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## Sterigenics risks afoot, but EPA stays hand

Agency confirms toxic emissions; lacks data to act

**BY MICHAEL HAWTHORNE**  
Chicago Tribune

Sterigenics is still venting ethylene oxide into neighborhoods surrounding its facility in west suburban Willowbrook, according to federal testing that revealed spikes of the volatile, cancer-causing gas higher than concentrations detected before the company installed new pollution-control equipment last year.

But a top Trump administration official told residents on Tuesday that the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency doesn't have enough evidence to take action against the company.

Nor is the agency any closer to answering urgent questions about long-term health dangers from toxic pollution the company's neighbors have been breathing for more than three decades, most of that time unknowingly.

William Wehrum, the administration's top air official, said the EPA is sticking to its plan to re-evaluate cancer risks in the Willowbrook area after collecting more air samples during the next month and combining the results with computer modeling of pollution emitted by Sterigenics.

Samples analyzed so far suggest that on some days the air monitors are registering other, unknown sources of ethylene oxide, Wehrum said, meaning the agency needs more time to assess the dangers, determine the extent Sterigenics is responsible and figure out how to limit future emissions.

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## STATE OF THE UNION



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President Donald Trump greets Speaker Nancy Pelosi, D-Calif., and Vice President Mike Pence on Tuesday night in the House.

# Trump calls for end of 'political stalemate'

President announces plans to hold second nuclear summit with Kim

**BY JULIE PACE AND CATHERINE LUCEY**  
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Facing a divided Congress for the first time, President Donald Trump on Tuesday called on Washington to reject “the politics of revenge, resistance and retribution.” He warned emboldened Democrats that “ridiculous partisan investigations” into his administration and businesses

could hamper a surging U.S. economy.

Trump's appeals to “break decades of political stalemate” in his State of the Union address clashed with the rancorous atmosphere he has helped cultivate in the nation's capital — as well as the desire of most Democrats to block his agenda during his next two years in office. Their opposition was on display as Democratic congresswomen in the audience formed a

sea of white in a nod to early 20th-century suffragettes.

Trump spoke at a critical moment in his presidency, starting down a two-year stretch that will determine whether he is re-elected or leaves office in defeat. His speech sought to shore up Republican support that had eroded slightly during the 35-day partial government shutdown and previewed a fresh defense against Democrats as they ready a round of investiga-

tions into every aspect of his administration.

“If there is going to be peace and legislation, there cannot be war and investigation,” he declared.

Lawmakers in the House chamber sat largely silent.

Looming over the president's address was a Feb. 15 deadline to fund the government and avoid another shutdown. Democrats

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## 2 shootings on I-57 take 1 life, leave questions

Postal worker among casualties on expressway

**BY ZAK KOESKE AND HANNAH LEONE**  
Daily Southtown

Tamara Clayton had avoided driving on the Dan Ryan Expressway due to shootings on that thoroughfare, but it was her commute to work on Interstate 57 Monday that proved deadly.

The 55-year-old U.S. Postal Service employee from Country Club Hills had been headed to work near O'Hare International Airport when she was shot about 10 p.m. while driving northbound on I-57 near



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Jayla Shelton, 24, holds a picture of herself as a child with her mother, Tamara Clayton, at her home in Country Club Hills on Tuesday while being consoled by cousin Kamaria Hill.

Oak Forest.

“She's always done this; she stayed away from the Dan Ryan because people were shooting on the Dan Ryan, so for this to happen, two shootings back-to-back on I-57, and her having to be

one of them, is just awful,” her 24-year-old daughter Jayla Shelton told news crews Tuesday.

The shooting, which happened near Cicero Avenue, was just hours after another shooting on the

expressway wounded a man and two boys a few miles north in Calumet Park, according to the Illinois State Police.

“She's been doing the

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## BETRAYED

# Abuse within CPS draws legislative fire

Lawmakers vow sweeping changes to protect kids

**BY DAVID JACKSON**  
Chicago Tribune

Illinois lawmakers have renewed bipartisan efforts to address the Chicago Public Schools sexual abuse scandal, filing bills designed to protect students by making sweeping changes to state laws.

Legislators last year proposed 12 bills that would allow state officials to swiftly revoke the licenses of educators found to have sexually abused children, lift the intense secrecy around disciplined teachers and make it a crime for a school employee to have sexual contact with a stu-

dent regardless of age, among other fixes.

None of those proposals, which were filed late in the legislative session, made it to a floor vote last year. But state Sen. Thomas Cullerton, D-Villa Park, said he now plans “to move forward as fast as possible” with twin bills he crafted with Barrington Hills Republican Rep. David McSweeney.

“It is up to us to get some accountability here,” Cullerton said. “You can't just leave this on the shelf. It is too important for our kids.”

His proposed legislation and the other bills came in response to the Tribune's “Betrayed” investigation, which used police records

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## Business group calls for tax hike

Group also proposes spending cuts, revamped pension funding to fix state's financial mess. **ChicagoLand**, Page 4

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Democrats have adopted a zero-tolerance policy in the age of Trump. **Analysis, Nation & World**, Page 10

## Racist emails roil Cubs organization

Tom Ricketts will have to answer questions about his dad's hateful emails, writes Paul Sullivan. **Chicago Sports**



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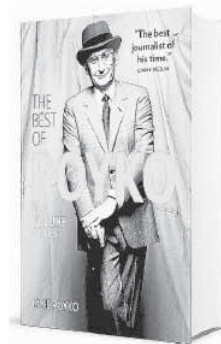
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ABEL URIBE/CHICAGO TRIBUNE

In a crowded mayoral candidate field, being selected as one worthy of a televised debate is an advantage.



## JOHN KASS Fox Chicago makes right move to set 2nd debate

If anybody knows the answers, it's candidate Bill Daley. His father, Richard J. Daley, was boss of Chicago for decades. His brother Richard M. Daley was also boss of Chicago for decades.

Bill is getting a bit tired of being on the defensive about being a Daley. He says critics of the Daley family are insulting the voters by suggesting they are "idiots."

"OK, Rich Daley got elected six times by the people in this city, OK, and they voted for him," Bill Daley snapped at critics during a Sun-Times mayoral forum Tuesday. "Now, you can insult them (voters) and think that they're all idiots because they voted for him, and that's basically what you're hearing here. I'm sick and tired of hearing people talk about the people of this city who voted for somebody six times, as though they're all idiots for doing that."

Nobody's an idiot, Bill. The genius and success of the Chicago political machine is that voters aren't given a choice.

The Daleys ran against clowns. Literally. One such was a clown called "Spanky." And there were others, has-beens, hacks and windmill tilters.

And there were always lay-downs like Dorothy Brown, who ran against Rich Daley for mayor and so kept other challengers at bay. It must have been like that fight Marlon Brando tossed in "On the Waterfront." It just wasn't his night. And it wasn't her year.

The politics of the Chicago Way aren't coincidental. Voters choices are limited, not by accident, but by design.

And the other day at the end of a column, I mentioned that the Madigan-Burke Gang of Four were selected to participate in a televised debate — and other legitimate candidates, such as former Chicago Public Schools CEO Paul Vallas and former federal prosecutor Lori Lightfoot were frozen out.

In a crowded field, with no true leaders able to markedly separate themselves from the pack, being selected as one worthy of a televised debate is an advantage. It gives addi-

tional leverage to the popular kids.

The debate, scheduled for Thursday at the Union League Club and to be televised on WFLD-Ch. 32, offers the Madigan-Burke Gang of Four in all their glory:

Daley, Cook County Board President Toni Preckwinkle, Illinois Comptroller Susana Mendoza and lawyer Gerry Chico. They will be joined by another candidate, businessman Willie Wilson.

And that leaves the others who had the courage to challenge incumbent Mayor Rahm Emanuel out in the cold. The Madigan-Burke Gang of Four didn't have the guts to challenge Emanuel. Once he dropped out, suffering from Laquan McDonald Videotitis, the Gang of Four jumped in, opportunists all.

The participants were selected for the Fox Chicago debate by the Lincoln Forum, which has political operatives among its board members, including Mendoza's political strategist Eric Adelstein, the group's co-chairman.

I know officials of this group, some are friends. Lincoln Forum officials said that given Adelstein's relationship with Mendoza, he recused himself from decision-making on who made the cut for the WFLD debate.

"But this is how the machine perpetuates itself," Vallas told me Tuesday. "They decide who gets on TV and who doesn't. They decide who raises the money and who doesn't. And unfortunately, some in the media decide that these are the front-runners. Daley spent \$1 million and hasn't really moved. Preckwinkle's not at 15 percent. The Burke four plus Willie combined don't have 50 percent. So yes, this is exactly how Chicago politics perpetuates itself."

Vallas held a news conference to condemn WFLD-Ch. 32. So did candidate Amara Enyia.

What WFLD should have done from the start is what the the Tribune and the Sun-Times, did: open its debate to all.

The Tribune's mayoral forums went on for three days, live-streamed with three different panels of candi-

dates. The Sun Times, now that the field has shrunk to 14, had two separate panels at their forums on Tuesday.

With all the controversy over who was favored and who wasn't by The Lincoln Forum and WFLD-Ch.32, an amazing thing happened.

The TV station is now opening things up. And that's a smart move by station management.

The TV station is offering an hour of debate on Friday to the pre-Rahm-mulans, those who had the guts to challenge Rahm and who were frozen out of Thursday's debate, meaning Lightfoot, Enya, former police Superintendent Gerry McCarthy and Vallas.

Vallas called it the kiddie table. I call it that too.

So I hope this means WFLD and the political operatives of the Lincoln Forum provide chicken tenders and fries in the green room on Friday night.

"It's not a kiddie table!" said a station source. "Offering additional time to other candidates was discussed months ago."

Now, WFLD is going so far as to offer a third hour to candidates Bob Fioretti, Jerry Joyce and Neal Sales-Griffin. I wonder who'll watch that one?

Lightfoot and Vallas can't afford to turn down an hour of free TV in a crowded field.

"On Thursday, voters can hear from the Burke candidates," Lightfoot said. "On Friday, voters can hear from the rest of us."

"Yes. I'll have to grit my teeth and go because some other colleagues are going," Vallas grumbled. "You can't give up an hour of TV. At least we won't have to talk about which one of us had to return campaign contributions from Burke. That's for the Burke Gang of Four."

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# Officers use song and dance to calm autistic man



MARY SCHMICH

On the way to the hospital that cold evening, Ellen Hughes sat in the passenger seat of the car, her husband at the wheel, while their son, Walker, sat in back pulling her hair and trying to strangle her.

It had been an awful day. Walker, who is 6-foot-3, has autism and is ordinarily gentle, had been rampaging through the Hughes' small Chicago home, suffering, they would later learn, from a "paradoxical reaction" to a medicine that was supposed to calm him down.

He had chased his parents through the house, tackled his father to the ground, even bitten him through his winter coat hard enough to hit flesh.

Get to the hospital, a doctor said.

They obeyed, but as they passed the entry doors of Loyola University Medical Center in Maywood, Walker bit his mother's hand, hard. She screamed, and a phalanx of men in uniform swarmed in.

"Picture it," she says, "here's this fragile little mom, the aged parents. Walker's huge and he's violently attacking me and suddenly there's all these cops on him. I'm thinking, 'My God, they're gonna kill him.'"

They weren't technically cops. They were the hospital's public safety officers, but Hughes knew how wrong things could go between a big, violent man with autism and a bunch of uniformed men wearing badges, bulletproof vests and stun guns.

And then things went an entirely different way.

Walker Hughes is 33. His parents, Robert and Ellen, have spent almost that many years in and out of hospitals, trying to help their son while also trying to help others understand autism. In one hospital, Walker was pinned to the floor, screaming. Once, he was handcuffed to a bed, and ever since, even getting him onto a gurney was likely to be a fight.

At Loyola, Ellen prepared for the fight.

"I'm scared to death and I'm bleeding," she says, recalling that day in late December. "I'm sitting there sadder than I've ever been in my life and I hear this game starting up."

In the cubicle where Walker had been taken for tests and medication, he kept bolting off the examination table. Instead of brutally restraining him, though, the officers tried a different approach each time he jumped up.

As Ellen described the game in a recent blog post: "Walker gets up!" they cheered.

"They helped him sit back down."

"Walker sits down!"

And he did.

"Walker scoots back."



HUGHES FAMILY PHOTO

Ellen and Robert Hughes were inspired by public safety officers, led by Sgt. Keith Miller, left, who calmed down their autistic son, Walker, by singing and dancing.

He did.

"Walker lies down."

Yes!

For two and a half hours, the officers coaxed and cajoled. They danced. They sang children's songs. They sang James Brown. They harmonized on the "Mr. Rogers" theme song.

"Walker loved it," Ellen says. "He was kind of mystified and charmed and started smiling. They were

men his size who considered him a real person. It's scary when people don't think you're a real person. You have autism and you can't talk — but you're a person. It's scary to be treated like a lion from the zoo. We've been to the doctor and the hospitals a million times and I've never seen anything like these guys."

What Walker experi-

enced might have been different if not for Sgt. Keith Miller, who was on duty at Loyola that night.

"First of all," he said, when I talked to him Tuesday, "I am the parent of an autistic child myself."

His experience with his son, who is 14, prompted him to seek training in how to handle patients with autism who arrive at the hospital. Now he helps

"We've been to the doctor and the hospitals a million times and I've never seen anything like these guys."

— Ellen Hughes

train other officers. One thing he teaches is that no two people with autism are the same. He found the key to working with Walker, he says, when Walker mentioned Mary Poppins.

"Right then and there, I knew how to deal with it," he said. "We started singing 'Mr. Rogers.' I did 'Sesame Street' voices. We made a game. Clapped, cheered. We stayed there for two and a half, three hours. Very few things were more important than Walker."

Miller says that police and other public safety officers are waking up to the need for such training.

"I think it's something that's new, getting bigger and bigger," he said, "considering that the diagnosis of children with autism is rising."

After that night, it took Ellen Hughes a few weeks to collect herself well enough to post something about it on social media. She also wrote the hospital asking staffers to relay her thanks to the officers.

"You can't train that kind of spirit," she says.

Walker is getting good care now and recovering from the wrong medication. Ellen's hand still hasn't healed from the bite, but something in her was restored that night.

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## Accountant accused of embezzling \$55M from North Shore family

BY JASON MEISNER  
Chicago Tribune

A Hinsdale accountant was accused in federal court Tuesday of embezzling more than \$55 million from the wealthy Chicago family he worked for, and using the money to finance a luxurious lifestyle that included more than two dozen homes, private jets, luxury vehicles, guns and jewelry.

Among the properties Sultan Issa bought during the decadelong scheme were three condos in the Trump Tower in Chicago, records show. The shell company he set up to purchase them was called Combover LLC — an apparent job at President Donald Trump's hairstyle.

Issa, 45, was charged in a criminal information with one count of wire fraud. An arraignment date has not

been set, but defendants charged in an information typically plan to plead guilty. The charge carries a maximum of 30 years in prison.

For years, Issa served as the personal accountant for banker and philanthropist Roger Weston and his family. The charges allege that over a 10-year period beginning in 2007, Issa embezzled more than \$55 million from the family's funds, forging signatures to gain control of assets and providing banks with fraudulent documents to secure at least \$83 million in loans for himself.

The charges also alleged Issa used his position to solicit at least another \$8.8 million from individual investors by claiming he would invest their money in legitimate opportunities such as Global Luxury Im-

ports, a high-end auto dealership he owned in Burr Ridge, according to the charges.

Instead, Issa used tens of millions of dollars in ill-gotten gains to buy 25 residential properties in Illinois, Montana, Michigan, and Cabo San Lucas, Mexico, according to the 10-page court document. He also bought two private jets, four yachts, about 60 firearms as well as watches and jewelry.

He allegedly used another \$15 million to pay expenses related to the auto dealership, including employee salaries and the purchase of a showroom on Tower Road in Burr Ridge, the charges state.

According to a 2012 news release, Global Luxury Imports housed "a fleet of high-performance, luxury automobiles," including the bulletproof 1979 Rolls-

Royce that Princess Diana and Prince Charles used during visits to Washington, D.C., in the 1980s. The dealership has since closed, records show.

Weston, from Winnetka, sold Lisle-based GreatBanc to Charter One for \$180 million, according to reports in Crain's Chicago Business. A collector of Asian art, Weston became a life trustee of the Art Institute of Chicago in 2009 and has donated many pieces to the museum — which maintains a wing in his name, the newspaper reported.

Weston sued Issa in Cook County Circuit Court last year seeking \$100 million in damages, court records show. Weston claimed in a separate suit that Issa forged his name on bank documents to obtain a \$5 million loan using antique Chinese ceramics and other

artwork owned by Weston as collateral. The lawsuits are pending.

Attorney Stephen Novack, who represents Weston, declined to comment specifically on the allegations. "We have faith in our judicial systems, both criminal and civil, and are confident that when all the evidence is considered justice will prevail," he said.

A lawyer for Issa could not be reached, and calls to Issa's home were not answered.

In addition to the lawsuits brought by Weston, Issa has also been sued at least twice in federal court by banks who claimed he obtained loans and lines of credit under fraudulent pretenses, records show.

In May 2018, a \$2.9 million judgement was entered against Issa in U.S. District Court in Chicago stemming

from a loan issued by a bank in Missouri, records show.

A month earlier, U.S. District Court Judge Robert Blakey entered a \$3.1 million judgment in favor of Compass Bank, which claimed Issa had illegally taken out a \$995,000 line of credit and also defaulted on a \$2 million loan in 2017, court records show.

Meanwhile, posts made on Issa's Facebook profile hinted at his legal troubles. One message in January began with the address of the Dirksen U.S. Courthouse — 219 S. Dearborn St. — and included a line from a folk song.

"Lately I, I've been headed for a breakdown," the post read. "Every time I leave my house/ Well, it feels just like a shakedown."

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People walk in downtown Chicago on Tuesday as freezing rain, the culprit in ice storms, was forecast for the evening.

## In Chicago's rarest winter hazard, ice is tip of iceberg

Predicted area accumulation triggers warning

BY MORGAN GREENE  
Chicago Tribune

Ice storms don't hit the Chicago area often because they require just the right combination of cold upper air, warm air above ground level and cold air right near the ground. But when they do happen, ice storms that leave less than an inch of ice on the ground can be much more disruptive than sleet or snowstorms that leave similar amounts of precipitation.

An ice storm warning is issued when there's confidence that ice accumulations of one-quarter inch or more are possible, said National Weather Service meteorologist Ricky Castro.

Here's what you need to know to skate through Chicago's icy grip, as the weather service warns of ice storm hazards and many suburban schools and libraries were scheduled to close early Tuesday

and open late Wednesday because of the weather.

### Rare occurrence

Before the warning issued for Tuesday and Wednesday, the last ice storm warning in the Chicago area was more than nine years ago, Castro said. "Actual ice storm warnings are uncommon," he said.

The storms occur when there's a unique interaction between warm air riding up over colder air, said Castro.

Chicago often sees bouts of sleet, which starts out as rain that freezes before it reaches the ground or snowflakes that "only partially melt when they fall through a shallow layer of warm air," then refreeze as they fall, building up on the ground and other surfaces similar to snow, according to the weather service.

Freezing rain, the culprit in ice storms, happens when snowflakes melt as they fall through warm air, then get cooled by cold air that's too close to the ground to refreeze the water before it hits the

ground, the weather service explains.

"Because they are 'supercooled,' (the drops) instantly refreeze upon contact with anything ... at or below freezing ... creating a glaze of ice on the ground, trees, power lines, or other objects," according to the weather service.

An ice storm is defined as "a significant accumulation of freezing rain lasting several hours or more," the weather service says.

### The impact

"Heavy accumulations of ice can bring down trees and topple utility poles and communication towers. Ice can disrupt communications and power for days while utility companies repair extensive damage," according to a weather service web page on ice storms.

"Even small accumulations of ice can be extremely dangerous to motorists and pedestrians," the weather service says. "Bridges and overpasses are particularly dangerous because they freeze before other surfaces."

There can be significantly slowed travel because of icy roads, depending on how challenging it is to keep the roads cleared, Castro said.

During an ice storm warning, "significant amounts of ice accumulation will make travel dangerous or impossible. Travel is strongly discouraged," the weather service said in its warning Tuesday.

How long the ice sticks around depends on how long temperatures remain below freezing, Castro said.

### How to prepare

Chicagoans may want to avoid roads during the height of an ice storm and prepare for potential power outages, Castro said.

"If the roads do get really bad ... always check road conditions before driving," he said. "Consider putting off nonessential travel."

Castro recommended having an emergency supply kit in your vehicle at all times.

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## City crews get ready for uptick in potholes

BY ELVIA MALAGON  
Chicago Tribune

First, it seemed like snow messed up the roads every day in Chicago. Then dangerously low temperatures kept almost everyone indoors. Now residents will have to prepare to dodge potholes in roadways.

The city's Department of Transportation is gearing up for the start of its busiest pothole season, which happens to coincide with the area thawing from the polar vortex cold snap. The department plans to dispatch 20 to 30 crews daily to work on filling potholes throughout the city.

Already, crews in January have filled 35,908 potholes in streets and alleys, said Michael Claffey, spokesman for the department. In January, the city received 4,391 pothole complaints from the public.

The Chicago area last week went through a brutal 52-hour period of sub-zero weather. Wednesday, temperatures plunged to 23 degrees below zero, with a wind chill of minus 52, according to the National Weather Service. Temperatures Thursday were a chilling 21 degrees below zero at O'Hare International Airport.

The cold snap led to frozen pipes and water main breaks, but by Monday the city's Department of Water Management re-

ported only one overnight water main repair.

Meanwhile, the Transportation Department expects to get reports of potholes as the city recovers from last week's temperatures, Claffey said. From Friday to Monday, the city received 421 pothole complaints from the public and crews filled 3,805 potholes, Claffey said.

The busiest months for pothole work are February, March and April. In April, crews shift their attention to resurfacing roadways. However, the Department of Transportation doesn't anticipate this winter will be worse for potholes than prior winters, Claffey said.

Snow, ice and moisture all contribute to potholes, he said. And a cycle of freezing temperatures followed by higher temperatures helps the formation of potholes.

"The snow and ice and moisture, obviously they come down in cold conditions," Claffey said. "And then moisture seeps into cracks in the pavement when it warms up, things expand and that's when you have the breakup of the pavement."

Other factors can contribute to potholes, such as when a road was last paved and if the road gets a heavy flow of trucks, Claffey said.

In January 2018, the city filled 45,550 potholes and received 4,989 complaints,



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A driver strikes potholes along North Humboldt Boulevard in Logan Square on Tuesday.

Claffey said. The number of potholes filled could be down compared with last year because there were several days in January with at least a trace of snow, Claffey said.

Residents can report problems on the road by calling 311 or by reporting the pothole at 311.chicago.gov.

Motorists whose cars have been damaged by a pothole in the city can file a claim with the city clerk's office. In 2018, there were 1,041 pothole claims filed through Dec. 12, 2018, according to the clerk's office.

Residents seeking reimbursement from damages caused by potholes must fill out a vehicle claim form, provide a copy of how much the repairs cost or two written estimates and provide a copy of a police report detailing the incident that led to the damage, according to the clerk's website.

The claims must be submitted to the clerk's office, and the City Council will

review and settle the damages, according to the clerk's website.

The Illinois Department of Transportation, which oversees state-run roadways, doesn't count potholes like Chicago does, said Guy Tridgell, spokesman for the department. The public can report a pothole to the state on the department's website.

Motorists can also file a claim with the state for any damage caused by a pothole. However, the form that must be filled out to report the damage is not available online and must be obtained from an IDOT district office, according to the department's website.

If the damage took place on a state-operated roadway in Cook County, motorists must call (847) 705-4401 or go to IDOT's offices at 201 West Center Court in suburban Schaumburg to get the form.

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## Business group calls for tax hike to fix Ill. finances

Civic Committee also proposes taxing retirement income

BY DAN PETRELLA  
Chicago Tribune

A group of Chicago business leaders is calling for \$8 billion in tax hikes and spending cuts and a revamped pension funding plan to fix Illinois' financial mess.

In a report issued about two weeks before Democrat Gov. J.B. Pritzker is set to unveil his first budget proposal, the Civic Committee of the Commercial Club of Chicago on Tuesday called for increasing the state's individual income tax rate to 5.95 percent from 4.95 percent and the corporate tax rate to 8 percent from 7 percent. The plan also calls for starting to tax both retirement income and some consumer services.

Meanwhile, the Civic Committee suggests requiring state employees to pay a larger share of their health insurance costs, creating a less generous retiree health insurance plan for new workers, and cutting an additional \$1 billion from the \$38 billion state budget.

The new governor didn't back the committee's major tax ideas during his campaign, and they'll be controversial at a time when Pritzker and lawmakers have talked about legalizing recreational marijuana and sports betting to raise more state money. Taxing retirement income has long been a third-rail issue in Springfield, and lawmakers just raised state incomes taxes less than two years ago. Instead, Pritzker has proposed changing the state's flat tax to a federal-style graduated system.

Still, Civic Committee members say their proposal could help restore confidence in Illinois and attract businesses and jobs to the state.

"The state has tremendous assets, and right now the narrative and the uncertainty around the fiscal issues is holding the state back," said Jay Henderson, a Civic Committee member who serves on the boards of Illinois Tool Works, Northern Trust Corp. and other companies. "And if we're able to solve for that issue, we think the assets of the state will grow and generate tremendous economic growth."

Also on Tuesday, bond ratings agency Moody's Investors Service in a report pointed to many of the same issues the Civic Committee highlights: "massive unfunded pension liabilities, chronic budget deficits causing bill payment delays, and subpar economic and demographic trends." It also says new money likely will be required to balance the budget.

The Civic Committee estimates taxing retirement income would bring in \$1.9 billion in new revenue annually. Increasing the personal income tax by 1 percentage point would bring in \$3.7 billion, and a corresponding increase in the corporate income tax rate would bring in \$300 million. About \$495 million of that new revenue would be offset by eliminating the state's estate tax and the franchise tax paid by corporations, which the report also recommends.

The state could bring in an additional \$500 million in revenue by applying sales tax to consumer services, the report says, though it stops short of suggesting which services should be taxed. In the past, for example, observers have pointed out that Illinois taxes the oil purchased to put in a car but not the labor costs charged when a driver gets an oil change.

To try to soften the blow of a tax on retirement income, the Civic Committee

proposes lessening the burden on retirees by increasing the income tax exemption for taxpayers 65 and older from \$1,000 to \$15,000.

Taken together, the tax proposals would increase Illinois' annual revenue by nearly \$6 billion and are intended to put Illinois on more equal footing with other states, the report's authors say. In addition to using the new revenue to cover budget deficits and pension costs, the report calls for devoting \$1.5 billion annually toward paying off the state's \$7.8 billion backlog of bills over five years. An additional \$1 billion annually would be funneled into a rainy day fund.

"We're all going to have to contribute," said Scott Santi, chairman and CEO of Illinois Tool Works. "There are sacrifices to be made."

Pritzker campaigned on shifting from the current flat tax structure required by the Illinois Constitution to a system in which higher earners would pay higher tax rates. But that change would require a constitutional amendment, which couldn't be approved by voters until November 2020. The Civic Committee focused its recommendations on changes that could be implemented immediately.

"Illinois will need years to dig out of the fiscal mess this administration inherited, and as we recover we must invest in critical areas like education so that our state can grow and thrive," Pritzker spokeswoman Jordan Abudayyeh said in a statement. "We appreciate the recommendations the Civic Committee is making as we begin this journey, and we will continue to listen to and work with all stakeholders as we move forward."

On the spending side, the committee's most concrete proposal for cutting costs is requiring state employees to pay more for their health insurance, which the report estimates would save the state \$500 million annually. For example, the state could offer plans where workers pay no premiums but have higher out-of-pocket costs like deductibles and copays, or they could pay higher premiums to keep their current plans. This was a matter of serious contention between former Republican Gov. Bruce Rauner in his long contract dispute with unions.

Any large-scale changes to state employee health insurance would have to be negotiated with the unions that represent state workers. The state's largest contract, with the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees, went unsettled for years under Rauner, and it's unclear whether Pritzker, who was elected with strong union support, would push for such a change in contract negotiations.

The report also calls for revamping the plan for paying down the state's more than \$130 billion in unfunded pension liabilities.

The so-called 2+2 Plan would require the state to raise its annual pension contributions, which currently total about \$8.5 billion, by 2 percent per year — compared with 3.3 percent on average under the current plan. The state would then dedicate an additional \$2 billion to pensions each year until the plans are 90 percent funded in 2045. The remaining unfunded liability would be paid off over the following decade.

As for other spending cuts, which the report says should total \$1 billion annually, the committee takes a pass on getting specific.

"We look to the legislature and the state leadership to identify the specifics," Henderson said.

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# Mayoral candidates spar over anti-corruption credentials

Hopefuls try to claim mantle as fighters of political wrongdoing

By JOHN BYRNE  
Chicago Tribune

Chicago mayoral candidates tried to claim the high ground Tuesday on rooting out the type of political corruption that has dominated the race amid an ongoing federal investigation into public corruption at City Hall.

At the second of two mayoral forums hosted by the Sun-Times Editorial Board, a group of seven candidates sparred over which of them were true believers in fighting political wrongdoing at City Hall, and which were jumping on the bandwagon since recent scandals started making headlines.

Cook County Board President Toni Preckwinkle, who has been dogged by questions about her relationship with embattled Ald. Edward Burke, made the case she has “no tolerance for corruption in city government.” She pointed to her calls for Burke to step down and her moves to strip him of judicial slating powers in the Cook County Democratic Party.

But state Comptroller Susana Mendoza, who has been criticized for her own close relationship with Burke, tried to hit Preckwinkle for not taking a stronger stand against so-called aldermanic prerogative. That tradition in the City Council allows aldermen to have near total say over development proposals in their wards.

“We have to get to the root cause of why most of these aldermen end up going to jail, and that’s aldermanic prerogative,” Mendoza said. “And any candidate who believes that we should be defending still aldermanic prerogative, with what we see and the climate that we’re living in,

is just totally tone deaf. The fact that their unchecked power exists to the degree that it does is something that needs to stop, and President Preckwinkle still defends aldermanic prerogative, and that needs to stop.”

The real challenge, Preckwinkle argued, is to disallow elected officials from having outside jobs. “We shouldn’t have to wonder whether or not the elected official is serving their clients or their constituents,” she said.

Burke is an attorney who does lucrative property tax appeal work, and federal officials have charged him with attempted extortion for allegedly threatening to hold up renovations to a Burger King in his Southwest Side ward unless the owners hired his firm.

Former federal prosecutor Lori Lightfoot, meanwhile, hit Preckwinkle and other candidates as late-comers to the anti-corruption fight. “Why I think people are resonating with the things we’re talking about is because I have walked the walk, long before the scandal happened,” Lightfoot said. “It’s one thing when you’re caught, and the public, red hot glare is on you, to propose all sorts of things. But it’s another, what you do on a day-to-day basis, and what you’ve proposed, and what you’ve called for, and what you stand for.”

Mendoza and Preckwinkle also traded sharp barbs on how to handle claims of sexual harassment in the workplace. Mendoza said there’s “a code of silence with President Preckwinkle’s office” because she did not fire her then-chief of staff John Keller sooner after accusations of his inappropriate behavior

toward women surfaced. Preckwinkle, who fired Keller in November, grew increasingly irritated as Mendoza repeatedly cut her off. “Would you mind giving me an opportunity to say what I have to say? I haven’t interrupted you,” Preckwinkle said.

Preckwinkle said she acted when she got evidence on Keller’s behavior, and argued she has taken steps to snuff out sexual harassment in county government.

And Preckwinkle then returned to linking Mendoza to Burke and House Speaker Michael Madigan. “I’m being challenged by somebody on ethics issues who is, who got married in Ed Burke’s house, who is a protegee and described Ed Burke as a mentor, and is a protegee of Michael Madigan, who’s had some real challenges these days,” she said.

At an earlier Sun-Times forum, which included a different batch of mayoral candidates, Bill Daley found himself defending his family’s long Chicago political legacy against attacks from other candidates who said the city needs a new direction.

Public policy consultant Amara Enyia pointed to the combined four decades in office as mayor for Daley’s father, Richard J. Daley, and brother, Richard M. Daley. Enyia said Chicagoans want “a clean break from the status quo, and anything that’s tied to the past.”

“And what we have today is, again, three years in a row of population loss, stark inequities and the people saying that they want a drastically different direction,” Enyia said.

And attorney John Kozlar said a vote for Bill Daley will leave the city stuck in its current rut. “If Chicago wants to talk about the same three issues in the year 2023 — crime, educa-

tion and city finances, those problems — then they should elect Bill Daley, because nothing is going to change. And I’m sorry, the definition of insanity is to do the same thing over and over again and expect a different result. You’re not going to get a different result with the Daleys.”

Bill Daley took umbrage, saying his brother’s longevity in office shows what residents thought of him. “OK, Rich Daley got elected six times by the people in this city, OK, and they voted for him,” Daley said. “Now, you can insult them and think that they’re all idiots because they voted for him, and that’s basically what you’re hearing here. I’m sick and tired of hearing people talk about the people of this city who voted for somebody six times, as though they’re all idiots for doing that.”

Kozlar responded that voters kept re-electing Daley “because you guys continued to give out the jobs.”

Daley scoffed at that assertion: “Oh God, you wanted this show, you got it.”

Former police Superintendent Garry McCarthy tried to come to Daley’s defense. “It might be irrelevant, but I don’t think this is cool,” he said. “We’re not here to pick on Bill Daley. We should be talking about policies.”

“I’m a big kid and I appreciate it, Garry,” Daley said. “But to be mayor, you’ll get picked on.”

And businessman Willie Wilson said Daley should get to make his own case. “A son does not take on the father’s sins,” he said.

There are 14 candidates running for mayor in the Feb. 26 election. If no candidate wins more than 50 percent of the vote, the top two will face off in an April 2 runoff.

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# Unionized teachers at 4 charters go on strike

Regular classes halted for about 2,200 students

BY JUAN PEREZ JR.  
Chicago Tribune

Unionized educators at four Chicago International Charter School campuses went on strike Tuesday, launching the city's second work stoppage at independently operated campuses after hours of negotiations failed to reach a last-minute contract agreement.

Educators at Wrightwood Elementary School, Ellison High School, Northtown Academy High School and ChicagoQuest High School have been bargaining for months with Civitas Education Partners, which manages those four CICS campuses. The 175 teachers and paraprofessionals, represented by the Chicago Teachers Union, rejected a recent proposal that union leaders described as inadequate.

Striking workers began staging hours of demonstrations shortly after 6 a.m. Tuesday, halting regular classes for about 2,200 students who attend the four affected campuses. Negotiations continued Tuesday.

Some parents arrived at Wrightwood Elementary's campus before the morning bell, believing classes would proceed as normal, only to encounter protests that echoed for hours through a quiet South Side neighborhood of single-family homes.

A small line of cars stacked up at the intersection of 81st Street and California Avenue as striking educators blocked entrances to the school's parking lot and walked from vehicle to vehicle to announce that classes were not in session.

"They ain't gonna learn today!" a group of teachers chanted. "No teachers, no school!"

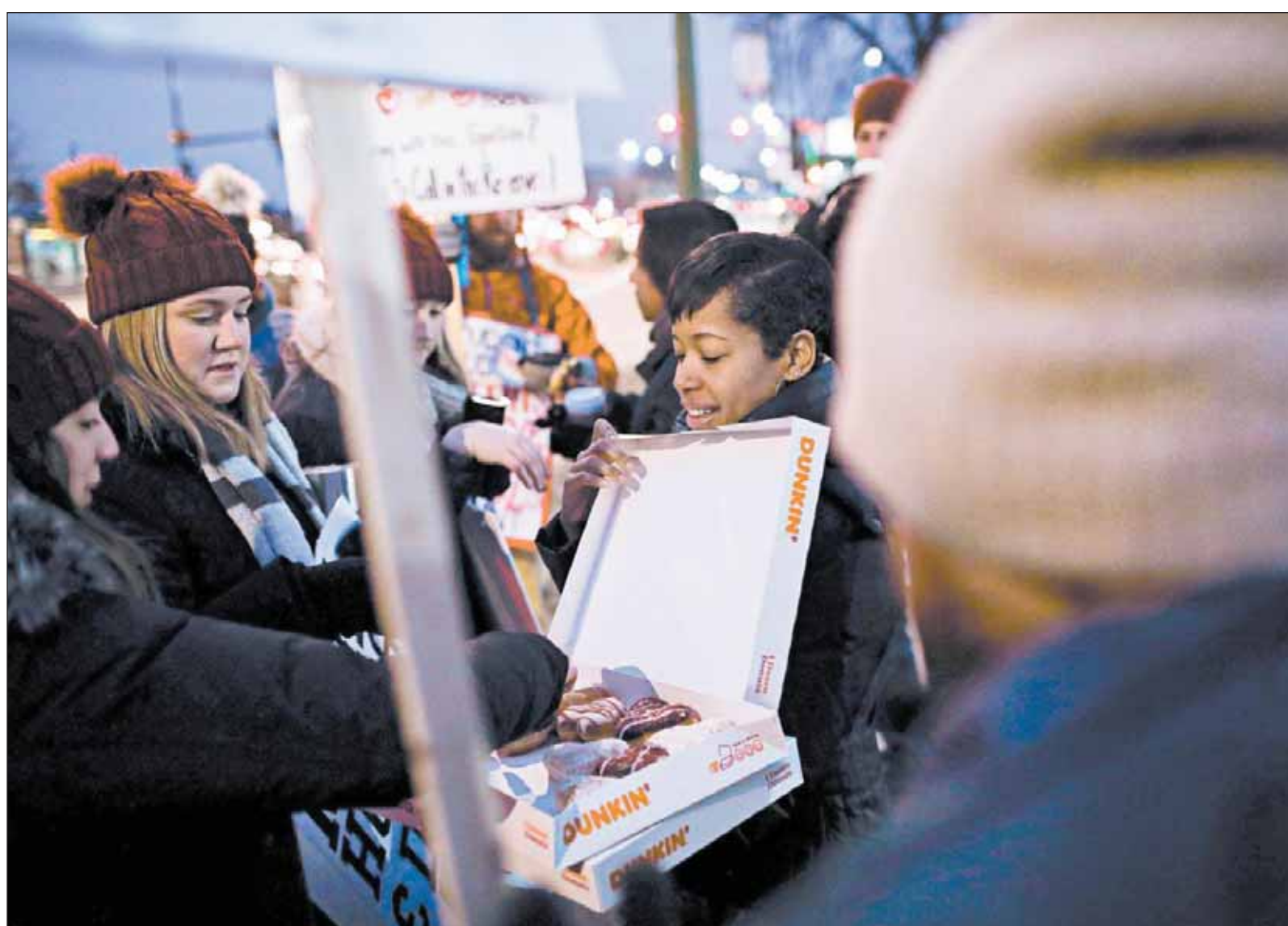
That led to scattered confrontations with parents who insisted on getting children inside the building. Others quietly walked into Wrightwood without incident. And some parents joined the striking workers, chatting with teachers and snapping photos of their children with CTU picket signs.

"They're letting the kids go in, but my kids aren't going in there with no supervision," Lavinia McBride said shortly after she was surprised by the sight of pickets outside Wrightwood's doors.

"I support them, though, I feel where they're coming from," McBride said.

"At the end of the day, life is an inconvenience. You're always going to go through something, you know what I'm saying? So I'm supporting them, I'm with them 100 percent."

Students who did attend classes encountered minimal staffing and no substitute teachers, a CICS official said. CICS expected to bring in substitute teachers to supervise classes Tuesday, though the CTU said a temporary staffing agency



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School director Torry Bennett, center, and others hand out doughnuts and coffee to teachers on the picket line at Northtown Academy High School.



ANTONIO PEREZ/CHICAGO TRIBUNE

Paraprofessional Brooke Hawkinson, right, greets student Damyla Williams as dozens of teachers, parents, and a few students picket outside Wrightwood Elementary School.

backed off the idea.

Attendance at strike-affected campuses was far lower than on a regular school day. Just one student arrived at Northtown Academy, CICS said, though a few dozen students reported to some of the group's elementary schools.

CICS said it would keep the four campuses open and on normal schedules throughout the strike but that after-school and extra-curricular activities would be canceled. Principals and nonunion staff would help keep operations running, including what the charter organization has described as "online learning, recreational and arts activities."

"CICS is deeply disappointed that the Chicago Teachers Union has chosen to strike at four CICS cam-

pus," the charter organization said in a statement Monday. "This strike will place a significant burden on the families of the four schools, reduce 2,200 students' access to learning and it will cause long-term harm to the school community at our four campuses."

Lester Cornelious brought his daughter to school, thinking her second-grade class would go on as scheduled. Instead, father and daughter returned to the family SUV after a chat with union workers.

Luckily, Cornelious said, his daughter's grandmother is a former teacher and was able to help with child care.

"If you want something, you've got to fight for it. And the only way you're going to get it is by standing up for it,

and if this is what they've got to do, then I completely support it," Cornelious said of the strike.

"Pretty sure it's an inconvenience to a lot of parents. ... But whatever we've got to do to fix it, that's what we've got to do," Cornelious said.

Union members staged an afternoon picket at CICS headquarters in the Loop, then briefly halted traffic while marching to Federal Plaza.

Vaeshan Hudson Pitts, a kindergarten teacher at Wrightwood and a member of the union's bargaining team, said employee health care costs were still a major concern.

"It's kind of really difficult for us to afford to take care of our families, when we're still willing to take care of everybody else's

family too," she said as roughly 40 pickets marched in front of Wrightwood's campus.

Union officials, citing CICS financial records, have concluded that the charter organization holds roughly \$36 million in budget reserves that could help finance a contract agreement. CICS has contended its reserves are half that amount.

"We thought we would have a settlement last night," CTU Vice President Stacy Davis Gates told the Tribune on Tuesday morning. "We're real clear in saying they made a choice last night to have picket lines this morning."

"We are committed to remaining at the table to get a reasonable solution. We only ask that they send decision-makers and they get serious about completing a contract," she said.

The strike will not affect thousands of students who attend 10 other CICS campuses. The charter network's campuses are operated by five independent "school management organizations" that use taxpayer dollars to finance their day-to-day operations.

LeeAndra Khan, CEO of Civitas Education, said Friday that both sides were still negotiating over the number of students who would be assigned to counselors and social workers.

Union leaders argue that CICS charter managers would pay for educator salary increases by reducing counselor and social worker staffing ratios, while contending that CICS has ample money to pay for the union's staffing demands.

Charter leaders, however, say they need to negotiate a financially sustainable deal. The Chicago Teachers

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— Lester Cornelious

Union merged with a division of unionized charter educators last year and has since pressed for working conditions at the independently operated schools that are similar to those at traditional Chicago public schools.

Charter teachers work under contracts negotiated with each charter operator. They can bargain over issues that state law excludes from negotiations with teachers at traditional schools in Chicago. They also have broader flexibility to call strikes.

The strike by CICS teachers marks the second time charter teachers have walked off the job in Chicago. Hundreds of educators for the Acero charter school network went on strike for four school days last year before settling on a contract that secured higher pay and smaller class sizes.

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## U.S. Rep. Jesus 'Chuy' Garcia calls for election monitoring in Burke's 14th Ward

BY GREGORY PRATT  
Chicago Tribune

U.S. Rep. Jesus "Chuy" Garcia on Tuesday called for tightened election monitoring to guard against any improper campaigning in or around polling places in the 14th Ward on election day later this month.

Garcia, who is backing civil engineer Tanya Patino against longtime Ald. Edward Burke in the high-profile Southwest Side race, sent letters to Illinois Attor-

ney General Kwame Raoul, Chicago Board of Elections Executive Director Lance Gough, and Cook County State's Attorney Kim Foxx asking for monitoring assistance stemming from Burke's alleged activities during the Nov. 6, 2018, election.

In the letter, Garcia said Burke was observed inside polling places during the election "handing out blue tote bags printed with his name and office." He released a video taken by a volunteer of Burke, who was not running for election at the time, handing out the bags at a polling place.

"There were also reports from volunteers for my congressional campaign that voters were asked in the polling place to sign (Burke's) petition for the February municipal election, which would be a violation of election law," Garcia said.

Board of elections spokesman Jim Allen acknowledged the incidents

but said the activities fell short of electioneering because Burke and his team stopped when election officials confronted them.

Allen said the board is preparing for "a vigorous set of activities on election day" citywide and in wards with contested races but that it isn't fair to assume this will be an issue again in Burke's ward.

"We're going to gear up more investigators than usual," Allen said.

Records released by the board show there were seven complaints against Burke and his team during the November election. Burke was the only alderman who had complaints about inappropriate campaigning at a polling place documented against him, Allen said.

At one point, an election judge asked "whether flyers and/or bags with alderman's name on it can be handed out within the 100 foot zone," and the answer

was no, board records show.

"Investigator took care of problem Alderman Burke was not happy but his people are staying following the 100 foot rule," a board worker noted.

Burke's campaign did not immediately return a message seeking comment.

Attorney Jaime Guzman also is running against Burke in a ward that is now majority Hispanic.

Burke stepped down from his post as powerful chairman of the City Council Finance Committee after federal prosecutors last month charged him with attempted extortion. Burke subsequently announced on Facebook that he would continue his efforts to win a 13th term.

Burke is free on a \$10,000 unsecured bond while his criminal case is pending. His attorney, Charles Sklarsky, has said the allegations are without merit.

Cook County Commissioner Alma Anaya at-



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Rep. Jesus "Chuy" Garcia is backing civil engineer Tanya Patino against longtime Ald. Edward Burke.

tended a news conference alongside Garcia and Patino. Anaya said she personally witnessed voters being asked inside the polling location to sign petitions to get Burke's name on the February ballot.

"This is a threat to our democracy," Anaya said.

Asked about Garcia's letter, Foxx spokeswoman Tandra Simonton said the state's attorney works closely with the county clerk "to identify potential problem areas and deploy resources to staff them ap-

propriately" before the election. She did not directly address Garcia's letter. Election fraud complaints can be referred to SAO.ElectionFraud@cook-county.onmicrosoft.com or 773-674-2729, she said.

Raoul spokeswoman Annie Thompson said they received the letter "and had been planning to monitor the election. We will follow up on this request as we do with all similar requests."

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# Howard Schultz vows not to be 'spoiler' for Trump re-election

By LISA DONOVAN  
Chicago Tribune

Ex-Starbucks CEO Howard Schultz told a Chicago crowd Monday night that he's been battered and bruised by Democrats nationally who are angered that he's contemplating an independent run for president.

But Schultz said he's unbowed by critics, joking that he's already lost the Twitter primary. He said he doesn't believe an independent bid will split the Democratic vote and hand President Donald Trump a second term.

"I promise I will do nothing to be a spoiler ... to re-elect Donald Trump. Nobody wants to see this president leave office more than me," Schultz, a long-time Democrat, said at a downtown "Chicago Ideas" event where he fielded questions from Ariel Investments' Melody Hobson, a vice chair of the Starbucks board and Schultz's friend. While he said he didn't believe in the spoiler narrative, he vowed to "back out" of a run if it appears things are going that way.

Originally scheduled to be at the event as part of his book tour — a memoir of his rags-to-riches story of a kid growing up in New York public housing who would go on to make billions in Seattle as a coffee mogul—Hobson, a Democrat, quickly focused the conversation on his potential independent bid for president. She pressed him to offer details as he complained about the politically divisive climate and a nation where the economic and racial divide is at a simmer.

For his part, Schultz said he wants to see an end to divisive politics and a focus on the government addressing domestic issues such as poverty and the opioid crisis. He pointed to his own life story and said he wants to help revive people's faith in the American Dream.

"I want to do everything I can to restore it and I don't believe it can be restored in a two-party system that is fighting with each other every day, that is dysfunctional, polarized and more engaged in revenge politics than helping the American people," Schultz said.

At one point he offered: "Right now, I'm having the courage of my convictions to believe that the system is broken, our politics are broken and someone needs to

try and change it."

## A self-described centrist

Schultz described himself an independent centrist, a notion he said is supported by his views on immigration. He said he doesn't want a wall along the southern U.S. border with Mexico but agrees that security should be tightened.

"We can accomplish that not by a wall, although in

some cases maybe some kind of barrier is effective, but basically we can have the technology and the resources to provide the security of a wall," Schultz said. "The Democrats want to abolish (U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement). I don't agree with that, we need people at the border."

He said he also believes that "Dreamers" should be given a path to citizenship.

"The majority of the country wants an immigra-

tion bill, but we can't get it. Why can't we get it? We can't get it because the extremes on both sides control the American government," he said.

## 'Crisis of capitalism'

Schultz told Hobson that his signature issue, if elected president, would be paving the way for "financial security for every American family," Hobson noted that President Barack

Obama's spotlight issue was health care while Trump focuses on the border wall and trade.

Schultz said corporations need to offer employees better benefits and pay more taxes. He said the time is ripe for tax reform.

"The United States government is not going to be able to solve every problem," he said. "I think there's somewhat of a crisis of capitalism in the country."

Schultz said he'll be trav-

eling the country over the coming months to "see if I can ignite a national conversation and a national movement," hinting that he may make a firm decision by spring.

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## Chicago Ave. bridge to reopen next week

By MARY WISNIEWSKI  
Chicago Tribune

A big traffic headache in the River North area should disappear early next week, when the city opens a new interim Chicago Avenue bridge over the Chicago River.

The old bridge, originally built in 1914, was closed and demolished last fall. The steel bascule bridge had deteriorated and had just one lane in each direction.

The interim bridge will have two eastbound lanes and one westbound lane. The new permanent bridge, to be built in 2021, will have two lanes in each direction, the city said. The construction cost is \$7 million.

Department of Transportation spokesman Michael Claffey said the plan is to reopen Chicago Avenue at the river next Monday, Feb. 11, "weather permitting."

The absence of the bridge has created a hassle for both local workers and residents in the busy area. The bridge is next to 600 W. Chicago, the home of Groupon and other tech firms.

Detours have been designed for cars and trucks, bikes, pedestrians, and the No. 66 Chicago bus, which sees 15,000 daily riders.

Both the interim and permanent bridges will be stationary, since that part of the river no longer sees boats that are tall enough to require a drawbridge.

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Kim Hauber, widow of Buffalo Grove firefighter Kevin Hauber, smiles with her attorney Thomas Mazur, left, on Tuesday.

# Judge upholds full pension granted to firefighter's family

Agrees man's fatal cancer caused in the line of duty

BY KAREN ANN CULLOTTA  
Pioneer Press

A Lake County judge ruled Tuesday that the family of a 51-year-old Buffalo Grove firefighter who died of colon cancer last year should receive a full pension benefit, upholding an earlier decision by a local review board that his fatal cancer was caused in the line of duty.

Lake County Circuit Court Judge Diane Winter's ruling, which some said likely will be appealed, comes after Buffalo Grove officials announced last summer that they were challenging a decision made earlier in 2018 by the Buffalo Grove Fire Department Pension Board that the family of firefighter Kevin Hauber should receive a full line-of-duty death pension.

Hauber, a veteran firefighter and paramedic in Buffalo Grove, died in January 2018, roughly four years after being diagnosed with colon cancer.

Inside a courtroom that

attracted dozens of suburban firefighters and on-lookers, Winter said the court's role was "not to re-weigh the evidence" already reviewed by the pension board.

Winter said two medical experts already found that Hauber's death was likely the result of performing "acts of duty, or cumulative acts of duty," which involved repeated exposure to toxic smoke and carcinogens while on the job.

In the village's lawsuit filed June 2018, Buffalo Grove officials said they were appealing the pension board's decision because of their "fiduciary responsibilities" to taxpayers, arguing the state's pension laws require more evidence that Hauber's fatal cancer was the result of his 23 years of firefighting.

Village officials at the time estimated the full, 100-percent pension award of Hauber's annual \$100,000 salary would create an additional liability of \$1.7 million compared to a 75-percent award that the Hauber family was qualified to receive.

William Nichols, an at-

torney for Buffalo Grove, said he was not surprised by Winter's ruling but declined to say whether village officials are planning to appeal the decision.

"The village board will have to meet and decide where the village wants to go on this," Nichols said.



Hauber

Shortly after Winter delivered the ruling, Kim Hauber, 40, the widow of Kevin Hauber, said she was shocked to hear the decision, adding how it was great news for her and her four daughters.

"It was wonderful to look out and see all those firefighters out there supporting (us) today," Kim Hauber said.

The ruling also comes as debates about the still-unclear link between firefighting and cancer unfold across Illinois and the rest of the country.

An ongoing, multiyear study by the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health of nearly 30,000 firefighters from the Chicago, Philadelphia and San Francisco fire departments has found

higher rates of certain types of cancer among firefighters than the general population.

The study also supported a newly signed federal law, the Firefighter Cancer Registry Act, requiring the CDC to collect data via a voluntary registry as part of its ongoing research into whether firefighters' work increases the odds of them developing some types of cancer.

The data also will be used to develop a national firefighting safety protocol, including the recommended use of protective gear and improved prevention methods.

Larry Lezon, vice president of the Buffalo Grove firefighters' union Local 3177 who also works as a lieutenant at the department, said Winter's decision was good news, albeit bittersweet.

"It's still very unfortunate because we lost Kevin, Kim's husband and our brother," Lezon said. "The fact that the judge affirmed the pension board's decision is a big issue, but it does not outweigh the bigger issue of losing Kevin."

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# Police probe if Ald. Moreno filed false police report

Car alderman said was stolen was in friend's possession

BY ELYSSA CHERNEY  
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Chicago police are investigating whether Ald. Proco "Joe" Moreno filed a false report last month when he told police his car was stolen from his Wicker Park home, authorities said Tuesday.

Moreno, 1st, reported to police on Jan. 4 that he returned home from a trip to find that the vehicle, a leased black 2016 Audi A6 sedan, was missing from his property and that no one else had access to the vehicle, police said.

Police located the car early Monday when they saw a woman driving it and initially charged her with misdemeanor trespass to a motor vehicle, authorities confirmed. But the woman, 35-year-old Liliya Hrabar, told the Tribune on Tuesday that Moreno, whom she said she dates on and off, let her use the car.



Moreno

Cook County prosecutors dropped the charge against Hrabar on Tuesday, the state's attorney's office confirmed, and police opened an investigation into the possibility of a false report.

Moreno, who is facing a challenge for his City Council seat from political newcomer Daniel La Spata in the Feb. 26 municipal election, could not immediately be reached for comment Tuesday afternoon. He told WGN-Ch. 9 on Monday that the situation was a "misunderstanding," saying he lent the car to a friend he had dated and filed a police report after being unable to reach her.

Hrabar told the Tribune in a phone interview Tuesday that she was in shock when police pulled her over and said she was driving a stolen vehicle. She said Moreno allowed her to use the car because hers was ruined in a crash months before.

"I still don't understand what's going on, so that's why I am going to meet with (Moreno) tomorrow," said Hrabar, an insurance agent.

A police report said the car was pulled over because its headlights were off.

She said she and Moreno met in September through mutual friends and started dating but that she hadn't seen him since early January because he was busy with the election campaign. She said he gave her his car Jan. 3 — a day before he filed the police report.

"Joe doesn't do anything bad to me," she said. "We date on and off. ... I will never say a bad word about Joe."

Moreno was appointed to the City Council in 2010 by then-Mayor Richard M. Daley and elected the following year by a wide margin.

Last June, police opened an investigation into whether Moreno impersonated a police officer during a parking dispute in the Lakeview neighborhood. Moreno said he showed a

motorist his City Council badge and asked her to move her car because she was parked in a bike lane but did not tell her he was an officer.

Moreno was driving a black Audi when he approached the woman, who had just pulled into a parking spot, and told her to move, according to a police report.

He then told her: "You better pay your parking tickets! This is how we do it in Chicago," according to a police report.

Anthony Guglielmi, chief spokesman for the Police Department, said Tuesday that detectives closed that investigation after finding "no criminal wrongdoing or police impersonation when he displayed his aldermanic credentials during a parking dispute."

Moreno's opponent cited the previous investigation, as well the current one, in renewing his call for Moreno to resign "before the next scandal hits."

"We deserve an alderman with integrity that spends their time focusing on making housing affordable and improving our schools rather than one that makes headlines explaining his personal problems," La Spata said.

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# EPA confirms high emissions near Sterigenics, but won't act

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"Does this somehow exonerate Sterigenics? The answer is no," Wehrum said on a conference call dominated by residents urging the EPA to shut down the facility and questioning if the Trump administration is backing away from promises made before the November elections. "We think it's really important to gather enough information so we can make valid and supportable decisions."

The Chicago Tribune first reported that EPA officials began taking a closer look at Sterigenics in late 2017 after determining the cancer risks in one census tract near the facility are more than nine times higher than the national average. By the time the EPA quietly posted its findings online in August, another federal agency had estimated the effects could be significantly more dire, prompting an intense public outcry and demands

from local, state and federal lawmakers for an in-depth investigation.

Based on wind patterns during days when the EPA collected air samples in late November and December, there is no doubt Sterigenics is exposing residents to higher-than-normal levels of ethylene oxide, Wehrum and other agency officials said.

One example is Dec. 26, when winds from the southeast blew pollution from Sterigenics toward monitors at Willowbrook Village Hall across the street; a neighborhood nearly 400 yards west of the facility; and Hinsdale South High School, about a half-mile northwest. The highest concentrations of ethylene oxide ranged from 10.5 micrograms per cubic liter of air at Village Hall to 0.566 at the high school monitor.

During the EPA's first round of testing in May, a month before Sterigenics

installed additional pollution controls, the highest level recorded in the complex of commercial and government buildings near Sterigenics was 9.1 micrograms per cubic meter.

To put those numbers in perspective, regular exposure to 2.1 micrograms of ethylene oxide per cubic meter of air could trigger more than 6 cases of cancer for every 1,000 people exposed, according to the Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry, an arm of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

Federal regulators generally target polluters when local cancer risks are greater than 100 in a million.

"The situation has always been a grave one," the Stop Sterigenics community group said in a statement. "It is time for our federal, state and local government to put the health of the people in front of corporate greed."

Oak Brook-based Ster-

igenics, owned in part by a private equity firm founded by former Illinois Gov. Bruce Rauner, uses ethylene oxide to sterilize medical instruments, pharmaceutical drugs, spices and food.

Shortly after the public first learned about the company's pollution, Sterigenics paid Google to list pro-industry websites at the top of search results for information about ethylene oxide. Using an abbreviation for the chemical, one of the sites claims "EO exists naturally all around us" and doesn't pose health risks at concentrations found near its Willowbrook facility.

On Tuesday, the company had a more muted response to the EPA's latest round of air sampling in the community.

"We acknowledge that there are several readings close to the Willowbrook facility that are higher than background (normally occurring) levels," the company said in a statement. "It

remains premature to draw conclusions about long-term health risks from the data."

While the EPA has limited its air sampling to Willowbrook, the investigation has national ramifications.

A Tribune analysis of agency data found that more than 600,000 Americans in 12 states face similar risks because they live close to sources of ethylene oxide, including chemical plants, medical device manufacturers and sterilization facilities owned by Sterigenics or its competitors.

In Illinois alone, nearly 70,000 people live near Sterigenics or two Lake County facilities: Medline Industries in Waukegan and Vantage Specialty Chemicals in Gurnee.

Michael Koerber, a career EPA official overseeing the testing in Willowbrook, said the agency is scrambling to improve how it measures and regulates ethylene oxide. Federal, state

and local lawmakers, along with Illinois Atty. Gen. Kwame Raoul and Robert Berlin, the DuPage County state's attorney, aren't willing to wait.

Lawmakers from both political parties have called for the immediate shutdown of Sterigenics, noting that safer sterilization methods are available. Meanwhile, the EPA's inspector general has launched a probe of the Trump administration's actions in response to concerns raised by U.S. Sens. Dick Durbin and Tammy Duckworth and three fellow Democrats: Reps. Bill Foster, Dan Lipinski and Brad Schneider.

"The citizens of DuPage County should not have to endure this exposure to a known human carcinogen," Raoul and Berlin said Tuesday. "We will exercise all available legal authority to protect the community."

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State Sen. Thomas Cullerton, D-Villa Park has joined with Rep. David McSweeney, R-Barrington Hills, on legislation to protect children from sexual abuse in schools.

## Lawmakers vow to target abuse of kids in schools

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to document hundreds of times in the past decade when a child was sexually assaulted or abused inside a Chicago public school. Published last summer, the series also exposed failures of child protection that extended from individual schools to the district's downtown offices and the state capital.

A spokeswoman for Democratic Gov. J.B. Pritzker said his administration "will work closely with the General Assembly to move forward with a comprehensive approach that protects children from abusers."

"The governor will prioritize creating a robust system of thorough background checks, expedited information-sharing between districts and support systems for students who have suffered," said spokeswoman Jordan Abudayyeh, who declined to specify which, if any, of the recently reintroduced bills Pritzker might support. "Schools should be places where children know they are safe, and no child in Illinois should be subjected to sexual abuse."

The McSweeney-Cullerton proposal would swiftly revoke the licenses of educators found by districts to have sexually abused children and make such disciplinary actions more transparent to the public.

To increase public access to the disciplinary records of school employees in cases of sexual assault, their bills would amend several Illinois laws, including the state personnel records review act, the criminal code and the Freedom of Information Act.

"I am hoping this will move," McSweeney said.

**"No child in Illinois should be subjected to sexual abuse."**

— Jordan Abudayyeh, spokeswoman for Gov. J.B. Pritzker

The legislation is co-sponsored in the House by Assistant Majority Leader Linda Chapa LaVia, D-Aurora and Northbrook Democrat Jonathan Carroll, a former teacher.

Their proposed legislation would force local districts to report all credible cases of student sexual assault or abuse to the Illinois State Board of Education. And it would make it a crime for school employees to have sexual contact with a student, regardless of the student's age. Under current law, sex with a student is legal if he or she is older than 17 and no force is involved.

Rep. Steven Reick, a Republican from Woodstock, reintroduced two bills that would sharply limit the ability of teachers accused of sexually abusing students to collect government pensions.

"It's a brand-new legislature. There are new members this year, and they are coming from backgrounds with having kids in school. Hopefully they'll leave a mark," Reick said.

Assistant Majority Leader Rep. Fred Crespo, D-Hoffman Estates, who last year proposed eight separate reform bills in response to the Chicago schools sexual abuse crisis, said he will introduce a more focused set of bills in the current session.

"We need to prioritize

which ones we'll try to pass. ... I am condensing these things," Crespo said.

Crespo noted that Chicago school officials already have created new offices to investigate sexual misconduct by employees and students, hired a prominent law firm to assess the district's child-protection weaknesses, passed new anti-grooming and digital communications policies, and begun removing school employees immediately when an investigation is launched.

The district also conducted fresh background checks on all of its 44,000 workers; hundreds were fired, barred from schools or left their jobs.

"We are in tune with what the Chicago Public Schools have been doing," Crespo said.

A separate new bill from Sen. John Curran, R-Downers Grove, provides that anyone who commits an act of sexual penetration with a student who is at least 18 but younger than 20 would be committing a Class X felony if the perpetrator held a position of trust, authority or supervision over the victim at the same school.

State Senate President John Cullerton said through a spokesman that he supports the work being done to find remedies to the school sexual abuse scandal.

"The Tribune stories revealed serious problems that lawmakers and staff are working to address. The Senate president's interest is making sure we effectively remedy the problems that were brought to light," spokesman John Patterson said.

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## Postal worker killed in shooting

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same routes when we were in Harvey, and she did the same thing since we've been in Country Club Hills," Shelton said.

Clayton was shot about six hours after three people were wounded on northbound I-57 at 127th Street, state police said.

Two boys, 12 and 15, were both stabilized, and a 38-year-old man was in critical condition, police said. A girl, 8, also was in the car.

Illinois State Police said they would increase staffing on Chicagoland area expressways in wake of the shootings, which were the second and third this year on I-57. Last year, there were 14 shootings on I-57, state police spokeswoman Jacqueline Cepeda said.

Clayton, who was a mail handler at the Chicago International Military Service Center facility, had worked for the Postal Service since 1993, USPS spokesman Tim Norman said.

Shelton, who called her mother her "absolute best friend," said she credited Clayton for putting her through private school — she attended St. Walter in Morgan Park, Marist High School in Mount Greenwood and later graduated from Jacksonville University in Florida, where she now lives and works as a recruiter.

"The only reason why I was able to graduate when I



FAMILY PHOTO

Tamara Clayton, seen in a photo circa 1998, had worked for the Postal Service since 1993.

did and move and everything like that was because of her sacrifices," said Shelton, who flew in early Tuesday after learning of her mother's death. "I've literally spent my entire life looking to just pay her back."

"I wanted her to retire, I wanted her to see me get married, I wanted her to see me start a family. Like she is my absolute best friend and I lost that because someone decided to just take it away from me."

She described her mother as a "diligent" 25-year employee of the U.S. Postal Service and proud graduate of Thornton Township High School in Harvey who was always laughing, smiling and quick to offer a corny quip, her daughter said.

"She was always that person to brighten up your day," she said.

Shelton said her mother's shooting defied reason and that she "did not have a serious enemy in the world."

"She wouldn't hurt anybody," Shelton said. "She wouldn't even honk at people if she felt like they were crazy, so there's absolutely no reason for this."

Shelton described her mother as a friendly, goofy and caring woman who loved going to house music festivals and watching retro movies, with a particular soft spot for Adam Sandler.

"She loved 'The Wedding Singer,'" Shelton said. "That was one of her favorite movies. I've seen it a bajillion times because of her."

State police are continuing to investigate the shooting and requested anyone who witnessed it or has information about it to contact them at 847-294-4400.

Police said they responded to the scene believing it was a single-vehicle crash but found Clayton alone in the car with an apparent gunshot wound. She was pronounced dead at the scene.

All northbound traffic was diverted off the interstate at 167th Street for more than three hours while police investigated.

"I just want justice for my mom and we will not stop until that happens," Shelton said. "Any help to figure out what happened would be greatly appreciated."

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## ANALYSIS

# Va. gov. case a rush to judgment?

Democrats see only black and white in push to top Trump

By MATT VISER  
The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — It took days for Democrats to call on Rep. John Conyers, D-Mich., to resign in 2017 amid allegations of sexual misconduct, weeks for them to push Sen. Al Franken, D-Minn., to resign amid mounting allegations of improprieties.

For Virginia Gov. Ralph Northam, it took less than five hours for the shocking revelation that his medical school yearbook page included a picture of men in black face and a Ku Klux Klan costume to evolve into demands for his resignation.

Democrats have adopted a zero-tolerance policy in the age of Trump, working with almost laserlike precision to oust the president and shedding any perceived obstacle to defeating him in 2020.

While President Donald Trump has stretched the limits of what Republicans can say and do with impunity, he has limited what Democrats are willing to sweep aside among their own ranks.

"We're in a new era, a new age," said Bakari Sellers, a former South Carolina state lawmaker who is African-American. "Would we have moved as fast if Hillary Clinton were president? I don't know."



KATHERINE FREY/WASHINGTON POST

As evidenced by calls for Virginia Gov. Ralph Northam's resignation, Democrats have adopted a zero-tolerance policy.

But there is also a quieter concern that the party has come to react too quickly. Some of Franken's supporters are still bitter over how the end of his career played out, and several senators have said they regretted pushing him to leave office.

The new atmosphere can catch the most seasoned politician off guard. The accused feel denied any sense of due process. Supposed allies turn into enemies. And, they argue, Republicans are refusing to play by the same rules.

"I think there's a rush to

judgment that is unfair to him," Joe Lieberman, the former Democratic vice presidential nominee, said Monday on CNN about Northam. "One, he says he wasn't in that picture. Two, I think we ought to fairly ask him, did he know the picture was on his page of that yearbook. And then three, really, he ought to be judged on the context of his whole life."

"I think he deserves a chance to prove what really is his essence," he said. "Not to rush him out of office, unfortunately for political reasons."

But Lieberman is in the distinct minority as his former party is newly ani-

ated by women and non-white candidates and voters, who have provided the ballast for swift decisions.

The race to judgment marks a remarkable shift for the party. It took decades for Democrats to grapple with President Bill Clinton's indiscretions, and opinions on the matter still vary.

Sen. Robert Byrd, D-W.Va., filibustered against the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and was a onetime member of the Ku Klux Klan — two things for which he later apologized — but became the longest-serving senator in history before his death in 2010.

Now, hints of scandal trigger quick demands for

resignations across the country.

In North Carolina, top Democrats, including Gov. Roy Cooper, called on a Democratic state lawmaker to resign last year amid allegations of sexual harassment. The lawmaker, Duane Hall, refused to resign but was handily defeated in a primary a few months later.

Democrats say the environment has shifted, and requires new strategies. Information travels at a rapid pace, and activists have new platforms on social media to express their displeasure.

Campaign advisers say they are pelted by questions from reporters to respond

to the latest scandal, so a lack of action stymies efforts to focus elsewhere. Democrats insist that, both to counter Trump and maintain favor with their key voter groups, they must claim the moral high ground.

"If we're going to carry the message and carry the call forward, we have to make sure we're holding ourselves to account," said Guy Cecil, chairman of the Democratic super PAC Priorities USA. "I reject any idea that we're not holding our own people to a higher standard. You cannot call on a Florida secretary of state to resign for black face because he's a Republican and let our party get away with it."

"I don't think there's any question that Trump's racism, Trump's xenophobia, Trump's sexism has made many people more aware and made their sensitivity more heightened," he said. "And I think that's a good thing."

Democrats also say that calling for purity in their own party allows for a sharper contrast with Republicans who strongly support Trump despite accusations against him of sexual misconduct by more than a dozen women and the varied insults he has leveled against minorities.

"I can't deal with the racism of Donald Trump and Steve King if I'm afraid to call out my own," Sellers said, referring to the Iowa congressman who has defended white supremacy. "It lends credibility to his racial transgressions if you're not willing to cut off your own cancer."



Northam



Sanders

# Inaugural probe just part of 'hysteria,' Sanders says

Subpoena focuses on \$107M raised, spent on events

By JIM MUSTIAN  
AND CHAD DAY  
Associated Press

NEW YORK — A federal subpoena seeking documents from Donald Trump's inaugural committee is part of "a hysteria" over the fact that he's president, White House press secretary Sarah Sanders said Tuesday.

Federal prosecutors in New York issued the subpoena Monday, furthering a federal inquiry into a fund that has faced mounting scrutiny into how it raised and spent \$107 million on events celebrating Trump's 2017 inauguration. Inaugural committee spokeswoman Kristin Celaurio said the committee was still reviewing the subpoena and "It is our intention to cooperate with the inquiry."

The investigation is the latest in a series of criminal inquiries into Trump's campaign and presidency.

"Actually, I think the common thread is a hysteria over the fact that this president became president," Sanders said Tuesday in response to a CNN question. "The common thread is that there is so much hatred out there that they will look for anything to try to create and tie problems to this president."

Later, Sanders told reporters the investigation "has nothing to do with the White House."

The subpoena seeks "all documents" related to the committee's donors and vendors, as well as records relating to "benefits" donors received after making contributions, according to a person familiar with the document. The person was not authorized to discuss the ongoing investigation and spoke on condition of anonymity.

"They want everything," the person said, referring to federal prosecutors.

The U.S. Attorney's Office in Manhattan declined to comment.

Among other things, the subpoena sought documents related to any pay-

ments made by donors "directly to contractors and/or vendors" who worked for the committee, the person familiar with the document said. Any such payments sent from donors to vendors, without being passed through the committee, could potentially violate public disclosure laws.

The subpoena also requested documents relating to donations "made by or on behalf of foreign nationals, including but not limited to any communications regarding or relating to the possibility of donations by foreign nationals," the person familiar with the document said.

The New York Times reported late last year that federal prosecutors were examining whether anyone from Qatar, Saudi Arabia or other Middle Eastern countries made illegal payments to the committee and a pro-Trump super political action committee. Foreign contributions to inaugural funds and PACs are prohibited under federal law.

The head of the inaugural committee, Tom Barrack, confirmed he was questioned by special counsel Robert Mueller in 2017. But he said last year that he is not a target of the Mueller



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President Donald Trump takes a triumphant walk with first lady Melania Trump during the inauguration parade in Washington. The inaugural committee was subpoenaed Monday.

investigation, which is focused on Russian interference in the 2016 elections.

The subpoena issued Monday does not mention Barrack or any members of the inaugural committee by name.

But it did request documents related to Imaad Zuberi, a Los Angeles based financier, and his company, Avenue Ventures, which gave \$900,000 to the inaugural committee. Zuberi's

company also gave \$100,000 to the Cleveland 2016 Host Committee to pay off debt from the 2016 Republican National Convention.

Zuberi has given more than \$1.1 million to Trump-backed organizations and has accompanied the foreign minister of Qatar during meetings with Trump officials.

A spokesman for Zuberi, Steve Rabinowitz, said Zu-

berri has not had any contact with federal investigators about the inaugural committee.

The subpoena also seeks records involving the committee's dealings with Stripe, a credit-card processing company based in San Francisco that handled online payments for the committee.

A Stripe spokesman declined to comment on the prosecutors' request.



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Fan palms are covered with snow in the front yard of a home in Portland, Ore., after an overnight winter storm.

# Mild weather cities get dose of winter

By GILLIAN FLACCUS  
Associated Press

PORTLAND, Ore. — Snow, ice and shivering cold blasted normally mild weather cities from Seattle to Las Vegas to San Francisco on Tuesday as the winter storms sweeping across the U.S. West shuttered schools, made travel treacherous and closed all roads in Yosemite National Park.

Winter storms have been hitting the West for several days and brought a surprise

dusting to peaks overlooking San Francisco — the city's first notable snow in eight years.

Yosemite's ski area closed, restaurants had shorter hours and shuttles were not running because of snow-covered roads.

"It's beautiful, and we certainly need the snow, but we're asking people to stay indoors," park spokesman Scott Gedimias said.

California is still recovering from a drought that led to tight water restrictions and contributed to severe

wildfires.

Temperatures plunged into the teens in Seattle overnight, making roads slick, and schools throughout the area shut down for a second day.

Unusual snow fell a day earlier, causing crashes and canceling flights, and lower-than-normal temperatures were expected throughout the week.

Portland, Ore., residents awoke to unexpected overnight snowfall that closed schools and left some higher elevation roads slick

for the morning commute.

In Nevada, the National Weather Service reported light snow in northwest Las Vegas.

More than 3 feet of snow has fallen at the top of some Lake Tahoe ski resorts in the last 24 hours, bringing the total to 6 feet since storms began Saturday.

An 80-mile stretch of westbound Interstate 80 in the Sierra Nevada closed for the second day, from the California-Nevada line just west of Reno to Colfax, Calif., east of Sacramento.

# DNA tests help police in 2 states crack 1998 cases

Pair found months, 215 miles apart are of mother and son

By **JEFFREY COLLINS**  
Associated Press

Decades after the unidentified bodies of a woman and a 10-year-old boy were found in separate states beside a Southern interstate, investigators now say they were a mother and son and the boy's father has confessed to killing them.

The case was cracked thanks to an online DNA database, help from international police and a consultant whose work led to an arrest in the Golden State Killer investigation, authorities in North Carolina and South Carolina said Tuesday.

Investigators in both states said they had never stopped trying to solve the 1998 cases that they never knew were related, separated by 215 miles along Interstate 85.

"I always kept the case file box under my desk, where it was purposefully in my way. Every time I turned, I hit it with my leg. I did this so the little boy couldn't be forgotten," said Orange County, N.C., Sheriff's Maj. Tim Horne.

North Carolina authorities even enlisted experts to create a sketch and a bust reconstructing the appearance of the child.

Investigators had no idea the cases were linked until December 2018, when consultant Dr. Barbara Rae-Venter reviewed the latest DNA tests on the boy's body, Orange County Sheriff Charles Blackwood said. Rae-Venter's work with online DNA databases had earlier helped lead to an arrest of a man in California charged with 26 counts of



A police poster shows Myoung Hwa Cho. Her husband, serving time in federal prison, confessed to the killings.

murder and kidnapping in California in the 1970s and 1980s.

The boy's remains were found in September 1998 by workers mowing grass on a frontage road near I-85 in Durham, N.C., Blackwood said. DNA testing showed he had Asian and Caucasian parents.

Rae-Venter matched the child's DNA to DNA from a close relative who had submitted the information to an online database. After contacting the relative, investigators learned the boy was Robert "Bobby" Adam Whitt, who was born in Michigan and raised in Ohio, Blackwood said. He also said they were given strong evidence his mother — who had disappeared the same year as her son — was also dead.

Meanwhile, deputies in South Carolina had found an unidentified woman whose nude body was dumped in the woods beside I-85 in May 1998, Spartanburg County Sheriff's Lt. Kevin Bobo said.

After DNA testing confirmed the victims were mother and son, investigators enlisted the help of Korean authorities and international police to identify the woman as Myoung Hwa Cho.

Cho's husband, the boy's father, is serving time in federal prison on unrelated charges. After being questioned several times he confessed to killing his wife and son, Bobo said.

Authorities aren't releasing his name because he hasn't been charged in the killings. Charges may not be filed until investigators figure out where the victims were killed, Bobo said.



Whitt

# 'I cringe' at past remarks, Trump judicial pick says

Rao: Date rape, LGBT writings not her true thinking

By **MATTHEW DALY**  
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — President Donald Trump's nominee to replace Brett Kavanaugh on a high-profile appeals court said Tuesday she cringes at some of the language she used as a college student in writing about sexual assault, race and equal rights for women.

Neomi Rao told the Senate Judiciary Committee that writings in which she criticized affirmative action and suggested that intoxicated women were partly responsible for date rape do not reflect her current thinking.

"I like to think I've matured as a thinker, writer and indeed as a person," she said at a confirmation hearing for a seat on the U.S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit. Trump nominated Rao for the seat left vacant when Brett Kavanaugh joined the Supreme Court.

Rao, who serves as administrator of the White House Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, said there were "certainly some sentences and phrases" from her college writing in the 1990s that "I would never use today."

Sen. Joni Ernst, R-Iowa, who recently revealed she was raped by her boyfriend in college, said Rao's writings "give me pause," in part because of the message they send to young women who may be reluctant to report a rape.

Rao called rape a "horrible crime" and said anyone who commits rape should be prosecuted. Her comment that women should stay sober to avoid placing themselves at risk was merely "common sense" advice that her own



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Neomi Rao said she and the president have pushed deregulation that "gets government out of the way."

mother gave her, Rao said. Rao, 45, worked in the George W. Bush White House but has never tried a case in state or federal court.

Rao, who would be the first South Asian woman to serve on a federal appeals court, said her experience in the White House, and as a former Judiciary Committee staffer, law professor and Supreme Court clerk, qualified her to join the D.C.-based appeals court, widely viewed as the nation's second-most important court.

"I believe my practical and scholarly experience fits well" with the panel, Rao said.

The American Bar Association said Monday it has deemed her "well-qualified" for the appeals court.

On her previous writing, Rao told senators that "perhaps I was idealistic" in writing opinion columns that were intended to be provocative.

Liberal activists and some Democrats have seized on Rao's writings, in which she also derided LGBT rights as part of a "trendy" political movement and questioned the science behind global warming.

Sen. John Cornyn, R-Texas, said he hoped the Senate would not "crush" such youthful idealism "or

punish people for that," while Sen. Mike Lee, R-Utah, said there was "nothing disqualifying" in Rao's writings.

But Sen. Dick Durbin, D-Ill., said he was appalled at Rao's statement dismissing racial and gender oppression as "myths."

Rao told Durbin she had no doubt that such oppression was real. She also said she believes in equal rights for women and LGBT people and in the "overwhelming" scientific consensus that climate change is real.

Sen. Sheldon Whitehouse, D-R.I., said he was less interested in Rao's college writings than in her current work at the White House, where she plays a key role in Trump's efforts to roll back federal rules and regulations.

Whitehouse said he believes Rao has worked to protect corporate interests, polluters and the National Rifle Association.

Rao said she and Trump have pushed deregulation that "gets government out of the way" and helps small businesses and other companies create jobs.

California Sen. Dianne Feinstein said Rao has "led the Trump administration's efforts to abolish regulations protecting consumers, the environment and students."

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# 'A conspirator in favor of freedom'

Peruvian gives U.S. voice to hard-liners from Venezuela

By GISELA SALOMON  
Associated Press

MIAMI — An emigre who once fled a right-wing strongman in Peru has made his U.S.-based television program a forum for hardline opponents of Venezuela's leftist President Nicolas Maduro — including some who are quite ready for the shedding of blood.

"I am a conspirator in favor of freedom," Jaime Bayly says.

Bayly's news and opinion program airs each week-night on Mega TV, a small network of Spanish-language stations around the United States. But YouTube videos of his programs are viewed by tens of thousands of people.

Programs have frequently featured Venezuelan opposition leaders such as Henrique Capriles, Leopoldo Lopez and other critics of the Maduro administration, many of whom have encouraged their country's entrepreneurs and military officials to repudiate the embattled leader.

That campaign got a dramatic boost last month when the head of Venezue-

la's opposition-controlled congress, Juan Guaido, a Lopez protege, proclaimed himself the country's interim president. The United States, Canada and a dozen regional nations quickly announced that they recognize Guaido as president, saying Maduro's re-election last May was a sham.

Hours after Guaido's announcement, Bayly was behind his wooden desk on television calling on members of Venezuela's all-important military to rally behind the National Assembly leader and maintaining that "the dictator Maduro has his hours counted."

Bayly says he has done nothing wrong, but his program has featured guests who openly advocate killing Maduro and quite a few of his supporters.

In a program following an Aug. 4 attempt to assassinate Maduro with explosives-laden drones, Bayly expressed regret it failed.

He also had a sympathetic exchange on the program with opposition activist Roberto Olivares, an occasional guest, who called toppling Maduro "a spiritual duty."

"What good is it to annihilate Maduro if Cabello takes office?" Bayly responded, referring to socialist party leader Diosdado Cabello.



BRYNN ANDERSON/AP

U.S.-based television personality Jaime Bayly once fled right-wing Peruvian strongman Alberto Fujimori. One guest openly advocated for Nicholas Maduro's assassination.

However, Bayly then noted Maduro's denunciations of assassination plots and said: "But it seems to me that's the natural consequence of all the evil he has done, no?"

With no objection from Bayly, Olivares proposed "a civilian-military junta, more military than civilian, that at a minimum would impose order for six months, a year, to be able to clean up certain radical factions on their side who are going to remain in the country and have to be eliminated as well, and eliminate them is kill them,

full stop."

Maduro has taken note of such statements, accusing Bayly of conspiring with the U.S. to remove him from power and saying he had proof the political commentator was involved in the drone attack.

"It's easy for a U.S. television station to direct the death of a president," Maduro said. "What would happen if a braggart like this one, from a Venezuelan TV station, ordered the assassination of the president of the United States? We would prosecute him, because that is a serious

crime."

David Smilde, a professor of sociology and Latin American studies at Tulane University, said the Federal Communications Commission has never paid as much attention to Spanish-language media as it should.

"Jaime Bayly engages in speech that can reasonably be said to incite violence," Smilde said. "It is doubtful that an English-language show with this content would be able to operate without FCC investigations or impediments."

Bayly says that before the drone incident, a group of

soldiers told him of the planned attack.

Bayly insisted he played no direct role in violent plots to bring down Maduro.

"No, it doesn't come to that," he said. "It's about promoting it, persuading people that it's the best option."

A well-known novelist and journalist in Peru, Bayly fled to the United States in 1992 during the strong-arm government of Alberto Fujimori. After Fujimori was driven from power in 2000, Bayly began returning home and dabbling in politics, and several times toyed publicly with a presidential run.

He reiterated his disdain for right-wing and left-wing dictatorships and said he is solely taking a stand against abuse of power.

Bayly said he has been threatened because of his opposition to Maduro. After the assassination attempt, Bayly said, his car was rammed against a lamp post.

The attacker managed to flee.

Bayly said he feels afraid at times, but tries to focus putting the news in context and giving his opinion.

"If I let myself be trapped by fear, I don't leave my house, I don't do the program," he said.

## Pope tamps down Maduro's appeal for Vatican help

Associated Press

ABOARD THE PAPAL PLANE — Pope Francis on Tuesday acknowledged receiving a request from embattled Venezuelan President Nicolas Maduro to help relaunch talks to end the country's political crisis but ruled out any involvement unless opposition leader Juan Guaido requests it.

Francis acknowledged that he hadn't read Maduro's letter, which he

said arrived at the Vatican via diplomatic pouch.

But speaking to reporters en route home from the United Arab Emirates, he recalled that a previous Vatican diplomatic effort to facilitate talks between Maduro and the opposition "went up in smoke." And he insisted on the basic diplomatic requirement that two sides to any conflict must jointly request external facilitation or mediation of negotiations.

"I'll have a look at the

letter, I'll see what can be done. But the preliminary conditions are that both sides ask for it," he said, without citing Guaido by name.

However, Venezuela's opposition, led by Guaido, has made it clear that any offers of dialogue must start with negotiating the terms of Maduro's exit.

Dozens of countries, including the United States and most of the European Union, have recognized congressional leader

Guaido as Venezuela's interim president, arguing that Maduro's re-election was invalid. But Maduro, too, has widespread international backing and holds practical control over the crisis-racked nation's institutions, including the military.

Maduro said in a statement that he sent the letter to Pope Francis, explaining that he's Christian in both



Francis

prayer and action. "I ask the pope to put forth his best effort, his willingness to help us move down a path of dialogue and hopefully a positive response," Maduro said.

Francis had been asked about whether he might follow in the footsteps of St. John Paul II, who helped mediate a border crisis between Argentina and Chile over the

Beagle Channel that almost brought the two countries to war in 1978.

The Argentine pope, who was a Jesuit provincial at the time, called John Paul's intervention "courageous" because it "avoided a war that was on the horizon."

But he noted Chile and Argentina requested the Holy See's intervention, and that besides, there are plenty of "small steps" that can be taken diplomatically before arriving at mediation of a conflict.

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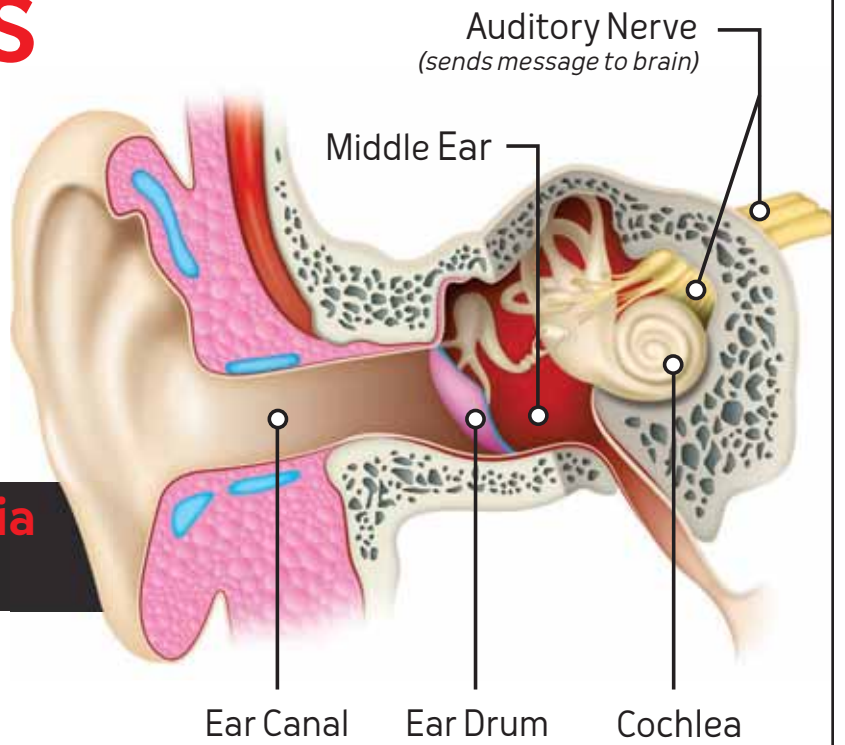
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# Plenty of light, cozy ... and no bodies

Imaginations soar around sale of dead mobster's home

BY DAVID MONTERO  
Los Angeles Times

LAS VEGAS — Shannon Smith knew this would be unlike any home he'd ever sold.

Prospective buyers peppered him with questions: Did anyone get murdered here? Are there diamonds and cash hidden in the walls? Are there bodies buried in the yard?

"I don't know. Buy the house and see," he told them. "Get some metal detectors. Knock down the walls."

Smith, a 39-year-old real estate agent and broker, said they'd nod and shake their heads. They'd walk through the home's floor plan and look at the mirrored ceiling in the front room. They'd note the smoked mirrors in the master bedroom and along a wall by the front door. A small panel in a closet bore closer inspection.

The house might've been a terrestrial 2,392 square feet, but the space for imagination was limitless. Cocktails in ice-filled glasses. Hushed conversations about hits and heists. Money and power cloaked in pressed suits.

It once belonged to Tony "The Ant" Spilotro — a mobster who reputedly oversaw the Chicago Mafia's considerable interests in Las Vegas. The house has changed hands a few times since Spilotro owned it in the 1970s, but like most mob-related things, memories run long and nobody really ever forgets.

The last owner, Ethel Guntharp, said she knew of Spilotro's past but didn't really care much about it. For her, it was just a home — even if sometimes she noticed the occasional car driving by to check it out.

"I knew who he was," she said. "And I knew that would draw interest."



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The former home of mobster Tony "The Ant" Spilotro in Las Vegas listed for just under \$420,000. Spilotro was found buried in Indiana in 1986.

Smith said the house was on the market for a week and sold Jan 19. There were about 30 showings for the property, he estimated.

Yes, he said, most were serious buyers who didn't blink at the \$419,000 asking price. No, buyers were not required to pay for it with suitcases full of cash. Yes, the new owners did not want to be identified. No, the buyers weren't in the witness protection program.

But they did check out the house one last time before signing some paperwork.

The interior was decked out with a pool table between the kitchen and the dining room. An orange couch and a large flat-screen television dominated the living room. In the corner, a bar with smoked glass tops fed the image of a bygone era of mobster rule.

Michael Green, associate professor of history at the University of Nevada, Las

Vegas, said he used to live near Spilotro when the house was built in 1974. He said the running joke was that it was the safest neighborhood Sin City because Spilotro was under constant surveillance by the FBI and local police.

"When he moved in, it was a newer and more elite neighborhood," Green said. "It's in the heart of Paradise township and they were the nice homes. Today, the cachet of nice homes would be in Summerlin and Green Valley, and I suspect he would live in one of those neighborhoods."

During Spilotro's heyday in Las Vegas, Green said, he was the first real high-profile street mobster, as opposed to those operating casinos.

And according to the Mob Museum in Las Vegas, he achieved a lot of notoriety between the mid-1970s and early 1980s as a gangster who protected the skim on casino cash profits for mob bosses in the Midwest.

But he also had side gigs that involved numerous robberies by his Hole in the Wall Gang. In 1976, he opened a pawn shop to keep the stolen property.

Green said local media covered his multiple arrests regularly, though he didn't think Spilotro cared if he was famous or not for them.

Spilotro regularly beat charges against him and was represented by Oscar Goodman, the lawyer who later became mayor of Las Vegas. At the time of his death, he was to face charges that he'd run a burglary, extortion and arson ring and had been awaiting trial on charges that he violated the civil rights of a government informant by having him killed.

Spilotro had been implicated in numerous killings, and was charged with murder three times. But his sole conviction came from using false information on a loan application — a crime that resulted in a fine of \$1.

Spilotro was eventually killed and was found buried with his brother in an Indiana cornfield in 1986.

Today, the ghosts of organized crime are mostly contained in the downtown museum.

Goodman sometimes tells stories at his steakhouse of the old days of gangsters running the town. And the Plaza Hotel and Casino staged a musical revue called "A Mob Story" that features dancing and some comedic touches.

Spilotro's neighborhood is a little more worn now, having weathered decades of booms and busts. The neighborhood has since been absorbed by development that has helped Clark County grow to 2.2 million people. It wasn't even 500,000 in 1980, according to the census.

Homes on the street still vary in flamboyant colors and styles, including powder blue and mint green. The Spilotro home had a salmon-tinged stucco exte-

rior with white trim. The red-tile roof was faded to a near-white as well.

Smith said very few things are original in the home now. A couple of doors. The smoked mirrors. The pool, upgraded with a new bottom, was original.

The backyard was spacious, with a lot of open area covered by rock and dotted with cactus and palm trees. Decking and a patio set were placed near a barbecue. A park bench rested on some green turf — a backyard set up for entertaining.

Did Spilotro entertain in the backyard? Possibly, Smith said. The new buyers, who had checked out most of the house, found an outdoor closet that looked like it would house pool supplies. Smith stood with them as they opened it up slowly.

Inside, it yielded a few yard supplies, some trash bags and tools. No guns. No bullets. No law mowers. Not even a Vise-Grip.



BENOIT MOSER/PARIS FIRE BRIGADE

A fire rages through the top floors of an apartment building Tuesday in Paris. More than 30 people, including eight firefighters, were treated for injuries, an official said.

## Suspect held in deadly apartment fire in Paris

At least 10 killed in city's worst fatal inferno since 2005

BY THOMAS ADAMSON  
AND LORI HINNANT  
Associated Press

PARIS — Paris' deadliest fire in more than a decade killed at least 10 people Tuesday as flames engulfed a nine-story apartment building, sending residents to the roof and clambering across balconies to escape.

A 40-year-old woman who lived in the building was arrested nearby and held on suspicion of having set the fire.

French police opened a criminal investigation for voluntary arson resulting in death. Officials said the suspect had "a history of psychiatric problems."

A judicial official, who spoke on condition of anonymity, said the suspect was drunk when officers detained her.

Multiple neighbors said they heard the suspect and her neighbor, an off-duty firefighter, arguing over the

woman's music before the fire broke out.

Police responding to the dispute stopped by the woman's apartment. The firefighter and his girlfriend told officers they were leaving to sleep elsewhere and thought the neighbor had lost her mind and that one day there would be an accident because of her, according to a police report.

In an interview with Le Parisien newspaper, the 22-year-old firefighter said he returned to the building a few minutes later, shortly after midnight, hoping the woman had gone. Instead, he ran into her in the stairwell, which was already beginning to smell of smoke.

"She wished me good luck, telling me that I loved flames," he said.

Survivors described a chaotic scene of smoke and flames, and the firefighter said he ran upstairs to try and evacuate the building.

One neighbor recalled clambering out of her eighth-floor apartment and over balconies to reach

safety.

"I climbed across several balconies, with nothing beneath, and then was backed into a corner. There were people climbing hand-over-hand to get to where I was and escape the flames," said the resident, identified only as Claire.

Another resident, an off-duty police officer, threw on clothes and rang doorbell after doorbell, trying to alert his neighbors.

"I couldn't save everyone. I can't forgive myself," the man identified as Fabrice told France Info radio, adding that smoke and flames prevented him from climbing higher than the fourth floor.

Interior Minister Christophe Castaner spoke to reporters at the scene Tuesday. More than 30 people were being treated for "relatively" light injuries, Castaner said. Among the injured were at least eight firefighters.

It was the deadliest fire in Paris since the April 2005 hotel fire near the capital's famed Opera that killed 24 people.

## Campaign raises money to build wall on border

Nonprofit says it will take 'months, not years,' to finish

BY NOMAAN MERCHANT  
Associated Press

HOUSTON — What started as an online fundraiser to provide President Donald Trump with donations for his southern border wall has morphed into a foundation whose members vow to build a wall themselves.

The "We The People Will Build the Wall" campaign has surpassed \$20 million since it was created in December by Air Force veteran and triple amputee Brian Kolfage. The campaign has received almost 350,000 donations even as opponents derided the effort and after the longest government shutdown in U.S. history ended with Congress refusing Trump's demand for billions in wall funding.

Kolfage and other Trump supporters have now organized a nonprofit corporation, WeBuildtheWall Inc. Its board of directors includes former Kansas Secretary of State Kris Kobach, a hard-line immigration opponent who has advised Trump. The group spent part of last week in South Texas touring the U.S.-Mexico border and meeting landowners the group hopes will allow private construction on their land.

Whether a private group could build such a wall remains to be seen. There are legal and environmental obstacles in South Texas that have delayed the federal government, even with its powers to seize land and waive laws for national security.

The group acknowledges the obstacles. But Dustin Stockton, one of the group's leaders, said he still believed they could build something in "months, not



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Brian Kolfage had an online fundraiser to provide President Donald Trump with donations for his border wall.

years." "We talked to several people who weren't interested in having a wall five or six years ago who have since changed their mind based on what they're seeing happening on their land," Stockton said. He declined to identify the landowners they met, but said they said the security situation at the border had gotten significantly worse.

Experts on border walls are skeptical.

"If there is a landowner who wants a wall built on their property and they happen to have property near the border, I suppose they could convince the person to let them build on their property," said Efrén Olivares, a lawyer with the Texas Civil Rights Project who is organizing landowners against a border wall. "It's extremely silly for achieving any kind of objective."

The fundraising "is still a tiny sum compared to the cost of any significant fencing on the border," said Reece Jones, a University of Hawaii professor and author of the book "Violent Borders."

U.S. Customs and Border Protection is working to build 33 miles of new walls and fencing in the Rio Grande Valley. The construction was funded by Congress in March. So far, the government has

awarded 14 miles of construction for a total of \$313 million, or roughly \$22 million a mile.

The average cost of 1 mile built by the government exceeds what the campaign has raised.

"Walls alone are a very ineffective way to secure a border because they are expensive and still need to be constantly guarded," Jones said. "Even then, people regularly go over, under, around, or through them."

Most land along the Rio Grande is privately owned, and many landowners oppose surrendering their land for a border wall.

The U.S. government has the authority to seize land under eminent domain and will likely have to sue many landowners to build more barriers. It can also waive environmental laws to speed construction. A private group doesn't have those powers.

The river also feeds wildlife — including many endangered species — and farmland on both sides. A bi-national commission governs flood control on the river, and building at the water's edge is particularly difficult due to concerns about terrain and flooding.

Kolfage originally promised to donate any proceeds from his campaign to the U.S. government.

STATE OF THE UNION

# Trump calls for end of 'political stalemate'

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have refused to acquiesce to his demands for a border wall, and Republicans are increasingly unwilling to shut down the government to help him fulfill his signature campaign pledge.

Trump made no mention of an emergency declaration in his remarks, though he did offer a lengthy defense of his call for a border wall.

Trump devoted much of his speech to foreign policy, another area where Republicans have increasingly distanced themselves from the White House. He announced details of a second meeting with North Korea's Kim Jong Un, outlining a summit Feb. 27-28 in Vietnam. The two met last summer in Singapore, though that meeting only led to a vaguely worded commitment by the North to denuclearize.

As Trump stood before lawmakers, he was surrounded by symbols of his emboldened political opposition.

House Speaker Nancy Pelosi, who was praised by Democrats for her hard-line negotiating during the shutdown, sat behind Trump as he spoke. And several senators running for president were also in the audience, including Sens. Kamala Harris of California and Cory Booker of New Jersey.

Another Democratic star, Stacey Abrams, delivered the party's response to Trump. Abrams narrowly lost her bid in November to become America's first black female governor, and party leaders are recruiting her to run for U.S. Senate from Georgia.

Speaking from a union hall in Atlanta, Abrams combined her party's vision of a more unified society with her personal story as a black daughter of the Deep South.

"These were our family values: faith, service, educa-



CAROLYN KASTER/AP

Members of the Democratic caucus leap up after President Trump acknowledges more women in Congress during his State of the Union address.

**"If there is going to be peace and legislation, there cannot be war and investigation."**

— President Donald Trump

tion and responsibility," she said, arguing for "this uncommon grace of community."

"We do not succeed alone," she added. "In these United States, when times are tough, we can persevere because our friends and neighbors will come for us."

Abrams identified Trump as architect of the shutdown that ended last

month. "The shutdown was a stunt engineered by the president of the United States," she said, "one that defied every tenet of fairness and abandoned not just our people, but our values."

Trump's 82-minute address amounted to an opening argument for his reelection campaign. Polls show he has work to do, with his approval rating

falling to 34 percent after the shutdown, according to a survey conducted by The Associated Press-NORC Center for Public Affairs Research.

One bright spot for the president has been the economy, which has added jobs for 100 consecutive months.

He said, "The only thing that can stop it are foolish wars, politics or ridiculous partisan investigations" an apparent swipe at the special counsel investigation into ties between Russia and Trump's 2016 campaign, as well as the upcoming congressional investigations.

The diverse Democratic caucus, which includes a bevy of women, sat silently for much of Trump's speech. But they leaped to their feet when he noted there are "more women in the workforce than ever before."

The increase is due to population growth.

Turning to foreign policy, another area where Republicans have been willing to distance themselves from the president, Trump defended his decisions to withdraw U.S. troops from Syria and Afghanistan.

"Great nations do not fight endless wars," he said. ISIS militants have lost

territory since Trump's announcement in December that he was pulling U.S. forces out, but military officials warn the fighters could regroup within six months to a year of the Americans leaving. Several GOP lawmakers have criticized his plans to withdraw from Syria and Afghanistan.

Trump's guests for the speech included Alice Johnson, a woman whose life sentence for drug offenses was commuted by the president, and Joshua Trump, a sixth-grader from Wilmington, Del., who has been bullied over his last name. They sat with first lady Melania Trump.

## Trump campaign targets HIV end by 2030 in U.S.

BY RICARDO ALONSO-ZALDIVAR  
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — President Donald Trump is launching a campaign to end the HIV epidemic in the United States by 2030, targeting areas where new infections happen and getting highly effective drugs to people at risk.

Briefing reporters ahead of Trump's State of the Union speech Tuesday, Health and Human Services Secretary Alex Azar and senior public health officials said the campaign relies on fresh insights into where about half of new HIV cases occur — 48 out of some 3,000 U.S. counties, and Washington, D.C., Puerto Rico and seven states with at-risk rural residents.

"We've never had that kind of 'This is the target,'" said Dr. Anthony Fauci, the government's pre-eminent AIDS warrior and head of the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases. The government has "been trying to address HIV, but never in such a focused way," he said.

HIV is the virus that causes AIDS.

"Together, we will defeat AIDS in America and beyond," Trump said in his speech. He pledged funding in his upcoming budget, but did not say how much.

Trump's move is being greeted with a mix of skepticism and cautious optimism by anti-AIDS activists. They're flagging his previous efforts to slash Medicaid health care for low-income people, and his administration's ongoing drive to roll back newly won acceptance for LGBTQ people.

"We stand ready to work with him and his administration if they are serious," said a statement from AIDS United and other groups. "But to date, this administration's actions speak louder than words and have moved us in the wrong



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President Donald Trump greets Supreme Court Justices after the State of the Union address Tuesday night.

direction." AIDS United funds and advocates policies to combat AIDS.

The ONE Campaign, the global anti-poverty group co-founded by rock singer Bono, called Trump's pledge a "welcome sign," but pointed out that the administration has also proposed deep cuts in U.S. funding for efforts to battle HIV in Africa.

"While we might have policy differences with the president and his administration, this initiative, if properly implemented and resourced, can go down in history as one of the most significant achievements of his presidency," Michael Ruppall, executive director of the AIDS Institute, said in a statement.

While Azar said new funding would be included in the president's budget, he also emphasized that the campaign is about making more efficient use of existing programs like the Ryan White HIV/AIDS Program, which provides medical care and support services.

"The tools are there," Azar said. "This is about execution."

Today's HIV treatments work so well they not only can give people with the AIDS virus a near-normal

life expectancy, they offer a double whammy — making those patients less likely to infect other people.

At the same time, a long-time HIV medication named Truvada can prevent infection if taken daily by healthy people who are at risk from their infected sexual partners, a strategy known as "pre-exposure prophylaxis" or PrEP.

The people most at risk include men who have sex with men, minorities, particularly African-Americans, and American Indians/Alaska Natives.

Azar said the administration's campaign would rely on public health workers to identify people at risk for HIV/AIDS, get them tested, and on medication.

The 48 counties HHS is focusing on are mainly metro areas. The states are Alabama, Arkansas, Kentucky, Mississippi, Missouri, Oklahoma and South Carolina.

The initial goal is to reduce new HIV infections by 75 percent in five years. There are about 40,000 new cases of HIV infections a year, a dramatic reduction from the crisis years of the epidemic. More than 1 million Americans live with the disease.

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## Caravan of 1,700 migrants camped on border near Texas

MEXICO CITY — A caravan of about 1,700 Central American migrants was camped Tuesday in the Mexican border city of Piedras Negras, just west of Eagle Pass, Texas.

While previous caravans had preferred the border city of Tijuana, the relatively open section of the border around Eagle Pass is marked mainly by the Rio Grande and lacks the long sections of high barriers found at Tijuana. Still, the U.S. Depart-

ment of Homeland Security vowed in a statement that the "lawless caravan" would not be allowed in.

Images from local media showed U.S. agents with riot gear and shields standing on a bridge separating Eagle Pass, Texas, and Piedras Negras.

An improvised shelter was set up for about 1,700 migrants at an unused factory, and local officials said the migrants had been given sleeping mats, blankets and food.

## Sexual assault complaint names former president of Costa Rica

SAN JOSE, Costa Rica — Former President Oscar Arias, a Nobel Peace Prize laureate, was enveloped in scandal Tuesday after a sexual assault complaint was brought against him by a nuclear disarmament activist.

Arias denied the allegation.

According to the publication Semanario Universidad, the woman said the incident took place Dec. 1, 2014, at the ex-

president's home in San Jose, where she had come for a meeting related to her cause.

She told the publication that Arias grabbed her from behind, touched her breasts, began to kiss her and penetrated her with his fingers.

According to Semanario Universidad, the woman said Arias proposed meeting elsewhere, and she used that as an excuse to leave.

## May vows no return to hard border for Ulster, Ireland

LONDON — British Prime Minister Theresa May told business leaders in Northern Ireland on Tuesday that she is seeking changes to the U.K.'s withdrawal agreement with the European Union, but not the total removal of the Irish border provision that is the most contentious part of the deal.

Seeking to ease fears about the return of customs posts and vehicle checks, May said during a

visit to Belfast that the British government is committed to preventing the construction of a physical border between EU member Ireland and the U.K.'s Northern Ireland after Britain leaves the European Union.

She also emphasized the government's support for the Good Friday agreement, the 1998 treaty that largely ended decades of violence in Northern Ireland.



VINCENT YU/AP

Performers in Hong Kong take part in a night parade Tuesday to celebrate Lunar New Year and the arrival of the Year of the Pig, according to the Chinese calendar, as people in Asia visited temples, burned incense, set off fireworks and attended family banquets.

## Officer won't face charges in fatal Alabama mall shooting

MONTGOMERY, Ala — An Alabama police officer will not face charges for killing a man he mistook for the gunman in a mall shooting, the state's attorney general announced Tuesday, drawing outrage from the slain man's family who said the officer jumped to conclusions when he saw a young black man with a gun.

An officer shot 21-year-old Emantic Bradford, Jr. while responding to an earlier shooting on Thanksgiving night at a mall in Hoover.

State Attorney General Steve Marshall announced

Tuesday that his investigation concluded "the officer did not commit a crime" and that he would not present the case to a grand jury. Marshall said he considered the matter closed.

A 26-page report released by Marshall's office said the officer mistakenly believed Bradford fired the earlier shots. But the report also said the Hoover officer, whose name has not been released, was still justified in shooting him because of the threat he posed.

The report said the officer saw Bradford running toward the scene with a gun and believed he was

trying to kill the shooting victim or harm others. The shooting victim was actually Bradford's friend, with whom he had been at the mall that evening.

The report also stated that Bradford, who had a gun drawn, "posed an immediate deadly threat to persons in the area."

Bradford's family reacted with anger Tuesday.

"The attorney general, he's in bed with Hoover. Bottom line. He covered it up. He sanitized it just so the officer could get off with murdering my son," Emantic Bradford Sr. told news reporters.

## Confederate emblem stays on Miss. flag as bills die

JACKSON, Miss. — Mississippi lawmakers are again killing bills to remove the Confederate battle emblem from the last flag in the U.S. to display it.

But they also rejected measures that would force universities opposed to the emblem to fly the banner.

The emblem — a red

field topped by a blue tilted cross and dotted by 13 white stars — has appeared on Mississippi's flag since 1894. Critics say it's racist; those who oppose removing it say it's a historic symbol.

Mississippians voted to keep the flag in a 2001 statewide election.

For the past several years, multiple bills have been filed to redesign the Mississippi flag. More than a dozen were filed this year, and they all died when they were not considered before a Tuesday deadline. It was the final day for House and Senate committees to accept or reject general bills.

## Hope seen for deal on funds for border security

WASHINGTON — Capitol Hill talks to resolve an impasse over President Donald Trump's demands for billions of dollars for his long-sought border wall are inching forward. Lawmakers are focused more on forging agreement among themselves and less on satisfying Trump.

One such sign came Tuesday when Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell said he's not seeking Trump's blessing in advance of striking a deal on border security funding.

McConnell said that negotiators "ought to reach an agreement, and then we'll hope that the president finds it worth signing."

During the recent 35-day partial federal shutdown, McConnell insisted that Trump's buy-in would be needed before any agreement could be reached.

**Sentence:** A southwestern Michigan man who fatally shot six strangers and wounded two others in between picking up passengers for Uber in Kalamazoo was sentenced Tuesday to life in prison with no chance of parole.

Jason Dalton, 48, pleaded guilty to murder and attempted murder last month.

**In France:** The yellow vest protest movement joined ranks Tuesday with a major union, a first for both, in a day of nationwide protests over taxes and buying power that brought tens of thousands into the streets.

Brief scuffles did erupt during the mostly calm Paris demonstration, and police fired tear gas.

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## EDITORIALS

Yes, the Illinois Exodus is  
'as serious as a heart attack'

Illinois residents are fleeing for more economically hospitable states. They go to Texas, Florida and other Sun Belt states because job prospects are better, tax burdens are lower and the weather is more temperate. The Exodus is real. It's damaging Illinois. And it may be getting worse.

The warning comes from a fellow sufferer, otherwise known as the governor of New York. Democratic Gov. Andrew Cuomo reports that New York state income tax revenue last year came up short by a projected \$2.3 billion. Cuomo partially blames the departure of wealthy residents from his high-tax state in the wake of federal tax reform, which put a limit on the amount of state and local taxes that can be deducted on federal income tax forms.

**When New York, already expensive,** put an even higher tax burden on residents, some New Yorkers who could afford to leave did so. In Cuomo's memorable phrase Monday: "Tax the rich. Tax the rich. Tax

the rich. We did that. God forbid the rich leave."

As of Tuesday we hadn't seen an estimated 2018 tax revenue figure from Springfield, but a trend's a trend. There's reason to anticipate that some affluent, mobile residents of Illinois will reach the same conclusions as their brethren from New York that they'd be better off financially in a different locale. The Wall Street Journal reports that growing numbers of wealthy tax refugees from New York, New Jersey and Illinois are showing up in Miami to buy condos.

Congressional tax reform, which encouraged job growth by reducing the corporate tax rate, also shifted tax burdens by limiting to \$10,000 the amount of state and local taxes that individuals could deduct in calculating federal taxes. There is a fairness argument to this so-called SALT deduction limit.

Previously, Illinois politicians felt no pressure to keep a lid on taxes because they

knew residents could take the deduction. The result: Residents of lower-tax states effectively subsidized affluent citizens of Illinois and other high-tax states.

In New York, Cuomo decried the end of the deduction, but not for reasons of fairness. He just wanted to keep constituents and his revenue stream, so he came up with a sneaky workaround that would allow residents to make payments to non-profit groups controlled by local governments and deduct them as charitable contributions. The Internal Revenue Service nixed his idea. So people are leaving. In New York, he said, the most affluent residents — the top 1 percent of earners — pay 46 percent of the personal income taxes collected by the state each year. Cuomo said the situation is "serious as a heart attack."

**We fear heart attacks,** but we also see a potentially positive outcome in Springfield if Democratic Gov. J.B. Pritzker and the

Democrat-controlled General Assembly absorb the right lesson from New York. The unfair federal subsidy of affluent Illinois households is dead. Those households will pay more in federal taxes — a reflection of the high taxes levied by their state and local governments.

That means there is a newly compelling reason for the governor, legislators and local officials statewide to manage budgets responsibly and reduce their high tax burdens.

But if the profligate ways continue, there will be trouble ahead: If state and local officials insist on ever-higher spending and then raising taxes, residents will rebel. Even more will leave this state. And as Illinois' population continues to shrink, a higher tax burden falls on everyone who remains.

Gov. Pritzker, remember the words of your colleague, the governor of New York: "Tax the rich. Tax the rich. Tax the rich. We did that. God forbid the rich leave."

## Our choices for Chicago City Council: Wards 26-29

The Tribune Editorial Board continues its endorsements in contested races for aldermanic seats in the Feb. 26 municipal election.



**26th Ward:** Is gentrification a synonym for economic expansion ... or a dirty word? For voters in this ward that includes part of fast-changing Logan Square and much of Humboldt Park, perspectives on growth define the

election. Ald. Roberto Maldonado wants to add more affordable housing and protect longtime ward residents from encroaching real estate development, which he sees as a destabilizing force. To Maldonado, The 606 recreational trail is an amenity but also a warning sign of rising rents. "I am unapologetic when it comes to pushing the construction of affordable housing so that we can reach parity with the forces of gentrification," he tells us. A balanced take on growth is needed to spur job growth and generate city tax revenue, but that's not what we hear from Maldonado. When real estate investors come to him offering to make 20 percent of a development's units affordable, he says he tells them he wants a 50-50 mix. More than likely, that ends the meeting. We get a different view from challenger **David Herrera**, who grew up in the ward and has a background in finance and real estate. Herrera doesn't want to price out longtime residents, but he understands the need for investment and small businesses. Otherwise, the exodus of residents and jobs from his ward, and Illinois, will continue. Herrera has creative ideas to boost economic activity by

opening old-time manufacturing areas to development. "If we don't have a sustainable community where people can work and live, displacement will accelerate," he says. Also running is Theresa Siaw. Herrera is endorsed.



**27th Ward:** An anecdote about balancing community needs versus economic development: When a real estate firm sought to buy the Greyhound bus maintenance facility on Goose Island to build 1,000 housing units, Ald.

**Walter Burnett Jr.** told the investors that 20 percent of the units on-site must be affordable housing. The investors walked away — then came back because Goose Island is hot. Development in the eastern section of the 27th Ward, which stretches from the West Loop into the West Side, is part of what makes Chicago tick: new grocery stores, new practice facilities at the United Center and constant growth in the trendy Fulton Market district. Burnett oversees these important investments in jobs and growth but stays mindful of his responsibility to keep the ward affordable.

"Regular, working-class people should be able to live in these communities," he says. Challenger Cynthia D. Bednarz, a real estate agent from East Garfield Park, also understands that a vibrant economy generates the tax revenue to keep Chicago afloat. She's a newcomer to politics who we hope stays involved. Burnett is endorsed.



**28th Ward:** Ald. **Jason Ervin** says one way to fight crime in this West Side ward is to combat what he sees as criminal loitering. The connection is legitimate, he says, and constituents support his belief: "You can't walk a block

to a store or go to a bus shelter because five other people are standing in the shelter for four hours selling loose cigarettes or narcotics." Ervin proposed one loitering ordinance focused on prostitution that passed last year; it's designed to crack down on pimps and men seeking sex. Broadening the anti-loitering strategy to combat gangs would face constitutional questions, Ervin recognizes, but the safety of residents depends on finding a sensible balance: "When we find large numbers of people

gathering with no lawful purposes, those are individuals that generally tend to end up being shot." Ervin brings a thoughtful approach to all aspects of the job. As Chicago confronts budget strains over extra payments into pension funds that must be made, he says further raising property taxes shouldn't be the knee-jerk reaction. Reducing expenses also must be considered. Challengers in this race are Miguel Bautista, Jasmine Jackson and Beverly Miles. Ervin is endorsed.



**29th Ward:** During his first term, West Side Ald. **Chris Taliaferro** pushed for more affordable housing in Chicago. It was a reform-minded move because his ordinance would place some checks on aldermanic prerogative, the

tradition of giving outside say over development approval to the local alderman. Taliaferro's concern: If an obstinate alderman blocks an affordable housing project, the city misses a chance to decrease segregation. Taliaferro, a former Chicago police sergeant and attorney, also supported an important yet failed 2016 measure to give City Hall's inspector general oversight of big legislative programs. Challenger Dwayne Truss has an impressive record as a community advocate. He criticizes Taliaferro for allowing a liquor store to reopen across from Columbus Park. Taliaferro accepts responsibility, blaming an early tenure email snafu. Not all politicians own up to mistakes. Also running is Zerlina A. Smith. Taliaferro, who keys on public safety and community investment as issues, is endorsed.

As the Feb. 26 Chicago election approaches, you'll find the mayoral and aldermanic candidates' answers to our surveys, and our endorsements, at [chicagotribune.com/candidates](http://chicagotribune.com/candidates). To find more information about the mayoral candidates, go to [chicagotribune.com/mayorsrace](http://chicagotribune.com/mayorsrace).

## WHAT OTHERS ARE SAYING

If Kamala Harris settles on the proposal to nationalize the whole health care insurance system, there will be plenty of time to debate whether this means longer waits or changes to Medicare. (Spoiler alert: Yes to both.) But it does seem clear that she was talking about ending current private insurance. ... For now it's enough to note something that voters clearly understand: Single-payer means immediate loss of their current insurance, and higher taxes, while the savings are more uncertain and, at best, would take years to materialize. ...

Medicare-for-all is obviously catnip to the progressive base, and just as obviously deadly nightshade to the suburbanites whom Trump has driven out of the Republican Party.

You know, the ones who propelled Democrats to control of the House by such handsome margins in November. Those suburbanites may be unhappy with the U.S. health care system, but they are, paradoxically, mostly quite happy with their insurance. ...

Democratic strategists are not unaware of this; neither are Democratic primary voters. But there's a certain freedom in having Trump as an opponent — he's so loathed in many quarters of the electorate that you can propose almost anything and still be pretty certain of those votes.

And yet, not entirely certain. If you force suburbanites to choose between having a lewd race-baiter in the White House and sacrificing their health-insurance coverage ... or paying higher taxes ... or many of the other disruptive things progressives want to do ... well, maybe they decide the troglodyte is the lesser of two evils.

Megan McArdle, *The Washington Post*

## SCOTT STANTIS



# Chicago Tribune PERSPECTIVE

## Northam's sin looks more like obliviousness than racism



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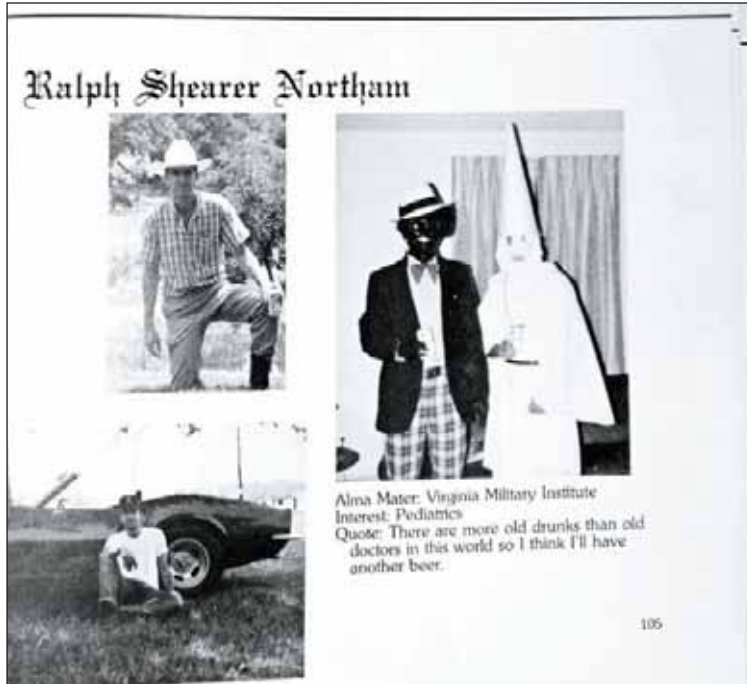
I'm about two years older than Virginia Gov. Ralph Northam, 59, and I've never put on blackface makeup — not as a high school or college student, not as a young adult, not ever.

Neither have any of my friends to my knowledge. And I've never been to a costume party where someone came in blackface.

Not that I've always been ostentatiously enlightened on the subject. I can't remember having a conversation or even giving it any thought in the mid-1980s — when, as we've learned, Northam used shoe polish to darken his white skin thinking it would be entertaining — about how poisonous and offensive blackface is to African-Americans.

Yes, the subject was occasionally in the news back then. African-American actor and dancer Ben Vereen raised eyebrows and a bit of ire when he performed in blackface at the 1981 inauguration of Ronald Reagan, with the anger magnified because the portion of his act that highlighted the connection between blackface and racist exploitation of blacks was not included in the TV broadcast.

White students who wore blackface makeup to a 1982 "Ghetto Function" fraternity party at an Oregon university avoided suspension by participating in a cultural awareness program, according to another story from the archives. A police officer in Baltimore was consigned to desk duty for having an off-hours



Ralph Northam's page in his 1984 medical school yearbook features a photo of one person in blackface and another dressed as a Klansman.

gig where he put on blackface and performed as Al Jolson.

The Chicago Tribune barely mentioned the subject in the early-'80s, and most of the references in *The New York Times* were mild asides in the paper's arts coverage — a 1981 dramatic review noted that the blackface was "unevenly and inexpertly applied," while a 1982 review of a ballet performance observed that the use of blackface "recalls a sensibility no longer valid."

In 1986, Hollywood released "Soul Man," a feature-length comedy about a white man who darkens his skin to receive a law school scholarship reserved for black students.

Meanwhile, a former Ku Klux Klan officer — Robert Byrd of West Virginia — was the highest

ranking Democrat in the U.S. Senate, while the highest ranking Republican was South Carolina Sen. Strom Thurmond, who'd run for president in 1948 railing against the admission of "the negro race into our theaters, into our swimming pools, into our homes, and into our churches."

This was the cultural milieu in which Northam decided it would be a good idea to blacken up in order to imitate Michael Jackson at a dance contest (he now denies being in the 1984 medical school yearbook photo on his page that shows one person in blackface and another in a Klansman's hood).

Those calling for Northam's resignation who indignantly note that his offense occurred in 1984, not 1954, are romanticizing how

woke the public was in 1984.

I'm inclined to chalk up Northam's decision to obliviousness rather than racism, particularly in light of his public record on race in the intervening 35 years, which even most of his African-American critics concede has been exemplary.

It is an obliviousness rooted in white privilege conferred by systemic racism, to be sure. And it often manifests itself as insensitivity — hence the ongoing need for cultural-awareness initiatives. Those who do not live as African-Americans, American Indians, Asian-Americans, Hispanics, LGBTQ people or other minorities can be poor judges of what's amusing to them or what they will take as compliments.

And ask any woman you know about manifestations of male privilege.

Entertainers in blackface ridiculed and often infantilized African-Americans and perpetuated their subjugation. This history is so toxic that intent can never justify its use, as actor Ted Danson learned when he was widely vilified for attempting to honor his then-girlfriend, African-American star Whoopi Goldberg, by wearing blackface for a skit in 1993.

But Danson has been allowed to return to respectability, as has Billy Crystal, who came under fire for darkening his face to imitate Sammy Davis Jr. for a bit at the 2012 Academy Awards show.

And so — given his expressions of remorse and lack of evidence of similar misdeeds in the intervening 35 years — should Northam. Even given his bizarre performance at Saturday's news conference and the strange evolution of his story about the Klansman photo, he's entitled to the forgiveness and second chance he's

asked for.

Yes, he inadvertently and retrospectively caused pain to African-Americans by thoughtlessly wearing blackface in the mid-1980s. But if he has to resign for that, so should every politician of either party who supports holidays and public displays that honor the Confederacy, honors that cause ongoing pain to African-Americans.

So should Republicans who aren't calling for the resignation of white supremacist U.S. Rep. Steve King, R-Iowa, and of avowed female-genital-grabbing President Donald Trump.

The public is likely to realize this once the Next Big Outrage heaves into view and the pundits mount their high horses to charge after it.

At this writing, Northam seems to be heeding what I call "Roland's Rule" — the advice to sit tight during explosions of public indignation until everyone has calmed down and the calls for your head die off. I named it for Illinois politician Roland Burris, who calmly weathered the furious storm that followed his appointment to the U.S. Senate in late 2008 by Gov. Rod Blagojevich after Blagojevich's arrest on corruption charges.

It's a rule that has served Trump, Bill Clinton, Brett Kavanaugh and others in public who've bided their time until the flames on the torches of the masses burned out.

Virginia is not facing an emergency that demands a new governor today. If a month from now it still looks as if he can't be an effective governor or if the bill of particulars against him has grown, then yes, he should quit.

But not yet. Not for this.

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## Maybe Northam should say, 'You first, Mr. President'



CLARENCE PAGE

I'm disappointed in Ralph Northam, but not just for the reasons most people are saying. I'm disappointed that the embattled Democratic governor of Virginia didn't try to push back for a better deal.

True, he hasn't had much wiggle room. Even in these polarized political times, an impressively bipartisan blamestorm boiled up to call for his resignation after right-wing website Big League Politics unearthed a photo in his 1984 medical school yearbook of two men, one in blackface and the other in a hooded Ku Klux Klan robe.

Last Friday, Northam apologized for being one of the two young men "in a costume that is clearly racist and offensive," although he did not say which of the two costumed individuals was the governor.

The next day, he suddenly reversed course. After further examination, he said, "I believe then, and now, that I am not either of the people" in the photo.

Say what? Suddenly Northam's narrative had slipped from merely bad to totally ridiculous.

But Northam stood firm, saying his memory somehow had confused the Halloween party in the photo with a dance contest in which he "darkened" his face with two dabs of shoe polish on his cheeks to dress up as Michael Jackson and perform a moonwalk.

Which raised a few new questions, such as how had Northam confused two such distinctly different events? Did he make a habit of wearing shoe polish on his face?

I don't think I would have trouble remembering an occasion in which I put on blackface make-



Virginia Gov. Ralph Northam, with his wife, Pam, talks about a controversial photo in his college yearbook last week.

STEVE HELBER/AP

up, but, since I am already black I've never felt much of a need to embellish what nature has given me.

One diligent reporter asked Northam if he could still do a moonwalk — and he almost did. But his wife interrupted him with a firm note of caution. "Inappropriate circumstances," she said. He took the hint. Good move.

Adding to his misery, CBS News had reported another picture from Northam's 1981 yearbook says that he also was given the nickname "Coonman," which sounds a lot like a variation on a well-known racial slur. Northam would confirm only the nickname "Goose," branded on him by another friend.

By then Northam's goose was pretty well cooked as far as his governorship was concerned. Even former Gov. Terry McAuliffe, former chairman of the Democratic National Committee under whom Northam served as

lieutenant governor, had turned against him, calling the situation untenable for the party and the state's government.

Other top Democrats — including the state's two senators, Mark Warner and Tim Kaine, its African-American legislative caucus and most of its congressional delegation, plus a list of 2020 presidential candidates — are asking him to resign and allow Lt. Gov. Justin Fairfax, who also happens to be African-American, to take his place — if Fairfax can survive a sexual assault allegation reported Sunday in Big League Politics and vehemently denied Monday by Fairfax.

As the blackface scandal throws the state's leadership into disarray, President Donald Trump and other top Republicans took advantage of this opportunity to criticize Democrats for a change, after years of taking heat for other interracial debacles.

In tweets Saturday night,

Trump said Ed Gillespie, Northam's Republican opponent in the 2017 gubernatorial election, would have won had the photo turned up during their campaign. A lot of people say the same about Trump's fate had the public known then what we are learning now about his Russia connections.

But on race, Trump's troubles go back to the 1970s, when his real estate company was charged by the federal government with giving preferential treatment to whites — and more recently with, among other episodes, his disparaging of Mexican immigrants as criminals and "rapists" and attempts to ban immigrants from Muslim countries.

That's why I think it would be enlightening, to say the least, if Northam had decided to fight back with a more clear-eyed sense of purpose. Instead of dragging his heels on the way to a resignation that appears to be

inevitable under his cloud of suspected racism, I would like to have seen him borrow a tactic from Trump's playbook: deep stubbornness.

For example, Northam could say he won't leave office unless Trump leaves the White House first.

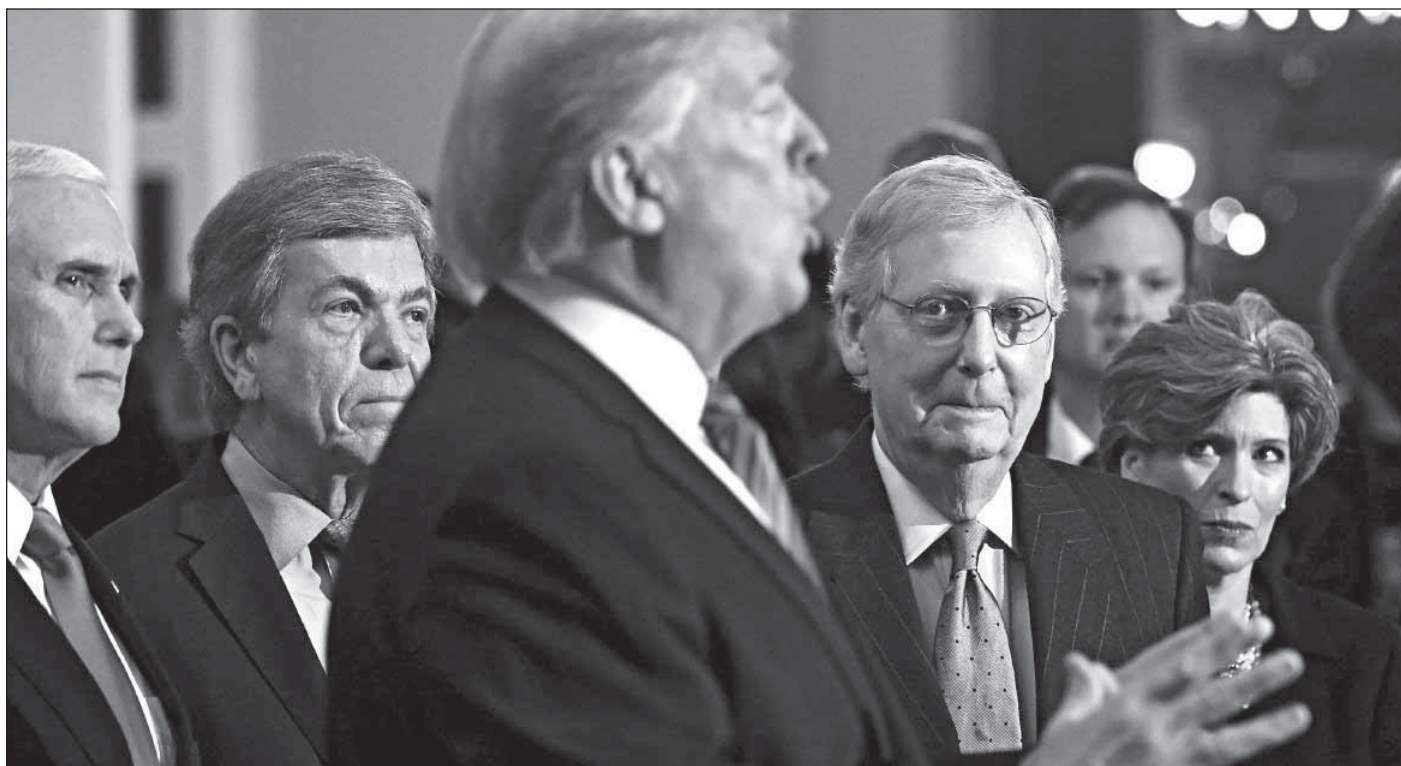
He could point, for example, to the Trump administration's report last week that officials don't have resources to reunite thousands of children separated at the border from their parents. Would he have treated immigrants from Europe entering the U.S. illegally that way?

I don't expect Northam to try such a protest, but that's a question worth asking.

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# PERSPECTIVE



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President Donald Trump talks to the press last month as Vice President Mike Pence, left, and Republican senators look on.

## Why Republican senators might stop Trump's wall

BY NOAH FELDMAN

President Donald Trump's persistent threat to declare a national emergency and build a wall along the Mexican border is giving new life to the separation of powers — exactly the opposite of his intention. In a development that would bring a smile to the Founding Fathers if they could see it, Republican senators have started to say that it's a constitutional problem for the president to attempt to bypass Congress by using an emergency to fund something that Congress clearly hasn't authorized.

Republicans are realizing that if Trump can use an emergency to get around Congress, so, too, could Democratic presidents in the future. The senators are looking out for the interests of the Senate, which is to say their own interests.

As Sen. John Cornyn, R-Texas, put it bluntly on Monday: "The whole idea that presidents — whether it's President Trump, President (Elizabeth) Warren or President (Bernie) Sanders — can declare an emergency and somehow usurp the separation of powers and get into the business of appropriating money for specific projects without Congress being involved, is a serious constitutional question."

This is the first time in the Trump administration that Republican members of Congress have hinted they may stand up against the president to protect the powers of the legislative branch.

In other words, Trump has finally gotten the creaky machinery of the Constitution's separation of powers rolling into gear. His proposed usurpation of Congress' power of the purse — by threatening to divert federal funding from other projects to build the wall — is producing a constitutional backlash.

What's remarkable about this turn of events is that it follows the script that was

written into the structure of the Constitution — but has rarely worked as designed.

The founders' idea was that each branch of government would stand up for its own interests, and thus create a balance between Congress and the president. "Ambition must be made to counteract ambition," James Madison wrote in one of the most famous passages in the Federalist Papers (No. 51, if you're following at home).

The basic idea is that if one branch tries to infringe on the powers of another — if the president tries to spend money that Congress hasn't itself allocated, for example — members of the branch under attack will mount a collective self-defense.

Even if they don't act on principle, ran Madison's theory, the branches would defend their turf on the basis of self-interest. No politician wants to be irrelevant, at least in theory.

The problem with the self-interest theory of the separation of powers is that Madison didn't sufficiently take into account the rise of national political parties, which did not yet exist in the U.S. when he was designing the Constitution.

When the president and one or two houses of Congress come from the same political party, it is often the case that lawmakers actually put the interest of their party ahead of the interests of Congress itself. That deeply undercuts the principle of separation. The self-interest model doesn't consistently lead Congress to stand up for its own prerogatives when enough legislators identify their interests with that of the president's party.

It takes a really extreme presidential action for representatives and senators from the president's own party to break ranks. Declaring a national emergency to divert funds for a wall is that extreme action, as at least some Republicans are now realizing.

The reason doesn't lie in the wall itself,

or even in the fact that there's no actual emergency regarding security.

Rather, what is awakening the Senate Republicans from their partisan slumber is the realization that the power to appropriate funds is the most significant, substantial power that Congress has to itself under the Constitution.

Congress has very clearly refused Trump the money to build a wall, not only in the current Congress but also in the last one, when both houses were held by Republicans. If Trump can build the wall anyway, then it's as if Congress doesn't exist. That's why it would be such a dangerous precedent for the president to be able to get around clear congressional disapproval of spending on the wall, and build it anyway.

To be sure, there will still be Republicans who calculate that it's more important to support the president than to stand up for their own branch of government. Even if a handful of Senate Republicans would be enough to pass a law explicitly prohibiting Trump from building the wall, Trump could veto such legislation. And there probably aren't enough Republican votes in the House and Senate to get to a two-thirds majority that would be necessary to override the veto.

But if the system works correctly, it should not come to that. Trump should get the message that the Senate Republicans are trying to send, namely that his plan to get around the Constitution goes too far.

And if he doesn't, there's a third branch of government that is prepared to get involved: the courts.

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### VOICE OF THE PEOPLE

#### Homelessness needs long-term fix

Chicago stepped up when the polar vortex hit. The city's various departments, as well as Chicago's businesses and concerned citizens, responded to the emergency with money, time and urgency. People experiencing homelessness could be safe in warming centers, buses, shelters and motel rooms generously rented for them by others ("Regular people" move dozens from camp to inn," Feb. 1).

The weather is returning to normal winter conditions. The added shelter beds and the warming buses and centers have gone away, and the funding for motel rooms is running out. The people who found temporary refuge will be back on the streets. Their homelessness does not end just because the weather emergency does.

Now is the time to focus on long-term, permanent solutions to homelessness. The Bring Chicago Home resolution sits in the City Council Finance Committee, waiting to be heard. This resolution would move forward a proposal to raise the city's real estate transfer tax on properties worth more than \$1 million and would generate millions in new revenue, all dedicated to permanent housing and services for those experiencing homelessness.

With thousands of people in our city experiencing homelessness, the Bring Chicago Home campaign can have meaningful impact on this enormous problem.

Whether it is 25 below zero or a beautiful spring day, no one should be homeless. Let's move the incredible energy and compassion we saw this past week to bigger solutions.

— Doug Schenkelberg,  
Executive director, Chicago Coalition for the Homeless

#### ComEd workers are saviors

Last week, with temperatures reaching record lows, our home and over 100 others in my neighborhood lost power at 2 a.m. Fortunately, the power in the neighborhood was restored at 5:20 p.m. While I was chilled for 15 hours, I can only imagine how very cold the ComEd field service workers must have been as they worked throughout the day to restore power to our community. This letter is an open and heartfelt thank-you to all those workers who braved dangerous conditions.

— Patricia Sullivan DeStefani, Western Springs

#### The indomitable paper carrier

We are fond of our postman and were relieved when the U.S. Postal Service canceled "the swift completion of his appointed rounds" (due to the polar vortex). Nevertheless, it is worth noting that early that morning, we looked out to find our Chicago Tribune neatly nestled by the frigid front steps.

Who says "old media" are dead?  
— Lisa White, Winnetka

#### Competing papers a great thing

Regarding the current Chicago political intrigue: In recent news reports, I have noticed in the Tribune the phrase "as reported by the Sun-Times." However, the Tribune's Feb. 1 front page was graced with Ray Long's original reporting on the deposition of Illinois House Speaker Michael Madigan. I am grateful that Chicago still has two competing newspapers. Readers and the public in general are the winners in this competition for the truth.

— Bruce Cowhig, Kankakee

#### Complexities of assimilation

Politicians and even Tom Brokaw have made the assertion that immigrants should immediately learn to speak English. Many people have assumed that past generations coming from Europe immediately began learning English to assimilate to their new culture. This may have been true of groups that were in the minority in the area in which they lived where they needed to quickly become part of the working community, but I would assert that in areas where there was a huge influx of predominantly one ethnic group, these immigrants did not learn the language and continued speaking their language and following their traditions.

In the 1950s and 1960s, the Lutheran church I attended when I was growing up still had German services and English services. Currently, many Catholic churches in Chicago continue to have Polish services, and many storefront signs along sections of Belmont Avenue are all in Polish. In the same way in many areas around the U.S., Hispanic people may choose to live in communities where everyone speaks Spanish, making daily activities easier. However, through today's education system, as in my father's time, children learn English as a second language. Assimilation and language seem to be influenced by the size of the immigrant group settling in a particular area, and eventually, members of the next generation will all be bilingual.

— Marilyn Wenzel, Oak Park

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## Betsy DeVos' Title IX proposal can work, with some revisions

BY LOUISE MELLING

The public comment period has ended for Education Secretary Betsy DeVos' proposal to reform how colleges and K-12 schools handle sexual assault and harassment under Title IX. DeVos must now consider more than 100,000 comments before issuing final rules.

When DeVos unveiled her plan last November, the proposed rules elicited polarized reactions, with some condemning them for "sweeping rape under the rug" and others praising them for reinstating "due process for the accused." Both sides may be right.

I am part of a team at the American Civil Liberties Union that prepared comments on the proposal. But this issue is not abstract for me: I was sexually assaulted in college. Decades later, I still remember the police asking if I had been regularly asked out on dates.

I've dedicated my career to gender justice. Yet I've chosen to do so at the ACLU, an organization committed not only to equal rights for women but also to fairness for the accused.

We believe institutions need to be accountable. We also believe equality won't be achieved without fair processes in which complainants are heard and those who are accused have an opportunity to respond. Unlike many advocacy groups, which either criticize or support the DeVos proposal, we do both.

Our principal criticism is that the rules would roll back long-standing civil rights protections by substantially reducing schools' obligation to respond to claims of sexual assault and harassment, which are forms of sex discrimination. For example, the rules limit what constitutes harassment to "unwelcome conduct that is se-

vere, pervasive, and objectively offensive," and they forbid schools from even investigating complaints that do not meet that exceedingly high standard.

Under DeVos' reforms, then, a school could not investigate a threat of rape (severe, but not pervasive) or repeated harassment that is not extreme (pervasive, but not severe). The proposal also would forbid schools from investigating most complaints of student-on-student harassment or rape that took place off campus, even if it had continuing effects on campus.

DeVos' definitions are far more stringent than those used in cases of racial harassment or discrimination, thus creating a different standard for sex discrimination.

Under the proposed rules, schools can require that sexual harassment and assault be proved by clear and convincing evidence. This is a higher standard than is used in cases of racial harassment and in civil proceedings generally. And it's an inappropriate standard where both students have their education at stake. By imposing a double standard, the department would perpetuate sex discrimination in the name of fighting sex discrimination.

At the same time, the regulations would provide important safeguards for assessing claims of sexual harassment and assault in Title IX proceedings.

The ACLU has long advocated for robust protections for students facing disciplinary actions. The proposed regulations further that goal by guaranteeing a live hearing and cross-examination in university proceedings, by ensuring both parties have access to all evidence the school collects, and by allowing schools to defer disciplinary proceedings if criminal

investigations and proceedings are imminent or underway.

We support these protections. But we also suggest some modifications. For instance, the department should require schools to offer lawyers to both sides when requested, and to have a properly trained lawyer officiate the process. That would ensure effective and nonabusive cross-examination and avoid the inequity of only one party having a lawyer.

We also favor strengthening the protections related to concurrent criminal proceedings. The regulations would permit a school to delay a Title IX hearing if the accused seeks a postponement because of an imminent or ongoing criminal proceeding for the same incident. We feel the regulations must require schools to stay proceedings in such circumstances.

Otherwise, a student could be forced to compromise his defense in one proceeding for the sake of the other.

Postponements need to be accompanied by interim protections for the complainant, so we also recommend strengthening the provisions for such protections. These protections should apply in all university hearings where serious penalties are at stake, not just sexual harassment or assault cases. Yet DeVos has proposed them only in that context.

Charges of sexual harassment and assault should be treated with the same gravity as any other case with significant consequences for education. Claims of discrimination need to be heard, not ignored. And they need to be heard in a process that's fair to both sides.

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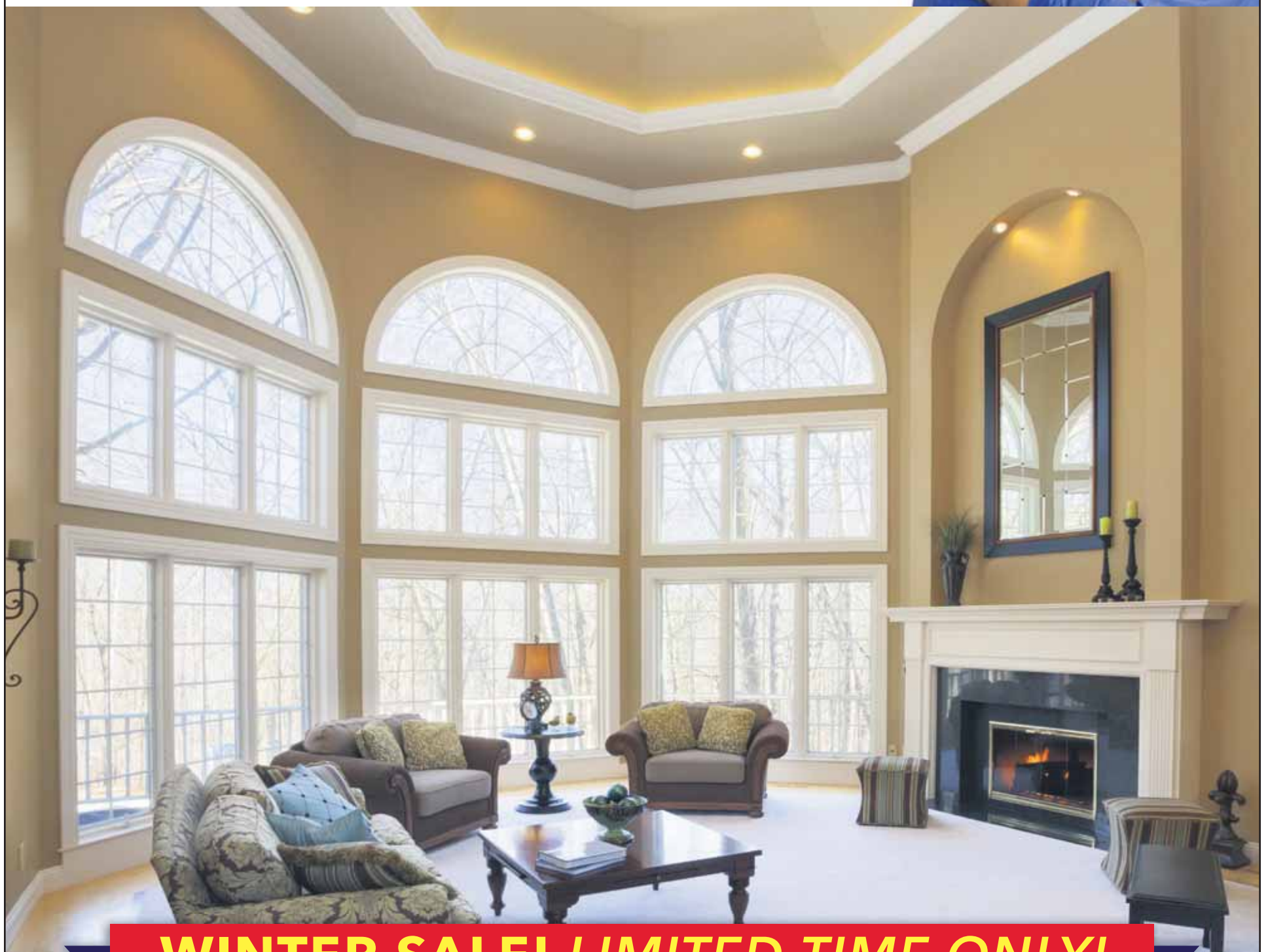
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## United introduces first-class seats on regional jets



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Workstations are put to use during a 2016 media preview of United's Polaris lounge at O'Hare International Airport's Terminal 1.

BY BOB GOETZ  
Chicago Tribune

For most airline passengers, boarding a plane means walking past a few rows of first-class or business-class seats before getting to the many rows of increasingly cramped economy seats.

That, though, is changing — and not in a way most travelers will be able to afford. United Airlines, continuing the push to serve the needs of its highest-paying customers, said that it is expanding the availability of its most expensive seats and will add, for the first time, first-class seats to some of its

smaller, regional jets.

In all, United plans to add more than 1,600 premium seats, which include first-class seating and the expansive Polaris seats, to nearly 250 reconfigured jets. When folded out, Polaris seats, which are available only on long-haul international flights, can stretch to 6 feet 6 inches, and customers get access to exclusive airport lounges along with luxurious in-flight service.

It's all part of an effort to satisfy unmet demand among business travelers, United said.

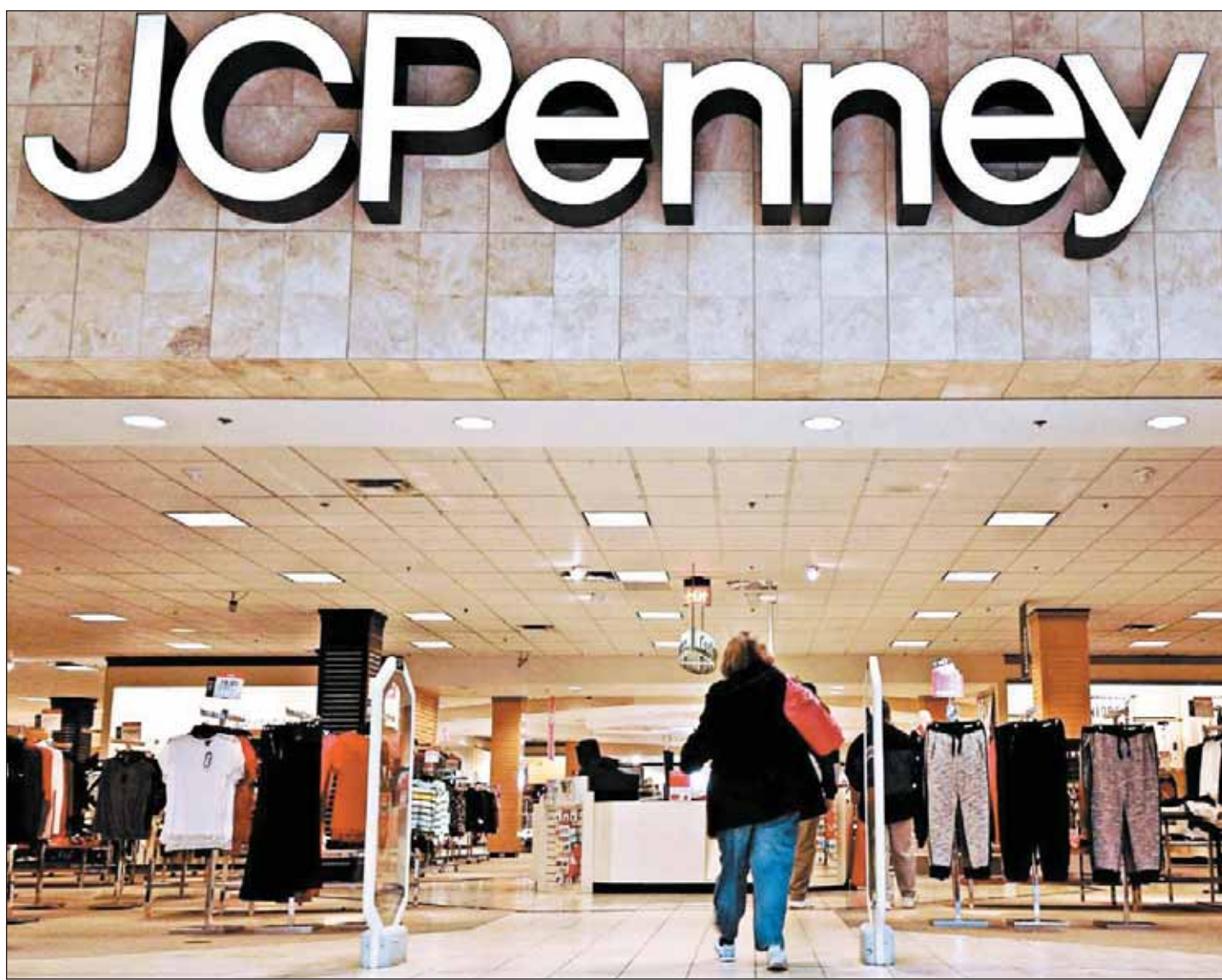
"Customers can't find premium seats," Andrew Nocella, United's

chief commercial officer, said Tuesday in a conference call with reporters. He said that frequent flyers with elite status were often unable to get an upgrade to business class.

But for the bargain-hunting flyer, the changes will mean fewer economy class seats available on those planes receiving the expanded Polaris service. United says that overall, the availability of its economy seating will stay the same as larger jets are introduced elsewhere.

By the end of the year, United

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J.C. Penney is a retailer that's been identified by a global think tank as one of those struggling to stay afloat.

## Expect more bankruptcies in evolving retail landscape

'We're heading more and more into a distressed market'

BY KATHERINE DOHERTY,  
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Bloomberg News

The U.S. retail apocalypse is far from over.

While the collapse of storied merchants like Sears and Toys "R" Us has left stores shuttered across America, retailers still make up about a fifth of the universe of distressed borrowers. Consumer confidence is slumping.

Last Friday, the head of the biggest mall owner in the U.S. cautioned that more retailer bankruptcies are coming. Economists are increasingly worried about a recession in the next year. And even relatively strong store chains such as Macy's

and Kohl's have warned that their results over the holiday shopping season were lackluster.

All this adds up to what Barry Bobrow and Lynn Whitmore at Wells Fargo Capital Finance see as a prolonged restructuring for the industry.

"We're heading more and more into a distressed market," said Bobrow, managing director at Wells Fargo Capital Finance. Whitmore, managing director of retail finance, says retailers are laboring under debt levels that "just eclipses anything we saw in the recession."

There are reasons to be hopeful about the retail outlook improving. Stores have improved their online sales, which could help operating income grow 5 percent to 6 percent this year, according to Moody's Investors

Service. The ratings firm raised its outlook on the industry to positive from stable in October, the first shift since July 2015.

Only about 4.9 percent of retail mortgages were overdue in January, down from more than 6 percent at the start of 2018, according to commercial mortgage bond data provider Trepp. And many of the biggest troubled retailers have already failed, said Sharon Bonelli of Fitch Group.

Even so, there are still plenty of struggling merchants, and more will run into trouble if economic growth slows. David Simon, chief executive officer of Simon Property Group, the largest mall owner in the U.S., said on a conference call with investors on Friday that there are store

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## Chicago pharma firm files for bankruptcy

Company raised price of its skin gel to \$7,968

BY LISA SCHENCKER  
Chicago Tribune

A Chicago pharmaceutical company that grabbed national attention for raising the price of its skin medications has filed for bankruptcy.

Novum Pharma filed for Chapter 11 in U.S. Bankruptcy Court in Delaware on Sunday, saying in the filing that it has "faced a series of financial and operational difficulties" since buying drugs from Primus Pharmaceuticals in 2015.

Novum hopes to sell "substantially all of its assets" and continue operating through the bankruptcy process, according to the filing. The company has about 50 full-time employees, most of whom are sales representatives who operate in 29 states.

The company gained notoriety in 2016 after raising the wholesale price of skin gel Alcantin A to \$7,968 a tube, according to the Elsevier's Gold Standard Drug Database. The medication is used to treat eczema and certain skin infections, and previously had a price of \$226, according to a U.S. Senate subcommittee report.

The company also sold another skin medication, Aloquin, for the same wholesale price. And it sold skin medication Novacort for \$5,952 a tube, according to Elsevier.

Novum defended its pricing at the time, saying the quoted prices were inaccurate. It also said that most patients with private insurance paid no co-pay for Novum products, and those without insurance never had to pay more than \$35.

Novum did not respond to requests for comment by deadline Tuesday.

But in a court filing, Novum Chief Restructuring Officer Thomas O'Donoghue attributed the company's bankruptcy to manufacturing issues, a dispute with a wholesaler and major pharmacy chain, and unauthorized generic alternatives being introduced into the market.

He also wrote that Novum has had a difficult time getting its drugs covered under health insurance plans. Industry middlemen, known as pharmacy benefit man-

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## False start for Packers fan's suit

Bears nix pregame on-field access for season ticket holders

BY CORILYN SHROPSHIRE  
Chicago Tribune

The Chicago Bears have axed a perk for season ticket holders that prompted one long-time participant, a Green Bay Packers fan, to sue the football team.

The "Pregame On-Field-Warm-Up Experience" allowed season ticket holders who had enough points to stand on the sidelines, watching the team gets ready for a home game at Soldier Field.



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Green Bay Packers fan Russell Beckman sued the Bears last year over access to the sidelines before a Bears-Packers game.

Last year, Bears season ticket holder and die-hard Packers fan Russell Beckman sued the team, alleging that in 2016, Bears officials refused him access to the sidelines before a Bears-Packers game if he wore the Packers'

green-and-gold gear.

Beckman filed a lawsuit in federal court in Chicago against the Bears to force the team to allow him access to the field for

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## Super Bowl ad brews corn syrup controversy

BY ALEXIA ELEJALDE-RUIZ  
Chicago Tribune

A Bud Light Super Bowl ad meant to shame competitors for brewing their beer with corn syrup has angered corn producers, prompted MillerCoors to buy a full-page New York Times ad defending its use of the ingredient and given consumers a crash course in the chemistry of beer.

The #corntroupy or #corn-gate, as it has been labeled on Twitter, has prompted brewers and dietitians to come to the defense of the common use of corn syrup in beer, where it gets converted into alcohol during fermentation.

Despite the backlash, the ad may have its intended effect of

driving people away from Bud Light's competition.

"Whether (corn syrup) is bad or not doesn't really matter," said Tim Calkins, clinical professor of marketing at Northwestern University's Kellogg School of Management. "The issue is, do people think it's bad?"

In the Super Bowl ad, the medieval Bud Light kingdom mistakenly receives a giant barrel of corn syrup that its subjects then trek through treacherous lands to deliver to the kingdoms of Miller Lite and Coors Light — because they use corn syrup in their beer, while Bud Light does not.

Anup Shah, vice president of the Miller family of brands at

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# ADM reports \$315 million 4th quarter; stock sinks

By The Associated Press

Shares in Archer Daniels Midland slid 5 percent Tuesday after the company reported lower-than-expected profits as costs rise and a trade dispute with China drags on the price of commodities.

The Chicago company reported fourth-quarter profit of \$315 million, down

sharply from the \$788 million profit in the same quarter last year when it benefited from the Trump administration's tax overhaul.

Archer Daniels Midland Co. had profit of 56 cents per share, or 88 cents per share when one-time gains and costs are removed.

Industry analysts had been projecting a per-share

profit of 92 cents, according to a survey by Zacks Investment Research.

The agribusiness giant posted revenue of \$15.95 billion, down from last year's fourth-quarter revenue of \$16.07 billion.

ADM reported "extremely small volumes" of soybean exports to China since tariffs were imposed, but said more corn and

soybeans are being exported to other countries, which improved export margins.

Before the U.S.-China trade dispute started last year, China bought nearly 60 percent of the soybeans the United States exported. But in the first 10 months of 2018, U.S. soybean exports to China fell by 62 percent, according to the U.S. Department

of Agriculture. That inventory of unsold soybeans has brought prices down.

Results for the full year were more positive as ADM reported profit of \$1.81 billion, or \$3.19 per share. That's up from 2017's \$1.59 billion and \$2.79 per share. Revenue was also up for 2018 at \$64.34 billion, compared with \$60.82 billion in 2017.

ADM shares are up about 4 percent since the beginning of the year. That follows a steep decline in the fall when shares slid from more than \$51, to less than \$40 as the U.S.-China conflict came to a head.

*Elements of this story were generated by Automated Insights using data from Zacks Investment Research.*

# Boeing backs startup's plan for 1,000-mph business jet

BY THOMAS BLACK AND JULIE JOHNSON  
Bloomberg News

Boeing Co. is joining with Aerion Corp., a startup founded by Texas billionaire Robert Bass, to help build a supersonic business jet that would cut trans-Atlantic flight times by three hours.

The U.S. aerospace giant will make a "significant investment" in Aerion to accelerate design and development, according to a statement Tuesday. Boeing will replace Lockheed Martin Corp., which had announced a partnership with Aerion in 2017, a spokesman for the supersonic-jet company said.

Boeing's investment buoys Bass' dream of restoring supersonic civilian flight, which was discontinued in 2003 with the final voyage of Europe's Concorde amid noise restrictions and high operating costs. General Electric Co.

in October said it completed an initial engine design for Aerion's AS2 aircraft to fly faster than the speed of sound while meeting noise and emissions rules.

"We have the right team to build the future of sustainable supersonic flight," said Steve Nordlund, vice president of Boeing's NeXt investment unit, citing Aerion's supersonic expertise and his company's scale and commercial-aviation experience.

Boeing said it would provide engineering, manufacturing and flight-test resources to bring the AS2 to market. The amount of the investment wasn't disclosed.

The first flight for the plane — which, at about 1,000 mph, will cruise 70 percent faster than today's quickest business jets — is scheduled for 2023. Launch customer Flexjet, a fractional aircraft operator, has ordered 20 of the models. The 12-passenger aircraft has a list price of \$120



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The Aerion AS2 supersonic business jet would carry 10 to 12 passengers at speeds up to Mach 1.4..

million.

The investment is a reminder of Boeing's roots in aircraft that travel well beyond the sound barrier. The Chicago-based manufacturer invested heavily in its own supersonic-transport program a half-century ago — the 747 jumbo jet was considered a side project to the so-called SST at the

time — before the U.S. government ultimately canceled funding.

Boeing also is plowing funding into hypersonic aircraft that would travel faster than Mach 5, or more than five times the speed of sound. The company last year revealed development of a passenger prototype capable of cruising at 3,800

mph or more.

The company's HorizonX venture capital arm also has invested in Reaction Engines, a U.K. company developing a propulsion system for both supersonic flights and space voyages at Mach 25.

For Aerion, the Boeing investment marks the first time a plane-maker has

committed funds to the project. Airbus SE joined as a partner in 2014 to help with design and possibly manufacturing. Aerion announced in December 2017 that Airbus had dropped out and Lockheed would take its place to help build the plane. Neither of those companies invested directly in Aerion.

# Ad brews up controversy

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MillerCoors, was at the game in Atlanta when he started getting texts from friends and co-workers describing the ad. Though he had gotten wind that Bud Light might air an ad about ingredients, he said he was "shocked" that it tried to "disparage" his brands by name.

"I thought it was an act of desperation from Bud Light," Shah said. "It was trying to drive the connection between high-fructose corn syrup and corn syrup, which I think is misleading."

The response from Chicago-based MillerCoors was swift on social media, where it clarified that it does not use high-fructose corn syrup — a type of sweetener that has been shown to have negative health effects — and that its beers have fewer calories and carbohydrates than Bud Light.

On Tuesday MillerCoors ran a full-page ad in the New York Times declaring pride in its use of corn syrup, sourced from "America's heartland," and poking fun at Bud Light for

targeting a non-issue.

"We'd like to thank our competitors for taking the time and money to point out this exciting fact to such a large, national audience not once, but twice," it read.

Corn syrup is one of many types of non-malt ingredients often used in beer to create alcohol without adding much flavor, said Ray Daniels, founder and director of the Chicago-based Cicerone Certification Program, which tests and certifies beer experts. When it or any other type of sugar gets fermented, it gets converted into alcohol and carbon dioxide, so "sugar added to beer does not mean sugar in the finished beer," he said.

Daniels said he was surprised to see Bud Light zero in on corn syrup as a differentiator.

"They are shaming by implication," Daniels said. "But it certainly is unclear what there is to be ashamed of."

Corn syrup, made up of glucose and fructose, is little different from table sugar, made of sucrose, from a health perspective, said Kristin Gustashaw,

senior clinical dietician at Rush University Medical Center.

High-fructose corn syrup, which tends to be sweeter and cheaper, has a higher ratio of fructose and isn't processed as efficiently by the body, she said. Consumed in excess it can increase triglycerides, fatty liver, uric acid levels and make people less sensitive to insulin, she said.

But that's not the same as regular corn syrup, especially when used in beer fermentation, and Bud Light's ad was just a "marketing ploy" that diverted attention from the fact that beer overall isn't particularly nutritious, she said. Still, she expects it will drive patients to her office worried about whether they should switch beers.

"We shouldn't really care," Gustashaw said of the types of sugars used in beer fermentation. "How much beer we drink we should care more about."

AB InBev, which makes Bud Light, didn't respond to a request for a comment from the Tribune, but generally it has responded to the criticism by affirming its support of the corn



AP

This image provided by Anheuser-Busch shows a scene from the company's Bud Light 2019 Super Bowl spot.

industry. The National Corn Growers Association on Sunday tweeted that "America's corn farmers are disappointed in you" and Kevin Ross, first vice president of the group's Corn Board, posted a video of himself pouring cans of Bud Light down the sink.

The anti-corn syrup ad came as Big Beer has committed to greater transparency amid sliding sales of traditional brews. Bud Light, which is made with rice instead of corn, last month debuted new packaging that prominently displays can't-miss nutrition and ingredient information. Miller Lite has displayed nutritional informa-

tion since 2014 and this month plans to launch a QR code on packaging where consumers can get more information about ingredients.

Despite the backlash, Calkins, of Kellogg, said Bud Light's corn syrup play was a "very smart strategy" that they wouldn't have invested in without plenty of research that showed people cared.

"The challenge in beer is to find a way to differentiate, and they found a very clear point of difference," he said. "You know it touched a nerve."

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# Bears

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special pregame experiences wearing his Packers gear, which includes a Packers' jersey and hat and a neck-full of beads highlighting his substantial beard. Sometimes Beckman switches up his outfit, donning beard dye and a different hat. In previous football seasons, Beckman said he and a companion were allowed to stand on the edge of the playing field to observe the pregame warm-ups.

During a Jan. 11 hearing on the suit, Bears attorney Paul Greenwalt told the court, "The Bears' organization, as they often do, are changing their marketing mix for next year. And this program is one of the programs that is being eliminated." As a result, he said Beckman's lawsuit is moot, according to a court transcript of the hearing.

Last year, the Bears asked Judge Joan Gottschall to dismiss the case, a motion she denied. Gottschall has now given the Bears until mid-February to file a motion to dismiss the case.

The Bears declined to comment, citing the pending litigation.

# Competition continues to weigh heavily on varied retailers

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chains that his company is "nervous" about, and that more bankruptcies are coming for retailers with high debt loads.

Here are companies that have been flagged by analysts at Moody's, S&P and Fitch as some of the most at risk of restructuring their debt or in some cases even filing for bankruptcy.

## Neiman Marcus

The luxury retailer is saddled with nearly \$5 billion of debt after its 2005 leveraged buyout and its 2013 sale to another set of private equity owners. The retailer has a \$2.8 billion loan due next year, and has too much debt relative to its earnings, Moody's analyst Christina Boni said in an interview.

"If we had a magic wand and could get rid of their balance sheet issues, Neiman could move forward, focused on its core operations," she said.

The retailer's 8 percent notes due October 2021 trade at less than 50 cents on the dollar. Its first round of talks with its lenders ended last year in stalemate. The company is trying to talk to creditors again to cut its borrowings. A representative for the Dallas-based retailer said the company is confident it can come to a "mutually beneficial solution" with stakeholders. Neiman Marcus is in full compliance with debt agreements and has ample time to refinance its debt, the representative said.

## Pet Smart and Petco

Two of the largest pet

supply stores continue to face competitive pressures from mega-retailers such as Amazon.com and Walmart. Both PetSmart and Petco have struggled to improve their online sales to help keep competitors at bay.

PetSmart acquired Chewy.com in 2017, taking on \$2 billion of additional borrowings in the process. Unfortunately, PetSmart's earnings are declining, making it harder to carry its debt, Moody's analyst Mickey Chadha said.

A representative for PetSmart said, "The pet category continues to grow. While we continue to experience customer channel shift to online at PetSmart, we feel we are well positioned to capture and benefit from the growth in online through Chewy, and we are gaining market share on an

aggregate basis."

Petco has less debt, Chadha said, but it remains to be seen whether its own online platform can stay competitive, and both chains are at risk of losing exclusive products that draw shoppers.

A representative for Petco said the company rebuilt momentum last year and returned to growth. The company focused on improving nutrition in their pet food, expanded its grooming, training and veterinary services businesses, and achieved "double-digit growth" in e-commerce, the representative said.

## J.C. Penney

J.C. Penney has been through it all: boardroom battles, lawsuits, management turnover, activist battles — and that was just in

2013. In the five years since, it has had three CEOs. The current head, Jill Soltau, took over in October and said the retailer is on track to generate free cash flow in the latest fiscal year and reduce its bloated inventory.

To do so, it may have to shutter many more outlets. The global retail think tank Coresight Research predicted one fifth of U.S. department stores — about 1,150 — will close by 2023 no matter what they do.

"The U.S. has far too many department stores," said Deborah Weinswig, Coresight's CEO. "In particular, it has far too many midmarket department stores that are competing in a similar, and highly challenged, space."

A spokeswoman for J.C. Penney said that credit rat-

ing firms have maintained their highest liquidity rating for the retailer, and it has only \$160 million of its more than \$4 billion of debt coming due in the next four years.

## Iconix Brand Group

Over the past four years, the owner of brands such as London Fog and Mossimo has endured a U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission accounting investigation, which isn't over, and the departure of its founder as sales steadily slid. Now, Iconix has around \$700 million of debt, including more than \$100 million of busted convertible notes due 2023, which trade at about 44 cents on the dollar.

It's even fighting with Jay Z over his Rocawear brand, which it acquired in 2007.

# Go Jet to operate new jets, pending FAA's OK

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will introduce first-class seating on 50 new regional jets made by Bombardier that have 50 seats. The service will begin out of O'Hare International Airport and later expand to its hub in Newark. One route to have the new first-class seats will fly to Bentonville, Ark. Nocella did not identify any route other than Bentonville that will be served from O'Hare.

The new jets, which will be operated by GoJet and which still need approval from the Federal Aviation Administration, will include 10 first-class seats, 20 economy plus seats and 20 economy seats. The planes will also have four closets for roll-on bags so

that flyers do not have to check them at the gate, and, for first-class passengers, a self-serve refrigerator.

With the changes, United will be able to offer first-class seating to someone flying from Bentonville — headquarters of Walmart — to Hong Kong after connecting to an international flight at O'Hare, Nocella said. Until now, that lack of an end-to-end first-class seat availability has put United at a competitive disadvantage, he said.

Perhaps the most dramatic change will be seen on United's fleet of 767s, which currently have 214 seats. After the reconfiguration, 21 of the Boeing 767-300ER will have 167

seats, including 46 premium cabin seats. More than two-thirds of the cabin will be devoted to those premium seats, Nocella said.

The airline said there will be fewer economy seats but the space between economy seats, known as the pitch, will remain the same.

United expects all of its 767s to be reconfigured by the end of next year.

United said it was also reconfiguring its Airbus A319 and A320 planes to add more first-class seats, although the number of economy seats on those flights will remain the same.

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# Trump to tap David Malpass, critic of World Bank, to lead it

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David Malpass has called for curbing the World Bank's financial reach and has criticized its lending to China.

WASHINGTON — The World Bank may be poised for a shake-up with President Donald Trump planning to nominate David Malpass, who has been a critic of the bank, to lead the institution focused on global poverty.

Malpass' selection was confirmed by a senior administration official who spoke on condition of anonymity because the official wasn't authorized to comment publicly on personnel decisions.

Trump is expected to make the announcement later this week.

Now the undersecretary for international affairs at the Treasury Department, Malpass has been an outspoken skeptic of the 189-nation World Bank, a leading source of funding for economic development.

The World Bank provides low-cost loans for projects around the world. Among its key missions is helping combat poverty in developing countries.

Malpass has called for curbing the World Bank's financial reach and has criticized its lending to China, one of the bank's leading recipients of aid.

If the World Bank's directors approve his nomination, Malpass would be positioned to overhaul an institution he has argued has become too focused on its own expansion and prestige rather than on the interests of poor countries.

"A host of organizations are creating mountains of debt without solving problems," Malpass said in a speech last year. "Huge organizations like the World Bank and the many multilateral development banks have created an environment where their own growth ends up being as important as their clients' growth."

Stewart Patrick, a senior fellow in global governance at the Council on Foreign Relations, said Malpass appears intent on weakening a World Bank that is already rethinking its role in a world with broader greater access to capital markets but also chronic humanitarian crises.

"It certainly seems like he's the wrong guy if you wanted to strengthen the World Bank," Patrick said. "He has such a record of criticism of the World Bank. And he seems to have bought into the sovereignty mindset of the administration that global institutions are a threat."

Having Malpass at the helm of the World Bank would fit a pattern inside the Trump administration of tapping officials to lead institutions whose core missions they have publicly questioned or opposed. The Consumer Financial Protection Bureau, the Interior Department and the Environmental Protection Agency, among others, have under Trump been led by some of their sharpest former critics.

More broadly, the Trump presidency has defined much of its mission by challenging the global institutions that emerged out of World War II such as NATO and what eventually became the World Trade

Organization. The president sees the rules set by these organizations as putting the United States at an economic disadvantage.

Malpass, 62, has straddled the top echelons of government and Wall Street, having worked in the Reagan and George H.W. Bush administrations and as the chief economist for the defunct bank Bear Stearns. He also unsuccessfully sought the 2010 Republican nomination for a Senate seat from New York.

Malpass' public forecasting has at times been misguided and arguably shaped by his political leanings.

In 2007, he wrote on the editorial pages of The Wall Street Journal that the "economy is sturdy and will grow solidly in coming months, and perhaps years." Over the subsequent months, the United States toppled into its worst financial crisis and recession since the Great Depression of the 1930s.

In the same editorial, Malpass dismissed the risks from subprime mortgages by saying, "Housing and debt markets are not that big a part of the U.S. economy, or of job creation." As it turned out, the reckless use of subprime mortgages was the catalyst that ignited the 2008 financial crisis.

# Price increases contributed to pharma firm's challenges

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agers, have refused to include Novum's drugs on prescription formularies, he wrote, which means insurance plans often aren't covering the medications.

That difficulty "has reached a point that makes it impossible for the Debtor to sustain its business," given other challenges facing it, he wrote. To try to deal with that lack of insurance coverage, the company increased the prices of its medications several times since 2015, he wrote. Those price increases, however, exacerbated the problem, he said.

"These price increases, although necessary to support patient access commitments and ensure a minimum level of profitability for the business, led to public scrutiny regarding the Debtor's business model and further in-

creased prescription rejection rates," O'Donoghue wrote.

The bankruptcy comes amid a continued national focus on drug pricing. President Donald Trump has repeatedly spoken about the issue.

Leaders of the Senate Finance Committee also have invited seven major pharmaceutical company executives to testify at a committee meeting later this month on drug pricing, including North Chicago-based AbbVie. AbbVie makes Humira, which is used to treat rheumatoid arthritis and other diseases.

AbbVie increased the price of Humira by 6.2 percent on Jan. 1, which was near the national average for price increases that day, according to RX Savings Solutions. AbbVie did not respond to requests for comment by deadline Tuesday.

Amid the public discussion about drug prices, "I think we're seeing companies sensitive to announcing these price changes. I don't think we're seeing a wholesale change in behavior," said Craig Garthwaite, director of health care at Kellogg School of Management at Northwestern University.

Still, he said, companies selling products for which there are alternatives should be thoughtful when raising prices.

Other, less expensive drugs are available to treat the same skin conditions as the products Novum sells.

"There's this belief that pharmaceutical companies can raise the prices however they want, but if there are substitutes, (pharmacy benefit managers) can shift demand to competing products," Garthwaite said.

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- Daddies
- Sports buildings
- Madrid madame
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- Pumpkin or cucumber
- Deer's cousin
- Waiter's item
- Piles
- Place to buy salami & rye
- College football day: abbr.
- Chairs & benches
- Amarillo's state
- More slender
- Puts off
- Ruby or scarlet
- Kingdom
- Inn
- Ship letters
- "Don't Think Twice, \_\_\_ Alright"; Bob Dylan hit
- Hobbies
- Bert's buddy
- Bambi, for one
- Flue residue
- Item in a bedding package
- Catch sight of
- Convince
- Probability

**DOWN**

- Black card
- "The \_\_\_ Ranger"
- Speed up
- Buddy
- Father or grandfather
- Gen. Robert E. \_\_\_
- "Nowhere \_\_\_"; Beatles song
- Boat captains
- Tenor Enrico
- First man
- Destiny
- Red-\_\_\_; night flights
- Wiggle room
- Thyroid or pituitary
- Guitarist Montgomery
- "I \_\_\_ Have Eyes for You"
- Play divisions
- Not urban
- Dines
- Analyzed again
- Ease, as another's fears
- Equipment
- Cereal grain
- Bit of Hershey's chocolate
- \_\_\_ of; disregarding
- "The Farmer in the \_\_\_"
- Look of contempt
- Blood vessel
- \_\_\_ Moines
- Out of practice
- Keep out of sight
- Billfold items
- Two-\_\_\_ ballroom dance
- \_\_\_ up; bound
- Collections
- Piglet's mom
- \_\_\_ T; exactly
- Greek letter

**Solutions**

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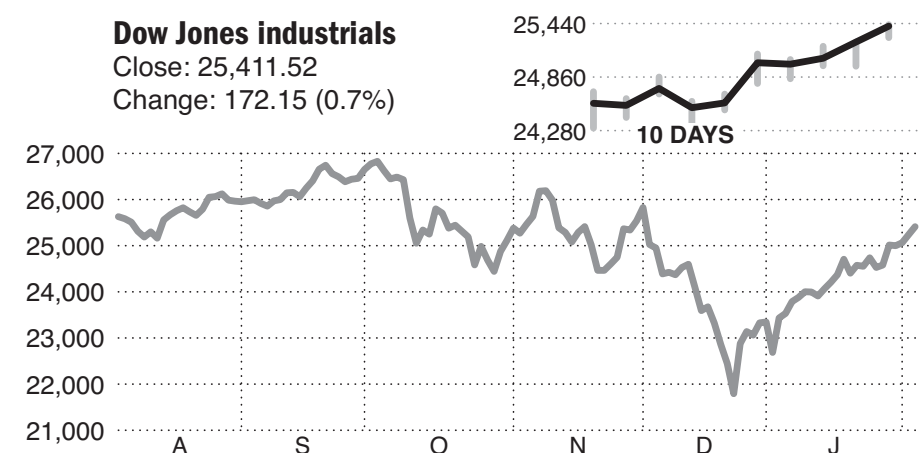
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## MARKET ROUNDUP

**Dow** High: 25,427.32 Low: 25,287.65 Previous: 25,239.37



Nasdaq	S&P 500	Russell 2000
↗ <b>+54.55</b> (+.74%)	↗ <b>+12.83</b> (+.47%)	↗ <b>+2.69</b> (+.18%)
<b>Close</b> 7,402.08	<b>Close</b> 2,737.70	<b>Close</b> 1,520.23
<b>High</b> 7,408.69	<b>High</b> 2,738.98	<b>High</b> 1,524.21
<b>Low</b> 7,355.36	<b>Low</b> 2,724.03	<b>Low</b> 1,512.72
<b>Previous</b> 7,347.53	<b>Previous</b> 2,724.87	<b>Previous</b> 1,517.54

10-yr T-note	Gold futures	Yen	Euro	Crude Oil
↘ <b>-.02</b> to 2.70%	↘ <b>-.10</b> to \$1,314.20	↗ <b>+.07</b> to 109.97/\$1	↗ <b>+.0016</b> to .8764/\$1	↘ <b>-.90</b> to \$53.66

### 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
+3.38	+5.32	+3.70	+6.83	+7.32	+6.34	+2.00	+4.02	+1.58

COMMODITY	AMOUNT-PRICE	MO.	OPEN	HIGH	LOW	SETTLE	CHG.
WHEAT (CBOT)	5,000 bu minimum- cents per bushel	Mar 19	525.25	528.25	520.50	527.25	+1.50
CORN (CBOT)	5,000 bu minimum- cents per bushel	Mar 19	379.50	381.25	377	380.75	+1.50
SOYBEANS (CBOT)	5,000 bu minimum- cents per bushel	Mar 19	917.75	921	913.50	920.25	+1.75
SOYBEAN OIL (CBOT)	60,000 lbs- cents per lb	Mar 19	30.13	30.39	29.94	30.38	+2.5
SOYBEAN MEAL (CBOT)	100 tons- dollars per ton	Mar 19	310.60	310.60	308.50	309.50	-1.10
LIGHT SWEET CRUDE (NYMX)	1,000 bbl- dollars per bbl.	Mar 19	54.86	55.21	53.47	53.66	-.90
NATURAL GAS (NYMX)	10,000 mm btu's, \$ per mm btu	Mar 19	2.666	2.708	2.639	2.662	+0.02
NY HARBOR GAS BLEND (NYMX)	42,000 gallons- dollars per gallon	Mar 19	1.4395	1.4510	1.4109	1.4259	-.0064

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	73.11	+.61	Equity Lifesty Prop	N	108.31	+1.11	Mondelez Intl	O	45.98	-.13
AbbVie Inc	N	79.69	+1.16	Equity Residential	N	72.95	+1.16	Morningstar Inc	O	125.78	+2.17
Allstate Corp	N	88.96	+1.16	Exelon Corp	N	47.29	-.05	Motorola Solutions	N	119.38	-.67
Aptargroup Inc	N	101.07	+1.22	First Indl RT	N	33.10	-.05	NiSource Inc	O	26.40	-.17

### MOST ACTIVE STOCKS

**NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE**

STOCK	CLOSE	CHG.
Gen Electric	10.63	+.42
Itau Unibanco Hldg	10.21	-.57
Chesapeake Energy	2.70	-.20

### LARGEST COMPANIES

Based on market capitalization

STOCK	CLOSE	CHG.
Alibaba Group Hldg	171.83	+5.13
Alphabet Inc C	1145.99	+13.19
Alphabet Inc A	1151.87	+10.45

### LARGEST MUTUAL FUNDS

Based on total assets

FUND	NAV	CHG	1-YR %RTN
American Funds AMCPA m	30.53	+1.16	+5.2
American Funds AmrenBAlA m	26.26	+0.7	+3.4
American Funds CptWldGrInca m	146.39	+3.0	-3.2

### TREASURY YIELDS

DURATION	CLOSE	PREV.
3-month disc	2.35	2.38
6-month disc	2.43	2.44

### SPOT METALS

	CLOSE	PREV.
Gold	\$1314.20	\$1314.30
Silver	\$15.790	\$15.837

### INTEREST RATES

Prime Rate	5.50
Discount Rate Primary	3.00
Fed Funds Target	2.25-2.50
Money Mkt Overnight Avg.	0.62

### FOREIGN EXCHANGE

A U.S. Dollar buys...

Argentina (Peso)	37.2135
Australia (Dollar)	1.3833
Brazil (Real)	3.6669
Britain (Pound)	.7719
Canada (Dollar)	1.3144

### FOREIGN MARKETS

INDEX	CLOSE	CHG./%
Shanghai	2618.23	+33.7/+1.3
Stoxx600	364.99	+5.1/+1.4
Nikkei	20844.45	-39.3/-0.2

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## OBITUARIES

**WILLIAM BLACK** 1933-2019

# Former DuPage County judge was highly rated

BY BOB GOLDSBOROUGH  
Chicago Tribune

William E. Black was a longtime DuPage County Circuit Court judge whom area lawyers ranked as the county's top judge each year for more than a decade.

"He was a good trial attorney and he was a better judge on the Circuit Court," recalled retired state Supreme Court Justice S. Louis Rathje. "He was courteous and respectful to both the attorneys and the litigants."

Black, 85, died of complications from an infection on Dec. 20 at Central DuPage Hospital in Winfield, said his daughter Terri Nystrom.

He had been a resident of the DuPage Care Center in Wheaton for several years. Prior to that he had lived in Downers Grove and Darien.

Black, who was born and raised in Berwyn, attended Morton High School and then studied for two years at Morton College in Cicero. He earned a bachelor's degree and a law degree at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign.

After law school, he helped run a cement construction business before taking a job at Allstate's Wheaton office, where he worked for nine years as an insurance adjuster, his daughter said.

Black later worked for three years in private law practice at the Wheaton law firm of Corrigan, Mackay, Quetsch and O'Reilly until he applied to fill a judicial vacancy as an associate DuPage judge in 1971.

Black began work hearing a variety of cases, including misdemeanors and divorces. In 1984, he was



FAMILY PHOTO

Judge William E. Black was consistently ranked as DuPage County's top judge.

transferred to the law division, where he adjudicated cases involving monetary damages and served as the presiding judge.

Black was promoted to become a full circuit judge in 1984. The following year, he became a member of the court's building committee, which he served on for the next six years.

Black ultimately became an advocate for the construction of a new courthouse building for DuPage County instead of remodeling the existing one, which dated to 1896.

DuPage County opened a new \$53 million courthouse building on Wheaton's west side in 1991.

"I am the kind of person who can close the door on the past and just walk away," he told the Tribune in 1991, reflecting on the move to the new building. "I don't cry over my old car when I trade it in. I just jump in the new car and enjoy it."

Beginning in 1980, Black was rated the highest among DuPage's judges in an annual poll of nearly

2,000 lawyers taken by the DuPage County Bar Association. For 13 straight years, Black was rated "excellent" by more attorneys than any other judge in the county.

"This is a real boost for one's ego," Black told the Tribune in 1984. "I hope the attorneys enjoy practicing in my court as much as I enjoy holding court."

Although judges in Illinois face retention votes from the electorate and are identified by party, Black steadfastly declined any additional involvement in partisan politics.

"He thought politics had no business in the courtroom," his daughter said.

In 1993, Black threw his hat in the ring to become DuPage's chief judge but ultimately lost out to Judge Edward W. Kowal.

Black retired in 1995.

During retirement, Black enjoyed playing bridge and spending time at his home on Lake Shelbyville in downstate Illinois, where he boated, rode his motorcycle, maintained real estate investments and spent time with his grandchildren. He had been a resident of the DuPage Care Center since 2012, when he suffered four strokes in one year, his daughter said.

Black also served as the president of the DuPage Easter Seals organization and the county Legal Assistance Foundation.

In addition to his daughter, Black is survived by his wife of 63 years, Charlene; another daughter, Melissa Ford; and five grandchildren.

Services were held.

Goldsborough is a freelance reporter.

## Death Notices

### Alsip, Marylou

Marylou Alsip nee Quade age 89 Resident of Palos Heights. Beloved Wife of Charles K. Alsip. Fond Mother of Dawn (William) Hurley, Kim (Scott) Sheehan, Tod (Barbara) Alsip and the Late Guy Alsip. Grandmother of Billy Hurley, Kristin & Kendra Sheehan, and Charles (Kristen), Connor & David Alsip. Sister of the Late Henry (Rachel) Quade. Aunt of Stacey (Paul) Smaron.

Visitation Thursday, February 7th from 10 am until time of Services 12:30 pm at the Kerry Funeral Home & Cremation Care Center, 7020 W. 127th Street, Palos Heights. Interment Cedar Park Cemetery.

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### Bartels, Vernon Carl

Vernon Carl Bartels, Jr. Age 82, passed away peacefully on February 3rd, 2019 at Edward Hospital in Naperville. Vern is survived by his beloved wife of 56 years, Jeanette (Roach) Bartels, his children Sarah (Bill Nagel) Bartels, John (Stephanie) Bartels, and Sharon (Dan) Garvy, six grandchildren: Jack, Sean, Haley, Leah, Lauren, and Hannah, and his brother Roger (Lisa) Bartels.

Vern could never hide the great pride he felt for his family, especially for his grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his father, Vernon Carl Bartels, Sr., mother, Anna C. Bartels, and aunt Sylvia Chvalovsky. Vernon was born on September 22nd, 1936 in Chicago and grew up in Oak Park before settling with Jeanette in Lisle to raise his family. He loved to travel, tell stories from his Denison University and Coast Guard days, and spend time with his growing family at his Lisle home, and at his vacation home in Wisconsin where he attempted to grow asparagus and enjoyed drinking Point Beer. He also enjoyed watching his children and grandchildren play sports and utilizing his distinct voice announcing wrestling tournaments and football games for Lisle High School and swim meets at the Meadows Pool, employing the talent he developed as a radio broadcaster in the 1950s.

Vern capped off his professional career in sales, publishing, and marketing by working for the American Cancer Society, where he raised funds to fight cancer, a disease that took the life of his mother, and from which he was cured. Vern and his family are grateful for the many friends who have shared his life with him and those who provided dedicated care, moral support, and love in his later years. In lieu of flowers, the family asks that those friends who are healthy and willing to donate blood do so through your local blood center (www.redcrossblood.org, www.heartlandbc.org, www.vitalant.org). Vern consumed many units during the last several weeks, and we would ask you to honor him by helping to replenish the supply to help others in need. The memorial visitation will be held on Saturday, February 9th from 1 to 3 PM at the Friedrich-Jones Funeral Home & Cremation Services at 44 S. Mill Street Naperville, IL 60540. A brief memorial service will be held immediately afterwards at 3 PM. We invite you to please join the Bartels Family to celebrate Vern's long rich life with us. For more information, please call (630)355-0213.



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### Barth, Mona J.

Mona J. Barth, nee Armato, 81, of Chicago. Beloved wife of almost 60 years to Francis Barth. Dear mother of Francis X. (the late Rebecca) Barth and Jennifer (Eric) Whitelaw. Loving "Nana" of Matthew, Chandler, Jonathan, Sarah, and Timothy. Mona leaves behind a loving family that she cherished and cared for all their lives. Funeral services Monday, February 11th, 9:30 AM, **Smith-Corcoran Funeral Home**, 6150 N Cicero Avenue, Chicago, to Queen of All Saints Basilica for a funeral mass at 10 AM. Interment Private. Visitation Sunday 3 PM to 8 PM. In lieu of flowers, donations to Misericordia Home, 6300 N Ridge Avenue, Chicago, may be made in Mona's name. Info 773-736-3833 or visit Mona's memorial at [www.smithcorcoran.com](http://www.smithcorcoran.com)

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### Bass, Mark N.

Mark N. Bass, died Tuesday February 5, after a long battle with cancer. He is survived by his loving and devoted wife Allyson, his wonderful sons Marc Weiner & Michael (Mara) Weiner and two beautiful granddaughters Shay & Dylan Weiner. Mark was the son of the late Lila and Murray Bass and fond brother of the late Bruce (Susan) Bass. Mark leaves his beloved father Ivan Himmel and the late Lucille Himmel, along with his siblings, Jeffrey (Cindy) Himmel, Joan Himmel (Rickey) Freeman and Scott (Deborah) Himmel and many nieces and nephews. Mark was an exceptional husband, father, grandfather, brother and friend. He will forever be known as an "uber mensch." He was dearly loved and will be missed by many. Services will be held at **Weinstein & Piser Funeral Home**, 111 Skokie Boulevard, Wilmette, IL, 60091 at 11 AM Friday, February 8. Interment to follow at Oak Woods Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, the family would appreciate contributions to The Prostate Cancer Foundation, [cure.pcf.org](http://cure.pcf.org). For info: 847-256-5700.



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### Bickert, Harriet Ann

Harriet Ann Bickert (nee Helming), age 93, of Palos Park, IL died Sunday, January 27 at home. Beloved wife of the late Charles F. Bickert. Cherished mother of Susan (Paul) Pfothenhauer of St. Charles, IL, Wayne (Debra) of Aurora, CO, and Nancy (Stanley) Czernik of Tinley Park, IL. Loving grandmother of Eric (Jennifer) Pfothenhauer, Kurt (Kristen) Pfothenhauer, Jason Bickert, Jennifer (Colt) Bickert-Thiel, Sarah Czernik and Steven Czernik. Great grandmother of Katie, Ryan and Nick. Preceded in death by her parents, Albert R. and Eva Steele Helming and sisters Margaret (William) Clifford and Kathryn Helming. Respects may be paid on Friday, February 8, at **Chapel Hill Gardens South Funeral Home**, 11333 S. Central, Oak Lawn, from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. A short memorial service will begin at 12:30 p.m. In lieu of flowers, please make donations to Lora's Fund, Peace Village, 10300 Village Circle Drive, Palos Park, IL 60464. Info. 708-636-1200.

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### Bonfitto, Virginia A.

Virginia A. Bonfitto nee Knipper age 81. Lemont resident, formerly of Orland Park and Flossmoor. Wife for 45 years of the late Joseph M. Bonfitto. Mother of Jim (Tammy), Sue (Jim) Rossi, the late Joseph, John (Kara), Jerry (Jennifer), Sharon, and Jean (Michael) Kinney. Loving grandmother of 24, great grandmother of 13. Sister of Russell Knipper and the late Nell Willig, Ting and Harold Knipper. Aunt to many. A homemaker, she enjoyed her years working at the Holiday Tennis Club in Harvey, cherished her time with all her friends and family. She was the life of the party, making friends everywhere she went with a contagious energy that brought joy to so many lives. Remembered by her family for her strength, bravery, extreme wit, sarcastic humor, love for Chardonnay (with ice), slot machines, dancing, Sunday pasta, and her beloved red Cardinals. Resting at **Panozzo Bros. Funeral Home**, 530 W. 14th St. (U.S. Rt. 30, 3 blks E. of Western Ave.), Chicago Heights on Friday February 8th from 3:00 PM to 8:00 PM. Funeral service Saturday morning 10:00 AM. Interment Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, Worth. 708-481-9230 or [panozzobros.com](http://panozzobros.com)

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### ON FEBRUARY 6 ...

**On Feb. 6, 1756**, America's third vice president, Aaron Burr, was born in Newark, N.J.

**In 1778** the United States won official recognition from France with the signing of treaties in Paris.

**In 1788** Massachusetts became the sixth state to ratify the U.S. Constitution.

**In 1895** baseball legend George Herman "Babe" Ruth was born in Baltimore.

**In 1899** a peace treaty between the United States and Spain was ratified by the U.S. Senate.

**In 1933** the Constitution's 20th Amendment took effect, designating Jan. 20 as the date of presidential inaugurations and moving the start of congressional terms from March to January.

**In 1943** a Los Angeles jury acquitted actor Errol Flynn of three counts of statutory rape.

**In 1952** Britain's King George VI died; he was succeeded as reigning monarch by his daughter, Elizabeth II.

**In 1956** Autherine Lucy, the first black student admitted to the University of Alabama, was expelled after she accused school officials of conspiring in riots that

marred her court-ordered enrollment five days earlier.

**In 1959** the United States successfully test-fired for the first time a Titan intercontinental ballistic missile from Cape Canaveral, Fla.

**In 1964** Cuba cut off the normal water supply to the U.S. Navy's base at Guantanamo Bay.

**In 1968** the Winter Olympic Games were opened in Grenoble, France.

**In 1971** the Apollo 14 astronauts prepared to head back to Earth after a 33-hour stay on the moon.

**In 1973** Dixy Lee Ray was appointed by President Richard Nixon to be the first woman to head the Atomic Energy Commission.

**In 1978** a tentative settlement was reached to end a 63-day coal strike in Appalachia and the Midwest.

**In 1979** in an indirect warning to Vietnam, President Jimmy Carter told Thailand's visiting prime minister the U.S. remained committed to the inviolability of Thai borders.

**In 1980** Iranian President Abolhassan Bani-Sadr denounced the militants holding 52 Americans hostage in Tehran.

**In 1988** Michael Jordan

soared from the free-throw line to score a perfect 50 on his final jam to win the NBA Slam Dunk Contest over Dominique Wilkins at the Chicago Stadium.

**In 1993** tennis Hall of Famer and human-rights advocate Arthur Ashe died of AIDS in New York; he was 49.

**In 1998** President Bill Clinton signed a bill changing the name of Washington National Airport to Ronald Reagan Washington National Airport.

**In 2000** former first lady Hillary Rodham Clinton launched her successful candidacy to the U.S. Senate from New York.

**In 2001** Ariel Sharon was elected Israeli prime minister in a landslide win over Ehud Barak.

**In 2003** ABC's "20/20" aired a British documentary on Michael Jackson in which the King of Pop revealed he sometimes let children sleep in his bed.

**In 2005** the New England Patriots won their third Super Bowl in four years, defeating the Philadelphia Eagles, 24-21.

**In 2011** powered by quarterback (and game MVP) Aaron Rodgers, the Green Bay Packers beat the Pittsburgh Steelers 31-25 in Super Bowl XLV.

**In 2013** toy maker Hasbro Inc. announced that Monopoly fans had voted online to add a cat token to the board game, replacing the iron.

**In 2016** a magnitude 6.4 earthquake killed at least 36 people in Taiwan; most died when a 17-story building in the southern city of Tainan collapsed, burying hundreds in the rubble.

**In 2018** thousands witnessed SpaceX's Falcon Heavy rocket — at the time the largest in use — blast off from Kennedy Space Center in Florida on its first test flight, carrying a red sports car belonging to SpaceX founder Elon Musk.

### WINNING LOTTERY NUMBERS

ILLINOIS	
Feb. 5	
Mega Millions	03 34 36 59 66 / 7
Mega Millions jackpot: \$139M	
Pick 3 midday	177 / 1
Pick 4 midday	8071 / 7
Lucky Day Lotto midday	01 04 14 27 41
Pick 3 evening	686 / 3
Pick 4 evening	7890 / 9
Lucky Day Lotto evening	05 09 12 17 29

Feb. 6 Powerball: \$204M  
Feb. 7 Lotto: \$9M

WISCONSIN	
Feb. 5	
Pick 3	863
Pick 4	2119
Badger 5	02 06 10 15 31
SuperCash	02 13 17 20 31 37

INDIANA	
Feb. 5	
Daily 3 midday	948 / 7
Daily 4 midday	8926 / 7
Daily 3 evening	737 / 2
Daily 4 evening	6161 / 2
Cash 5	05 19 20 26 39

MICHIGAN	
Feb. 5	
Daily 3 midday	948
Daily 4 midday	7804
Daily 3 evening	332
Daily 4 evening	4027
Fantasy 5	02 10 16 19 38
Keno	06 07 09 10 11 13 31
	33 36 40 59 62 66 67
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### Lombardo, Frances

Frances Lombardo, 95, of McHenry and formerly of Chicago, was born on December 27, 1923 and passed away on February 5, 2019. Frances was the loving wife of the late Antonino for 49 years; beloved mother of Frank (the late Sandra); dear grandmother of Francine (Mike) Razalenti and Frank (Traci) Lombardo; cherished great-grandmother of Nicholas (Jeanette Crawford) Lombardo and Amanda Lombardo; great-great-grandmother of Landon Anthony Lombardo; her sisters, Catherine (the late Mike) Lazzara and Mary (the late Vito) Impastato; and loving aunt and cousin of many. She was preceded in death by her parents, Joseph and Frances Clemente; her husband; and grandson, Anthony "Tony" Lombardo. Visitation will be held on Thursday, February 7, from 4:00-9:00pm at Davenport Family Funeral Home and Crematory, 941 S. Old Rand Rd., Lake Zurich. On Friday, February 8, visitation will continue at 9:00am until the time of her funeral service at 10:00am at the funeral home. Entombment will follow at All Saints Catholic Cemetery, Des Plaines. Arrangements were entrusted to Davenport Family Funeral Home and Crematory, Lake Zurich. For information, please call the funeral home at 847-550-4221 or visit www.davenportfamily.com where friends may leave an online condolence message for the family.



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### Magnifico, Maddalena

Maddalena Magnifico nee DeGirolamo, age 93. Beloved wife of the late Michael L. Magnifico for 67 years. Loving mother of Frank (Clare, nee Soldano), Tony (Mary Ann, nee Quilty), Marge (Steve) Anzalone and Mary (Giovanni) Camaci. Fond grandmother of 16 and great grandmother of 11. Loving sister of the late Vincenzo (Ida), the late Nina (Giuseppa), the late Michele (Domenica), the late Umberto, and the late Irene; dear sister-in-law of many; fond aunt of many nieces, nephews, cousins, other relatives, and many friends. Visitation will be Thursday February 7th 2019 from 9:00 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. at **Cumberland Chapels** 8300 W. Lawrence Ave. Norridge, IL 60706. Funeral Services begin at 10:30 a.m. at the funeral home and will proceed to Our Lady Mother of the Church for 11:00 a.m. Mass. Entombment to follow at All Saints Mausoleum. Lieu of flowers please make donations to Rolling Meadows High School for the Jennifer Anzalone Scholarship at 2901 Central Rd. Rolling Meadows, IL 60008. For more info 708-456-8300 www.cumberlandchapels.com



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### Maurer, Judith S.

Ann S. Rasch (nee Spina), of LaGrange, IL passed away on January 29, 2019 surrounded by her family. Beloved wife of the late Andrew R.; loving mother of Andrew P. (Susan), Richard (Peggy), and Mariana (Bob) Tennyson; cherished grandmother of Robert, Allison, Andrew C., Casey, Elissa, Abby, and Eric; great-grandmother of Andrew E. and Carter, and aunt to numerous nieces and nephews. Born to Mariano and Lucia Spina on July 14, 1931 in Chicago, IL, her parents, brother Peter (Nancy), and sisters Carmela (late Walter) and Domenica, preceded her. Mass will be held on Friday, February 15, 2019 at 11:00am at St. Francis Xavier in LaGrange, IL; family and friends are invited to gather together for visitation at 10:00am. Inurnment of her ashes will immediately follow at Queen of Heaven Mausoleum in Hillside, IL. Throughout her life, Ann worked tirelessly to support the search for a cure for retinitis pigmentosa. Her family asks that in lieu of flowers, donations be made to Search for Vision, which supports research at the University of Illinois at Chicago Department of Ophthalmology and Visual Sciences. Please make checks out to Search for Vision, and gifts can be sent to: Jenna Plakut, UIC Office of Medical Advancement, 1747 West Roosevelt Road, Suite 312, Chicago, IL 60608



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### McLaughlin, Ardeth M.

Ardeth M. McLaughlin (nee Magee), age 91, a resident of Carillon in Plainfield, IL, formerly of Chicago, IL, passed away on Monday, February 4, 2019 at Tabor Hills Healthcare Facility in Naperville. She was born on December 1, 1927 in Chicago. Beloved wife of 48 years to the late Michael J. McLaughlin, loving mother of Thomas McLaughlin, James McLaughlin, Kathleen (Kevin) Lavery, Maureen (John) Eby and Patti (Marty) Fahey, adored nana of Lindsey and Aimee McLaughlin and Lacey (Zac) Cordova; Bridget McLaughlin; Tim Lavery, Kelly (Chris Ream) Lavery, Katie (Craig) Dzierwa and Christine (Jeff) Tinker; Gavin (Ashley) Fahey, Connor Fahey and the late Trevor Fahey, cherished great-nana of Kenzie, Cody and Charlotte, devoted daughter of the late Carl and Josephine (nee Murphy) Magee, dear sister of the late Donald (Kay) Magee, fond sister-in-law of Frank (Pat) McLaughlin, aunt, great-aunt and friend of many. Ardeth taught gym in the Chicago Public School System (CPS) for many years, many of them at Bates Elementary School. Visitation Thursday, February 7, 2019, 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM at **Friedrich-Jones Funeral Home & Cremation Services**, 44 S. Mill St, Naperville, IL. Funeral services will follow Thursday, 12:00 PM in the funeral home. Private interment: Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, Alsip, IL. For a complete obituary, please visit [www.friedrich-jones.com](http://www.friedrich-jones.com) or call (630) 355-0213 for more information.



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### MURRAY, JUNE FRANCES

June Frances Murray, 65, of LaGrange. Beloved wife of Davis Newey. Loving sister of James, Lawrence and Gregory Murray. Dear aunt of several nieces and nephews. Visitation 3 to 9pm Thursday, Feb. 7, 2019 at **Hallowell & James Funeral Home**, 10225 W. 55th St., Countryside where Funeral Service will be held at 10am Friday, Feb. 8, 2019. Interment All Saints Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions to Catnap from the Heart, LaGrange Park appreciated. Funeral home phone 708/352-6500 or www.hjfunerals.com

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### Neylan, Mary Alice

Mary Alice Neylan nee Coogan, age 89, of Northfield. Beloved wife of the late John "Jack" Neylan; devoted mother of John Francis III (Cynthia) Neylan, the late Lisa (Thomas) Cottrell Jr., Thomas Coogan (Mary DeMay) Neylan, Nancy Beach (Kim) Thomas, Robert Johnson (Amaia Artaza) Neylan; devoted grandmother of John, IV, Elizabeth (fiancé Travis Laska) and James Neylan, Thomas III (Liesl), Christine (fiancé Rob Carthew) and Patrick Cottrell, Michael, Matthew and Kyra Neylan, Kipling Thomas, Isabelle, Julian, Asier and Ibai Neylan; great-grandmother of Cillian and Teague Cottrell. Visitation Saturday, February 9, 2019, 10:30 a.m. until time of Funeral Mass 11:00 a.m. at Sacred Heart Church, 1077 Tower Road, Winnetka, IL 60093. Interment Calvary Catholic Cemetery, Evanston. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Misericordia, 6300 North Ridge Avenue, Chicago, IL 60660. Info: [www.donnellanfuneral.com](http://www.donnellanfuneral.com) or (847) 675-1990.



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### O'Malley Lathers, Sally



MADISON, WI-Sally Lou Lathers, well known and beloved as Sally O'Malley, passed away February 2, 2019 in her hometown of Madison, WI at age 81. Our hearts are tender as we imagine our lives without her fun-loving and energetic spirit. Born January 7, 1938 as the 5th child of Gladys and William "Bill" Lathers, she attended Blessed Sacrament grade school and graduated in 1956 from Edgewood High School in Madison. Her B.A. degree in Industrial Design from the Layton School of Art was the jumping off point for her brilliant career in interior design, events management, and innovative designer-to-client marketing and communications systems. Sally's career in corporate design and communications began with her management of showrooms in Chicago and Los Angeles for Herman Miller, the iconic furniture design company. Her intuitive design brilliance and passion for marketing led to her appointment as the Director of Corporate Marketing Communications at Herman Miller. This position inspired her to open O'Malley and Company, Ltd in 1980. Her firm specialized in providing marketing and communications consulting, including events' management to a variety of clients. Among her many distinctive achievements was her development and implementation of the innovative 'Design on Call' and 'Outrageous Customer Service' practices for design centers in Boston, Florida, California, and Michigan. Although Sally's career spanned the US from coast to coast, Chicago was her anchor town. Drawn to its architectural significance, O'Malley was one of the original residents of the John Hancock Center and lived there for over 40 years. At the Crate and Barrel store on Michigan Avenue, she sparked as the top sales person on the furniture team from 1991-1994. Later she was an anchor member within the Home area of the Polo Ralph Lauren store, also on Michigan Avenue, blending her merchandising talents with her effortless sales spirit. One of Sally's most personally engaging endeavors was to open Pomegranate Home in Lakeside, Michigan with Bob Herbst in 2004. This lifestyle home furnishings store showcased Sally and Bob's superb taste, bringing accessible design to the many Chicagoans who enjoyed living in Michigan's 'Harbor Country'. For a Pomegranate Home customer, Sally's dynamic and engaging personality was imprinted on each purchase. Sally is survived by her sister Elynn Ann (Lathers) Bellmann and her brother Michael (Christie) Lathers. She was preceded in death by her parents Gladys and Bill Lathers and two of her siblings, her brother Jack Lathers, and her sister Marilyn (Sister Maureen) Lathers. Missing her endless kisses, enthusiastic exuberance, and unconditional love are many cousins and numerous nieces and nephews, who simply adored "Aunt Sally". Sally's family is forever grateful to the loving guardianship and care generously bestowed upon her by her dear "earth angels" Beth Cini, Lynn McFee and Pat Hackworthy. We thank the entire staff of BrightStar Senior Living; to a person, this talented team nurtured and enjoyed Sally's indomitable spirit during her last months. In lieu of flowers, memorials would be appreciated to BrightStar Senior Living of Madison or to the Jack F. Lathers Scholarship fund at Edgewood High School. A visitation will be held at ST. MARIA GORETTI CATHOLIC CHURCH, 5313 Flad Ave., Madison, on Wednesday, February 13, 2019 at 10 a.m. followed by a Mass of Christian Burial at 11 a.m. A celebration of Sally O'Malley's life will follow at a private venue. To view and sign this guestbook, please visit: [www.ryanfuneralservice.com](http://www.ryanfuneralservice.com)

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### Pietrzak, Dorothy M.

Dorothy M. Pietrzak, nee Huron, age 88, passed away on February 4, 2018. Dorothy was the beloved wife of the late Leonard; loving mother of Raymond D. (Jacqueline Sinclair) and Sandra L. Pietrzak; cherished grandmother of Michael, Lisa and Ryan Pietrzak and Daniel Carrasco; dearest sister of the late Francis Huron and Kathleen Johnson; fond aunt of many. Visitation will be Sunday February 10, 2019 from 2:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. at Cumberland Chapels 8300 W. Lawrence Ave., Norridge, IL. The funeral service will begin at 11:00 a.m. on Monday, at the funeral home, and we will proceed for interment at Irving Park Cemetery in Chicago. Info 708-456-8300.



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### Pionke, Wayne J.

Wayne, 72, died on Monday, Feb. 4, 2019, at his residence. Visitation will be held from 4-8pm on Thurs., Feb. 7, 2019 at **Cotter Funeral Home in Momanice, IL**. Funeral Mass will be held at 10am, Fri., Feb. 8, 2019 at St. Patrick Catholic Church in Momanice, IL. Visit [www.cotterfh.com](http://www.cotterfh.com) for full obituary.

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### Rasch, Ann S.

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### RozeK, Dr. Leonard Francis

Dr. Leonard Francis RozeK passed away on February 1, 2019 at JourneyCare Hospice in Barrington. He was born February 14, 1932 to Leonard and Adelaide (Sassman) RozeK in Winona, MN. After graduating from high school and serving in the U.S. Army, he married Judith Kryzer on January 28, 1956. He obtained a doctorate in 1964 from Marquette University and worked as a senior research scientist at G.D Searle in Skokie. Leonard is survived by his wife, Judy; his children Leonard (Kim), Daniel (Jane), Paul (Jill), Margaret Sedlacek and Mary Beth (Brad) Olm; his grandchildren Megan Navarro, Ellen and Anne RozeK, Logan RozeK, Laura and Eric Sedlacek, and Kevin and Sean Olm; sister Carol (James) Mallingner; sisters-in-law Patricia (Carlson) Steigerwald, Carolyn Armstrong, Rosemary (Timothy) Stone and numerous nieces and nephews. Memorials may be left in his name to JourneyCare Foundation and the American Heart Association. There will be a visitation for Leonard on Saturday, February 9, 2019 from 9:30 AM until 10:45 AM at the **Kahle-Moore Funeral Home**, 403 Silver Lake Rd., Cary and followed by a Funeral Mass at SS. Peter & Paul Church, 410 First St., Cary at 11:00 AM. For info: 847-639-3817 or [kahleemoore.com](http://kahleemoore.com)

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### Schablaske, Robert A.

Robert A. Schablaske Jan.30th, Age 64. Loving son of Robert V. and the late Alice (nee Krajewski). Loving brother of Michael J. (Karin). Robert's faith inspired him to become a devoted teacher and coach to many. He was a proud member of the Leo High School Hall of Fame, having spent 26 years at Leo teaching social studies and coaching basketball and baseball. "Coach Schab" won more than 300 games as Leo's sophomore basketball coach and was beloved by his students, players and colleagues for blending a kind heart and a generous nature with a fierce competitive spirit. Bob was an avid sports fan--particularly of the Chicago Cubs--as well as a faithful friend and a kind mentor. His influence reached hundreds of lives in a quiet, understated way. Funeral Friday 9:30 a.m. from Donnellan Funeral Home 10525 S. Western Ave. to St. Barnabas Church 10134 S. Longwood Dr. for Mass 10:30 a.m. Private Burial at St. Mary's Cemetery in Pecatonica, IL. Visitation Thursday 4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. in lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Leo High School Scholarship fund, c/o Dan McGrath 7901 S. Sangamon St. Chicago, IL 60620. Info (773) 238-0075. Sign guestbook at [www.donnellanfuneralhome.com](http://www.donnellanfuneralhome.com).



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### Schaefer, Hermina H.

Hermina H. Schaefer, nee Plambeck, 92, of Chicago, February 4, 2019. Wife of the late Cyril Schaefer. Step mother of 5. Daughter of the late Hermina and Fred Plambeck. Sister of Charles and Richard Plambeck. Many nieces and nephews. Visitation Thursday, February 7, 2019, and Friday, February 8, 2019 from 4:00 pm to 9:00 pm at **Drake & Son Funeral Home**, 5303 N. Western Avenue, Chicago, IL. 60625. Family and Friends will meet at St. Priscilla Church, 6949 W. Addison Street, Chicago, Illinois 60634 for Mass of the Resurrection 10:30 am Saturday, February 9, 2019. Entombment St. Joseph Cemetery, River Grove, Illinois. 773-561-6874



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### Shapiro, Norton

Nort, 85, was executive vice president of National Superior Fur Dressing & Dyeing Co. until 1999. A lifetime of service. Nort was known for his generosity - he was a founding member of the Mended Hearts Society of Rush University Medical Center - as well as his commitment to international friendship and collaboration. He is survived by his wife of 64 years, Barbara; daughter Cheryl Kreiter (Barry), and two grandchildren, Rachel and Elizabeth. A son, Michael, passed away in 1977. He is also survived by his brothers Nathan (Randy), Robert (Gwen), sister-in-law Marilyn Morton (the late Chuck), and their families. His parents, Lester and Edna, are deceased. The family is grateful to Ronelle Ashby. Services 3 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 6, Westlawn Cemetery, 7801 W. Montrose Ave., Norridge, IL. In lieu of flowers, contributions can be made to the American Civil Liberties Union, [www.aclu.org](http://www.aclu.org). Arrangements by **Chicago Jewish Funerals** - Skokie Chapel, 847.229.8822, [www.cjinfo.com](http://www.cjinfo.com)



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### Steinhaus, Orin Alfred

Orin Alfred Steinhaus, CLU, CFP, passed away on his 84th birthday, Saturday February 2nd 2019. Orin will be lovingly remembered by his wife of 63 years, Constance Evans and his children Patrice and James (Michelle). Orin will also be remembered by his three grandchildren, Meredith (Chris) Ciesielski, Lyle (Arielle), and Suzanne and his three great grandchildren. As well as his brothers Alfred and William (Jeanette) and his nieces, nephews and other extended family.



Orin graduated from Riverside Brookfield High School, served in the US Navy Reserve, and attended the University of Illinois where he met his wife Constance. He was a member of Phi Kappa Psi and Constance was a member of Delta Delta Delta. A native of the Chicago area, he also lived in Fort Wayne, IN as well as Columbus, OH. In Columbus, he was founder and President of Steinhaus Financial Group. In Fort Wayne, he was President of Lincoln Financial Sales and later moved back to Chicago where he founded and was President of CMP Financial. Orin retired from Lincoln Financial Group in 2004. After retirement, he served on numerous boards including being President of Dunham Woods Riding Club in Wayne, IL where he and his wife have owned a home for many years. A natural competitor and athlete, Orin was never afraid to take on new sports or activities. He learned to ride horses in his 50s, owning several horses in his life and riding with the Wayne-DuPage Hunt. He took up skeet shooting in his retirement and was a member of White Gate Skeet Club.

He will be remembered by his family and friends for his incredible generosity. He had an amazing memory and loved to play games and cards with his grandchildren and great grandchildren. He is an example of what determination and hard work will bring in life and will be missed beyond measure.

Memorial donations in memory of Orin can be made to Salvation Army, Mercy Home for Boys and Girls and The Anti-Cruelty Society.

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### Thiesing, Arvilla

Arvilla Thiesing, nee Kauffeldt age 93. Beloved wife of the late Albert Thiesing; loving mother of Carol (Don) Pfingstler, Barbara (Bill) Lymangood, Kurt (Beth) Thiesing; devoted grandmother of Mark (Dewi) Pfingstler, Adam (Julie) Pfingstler, Bill (Meg) Lymangood, Jennifer (Chas) Minnemeyer, Heather Thiesing; great-grandmother of Francesca Pfingstler, Liam and Charlie Lymangood, Cora and Remi Minnemeyer; dear sister of Gene (June) Kauffeldt and the late Robert Kauffeldt. Visitation Saturday, February 9th, from 10 AM until time of service at 11:00 AM at **Knollcrest Funeral Home** 1500 S. Meyers Rd, Lombard, IL 60148 (3 blks. S. of Roosevelt). Interment private. Memorials to Vitas Hospice, 580 Waters Edge, Lombard, IL, 60148 are appreciated. Funeral info: [www.knollcrest.net](http://www.knollcrest.net) or 630-932-1500.

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### Uroza-Suarez, Jose A

Jose A. Uroza-Suarez, 86, Korean War Army Veteran, Beloved husband of Ofelina (nee Acosta), Devoted father of Jose A. Jr. (Robin) and Sandra (the late Michael) Feliciano; Cherished grandfather of Michelle, Nicolas (Yessenia), Beau and David and great grandfather of Gavin, Julian, Aubriana, Mila and Landon; Loving brother of Clement, Juanita and Monse; Dearest brother-in-law, uncle and friend to many. Visitation Wednesday, February 6, 2019 from 3-9 p.m. at Salerno's Galewood Chapels 1857 N. Harlem Ave. Chicago, Funeral Thursday morning 9 a.m. from the funeral home to St. James the Apostle Roman Catholic Church 5730 W. Fullerton Ave. Chicago for Mass 10:00 a.m. Interment will follow to Maryhill Cemetery. Donations in his name can be directed to the Alzheimer/Dementia Research. Arrangements by **NICHOLAS M. PISHOS FUNERAL DIRECTOR, LTD.**, Info: 773-889-1700 or [www.saler-nosfuneralhomes.com](http://www.saler-nosfuneralhomes.com)



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### Zaloudek, Josephine

Josephine M. Zaloudek, nee Czaplka age 100, of La Grange Park. Beloved wife of the late Frank Zaloudek; loving mother of Robert (Sharon) Zaloudek, Richard (Janice) Zaloudek and Ronald (JoAnn) Zaloudek; dear grandmother of six; great grandmother of many; sister of the late Frank (Elaine) Czaplka; aunt of many nieces and nephews. Graveside Service Thursday, February 7, 2019 at 2 P.M. at Maryhill Cemetery, Niles. Memorials appreciated to The American Heart Association, 3816 Paysphere Circle, Chicago, IL 60674. Arrangements entrusted to **Hitzeman Funeral Home, Ltd.** 9445 W. 31st Street, Brookfield. Information 708-485-2000 or [www.HitzemanFuneral.com](http://www.HitzemanFuneral.com)



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TO: Occupant 1st Floor; Occupant 2nd Floor; Occupant 3rd Floor; Shelena Y Lewis A/Ra Shelia Lewis; JW Rich & Sons Construction Inc. c/o John Rich; City of Chicago Department of Public Works; City of Chicago - City Clerk...

TO: Occupant 1st Floor; Occupant 2nd Floor; Raymond M. De La Rosa; Raymond M. De La Rosa; Trustee of Trust; JOHN B. TORPORNATI AS TRUSTEE OF THE JOHN BLITS BLIT HOLTON UNKNOWN OWNERS...

TO: DAVID D. ORR, COOK COUNTY CLERK MARY L. HOLTON CHICAGO TITLE LAND TRUST COMPANY, TRUSTEE OF TRUST #6776 DATED 07.15.1980 CHICAGO TITLE LAND TRUST COMPANY, TRUSTEE OF TRUST #6776 DATED 07.15.1980...

TO: DAVID D. ORR, COOK COUNTY CLERK DONA DIANO MARTINEZ JR ROBERTO FRUTOS OCCUPANT LYANNE ESPOSITO ELISA SANCHEZ JULIO GALARZA TOWN OF CICERO, TOWN CLERK UNKNOWN OWNERS...

TO: Occupant 1st Floor; Occupant 2nd Floor; Paul Ozarowski; First Resolution Investment Corp. c/o Illinois Corporation Service C; City of Chicago - City Clerk; Illinois Healthcare assessment number N/A Warrant N/A...

TO: 701 707 N Orleans LLC; 701-707 North Orleans, LLC, c/o Taff Services Solutions Corp., Reg. Agent; ABM Parking Services, Inc. c/o Taff Services Solutions Corp.; ABM Parking West, LLC, c/o The Corporation Trust Company, Reg. Agent; ABM Parking Services; Occupant, 326 W. Huron St., Chicago, IL 60654...

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TO: CHICAGO TITLE LAND TRUST CHICAGO TITLE Land Trust as Trustee u/t/a dated September 8, 2014 and known as Trust No. 8002365894...

TO: Lorena Perez, Lorena Nunez; Park Place Condominium Association c/o Secretary of State; Mickey & Poague Real Estate Services...

TO: Lucille D. Whitehead; Ernest Whitehead Trustee under the Ernest Whitehead Living Trust dated 9/21/1996...

TO: Sean Costello; City of Chicago - City Clerk; City of Chicago Corporation Counsel; Manuela D. Lawrence...

TO: Occupant 1st Floor, Occupant 2nd Floor; Occupant 3rd Floor; Antonio Gomez; Imelda Gomez; City of Chicago...

TO: PULL LLC c/o William D. Kelly; PULL LLC c/o Secretary of State; Syed Hashmi...

TO: Kenwood Investments; Kenwood Investment Group Inc. c/o Justice Mensah; Justice Mensah; County Clerk Cook County, Illinois...

TO: Margaret Elsborg; Donna Elsborg; County Clerk of Cook County, Illinois spouses, heirs at law, devisees, if any...

TO: Harvey Harris, III; Ann Harris; William Harris & Legatee or Estate of William Harris; City of Chicago...

TO: Occupant 1st Floor, Occupant 2nd Floor; Kathy Metcalf; Roger Weston; Robert Weston; Diane Fowler...

TO: DAVID D. ORR, COOK COUNTY CLERK KARADIMAS FIDEL SANCHEZ OCCUPANT LORRIE LONG RICARDO CADENA...

TO: DAVID D. ORR, COOK COUNTY CLERK SEAR, PAUL CASANO OCCUPANT SUMNER L. ROBERTS THE WASHINGTON PARK CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION...

TO: Occupant 1st Floor; Occupant 2nd Floor; Earnell E. Hooper; Lucille E. Newton; Ratliff M. Newton...

TO: DAVID D. ORR, COOK COUNTY CLERK JOSE ZUNIGA ANDREA ZUNIGA PROPERTY MANAGER / OCCUPANT KEDZIE REALTY INC...

TO: DAVID D. ORR, COOK COUNTY CLERK SHERRIE WILKS PROPERTY MANAGER / OCCUPANT KEDZIE REALTY INC...

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TO: Rayford King; Sarah King; Occupant(s) of 5141 S. Morgan Street; Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corporation...

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TO: Dearmand Carter a/k/a De Armond Carter a/k/a Armond Carter, City of Chicago Corporation Counsel, City of Chicago...

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TO: Northwestern Investment Co.; Linda Freeberg; Taxpayer of 9350 S 85TH CT, HICKORY HILLS, IL...

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TO: Grace Quinn; Kevin Quinn; Parkshire South Condominium Association c/o Dennis M. Heywood...

TO: Renee T. Riley, Bradley Pruitt; City of Chicago - City Clerk; County Clerk of Cook County, Illinois spouses, heirs at law...

TO: DAVID D. ORR, COOK COUNTY CLERK BERNETTA WASHINGTON OCCUPANT - 7939 S VERNON, 1ST FLR OCCUPANT - 7939 S VERNON...

TO: DAVID D. ORR, COOK COUNTY CLERK WILLIAM A JOHNSON OCCUPANT GLORIA JOHNSON KIMBERLY JOHNSON JAMES JOHNSON MELVIN JOHNSON UNKNOWN OWNERS...

TO: DAVID D. ORR, COOK COUNTY CLERK MERCY DEH CHERYL PATTON UNKNOWN OWNERS, OCCUPANTS AND PARTIES INTERESTED GENERALLY TAX DEED NO. 2018COTD008601 FILED December 20, 2018...

TO: Jon C. Applegarth; Riviera Reg I Condominium Association, c/o Benjamin J. Rooney; Nanette Ehrhardt; Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems Inc. Nominee for American Mortgage Network, Inc. DBA Amnet Mortgage...

TO: Elizabeth J. Debickor; Roy E. Tellefsen; Brenda Elvidge; County Clerk of Cook County, Illinois spouses, heirs at law, devisees, if any, of the above mentioned persons...

TO: Renee Pettigrew; Stephen Bennett; City of Chicago - City Clerk; City of Chicago Department of Water Management; Corine Jackson; Cleveland Dorsey; Beverly Dorsey; Raynard Dorsey; County Clerk of Cook County, Illinois spouses, heirs at law...

TO: DAVID D. ORR, COOK COUNTY CLERK JAMES C METOVIS OCCUPANT MARCUS HIGDON JONATHAN KIMMONS RICHMOND KYMON HARRINGTON KENNETH HARRINGTON CREVE COEUR MORTGAGE ASSOCIATES, INC. C/O ILLINOIS SECRETARY OF STATE BUSINESS SERVICES CREVE COEUR MORTGAGE ASSOCIATES, INC. HOWARD WEGAN PRESIDENT UNKNOWN OWNERS...

TO: DAVID D. ORR, COOK COUNTY CLERK LEONARD WITRON OCCUPANT JANE PATTON PRESIDENT COMMUNITY BANK JOHNIKA LOWE UNKNOWN OWNERS, OCCUPANTS AND PARTIES INTERESTED GENERALLY TAX DEED NO. 2018COTD008599 FILED December 20, 2018...

TO: DAVID D. ORR, COOK COUNTY CLERK ILLINOIS LAND INVESTMENT COLONIAL CAPITAL, LLC COLONIAL CAPITAL, LLC C/O ILLINOIS SECRETARY OF STATE BUSINESS SERVICES CITY OF CHICAGO, C/O CITY CLERK OCCUPANT - 3052 E 79TH PLACE, 1ST FLR OCCUPANT - 3052 E 79TH PLACE, 2ND FLR UNKNOWN OWNERS, OCCUPANTS AND PARTIES INTERESTED GENERALLY TAX DEED NO. 2018COTD008602 FILED December 20, 2018...

TO: DAVID D. ORR, COOK COUNTY CLERK ANTONIA DIMEOLA OCCUPANT THE HUNTINGTON NATIONAL BANK VILLAGE OF PALOS PARK VILLAGE CLERK UNKNOWN OWNERS, OCCUPANTS AND PARTIES INTERESTED GENERALLY TAX DEED NO. 2018COTD008567 FILED December 20, 2018...

TO: Rosemary A. Knapp; Rosemary A. Knapp Trustee under the Rosemary A. Knapp Living Trust dated November 30, 1993; Joseph O'Rourke; Richard O'Rourke; Theresa O'Rourke; Christopher O'Rourke; Daniel O'Rourke; Thomas O'Rourke; County Clerk of Cook County, Illinois spouses, heirs at law, devisees, if any, of the above mentioned persons...

TO: Toni Watson; City of Chicago Corporation Counsel; IP Morgan Chan; Successor to Bank One, N.A.; County Clerk of Cook County, Illinois spouses, heirs at law, devisees, if any, of the above mentioned persons...

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TO: DAVID D. ORR, COOK COUNTY CLERK JOHNINE N COBB OCCUPANT CHICAGO TITLE LAND TRUST COMPANY TRUSTEE OF TRUST #20-1015 DATED 02-25-2012 CHICAGO TITLE LAND TRUST COMPANY, TRUSTEE OF TRUST #20-1015 DATED 04.26.2012, RA:CT CORPORATION SYSTEM ANNE JENKINS UNKNOWN OWNERS, OCCUPANTS AND PARTIES INTERESTED GENERALLY TAX DEED NO. 2018COTD008600 FILED December 20, 2018...

TO: DAVID D. ORR, COOK COUNTY CLERK JOHN J RAMIREZ OCCUPANT MARY RAMIREZ RICHARD ALVAREZ UNKNOWN OWNERS, OCCUPANTS AND PARTIES INTERESTED GENERALLY TAX DEED NO. 2018COTD008603 FILED December 20, 2018...

TO: DAVID D. ORR, COOK COUNTY CLERK ANTONIA DIMEOLA OCCUPANT THE HUNTINGTON NATIONAL BANK VILLAGE OF PALOS PARK VILLAGE CLERK UNKNOWN OWNERS, OCCUPANTS AND PARTIES INTERESTED GENERALLY TAX DEED NO. 2018COTD008567 FILED December 20, 2018...

TO: Rosemary A. Knapp; Rosemary A. Knapp Trustee under the Rosemary A. Knapp Living Trust dated November 30, 1993; Joseph O'Rourke; Richard O'Rourke; Theresa O'Rourke; Christopher O'Rourke; Daniel O'Rourke; Thomas O'Rourke; County Clerk of Cook County, Illinois spouses, heirs at law, devisees, if any, of the above mentioned persons...

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TO: OPTIBT-LAND, LLC, c/o Kathleen M. Boege; Dylorath Corp.; Old Plank Trail Bank & Trust N.A., Greenfield Subsidiary... Homeowners Association c/o Daniel J. Kramer; Dillon-Gain Corporation c/o Gary Sanusi; Dillon-Gain Corporation; West Highland Homes; County Clerk of Cook County, Illinois spouses, heirs at law, devisees, if any of the above mentioned persons, described as Unknown Owners, Occupants or persons in actual possession of real estate herein described; claimants, decree creditors, judgment creditors, if any, of the above, described as Unknown Owners, Unknown Owners and Parties interested in said real estate. TAX DEED NO. 2019 COTD 000275 County of Cook Date Premises Sold: June 6, 2016 FILED January 22, 2019 TAKE NOTICE Certificate No. 14-0004073; 14-0004074; 14-0004075; 14-0004078; 14-0004091; 14-0004096; 14-0004103; 14-0004104; 14-0004105; 14-0004106; 14-0004107; 14-0004108; 14-0004109 Sold for General Taxes of 2014 Sold for Special Assessment of (Municipality and special assessment no.) None Warrant No. [Not Applicable] Installment No. [Not Applicable] THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES Property Located At: 5325 BENTGRASS; 22844 WESTWIND DRIVE; 22791-22792; 22786 & 22779 EASTWIND DRIVE; 5354, 5360, 5366, 5372, 5378 & 5384 NORTHWIND DRIVE AND 2234 WESTWIND DRIVE. IN RICHTON, ILLINOIS 60471 Legal Description or Property Index No. 31-33-003-028-0000; 31-33-003-048-0000; 31-33-305-021-0000, 31-33-305-023-0000, 31-33-313-011-0000; 31-33-314-002-0000; 31-33-314-011-0000; 31-33-314-012-0000; 31-33-314-013-0000; 31-33-314-014-0000; 31-33-314-015-0000; 31-33-314-016-0000; 31-33-414-018-0000 Volume 180 This notice is to advise you that the above property has been sold for delinquent taxes and that the period of redemption from the sale will expire on May 30, 2019. The amount to redeem is subject to increase at 6-month intervals from the date of sale and may be further increased if the purchaser at the tax sale or his or her assignee pays any subsequently accruing taxes or special assessments to redeem the property from subsequent forfeitures or tax sales. Check with the county clerk as to the exact amount you owe before redeeming. This notice is also to advise you that a petition has been filed for a tax deed which will transfer title and the right to possession of this property if redemption is not made on or before May 30, 2019. This matter is set for hearing in the Circuit Court of Cook County, Illinois, at the Office of the County Clerk in Chicago, Illinois. For further information contact the County Clerk. ADDRESS: 118 North Clark Street, Room 434, Chicago, Illinois 60602. TELEPHONE: (312) 603-5645. COUNTY OF COOK, D/B/A COOK COUNTY LAND BANK AUTHORITY, Purchaser or Assignee. Dated: January 22, 2019. Pub: 2/4, 5, 6/2019 6102886

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TO: Illinois Department of Transportation; rd' Rathner Be in Philadelphia, Inc; City of Chicago Heights; Illinois Attorney General; OCCUPANTS; Claimants; Creditors; HEIGHS, IL; Cook County Clerk; Parties in occupancy and possession; any unknown owners and occupants. TAX DEED NO. 2018COTD008048. FILED: 12/3/2018. TAKE NOTICE County of Cook. Date Premises Sold: 7/12/2017. Certificate No. 175-0000121. Sold for General Taxes of (year) .2017 Scavenger (1997-2015). Sold for Special Assessment of (Municipality) and special assessment number N/A Warrant No. N/A Inst. No. N/A THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES Property located at: 1225 WASHINGTON ST, CHICAGO HEIGHTS, ILLINOIS. Legal Description or Property Index No. 32-219-316-022-0000. This notice is to advise you that the above property has been sold for delinquent taxes and that the period of redemption from the sale will expire on 5/15/2019. The amount to redeem is subject to increase at 6 month intervals from the date of sale and may be further increased if the purchaser at the tax sale or his or her assignee pays any subsequently accruing taxes or special assessments to redeem the property from subsequent forfeitures or tax sales. Check with the county clerk as to the exact amount you owe before redeeming. This notice is also to advise you that a petition has been filed for a tax deed which will transfer title and the right to possession of this property if redemption is not made on or before 5/15/2019. This matter is set for hearing in the Circuit Court of this county in Room 1704, Richard J. Daley Center, 50 West Washington Street, Chicago, Illinois at 9:30 a.m., on 5/22/2019. You may be present at this hearing but your right to redeem will already have expired at that time. YOU ARE URGED TO REDEEM IMMEDIATELY TO PREVENT LOSS OF PROPERTY. Redemption can be made at any time on or before 5/15/2019 by applying to the County Clerk of Cook County, Illinois at the Office of the County Clerk in Chicago, Illinois. For further information contact the County Clerk. ADDRESS: 118 North Clark Street, Room 434, Chicago, Illinois 60602. TELEPHONE: (312) 603-5645. COUNTY OF COOK, D/B/A COOK COUNTY LAND BANK AUTHORITY, Purchaser or Assignee. Dated: January 22, 2019. Pub: 2/4, 5, 6/2019 6102886

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TO: Lauren Mohammed aka Lauren Washington; City of Chicago Heights; Corey Pyska L; Occupant, 1228 WASHINGTON ST, CHICAGO HEIGHTS, IL; Cook County Clerk; Parties in occupancy and possession; any unknown owners and occupants. TAX DEED NO. 2018COTD008074. FILED: 12/4/2018. TAKE NOTICE. County of Cook. Date Premises Sold: 7/12/2017. Certificate No. 175-0000311. Sold for General Taxes of (year) .2017 Scavenger (2008-2015). Sold for Special Assessment of (Municipality) and special assessment number N/A Warrant No. N/A Inst. No. N/A THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES Property located at: 1228 WASHINGTON ST, CHICAGO HEIGHTS, ILLINOIS. Legal Description or Property Index No. 32-211-111-036-0000. This notice is to advise you that the above property has been sold for delinquent taxes and that the period of redemption from the sale will expire on 5/15/2019. The amount to redeem is subject to increase at 6 month intervals from the date of sale and may be further increased if the purchaser at the tax sale or his or her assignee pays any subsequently accruing taxes or special assessments to redeem the property from subsequent forfeitures or tax sales. Check with the county clerk as to the exact amount you owe before redeeming. This notice is also to advise you that a petition has been filed for a tax deed which will transfer title and the right to possession of this property if redemption is not made on or before 5/15/2019. This matter is set for hearing in the Circuit Court of this county in Room 1704, Richard J. Daley Center, 50 West Washington Street, Chicago, Illinois at 9:30 a.m., on 5/22/2019. You may be present at this hearing but your right to redeem will already have expired at that time. YOU ARE URGED TO REDEEM IMMEDIATELY TO PREVENT LOSS OF PROPERTY. Redemption can be made at any time on or before 5/15/2019 by applying to the County Clerk of Cook County, Illinois at the Office of the County Clerk in Chicago, Illinois. For further information contact the County Clerk. ADDRESS: 118 North Clark Street, Room 434, Chicago, Illinois 60602. TELEPHONE: (312) 603-5645. COUNTY OF COOK, D/B/A COOK COUNTY LAND BANK AUTHORITY, Purchaser or Assignee. Dated: January 22, 2019. Pub: 2/4, 5, 6/2019 6102664

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TO: Citbank, N.A.; Laura Parham; Charles Parham; Unknown Heirs & Legatees of the Estate of John Screminto; Occupant, 1201 WASHINGTON ST, CHICAGO HEIGHTS, IL; Cook County Clerk; Parties in occupancy and possession; any unknown owners and occupants. TAX DEED NO. 2018COTD008075. FILED: 12/4/2018. TAKE NOTICE. County of Cook. Date Premises Sold: 7/12/2017. Certificate No. 175-0000283. Sold for General Taxes of (year) .2017 Scavenger (1997-2015). Sold for Special Assessment of (Municipality) and special assessment number N/A Warrant No. N/A Inst. No. N/A THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES Property located at: 1203 WASHINGTON ST, CHICAGO HEIGHTS, ILLINOIS. Legal Description or Property Index No. 32-211-112-001-0000. This notice is to advise you that the above property has been sold for delinquent taxes and that the period of redemption from the sale will expire on 5/15/2019. The amount to redeem is subject to increase at 6 month intervals from the date of sale and may be further increased if the purchaser at the tax sale or his or her assignee pays any subsequently accruing taxes or special assessments to redeem the property from subsequent forfeitures or tax sales. Check with the county clerk as to the exact amount you owe before redeeming. This notice is also to advise you that a petition has been filed for a tax deed which will transfer title and the right to possession of this property if redemption is not made on or before 5/15/2019. This matter is set for hearing in the Circuit Court of this county in Room 1704, Richard J. Daley Center, 50 West Washington Street, Chicago, Illinois at 9:30 a.m., on 5/22/2019. You may be present at this hearing but your right to redeem will already have expired at that time. YOU ARE URGED TO REDEEM IMMEDIATELY TO PREVENT LOSS OF PROPERTY. Redemption can be made at any time on or before 5/15/2019 by applying to the County Clerk of Cook County, Illinois at the Office of the County Clerk in Chicago, Illinois. For further information contact the County Clerk. ADDRESS: 118 North Clark Street, Room 434, Chicago, Illinois 60602. TELEPHONE: (312) 603-5645. COUNTY OF COOK, D/B/A COOK COUNTY LAND BANK AUTHORITY, Purchaser or Assignee. Dated: January 22, 2019. Pub: 2/4, 5, 6/2019 6102697

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TO: Daniel G. Hodges; Trio Machine Shop, Inc.; City of Chicago; George Hodges; Occupant, 306 16TH PL, CHICAGO HEIGHTS, IL; Cook County Clerk; Parties in occupancy and possession; any unknown owners and occupants. TAX DEED NO. 2018COTD008080. FILED: 12/4/2018. TAKE NOTICE. County of Cook. Date Premises Sold: 7/12/2017. Certificate No. 175-0000341. Sold for General Taxes of (year) .2017 Scavenger (2012-2015). Sold for Special Assessment of (Municipality) and special assessment number N/A Warrant No. N/A Inst. No. N/A THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES Property located at: 306 16TH PL, CHICAGO HEIGHTS, ILLINOIS. Legal Description or Property Index No. 32-2146-001-0000. This notice is to advise you that the above property has been sold for delinquent taxes and that the period of redemption from the sale will expire on 5/15/2019. The amount to redeem is subject to increase at 6 month intervals from the date of sale and may be further increased if the purchaser at the tax sale or his or her assignee pays any subsequently accruing taxes or special assessments to redeem the property from subsequent forfeitures or tax sales. Check with the county clerk as to the exact amount you owe before redeeming. This notice is also to advise you that a petition has been filed for a tax deed which will transfer title and the right to possession of this property if redemption is not made on or before 5/15/2019. This matter is set for hearing in the Circuit Court of this county in Room 1704, Richard J. Daley Center, 50 West Washington Street, Chicago, Illinois at 9:30 a.m., on 5/22/2019. You may be present at this hearing but your right to redeem will already have expired at that time. YOU ARE URGED TO REDEEM IMMEDIATELY TO PREVENT LOSS OF PROPERTY. Redemption can be made at any time on or before 5/15/2019 by applying to the County Clerk of Cook County, Illinois at the Office of the County Clerk in Chicago, Illinois. For further information contact the County Clerk. ADDRESS: 118 North Clark Street, Room 434, Chicago, Illinois 60602. TELEPHONE: (312) 603-5645. COUNTY OF COOK, D/B/A COOK COUNTY LAND BANK AUTHORITY, Purchaser or Assignee. Dated: January 22, 2019. Pub: 2/4, 5, 6/2019 6102876

TO: GBC Holdings, Inc.; GBC Holdings, Inc., c/o Cuauthome Burris; Village of RICHTON Park Department of Community Development; Mon-S Development; County Clerk of Cook County, Illinois; heirs at law, devisees, if any, of the above mentioned persons, described as Unknown Owners, Occupants or persons in actual possession of real estate herein described; claimants, decree creditors, judgment creditors, if any of the above, described as Unknown Owners; Unknown Owners and Parties interested in said real estate. TAX DEED NO. 2019 COTD 000259 County of Cook Date Premises Sold June 6, 2016 Certificate No. 14-0004083 Sold for General Taxes of 2014, 2017, 2018, 2019 TAKE NOTICE Sold for Special Assessment of (Municipality and special assessment no.) None Installment No. [Not Applicable] Warrant No. [Not Applicable] THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES Property Located At: 22035 JILLIAM CT, RICHTON PARK, IL 60471 Legal Description or Property Index No. 31-27402-053-0000 Volume 180 This notice is to advise you that the above property has been sold for delinquent taxes and that the period of redemption from the sale will expire on May 30, 2019. The amount to redeem is subject to increase at 6-month intervals from the date of sale and may be further increased if the purchaser at the tax sale or his or her assignee pays any subsequently accruing taxes or special assessments to redeem the property from subsequent forfeitures or tax sales. Check with the county clerk as to the exact amount you owe before redeeming. This notice is also to advise you that a petition has been filed for a tax deed which will transfer title and the right to possession of this property if redemption is not made on or before May 30, 2019. This matter is set for hearing in the Circuit Court of Cook County, Illinois, at the Office of the County Clerk, at 118 North Clark Street, Room 434, Chicago, Illinois 60602, on June 12, 2019, at 9:30 A.M. You may be present at this hearing, but your right to redeem will already have expired at that time. YOU ARE URGED TO REDEEM IMMEDIATELY TO PREVENT LOSS OF PROPERTY. Redemption can be made at any time on or before May 30, 2019, by applying to the County Clerk of Cook County, Illinois, at the Office of the County Clerk, at 118 North Clark Street, Room 434, Chicago, Illinois 60602. FOR FURTHER INFORMATION, CONTACT THE COUNTY CLERK ADDRESS: 118 North Clark Street, Room 434, Chicago, Illinois 60602 Telephone: 312-603-5645 By: Purchaser or Assignee RDG FUND-5 INS LLC 312-698-3595 Dated: 1/22/19 Pub: 2/4, 5, 6/2019 6110835

TO: Nugent Main Square LLC; Nugent Main Square LLC, c/o Edward Currie; Nugent Main Square at Glenwood Residential Condominium Association, c/o Sheldon L. Lobel; Eddie Main; County Clerk of Cook County, Illinois spouses, heirs at law, devisees, if any, of the above mentioned persons, described as Unknown Owners; Occupants or persons in actual possession of real estate herein described; claimants, decree creditors, judgment creditors, if any of the above, described as Unknown Owners; Unknown Owners and Parties interested in said real estate. TAX DEED NO. 2019 COTD 000255 County of Cook Date Premises Sold: June 3, 2016. Certificate No. 175-0000446. Sold for General Taxes of (year) .2017 Scavenger (2011-2015). Sold for Special Assessment of (Municipality) and special assessment number N/A Warrant No. N/A Inst. No. N/A THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES. Property located at: 14442 CHILMOT AVE, CHICAGO HEIGHTS, ILLINOIS. Legal Description or Property Index No. 32-20-422-039-0000. This notice is to advise you that the above property has been sold for delinquent taxes and that the period of redemption from the sale will expire on 5/15/2019. The amount to redeem is subject to increase at 6 month intervals from the date of sale and may be further increased if the purchaser at the tax sale or his or her assignee pays any subsequently accruing taxes or special assessments to redeem the property from subsequent forfeitures or tax sales. Check with the county clerk as to the exact amount you owe before redeeming. This notice is also to advise you that a petition has been filed for a tax deed which will transfer title and the right to possession of this property if redemption is not made on or before 5/15/2019. This matter is set for hearing in the Circuit Court of this county in Room 1704, Richard J. Daley Center, 50 West Washington Street, Chicago, Illinois at 9:30 a.m., on 5/22/2019. You may be present at this hearing but your right to redeem will already have expired at that time. YOU ARE URGED TO REDEEM IMMEDIATELY TO PREVENT LOSS OF PROPERTY. Redemption can be made at any time on or before 5/15/2019 by applying to the County Clerk of Cook County, Illinois at the Office of the County Clerk in Chicago, Illinois. For further information contact the County Clerk. ADDRESS: 118 North Clark Street, Room 434, Chicago, Illinois 60602. TELEPHONE: (312) 603-5645. COUNTY OF COOK, D/B/A COOK COUNTY LAND BANK AUTHORITY, Purchaser or Assignee. Dated: January 22, 2019. Pub: 2/4, 5, 6/2019 6102603

TO: Citizens Bank, N.A.; U. S. Attorney General; Mose Carroll; U.S. Attorney, Northern Dist. of IL; IRS; US Bank, N.A.; Michelle Carroll; Occupant, 1646 HALSTED ST, CHICAGO HEIGHTS, IL; Cook County Clerk; Parties in occupancy and possession; any unknown owners and occupants. TAX DEED NO. 2018COTD008070. FILED: 12/4/2018. TAKE NOTICE. County of Cook. Date Premises Sold: 7/12/2017. Certificate No. 175-0000246. Sold for General Taxes of (year) .2017 Scavenger (2011-2015). Sold for Special Assessment of (Municipality) and special assessment number N/A Warrant No. N/A Inst. No. N/A THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES. Property located at: 1646 HALSTED ST, CHICAGO HEIGHTS, ILLINOIS. Legal Description or Property Index No. 32-20-422-039-0000. This notice is to advise you that the above property has been sold for delinquent taxes and that the period of redemption from the sale will expire on 5/15/2019. The amount to redeem is subject to increase at 6 month intervals from the date of sale and may be further increased if the purchaser at the tax sale or his or her assignee pays any subsequently accruing taxes or special assessments to redeem the property from subsequent forfeitures or tax sales. Check with the county clerk as to the exact amount you owe before redeeming. This notice is also to advise you that a petition has been filed for a tax deed which will transfer title and the right to possession of this property if redemption is not made on or before 5/15/2019. This matter is set for hearing in the Circuit Court of this county in Room 1704, Richard J. Daley Center, 50 West Washington Street, Chicago, Illinois at 9:30 a.m., on 5/22/2019. You may be present at this hearing but your right to redeem will already have expired at that time. YOU ARE URGED TO REDEEM IMMEDIATELY TO PREVENT LOSS OF PROPERTY. Redemption can be made at any time on or before 5/15/2019 by applying to the County Clerk of Cook County, Illinois at the Office of the County Clerk in Chicago, Illinois. For further information contact the County Clerk. ADDRESS: 118 North Clark Street, Room 434, Chicago, Illinois 60602. TELEPHONE: (312) 603-5645. COUNTY OF COOK, D/B/A COOK COUNTY LAND BANK AUTHORITY, Purchaser or Assignee. Dated: January 22, 2019. Pub: 2/4, 5, 6/2019 6102603

TO: United States Attorney General; IRS; Phillip Woodson; Occupant, 1240 WASHINGTON AVE, CHICAGO HEIGHTS, IL; Cook County Clerk; Parties in occupancy and possession; any unknown owners and occupants. TAX DEED NO. 2018COTD008528. FILED: 12/18/2018. TAKE NOTICE. County of Cook. Date Premises Sold 7/12/2017. Certificate No. 175-0000278. Sold for General Taxes of (year) .2017 Scavenger (2012-2015). Sold for Special Assessment of (Municipality) and special assessment number N/A Warrant No. N/A Inst. No. N/A THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES. Property located at: 1240 WASHINGTON AVE., CHICAGO HEIGHTS, ILLINOIS. Legal Description or Property Index No. 32-21-111-044-0000. This notice is to advise you that the above property has been sold for delinquent taxes and that the period of redemption from the sale will expire on 5/15/2019. The amount to redeem is subject to increase at 6 month intervals from the date of sale and may be further increased if the purchaser at the tax sale or his or her assignee pays any subsequently accruing taxes or special assessments to redeem the property from subsequent forfeitures or tax sales. Check with the county clerk as to the exact amount you owe before redeeming. This notice is also to advise you that a petition has been filed for a tax deed which will transfer title and the right to possession of this property if redemption is not made on or before 5/15/2019. This matter is set for hearing in the Circuit Court of this county in Room 1704, Richard J. Daley Center, 50 West Washington Street, Chicago, Illinois at 9:30 a.m., on 5/22/2019. You may be present at this hearing but your right to redeem will already have expired at that time. YOU ARE URGED TO REDEEM IMMEDIATELY TO PREVENT LOSS OF PROPERTY. Redemption can be made at any time on or before 5/15/2019 by applying to the County Clerk of Cook County, Illinois at the Office of the County Clerk in Chicago, Illinois. For further information contact the County Clerk. ADDRESS: 118 North Clark Street, Room 434, Chicago, Illinois 60602. TELEPHONE: (312) 603-5645. COUNTY OF COOK, D/B/A COOK COUNTY LAND BANK AUTHORITY, Purchaser or Assignee. Dated: January 22, 2019. Pub: 2/4, 5, 6/2019 6102678

TO: Concella Faso Giorgi; Chicago Title Land Trust Company as Successor Trustee to The Chicago Heights National Bank as Trustee who acted 1/14/1787. This matter is set for hearing in the Circuit Court of this county in Room 1704, Richard J. Daley Center, 50 West Washington Street, Chicago, Illinois at 9:30 a.m., on 5/22/2019. You may be present at this hearing but your right to redeem will already have expired at that time. YOU ARE URGED TO REDEEM IMMEDIATELY TO PREVENT LOSS OF PROPERTY. Redemption can be made at any time on or before 5/15/2019 by applying to the County Clerk of Cook County, Illinois at the Office of the County Clerk in Chicago, Illinois. For further information contact the County Clerk. ADDRESS: 118 North Clark Street, Room 434, Chicago, Illinois 60602. TELEPHONE: (312) 603-5645. COUNTY OF COOK, D/B/A COOK COUNTY LAND BANK AUTHORITY, Purchaser or Assignee. Dated: January 22, 2019. Pub: 2/4, 5, 6/2019 6102752

TO: Ellen Castro; Arthur Castro; Jason Perry; Rodolfo Garibaldi; Occupants of 56 W Main Street; Thorn Creek Basin Sanitary District; Judgment Creditors, And Decree Creditors, If Any Of The Above Described As "Unknown Owners"; David D. Orr, Cook County Clerk; Parties in occupancy or Actual Possession Of Said Property; Unknown Owners or Persons Interested In Said Land Or Lot. TAX DEED NO. 2019 COTD 000139 FILED: January 11, 2019 TAKE NOTICE County of Cook, State of Illinois Date Premises Sold: June 3, 2016 Certificate No. 14-0000084 Sold for General Taxes of 2014 (including prior years) 2012-2018 and 2019; 2011; 2012; and 2013) Sold For Special Assessment of (Municipality) Not Applicable. And Special Assessment No. Not Applicable. Warrant No. Not Applicable. Inst. No. Not Applicable. THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES Property located at: 56 W. Main Street in Chicago Heights, Illinois Legal Description or Property Index No. 32-29-207-014-0000 Vol. 019 This notice is to advise you that the above property has been sold for delinquent taxes and that the period of redemption from the sale will expire on June 3, 2019. The amount to redeem is subject to increase at 6 month intervals from the date of sale and may be further increased if the purchaser at the tax sale or his or her assignee pays any subsequently accruing taxes or special assessments to redeem the property from subsequent forfeitures or tax sales. Check with the County Clerk as to the exact amount you owe before redeeming. This notice is also to advise you that a petition has been filed for a tax deed which will transfer title and the right to possession of this property if redemption is not made on or before June 3, 2019. This matter is set for hearing in the Circuit Court of this County in Room 1704, Richard J. Daley Center, 50 West Washington Street, Chicago, Illinois on June 14, 2019 at 9:30 a.m. You may be present at this hearing but your right to redeem will already have expired at that time. YOU ARE URGED TO REDEEM IMMEDIATELY TO PREVENT LOSS OF PROPERTY. Redemption can be made at any time on or before June 3, 2019 by applying to the County Clerk of Cook County, Illinois, at the Office of the County Clerk in Chicago, Illinois. For further information contact the County Clerk. ADDRESS: 118 North Clark Street, Room 434, Chicago, Illinois 60602. Telephone: (312) 603-5645 GAN C LLC, purchaser or Assignee. Dated: January 22, 2019. Judd M. Harris #55136 933 West Van Buren, Suite 304 Chicago, IL 60607 312-795-9600 harrisa@scbjglobal.net. Pub: 2/4, 5, 6/2019 6101630

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TO: United States Attorney General; United States Attorney, Northern Dist. of Illinois; IRS; Saint James Hospital & Health Center; Jackson Gray, Jr.; Jackson Gray III; Jackson Gray; Unknown Heirs & Legatees of the Estate of Parris C Campbell; Parris C. Campbell; City of Chicago Heights; Occupant, 1227 WASHINGTON ST, CHICAGO HEIGHTS, IL; Cook County Clerk; Parties in occupancy and possession; any unknown owners and occupants. TAX DEED NO. 2018COTD008071. FILED: 12/3/2018. TAKE NOTICE. County of Cook. Date Premises Sold 7/12/2017. Certificate No. 175-0000258. Sold for General Taxes of (year) .2017 Scavenger (2009-2015). Sold for Special Assessment of (Municipality) and special assessment number N/A Warrant No. N/A Inst. No. N/A THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES. Property located at: 82 ILLINOIS ST, CHICAGO HEIGHTS, ILLINOIS. Legal Description or Property Index No. 32-20-433-008-0000. This notice is to advise you that the above property has been sold for delinquent taxes and that the period of redemption from the sale will expire on 5/15/2019. The amount to redeem is subject to increase at 6 month intervals from the date of sale and may be further increased if the purchaser at the tax sale or his or her assignee pays any subsequently accruing taxes or special assessments to redeem the property from subsequent forfeitures or tax sales. Check with the county clerk as to the exact amount you owe before redeeming. This notice is also to advise you that a petition has been filed for a tax deed which will transfer title and the right to possession of this property if redemption is not made on or before 5/15/2019. This matter is set for hearing in the Circuit Court of this county in Room 1704, Richard J. Daley Center, 50 West Washington Street, Chicago, Illinois at 9:30 a.m., on 5/22/2019. You may be present at this hearing but your right to redeem will already have expired at that time. YOU ARE URGED TO REDEEM IMMEDIATELY TO PREVENT LOSS OF PROPERTY. Redemption can be made at any time on or before 5/15/2019 by applying to the County Clerk of Cook County, Illinois at the Office of the County Clerk in Chicago, Illinois. For further information contact the County Clerk. ADDRESS: 118 North Clark Street, Room 434, Chicago, Illinois 60602. TELEPHONE: (312) 603-5645. COUNTY OF COOK, D/B/A COOK COUNTY LAND BANK AUTHORITY, Purchaser or Assignee. Dated: January 22, 2019. Pub: 2/4, 5, 6/2019 6102618

TO: Chicago Title Land Trust Company as Successor Trustee to River Forest State Bank & Trust Company, as Trustee No. 3834, Trust Dated: May 6, 1992; City of Chicago Heights; Chicago Heights Check Cashers, Inc.; Unknown Heirs & Legatees of the Estate of Florence Kaplan; Kaplan Chgo Hts Bldg; Occupant, 82 ILLINOIS ST, CHICAGO HEIGHTS, IL; Cook County Clerk; Parties in occupancy and possession; any unknown owners and occupants. TAX DEED NO. 2018COTD008071. FILED: 12/3/2018. TAKE NOTICE. County of Cook. Date Premises Sold 7/12/2017. Certificate No. 175-0000258. Sold for General Taxes of (year) .2017 Scavenger (2009-2015). Sold for Special Assessment of (Municipality) and special assessment number N/A Warrant No. N/A Inst. No. N/A THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES. Property located at: 82 ILLINOIS ST, CHICAGO HEIGHTS, ILLINOIS. Legal Description or Property Index No. 32-20-433-008-0000. This notice is to advise you that the above property has been sold for delinquent taxes and that the period of redemption from the sale will expire on 5/15/2019. The amount to redeem is subject to increase at 6 month intervals from the date of sale and may be further increased if the purchaser at the tax sale or his or her assignee pays any subsequently accruing taxes or special assessments to redeem the property from subsequent forfeitures or tax sales. Check with the county clerk as to the exact amount you owe before redeeming. This notice is also to advise you that a petition has been filed for a tax deed which will transfer title and the right to possession of this property if redemption is not made on or before 5/15/2019. This matter is set for hearing in the Circuit Court of this county in Room 1704, Richard J. Daley Center, 50 West Washington Street, Chicago, Illinois at 9:30 a.m., on 5/22/2019. You may be present at this hearing but your right to redeem will already have expired at that time. YOU ARE URGED TO REDEEM IMMEDIATELY TO PREVENT LOSS OF PROPERTY. Redemption can be made at any time on or before 5/15/2019 by applying to the County Clerk of Cook County, Illinois at the Office of the County Clerk in Chicago, Illinois. For further information contact the County Clerk. ADDRESS: 118 North Clark Street, Room 434, Chicago, Illinois 60602. TELEPHONE: (312) 603-5645. COUNTY OF COOK, D/B/A COOK COUNTY LAND BANK AUTHORITY, Purchaser or Assignee. Dated: January 22, 2019. Pub: 2/4, 5, 6/2019 6102720

TO: United States Attorney General; United States Attorney, Northern Dist. of Illinois; IRS; Saint James Hospital & Health Center; Jackson Gray, Jr.; Jackson Gray III; Jackson Gray; Unknown Heirs & Legatees of the Estate of Parris C Campbell; Parris C. Campbell; City of Chicago Heights; Occupant, 1227 WASHINGTON ST, CHICAGO HEIGHTS, IL; Cook County Clerk; Parties in occupancy and possession; any unknown owners and occupants. TAX DEED NO. 2018COTD008076. FILED: 12/4/2018. TAKE NOTICE. County of Cook. Date Premises Sold 7/12/2017. Certificate No. 175-0000284. Sold for General Taxes of (year) .2017 Scavenger (1997-2015). Sold for Special Assessment of (Municipality) and special assessment number N/A Warrant No. N/A Inst. No. N/A THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES. Property located at: 1227 WASHINGTON ST, CHICAGO HEIGHTS, ILLINOIS. Legal Description or Property Index No. 32-21-112-008-0000. This notice is to advise you that the above property has been sold for delinquent taxes and that the period of redemption from the sale will expire on 5/15/2019. The amount to redeem is subject to increase at 6 month intervals from the date of sale and may be further increased if the purchaser at the tax sale or his or her assignee pays any subsequently accruing taxes or special assessments to redeem the property from subsequent forfeitures or tax sales. Check with the county clerk as to the exact amount you owe before redeeming. This notice is also to advise you that a petition has been filed for a tax deed which will transfer title and the right to possession of this property if redemption is not made on or before 5/15/2019. This matter is set for hearing in the Circuit Court of this county in Room 1704, Richard J. Daley Center, 50 West Washington Street, Chicago, Illinois at 9:30 a.m., on 5/22/2019. You may be present at this hearing but your right to redeem will already have expired at that time. YOU ARE URGED TO REDEEM IMMEDIATELY TO PREVENT LOSS OF PROPERTY. Redemption can be made at any time on or before 5/15/2019 by applying to the County Clerk of Cook County, Illinois at the Office of the County Clerk in Chicago, Illinois. For further information contact the County Clerk. ADDRESS: 118 North Clark Street, Room 434, Chicago, Illinois 60602. TELEPHONE: (312) 603-5645. COUNTY OF COOK, D/B/A COOK COUNTY LAND BANK AUTHORITY, Purchaser or Assignee. Dated: January 22, 2019. Pub: 2/4, 5, 6/2019 6102720

TO: Daniel G. Hodges d/b/a Memphis Funding; City of Chicago; Jos Monteleone & Sons Inc., Occupant, 141 E 17TH ST, CHICAGO HEIGHTS, IL; Cook County Clerk; Parties in occupancy and possession; any unknown owners and occupants. TAX DEED NO. 2018COTD008527. FILED: 12/8/2018 TAKE NOTICE. County of Cook. Date Premises Sold: 7/12/2017. Certificate No. 175-0000317. Sold for General Taxes of (year) .2017 Scavenger (2012-2015). Sold for Special Assessment of (Municipality) and special assessment number N/A Warrant No. N/A Inst. No. N/A THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES. Property located at: 1633 LOWE AVE., CHICAGO HEIGHTS, ILLINOIS. Legal Description or Property Index No. 32-21-317-018-0000. This notice is to advise you that the above property has been sold for delinquent taxes and that the period of redemption from the sale will expire on 5/15/2019. The amount to redeem is subject to increase at 6 month intervals from the date of sale and may be further increased if the purchaser at the tax sale or his or her assignee pays any subsequently accruing taxes or special assessments to redeem the property from subsequent forfeitures or tax sales. Check with the county clerk as to the exact amount you owe before redeeming. This notice is also to advise you that a petition has been filed for a tax deed which will transfer title and the right to possession of this property if redemption is not made on or before 5/15/2019. This matter is set for hearing in the Circuit Court of this county in Room 1704, Richard J. Daley Center, 50 West Washington Street, Chicago, Illinois at 9:30 a.m., on 5/22/2019. You may be present at this hearing but your right to redeem will already have expired at that time. YOU ARE URGED TO REDEEM IMMEDIATELY TO PREVENT LOSS OF PROPERTY. Redemption can be made at any time on or before 5/15/2019 by applying to the County Clerk of Cook County, Illinois at the Office of the County Clerk in Chicago, Illinois. For further information contact the County Clerk. ADDRESS: 118 North Clark Street, Room 434, Chicago, Illinois 60602. TELEPHONE: (312) 603-5645. COUNTY OF COOK, D/B/A COOK COUNTY LAND BANK AUTHORITY, Purchaser or Assignee. Dated: January 22, 2019. Pub: 2/4, 5, 6/2019 6102763

TO: Victor Valdez (heir to Estate of Guadalupe Valdez); Irene Martinez (heir to Estate of Guadalupe Valdez); Jesus Valdez (heir to Estate of Guadalupe Valdez); Diane Valdez (heir to Estate of Guadalupe Valdez); Delia Rodriguez (heir to Estate of Guadalupe Valdez); Joe Valdez; City of Chicago Heights, c/o City Clerk; Citizens Bank; Judgment Creditors, And Decree Creditors, If Any Of The Above Described As "Unknown Owners"; David D. Orr, Cook County Clerk; Parties in occupancy or Actual Possession Of Said Property; Unknown Owners or Persons Interested In Said Land Or Lot. TAX DEED NO. 2019 COTD 000300 FILED: January 22, 2019 TAKE NOTICE County of Cook, State of Illinois Date Premises Sold: June 3, 2016 Certificate No. 14-0000514 Sold for General Taxes of 2014 Sold for Special Assessment of (Municipality) Not Applicable. And Special Assessment No. Not Applicable. Warrant No. Not Applicable. Inst. No. Not Applicable. THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES Property located at: 37 E. 21st Street, Chicago Heights, Illinois Legal Description or Property Index No. 32-29-209-04

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## CUBS CONTROVERSY

AFTER AN OFFSEASON OF DEALING WITH ADDISON RUSSELL'S TROUBLES, THE CUBS NOW MUST ANSWER QUESTIONS ABOUT JOE RICKETTS' ANTI-MUSLIM EMAILS

# Patriarch & Addison

The 2016 World Series feels like ages ago. Joe Ricketts, father of Cubs Chairman Tom Ricketts, was forced into a public apology this week for a series of anti-Muslim emails. Shortstop Addison Russell is in the middle of a 40-game suspension handed down by MLB following allegations of domestic violence.

ILLUSTRATION USING TRIBUNE PHOTOS BY E. JASON WAMBSGANS (WRIGLEY FIELD), JOHN J. KIM (RICKETTS) AND ERIN HOOLEY (RUSSELL)

## BY COMPARISON, YU DARVISH IS NOT A PROBLEM

### Confident, healthy Darvish eyes his return to dominance

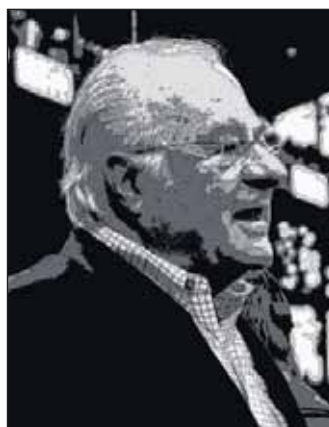
BY MARK GONZALES  
Chicago Tribune

Eleven years ago, Yu Darvish was in his own universe. "Darvish only spoke in Japanese," recalled Cubs assistant hitting coach Terrmel Sledge, a teammate of Darvish with the Nippon Ham Fighters of the Japan Pacific League for two seasons. "He was 21 and young. We foreigners spotted him and we recognized that year he really wants to be the best. "He was in his own world, and that's the first perspective you had on him. He really wanted to be the best." With a surgically repaired

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6 Days until pitchers and catchers report to spring training for the Cubs and White Sox.

right arm, Darvish is eyeing a return to dominance that made him one of the marquee free-agent starters last offseason, leading to him signing a six-year, \$126 million contract with the Cubs. At the Cubs Convention last month, Darvish appeared to be more comfortable than he did last season, speaking in English

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### Cubs' statement on the racist emails missing a word: Sorry

Cubs Chairman Tom Ricketts had the media in stitches three years ago when he was asked to respond to a provocative tweet by then-presidential candidate Donald Trump. "It's a little surreal when Donald Trump threatens your mom," Ricketts cracked. It was spring training in 2016, back when few believed Trump would become president or the Cubs could end their championship drought. What had drawn Trump's ire was a \$3 million donation to an anti-Trump group from Marlene Ricketts, the wife of family patriarch Joe Ricketts. "I hear the Ricketts (sic) family, who own the Chicago Cubs, are secretly spending \$'s against me," Trump tweeted. "They better be careful, they have a lot to hide!" So what in the world did the Rickettses have to hide? Tom told the curious media contingent at Sloan Park in Mesa, Ariz., he had no idea what Trump's tweet implied, and insisted his mom, dad, sister and brothers were "pretty much an open book" with their beliefs.



PAUL SULLIVAN  
On the Cubs

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BRIAN CASSELLA/CHICAGO TRIBUNE

## BULLS & BLACKHAWKS Loves the Bulls

Forward Bobby Portis is playing well — and he wants to keep doing it in Chicago. Portis will be a restricted free agent this summer. **Page 3**  
**Blackhawks:** The Hawks and Oilers go as far as their offensive stars, Patrick Kane and Connor McDavid, take them. **Page 3**

## COLLEGE FOOTBALL

### Seems just like old times for Illini duo

QB recruit Williams connected once again to assistant Patterson

BY SHANNON RYAN  
Chicago Tribune

Cory Patterson was headed to coach a youth football game when his wife, Tiffany, appeared at the top of the stairs with an announcement. Her water had broken. Patterson was prepared to drive her to the hospital — right after he let his assistant coach know who would be in charge of the game plan: a 7-year-old boy named Isaiah Williams.

## NATIONAL SIGNING DAY

For updates Wednesday on Illinois, Northwestern, Notre Dame, Northern Illinois and area high school signees, go to [chicagotribune.com/sports](http://chicagotribune.com/sports)

"I called one of the coaches and said, 'Let Isaiah call all the plays today,'" Patterson recalled. "The other team wound up forfeiting. But that showed how I had enough confidence in him." A little more than a decade later, Patterson and Williams are reuniting again. Patterson, who also coached Williams at Trinity Catholic High School in St. Louis, is now tight ends coach at Illinois. Williams signed a letter of intent in December to

play quarterback for the Illini. College programs will begin to round out their 2019 recruiting classes Wednesday, the first day of the regular national signing period for Division I football. Illinois signed 11 players during the early period and expects to sign at least two more Wednesday, including Williams' Trinity Catholic teammate, four-star linebacker Shammond Cooper.

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PHIL ROSENTHAL

## Cubs fans likely to ignore emails

The Cubs want people to pay no attention to Joe Ricketts and his online ugliness, exposed for the world to see. The Cubs and the Ricketts family, which owns them, want a lot these days. They want a new 44th Ward alderman because they want to be able to expand and profit from their Wrigleyville empire with fewer constraints. They want people to shell out for a bigger monthly cable bill after this season because they want their own Cubs TV channel.

The Cubs also want people to believe they will fare better than last season's one-and-done wild-card team without evidence they've significantly improved vis-a-vis their chief rivals. Now they want people to ignore the racist jokes, fanciful conspiracy theories and out-and-out Islamophobia found in the emails of Joe Ricketts, the billionaire patriarch who bankrolled his family's 2009 purchase of the ballclub.

They may not get what they want, the Rickettses and the Cubs, but one can't help but suspect fans are unlikely to hold any of their requests against them in the long run.

That's the thing about sports fans in general, and especially Cubs fans. The customers are loyal beyond reason. If losing didn't shake them, what will?

SplinterNews.com obtained the Joe Ricketts emails and posted a story on them Monday.

While it may be troubling that private correspondence was unearthed in a way no one would want for one's self, it hardly makes palatable Joe Ricketts' world view on display.

Tom Ricketts, Joe's second-oldest son and the Cubs' public-relations-savvy chairman, issued a statement about the matter, distancing the team from its benefactor.

Daddy R. doesn't play an operational role with the team, according to Tom, who added the Cubs organization has its own culture, which finds the sentiments in Joe Ricketts' correspondence abhorrent.

"Let me be clear," Tom said in a statement. "The language and views expressed in those emails have no place in our society."

Left unaddressed was the obvious question of what place the language and views expressed in those emails might have within the Ricketts family.

What's more, it would be nice to know if Tom or any of his siblings — including Pete, the governor of Nebraska — ever shared this counterpoint about society with dear old dad before or after he helped purchase the Cubs.

"That was the most complicated transaction I've ever seen," Joe Ricketts said in 2010 of the '09 acquisition from Tribune Co., then parent of the Chicago Tribune. "It was the most complicated thing I'd ever been involved in."

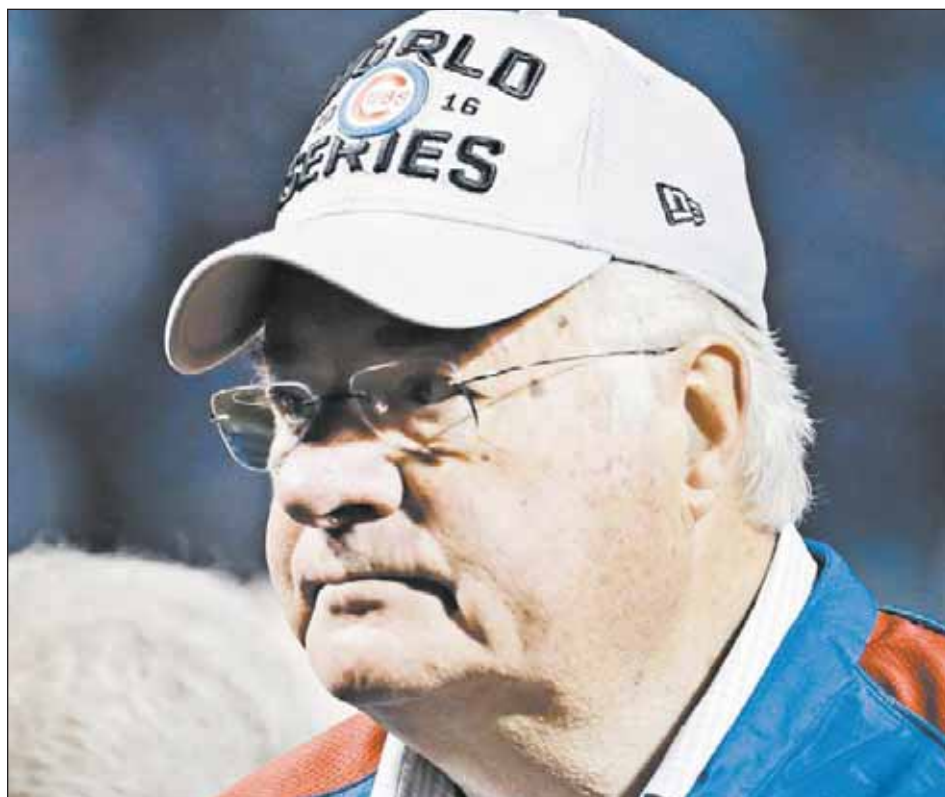
The Cubs purchase may have been complex.

The idiocy in his emails is anything but. Ricketts, 77, is no antediluvian relic who predates modern thinking about race and prejudice.

He was 12 when the Supreme Court issued its unanimous *Brown vs. Board of Education* decision striking down the notion of separate but equal, 22 when Martin Luther King Jr. delivered his "I Have a Dream" speech in Washington, 24 when the Voting Rights Act passed.

Old Joe had to know how the language and views expressed in those emails fit into society, or at least the part of it he feels at home in. Yet his response certainly stopped short of a full accounting.

"I deeply regret and apologize for some



Joe Ricketts sports his new cap before Game 5 of the 2016 World Series and then poses with his family members. From left: Tom, Laura, Marlene, Joe, Pete and Todd.

of the exchanges I had in my emails," his statement said. "Sometimes I received emails that I should have condemned. Other times I've said things that don't reflect my value system. I strongly believe that bigoted ideas are wrong."

First of all, despite saying "bigoted ideas are wrong," the excerpted emails offer strong evidence that Papa might not be the best judge of what constitutes a bigoted idea.

Second, if someone says things that don't reflect his value system, what exactly is that value system? Expedience?

Finally, Pops didn't just receive emails that he should have condemned. Everyone gets stupid emails. He actively praised jokes, untruths and other intolerant drivel he should have ignored or deleted.

So what are Cubs fans to do? A better question is: What will they do? This email stuff is not the sort of thing a

fan typically wants to have to dwell on, which is why they probably won't — no matter how offended they are and should be.

Having sunk so much emotion, time and — through tickets, apparel and such — money over the years, fans may feel too invested to abandon a team over anything less than the departure of a beloved star or the relocation of a franchise.

Think of how often there are rumblings from fans upset about this new player's police record, that person's politics, the latest added expense heaped upon those who merely want to follow what they consider "their" team.

Cubs fans didn't bail when Aroldis Chapman came aboard. They're not bailing now.

The outrage subsides. The fans almost always come back and stick more money in the real owners' coffers.

Still, remember when the toughest thing about being a Cubs fan was the losing? Good times.

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## Local leaders want action — not just words

BY MARK GONZALES  
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An apology won't be enough for Muslim leaders in Chicago should they get their wish to meet as soon as next week with Cubs Chairman Tom Ricketts after the publication of racist and Islamophobic emails connected to family patriarch Joe Ricketts.

The elder Ricketts, 77, and his son Tom issued separate statements Monday after SplinterNews.com posted emails that showed Joe Ricketts sharing and endorsing racist and Islamophobic language, jokes and conspiracy theories.

Ahmed Rehab, executive director of the Chicago chapter of the Council on American-Islamic Relations (CAIR), said Tuesday at a news conference that it's good the emails were published.

"It's important to note that had these emails not been leaked, where would we be now?" Rehab said. "What kind of playing out of these sentiments would occur within the Cubs establishment against fans, against players who were Muslim who want to play on the team? Would they play out in discriminatory fashion? Would they play out in ways that would put the Muslims on the side toward marginalize and even demonize?"

"And so it's good that they've been leaked. But the question is: What would have happened if they weren't? So we got the apology now that they've been leaked. But the positions are there. So what we need to address very clearly and concretely is what ways the Cubs establishment, beyond apologizing for the emails being leaked, step up and show through concrete action that they recommit to the anti-bigotry values of Chicago, to work with the Muslim community, to show that in concrete fashion, and other communities affected by this very problematic, hatred rhetoric."

Rehab said there were no plans to boycott the Cubs "at this time."

"We're calling for a conversation and ways to move forward."

Rehab added that Tom Ricketts and Julian Green, the Cubs' vice president of communications, reached out less than 24 hours after the emails were posted.

Joe Ricketts apologized in his statement, saying, in part, "I've said things that don't reflect my value system. I strongly believe that bigoted ideas are wrong."

Tom Ricketts' statement emphasized that his father is not involved in the operations of the Cubs. His statement included the line: "Let me be clear: the language and views expressed in those emails have no place in our society."

But several leaders expressed their dismay and the need for the Cubs organization to respond with more than just a statement.

"Many members of our community are not too impressed by simple 'we're sorry the emails were leaked,'" said Rehab, adding that his office was flooded with phone calls and emails as people expressed dismay. "I think there might be genuine remorse. And we're definitely open to that."

"If that is the case, then we can move forward to put (forth) concrete steps in order to ensure the trust of the community and the other communities affected, and the Cubs' brand can reclaim that trust."

Some of that trust, however, wavered immediately.

Muhammad Akbar, research director for CAIR, vividly remembers taking the bus from Lane Tech to Wrigley Field against the wishes of some of his friends who were White Sox fans. After learning of the emails, Akbar said, "It feels like a betrayal. It was sickening news when I heard about it."

Asha Binbek, a CAIR communications coordinator who described herself as a black Muslim woman who grew up in Chicago as a Cubs fan and would often attend games to celebrate special events such as her birthday, said, "I'm a bit heartbroken."

"I would like to see some reconciliation, some proof the Cubs' (slogan) really is 'Everybody in,' that they are inclusive, that they want their fans there, no matter where they come from, no matter what they believe in," Binbek said.

Before Tuesday's news conference, Mayor Rahm Emanuel, who has had issues with Joe Ricketts over the years, issued a statement blasting the patriarch.

"Joe Ricketts once said that I do not share his values," Emanuel wrote. "Truer words were never spoken. The ignorance and intolerance he has espoused are not welcome in Chicago."

Chicago Tribune's Phil Thompson contributed.

## Statement on racist emails misses a word: Sorry

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"We stand up for what we believe in," Tom said. "We support the causes that we think are important. That's what America should be. That's who we are."

No problem. Everyone has the right to express his or her beliefs, and eventually Trump and some of the Rickettses made amends. After his election, Trump added Todd Ricketts to his cabinet as deputy secretary of commerce.

But on Monday we discovered some of the things Joe Ricketts believes in are undeniably racist after disturbing emails he wrote or responded to were published online by Splinter News.

That's not what America should be, but that's apparently who he is.

While Joe Ricketts apologized in one statement and Tom Ricketts reminded Cubs fans his father "is not involved in the operation of the Chicago Cubs" in another, the damage was done.

Now what? It's going to be impossible for the Cubs to spin their way out of this nightmare. Tom Ricketts can't totally disassociate the organization from the disturbing beliefs of the man whose fortune helped him and his three siblings — Pete (the governor of Nebraska), Laura and Todd — buy the team, whether his father is still involved in its operation or not.

MLB released a statement calling the emails "extremely offensive and completely at odds with the values and principles of Major League Baseball." If Joe Ricketts had no connection to the Cubs, MLB would've just ignored the controversy.

## Sooner or later, Tom Ricketts, who recently called himself "the most accessible owner in sports," is going to have to answer questions about his dad's hateful, divisive emails.

Sooner or later, Tom Ricketts, who recently called himself "the most accessible owner in sports," is going to have to answer questions about his dad's hateful, divisive emails.

The first thing he and his siblings need to do is apologize for Joe Ricketts' hurtful words.

Tom Ricketts said in his statement, "the language and views expressed in those emails have no place in our society."

What he didn't say was "The Cubs are sorry." How difficult is that?

The next thing they can do is simple and can be fixed with a little paint: edit the jumbo photo outside the Cubs' clubhouse that memorializes the bleacher wall from the 2016 World Series.

You may remember the Cubs allowed fans to write personal messages in chalk on the wall during the '16 postseason. One fan decided to rip Cavaliers star LeBron James, writing "(Expletive) LeBron" on the wall.

The graffiti wall was an organic idea many fans responded to, and saving a photo for posterity was a fine idea. But the Cubs easily could've chosen another section of the wall to plaster on its clubhouse instead of the one with the anti-LeBron obscenity.

Though the message filled up only a couple of bricks, it's visible to anyone who walks in the hall outside the clubhouse. It's cringeworthy even if you aren't a fan of

James. When I asked team President Theo Epstein if they'd ever remove it, he joked: "Yeah, when he signs with the Bulls."

It may have been funny then, but in light of the Joe Ricketts emails, the "(Expletive) LeBron" message on the wall inside Wrigley Field is no longer amusing.

Tom Ricketts said his father's emails "do not reflect the culture we've worked so hard to build at the Chicago Cubs since 2009."

Those are empty words if the organization continues to disrespect James, or anyone, in that fashion.

This has been a difficult offseason for the Cubs owners, who declined to answer questions from fans or the media at the recent Cubs Convention. Tom Ricketts suggested such sessions were boring and no one wanted to hear them.

They made the decision to keep Addison Russell after his domestic violence suspension and so far have done little to improve the club via free agency. Now comes the ill-timed release of Joe Ricketts' racist emails as spring training draws near.

Issuing a statement denouncing his dad's emails is the least "the most accessible owner in sports" could do.

Tom, Laura, Pete and Todd Ricketts owe Cubs fans much more.

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## BLACKHAWKS



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## BLACKHAWKS RECAP

The Blackhawks' Drake Caggiula, foreground, battles against the Oilers' Kris Russell during the first period, but things got easier late for the Hawks. The Blackhawks scored five goals in the first period, including four in a span of 2 minutes, 48 seconds, to stun the Oilers 6-2 at Rogers Place. The Hawks' fifth consecutive win pulled them within three points of the final wild-card spot in the Western Conference. However, they're still chasing five teams. Patrick Kane and Dominik Kahun each had a goal and an assist for the Hawks. For the full story from Tuesday's game, go to [chicagotribune.com/sports](http://chicagotribune.com/sports)

## BLACKHAWKS 6, OILERS 2

## Both teams wish upon their stars

Similarities between Kane, McDavid make interesting comparison

BY JIMMY GREENFIELD  
Chicago Tribune

EDMONTON, Alberta — There are obvious differences between Patrick Kane and Connor McDavid. Kane, who is generously listed at 5-foot-10-inches, has already hit 30 years old while the lanky 6-foot-1-inch McDavid is still practically a kid at 22.

Kane is a right wing and has three Stanley Cups while McDavid plays center and has ... well, let's not get snarky.

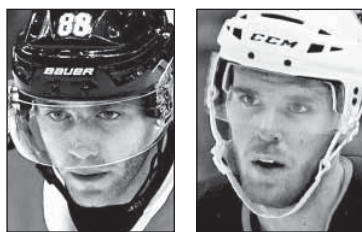
Many of the similarities between the NHL superstars are specific to this season and made for an interesting comparison before the Blackhawks took on the Oilers at Rogers Place in Edmonton on Tuesday night.

Not only did they both have 76 points, but Kane and McDavid each entered the game with 31 goals and 45 assists.

Kane scored a goal and had an assist Tuesday night, upping his assist total to 78 (32 goals). McDavid tallied two assists to also improve to 78 points.

There are a smattering of minor parallels between the two — Kane has 18 penalty minutes to McDavid's 16, for example — as well as between their teams.

The most important commonality between Kane and McDavid is the enormous impact they have on their respective teams. The Hawks and Oilers are tied in the



The Hawks' Patrick Kane, left, and the Oilers' Connor McDavid each had 76 points (on 31 goals) entering Tuesday's game.

standings with 51 points and are trying to launch themselves from the bottom of the pack into the Western Conference's final wild-card spot.

If either of them get there it will be in large part because of Kane and McDavid.

"Nothing could really be happening on (McDavid's) shift and then boom, he's got a chance or a two-on-one or a mini little break," Kane said. "It's pretty impressive to watch him do that. I think he's in on more than 50 percent of their goals this year as far as points-wise, so it shows how much he means to that team."

Kane was correct about McDavid's overwhelming contribution to the Oilers' offense. With 153 goals this season, McDavid has had a hand in 51.0 percent of them. The Hawks have scored 173 goals so Kane's at 45.1 percent but he's also scored 25 more points than second-leading scorer, Jonathan Toews. McDavid has just 13 points more than Oilers teammate Leon Draisaitl.

"(Kane) obviously has those games where he gets four points,"

Hawks coach Jeremy Colliton said. "He'll do that, but he's finding a way to bring it every night, finding somehow to have an impact on the game."

Oilers coach Ken Hitchcock spent seven seasons at the helm of the Blues and Stars, two of the Hawks' division rivals, and has a deep appreciation for Kane's talent.

"He has a uniqueness under pressure," Hitchcock said. "He can find the weak side of the ice. So he can find people outside coverage that no one else in the league can find. As he's getting checked in the zone he can pass the puck through four players."

McDavid's 22 minutes, 52 seconds of ice time entering Tuesday was second among centers and Kane's 22:13 was tops among wingers. They play in all situations and are dangerous anytime they touch the ice.

"Two similar guys as far as how the coaches are using them," Colliton said.

The Hawks traded Brandon Manning to the Oilers in December, which has given him the chance to see how Kane and McDavid are inundated by fans and reporters every day.

"I feel for those guys," Manning said. "It's not your everyday thing. For (McDavid) to go and grab a bite to eat with his girlfriend or his family I'm sure it can be difficult. For those guys to play as well as they do consistently and have to do the day in and day out it's another level for sure."

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## BLACKHAWKS NOTES

## Oilers' Manning in a better situation

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EDMONTON, Alberta — When the Blackhawks signed Brandon Manning to a two-year deal last July, the veteran defenseman thought he had found a home.

Less than six months later, the Hawks traded him to the Oilers.

Manning played in 27 games for the Hawks but he wasn't a good fit for coach Jeremy Colliton's system. He was a healthy scratch for eight straight games before the Dec. 30 deal that brought Drake Caggiula over from the Oilers.

Manning is in a better situation with the Oilers but was a healthy scratch against the Hawks when defenseman Oscar Klefbom returned from a hand injury. Since the trade, Manning has played in 10 of the Oilers' 15 games.

"After the first couple months of the season I saw the writing on

the wall," Manning said. "It could have been a lot worse. (Jan Rutta) ended up on waivers and he's in the American (Hockey) League now. It's something that's always in the back of your mind. But I was never drafted. I was never supposed to be here so for me to be getting paid to play hockey and travel and play in the NHL most days are pretty good for me."

**Working it out:** While the Hawks' power play has been vastly improved, the penalty kill statistically remains the worst in the league. The Hawks allowed power-play goals in each of their games since the break but Colliton believes they're close to turning things around.

"We're making progress," Colliton said. "We want to be more aggressive. We want to deny clean entry and don't allow them to set up."

**Fantasy camp fun:** Got \$5,000 and a willingness to lose a few teeth? The Hawks have just the thing for you.

The Hawks will host their first fantasy camp, dubbed the Legends Cup, which will take place March 22-24 at MB Ice Arena and the United Center.

The experience is similar to other fantasy experiences the Cubs and White Sox have put on for years.

Participants will be placed on one of four teams — Team Savard, Team Esposito, Team Hull and Team Mikita — and get to play with many Hawks alumni, including Denis Savard, Chris Chelios and Brian Campbell.

Players will get in one practice, a video session and play in four games. The minimum age to participate in the camp is 21.

For more information go to [blackhawks.com/legendscup](http://blackhawks.com/legendscup).

## BULLS

## Portis doing job as bet collector

He gambled on himself but still wants to be a Bull next season

By K.C. JOHNSON  
Chicago Tribune

With the NBA trade deadline arriving at 2 p.m. Thursday, Bobby Portis said he hasn't heard anything from his agent about being involved in any talks.

"I'm just playing basketball," Portis said.

Lately, the fourth-year forward is playing it well.

Portis is averaging 29.5 points over his last two games and has scored in double figures in seven of his last nine, including two double-doubles. This is the type of production the Bulls expected when they offered him a competitive, multiyear deal last fall to extend his rookie-scale contract.

Instead, Portis, like Jimmy Butler before him, turned down the deal and bet on himself. Butler won the NBA's Most Improved Player Award and signed a near-maximum contract after doing so. Portis, who had designs on the NBA's Sixth Man of the Year Award, has endured an injury-plagued season but seems to be regaining the form that management valued.

"Obviously, it's been a tough year for me," Portis said. "You play four games, get hurt, play five games, get hurt. But I feel I'm in the best shape now of the season. I love the rhythm that I'm in right now. My teammates and the coaches do a good job of just hyping me up before the game. I really want to give the credit to them for just having confidence in me."

Portis is posting career-best numbers virtually across the board. His 14.1 points, 7.3 rebounds and 37.5 percent 3-point shooting all represent career highs. It's just that they've come in a mere 22 games.

Portis understood the risks involved in turning down generational wealth in the form of guaranteed money. But even after missing 23 games to a right MCL strain, seven games to a right ankle sprain and one to a right elbow injury, he hasn't changed his tune about wanting to be with the Bulls long term.

"I want to be here," Portis said.

This is, after all, a player who smoothly thanked the Reinsdorfs and John Paxson and Gar Forman by name for even trying to negotiate an extension with him last October and said then that he has "Bulls DNA."

Despite the Bulls employing



BRIAN CASSELLA/CHICAGO TRIBUNE

Bulls forward Bobby Portis is averaging 14.1 points and 7.3 rebounds, both career highs.

Lauri Markkanen at the same position, Portis is still valued. Robin Lopez isn't expected to be here next season, and because Portis embraces his reserve role, he fits into a big-man rotation with Markkanen and Wendell Carter Jr. seamlessly.

His salary-cap hold of \$74 million will be less than what his annual salary off his extension would've been. So, in theory, the Bulls could sign other free agents with cap space and then exceed the cap to match any offer Portis might receive in restricted free agency.

"Mentally, he's a tough-minded guy," coach Jim Boylen said.

That's why Boylen is expecting a strong finish from Portis now that he's healthy and the trade deadline has almost come and gone.

"He's doing a lot of dribble handoffs in our system now," Boylen said. "We're moving the ball better, getting people involved. When that happens, it comes back to you. The spirit of that is a positive thing for you. Very few guys that I've coached over the years can make three, four shots in a row. He had a spurt where he made a 2-pointer, a post move and a 3-pointer. That's hard to do. He's a skilled guy."

And one who hopes to be a Bull for a long time.

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## BULLS NOTES

## Davis drama in spotlight as Pelicans come to UC

By K.C. JOHNSON  
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The epicenter of NBA drama is in Chicago. But this time, it's not the Bulls. It's the Pelicans.

Anthony Davis' future has dominated headlines since his agent went public with a trade request, for which the Pelicans' All-NBA big man drew a \$50,000 fine. The Lakers are in public pursuit. And Yahoo Sports reported Pelicans management wouldn't let Davis return to the court from a left finger injury Monday as his future remains unsettled.

Davis is officially listed as questionable against the Bulls.

"Rumors and stories make the game," Bulls forward Bobby Portis said. "That makes it interesting for the fans. It makes it that much more interesting for the social media."

"I'm a fan of the game. I like seeing the rumors and things. Like, (Tuesday) morning I saw the Anthony Davis for (Joel) Embiid thing. Obviously, I don't think that will ever go down. But it's just fun for the fans just to see that, just for them to get a kick out of it. Obviously, the game is built on entertainment."

As if the Davis storyline isn't enough, former Bull Nikola Mirotic and Chicago native Jahlil Okafor also will be at the United Center. Mirotic hasn't played since Jan. 23 with a right calf strain. But Okafor, the Young product and former No. 8 pick of the 76ers, is averaging 18.9 points and 10.4 rebounds over the last eight games, reviving his career with his third team.

"He's a skilled, big dude," coach Jim Boylen said. "We expect him to be a handful playing at home."

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**Pelicans at Bulls**  
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**Take a pass:** ESPN.com reported last week that Davis, who attended Perspectives Charter School, doesn't want to play in his hometown. The Tribune has reported that's less an anti-Bulls thing than Davis not wanting to deal with distractions.

Plus, Davis' reason for wanting out of New Orleans is to compete for titles. The Bulls are the league's fourth-worst team.

"We've got a great franchise and ownership and management," Boylen said. "We've got a great facility. We've got all the bells and whistles of a big city. We've got a young, developing team. There's a phenomenon now of, 'Let's go where there's a ready-made team so I can be part of a winner.' I think that's more about it than anything else."

"We're not in that position now. From that standpoint, I can understand why he'd want to go somewhere where they can play deep in the playoffs."

**New voices:** White Sox announcer Jason Benetti is among the broadcasters who will fill in for Neil Funk on road games.

Funk, 72, requested a reduced workload this season, paring 20 games from his TV schedule.

Benetti will work Friday night's game with the Nets in Brooklyn and Feb. 22 vs. the Magic in Florida.

Lisa Byington, a play-by-play mainstay on Fox and Big Ten Network, will call the Feb. 27 game against the Grizzlies in Memphis. Rams play-by-play man J.B. Long will work three games out West in mid-March.

COLLEGES



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Michigan State's Cassius Winston is surrounded by Illinois' Kipper Nichols, left, and Ayo Dosunmu on a drive.

ILLINOIS 79, MICHIGAN STATE 74

# Raining tears of joy

Dosunmu's offense, team defense help Illini upset No. 9 Spartans

Associated Press

CHAMPAIGN — Illinois coach Brad Underwood had tears in his eyes after his Illini upset Tom Izzo's ninth-ranked Michigan State Spartans.

"Michigan State is a great team, and Tom is a great coach," Underwood said. "They're everything I want to be."

Ayo Dosunmu scored 24 points, and the Illini used its swarming defense to shock the Spartans 79-74. Illinois forced 24 turnovers by Michigan State, including 17 in the first half.

Fans stormed the court after the Illini dribbled out the final 9 seconds.

"I mean, it's just one of 20 (Big Ten games), I know," Underwood said. "But man, it's also more than that, you know? It feels like one of those defining moments, I think,

where we found out who we are."

Giorgi Bezhaniashvili scored 16 for Illinois (8-15, 4-8 Big Ten), and Trent Frazier added 15 as the Illini handed the Spartans (18-5, 9-3) their third straight loss. The Spartans dropped a half-game behind Michigan and Purdue in the Big Ten.

"I think that first half was as good a defensive effort as I have ever coached," Underwood said. "It led to some really good offense for us."

Cassius Winston led the Spartans with 21 points but committed nine turnovers. Xavier Tillman scored 16.

Izzo was steamed enough after the loss that he credited his team with four more turnovers than it actually committed.

"Illinois played hard. I'll give them credit for half of the turnovers," Michigan State coach Tom Izzo said. "But we had, what, 28 turnovers? Something like that. I mean, that's completely ridiculous and that's all on us."

Illinois went 22 of 43 from the

field (51.2 percent), while Michigan State hit 26 of 58 (44.8 percent).

Illinois led for all but a three-minute stretch late in the game, pushing ahead by as many as 14 points before Michigan State rallied to take a 64-63 lead with 6 minutes, 21 seconds remaining after consecutive Kenny Goins 3-pointers.

But Illinois, behind its defense, held on and took a 71-68 lead on Dosunmu's 3-pointer with 2:35 left. Dosunmu made another 3 with 1:57 remaining, and the Illini held on from there as the Spartans missed their last four field-goal attempts.

"We knew they are one of the top teams in the country," Dosunmu said. "So we knew they would make a run at us. I just focused and took my shots, and then just kept on going."

"I'm still in shock," Bezhaniashvili said. "It was just unbelievable the way the crowd swarmed the court. I have never been a part of anything like that in my life."

LOYOLA 86, DRAKE 64

# Townes' big night lifts Ramblers

Associated Press

Marques Townes poured in a career-high 32 points and added eight rebounds and five assists to propel Loyola to an 86-64 romp over Drake on Tuesday night at Gentile Arena.

Townes hit 11 of 18 shots, including all four of his 3-pointers, and sank 6 of 6 free throws as the Ramblers (15-9, 8-3) grabbed sole possession of first place in the Missouri Valley Conference after Valparaiso hit the road and upset the previous leader Illinois State 69-53. The Redbirds had pulled into a first-place tie with Loyola with Saturday's 65-57 win in Normal, Ill.

Townes had 21 points by halftime and Loyola grabbed a 48-32 lead at intermission when freshman Cooper Kaifes tossed up a shot from three-quarters court and hit nothing but net.

The Bulldogs (17-7, 6-5) pulled within 61-52 on Anthony Murphy's layup with 10:18 left in the game, but Cameron Krutwig sandwiched layups around another Kaifes 3-pointer to push the Ramblers lead to 16.

Krutwig finished with 19 points and nine rebounds for the Ramblers. Clayton Custer added 14 points and Kaifes scored 12.

Brady Ellingson paced Drake with 18 points and six 3-pointers. Noah Thomas added 16 points.

COLLEGE BASKETBALL ROUNDUP

# Gamecocks can't stay with No. 5 Wildcats

Associated Press

PJ Washington scored 20 points, and No. 5 Kentucky routed South Carolina 76-48 for its ninth consecutive victory Tuesday night in Lexington, Ky.

The Wildcats (19-3, 8-1 SEC) shot just 41 percent but held the Gamecocks to just 28 percent in the second half and 36 percent overall. It was the seventh time in eight games they've held an opponent below 40 percent. Kentucky outscored South Carolina 17-4 over the final 5:14 to lead 39-28 at the break and stretched its advantage to 28 with just under five minutes left.

Washington fell short of his fourth consecutive double-double but posted his fourth 20-point game in the past five.

Kentucky dominated South Carolina 50-27 on the glass and forced 19 turnovers.

The Wildcats stayed within a game of the conference lead in the process and improved to 28-2 at home against the Gamecocks (11-11, 6-3).

**Reddish leads Duke:** Freshman Cameron Reddish scored 24 points, and No. 2 Duke pulled away to beat Boston College 80-55 in Durham, N.C.

Zion Williamson had 16 points and a season-best 17 rebounds, RJ Barrett finished with 19 points and Tre Jones added 11 points for the Blue Devils (20-2, 8-1 ACC).

They overcame some shaky early shooting by shooting 63 percent after halftime to claim their sixth straight win, and they will be no worse than tied for first in the league when they visit No. 3 Virginia on Saturday night.

Jordan Chatman scored 16 points while Ky Bowman finished with 11 — he averages 20.8 — on 5-of-17 shooting for Boston College (11-10, 2-7).

**Michigan bounces back:**

Freshman Ignas Brazdeikis scored 23 points and No. 7 Michigan hit nine of its first 11 shots in opening a big lead and beating Rutgers 77-65 in Piscataway, N.J.

Zavier Simpson added 14 points, seven assists and seven rebounds as the Wolverines (21-2, 10-2 Big Ten) bounced back from a dreadful performance in a loss to Iowa to remain unbeaten in 11 games against the Scarlet Knights (11-11, 4-8).

**Marquette goes down:**

Shamorie Ponds scored 28 points, including a go-ahead layup with 16 seconds left, to give St. John's a 70-69 victory over No. 10 Marquette.

The loss ended an eight-game winning streak for the Golden Eagles (19-4, 8-2 Big East) and was their first loss at their new home this season after 14 wins.

Justin Simon added 19 points and Mustapha Heron 10 for St. John's (17-6, 5-5).

# Williams, Patterson reunite at Illinois

Illinois, from Page 1

The 5-foot-10, 170-pound Williams, a four-star prospect ranked 116th nationally in 247Sports.com's composite rankings, is the highest-rated quarterback to sign with Illinois since the similarly named — but unrelated — Isaiah "Juice" Williams signed in 2006 out of Vocational.

Isaiah Williams won back-to-back Gatorade Player of the Year awards in Missouri and passed for more than 8,000 yards and 100 touchdowns during four seasons at Trinity Catholic while also rushing for more than 2,700 yards and 35 touchdowns.

When he gets to Champaign this summer, he'll try to beat out second-year players M.J. Rivers II, Matt Robinson and Coran Taylor. None of the three is a sure-shot starter, though Rivers started three games as a freshman.

Williams garnered dozens of scholarship offers, but many Power Five programs wanted to move him to wide receiver or defensive back. Illinois' commitment to recruit him as a quarterback and give him a shot at the job was meaningful.

"He's been doing it since he was a kid," said Terrence Curry, who succeeded Patterson as Trinity Catholic coach. "It's a passion of his. He's a smart and talented kid. I

don't think he's going to beat a dead horse. He has the skill set to be a corner or slot receiver and be just as effective.

"He's a dynamic player and he doesn't want to give up (playing quarterback) without giving it a shot. That was a big part of him choosing Illinois."

Williams' size has led to questions about his future at quarterback. That just motivates him, his coaches say.

"He loves that he's too short thing," Patterson said. "He'll never say it, but he does."

Curry and Patterson rave about Williams' work ethic and leadership. Curry recalled a triple-overtime game in which Williams lowered his shoulder on third-and-1 and bulldozed into the end zone. Patterson recalled Williams running for a 70-yard touchdown that was really like 120 yards because he zigzagged and dodged so many would-be tacklers.

Patterson remembered another game in which Williams begged to go in at cornerback because he had observed the opposing quarterback's tendencies so intently, he swore he could get an interception. Patterson said he relented, and Williams picked off the ball on his first play on defense.

"He's a guy that studies so hard and works so hard," Patterson

said. "In (Illinois offensive coordinator Rod Smith's) scheme, it will play right into what Isaiah is good at."

Despite having a relationship with Williams since the player was 6, Patterson said he initially recruited Williams just like any other player. It wasn't easy considering Williams used to stay at Patterson's home, as did many of the youth players to whom Patterson acted almost like a father figure.

Adhering to NCAA rules, Patterson continued to check on Williams' commitment to Illinois after he committed in March. Williams essentially told him to chill out.

"He said, 'I'm coming. You don't have to call me. Let's worry about getting other dudes,'" Patterson recalled. "He was a kid whose mind was made up."

He looks forward to bonding with Williams on the field again.

"Mentally, he was two or three plays ahead of other guys his age," Patterson said. "He was intuitively so different. He was one of those guys who was the best player, so (he could have) relaxed, (but) he never relaxed. He always wanted to do extra. ... I'm ecstatic about (coaching him again)."

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PAUL KOPSKY/ST. LOUIS POST-DISPATCH

Isaiah Williams won back-to-back Gatorade Player of the Year awards in Missouri as a quarterback at St. Louis' Trinity Catholic High School.

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## CALENDAR

TEAM	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	SUN	MON	TUE
Bears	NO 7 NBCSCH, AM-670		@BKN 6:30 NBCSCH, AM-670	WAS 7 WGN-9, AM-670		MIL 7 NBCSCH, AM-670	
Redskins					DET 2 NBCSCH, AM-720		@BOS 6 NBCSCH, AM-720
Packers		VAN 7:30 NBCSCH, AM-720					

## WEDNESDAY ON TV/RADIO

<b>NBA</b>							
<b>7 p.m.</b>	Pelicans at Bulls		NBCSCH, WSCR-AM 670				
<b>7 p.m.</b>	Wizards at Bucks			ESPN			
<b>9:30 p.m.</b>	Spurs at Warriors			ESPN			
<b>MEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL</b>							
<b>5 p.m.</b>	UConn at Temple			CBSSN			
<b>6 p.m.</b>	Notre Dame at Miami			ESPN2, WMVP-AM 1000			
<b>6 p.m.</b>	Maryland at Nebraska			BTN			
<b>6 p.m.</b>	Rhode Island at Davidson			ESPN			
<b>6 p.m.</b>	Wichita State at East Carolina			ESPNews			
<b>6:30 p.m.</b>	Georgetown at Providence			FS1			
<b>7 p.m.</b>	Creighton at Villanova			CBSSN			
<b>7 p.m.</b>	SIU at Missouri State			NBCSCH+			
<b>8 p.m.</b>	Wisconsin at Minnesota			BTN			
<b>8 p.m.</b>	LSU at Mississippi State			ESPN2			
<b>8 p.m.</b>	Oklahoma State at TCU			ESPN			
<b>8:30 p.m.</b>	California at Oregon			FS1			
<b>9 p.m.</b>	Neveda at Colorado State			CBSSN			
<b>10 p.m.</b>	UNLV at Boise State			ESPN			
<b>GOLF</b>							
<b>10 p.m.</b>	ISPS Handa Vic Open			Golf Channel			

<b>NHL</b>							
<b>7 p.m.</b>	Bruins at Rangers			NBCSN			
<b>SKIING</b>							
<b>5:25 a.m.</b>	World championships			NBCSN			
<b>PREMIER LEAGUE SOCCER</b>							
<b>1:40 p.m.</b>	Everton vs. Manchester City			NBCSN			

<b>TENNIS</b>							
<b>7 a.m.</b>	Montpellier ATP, Cordoba ATP			Tennis Channel			
<b>1:30 p.m.</b>	Montpellier ATP, Cordoba ATP			Tennis Channel			
<b>9:30 p.m.</b>	Montpellier ATP, Cordoba ATP			Tennis Channel			

## COLLEGE BASKETBALL

<b>HOW MEN'S AP TOP 25 FARED TODAY</b>						
1. Tennessee (21-1) beat Missouri 72-60. Next: vs. Florida, Saturday.						
2. Duke (20-2) beat Boston College 80-55. Next: at No. 3 Virginia, Saturday.						
3. Virginia (20-1) did not play. Next: vs. No. 2 Duke, Saturday.						
4. Gonzaga (21-2) did not play. Next: vs. San Francisco, Thursday.						
5. Kentucky (19-3) beat South Carolina 76-48. Next: at Mississippi State, Saturday.						
6. Nevada (21-1) did not play. Next: at Colorado State, Wednesday.						
7. Michigan State (21-2) beat Rutgers 77-65. Next: vs. No. 19 Wisconsin, Saturday.						
8. North Carolina (18-4) beat N.C. State 113-96. Next: vs. Miami, Saturday.						
9. Michigan State (18-5) lost to Illinois 74-68. Next: vs. Minnesota, Saturday.						
10. Marquette (19-4) lost to St. John's 70-69. Next: vs. No. 14 Villanova, Saturday.						
11. Virginia Tech (18-4) did not play. Next: at Clemson, Saturday.						
12. Houston (21-1) did not play. Next: at UCF, Thursday.						
13. Kansas (17-5) at Kansas State, Next: vs. Oklahoma State, Saturday.						
14. Villanova (18-4) did not play. Next: vs. Creighton, Wednesday.						
15. Purdue (16-6) did not play. Next: vs. Nebraska, Saturday.						
16. Louisiana (17-6) did not play. Next: at No. 22 Florida State, Saturday.						
17. Iowa State (18-5) did not play. Next: vs. TCU, Saturday.						
18. Syracuse Tech (18-5) did not play. Next: at Oklahoma, Saturday.						
19. Wisconsin (16-6) did not play. Next: at Minnesota, Wednesday.						
20. Iowa (17-5) did not play. Next: at Indiana, Thursday.						
21. LSU (17-4) did not play. Next: at Mississippi State, Wednesday.						
22. Florida State (17-5) did not play. Next: at Louisville, Saturday.						
23. Buffalo (19-3) did not play. Next: vs. Central Michigan, Saturday.						
24. Maryland (18-4) did not play. Next: at Nebraska, Wednesday.						
25. Cincinnati (19-3) did not play. Next: at Memphis, Thursday.						

## WOMEN'S AP TOP 25 SCHEDULE

1. Baylor (20-1) did not play. Next: vs. TCU, Saturday.				
2. Louisville (21-1) did not play. Next: vs. No. 15 Syracuse, Thursday.				
3. Oregon (21-1) did not play. Next: at California, Friday.				
4. Notre Dame (21-2) did not play. Next: at No. 25 Miami, Thursday.				
5. UConn (19-2) did not play. Next: vs. East Carolina, Wednesday.				
6. Mississippi State (19-1) did not play. Next: vs. Tennessee, Saturday.				
7. Oregon State (19-3) did not play. Next: at No. 11 Stanford, Friday.				
8. Marquette (19-3) did not play. Next: vs. Georgetown, Friday.				
9. N.C. State (21-1) did not play. Next: at No. 24 Florida State, Thursday.				
10. Maryland (21-2) did not play. Next: vs. North Carolina, Saturday.				
11. Stanford (18-3) did not play. Next: vs. Oregon State, Friday.				
12. South Carolina (16-5) did not play. Next: vs. Mississippi, Thursday.				
13. Gonzaga (21-2) did not play. Next: at Portland, Saturday.				
14. Texas (18-5) did not play. Next: at Kansas, Saturday.				
15. Syracuse (17-4) did not play. Next: at No. 2 Louisville, Thursday.				
16. Iowa (17-5) did not play. Next: vs. No. 23 Michigan State, Thursday.				
17. Utah (18-3) did not play. Next: vs. Southern Cal, Friday.				
18. Texas A&M (18-4) did not play. Next: at Missouri, Thursday.				
19. Kentucky (18-5) did not play. Next: at Auburn, Thursday.				
20. Arizona State (15-6) did not play. Next: at Washington State, Thursday.				
21. Rutgers (17-5) did not play. Next: vs. No. 10 Maryland, Sunday.				
22. Iowa State (17-5) did not play. Next: vs. West Virginia, Saturday.				
23. Florida State (19-3) did not play. Next: at Iowa, Saturday.				
24. Miami State (19-3) did not play. Next: vs. No. 9 N.C. State, Thursday.				
25. Florida (19-5) did not play. Next: vs. No. 4 Notre Dame, Thursday.				

## TUESDAY'S RESULTS

MENS SCORES		USA TODAY WOMEN'S TOP 25	
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Ball St. 72, N. Illinois 71		1. Baylor (27)	20-1 794 1
Bowling Green 85, W. Michigan 72		New Mexico State (3)	21-1 711 4
Illinois 79, Michigan St. 74		3. Oregon (1)	21-1 711 4
St. John's 70, Miami 67		4. Notre Dame (1)	21-2 702 5
Loyola of Chicago 86, Drake 64		5. UConn	21-9 688 2
St. John's 70, Marquette 69		6. Mississippi State	21-1 661 6
Toledo 63, Akron 52		7. Marquette	19-3 556 9
Syracuse 68, Illinois St. 53		8. Maryland	20-2 553 10
<b>EAST</b>		9. N.C. State	21-1 527 7
Florida St. 80, Syracuse 62		10. Oregon State	19-3 519 11
La Salle 83, Saint Joseph's 69		11. Stanford	21-1 478 8
Manhattan 73, Rider 66		12. Gonzaga	21-2 411 4
Abilene 77, Rutgers 65		13. South Carolina	16-5 350 18
<b>SOUTH</b>		14. Syracuse	17-4 348 16
Duke 80, Boston College 55		15. Texas	18-5 331 14
Kentucky 76, S. Carolina 48		16. Louisiana	16-5 179 22
Arizona St. 77, Virginia Tech 66		17. Kentucky	18-5 246 15
N. Carolina 113, NC St. 96		18. Arizona State	15-6 238 20
Tennessee 77, Missouri 60		19. Florida State	19-3 218 21
Wake Forest 78, Pittsburgh 76, OT		20. Utah	18-3 196 17
<b>Texas</b>		21. Michigan State	16-5 179 22
22. Texas A&M		22. Texas A&M	14-8 168 24
23. Iowa State		23. Iowa State	17-5 131 25
24. Rutgers		24. Rutgers	17-5 126 19
25. Miami		25. Miami	19-5 126 23

## WEDNESDAY MEN'S SCHEDULE

<b>MIDWEST</b>				
Maryland at Nebraska, 6				
Evansville at Indiana St., 6				
SIU at Missouri St., 7				
Dakota St. at North Dakota, 7				
Bradley at N. Iowa, 7				
Wisconsin at Minnesota, 8				
<b>EAST</b>				
UConn at Temple, 5				
Fordham at UMass, 6				
New Hampshire at Mass.-Lowell, 6				
Maine at Vermont, 6				
Staten Island at Cornell, 6				
Stony Brook at Binghamton, 6				
Hartford at UMB, 6				
American U. at Navy, 6				
VCU at George Washington, 6				
Bucknell at Loyola (Md.), 6				
Army at Holy Cross, 6:05				
Georgetown at Providence, 6:30				
St. Bonaventure at Duquesne, 6:30				
Creighton at Villanova, 6				
<b>SOUTH</b>				
Lipscomb at North Florida, 6				
Clemson at Georgia Tech, 6				
Kennesaw St. at Jacksonville, 6				
George Mason at Richmond, 6				
Notre Dame at Miami, 6				
Wichita St. at East Carolina, 6				
Rhode Island at Davidson, 6				
North Alabama at Florida Gulf Coast, 6				
New Orleans at Northwestern St., 6:30				
Southwestern at Louisiana-Lafayette, 7				
Georgia St. at Louisiana-Monroe, 7				
LSU at Mississippi St., 8				
Georgia at Alabama, 8				
<b>SOUTHWEST</b>				
McNeese St. at Sam Houston St., 6:30				
Baylor at Texas, 7				
SE Louisiana at Texas A&M-CC, 7				
Stephen F. Austin at Houston Baptist, 7				
Abilene Christian at Lamar, 7				
Oklahoma St. at TCU, 8				

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Temple 76, Houston 65			
<b>SOUTH</b>			
Campbell 61, SC-Upstate 41			
Charleston S. 70, UNC-Asheville 59			
Florida Gulf Coast 76, N. Alabama 51			
Hampton 79, Presbyterian 62			
High Point 65, Longwood 54			
Jacksonville 68, Kennesaw St. 53			
N. Florida 72, Lipscomb 66			
Radford 79, Gardner-Webb 69			
Stetson 68, Liberty 56			

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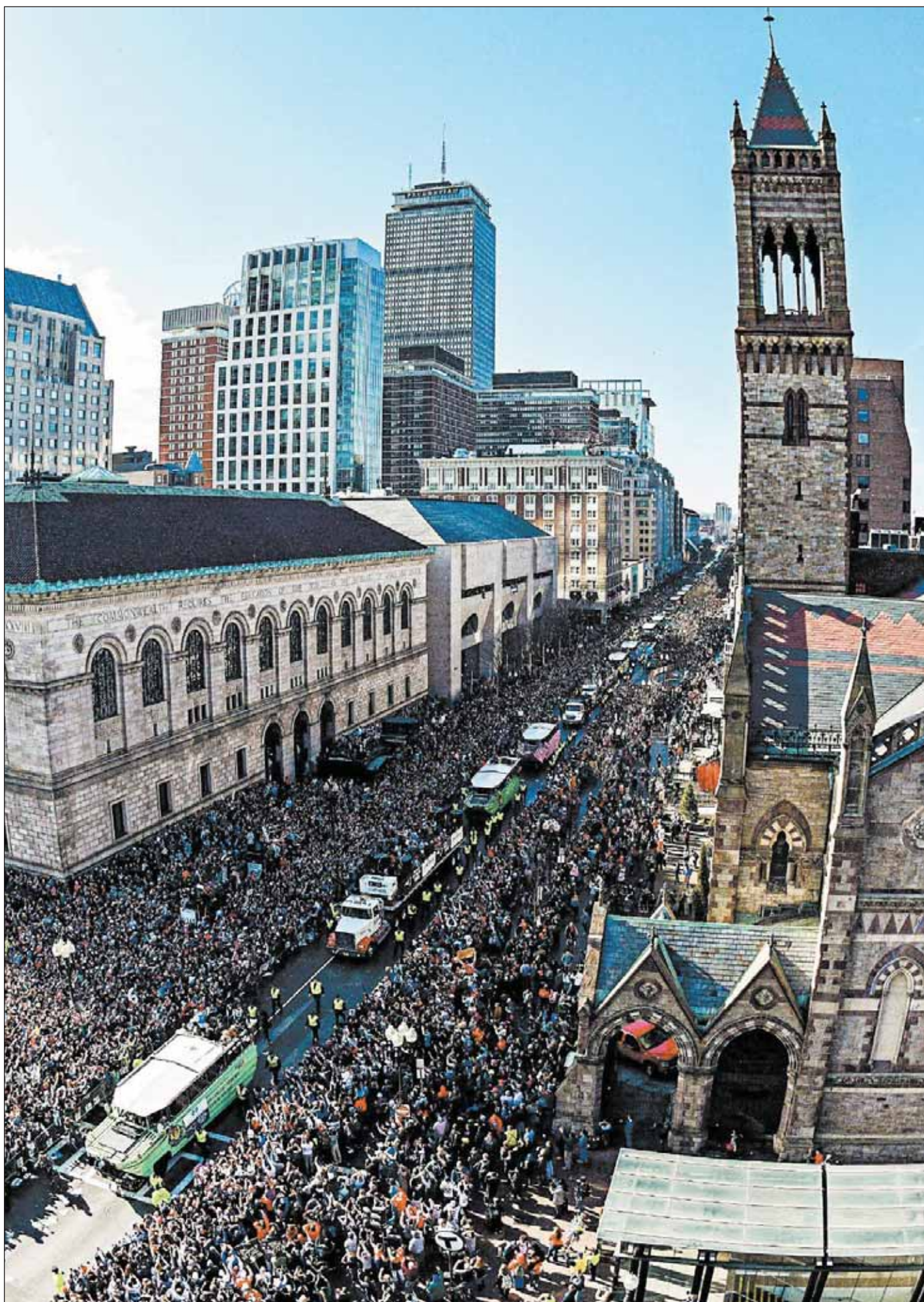
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Hampton 79, Presbyterian 62			
High Point 65, Longwood 54			
Jacksonville 68, Kennesaw St. 53			
N. Florida 72, Lipscomb 66			
Radford 79, Gardner-Webb 69			
Stetson 68, Liberty 56			

## WEDNESDAY MEN'S SCHEDULE

## NFL

# No Super Bowl hangover



## Another party for Patriots

With duck boats lining the streets in Boston, above, the Patriots celebrated their sixth Super Bowl championship during the Tom Brady-Bill Belichick era with their fanbase Tuesday. Brady, below, holds up the Vince Lombardi Trophy the team earned following its 13-3 victory over the Rams on Sunday.

BILLIE WEISS/GETTY



League keeps rolling into offseason with plenty of questions to be answered

By SAM FARMER | Los Angeles Times

The NFL closed the book on the 2018 season Monday with its annual morning-after news conference, this year introducing Patriots receiver Julian Edelman as the newest Super Bowl most valuable player.

But in a round-the-calendar league, there's hardly time to take a breath.

The scouting combine is coming up, and teams will take the next step in their evaluation process, including surveying a robust crop of tight ends. The Cardinals have the No. 1 pick and will be weighing their options, eyeing a couple of potential defensive linemen who could be the top pick: Ohio State end Nick Bosa — brother of the Chargers' Joey — and Alabama tackle Quinnen Williams.

There's the future of Colin Kaepernick's collusion case against the NFL and the inevitable intertwining of the league and legalized sports gambling. After a down year followed by an up year, where are the NFL's TV numbers going? The Super Bowl numbers reportedly were down.

A look at some of the NFL topics we'll be discussing throughout 2019:

**What's reviewable?** As it stands, coaches can't challenge penalties that are called or not called. But not everyone agrees that should be the case, and the annual debate flared again when officials failed to throw a flag for pass interference in the NFC championship game between the Rams and Saints. Both teams were hurt by blown calls in that game. For the most part, coaches are against opening the Pandora's box of allowing penalties to be challenged. One concern is, they could hold the flag in their pocket, then throw on their opponent's game-winning play in hopes of finding something on the video — an otherwise inconsequential hold on the back side of the play, for instance — that might afford the defense a mulligan. Regardless, the competition committee surely will consider ways to improve the replay review and challenge systems.

**Whither Raiders:** With the city of Oakland suing them and the rest of the NFL, the Raiders reportedly are nearing a deal to play the 2019 season at Oracle Park, home of baseball's San Francisco Giants, before making their Las Vegas debut in 2020. First, they'll need to get permission from the 49ers to play in San Francisco, even though the Niners actually play in Santa Clara. It could be the Raiders are on the road quite a bit in their first two months, because the Giants have home games on two of the four available Sundays in September, and the Raiders play in London, likely between the last weekend in September and first weekend in November. Typically, West Coast teams play in the Eastern time zone the week before traveling to England in order to help with the time change and have their open date the week after London.

**Concussions:** The NFL has reported good news on the head-injury front, with its numbers showing a 29 percent drop in the concussion rate in 2018. In part, the league credits better-performing helmets and rules changes such as disallowing running starts and wedges on kickoffs, thereby making the game safer. As for the ban on players lowering their heads to initiate contact, the league called those penalties fewer than 20 times in 2018 yet sent out warning letters to more than 100 players who crossed the line. Look for more stringent enforcement in 2019.

**Rooney Rule:** The league is coming off its biggest-ever drop in minority head coaches, from eight to four. According to an Associated Press report, only four coaches had "steppingstone" jobs of offensive coordinator or quarterbacks coach during the 2018 season. That's 71 percent of 56 jobs. NFL Commissioner Roger Goodell defended the effectiveness of the so-called Rooney Rule, which requires teams to interview at least one minority candidate for any head coach or general manager opening. "We don't look at the success or failure of the Rooney Rule in one-year increments," Goodell said. "We've had the Rooney Rule around for nearly 20 years. It has had an extraordinary impact on the NFL. Over 20 clubs have hired minority (head) coaches in that time."

**Inside kicks:** The league's new kickoff rules, which wipe out running starts and overloading sides of the field, have made inside kicks nearly impossible to execute successfully. The NFL will be watching an interesting alternative in the start-up Alliance of American Football. That league has eliminated kickoffs, giving teams the ball on the 25-yard line, and is doing away with inside kicks too. Under AAF rules, teams can opt to convert a fourth-and-12 from their 28 in lieu of an inside kick.

**Los Angeles teams:** The Inglewood, Calif., stadium is about 60 percent complete. It's due to open in 2020, meaning the Rams and Chargers have one more year in temporary venues until they are roommates in the most expensive stadium in history, which figures to cost something between \$3 billion and \$5 billion. Both teams are looking to stay on the roll that carried them to the 2018 playoffs.

# — eNEWSPAPER BONUS COVERAGE —

# NASCAR rules changes target culture of cheating

BY JENNA FRYER  
Associated Press

CONCORD, N.C. — NASCAR announced Monday that it will disqualify race-winning cars that break the rules this season, confronting its longtime culture of cheating with a stringent new penalty system.

“If you are illegal, you don’t win the race,” said Steve O’Donnell, NASCAR’s chief racing development officer. “We cannot allow inspection and penalties to continue to be a prolonged storyline. Race vehicles are expected to adhere to the rule book from the opening of the garage to the checkered flag.”

The new approach is a seismic shift for NASCAR because it traditionally wanted fans to leave the event knowing who won the race. If a car failed inspection, either at the track or in a more thorough secondary teardown at NASCAR’s Research and Development Center in the days following the race, driver and team were usually docked points, fined or in some cases had crew members suspended.

The penalties were typically not announced until several days after the race.

Inspections will now be completed at the track, a process that should take about 90 minutes, and the winning team will lose its victory if it fails. Disqualified cars will now lose points, purse money and even the trophy.

Kevin Harvick’s race-winning car failed inspection twice last season and both instances led to fines, suspensions and the loss of points. He won at Texas Motor Speedway in November to earn an automatic berth into the championship finale, but that was stripped when his car failed the R&D inspection days after the race.

Under the new system, the runner-up will be declared the winner and the team with the illegal car will receive only one championship point.

“We’re really looking at a total culture change,” O’Donnell said.

The last driver believed to have been stripped outright of a national series victory was Dale Jarrett following a 1995 race in NASCAR’s second-tier series at Michigan. He was dropped to 42nd when his Ford was found to have an illegally modified intake manifold two hours after the race.

NASCAR will also change its process for cars that fail inspection prior to qualifying and the race.

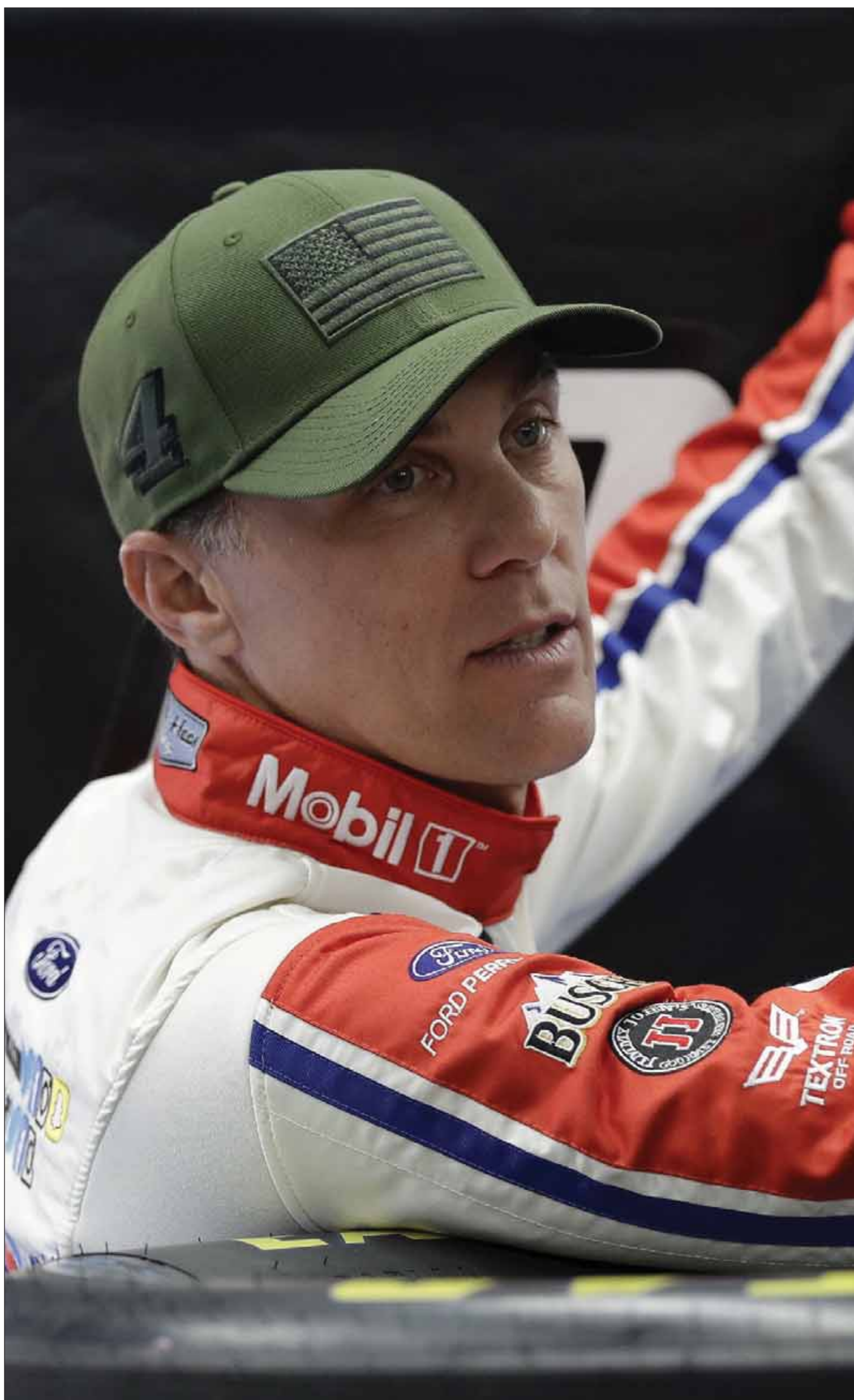
It had devolved into comedy at times last season as teams used multiple attempts to get through inspection. NASCAR said it will now eject team members, dock practice time and, in an enhanced penalty, bar a car from trying to qualify for the race if it fails three times. A car that twice fails pre-race inspection will be sent to the back of the field at the start; a third failure will require a pass-through penalty at the start.

“We’ve been through a deterrence model where we’ve really worked with the race teams at the track and probably been more lenient than we should in terms of the number of times teams can go through inspection and pass, fail and there’s almost incentive to try to get something by NASCAR, so we want to really reverse that trend,” O’Donnell said. “We’re going to put it on the teams to bring their equipment right. When they come to the track, we’ll be much less lenient as they go through technical inspection with stiffer penalties in terms of qualifying, and then ultimately during the race, obviously we want everyone to be racing straight up.”

## Qualifying

NASCAR will not go to a single-car qualifying format this season despite a new racing rules package that will likely bunch the field into a pack. NASCAR even took a step toward ensuring the qualifying sessions are entertaining by shortening the first round at short tracks and intermediate speedways from 15 minutes to 10. That will force drivers to get on the track and make their qualifying attempt rather than idling on pit road and trying to nail a fast lap as the clock expired. The break between rounds will be trimmed from seven minutes to five.

Qualifying at superspeedways



CHUCK BURTON/AP

Kevin Harvick’s cars failed inspection twice last season, and under NASCAR’s new rules this season, a winning driver will no longer keep the victory.

will remain two untimed rounds of single-lap qualifying. Road-course qualifying will continue to be two rounds at 25 minutes followed by a 10-minute final round.

## New car

The seventh-generation stock car is on schedule to compete in 2021. A key goal in development is to strengthen the correlation between race cars and the model available to customers. NASCAR is courting additional manufacturers to join the sport and the Gen-7 car will aim to increase brand identity. NASCAR said it was near certain the new car will have a composite body.

“I think you will see a new NASCAR in terms of what you may see on the track and what you may see under the hood,” O’Donnell said.

## Personnel changes

Ben Kennedy, great-grandson of NASCAR founder Bill France Sr.,

will have an expanded role in 2019 as managing director of racing operations and international development. Kennedy spent last season as managing director of the Truck Series. His new role puts him alongside O’Donnell at the front of NASCAR leadership. Kennedy will also work on expanding NASCAR in Canada, Mexico and Europe. China remains a targeted market for NASCAR.

## Triple Truck Challenge

The Truck Series will have a three-race program with an opportunity to win up to \$500,000 in bonus money. The program will run at consecutive races at Texas Motor Speedway, Iowa Speedway and Gateway Motorsports Park in July.

The “Triple Truck Challenge” will award a \$50,000 bonus to the eligible race winner of any of the three events. A second victory will be worth \$150,000 and a sweep is worth \$500,000.



RICK SCUTERI/AP

Kevin Harvick’s No. 4 car leads the field in taking the green flag for the Cup Series race last year at Avondale, Ariz.

# — eNEWSPAPER BONUS COVERAGE —



DENIS POROY/AP

Rory McIlroy is partnering with NBC Sports in a subscription program that will look to get customers involved with tee times, instruction, travel and shopping.

## McIlroy takes high-tech approach to boost game

BY DOUG FERGUSON  
Associated Press

PEBBLE BEACH, Calif. — Rory McIlroy can't imagine what his life would be like without golf, and now he wants to cultivate his joy of the game with as many people as possible through a partnership with NBC Sports Group.

McIlroy on Tuesday launched "GolfPass," a direct-to-consumer subscription program that will deliver more than just exclusive content from the four-time major champion. The idea is to get customers more involved by using the vast resources at NBC Sports Group with tee times, instruction, its video library, travel and shopping.

"Whenever I started to talk to guys with Golf Channel to do a partnership to try to make people's experience in golf better, I was all for it," McIlroy said before a media blitz in New York. "I've had nothing but good times and good experiences playing this game."

GolfPass costs \$9.99 a month or \$99 a year, and there are plans to make it available in the U.K., Ireland and Australia. The membership is built around five pillars — play, learn, watch, travel and shop. One of the immediate perks for members is a free round of golf each month at any of the 7,000 golf courses in 26 countries that are part of the "GolfNow" program at Golf Channel. Those courses include Royal Portrush, Pasatiempo Golf Club in California and the TPC Deere Run.

Members will have access to more than 4,000 on-demand instruction videos involving elite coaches and players, a video library at Golf Channel that ranges from David Feherty's golf shows to competitions that NBC originally broadcast, along with deals for travel through "Golf Advisor" and discounts in equipment and apparel through TaylorMade, which is a GolfPass partner.

"We're creating a product that's going to make it easier and more fun to play the game," said Mike McCarley, president of golf for NBC Sports.

McCarley said the discussions began two years ago when McIlroy's management team had a technology-based idea, and before long officials figured out how to interconnect Golf Channel prop-



MATT YORK/AP

Phil Mickelson turns 49 this summer, and his chase for 50 PGA Tour victories is starting to look more and more uncertain. Only seven other players have reached that milestone.

erties like GolfNow (a tee time service), Revolution Golf (video instruction) and Golf Advisor, which involves rating golf courses and travel destinations.

What impressed McCarley was how the 29-year-old from Northern Ireland made a connection between this product aimed at consumers and Arnold Palmer's vision of starting Golf Channel in 1995.

"To try to carry forward what Arnold started 25 years ago, bring it into the 21st century with GolfPass you can never fill shoes that big, but to try to carry the torch in some way is a great honor," McIlroy said. "It's about me trying to give something back to a game that has given me so much."

Palmer left indelible memories with McIlroy when he first played at Bay Hill in 2015 as No. 1 in the world. McIlroy approached The King's table at lunch, and Palmer asked if there was anything he needed. McIlroy replied, "Mr. Palmer, thanks to you, I have

everything I could ever need in my life." According to those at the table, Palmer began to get tears in his eyes.

McIlroy won the Arnold Palmer Invitational last year.

It's the second time in two months that a prominent player began a direct-to-consumer product. Tiger Woods signed a deal with Discovery's "GolfTV" for exclusive access to Woods and original content.

McIlroy is doing a docuseries called "My Roots" on his rise in golf, and he plans to co-host a podcast with Carson Daly. But it's not all Rory all the time. Other content includes players, analysts and celebrities discussing how they play some of the toughest holes in golf, along with other athletes talking about their daily routines.

"I'll be on there a lot," McIlroy said. "It will be hard to miss me."

**Mickelson at 50:** Two milestones are within reach for Phil Mickelson, who began the year

with a runner-up finish at the Desert Classic and a missed cut in the Phoenix Open.

Mickelson is a little more than \$11.2 million away from joining Tiger Woods as the only players to crack \$100 million in career PGA Tour earnings. Mickelson, who turns 49 this summer, made roughly that much in his last three seasons, and he has remained remarkably injury free for nearly his entire career.

The big one is 50 — not his age, but the number of PGA Tour victories. Only seven players have done that.

Mickelson all but guaranteed he would reach 50 after he won the Mexico Championship last year to end a drought of nearly five years. It was his 43rd career victory. But he had only one top-10 finish the rest of the season, and that has brought a dose of reality to him.

"I've got to be honest in my assessment of winning seven more times," he said last week. "It's certainly my goal and some-

thing I'm striving for and yet I know it's not going to be easy. So I don't have the same 100 percent 'I'm going to do this thing.' I'm a little more realistic because I really thought I was going to pick off two or three more at the end of the year and I played terrible."

But he says he had a good offseason, picked up more speed and with improved putting, "it's hopefully going to lead to a special year."

**Amateur invitations:** Four women from the top 11 in the World Amateur Golf Rankings have accepted invitations to play in the LPGA Tour's first major of the year, the ANA Inspiration.

That typically was an easy decision, but that was before the creation of the Augusta National Women's Amateur, which will be held the same week (April 4-7). The 30 women who make the cut will play the final round at Augusta National on the Saturday before the Masters.

Frida Kinhult of Sweden (No. 2 in the amateur ranking), Patty Tavatanakit of Thailand (No. 3), Albane Valenzuela of Switzerland (No. 6) and American teenager Rachel Heck (No. 11) chose the ANA Inspiration. A final spot has been reserved for the winner of the ANA Junior Inspiration, to be played the week before.

"I am so excited, and I can't wait to get to Rancho Mirage," the 17-year-old Heck said. "This major has so much history, and I am honored to be following in the footsteps of my role models who played in ANA Inspiration on amateur invites."

The Augusta National Women's Amateur has six of the top 10 in the amateur ranking, including top-ranked Jennifer Kupcho.

**Stat of the week:** Rickie Fowler (74) is the first player this season to win a PGA Tour event with a final round over par. That happened twice last season — Webb Simpson at The Players Championship (73) and Tiger Woods at the Tour Championship (71).

**Final word:** "I really don't want to have to go and win tournaments that way," — Rickie Fowler, after making a double bogey and triple bogey in the final round of his two-shot victory in the Phoenix Open.



JILL FURMANOVSKY PHOTO

Chic co-founder Nile Rodgers has one of music's mightiest discographies.

## Perfect musical timing

Nile Rodgers brings the sounds of Chic to United Center

BY ALLISON STEWART  
Chicago Tribune

It isn't just his discography, which is stupendous. Nile Rodgers, artist, producer, guitarist, mainstay of legendary outfit Chic, has a Zelig-like ability to show up in just the right place in pop music history at just the right time.

Rodgers, 66, formed Chic with his friend Bernard Edwards in his native New York City in the early 1970s. Chic released two of disco's most enduring hits ("Good Times," "Le Freak") before the disco backlash caught up to them.

Rodgers, who had co-written and coproduced Sister Sledge's "We Are Family," soon became a sought-after producer, working on David Bowie's 1983 comeback "Let's Dance," and Madonna's "Like A Virgin."

He made hits for Diana Ross ("I'm Coming Out") and Duran Duran ("Notorious"). He knew almost everybody there was to know, did almost everything there was to do. Sinatra was fond of him, so was Prince. He survived cancer (twice), rehab, and Edwards' sudden death in 1996. He is one of pop history's most central figures. He would fly to Paris just for lunch.

Rodgers collaborated on "Get Lucky" with Daft Punk and Pharrell Williams, and in the afterglow of that late career hit, relaunched Chic with a new single, "I'll Be There," that was genetically modified from one of the group's old outtakes.

Rodgers, on the road with Cher to promote Chic's first album in 26 years, "It's About Time" (they land at the United Center Friday), got on the phone to talk Bowie, Daft Punk, and outliving the death of disco.

The following is an edited version of that conversation:

**Q: Do you get an idea of**

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COMMENTARY

# 70 IS THE NEW FABULOUS

Actresses in their 70s and 80s are doing some of their very best work

BY MARY McNAMARA | Los Angeles Times

"Wow, wow, wow, fellas; look at the old girl now, fellas."

Dolly Gallagher Levi's appearance at the Harmonium Gardens is always a moment of triumph. But watching Betty Buckley descend that famous staircase during the climactic signature number of "Hello Dolly!" on its current tour that stopped in Chicago, that triumph felt bigger than that of a widow finally deciding to "get in step while there's still time left."

It was a symbol, and one in scarlet sequins and a feathered head-dress — which is always the best kind — of a cultural moment that

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Bette Midler, top, and Betty Buckley, top right, were both 71 when they took the stage as Dolly in "Hello Dolly." Glenn Close, above, leads the best actress Oscars race for "The Wife," a role that has already earned her SAG and Golden Globe awards. She's also 71.

MY WORST MOMENT

## Hype, and then bombing on stage

'SNL's' Chris Redd on his first foray into comedy

BY NINA METZ  
Chicago Tribune

In the week leading up to new shows, "Saturday Night Live" performers and writers frequently pull all-nighters working on sketches. For Chicago's Chris Redd, who is in his second season on the show, that kind of schedule hasn't been too disruptive.

"I already have insomnia a little bit," he said. "So the late hours (at 'SNL') weren't throwing me off at first — but it is the hardest job I've had in an office setting. Also the coolest. But definitely I've never been a zombie in any other place but 'SNL,' just walking around, spitting out jokes at 3 a.m. It brings you to a good place of exhaustion, where you start getting really creative and letting go and that's the thing I like about it the most."

Redd was a rapper earlier in his career and frequently there's a musical element to his comedy on the show. A sketch that stands out as one of his favorites is the R&B song "Come Back, Barack" in 2017. Another is the music video for "Trees" — literally an ode to trees — from earlier this season.

"I had a lot of fun making 'Trees' because it's such a silly idea and we wrote it over the summer when we were off last year. I had just gotten down how to work (on the 'SNL' schedule) and I wasn't ready to stop, so I went in and wrote eight songs and 'Trees' was one of them. You really learn about timing and stuff, it's pretty impossible to pre-write for that show, but when it works it's cool and a climate change report had just come out and everything lined up in that week for that song."

"SNL" is a high point of Redd's career so far. When asked to share a worst moment, he said: "All right, this is one of the most awkward moments in my entire life in this business."

My worst moment ...

"This was probably 10 years ago, I signed up for a comedy competition in Chicago. It was at this lounge and I forgot the name of it. We used to do shows there all the time, it was in the West Loop and it was a restaurant as well. So they were having this comedy show. Lil Rel Howery was one of the judges.

"Now this is just when I

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Rosanna Arquette at the Women's March Los Angeles on Jan. 19 in California.

## Rosanna Arquette to co-star in 'Ratched'

Actress Rosanna Arquette has been cast in a multi-episode arc on Ryan Murphy's Netflix series "Ratched," tracking the infamous nurse from 1947 to her villainous self in "One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest."

Sarah Paulson, who is starring in and producing the series, said she was inspired to cast Arquette after the actress said she was having trouble finding work after she publicly accused Harvey Weinstein of sexual assault.

"The story of Rosanna Arquette is a triumphant one — but it's also disturbing. She was one of the first women to publicly speak out about Harvey Weinstein," Paulson wrote on Instagram. "I was stirred by several of her recent interviews where she was quoted as saying she couldn't find work — or representation — this seems a direct consequence of her bravery."

Arquette, 59, came forward in October 2017 and accused Weinstein of trying to force her into a sexual situation in his hotel room in the early '90s. She said she rejected him, and he lashed out professionally.

"He made things very difficult for me for years," Arquette told the New Yorker.

Weinstein has been accused of sexual assault and harassment by more than 100 women and faces charges in New York of rape, sexual abuse and sexual misconduct.

Arquette said last month that her standing in Hollywood hasn't changed, telling Variety that "there's a boys club" still protecting Weinstein.

"We decided this could not stand," Paulson wrote.

— New York Daily News



JORDAN STRAUSS/INVISION

**It's a boy!** Andy Cohen, host of "Watch What Happens Live," is a dad. The 50-year-old posted on Instagram that Benjamin Allen Cohen, named after Cohen's grandfather, was born Monday. Cohen wrote he's "in love" and "eternally grateful to an incredible surrogate." Cohen said in December that he was expecting a child "after many years of careful deliberation, a fair amount of prayers and the benefit of science."

**Dancing shoes:** Michelle Williams is returning to television for the first time in 16 years, playing dancer and actress Gwen Verdon whose career aspirations were supplanted by her marriage to choreographer-director Bob Fosse. Oscar winner Sam Rockwell plays Fosse in the eight-episode FX series "Fosse/Verdon," debuting April 9. Williams' last TV work was the hit series "Dawson's Creek" that ended in 2003.

**Hosting duties:** Kelly Rowland will host the 12th annual Essence Black Women in Hollywood Awards this month. The Grammy-winning singer-actress will host the Feb. 21 luncheon honoring actresses Regina Hall, Jennifer Lewis, Amandla Stenberg and Kiki Layne. Rowland says in a statement she's happy to "shine a light on four exceptional women for their art and social activism."

**Feb. 6 birthdays:** Actor Rip Torn is 88. Journalist Tom Brokaw is 79. Actress Kathy Najimi is 62. Singer Axl Rose is 57. Actress Alice Eve is 37. Actor Dane DeHaan is 33. Actor Charlie Heaton is 25. Singer Dalton Rapattoni is 23.



## ASK AMY

By AMY DICKINSON

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## Divorce leaves a stepparent dangling

**Dear Amy:** My dad and stepmom of 10 years recently announced they are getting a divorce. I heard about the divorce from my father a few weeks ago and have not seen my stepmother since he told me.

My husband and I are being supportive to my father, but I feel unsure about what to do in regards to my stepmom. I'm torn between sending an email letting her know I wish her the best and that I will cherish the time we had together, and feeling like an email isn't "enough" for someone who had become a big part of our family.

I know some sort of closure is needed, but I am unsure of how to go about it. Any advice?

— Confused Stepchild

**Dear Confused:** Your father is the one seeking closure. Unless the breakup is particularly angry or the result of abuse, you should not have to close the book on your relationship with your stepmother. The relationship will change, but you are an adult, and if you would like to maintain a friendship with her, then you should.

This person has been a close family member. She has likely witnessed important events in your life. She may have worked hard to form a relationship with you. So you should email her (or write her a note) to let her know that you are grateful for her presence in your life. Tell her you are sorry she and your father are going through this challenging experience. Share a couple of important memories you have of her. And extend your hand in friendship moving forward, if you are inclined.

**Dear Amy:** My daughter just gave birth to her third daughter. She currently has four children: girls ages 6 and 4, a 2-year-old boy, and the new baby girl.

My question is regarding my 4-year-old granddaughter. Since birth, she has been dressed identically as her older sister. She should be past the "terrible twos," but her behavior is abominable. She is constantly acting out, both physically and verbally. Her actions seem to be a plea for attention.

Her older sister is quite accomplished for a 6-year-old. She plays piano, speaks English and Spanish, does ballet and does well in school, etc. The 4-year-old has been afforded the same opportunities and is age-appropriately proficient. Yet she is not a nice person.

I am wondering if being dressed like her older sister may make her feel that she is not an individual but just a copy, and her bad behavior is her trying to express her individuality.

Also, I'm worried that the baby will become a similar problem if dressed just like her older sisters.

I haven't expressed my concerns to my daughter as yet. I'm curious about your opinion. Should I speak up or just hope things get better as the girls get older?

— Concerned Grandpa

**Dear Concerned:** You should definitely ask your daughter why she dresses her daughters identically — and listen to her logic. Understand that the parents have the right to make their own choices, and your best role is to occa-

sionally offer your wisdom.

My take on this is more about birth order than outfits. Four can be a tough age, especially if she is wedged between little-miss-perfect and a toddler, and now there's an adorable new baby. This little girl might be feeling that life is very unfair just now.

Imagine how it would feel to just be mastering some of life's most important lessons, including picking up language, and how to control your body — and doing it behind a bilingual, piano-playing superstar. Because of her age and birth order, and because the adults in her world are constantly comparing her to someone two years older, she will always be behind. Even you, her grandpa, refer to her as "age-appropriately proficient." Ouch!

I hope you will take it upon yourself to be this child's champion. Yes, she is crying out to be seen. So see her. She wants and needs attention. So give it to her.

**Dear Amy:** "Heartbroken in the Heartland" told a harrowing story of childhood abuse. Thank you for pointing him toward MaleSurvivor.org. I reached out to this organization over my own issues, and the fellowship helped me immeasurably.

— Grateful

**Dear Grateful:** Survivors benefit from connecting with other survivors. I'm happy this helped you.

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## DAME LIBBY KOMAIKO 1950-2019

## Fearless founder of Ensemble Espanol in Chicago dies at 69

BY LAUREN WARNECKE  
Chicago Tribune

Dame Libby Komaiko, the founding artistic director of Ensemble Espanol Spanish Dance Theater, died Saturday at Chicago's Illinois Masonic Hospital of pneumonia, according to Ensemble Espanol executive director Jorge Perez. She was 69 years old.

Komaiko was born in June 1949 in Chicago and raised in Evanston. She started dancing at age 9, training with the Chicago Musical College of Roosevelt University and studying jazz dance, modern and musical theater at Gus Giordano's Evanston studios as a teen. On a whim, Komaiko auditioned for the Spanish Dance Company under the direction of Jose Greco, and received a scholarship to study with the company. She continued



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Dame Libby Komaiko, founder and artistic director of the Ensemble Espanol Spanish Dance Theater, has died at 69.

her Spanish dance education with Greco, Maria Alba and Nana Lorca, among others, and performed with the company of Lola Montes.

Komaiko founded Ensemble Espanol Spanish Dance Theater in residence at Northeastern Illinois

University (NEIU) in 1975, and incorporated as a not-for-profit in 1976 with five original company members. She graduated from NEIU's University Without Walls program in 1978, and in addition to establishing academic and community programs for the university,

choreographed more than 60 works for her company.

In 1983, the Spanish royal court awarded Komaiko with the "Lazo de Dama de Isabel la Catolica," or "Ribbon of the Dame." She was the first American and one of only three choreographers to receive this distinguished honor. Additional honors include the Ruth Page Award (2003), the International Latino Cultural Center Lifetime Achievement Award (2004), and the inaugural See Chicago Dance Legacy Award in 2017. She retired as professor emerita of NEIU's department of music and dance in 2011, and received the university's distinguished alumnus award in 2015.

Perez met Komaiko in 1985 as an undergraduate speech and performing arts major at NEIU while searching for an on-campus job. He was tasked with answering phones and other administrative jobs for the program, and it was here he was introduced to Spanish dance for the first time.

Prior to meeting Komaiko, Perez, originally from Puerto Rico, went by the American pronunciation of his name: "George." It was Komaiko — a Jewish woman from Evanston who learned Spanish dance from Jose Greco, an Italian immigrant from Brooklyn — who encouraged him to embrace his cultural heritage. "She made me appreciate who I was, with the love and passion she had for the culture of Spain. ... The manner in which she taught, you couldn't help but to enter this incredible, passionate world which we call Spanish dance." He's gone by Jorge ever since.

Irma Suarez Ruiz first saw the company perform at NEIU in 1978 with her father, and over the last 40 years has gone from a student in Komaiko's Ballet I class at NEIU to the current artistic director of the company. "I didn't know what Ensemble would mean to

me then," she said of that first concert she saw with her dad, "but it was such an eye-opener to me. It was beautiful, colorful, exciting — I was at the edge of my seat by the end of this performance."

From its humble beginnings, Ensemble Espanol has earned praise all over the world, and today is comprised of an eight-member administrative staff and more than 40 dancers, singers and musicians. Perez specifically noted a significant tour to Spain in 2016, the company's 40th anniversary season.

Everyone was justifiably nervous to perform as an American company, which in its 43 seasons has never employed a native Spanish dancer. "Irma and I knew they were ready," said Perez. "It's not our mission as American artists to bring Spanish dance to the Spaniards." But Ensemble Espanol earned the blessing of the founding members of National Ballet of Spain, and locals were astounded by how this Chicago-based company was so expertly preserving and promoting the art form.

Suarez Ruiz and Perez have jointly led the company, with Komaiko's guidance, for many years, and are focused not only on continuing Komaiko's legacy, but on growing the organization and fortifying its financial footing.

"We have the dream of being a full-time company," said Perez, who is concentrating on developing new staff positions and providing full-time salaries and benefits for the dancers. "The dancers are the reason we continue to do what we do," he said.

As the company grows, Komaiko's vision remains: a passion for education and a comprehensive approach to Spanish dance and music, giving equal weight to classical, folkloric, flamenco and contemporary dance.

"[Komaiko] made sure to make me feel important and involved in the process,"

said principal dancer Crystal Ruiz, Suarez Ruiz's daughter, who grew up in Ensemble Espanol's studios. She appeared on stage with the company for the first time at age 4. Ruiz recalls times as a young girl when her mom was rehearsing, Komaiko giving her and her sister roles like "honorary rehearsal director" writing down notes. "My mother gave me the opportunity to be there," she said, "but Dame Libby gave me the opportunity to be involved from a very young age."

A stickler for integrity, precision and quality, Komaiko was a strict instructor and director, but this loving, family atmosphere is central to the company. Ruiz now has a young daughter as well, and brought her to a performance just days after giving birth.

Komaiko contracted pneumonia as a complication of Raynaud's syndrome and lupus, diagnosed in 1994. Suarez Ruiz and Perez both said she continued to teach and learn, remaining involved in the company even on her final days.

"Dame Libby's work is so special," said Ruiz. "She taught us that you have to understand the history of what you're doing in order to embody it correctly. She was firm on that stance. ... Dame Libby brought the Spanish culture here and made sure that all the pieces of it were living. And she did it so eloquently."

Komaiko is survived by her sister Leah Komaiko, brothers Bill and Dan Komaiko, her birth daughter Jen Miller and birth granddaughter Amanda Miller. A public memorial service will take place at Northeastern Illinois University at a later date. In lieu of flowers, gifts may be sent to Ensemble Espanol Spanish Dance Theater, 5500 N. St. Louis Ave., and online at [www.ensembleespanol.org](http://www.ensembleespanol.org).

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**IN PERFORMANCE: 'Girl in the Red Corner' ★★★**

# Fists fly and a woman finds herself in the ring

BY CHRIS JONES  
Chicago Tribune

When the name of your theater company is Broken Nose Theatre, the temptation must arise to live up to your own billing.

If not broken noses, bruised cheeks, tired calves and a whopping headache all must be the quotidian risks of producing Stephen Spotswood's "Girl in the Red Corner," a very intense little play about a working-class woman who decides to take up mixed martial arts as a means of fighting back against the exigencies of her difficult life.

Over time, the heroine of the work, Halo (Elise Marie Davis) finds out that when someone is coming at your head, what you have to do in the gym to survive is similar to what you have to do to survive outside of the gym.

And in a blue-collar, Chicago-style production in an upstairs studio at the Den Theatre, Broken Nose literally goes to the mat with this show, with actors pounding each other in an



Elise Marie Davis and August N. Forman star in "Girl in the Red Corner."

up-close and personal production that won't lose your attention for a second. Thanks to the fight choreographer John Tovar, punches fly just a few feet from your face.

Chicago theater has seen shows before about boxing

or wrestling, of course: "The Elaborate Entrance of Chad Deity" at Victory Gardens; "The Opponent" at A Red Orchid Theater; "Man in the Ring" at Court Theatre. To a large extent, those works all share the same metaphor of fighting

your way through life and the same central image of a combatant reigning down punches or executing holds not just on a sporting rival, but on opponents dancing around in his own head.

In each of those works, though, "his" was the oper-

**When:** Through March 2

**Where:** The Den Theatre, 1333 N. Milwaukee Ave.

**Running time:** 1 hour, 50 minutes

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ative word. Halo is a woman who decides to take charge of her own life by sparring with instructor Gina (August N. Forman), who has good reason to fight for personal reasons, but also understands how Halo needs help, and sets about helping her to find the reason she walked through the door.

"Girl in the Red Corner" was first produced by a Washington D.C. company called The Welders. You might well figure out where it is going before it arrives; I found the piece more interesting as a character study than as a full-blown narrative. But even if the trajectory of the script is familiar and the exploration of fighting for inner peace

ultimately not as deep as you might wish, director Elizabeth Laidlaw's production is enough to wrestle most of those schematic elements to the floor.

The show's great asset is Davis — she's an enormously empathetic performer who clearly figured out that if we don't care about her Halo, then the whole show goes nowhere. And care we do, not least because Davis shows us a buffeted but nonetheless open-hearted young woman who, despite appearances, really is on one of those relentless searches for peace with which most of us can empathize. This really is a very complex performance — nicely supported by Forman, who's all-in (and those words mean far more in this show than is typical), and by Kim Boler, who plays Halo's sister, Brinn.

You'll gun for that girl in the red corner, all right.

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# Women in music 'isolated,' 'dismissed'

Study: Female songwriters, producers remain 'vastly outnumbered' by men

BY RANDALL ROBERTS  
Los Angeles Times

How difficult is it to break into music production and popular songwriting if you're not a dude? And once the studio session begins, what goes on?

A wide-ranging study released Tuesday by USC's Annenberg Inclusion Initiative doesn't mince words when it comes to women in the music business.

"They're isolated. They're dismissed. They're objectified," says "Inclusion in the Recording Studio?" coauthor Dr. Katherine Pieper, adding that the challenges for women have "profound impact on when they work and what happens when they do work."

The study examined the gender and ethnicity of artists, producers and songwriters across seven years and 700 popular songs on the Billboard Hot 100 year-end charts. It also tallied the gender of Grammy nominees in the major categories (as well as producer of the year) across seven years.

Combining data analysis and interviews with 75 women in the music business, the study's authors identify "a matrix of issues that women must navigate" in order to compete.

Among its findings: Female songwriters and producers were "vastly outnumbered" by their male counterparts on Billboard's Hot 100 chart. Across seven years, a mere 12 percent of songwriters who breached the year end chart were

female.

On average, more than 87 percent of those penning popular tunes were male songwriters, and just 10 male songwriters were responsible for 23 percent of the 700 most popular songs from 2012 to 2018.

At the Grammys, women have fared strongest in the best new artist category, claiming 41.1 percent of the nominations, whereas female artists have only accounted for 6.6 percent of the album of the year nods.

Worse, in the five Grammy categories analyzed by the study — song of the year, record of the year, album of the year, best new artist and producer of the year — 89.6 percent of the nominees were male for the examined period.

The picture inside the recording studios was even more stark. As with the year prior, female producers were credited on only 2 percent of 400 Hot 100 songs. The authors note that the number "translates into a gender ratio of 47 males to every one female" — and that only four women of color were represented.

For women seeking to make a life through song, the barriers to entry and success remain daunting, whether they're seeking entry-level internships, songwriting credits or Grammy nominations.

"The inescapable conclusion from this report is that the major impediment confronting women is the very way the industry views their gender," writes lead



Taylor Swift accepts the record of the year trophy at the 2016 Grammy Awards. The USC study spanned seven years.

author Dr. Stacy L. Smith, founder and director of the Annenberg Inclusion Initiative. The study, coauthored with Pieper and Marc Choueiri, reaffirms conclusions of the team's 2018 Annenberg report, which also documented vast gender disparities in the music business.

Its publication comes less than a week after the Recording Academy — whose president, Neil Portnow, sparked ire in 2018 when he was quoted as saying that women in the business needed to "step up" to succeed — announced an inclusion initiative aimed at addressing gender disparity among the Academy's

membership.

"The music industry is at a crossroads and progress won't happen on its own," said Tina Tchen, an attorney who chairs the Recording Academy's task force on inclusion and diversity, in a statement accompanying the Academy's announcement. "There is no magic bullet to shift a status quo that has existed for centuries, but we see this initiative as an important step."

The Academy has a lot of catching up to do, if the Annenberg study is any guide. Smith says the results "illuminated for us just what a difficult culture that environment is to work in if someone is a female." She

added, "It suggests that a culture shift needs to happen quickly for females to thrive in this space."

Pieper said that for this study, "the mission was to better understand why" gender inequity remained so prevalent across the survey period. Interviews were key: "We're hearing about how seriously women are taken by their colleagues, by the industry itself — how often they're valued for their bodies versus their talent and contributions." She also described interviews that yielded information about "the stereotypes people hold about technical competencies, and what the

environment in the recording studio is like for women."

There was some good news, Pieper said, and it came through what she described as "a major uptick in terms of women of color on the charts."

Specifically, she noted, 73 percent of all women who charted were women of color. She said the number was especially impressive compared with representation in fields such as television, film and digital storytelling, where the numbers for women of color, according to Pieper, "are very problematic."

In music, she and her peers see "a very different story."

# Older, wiser G Herbo wants to unify Chicago's rap scene

BY DAN HYMAN  
Chicago Tribune

It's been five years since an 18-year-old G Herbo snagged a coveted collaboration with Nicki Minaj on her song "Chirac" and overnight became one of Chicago's most buzzed-about new MCs. "But honestly this is just the beginning of my journey," the 23-year-old rapper said when calling from his downtown home on a recent afternoon.

To hear him tell it, that teenage Herbo — the one known at the time as Lil Herb, and who made a near-instant splash on the rap scene alongside his childhood friend, Lil Bibby — had zero idea yet of what constituted the recipe for a successful career as a recording artist. Even more detrimental to him at the time, Herbo admitted, was that he still had a foot firmly planted in his now-former life as a street hustler. "I wasn't really trying to perfect my craft or even trying to get somewhere in life,"

Herbo said in reflection. "I solely thought I'd make it off having talent. And as anybody will tell you, talent is just one thing."

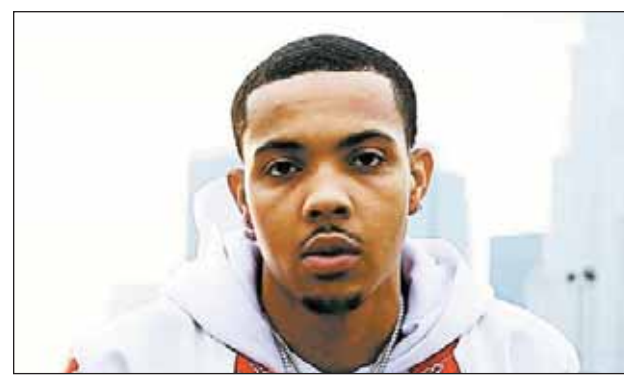
"I still thought I was gonna be able to be Herb, that buzzing kid who still gonna be able to come from the studio and go stand on 79th and Essex, where I grew up," he said continuing. "I made that decision that I'm gonna put 100 percent of my focus into the music and working and zero percent into negative energy and the streets. Zero percent into anything that's not gonna get me to the next level."

For Herbo, who plays The Forge in Joliet on Friday, what that entails is doubling down on what first made him pop: hard-nosed, brutally honest tales of a life spent fighting to survive to the next day. "People love me 'cause they think they know me," Herbo says of his knack for crafting intoxicatingly blunt rhymes delivered. His debut album, 2017's "Humble Beast," offered listeners a stark

front-row seat to a life spent dodging bullets when not weighing the emotional tolls of the horrors he'd witnessed. So painfully aware was Herbo of his deadly surroundings that "people who really never met me already got their own interpretation of me through my music," he said. "I always try to give them the real."

While the rapper admitted last year's more energetic and party-starting "Swervo" LP created with producer and 808 Mafia co-founder Southside was a left-turn for him as an artist ("It was me trying to challenge my inner artist," he offered. "Show that I can make ya'll feel good on top of being able to make ya'll cry and channel your inner pain"), he's made the decision to return to his roots on two new projects: the recently released "Still Swervin'" mixtape as well as his forthcoming third full-length album.

Part of his maturation process, Herbo added, was in learning how his own decisions affect those



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G Herbo seemed to, almost overnight, become one of Chicago's most buzzed-about MCs.

around him. "I was on some bull---- ... but I stopped doing that and got some money," he said. "And now I can take care of my mother. And now I can take care of my sister. I thought me being in the streets was going to help me do that but nope. The system is designed for us to fail. So let's stop letting them win, stop putting money in everybody else's pockets and get paid off us going to jail and let's go figure out how we gonna be able to control our life and dictate our life and

make sure we never gotta suffer another day again."

Central to Herbo's new hands-on approach, he explained, is to make a more conscious effort to unify the Chicago hip-hop scene. "Back in 2013," he said, "when everybody was getting (record label) deals and the spotlight was on Chicago, we had all the opportunity in the world to capitalize on it." But Herbo says Chicago artists traditionally have faced off in a war of egos rather than supporting one another for greater

**When:** 7:30 p.m., Friday

**Where:** The Forge, 22 W. Cass St, Joliet

**Tickets:** \$35-\$70; 815-280-5246 or [www.theforgehive.com](http://www.theforgehive.com)

success. To illustrate the point, "I just got a song with (Chief) Keef in 2018 and we been friends since forever," he explained. "I got him tattooed on me, bro! But right now we in a position to really grow Chicago," Herbo contended. "Chicago in a good position where we can unify."

Moving forward, "everything is super calculated for me, bro," Herbo said. "Honestly, I'm just trying to capitalize and build other people up. I'm a firm believer that life is what you make it. 'Cause I know where I came from. I was supposed to be in jail. But I'm still here."

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# Moment

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left rap and I had been doing some comedy, but it was really confusing to a lot of people why I was doing comedy. All they knew me for was rapping and kind of being mad all the time.

"So this was the first time all my people from my past life came to this new life, to see what the hell was going on. Everybody was there. My old pastors came. Their family. My family. Teachers. I had managed models for a little bit — I don't know how I fell into that, we don't even have time to get into that — but they came. Just random people from my life and my past came to this show. I sent a mass email like: 'This is the grand opening of my comedy! Because everybody was doubting me. (Laughs.) Nobody thought I could do this. I was confident because in my improv class I was killing and I'd had a few good stand-up shows.'

"At that point in stand-up, I was still writing word-for-word. I was not good at this yet. But I was so ready. And so nervous. So I got up on stage and I had this joke called (laughs) 'The Pimp Magician.' That was the joke. But I didn't even get to that. My opening was, 'I just bought this shirt' — because I had just bought that shirt — 'and I told myself, if I don't win this competition, I'mma take this (shirt) back because I kept the tag on.' That was my opening line, OK? Now, I don't know why, but I thought it was hilarious.

"Actually, before I even got to that, I started by mumbling some things because I got real nervous and I was making some quips and they were not working (laughs). So I get to my line about my shirt and then one person in the back was like, 'Take that (shirt) back, bro!' And he got the biggest laugh of my whole set (laughs)!

"I never died a death so slow — that five-minute set felt like an hour-and-a-half.

"And it wasn't a regular bomb, because now you have to hear people remind you how bad your bombing was because they're the judges. So (the emcee) is like: 'OK, uh, so: What did y'all think of his set?' And one of the judges was like, 'Well, we all heard no laughs so do I gotta really say something?' (Laughs)



Chris Redd, left, and Pete Davidson rap about how much they love trees on the "SNL" sketch "Trees."

"And everybody from my past was like, 'Oh, you made a bad decision to do this!' They were coming up to me like, 'Woo, that was something, man. That was really something. You sure you done rapping?' Everybody was asking me was I sure I was done rapping — and people that didn't even like my rapping were asking that!

**Was Redd surprised that even his friends and family weren't offering a few pity laughs?**

"No, I was not surprised! (Laughs) It's been an uphill battle for my dream my whole life, you know what I mean? I wasn't surprised at all that somebody wasn't like, 'Let him talk!' Like, come on, somebody support me! Everybody was just sitting there like, 'He shoulda went back to school, why didn't he go back to school and find a real job?' That was the kind of vibe that I got.

"I just remember meeting with Lil Rel afterwards and I bombed so bad he was mad (laughs) and rightfully so! It was all bad!

"Later that night, I went to an open mic at the Playground Theater and I remember that set like it was yesterday. I did go home and scream to a pillow (first). But I didn't have enough money to do anything else and open mics are free and super close. And comedy just lends itself to people with little money and nothing to do and a whole lotta (stuff) to say.

"And I couldn't just give up, you know?"



Chris Redd in a "SNL" parody of "The Fresh Prince of Bel-Air."

"I felt like (crap) and started to try to do (laughs) the pimp magician joke and then I was like: 'You know what? I don't even know what ... I'm talking about,' and I basically started talking about how bad I bombed earlier that night — and I killed! And I was like, *this is it*. That's when I learned what I was supposed to be doing. It was like, ooohoo, this is what stand-up is. Got it.

"It was the moment that changed my perspective and the moment I got instantly better.

**The takeaway ...**

"Because of that, coming to 'SNL' — I'm kind of fearless when it comes to the comedy thing. I always have to have a level of honesty when I'm on stage no matter what I'm doing. Honesty in the sketch or the character, honesty in the moment, and fully committing to it.

"I'm not going to say that the stuff that I wrote wasn't funny at all, I just know I

bailed on myself in that moment because I was so scared and I was feeling so bad because I was bombing. Now I've bombed so much that I'm never scared to commit or dive in. If I start from a real place, I can count on myself to bring it home.

"I still feel like I'm learning a lot at 'SNL.' Like, learning how to deal with people just hitting you up whenever, just walking up to you and talking about how they don't like something.

"I've never had people be that invested. Like, when I was working at McDonald's and I dropped fries or they didn't come out right, I didn't have people coming up and saying, 'Those are mediocre fries, man! You need to make fries better!' So you have to get used to that. But at the same time, it comes with the job. And there are a lot more positives."

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# Age

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seemed impossible even a decade ago.

Buckley is 71, as was Bette Midler when she opened the revival on Broadway for which she won a Tony. A stage production of "All About Eve" may be hitting London next month, but we've come a long way from the days when an actress is considered "aging" at 40 or, as in "Sunset Boulevard," literally insane for contemplating a comeback at 50.

"There's nothing tragic about 50," Joe Gillis says in "Sunset Boulevard," explaining to Norma Desmond that there will be no more movies for her. "Unless you're trying to be 25."

(Shortly thereafter she shoots him, and honestly, can you blame her?)

So when this Dolly — as opposed to 27-year-old Barbra Streisand, who was cast in the film version — sang "I'm going to raise the roof, I'm going to carry on," it meant something a little bit different.

Something like: This is the dawning of the age of septuagenarians.

Glenn Close, who won a Tony for her Norma Desmond in Andrew Lloyd Webber's "Sunset Boulevard" and reprised the role less than two years ago, is also 71 and after winning a Golden Globe and the SAG Award is leading this year's lead actress Oscar race for her performance in "The Wife."

At the Globes, Close was not the sole representative of her age bracket; Dolly Parton, 73, was nominated for "Girl in the Movies" from "Dumplin'," as was Candice Bergen, 72, who brought "Murphy Brown" out of retirement last year. And after waltzing on the lip of the abyss for two years, Nancy Pelosi is, at 78, once again speaker of the House, starting down a president willing to shut down the government when Congress refused to fund his wall.

None of which is the work of feisty grandmas; no one calls Harrison Ford or Joe Biden a "fiesty grandpa," or marvels that Robert Redford is still getting around. These women are not meme fodder, to be condescendingly adored in snippets by the (all-male) hosts of late-night for their willingness to swear or be sexual or wear bathing suits in public. They are not freaks of nature; look at the top ranks of most industries and you will find men for whom death is the only age that matters.

For years, the media has loved to surprise readers with nauseating lists like "Most Beautiful Stars over 50" or "Stars Who are Aging Gracefully" because women who remained stars past 50 could fit on a single list. But 50 is no longer news, nor is 60. Lily Tomlin, Helen Mirren, Leslie Uggams, Susan Sarandon, Tyne Daly and Cher are all in their 70s; Jane Fonda, Rita Moreno, Judi Dench, Maggie Smith, Gloria Steinem are in their 80s (as is Chief Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg, who has redefined judicial "star power").

All of them still doing amazing work, with depth that can only be created by experience, breadth that comes only from consistent honing of craft. Work that also utterly changes our notions about women's age, appearance and ability.

Maggie Smith may claim she remains afraid of dropping a line or annoying her cast mates (though it's hard to imagine a cast mate with the intestinal fortitude to display annoyance with Maggie Smith), but she did almost single-handedly resurrect PBS — do you really think "Downton Abbey" would have been a hit without her — while Fonda and Tomlin's "Grace and Frankie" turns the time-honored notion of female friendship being trumped by marriage on its head, never mind what it's done for the vibrator



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Bette Davis was in her mid-50s in the 1962 film "What Ever Happened to Baby Jane?"

business. Male performers have always been allowed to look any old way they want, even as they aged, no matter how savage the impact of dietary habits, recreational drug use or gravity. Their female counterparts, meanwhile, were required to be beautiful and female beauty has long had a narrow definition that began with "youth" (and, alas, white).

There were a few exceptions — films about aging queens, mother-daughter relationships and, of course, crazy women. When Bette Davis made her comeback in "Whatever Happened to Baby Jane?" she played a broken-down ghoul of an actress who, if the math of the story line holds up, was, like Davis, in her mid-50s.

So yeah, Baby Jane was about as old as Jodie Foster or Julianne Moore.

Now the luxury of longevity is finally being extended to women, even in close-up. Two years ago, in FX's "Feud: Bette and Joan," which dramatized the making of "Baby Jane," Davis was played by Sarandon, who is now 72.

Even the fashion industry is entering a "greynaissance," which, according to Business of Fashion, began when Joan Didion became the face of Celine at 80.

All of which matters for the same reason #Oscarswhite and other calls for inclusion matter: The people we see on film, television and stage mark who we value in society, whose stories we think are important enough to tell. (Most of the actors I have mentioned are white because, sadly, most of the well-known actors of their generations are white, which is slowly changing, and age was just one of the barriers female actors of color faced.)

The notion that women naturally aged out of starring roles at 40 didn't just limit careers and story lines, it reinforced the steel cage for women in general. Hollywood has spent years telling us that women are interesting only when they're young enough to fall in love, have sexy, cool friends and/or children. When the kids are old enough to talk or sing, motherhood usually becomes a supporting role. As for the years after, well, post-menopausal women, with a few notable "Golden Girls" exceptions, were just old and uninteresting.

Except of course none of that is true, which is why "Hello Dolly!" was a Broadway smash with Midler, and now on national tour with Buckley; why Close became an Oscar nominee just a few months after wowing critics as Joan of Arc's mother in "Mother of the Maid" at the Public Theater; why Parton is writing and performing hit songs; why Uggams' "Blind Al" was able to steal her "Deadpool 2" scenes from under the feet of Deadpool himself; and why Moreno is not only burning it up on "One Day at a Time," she will soon have starred in two versions of "West Side Story," separated by more than half a century.

So forget 50 is the new 40 or 60 is the new 50 or whatever. Focus on 70, because 70 is the new fabulous.

And if you don't believe me, consider this: Both Elizabeth Warren and Meryl Streep are 69.

# Rodgers

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**how many people (in Cher's audience) know you're the one behind so many hits? Do they make the connection?**

A: They don't know at all, which is half the fun. Two nights ago, when I was telling them I co-wrote "Get Lucky" with Daft Punk and Pharrell Williams, it was dead silence. They didn't even know who Daft Punk and Pharrell was. I was like, "OK, I guess I won't say that anymore." I guess it's somewhat of an age thing, which is cool, because music knows no bounds. After they hear the song, they're like, "Oh, I didn't know that was called 'Get Lucky.'"

**Q: When you did "I'll Be There," it seemed like you were planting a flag.**

A: I've had such incredible success, from just a little kid who was sitting on the edge of his bed, hoping to have one hit, I wound up having the most extraordinary career, and most people don't know about it. They only know the big hits. They don't realize I did Johnny Mathis, Al Jarreau, Ric Ocasek. People don't know I used to work for Frank Sinatra as a kid. When I was a teenager, my girlfriend worked for the Lennons. She was a baby sitter for Julian, and she was an actress. By default, I wound up becoming the baby sitter. I've had this extraordinary life, being in close proximity with these mega-talented people, and obviously some of it had to rub off.

**Q: You've got a reputation for being someone**



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Nile Rodgers performs on New Year's Eve 2014 in Dubai, United Arab Emirates.

**who can get good performances out of difficult people. Do you think brushing up against them for all these years acclimated you to how famous people behave?**

A: I don't think that they're difficult. I actually love people like that. It means they're highly opinionated, they have a sense of themselves, and it allows me to tap into that. It was fantastic to work for Madonna, because she (knew what she wanted). My job was to make sure that we got there. That's really easy. The more difficult people are, the happier I am, because it makes my job so easy.

**Q: So a lot of being a producer is being able to walk into a room and size up a person.**

A: Yes, it's about being a psychologist, a coach, like of an Olympic team, and being someone's best friend. You have to let them know you have their best interests at heart.

**Q: Madonna's album wouldn't have been possible if you hadn't worked with Bowie first. You rescued each other from bad times in your careers.**

**When:** 8 p.m. Friday  
**Where:** United Center, 1901 W. Madison St.  
**Tickets:** \$119.00; 800-745-3000 or [www.ticketmaster.com](#)

A: That's exactly how we looked at it. We looked at it as, we were two passengers in a lifeboat. The ship had sank but we were rowing to shore, and we had to work together to rescue each other. It probably wasn't that dramatic to Bowie, but his management team had stolen a lot of money, he paid for the record himself, he had no record deal. It was he and I against the world, and it wound up being a diamond record, the biggest album of his career. And it changed the course of my life.

**Q: After Chic went into a dormant phase, after the hits stopped coming, did you think, "I'm just done. I'm washed up?"**

A: No, of course I didn't think that at all. The night I met Bowie, I was out with Billy Idol. I never stopped making records, they just weren't hits. If you look at my discography — I say this with complete humility —

you would be blown away.

**Q: I'm guessing you don't get turned down very often, that not a lot of people say no to you.**

A: Eh, some people say no. Why wouldn't they? I don't say yes to everything.

**Q: Who's the one that got away?**

A: I don't really look at it as the one that got away. You don't know if your record would have been right for them. We always thought that Chic's (collaboration with Blondie) would have been the most successful record ever. Blondie were at the top of their game, Chic were at the top of our game, but we got together and did a record that was a total flop. We don't know why it didn't work, but everything was wrong, from the cover to her not having blonde hair. Maybe if Blondie had stayed blonde.

**Q: When "Disco Sucks" happened, when they backed over those disco records at Comiskey Park, did you see that and go, "I am so screwed?"**

A: No. We didn't even think it applied to us, because we didn't think of ourselves as a disco band. We were fortunate there was a movement that was open enough to let a band like us come in. A Chic album doesn't sound anything like the Village People or anything that was overtly disco. We were on a plane flying back from Europe when we saw the whole "Disco Sucks" thing. We didn't think it had anything to do with us.

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## WATCH THIS: WEDNESDAY



Danica Patrick

**“Project Runway All Stars”** (8 p.m., 12:01 a.m., Lifetime): The post-holiday awards season is upon us in a big way, which means singers, actresses and other performers in the public eye are making multiple trips down the red carpet, at least the ones who had a successful 2018. Danica Patrick, Wendy Williams and Lily Aldridge join the judges for an assortment of red-carpet fashion that incorporates metallic fabrics and unique textures.

**“The Watergate Scandal: A Mystery at the Museum Special”** (8 p.m., 11 p.m., TRAVEL): Perhaps inevitably, special counsel Robert Mueller's investigation into President Donald Trump has renewed interest in the early 1970s Watergate scandal that led to the downfall of President Richard Nixon. In this new one-hour special, host Don Wildman travels to Washington, D.C., to revisit what was — at the time, at least — the most explosive scandal in American history, which started with a bizarre burglary, then snowballed into two years of investigations.

**“You're the Worst”** (9 p.m., 9:34 p.m., 1:12 a.m., FX): In a new episode called “A Very Good Boy,” as his wedding day approaches, Jimmy (Chris Geere) grows comically desperate to prove that his looming nuptials don't mean he is losing his “edge.” Meanwhile, Edgar and Lindsay (Desmin Borges, Kether Donohue) resolve to go out together on a proper date. Aya Cash also stars.

**“Knight Fight”** (9:03 p.m., 12:06 a.m., History): In the new episode “Romans vs. Barbarians,” a Grand Melee round between six armored-combat specialists in ancient armor and weaponry narrows the field to four, who then fight a Team Melee round using weapons once carried by the ancient Romans and Barbarians. The two finalists then face off in a final duel that will determine which of them wins \$10,000 and the title of this episode's Knight Fight Champion.

**“American Beauty Star”** (9:03 p.m., 1:04 a.m., Lifetime): Sara Bareilles' hit Broadway musical “Waitress” provides inspiration for the nine remaining artists, each of whom is paired with a professional waitress who will get a full makeover and a striking new look in the new episode “Waitress Worthy Makeovers.” Christie Brinkley, photographer Yu Tsai and Hearst Magazines executive Leah Wyar are the judges; supermodel Ashley Graham is host and mentor.

## TALK SHOWS

**“Conan”** (10 p.m. 11:30 p.m., TBS): Actor Tracy Morgan; actor Taraji P. Henson.\*

**“The Tonight Show Starring Jimmy Fallon”** (10:34 p.m., NBC): Actor Liam Hemsworth; actress Jessica Williams; Ronnie Milsap and Little Big Town perform.\*

**“The Late Show With Stephen Colbert”** (10:35 p.m., CBS): Actor Steve Buscemi; TV personality Bret Baier; Sasha Sloan performs.\*

**“Jimmy Kimmel Live”** (10:35 p.m., ABC): Actor Daniel Radcliffe; podcast host Phoebe Robinson.\*

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HALL		Appetite for Love (NR,'16) Taylor Cole. ©					All for Love (NR,'17) Sara Rue. © *		
HGTV		Property Brothers ©				Property Brothers (Season Premiere) (N) ©	Hunters (N)	Hunt Intl (N)	Property *
HIST		Forged in Fire (N)					(9:03) Knight Fight (N)		Forged *
HLN		Forensic	Forensic	Forensic	Forensic	Forensic	Forensic	Forensic	
IFC		*(6) Django Unchained (R,'12) *** Jamie Foxx, Christoph Waltz. ©						Django *	
LIFE		Project Runway (N)				Project Runway (N)		American Beauty Star (N)	All Stars (N)
MSNBC		All In With (N)				Rachel Maddow Show (N)		The Last Word (N)	11th Hour *
MTV		The Challenge ©				The Challenge (N) ©	Challenge	The Challenge ©	
NBCSCH		NBA Basketball: New Orleans Pelicans at Chicago Bulls. (N) (Live)				Postgame		Bulls (N)	
NICK		SpongeBob	SpongeBob	SpongeBob	SpongeBob	The Office	The Office	Friends ©	
OVATION		Something New (PG-13,'06) ** Sanaa Lathan.					The Golden Child (PG-13,'86) ***		
OWN		Say Yes: ATL					Say Yes	Say Yes	Say Yes
OXY		NCIS: Los Angeles				NCIS: Los Angeles	NCIS: Los Angeles	NCIS: LA *	
PARMT		The Expendables 3 (PG-13,'14) ** Sylvester Stallone, Jason Statham. ©						Walking *	
SYFY		*Thor: The Dark World ** The Magicians (N) ©					Deadly Class (N) ©		Ghost Rdr *
TBS		Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Full (Season	Conan (N)	
TCM		The Longest Day (G,'62) *** John Wayne, Robert Mitchum. ©						Tora Tora *	
TLC	My 600-Lb. Life: “Lacey's Story.” (N)					Family by the Ton (N)		My 600-Lb *	
TLN	Camp Meeting		Diane	The Three	Life Today	Exalted	Humanit *		
TNT	*(6:30) The Accountant (R,'16) ** Ben Affleck.					Drop/Mic (N)	Jokers (N)	Men Black *	
TOON	Samur. Jack	Amer. Dad	Amer. Dad	Burgers	Burgers	Family Guy	Family Guy		
TRAV	Mysteries-Museum (N)				Watergate Scandal (N)		Beyond the Unknown (N)	Mysteries *	
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USA	Law & Order: SVU				Law & Order: SVU		Suits (N) ©	Mod Fam	
VH1	Black Ink Crew: Chicago				Black Ink: Chicago (N)		Black Ink Crew: Chicago	Cartel Crew	
WE	*(5) The Color Purple (PG-13,'85) ***				The Color Purple (PG-13,'85) *** Whoopi Goldberg. *				
WGN America	Last Man	Last Man	Last Man	Last Man	Pure: “As One.” (N)		Married		
PREMIUM	HBO	Uncle Drew (PG-13,'18) ** Kyrie Irving.	High Main.		REAL Sports Gumbel		Crashing *		
	HBO2	Amanda Seales: I	(8:05) True Detective		(9:05) Clash of the Titans ('10) ***				
	MAX	The Mountain Between Us (PG-13,'17) ** ©				(8:55) King Arthur (PG-13,'04) ***			
	SHO	*(5:25) Jackie Brown ***				Pulp Fiction (R,'94) **** John Travolta. © *			
	STARZ	*Sicario-Soldado				The Roommate (PG-13,'11) * ©	(9:34) The Hurricane *		
	STZNC	*(6:10) The Proposal **				Fever Pitch (PG-13,'05) ** Drew Barrymore. ©		Easy A *	

## Head of PBS on keeping Ken Burns, streaming

Kerger has guided channel's evolution since 2006

BY STEPHEN BATTAGLIO  
Los Angeles Times

REPORTING FROM CRYSTAL CITY, VA. — Paula Kerger has visited 49 states since she took over as president and chief executive of PBS in 2006. And after all those miles and new studio ribbon cuttings, it's the words of a farmer who drove five hours to see her during a visit in Lincoln, Neb., that stands out most in her mind. The traveler told her that PBS was vital to him while growing up in rural America and that he expected it to be there for his children as well.

“He wanted me to remember his face and wanted to tell me not to mess it up,” Kerger recalls during a recent chat in her office in Crystal City, Va.

So far, so good. Kerger has the longest tenure of anyone who has held the top PBS job. As ratings for broadcast and cable TV have declined over the years due to increased competition from streaming, the relative popularity of PBS has actually improved. It ranks as the sixth-most watched TV network after falling to 12th a decade ago, according to Nielsen. Even with the myriad choices viewers have today, 230 million people watch their local PBS TV stations each year.

Kerger, 61, has guided public television's move into digital streaming. Along with tote bags and mugs, contributing members can now get a subscription to PBS Passport, a streaming video on demand service that gives access to the newest episode of “Victoria” before it airs Sunday nights. Kerger has also navigated through a #MeToo crisis that led to her replacing PBS late-night talk hosts Charlie Rose and Tavis Smiley with a new program featuring CNN



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PBS Chief Executive Paula Kerger at the public TV service's corporate headquarters in Crystal City, Va.

senior international correspondent Christiane Amanpour.

In this interview, she talks about all of that plus why PBS and the viewing needs of that Nebraska farmer still matter in the age of Peak TV.

**Q: Viewing of PBS has really stabilized during your tenure. Is it a halo effect from having a hit on the scale of “Downton Abbey” for many of those years?**

Some of it. We've tried to stay pretty close to what we think is our guide star — programming that is entertaining and interesting but also of substance. When others who were exactly in this space, like History Channel, began to do more reality-type programming, we stayed the course.

**Q: What are the signature programs for PBS right now?**

We have a very big audience for “Masterpiece” on Sunday nights. The most important thing we do on a week-to-week basis is “Frontline.” I don't see a lot of people in that space at all. Investigative journalism, as you know, is expensive. And I would say, from a brand perspective, Ken Burns' documentary work. His next piece is an 16-hour deep dive into country music this summer, which is really fantastic.

**Q: There is a lot of deep-pocketed competition from streaming companies out there. Is your worst nightmare Netflix pursuing Ken Burns with an unlimited amount of funding?**

Others have tried to throw a lot of money at him, and he's here for a reason. He's on the road all year for country music because he believes through our stations his

work could be really important. Netflix would get him out of the fundraising business where he does not want to spend his time. But his program would not have the impact it has on public television.

**Q: Are you looking at doing exclusive programming for PBS Passport?**

We've been working with our stations to acquire some things that maybe you can't watch on television but can get on Passport so it becomes a way of really thanking people who are helping their station. But obviously, we want to be very careful that we're providing a robust [broadcast] service that's free for everyone. I look at Passport similarly to when we sell DVDs.

**Q: You've also launched a 24-hour PBS Kids network that can be streamed online or watched**

over the air with an antenna.

There is a focus of public broadcasting that is also about access. A lot of kids, particularly in over-the-air homes, don't have a lot of opportunity for high-quality educational content at night and weekends when most kids are watching. We have done exactly what we had set out to do, which is providing content for low-income kids.

**Q: In 2015, the producers of “Sesame Street” sold the first run of the children's program to HBO, which now airs episodes before PBS. How has that arrangement worked out?**

They're really helping principally to fund a series that has been tremendously important for kids, which I think is great. I wish we didn't have the delay, because the HBO audience sees it nine months before the PBS audience. But I have to say, HBO has been a good partner in this. “Sesame Street” had a new Muppet character who is autistic, and there was a lot of promotion around that. And HBO did not hold those back — they were broadcast on PBS at the same time. I was anxious about it when the deal was struck. I continue to watch it carefully.

**Q: You had to replace an iconic PBS program after The Washington Post revealed sexual harassment allegations against Charlie Rose in 2017. What kind of viewer response did you get after taking him off the air?**

It was particularly painful for me because I started at [New York public station] WNET when we took the show national. People still say to me, “I still miss Charlie,” or “Can't you bring him back?”

**Q: What do you tell them?**

“No, I'm not going to bring him back. I like the show we have on the air

right now and I think we broadened the show into something that works better for our audiences and for public television.”

**Q: Are you surprised when people ask for his return?**

I am. And we talk about it, and usually at the end they say, “Yeah, you're right. You probably can't bring him back.”

**Q: The replacement program, “Amanpour & Company,” actually has a younger and more diverse audience in the time period. How important was it to get a female host to replace Rose?**

What we set out to do was to find someone who brought the right quality of conversation. The fact that she is a woman made it an even better choice. I'm particularly happy to have Christiane in the role, because I think she's the best.

**Q: Fred Rogers is having an impressive revival between the documentary “Won't You Be My Neighbor?” and an upcoming feature about his life where he's played by Tom Hanks. Short of bringing Mr. Rogers back as a hologram, is there a way to build on this in some way?**

We are doing some additional work with his production company. When we did “Daniel Tiger's Neighborhood” [a PBS Kids series based on a “Mister Rogers' Neighborhood” segment], there was a lot of discussion about how the show was constructed, because you can't bring Fred back. But I think what you can do is pay tribute to that legacy.

**Q: Why is he touching a nerve right now?**

I think as people struggle to feel of value here is someone who looked right into the camera and told you he liked you the way you are and that everyone has value. That really resonates.

### Horoscopes

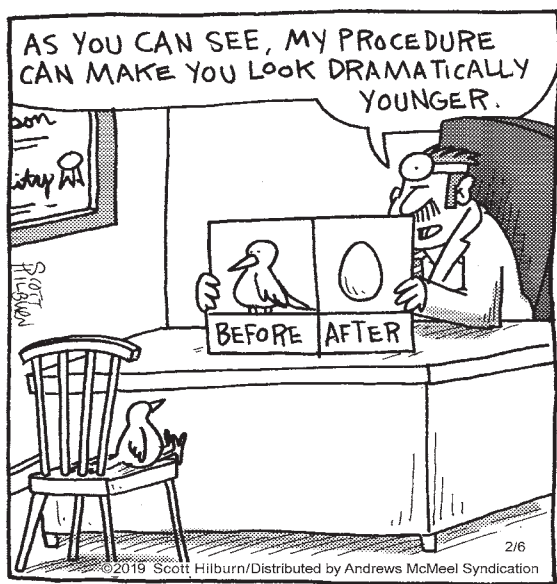


**Today's birthday** (Feb. 6): Your team wins this year. Advance through thoughtful planning and coordination. Home surprises could arise. A summer physical performance boost inspires a restful planning phase. A spiritual breakthrough this winter inspires a shift in your health practices. Pull together with all your heart.

**Aries** (March 21-April 19): Today is a 6. Find hidden beauty in silence and tranquility. Dreams bubble to the surface when things cool down. All is not as it appears.  
**Taurus** (April 20-May 20): 8. Check public opinion. Balance work and social life. The two can get intermingled. Talk about professional dreams with your friends and allies. Set your goals high.  
**Gemini** (May 21-June 20): 9. Work has your attention. Take charge. A dream beckons tantalizingly. Travel could benefit your career; study the options. Let your imagination soar.  
**Cancer** (June 21-July 22): 8. Give in to your desire to explore. Keep to your budget, and allow an excursion or trip outdoors. Follow a long-held dream. Discover new horizons.  
**Leo** (July 23-Aug. 22): 9. Focus on growing financial benefits. Collaborate to increase shared assets. Get creative with your partner. Consider circumstances from another view. Believe you can do it.  
**Virgo** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): 8. Accept a challenge. Strategize with your partner. A shared dream comes into focus. Imagine perfection. A crazy idea might even work. Everything is coming into place.  
**Libra** (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): 8. Keep practicing your arts and talents. Physical action gets results. A dream inspires you to raise the level of your game. Learn new tricks.  
**Scorpio** (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): 7. Put your energy into a household improvement. Realize a domestic dream with soap, water or paint. Consider color, texture and lighting.  
**Sagittarius** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): 8. Words come together easily. Craft your message, and get the word out. Write, broadcast and publish. Capture a dream, and share it widely.  
**Capricorn** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): 9. You can make money while pursuing a dream. Mix business with pleasure. Put passion and artistry into your work, and it builds your reputation for excellence.  
**Aquarius** (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): 9. A lucky break is worth chasing. A personal passion could get profitable. Practice to improve your skills. Dress sharp; you never know who you'll meet.  
**Pisces** (Feb. 19-March 20): 8. Make plans to realize a personal dream. Plot your moves, and envision steps in detail. Make reservations. You can have what you're willing to go for.

— Nancy Black, Tribune Content Agency

### The Argyle Sweater By Scott Hilburn



### Bliss By Harry Bliss



### Bridge

Both vulnerable, South deals

**North**  
 ♠ K J 9 3  
 ♥ 9  
 ♦ Q 9 6 4 3 2  
 ♣ A 3

**West**  
 ♠ A 10 4  
 ♥ Q 2  
 ♦ J 10 8 7 5  
 ♣ 8 7 2

**East**  
 ♠ 8 5 2  
 ♥ K J 6 5 3  
 ♦ Void  
 ♣ K J 10 5 4

**South**  
 ♠ Q 7 6  
 ♥ A 10 8 7 4  
 ♦ A K  
 ♣ Q 9 6

The opening club lead was ducked in dummy and won with East's king. East continued with a low club to dummy's ace as West followed with the eight. This contract would be easy if the diamonds split 3-2. Even a 4-1 split could be handled if West held the ace of spades, as two spade entries would allow South to set up the diamonds and then get back to dummy to cash them. South had to re-think the whole hand when East showed out on the first diamond. The diamonds

**The bidding:**

South	West	North	East
INT	Pass	2♣	Dbl
2♥	Pass	3NT	All pass

**Opening lead:** Seven of ♣

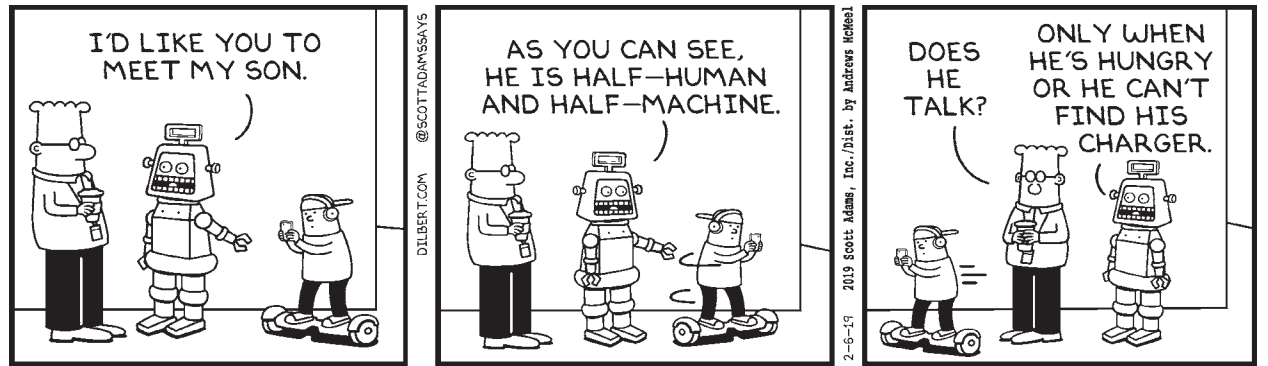
were now unusable except for the top three, and there were only eight tricks unless the spades came in for three tricks, which wasn't likely with no side entry to dummy.

Declarer found a clever way to get his ninth trick. He cashed both high diamonds in his hand and led a low spade to dummy's jack. He then made the key play of running the nine of hearts to West's queen. West exited with his last club to South's queen. South needed West to have started with three spades to the ace, to go with his known three clubs and five diamonds. He cashed the ace of hearts, removing West's last heart, and led the queen of spades.

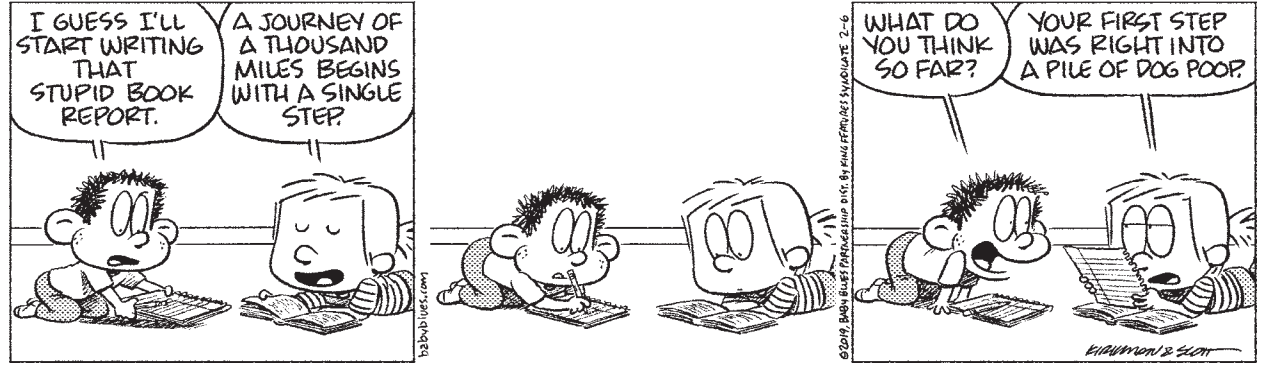
West ducked the queen of spades, but there was no escaping his fate. South continued with another spade. West had to win and put dummy in with the queen of diamonds to enjoy the last spade. Nine tricks, with the help of his friends. Nicely played.

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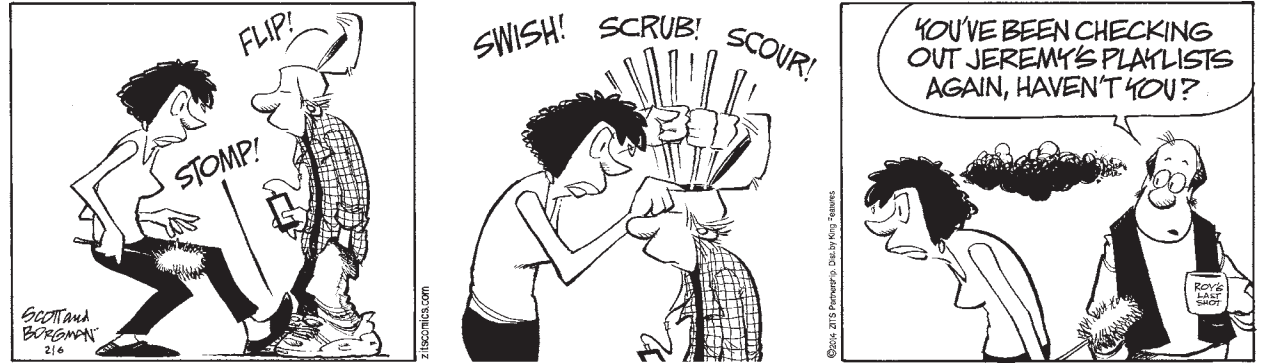
### Dilbert By Scott Adams



### Baby Blues By Rick Kirkman and Jerry Scott



### Zits By Jerry Scott and Jim Borgman (Zits is on vacation until February 18. Please enjoy this strip from 2014.)



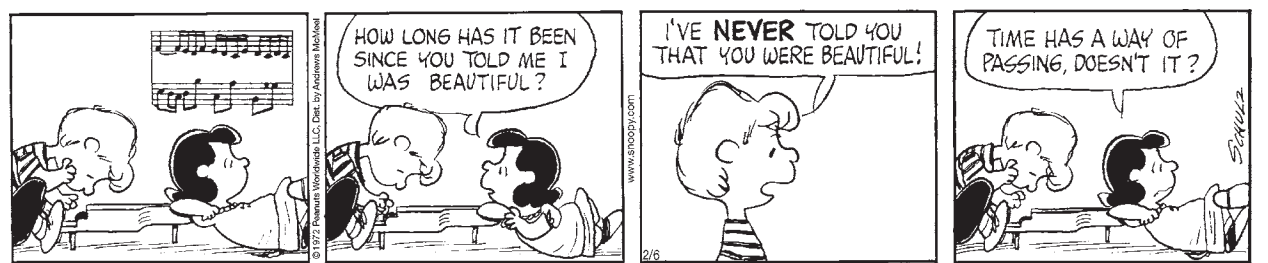
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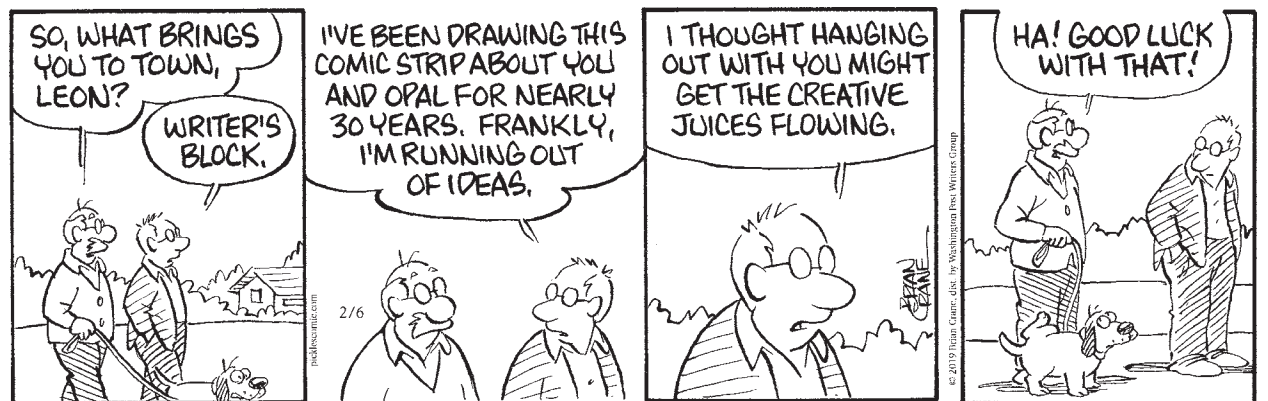
### Frazz By Jef Mallett



### Classic Peanuts By Charles Schulz



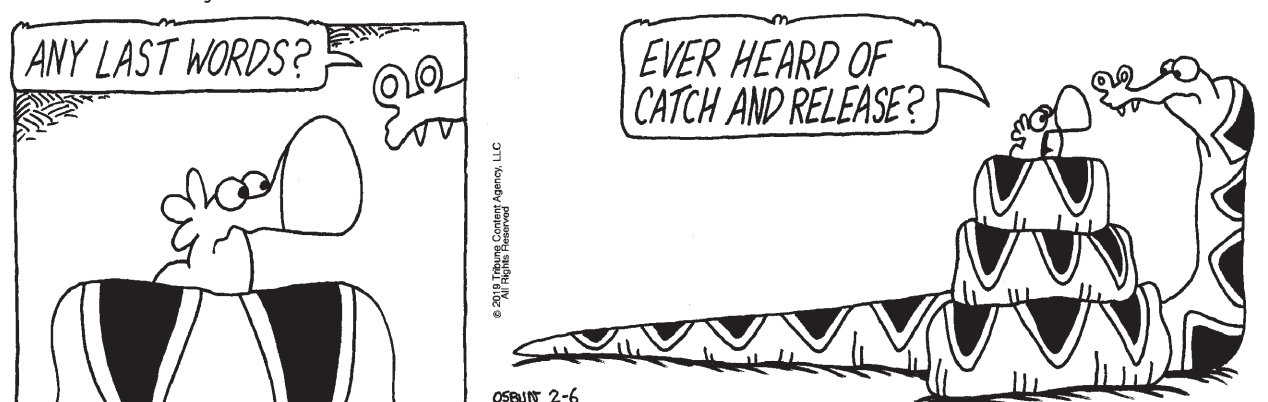
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### Dick Tracy By Joe Staton and Mike Curtis



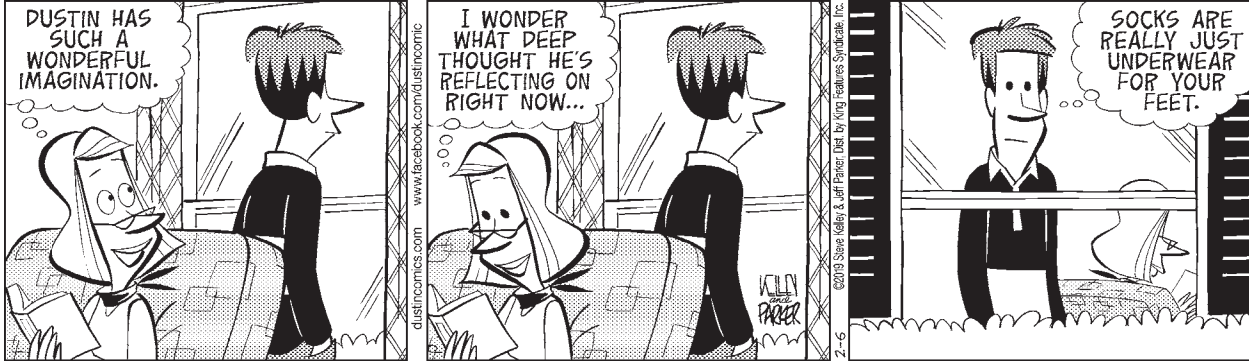
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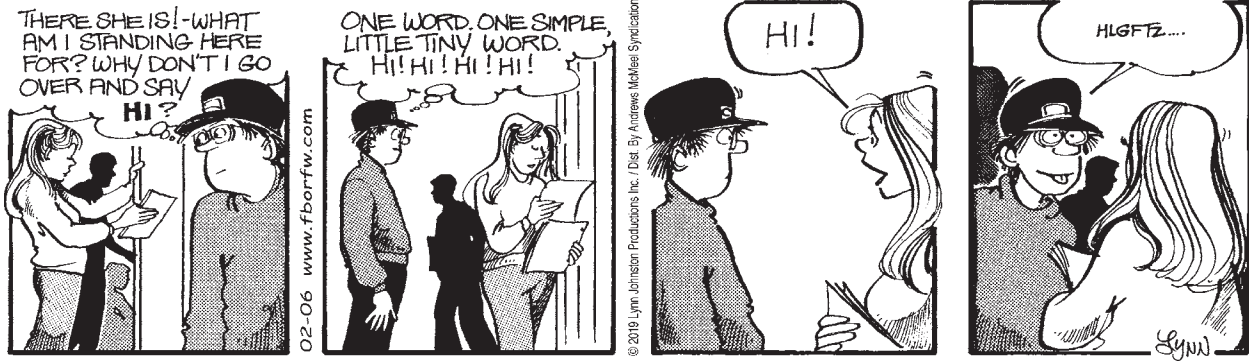
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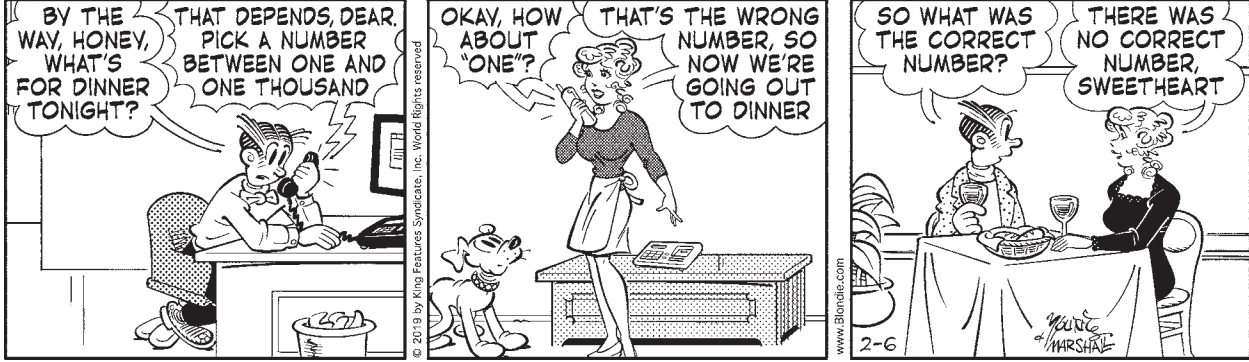
**Dustin** By Steve Kelley and Jeff Parker



**For Better or for Worse** By Lynn Johnston



**Blondie** By Dean Young and John Marshall



**Hägar the Horrible** By Chris Browne



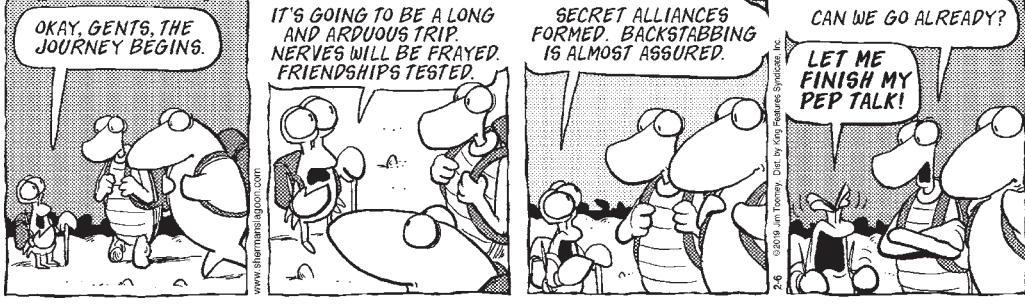
**Mutts** By Patrick McDonnell



**WuMo** By Mikael Wulff and Anders Morgenthaler



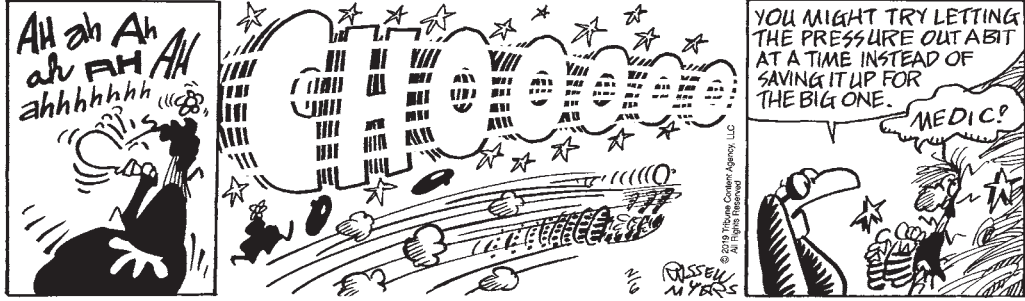
**Sherman's Lagoon** By Jim Toomey



**Brewster Rockit: Space Guy!** By Tim Rickard



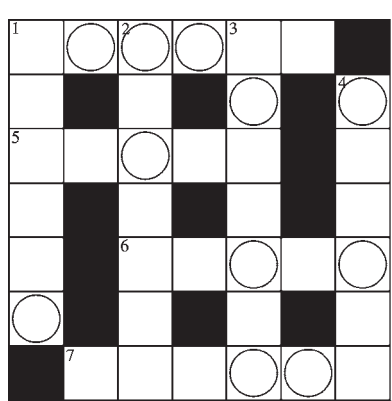
**Broom-Hilda** By Russell Myers



**Trivia Bits**

"Down Heart-ed Blues" was a signature song of what Chattanooga-born performer dubbed the "Empress of the Blues"?  
 A) Billie Holiday  
 B) Alberta Hunter  
 C) Ma Rainey  
 D) Bessie Smith  
 Tuesday's answer: "21 Jump Street" was one of the first hit series on the Fox network.  
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**Jumble Crossword**



**ACROSS**

1. Disastrous  
 5. Field  
 6. Optimal  
 7. "Miss \_\_\_"

**DOWN**

1. Trip  
 2. Bauxite component  
 3. \_\_\_ lettuce  
 4. Swiped

**ANSWER**

CRTGIA  
 OMEUS  
 IALDE  
 GOAINS

**ANSWER**

AMELBT  
 AANILMU  
 RCEIGEB  
 ETOLSN

How to play - Complete the crossword by looking at the clues and unscrambling the answers. When the puzzle is complete, unscramble the circled letters to solve the BONUS.

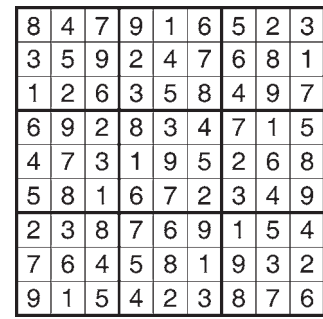
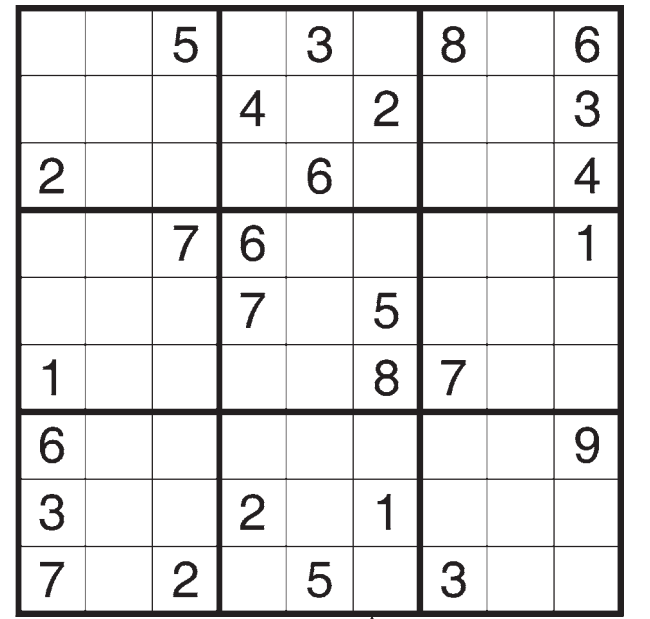
**BONUS** [Grid]

2-6-19 **CLUE:** This person was once engaged to singer Linda Ronstadt, but they never married.

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**Sudoku** 1 2 3 4

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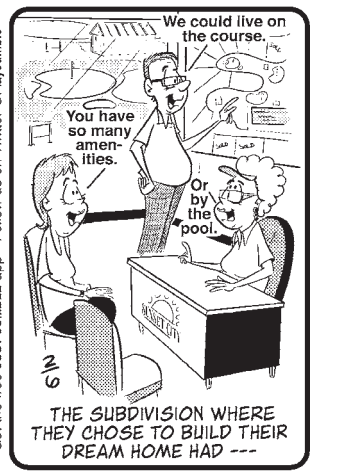
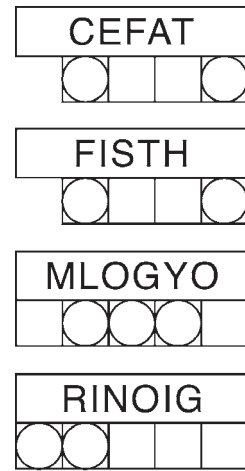
Complete the grid so each row, column and 3-by-3 box in bold borders contains every digit 1 to 9.

**Tuesday's solutions**

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**Jumble**

Unscramble the four Jumbles, one letter per square, to form four words. Then arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by this cartoon.



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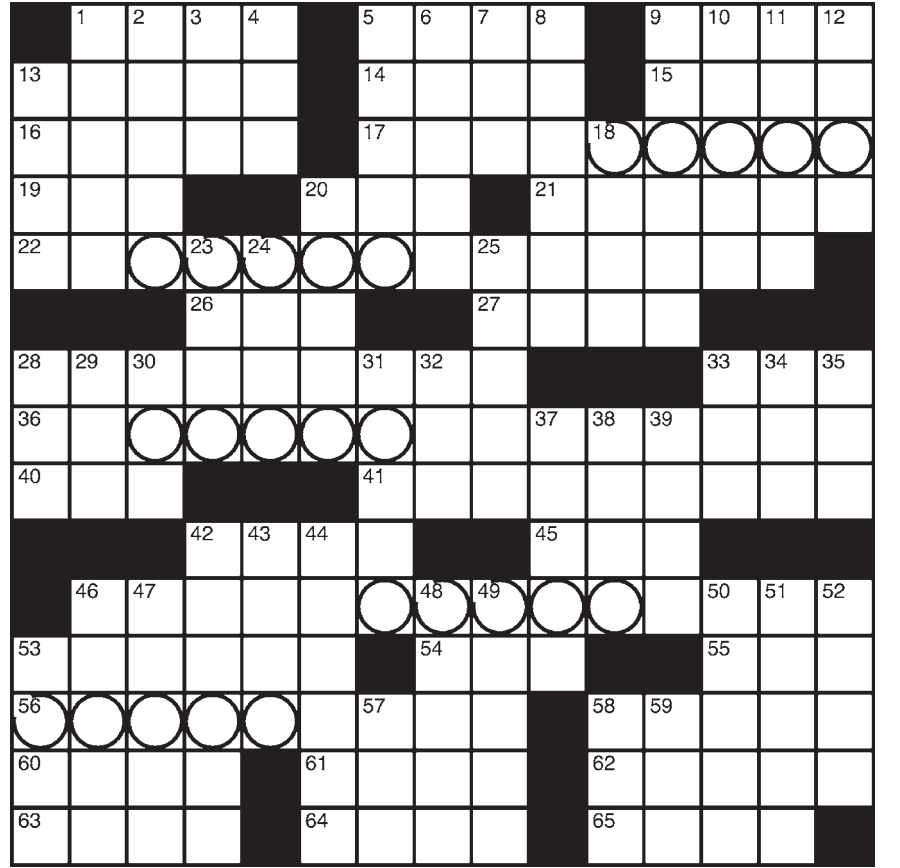
**Tuesday's answers**

Jumbles: PIVOT DOUSE BUREAU EXPERT  
 Answer: They tried the new mountaintop restaurant to see what type of meals were being — SERVED UP

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**Crossword**

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**Across**

1 Area with pews  
 5 It's saved for a rainy day  
 9 Monster party  
 13 Constrain  
 14 Singer Adams  
 15 Spanish "this"  
 16 In first place  
 17 Does really well, for a weekend golfer  
 19 Sophs, come Sep.  
 20 "Who Dat Girl" rapper — Rida  
 21 Corkscrew pasta  
 22 "Next time's for real"  
 26 Hurry, old-style  
 27 Leaf-clearing tool  
 28 Hairy spider  
 33 It stings  
 36 Cardiologist  
 40 Energy unit  
 41 Looks through, as a keyhole  
 42 Tennis immortal  
 45 Spanish "that"

**Down**

46 Jewish deli meat  
 53 Learn from A to Z  
 54 Little newt  
 55 Bloke  
 56 "America's Got Talent" judges' concern  
 58 With 62-Across, handyman's assortment, and a hint to what's in each set of circles  
 60 Latvian seaport  
 61 De \_\_\_: again  
 62 See 58-Across  
 63 Cocktail garnish  
 64 Gets the picture  
 65 Keep up (with)

**Down**

1 '60s jacket style  
 2 "What \_\_\_?": "Ick!"  
 3 By way of  
 4 See 28-Down  
 5 Musk's electric car brand  
 6 Limited in scope, as a committee  
 7 Grande opening  
 8 Illinois city that symbolizes mainstream America  
 9 Lifelong pal  
 10 Clinton's first Defense secretary  
 11 Sporty Ford, to devotees  
 12 Big name in spydom  
 13 Pilgrimage to Mecca  
 18 Clock sound  
 20 Guitar neck features  
 23 Whaling direction

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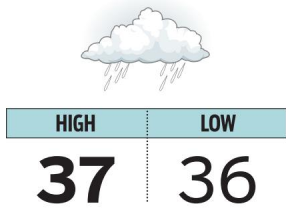
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**WEDNESDAY, FEB. 6** NORMAL HIGH: **33°** NORMAL LOW: **18°** RECORD HIGH: **57° (1882)** RECORD LOW: **-14° (1982)**

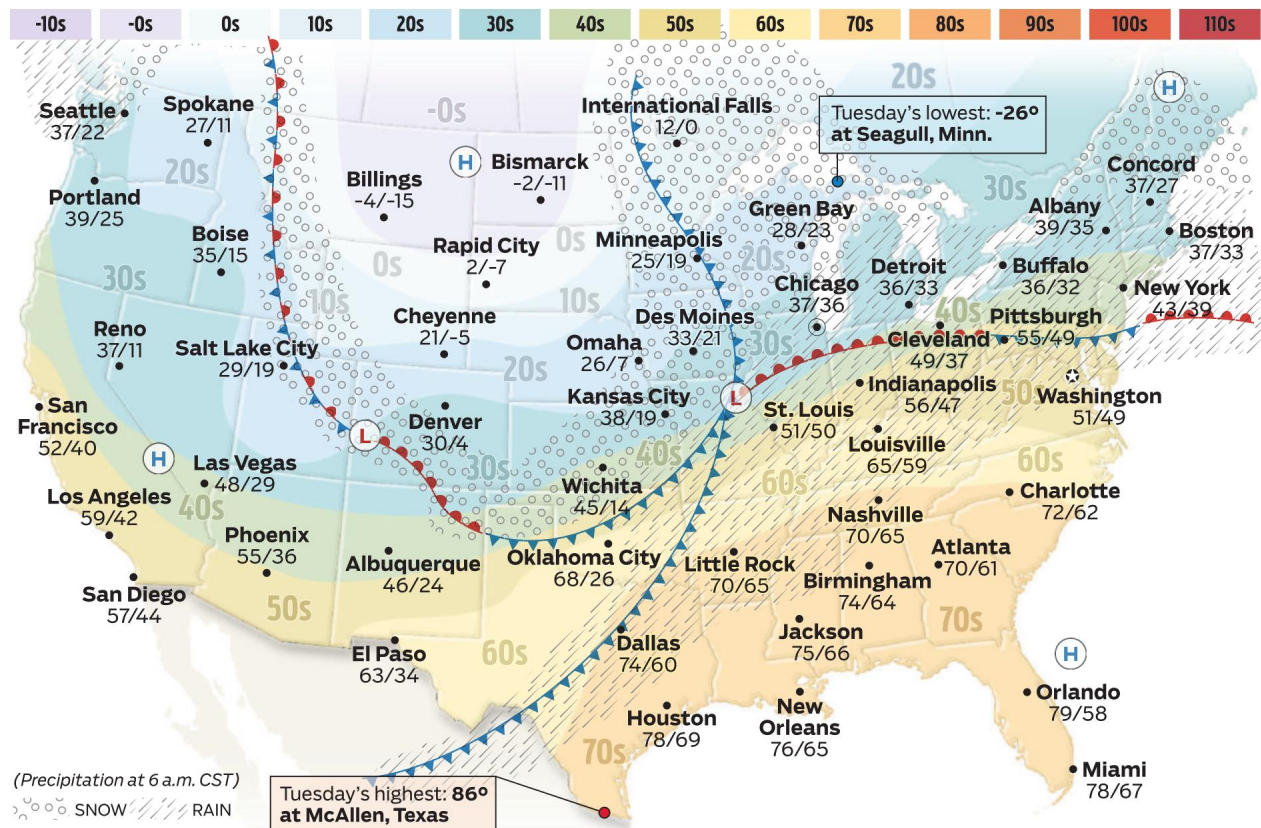
## Brief warmup, then cold settles in for weekend

### LOCAL FORECAST



- Low pressure draws away to the east up the Ohio River Valley. Another low pressure system approaches from the southwest at night.
- Rain ends early, but clouds persist along with a little drizzle possible.
- Temperatures stay about steady in the middle to upper 30s.
- Rain overspreads the area by evening and continues overnight - temperatures stay above freezing.
- East to northeast winds.

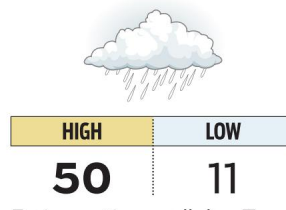
### NATIONAL FORECAST



The freezing rain was to end overnight and move off to the east, but clouds will remain over the Chicago area Wednesday, as another low pressure system approaches from the southwest. Temperatures rose into the mid-30s Tuesday night and will likely remain in the mid- to upper 30s Wednesday, with even milder readings likely as rain overspreads our area Wednesday night.

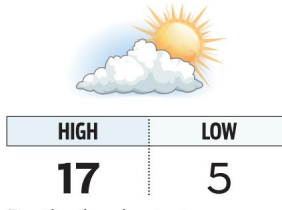
Thursday, our temperatures may briefly surge to the 50-degree mark, as the center of low pressure passes overhead, but readings will take a tumble during the afternoon, as gusty winds shift to the northwest, steering much colder air into northern Illinois and northwest Indiana. Cold air will then settle in and stick through the coming weekend into at least the first part of next week. Our next chance of snow looks to be Sunday.

### THURSDAY, FEB. 7



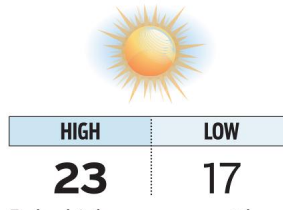
Erain continues all day. Temps surge into the upper 40s to around 50 by midday, then fall in the afternoon, as NW winds bring much colder air behind the departing low pressure. Much colder with flurries possible at night.

### FRIDAY, FEB. 8



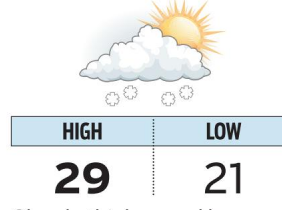
Partly cloudy, gusty northwest winds and cold. Snow showers possible NW Indiana. Afternoon temperatures struggle to reach the upper teens. Clear and cold overnight - single-digit lows.

### SATURDAY, FEB. 9



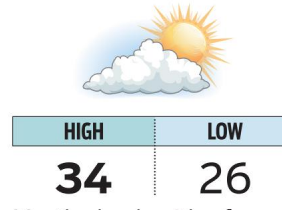
Polar high pressure settles across the region providing clear, crisp, weather. Temperatures begin to moderate, as light winds become southeast around 10 mph. Clouds increase overnight.

### SUNDAY, FEB. 10



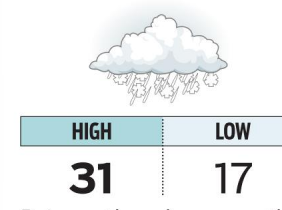
Clouds thicken and lower with snow spreading over the area. Temperatures peak near 30-degrees. Snow ends from the west before midnight. Southeast winds shift north.

### MONDAY, FEB. 11

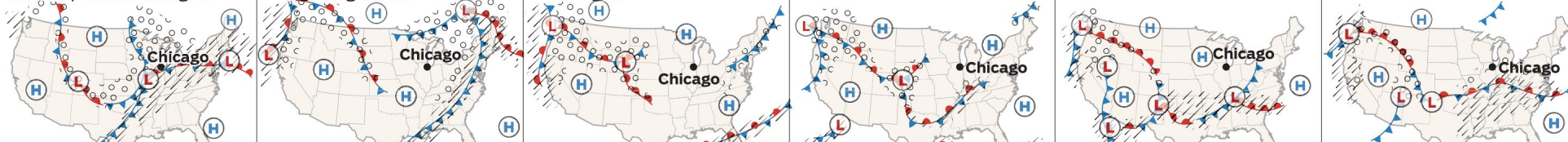


Mostly cloudy with a few flurries possible mainly close to Lake Michigan. Highs in the middle 30s. A rain/snow mix spreads into our area later at night. Easterly winds.

### TUESDAY, FEB. 12



Rain south and snow north likely - highs in the 30s. Gusty winds shift to the northwest and colder. Precipitation turns to all snow and continues overnight.



### ASK TOM

Dear Tom,  
In the winter months of December, January and February with the sun low in the sky, it would seem impossible for the temperature ever to reach 80 degrees. Is this true? I'm trying to think "warm."  
— Robert Ernst, Chicago

Dear Robert,  
You are correct. Chicago's temperature has never risen to 80 degrees or higher in the winter months of December, January and February from the year 1870 to the present.

The highest reading ever recorded in those months is 75 degrees on Feb. 27, 1976. A reading of 72 degrees was recorded on Feb. 25, 2000; six other readings of 70 or 71 degrees were registered in February and December, but January's highest temperature has never made it to 70 degrees: The highest January reading is 67 degrees, recorded on Jan. 25, 1950.

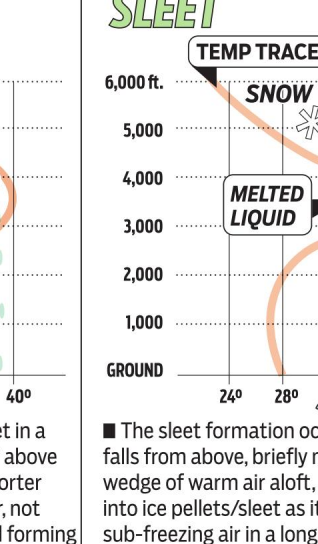
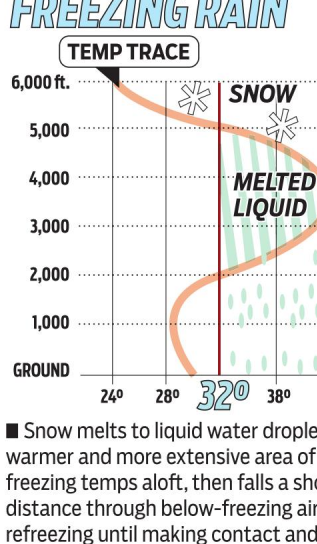
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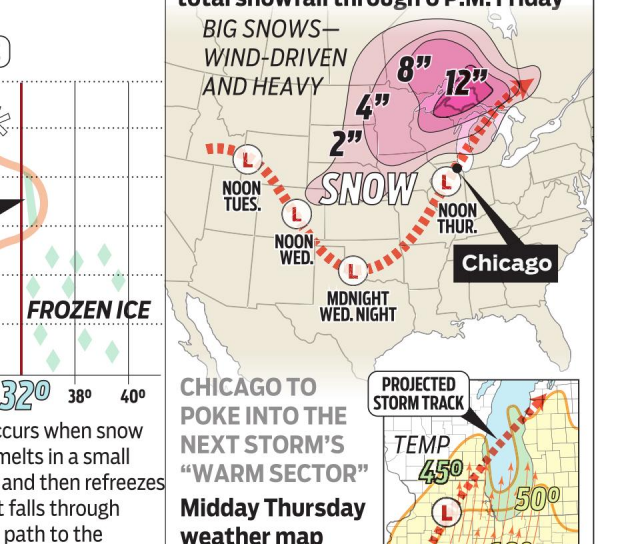
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### Winter storm lifting into Midwest; Chicago in storm's 'Warm sector' Thursday

#### TUESDAY NIGHT'S ICE STORM



#### Projected storm track and estimated total snowfall through 6 P.M. Friday



SOURCES: Frank Wachowski, National Weather Service archives TOM SKILLING, PAUL DAILEY, BILL SNYDER, RYNE JAMES, THOMAS VALLE / WGN-TV

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### CHICAGO DIGEST

TUESDAY TEMPERATURES	LOCATION	HI	LO	LOCATION	HI	LO
	Aurora	36	24	Midway	34	27
	Gary	36	30	O'Hare	32	24
	Kankakee	35	26	Romeoville	36	25
	Lakefront	33	26	Valparaiso	39	32
	Lansing	34	28	Waukegan	31	24

CHICAGO PRECIPITATION	PERIOD	2019	NORMAL
Tue. (through 4 p.m.)	0.00"	0.05"	
February to date	0.07"	0.25"	
Year to date	2.03"	1.98"	

CHICAGO SNOWFALL	PERIOD	O'HARE	MIDWAY
Tue. (through 4 p.m.)	0.0"	0.0"	
Season to date	33.2"	32.6"	
Normal to date	22.6"	23.4"	

LAKE MICHIGAN CONDITIONS	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY
Wind	NE 5-16 kts.	SE/SW 15-25 kts.
Waves	2-4 feet	1-3 feet
Tue. shore/crib water temps	34°/33°	

U.S. SNOW COVER	FEB. 5	2019	2018
Area covered by snow	33.7%	28.5%	
Average snow depth	4.3"	3.1"	

TRACKING THE COLD	SINCE OCT. 15	O'HARE	MIDWAY
Sub-32° highs	23 days	21 days	
Subzero lows	6 days	6 days	

CHICAGO AIR QUALITY	Tuesday's reading	Good
Wednesday's forecast	Good	
Critical pollutant	Particulates	

WEDNESDAY RISE/SET TIMES	Sun	5:24 a.m.	8:27 p.m.
Moon		7:36 a.m.	6:02 p.m.

WEDNESDAY PLANET WATCH	PLANET	RISE	SET
	Mercury	7:24 a.m.	5:37 p.m.
	Venus	4:15 a.m.	1:41 p.m.
	Mars	9:37 a.m.	10:55 p.m.
	Jupiter	3:29 a.m.	12:33 p.m.
	Saturn	5:14 a.m.	2:30 p.m.

BEST VIEWING TIME	DIRECTION
Mercury	Not visible
Venus	5:15 a.m. 13° SE
Mars	6:30 p.m. 42° SW
Jupiter	6:00 a.m. 19° SE
Saturn	6:00 a.m. 7° SE

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## HEALTH &amp; FAMILY

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Researchers found that women who eat a lot of fried food are more likely to be obese and are at greater risk of heart-related health problems.

# Fried food tied to health risk

More heart-related deaths among women who regularly consume fare, study says

By DENNIS THOMPSON  
HealthDay

Fried chicken, french fries and chicken-fried steak might be delicious, but treating yourself to such fare regularly could be deadly, a new study warns.

Women who eat more than one serving a week of fried chicken or fried fish have an increased risk of heart disease and death, researchers report.

"Overall, we found that total fried food consumption is related to higher risk of all-cause death, and also death from cardiovascular disease," said senior researcher Dr. Wei Bao, an assistant professor of epidemiology with the University of Iowa's College of Public Health.

The results are not surprising "given the association of fried food to weight gain and obesity, as well as elevation of cholesterol and triglycerides," said Dr. Guy Mintz, who was not part of the study. He directs cardiovascular health and lipidology at Northwell Health's Sandra Atlas Bass Heart Hospital in Manhasset, N.Y.

"Poor decisions lead to poor outcomes. We have the opportunity to help ourselves live healthier and longer with lifestyle changes," Mintz said. "It is time we own what we eat and realize our dietary choices have consequences."

For the study, Bao and his colleagues relied on data from the Women's Health Initiative, a

long-running federally funded study focused on heart disease, cancer and other health problems in postmenopausal women.

Nearly 107,000 women between ages 50 and 79 were quizzed on their diets and other health problems. These women enrolled in the study between 1993 and 1998, and researchers followed them up to February 2017.

During those two decades, 31,588 women died, including 9,320 heart-related deaths, 8,358 cancer deaths and 13,880 deaths from other causes.

The researchers found that women who ate a lot of fried foods also had other problems that could affect their heart health, Mintz said.

One-third of participants who ate one or more fried meals per week were obese, as were 44 percent of the patients who consumed more than one fried food meal per day, Mintz noted.

"More than half of these patients achieved less than the recommended 150 minutes of exercise per week," Mintz continued. About 40 percent of the patients were former smokers.

But even after researchers controlled for these risk factors, fried foods were independently associated with an increased risk of death.

■ Women who ate one or more servings a day had an 8 percent higher risk of death compared with those who didn't eat fried

food.

■ One or more servings of fried chicken a day was linked to a 13 percent higher risk of death from any cause and a 12 percent higher risk of heart-related death.

■ One or more servings of fried fish or shellfish a day was linked to a 7 percent higher risk of death from any cause and a 13 percent higher risk of heart-related death.

The researchers found no evidence linking fried food to an increased risk of cancer death, and the study did not prove a cause-and-effect link between fried foods and early death.

The findings were published in late January in the *BMJ*.

Even though the study focused on women, Bao said it's very likely that men would be similarly affected by a diet heavy in fried foods.

Obesity probably plays a part in the increased risk of death, he said. Women who ate fried food regularly had a much larger daily calorie intake than those who didn't eat fried food.

But other factors could play a role as well, Bao said.

People in Spain often eat fried foods, but a previous study found that fried foods were not associated with an increased risk of death in that country, he noted.

Spanish fried food lovers regularly use olive oil for their frying, and more often they cook their fried foods in their own kitchens, Bao explained. By comparison, people in the United States tend to eat fried foods from restaurants, where they are often cooked in deep fryers using peanut or canola oils.

Small fitness gains provide big heart disease protection

Even a slight improvement in your heart/lung fitness could reduce your risk of a heart attack, a new study reveals.

Between 2006 and 2008, researchers assessed the cardiorespiratory (heart/lung) fitness of just over 4,500 men and women in Norway. None had heart disease, high blood pressure or cancer, and most were considered at low risk for heart disease over the next 10 years.

By 2017, however, 147 of the study participants had suffered a heart attack or developed angina, conditions caused by narrowing or blockage of heart arteries.

More investigation showed that the risk of heart attack and angina steadily declined as cardiorespiratory fitness increased.

"We found a strong link between higher fitness levels and a lower risk of heart attack and angina pectoris over the nine years following the measurements that were taken," said Bjarne Nes of the Cardiac Exercise Research Group (CERG) at the Norwegian University of Science and Technology in Trondheim.

"Even among people who seem to be healthy, the top 25 percent of the most fit individuals actually have only half as high a risk as the least fit 25 percent," he said in a university news release.

The study used a fitness calculator developed at CERG, which measures the body's capacity to transport and use oxygen during exercise. It found that for each increase of 3.5 fitness points, the risk of heart attack and angina decreased by 15 percent.

The findings suggest that even a small improvement in cardiorespiratory fitness can benefit heart health, the researchers said.

The study was recently published in the *European Heart Journal*.

— HealthDay

"The frying process at home could be different from the frying process away from home," Bao said.

"A notable thing is when we fry at home, we don't reuse the oil many times."

In the meantime, people shouldn't downplay the affect high fat intake has on heart health, said Dr. Satjit Bhusri, a cardiologist with Lenox Hill Hospital in New York City. He

was not part of the study. "Heart attacks occur from cholesterol plaques building up in the coronary arteries," Bhusri said. "Consuming fats from fried food directly impacts the burden of this disease. A cholesterol plaque rupture in the artery will cause a heart attack."

"This study emphasizes that there is no 'maybe' — fried food and fat have a direct relation to heart disease," he said.

## African-Americans get obits they were denied



HEIDI STEVENS  
*Balancing Act*

You can learn a tremendous amount about our country's history and its present state by reading whose death didn't merit an obituary in *The New York Times*.

The newspaper launched "Overlooked" last March, in time for International Women's Day, with a series of obits for 15 remarkable women whose deaths

went unremarked upon at the time of their death. (Author Sylvia Plath, journalist Ida B. Wells, Henrietta Lacks, whose cancer cells led to a medical revolution, Margaret Abbott, the first American woman to win an Olympics championship.)

Now, the first week of Black History Month, the paper is add-

ing a series of prominent black men and women who didn't receive obituaries.

Scott Joplin, for instance, the pianist and composer behind "The Entertainer" and "Maple Leaf Rag," who died in 1917. From the "Overlooked" obit: "In the post-Civil War era, the cruel breath of slavery and the aborted

plan of Reconstruction still hung over the American South. But in the Joplin home, banjo and fiddle music filled the family's evenings, giving the children — Scott in particular — a sense of music's power to move." Joplin died penniless and was buried in an un-

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# Obits that were denied

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marked grave. His music wove its way throughout the 1973 movie "The Sting," which renewed the public's interest in him. "It was as if the nation had suddenly discovered a new and dazzling composer," the obit reads. "Joplin's grave was given a suitable marker. And in 1976, he was posthumously awarded a Pulitzer Prize for his contributions to American music."

Also: Major Taylor, the first African-American world champion in cycling and the second black athlete to win a world championship in any sport. He was living in Chicago when he died, broke, in 1932. The Chicago Defender published a short obituary at the time.

Also: Civil rights pioneer Elizabeth Jennings, who refused to leave a whites-only trolley on her way to her organist gig at the First Colored American Congregational Church in Lower Manhattan. She was kicked off, sued the trolley company for damages and won — 100 years before Rosa Parks refused to give up her bus seat for a white passenger.

Also: Moses Fleetwood Walker, the first black baseball player to play in the major leagues — as catcher for the American Association's Toledo Blue Stockings in 1884 — long before Jackie Robinson joined the Brooklyn Dodgers in 1947.

Also: Margaret Garner, whose "Overlooked" obit reads, "Motherhood, across race, language, country and culture, is understood to be complicated and powerful: a



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Scott Joplin, the pianist and composer behind "The Entertainer" and "Maple Leaf Rag" who died in 1917, is part of The New York Times' "Overlooked" series.

tsunami of gut and joy and fear and heartache. Garner found herself in that fleeting, lightless instant of a mother's incongruous love on a frigid night, when slave catchers surrounded her cousins' home and when she made the decision, in one soul-chilling moment, to slit the throat of her 2-year-old daughter rather than return her to slavery."

Garner's story inspired Toni Morrison's 1987 Pulitzer Prize-winning novel, "Beloved." Her death went unremarked upon in newspapers. Until now.

The new obituaries, published online and in a special print section Sunday, adds a dozen lives to the "Overlooked" project.

"Many of them were a generation removed from slavery," obituary editor Amisha Padnani writes in a note to readers. "To carve a name for themselves, they sometimes had to make myth out of a painful history, misrepresenting their past to gain a better footing in their future. They were

ambitious and creative, becoming painters and composers, filmmakers and actors. Others used their imaginations to invent and innovate. Often they felt an unspoken greater mission to break the constraints society placed on their race.

"Some managed to achieve success in their lifetimes, only to die penniless, buried in paupers' graves," Padnani continues. "Almost all of them reached deep within themselves to push back against harsh circumstances, the likes of which are unimaginable for many of us today."

Unimaginable, but essential to read and digest and remember if you want to understand our nation's painful, often shameful, past.

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# The tribal tug of football



CHRIS ERSKINE  
The Middle Ages

"I hate tech!" the lovely and patient older daughter blurted one day, frustrated when some upgrade wasn't working.

She has no idea how much that meant to me.

I hate tech too. I mean, I don't lie awake plotting its demise.

But I have a pretty thorough hatred of tech. The way you dislike bad pet owners or clueless Uber drivers, that's how I hate tech.

I am totally aware of how silly that sounds. In fact, I was listening to some church bells the other morning and thinking that at one time, church bells would've been considered a bothersome technological advancement.

Before clocks were common, people relied on bells to know it was happy hour. And some goof like me probably derided the church bells, thinking they brought unnecessary structure to everyday life.

"The soothing birdsong of a summer morn is no longer enough?" I would've grumbled, and readers would've smirked and questioned my sanity, just as they do today.

So there will always be cranks and cynics among us. And I pride myself on being yours.

To my mind, we should love a lot of things — holiday feasts, raindrops on roses and whiskers on kittens, the last few sequins of a spectacular sunset. Burgers so cheesy they slide right out of the bun.

And we have to have our hatreds too — tiny, carefully curated irritants that remind us that an unexamined life is not worth living.

For example, I hate that football season has ended.

It blends a love with a hatred, taking emotional idiocy to record highs, thank you very much.

America needs football the way Whoville needed Christmas, not for the gifts but for the way it makes us circle up and sing.

As I've noted, football is our national waltz. For all its issues, it also builds trust, teamwork and perseverance. There may be better ways to build grit. None comes immediately to mind.

Football is the one sport where the season doesn't seem long enough. It has inspired its own cuisine, unites us in fashion, generates instant friendships. The colder it gets, the more magnificent the games.

**America needs football the way Whoville needed Christmas, not for the gifts but for the way it makes us circle up and sing.**

The ball is shaped like a cocktail weenie, to facilitate bad bounces.

"FumBULLLLL," Keith Jackson used to shout, and a joyous national mayhem would ensue.

There is nothing like 15 friends huddled around a TV with chili on their sleeves to make a winter's night a little warmer. My son and I gathered a few buddies the other night to do just that.

For my wife, Posh, a party wasn't a party unless she broke a finger making onion dip. That's how frantic she was before the guests arrived.

Instead, the little guy and I buy chips, take a nap and call in the Apostles, the tag I use for my fun and defective friends.

Bittner brought wings, and Verge brought Bay

Cities sandwiches. The leggy dentist brought her funny husband and paper plates with team logos. A couple of the Chardonnay Moms showed up with candlelight in their eyes.

If I spend any more time with my buddy Miller, I could claim him on my taxes. Like him, my friends get a little loud sometimes. Some show, others don't. One sent a singing telegram. At one point, three of the funniest men in LA were in the same room.

The house is snug but, by tradition, there's always too much to eat. I lit a fire and too many candles, because if I learned anything from my beautiful wife, it's that everyone looks good in firelight, even me.

The dogs were good. White Fang slurped avocado dip right from the bowl, and the 300-pound beagle barked for two straight hours.

Eventually he stopped to eat a guest's purse. The beagle is 58 now, so we grant him a little leeway.

"You can calm them with lavender oil and lullabies," a friend suggested.

"The dogs?" I wondered. "Or my friends?"

As the game progressed, we stirred the pot of chili for what might be one of the final times this season.

You know, I wish there was something besides football that united us this way.

Certainly our kids once did, when they were young and every waking moment seemed devoted to following them from soccer, to Scouts, to school plays.

Back then, weekends were a pilgrimage. Parents traveled in packs, following our children like Gaddi tribesmen.

Thanks to football, life is still a tribal pursuit.

Football is America. It summons us like church bells.

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# Steep increase in U.S. women's OD deaths

BY MELISSA HEALY  
Los Angeles Times

For many decades, drugs of abuse were a menace that mostly threatened the lives of men. In 1999, fewer than 1 in 25,000 adult women in the United States died of a drug overdose, and childbirth was twice as deadly.

No more. Drug overdoses have become a prodigious thief of female lives in the U.S. And they are increasingly claiming women's lives deep into middle age, according to a new report from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

Of the 70,237 fatal drug overdoses in the United States during 2017, some 18,110 of the victims were

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women ages 30 to 64, records from the National Vital Statistics System show. That's up from 4,314 in 1999.

Some of the steepest increases in fatality rates have been seen in women who may not fit the public's expectations of drug abusers. For instance, the rate of drug overdose deaths among women ages 55 to

64 multiplied by a factor of five between 1999 and 2017, driven by a tenfold increase in the rate of prescription opioid deaths.

The finding that women well beyond middle age are misusing prescription drugs, abusing illicit drugs and probably taking dangerous drug combinations is more than just a curiosity. Added to an 80 percent rise



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in suicide rates among 45-to-64-year-old women since around the turn of the century, it suggests that daughters, wives, mothers and grandmothers are bearing greater strains than they have in the past.

Along with rising death rates of alcohol-related diseases among women, fatal overdoses are sometimes referred to as "deaths of despair." In the last three years, they have begun to reverse decades of gains made in the nation's life expectancy.

The study in a recent edition of the *Morbidity and Mortality Weekly Report* also suggests that U.S. women are responding to stress in ways that are closing the long-standing gaps between men and women when it comes to self-harm, substance abuse and risk-taking behavior.

For instance, the team from the CDC's National Center for Injury Prevention and Control found that, just as for men, the rate of fatal overdoses involving synthetic opioids spiked sharply in 2015.

Women's deaths attributed to these drugs — including fentanyl and tramadol —

grew 16-fold in the 18 years leading up to 2017.

Deaths linked to heroin and benzodiazepines, a class of prescription anti-anxiety drugs, also rose sharply, increasing 915 percent and 830 percent, respectively, between 1999 and 2017. Fatal overdoses of cocaine and antidepressants also grew, albeit more slowly.

In 1999, the U.S. women at greatest risk of a fatal drug overdose were between the ages of 40 and 44. But back then, the risk of dying from an overdose dropped off sharply after a woman's 50th birthday.

Over the next 18 years, the rate of fatal overdoses rose for American women in all the age brackets between 30 and 64. But by 2017, they were highest among women in their early- to mid-50s. As a result, the average age of death due to a drug overdose rose from 43.5 to 46.5.

Overdoses among American women "continue to be unacceptably high," the authors of the new report wrote.

The study also makes clear that as medical and public health professionals

struggle to stem a national epidemic of drug overdoses, they must pay particular attention to women — and to a wider range of women than they have in the past.

The health establishment has expended great effort in the past to warn women of childbearing age about the potential risks of certain drugs, including narcotic painkillers and anti-anxiety medications that could harm a developing fetus, the CDC team noted. But it's clear that equally necessary messages are not reaching the older women who are dying of drug overdoses, the authors suggested.

Health care providers who treat women for pain, depression or anxiety may need to pay special attention to those around mid-life, they wrote. And insurance programs that serve older women, including Medicare, may need to sharpen their focus on older women's needs for more careful prescribing, more focused counseling and better access to treatment for substance dependence than they have done in the past.

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Increasing physical activity in mid-life might stave off a later physical decline for people with high BNP levels, an expert said.

## Levels of hormone may predict unhealthy aging

American Heart Association

A hormone found in the blood that's commonly linked to heart disease also might signal when someone is more likely to grow weaker or lose their ability to balance before they're 70.

People in their early 60s with higher-than-normal levels of brain natriuretic peptide, or BNP, walked slower and were less able to raise themselves from a chair and balance on one leg up to nine years later, according to a study by British researchers published in January in the American Heart Association's journal *Circulation*.

While high levels of the peptide are associated with greater risk for heart attacks and other diseases, the new study indicates it could be more than just a warning sign of heart disease.

"We were surprised that BNP turned out to be the best predictor of our simple measures of aging," said Yoav Ben-Shlomo, who helped author the study for the Medical Research Council Unit for Lifelong Health and Aging at University College London.

BNP is primarily produced in the heart's left ventricle, the heart's main pumping chamber. It's produced when the heart is working too hard to

pump blood. It is possible that if a blood test shows someone with higher-than-normal levels in their 30s or 40s, Ben-Shlomo said, they might be able to lessen their risk of aging more rapidly with more exercise and a healthy diet now.

The study evaluated 1,736 British men and women who have been tracked since their births in 1946 and who took physical performance tests at ages 60 to 65. Researchers in 2014 and 2015 updated those measurements, when the participants were in their late 60s.

"Our measures include how strong your grip is, how fast you walk a specific distance, how long it takes you to raise from a chair 10 times and how long you are able to stand on one leg, which is called the flamingo test," Ben-Shlomo said.

If the results are confirmed in other independent studies, he said, it could mean future generations can better understand when they are younger how to lower their risk for a rapid loss of physical ability as they age.

These blood markers also could be used in trials that are trying to slow down aging.

Increasing physical activity in midlife might stave off a later physical

decline for people with high BNP levels for similar reasons that people with more education are less likely to get dementia, Ben-Shlomo said.

"The theory is if you can reach a higher peak in young adulthood, you have more room to decline later in life — as we all do," he said.

The new research reinforces earlier findings that exercise can help overcome a genetic history that makes someone more likely to suffer maladies like heart disease, said Dr. Erik Ingelsson, a professor of medicine at Stanford University who is not associated with the latest study.

The new study accounted for common reasons people lose strength and balance late in life, including heart disease, kidney disease and diabetes. High levels of the peptides were more associated with lost balance and strength among study participants than health problems such as high blood pressure, high cholesterol and even smoking.

If blood markers could show a risk of faster-than-normal physical decline as people age, it might be the extra push some people need to change their behavior and reduce future health risks, Ben-Shlomo said.

### PEOPLE'S PHARMACY PRESCRIPTIONS AND HOME REMEDIES

## Charcoal a time-honored remedy for flatulence

BY JOE GRAEDON AND TERESA GRAEDON  
King Features Syndicate

**Q: When my husband and I were traveling in Mexico, we relied on activated charcoal for all our intestinal woes, including flatulence.**

**Capsules take a little longer, or you can mix loose powder into water and drink it down. That is messier, but you can feel it working from the time it hits your tongue. Be prepared to brush your teeth immediately to clear the charcoal residue.**

**Charcoal has been a staple of our medicine cabinet for 30 years.**

A: Activated charcoal is a time-honored remedy for flatulence. Supposedly, it absorbs smelly gases. However, there is little research to support this approach (*American Journal of Gastroenterology*, January 1999). Another option is Beano (containing the enzyme alpha-galactosidase). One study concluded that "Alpha-galactosidase reduced gas production following a meal rich in fermentable carbohydrates and may be helpful in patients with gas-related symptoms" (*Digestive Diseases and Sciences*, online, January 2007).

**Q: Thank you for writing about peeing on your feet. At first, I thought it was too gross. I have, or did have, toenail fungus on my left foot.**

**I had tried all the OTC medicines with no results. I even asked my doctor if he knew of a cure. The only thing he suggested was tea tree oil. That didn't work either.**

**When I read your column, I thought, "What do I have to lose?" I stood in the bathtub**



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Activated charcoal supposedly absorbs smelly gases.

**and did the deed every morning. Within two weeks the fungus had cleared up. I was amazed.**

**Not only did it work, but it was free.**

A: We, too, are amazed. It normally takes months for nail fungus to clear up. We can almost hear the dermatologists laughing or gnashing their teeth. Urine is an old military secret, however. Soldiers and sailors have been using it as an antifungal remedy for decades to treat athlete's foot. Dermatologists have used concentrated urea (a component of urine) to treat a range of skin conditions, including athlete's foot and nail fungus (*Dermatology Online Journal*, Nov. 15, 2013).

**Q: I am surprised that you have not suggested apple cider vinegar for people with high blood pressure. I have been taking metoprolol succinate for years, and it works most of the time.**

**But if my blood pressure starts to rise and I feel uncomfortable, I take 2 tablespoons of apple cider vinegar on salad or in a glass of water. It brings my pres-**

**sure back under control quickly.**

**Why don't you recommend it?**

A: We have written about vinegar to stop muscle cramps quickly and to prevent the rapid rise of blood sugar and insulin after a meal. It seemed unlikely that there would be any evidence to support its use to control blood pressure. To our surprise, however, a search of the medical literature revealed a study demonstrating that decades to treat athlete's foot. Dermatologists have used concentrated urea (a component of urine) to treat a range of skin conditions, including athlete's foot and nail fungus (*Dermatology Online Journal*, Nov. 15, 2013). This is the same way that widely prescribed drugs like lisinopril or losartan work. We were disappointed to discover that there have been no clinical trials to see whether vinegar works as well for humans as it does for rats.

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# How women, men cool off after exercise

Study on thermal behavior suggests another difference between the sexes

BY MARLENE CIMONS  
The Washington Post

When the body heats up during exercise, it copes in several ways. There are involuntary systems, such as sweating, that help it cool off, and voluntary measures, such as dousing with cold water or wearing (and switching) hats filled with ice, as American Galen Rupp did every 5 kilometers during the Rio 2016 Olympic marathon. (He won a bronze medal.) Voluntary actions are known as “thermal behavior.”

When it comes to men and women, it appears that not all thermal behavior is the same, during exercise or after, in cooling down. Women seem to need more cooling than men, according to a study, which is “the first to highlight sex differences in thermal behavior,” said author Nicole Vargas, a postdoctoral fellow in exercise and nutrition sciences at the University at Buffalo’s school of public health.

The study was small, but its findings could have an impact on ways to prevent heat injuries, inspire improved designs in sports clothing and commercial cooling products, and in other areas. Information about thermal behavior also could help athletes deal with heat waves, common due to climate change.

“The manner in which men and women tolerate and respond to these perceived changes may have implications not just for apparel manufacturing, but potentially for improving athletic performance, particularly in endurance and

heat-related activities,” said Michael Jonesco, a sports medicine specialist at Ohio State University’s Wexner Medical Center. He was not involved in the study.

Vargas and her colleagues believe the study also could prove clinically useful in caring for the elderly and those suffering from certain diseases such as multiple sclerosis.

“We know that the elderly and individuals with MS have altered thermoregulatory patterns, which consist of both a reduced ability to sweat, thereby trapping more heat in their body, and attenuated perceptual cues pertaining to thermal stimuli, so they may not sense the need to cool themselves when necessary,” Vargas said.

In the study, the scientists had 10 men and 10 women in their early 20s exercise at low intensity — about 65 revolutions per minute — on a stationary bicycle for one hour while watching a nature documentary. Each subject had access to a custom-made dual tubing system that was in direct contact with the back of their neck.

One set of tubing contained water at 93.2 degrees that flowed constantly across their necks. The other set had liquid at minus-4, but also a valve that could control the flow. Researchers told participants to open the valve, thereby releasing the flow of extremely cold liquid, whenever they felt their neck had become uncomfortably warm during exercise. They could turn the valve off and on as needed.



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A small study suggests that women seem to need more cooling than men during and after exercise.

Researchers monitored them through the exercise and for one hour after exercising, telling them to keep their neck temperature comfortable during recovery.

Turns out women wanted more cooling than the men, despite similar overall changes in body temperature. Vargas theorizes that women have more subcutaneous fat than men, as well as greater perceptual responses to temperature changes.

What was especially striking, however, was what scientists saw during recovery or cool-down. After a vigorous workout or competition, most athletes take the time for a cool-down (also sometimes called a warm-down), an easy exercise that allows the body to return to a resting state. After a hard run, for exam-

ple, a cool-down might involve a slow jog or walk. (Not to be confused with a warmup, an exercise that prepares the muscles for a more vigorous workout.)

During the cool-down, skin temperature in men fell gradually and returned to normal within an hour. In women, however, skin temperature fell more rapidly, returning to normal within 10 minutes. Logically, this should have reduced the need for neck cooling in women; but the women in the study continued to release the cold liquid, perhaps because their core temperature (the body’s internal temperature, that is, the temperature of their circulating blood) remained elevated, Vargas said.

The scientists studied young healthy men and women and did not take

into account hormones or menopause in the women, thus “it would be remiss to conclude that there aren’t other factors involved,” Vargas said, conceding that “considering the wealth of knowledge surrounding impaired temperature regulation during and post menopause, it is likely that these findings would differ greatly for women in these categories.”

Edward Laskowski, co-director of the Mayo Clinic Sports Medicine, who also was not involved in the study, said he found the results surprising. “I would have thought that women would be making themselves warmer instead of cooler — for example, guys always want to lower the air conditioner, and women raise it,” he said.

Because the study sample was small, Laskowski

said it would be difficult to extrapolate the findings to a larger population. Nevertheless, he said, “it points out some interesting trends, and, as the authors point out, it can provide the foundation for future studies that look at thermal response in disease states, such as multiple sclerosis.”

Vargas said she believes that a better understanding of thermal behavior during sports — with the goal of improving thermal comfort — potentially could provide competitors with a performance edge. “Athletes who perform multiple bouts of high intensity exercise, which result in compounding increases in core temperature, may benefit greater from recovery periods that utilize cooling modalities, and females may benefit even more,” she said.



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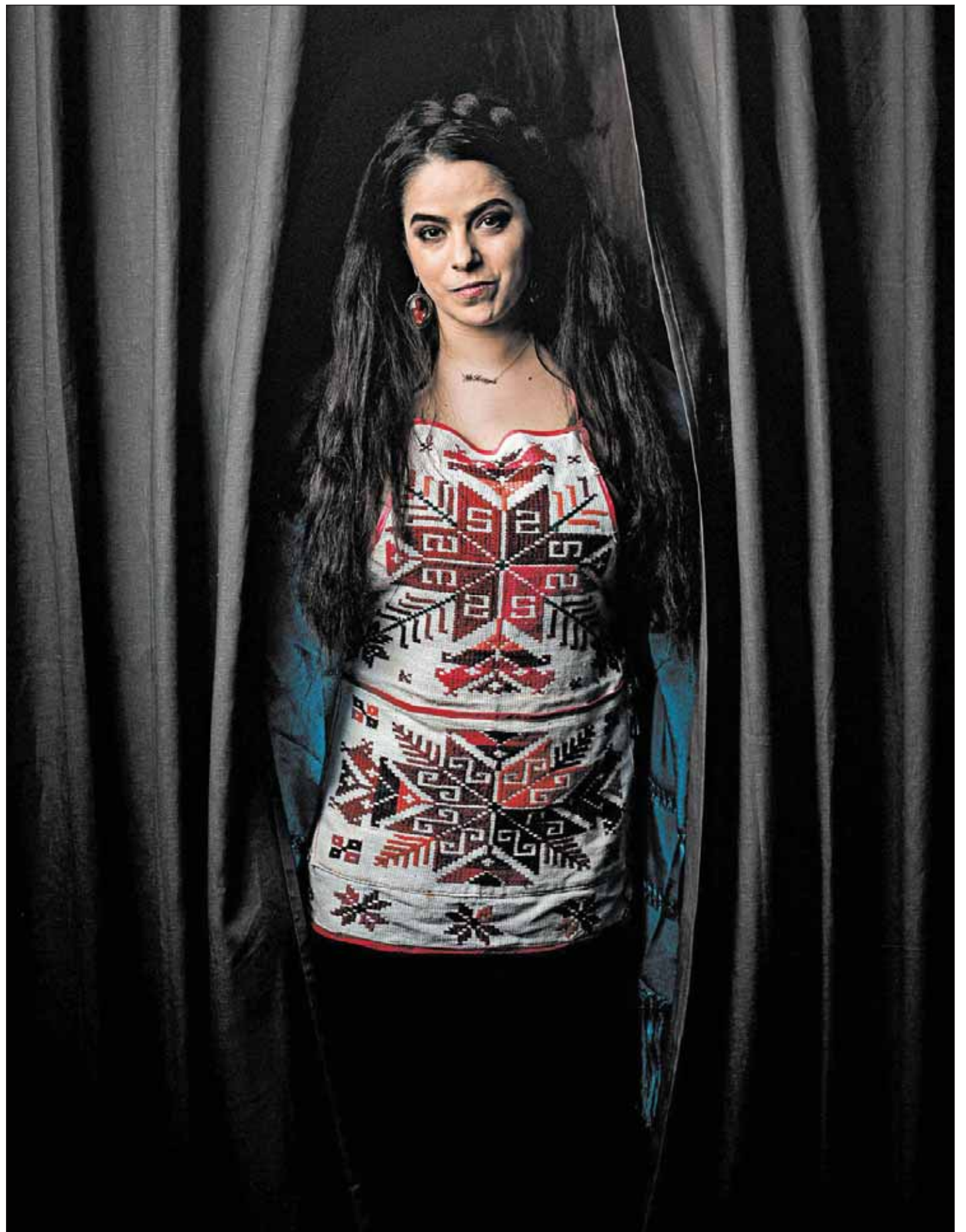
Chicago chefs who defined excellence in 2018, some of 2017

STORY BY PHIL VETTEL AND PHOTOS BY E. JASON WAMBSGANS  
 Chicago Tribune

The Chicago Tribune's Critic's Choice Dining Awards honor outstanding work in 2018 and parts of 2017. (Achievement doesn't always adhere to the calendar.) Our honorees embody excellence and innovation, beginning with our Chef of the Year, Diana Davila. Other honorees range from impressive newcomers to industry veterans who found new ways to tell their stories. They include a chef who planned to leave but didn't, a chef who returned after a two-decade absence, a chef who has made a name for himself (even though many of his fans can't spell it) and a chef who oversaw a half-dozen cuisines without becoming known for any one of them.

Together, they defined Chicago dining in 2018.

For all the winners and more details, see Pages 4-6.



STYLING BY CINDY DAMPIER/CHICAGO TRIBUNE

Chef/restaurant owner Diana Davila has emerged as an important voice speaking to Mexican cuisine and heritage.

CHEF OF THE YEAR

## Diana Davila, Mi Tocaya Antojeria

In less than two years, more stories of praise have been written about Mi Tocaya Antojeria than the tiny Logan Square restaurant has seats. It's been quite a ride for chef/owner Diana Davila; Bon Appetit named Mi Tocaya one of America's best new restaurants, Food & Wine named Davila one of the country's best new chefs, and the James Beard Foundation named Davila a semifinalist for the Best Chef: Great Lakes award — all in a span of nine months. Davila has emerged as an important voice speaking to Mexican cuisine and heritage, and an advocate for better industry opportunities for people of color. Salud!

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## You be the critic

Vote for your favorite restaurants in the Tribune's Readers' Choice Dining Awards

BY NICK KINDELSPERGER  
 Chicago Tribune

Have definite opinions about the best restaurants in Chicago? Of course, you do! The issue is that most of the time, you have to settle for reading our diatribes about what to eat around the city. Now it's your chance to get involved by voting in our third Readers' Choice Dining Awards.

We've created 15 categories to help cover the incredible breadth of our dining scene. That means this year you can choose everything from the best Chinese restaurant to the most Instagrammable restaurant.

In each category, you'll have five restaurants to choose from. That's except for best new restaurant and best old-school restaurant, which have 10 each. We

found it nearly impossible to whittle down the options for those latter two.

As we like to do in Chicago, make sure to vote early and often. Seriously, you can vote for your favorite restaurants every single day. You have until Feb. 20 to stuff the ballot box. To vote, go online to [chicagotribune.com/vote-diningawards](http://chicagotribune.com/vote-diningawards).

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# Tasting store-brand beers

By JOSH NOEL  
Chicago Tribune

They are the oddest of oddities when it comes to buying beer, existing on their own little curious islands.

Store-brand beers. They are Simpler Times Lager and Stockyard Oatmeal Stout, Wernesgruner Pilsner and Kirkland Signature IPA: the brands you see nowhere but the one chain of stores that carries them.

Trader Joe's has the most robust and legendary selection of proprietary beer brands, but it is not alone. Aldi, Costco, Walmart has dabbled in beer — which led to a lawsuit claiming the brands were “wholesale fiction” designed to fool customers. Walgreens experimented with its own brand, Big Flats 1901. It was very cheap — \$2.99 for a six-pack! — and very bad. It has been discontinued.

Still, such brands endure for a simple reason: The price is right. The downside, however, is that quality can be spotty — and in some cases, dreadful.

But not always. Back when Trader Joe's Mission St. Pale Ale was made by Firestone Walker Brewing, the beer won three Great American Beer Festival medals in four years. While none of the current crop of store brands quite rises to such heights, several are worth considering — especially at those prices.

I tasted through 30 brands, looking for the good, the bad and the really bad. I found them.

A couple of notes: I couldn't find the Walmart brands despite checking with several stores. The company did not reply to questions about the status of its beer program.

Also, I couldn't find Trader Joe's well-regarded Mission St. pale ale or IPA, and representatives from multiple stores said that's because it's no longer made. The beer was most recently brewed by Unita Brewing in Salt Lake City, but that relationship has ended, according to the brewery.

But the offerings at Trader Joe's, Aldi and Costco remain fairly robust. Here's how they fared, grouped by Buy It, Not Bad and Skip It. Prices are for six-packs of 12-ounce cans or bottles, unless otherwise noted.

## BUY IT

### Euphony Lager (Trader Joe's)

This beer is credited to Campanology Brewing, but like most brands here, that's a front. Who makes all of these beers can be found with a bit of digging and intuition, and in this case, the answer is Octopi Brewing, a well-regarded contract brewery outside of Madison, Wis., that just snagged Goose Island's brewmaster. It is little wonder that Octopi's private brands for Trader Joe's would be among the best on this list. Euphony shows expert balance: crisp hop bite, deft softness and vague grainlike sweetness in the finish. Hand this to Bud drinkers, and they'll be happy. Hand it to craft beer drinkers, and they'll be happy. It is also the rare, if not only, supermarket brand to feature the Brewer's Association's “independent craft brewer” seal, should you care about that sort of thing. \$5.99

### Caco-Phony (Trader Joe's)

Another winner from Octopi that can please beer nerds and novices alike. This is a low-key,



A selection of some of the 30 store-brand beers from Aldi, Trader Joe's and Costco assembled for the tasting.

accessible pale ale showcasing Mosaic hops and offering notes of ripe orange and grapefruit amid a breadly malt backbone. For this price? A steal. \$5.99

### Wernesgruner Pilsner (Aldi)

This German lager is imported to the U.S. exclusively for Aldi, hailing from a brewery that touts roots to 1436. Wernesgruner's flagship pilsner isn't quite a revelation, but it is a winner: full bodied, with a pleasant muscular bite and crisp bitter edge. It's a legit European import that's \$3 to \$5 cheaper than six-packs of Heineken or Stella. I'd prefer it to either. \$5.99

### Josephsbrau Pilsner (Trader Joe's)

This Czech-style lager made by California's Gordon Biersch Brewing is tidy and refreshing, tied together with a slight charge of late bitterness. Not flashy, but well done. \$6.49

### Mission St. Belgian Style White Ale (Trader Joe's)

Bright and fruity, boasting the standard witbier notes of coriander and orange peel, though this version has a particularly “juicy” orange character. Could stand to dry out a touch more, but refreshing, well-done and a superior, cheaper option to Blue Moon. It remains on shelves, but as stated above, perhaps not for long. \$6.99

### Josephsbrau Radler (Trader Joe's)

I was surprised how admirably this restrained take on “lemon beer” (as the label says) went down. The lemon character could shine through a bit more; I found this beer curiously apple-ish. But this radler manages to load up on fruit flavor while maintaining beer character — unlike, say, Bud Light Orange. \$6.49

### Stockyard Oatmeal Stout (Trader Joe's)

Another solid Gordon Biersch offering: fairly robust and roasty with a chocolaty finish — especially for a slight 5.2 percent alcohol. Fun fact: Years back, this beer was made by Chicago's very own Goose Island. \$6.49

### Josephsbrau Heller Bock

### (Trader Joe's)

Maibock is a German style of beer mostly enjoyed by old-school beer lovers. Frankly, I'm surprised Trader Joe's would invest in offering it. But Heller Bock is well-done: a sweet malt bomb, rich with breadly notes and elements of raisin and plum, tempered by a bit of bitterness in the finish. A touch syrupy for my liking, but a solid representation of the style, especially for the price. Yet another respectable entry from Gordon Biersch. \$6.49

## NOT BAD

### Trader Jose Dark Lager (Trader Joe's)

A little nutty-toffee note makes this perfectly drinkable and lends a bit of welcome weight for a Mexican lager. \$5.99

### Trader Jose Premium Lager (Trader Joe's)

“Premium” is a bit of a stretch, but this Corona/Modelo knock-off is pleasantly skunky, just crisp enough to avoid becoming too slick on the tongue (as the worst Mexican lagers can be). I'd much rather have Pacifico than this. But I'd take this over a Corona. \$5.99

### Kinroo Blue (Aldi)

Made exclusively for Aldi, this is a dessertlike take on a Belgian wit, boasting fairly rich and silky texture, with orange peel notes that lurch into orange sherbet overtones. It's a bit much, but the beer is well-executed. Another surefire way to please Blue Moon drinkers, with decent odds they'll prefer the deeper, richer flavor here. \$6.49

### Farm Island Organic IPA (Trader Joe's)

Made by Peak Organic Brewing in Portland, Maine, this is perfectly fine for an organic IPA with little to distinguish it among the thousands of IPAs out there. A bit of tropical fruit character but not much depth. Among the most expensive Trader Joe's brands. \$7.99

### Farm Island Organic Session IPA (Trader Joe's)

Less booze (4.8 percent alcohol) and even less character than

its big brother while still retaining elements of a very easy-drinking IPA. Sometimes that's what you want. \$7.99

### Kirkland Signature IPA (Costco)

Believe it: Costco's IPA isn't bad. It is malt forward and fairly balanced by contemporary standards, lacking much interesting hop character: standard notes of orange-grapefruit crossed with woody pine. Clean, middling and perfectly fine if you just need an IPA in the fridge. \$19.99 as part of mixed 24-pack

### Kirkland Signature APA (Costco)

That's right, the pale ale is respectable, too, threading the needle as passable without a hint of excitement to be found. You could do worse. \$19.99 as part of mixed 24-pack

### Black Toad Dark Ale (Trader Joe's)

Another Gordon Biersch offering. A bit syrupy, but a borderline thumbs-up for anyone after an approachable dark ale with elements of roast and char. \$6.49

### Boatswain Chocolate Stout (Trader Joe's)

The best of Trader Joe's Boatswain family — all made by Minhas Craft Brewery in Monroe, Wis. — but only because it manages to be relatively inoffensive amid its elements of roast and chocolate. It's easy to hide imperfections behind a beer like this — and Minhas likely does — but that's fine. \$4.99

## SKIP IT

### Simpler Times Lager (Trader Joe's)

This TJ's classic, also made by Minhas, has become an icon of sorts for both its packaging and its price. But it's an odd beer, with a sweet aroma and strangely robust at 6.2 percent alcohol. Apply that \$4 toward something better. \$3.99

### Simpler Times Pilsner (Trader Joe's)

As unpleasant as the lager. \$3.99

### Folded Mountains Pale Ale

### (Aldi)

This unimaginative, one-note take on a pale ale might have passed muster in 2003. Today? No. \$6.49

### Wild Range IPA (Aldi)

Similar to Folded Mountains; just more of it. \$6.99

### Monterrey (Aldi)

A beer most will perceive as Mexican is actually a product of Guatemala. Thin and bright up front with hints of skunk and sulfur (not bad!), but a cloying, grainy finish (bad!). \$5.49

### Josephsbrau Hefeweizen (Trader Joe's)

One of the lesser Gordon Biersch offerings. Reminiscent of hot-dog water. \$6.49

### Josephsbrau Drive Thru Red (Trader Joe's)

Just sort of there, with little to distinguish it. \$6.49

### Alternate Dimension (Trader Joe's)

I love a good altbier, but this is too thin and papery to be that. \$6.49

### Boatswain IPA (Trader Joe's)

Another strange beer, marked by thick sweetness. Tastes like bananas. \$4.99

### Boatswain Double IPA (Trader Joe's)

Twice the unpleasantness as Boatswain IPA. \$4.99

### Boatswain H.L.V. Ale (Trader Joe's)

The Boatswain family is a mess. \$4.99

### Kirkland Signature Brown Ale (Costco)

Not very brown and not very good. Reminiscent of bad home brew. \$19.99 as part of mixed 24-pack

### Kirkland Signature Stout (Costco)

So roasty, it's akin to licking coffee beans. No balance. No harmony. No thanks. \$19.99 as part of mixed 24-pack

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# Amaro Amorino distiller pays tribute to grandfather

By LISA FUTTERMAN  
Chicago Tribune

Skip Tognetti was a writer and editor most of his career but says he always “liked to make things.” One of those “things” turns out to be a fantastic amaro he named for his Italian grandfather, Amorino (which translates from Italian as “little love”).

Nonno Amorino (nicknamed “Morino”) owned a liquor store in Rome, the kind where neighbors would come fill up their table wine jugs from spigots, and it was there that young Skip, who spent summers in Italy, learned that alcohol was “part of community — something you share around the table.”

When Tognetti decided to open a distillery in his adult hometown of Seattle, he quickly learned that everything was harder than he thought it was going to be. He leaped the hurdles of small-busi-

## Broken Fence

**Makes:** 1 cocktail  
½ ounce Aperol  
1 ounce Amaro Amorino  
¾ ounce bourbon  
¾ ounce freshly squeezed lemon juice  
Place all ingredients in a cocktail shaker with ice; shake until chilled. Strain into a coupe.

ness funding, licensing and regulation, package design, sales — all of the typical barriers to entry entrepreneurs face — and launched Letterpress Distilling in 2012.

His original plan included whiskey and gin, but because Washington has more distilleries than any other state, the competitive landscape left him needing a

niche. His Old World heart steered him toward Italian liqueurs. After three years and close to 30 iterations, Tognetti landed on the formula worthy of Grandpa Morino's name.

The resulting spirit, Amaro Amorino, fits perfectly into what Tognetti calls the “gateway family” of amari, accompanied by notable Italian cousins like Ramazzotti, Nonino and Montenegro.

Approachable, medium bitter, with a citrusy backbone, warm spice and tobacco, Tognetti's liqueur is built from an infusion of dried Seville orange peel, allspice, nutmeg, chamomile, sarsaparilla and cubeb peppercorns in a spirit base distilled from locally grown wheat. The bitterness is then layered in, with gentian root and two types of cinchona bark.

Tognetti's amaro can ably handle the job of a mixer in cocktails and a sipper as a digestivo. Amaro



The Broken Fence, a tweak on the Paper Plane cocktail, showcases Amaro Amorino's bitter and citrus notes and its rich color.

Amaro works beautifully in the contemporary classic Paper Plane cocktail, but Tognetti suggests tweaking the traditional equal-parts formula a bit to create the rugged Broken Fence (see recipe). We also love his idea for a straightforward Mezzo-Mezzo, which combines a shot of bour-

bon and a shot of Amaro Amorino for a pared-down, Italianate Old-Fashioned riff.

Look for the handsome, letterpress-inspired label on Chicago liquor store shelves.

Lisa Futterman is a freelance writer.

# Wine habits may narrow our options

BY DAVE MCINTYRE  
The Washington Post

The wine industry is worried, and you, dear consumer (speaking in the global, holistic statistic sense) are the reason.

We can chuckle all the way to the bank (do people still go to banks?) as we save money from dropping wine prices. Our search for value is paying dividends. But our drinking habits, as well as our spending, are giving the wine industry fits. Ultimately, that may not be to our benefit, as our buying habits may have the ironic effect of narrowing our options. And wine's beauty stems to some extent from its diversity.

I'm drawing this rather dystopian view from this year's report on wine market trends published by Silicon Valley Bank. The report is an annual exercise in hand-wringing and navel-gazing that assesses last year's sales trends and tries to project the future. It's a tough task for an industry that by its very nature cannot react quickly to adverse trends.

But the annual report also gives a fascinating glimpse of how we, as consumers, are enjoying wine — and that, perhaps, is changing faster than the industry can keep up.

Let's start with prices: "As an industry, we're transitioning to a period of flat to negative volume growth, low sales growth and a modest surplus of grapes, which will put pressure on prices," the report says. On the surface, the reasons are basic economics: Abundant supply and flattening demand. The latter stems from demographics and increased competition from craft beers, spirits and a newcomer to the report, cannabis.

The wine boom from the 1980s through the 2000 decade was fueled by big-spending baby boomers, a generation that increasingly is entering retire-



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Across the wine industry, visits to tasting rooms at wineries such as this one at Lingularo Winecellars in Mount Airy, Md., are declining.

ment. Gen-Xers have entered their most affluent years, but the industry has long salivated over the larger millennial generation. Millennials are almost all now of drinking age, but so far at least, they are not becoming wine drinkers.

"Millennials aren't engaging with wine as hoped. They lack financial capacity, currently prefer premium spirits and craft beers, and have been slow getting into careers," the report says. Legal pot is especially popular with younger males, "and that is also likely playing a role in (their) delayed appreciation for wine." Negative messaging about alcohol's effect on health is also dampening demand among younger drinkers.

It's hard to say whether any particular trend starts

with the pull of consumers or the push of producers, but this year's report is remarkable for its frequent references to the "thrifty consumer." Premiumization, the idea that we might buy less but pay more for higher quality, is tapering off as we become more price conscious. This doesn't mean we are drinking any old swill for the thrill, however. Sales of wine under \$9 a bottle are "in clear retreat," while wines from \$9 to \$30 continued to post gains in 2018. But even that growth seemed to slow compared with previous years.

Large retail chains are expanding their private-label offerings, leveraging their buying power to control the supply chain and keep prices low. These are your Costco, Walmart,

Target and Trader Joe's wines. This growth is putting pressure on small, independent wine retailers. "Today, you can buy wine and other alcohol at Bed Bath & Beyond, Starbucks, Burger King, movie theaters, tap rooms, barber shops and laundromats," the report notes. "You can also have it delivered from a multitude of digital and same-day retailers."

These new, disparate outlets for wine favor larger distributors who can feed a retail supply chain, creating further pressure for consolidation in the wholesale sector. And many of those wines will be coming from larger producers, further strengthening the seven wineries that produce about 60 percent of all U.S. wines.

And that hurts small family-run wineries, which often struggle to place their wines on retail shelves or restaurant lists. In recent years, these wineries have relied on direct-to-consumer sales, which is dependent on people visiting their tasting rooms and then ordering wine for delivery home. But tasting room visits have declined over the past five years in Napa and Sonoma counties, even while tourism is up. Again, the thrifty consumer has an impact.

"The visit to wine country is no longer about the wine," the report says. "The older consumers come to wine country, stay at a luxury hotel and visit one or two of their favorite wineries instead of the five they visited as young consumers. Younger consum-

ers come to wine country, share an AirBnB with others to save on cost, and visit one or two wineries that offer the lowest tasting room fees and/or the best experience, which is a different experience from that which the older consumers seek."

So even while we have more choices of where to buy and enjoy wine, we are increasing pressure that may pinch the range of wines available to choose from. That's another reason to budget some time and money to support independent retailers and small, family-run wineries, even if we do enjoy an occasional glass of chardonnay while shopping at Bed Bath & Beyond.

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Aya Fukai, pastry chef at Maple & Ash and Etta, also serves about 40 hotel and restaurant accounts.

**PASTRY CHEF OF THE YEAR**  
**Aya Fukai, Aya Pastry**

You can't visit Aya Pastry, yet, but you can find Aya Fukai's wonderful pastry work in a lot of places. Her breads are prominent at Plum Market Old Town, and her breakfast pastries and whimsical sweets (such as the dinosaur egg-size macarons known as Dinomacs) are brightening mornings at Sparrow Coffee Cafe in downtown Naperville. She serves some 40 hotel and restaurant accounts (her trucks were making deliveries at dawn during last week's subzero days) and still finds time to head up the impressive dessert lists at Maple & Ash and Etta restaurants. Later this year, she plans to add online retail service; we can't wait. [ayapastry.com](http://ayapastry.com)



Jimmy Papadopoulos hit his stride with the opening of Bellemore.

**DISPLAYING  
 LIMITLESS POTENTIAL**  
**Jimmy  
 Papadopoulos,  
 Bellemore**

Jimmy Papadopoulos first appeared on our radar as the opening chef at Bohemian House; as impressive as his work was there, Papadopoulos really hit his stride with the late-2017 opening of Bellemore. It's true that Papadopoulos could cook for another dozen years and people would still be talking about his oyster pie, the luxury "bougie bite" (his term) that became a must-try signature in 2018. But other creations, such as shaved foie-gras curls over persimmon marmalade, venison tart with pickled pear, and lacquered sweetbreads over fermented sauerkraut demonstrated that Papadopoulos is no one-trick pony. [564 W. Randolph St., 312-667-0104, bellemorechicago.com](http://564.W.Randolph.St.,312-667-0104,bellemorechicago.com)

**BOUNDARY  
 STRETCHERS**

**The Team  
 at Bar  
 Biscay**

Sari Zernich Worsham and Scott Worsham had (and still have) a pretty good thing going with mfk, their coastal-Spain restaurant, but with their 2018 project, Bar Biscay, they wanted, in Scott's words, "a bigger box to play in," and expanded the menu's focus northward into the Basque region. Abetted by partner Joe Campagna and chef Johnny Anderes, the Worshams created a nonstop party of festive and delightful small plates, including irresistible manchego gougeres and a squid-sausage and piperade plate that was one of my favorite dishes of 2018. May the fiesta never end.

1450 W. Chicago Ave.,  
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Joe Campagna, from left, Scott Worsham, Sari Zernich Worsham and Johnny Anderes of Bar Biscay.



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Jennifer Kim, who caught the food scene's attention at Snaggletooth, really opened eyes with Passerotto, a Korean restaurant with an Italian name in the heart of Andersonville.

ROOKIE OF THE YEAR

Jennifer Kim, Passerotto

Jennifer Kim, who first caught the food scene's attention at the late, lamented Snaggletooth, really opened eyes with Passerotto, a Korean restaurant with an Italian name in the heart of Andersonville. She quickly won fans with her very personal cooking, which takes its inspiration from her mother's Korean food, augmented with Italian inspira-

tions arising from her American upbringing. Her nuanced, balance-driven use of spice keeps her work very approachable — even when the work in question is cavatelli noodles in nori butter with fried wakame and pickled vegetables. Try defining that.

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THE MAN WHO STAYED TO MAKE DINNER

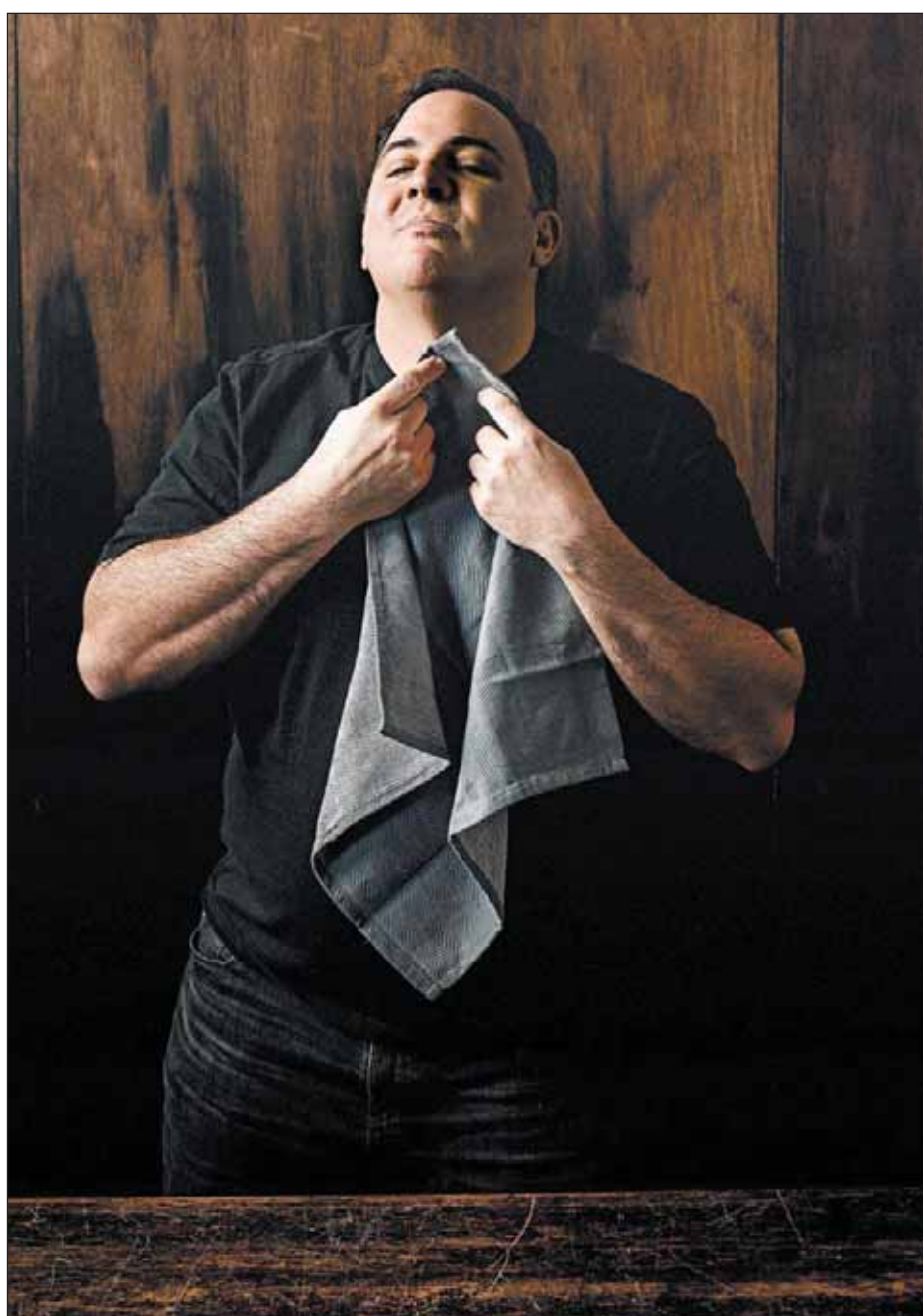
Stephen Gillanders, S.K.Y.

S.K.Y. was supposed to debut in sunny LA; instead, chef Stephen Gillanders, who arrived in Chicago in 2015 as a chef-in-residence at Rich Melman's Intro, fell in love with Chicago and put down roots with his wife, Seon Kyung Yuk (whose monogram is the restaurant's name), rehabbing a Pilsen storefront into one of the year's most exciting restaurants. Gillanders' label-defying food embraces edamame-cilantro "guacamole," fried chicken with a nuanced, double-fermented hot sauce and a bibimbap that uses foie gras instead of egg. You can find Gillanders' adventurous cooking on 18th Street, which beats the hell out of traveling to LA.

1239 W. 18th St., 312-846-1077, [skyrestaurantchicago.com](http://skyrestaurantchicago.com)



Stephen Gillanders of S.K.Y. came to Chicago in 2015 and rehabbed a Pilsen storefront into one of the year's most exciting restaurants.



Doug Psaltis has been the go-to chef for myriad Lettuce Entertain You projects.

THE JACK OF ALL TRADES

Doug Psaltis, Booth One, et al.

When Lettuce Entertain You Enterprises signed on to manage Booth One and awaken the echoes of the venerable Pump Room (where Booth One stands), there really was no question which chef would head the project: Doug Psaltis, the go-to chef for myriad Lettuce projects. Psaltis is the "P" in RPM Steak and RPM Italian (with another RPM in the works), and oversees Bar Ramone, Bub City, Ramen-San, Sushi-San and more. They just don't come any more versatile than this gentleman.

Booth One, 1301 N. State Parkway, 312-649-0535, [boothone.com](http://boothone.com)



THE BREAKUP THAT WOULDN'T STICK

## Erling Wu-Bower, Pacific Standard Time

Erling Wu-Bower was one of the stars of the One Off Hospitality chef stable, thanks to his eye-popping work at Nico Osteria. So when he and Joshua Tilden (former One Off strategic operations director) announced plans to leave the group and start their own restaurant, the One Off principals proposed a partnership with the fledgling operation, giving Wu-Bower the ability to focus fully on his California-cuisine vision while retaining some ties to his former employers. Thus was born Pacific Standard Time, where Wu-Bower employs twin, wood-burning hearth ovens to produce one fire-kissed treat after another, from irresistible fresh pita bread to a large-format whole duck. Nico Osteria was one of Chicago's best new restaurants when it opened in late 2013; PST is one of the best new restaurants of 2018. I'm starting to see a pattern.  
141 W. Erie St., 312-736-1778, [pstchicago.com](http://pstchicago.com)



Erling Wu-Bower did eye-popping work at Nico Osteria and now focuses on Pacific Standard Time.



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Debbie Gold returned to Chicago after 20 years away to open a sleek and modern restaurant built on the rubble of the old Harmony Grill.

HOMEcoming QUEEN

## Debbie Gold, Tied House

After a 20-year absence, during which she accumulated accolades and a James Beard nomination in Kansas City, chef Debbie Gold returned to Chicago to open Tied House, a sleek and modern restaurant built on the rubble of the old Harmony Grill. Here, she demonstrated a knack for contemporary presentations that tasted as comforting as a Sunday supper, and desserts that recall childhood memories. Hip and homey is a tricky combination to pull off, but Gold makes it look easy.  
3157 N. Southport Ave., 773-697-4632, [tiedhousechicago.com](http://tiedhousechicago.com)



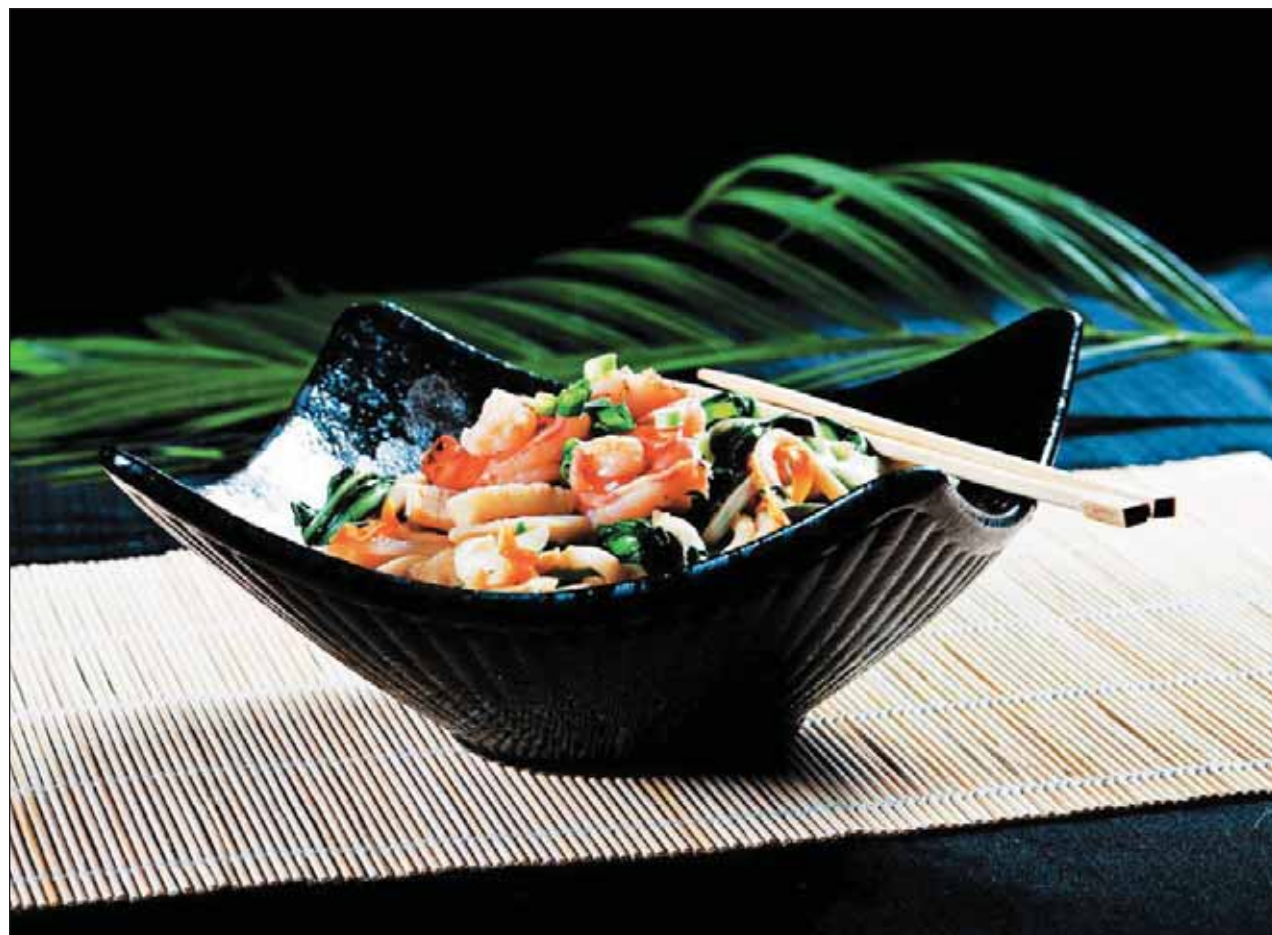
Thai and Danielle Dang, chef and general manager, respectively, of HaiSous and adjacent coffee shop Ca Phe Da in the Pilsen neighborhood.

THE TEAM  
EVERYBODY  
ROOTED FOR

## Thai and Danielle Dang, HaiSous

Husband-wife team Thai and Danielle Dang's story is one of resilience and perseverance. Left under a mountain of tax debt from their first restaurant, Embeya, after a former partner (accused of absconding with at least \$300,000) fled the country, the Dangs slowly recovered and opened HaiSous (Vietnamese for "two pennies," a rueful reference to how little money the couple had left) and the adjacent coffee shop, Ca Phe Da, in Pilsen. Thanks to Thai Dang's superb cooking, Danielle Dang's knowing beverage program and a superb service staff that includes several former Embeya employees, HaiSous became an inspiring success story.  
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DREAMSTIME

To celebrate Chinese New Year, use your favorite proteins or vegetables in this easily adaptable noodle dish.

# A Chinese New Year feast of noodles, squid

BY WOLFGANG PUCK  
Tribune Content Agency

Every year, more and more people in the West seem aware of Chinese New Year, which falls between late January and mid-February due to the lunar calendar on which it is based. That calendar ascribes each new year to one of 12 animals in the Chinese zodiac: rat, ox, tiger, rabbit, dragon, snake, horse, goat, monkey, rooster, dog and pig. And each of those creatures is believed to endow those born in its year with certain personal traits.

Beginning Tuesday is the Year of the Pig. That sign is said to endow people born

under it with characteristics like generosity, sincerity, diligence and bravery.

Whether or not you believe in any kind of zodiac, one thing just about everyone can agree on is how wonderful it is to feast on Chinese New Year's symbolic celebration foods. Traditional options include seafood, spring rolls and dumplings, all promising prosperity or wealth; sweet rice balls in syrup, for family togetherness; and long noodles, representing long life.

We've always featured such dishes at this time of year at my Chinois restaurant in Santa Monica, Calif., and I'm happy to share one

of my favorites: Chinese noodles with sautéed squid. This recipe is easy to make at home for your own celebration, especially if you take care to do all the prep in advance and have your ingredients at the ready.

For the squid, be sure to buy it already cleaned and ready to cut up from the seafood department of a well-stocked food store. You could also substitute bite-size fresh shrimp, peeled and deveined; or, use bite-size cubes of firm tofu, well drained on paper towels.

One of the most important steps is blanching the garlic. This removes some of the garlic's sharpness, so it blends more harmoni-

ously with the other flavors. I also separately blanch the green beans (for which you could substitute snow peas), so they'll turn out perfectly cooked after their brief toss in the hot wok.

Speaking of the wok, you don't even have to go out and find that traditional curved Chinese pan if you suddenly decide to make this dish. A large sauté pan with sloping sides will work just fine for the quick stir-frying you'll be doing.

So here's to a great year — and great eating — ahead!

Wolfgang Puck Worldwide

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## Chinese noodles with sautéed squid

**Prep:** 25 minutes

**Cook:** 50 minutes

**Makes:** 6 servings

8 large garlic cloves, unpeeled

¼ pound green beans, trimmed

¾ pound fresh Chinese egg noodles or thin spaghetti

4 tablespoons peanut oil or vegetable oil

1 pound cleaned fresh squid, cut into ¼-inch rings, tentacles left intact

Kosher salt

Freshly ground black pepper

¾ cup Chinese rice wine

¼ cup unseasoned rice vinegar

2 tablespoons plus 1 teaspoon dark soy sauce

1 to 2 teaspoons sugar

¼ pound carrots, peeled, trimmed, cut into thin julienne strips

¼ pound scallions, trimmed, cut into thin strips

2 teaspoons Thai hot chile sauce

½ teaspoon Chinese toasted sesame oil

**1. First,** blanch the garlic and the green beans: Bring a small saucepan of water and a medium pot of generously salted water to a boil.

**2. Drop** the whole garlic cloves into the small pot; blanch, 20 seconds. Use a slotted spoon to transfer to a bowl of ice water to cool for a few minutes. Peel the cloves; then blanch again in the boiling water and cool in the ice water. Drain, thinly slice and set aside.

**3. For the green beans,** boil in the salted water, 1 minute. Transfer to ice water, cool and drain. Set aside.

**4. For the noodles,** bring a large pot of well-salted water to a boil. Cook the noodles until al dente, following the manufacturer's directions; drain, immediately transfer to a bowl, toss with 1 tablespoon peanut oil, and set aside.

**5. Season** the squid with salt and pepper. Heat 2 tablespoons peanut oil in a wok over high heat. Stir-fry the squid until opaque and lightly browned, about 2 minutes. Remove from the heat; set aside. Pour the juices from the wok into a bowl and add the rice wine, vinegar and soy sauce; set aside.

**6. Add** the remaining peanut oil to the wok; set the heat to medium. Add the garlic; stir-fry until golden, about 30 seconds. Add the sugar; stir-fry until the garlic begins to caramelize, 30 seconds to 1 minute. Stir in the rice wine mixture; stir and scrape with a wooden spoon to deglaze the pan deposits. Add the carrots, green beans and half the scallions. Stir in the chile sauce, raise the heat to high, and continue cooking until the sauce reduces by about half.

**7. Stir** in the noodles and toss until well coated. Arrange on a platter or divide among serving plates. Top with the squid, garnish with the remaining scallions and drizzle with sesame oil. Serve immediately.

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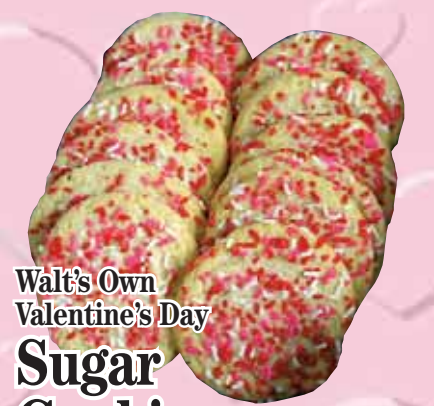
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Dutch Farms Cream Cheese  
•Soft •Whipped  
8 Oz. Tub  
**3/\$5**

**•Dean's DairyPure Sour Cream**  
•Dutch Farms or Dean's Cottage Cheese  
16 Oz.  
**\$1.88**

Florida's Natural Premium  
**Orange Juice**  
52 Oz.  
**2/\$6**

Pillsbury **Grands! Biscuits**  
16.3 Oz.  
**2/\$3**

Parkay **Margarine**  
•Spray •Squeeze  
•Spread •Quarters  
8 - 16 Oz.  
**\$1.79**

Simply **Potatoes**  
20 Oz.  
**\$1.99**

Ore Ida **Just Crack An Egg**  
3 Oz.  
**2/\$4**

Dean's DairyPure **Half & Half**  
Quart  
**\$2.79**

Coffeemate **Flavored Creamer**  
Quart  
**2/\$6**

Land O'Lakes **Butter**  
•Regular •No Salt  
1 Lb. Qtrs.  
**\$3.99**

Dutch Farms **Cracker Cheese Cuts**  
10 Oz.  
**2/\$6**

Dutch Farms **Regular American Cheese Singles**  
12 Oz.  
Dutch Farms **Natural Cheese Slices**  
Selected Varieties 6 Oz.  
**3/\$6**

Dutch Farms **Shredded Cheese**  
•Regular •Thick Cut  
•Fancy  
Selected Varieties 6-8 Oz.  
Dutch Farms **Cheese Bars**  
Selected Varieties 8 Oz.

Dutch Farms **Cream Cheese**  
•Regular •1/3 Less Fat  
•Fat Free  
8 Oz. Box  
**2/\$3**

Dutch Farms **•Cheese Wedges**  
4 Oz.  
**•Horseradish**  
8 Oz.  
**2/\$3**

Kraft **Cheez Whiz**  
15 Oz. Jar  
**\$4.99**

Kraft **Velveeta Cheese**  
2 Lb. Loaf  
**\$7.49**

Dannon **Yogurt**  
•Activia 4 Pk.  
•Light & Fit 4 Pk.  
•Danimals Drinks 6/Pk.  
**2/\$5**

Yoplait **Yogurt**  
•Oni •YQ  
Selected Varieties  
5 - 5.3 Oz.  
**3/\$4**

Kraft Philadelphia **•Soft Cream Cheese**  
7.5 - 8 Oz. Tub  
**•Dips**  
10 Oz.  
**\$2.99**

Jell-O **•Pudding •Gelatin**  
4 Pk.  
**\$1.79**

Turkey Hill **•Lemonade •Tea**  
1/2 Gallon  
**3/\$5**

TruMoo **Chocolate Milk**  
Gallon  
**\$3.99**

Almond Breeze **Milk**  
1/2 Gallon  
**\$2.99**

Pure Leaf **Tea**  
59 Oz.  
**\$2.49**

# FROZEN

Kemps Premium **Ice Cream**  
48 Oz.  
**2/\$6**

**10/\$10 SALE! 10/\$10 SALE!**

Totino's **Pizza Rolls**  
6.9 - 7.5 Oz. Box  
Birdseye Polybag Regular  
**Vegetables**  
•Regular •Steamfresh •Rice  
Selected Varieties  
10 - 16 Oz. **10/\$10**

Michelina's **Entrees**  
4.5 - 8.5 Oz.  
**Banquet Pot Pie**  
•Meat •Fruit  
7 Oz.

Tombstone **Pizza**  
12 Inch  
**3/\$10**

Jimmy Dean **Breakfast Bowl**  
7 - 9 Oz.  
**\$2.59**

Mr. Dell's "All Natural" **Hash Browns**  
24 - 32 Oz.  
**\$2.79**

Dean's **Bars**  
•Ice Cream •Fudge •Tofee  
•Crunch •Orange Cream  
12 Pk.  
**2/\$7**

Dean's **•Ice Cream Sandwiches**  
10 Pk.  
**•Sundae Cones**  
6 Pk.  
**2/\$7**

Blue Bunny **Ice Cream Sandwiches**  
Selected Varieties 8/Pk.  
**2/\$7**

North Star **Sundae Cups**  
6 Pk.  
**2/\$4**

Pepperidge Farm **Apple Turnover** 12.5 Oz.  
**•3-Layer Cake**  
19 - 19.6 Oz.  
**2/\$5**

Pepperidge Farm **•Garlic Texas Toast** 8 Ct.  
**•5 Cheese Texas Toast** 6 Ct.  
**•Mozzarella Garlic Bread** 11.75 Oz.  
**2/\$5**

Lynden Farms **Potatoes**  
•Crinkle Cut or Steak Fries  
2 Lb. Bag **2/\$3**

•Hash Browns 2 Lb. Bag **2/\$4**

•Shoestring Fries 20 Oz. **99¢**

Reames **Egg Noodles**  
12 Oz.  
**\$2.49**

Louisa **Pasta**  
Selected Varieties  
16 - 22 Oz.  
**\$3.99**

Banquet Classic **Dinners**  
7.4 - 11.88 Oz. Sale Price **4/\$5**  
Final Price **4/\$4**

Bella Nico **Beef & Gravy**  
26 Oz.  
**\$4.99**

Healthy Choice **•Complete Selections •Steamers**  
Selected Varieties 9.5 - 11.5 Oz.  
Marie Callender's **•Dinners •Pot Pies**  
Selected Varieties 10.5 - 15 Oz. **2/\$5**

Devour Frozen **Entrees**  
7.2 - 12 Oz.  
**2/\$6**

Simek's **Lasagna**  
2 Lb.  
**\$5.99**

Palermo's **Primo Thin Crust Pizza**  
12 Inch  
**2/\$6.98**

Patio **Burritos**  
5 Oz.  
**2/\$1**

Screamin' Sicilian **Singles**  
•Sicilian  
•Stromboli  
9.20 - 10 Oz.  
**3/\$9**

Pizza **Home Run Inn**  
Ultra Thin Crust 12 Inch  
•Edward's 24 •28 Oz. **\$3.99**

Simek's **Meatballs**  
17 - 22 Oz.  
**\$4.99**

Pizza **•Gino's East Deep Dish 9 Inch**  
•Newman's Own 12 Inch  
**\$5.99**

# FINE WINE, BREWS & SPIRITS

Available in Homewood, Tinley Park, Crete, & Beecher stores only.

•Miller Lite  
•Miller 64  
•Miller Genuine Draft  
•Coors •Coors Light  
12 Pk. 12 Oz. Btls. or Cans  
**\$7.99**

•Miller High Life  
•Miller High Life Light  
•Icehouse •Rolling Rock  
•Busch •Busch Light  
30 Pk. 12 Oz. Cans  
**\$12.99**

Redd's **Apple Ale**  
12 Pk. 12 Oz. Btls.  
**\$13.99**

Goose Island **312**  
12 Pk. 12 Oz. Btls. or  
15 Pk. 12 Oz. Cans  
**\$13.99**

New Amsterdam **•Vodka •Gin**  
750 ML **\$9.99**

Lindeman's **•Merlot •Cabernet •Pinot Grigio**  
750 ML **2/\$9**

Barefoot **•Pinot Grigio •Chardonnay •Pinot Noir •Moscato**  
Selected Varieties 1.5 Ltr. **\$8.99**

Peirano Estates **•Illusion •Merlot •Cabernet •Chardonnay**  
750 ML **\$9.99**

•Revolution •Founder's  
6 Pk. Btls. or Cans **\$8.99**

# GM/HBC

Colgate **Toothpaste**  
•Cavity Protection •Baking Soda Peroxide  
•Baking Soda Whitening  
•Tartar Protection  
•Sparkling Mint  
6 Oz.  
**\$1.79**

Kellogg's **Ready To Drink Shakes**  
•Milk Chocolate  
•Vanilla •Berry  
4 Pk.  
**\$5.99**

Aussie **Shampoo or Conditioner**  
•Mega Moist 13.5 Oz.  
•Aussome Volume 13.5 Oz.  
•Moisturizing Deep Conditioning 8 Oz.  
**2/\$5**

Anti-Perspirant & **Deodorant**  
•Old Spice Red Zone  
Captain 3 Oz., Swagger 2.6 Oz. or Pure Sport 2.6 Oz.  
•Secret Active Fresh 2.6 Oz.  
Clear Gel or Invisible Solid  
**\$3.99**

Valentine's Day **•Plates •Napkins**  
Assorted Varieties **\$1.99**

Prilosec **Prilosec**  
14 Ct. Tablets **\$9.99**

Duracell **Batteries**  
AAA AAAA  
4 Ct. **\$3.49**

Nature's Bounty **Vitamins**  
B-12  
**50% Off**

# GROCERY

Nabisco  
**Chips Ahoy Cookies**  
7 - 13 Oz.  
**2/\$4**

Best Choice  
**Apple Juice**  
64 Oz.  
**4/\$5**

**Cheetos**  
**Fritos**  
7.5 - 9.25 Oz.  
**2/\$4**

Vitner's  
**Potato Chips**  
8.5 Oz.  
**3/\$5**

Post  
**Cereals**  
•Pebbles  
•Honeycomb  
•Golden Crisp  
11 - 14.75 Oz.  
**\$2.19**  
- \$1 Digital Reward Coupon  
When You Buy 2

Progresso  
**Soup**  
•Traditional  
•Rich & Hearty  
18 - 19 Oz.  
**2/\$3**

Charmin Essentials  
**Bath Tissue**  
12 Pk. Giant Rolls  
**\$4.99**

•Wishbone or Western  
**Salad Dressing**  
15 Oz.  
•Lawry's  
**Marinade**  
12 Oz.  
**2/\$4**

Hunt's  
•**Ketchup**  
24 Oz.  
•**BBQ Sauce**  
18 Oz.  
**4/\$5**

Kraft  
**Mac & Cheese Cups**  
•Regular  
•Deluxe  
•Velveeta Shells  
4 Pk.  
**\$3.99**

Starkist  
**Tuna**  
•Chunk Light 5 Oz.  
•Creations 2.6 - 3 Oz.  
**99¢**

Bragg  
**Organic Apple Cider Vinegar**  
32 Oz.  
**\$3.99**

Aunt Millie's  
•**Family Bread**  
22 - 24 Oz.  
•**English Muffins**  
6 Ct.  
**\$1.69**

Brach's  
**Conversation Hearts**  
8 Oz.  
**4/\$5**

•Hershey's  
•Dove  
•Mars Minis  
**Valentine's Chocolate Candy**  
7.94 - 11 Oz.  
**\$3.49**

•Little Debbie  
**Bagged Donuts**  
8.25 - 10.5 Oz.  
•Orville  
Redenbacher's  
**Popcorn**  
3 Pk.  
**2/\$3**

•Betty Crocker  
**Supreme Brownies**  
17.5 - 22.25 Oz.  
•Nature Valley or  
Fiber One  
**Bars**  
5 - 8 Ct.  
**2/\$4**

•Dole  
**Fruit Cups**  
4 Pk.  
•Nabisco  
**Newtons**  
10 Oz.  
•Teddy  
**Grahams**  
10 Oz.  
**2/\$5**

•Lipton Tea  
12 Pk. 5 Ltr. Btls. or  
6 Pk. 18.5 Oz. Btls.  
•Starbucks  
**Frappuccino**  
4 Pk.  
•Aquafina  
**Water**  
24 Pk. 5 Ltr. Btls.  
**\$4.99**

•Crush  
•Sierra Mist  
•Lipton Brisk  
2 Ltr.  
**5/\$5**

•Pepsi  
•Diet Pepsi  
•Mtn. Dew  
•Crush  
24 Pk. 12 Oz. Cans  
**\$6.99**

Regular, Diet  
•Pepsi •Crush  
•Mtn. Dew  
•7Up •Dr. Pepper  
•A&W •RC  
•Sunkist  
6 Pk. 5 Ltr. Btls. or  
6 Pk. 7.5 Oz. Cans  
**4/\$10**

•7Up  
•Dr. Pepper  
•A&W  
•RC  
•Sunkist  
2 Ltr.  
**4/\$5**

Regular, Diet  
•Coke  
•Coke Zero  
•Sprite  
6 Pk. 5 Ltr. Btls.  
•Diet Coke  
8 Pk. 12 Oz. Cans  
**2/\$6**

Monster  
**Energy Drink**  
16 Oz. Can  
**2/\$3**

McCormick  
**Mixes** ..... 1 - 1.5 Oz. **69¢**  
•Taco Seasoning  
•Brown Gravy •Country Gravy  
  
**Louisiana Hot Sauce** ..... 12 Oz. **\$1.29**  
  
Uncle Ben's  
**Rice**..... 6 - 8.8 Oz. **2/\$4**  
•Wild •Ready

•McCafé •Gevalia  
**Coffee** ..... **\$5.99**  
K-Cups 6 - 12 Ct. or Bag 12 Oz.  
  
Nestle Coffee-mate  
**Powdered Creamer**..... 35.3 Oz. **\$4.99**  
  
Kellogg's  
**Cereals**..... **2/\$5**  
•Special K 11.2 - 12.5 Oz. •Raisin Bran 18.2 - 18.7 Oz.  
•Mini Wheats 18 Oz.  
  
Quaker  
**Instant Oatmeal** 6 - 10 Ct. **2/\$5.50**

Flora  
•**Bath Tissue**  
9 Pk. Mega Rolls  
•**Paper Towels**..... **\$6.49**  
6 Pk. Mega Rolls  
  
•Tide Simply •Era  
**Liquid Laundry Detergent**..... 40 - 50 Oz. **\$3.49**  
  
Kibbles 'n Bits  
**Dog Food**..... **\$10.99**  
16 - 17.6 Lb.

## COUNTRY BAKERY

Walt's Own  
Fresh Baked  
**Buttercrust Bread**  
1 Lb. Loaf  
**\$1.99**

Walt's Own  
**Cherry Almond Danish Coffee Cake**  
**\$5.99**

Walt's Own  
Fresh Baked  
**Buttercrust Buns**  
•8 Pk. Regular  
•12 Pk. Cocktail  
**\$1.99**

Walt's Own  
Glazed  
**Red Velvet Donut Holes**  
18 Pk. Pre-Packaged  
**\$2.99**  
Best Donuts in Town  
Made Fresh in our Store

Walt's Own  
**Cherry Angel Food Cake**  
**\$3.49**

Walt's Own  
Fresh  
**Strawberry Muffins**  
4 Pk. Pre-Packaged  
**\$4.49**

Walt's Own  
Homestyle  
**Strawberry Rhubarb Pie**  
8 Inch  
**\$4.99**

## DELI-HUT

**BUY OF THE WEEK!**  
Walt's Signature Premium  
**Baked Ham**  
**\$4.98**  
1 Lb.  
\$2.49 1/2 Lb.  
Gluten Free

**BUY OF THE WEEK!**  
Walt's Signature Premium  
Oven Roasted  
**Turkey Breast**  
**\$6.98**  
1 Lb.  
\$3.49 1/2 Lb.

**BUY OF THE WEEK!**  
Dietz & Watson  
**All Ham Varieties on Sale**  
**\$7.98**  
1 Lb.  
\$3.99 1/2 Lb.  
Gluten Free

**BUY OF THE WEEK!**  
Wisconsin Made  
**Cheese**  
•Brick •Muenster  
**\$3.98**  
1 Lb.  
\$1.99 1/2 Lb.

Grandpa's Premium  
**Potato Salad**  
**\$3.79**  
1 Lb.

Garden Fresh  
Cranberry/Walnut  
**Red Cabbage Slaw**  
**\$5.29**  
1 Lb.

Garden Fresh/Sweet  
**Bow Tie Pasta Salad**  
**\$4.39**  
1 Lb.

Walt's Deli/Hut  
Strawberry  
**Cheese Cake Delight**  
**\$4.99**  
1 Lb.

# BUTCHER SHOP

USDA Choice Certified Hereford "Natural Beef"  
**Boneless Strip Steak**  
 Any Size Package  
**\$7.99**  
 Lb.



Walt's "All Natural" Premium 85% Lean  
**Ground Chuck**  
 Value Pack  
**\$2.79**  
 Lb.



Walt's **Surf & Turf**  
 3 - 4 Oz. Cold Water Lobster Tail  
 6 Oz. Beef Tenderloin Filet  
**\$21.95**



USDA Choice Certified Hereford "Natural Beef"  
**Eye of Round Roast**  
 Sold As Roast Only  
**\$3.99**  
 Lb.



Indiana Kitchen "All Natural" Pork  
**Center Cut Pork Chops**  
 Value Pack  
**\$1.99**  
 Lb.



Indiana Kitchen "All Natural" Pork  
 Lean & Meaty  
**Pork Shoulder Blade Steaks**  
 Value Pack  
**\$1.79**  
 Lb.



Miller Amish Country "100% Natural"  
**Whole Frying Chicken**  
**\$1.69**  
 Lb.  
 Cut-Up Whole Fryer \$1.79 Lb.



Walt's "All Natural" Fresh Chicken  
**Boneless Chicken Breast Tenders**  
 3 Lb. Pkgs. or More  
**\$2.49**  
 Lb.



Honeysuckle Fresh  
**Turkey Parts**  
 •Wings •Drumsticks  
 •Necks •Thighs  
**\$2.49**  
 Lb.



USDA Choice Domestic  
**Lamb Shoulder Blade Chops**  
**\$4.99**  
 Lb.  
 Round Bone Lamb Shoulder Chops \$5.29 Lb.



Dutch Farms Premium  
**Sliced Bacon**  
 Assorted Varieties  
 16 Oz.  
**\$3.99**



Jennie-O  
**Turkey Bacon**  
 12 Oz.  
**2/\$5**



Jennie-O  
**Smoked Turkey Sausage**  
 14 Oz.  
**2/\$5**



Scott Pete  
**Braunschweiger**  
 16 Oz.  
**2/\$5**



Carl Buddig  
**Premium Lunchmeat**  
 Assorted Varieties  
 8 Oz.  
**2/\$4**



Oscar Mayer  
**Uploaded Lunchables**  
 Assorted Varieties  
 14 - 15.6 Oz.  
**\$2.99**



Oscar Mayer  
**Bologna**  
**Cotto Salami**  
 Selected Varieties  
 12 Oz.  
**3/\$5**

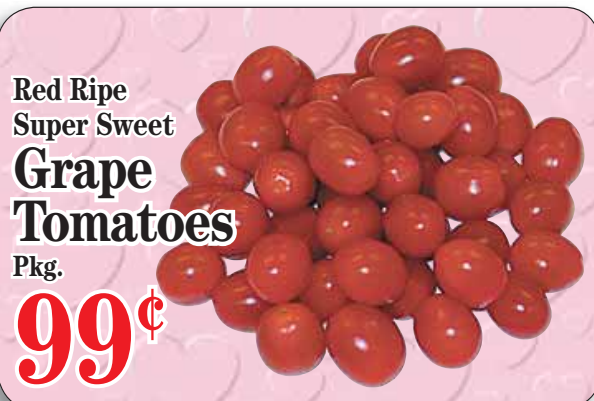


Oscar Mayer  
**Sliced Ham**  
 Assorted Varieties  
 6 Oz.  
**2/\$4**



# PRODUCE

Red Ripe Super Sweet  
**Grape Tomatoes**  
 Pkg.  
**99¢**



Fresh Express  
**Garden Blends**  
 •Green & Crisp  
 •Lettuce Trio  
 •Premium Romaine  
 •Double Carrots  
**3/\$5**



Sweet Extra Large  
**Red Peppers**  
**99¢**  
 Lb.



Del Monte  
**Cantaloupe**  
**\$1.49**  
 Ea.  
**Jumbo Size**



Fresh Flavorful Green  
**Asparagus**  
**\$2.99**  
 Lb.



Sunkist Fancy  
**Navel Oranges**  
**99¢**  
 Lb.  
**Super Sweet**



Driscoll's Finest! Fresh Sweet Red  
**Raspberries**  
 6 Oz. Pkg.  
**\$2.99**



Jumbo Sweet  
**Blueberries**  
**\$2.99**  
**Full Pint**



Driscoll's Finest! Fresh Sweet  
**Strawberries**  
 1 Lb. Pkg.  
**\$3.99**



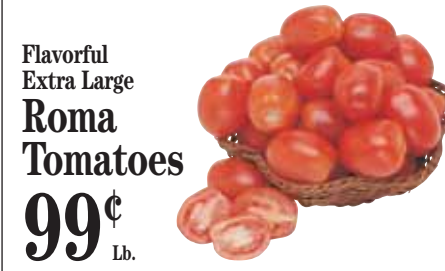
Fresh Sweet  
**Blackberries**  
 6 Oz. Pkg.  
**\$1.99**



"Hass"  
**Avocados**  
**99¢**  
 Ea.  
**Jumbo Size**



Flavorful Extra Large  
**Roma Tomatoes**  
**99¢**  
 Lb.



Extra Fancy Fresh  
**Zucchini Squash**  
**99¢**  
 Lb.



Extra Fancy Fresh  
**Yellow Squash**  
**99¢**  
 Lb.



"Genuine"  
**Idaho Potatoes**  
 10 Lb. Bag  
**\$2.99**  
**US No. 1**



Super Select Premium  
**Cucumbers**  
**69¢**  
 Ea.



Fresh  
**Broccoli Crowns**  
**99¢**  
 Lb.  
**No Waste!**








Fresh Express  
**Cole Slaw**  
**2/\$3**



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