper
Chicago Tribune

Every year around this time, touring stars finally wake up from their post-holiday naps and start pulling their vans up to clubs around the country. In Chicago, that means concerts go from months of nothing to a sustained boom that should last through Thanksgiving. It also means too many choices; here are some of them for this week and next.

CHICAGO TRIBUNE 2016

Lucy Dacus: "The first time I tasted somebody else's spit/ I had a coughing fit," goes the first line of this singer-songwriter's excellent second album, "Historian." Only 22, Dacus, above, has the rare quality of adding her rich, deep monotone to dark and deadpan lines like "I am busy doing nothing, and you're rudely interrupting" and winding up with something bigger. It's lucky for us that the former Richmond, Va., film student gave up her education to perform her songs at dingy nightclubs around the world. *9 p.m. Friday, Empty Bottle, 1035 N. Western Ave., 773-276-3600 or* ***www.emptybottle.com****; sold out*

Drive-By Truckers and Erika Wennerstrom: The dynamic frontwoman for Cincinnati's Heartless Bastards, Wennerstrom has a different way of putting across a blues lyric than Lucy Dacus (who has kind of a similar voice). Wennerstrom is more inclined to classic rock, and rather than observing the small, heartbreaking details of a relationship, she goes big: A single from her new album "Sweet Unknown" deals with a "long and twisted highway through so many setting suns." She opens for Drive-By Truckers, an Athens, Ga., Southern-rock band so powerful that a talent like Jason Isbell could split and the band has continued on as if nothing happened, more than a decade later. *7 p.m. Friday and Saturday, Thalia Hall, 1807 S. Allport St., 312-526-3851 or* ***www.thaliahallchicago.com****; sold out*

Margo Price: This emerging country star's biography reads like something out of the 1970s: She was born in Aledo, Ill., sang in church, then ditched college to make it in Nashville when she was 20. It took her 15 years, but

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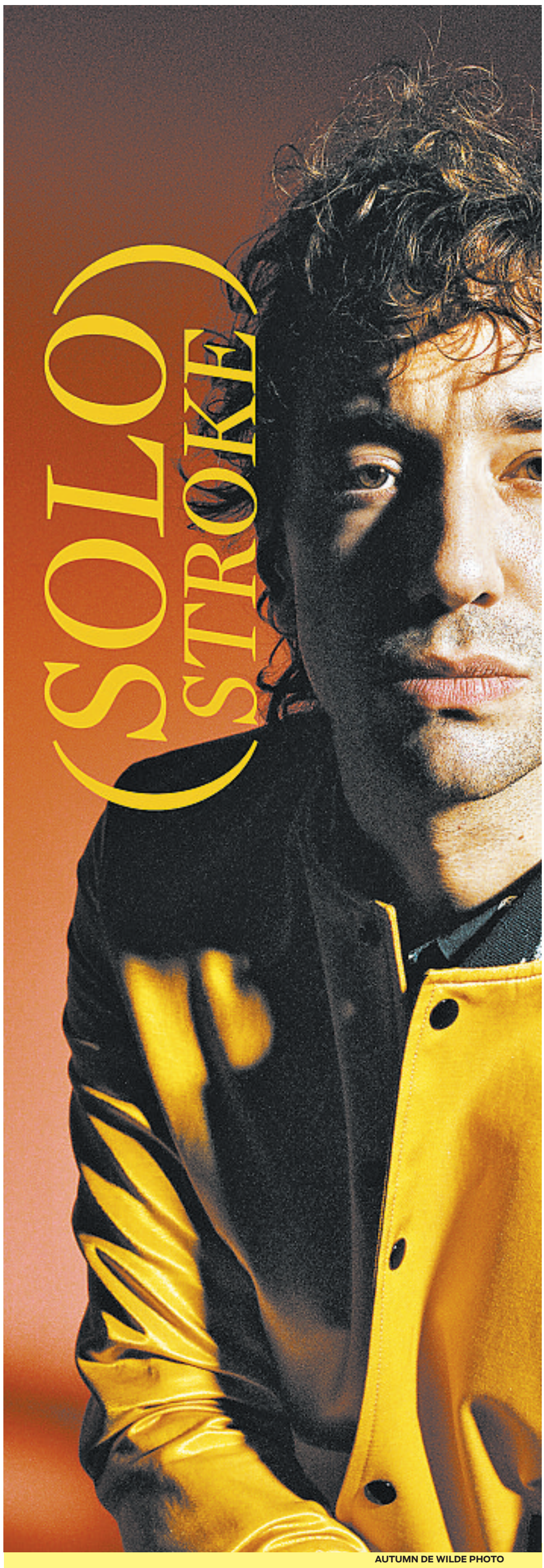

AUTUMN DE WILDE PHOTO

Albert Hammond Jr. can run, but he can't hide from his legacy in the Strokes, the band that was supposed to be everything until suddenly it wasn't. Hammond Jr. is solo and wiser now, on the road behind a critically well-received album. He talks about life, alter egos and a stillborn twin. **PAGE 5**

TAKE 10

By Jessi Roti
Chicago Tribune

1 **Frontwoman Fest:** Final year of the feminist DIY festival, promising a party and featuring locals Freddie Old Soul, Jordanna and others. $10. 2 p.m. Saturday. Burlington Bar, 3425 W. Fullerton Ave. **tinyurl.com/y9xh469a**

2 **"The Interview Show":** Hosted by Mark Bazer, this month's interviews include "Gone Girl" author Gillian Flynn and more. $15. 6:30 p.m. Friday. Hideout, 1354 W. Wabansia Ave. **tinyurl.com/ycut6n7c**

3 **BaconFest Chicago:** About 50 chefs dish up bacon-centric bites, sweet and savory. General admission, $85; $160 VIP. Not drinking? $60 gets you all the bacon without the drink tickets. 7 p.m. Friday; noon-3 p.m. and 7-10 p.m. Saturday. UIC Forum, 725 W. Roosevelt Road. **baconfestchicago.com**

4 **Jimmy O. Yang "How to American":** Self-proclaimed "Funny Asian Dude" and one of the stars of HBO's "Silicon Valley," Yang's stand-up depicts his experiences as a U.S. immigrant. $25, 18 and older. 8 p.m. Friday. Lincoln Hall, 2424 N. Lincoln Ave. **tinyurl.com/y77ahbs7**

5 **Spring Make Festival:** Last weekend to flex your creativity through various STEM-focused activities. $11-$20. Through Sunday. Museum of Science & Industry, 5700 S. Lake Shore Drive. **tinyurl.com/ybv6kakl**

MATTHEW MURPHY PHOTO

Mauricio Martinez as Emilio Estefan and Christie Prades as Gloria Estefan in "On Your Feet!" at Cadillac Palace Theatre.

6 **"On Your Feet!":** See Emilio and Gloria Estefan's story of breaking down barriers and overcoming adversity come to life. Tickets start at $52. Final showing is 2 p.m. Sunday. Cadillac Palace Theatre, 151 W Randolph St. **tinyurl.com/ycg979nb**

7 **No Limits Music Festival:** West Coast rockers Cherry Glazerr, Bruce and Bronte Fall play inaugural fest that supports the Over the Rainbow Association, an organization that works to provide affordable, barrier-free housing for people with physical disabilities. $30. 6 p.m. Saturday. Logan Square Auditorium, 2539 N. Kedzie Blvd. **tinyurl.com/y9p7dkrz**

8 **Iyanla Vanzant, "Get Over It!":** The inspirational speaker, with an unwavering Oprah co-sign, is here to bring her brand of empowering, spiritually based advice. Tickets start at $43. 7 p.m. Sunday. Chicago Theatre, 175 N. State St. **tinyurl.com/y9w5onpy**

9 **Ty Segall:** Garage rock's resident savant aims to melt faces along with Freedom Band, in support of his 2018 record, "Freedom's Goblin." $27.50, 18 and older. 8 p.m. Sunday. The Vic Theatre, 3145 N. Sheffield Ave. **tinyurl.com/y7rl2qqa**

10 **Second Sunday:** The whole family can join teaching artists Katie Romans and Lisa Tasner in studio to create abstract mixed-media artworks and "worry dolls." Free, sponsored by Hyde Park Art Center. 1 p.m. Sunday. United Church of Hyde Park, 1448 E. 53rd St. **tinyurl.com/ybb4cape**

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TURN IT UP

By Greg Kot

South calls to Birds of Chicago

Band relocates to Nashville with a focus on family

BIG HASSLE MEDIA

Allison Russell and JT Nero of Birds of Chicago. The couple (and their 4-year-old daughter) moved their musical base of operations last year.

When: 7:30 p.m. Sunday
Where: Thalia Hall, 1807 S. Allport St.
Tickets: $22-$40; **thaliahallchicago.com**

Birds of Chicago blurs so many genres that it's difficult to distill the band's sound to a couple of words. But a few years ago the people in charge of selling the band's music gave it a try: "secular gospel."

"We laugh about that now," says JT Nero, who formed the band with his wife, Allison Russell, six years ago. "That may be the least sexy phrase in the history of recorded music, but we signed off on that for the big marketing push to the kids."

Nonetheless, there's some truth to it as well, he says. "So much of the art that we cherish in the last couple centuries has been made out of the impulse to create something beautiful because it brings you closer to God. That basic energy is still in it, whatever name you want to put on that ecstasy. Secular gospel is actually the definition of rock 'n' roll.

"What any good popular music does is put a jolt back into that basic connection between people."

Reached on a rare off day from touring or recording, Nero apologizes for Russell's absence from the interview. "At the risk of hurting our rock 'n' roll credibility," he says, "I have to tell you she's in a hot yoga class."

The need for a little personal downtime is understandable. Nero and Russell typically tour upward of 200 days a year with their 4-year-old daughter, and they are about to begin another round of shows to herald the May 4 release of their third album, the bittersweet yet frequently ecstatic "Love in Wartime" (Signature Sounds).

The album was recorded last year at Steve Albini's studio on the North Side with the North Mississippi Allstars' Luther Dickinson producing, and marked the couple's farewell to the city they called home for years. Nero had lived in Logan Square since 2002, and met Russell, a Canadian resident, as their bands crossed paths on the road. Russell moved to Chicago in 2009, and the couple married in 2013, a year after launching Birds of Chicago. Last year, the couple moved their family to Nashville.

"We're put in this so-called Americana bracket, and we've never been really comfortable with that, but its parameters have broadened," Nero says. "It's probably like your 1961 definition of rock 'n' roll, and I still think of us as a rock 'n' roll band. Nashville's become the heart of that. I wanted to get into doing production, work that side of it. When we got here, we realized it's a kid-friendly town, a little more navigable than Chicago. Allie has four years of thwarted nesting impulse, and our daughter has been on the road with us since she was 4 weeks old. Now she's in a three-day-a-week school here, and seems to be digging it."

The couple hope to dial down their touring to about 120 shows a year to allow for more time at home, even as the band's profile expands. After releasing a relatively low-key album, "Real Midnight," with producer Joe Henry in 2016, "Love in Wartime" channels the band's increasingly volatile energy as a live act while upholding its penchant for soul-searching lyrics.

"It's more a sense of wartime as being the antimatter to love," Nero says of the themes that define the new album. "In troubled times, or in times of reckoning and turmoil, everything is thrown into high relief. Your sense of the impact of even the smallest acts of love is really heightened.

"The notion of love in and of itself is an act of bravery. The light and shadow, any record is negotiating that. We didn't want to make a heavy-handed record, but a joyful rock 'n' roll record while acknowledging that the stakes feel high."

When Russell and Nero join their voices, the music leaps, it feels joyful despite the unrest that seeps through its cracks. Another key song, "Try," pleads. "That's one of those tunes that started in a specific emotional moment," Nero says. "I was thinking of the helplessness of watching someone you love cash their chips in and give up, that awful helplessness of watching someone let the energy seep out of them and pack it in. It's an eleventh-hour plea to someone to come back to us."

Like many Birds of Chicago songs, it carries a universal message embedded in something deeply personal. "I wrote it with a couple people in mind. My dad was going through a rough patch at the time. I never said it out loud before, but he was probably the prime person I was thinking of when I started writing that song. Having a daughter, I was feeling that pretty hard, a kid's relationship to their parents. I know I never want my energy to flag for my kid.

"You want to be all-powerful for your kid because you grow up thinking your parents are indomitable. As you grow older, you know that's not always going to be the case. You see what time does, and that's a rough dose of medicine. Still, we don't want anybody to go gently."

It's not an easy calibration: How to confront the heartache and anxiety of being human without making the music sound morose or facile? "Love in Wartime" wrestled with what Nero calls "free-floating dread," a feeling that transcended politics or the daily news churn.

"I don't think that feeling is a result of the presidential election," Nero says. "In fact I think the election was one of the symptoms. That's something that has been in the air for a while, the disconnection, the desensitizing. You can get pretty precious and pretty annoying talking about the power of music to heal. But I can tell you this, there are very few avenues left in this life where I can feel that feeling evaporate, that cloud of dread, where those connections are made and you have this kind of communion of souls.

"There is no doubt that is what we're chasing every night we play. It feels vital, it's the thing we know we can do to deal with what's happening all around us."

Greg Kot co-hosts "Sound Opinions" at 8 p.m. Friday and 2 and 11 p.m. Saturday on WBEZ-FM 91.5.

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LOCAL SOUNDS

Glitter Moneyyy hits like a shiny sonic bomb

By Britt Julious
Chicago Tribune

NIKKI DZIERZBICKI PHOTO

Taylor Dariarow, left, and Ashley Renee Clopton formed the rap duo Glitter Moneyyy in 2016.

When: 2 p.m. Saturday
Where: Burlington Bar, 3425 W. Fullerton Ave.
Tickets: 21+, **www.theburlingtonbar.com**

"We just try it, see what happens, and build and grow from there," said Taylor Dariarow, who goes by TayyySlayyy and performs as one half of the fantastic, hilarious rap duo Glitter Moneyyy. "We just never turn any ideas down."

Indeed, on the duo's 11-track debut album, "Twurk for the Nation," released late last year, song titles include "Wanna Be on Top?" Timid, the tandem is not. But it is this same vivacity for performance that has made the duo (which also includes Ashley Renee Clopton, who goes by Queen TrAshley) so instantly successful in the city.

Dariarow and Clopton only formed Glitter Moneyyy in fall 2016, but they've already gained a sizable following of fans who seek out their iconic, theatrical live shows. According to Dariarow, that was always part of the plan. "We didn't know exactly what we were doing with Glitter Moneyyy, but we knew we were going to have the craziest live show ever," Dariarow said. "Before any music was happening, we knew it was going to be an incredible live experience."

The two met while in college, both pursuing performance degrees. They initially bonded over a love of music, going to shows or festivals together. "I think we just grew as friends devouring music," Dariarow said. Clopton agreed, adding, "We've just been devouring music for years, and finally one day, we just decided to start making music together." It is their close friendship that has made the transition into musicians nearly seamless for the two.

"There are so many instances in the past couple of years since we've been working together where we're so ridiculously in tune with each other. We know exactly what the other one wants and what they're going to need," Clopton said. "We pretty much know how to finish each other's sentences when it comes to music these days."

It also doesn't hurt that the two have similar backgrounds. Both pursued theater degrees in school, which has helped facilitate openness to their art, something even more established bands struggle with years after forming. "I love that we both bring ideas to the table and we're both down to try everything. We never say no to each other," Clopton said.

And their live shows, which for many people are the actual draw of the Glitter Moneyyy experience, pull from their years of theater training. "So much of Glitter Moneyyy has a comedic element that I wasn't even aware of until it started happening," Clopton said. "I can feel myself drawing on all the training I've had and all of the classes I've taken to get these very, very, very specific Glitter Moneyyy things off the ground."

For now, they will continue to work and make music together. At the time of this interview, the two admitted to already spending more than 10 hours together that day. That particular closeness will hopefully help them reach their career goals, which include opening for another rap duo, Run the Jewels, and maybe even playing the Super Bowl. It's nothing too complicated for a bond as close and foundational as theirs. "Being best friends for so long, we already talk about the inner workings of our minds, our bodies, our hearts," Dariarow said. "So bringing that to music just translates so easily."

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Busy week of jazz in Chicago

Howard Reich
Jazz Scene

The next several evenings will offer provocative listening in jazz. Among the highlights:

Henry Johnson at the Jazz Showcase: Originally, the mighty New Orleans pianist-singer Henry Butler was to have played this weekend at the Jazz Showcase. That booking fell through, leaving the club to find a replacement quickly. Chicago guitarist-singer-bandleader Johnson stands as an admirable choice, the man exemplifying the buoyant musical traditions of two of his leading influences: Wes Montgomery and George Benson. Johnson's art is at once musically sophisticated and easily accessible, as appealing to connoisseurs as it is to jazz neophytes. That Johnson has toured extensively with pianist Ramsey Lewis, singer Joe Williams and organist Jack McDuff tells you a great deal about how he has been regarded — and still is regarded — by jazz royalty. He'll lead a quartet staffed by pianist Billy Foster, bassist Mark Sonksen and drummer Charles Heath. *8 and 10 p.m. Friday and Saturday; 4, 8 and 10 p.m. Sunday; at the Jazz Showcase, 806 S. Plymouth Court; $20-$35; 312-360-0234 or **www.jazzshowcase.com**.*

Orrin Evans at the Green Mill: The last time Chicagoans heard pianist Evans, in February, he was taking Ethan Iverson's spot at the piano in the reconstituted Bad Plus (which played shows at 210 Live in Highwood and the Old Town School of Folk Music). Evans added a degree of grit and deep-seated virtuosity to the proceedings, his new role in the band also landing him on the cover of April's DownBeat magazine, alongside compatriots Reid Anderson and Dave King. But for all the obvious intensity of Evans' pianism, he sounds a lot closer to full power when leading his own ensembles, which he'll do this weekend. Joined by bassist Luques Curtis and drummer Justin Faulkner, Evans can stretch out in ways that the Bad Plus' stripped-down, pop-leaning aesthetic really doesn't allow, making this an ideal opportunity to hear a hard-hitting jazz pianist untethered. *9 p.m. Friday and 8 p.m. Saturday at the Green Mill Jazz Club, 4802 N. Broadway; $15; 773-878-5552 or **www.greenmilljazz.com**.*

Ulysses Owens Jr. at the Logan Center: Longtime jazz listeners will remember drummer Owens from years ago when he played for singer Kurt Elling. Owens has established an identity of his own since then, and he'll reaffirm as much when he leads the Chicago premiere of "Songs of Freedom" on the Jazz at the Logan series. The project features vocalists Theo Bleckmann, Alicia Olatuja and Joanna Majoko exploring the work and legacies of Joni Mitchell, Abbey Lincoln and Nina Simone. The stylistic breadth of this endeavor raises the question of whether Owens can shape a cohesive statement amid so many musical, political and social currents. We'll soon find out. *7:30 p.m. Friday at the University of Chicago's Logan Center for the Arts, 915 E. 60th St.; $30, general; $10, students; 773-702-2787 or **chicagopresents.uchicago.edu***

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Guitarist-singer-bandleader Henry Johnson will lead a quartet at the Jazz Showcase on Friday, Saturday and Sunday.

Steve Gibons Gypsy Rhythm Project at Winter's Jazz Club: Violinist Gibons commands an enviable reputation for his work in the gypsy-jazz idiom, including for his contributions to Alfonso Ponticelli's Swing Gitan ensemble, which is in residence every Wednesday evening at the Green Mill. This time Gibons leads the music-making, his ensemble featuring the brilliant cimbalom virtuoso Nicolae Feraru, a recipient of America's highest award for folk arts, the National Endowment for the Arts' National Heritage Fellowship. Gibons' Gypsy Rhythm Project also features guitarist Mike Allemana, bassist Dan DeLorenzo and percussionist Javier Saume-Mazzei. *7:30 and 9:30 p.m. Friday at Winter's Jazz Club, 465 N. McClurg Court (on the promenade); $20-$25; 312-344-1270 or **www.wintersjazzclub.com***

Jazz X-tet, Julius Tucker at Room 43: The weekly session at Room 43, presented by the nonprofit Hyde Park Jazz Society, offers a rare double-bill. The evening begins at 6 p.m. Sunday with the University of Chicago X-Tet, followed at 7:30 and 9:30 p.m. Sunday by pianist Julius Tucker's Quartet. Though Chicago overflows with jazz events every night of the year, the scene at Room 43 stands out for its warmth, with neighborhood jazz lovers and visitors from further afield congregating there weekly. *At Room 43, 1043 E. 43d St.; $10; **www.hydeparkjazzsociety.com***

Patricia Barber at the Green Mill: It's easy to overlook Chicago treasures when they're available all the time. Even so, Barber's long-running tenure at the Green Mill merits attention from anyone who values uncommonly fluid vocals, crystalline pianism and singular songwriting. On most Monday nights, Barber will mix original compositions already familiar to devotees, new works still in progress and utterly unconventional versions of standard repertoire. One of these days, she ought to make a piano trio recording without vocals, just to remind everyone of her singularly lean-and-modern approach to the instrument. *9 p.m. Monday at the Green Mill Jazz Club, 4802 N. Broadway; $8; 773-878-5552 or **www.greenmill.jazz.com***

Albert "Tootie" Heath at Constellation: One of the great dynasties in jazz, the Heath family of Philadelphia has given the world the late bassist Percy Heath (famously of the Modern Jazz Quartet), 91-year-old saxophonist Jimmy Heath and 82-year-old drummer Albert "Tootie" Heath. After the death of longtime MJQ drummer Connie Kay in 1994, Tootie Heath stepped in for the ensemble's final chapter (vibraphonist Milt Jackson died in 1999 and pianist John Lewis in 2001). Tootie Heath remains a road warrior, visiting Chicago this time leading a trio, with up-and-coming pianist Emmet Cohen. *8:30 p.m. Tuesday at Constellation, 3111 N. Western Ave.; $15; **www.constellation-chicago.com***

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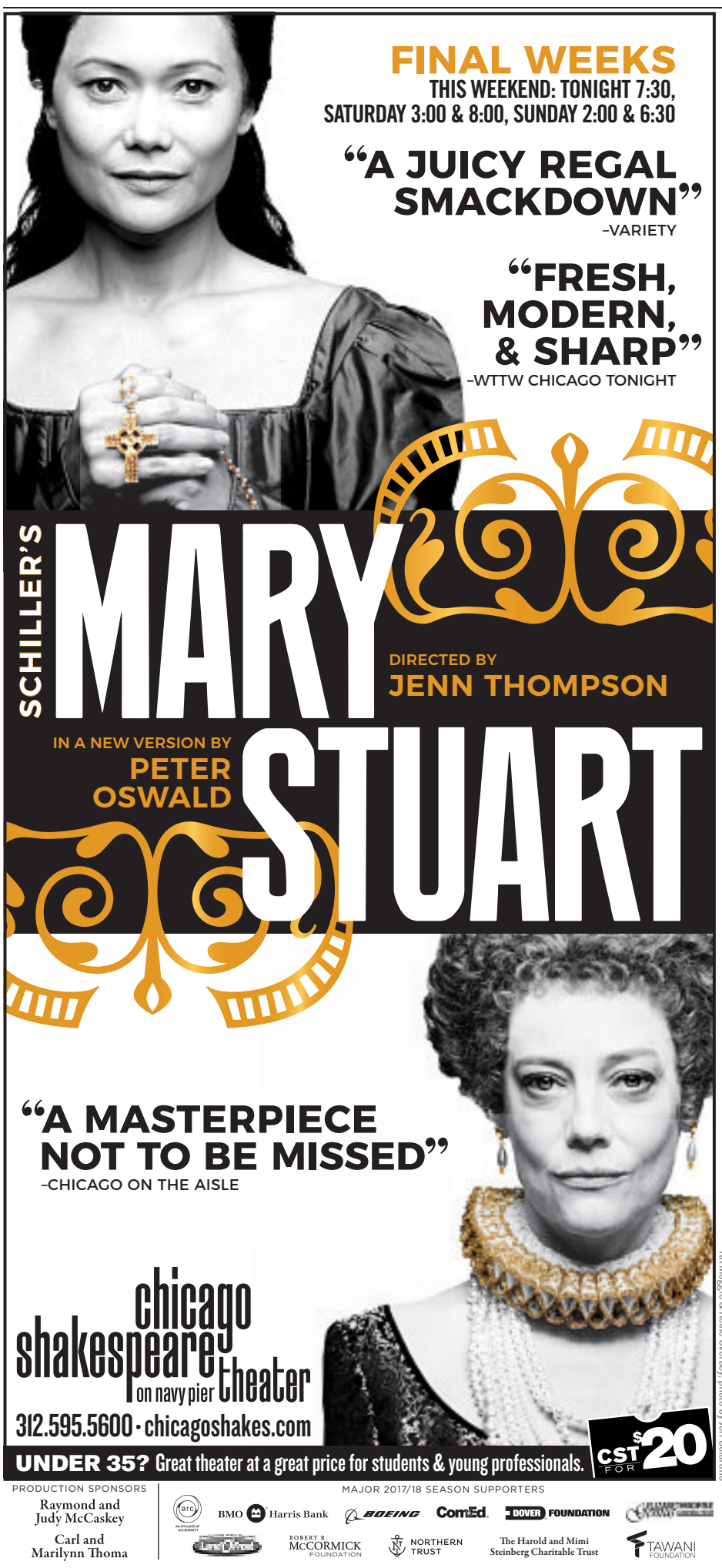

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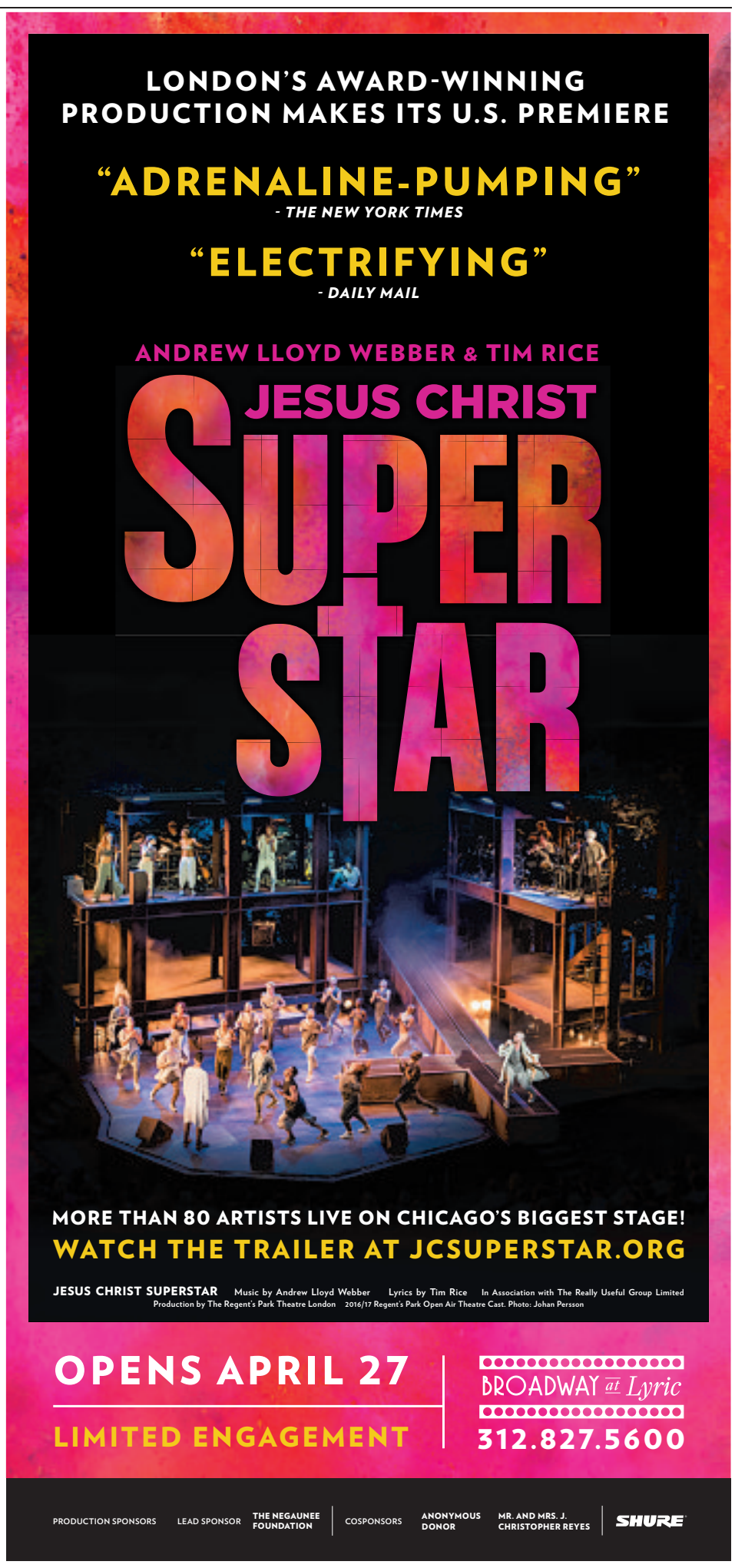

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Wide array of musical choices

Touring, *from Page 1*

she's almost there, her twangy voice enlivening immaculately written breakthrough songs like 2016's "This Town Gets Around" and last year's "A Little Pain." *7 p.m. Thursday and April 13, Thalia Hall, 1807 S. Allport St., 312-526-3851 or* ***www.thaliahallchicago.com****; $25-119 (April 13 is sold out)*

Bobby Rush: The late Otis Rush and Magic Sam get all the attention as stars of the West Side blues scene in the '50s and '60s, but Bobby Rush was nearly as important. He didn't play searing guitar lines — he just sang leering, nonsensical and sometimes plain weird R&B songs such as "Sock Boo Ga Loo," "Chicken Heads" and, of course, "One Monkey Don't Stop No Show." A fixture on the chitlin' circuit, Rush's latest album is 2016's "Porcupine Meat" — its best moment is when he shouts, "Garbage man! Leave my garbage alone!" *14th annual Chi Town Blues Festival, 7 p.m. Saturday, Arie Crown Theatre, 2301 S. Lake Shore Drive, 312-791-6900 or* ***www.ariecrown.com****; $62-$102*

Ministry: It's hard to say how much of this Chicago industrial-music pioneer's 2013 biography "Ministry: The Lost Gospels According to Al Jourgensen" is accurate — but it sure is entertaining. He writes, for example, that his early band Special Affect broke up when drummer Harry Rushakoff screwed up a part, Jourgensen swung his guitar and hit him in the head and Rushakoff started beating Jourgensen silly "until he was tired and couldn't hit me anymore." Frank "Groovie" Nardiello, who would leave the band and form My Life with the Thrill Kill Kult, recently told the Tribune that wasn't true: "Harry just got fed up with Al." But tiny details like who pounded whom won't matter when the alumni of influential local label Wax Trax! return to the stage to stomp through '90s disco-thrash classic "Jesus Built My Hotrod" and early '80s synth-dance hit "Cold Life." *7 p.m. Saturday, Riviera, 4746 N. Racine Ave., 773-275-6800 or* ***www.rivieratheatre.com****; $37.50*

ANGELINA CASTILLO PHOTO

Illinois native Margo Price plays Thalia Hall next week.

BOBBY RUSH PHOTO

Bobby Rush will appear at the Chi Town Blues Festival.

ASH NEWELL PHOTO

Al Jourgensen and Ministry play the Riviera Saturday.

Berlin: Although it's a competitive category, the horniest band of the entire '80s synth-pop movement had to be Berlin, whose 1982 album "Pleasure Victim" contained the pulsating, murmuring duet between frontwoman Terri Nunn and bassist John Crawford in "Sex (I'm A ...)." It was an MTV smash with a stylish, hypnotic quality, although the Los Angeles quartet wasn't able to maintain its commercial success beyond a couple of big singles, including "The Metro" and "Take My Breath Away." Nunn is the only remaining original member. *8 p.m. Thursday, City Winery Chicago, 1200 W. Randolph St., 312-733-9463 or* ***www.citywinery.com/chicago****; $28-38*

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POP MUSIC PREVIEW

Hammond finds spark in family history

Life outside the Strokes is still noisy for guitarist-songwriter

By Jessi Roti
Chicago Tribune

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When: 9 p.m. Friday

Where: Bottom Lounge, 1375 W. Lake St.

Tickets: $20, **www.ticketweb.com**

In the history of rock-star alter egos, from Bowie's Ziggy Stardust to Beyonce's Sasha Fierce, none had been inspired by a fingernail.

But for Albert Hammond Jr., his new album, and adopted persona, "Francis Trouble," wasn't as much of a brainchild as an actual one. In 1979, his mother miscarried, delivering a stillborn — his twin, Francis — while he remained in utero, undetected. He was born five months later and grew up well aware of this familial story. But it wasn't until he began working on the record that he found out he and his twin were linked by, of all things, a fingernail — as told to him by his aunt when he turned 36.

"In my mind, I just pictured us colliding — crashing into each other," he explained during a phone call from the road. "It was told to me so matter-of-factly that I was just wonderfully surprised, and it just kind of created depth to all these things I was thinking of and, I don't know — sometimes the universe just hands you stuff, certain knowledge, right when you need it. It was a perfect point to give me the confidence to go down a certain path."

The LP is a collection of 10 glam-inspired tracks. "Francis Trouble" is a scrappy punk into staying out all night, getting sweaty and casual sex; living his life by the roll of the dice all the while knowing that what lies on the other side will eventually matter.

In reality, Hammond has spent the latter half of the past decade making the most of his second chance since getting sober. While widely recognized for the frenetic riffs he delivered as part of the Strokes, his decadelong career as a solo artist has seen him trying to outrun the five-piece's stale grip on modern garage rock. He's remained a familiar figure since the early aughts, but if you ask, he'll tell you he still feels like nobody knows him. He's not complaining, as many of music's more intriguing figures have cemented their place in its history thanks to what they choose to leave out.

But with "Francis," Hammond says he feels more like himself than ever — his own personal and creative rebirth ignited through taking on someone's life that ended too soon.

"It was almost like if you could have the knowledge of years of work, but have just fallen in love with it, like when I first started," he says. "Symbolically, it just ties into a lot of meaningful things in my youth that makes things a little more playful. I knew what was missing after touring 'Momentary Masters' — I knew what I wanted, where I felt trapped. I just wanted to do certain things and wasn't prepared. Your brain still talks to you when you're performing, so you're kind of analyzing those thoughts. Then it's a process. I remember the free form it was, and then we started changing melodies and stuff, and it made me feel like where I wanted to be. Music that I listened to that I want to be a part of."

Playful and visceral — he imagined rooms being filled, strangers bumping up against each other as the crowd gets bigger before the music hits. He wants people to feel the rush of the songs, immerse themselves in the possibility of catharsis, before the dissection begins.

"Sometimes in the world of rock that I live in, it can be so serious. Like it's brain surgery, but it's not. We forgot to have fun," Hammond says.

"When I see videos of Bowie, the Clash or the Police — people were definitely having fun," he continues. "Rock's at its best when it feels fun, nostalgic, there's a little unknown or danger element to it, a sexiness to it. Sexiness has gone out the window in modern times."

Hammond is hungry to entertain. After a recent stint opening for the Killers, he realized he wants the big stages, the hit songs, the wider audience. Feeling like rock music tiptoes around the idea of success, he adds, "Even when they call it 'indie rock,' it felt like a giving up to me. Everyone wanted to be small because they were afraid of not making it. I never saw it like that. I want to be an option.

"People don't know me in terms of what I want or what I feel like the music could have, you know? People in certain places know my name. I've been in a band, I've been on TV — we always started in the band early on wanting to have that element of a pop act where everyone knew everyone's name so that helped, but I want them to know these songs more than I want them to know my name. I want this record to be bigger than my name. So even if people know me, I need them to know this record."

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POP MUSIC PREVIEW

Judas Priest, has it been almost 50 years?

By Allison Stewart
Chicago Tribune

JUSTIN BORUCKI PHOTO

Judas Priest — Scott Travis, from left, Ian Hill, Rob Halford, Glenn Tipton and Richie Faulkner — began in 1969.

When: 8 p.m. Friday

Where: The Venue at Horseshoe Casino, 777 Casino Center Drive, Hammond

Price: $58.75-$68.75; 21+; 800-745-3000 or **www.ticketmaster.com**

A few weeks ago, after almost 50 years in business, British heavy metal band Judas Priest lodged its highest chart debut ever when the group's 18th studio album, "Firepower," entered the Billboard charts at No. 5. "Just when you think there are no surprises left, here comes one that we couldn't have anticipated," said lead singer Rob Halford. "We're over the moon."

Halford has been with the band through most of that five-decade stretch, shepherding it through its '80s boom years (home to hit albums "British Steel" and "Screaming For Vengeance"), more tours than he can count, and the recent announcement by lead guitarist Glenn Tipton that he would no longer tour due to Parkinson's disease.

At the Newark, N.J., show the night before, Tipton made a surprise appearance. "It was so emotional, there were metal tears everywhere," says Halford, who says Tipton might appear at the band's upcoming local dates (at the Horseshoe Casino in Hammond on Friday, and Grossinger Motors Arena in Bloomington on Sunday) if he feels up to it.

Halford is one of the last remaining metal gods, and certainly the most perpetually cheerful. In a phone interview, the frontman, who lives in Phoenix, talked saving metal, staying relevant, and life in Judas Priest at the half-century mark. The following is an edited version of that conversation:

Q: People seem to put a lot of responsibility on you to save metal. Do you feel that?

A: Yeah. I think we all learned a long time ago that you've really got to keep this whole thing in perspective. Where we're from in the U.K., it's a very blue-collar, working-class environment. That's kept our metal boots on the ground. Whenever we've been lucky enough to have success, for the most part it has been through the long slog. Playing hundreds of shows, traveling thousands of miles. It's been a fantastic trip through the decades.

Q: When you made this album, did you think, "We have to fight for our place, fight to let everyone know we're still relevant"?

A: That's a great word you've used, relevant. I'm always pushing that for this band. We can't live on our past laurels, we've never done that. Even in the '80s, which were kind of the glory years of metal and we had these big albums, we've always treated each album as an attempt to do the best we can at a given time. Always trying to better ourselves, the songwriting, the production.

Q: This is your first album since Donald Trump became president. This isn't an overtly political album, but was that something you considered writing about?

A: I think I went in that direction with (new song) "Lightning Strike," talking about collusion. Judas Priest are not a political band, but I think we find a way to put our feelings and ideas into the songs, whereby our fans can extrapolate their own views. I'm an older metalhead, and I'm a lot more opinionated than I used to be. I kind of have to bite my tongue sometimes with my lyrics.

Q; Have you been tempted to move back to England in the past year?

A: Not in the least, no. Running away from something doesn't do anything, except put distance. I love America dearly. What's really important is the common good and unity of the people of this country, and making sure that everybody gets a fair shake, and that to me doesn't appear to be the case right now. Teachers should not need to have to buy books for the kids, or pencils and pens. That's absurd, this is America. I think evenness and equality and a level playing field from any administration is an absolute responsibility. End of speech.

Q: I can't think of another band that has reached that 50-year landmark. Can you?

A: I can't think of any. I was going to say Black Sabbath, but I don't know. Ian (Hill) is the founding member from 1969, so that gives us props. It gives us legit claim to the fact that next year is 50 years of Judas Priest. What a beautiful thing to say.

Q: And you're the relative young one in the band.

A: Well, Richie (Faulkner) is the baby now. Glenn's 70. I'll be 67 this year. What's so beautiful about that is that we've kind of reached a point now in society where this whole thing about ageism isn't part of the story. It's all about your music, it's all about the quality of the work, not, oh, it's a bunch of old geezers from the U.K. It's all about what's coming out of the speakers. That's at the heart of the matter.

Q: Do you ever think to yourself, "I'm 66. I should be wearing jeans and a T-shirt, or be on a beach somewhere, instead of putting on the leather"? Or does it still feel as natural as it ever did?

A: (Laughs) As natural as it ever did. If I ever started to feel that way, I'd be the first person to say, "You know what, maybe it's time to hang up the mic." But you know, when we get dressed in the dressing room, when we change into the metal garb to go out and play for our beautiful fans, it's real. It's very real. It's keeping it legit, and it's keeping it at a level of honest acceptance. That's another part of the magic that's kept Judas Priest alive and thriving so long, defending the faith of heavy metal music.

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WEEKEND DINING

JUST OPENED

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Big Star Wrigleyville occupies 9,000 square feet at North Clark Street and West Patterson Avenue and has about 299 seats inside.

Big Star now across from Wrigley

By Bill Daley
Chicago Tribune

Big Star has opened in Wrigleyville, just days before the Cubs' home opener at Wrigley Field across the street. Located at 3640 N. Clark St. in the brand-new Hotel Zachary, the restaurant is part of the extensive redevelopment activity going on in the neighborhood around the iconic ballpark.

Like its popular older sibling, Wicker Park's Big Star (opened in 2009), Big Star Wrigleyville bills itself as a "bourbon and beer-focused, taco-slinging, honky-tonk hangout." The new restaurant is the latest project of One Off Hospitality Group, whose properties also include Avec, Blackbird, The Publican, The Violet Hour, Dove's Luncheonette and Nico Osteria.

Big Star Wrigleyville occupies 9,000 square feet at the corner of North Clark Street and West Patterson Avenue. It is much

Tacos are prominent on Big Star's menu.

bigger than the Wicker Park location, with about 299 seats inside (including 50 at the downstairs bar and 20 at the bar upstairs) and 80 seats outside along Patterson.

The restaurant's large, expansive windows open, allowing the sights and sounds of the neighborhood into the space. Big Star, designed by Thomas Schlesser of New York City's Design Bureaux, features wooden booths made from Douglas fir (the ones upstairs have a great view of Wrigley's west facade), white brick walls, tables with bold yellow metal chairs, and a semi-private dining space on the second floor that can be used for various functions or tastings. There are large television screens on which Cubs games will be streamed live.

Executive chef and partner Paul Kahan said the menu in Wrigleyville mirrors that in Wicker Park, with one notable addition: Big Star hot chips, featuring tortilla chips, tomato arbol salsa, cotija, white onion, black beans, radish, crema and cilantro ($6; add guacamole for $5 extra; choice of meat, $4). Why? Being located next to a ballpark, Kahan said, the restaurant needed a play on nachos, and this dish, described as "a cross between beloved baseball nachos and chilaquiles," was created by Julie Warpinski, the chef de cuisine.

Among the other menu items: tacos de panza (crispy braised pork belly with tomato guajillo sauce), tacos al pastor, a walking taco (corn chips, spicy pinto bean dip, Tamazula salsa, crema, queso Chihuahua, cilantro) and queso fundido. Drinks include margaritas, single-barrel whiskeys and "an array of cheap and delicious beer," according to a news release.

Opening hours this week are 5 p.m. to midnight. After that, Big Star will operate from 11:30 a.m. until close seven days a week and from 10 a.m. to close on game days. (What does "close" mean? Likely 2 a.m., according to Terry Alexander, a partner in One Off.)

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Head to Maria's Packaged Goods & Community Bar for Sunday brunch featuring food by Kimski.

DO MORE

Maria's Packaged Goods & Community Bar is once again hosting Brunch-Ski, a brunch-centered day party with live DJs, food from Kimski and Brunchlox, beers and cocktails. The event is also kid-friendly as long as there is an adult supervising. *Free; food available a la carte. Noon to 8 p.m. Sunday. 960 W. 31st St.,* ***community-bar.com***

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VomFASS, a purveyor of imported vinegars, oils, wine and spirits, will celebrate its grand opening in Lincoln Square with festivities all weekend. It also has a store in Naperville, shown.

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VomFASS, a vinegar, oil, wine and spirits purveyor, is celebrating the grand opening of its Lincoln Square location all weekend with live music, juggling, a Champagne reception, face painting, balloons and more. Ten percent of the proceeds from this weekend will benefit Day School at Giant Steps, which helps people with autism spectrum disorders. *Free to attend. 5 to 7 p.m. Friday, 6 a.m. to 7 p.m. Saturday, noon to 5 Sunday. 4755 N. Lincoln Ave., 872-208-3027,* ***lincolnsquare.vomfassusa.com***

— Grace Wong

WHERE TO EAT NOW

Recent restaurant reviews and profiles from Tribune food critic Phil Vettel, staff reporters and freelance writers. No stars indicates a restaurant has been profiled but not reviewed, and does not reflect on quality of dining.

CITY

A10 ★★★ Named for a motorway that connects Italy to France, A10 offers traditional-with-a-twist Italian and French dishes from Yusho chef Matthias Merges. Small plates include bar-food riffs; large plates shine with interesting accompaniments. Open: Dinner Tuesday-Saturday, brunch Sunday. Prices: Entrees $14-$30. *1462 E. 53rd St., 773-288-1010. — Phil Vettel*

Acadia ★★★★ Chef Ryan McCaskey has quietly turned his South Loop restaurant into one of the finest in Chicago. The five- and 10-course tasting menus include homages to McCaskey's beloved Maine; in the front lounge, a bar menu includes oysters, chicken wings and a seriously good burger. Open: Dinner Tuesday-Sunday. Prices: Five-course menu $115, 10-course $175. *1639 S. Wabash Ave., 312-360-9500. — P.V.*

Animale Conceived by Italian-trained chef Cameron Grant and owner Aldo Zaninotto (both of Logan Square's Osteria Langhe), Animale traffics in meat. You'll find so-called "off cuts" — sweetbreads, tripe and oxtail, for example — next to a smattering of lovely pastas and sandwiches. Open: Lunch and dinner daily. Prices: Entrees $11-$44. *1904 N. Western Ave., 872-315-3912. — Joseph Hernandez*

Band of Bohemia ★★★ Band of Bohemia describes itself as the country's "first Michelin-rated brewpub," and the restaurant indeed makes various beers on the premises, and does have one or two menu items that might pass for pub food. But "brewpub" is a mighty weak descriptor for the sophisticated, unique synthesis of this Ravenswood destination. Executive chef Ian Davis is creating visually stunning yet highly approachable dishes that work hand-in-glove with head brewer Michael Carroll's creative urges. Open: Dinner Tuesday-Saturday. *4710 N. Ravenswood Ave., 773-271-4710. — P.V.*

Bad Hunter ★★ Greens and grains rule at this almost-vegetarian restaurant, though skewers of chicken thigh or charred sirloin will keep any carnivore companions happy. The drink list is notable for its clever cocktails and painstakingly sourced wines. Open: Lunch and dinner daily; brunch weekends. Prices: Main courses $14-$20. *802 W. Randolph St., 312-265-1745. — P.V.*

Beatnik From the exuberantly ornate dining room to the best dishes on the menu, the West Town restaurant delights in serving up layers upon layers of style. Kick off your meal with beet hummus that sparks of citrus zest and dusky notes of clove, offset by the crunch of fried chickpeas and the salty tang of blue cheese. Open: Dinner and late night, Tuesday-Sunday. Prices: $9 to $30 for shareables; $35 to $95 for large format dishes. *1604 W. Chicago Ave., 312-929-4945.— Jennifer Day*

Cafe Marie-Jeanne ★★ Run by husband-wife partners Michael Simmons (chef) and Val Szafranski (front-of-house), Cafe Marie-Jeanne is an intensely personal operation, one whose easygoing attitude and excellent kitchen work make the Humboldt Park spot a neighborhood treasure. Open: Breakfast, lunch and dinner Wednesday-Monday. Prices: Main courses $12-$35. *1001 N. California Ave., 773-904-7660. — P.V.*

Eden ★★ Husband-wife Devon Quinn and Jodi Fyfe carved a pretty double dining room from the headquarters of their catering company, where Quinn churns out a Mediterranean menu. The seafood and pasta are the best dishes, and Quinn's umami doughnuts, stuffed with sirloin and dusted with powdered soy, are a must-order starter. Open: Dinner Tuesday-Sunday, brunch Sunday. Prices: Pastas and entrees $18-$38. *1748 W. Lake St., 312-366-2294. — P.V.*

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S.K.Y. ★★★ At S.K.Y. in Pilsen, out-of-towner chef Stephen Gillanders (formerly of Lettuce Entertain You's Intro) wows with fine-dining finesse. Gillanders shows a deft hand with heat, which he employs the way other chefs use acidity. The highlight of his fried chicken (a boneless, skinless thigh), pictured above, is the twice-fermented hot sauce (habanero-based, but deeply nuanced) poured tableside against a levee of creamed corn. Open: Dinner Wednesday to Sunday; brunch Saturday and Sunday. Prices: Main courses $19-$28. *1239 W. 18th St., 312-846-1077. — Phil Vettel*

Ella Elli ★★ This restaurant is a sexy space filled with curvy pendant lamps and handsome couches, but it's not all looks: Chef Nolan Narut is putting out some destination-worthy plates, including ricotta gnocchi, sourdough slathered with avocado and everything seasoning, and baby carrots drizzled with harissa-spiked lemon vinaigrette. Open: Dinner daily. Prices: Main dishes $14-$27. *1349 W. Cornelia Ave., 773-935-3552. — Michael Nagrant*

Elske ★★★ Danish is more a state of mind than of menu at David and Anna Posey's West Loop restaurant, named for the Danish word for "love" and as warm as a lingering hug. Choose the six-course tasting menu or order a la carte, save room for Anna Posey's desserts and prepare to be wowed. Open: Dinner Wednesday-Sunday. Prices: Tasting menu $80; a la carte dishes $15-$22. *1350 W. Randolph St., 312-733-1314. — P.V.*

HaiSous ★★★ It may seem odd to travel to Pilsen to experience Chicago's best Vietnamese restaurant. You'll get over it. At the brilliant HaiSous, Thai and Danielle Dang offer a pleasant (if occasionally noisy) 115-seat dining room with excellent service and price-conscious drinks, all in service to Thai Dang's skillful cooking and appealing, cliche-free menu. Open: Dinner daily. Prices: Large plates $16-$25. *1800 S. Carpenter St., 312-702-1303. — P.V.*

Jade Court ★★★ The restaurant is home to arguably the best Chinese food in town. The owners are Eddy Cheung and his daughter, Carol, who owned and operated Phoenix restaurant for 20 years. The menu is typical of most Chinese menus — dozens of poultry, pork, beef, seafood and noodle dishes — but the way to order is to ask what the kitchen is up to that evening. Open: Lunch and dinner Wednesday-Monday. Prices: Main courses $13.95-$26.95. *626 S. Racine Ave., 312-929-4828. — P.V.*

Majani Majani, an African-American vegan restaurant in the South Shore neighborhood, serves what owners describe as "soulful vegan cuisine." Try the barbecue cauliflower. Chickpea-batter-dipped, deep-fried and tossed in a tangy house-made barbecue sauce, it is the most popular dish. Open: Lunch and dinner Tuesday-Saturday, lunch only on Sundays. Prices: $6-$16 appetizers and entrees. *7167 S. Exchange Ave., 773-359-4019. — Louisa Chu*

Tempesta ★★ Everything about Tempesta Market in West Town packs a punch. Tempesta is taking 'nduja — a spreadable spicy sausage made by the other family business, 'Nduja Artisans in Franklin Park — along with other fine cured meats at its disposal, and crafting some of the best sandwiches in Chicago, like the Dante, which features six kinds of meat. Open: Lunch and dinner daily. Prices: Sandwiches $10-$13. *1372 W. Grand Ave., 312-929-2551. — N.K.*

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THE THEATER LOOP

By Chris Jones

Remy Bumppo travels risky road

Remy Bumppo is hanging in there.

This midsize Chicago theater — its budget hovers around $1 million — is in the riskiest sector of the Chicago theater, as we all learned with the loss of American Theater Company a few weeks ago. Like ATC, Remy Bumppo Theatre Company is large enough to employ full-time staffers, and it's an Equity company, which means it is dedicated to adequately compensating its actors. And it doesn't have its own space, but works in residence at the Greenhouse Theater Center in Lincoln Park. Most of its productions are in the space formerly occupied by the Victory Gardens Theater; much of Remy Bumppo's audience probably used to attend Victory Gardens shows in that proven space.

I finally caught up with Remy Bumppo's latest show, "Hang," late in its run the other night. As directed by the talented and increasingly busy director Keira Fromm, it's a fascinatingly oblique piece by the British scribe debbie tucker green (she uses lowercase in her name) that lasts just 75 minutes. It is intended to leave you hanging.

Green, incidentally, also wrote the play "Truth and Reconciliation," which I admired when it was produced by Chicago's Sideshow Theatre Company, around this time last year.

The two pieces are quite different: "Truth and Reconciliation," which uses a huge cast, is (to my mind) about whether those two words fundamentally are oppositional; "Hang" is (to my mind) about how poorly societies deal with their own traumatized people.

If you have ever tried to report a crime, or a traumatic incident, or even merely a death from natural causes, you likely will know whereof I speak. It rarely goes well, which does not necessarily mean it is the fault of the low-level officials with whom we have to deal. The issues are structural, societal, whatever. It tends not to matter to you when you are looking for compassion and understanding.

MICHAEL COURIER PHOTO

Annabel Armour, from left, Eleni Pappageorge and Patrese D. McClain star in the Remy Bumppo Theatre Company's production of "Hang" by British playwright debbie tucker green. The company embraces risky work.

There are just three female characters in "Hang." Two of them, played here by Eleni Pappageorge and Annabel Armour, are bureaucrats of some unspecified kind. The third, played by Patrese D. McClain, is a woman who has undergone something.

None of these women are well served by their situations. Green is, I think, writing about our societal inadequacy when it comes to, well, truth and reconciliation, both on a personal as well as a global scale. The news over the past several months has revealed the veracity of the play's point. We now have to see truth and reconciliation not just as a necessity when governments do terrible things to groups of citizens, but as something that has to be applied to individuals. And we're hamstrung as to what to do.

Nick Sandys, the artistic director of Remy Bumppo, recently told me that "Hang" had been an interesting challenge for a theater that had always prided itself on being all about language, being as this is very much a play "all about the failure of language." But then who better to do a play about the failure of language than a company known for its productions of work by George Bernard Shaw or Oscar Wilde, a company very much of language?

It strikes as a way to make needed changes — green is now the leading black female playwright in the United Kingdom and a writer who at once explodes, resists and celebrates many of the conventions of the British theater of verbosity — while still keeping to the original mission.

I hope Remy Bumppo's loyal audience takes this trip alongside this important Chicago company.

Sandys also said that, like a lot of midsize companies, things have not been easy of late for Remy Bumppo. He attributes that, in part, to the instability of the times, which has led theatergoers, he posits, to seek out more familiar signposts when it comes to going to the theater for the evening. And since many of those theater companies — including his own — are wanting to do risky work, this can lead to a disconnect with audiences who are proving more risk-averse than many theater companies have hoped.

Sandys also said that Remy Bumppo still is relying on its core supporters — people who have stood by the company, as both donors and subscribers, for the past three decades. It's the single-ticket buyers who are proving more fickle. So many things have not changed in that regard as much as we like to think. Risky work needs people who have cared, and who continue to care.

Remy Bumppo usually has put up quality shows. "Hang" is very much in line with that seasoned professionalism, and it is also in line with the company's mission.

A poet in every sense of the word, green certainly writes what used to be called language-based dramas. She is just doing so for a changed world.

Chris Jones is a Tribune critic.

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THEATER OPENINGS

Friday

"Gaslight District": The Second City e.t.c.'s 42nd revue takes on everything from aliens to the alienated. *Open run at Second City, 1608 N. Wells St.; 312-337-3992 and* ***www.secondcity.com***

Saturday

"L'Imitation of Life": Hell in a Handbag revives its parody of the 1959 film about mothers, daughters and racial identity. *Through May 6 at Stage 773, 1225 W. Belmont Ave.; 773-327-5252 and* ***www.handbagproductions.org***

Tuesday

"9 to 5 the Musical": Working women take on a man's world in Firebrand Theatre's production of the Dolly Parton musical based on the 1980 film. *Through May 20 at the Den Theatre, 1331 N. Milwaukee Ave.;* ***www.firebrandtheatre.org***

"The Sound of Music": The hills are alive with the sound of this Rodgers and Hammerstein classic, playing at the Cadillac Palace. *Through April 15 at the Cadillac Palace Theatre, 151 W. Randolph St.; 800-775-2000 and* ***www.broadwayinchicago.com***

Thursday

"South Pacific": Out in Oakbrook Terrace, Rodgers and Hammerstein's Pulitzer Prize winner about enchanted evenings and WWII prejudices opens. *Through June 17 at Drury Lane Theatre, 100 Drury Lane, Oakbrook Terrace; 630-530-0111 and* ***www.drurylanetheatre.com***

CHRIS JONES RECOMMENDS

"Anna Karenina" ★★★
There aren't many towns in the world where you can roll up and find a completely new adaptation of the jottings of Leo Tolstoy. As you can currently find in "Anna Karenina" at Lifeline Theatre in Rogers Park. And Lifeline pulls it off. This world premiere adaptation by Jessica Wright Buha dramatizes the whole tragic story, all through dialogue and in less than three hours. Buha goes mostly with the sharp edges of the love triangle among Anna (Ilse Zacharias), hubby Karenin (Michael Reyes) and, of course, her beloved but illicit Count Vronsky (Eric Gerard). The last few minutes don't rush to enough of a sense of crisis, but that's forgivable. *Through April 8 at Lifeline Theatre, 6912 N. Glenwood Ave.; $40 at 773-761-4477 and* ***www.lifelinetheatre.com***

"The Beauty Queen of Leenane" ★★★½
"I'd die before you'd put me in a home," says the old Irish lady. "Aye," says her daughter, "hopefully." Playwright Martin McDonagh's famous Irish drama "The Beauty Queen of Leenane" has made a superbly cast reappearance with the indomitable Wendy Robie as Mag Folan and Kate Fry as her dutiful daughter, Maureen. Director BJ Jones' production at the Northlight Theatre in Skokie is in distinguished company with previous local visits to Leenane, including at the Steppenwolf Theatre in 1999. Watching those productions over the years has taught me that the best ones make everything that happens feel inevitable, a clash of personalities made all the more intense by their mother-and-daughter genesis. *Through April 22 at the North Shore Center for the Performing Arts, 9501 Skokie Blvd., Skokie; $30-$81 at 847-673-6300 or* ***www.northlight.org***

"Blue Man Group" ★★★½
"Blue Man Group" has been playing at Briar Street since 1997, a remarkable run of 20-plus years. *Open run at the Briar Street Theatre, 3133 N. Halsted St.; $49-$69 at* ***www.ticketmaster.com***

"Dream Freaks Fall From Space" ★★★★
A sleep-deprived woman heads into a Brookstone. "What about a demo of this white noise machine?" asks the African-American salesman. "I don't have one black friend, I have two ...." That chance for everyone to laugh at race got a huge response at Second City, where the terrific new revue "Dream Freaks Fall From Space" (directed by Ryan Bernier) is a return to form for the storied Chicago company. All great Second City mainstage revues — and I'd put this one in the top 10 of the last 20 — fear not the absurd. *Open run on the Second City Mainstage, 1616 N. Wells St., $29-$46 at 312-337-3992 or* ***www.secondcity.com***

"Guess Who's Coming to Dinner" ★★★
If you recall Stanley Kramer's beloved 1967 movie, you'll know that "Guess Who's Coming to Dinner" is complicated. You'll recall the famous monologue when the liberal patriarch gives his blessing to the mixed-race marriage of his white daughter, Joanna, to the handsome doctor John Prentice, as luminously played by Sidney Poitier. The screenplay was turned into a play in 2012 — the writer is Todd Kreidler — and it's now in a fascinating but less-then-secure production at Court Theatre, directed by Marti Lyons. Neither the adaptation nor this production can fully decide whether to embrace the movie, but the show is quite compelling in its own messiness. *Through April 15 at Court Theatre, 5535 S. Ellis Ave.; $44-$74 at 773-753-4472 or* ***www.courttheatre.org***

MATTHEW MURPHY PHOTO

Samantha Barks and Steve Kazee star in a musical based on the 1990 film.

HOT TICKET

"Pretty Woman: The Musical" ★★★
As the movie "Pretty Woman" made a star of a young Julia Roberts, so "Pretty Woman: The Musical" will do the same for the sensational 27-year-old actress Samantha Barks — credible, witty and lovable as Vivian on Hollywood Boulevard. She's crucial to maestro Jerry Mitchell's savvy musical retooling of this 1990 blockbuster, now in a pre-Broadway tryout at the Oriental Theatre in Chicago. The once-smug Richard Gere character is played by Steve Kazee, a corporate raider who's now way more of a dysfunctional mess than Vivian. Add in Barks' rocking voice that can nail any power ballad thrown her way by Bryan Adams and Jim Vallance (who've cooked up a lot of straight-up hooky songs, mostly with the flavor of the 1990s), and you have a breakout performance. There's work yet to do with this show — the big musical numbers all need revisions, and Kazee needs to needs to sex it up a bit — but in its best moments, "Pretty Woman" evokes the thrill of coming from nothing and landing in Beverly Hills. *Through April 15 at the Oriental Theatre, 24 W. Randolph St.; $33-$125 at 800-775-2000 and* **www.broadwayinchicago.com**

"Hamilton" ★★★★
This Broadway show has given Chicago a Chicago-style production. The heartland "Hamilton" is performed by players mostly younger and less experienced than the original New York cast and is less flashy. But it is more in touch with the fundamental scrappiness of the early years of a rebel colony turned into a spectacular democratic experiment. *Open run at CIBC Theatre, 18 W. Monroe St.; $65-$400 at 800-775-2000 or* ***www.broadwayinchicago.com***

"Hang Man" ★★★
At the beginning of "Hang Man," in the tiny Gift Theatre in Jefferson Park, an African-American Mississippian climbs up high in the sudden darkness, inserts his neck into a noose, and swings. It was enough on opening night to elicit gasps from audience members. This world premiere by Stacy Osei-Kuffour doesn't get much easier from there. "Hang Man" is a work about racism and self-loathing; there has not been a lynching, at least not in how that heinous word usually is understood. You will not easily arrive at villains and heroes on Osei-Kuffour's watch. *Through April 29 at Gift Theatre, 4802 N. Milwaukee Ave.; $30-$40 at 773-283-7071 and* ***www.thegifttheatre.org***

"On Your Feet!" ★★★½
Director Jerry Mitchell's "On Your Feet," the jukebox musical aimed at fans of Gloria and Emilio Estefan and the Miami Sound Machine, danced its first conga in Chicago three years ago and then went on Broadway. I liked this populist hit from the start — it's wittily written by Alexander Dinelaris and a heck of a good time. You get ballads — "Anything For You." You get rhythms — "1-2-3." And you get dance tracks — "Turn the Beat Around" and, of course, "Get On Your Feet," which likely will push you there, being as this is the best work to date from the choreographer Sergio Trujillo. The national tour at the Cadillac Palace Theatre is an Equity show and in no way diminished from the Broadway production. *Through April 8 at the Cadillac Palace Theatre, 151 W. Randolph St.; $30-$110 at 800-775-2000 or or* ***www.broadwayinchicago.com***

"She the People" ★★★
"She the People" is a new revue at Second City featuring five women and the subtitle "A Girlfriends' Guide to Sisters Doing It For Themselves." Up-and-comer Maria Randazzo is the natural leader here and her range is striking. She can play a CEO and a quirky, wacky woman — someone who "works with kids, animals or coffee" — and you believe her as both. *Through May 27 in the UP Comedy Club at Second City, 230 W. North Ave.; $26-$41 at 312-662-4562 and* ***www.secondcity.com***

"Southern Gothic" ★★★★
A house has been built inside the Windy City Playhouse on Irving Park Road. Not the usual stage set. As you walk into the theater for the play by Leslie Liautaud, you're asked to enter what looks like a real house, created by set designer Scott Davis for director David Bell's production. You and your 27 fellow audience members join four couples, variously loving, scheming, cheating and feuding, whose political and personal travails make up a play set entirely during a fraught dinner party in Ashford, Ga., in 1961. *Through July 29 at the Windy City Playhouse, 3014 W. Irving Park Road; $65-$85 at 773-891-8985 and* ***www.windycityplayhouse.com***

"Sweeney Todd" ★★★
Hugh Wheeler and Stephen Sondheim's "Sweeney Todd" is the final major musical production at the No Exit Cafe, the longtime Rogers Park home of the Theo Ubique Cabaret Theatre. I'll really miss this space. And a sense of melancholy always enhances one's appreciation of "Sweeney Todd." In the title role, director Fred Anzevino has cast the young operatic baritone Philip Torre, who has graced the stage of the Lyric Opera and other such locales. Part of the fun is the chance to see such a highly trained vocalist in a shabby room that seats no more than 60. But what is most striking about Torre's work is how deftly he has downscaled his performance. His Todd is wound tight, a true and vulnerable piece of work. *Through May 20 by Theo Ubique at the No Exit Cafe, 6970 N. Glenwood Ave.; $39-$44; 800-595-4849 and* ***www.theoubique.org***

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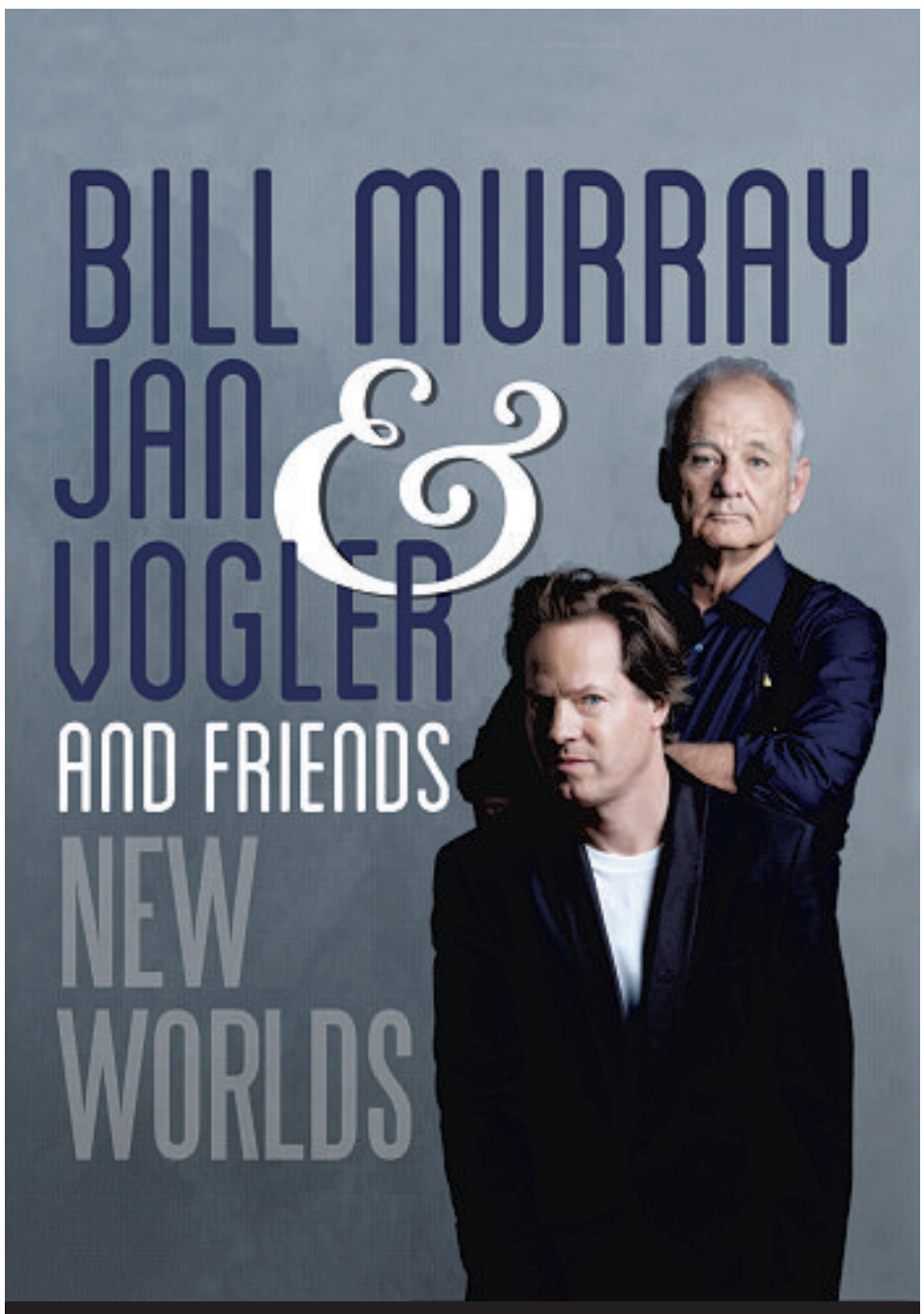

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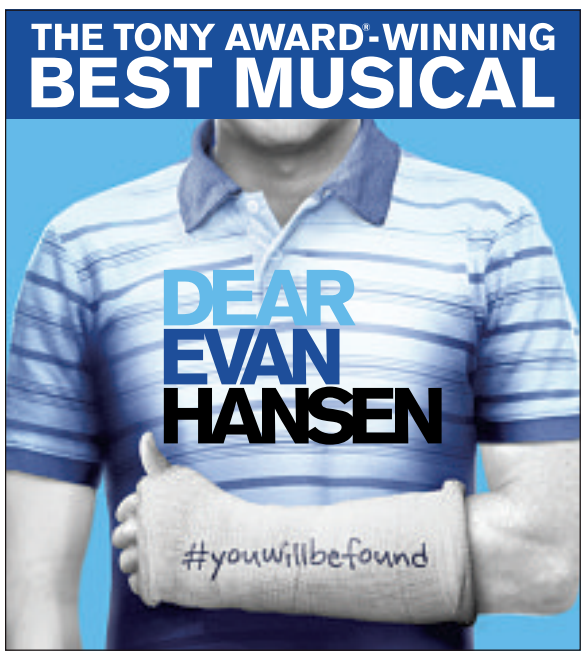

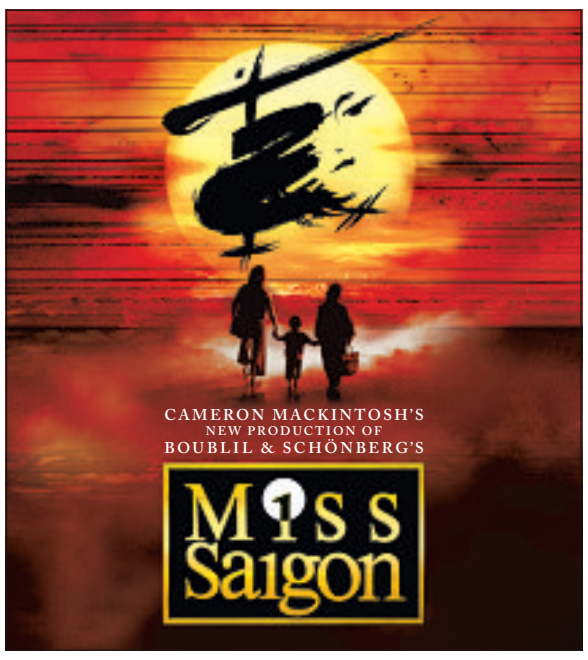

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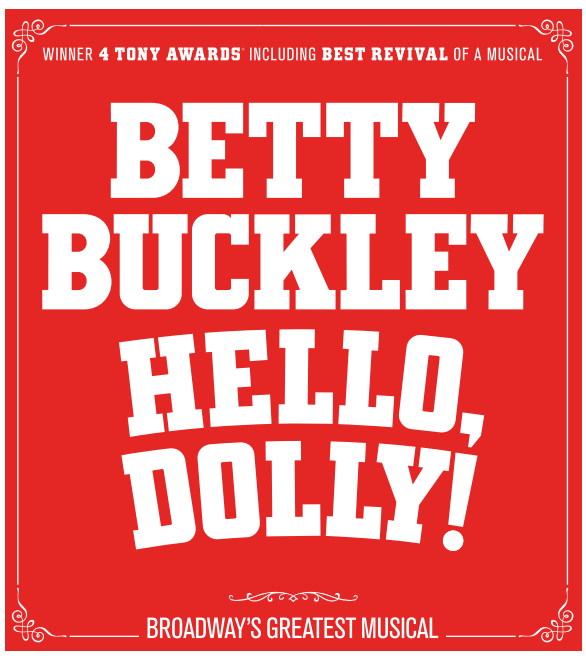

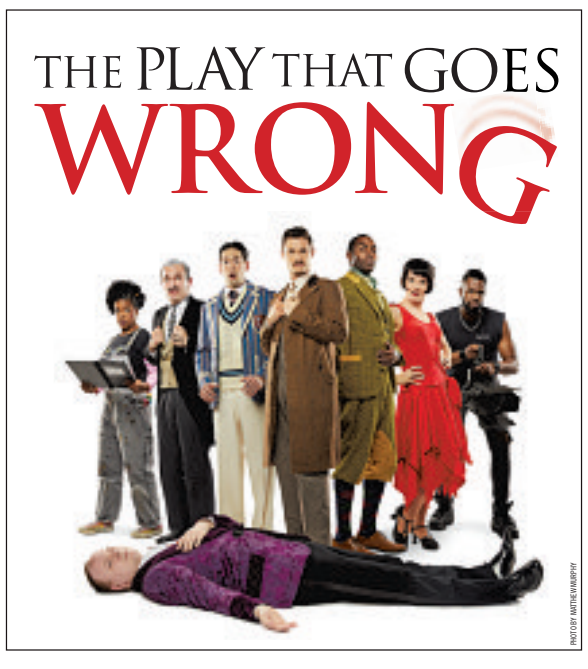

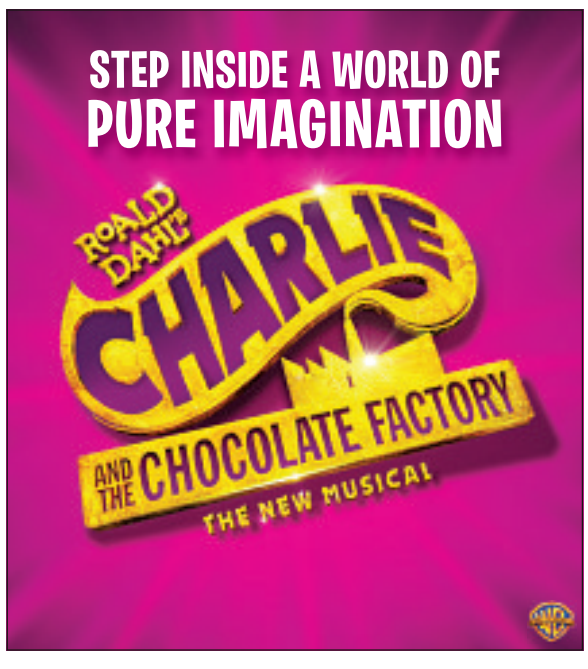

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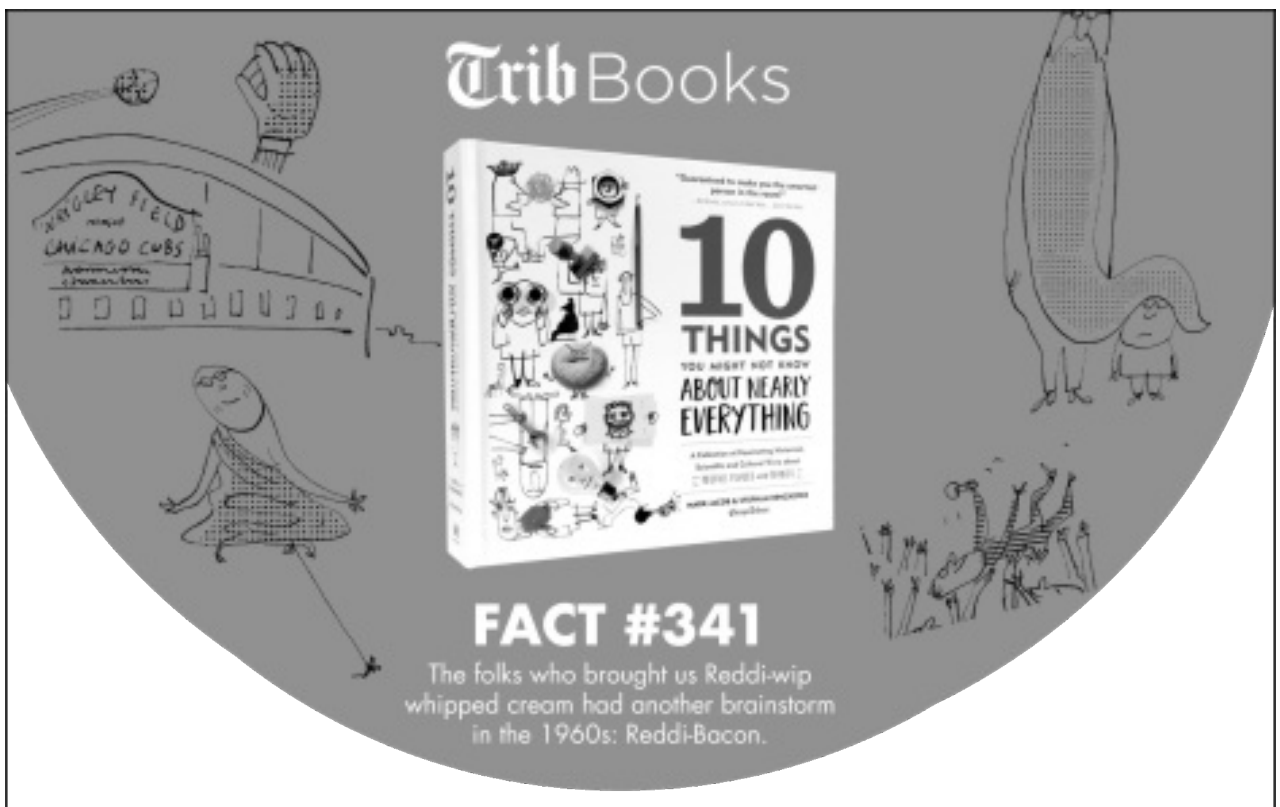

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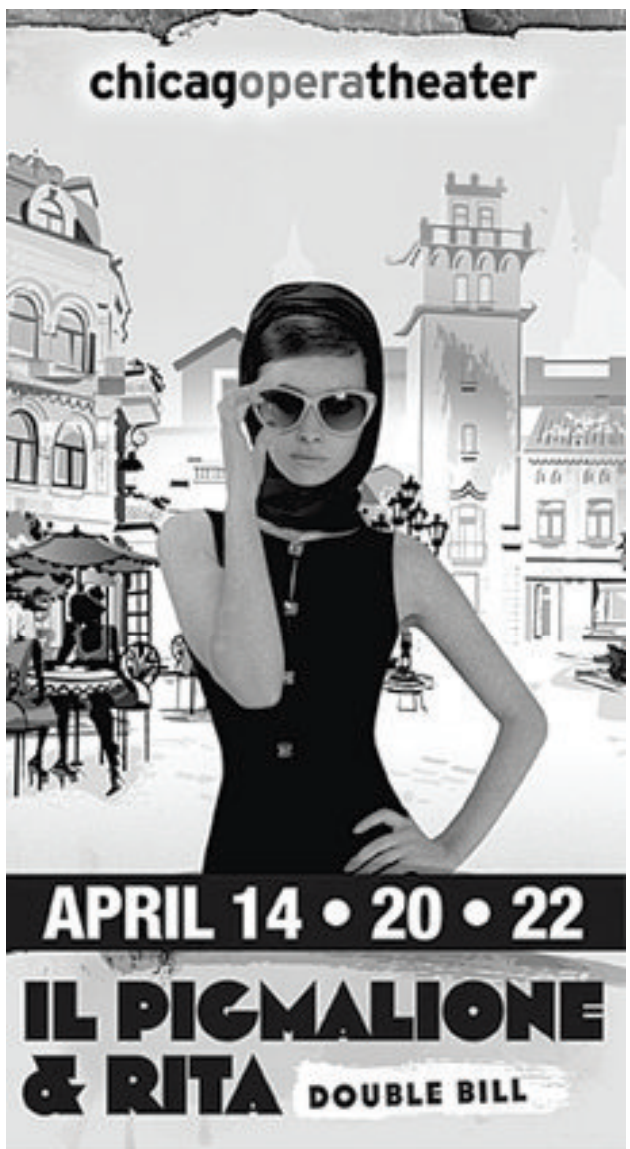

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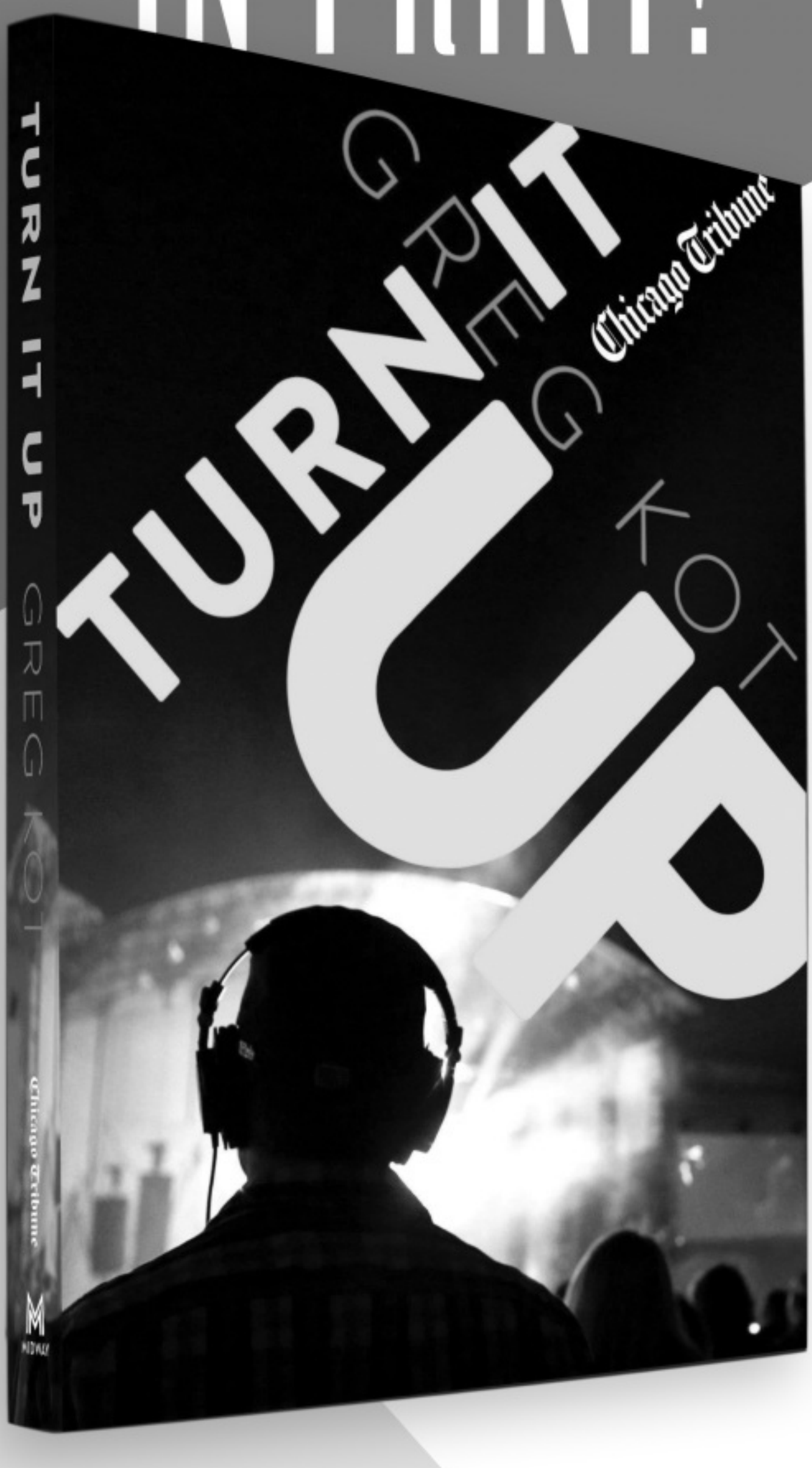

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Style aside, the well-designed CX-3 already says premium with a sportier driving experience than most mainstream subcompact SUVs, as I confirmed on twisting mountain roads in western Maryland and West Virginia.

And in a seemingly continuous improvement plan, the 2019 CX-3 builds on 2018 refinements, and a small price bump, that already took it a little more upscale. The 2018 CX-3 upgrades included tweaks for better handling and the addition of Mazda's G-Vectoring Control system, which adjusts power delivery and shifts weight for better cornering. The cabin got more sound insulation and an optional head-up display, driver-seat memory and heated steering wheel. Most significantly, all models got a standard low-speed (up to 19 mph) forward collision system with automatic braking.

Full specs and pricing for the 2019 CX-3, unveiled at the 2018 New York International Auto Show, will come closer to when it goes on sale this spring, but here are six things we already know:

1. Classed-up exterior. The busy seven-bar grille insert gets a bolder treatment with four more interesting bars; the lower bumper gets chrome accents that are echoed on the lower doors; the taillights get a new LED signature; and the side pillars and foglamp house get a shiny piano-black finish. Add Mazda's extra-cost Soul Red Crystal paint and stir.

2. Leather, new seats, colorful trim. For the first time, higher trim levels will have full-leather seat surfaces, with prominent stitching and pleated piping. The leather covers redesigned seats that are wider and have firmer foam support. And there is faux suede trim and shiny red accents on the climate vents.

3. A rational console. While I'll miss the handbrake, I won't miss the dysfunctional cupholder arrangement. A switch to an electronic parking brake with auto-hold opened up space for a redone console that's not perfect, but it now has relocated cupholders and an integrated armrest (rest your arm and your drink at the same time?), plus usable console storage. If you think this is a small thing in subcompact crossovers, find the passenger-side center armrest in a Buick Encore.

4. New wheels. New 18-inch wheels with shiny spokes and painted hollows add depth, while Mazda says new low-profile tires have been developed for those wheels to better absorb road imperfections for the firm-riding CX-3, as well as improve braking distance.

5. Rear cupholders. With cupholders apparently on the brain, the rear armrest has been given built-in cupholders. This won't make the CX-3 tight rear seat any roomier, but at least there's a place for your drink.

6. A little more power. The 2.0-liter engine has been retuned to put out 148 horsepower and 148 pounds-feet of torque, each number increased by 2. Perhaps more importantly — though we won't know the effects until we drive it — Mazda says the new tuning increases torque across the rpm range.

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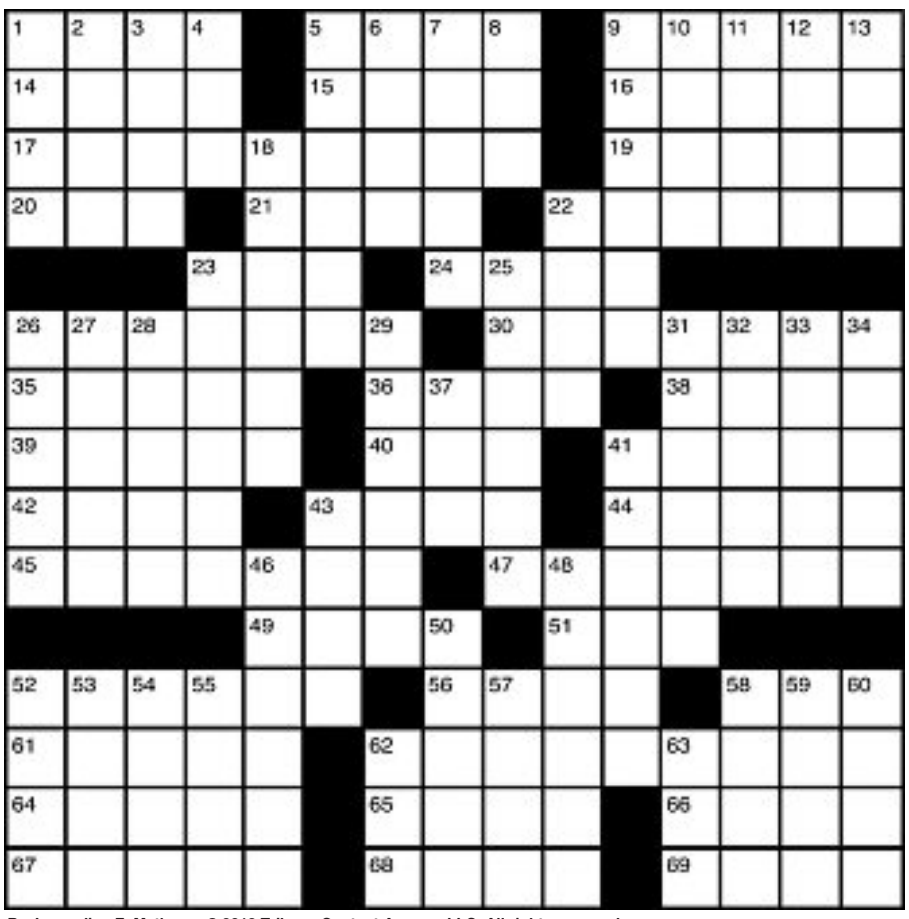

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1 Null and __; no longer valid
5 Red Muppet
9 Not sleeping
14 __ child; kid with no siblings
15 Weather word
16 Fine dishes
17 Means of communication
19 One of Santa's reindeer
20 Suffix for heir or lion
21 Easy stride
22 Stops
23 Edison's initials
24 Business-rating website
26 Item in a driver's wallet
30 Good __; rosy dispositions
35 Grown-up
36 Radiologist's negative
38 Story
39 Actress Hayley
40 __ and haw; hesitate
41 Grin
42 Leo XIII or Pius X
43 Reason to wed
44 Sat for an artist
45 More intelligent
47 Unties
49 Word of disgust
51 Cauldron
52 Go bankrupt, as a business
56 Part of the face
58 Actress Novak
61 Climbing plants
62 Home brew
64 Lure; entice
65 Sophia Loren's birthplace
66 Possesses
67 Ginger cookies
68 Drove too fast
69 __ for; desire

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2 Dollar bills
3 Misfortunes
4 Recolor
5 Reverberates
6 Stunt pilot's maneuver
7 Cash
8 Vaudevillian __ Olsen
9 Allow into one's group
10 Command to a horse
11 Objectives
12 Part of the leg
13 Gobbles up
18 Nursery wares
22 Potter's material
23 Bank employee
25 Tooth coating
26 Light sources
27 Common expression
28 Mea __; guilty person's words
29 Urge strongly
31 Maximum
32 Lift up
33 TV's Pompeo
34 Canary's lunch
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48 Expressed one's views
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IN THE INTEREST OF
Heaven Ellis

MINOR(S) CHILD(REN) OF **Charlesetta Lewis (Mother)**

JUVENILE NO.: **18JA00168**

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

NOTICE IS GIVEN YOU, **Unknown (Father) Any And All Unknown Fathers** , respondents, and to **All Whom It May Concern**, that on **February 21, 2018**, a petition was filed under the Juvenile Court Act by **KIM FOXX** in this court and that in the courtroom of Judge **Andrea Buford** in the Cook County Juvenile Court Building, 1100 So. Hamilton Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, ON **04/25/2018**,at **9:30 AM** in CALENDAR **4** COURTROOM **D**, or as soon thereafter as this case may be heard, an adjudicatory hearing will be held upon the petition to have the minor declared to be a ward of the court and for other relief under the Act.

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IN THE INTEREST OF
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Notice is given you, **Unknown (Father)** , respondents, and **TO ALL WHOM IT MAY CONCERN**, that on **February 11, 2018**, a petition was filed under the Juvenile Court Act by **KIM FOXX**, STATE'S ATTORNEY OF COOK COUNTY through her assistant State's Attorney in this court and that in the courtroom of Judge **Stuart Lubin** in the Cook County Juvenile Court Building located at 1100 South Hamilton, Chicago, Illinois, ON **04/19/2018** at **9:00 AM** IN CALENDAR **58** COURTROOM **11**,

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April 6, 2018

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Chicago Tribune PRIME EXPO

Welcome to the Chicago Tribune's PRIME Expo

The Chicago Tribune is excited to bring PRIME Expo, the largest living and planning expo for active adults and seniors, to the Donald E. Stevens Convention Center in Rosemont from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, April 14. I would like to personally invite you to attend this premier event and experience everything it has to offer for making the most out of life after 50.

Whether you're planning for yourself, a family member or a friend, PRIME Expo promises to be an informative, inspiring, and entertaining event thanks to the collaboration of hundreds of event partners and sponsors.

In addition to a robust show floor full of exhibitors, the event will feature more than 20 expert speakers hosting seminars throughout the day. The seminar sessions will cover a wide range of topics including estate and financial planning, preventative health and medical care advice, aging in place, coping with memory loss, exercise and nutrition, bucket-list travel ideas, home renovations and much more.

Take a look inside this special guide to review the speaker schedule and topics and more information about our sponsors, speakers and exhibitors.

We look forward to seeing you at our event, as we all gain new and valuable insights about health, finances, travel, home and lifestyle options, volunteer opportunities, nutrition, exercise and much more!

PRIME Expo will be held at the Donald E. Stevens Convention Center, 5555 N. River Road, in Rosemont.

Admission to the Expo is FREE. For more information visit primeexpochicago.com.

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What: Chicago Tribune PRIME Expo
When: Saturday, April 14
9 a.m. to 4 p.m.
Cost: Event is FREE
Where: The Donald E. Stephens Convention Center
5555 N. River Road, Rosemont
Website: Primeexpochicago.com
Parking information: The West Building parking lot can be accessed a number of ways — via Exhibit Drive (north entrance), via Convention Way (south entrance) and via West Entrance Drive off Westwood Boulevard.
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A fun, inspiring and informative event designed to help make the most of life for you and your family after 50…

The Chicago Tribune invites the Chicagoland community to learn about how to age successfully at our premier PRIME Expo from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, April 14, at the Donald E. Stephens Convention Center, 5555 N. River Road, in Rosemont.

Admission is free and open to the public. The Expo offers a full day of more than 20 highly vetted, expert speaker sessions and exhibitors who will provide state-of-the-art information, services and products geared toward anyone age 50 and up and those who love them.

A vast array of valuable information, presentations, and give-aways will be available at the Expo, including a sweepstakes enter-to-win contest for a grand prize of $15,000.

Look for many other prize drawings from the exhibitors on site, and opportunities to interact with speakers including famed former Chicago Bears players Tom Waddle and Otis Wilson who will talk on behalf of Progressive Health and Rehabilitation about how stem cell therapy helped them overcome the pain of sports injuries and lead full and active lives. After "Stem Cell Therapy: New Options for Treating Pain" you'll be able to meet and talk with Waddle and Wilson in-person as they will also be on hand for photos and autographs.

Dr. Jason Hui (left) will present "Stem Cell Therapy: New Options for Treating Pain." He will be joined by former Chicago Bears players Tom Waddle (top, right) and Otis Wilson who will talk about how stem cell therapy helped them cope with the pain of sports injuries.

Robert Beezat will present the program "Knowing and Loving: The Keys to Real Happiness."

A wealth of other information that's critical to your health and well-being will be available throughout the day.

The newest and best ideas in cancer care and prevention from the greatest minds in cancer research will be highlighted during two panel discussions "Intercepting Cancer" and "Breakthroughs in Cancer Treatment." The panels will feature top experts from

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Two panel discussions:

9:30 a.m.
Topic: Intercepting Cancer
Hosted by: William Hait, MD, PhD, Global Head, Johnson & Johnson External Innovation

11 a.m.
Topic: Breakthroughs in Cancer Treatment
Hosted by: Elizabeth Jaffee, MD, deputy director of Sidney Kimmel Cancer Center at Johns Hopkins

Join AACR for two sessions about exciting advances against cancer. As the world's first and largest cancer research organization dedicated to preventing and curing cancer, the American Association for Cancer Research (AACR) presents Progress and Promise Against Cancer, a national public education event featuring some of the greatest minds in cancer research.

Progress and Promise Against Cancer will feature two one-hour programs. "Intercepting Cancer" will showcase big ideas in cancer interception — the concept of stopping pre-cancerous cells from becoming cancer — as well as cancer screening and prevention. "Breakthroughs in Cancer Treatment," will highlight big ideas in cancer precision medicine and immunotherapy, and will include a discussion with patient advocates who will share their experiences navigating the cancer journey.

Cancer experts will be available to answer your questions during both sessions.

Visit aacrfoundation.org for more detail on registering to attend these sessions and on the AACR organization.

PROGRESSIVE HEALTH & REHABILITATION

Topic: Stem Cell Therapy: New Options for Treating Pain
Presented by: Dr. Jason Hui, with guest appearances by Chicago football greats Tom Waddle and Otis Wilson

Learn about alternatives to traditional medicine; therapies that will help you achieve and maintain optimal health.

Featuring in person: Tom Waddle and Otis Wilson from the Chicago Bears.

AXA ADVISORS

Topic: Impact of Tax Reform, Risk Management and Your Finances
Presented by: Gregory Salvatore, CPA Financial consultant

Learn about the 2017 Tax Reform Act, passed in December of 2017 and how it may affect your financial present and future. AXA will also offer financial ideas for managing risk in the current investment environment.

MATURE TRANSITIONS BY DESIGN

Topic: Make Your House A Home
Presented by: Letty Allen, Allied ASID, NKBA, BBB and Tom Stephani, CMB, MIRM, MCSP, CAPS (certified aging in place specialist), CGP

By creating a Lifestyle Plan, an existing or new home can be transformed using Universal Design to create a user-friendly and comfortable home designed to help you age in place and live in the home you love, while incorporating a beautiful visual environment using unique products and technology. Attendees learn how to transform a home for the purpose of successful aging.

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Topic: Live Your Best Life: Choosing a Life Plan Community
Presented by: Russell Needham, sales training and development manager

Learn about the benefits of choosing a Life Plan Community or CCRC that best fit your lifestyle and health, plus the many options available in the marketplace. Methods will be discussed for financing entrance fees and how long-term care insurance can be used to offset costs for care.

AGELESS GRACE AND AROMA TECHNIQUES

Topic: Essentials of Longevity: The Components of Body & Brain Health
Presented by: Peggy Kinst, international trainer and educator

Learn the "Essentials" of Brain/Body Health: Along with 20 minutes of seated anti-aging physical activity. You will learn how physical activity, diet, hydration, sleep, stress, sociability, laughter, mindfulness, music and aromatherapy contribute to a healthy brain — which also means a healthy body.

CRUISE PLANNERS

Topic: Fulfilling Your Travel Dreams and Your Cruising Bucket List
Presented by: Timi Hunt, CTC, Cruise Planners

Discover how you can plan your next vacation or adventure on a fabulous cruise to destinations all over the world. You can even travel with purpose and include volunteerism in your dream vacation. Pack light, travel deep.

ROBERT BEEZAT, AUTHOR OF "KNOWING AND LOVING: THE KEYS TO REAL HAPPINESS"

Topic: We are born to know and love!
Presented by: Robert Beezat, management consultant, author, community leader

"Knowing and Loving: The Keys to Real Happiness" — with a grasp of this basic concept, we can make choices which enable us to live good and happy lives. We are still needed. We can still make a difference. Learn ways to grow your heart and your mind every day.

NEPTUNE SOCIETY

Topic: Gain Peace of Mind and Celebrate Life!
Presented by: Paula Sexton

Putting a pre-arranged plan in place is the very last gift you will leave for your family. Explore all the things you can do to celebrate your life and the memories and legacy you have given your family and friends. We'll explore options, ideas, legal necessities and everything in between.

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Topic: Beyond Dollars and Cents: The Unexpected Psychology of Retirement:
Presented by: Susan Ackley, certified retirement coach

Explore the five key areas of retirement: mental, social, spiritual, physical and financial comfort. Learn about how you can re-orient from working to a retirement life that allows you to follow your dreams and find passion, purpose and a new retirement identity.

MERIDIANCARE HEALTH PLAN

Topic: Navigating Medicare
Presented by: Sherri Miller

Whether you are eligible for Medicare now or in the future, sifting through the complexities and options can be daunting. Learn about the ABC's of Medicare planning; including time frames and plan types. Discover more about which plan may be best for you and your family.

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Gregory Salvatore will present "The Impact of Tax Reform, Risk Management and Your Finances."

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the American Association for Cancer Research (AACR), which is the country's oldest and largest cancer research organization.

Nearly any question you have about health, wealth, well-being and lifestyle can be answered by noted experts who will be presenting seminars on topics such as: "The Impact of Tax Reform in 2017," "Social Security Options, How to Protect Your Assets," "Brain Health & Memory," "Essentials of Longevity: The Components of Body & Brain Health," "Fulfilling Your Travel Dreams" and "Your Cruising Bucket List," "Knowing and Loving: The Keys to Real Happiness," "Beyond Dollars and Cents: The Unexpected Psychology of Retirement," "Aging in Place: Making a House a Home," and "Living Your Best Life: Choosing a Life Plan Community."

Wondering where your next adventure will take you? You'll be able to learn all the possibilities for your next cruise or vacation, or win a fun prize. If you want to combine giving and cruising, Carnival Cruise Corporation will cover how to take a vacation or a cruise while also volunteering to do something to help others in the places you visit. In addition, Cruise Planners will be on the exhibition floor offering giveaways and drawings.

Not to be outdone, Broadway in Chicago will be there too. They will offer drawings for free theater tickets to their upcoming live shows.

You'll also be able to find the information you seek in financial and retirement planning, mobility and transportation options, home improvement and ideas for aging-in-place, assisted living/dementia care and active adult retirement communities.

Musical entertainment will keep you moving throughout this high-energy, information-packed and fun event. You'll come for an hour and want to stay all day.

For an up-to-date schedule, visit primeexpochicago.com.

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Contact Project Director Jen O'Grady at 312-579-7728 or jogrady@aarp.org or Assistant Project Director Tiffany Holmes at Wholmes@aarp.org for more information.

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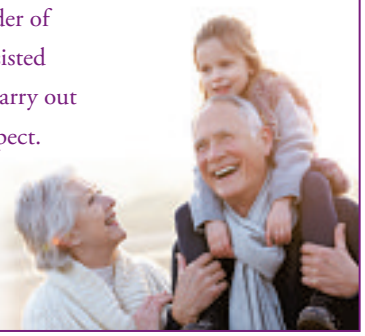

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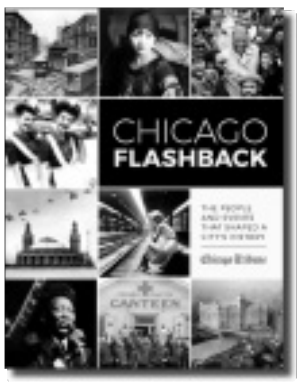

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