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— Glenn Wood, assistant superintendent of curriculum and instruction in Plainfield Community Consolidated School District 202



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Fourth-grader Amy Mendez practices before taking the Illinois Assessment of Readiness test at Lakewood Falls Elementary in Plainfield.

## Dems target Trump's taxes

House request likely to include 10 years of president's returns

BY DAMIAN PALETTA AND ERICA WERNER  
The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — Congressional Democrats are likely to request 10 years of President Donald Trump's tax returns in coming weeks, tailoring their inquiry in a way they hope will survive a court battle, according to lawmakers and others involved in the discussions.

The parameters of the request are still in flux, including whether to seek tax returns related to Trump's many business enterprises in addition to his personal returns.

But Democrats led by House Ways and Means Committee Chairman Richard Neal, D-Mass., along with congressional lawyers, are in the advanced stages of preparing the request.

Democrats are relying on a 1924 law that gives chairmen of House and Senate tax-writing committees broad powers to demand the tax returns of White House officials.

They said they are being deliberate so as not to make a mistake that jeopardizes the investigation.

"If we had done this a month and a half ago, we would not be prepared, we would be falling on our face, and we'd be looking at the rationale for what we're doing," said Rep. Bill Pascrell Jr., D-N.J., who, along with some other Democrats, has pushed for congressional action to get at the tax returns practically since Trump took office. "Would I have liked it to go faster? I started two years ago. Yes, of course."

During the 2016 campaign, Trump gave a variety of rea-

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## State to ditch PARCC

Shorter standardized test to replace oft-bashed one; other fixes loom

BY KATE THAYER | Chicago Tribune

Students in third through eighth grades across the state will begin taking a new standardized test this month, leaving behind the widely panned PARCC test.

Yet this year's new test, called the Illinois Assessment of Readiness or IAR, differs from PARCC only in length; it's about a third shorter, said Jackie Matthews, spokeswoman for the Illinois State Board of Education.

The new name, however, reflects more sweeping changes on the horizon, Matthews said, designed in part to address the many criticisms of PARCC,

which stands for Partnership for Assessment of Readiness for College and Careers. The changes include a quicker turnaround on results, a computer adaptive test

model customized to each student, more locally created questions and adjustments to how the test is translated for students whose native language is not English. Those changes will be rolled out starting next year through 2022, she said.

"The first year is the first phase of improvements," Matthews said, explaining that local administrators' criticisms were taken into account in designing the new test. "Having a new name allows us to reflect those values."

The PARCC test, designed to assess math and reading skills,

launched in 2015 and was met with controversy. School administrators and parents alike complained that the test's long hours took away from instruction time and argued that the test was too difficult. This led to a record number of parents opting to keep their students from taking the test, which produced dismal scores for the state.

Chicago Public Schools threatened to pull out of PARCC testing but relented to avoid losing federal funds. While PARCC was

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## Tax firms have fewer happy returns for filers

As refunds shrink, many left to deliver bad news

BY ROBERT CHANNICK  
Chicago Tribune

Despite warnings from the Internal Revenue Service that more people may owe money this tax season, early returns show taxpayers may not be fully prepared for the sticker shock.

At Gladys R. Wilson and Associates, a family-owned accounting firm on Chicago's Northwest Side that has been breaking the bad news to a growing number of customers, the reactions have ranged from frustration to a full-fledged taxpayer revolt.

"One customer was so upset she just walked out," said Sandra Wilson, a partner and daughter of the firm's namesake founder. "She said 'I'm not paying it' ... and she left."

More people are receiving less

this year as a result of changed withholding guidelines under the new tax law, which took effect in 2018. Though most tax filers are still expected to get refunds, the amounts may be smaller and the number who owe taxes will likely be larger, according to the IRS.

President Donald Trump signed the Republican-backed Tax Cuts and Jobs Act into law in December 2017, a bill that brought sweeping changes to the tax code such as eliminating personal exemptions, nearly doubling standard deductions and lowering tax rates for individuals and corporations.

While nearly two-thirds of taxpayers are expected to pay less income tax owed for 2018, according to the Tax Policy

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STACEY WESCOTT/CHICAGO TRIBUNE

The Tribune found a surge of police reports of dangerous incidents at the Timberline Knolls site last year.

## Women seeking treatment allegedly instead abused

Cook Co. prosecutors say 6 were assaulted at Timberline Knolls site

BY DAVID JACKSON  
Chicago Tribune

The women and girls who come to Timberline Knolls are in crisis. They arrive at the nationally recognized treatment center after suicide attempts or addicted to drugs, overwhelmed by

mood and eating disorders.

But instead of finding safe harbor, some reported being traumatized in new and horrible ways. Cook County prosecutors allege that a Timberline Knolls counselor, Mike Jacksa, sexually assaulted or abused six patients last year at the leafy 43-acre rehab center in suburban Lemont. Former patients told police that Jacksa subjected them to rape, forced oral sex, digital penetration and fondling be-

neath their clothes. He faces 62 felony charges.

The abuse allegations began to surface last summer, but Timberline officials waited at least three weeks to contact law enforcement, police reports show. In the meantime, Timberline staff conducted internal investigations, twice suspending and reinstating Jacksa, police records show.

In early July, when Timberline

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■ Tuesday's obituary page feature listing historical news events for March 5 mistakenly repeated historical events for March 4.

■ In some editions of Saturday's Chicago Sports section, the Tribune erroneously reported that three Bulls players scored 30-plus points in the same game for the first time in franchise history Friday night in their 168-161, four-overtime victory over the Hawks in Atlanta. In fact, it was the third time three Bulls players scored at least 30 points in the same game. The Tribune regrets the errors.

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## JOHN KASS

# Hope 'ISIS Bride' will read 'A Man Without a Country'

Has Hoda Muthana, 24, the so-called ISIS Bride who joined the terrorist group at 19 and was widowed twice, ever heard of Civil War-era writer Edward Everett Hale?

I'd bet the answer is "No." And that's unfortunate. Because now I can't very well ask Muthana about Hale's famous story, "A Man Without a Country."

In part, that's because she's in a Syrian refugee camp, doing interviews and seeking pity from Americans as leverage against President Donald Trump, so she can get home to her family in Alabama and raise her baby boy in the good old U.S. of A.

"I realized I've made a big mistake and I know I've ruined my future and my son's future and I deeply, deeply regret it," she told the Guardian newspaper.

Being a victim is what it's all about now. That's her only play, to be a victim.

The ISIS Bride is 24 now, a little older than my sons. She ran away from home at 19, made her way to Syria and joined ISIS, was married three times and widowed twice.

That's the thing about ISIS members: When they're not chopping the heads off Christians, Muslims and American journalists, they have a habit of getting killed themselves.

When she left America as a teenager, I've got a feeling ISIS Bride wasn't condemning the monsters who took heads or burned people alive or drowned them in cages in the name of their god.

And I really don't think they teach Hale much in school these days, nor do schools teach civics that much.

Civics? You mean how government works and what, if any, are the responsibilities of American citizens?

Clearly, that kind of thing isn't taught in schools. If it were, then 60 percent of Americans wouldn't have failed a basic citizenship exam put out by the Woodrow Wilson National Fellowship. The group surveyed 41,000 Americans on basic questions about American history and government. But why would schools teach civics?

Now, if the fellowship had only given a test on whom Tristan Thompson cheated on Khloe Kardashian with, then many Americans would pass.



HASSAN SHIBLY

Hoda Muthana, an Alabama woman who left home to join the Islamic State after becoming radicalized online

Ask people about the release date of "Game of Thrones" Season 8 and they'll know. But ask Americans how a bill is passed, or if abolishing the Electoral College would be the fastest way to destroy the republic and bring us to the brink of "Hunger Games"?

Meh. Americans do know about becoming victims, though, and having victim status conferred upon them by media.

One thing we know about being a victim is that whatever the transgression or alleged crime, it's not your fault, it's someone else's fault, and they don't like you and therefore, they should pay.

And it helps if you look good on TV. Muthana is an attractive woman, a seemingly devout Muslim, a mother who speaks in measured, thoughtful tones on TV.

She's a perfect victim, except of course FOR the stubborn facts of her earlier tweets. Muthana wasn't much concerned about the victim status of Syrian Orthodox Christians when, inside ISIS territory, in the Valley of the Christians, they were told to either convert and abandon their faith, pay a fine or die.

Consider her tweets when she called for American blood.

"Go on drive-bys and spill all of their blood, or rent a big truck and drive all over them," she tweeted in March 2015, as reported by The New York Times.

And that's exactly what some terrorists did, in the U.S. and in Europe. President Donald Trump has said

he doesn't want her in the country. Secretary of State Mike Pompeo explained further while doing an interview on WOC Radio in Iowa:

"This is a woman who went online and tried to kill young men and women of the United States of America," Pompeo said. "She advocated for jihad, for people to drive vans across streets here in the United States and kill Americans."

Though Muthana was born in the U.S., the daughter of a diplomat from Yemen, Pompeo and Trump insist she is not an American citizen. It's technical. The courts will decide.

"She's not a U.S. citizen. She has no claim of U.S. citizenship," Pompeo said. "In fact, she's a terrorist, and we shouldn't bring back foreign terrorists to the United States of America."

Her family's lawyer said she'd been brainwashed by ISIS. And she's told reporters it was all a terrible mistake, that she wants to be forgiven.

But how many 19-year-old boys make terrible mistakes, with guns in their hands? Our prisons are full of them.

In Hale's "A Man Without a Country," the traitor Philip Nolan was given the opportunity to address the judges and plead mercy.

"Damn the United States!" Nolan cried. "I wish I may never hear of the United States again!"

His sentence terrified me. He was sentenced to a life at sea, forbidden to set one foot in America, forbidden to see her shores. And while he lived, Nolan was never to hear the words "The United States" again.

He lived a long life. But that's a story. Just like the ISIS Bride who has been brainwashed is a story.

Her son is innocent. He should be brought here to be raised by her parents. And I think she's a citizen, since she was born here.

But citizens owe their county something.

I figure she owes 30 years in a federal penitentiary without parole.

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Below-normal temperatures keep pedestrians bundled up as the cold and wind continue in Chicago on Monday.

# Dear Winter, we're done with you.



MARY SCHMICH

Dear Winter, Get out. Get out now. We're sick of you. Fed up. Not gonna take it anymore. So grab your snow shovels and ice scrapers and back-breaking bags of salt and move on down the road, buddy.

They say Buenos Aires is nice this time of year.

No, you can't stay "just a little longer." You need to go N-O-W. Before we S-N-A-P.

We've already snapped.

We get up in the morning and say, "Alexa, what's the weather?" and Alexa simpers, "Right now in Chicago it's nine degrees Fahrenheit with cloudy skies," and we sink into a despair that all the caffeine in the world can't cure.

We scroll through Twitter and see the National Weather Service announcing, "Chicago's high of 12 degrees today broke a 129-year-old record for the coldest high temp ever on March 4," and we rage, we weep, we droop like a branch under 20 pounds of snow.

Why do you keep treating us this way?

It's true we've had some good times together. Back in December, when the snow was fresh and fluffy and before our sweaters felt like hair shirts, you made us feel more alive. Even when you were at your most difficult — remember that wild polar vortex? those wacky ice quakes? —

you were kind of fun.

You are never fun in March. The only way you could make us love you now is to leave.

Oh, please. Don't tell us we're the ones who need to leave if we're going to break up with you. Not everyone can afford Aruba, though you wouldn't know it from all the Facebook gloaters posting screen shots of the temperatures there — like we're supposed to care that it's 85 on their vacation?

We do not care. All we care about is getting you out of here.

And don't give us that "At least it's sunny" line. That may work on us in January. In the black hole of March, sun matters only if it's warm.

And don't tell us that we should have known you'd be this way in March because this is what winter in Chicago is: interminable, demanding, bitter, rude.

Don't wag your finger and say we should have understood your worst qualities when we chose to live here. We understood. We've let ourselves overlook them many times. No more.

And stop bragging. So what that Monday was the coldest March high temperature in Chicago in nearly forever? Your big numbers may impress us in January, but not in March.

You know what would impress us?

Open windows. Tweeting birds. Warm air on bare skin. Purple crocuses popping through the dead brown ground, riots of yellow daffodils.

There's a word for those things, isn't there? That's right. Spring.

And, hey, don't lecture us on patience and the seasons, and the value of waiting for what we want. February was all we needed to learn about patience.

Lately, we've been dreaming of other Marches we have known and loved. March in the marshes of the South and the deserts of the West. Why didn't we choose to live with them? We don't know. We don't know anything because we are so very, very tired. You have worn us out.

At this point, "loathe" would not be too strong a word for our feelings. And how do we loathe you? Let us count the ways.

We loathe our smelly coats and crud-encrusted boots. We loathe our dry skin and noisy heaters. We loathe the fact that we're still losing gloves. And don't get us started on layers.

We will always love you, dear Winter, for what you are at your best, but March is the worst of you.

Leave before we lose all appreciation and respect.

And take heart. We know you'll be back in December. We'll welcome you. We'll be glad for the thrill of the first snow and the glow of winter lights and the cheer of holiday songs. We'll forget, as we always do, how much we hated you in March.

But this is March. GET OUT.

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# Emanuel enters border wall debate with anti-Trump ad

By LISA DONOVAN  
Chicago Tribune

While Congress debates the legitimacy of President Donald Trump's national emergency declaration in order to build a southern border wall, Mayor Rahm Emanuel has jumped into the fray, using the commander in chief's own words against him.

Emanuel made a 30-second ad that features 2016 presidential campaign clips of Trump promising that he'd build the border wall and get Mexico to pay for it.

Emanuel's campaign ran it on MSNBC, according to a spokeswoman. And the mayor appeared on the cable news channel's "Morning Joe" show last week to talk about it.

"There's a whole set of issues. Congress is going to bring up constitutional issues. I get that. That's legitimate," Emanuel said. "But there's a campaign pledge. He violated it, broke it."

The spot opens with Trump standing at a podium in front of American flags, with the crowd chanting, "Build the wall."

As Trump says, "And Mexico will pay for the wall — 100 percent," the words "When he pitched his wall ... Trump promised Mexico would pay" flash across the screen.

In another clip, Trump says, "And Mexico's going to pay for the wall. Believe me."

Then, as he says: "They're going to pay for the wall and they're going to enjoy it. OK. They're going to enjoy it."

The words "He failed to make Mexico pay ... Now he's making US pay" appear.

It ends with the message, "But in 2020 we will make HIM pay."

A request for comment from the White House was not immediately returned.

Claudia Chavez, a onetime senior adviser for Emanuel's now-abandoned Chicago mayoral campaign and current political director for his still-active political committee Chicago for Rahm Emanuel, said it's uncertain whether there will be an additional ad purchase. It's currently online as well.

"As the mayor begins to enter private life, he's going to continue to talk about things in the public arena that he cares about," Chavez said.

She said that Emanuel, a former congressman who also served as White House chief of staff for Barack Obama, thought that Trump telling the public that Mexico would pay for the border wall was a "lie" and that the record should be set straight.

Because it's a Rahm vs. Trump kind of ad, and with the mayor deciding against another term in the mayor's seat, it begs the question: Is he running for president in 2020?

"Absolutely not," Chavez said, laughing.

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## Ald. Cochran set to plead guilty to federal charges

An earlier deal was rejected in November

BY JASON MEISNER  
Chicago Tribune

For the second time in less than four months, indicted South Side Ald. Willie Cochran is scheduled to plead guilty to federal corruption charges.

Cochran, though, backed away in late November from a plea deal that could have given him no prison time on a single fraud charge. A trial had been set for June 30 after that.

Online records posted Tuesday in federal court indicate Cochran apparently has had second

thoughts. U.S. District Judge Jorge Alonso scheduled a hearing for the outgoing 20th Ward alderman to plead guilty March 21, the records show.

Cochran, a former Chicago police officer, is accused of shaking down businessmen in exchange for his support on deals in his ward. An FBI affidavit made public in 2016 said Cochran at one point demanded \$5,000 from a store owner, writing in a text message, "I need your help, whatever you can do."

The 15-count indictment also alleges that Cochran stole tens of thousands of dollars in charitable donations to the 20th Ward Activities Fund and spent it

on college tuition for his daughter, trips to Indiana casinos, accessories for his Mercedes-Benz and other personal splurges.

After Cochran rejected the earlier plea Nov. 28, his attorney, Christopher Grohman, said Cochran was offered a deal on a single fraud count that gave him a "strong shot" at probation, though sentencing would be up to the judge. Rejecting it is "a big risk," he acknowledged then.

If he's found guilty, Cochran would become Chicago's 30th alderman since 1972 to be convicted of crimes related to official duties. Cochran also could be the third 20th Ward alderman to go to prison,

following Clifford Kelley and Arenda Troutman, who was infamously recorded by federal agents saying, "Most politicians are hos."

Cochran, who was elected in 2007, has continued to serve on the City Council since his indictment in December 2016. A month earlier, after word of the federal probe had gone public, he announced he would not run for a fourth term.

Cochran was charged with 11 counts of wire fraud, two counts of extortion and two counts of bribery. The most serious counts carry a maximum sentence of 20 years in prison if convicted.

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Ald. Willie Cochran backed away from a prior plea deal in his corruption case.

## CPD ordinance's fate far from clear

Revamped provisions face likely uphill battle

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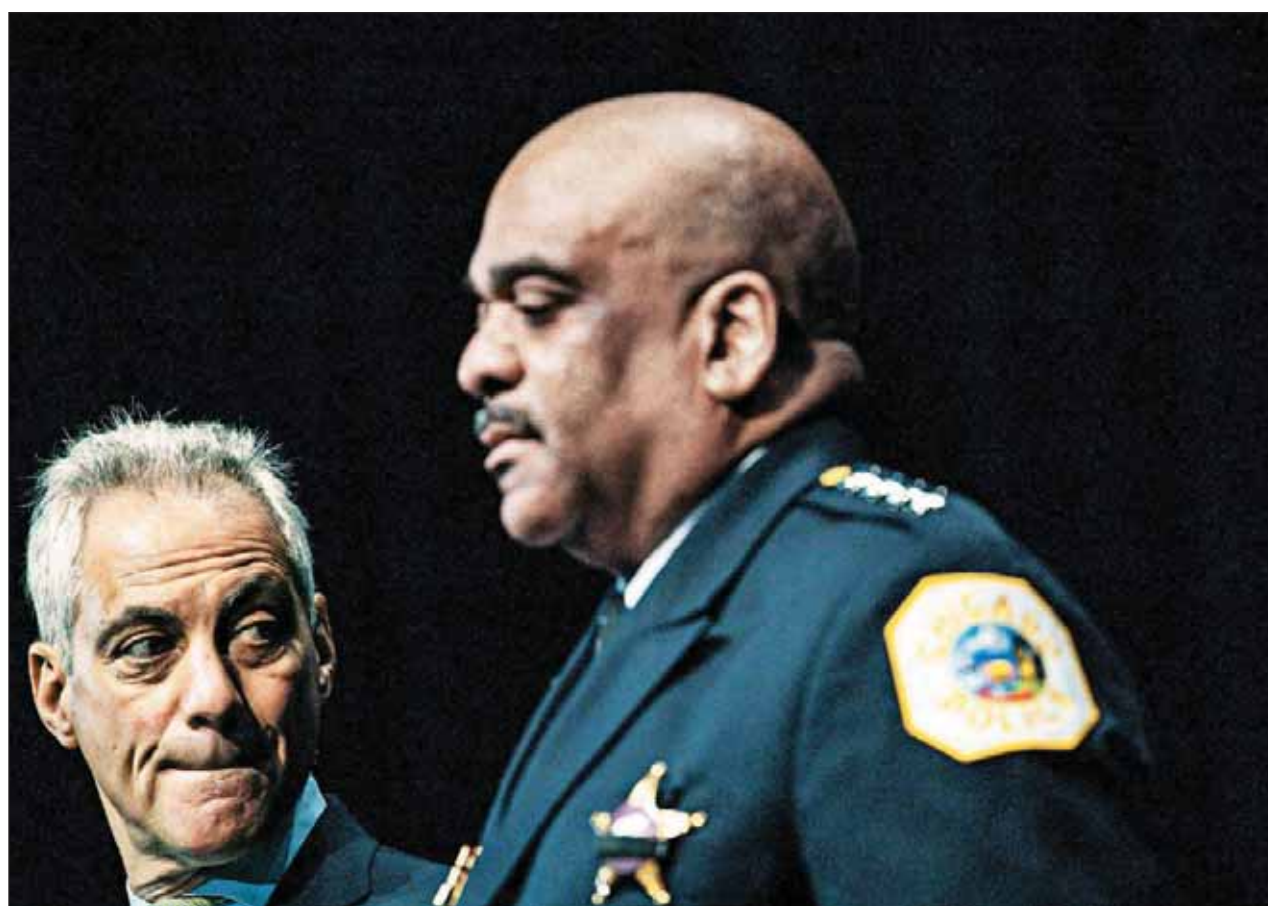
A revamped ordinance that would create a community commission to oversee the Chicago Police Department was introduced Tuesday at the City Council's Public Safety Committee, setting the stage for a likely uphill battle by supporters to win passage before Mayor Rahm Emanuel leaves office.

The revised ordinance eliminates one of the original plan's most controversial proposals — to give a community oversight board the authority to fire the police superintendent.

But support from Emanuel and Ald. Ariel Reboyras, 30th, a close mayoral ally and the committee's chairman, remains uncertain, making passage of the ordinance difficult.

Supporters, however, said they have spent the past year working to earn the support of about 30 aldermen and do not want to start over in May with a new administration and City Council. They also said Emanuel, whose last term was scarred by the Laquan McDonald scandal, should follow through on the creation of a commission that is considered critical to reforming the Police Department.

"This is the legacy of this mayor. It is the legacy of this City Council," said Mecole Jordan, spokeswoman for Grassroots Alliance for Police Accountability, a consortium of 13 neighborhood



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Support from Mayor Rahm Emanuel, seen here with Superintendent Eddie Johnson, for the ordinance remains uncertain.

and advocacy groups that has been working some three years to create the commission.

Jordan said the lack of police accountability and transparency has been a systemic problem for City Hall. And even though mayoral candidates Lori Lightfoot and Toni Preckwinkle both voice support for police reform, it is the current officer-holders who should own up to the problem, she said.

"It goes back to accountability and responsibility and not passing the buck," Jordan said.

The alliance is pushing for a vote before the April 2 election.

Emanuel had fought the release of police dashboard camera video that showed a white Chicago police officer shooting black teen Laquan McDonald 16 times as he walked away from police. A judge ordered the footage be made public in late 2015, sparking outrage and widespread fallout — including the conviction of Officer Jason Van Dyke on second-degree murder charges and sweeping court-mandated reforms to the troubled Police Department.

Emanuel's Police Accountability Task Force, chaired by Lightfoot, issued dozens of recommendations in April 2016, including a call for civilian oversight of the Police Department with substantial input from the community. At the time, Emanuel deferred to the alliance's request to study the issue and make a recommendation.

Ald. Harry Osterman, co-sponsor of the ordinance that creates the Community Commission for Public Safety, noted that several citywide public hearings were held on the idea. He

said Tuesday that he agrees that it is the "responsibility" of the current City Council to act now.

"These issues were brought to the forefront over the last few years, and it is our responsibility to address it," the 48th Ward alderman said.

"Our goal is to have this voted on before the next City Council is seated."

The proposed commission could become an issue for Reboyras, who faces a runoff election next month against Jessica Gutierrez, a daughter of former U.S. Rep. Luis Gutierrez.

At Tuesday's committee hearing, Reboyras spoke only to say he accepted the new ordinance. The committee took no action.

The revised ordinance backed off two of the original plan's most controversial features — giving the commission the final say on department policy and the ability to fire the police superintendent.

Under the ordinance introduced Tuesday, the Police Department would set its own policy, but it would require the commission's review before a final decision by the City Council.

The ordinance would also give the commission the power to begin proceedings aimed at removing a police superintendent. The Public Safety Committee would be obligated to conduct the hearing and take testimony. The vote would then go to the full City Council.

In addition, under the revised ordinance, the commission would expand to nine members from the original seven and would require that at least two members be between the ages 18 and 24. The change acknowledges a desire to address the frayed relationships between Chicago police and city youth.

Commission members would be required to live in Chicago and hold extensive work experience in fields including law, public policy, mental health, social work, law enforcement and community organizing. At least two members must be lawyers with at least 10 years of experience of practicing civil rights or criminal law.

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## Western Illinois University lays off 132

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Facing persistent budget problems, Western Illinois University has laid off 132 employees.

Among those receiving notices were 29 faculty members, 89 civil service workers, 12 academic service personnel and two administrative employees, university spokeswoman Darcie Shinberger said.

Nine more civil service workers at the Macomb-based public university also had the duration of their contracts cut in the reductions, which were announced Friday.

Of the faculty members losing their jobs, 18 are tenured or tenure-track, Shinberger said. In accordance with their union contracts, they received a year's notice and will continue to teach through the 2019-2020 school year.

The other 11 affected faculty members are non-tenure-track instructors who remain on the job through the current semester, finishing May 14.

Shinberger said the final numbers could shift after accounting for retirements and reassignments.

"As a result of the current

budget situation, including decreased enrollment, it is necessary to reduce our expenditures, including position reductions across the university," Western Illinois President Jack Thomas said in a statement.

"We have pledged to work with employees to provide career counseling and assistance with employment searches."

William Thompson, president of the University Professionals of Illinois chapter at Western, said faculty laid off included nine instructors, seven assistant professors, 11 associate professors and two professors. He said others losing their jobs include academic advisers, admissions counselors and employees of the University Counseling Center, which provides personal counseling services.

Thompson said union leaders spent the day meeting with colleagues who received layoff notices or were in limbo.

"It was a terribly sad experience," Thompson said. "We let everyone know that (the union) will fight the layoffs on campus and in Springfield. We also offered to go to layoff meetings with people who were not repre-

sented by any union. We want to support every worker who needs or wants our help during this crisis."

Union members are planning a rally on Wednesday in support of their colleagues.

"What our friends and loved ones need is our support, our commitment to take this university in a new direction, out of its current path and toward its rightful place as a thriving part of a thriving community," Thompson said in an e-mail Monday.

About 2,100 faculty and staff worked at Western as of fall 2018, according to the university fact book. The layoffs represents about 6 percent of that workforce.

Western, which also operates a campus in the Quad Cities, is among several public universities in Illinois that have seen large enrollment declines in recent years.

Overall enrollment at Western dropped from 11,094 in 2015 to 8,502 last fall, more than a 23 percent decline.

Most state schools have struggled to recruit new freshmen students in the past four years. That category shrank by about 40 percent at Western since fall 2016.

University officials previously said leaders are hoping to stabilize enrollment by increasing financial aid; freezing rates for fees, room and board; and boosting recruitment efforts.

The possibility of layoffs has loomed over Western all year.

Thomas announced budget cuts at the beginning of the school year, saying he was working with academic departments in an attempt to cut \$5 million out of this year's budget of \$231.3 million. Divisions also are being directed to cut costs to help slash overall spending by \$21 million for next year.

Last summer, the board of trustees authorized top administrators to reduce staff as needed through June 2019.

As part of that decision, 24 faculty members — including seven with tenure — and two academic affairs staffers were laid off last June. Dozens more vacant positions were eliminated from the budget.

The university also offered a voluntary retirement program, providing 25 percent of employees' salaries as incentives to retire Jan. 1.

Thomas also said university leaders are review-



DISPATCH  
Western Illinois University's Quad Cities campus is in Moline.

ing degree programs to assess whether any can be eliminated.

"While reductions are necessary, we cannot continue to reduce our way out of these fiscal challenges," Thomas wrote in a universitywide letter in November. "We must grow as an institution. I want to emphasize again that student recruitment and retention efforts are everyone's responsibility."

Western also has implemented other faculty and staff layoffs in recent years, as well as furloughs and program cuts, as Illinois' budget crisis has drastically reduced state funding for public universities and community colleges.

Meanwhile, faculty members also have launched a petition to be delivered to Gov. J.B. Pritzker, urging him to appoint new board members and to provide emergency funding to help stave off the pending layoffs and program cuts.

There are now six open governor-appointed seats on the university's board after the terms of three expired in January. At full strength, the board has seven governor-appointed trustees and a student trustee.

The MoveOn petition had more than 4,800 signatures as of Tuesday.

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# At center, no refuge for some

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staff discovered journal entries by a patient that described her sexual encounters with Jacksa, they confronted the woman in his presence, police reports show. Afterward, the woman “went back to her lodge and broke a mirror, intending to hurt herself or commit suicide over the embarrassment and emotional distress the whole situation with Jacksa had caused,” a Lemont police report said. “She was transported to a hospital.”

Widely accepted treatment standards say people who report sex crimes should not be forced to give their accounts in front of their alleged attackers.

Timberline Knolls suspended Jacksa a third time in early August, after the police got involved, then fired him Aug. 10. His alleged sexual attacks on patients were “an isolated incident,” said Timberline spokesman Gary Mack. “Facility administrators were greatly saddened by this whole situation and believed they acted swiftly and certainly to take Jacksa off the street.”

But the Tribune also found the charges against Jacksa arose amid a surge of Lemont police reports about dangerous incidents at Timberline last year.

Apart from the Jacksa case, police responded to 14 allegations of patient-on-patient sex crimes or batteries at the facility last year, compared with a total of 12 such cases in the previous three years. Meanwhile, Timberline reported 10 missing persons or runaways to Lemont police in 2018, compared with seven reports total in the previous three years.

Some of those runaway incidents lasted only hours, but one proved fatal, government records show.

Grace Cho, 33, left Timberline during her intake interview last year, then took her own life in a nearby hotel. Timberline officials did not alert police until five hours after Cho left, according to a DuPage County 911 audio recording obtained by the Tribune.

A program specialist for the U.S. State Department who ran marathons, organized book clubs and was active in her church, Cho “had a lot of positive energy and wanted to make the world a better place,” said Steve Park, who runs a charity called Little Lights. Cho volunteered there by teaching math in a Washington, D.C., housing project.

A month before her arrival at Timberline, Cho had been admitted to Washington, D.C.-area hospitals three times after separate suicide attempts, according to her family’s account in their pending wrongful-death lawsuit against the facility.

Timberline failed to diagnose Cho’s crisis-level mental instability and her warning signs for suicide, the Cho family lawsuit alleges. It also states that Timberline staff knew Cho had left via the Lyft car service yet did not call Lyft to determine where she went. Cho’s parents, who live in Wheaton, declined to comment for this story.

On the same freezing and overcast day Cho left Timberline — Jan. 24, 2018 — another client also disappeared into the light snow.

A 17-year-old girl from Pennsylvania, she left the facility with no money, credit card or cellphone, according to Lemont police records and national missing-person posts.

As she solicited rides from truck drivers, authorities used K-9 dogs and gathered travel plaza videos and confidential tips to trace her four days later to the home of a Bridgeview man who said he did not know she was a runaway. She was in his bedroom closet when authorities recovered her, Lemont police records show.

Mack said Timberline Knolls went above and beyond the call of duty to protect its patients in these and other cases. The Pennsylvania girl, and other runaway and missing-person reports represent a tiny fraction of the hundreds of



STACEY WESCOTT/CHICAGO TRIBUNE

On Timberline Knolls’ picturesque campus of lodges against limestone cliffs, prosecutors allege, counselor Mike Jacksa assaulted or abused six patients.

**“(Mike) Jacksa became so nervous that he stated he was going to be sick and began to dry heave. ... After he regained his composure, Jacksa agreed that he crossed the line during therapy.”**

— Lemont police report

clients Timberline served, Mack said.

He also said Cho’s disappearance and suicide do not reflect on Timberline Knolls because she left before completing patient admission forms. “She was not a patient at Timberline — she was not in their charge and she had the free will to do whatever she wanted to do during the initial intake interview,” Mack said.

Following the revelations about Jacksa, Mack said, Timberline increased the frequency of staff checks on therapy rooms, installed larger windows on the therapy rooms so no corners were hidden from the line of sight, conducted fresh employee background checks, and retrained staff on how to spot and handle evidence of abuse.

The company said in a statement that it also conducted a thorough investigation into how Jacksa “manipulated Timberline Knolls’ policies, protocols and procedures, to assure it won’t happen again. We are committed to ensuring Timberline Knolls always meets our high standards so that every patient receives the quality of care that is worthy of the facility’s reputation as one of the world’s leading residential treatment centers.”

## A ‘good-looking Christian dude’

The website for Timberline Knolls describes the facility as a private residential treatment center “for women and adolescent girls with eating disorders, addictions, mood disorders and trauma.” Its national reputation has been earned in part by treating celebrities including chart-topping songwriter Ke\$ha and singer Demi Lovato, who both have spoken publicly about seeking help there in times of personal crisis.

The picturesque campus of lodges with wooden bridges and rustic, limestone cliffs has had a troubled history over years of ownership changes. Once called Rock Creek Center, it shuttered in 2002 amid a massive Medicare fraud scandal that involved serious harm to patients. It was reopened as Timberline Knolls four years later, but two of its directors resigned in 2010 after the Tribune revealed their ties to the previous illegal schemes and showed the facility made misleading claims about treatment successes.

Since 2012, the 122-bed facility has been owned by Acadia Healthcare, one of

America’s biggest and fastest-growing behavioral treatment firms. Founded in 2005 by Chicago private-equity investor Reeve Waud, Acadia says it now operates 586 facilities holding 18,000 beds in the U.S. and the United Kingdom. Mack called Acadia “a thought leader” in treating mental health disorders.

When Timberline hired Michael Anthony Jacksa in 2017 as a licensed clinical counselor, it brought on a therapist with a decade of experience in handling difficult cases of families in crisis and youths in detention.

“His performance here can be characterized as dedicated, with a sincere commitment to the community and its many underserved residents,” said one letter of recommendation for Jacksa from the Will County Health Department, where he worked for six years until leaving in 2013.

Muscular and charismatic, the married 39-year-old father of two also helped Timberline fulfill a special component of its program: counseling based on New Testament scriptures. Timberline is open to nonbelievers and people of all faiths, but it also has promoted a “Christian Treatment Path.”

“Hands-on activities help wounded women and girls release to God their feelings of shame, inadequacy, guilt, anger, or rage,” said one archived facility web post from 2018, when Jacksa worked there. “Christian-based therapy helps women of faith overcome emotional and spiritual obstacles that prevent them from experiencing God’s purpose and plan for life.”

One of Jacksa’s alleged victims described him to police as a “nicely dressed, good-looking Christian dude” who discussed “Christianity and sports” with the women under his care. “That’s why a lot of us chose (Timberline). I felt that Christianity was important in my treatment,” she said.

Jaksa’s alleged abuse of patients began in December 2017, court and police records state.

The first allegations surfaced in July when Acadia staff found the journal entries written by a patient and confronted her in front of Jacksa, prompting her to break a mirror and attempt suicide. He was not suspended at the time, according to a Tribune analysis of police and court records confirmed by Timberline spokesman Mack.

The second sign of problems came July 16, when Timberline was contacted by administrators from a sister Acadia facility, The Refuge in Ocklawaha, Fla.

On that day, a patient stated during her Refuge intake interviews that she had been sexually assaulted by Jacksa while being treated at Timberline in May and June, according to records from the Marion County, Fla., sheriff and Lemont police. She told a Florida investigator she did everything she could to fend off Jacksa, even wearing jeans instead of leggings during therapy sessions so he couldn’t easily grope her. But “she felt he had power over her. He controlled everything” from her daily activity schedule to her insurance billings, she told Florida police.

A therapist from The Refuge later told Marion County, Fla., police that making this disclosure triggered a “dissociative trauma response” in the woman.

According to Florida and Lemont police reports, the Refuge patient also described how another woman had broken a mirror after staff read her diaries and questioned her in front of Jacksa. That indicates the diary was found prior to July 16.

Timberline did not call police after getting the call from The Refuge. Instead, Timberline administrators questioned Jacksa that same day and suspended him while they “investigated the allegation in-house,” according to a subsequent Lemont police report.

“Mike had denied anything happened and he was brought back to work under supervision” a week later, on July 23, another Lemont report said.

Eleven days later, on Aug. 3, Timberline received a call from a former patient who said she and several other patients had “experienced inappropriate sexual comments and advances by Mike Jacksa while in therapy sessions with him,” a Lemont police report said.

Timberline suspended Jacksa a second time, while administrators again “investigated in-house,” according to a Lemont police report.

Also on that day, the state Department of Human Services decided after a two-day review to renew Timberline’s license for only a year, instead of the usual three-year period. The department division that licenses the facility has limited jurisdiction to conduct monitoring, but a state reviewer sought personnel and patient records from the facility after two former patients called the state and alleged they had been sexually abused by Jacksa.

On Aug. 6, a former patient called Lemont police with her account of abuse by Jacksa, and police opened an investigation. The next day, Timberline independently “decided they needed to call the police afterward and did so

on this date,” a police report said.

That day, a Lemont police detective asked a Timberline administrator why Timberline had waited at least the three weeks since July 16 to report Jacksa’s potential crimes.

The administrator explained to police that administrators of individual Acadia facilities “have to contact corporate with these matters and corporate tells them to investigate and investigate more before they are allowed to call police,” according to a Lemont police report released to the Tribune under open records laws.

The Lemont detective told the administrator that “delayed reporting can greatly affect the outcome of a criminal investigation,” according to his report. She “stated she understood but she was bound by corporate’s instructions and policies,” the Lemont police report said.

Mack said the statements made in the police report do not reflect Acadia’s corporate policies. “The corporate policy of the company is (that) the administrator of a facility has the authority to, and is expected to, contact police about any criminal matter,” Mack said.

## Crossing the line

On Aug. 10, Timberline terminated Jacksa and made him available to police for an interview at the facility, according to Lemont police reports.

As Lemont detectives interviewed Jacksa, he became increasingly nervous, according to the written account of the Lemont detective.

Jaksa acknowledged developing feelings for one patient, but as police began to discuss her case, “Jacksa became so nervous that he stated he was going to be sick and began to dry heave. ... After he regained his composure, Jacksa agreed that he crossed the line during therapy,” a Lemont police report said. He admitted to pulling down that woman’s pants and groping her with his fingers, the police report said.

Asked about another case, Jacksa did not deny the woman’s statements but said “he really didn’t remember and had ‘blocked it out.’” He said he thought everything he did with women at the facility was consensual.

Prosecutors have charged Jacksa with 62 felony counts of criminal sexual assault and criminal sexual abuse, as well as one misdemeanor battery charge for allegedly stroking a patient’s groin area during her treatment.

One woman told police Jacksa would compliment her on her looks when she was crying. He penetrated her from behind, she told police, and said something to the effect of: “That should make you feel better.” In her account, she described running back to her bedroom, pulling the

covers over herself and breaking down.

Another woman told police Jacksa would look at her strangely and say, “Wow, just, wow.” He offered to massage her and told her he was a massage therapist, according to her account. He began to hug and kiss her at the end of sessions, she said, then forcefully pressed her against a wall, slid his hands down her pants and groped her.

As she protested and said no, he said: “It’s fine, it’s fine”; when she started shaking and trembling, he told her to calm down, she said, according to subsequent police reports. When she said she didn’t want to do this and asked him to “please stop,” he would just repeat, “It’s okay, it’s okay,” the reports state.

A third woman said she used an eraser to give herself friction burns so that she would be placed under “constant observation” by staff and not have therapy sessions with Jacksa.

Attorneys for Jacksa did not respond to requests for comment. He has pleaded not guilty and awaits trial in Cook County Jail.

As his case plays out, Timberline’s parent company, Acadia, has been under stress. Last year, a class-action lawsuit filed in Nashville federal court accused the company of misleading shareholders by hiding financial problems — a charge Acadia denied.

Founder Waud has reduced his stake in the company significantly; since August 2015, he has sold Acadia shares worth nearly \$560 million as Acadia’s stock value dropped from more than \$70 per share to its current price of under \$30, according to a Tribune analysis of U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission disclosures of stock trades by company insiders.

In December, Waud and other board members forced out Acadia CEO Joey Jacobs for reasons not made public, according to news reports. Debra Osteen, a former president of the behavioral health division at Universal Health Services, was brought on to replace him.

A spokesman for Waud said it is “typical” for private equity managers to sell their stake in companies they have created and built, then move on to other ventures.

In a statement to the Tribune, Waud said he recently resumed his former role as Acadia chairman to push the company back in the right direction.

“Together with our new CEO, we are driving improvements throughout the organization with an unrelenting focus on excellent patient care at all our facilities,” Waud’s statement said. “That is, and always will be, Acadia’s firm commitment to our patients, their families, our employees, our shareholders and to the public.”

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# Final evidence next step in Gliniewicz case

Hearing this month could address communication with late husband

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An Illinois Appellate Court-mandated hearing on marital privacy issues in the theft case against Melodie Gliniewicz could be held March 21, if final evidence needed for the hearing — including text messages between her and her late husband, former Fox Lake police Lt. Joe Gliniewicz — has been obtained.

Melodie Gliniewicz appeared in Lake County Circuit Court on Tuesday following a lengthy delay to allow the Appellate Court to study the issue, which involved whether certain electronic communication between her and Joe Gliniewicz are protected from use at trial by marital privilege.

In January 2016, Melodie Gliniewicz was indicted on charges of money laundering, misuse of charitable funds and conspiracy in the wake of her husband's September 2015 death, which authorities concluded was a staged suicide following a massive hunt for alleged killers.

Lake County prosecutors allege that Melodie Gliniewicz participated in her late husband's alleged scheme to siphon money from the Fox Lake Police Explorer youth program, which he coordinated, to use for personal expenses such as meals and entertainment.

On Tuesday, following debate between Gliniewicz's defense attorneys and prosecutors over remaining discovery evidence issues in the case, Lake County Circuit Judge James Booras set a hearing date of March 21.

Prosecutors said in court that if information requested from the telecommunications company Sprint is delivered in time, the state would be ready to address the marital privilege issue on that date.

Booras earlier had granted a request from defense attorneys that the texts should be excluded from the trial due to marital privilege.

The Lake County state's attorney's office appealed that ruling, and the 2nd District State Appellate Court ruled that Booras erred in not allowing a hearing on the issue to be held, and directed that one be scheduled.

Prosecutors argued in pretrial appearances that texts and emails between Gliniewicz and her husband are important to the

case and are not covered by spousal protection laws.

Defense attorneys asserted they are, and so far have been successful in that position before Booras.

But following the state appellate court order, a hearing on the issue must be held in circuit court.

The state said in its appellate briefs that Gliniewicz had signed a consent to search her phone in October 2015.

Defense Attorney Donald Morrison previously said that while Gliniewicz signed an FBI consent form involving her phone, the state failed to include the consent form to use any evidence from her phone. The request was made a year after evidence was being finalized in the pretrial process.

Prosecutors responded that they did not receive the consent document until April of last year.

Prosecutors also said Joe Gliniewicz's cell phone, which contains the text messages at issue, "was purchased with charitable funds and is/was owned by Fox Lake."

Joe Gliniewicz shot himself to death in 2015, as it appeared his alleged theft was about to be exposed to village officials, according to authorities.

He died in a remote area of Fox Lake after reporting to a police dispatcher that he was chasing three suspects on foot, prompting a high-profile police search and investigation.

After an outpouring of condolences and a hero's funeral for Gliniewicz, investigators determined he staged his suicide to look like a line-of-duty death.

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Gliniewicz

# Prosecutors: He 'used the power of the badge'

Evidence against ex-Chicago cop charged with robbing drug dealers examined

BY JASON MEISNER  
Chicago Tribune

As a longtime Chicago police sergeant, Eddie Hicks thought robbing drug dealers was the perfect crime, federal prosecutors said Tuesday.

The only witnesses were criminals who weren't about to call the "honest police," Assistant U.S. Attorney Morris Pasqual told a jury in his opening statement in Hicks' long-awaited conspiracy trial.

Hicks had informants who tipped him off to stash house locations, a Police Department mechanic who had access to the keys to unmarked squad cars and a designated crew member who typed up phony search warrants in the car on an old manual typewriter, Pasqual said.

If they encountered any law enforcement, the crew simply flashed their badges and got a pass, Pasqual said. And when a raid was done, there were never any arrests or paperwork — all that was left to do was go back to a crew member's house, put the cash and drugs on a dining room table and divide up the loot.

"They used the power of the badge and the power of the gun to do their searches and street stops," Pasqual said. "Any money they found was theirs. It went into their pockets."

Hicks was charged in 2001 with racketeering conspiracy, drug trafficking conspiracy, using a gun in furtherance of a drug crime and theft of government funds. An indictment accused the veteran narcotics officer of running a rogue crew of cops who robbed drug dealers of thousands of dollars in cash and resold dozens of kilograms of stolen narcotics in a series of off-the-books raids from 1993 to 2001.

On Tuesday, Hicks finally faced a jury in a packed courtroom at the Dirksen U.S. Courthouse more than 15 years after he fled Chicago on the eve of his trial in 2003. He was arrested in Detroit in September 2017 living under a false name after an international manhunt that led authorities from Brazil to

Texas. "When (Hicks' trial) rolled around, he was nowhere to be found," Pasqual said. "He was gone, and when he was gone, he remained gone for the next 5,214 days."

Prosecutors have since added a charge of jumping bail.

Seated at the defense table in a gray suit and eyeglasses, Hicks, now 70, looked on with a slight smile as Pasqual detailed the inner workings of his robbery crew.

Among the members was Pete Veal, a drug dealer who for years tipped Hicks off to good scores in exchange for a cut of the proceeds. It was Veal's cooperation with the FBI that ultimately led to the 2001 sting that ended with the crew's arrest, Pasqual said. Much of the trial is expected to center on secret video and audio recordings made by the FBI at the two South Side apartments that were set up to look like drug stash houses.

Also part of the group was Larry Knitter, the burly mechanic at the old Wentworth District police headquarters who could get his hands on the keys to undercover squad cars, Pasqual said.

Matt Moran, at the time a civilian investigator for the Police Department's Office of Professional Standards, was responsible for handcuffing anyone inside a location during a "rip," Pasqual said.

Another corrupt Chicago police sergeant, Larry Hargrove, would conduct the raids with Hicks, who was responsible for selling any drugs that were recovered, according to Pasqual.

In his opening remarks to the jury, Hicks' attorney, Robert Crowe, said much of the government's case relies



Hicks

on the testimony of Knitter, a known liar and "con man" who cut a deal with prosecutors to lower his own sentence. Crowe also said that Hicks does not appear in many of the undercover videos.

"You are going to have reasonable doubt in this case," he said.

On Tuesday afternoon, Knitter, who completed his 9 1/2-year prison sentence, took the witness stand and testified in detail about several of the crew's prolific scores in the 1990s, including the 1995 robbery of two female drug dealers who were holed up in a hotel on South Michigan Avenue.

Testifying in a deep, gravelly voice and breathing loudly through his nose, Knitter told jurors they held guns to the heads of the victims, tied them up and stole two packages of cocaine.

When Pasqual asked what the women were wearing, Knitter responded, "They were naked, sir," in a matter-of-fact tone.

Knitter said that on the night of a planned heist, the crew would meet in the police parking lot at 51st Street and Wentworth Avenue, which they referred to as "the gym." After Moran banged out a bogus warrant on his typewriter, the crew would "gear up" for the job, Knitter testified. Among the tools of the trade: bullet-proof vests, sledgehammers, sawed-off shotguns, pistols, handcuffs and leg shackles.

At one point, Knitter was handed his old, black gun belt and held it up for jurors to see. Pasqual asked Knitter if he ever had to shoot anyone during one of their robberies.

"No, sir," Knitter said

"When (Hicks' trial) rolled around, he was nowhere to be found. He was gone, and when he was gone, he remained gone for the next 5,214 days."

— Assistant U.S. Attorney Morris Pasqual

before pausing and adding, "Not that I know of?"

A longtime narcotics officer, Hicks retired from the Police Department while under federal investigation in March 2000. Until then, he seemingly had a charmed career, working personal friendships with top commanders to land push assignments such as providing security at Chicago Bulls games.

A Tribune investigation later found that while he was on the lam, Hicks repeatedly conducted financial transactions in Chicago to enrich himself and the people closest to him.

Two years after he vanished, his signature appeared on land records giving his son — also a Chicago police officer — the South Side property that Hicks had used to secure his release on \$150,000 bond. In addition, by the time of the Tribune investigation in 2011, monthly police pension checks totaling more than \$300,000 had been paid to Hicks' bank account or cashed by his wife.

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# U. of C. president speaks out on proposed order on free speech

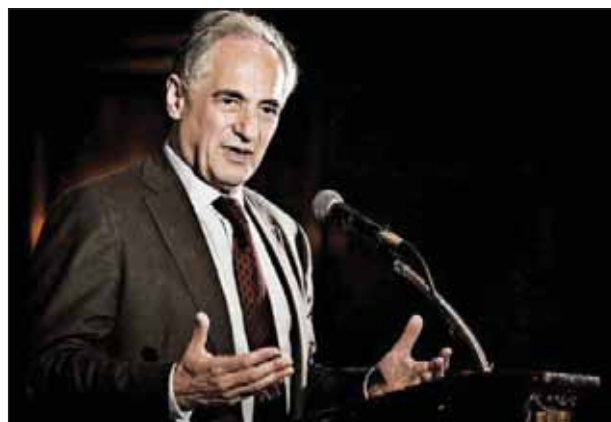
BY ELVIA MALAGON  
Chicago Tribune

The president of the University of Chicago is speaking out against a proposed executive order by President Donald Trump that would address free speech on college campuses across the country.

Robert Zimmer, the university's president, wrote a letter to the campus that was later published online stating that any federal action to address free speech on college campuses was "misguided and in fact sets a very problematic precedent."

"There are two related features of potential Federal engagement on this issue that would threaten the mission of institutions of higher education," Zimmer wrote. "They would do so by creating the specter of less rather than more free expression, and by deeply chilling the environment for discourse and intellectual challenge."

Trump announced in a speech Saturday to the Conservative Political Action Conference that he was going to sign an executive order to address free speech on campuses. The



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University of Chicago President Robert Zimmer says any federal action to address free speech on campuses would be "misguided" and set "a very problematic precedent."

order would be tied to federal funding for colleges across the country.

The proposed executive order follows past statements his administration has made that sided with students who have complained about their free speech rights being infringed upon at colleges. Education Secretary Betsy DeVos previously said that "administrators too often attempt to shield students from ideas they subjectively decide are hateful or offensive or injurious, or ones they just don't like."

Zimmer argues in his

letter that this type of executive order would open the door for other "troubling" policies regarding freedom of expression. It also could create a level of bureaucracy that would regulate and enforce policies surrounding free speech, he said.

"A committee in Washington passing judgment on the speech policies and activities of educational institutions, judgments that may change according to who is in power and what policies they wish to promulgate, would be a profound threat to open dis-

course on campus," Zimmer said. "In fact, it would reproduce in Washington exactly the type of on-campus 'speech committee' that would be a natural and dangerous consequence of the position taken by many advocating for the limitation of discourse on campuses."

This is not the first time the University of Chicago has weighed in on the topic of free speech on campus. In 2016, the university wrote a letter to incoming freshmen telling them that academic freedom to the institution meant that the campus would not support "trigger warnings" or cancel invited speakers because their speech might be considered controversial.

The letter was written after the university issued a report on its stance of freedom of expression on campus, which has since been tested. In 2017, various student groups organized protests after Corey Lewandowski, the former campaign manager for Trump, was asked to participate in a seminar by the university's Institute of Politics.

In 2018, protests again broke out and a petition was circulated after Steve

Bannon, a former adviser to Trump, was invited to speak at the university. The invitation by a Booth School of Business professor proved to be a test of the university's support of free speech on campus.

"Any recognized student group, faculty group, university department or individual faculty member can invite a speaker to campus. We recognize that there will be debate and disagreement over this event; as part of our commitment to free expression, the university supports the ability of protesters and invited speakers to express a wide range of views," university officials said in a statement last year.

Luigi Zingales, a Booth School of Business professor, said by email that Bannon originally had agreed to come to campus last March but then postponed. Zingales said he tried to reach out to Bannon to set another date but he never heard back from him or his assistant.

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Martin

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## Injured officer had met gunman

Zegar helped Martin when he was shot previously

BY SARAH FREISHTAT  
The Beacon-News

The February warehouse shooting in Aurora wasn't the first time gunman Gary Martin and injured Aurora police Officer James Zegar crossed paths at the scene of gunfire.

Martin opened fire at Henry Pratt Co., killing five co-workers and shooting Zegar and four other police officers last month. Nearly 20 years ago, Martin was injured in a shooting, and Zegar was one of the first officers on scene to help, Aurora police Sgt. Bill Rowley said.

On a warm, humid night in August 1999, Zegar was called to a report of a shooting near a liquor store in the Northgate Shopping Center on Aurora's near West Side, according to police reports obtained Tuesday by The Beacon-News. Zegar found Martin in the parking lot of a Burger King across the street with a gunshot wound to the left side of his face.

Martin gave Zegar a brief account of what happened before Martin was taken to the hospital, police records show.

Later that night, after Martin was released from the hospital, he gave police more detail, according to police records. He said a friend went into the liquor store and seemed to have a short conversation with a man inside. When the man walked out of the store, someone sitting in the same car as Martin, yelled, "Go, go, he's got a gun." Martin had been trying to change the radio station when he looked up and saw a man get out of a car holding a silver gun. Martin ducked and tried to start the car as shots were fired, and he was hit in the cheek, he told police. Martin got out of the car, raced across the street to the Burger King parking lot and yelled for someone to call police.

Police closed the case about a month later without making an arrest.

Martin's brother, Alex Robinson, said Tuesday he didn't live in the area when his brother was shot and he didn't recall anything about Zegar, but called the coincidence "crazy."

He recalled the 1999 shooting as scary for the family. "I was shocked," he said. "And then later angry, a little bit, because I didn't know what was happening."

Nearly 15 years later, Martin applied for and received a gun license even though a 1995 felony aggravated assault conviction made him ineligible for one, and he purchased a gun. The state police later revoked his gun license when it realized the error, but Martin used his gun in the February warehouse shooting.

Zegar, a 25-year veteran of the Aurora Police Department, was one of the officers Martin shot, police said. All five officers who were shot have been released from hospital care. Their injuries are not life-threatening, police have said. A sixth officer suffered minor injuries responding to the warehouse but unrelated to gunfire.

Rowley said it's not uncommon for officers to cross paths with the same people both when they need assistance from police, and when they are on the other side of the law.

"We cross paths with people throughout — well, in this case, throughout our entire career," he said. "And you don't know what kind of effect you have on somebody, how your paths will cross in the future."



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Sandra Wilson, left, a partner in Gladys R. Wilson and Associates, works with client Alba Torres on her taxes in her office Monday.

## Fewer happy returns for filers

Returns, from Page 1

Center, most employees saw the benefit in higher paychecks, with less federal withholding, throughout the year.

The government also adjusted withholding tables, aiming for improved accuracy — no refund and no money owed. Thus far, that has led to at least the perception of fewer happy returns at tax time.

For tax year 2017, the IRS issued refunds to about 75 percent of taxpayers, with the average refund at \$2,778, according to the Government Accountability Office.

Weekly filing reports from the IRS last month showed year-over-year declines in the number and size of refunds, fueling concerns over shrinking refunds. While the refund numbers have rebounded slightly in the most recent report on Feb. 22, the federal government is still in

**"The withholding tables were changed to give people back more in their paychecks. The problem with that is people are psychologically prepared for these refunds."**

— Dan Rahill, a tax partner with Chicago-based accounting firm BDO

damage control mode, seeking to assuage worried taxpayers.

"There is a difference between a tax liability and a tax refund," the Treasury Department said in a news release last week. "The size of someone's refund is a separate issue from whether their taxes have increased or decreased."

Whether or not they come out ahead under the new tax law, many taxpayers count on their annual refund as a windfall to pay off credit card balances or make large purchases. When it's not there, or worse yet, when they need to write a check to the IRS, it can be a blow to their budgets, according to Dan

Rahill, a tax partner with Chicago-based accounting firm BDO.

"The withholding tables were changed to give people back more in their paychecks," Rahill said. "The problem with that is people are psychologically prepared for these refunds."

Rahill said taxpayers are better off "breaking even" on their returns. A tax bill can carry with it a penalty for underwithholding, while a refund is actually a loan to the government — with no benefit for the taxpayer.

"From a tax point of view, you don't want to give the government an interest-free loan, and that's

essentially what a refund is," Rahill said. "If somebody is due a \$5,000 refund, that means during the year they gave the government a \$5,000 interest-free loan."

That logic may be lost on even financially savvy taxpayers.

Many of Rahill's higher-income clients have yet to file this year, waiting for Schedule K-1 partnership income statements, due March 15. But they too will likely feel the pain of smaller refund checks, he said.

"Nobody has called me up to yell about their smaller refund, but I expect I will see it in the next month or two," he said.

At Gladys R. Wilson and

Associates, a 32-year-old firm whose client base is 70 to 80 percent Hispanic, the tax season of discontent has already set in.

The firm has been warning its 10,000 or so customers for months that the new tax law could result in lower refunds or year-end tax bills, urging them to be prepared and make adjustments to their withholding, if necessary.

Few have heeded the advice. So this year, preparers start each tax filing session by lowering expectations, Sandra Wilson said.

Customers still get upset over diminishing refunds, but so far, reactions have been muted and only one has stormed out.

"They take it better once they realize it's not as bad as it could be," she said. "Just tell them ahead of time — don't surprise them at the end."

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## With teacher turned, 14-year-old boy sets fire to girl's hair

BY ROSEMARY SOBEL  
Chicago Tribune

With the teacher turned toward the chalkboard, a 14-year-old boy got up from his desk at a West Side grade school Monday, crossed the room and flicked a lighter behind a

13-year-old girl, setting her hair on fire, according to Chicago police.

Both the boy and girl, students at Dett Elementary School, were taken to hospitals to be treated for burns, police said.

The girl suffered second-degree burns on her

forehead and back of her neck, and first-degree burns on her hands. The boy had first-degree burns to his hands from helping the girl pat the fire out, police said.

Officers were called to the school at 2131 W. Monroe St. around 3:25 p.m.

Monday. They were told the boy and girl were in class together when the boy got up and walked toward the girl "while playing with a lighter," police said.

The boy "flicked the lighter while behind (the girl), thus causing her hair

to catch fire," police said.

The girl was treated at Rush University Medical Center, the boy at Stroger Hospital.

After he was released, the boy was charged with aggravated battery and taken to the juvenile detention center.



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Fourth-grader Derek Burian practices the Illinois Assessment of Readiness test with teacher Selena Landa at Lakewood.

## Ill. PARCC test being put out to pasture

Exam, from Page 1

eventually pulled from high schools in favor of an SAT college entrance exam paid for by the state, it remained at the elementary and middle school levels. In 2016, a group of suburban superintendents from North Shore districts wrote a letter urging the state to stop requiring the test in the lower levels.

Amid the pushback, ISBE officials announced last year that they would address the concerns about PARCC.

Local administrators say they're glad to hear of the forthcoming changes but remain guarded as they await them. And some also reserved judgment on whether the IAR will be a good measurement of state standards, known as Common Core, as well as a useful tool for districts and parents.

"We won't know until we see it," said Glenn Wood, assistant superintendent of curriculum and instruction in Plainfield Community Consolidated School District 202. "We're hoping the test is more aligned to the standards than PARCC."

Most administrators welcome the shorter exam.

This year's English Language Arts and Literacy portion of the test will be 2½ hours for third-graders this year, down from three hours and 45 minutes previously, and three hours for all other grades, down from 4½. The math portion will be reduced to three hours for all grades, down from 4½ hours, according to ISBE. Students do not take the test all at once, and ISBE leaves it up to schools to decide how to break up the test.

"We certainly appreciate that it's shorter," said Paul Goldberg, assistant superintendent of district improvement in Schaumburg-based School District 54. "That's a step in the right direction."

Goldberg said he thought the test could even be shortened further, pointing out that "kids sit one time for the ACT to get into college."

As the state has changed its test over the years, and will continue to update IAR over the next three, it will be difficult for administrators to compare scores from year to year, said Wood in Plainfield. "We hope this IAR will stay around a little bit, so we can do that."

The first year the state administered PARCC, the

results were lower than any state test since 2001. At the elementary level, only about a quarter to a third of elementary and middle school students met or exceeded expectations — the terminology used to indicate passing — on the math exams, and 33 to 38 percent passed the language arts portion. High school scores were even lower throughout the state, with even traditionally high-performing districts seeing less than half of their students with passing scores. While scores improved some over the years, school administrators and parents continued to complain the test wasn't measuring what was being taught in the Common Core curriculum.

One adjustment for students taking the upcoming IAR test could be the move — scheduled for 2021 — to a computer adaptive test, Wood said, which customizes the exam to each student. The test, taken on a computer, adjusts the difficulty of each question to fit the student's progress. If a student answers correctly, the difficulty increases; if the student gives a wrong answer, an easier question follows.

More than 90 percent of schools already administer standardized tests on a computer, rather than the historical bubble fill-ins on paper, Matthews said, and several local administrators said their students also are used to a computer adaptive model for other tests they take throughout the year. To help prepare for the change, ISBE has set out to ensure all schools administer their test via computer by next year, Matthews said, ahead of the move to adaptive testing, and will offer grants to some schools to be able to do so.

Laura Hill, director of assessment and accountability in Elgin-based School District U-46, said the computer adaptive model will be "a better assessment for our students."

Hill also is looking forward to seeing results more quickly, which ISBE says it is working toward for next year's test.

"Everything has to be really timely for the teacher," she said. If scores lag, "we can't do anything with the results."

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Melissa Conyears-Ervin welcomed her former rival's support, saying he "respects taxpayers and our dollars."

## Conyears-Ervin gets endorsement from ex-opponent

BY JOHN BYRNE  
Chicago Tribune



Peter Gariepy criticized formal rival Ameya Pawar's proposal to start a public bank if elected.

Onetime city treasurer candidate Peter Gariepy threw his support to state Rep. Melissa Conyears-Ervin on Tuesday, saying she understands that the money the office invests belongs to the public, not the treasurer.

Gariepy criticized Ald. Ameya Pawar's signature proposal to start a public bank if he gets elected treasurer. Doing so would put the city at risk, Gariepy said at a City Hall news conference with Conyears-Ervin.

"Our credit rating would crumble and our already precarious financial situation will become even more grim," Gariepy said.

Conyears-Ervin welcomed Gariepy's support, saying he "respects taxpayers and our dollars."

Pawar has said the public bank would refinance student loans and invest in affordable housing. He has campaigned on pledges to address income inequality and invest in companies that promote green infrastructure. He has said opponents are resorting to "scare tactics" to make the public bank seem risky.

"These are issues that

are making it harder for people to live in the city of Chicago," Pawar said. Ignoring them, he said, is to "put blinders on" about the problems facing the city, he said.

Conyears-Ervin, wife of West Side Ald. Jason Ervin, understands the treasurer's office has a responsibility "beyond ideological values," Gariepy said.

Conyears-Ervin got 44 percent of the citywide vote in the Feb. 26 election to 42 percent for Pawar, setting up the runoff between the two. Gariepy came in third with 14 percent, according to unofficial results from the Chicago Board of Election Commissioners.

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## NATION & WORLD

### Senate panel warns of anti-vaccine risks

Teen's testimony impresses some, annoys others

BY LENA H. SUN  
The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — A Senate panel warned lawmakers Tuesday about the dangers of false information about vaccines and called for a national campaign, similar to the one against smoking, to counter the public health threat posed by anti-vaccine groups.

Virtually all the witnesses and members of the U.S. Senate's Committee on Health, Education, Labor and Pensions, which held the hearing, endorsed the safety and importance of vaccines. But Rand Paul, R-Ky., struck a defiant note.

Even though Paul said he and his children had been vaccinated because the benefits greatly outweigh the risks, he asked whether it was appropriate for the government to require people to be vaccinated against certain diseases.

"I do not favor giving up on liberty for a false sense of security," he said, prompting applause from anti-vaccine activists in the hearing room.

Sen. Bill Cassidy, R-La., who, like Paul, is a physician, gave a rebuttal.

"Let me give some color to what Sen. Paul said," Cassidy said. "You may or may not know that I'm a physician. And I've seen people who have not been vaccinated, who require liver transplantation because they were not. ... Or ended up with terrible dis-



"My school viewed me as a health threat," said high school student Ethan Lindemberger, who testified Tuesday during a Senate committee hearing on Capitol Hill.

eases if for no other reason that they didn't understand vaccination was important."

Cassidy said hospitals commonly require their employees to be immunized against the flu because they understand the importance of community immunity. "If the nurse's aide is not immunized, she can be a Typhoid Mary, if you will, bringing disease to many who are immuno-compromised," he said.

As for parents who don't wish to follow state requirements to vaccinate their school-age children, Cassidy said there should be repercussions.

"There should be a consequence, and that is you cannot infect other people," Cassidy said.

The hearing witness who attracted the most attention was Ethan Lindemberger, an

18-year-old Ohio high school student who got himself vaccinated after questioning his mother's anti-vaccine stance. He said he tried many times to explain to his mother that vaccines are safe, citing information from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

He fought a losing battle because his mother relied on false information from anti-vaccine groups rather than health officials. "These sources that spread misinformation should be the primary concern of the American public," he said.

In his written testimony, he described how he and his mother watched a video published by an anti-vaccine group that falsely said the measles outbreak was created by big pharmaceutical companies, and falsely

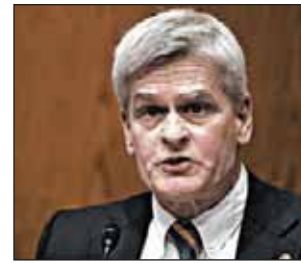
said measles did not cause deaths. In fact, measles caused 110,000 deaths worldwide in 2017. Lindemberger said he never realized "how misinformed my mother was" until he started high school and "learned about the importance of finding credible information" by leading the school's debate club and from his teachers.

The teen said public health officials need to use the same strategy that makes inaccurate anti-vaccine messaging so powerful: anecdotes and personal stories.

"That speaks volumes to people," Lindemberger said. The public health community needs to share stories of people who suffer from preventable diseases that are ravaging other countries, and the side effects



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Sen. Cassidy: "If the nurse's aide is not immunized, she can be a Typhoid Mary."

and complications of those diseases, he said.

"When you convince parents, not that information is incorrect, but that their children are at risk, that's a much more substantial way to get people to change their minds," he said.

Lindemberger described his choice to protect himself and other people, saying, "My school viewed me as a health threat."

Several anti-vaccine activists who were in the hearing room shook their heads in response while he spoke. They had filled the hallway of the Senate Dirksen Office building about an hour before the hearing started. One activist chased staffers down the hall yelling, "Do you care about the injured children of America?"

Several senators praised

Lindemberger for his poise and testimony.

"You've done something that we don't often do in Washington," Sen. Bob Casey, D-Pa. "You've been able to be very clear about where you stand and bear witness to the truth, without being categorical and without being demonizing. I hope people are listening."

Sen. Tim Kaine, D-Va., praised his "critical thinking skills."

Washington state health Secretary John Wiesman, who is overseeing the state's worst measles outbreak in more than two decades, urged the federal government to launch a national campaign, spearheaded by the CDC, to counter the anti-vaccine messages. In his written testimony, Wiesman said Washington state lawmakers who have proposed legislation to make it more difficult for parents to opt out their children from immunizations have received death threats and been stalked. A health care professional who recently testified at a public hearing on one of the measures has been "vilified on their health practice website and in nasty social media posts," according to Wiesman's written testimony.

"We have lost much ground," he said. "Urgent action is necessary."

The measles outbreak in the Pacific Northwest has sickened at least 75 people, most of them unvaccinated children under 10. That accounts for more than one-third of the 206 measles cases reported in the United States in just the first two months of 2019.

### Children, seniors among 23 killed in tornado

The Associated Press

BEAUREGARD, Ala. — At least 23 people, ranging from 6 to 89 years old, died Sunday when a massive tornado slammed into the small community of Beauregard.

Here are some of their stories:

**Sheila Creech and Marshal Lynn Grimes:** Creech, 59, had been staying at companion Grimes' home in Alabama while damage from Hurricane Michael was being repaired at her Panama City Beach, Fla., apartment building, her granddaughter said.

Creech and Grimes, also 59, had a tumultuous history, granddaughter Desteni Clifton told the Montgomery Advertiser.

As a young couple, they had two children together, before moving on to new relationships and having more children with other partners, Clifton said.

Two years ago, the internet brought Creech and Grimes back together. They rekindled their romance, even planning marriage.

They had been camping over the weekend, bringing along Taylor Thornton, a friend of Grimes' 11-year-old daughter, Clifton said.

"I guess they maybe didn't hear the sirens, or if they did, it was too late for them to get anywhere safe," Clifton said. "It was a total surprise. She was very young and so was he."

Grimes' daughter broke both her legs when the tornado hit, Clifton said.

**Taylor Thornton, 10,** was among four young children killed by the tornado, authorities said.

Taylor had been camping with a friend over the weekend, and she was still at the other girl's Beauregard home when the tornado hit.

Her father rushed to the scene when there was no word from Taylor. He found only his daughter's friend and tried to comfort her.

"He said there was nothing left," said his wife, Ashley Thornton.



Carol Dean recovered a wedding photo of her and her husband, David Wayne Dean.

David Thornton refused to leave until his daughter was found, his wife, his wife said.

"He said, 'The only way I am leaving is with her.' He carried her out from where she was at."

**David Wayne Dean:** He was known as "Roaddog" to his friends for his love of Harley-Davidson motorcycles.

"He loved his Harley. Until I come into the picture, that was his baby," wife Carol Dean said.

She was at work when the tornado hit. Dean, 53, was in their mobile home, texting a friend to beware the storm approaching the Alabama-Georgia line. His body was found on the other side of an embankment in the neighbor's yard.

"Our son found him," she said between sobs. "He was done and gone before we got to him. My life is gone. He was the reason I lived, the reason that I got up."

The metal base of their trailer was bent into a U shape around a tree, she said. She found her wedding dress amid the wreckage, and a Father's Day note to her husband reading, "Daddy, I love you to pieces."

**Armando Hernandez Jr.:** An energetic 6-year-old, Armando was known to everyone as "AJ," his grandfather said.

"He kept a smile on his face all the time," Bobby Kidd said in a WIAT-TV report.

On Friday, Kidd watched AJ sing in a musical performed by his first-grade class. The video Kidd recorded on his cellphone of that performance is his last memory of the boy.

"I thank God that he gave me that opportunity, because it was the last few minutes that we got to spend with him, just me and him," Kidd said.

On Sunday, AJ took shelter in a closet with his 10-year-old brother, Jordan. Their father, Steven, "said he could feel his ears start popping," Kidd said. "The house exploded and the force of the tornado snatched both the kids away from them."

Authorities found AJ's body. His brother and father remained hospitalized Monday in stable condition, Kidd said.

**Emmanuel, Jimmy Lee and Mary Louise Jones:** Jackie Jones got worried when she saw television

reports that said the worst of Sunday's storm was passing close to the Beauregard house where her parents and two brothers lived.

"I decided I'd call down to the house, and I didn't get no answer," she said. "The phone just rang and rang and rang."

That left her unsettled and she called her other siblings to say she feared something was wrong.

She was right. Her parents' house had been sheared down to its foundation. Her parents, 83-year-old Mary Louise and 89-year-old Jimmy Lee Jones, and her brother, 53-year-old Emmanuel Jones, were dead.

Another brother also living in the home, Benjamin Jones, 56, survived.

Mary Louise and Jimmy Lee were "ordinary folks" who had been married more than 60 years, Jackie Jones said.

They enjoyed sitting on their front porch, talking about "the olden days and how they were raised," she said.

Her younger brother, Emmanuel, did yard work for neighbors and enjoyed watching football and basketball, especially University of Alabama teams.

### Forecasting improves, but deaths keep coming

BY SETH BORENSTEIN  
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Sometimes in forecasting tornadoes, you can get everything technically right, and yet it all goes horribly wrong.

Three days before the killer Alabama tornado struck, government severe-storm meteorologists cautioned that conditions could be ripe for twisters in the Southeast on Sunday. Then, an hour before the tragedy, they warned that a strong tornado could occur in two particular Alabama counties within 30 to 60 minutes.

And that's what happened.

Yet 23 people died.

To a meteorologist, the forecast was the equivalent of a hole-in-one in golf or a slam dunk, but with so many people killed, "was it a success or a failure or both?" asked Colorado State University meteorology professor Russ Schumacher.

Forecasters "painted a pretty clear picture that something bad was going to happen," Schumacher said, and "there's certainly success in that. On the other hand, we don't like to see entire communities to be turned upside-down like this. So there's more to be done."

Predicting with any precision where a tornado is going to go is still beyond the limits of meteorology, which is why warnings went out for a large two-county area when a tornado might be only a half-mile wide. And getting people to listen and take precautions is another matter altogether.

Forecasting tornadoes

combines the hard physics of meteorology, the softer human factors of social science and more than a dash of chaos.

At the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration's Storm Prediction Center in Norman, Okla., forecasters look for certain ingredients that can make a tornado. These include warm moist air coming from the south and stormy weather chugging from the west that can bring instability.

That's when you can get supercells, which is where tornadoes come from.

But maybe only 10 to 20 percent of supercells spawn tornadoes, said prediction center forecast operations chief Bill Bunting. There are other factors at work, including erratic wind behavior known as wind shear, the amount of cold air present, even the size of the rain droplets, meteorologists said.

Given all that, the best meteorologists can do is say seven to eight days out — four to five is more usual — when conditions will be ripe for tornadoes, Bunting said. And even that doesn't mean they will happen. And certainly not over all of the large area that meteorologists give in their several-day-out alerts.

From 1994 to 2017, the weather service's "false alarm" rate for tornado alerts was 74 percent, while last year it dropped to 69 percent, NWS spokeswoman Maureen O'Leary said.

The problem is that a tornado is a rare, small, fleeting event, harder to predict than giant phenomena such as hurricanes or big winter storms, Bunting said.

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Timothy Ray Brown, known as the "Berlin patient," was the first person to be cured of HIV infection. Now researchers are reporting that a London man may have been cured.

## Second person appears to be free of HIV after transplant

BY CARLA K. JOHNSON  
Associated Press

SEATTLE — A London man appears to be free of the AIDS virus after a stem cell transplant, the second success including the "Berlin patient," doctors reported.

The therapy had an early success with Timothy Ray Brown, a U.S. man treated in Germany who is 12 years post-transplant and still free of HIV. Until now, Brown is the only person thought to have been cured of infection with HIV, the virus that causes AIDS.

Such transplants are dangerous and have failed in other patients. They're also impractical to try to cure the millions already infected.

The latest case "shows the cure of Timothy Brown was not a fluke and can be recreated," said Dr. Keith Jerome of Fred Hutchinson Cancer Research Center in Seattle who had no role. He added that it could lead to a simpler approach that could be used more widely.

The case was published online this week by the journal Nature and will be presented at an HIV conference in Seattle.

The patient has not been

identified. He was diagnosed with HIV in 2003 and started taking drugs to control the infection in 2012. It's unclear why he waited that long. He developed Hodgkin lymphoma that year and agreed to a stem cell transplant to treat the cancer in 2016.

With the right kind of donor, his doctors figured, the London patient might get a bonus beyond treating his cancer: a possible HIV cure.

Doctors found a donor with a gene mutation that confers natural resistance to HIV. About 1 percent of people descended from northern Europeans have inherited the mutation from both parents and are immune to most HIV. The donor had this double copy of the mutation.

That was "an improbable event," said lead researcher Ravindra Gupta of University College London.

The transplant changed the London patient's immune system, giving him the donor's mutation and HIV resistance.

The patient voluntarily stopped taking HIV drugs to see if the virus would come back.

Usually, HIV patients expect to stay on daily pills for

life to suppress the virus. When drugs are stopped, the virus roars back, usually in two to three weeks.

That didn't happen with the London patient. There is no trace of the virus after 18 months off the drugs.

Brown said he would like to meet the London patient and would encourage him to go public because "it's been very useful for science and for giving hope to HIV-positive people, to people living with HIV," he said.

Stem cell transplants typically are harsh procedures which start with radiation or chemotherapy to damage the body's existing immune system and make room for a new one. There are complications too. Brown had to have a second stem cell transplant when his leukemia returned.

Compared to Brown, the London patient had a less punishing form of chemotherapy to get ready for the transplant, didn't have radiation and had only a mild reaction to the transplant.

Dr. Gero Hutter, who treated Brown, called the new case "great news" and "one piece in the HIV cure puzzle."

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# Ocasio-Cortez defends Omar, criticizes resolution by Dems

BY MIKE DEBONIS  
The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — Rep. Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez criticized fellow Democrats and pushed back against party leaders over their efforts to rebuke fellow freshman Rep. Ilhan Omar for comments perceived as anti-Semitic.

The House is expected to vote this week on a resolution condemning anti-Semitism — one that does not mention Omar, D-Minn., directly but comes in response to remarks she made last week suggesting that Israel's supporters have an "allegiance to a foreign country."

Ocasio-Cortez of New York told her 3.4 million Twitter followers Tuesday that "no one seeks this level of reprimand when members make statements about Latinx + other communities," mentioning an incident in which Rep. Jason Smith, R-Mo., shouted "Go back to Puerto Rico!" at Democrats during a floor debate this year.

"It's not my position to tell people how to feel, or that their hurt is invalid," Ocasio-Cortez wrote. "But incidents like these do beg the question: where are the resolutions against homophobic statements? For anti-blackness? For xenophobia? For a member saying he'll 'send Obama home to Kenya?'"

The tweets were an implicit critique of House Speaker Nancy Pelosi, D-Calif., and Majority Leader Steny Hoyer, D-Md., who moved to put the anti-Semitism resolution on the House floor after Omar's comments last week prompted several Jewish members to push for a rebuke. Twice this year, Omar has apologized for tweets that critics said had anti-Semitic overtones, but she has defended her latest comments questioning Israel supporters' "al-



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Rep. Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez, D-N.Y., left, is backing Rep. Ilhan Omar, D-Minn., whom the Democrats seek to rebuke for comments perceived to be anti-Semitic.

giance" — arguing that she is only raising questions about Israeli policy and U.S. support for it.

In Ocasio-Cortez, the breakout liberal star of the House freshman class, Omar has a powerful ally who is able to reach a wide audience on social media. On Tuesday, Ocasio-Cortez said Omar "has demonstrated a willingness to listen+work w/impacted communities" and thus should not be subject to a "calling out" from fellow Democrats in the House.

"If House leadership is creating a standard & committing to calling a resolution for every incident ... then that's a clear way to address the issue & we can all understand," she added. "But if they're not, I think it's valid to ask why not?"

A senior Democratic aide noted that Smith quickly apologized for his remark and that the lawmaker targeted, Rep. Tony Cardenas, D-Calif., did not pursue official sanctions.

Ocasio-Cortez's tweets came hours after President Donald Trump used his Twitter account — with nearly 59 million followers — to lambaste Omar: "Representative Ilhan Omar is again under fire for her terrible comments concerning Israel," he said. "Jewish groups have just sent a petition to Speaker Pelosi asking her to remove Omar from Foreign Relations Committee. A dark day for Israel!"

Questioned about the resolution, Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell, R-Ky., said it was time for the country "to think again about anti-Semitism," and criticized Omar without mentioning her by name.

"It seems to be more fashionable in Europe, it seems to be more fashionable in this country, regrettably, among at least some members of the new class in the House," McConnell told reporters at his weekly news conference. "We need to stand up to it in every way

we possibly can."

Amid pressure from Republicans, Democratic leaders are not considering removing Omar from any committee posts, according to three people familiar with the internal discussions among party leaders. But they are mindful of how the increasingly aggressive criticism of Israeli government policy from Omar, Ocasio-Cortez and other liberals is creating tensions inside the Democratic caucus.

On Monday, Rep. Juan Vargas, D-Calif., tweeted that "questioning support for the U.S.-Israel relationship is unacceptable" — prompting Ocasio-Cortez to ask him to "further explain his stance."

"I remember a time when it was 'unacceptable' to question the Iraq War. All of Congress was wrong, including both GOP & Dem Party, and led my generation into a disastrous + wrong war that virtually all would come to regret," she wrote.

# 2020 presidential hopefuls confront a new litmus test

Liberals urge Dems to dump legislative filibuster in Senate

BY ELANA SCHOR  
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The newest pressure point in the Democratic presidential primary isn't health care or climate change — though it could make or break future progress on those issues. It's an overhaul of arcane Senate rules.

Some prominent liberals are urging Democratic presidential candidates to consider eliminating the filibuster for legislation. Such a move would allow bills to pass through the Senate with a simple majority instead of the 60 votes required now for many measures. The threshold has already been removed — with much controversy — for Supreme Court and most presidential nominees.

Though the effort is decidedly wonky, scrapping the filibuster would amount to a seismic change in Washington.

Even if Democrats regain control of the Senate next year, the ambitious proposals the party's presidential candidates are backing, such as "Medicare for all," would struggle to win passage if 60 votes are required.

Eliminating that barrier, some liberals argue, would clear the path for a new Democratic president to enact some of the most progressive legislation in a generation.

"We need folks who are coming into office saying 'I'm going to use every tool at my disposal to stand up for progressive values,'" said Ezra Klein, co-founder of the liberal activist group Indivisible. If Democrats control all of Congress and the White House in 2021, Levin added, they would ideally aim high for "big democratic reforms" as well



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Sens. Kamala Harris and Sherrod Brown signed a bipartisan defense of the legislative filibuster in 2017.

as action on health care and climate change. "They're only going to be able to do that if they eliminate the filibuster."

Still, the 60-vote requirement has allowed Democrats to block some of President Donald Trump's legislative priorities, such as his long-promised border wall.

Some White House hopefuls are reluctant to get rid of the rule.

"I'm conflicted. I see arguments on both sides," said Sen. Kamala Harris, D-Calif.

"I think there are ways of getting things through Congress with the legislative filibuster still in place," Sen. Sherrod Brown, D-Ohio, told reporters. "It takes a chief executive that knows what she's doing or what he's doing."

Harris and Brown signed a bipartisan defense of the legislative filibuster in 2017.

The move was organized after Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell, R-Ky., changed the rules to allow Supreme Court confirmations with a simple majority vote.

Other Democratic presidential contenders who endorsed keeping the legislative filibuster in place then were Minnesota Sen. Amy Klobuchar, New York Sen. Kirsten Gillibrand and New Jersey Sen. Cory Booker.

Two other senators vying in the Democratic primary

didn't sign on: Massachusetts Sen. Elizabeth Warren and Vermont Sen. Bernie Sanders.

And they're taking different tacks, with Warren recently telling MSNBC that "everything stays on the table" when it comes to changing the filibuster if Republicans attempt to obstruct a future Democratic chief executive, while Sanders told CBS that "I'm not crazy about getting rid of the filibuster."

Frustrated by his inability to move big legislation through Congress, Trump has pressed McConnell to kill the filibuster, something the Kentucky Republican has rebuffed.

For some on the left — particularly those who recall former President Barack Obama's struggles as McConnell blocked progress on his bills and nominees — promising voters big action on liberal policies without an answer for GOP filibusters amounts to malpractice by Democratic presidential candidates.

Ending the filibuster is "one of the few things that will have the most impact on whether or not a Democratic president is able to achieve their agenda," said Adam Jentleson, a veteran senior aide to ex-Senate Democratic leader Harry Reid of Nevada. "This is the decoder ring for whether candidates are serious

about what they're proposing or not?"

Reid's 2013 decision to nix the filibuster for most executive branch nominees remains a polarizing one for many Democrats.

Klobuchar, for one, told NBC News last year that she believes the move was a mistake. But as liberals gain influence and younger activists intensify their pressure on Democratic leaders, candidates are likely to keep getting pressed about their stances on the future of the filibuster.

Varshini Prakash, co-founder of the environmental group Sunrise Movement that's leading the charge for the so-called Green New Deal to fight climate change, indicated her group could support a filibuster overhaul.

"Not passing the Green New Deal will jeopardize millions of lives, so we want politicians to do whatever it's going to take to make the Green New Deal a reality," Prakash said in a statement.

Brian Fallon, a former aide to Senate Minority Leader Chuck Schumer, D-N.Y., warned that even if Democrats win back control of the Senate next year and defeat Trump, their ambitious plans are bound to flounder in 2021 "as long as Mitch McConnell has a veto" in the form of the filibuster. Fallon now helms Demand Justice, a liberal group that works to galvanize Democratic engagement on the federal judiciary.

Despite the urging from some progressives for presidential candidates to campaign on changing filibuster rules, it's not yet clear that the Democratic base will rally around the issue.

And even if a Democrat swept into the White House in 2021 after vowing to dismantle the filibuster, convincing a majority of the Senate to vote for a rules change won't be easy.

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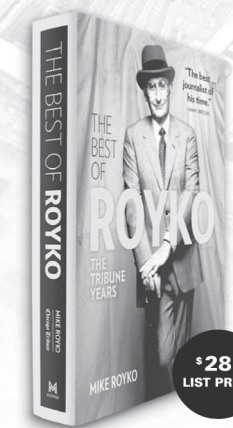
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# HUD official sought alternate 'reality'

Staffer at Cohen hearing had eyes on a 'docuseries'

BY TRACY JAN  
The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — Her cameo appearance at the Michael Cohen hearing — intended to dispel accusations of racism against President Donald Trump — provoked an instant backlash from black politicians and the public.

But Lynne Patton, a long-time Trump family aide turned federal housing bureaucrat, has long reveled in the limelight, even going so far as to seek permission to star in a reality TV show while serving as a HUD official.

In an Oct. 18, 2018, memo to officials at the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, Patton sought ethical and legal guidance on potentially participating in a "docuseries" about black Republicans, according to documents obtained by The Washington Post.

Among the 10 questions Patton asked:

Would HUD object to her attending events or non-HUD related meetings at the White House if she took a two-month unpaid leave of absence for filming?

Would she be allowed to refer to herself as a current member of the Trump administration?

Would she be permitted to attend Trump 2020 campaign rallies? And if so, who would be allowed to cover her travel expenses?

And would she be permitted to have dinner with HUD Secretary Ben Carson or his family during their personal time? What about the Trump family? Or other high-ranking officials such as Kellyanne Conway?

The show, by producers of "The Real Housewives of Potomac" and "Shahs of Sunset," would center on a group of powerful black women including Patton,



Regional HUD Administrator Lynne Patton, left, tours a NYCHA residential building in New York City last month.

Trump campaign adviser Katrina Pierson and conservative commentator Candace Owens.

"We would like to follow their day-to-day, capturing who they are at home, at work, and above all, understanding their political views and their strong sisterhood," read a pitch from Truly Original, the New York-based production company specializing in unscripted content.

Patton said the show's concept had piqued her interest because producers had compared it to Showtime's "The Circus," a documentary series about Trump-era politics.

"Black Republicans are not an anomaly. Not only do we suffer the same societal hurdles that face any black man or black woman every single day, we also have the additional albatross of being conservative," Patton said. "Nothing proves this point more than the partisan reaction to my committee

appearance this week. God forbid, a black Republican is in the room based upon her own merit and can think for herself. But it's a scarlet letter I wear with pride."

Leslie Oren, spokeswoman for Truly Original, said the show is being conceived as a "serious" documentary series. It is still in development.

"It's a deep look into a faction of African-Americans who happen to be Republican — their point of view and why they chose to take a position that is not typically the majority position politically," Oren said.

Patton noted in her memo to HUD officials that Truly Original Productions initially approached her in December 2016, before her federal employment, to play a primary role in a prime-time series for Netflix, HBO, Bravo, Hulu or Lifetime.

"In the interest of public service to the President of the United States, I declined," Patton wrote in the

memo.

The production company approached her again in 2018, when she floated the reality show concept to HUD officials.

Patton's request was denied on ethical grounds, according to two people at HUD familiar with the decision who were not authorized to discuss it publicly.

Patton disputed that characterization, saying agency officials told her the decision was hers to make after outlining strict parameters limiting how much money she could earn.

She said HUD also would not allow her to be filmed at work because it could violate equal airtime rules surrounding campaigns since Trump had already declared his 2020 candidacy.

In her memo, Patton asked if she would continue to be subject to government regulations if she took an unpaid leave of absence. She even proposed temporarily resigning her HUD post

when filming was expected to begin in the summer of 2019 and asked if she could legally be rehired after two months.

The agency told her that the scenarios she presented would not work.

Patton said HUD officials had previously informed her in a meeting that federal employees are allowed to make a secondary income as long as it does not exceed \$28,000 a year and is not in an industry related to their government job.

Given that she was told by industry insiders that she could command up to \$40,000 per episode in the inaugural eight-episode season, she decided not to pursue the opportunity while at HUD.

"I love my job. My sole priority are the residents of New York and New Jersey, especially the residents of NYCHA," Patton said. "This is not about money. I could make 10 times the amount writing a book about a

fraction of what I know. This is about me honoring my commitment to the American people. If the producers are truly interested, they'll figure out a way to make it work without me having to compromise my own principled mission."

Patton's surprise appearance at the hearing — she stood for less than a minute as Rep. Mark Meadows, R-N.C., recounted Patton's previous statements that she would never work for anyone who was racist — was panned by critics who said she had allowed herself to be used as a prop.

Patton hit back last week by appearing on the president's favorite morning show, "Fox & Friends," promoting "MY SIDE of the story" with the hashtags #AMustWatch, #NoHoldsBarred, and #TheRealStory on Instagram.

"I was not there to represent an entire race of people. I was there to represent one man," Patton said on the show, emphatically pointing her finger in the air.

She highlighted her resume as a "black female who is highly educated, rose up through the ranks of one of the most competitive companies in real estate, spoke before 25 million people at the Republican National Convention and now works at one of the most historic administrations in history."

Patton began working for Trump's son Eric in 2009 as the vice president of his foundation and as his primary aide before being promoted in 2012 to be the senior aide for all the Trump children, according to the resume she submitted to HUD.

Her June 2017 promotion at HUD from a Carson senior adviser to regional administrator overseeing the nation's largest housing authority stirred controversy because of her lack of housing expertise and accusations that she had embellished her resume.

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# House Dems target Trump's taxes

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sons for why he would not release his tax returns. One of the most prominent reasons was his claim that the tax returns were being audited by the Internal Revenue Service and that he would release them when that process is over.

He repeated that claim in November, after Democrats won the midterm elections.

But that characterization came into question last week, when Trump's former personal attorney, Michael Cohen, told a House committee that his understanding was that Trump didn't release his tax returns for a much different reason.

"What he didn't want is to have an entire group of think tanks that are tax experts run through his tax return and start ripping it to pieces, and then he'll end up in an audit and he'll ultimately have taxable consequences, penalties and so on," Cohen said, adding that, "I presume that he is not under audit."

A White House spokesman did not respond to a request for comment about the tax return issue.

In 2017, Treasury Secretary Steven Mnuchin told a congressional committee that he wasn't aware of whether Trump's tax returns were being audited, as "I don't have access to that, that's within the IRS. I don't have access to specific taxpayer-level information."

In another front in the escalating war between House Democrats and the Trump administration, the White House has rebuffed a request for documents pertaining to the security clearance process, a move that increases the chances of a subpoena from the House.

In a letter to Rep. Elijah Cummings, D-Md., chairman of House Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, White House counsel Pat Cipollone said the committee request for



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President Trump tweeted Tuesday that Democratic leaders have "gone stone cold CRAZY" with far-reaching probes.



SALWAN GEORGES/WASHINGTON POST

On another front, Rep. Elijah Cummings, D-Md., has been asking questions about the security clearance process.

the information was "without legal support, clearly premature, and suggests a breach of the constitutionally required accommodation process."

Rather, Cipollone said his staff would brief the panel and allow them to view documents related to their investigation. That offer has not been sufficient for committee Democrats in the past.

"We believe the best

course is to move forward with this agreed-upon accommodation and then speak again once your review of the documents and the briefing are complete," said the letter, which was dated Monday and released Tuesday.

The standoff comes days after reports that Trump directed his then-chief of staff John Kelly to give the president's son-in-law, Jared Kushner, a security clear-

ance despite concerns from the intelligence community.

Cummings, however, has been asking questions about the security clearance process for months, even garnering bipartisan support for his inquiry during the previous congressional session.

In a statement, Cummings rejected the White House lawyer's assertion that Congress doesn't have jurisdiction over security clearance matters.

"There is a key difference between a president who exercises his authority under the Constitution and a president who overrules career experts and his top advisers to benefit his family members and then conceals his actions from the American people," Cummings said. "The White House's argument defies the constitutional separation of powers, decades of precedent before this committee, and just plain common-sense. As House Democrats begin to roll out probes of the Trump administration on multiple fronts, some lawmakers say

Trump's tax returns could contain information critical to many of their inquiries, and as such could become the linchpin to their oversight responsibilities and the focus of one of the most important court fights they will wage."

Trump has made clear to associates that he has no plans to allow Mnuchin to turn over his personal tax records, according to three people who have been briefed on the discussions but spoke on the condition of anonymity.

The 1924 law does not appear to give Mnuchin much flexibility to deny a congressional request, as the law says he "shall" turn over the records.

But if he refuses, Democrats would probably try to compel Mnuchin to comply by filing a lawsuit in federal court. That could drag the process out for months, or more than a year.

Congressional leaders have never used the 1924 law to seek the tax returns of a sitting president, but there has also not been a

president in recent history who has refused to disclose his tax returns.

House Democrats included a new requirement for presidential candidates to release 10 years' worth of personal tax returns in sweeping legislation on campaign finance and government ethics they plan to pass this week, although Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell, R-Ky., has made clear he won't take up the bill.

Meanwhile, the House intelligence committee, which has been examining possible ties between Trump, his 2016 presidential campaign and Russia, has hired a former federal prosecutor with a history of trying securities fraud, racketeering and international organized crime to lead its investigation, the panel announced Tuesday.

Daniel Goldman oversaw prosecutions of Russian organized crime networks during his 10 years in the office of the U.S. attorney for the Southern District of New York.

Trump lashed out at House Democratic leaders Tuesday, saying they had "gone stone cold CRAZY" by launching such far-reaching corruption probes.

In morning tweets, Trump asserted that letters sent Monday demanding documents from 81 people associated with him were meant to harass "innocent people" and were borne of frustration among Democrats for not being able to prove coordination between Trump's campaign and Russia in the 2016 presidential election.

"81 letter sent to innocent people to harass them," Trump wrote. "They won't get ANYTHING done for our Country!"

In subsequent tweets, Trump accused Democrats of conducting a "big, fat, fishing expedition" and wrote in all capital letters, "PRESIDENTIAL HARASSMENT!"

## Acting Dept. of Defense chief acts the part

Despite precarious Pentagon perch, nomination possible

BY ROBERT BURNS  
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Patrick Shanahan, the former Boeing executive, was in a familiar place — aboard an airplane — when he got word of a bolt-from-the-blue political shot across his bow, an apparent blow to his chances of being nominated as the next secretary of defense.

Sen. James Inhofe, the White House-friendly Republican chairman of the committee that would pass judgment on the nomination, was being quoted in news reports as saying he didn't think Shanahan would get the nod, and that Shanahan lacked humility.

Within hours, however, Inhofe backtracked, insisting he had not meant to say he had a problem with Shanahan. "I like the guy. I would support him" if nominated, Inhofe told The Associated Press.

The episode, which played out while Shanahan was flying from Baghdad to Brussels on his first trip abroad as the acting secretary of defense, highlights

the precarious position he occupies while waiting for President Donald Trump to decide who he will nominate as successor to Jim Mattis, the retired Marine general who quit in December after nearly two years of leading the Pentagon.

With no other candidate emerging as the clear front-runner, expectations inside the Pentagon are that Shanahan will soon be nominated and that he likely would win Senate confirmation. He would be the first career defense industry executive to serve as defense secretary.

In the two months he has led the Pentagon, Shanahan has avoided public missteps while handling such politically sensitive issues as sending military reinforcements to the U.S.-Mexico border. Shanahan has a less defined track record on policy issues than Mattis, perhaps giving him a more friction-free start with Trump.

Shanahan, 56, grew up in Seattle. He earned a bachelor's in mechanical engineering from the University of Washington and two advanced degrees from Massachusetts Institute of Technology. He joined Boeing in 1986, rose through its ranks and is credited with rescu-

ing a troubled Dreamliner 787 program. He also led the company's missile defense and military helicopter programs.

Some have questioned whether Shanahan's background amounts to an inherent conflict of interest for a defense secretary presiding over a multi-billion-dollar procurement budget. But Michael O'Hanlon, an analyst at the Brookings Institution, argues that experience in defense industry issues could work to Shanahan's benefit.

"We need a strong defense industrial base, and so anybody who is reflexively against his association with industry needs to rethink how you build a strong military in a modern society like ours," O'Hanlon said in an interview.

Although a few members of the Senate have rhetorically roughed up Shanahan, he has not generated broad opposition during two months of auditioning for the nomination. Sen. Lindsey Graham, the South Carolina Republican, has butted heads with Shanahan over the administration's Syria policy, but that confrontation faded after the White House partially reversed course by agreeing to keep a few hundred



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The tenure of Patrick Shanahan, center, is only the third time that the Pentagon has been led by an acting chief. The last was William H. Taft, who served for two months in 1989.

troops in Syria rather than withdrawing all 2,000.

Shanahan was the deputy secretary of defense during Mattis' two-year tenure. Aides say that during his 17 months as deputy, Shanahan was deeply engaged in the full range of policy issues and briefed on military operations. He shares Mattis' conviction that the Pentagon needs to shift its focus from fighting insurgent wars to preparing for and deterring armed conflict with big powers like China.

Trump installed Shanahan as the acting secretary on Jan. 1 and has since spoken admiringly of him.

This is only the third time in history that the Pentagon has been led by an acting chief. The last was William H. Taft, who served for two months in 1989 after President George H.W. Bush's first choice, John Tower, became mired in controversy.

Dick Cheney, the future vice president under President George W. Bush, then was nominated and confirmed.

Trump seemed attracted to Shanahan partially for his work on one of the president's pet projects — creating a Space Force. He also has publicly lauded Shanahan's former employer, Boeing, builder of many of

the military's most prominent aircraft, including the Apache and Chinook helicopters, the C-17 cargo plane and Air Force One.

Trump seemed to tire of Mattis' reputation as the administration's moderating influence on national security issues. But when he quit, there was no sudden rush of candidates to fill his shoes.

Shanahan "may be not so bad an option," O'Hanlon said.

"You get a person who's got some of the Mattis world view ... but without that kind of star power," he added. "That may actually be what Trump wants."

## Border detentions jump 31%, the busiest February since 2007

BY NICK MIROFF  
The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — The number of people taken into custody along the Mexico border jumped 31 percent last month as an unprecedented mass migration of families from Central America pushes unauthorized crossings to the highest levels in a decade, according to U.S. Customs and Border Protection figures released Tuesday.

Last month was the busiest February at the border

since 2007, officials said, as authorities detained 76,103 migrants, up from 58,207 in January. The percentage of migrants who arrived as part of a family group again also reached a new peak, as 40,325 parents and children were taken into custody, a 67 percent leap from the previous month.

"The system is well beyond capacity and remains at a breaking point," CBP commissioner Kevin McAleenan, the nation's top border security official, said Tuesday.

The unchecked increases in border crossings are likely to aggravate the increasingly strident debate between supporters of President Donald Trump's wall-building plan and critics of his administration who have resisted White House attempts to enact tougher enforcement measures.

The February statistics are the clearest indication that unauthorized migration remains on a sharp upward trajectory from a historic low point in 2017.

Homeland Security officials are bracing for an even bigger surge this spring.

McAleenan said his agency has apprehended and processed more families in the first five months and five days of the 2019 fiscal year than during the 2018 fiscal year.

"The situation is not safe for migrants," he said. "It challenges our ability to provide humanitarian care. It contributes to dangerous conditions on our border, and enables smuggling while enriching criminals."

"Regardless of anyone's preferred policy outcome, the status quo is unacceptable," McAleenan said. "It presents an urgent and increasing crisis."

An attractive job market in the United States is prompting more Central Americans to leave the poverty and insecurity of their home countries and head north, typically in groups of one parent and one child. Such pairings all but assure the family will be quickly processed and released from U.S. custody in a mat-

ter of days.

"We know what is driving these trends," McAleenan said. "These increases in traffic are a direct response from smugglers and migrants to the vulnerabilities in our legal system."

A backlog of more than 800,000 pending cases in U.S. immigration courts and court-imposed limits on the government's ability to quickly detain and deport the family groups have become "the most significant factors affecting border security," McAleenan said.

## NEWS BRIEFING

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### Audio suggests crew of crashed cargo plane lost control

WASHINGTON — A recording from the cockpit of a cargo plane that crashed into a Texas bay in February suggests the pilot lost control while preparing to land at a Houston airport.

The National Transportation Safety Board says its preliminary review of the audio found that 18 seconds before the flight's blackbox recording ends there were "crew communications consistent with a loss of control

of the aircraft." The federal agency does not say why the crew may have lost control.

The Boeing 767 dropped into Trinity Bay killing the three people aboard after losing more than 3,000 feet of altitude in 30 seconds.

Air traffic control had given the crew instructions to land on a runway before the plane crashed about 40 miles east of the airport, according to the NTSB.

### U.S., Taliban spar over timing of pulling troops from Afghanistan

The Afghan Taliban rejected a proposal that would result in U.S. forces being withdrawn from the war-torn nation in five years.

The group wants foreign troops to leave within a year, according to two former Taliban leaders. The U.S. and the insurgents resumed peace talks Saturday after a two-day break for internal deliberations, but five rounds of discussions haven't

yielded a breakthrough on the timeline for a withdrawal nor has it drawn a vow from the Taliban to stop terrorists from using the country as a base.

The U.S. increased its efforts in the past year to negotiate an end to the nearly 18-year-old war. Meanwhile, the Taliban, which controls or contests half of Afghanistan, intensified its attack on government forces amid the talks.

### King Kong Bundy, professional wrestler with WWF, dies at 61

GLASSBORO, N.J. — King Kong Bundy, the 6-foot-4, 458-pound professional wrestler best known for facing Hulk Hogan in WrestleMania 2, has died. He was 61.

Bundy died Monday, said promoter and long-time friend David Herro.

The cause of death was not disclosed.

Bundy, whose real name was Christopher Pallies, was born in Atlantic City.

The wrestler made his World Wrestling Federation debut in 1981.

He faced Hogan in 1986 in a steel cage match at WrestleMania 2, which Hogan won.

He left the WWF, which later became World Wrestling Entertainment, in the late 1980s but returned in 1994 as part of The Million Dollar Corporation, a group managed by "Million Dollar Man" Ted DiBiase.



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Krewe of St. Anne members march down Royal Street in New Orleans on Tuesday as part of the culmination of the Mardi Gras season, which began Jan. 6 and featured weeks of parades, fancy-dress balls, king cakes and generalized frivolity citywide.

### FDA chief Scott Gottlieb to exit after nearly 2 years

WASHINGTON — Food and Drug Administration Commissioner Scott Gottlieb is stepping down after nearly two years leading the agency's response to a host of public health challenges, including the opioid epidemic, rising drug prices and underage vaping.

Gottlieb cited "the challenge of being apart from my family" in Connecticut when announcing his departure Tuesday. He'll leave next month.

President Donald Trump tapped Gottlieb in 2017 to "cut red tape" at the FDA.

But the 46-year-old Gottlieb, a physician and former conservative pundit, bucked expectations of many by pushing the agency to expand its authorities in several key ways, including an unprecedented effort to make cigarettes less addictive by requiring lower nicotine levels.

**In Venezuela:** Opposition leader Juan Guaido on Tuesday appealed for support from state workers in his push to oust President Nicolas Maduro. Guaido said police officials were among those at a meeting with leaders of public employee unions, which rely heavily on subsidies from Maduro's government.

**In Canada:** Three major Montreal radio stations have stopped playing Michael Jackson songs as a result of child-molestation allegations against the late musician that aired in an HBO documentary "Leaving Neverland." A spokeswoman for Cogeco, the stations' owner, said it was in response to listener reactions.

### U.S. budget deficit has jumped 77% so far in this fiscal year

WASHINGTON — The federal government recorded a budget surplus in January. But so far this budget year, the total deficit is 77 percent higher than the same period a year ago.

The Treasury Department said Tuesday that the deficit for the first four months of this budget year, which began Oct. 1, totaled \$310.3 billion. That's up from a deficit of \$175.7 billion in the same period a year ago. The surplus in January was \$8.7 billion.

The higher deficit reflected greater spending in areas such as Social Security, defense and interest

payments on the national debt.

Meanwhile, the government collected lower taxes from individuals and corporations, reflecting the impact of the \$1.5 trillion tax cut President Donald Trump pushed through Congress in 2017.

Individual income taxes withheld from paychecks total \$818 billion for the October-January period, down 3 percent from the same period last year. Corporate income taxes total \$73 billion over the four-month period, down 23 percent.

Revenue, however, is up

in tariffs — border taxes collected on imports — which totaled \$25 billion in the October-January period, up 91 percent from the same period a year ago. This reflects the higher tariffs the Trump administration has imposed on China and other nations in various trade disputes.

The border taxes are not paid by the countries where the goods are being produced but rather by the U.S. companies importing the products into the United States. Those cost increases are generally passed on to American consumers.

### Ex-N.Y. Mayor Bloomberg won't seek presidency

NEW YORK — Former New York Mayor Michael Bloomberg announced Tuesday that he would not run for president, concluding his path to the Democratic nomination was narrow and he could accomplish more as a private citizen.

The decision removes

from the race one of the world's richest men, a self-described centrist.

"I believe I would defeat Donald Trump in a general election," Bloomberg, 77, said in a statement posted online Tuesday afternoon. "But I am clear-eyed about the difficulty of winning the Democratic nomination

in such a crowded field."

In place of a candidacy, Bloomberg has committed to funding a new independent political operation with the goal of preventing the re-election of President Trump, with intensive voter targeting and outreach in swing states.

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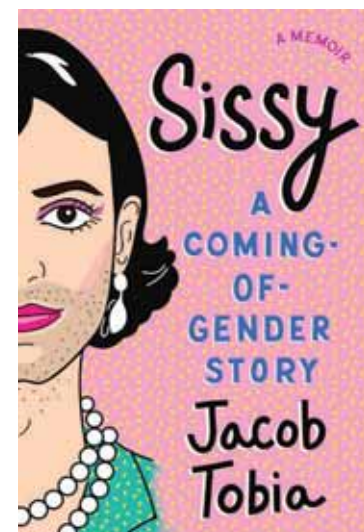
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Celebrate the launch of writer, producer, and performer Jacob Tobia's new memoir, *Sissy: A Coming-Of-Gender Story*. Hear the stories, share the laughs and emotions, and join us for a night guaranteed to make you never think about gender — both other people's and your own — the same way again.

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## EDITORIALS

# Rent control would benefit some tenants but sap vitality from Chicago

Apartment-dwellers in Chicago's up-and-coming neighborhoods may be lucky, but many of them feel vulnerable. Why? Because rents typically rise as communities become more desirable. So, what if Chicago were to introduce a rent-control ordinance designed to protect residents from housing cost increases?

Rent control isn't part of the lexicon of Chicago real estate because Illinois doesn't allow the practice. That may change if legislation to lift the state ban on rent control gains traction and passes in Springfield. That would permit Chicago and other cities to introduce ordinances to put a clamp on rent increases, allowing — for example — residents of Logan Square and other trendy parts of the city to hang onto their apartments as housing costs around them rise.

No question those tenants would benefit. Everyone wants to pay as little as possible for housing. As part of the Feb. 26 municipal election, voters in 18 Northwest Side precincts supported lifting the rent-control ban in a nonbinding referendum.

**But nothing comes for free.** The cost of rent control would be borne throughout the city in ways that, over time, would leave Chicago worse off. Even for many renters.

Economic theories — and that's what we're examining here, the consequences of price controls that override supply and demand — invite debate. President Harry Truman is said to have wished for a one-armed economist because he was tired of hearing experts opine "on the one hand ... on the other hand." Not so on the rent-control issue. There's broad agreement rent control disrupts market forces in ways that make housing scarcer, depress property values and result in units that are in poorer condition.

The gold standard for thinking about the issue was set by two economists long associated with the University of Chicago: Milton Friedman and George Stigler. In a 1946 paper often cited today, they looked at San Francisco during two tumultuous periods: during the World War II years, when there were price controls, and after the devastating 1906 earthquake, when

there were no government restrictions on property activity.

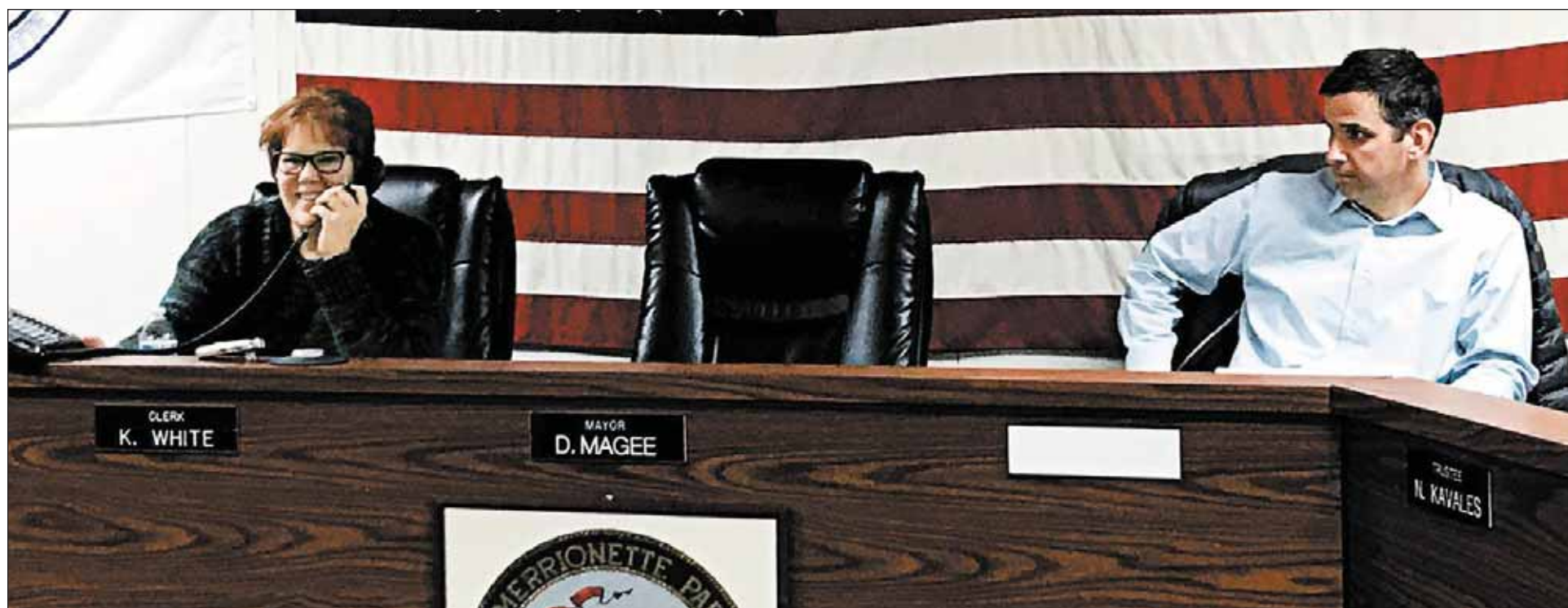
In a free market, Friedman and Stigler determined, rising prices for housing encourage activity, including new construction. The result in San Francisco: The market bounced back quickly from the earthquake, but it suffered through a crippling housing crunch after the war because there was little mobility. People kept their inexpensive apartments while investors lacked incentive to build new ones. It is "the height of folly," they wrote, "to permit individuals to receive (different incomes) and then to take elaborate and costly measures to prevent them from using their incomes."

**In Chicago today, price controls** on housing would allow some renters to stay in place, but it would tighten supplies by enticing landlords to convert units to condos or sell to owner-occupants. Apartment owners also would be less likely to invest in their properties, spending less on upkeep because rising overhead costs wouldn't be offset by rising rents. Investors would look

elsewhere. As the value of rent-controlled apartment buildings stagnates, property tax revenue would decline.

Housing costs are an issue in Chicago, and aldermen are worried that as gentrification sweeps through neighborhoods, longtime residents will struggle to pay rising rents or be forced to move. There are ways to help lower-income Chicagoans stay in the city, including affordable housing programs that require investors to include less-expensive units in or near new developments. These investors can be compelled by city officials to increase their generosity. On Tuesday for example, Sterling Bay said it would include 600 affordable housing units — twice as many as required — in its massive Lincoln Yards project in hopes of winning city approval.

**More of that deal-making, please.** What Chicago and Illinois don't need is a government mandate to slap a ceiling on apartment costs. Some individuals will benefit, but the city's vitality and economic output will be harmed.



TED SLOWIK/DAILY SOUTHTOWN

Merrionette Park Village Clerk Kelly White talks by phone with Mayor Dennis Magee prior to the start of a village board meeting last month. Magee runs some meetings from Arizona.

## When the mayor phones it in — from Arizona

We can't say we blame suburban Mayor Dennis Magee for buying a home in Arizona and doing his work remotely. Who wouldn't want to keep up with village affairs while perched on a golf cart or sipping a margarita poolside?

But it sure seems tolerant of Merrionette Park residents who pay Magee's mayoral and liquor commissioner salaries, even when he's running the town for part of the year from Arizona. It's a little wince-inducing to think of him checking on the village's snow removal and salt trucks from a sun-drenched patio outside Phoenix. How's the polar vortex, everyone? A recent column from the Daily Southtown's Ted Slowik indicated Magee attended nine of 12

monthly village board meetings last year in person. But that's hard to verify. Whether he was seated in the leather chair at the front of the dais or phoning it in from his second home, records show him as present. His voice was, at least. But he has been absent enough that residents have questioned his health and whereabouts.

**"I'm on top of everything in Merrionette Park," Magee told Slowik from Arizona,** where he and his daughter bought a home in the city of Surprise in 2013. Magee also owns his home in Merrionette Park but has not paid real estate taxes for several years due to exemptions for being a homeowner, a senior citizen and a veteran. He is retired

from a position in the Cook County clerk's office and has been mayor since 1995.

"The town is running fine," Magee said. Merrionette Park is a southwest suburb connected to the Chicago neighborhoods of Mount Greenwood to the north and Morgan Park to the east. It is best known for 115 Bourbon Street, a New Orleans-themed bar and restaurant along 115th Street spacious enough to host weekly (sometimes more often) fundraisers for charitable causes and for politicians.

A town of about 1,900 residents, according to the 2010 census, Merrionette Park is a solidly middle-class community. It's small enough that Magee probably could fly his constituents who attend monthly board

meetings to his Arizona home, and they would fit around the kitchen table. Why should he always have to come to them?

**Again, we don't blame Magee** for wanting to flee Chicago for Arizona part of the year. You get White Sox and Diamond-backs. Beef sang-wiches and chimichangas. Parkas and T-shirts. Sledding and hiking. But when you're an elected official supposedly representing a geographical area, it gets a little dicey. Residents have a right to feel frustrated. Lawmakers in Springfield could explore tightening residency requirements for local elected officials.

In the meantime, is Surprise looking for a new mayor? Just a thought.

### WHAT OTHERS ARE SAYING

If Donald Trump is able to deliver the sort of performance he gave at the Conservative Political Action Conference (CPAC), the annual meeting of right-wingers held near Washington, D.C., his reelection is a foregone conclusion. There is simply no potential candidate in the Democratic Party who wouldn't be absolutely blown off the stage by him.

I say this as someone who is neither a Trump fanboy nor a Never Trumper. But he was not simply good, he was Prince-at-the-Super-Bowl great, deftly flinging juvenile taunts at everyone who has ever crossed him, tossing red meat to the Republican faithful, and going sotto voce serious to talk about justice being done for working-class Americans screwed over by global corporations. ...

The 2020 presidential race is not going to be decided based on which candidate is more tightly moored to reality. It's going to be decided, like these things always are, by the relative health of the economy and the large vision of the future the different candidates put forward. ... Trump is becoming sunnier and sunnier while the Democrats are painting contemporary America as a late-capitalist hellhole riven by growing racial, ethnic, and other tensions. ...

Trump may have next to no credibility in profoundly disturbing ways, but American politics has been drifting away from reality for the entire 21st century, when the 2000 election was essentially decided by a coin flip, the U.S. entered the Iraq War under false premises, and Barack Obama took home Politifact's 2013 "Lie of the Year" award.

Nick Gillespie, Reason

### SCOTT STANTIS



# Chicago Tribune PERSPECTIVE

## Will Michael Jackson's legacy survive 'Leaving Neverland'?



CLARENCE PAGE

When we first saw Michael Jackson's Neverland Ranch on television in the late 1980s, a sarcastic friend of mine wisecracked, "Wow, that looks like a pedophile's paradise."

I tried not to laugh. Like multitudes of others, I had been following Jackson's hit songs and dazzling dance moves since his early days with his brothers in the Jackson Five from Gary.

I excused his odd excesses — his cosmetic surgeries, his pet chimp, his ranch in Santa Barbara County with its own amusement park and petting zoo — as an understandable consequence of his breathtaking wealth and perhaps his urgent need to construct his own fantasyland to make up for the normal childhood he never had.

My excuse-making ended with the airing on Sunday and Monday of Dan Reed's unsettling HBO documentary, "Leaving Neverland," a two-part, four-hour re-examination of sexual abuse charges by Wade Robson and James Safechuck, two men who say Jackson sexually abused them at the Neverland Ranch when they were children.

We can now add Jackson's name to those of R. Kelly, Bill Cosby, Woody Allen, Harvey Weinstein, Kevin Spacey and others whose commercial success has been disrupted by allegations of sexual misconduct that, in Cosby's case, resulted in a guilty verdict and prison on three counts of aggravated indecent assault.

Sure, it is important to remember, as the Jackson family points out in a response to the documentary, that Robson and Safechuck gave statements on the pop star's behalf in a 1993 sexual abuse case brought by a different boy and settled out of court. Robson also testified on Jackson's behalf in the 2005 case in which a jury found Jackson not guilty of child molestation and administering an intoxicating substance. In its statement, the Jackson family denounced the documentary as a "public lynching."

Yet, the documentary and the hour-



Wade Robson, right, dresses like his idol, Michael Jackson, in the HBO documentary "Leaving Neverland." Robson went on to accuse Jackson of sexual abuse.

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long town hall-style discussion led by Oprah Winfrey that followed make a gut-wrenching case study of what she calls a widely misunderstood and underappreciated aspect of child abuse: the grooming process in which the predator befriends the family, draws the child away from his or her parents and tightens emotional bonds with the child.

After noting that she has hosted 217 episodes on child sexual abuse on her TV talk shows, Winfrey concluded, "Sexual abuse ... is also sexual seduction."

That's a bracingly important point. Our stereotypes of pedophiles as vi-

olent rapists defy the more common reality of children being persuaded to sympathize with and aid the predator as a sign of love and devotion. Typically, these are children too young to understand what love or sexual relations are all about.

Still, one of the great mysteries that emerged in the early days of the Neverland scandal still haunts us: How could parents leave their children alone with Jackson for what became days at a time?

The answer appears to be a complicated combination of trust and denial by parents who were starstruck themselves by Jackson and his generosity in

booking fancy suites and transportation for the families while he went off alone to sleep with their children. "I always get what I want," one mother in the documentary quotes Jackson as saying to her. Indeed, many fans worldwide indulge and even worship superstars like Jackson in a way that can easily encourage a star's worst instincts — and a deep sense of denial among the rest of us.

Or, as Oprah declared, "Celebrity supersedes criminality."

My biggest surprise in watching the Neverland documentary is how much it disturbingly echoed Lifetime's "Surviving R. Kelly" documentary, which preceded recent sexual abuse charges against him in late February.

In 2008, Kelly was found not guilty of child pornography charges connected to an alleged videotaped encounter with a 13-year-old girl. But the singer, whose real name is Robert Kelly, was indicted Feb. 21 in Chicago on 10 charges of aggravated criminal sexual abuse of four victims, three of whom were underage. Kelly has been released from jail on \$100,000 bond.

In both cases, we again see celebrities facing renewed allegations of sexual misconduct after years of gossip and rumors. But this time we are in the #MeToo era, and the headwind that alleged victims used to face in trying to be heard largely has been replaced by a tailwind that helps them to be heard.

This does not mean, as the Jussie Smollett alleged hate crime hoax in Chicago should teach us, that all complaints are valid. Everyone is still entitled under our system of justice to be considered innocent until proved guilty. But alleged victims also have the right to have their complaint taken seriously.

Should we now boycott the artistic creations of controversial artists? I, for one, cannot hear the music of Jackson and Kelly and the comedy of Cosby without also feeling that a sense of revulsion has replaced my former sense of delight.

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## If voters had been allowed to rank their choices for mayor ...



ERIC ZORN

A different voting method might have changed the outcome of last week's mayoral election in Chicago, according to my back-of-the-envelope simulation of ranked-choice balloting.

Ranked-choice systems allow voters to indicate their order of preference when there are more than two candidates on the ballot. This allows voters to register more nuanced opinions, diminishes the risk that similar candidates will doom one another by splitting the vote and, the thinking goes, advances the fortunes of consensus candidates.

So let me ask you to play along as I take you through my simulation — one that may or may not be revealing but at the very least illustrates in detail how such a system works.

I had each of Chicago's 50 wards represent one voter, and I used the preliminary ward-level results to represent the ranked preference of each "voter."

For example, the 39th Ward on the Northwest Side, my home turf, voted for Bill Daley, giving him 19 percent of the vote. The second choice was Lori Lightfoot (17.8 percent); third choice was Toni Preckwinkle (11.4 percent) and so on down to the 14th choice, La Shawn Ford (0.2 percent).

In the 50 wards, only seven candidates got first-place votes: Willie Wilson (14), Lightfoot (11), Daley (8), Susana Mendoza (7), Preckwinkle (5), Jerry Joyce (4) and Gery Chico (1).

That would make Wilson the winner in a conventional plurality election. But in ranked-choice voting, a candidate needs to exceed 50 percent of the vote to win.

To begin the process, I eliminated the last-place finisher, Chico, and gave his vote — a victory in the 10th Ward — to Mendoza, who finished 4.7 percentage points behind him there.

Now there were six, with Joyce in last place. So I eliminated him and gave two of his "votes" to Mendoza and two to Daley by dint of their second-place finishes in the wards Joyce won.



Shawn Bates, 29, votes last week at Yak-Zies sports bar in Wrigleyville in Chicago's 44th Ward.

This put Preckwinkle in last place. Lightfoot inherited four of her five votes, and Wilson inherited one.

Mendoza and Daley were then in a tie for last place with 10 votes each. Last-place ties are a problem in ranked-choice voting systems, just like first-place ties are a problem in conventional systems. Generally, such ties are resolved by coin flips or deeper dives into the preference data, depending on the rules.

I chose to resolve this tie in favor of Daley since the actual votes for him in the 10 wards in his column more than doubled the actual number of votes for Mendoza in her 10 wards.

Eight of Mendoza's votes then went to Daley, one to Wilson and one to Lightfoot.

Recapping: Daley was then in the lead with 18 votes. Lightfoot and Wilson, the only candidates remaining, each had 16. All three were still far short of the 26 votes needed to win. So again I resolved the last-place tie by looking at actual vote totals. This calculation eliminated Wilson.

And because Lightfoot had finished higher than Daley in nearly all the wards where Wilson did well, she ended up with

31 votes to Daley's 19 and the victory.

Lightfoot also came in first in the actual election, but with just 17.5 percent of the vote. She will face Preckwinkle, who got 16 percent, in the April 2 runoff.

Was Daley actually the second choice in the overall hearts of the voters and the more appropriate runoff opponent?

Representatives of FairVote, a national organization that promotes ranked-choice voting and reviewed my simulation, called it "academically defensible" but cautioned about drawing too many conclusions. Turnout percentages varied dramatically from ward to ward — from the low 20s to the low 50s — as did the raw number of votes cast, so weighing each ward as one "vote" risks skewing the results.

Weighing the results from each of Chicago's 2,069 precincts as ranked-choice votes would offer a better approximation — and FairVote says it is embarking this week on that daunting task. But even using the much larger data set will not account for the way an actual ranked-choice system, now in use in roughly 20 jurisdictions nationwide, changes the texture of campaigns, making them less negative as candi-

dates angle to be second and even third choices.

When the Chicago Women Take Action Alliance asked the mayoral candidates for their views on ranked-choice voting in early February, Lightfoot said she approved of it and Preckwinkle, as is often her wont, offered no opinion.

Meanwhile, the good folks at the Center for Election Science have been in touch with me to tout the merits of "approval voting," a simpler system that asks voters to select all the candidates whom they find acceptable in no particular order.

I ran a simulation in which I assumed that each ward gave its approval to its top three vote-getters. Lightfoot and Preckwinkle finished first and second, and although the Center for Election Science officials said such a simulation "isn't close to valid," they dubbed it "certainly a fun experiment."

I'll take that as a vote of confidence, a thumbs-up to the idea that "what if ...?" is an interesting way to think about elections.

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## PERSPECTIVE

# Republicans' deregulation is hurting consumers

## A new bill from Democrats could help

BY CATHERINE RAMPPELL

For markets to work, you need a system where either the government protects consumers or consumers can adequately defend themselves. Or both. But you can't have neither. The "neither" option lands you in a kleptocracy, which is basically where Republicans have been leading the country for the past few years.

Happily, a new bill — introduced by Democratic lawmakers last week — would restore at least some of consumers' diminished tools for self-defense.

Republican politicians love to talk about their deregulatory successes. They're not exaggerating: Under President Donald Trump's leadership, Republicans have repealed or watered down tons of federal rules. If you look through a list of these deregulatory efforts, you'll notice a striking pattern: Many of them loosen the limits for how much harm businesses can inflict upon consumers.

There are many changes allowing more pollution, for instance.

These include the relaxation of Obama-era standards on coal-ash disposal, which makes it easier for arsenic, mercury and lead from power plants to potentially leak into the water supply. Or another proposed rule allowing coal-fired power plants to release more fine particulate matter into the air.

And there are the many decisions to simply stop enforcing laws and regulations still on the books.

The Consumer Financial Protection Bureau, for instance, suspended examinations of financial firms for compliance with the Military Lending Act, which protects service members and their covered dependents from financial predators.

The Education Department has likewise failed to punish the misbehaving student-loan servicers it supervises, as a

recent inspector general report found. Even as it remains asleep at the switch, the department has tried to block other regulators and state law enforcement officials from taking action against loan servicers accused of cheating consumers.

If you're a conservative, you might argue that protecting consumers is not the government's role; in a free market, consumers should look out for themselves. If they have been harmed, they can seek redress through the courts.

In fact, a Nobel Memorial Prize in Economic Sciences was awarded for precisely this insight: You don't need burdensome government regulations if you have strong property rights and the frictionless ability to sue over those rights.

The prototypical example, which you might recall from a long-ago economics course: You can have either strong pollution regulations or strong property rights so that fishermen downstream can easily recoup their costs if all their fish die thanks to water pollution. Either should prevent plants upstream from dumping stuff in the river.

But at exactly the same time that Republicans have been rolling back supposedly burdensome regulations, they have also been making it harder for downstream victims to seek redress.

For instance, Trump has been trying to eliminate all federal funding for the Legal Services Corp. This congressionally established nonprofit funds legal-aid programs that help about 2 million low-income Americans seek civil justice each year.

Republican lawmakers also have tried to cap the amount of money that consumers hurt by financial institutions can be awarded even when they're successful in court. In fact, on the same day in 2017 that Equifax announced its massive data breach — which affected some 143 million Americans — the GOP-controlled House held a

hearing on a bill to cap damages in class-action lawsuits against credit bureaus.

But perhaps where the GOP has been most successful in curbing consumers' ability to fight back relates to mandatory-arbitration clauses.

This refers to language, typically buried in fine print, that forces you to give up your right to sue. If you've taken out a credit card, purchased a phone plan, checked a loved one into a nursing home or even just accepted a new job in the past few years, chances are you've agreed to these nonnegotiable terms — putting you at a serious disadvantage if you're harmed.

This is not only because that company is likely bringing repeat business to the arbitrator handling your case, making them more likely to find in the company's favor. It's also because you've probably waived your rights to join a class-action suit.

Republicans have repeatedly killed, undermined or delayed Obama-era regulations designed to curb forced arbitration for disputes involving financial institutions, nursing homes and for-profit schools. But last week, more than 150 Democratic lawmakers signed on to legislation to eliminate mandatory-arbitration clauses in consumer, employment and civil rights cases (although parties could still voluntarily agree to arbitration after a dispute occurs).

If the bill passes, it would be a step in the right direction. In the best of all possible worlds, the government would also help protect customers from misbehaving companies. At the very least, though, it shouldn't be protecting misbehaving companies from their customers.

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### VOICE OF THE PEOPLE

#### Don't applaud Eli Lilly

I was disappointed with the March 5 commentary ("Cheaper insulin is a big victory for patients") that celebrates Eli Lilly's decision to provide a discount generic of its blockbuster insulin product, Humalog. The article gives undeserved praise to an industry titan that has made a fortune from price gouging the 7.5 million Americans who rely on insulin.

When Lilly introduced Humalog in 1996, it cost \$21. Since then, Lilly has hiked its price more than 35 times, with patients today paying up to \$329. Lilly's announcement that it will sell an "authorized generic" for about \$140 hardly merits an outpouring of national gratitude when Canadians can purchase the same drug for as little as \$38.

This is especially outrageous considering insulin was first discovered in 1921. Those researchers were awarded a Nobel Prize for their discovery, and then sold the patent terms to the University of Toronto for \$1, so that "no one could secure a profitable monopoly" from this lifesaving medical advancement. Sadly, pharma found a way to defeat this noble goal.

To break up this noncompetitive system, I recently introduced legislation to deter drug price hikes by reducing government-issued monopoly periods when manufacturers raise their prices more than 10 percent in a year. I also led a bipartisan group of senators in writing to the Food and Drug Administration last week to revise its recent "generic" insulin approval policy, which may actually freeze out the approval process for lower-cost insulin competitors.

Contrast American patients being forced to ration their insulin between paychecks, in some instances to fatal consequence, and Lilly's global revenue of \$24.6 billion last year.

I'm not going to be sending any thank-you flowers to Eli Lilly for this new "bargain" pricing scheme.

But Humalog makes up a fraction of the insulin market — America is watching what Sanofi and Novo Nordisk, the other two insulin manufacturers in the U.S., decide to do next. It's time for real action to end Big Pharma's greed and lower prescription drug costs for Americans facing diabetes.

— U.S. Sen. Dick Durbin, D-Ill.

#### The hubris of the young

Regarding the March 4 commentary by Amber Petrovich ("It's time to retire the old (politicians) to facilitate the rise of the young"), I don't know what age Ms. Petrovich is, but her complaint calls to mind the refrain from a song: "I wish that I knew what I know now, when I was younger."

I want to take note of two of our recent youthful additions to Congress. Rep. Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez recently reportedly threatened to see to it that fellow congressmen who didn't vote the way she wanted would be primaried. And Rep. Ilhan Omar has begun her historic term as one of the first Muslim women elected to Congress by stirring the pot of Middle East controversy by airing her negative assumptions about Americans who align themselves with the Israeli cause.

Yes, I heartily agree that there are dinosaurs in our halls of government who need to lumber off to the nearest dinosaur pasture. But I also hope that we hear from Ms. Petrovich 10 or 20 years from now, when she is wishing that she'd known today, what she will hopefully know then: that the passing of years not only leads to necessary retirement, but also it can lead to greater knowledge, wider-ranging experience and much better judgment.

— Pat Langley, Chicago

#### Wisdom comes from living

At 30 years old, I am younger than most members of Congress, but I still found Amber Petrovich's commentary on congressional age limits deeply unsettling.

As a high school teacher, I have a daily front row seat to the innocent illusions of youth: invincibility, omniscience, exaltation of the present moment. I love the students for it — perhaps because I myself believed such things not so long ago — but I also look forward to their transcending these illusions as they enter adulthood.

One day, Amber and I will both be guilty of the crime of not being young; people decades younger than we are will be calling for us to step aside, even as we continue to feel that we have something positive to contribute.

Wisdom is not quantified by technological expertise or pop culture savvy, and it tends to favor the aged. I am all for new ideas and new faces in Congress, but let's not judge a book by the age of its cover.

— Joe Paolelli, Park Ridge



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President Donald Trump's address Saturday to CPAC in National Harbor, Md., was possibly the longest ever given by a U.S. president.

## Trump's 2-hour speech and the cult of personality

BY JONAH GOLDBERG

Two years ago, at the dawn of the Trump administration, Kellyanne Conway predicted that 2017's CPAC would really be TPAC, or "Trump PAC." What was premature spin then is conventional wisdom now.

The Conservative Political Action Conference has always been what the great historian Daniel Boorstin called a "pseudo-event." It has no formal role within our politics and no binding power outside of it. It's part trade show, part infomercial, part convention for the various tribes of the right.

I was invited to speak at CPAC this year, which is a good sign given that I'm not exactly beloved by MAGA Nation these days. I passed. Still, I don't begrudge conservatives attending CPAC, nor do I think that going amounts to an endorsement or rejection of the president and his ideas.

If you've been to CPAC, you know it's a bit like a right-wing Comic-Con, albeit with marginally fewer cosplayers. Some go to be part of the show, others just to take it all in. No one expects everybody dressed as Marvel's Thor to endorse DC's Superman.

But to the extent that CPAC is an infomercial for what the organizers want to sell as conservatism today, it really was TPAC, with the commander in chief cast as the Man of Steel, by which I mean the allegedly hamburger-hunting Stalin himself, whose *nom de guerre* literally meant "man of steel."

Trump is not a dictator, but his two-hour speech, possibly the longest ever

delivered by a U.S. president, shared many of the traits associated with demagogues who feed off a cult of personality.

Very long speeches are a way of proving dominance over an audience. In 2013, Russian President Vladimir Putin held a news conference that lasted for nearly five hours. Fidel Castro would routinely give speeches that exceeded that. Got somewhere to go? Too bad, I'm the only game in town. Stalin once gave a lengthy speech that was later released on vinyl. The entire B-side consisted of recorded applause.

Trump's speech was a virtuoso performance, showing off the man in full. But the overriding theme to the pudding was that there is only Trump. One of the great challenges for conservatives in the Trump era has been to navigate between supporting the man's policies and supporting the man.

Over the last two years, you could hear echoes of this tension in the ubiquitous refrain: "He's better than Hillary would have been." That's a defensible proposition for conservatives, but never before in the history of the conservative movement have conservatives lowered the bar to the Democratic nominee the president faced in the prior election.

No serious conservative defended George H.W. Bush by saying, "At least he's better than Dukakis would have been!" And no one denounced conservative critics of the 41st president as being secret Michael Dukakis supporters.

In Trump's sprawling address, which he began by literally hugging the American flag, he denounced and castigated any competing sources of conservative authority, including several people who

served in his own administration.

His fact-challenged braggadocio and his whining — about the media, the Mueller probe and every other source of inconvenience — was an at times brilliant, at times pathetic effort to encourage the audience to invest themselves in Trump himself, not his ideas or the ideas that have formed the glue of the conservative movement for decades. Trump's instincts now have papal authority.

The schism between defending the man and the agenda was obliterated. Instead of loving what he's doing despite his faults, the audience was implicitly asked to love him because of his faults. His celebrity is all that matters, and his narcissism is infectious.

In his 1962 masterpiece "The Image," in which he introduced the concept of the pseudo-event, Boorstin posited that a celebrity is a "human pseudo-event."

"We try to make our celebrities stand in for the heroes we no longer have, or for those who have been pushed out of our view," Boorstin wrote. "Yet the celebrity is usually nothing greater than a more-publicized version of us. In imitating him, we are simply imitating ourselves."

That was the part of the message that got Trump the nomination and the White House two years ago. And now it's the entirety of the message from the main stage at TPAC.

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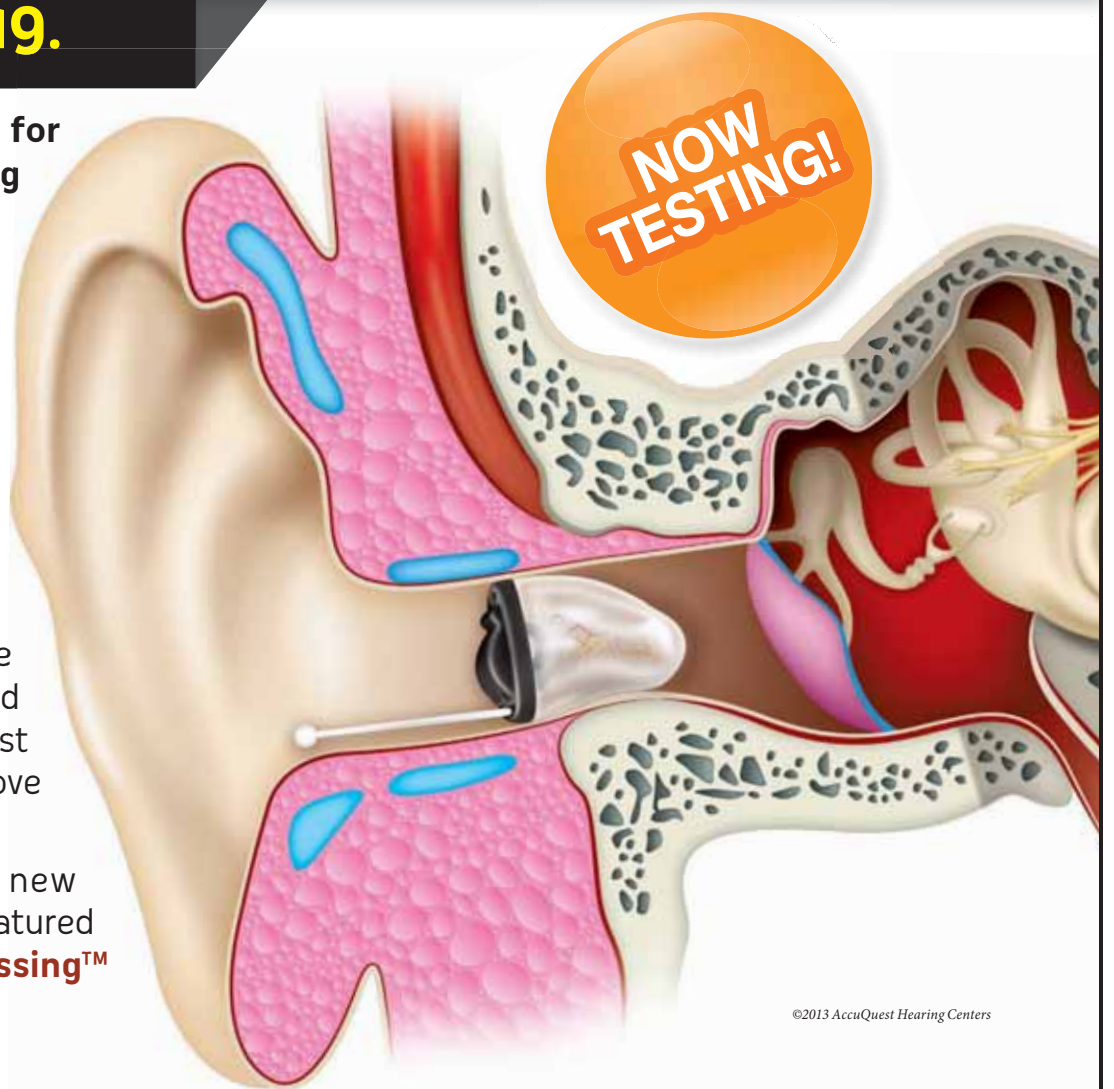
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# Chicago Tribune BUSINESS

## Lincoln Yards to double affordable housing

In bid to win city approval megadevelopment will include twice as many units as required



**RYAN ORI**  
On Real Estate

The \$6 billion Lincoln Yards megadevelopment will include 600 affordable housing units — twice as many as required — in a compromise by Sterling Bay as it seeks to gain approval for the sweeping project to remake more than 50 acres along the Chicago River on the city's North Side.

The new figure is part of an agreement that, if approved by the City Council, would allow Sterling Bay to reduce the number of afford-

able housing units it builds in nearby communities from 600 to 300.

It's unclear, though, whether the changes are enough to win the crucial support of 46th Ward Ald. James Cappleman, the head of the City Council's Zoning Committee, who has been pushing for more affordable units on the site.

The 600 units will be the largest on-site commitment in the 16-year history of Chicago's affordable housing requirements ordinance, according to Ald. Brian Hopkins, 2nd, who announced the revised plan Tuesday.

It is another significant change from the original Lincoln Yards proposal, and designed to get the project approved before Mayor Rahm Emanuel steps down in May. Other revisions have included increases in both the amount of pro-

posed park space — now up to 21 acres — and the total buildable space.

Sterling Bay is scheduled to seek approval from the City Council's Zoning Committee at a meeting Thursday.

Discussions are underway on other potential changes, including potential reductions in building heights and density, and on gaining written assurances that park space on the site "will function identically to any park operated by the Chicago Park District," regardless of whether the park is owned publicly or privately, Hopkins said.

Sterling Bay spokeswoman Sarah Hamilton declined to comment on other potential changes to the plan.

Hopkins expressed confidence that Lincoln Yards has the necessary votes for approval Thursday, in part because of the increased affordable housing. Members of the Zoning

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The Lincoln Yards site is seen Sept. 28 at North Southport Avenue and West Cortland Street in Chicago. Developer Sterling Bay will include 600 affordable housing units in the project.



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GM workers in Lordstown, Ohio, say moving will force them to leave behind relatives, even their children, in some cases.

## GM workers face upheaval

Those leaving Lordstown for another plant leave family behind

BY JOHN SEEWER  
Associated Press

TOLEDO, Ohio — Hundreds of workers at four General Motors plants slated to close are facing a painful choice: Take the company's offer to work at another factory — possibly hundreds of miles away — even if that means leaving behind their families, their homes and everything they've built. Or stay and risk losing their high-paying jobs.

The automaker says nearly all of its blue-collar U.S. workers with jobs in jeopardy have work waiting for them. Many from the targeted factories in Michigan, Ohio and Maryland already have voluntarily transferred to plants in the Midwest and South, not wanting to take a chance.

Others are still agonizing



TONY DEJAK/AP

Pastor Melvin Trent is leaving to join his wife in Texas.

over the decision, unsure whether to sell their homes or hang onto hopes that their plants might reopen.

The automaker says the changes announced in November are needed to cut costs and put money into new vehicles. The plant closings still must be negotiated with the union, giving workers a sliver of hope.

**Anthony Sarigianopoulos** has put in 25 years at GM's plant in Lordstown, Ohio,



TONY DEJAK/AP

hopes the plant stays open.

where the last Chevrolet Cruze will roll off the assembly line sometime later this month.

He has two sons in elementary school and an ex-wife he gets along with, and his parents are just down the street in the Youngstown suburb where he grew up.

Sarigianopoulos, who checks and fixes cars at the end of the line, knows he is fortunate to have a shot at a job even if it's somewhere else — unlike most of the 8,000 white-collar em-

ployees GM is laying off and those who are losing jobs at the automaker's nearby parts suppliers.

But he also doesn't want to move and miss out on ball-games and school concerts, knowing that his boys will be almost out of high school by the time he retires.

Volunteering to leave now for another plant would also mean he couldn't come back if Lordstown reopened. But if he is forced to transfer once the plant closes, the option to return would still be open under his union contract.

"That's part of the chess match," he said.

So Sarigianopoulos, 48, filled a notebook with charts and graphs outlining the pros and cons of transferring. What he has decided for now — unless he's forced to transfer — is to stay and hope the plant will get a new vehicle to build.

**Andrea Repasky** didn't have much of a choice. Even if it meant saying goodbye to her

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## Aon said to weigh offer for rival firm

Merger with Willis Towers Watson could be industry's largest

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Bloomberg News

Aon is considering an offer to buy rival insurance brokerage Willis Towers Watson, according to people familiar with the matter, in what could be the industry's largest merger.

Aon is preparing to submit a bid for Willis Towers in the coming weeks, said the people, who asked to not be identified because the matter isn't public. The companies have held preliminary talks, the people said. No final decision has been made and Aon could opt to not move forward with an offer, they said.

Shares of Willis Towers jumped as much as 8.3 percent Tuesday to their highest price ever. They were up 4.7 percent to \$181.12 at 1:33 p.m. in New York trading, valuing the company at more than \$23 billion. Aon, which like Willis Towers is based in London but listed in New York, fell 3.6 percent to \$164.57, giving it a market value of about \$39.5 billion. Trading of its shares was halted at 12:57 p.m. in New York pending an announcement.

A representative for Aon declined to comment. A spokesman for Willis Towers Watson said the

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## Kohl's links up with Planet Fitness

Retailer will lease or sell empty space at 10 locations to gym

BY JOSEPH PISANI  
Associated Press

NEW YORK — Some shrunken Kohl's stores are getting a new neighbor: Planet Fitness gyms.

Kohl's, which is on a mission to shrink its biggest department stores, said it will lease or sell the newly empty space at 10 locations to Planet Fitness, but may increase that number in the future. The new neighbor won't share doors with Kohl's, but it hopes that those who frequent Planet Fitness will also stop at Kohl's to buy fitness trackers, workout tights or sneakers. The companies plan to promote each other to their customers.

The company has a similar deal

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## Pro-labor push gains traction in bankruptcies

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Bloomberg News

Workers can lose everything when their employer files for bankruptcy. At least for now.

A pro-labor movement sparked by the employees of Toys R Us Inc., and taken up by Sears Holdings Corp., has reached Congress.

Rep. Tim Ryan, D-Ohio, said he plans to reintroduce 2017 legislation that would define worker claims in bankruptcy as administrative expenses, meaning they'd be paid in full, like the investment bankers, consultants, lawyers and liquidators who earn millions of dollars dismantling dying companies.

It comes after 19 Democrats, including Ryan and presidential candidates Sen. Bernie Sanders of Vermont and Rep. Tulsi Gabbard of Hawaii, teamed up in July to demand answers from Toys Us's owners after its bankruptcy left workers in the lurch.

Rep. Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez, D-N.Y., released a video featuring struggling former Toys Us workers on the first Black Friday since their layoffs. And Sen. Elizabeth Warren, another 2020 candidate, publicly challenged former Sears Chairman Eddie Lampert's "commitment to the company's employees" in a January letter.

Ryan said the stories of workers whose finances were devastated during the 35-day govern-

ment shutdown, which ended Jan. 25, highlighted the need for such measures.

"It laid bare that workers who are perceived to have pretty solid jobs could not miss one paycheck," Ryan said. "They were at the food pantries."

The bill would prioritize pension claims for fired workers when their companies go under. It joins legislation to hike taxes on the wealthiest Americans, provide wage and leave guarantees and restrict corporate share buybacks.

Though the bill is a long-shot to become law because it would have to pass the Republican Senate, it could lead to legislation on the state level that would complicate the bankruptcy proc-

ess.

Labor's drive to be recognized as a full partner in the U.S. economy, boosted by a low jobless rate, was given a jolt by the Toys R Us workers. They pressured KKR & Co. and Bain Capital, the retailer's private equity owners, to create a \$20 million hardship fund in November for workers such as clerks, cashiers and warehouse staff hurt by the retailer's liquidation.

After Sears filed for bankruptcy in October, it was Lampert's vow to save about 40,000 jobs that helped him win a bid last month to keep the retailer in business.

The \$20 million may not seem

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# Aon said to eye Willis Towers Watson

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company doesn't comment on market rumors and speculation.

Brokerages, which help connect businesses looking for coverage with insurers, have been aggressively merging to diversify, boost commissions and serve customers who increasingly want to deal with fewer intermediaries.

The industry started 2019 with a sizable deal. Private equity firm GTCR and other buyers agreed in February to buy a majority stake in AssuredPartners from Apax Partners. That transaction valued AssuredPartners at about \$5.1 billion, according to people familiar with the matter.

The Aon and Willis Towers "potential transaction would put together two very large global insurance broking companies that are also engaged in a number of human resources and management consulting practices," Harry Fong, an analyst at MKM Partners, said Tuesday in a note to clients.

Buying Willis Towers might enable Aon to overtake Marsh & McLennan Cos. as the world's largest brokerage by revenue, according to data compiled by Bloomberg. Willis Towers



Aon Center, the former Standard Oil Building, is pictured, at center, in Chicago in 2012.

is the world's third-biggest brokerage, while Aon is No. 2. That boost could help Aon and Willis Towers compete against a rival that's continued to grow in recent years. Marsh & McLennan last year struck its largest deal with a \$5.7 billion agreement to buy Jardine Lloyd Thompson Group. Those companies expect to close the transaction this year.

Willis Towers was formed in 2016 through Willis Group Holdings' \$8.9 billion acquisition of

the consultancy Towers Watson & Co., the largest insurance broker deal to date.

A transaction with Aon could create more discontent among Willis Towers employees, who would have to contend with another restructuring, according to analyst Meyer Shields at Keefe Bruyette & Woods. While Aon has demonstrated its ability to acquire and integrate other companies, the combination could create inefficiencies affecting revenue in

some brokerage and consulting operations, he said.

Aon and Willis Towers deal would be a mashup of two of the largest insurance brokers. That size could hinder any transaction, according to Wells Fargo & Co. analyst Elyse Greenspan.

"We see regulatory issues being a big overhang for a deal due to the size of both companies and are not convinced a deal can come to fruition," Greenspan said in a note to clients.

Rival Marsh & McLennan, which is currently seeking approvals for its own deal, agreed to give off JLT's aerospace business because of an overlap in that market as part of the European Commission's review of that deal.

Aon and Willis Towers would likely be required to divest overlapping businesses, Shields said.

"I would have to think there would have to be more examples of businesses that a combination of Aon and Willis would have to sell," Shields said. "I would think there would be an awful lot of areas of excess concentration."

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# Lincoln Yards to double housing in bid to win approval

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Committee "are aligning in support of this project," Ald. Raymond Lopez, 15th, said during a news conference on Tuesday.

The plan also needs the approval of the City Council's Finance Committee and ultimately the full City Council. That final step could come in April, after the runoff election between Lori Lightfoot and Toni Preckwinkle to replace Emanuel, but before the winner is sworn in, Hopkins said.

Hopkins has not discussed Lincoln Yards with either of the mayoral contenders, he said. "I would be more than willing to sit down with them and give them all the details of the proposal, and fill them in on the lengthy and thorough review process that we've had," he said.

Sterling Bay wants to build about 15 million square feet of commercial and residential buildings on 54.5 acres of riverfront land along Lincoln Park and Bucktown. That includes 6,000 residential units on the formerly industrial site between North and Webster avenues.

Chicago's affordable requirements ordinance requires 10 percent of a development's units to be affordable. In this case, the requirement is doubled to 20 percent, or 1,200 units, because the site is within a proposed tax increment financing district that could create up to \$1.3 billion in public funding for new infrastructure around Lincoln Yards. At a minimum, a quarter of the affordable requirement must be met on-site.

Chicago's affordable housing rules are controversial among affordable housing advocates because they permit developers to pay fees, or move affordable units to nearby sites, to meet requirements.

During the Jan. 24 meeting of the Chicago Plan Commission, Sterling Bay said it would meet the requirements by building 300 affordable units within Lincoln Yards and would pay more than \$39 million to the city's Affordable Housing Opportunity Fund to cover its obligation for another 25 percent of the affordable units. The developer said the remaining 50 percent of the obligation could be met by some combination of additional on-site units, further in-lieu payments and off-site units within 3 miles.

Opponents balked, saying more affordable units should be included on the highly valuable site.

Although Sterling Bay was following the ordinance, Cappleman in late January said he wanted Sterling Bay to create more affordable housing on-site. Cappleman also asked to see support of the Lincoln Yards plan from area groups in writing.

Cappleman demanded the changes shortly after becoming chairman of the Zoning committee, following the resignation of 25th Ward Ald. Danny Solis.

Sterling Bay executives and Cappleman did not attend Tuesday's news conference, and it's unclear whether the changes have won Cappleman's support.

His office declined to comment.

Under the compromise unveiled Tuesday, Sterling Bay will provide 600 on-site affordable units, while the maximum number of off-site units it will provide within 3 miles decreases to 300, from a previous 600. The Affordable Housing Opportunity Fund payment remains unchanged.

Half of Sterling Bay's \$39 million fee will support construction of about 1,000 affordable units citywide, and the other half will support 15 years of rental subsidies for 130 low-income families through the Chicago Low Income Housing Trust Fund, according to Hopkins.

"Did we get everything we want in these changes? Absolutely not," said affordable housing advocate Diane Limas, board president of Communities United. "But we got enough to say that we support these changes and revisions."

Her organization and other advocates sought more on-site units, Limas said. But the increase, as well as Sterling Bay's contributions toward programs that help prevent families from being displaced from gentrifying areas of the city, were important changes, Limas said. Sterling Bay also provided assurances that many apartments will be "family units" of two or more bedrooms, she said.

"This is an unprecedented commitment that's being made, and I think it's going to be a model for the whole nation," said Peter Levavi, an executive at mixed-income and affordable housing developer Brinshore Development.

Developers have long argued that they must write off a loss on any on-site affordable units, citing rising construction and land costs and reduced rental income from the affordable units. The rules make developments more difficult to finance, they say.

On-site affordable units have a "massive impact" on a newly developed building's value, said Ron DeVries, senior managing director at market research firm and consultant Integra Realty Resources.

"If you want to build a \$100 million deal, it could be a \$10 million haircut by having to put 10 percent into on-site affordable housing," DeVries said at an event last week.

Despite Lincoln Yards' promise as an economic engine on the North Side, with an estimated creation of 10,000 construction jobs, 24,000 long-term office jobs and 6,000 residents, the project has faced several hurdles. It also has faced questions about the proposed building heights and the megadevelopment's potential impact on traffic, nearby businesses and schools, among other concerns.

During public meetings, many opponents have asked that a final decision be put off until after Emanuel's successor is chosen in April.

Two aldermen whose wards border Lincoln Yards — Michele Smith, 43rd, and Scott Waguespack, 32nd — have been among the project's loudest critics.

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# General Motors workers face upheaval

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elderly parents, a niece she loves dearly, her favorite pizza place and her mom's wedding soup.

She had to keep her job because she is a breast cancer survivor and runs the risk of the disease coming back. "I couldn't afford to let my health benefits run out," she said.

So the 42-year-old team leader at the plant volunteered to leave the Youngstown area for a new job in Indiana, allowing her to stay closer to home instead of being shipped to a plant in Tennessee or Texas.

"That was my goal, to be a

car ride away if something, God forbid, happened to my family," she said.

Repasky has been working for just over a month at GM's truck plant in Fort Wayne, Ind., where she shares an apartment with a friend who also transferred there.

While she desperately misses her family and everything about her hometown, she said her decision was easier because she isn't married and has no children. Some coworkers moved without their children so that the youngsters could stay behind and finish the school year.

"I cry when I think about

it," Repasky said. "How do they explain to their kids that Mommy or Daddy is leaving and they'll see you on the weekends?"

Tiffany Davis feels the stress of it all both at home and at the lone elementary school in Lordstown where she teaches fifth grade.

The students know they will be saying goodbye to some of their classmates in a few months. That includes three out of the 18 in her class.

"They aren't the spunky, lighthearted crew they were at the beginning of the year," said Davis, 35.

She and her husband,

who has worked on the GM assembly line 17 years, talk almost every night about what to do next.

"It has taken over our lives, but how couldn't it?" Davis said. "It's draining. It's exhausting. No matter what decision we make, we're worried it will be the wrong thing."

The couple decided not to take a transfer for now. But they are selling their house and moving with their two children into her mother-in-law's attic so they won't be paying for two homes if they are forced to go. They also canceled a summer vacation and cut out cable TV and pizza nights on Friday.

"We're uprooting our entire lives right now because we don't have any answers," she said. "We know that no matter what happens we will have to follow GM."

Nearly two decades after founding the New Beginnings Outreach Ministries in Youngstown, Ohio, Melvin Trent stood before about 150 members of his church in early February and told them he was leaving.

His wife, an engineer with GM, was being sent to its SUV plant in Arlington, Texas.

"You could hear people crying throughout the congregation. One person said, 'It feels like when my mother died,'" he said. "For some, I've been the only pastor they've known."

His wife already has moved, and he will join her after their son graduates from high school in May. "We've never been apart like this," he said.

Trent, 55, who retired after 35 years with the automaker, said it was a "no-brainer" to accept the relocation but not an easy decision.

"The first thing I did was go to the church, and I cried like a baby because I was leaving something I birthed and something I loved," he said. "But it was the right decision for our family."

He added: "I'm leaving not my natural family but my church family."

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  - 15 Part of the leg
  - 16 Game broadcaster
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  - 19 "Says \_\_\_?"; skeptic's reply
  - 20 Met production
  - 21 Shoestrings
  - 22 New Delhi dollar
  - 24 Flea collar wearer
  - 25 Ill will; loathing
  - 27 Least risky
  - 30 Straighten
  - 31 Eyeglasses
  - 33 "Olympus \_\_\_ Fallen"; Morgan Freeman film
  - 35 Floating sheet of ice
  - 36 Skirt crease
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  - 38 Cheap metal
  - 39 Dairy product
  - 40 Row of shrubs
  - 41 Shun
  - 43 At \_\_\_; haphazardly
  - 44 Tear
  - 45 "\_\_\_ makes waste"
- DOWN**
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  - 2 Distributes
  - 3 Beard wearer
  - 4 Felt about blindly
  - 5 Water barrier
  - 6 "...and they lived happily \_\_\_ after."
  - 7 Invisible emanation
  - 8 \_\_\_ culpa; admission of guilt
  - 9 Real \_\_\_; Century 21's business
  - 10 Fashionable
  - 11 Bee colony
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  - 13 Parishioners' seat
  - 18 Musical symbols
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29 Ballroom dance

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36 Get ready, for short

37 Portable shelter

39 Rain forest animal

40 Meaty concoction

42 Pie bottoms

43 Worn to tatters

45 Door hanger's metal piece

46 Catch sight of

47 Factual

48 Late Kennedy matriarch

49 Stumble

50 Bring on board

52 Hunger pain

53 Fem. title

55 Begley & Bradley

56 Recline

# Kohl's links up with Planet Fitness

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with no-frills German grocer Aldi, opening the grocery stores next door to Kohl's. Planet Fitness said its Kohl's-adjacent gyms will be between 20,000 square feet and 25,000 square feet. But don't expect gym tie-ins at other stores: Target's CEO mixed the idea when a reporter asked about the Kohl's and Planet Fitness deal at an event in New York.

Kohl's has also been working to increase the brands in stores and getting rid of ones that aren't connecting with shoppers. The strategy seems to be working: Kohl's reported Tuesday

that sales rose 1 percent at established stores during the holiday shopping season.

Menomonee Falls, Wis.-based Kohl's, which has more than 1,100 stores, also reported that its fourth-quarter profit fell 42 percent to \$272 million, lowered by taxes, store closings and other costs. Its adjusted earnings per share came to \$2.24, beating expectations by Wall Street analysts. Revenue fell 3 percent to \$6.5 billion in the three months ending Feb. 2.

Besides the gyms, Kohl's said it is expanding its partnership with online retail giant Amazon, selling Kindle tablets, Echo voice-acti-

vated devices and other gadgets in over 200 stores. Amazon already had a presence in about 100 Kohl's stores, but Kohl's is moving away from Amazon shops inside Kohl's where Amazon workers helped shoppers. Instead, there will be a dedicated Amazon section in Kohl's where customers can help themselves.

"It will be more in a self-serve environment, which is how our customers are used to shopping us," said Kohl's CEO Michelle Gass.

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# Manafort family defends itself

Relatives distance themselves from Russia probe figure

BY MICHELLE R. SMITH AND DAVE COLLINS  
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PROVIDENCE, R.I. — What do you do if you share a name with one of the most prominent defendants in the special counsel's investigation into Russia?

One of Paul Manafort's daughters decided to change her name. Leaders of New Britain, Conn., considered renaming Paul Manafort Drive, a street named after his father.

At Manafort Brothers Inc., a family-owned New England construction firm, they are defending the Manafort name and legacy while distancing themselves from their cousin, Trump's former campaign chairman who was recently blasted by prosecutors for years of lies and lawbreaking.

The Manafort name has been a familiar one in New England politics and business for decades, creating a predicament for the family as the 69-year-old former attorney is scheduled to be sentenced Thursday.

Manafort Brothers is one of New England's best known construction companies. Its name pops up alongside highways, at hotel construction sites and on heavy equipment used to dig holes or tear down buildings. After 9/11, Manafort Brothers helped remove what was left of the World Trade Center buildings.

A recent press release touting Manafort Brothers' 100th anniversary boasts that the company "is still led by the strong moral and business ethics of the Manafort family," a line that raises eyebrows among some who have followed the family history.

The company says Paul Manafort's criminal issues have nothing to do with the firm and that business has not been affected by the prosecution. Paul Manafort has never worked at the company and has no ownership in it, according to President Jim Manafort Jr.

"I could almost count on one hand how many times somebody has asked me what the relationship is," he said.

Manafort was convicted of tax and bank fraud



DAVE COLLINS/AP

Manafort Brothers Inc. defends its name and distances itself from the actions of Paul Manafort Jr.

charges in Virginia, where he'll be sentenced Thursday. He's set to be sentenced again March 13 in Washington after pleading guilty to illegally lobbying on behalf of Ukrainian political interests.

In a sentencing memo in the Washington case, prosecutors accused Manafort of brazen violations of the law, including witness tampering and perjury even after being indicted. Manafort, 69, asked for leniency but faces decades in prison.

Paul's grandfather, James, founded the construction business as a demolition firm — New Britain House Wrecking Co. — after coming to the U.S. from Italy in the early 1900s. The family says its original name in Italy was Manaforte, which translates to strong hand.

Paul Manafort's father, Paul Sr., later took over the company with three of his brothers.

Paul Sr. was a Republican mayor of the old mill town of New Britain in the 1960s and 1970s, then appointed to jobs in state and federal government. Articles from the New Britain Herald and The Hartford Courant between the 1960s and 1980s detail a complicated legacy for Paul Sr., who was linked to numerous scandals, some involving the family business. After his name emerged in the investigation of a job-fixing scheme, he acknowledged to the Courant that he had a colorful political career.

"I'm good copy," Paul Sr.

told the paper in 1980, the same year his son founded the Washington lobbying firm Black, Manafort and Stone.

Paul Sr. was eventually charged with two counts of perjury, which he denied and which were ultimately dropped. He died in 2013.

These days, Manafort Brothers employs 700 people, Jim Manafort said. It is based in Plainville, Conn., with offices in Massachusetts and Rhode Island.

When a fight emerged last year in New Britain over an effort to rename Paul Manafort Drive, eight Manaforts wrote a letter on Manafort Brothers letterhead opposing the change.

They called Paul Sr. a family patriarch and said he had helped build the company and its "sterling reputation." They distanced Paul Jr.'s actions from the legacy of his father, calling them "wholly unrelated."

The Republican mayor, Erin Stewart, ultimately vetoed a resolution by the Common Council to change the street name to Ebenezer D.C. Bassett Way, after the first African-American to graduate from what is now Central Connecticut State University.

The company has had some more recent trouble with the law. In 2014, it agreed to pay a \$2.4 million fine and implement internal reforms to settle federal criminal and civil investigations into allegations that it lied about using a minority subcontractor on a \$40 million highway project in

Connecticut. Jim Manafort said the company doesn't believe it intentionally did anything wrong.

"There were some policies that were questionable. In the end, we had to settle it because it didn't make sense to keep arguing over it," he said.

He highlighted the family's good works through a foundation that distributes more than \$100,000 annually to the community, and said they are proud of the name and their accomplishments.

Pat Karwoski, 77, a New Britain native and retired nurse who fought to change the street name, said when she sees the Manafort Brothers name, it embarrasses her. She said it seems to her that some family members have done good philanthropic work, but its assertion that it's known for morals and ethics is not true.

"They may all be good people, but they cannot deny what their history is," she said.

Customers appeared unfazed by the connection. The developers of a hotel in downtown Providence where Manafort Brothers recently worked as a subcontractor said they were happy with their work.

"As long as their price came in good and they give you quality," said developer Joe Paolino, a former Democratic mayor of Providence and ambassador to Malta under President Bill Clinton. "That's what I care about in business."

# Officials: Pentagon eyes 6 fewer F-35s in 2020 budget

BY TONY CAPACCIO  
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The Pentagon will request 78 F-35 jets built by Lockheed Martin Corp., six fewer than previously planned, in the budget expected to be sent to Congress next week, according to defense officials.

The cutback from the 84 fighters projected a year ago for fiscal 2020 is a setback for Lockheed, the No. 1 defense contractor, even as interest in the plane from foreign buyers increases. The officials asked not to be identified in advance of the budget release.

It's likely to raise questions from lawmakers about why the Defense Department, which has spent years saying it needs the more advanced F-35, cut back the planned purchases even as the Air Force is seeking money to buy eight new, upgraded F-15 jets from rival Boeing Co. They would be the first F-15s the Pentagon bought since 2001.

Among the likely questions is whether acting Defense Secretary Patrick Shanahan, a former Boeing official, played any part in the decision to buy fewer planes from Lockheed and more from Chicago-based Boeing. Shanahan has recused himself from participation in all Boeing matters.

If recent history is a guide, Congress will increase the F-35 request in the final version of the fiscal 2020 budget. Despite a history of performance setbacks, the F-35 has drawn praise for its flying qualities as the Air Force, the Marine Corps and now the Navy have declared that the aircraft has an initial combat capability. It also retains strong support in Congress as a job creator.

Bethesda, Md.-based Lockheed boasts that it uses 1,500 suppliers in 46 states and more internationally.

For the current year, Congress appropriated

\$9.34 billion for 93 F-35s, 16 more than requested. For fiscal 2018, lawmakers added 20 F-35s to the 70 requested.

Sen. James Inhofe, R-Okla., chairman of the Armed Services Committee, has said he wants to triple F-35s purchased by 2024, making it the most ambitious procurement request on his agenda for next year.

While Shanahan has pledged to stay out of Boeing decisions, he isn't hesitant to praise the F-35 built by its rival.

"What's really important for people to always take away is I've found the aircraft — the F-35 as a product, its capability and performance — to be eye-watering. It is high, high-performing — no ambiguity — no ifs, ands or buts."

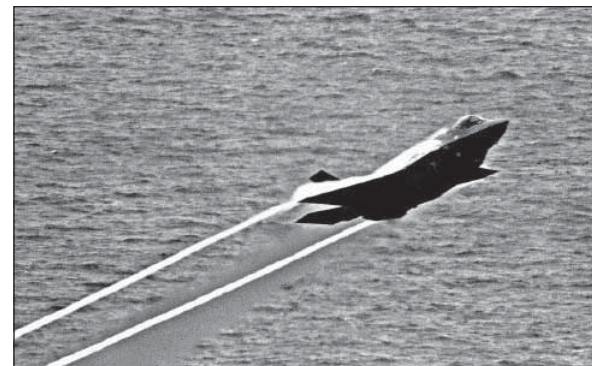
But Shanahan said he's focusing on "program execution," which includes driving down the long-term costs of maintaining and operating the fleet of 2,456 F-35s that the U.S. plans to acquire.

"This is the largest program in DoD history and the cost of sustainment is about the same cost as nuclear modernization," he said, referring to an estimated price tag of more than \$1 trillion over at least several decades, according to the Congressional Budget Office.

Because the F-35 is just entering its decadeslong expected service life, he said, "if you were ever going to fix" the sustainment cost and "if you were ever going to realize high performance — you would do it on the front end. We have a small window."

Shanahan said his concern about the high costs of operating and maintaining multibillion-dollar weapons systems isn't limited to Lockheed.

"People write about like it's" just Lockheed, Shanahan said. "It's Lockheed, it's BAE, it's Northrop," he said. "There's a lot of opportunity to achieve higher levels of performance. There's a big opportunity."



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An F-35 fighter zips over Lake Michigan at last year's Air and Water Show in Chicago.

# Papa John's founder agrees to resign from board, dismiss lawsuit

BY THOMAS MULIER AND ANNE RILEY MOFFAT  
Bloomberg News

Papa John's has just charted a path forward without Papa John.

Embattled pizza chain Papa John's International Inc. said founder John Schnatter will resign from the board, bringing to a close months of tensions in the management ranks.

Schnatter, who still owns almost one-third of the shares, will help the company identify a mutually acceptable independent director to take his place, the company said Tuesday. The founder also agreed to dismiss a Delaware lawsuit related to his exit from the chairman's seat. His term as director will expire at the 2019 annual meeting or when the independent director is appointed, whichever comes first.

The stock closed at \$45.56 Tuesday, up 5 percent, in trading in New

York. Schnatter said in an emailed statement that he's thankful to be "able to resolve these important issues." He said the board's willingness to remove the "acting in concert" provision from the poison pill plan that made it hard for him to talk to — or plan a takeover bid with — other shareholders was key to his decision to dismiss the lawsuit.

Now "we can all focus on the company's business without the need for additional litigation," he said.

The settlement comes about a month after the pizza chain landed a \$200 million cash infusion from activist hedge fund Starboard Value LP, which put its chief executive officer, Jeff Smith, in charge of Papa John's. Under Smith's guidance, Papa John's is planning new marketing to help reverse a sales slump that worsened last summer after the founder used a racial slur on a conference



JAMES CRISP/AP

Papa John's pizza chain founder John Schnatter.

call. He has said the comment was taken out of context.

Tensions at the company have been high for months. Schnatter sued the chain last year, demanding internal files related to directors' handling of his ouster as chairman. The Delaware Chancery Court in January ruled that he could get access to some of those materials.

As its biggest shareholder, Schnatter will benefit if Starboard successfully turns the slumping chain around. In addition to the new ads, Papa John's is trying to evolve with consumer tastes. For example, it has started to cater to more sophisticated pizza preferences by offering toppings such as arugula, spinach and roasted red peppers.

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like an overwhelming figure, but it was unprecedented. Suddenly workers are asserting themselves.

Teachers in Arizona, California, Oklahoma and West Virginia have won pay raises after walking off the job. Teachers in other states, including Colorado, Kentucky and North Carolina, have also demonstrated for

higher wages and better working conditions.

Air traffic controllers calling in sick on the East Coast led to a halt in flights to New York City's La Guardia Airport, while union leaders warned of added risk to airline customers. That put pressure on President Donald Trump to end the government shutdown.

Twenty states, including California, Illinois, New Jer-

sey and New York, raised their minimum wages for 2019, according to the Economic Policy Institute. The hikes range from just a few cents, to adjust for inflation, to \$2 an hour in New York City.

But as American workers suddenly enjoy more visibility than they had just a few months ago, U.S. bankruptcy law lumps employees with other creditors whose

claims are lower priority.

In the beleaguered retail industry, that's left tens of thousands without recourse.

"Our country's bankruptcy laws are broken," said Lily Wang, deputy director of United For Respect, a workers' rights group. "Employees are fighting for their lives in a system that's rigged against working families."

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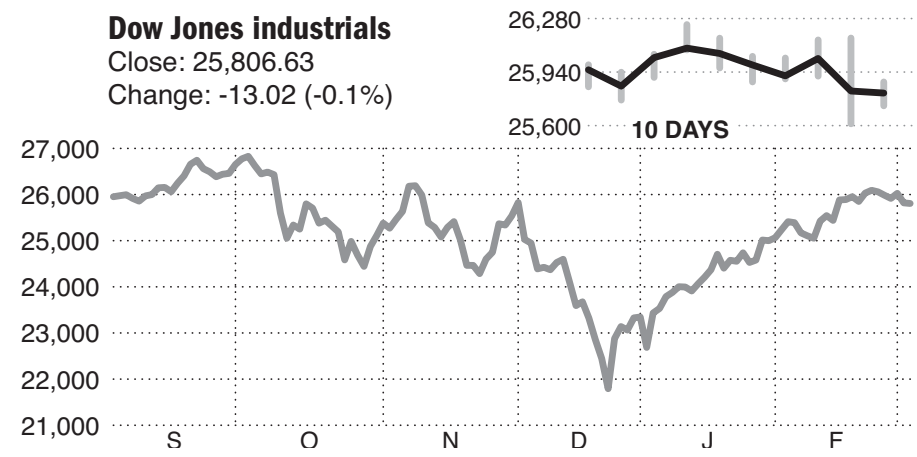
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### MARKET ROUNDUP

**Dow** High: 25,877.15 Low: 25,725.63 Previous: 25,819.65



Nasdaq	S&P 500	Russell 2000
-1.21 (-0.02%)	-3.16 (-1.1%)	-7.16 (-.45%)
Close 7,576.36	Close 2,789.65	Close 1,568.28
High 7,598.66	High 2,796.44	High 1,575.85
Low 7,543.54	Low 2,782.97	Low 1,567.67
Previous 7,577.57	Previous 2,792.81	Previous 1,575.44

10-yr T-note	Gold futures	Yen	Euro	Crude Oil
... to 2.72%	-2.80 to \$1,282.00	+13 to 111.89/\$1	+0.021 to .8847/\$1	-0.03 to \$56.56

### Major market growth and decline

5-day % change			30-day % change			1-year % change		
DOW -96	NASD +36	S&P -15	DOW +1.55	NASD +2.35	S&P +1.90	DOW +3.71	NASD +2.77	S&P +2.26

COMMODITY	AMOUNT-PRICE	MO.	OPEN	HIGH	LOW	SETTLE	CHG.
WHEAT (CBOT)	5,000 bu minimum- cents per bushel	Mar 19	446	454.25	446	454.25	+7.50
CORN (CBOT)	5,000 bu minimum- cents per bushel	Mar 19	366	367.25	364.75	366	+1
SOYBEANS (CBOT)	5,000 bu minimum- cents per bushel	Mar 19	904.75	904.75	896.75	901.25	-2
SOYBEAN OIL (CBOT)	60,000 lbs- cents per lb	Mar 19	29.85	29.85	29.54	29.73	-0.05
SOYBEAN MEAL (CBOT)	100 tons- dollars per ton	Mar 19	310.20	311.00	308.60	310.00	-0.50
LIGHT SWEET CRUDE (NYMX)	1,000 bbl.- dollars per bbl.	Apr 19	56.45	57.19	56.09	56.56	-0.03
NATURAL GAS (NYMX)	10,000 mm btu's, \$ per mm btu	Apr 19	2.856	2.892	2.841	2.884	+0.027
NY HARBOR GAS BLEND (NYMX)	42,000 gallons- dollars per gallon	Apr 19	1.7474	1.7735	1.7387	1.7674	+0.0184

### 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.
Abbott Labs	N	78.22	-0.40	Equity Lifesty Prop	N	111.36	+1.25
AbbVie Inc	N	78.91	-0.55	Equity Residential	N	73.93	-0.05
Allstate Corp	N	94.00	-0.20	Exelon Corp	N	48.42	-0.03

### MOST ACTIVE STOCKS

STOCK	CLOSE	CHG.
Gen Electric	9.89	-0.49
Aurora Cannabis Inc	8.10	+0.88
Eli Lilly	128.49	+1.03

### LARGEST COMPANIES

STOCK	CLOSE	CHG.
Alibaba Group Hldg	185.00	-2.25
Alphabet Inc C	1162.03	+14.23
Alphabet Inc A	1169.19	+15.77

### LARGEST MUTUAL FUNDS

FUND	NAV	CHG	1-YR %RTN
American Funds AMCPA m	30.89	-0.05	+2.5
American Funds AmrnBAlA m	26.46	...	+3.2
American Funds CptWldGrInCA m	47.11	+0.01	-3.2

### NASDAQ STOCK MARKET

STOCK	CLOSE	CHG.
Ctrip.com Intl Ltd	41.91	+6.92
Adv Micro Dev	23.50	+1.13
Novavax Inc	.60	-0.03

### TREASURY YIELDS

DURATION	CLOSE	PREV.
3-month disc	2.38	2.41
6-month disc	2.45	2.46
2-year	2.54	2.53
10-year	2.72	2.72
30-year	3.08	3.09

### SPOT METALS

	CLOSE	PREV.
Gold	\$1282.00	\$1284.80
Silver	\$15.020	\$15.017
Platinum	\$838.00	\$838.90

### INTEREST RATES

Prime Rate	5.50
Discount Rate Primary	3.00
Fed Funds Target	2.25-2.50
Money Mkt Overnight Avg.	0.60

### FOREIGN EXCHANGE

A U.S. Dollar buys...	
Argentina (Peso)	39.8367
Australia (Dollar)	1.4113
Brazil (Real)	3.7757
Britain (Pound)	.7593
Canada (Dollar)	1.3345
China (Yuan)	6.7074
Euro	.8847
India (Rupee)	70.552
Israel (Shekel)	3.6176
Japan (Yen)	111.89
Mexico (Peso)	19.2649
Poland (Zloty)	3.81
So. Korea (Won)	1126.79
Taiwan (Dollar)	30.85
Thailand (Baht)	31.77

### FOREIGN MARKETS

INDEX	CLOSE	CHG./%
Shanghai	3054.25	+26.7/+9
Stoxx600	375.64	+6/+2
Nikkei	21726.28	-95.8/-0.4
MSCI-EAFE	1874.96	-2.3/-1
Bovespa	94603.75	-980.6/-1.0
FTSE 100	7183.43	+49.0/+7
CAC 40	5297.52	+11.0/+2

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## OBITUARIES

ALLEN MERTZ 1944-2019

# Longtime Lombard cop donated home for use as historic site

By BOB GOLDSBOROUGH  
Chicago Tribune

Allen Mertz, a former Lombard police officer, was the great-grandson of noted 19th-century folk artist Sheldon Peck and donated the family's home to the western suburb for use as a historic site.

Peck, known for his acumen as a portrait painter, lived in Lombard from 1837 until 1869 in what is the oldest standing structure in Lombard. The house, at 355 E. Parkside Ave., remained in the family until Mertz donated it in 1996 to the village. Known as the Sheldon Peck Homestead, it is now under the auspices of the Lombard Historical Society.

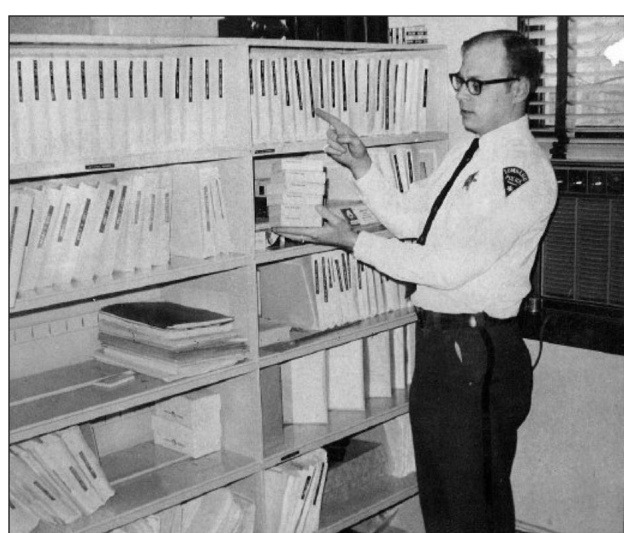
Mertz, 74, died of natural causes Feb. 2 at his home, said his sister, Beverly Viscariello. He had been a resident of Kissimmee, Fla., since leaving his family's ancestral home in Lombard in 1995.

Born in Elmhurst, Mertz grew up in Lombard and graduated from Glenbard East High School. He joined the Lombard Police Department in March 1966 and eventually rose to become a sergeant.

"He was very quiet and kind of laid-back, but was dedicated to the Police Department and the community, and his family has been here forever," said Lombard's executive coordinator, Carol Bauer, a former police dispatcher and 53-year village employee. "They were like the roots of the village, and he was a great asset to the Police Department."

Mertz retired from the police department in 1994 and moved the following year to Florida, where he began a second career as a computer programmer.

Mertz long had resided in the Sheldon Peck Homestead, which Peck built



Lombard police Sgt. Allen Mertz with microfilmed records in Lombard, circa 1978.

around 1839. An itinerant portrait artist and a Vermont native, Peck moved in 1837 from a home he had briefly occupied in what now is downtown Chicago to a place near the settlement known as Babcock's Grove in DuPage County. Peck and his family found a 160-acre site of forest and prairie.

"Sheldon felt lucky to have found unclaimed land that had some woods on it," Mertz told the Tribune in 1988. "In those days, all you did to claim land was plow a furrow around it."

The Pecks built a log cabin, the exterior of which was covered with stucco in 1910. Sheldon Peck then spent time traveling around Illinois painting portraits, but he always returned to the homestead. His family would live in the homestead for four generations.

"The 1850 census listed him as a farmer, but the 1860 census had him down as a painter," Mertz told the Tribune in 1988.

The homestead also was a stop on the Underground Railroad, to help runaway slaves escape to Canada, according to the family.

"Sheldon became inter-

ested in the abolitionists when he was working (at his art studio) in St. Louis," Mertz told the Tribune in 1988.

Over the years, Peck's paintings have dramatically increased in value. This summer, the Lombard Historical Society plans an exhibition titled "Sheldon Peck: Footsteps of His Life," inside the homestead. On display will be more than a dozen portraits painted by Peck from 1825 until 1848. The exhibition will be the first collective presentation of Peck's works since 1976 and will include several paintings never shown before in public, said Sara Richard, the Lombard Historical Society's executive director.

Relatives "are always happy when ... (Peck's) works can be viewed in the town he helped found," Mertz told the Tribune in 1994.

In addition to his sister, Mertz is survived by two brothers, Gene and Robert; and another sister, Janet Golden.

Services will be private.

Goldsborough is a freelance reporter.

## Chicago Daily Tribune

### ON MARCH 6 ...

In 1475, Renaissance artist Michelangelo was born in Caprese, Italy.

In 1747 Casimir Pulaski, the nobleman who became a hero of the American Revolution, was born in Winiary, Poland.

In 1806 poet Elizabeth Barrett Browning was born in Durham, England.

In 1834 the City of York in Upper Canada was incorporated as Toronto.

In 1836 the Alamo in San Antonio fell to the Mexican army after a 13-day siege. All of the defenders, including Davy Crockett, were killed.

In 1853 Giuseppe Verdi's opera "La Traviata" premiered in Venice.

In 1857, in its landmark Dred Scott decision, the Supreme Court ruled that Scott, a slave, could not sue for his freedom in a federal court.

In 1926 Alan Greenspan, the economist who would become chairman of the Federal Reserve Board, was born in New York City.

In 1930 Clarence Birdseye

started to sell prepackaged frozen food for the first time, in Springfield, Mass.

In 1933 a nationwide bank holiday declared by President Franklin D. Roosevelt went into effect.

In 1944 American bombers staged their first World War II raid on Berlin. Also in 1944 opera singer Dame Kiri Te Kanawa was born in Gisborne, New Zealand.

In 1953 Georgi Malenkov became Soviet premier after the death of Josef Stalin.

In 1957 the British African colonies of Gold Coast and Togoland united to become the independent state of Ghana.

In 1981 Walter Cronkite signed off for the last time as anchor of "The CBS Evening News."

In 1982, 5 of 24 Muslim fundamentalists accused of involvement in the assassination of Egyptian President Anwar Sadat were sentenced to death. Also in 1982 author and philosopher Ayn Rand died in New York; she was 77.

In 1983 a woman in New Bedford, Mass., reported being gang-raped atop a pool table in a tavern; four

men later were convicted in the attack.

In 1987, 189 people died when water rushed through the open bow doors of the British ferry Herald of Free Enterprise, causing it to capsize off the Belgian port of Zeebrugge.

In 1994 Greek actress-turned-politician Melina Mercouri ("Never on Sunday") died in New York; she was 70.

In 1997 Britain's Queen Elizabeth II launched the first official royal Web site.

In 1999 the emir of Bahrain, Sheik Isa bin Salman al-Khalifa, a key Western ally who had ruled for nearly four decades, died; he was 65.

In 2000 a federal jury convicted three New York City police officers of covering up the brutal assault of Haitian immigrant Abner Louima in a police station rest room in 1997.

In 2002 Independent Counsel Robert Ray issued his final report in which he wrote that former President Bill Clinton could have been indicted and probably would have been convicted in the scandal involving former White House intern Monica Lewinsky. Also in 2002 federal regulators approved the proposed \$22 billion merger of Hewlett-Packard Co. and Compaq Computer Corp.

In 2004 President George W. Bush backed off on plans to require frequent Mexican travelers to the U.S. to be fingerprinted and photographed before crossing the border.

In 2006 South Dakota Gov. Mike Rounds signed legislation banning most abortions in his state. (Abortion-rights groups were able to get enough signatures to put the measure to a vote, and the ban was rejected in the November election.)

## Chicago Tribune Death Notices

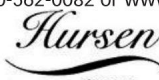
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### Death Notices

#### Bimler, Donald A.

Donald A. Bimler, 81, lifelong resident of Hillside. Beloved husband of Karen, nee Stokes, for 54 years; loving father of Kimberly (James) Logsdon, Kurt (Kimberly) and Martin Bimler; dear grandfather of Elizabeth, Parker and Timothy; fond brother of Richard (Hazel) Bimler. Retired industrial arts teacher for Proviso East & West high schools and member of International Lions Club for 53 years. Visitation Friday 3:00 - 9:00 p.m. at **HURSEN FUNERAL HOME & CREMATORY**, SW corner of Mannheim & Roosevelt Roads, Hillside/Westchester. Lying-in-State Saturday 10:00 a.m. until time of funeral service 11:00 a.m. at Immanuel Lutheran Church, 2317 S. Wolf Rd, Hillside. Interment Oakridge Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, memorials to Immanuel Lutheran Church. Funeral info: 800-562-0082 or www.hursen.com.



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#### Calabrese, Elizabeth Frances

Elizabeth Frances Calabrese, born May 4, 1931; Died February 28, 2019; Loving daughter of the late Margaret Houlihan and Frank G. Maness; Beloved wife of the late Dominic Calabrese; devoted mother of Dominic, Samuel (Susan) and Joseph (Kathy); and sister of Kathleen and the late Geraldine, Eileen, Rosemary and Ellen. Grandmother of Monica, Mary, Mark, Maria, Agnes, Miriam (Bogdan), Pauline (TJ), Joe (Kylie) and Liz; great-grandmother of Julian, Jayden, Joel, Eviana, Roger, Benjamin, Anya, Solomia, Kendrick. There will be a visitation on Thursday, March 7, from 4 pm to 8:30 pm at the Montclair-Lucania Funeral Home, 6901 W. Belmont (near Oak Park Avenue) on Chicago's northwest side. There will be a second visitation at 10 am followed by an 11 am funeral mass on Friday, March 8, at St. Bartholomew's Church, 4949 W. Patterson (near Cicero and Addison) also on the northwest side. Then burial will take place at Mount Olive Cemetery, 3800 N. Narragansett. In lieu of flowers, please make donations to The Chicago Lighthouse (Financial Development Dept), 1850 W. Roosevelt Road, Chicago 60608

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#### Cummings, Michael Joseph

Michael Joseph Cummings Jr., U.S. Marine Corps Veteran. Devoted son of the late Helen "Tudy" nee Griffin & Michael J. Cummings Sr. Beloved cousin of the late Sister Marilyn Miller, C.S.J. Loving godfather of Michael J. Bertoni & Arlene Bertoni Mancine. Cherished friend of Rich & Marie Bertoni, Marina, Jim, John & Jerry Bradley, Alice (the late John) Collins, Jeff & Arlene Leptich, & the late Chester Jaskolka, Jack Howard, Don Hogan, Pat Shannon, & Terry Murphy and countless others. Funeral Friday 8:30 am from **Thompson & Kuenster Funeral Home**, 5570 W. 95th St., Oak Lawn to Nativity of Our Lord Church, 653 W. 37th St. in Chicago, for Mass at 10:00 am. Interment Holy Sepulchre Cemetery. Visitation Thursday from 3:00 pm until 9:00 pm. During his journey with Alzheimer's, Mike expressed appreciation for his doctors, Dr. James Mastrianni & Dr. Adam Cifu; his caregivers from Aishling Companion Home Care; and his devoted counselors Gina Lavorata-O'Hehir & Tom Gibbs. Mike was a proud graduate of Visitation Catholic Grade School, Mount Carmel High School and the University of Notre Dame. He served his country with distinction as an Officer in the United States Marine Corps. He retired from the City of Chicago as the Deputy Commissioner for the Department of Aviation at Midway Airport. His dedication to Mount Carmel was legendary. He was recognized with the Mount Carmel Man of the Year Award in 1977 and was inducted into the Mount Carmel Hall of Fame. In lieu of flowers, memorials in memory of Michael J. Cummings may be made to the Mount Carmel Educational Foundation, 6410 S. Dante Ave., Chicago, IL 60637 would be greatly appreciated. [thompsonkuensterfuneralhome.com](http://thompsonkuensterfuneralhome.com) 708-425-0500

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#### D'Argento, Vincenzo

Vincenzo D'Argento, 81; Cherished husband of Angela Lina nee Spilotro; Beloved father of Angela (Vince) Gloria, Frank D'Argento, Joe D'Argento and Savino Nuccio (Laura) D'Argento; Loving grandfather of Vincent J. D'Argento, Anthony J. Gloria, Michael S. (Amanda) Gloria, Krystyna, Gianna, Vincenzo, Angelina and the late Anthony Michael D'Argento; Loving great-grandfather of Joey, Dominic, Lahna, Elsie, Pino and Mia; Dear brother of Filomena Mola, Peter and Michael D'Argento, the late Savino D'Argento and the late Agnese Mastroianni; Fond uncle and godfather to many. Longtime member of Maria SS Della Croce Society. Visitation Friday March 8th from 3:00 - 9:00 p.m. at **Cumberland Chapels** 8300 W. Lawrence Ave., Norridge. Funeral service begins Saturday at 10:30 a.m. from the funeral home proceeding to St. Monica Church for 11:30 a.m. Mass. Entombment to follow at All Saints Cemetery. Info: 708-456-8300 or [www.cumberlandchapels.com](http://www.cumberlandchapels.com)



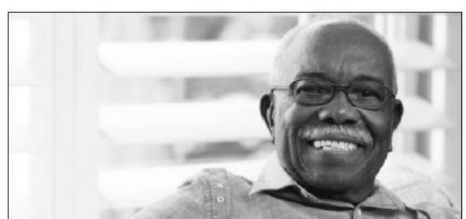
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#### Dombek, Jr., John J.

John J. Dombek, Jr., age 84. Beloved husband of Priscilla Wright Dombek; dear father of Priscilla Emily, and John J. (Carole Ann) Dombek III; loving grandfather of Melissa, Sarah, and John J. Dombek IV; fond brother of Regina Rabin; uncle of John David Rabin. Visitation Friday, March 8, 2019 at 9:30 a.m. at Holy Name Cathedral Chapel (enter on Superior Street), 30 E. Superior St., Chicago, IL 60610 until the time of the 10:30 a.m. Funeral Mass. Interment St. Adalbert Cemetery, Niles, IL. In lieu of flowers donations to American Heart Association, [www.heart.org](http://www.heart.org). For further information please call 312-421-0936 or [www.michalikfuneralhome.com](http://www.michalikfuneralhome.com).

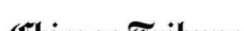


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#### Farrelly, OP, Sr. Mary Megan

Springfield Dominican Sister M. Megan Farrelly died March 3, 2019, at Presence Mercy Medical Center, Aurora. She was born in Chicago in 1946, and named Elizabeth Agnes by her parents, James D. and Roberta Barclay Farrelly. She made her profession of vows in 1966.



Sister M. Megan dedicated her life to education, teaching primary and junior high students, college students, adults, and challenged teens over the span of 53 years. Before she became ill, she was interim principal at Rosary High School, Aurora. Prior to that she was assistant principal and curriculum director at IC Prep, Elmhurst, and an adjunct teacher at Dominican University. Sister M. Megan also taught in schools in central and northern Illinois including St. John Bosco, Our Lady of Grace, and St. Christina, Waubesa College, and Benedictine University. In the 1990s she relished the challenge of teaching at Garfield Alternative High School, Chicago.

Sister M. Megan was preceded in death by her parents; her brothers, Terrence "Deg" and James Farrelly; and her sister, Peg Wareham. She is survived by her brothers, Gerald (Barbara), Dennis (Diane), Patrick (Kay) and John (Vicky) Farrelly; her sister, Deirdre (William) Dreger; her sister-in-law, Adrienne Farrelly; brother-in-law, Robert Wareham; and many nieces, nephews, and beloved friends.

Visitors are welcome.

Visitation: 4:00 p.m. - 6:15 p.m., Thursday, March 7, 2019, at Aquinas Center, Sacred Heart Convent, 1237 W. Monroe St. in Springfield. The visitation will begin with a prayer service.

Cremation will be provided by Butler Cremation Tribute Center following the visitation.

Funeral Mass: 6:30 p.m., Thursday, March 7, 2019, at Sacred Heart Convent Chapel with Father Peter Witichousky, OP, celebrant.

Morning Prayer, Remembering, and Final Commendation: 10:30 a.m., Friday, March 8, 2019, at Sacred Heart Convent Chapel. Burial will follow at Calvary Cemetery.

Memorial Mass: 11:00 a.m., Saturday, March 23, 2019, at McEnroe Auditorium, Rosary High School, 901 Edgelawn Drive, Aurora, IL. A reception/luncheon follows. Contributions may be made to establish a scholarship in Sister Megan's name.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Dominican Sisters Retirement Fund, 1237 W. Monroe St., Springfield, IL, 62704.

The Dominican Sisters and family of Sister M. Megan are being served by **Butler Funeral Home-Springfield**, 900 S. 6th Street, Springfield.

Please visit [butlerfuneralhomes.com](http://butlerfuneralhomes.com) to offer your condolences.

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#### Finnegan, Kyle B.

Kyle B. Finnegan, age 29, of Skokie, suddenly. Beloved son of Deborah, nee Conley, and the late Brian; dear brother of Sean (Christina) and the late Cameron; dear grandson of Dudley and Connie Conley and the late James and Beverly Finnegan; loving uncle of Avery; cherished nephew of Kevin Finnegan, Lori (George) Alexander, Cathy (Paul) Schiltz, and Suzy (Jaime) Duran; fond cousin of Kristina and Steffani Alexander, Hannah, Molly and the late Samuel Schiltz. Memorial Service, Saturday, March 9, 2019, at 6 p.m., at St. Matthew's Episcopal Church, 2120 Lincoln St., Evanston. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to The East Prairie School Educational Foundation, 3907 Dobson St., Skokie, IL, 60076. Funeral info: 847.673.6111 or [www.habenfuneral.com](http://www.habenfuneral.com) to sign guestbook.



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#### Fitzpatrick, Carol A.

Carol A. Fitzpatrick (nee Hargett) March 4th. Loving wife of William F. Fitzpatrick. Beloved mother of Matthew and John (Sara) Fitzpatrick. Dear grandmother of John Jr., Margot and Mary Sara Fitzpatrick. Sister of Mary Kay (Darrell) Abney, Dr. Newell (Peggy) Hargett, Lucile Clifford and the late Bernard and Marilyn Hargett. Fond aunt of many nieces and nephews. Visitation Friday at St. Cajetan Church 2445 W. 112th St. Chicago from 9:30 a.m. until time of Mass 11:00 a.m. Int. Holy Sepulchre Cemetery. Arrangements entrusted to **Donnellan Funeral Home**. Info (773) 238-0075 or sign guestbook at [www.donnellanfuneralhome.com](http://www.donnellanfuneralhome.com).



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#### Francis, Dennis

Dennis James Francis Sr. 88, passed away on March 4, 2019 at Kahl Home Davenport, IA. formerly of Bartlett, IL. Born April 22, 1930 in Chicago, IL. To Thomas and Kathleen (Cowley) Francis. He preceded in death by mother Kathleen, father Thomas, brothers Dean and Patrick, wife Blossom M. (Karlovsy), daughter Sandra Prindle, son Paul and grandson Ryan. Surviving relatives are son Dennis Jr. (Roya), grand children Kristin Prindle, Lauren Prindle, and Kelsey Francis Dennis grew up in Sandwich, IL, where he graduated from high school in 1948. He entered the US Army in 1950 and was honorably discharged. Following the service, he graduated from the Freight Traffic Institute of Chicago and began working for the Burlington Northern RR where he met and married Blossom Karlovsy on February 14th, 1953. They raised 3 children, Sandra, Dennis Jr, and Paul and they remained married until her death in 1996. During this time, he was very active in the American Legion and AMVETS where he was served as commander for both. An avid Bulls and Bears fan, he enjoyed all types of sports. In 1957 he began his long career with the Quaker Oats company. 1992 he retired from Quaker as Customer Service Manager after 35 years of service. In retirement he traveled abroad and split his time between the Chicago area and Spring Hill, Fl. In 2015 he moved to Iowa to be near his son Dennis. Visitation will be held Friday March 8, 2019 from 4-7 p.m. at the Beverage Family Funeral Home Sandwich, IL. Funeral service will be held Saturday March 9, 2019 at 10:30 a.m. at the funeral home with Fr. Bernie Sehr officiating, interment to follow at St. John's catholic cemetery Somonauk, IL. [www.beveragefamilyfh.com](http://www.beveragefamilyfh.com)

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**ILLINOIS**  
March 5  
Mega Millions ..... **713 / 2**  
Daily 3 midday ..... **0421 / 2**  
Daily 4 midday ..... **923 / 0**  
Daily 3 evening ..... **9202 / 0**  
Daily 4 evening ..... **08 21 24 25 30**  
Cash 5 ..... **01 12 14 26 29**  
Pick 3 evening ..... **277 / 6**  
Pick 4 evening ..... **5653 / 4**  
Lucky Day Lotto evening ..... **11 21 27 28 45**  
March 6 Powerball: \$381M  
March 7 Lotto: \$12M

**INDIANA**  
March 5  
Daily 3 midday ..... **713 / 2**  
Daily 4 midday ..... **0421 / 2**  
Daily 3 evening ..... **923 / 0**  
Daily 4 evening ..... **9202 / 0**  
Cash 5 ..... **08 21 24 25 30**

**MICHIGAN**  
March 5  
Daily 3 midday ..... **892**  
Daily 4 midday ..... **3325**  
Daily 3 evening ..... **720**  
Daily 4 evening ..... **2023**  
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## Gorman, Suzanne H.

(nee Rismeyer) of Port Washington, WI, passed away on March 3, 2019 at the age of 84 years. Beloved wife of the late James Gorman. Loving aunt of John (Julie) and Brian (Ana) Sperling. Further survived by her close friend Connie Johnson, other relatives and friends. Memorial services will be celebrated at a later date. Inurnment St. Mary's Cemetery, Port Washington, WI.

EERNISSE FUNERAL HOME & CREMATION SERVICE Port Washington, WI. 262-284-2601 [Eernissefuneralhome.com](http://Eernissefuneralhome.com)

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## Hall, Robert B.

Robert B. Hall of Westchester, age 90. U.S. Air Force Veteran-Korean Conflict. Beloved husband of Barbara, nee Przybylski; loving father of Gregory (Martha) Hall and Linda (Chuck) Behrendt; proud grandfather of Matthew, Brittany and Bryan; dear brother of Sandra (Rich) Janos, Sharon (Fred) Weber, Burton (Sue) Hall and the late John Warren Hall; fond uncle of many. Family and friends will be received at the **Conboy-Westchester Funeral Home**, 10501 W. Cermak Rd., Westchester (2 blks West of Mannheim Rd.) on Friday, March 8, 2019 from 3:00 to 9:00 p.m. Funeral Saturday 9:30 a.m. from the funeral home to Divine Providence Church for 10:00 a.m. Mass. Entombment Queen of Heaven Cemetery. For further info 708-F-U-N-E-R-A-L.

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## Harkness, Elizabeth Jean

Elizabeth Jean Harkness passed away on January 20, 2019. Born in Ontario, Canada, Jean immigrated to Chicago in the early 1950's to attend the University of Illinois where she earned a bachelor's degree in nursing. After nursing in Chicago-area hospitals for several years, she began a 40+ year career in teaching, ultimately heading a LPN program at Oakton Community College. Jean enjoyed travel, knitting and spending time with her family. She also cherished friendships with the women she worked with over her long career - friendships she maintained for more than fifty years. She is survived by four children: Margo E. Jones, Philip A. Jones and Geoffrey A. Jones of Suwanee, Georgia and Norine E. Oelerich of Las Vegas, Nevada; four grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. Jean was 94 years old. She died peacefully surrounded by family in her home in Suwanee, Georgia.

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## Healy, James A.

James A. Healy, 87, of Deerfield, entered eternal life peacefully at home on March 4th surrounded by family. Born September 10, 1931 to Mary (Kirby) and Carleton Healy. Beloved husband of Diane for 61 years. Proud father of Mark (Jean), Dan (Patty), Karen (Rob) Sheehan, Susan (Steve) Theiss, Linda (Dave) Bisceglia, Tom (Jeanne), Katie (Dan) Coughlin. Cherished grandfather of 22 grandchildren. Graduate of St. George High School and St. Mary's College. Served in the United States Army during the Korean War. Owner and proprietor of Carr Realty for many years. Sixty years of dedicated Service to Holy Cross Parish and the Deerfield Community. A visitation will be held on Saturday, March 9, 2019 from 9:00 am until time of funeral mass 11:00 am at Holy Cross Parish, 724 Elder Lane, Deerfield, IL 60015. In lieu of flowers, please make a donation to Swedish Covenant Foundation, Chicago. For info or directions please contact **Kelley & Spalding Funeral Home** at 847-831-4260 or [www.kelleyspaldingfuneralhome.com](http://www.kelleyspaldingfuneralhome.com)

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## Henebry, Timothy

Timothy Michael Henebry died in his home surrounded by family on March 1, 2019 in Redmond, WA at the age of 70.

Tim is survived by his wife of 41 years Maryrose T. Henebry, his sons Casey Henebry and his wife Natalie Henebry of Tigard OR, Tyler Henebry and his wife Blaire Henebry of Redmond, WA, Sean P. Henebry of Seattle, WA, his four grandchildren Graham Henebry, Declan Henebry, Calvin Henebry, and Savannah Henebry; as well as five siblings, Joseph Henebry (Diane), Kathleen Stanley (John), Terence Henebry, Michelle Henebry Finnigan (Timothy), and Patrice Henebry. He is also survived by siblings-in-law: Joseph Turk, Kathleen Turk, Diane Kiobasa, Francis Turk, Laura LaVanne (Bill), and Paul Trudeau.

He is preceded in death by his father Joseph A. Henebry, his mother Marie C. Henebry, and sisters-in-law Janet Trudeau and Lucia Turk. Tim was born on May 30, 1948 in Chicago, Illinois. He graduated from Notre Dame High School in Niles, Illinois and Bellarmine University in Louisville Kentucky. Tim had a long and distinguished career in the trucking industry and was serving as President of PACCAR Financial in Bellevue, WA at the time of his retirement.

A memorial service will be scheduled at a later date. In lieu of flowers the family requests that donations be made to American Lake Veteran Golf Course in Lakewood, Washington ([www.veterangolf.org/give-back](http://www.veterangolf.org/give-back)).

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## Hickman, Charles

Charles "Chuck" Hickman, age 91, passed peacefully on March 1st. He was a resident of Elgin, IL, formerly of Addison, IL. Beloved husband of the late Marilyn for 69 years; loving son of the late Raymond Hickman and Ferne Wurth; loving father of Michael Hickman and Diane (Frank) Michelkamp; loving grandfather of Melissa, Frank, Meagan, Kelly (Bobby) Dinkins, Robert, and Courtney (Joseph) Labetti; dearest great-grandfather to Alexandra, Izabel, Braxton, and Skyler Mae; great friend and mentor to many. Chuck loved being with his family, socializing with his breakfast club friends, volunteering and spending winters with friends in Naples, FL. In his retirement he served as President of Tamarynd Place Association in Naples, FL; a part-time consultant for the International Union of Operating Engineers, Local #399, and was a current 66 year licensed Stationary Engineer, City of Chicago. Prior to his retirement, Chuck was employed for 35 years by the University of Illinois at the Medical Center, Chicago Campus as a Asst. Chief Engineer. For 21 years he was the Asst. Assoc. Vice President for Personnel Services for the Central Administration of the University of Illinois. He was a proud union member for 66 years of the I.U.O.E., Local #399; where he served as a Recording Secretary, Auditor and member of the Political Education Fund Committee. Chuck served 34 years on the Illinois Board of Boiler and Pressure Vessel Rules; was a member of the Village of Addison Police Commission for 20 years; served for 6 years on the Addison Village Board of Trustees; 25 years on the State Universities Civil Service Advisory Committee; former member of the Addison Jaycees, Addison Park Program and other civic affairs. Chuck enjoyed being involved in politics from managing various local and State campaigns to serving as precinct committeeman. Visitation will be held Thursday, March 7 from 3 to 9 p.m. at Humes Funeral Home, 320 W. Lake Street, Addison, (2 mi. E. of Rt. 53, 2 mi. W. of Rt. 83). Lying in state Friday, March 8, 9:30 a.m. at St. Joseph Catholic Church, 330 E. Fullerton, Addison, IL. Interment Bronswood Cemetery, Oak Brook, IL. In lieu of flowers, Charles' family has asked that donations be made in his memory to: Best Buddies Illinois, 101 W. Grand, Suite 400, Chicago, IL 60654 or online at <https://www.bestbuddies.org/illinois/donate-locally>. Best Buddies focuses on creating a more inclusive world for those with intellectual and developmental disabilities. For info, [www.HumesFH.com](http://www.HumesFH.com) or 630.628.8808

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## Hodl, Martha M.

Martha M. Hodl, who held positions within the Cook County Court System, Cook County State's Attorney's Office and later the Chicago Department of Consumer Affairs, died suddenly from a heart attack at her home in San Tan Valley, AZ on February 27. She was 69.

A longtime resident of Chicago, Hodl attended Chicago's Catholic elementary and high schools before earning an associate degree from National Louis University. She began her career in the late 1970s as a Spanish interpreter in Cook County Courts. In the mid-1980s, Hodl became an administrative assistant in the Child Support Division of the Cook County State's Attorney's Office. In 1989, she joined the Chicago Department of Consumer Services as an Administrative Assistant to Commissioner Carolyn Shoenberger and as Director of Personnel, handling employee grievances and reprimands. She retired in 2003 at the same time her husband Kenneth F. Hodl retired from his longtime position as an Associate City Traffic Engineer with the Chicago Department of Transportation. She has spent the last 16 years in retirement in Arizona but still taking excellent care of her family.

Hodl is survived by her husband of 40-years Kenneth; son Marc Hodl; daughter Marcella Perez; grandchildren Matthew K. Hodl, Sebastian S. Hodl and Sophia Perez; three brothers and three sisters. Funeral services are scheduled for Thursday March 7 at 9 a.m. at Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Parish in Queen Creek, AZ, with burial following at the San Tan Memorial Gardens at Schnepf Farms, also in Queen Creek.

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## Janec, Jerry

Jerry Janec, 87, of Chicago, a proud U.S. Army Veteran of Korea, passed away peacefully on March 3rd after months of enduring failing health. He is loved and will be missed by many. Beloved husband of 58 years to Mary Ann, nee Seplak, the love of his life. Loving father of Lisa (Jim) Hackett and Stefanie (Craig) Jahnke.

Adoring grandfather of Brian (Meghan) and Trevor Hackett, Samantha and Allison Jahnke and great grandfather to-be of Baby Hackett. Dear brother of Emily (late Matthew) Surak. Devoted uncle of Milada, Matthew and Olga and their families. Loving Godfather to Mark, DeAnn, Renee and (late) Brad. Dear uncle and cousin of many loved ones in the U.S., Slovakia and the Czech Republic. Dear friend and neighbor of many. We are grateful for and send special thanks to the wonderful doctors, nurses and staff of The Grove Fox Valley, who compassionately cared for Jerry. Visitation Friday, March 8, 2019 from 3 until 9 PM at the **M J Suerth Funeral Home**, 6754 N. Northwest Highway, Chicago. Lying in state Saturday 9:30 AM at Trinity Slovak Lutheran Church, 5106 N. LaCrosse Avenue (near Elston, Foster and Cicero) Chicago, until time of Funeral Service at 10:30 AM. In lieu of flowers, please send memorials to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis TN 38105 or [stjude.org/memorial](http://stjude.org/memorial). Interment at Bohemian National Cemetery following service. For further information 773-631-1140 or [www.suerth.com](http://www.suerth.com).



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## Jefferson, Sanda M.

Sanda M. Jefferson, age 84, of Crete, IL passed away February 25, 2019 while visiting family in Mexico. She is survived by her daughter, Sanda (Ralph Lucas) Taylor; sons, James Matovina and Joseph L. (Debbie) Jefferson; grandchildren, James V. P. Taylor, III, Ashley (Brad Kunzie) Taylor, Lindsey Jefferson, Taylor Jefferson, Patrick Jefferson, Bobby Jefferson, and Steven Jefferson; great-grandson, Alaric; sister, Elia Nevarez; daughter-in-law, Nancy Jefferson. Sanda was preceded in death by her husband, James G. Jefferson, Jr. and her son, Dannie Jefferson. Friends may greet the family on Thursday, March 7, 2019, from 4 pm to 7 pm at BURDAN FUNERAL HOME, 12901 Wicker Ave. (corner of US 41 and 129th Ave.) Cedar Lake, IN. Prayers will be offered at 6:30 pm. Burial will be held Friday, March 8, 2019 at Ft. Sheridan Military Cemetery in Lake Forest, IL. Sanda ran Emerald Trails Campground in Crete for forty years. She enjoyed traveling and the company of her family. Sanda knitted and crocheted. She was always willing to help everyone she could. Sanda was a woman of strong faith who will be dearly missed by all who knew and loved her.

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## Koss, Nancy R.

Nancy R. Koss nee Concannon. Beloved wife of the late Robert J. Koss. Loving mother of Robert Koss, Cathleen Koss, Carol (Bill) Targun, Nancy (Billy) Barra & John (Laura) Koss. Cherished grandmother of Robin, Phillip (Megan), Tracey (Al), P.J., Elizabeth, Samantha, Peggy, Madison, Mackenzie, John Paul, Dylan, Melanie & Megan. Proud great grandmother of Lily, Elianna & Annalise. Dear sister of 2 brothers & 6 sisters. Fond aunt of many nieces & nephews. Funeral Friday 10:00 am from **Thompson & Kuenster Funeral Home**, 5570 W. 95th St., Oak Lawn to St. Linus Church for Mass at 11:00 am. Interment Holy Sepulchre cemetery. Visitation Thursday from 3:00 pm until 9:00 pm. [thompsonkuensterfuneralhome.com](http://thompsonkuensterfuneralhome.com) 708-425-0500

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## Kotowski, Jean Marie

Jean Marie Kotowski, nee Marshall, age 91, beloved wife of the late Joseph J.; loving mother of Nancy, Susan (Richard) Hewitt, Joseph M. (Jean E.) and Kathie Kotowski; proud grandmother of Lindsey and Conner Hewitt, Joseph A., Timothy P., Daniel D. and James K. (Gabrielle) Kotowski and Mary Ruth and Raymond J. Salata; cherished great-grandmother of Ceanna Rose Hewitt, Ava Kathleen Nunez and Sophia Ruth Kotowski. Visitation Thursday, 4:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. and Friday, 8:00 a.m. until time of funeral 9:00 a.m. at **Gibbons Funeral Home**, 134 South York Road, (1/2 mile North of Saint Charles Road), Elmhurst. Mass of Christian Burial 9:30 a.m. at Immaculate Conception Catholic Church. Interment Queen of Heaven Catholic Cemetery, Hillside. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Arbor Terrace of Naperville Activity Fund, 2920 Levere Rd, Naperville, IL 60564. For funeral information please call 630-832-0018 or [www.gibbonsfuneralhome.com](http://www.gibbonsfuneralhome.com)

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## Kusek, Sr. Clara Frances, C.R.

Sr. Clara Frances Kusek, C.R., Member of the Congregation of the Sisters of the Resurrection died March 1. Loving daughter of the late Andrew and Clara (Czuba) Kusek. Preceded in death by her brothers, Henry, Adrian, Florian, Bernard, and Andrew; and her sisters, Mildred, Sister Bonaventure, C. R., Sister Lenore, C.R., Marie Minski, and Helen Glatter. Dear aunt of many nieces and nephews. For 65 years of ministry at Resurrection Medical Center as Radiologic Supervisor and Director of Pastoral Care, and at Resurrection Health Care as Executive Vice-President of Mission and most recently a volunteer in the Mission Office. Visitation Friday, March 8th, 4:00-9:00 p.m. (Vigil Service at 7:00 p.m.) at **Smith-Corcoran Funeral Home**, 6150 N. Cicero Ave., Chicago, and also Saturday, March 9th, 9:00 a.m. until time of Funeral Mass at 10:00 a.m. at Immaculate Conception Church, 7211 W. Talcott Ave., Chicago. Interment at St. Adalbert Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, Memorials to Presence Health Foundation (for the Sister Clara Frances Because We Care Fund). Info: 773-736-3833 and [www.smithcorcoran.com](http://www.smithcorcoran.com)

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## McHugh, Joan Carter

Joan Carter McHugh, 77, author and founder of Witness Ministries, passed away peacefully on Saturday, surrounded by her family. A longtime resident of Lake Forest, IL, Joan was born to J. Howard Carter and Sabina Borgia Carter in New York City, NY, on November 23rd, 1941.

The youngest of two children, she graduated from the Convent of the Sacred Heart in 1959, and was recognized with their Outstanding Alumna Award. She graduated from Marymount College in 1963, and received their Alumnae Achievement Award.

She earned her pilot's license at age 16, and after college she worked for Time, Inc. and NBC-TV in New York City. In 1983, Joan founded and edited Witness, a national Catholic quarterly magazine. In 1992, with her husband, Tom, she founded and directed Witness Ministries, a publishing apostolate devoted to the Eucharist. She is the author of seven books, including: Eucharist — God Among Us, My Daily Eucharist, and The Mass. Her books have been translated into several languages and continue to be published globally.

Joan was a devoted parishioner at St. Patrick Catholic Church in Lake Forest, Illinois, serving as a Lector, Eucharistic Minister, Minister of Care and Catechist. A survivor of polio, scleroderma and multiple bouts of cancer, Joan believed in the power of the Eucharist to effect healing and was a much sought-after speaker. She produced and hosted a weekly radio show on WSFI 88.5FM Catholic Radio, entitled Healing the Whole Person, Body, Mind and Spirit. She was passionate about her faith, ministry and family.

Joan was preceded in death last year by her husband of 51 years, Thomas J. McHugh. She will be lovingly remembered by her four children, Tom McHugh Jr. (Sinead) of Glenview, IL, Katie McHugh Ranke (Greg) of Hinsdale, IL, Dan McHugh (Pippa) of Snowmass Village, CO, Rich McHugh (Danie) of Rumson, NJ, and her thirteen grandchildren, Tommy, Ryan, Aidan, Eva, Gavin, Ellie, Erin, Oscar, Conrad, Izzy, Maddie, Lilly, and Jackie. She is survived by her brother Howard Carter.

Visitation and funeral services will be Friday morning at St. Patrick Catholic Church in Lake Forest, Illinois. Visitation begins at 930am, and funeral services at 1130am.

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## Merriman, Phillip A.

Phillip A Merriman, former United Way Executive, passed away February 8th, 2019 in Urbana, IL. Phil was a Park Forest resident for more than 40 years and a well known figure in the community service arena for Northern Illinois. He served in the US Army and was a graduate of the University of Illinois. He is survived by his wife of nearly 65 years, Anna Mae, children Debi & Bruce, 4 grandchildren and 2 great grandchildren. Memorial services will be made for the summer. A detailed obituary may be found online at <https://www.cremation-society.com/obituary/Phillip-A.-Merriman/Loda-IL/1835352>

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## Mikkelsen, Mary A.

Mary A. Mikkelsen, passed away peacefully on March 3, 2019. Beloved wife of Robert "Bob". Loving mother of Peter (Sue), Matthew (Jane) and Eric (Elizabeth). Cherished grandmother of Elvis, Lance and Tyler. Visitation Friday, March 8th from 4-9pm at **Smith-Corcoran Funeral Home**, 6150 N. Cicero Ave., Chicago. Funeral Saturday, March 9th, 9:30am from the funeral home to St. Hilary Church for Mass at 10:00am. Entombment St. Adalbert Mausoleum. For information 773-736-3833 or visit Mary's memorial at [www.smithcorcoran.com](http://www.smithcorcoran.com)

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## Minkoff, Michael

Michael Minkoff, age 74, beloved husband of Ruth Minkoff, happily married for 36 years; adored son of the late Sol and Ann Minkoff; loving father of Michelle Minkoff; a favorite cousin and friend to many. Michael was a pioneer in computer science, enjoying a nearly 40-year-career at Argonne National Laboratory. Chapel service Thursday, March 7, 12:15 PM at **Shalom Memorial Funeral Home**, 1700 W. Rand Road, Arlington Heights. Interment at Shalom Memorial Park. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Alzheimer's Research Foundation or the Alzheimer's Association. For information and condolences: 847-255-3520 or [www.shalom2.com](http://www.shalom2.com)

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## Moncek, Michael J.

Michael J. Moncek, 53, of North Barrington, IL passed away unexpectedly on February 23, 2019. He was born on June 27th, 1965 in Des Plaines, IL. Beloved husband of Mary Ann, nee Duppler. Proud father of Michael, Jaclyn, Brittany and Tyler. Loving brother of Carol (Kevin) Thompson, Linda (David) Steffens, Pamela (Jeff) Sorensen and Julie (David) Boesen. Dear uncle, cousin, nephew and brother-in-law to many. Preceded in death by his parents George and Rosemary Moncek and his brother George. Mike was a successful business owner, but he counted his family and friends as his greatest treasures. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made in Michael's name to the American Heart Association or your local animal shelter. Visitation Friday, March 8, 2019 from 4-8 PM at **Smith-Corcoran Funeral Home**, 185 E. Northwest Hwy., Palatine. Family and friends will meet Saturday, March 9, at St. Anne Church, 120 N. Ela Street, Barrington for visitation from 9 AM until time of Funeral Mass at 10 AM. Interment will be private. 847-359-8020 or [www.smithcorcoran.com](http://www.smithcorcoran.com)

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## Murphy, Hazel I.

(nee Kohnitz), age 96. Beloved wife of the late Dr. John I. Murphy. Devoted mother of John (Peggy) Murphy, Paul Murphy, Tom (Deborah) Murphy, and Richard (Barbara) Murphy. Proud grandmother of John (Carolyn), Tim, Tom (Meghan), Dan (Jill), Robert, Richard, Catherine, and Elizabeth. Proud great-grandmother of Cody, J.T., Brandon, Evelyn, Emily, and Kimberly. Devoted daughter of the late Harvey and Edna Kohnitz. Loving sister of the late Harvey Kohnitz and Lowell Kohnitz. Visitation on Friday, March 8th from 3:00PM to 9:00PM at **Robert J. Sheehy & Sons Funeral Home**, 9000 W. 151st Street, Orland Park, IL. Funeral on Saturday March 9th at 10:30AM from the **Robert J. Sheehy & Sons Funeral Home** to St. Alexander Catholic Church, 7025 W. 126th Street, Palos Heights, IL. Funeral Mass at 11:30AM. Interment Good Shepherd Cemetery, 16201 104th Ave., Orland Park, IL. [www.sheehyfh.com](http://www.sheehyfh.com) 708-857-7878

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## Nefedova, Eleonora

Eleonora Nefedova, 76. Beloved daughter of the late Largiy and Frieda; devoted mother of Irina (Roman) Tutunikov; treasured grandmother of Laura Tutunikov. Eleonora was the curator of the History Museum at Kharkov University, Ukraine for many years. She was a woman of many interests and amazing skills. The happiest time of her life was spent in her youth on the island of Sakhalin. She will be deeply missed. Private services have been held. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Dementia Society of America, [www.dementiasociety.org](http://www.dementiasociety.org).

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## Niels, Lawrence S.

Lawrence S. Niels, age 91, of Oswego, IL, passed away on Monday, March 4, 2019 at Rush-Copley Medical Center in Aurora, IL. He was born November 12, 1927 in Chicago, IL, the son of the late Stanley and Elsie Kszyczkowski.

Lawrence proudly served his country as a paratrooper in the 82nd Airborne in World War 2. He was a member of St. Anne Catholic Church in Oswego, IL. In his spare time, he enjoyed watching westerns, war films and football. He marveled at his good fortune to live on the Fox River, and to enjoy its beauty. He loved having his family around him, especially during the holidays when he would sit at the head of the table, smiling knowing, "All this because two people fell in love."

He is survived by his wife of almost 70 years Clara nee Pasinski, children Christine Niels of Downers Grove, IL, David Niels of Oswego, IL, Geraldine "Geri" (Jody) Riddle of Aurora, IL, Kenneth Niels of Oswego, IL, grandchildren Andrew Cigler, Daniel Cigler, Luke (Beth) Niels, Shane Niels, David Niels, Jr., Alice (Todd) Froemling, Matthew "Matt" Riddle, Joseph (Fiancé Nicolette LeBlanc) Riddle and 9 great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his brothers Stanley and Edward Niels.

Visitation will be on Friday, March 8, 2019 from 9:00 AM until 11:30 AM at DUNN FAMILY FUNERAL HOME with CREMATORY, 1801 S. Douglas Road, Oswego, IL. A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated on Friday, March 8, 2019 at Noon at St. Anne Catholic Church, 551 Boulder Hill Pass, Oswego, IL 60543. For information: 630/554-3888 or [www.dunnfamilyfuneralhome.com](http://www.dunnfamilyfuneralhome.com).

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## Nykiel, Joan P.

Joan P. Nykiel, nee Butt, 95, of Norwood Park. Beloved wife of the late Casimir J. "C.J." Nykiel. Loving mother of Peter (Cathy) Nykiel and Margo (Joseph) Sliwa. Proud grandmother of Marie, Devin, James, Matthew and Starlene. Great grandmother of six. Dear sister of Honey Mae (the late Duane) Chapman, the late Celeste (the late Ed) Borarini and the late Al (Noreen) Butt. Joan was a proud member of Women of the Moose, River Park Chapter #780 and Fox Lake American Legion Auxiliary. Visitation Thursday, March 7, 2019 at the M J Suerth Funeral Home, 6754 N. Northwest Highway, Chicago from 3 until 8 PM. Funeral Friday, 9:00 AM prayers at the funeral home to Saint Thecla Church where Mass will be celebrated at 9:30 AM. Interment Private. For further information 773-631-1240 or [www.suerth.com](http://www.suerth.com).



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## Oatess, Frank

Frank Oatess, loving husband, proud father, and devoted grandfather, died peacefully and surrounded by love on February 26, 2019. Born and raised in Ohio, Frank attended Cathedral Latin High School, the University of Dayton, and Northwestern University's Medill School of Journalism. A graduate of the US Naval Officer Candidate School in Newport, RI, he served his country in White Beach and Naha, Okinawa, with adoring wife Karin proudly at his side. After settling in Wilmette, they enjoyed the beauty of Lake Michigan, Saturday morning Northwestern tailgates, and summer fishing trips to Door County, Wisconsin with their children, grandchildren, and many basset hounds. Frank spent his professional career in various public relations and communications roles, and generously lent his time to a range of organizations. A celebration of Frank's life will be held at Gillson Park in the spring. In lieu of flowers, the family suggests memorials in his name to the Respiratory Health Association ([www.resphealth.org](http://www.resphealth.org)) or the Guardian Angel Basset Rescue ([www.bassetrescue.org](http://www.bassetrescue.org)). The family also extends its deepest thanks to the terrific staff and students at North Shore University Hospital, Evanston, for their exceptional and compassionate care. Info: [www.donnellanfuneral.com](http://www.donnellanfuneral.com) or (847) 675-1990.



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## Prendergast, Thomas A.

Thomas A. Prendergast; Dear father of Elizabeth (Matthew) Feddeler; Stepfather of Melissa Smith and Jennifer Gonda; Devoted son of the late John and Celine, nee Nevell; Loving brother of Helen (Charles) Zinn, John Jr. (Wendy), Rich (Teri), Kathy (Gary) Schneiderman, Patricia (David) Hallgren, Donald (late Joydell), William (Janice), and David (Kathy); Dear uncle, cousin, and friend to many; Visitation Thursday 3:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. Funeral Friday 9:00 a.m. from Curley Funeral Home, 6116 W. 111th St. Chicago Ridge to St. Catherine of Alexandria Church, 10621 S Kedvale Ave, Oak Lawn, Mass at 10:00 a.m. Interment St. Mary Cemetery; For Funeral info 708-422-2700 or [www.curleyfuneralhome.com](http://www.curleyfuneralhome.com)



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## Ruby, Michael John

Michael John Ruby, age 32, of Orland Park passed away suddenly on March 2nd. Cherished son of Jack and Carol Kenny Ruby. Loving brother of Brian, Brett, Blain, Jaime and Laura. Favorite uncle of Juliet, Michael, Caleb, Christian, , Kyleigh, Alexis, Nicholas and Max. Avid Chicago White Sox fan and scratch golfer. A visitation will be held on Thursday March 7th from 3-9pm at Blake and Lamb Funeral Home 4727 West 103rd, Oak Lawn, IL. Funeral mass at 10:45am St. Michaels Church, 14327 Highland Ave, Orland Park, IL. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be sent to the Western Golf Association Evans Scholars Foundation.

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## Rumsas, Florence "Flo"

Florence Rumsas "Flo", age 87 of Plainfield, IL., passed away Thursday February 28, 2019. Loving aunt of James (late Frances) Matual; dearest sister of the late Katherine (late James) Matual and the late Marie (late William) Young; cherished great-aunt of Linda (Rory) Anderson, Mark (Patricia) Matual, Susan (Pete) Danet, David (Sandra) Matual and Lisa Matual and great-great aunt of nine. Visitation Friday March 8, 2019 from 4:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. at Anderson Memorial Chapel 606 Townhall Dr. Romeoville, IL., funeral service Saturday March 9, 2019 9:30 a.m. from the funeral home to St. Andrew the Apostle Church, Romeoville, IL. for Mass of Christian Burial at 10:00 a.m. Interment St. Casimir Cemetery, Chicago, IL. For information 815-886-2323. [andersonmemorial-homes.com](http://andersonmemorial-homes.com)

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## Salerno, Joseph G.

Joseph G. Salerno, age 78, owner and CEO of Salerno's Rosedale and Galewood Chapels; Cherished father of George (Megan) and Frank (Lynda) Salerno; Loving son of the late George W. and Rose G. Salerno; Dear brother of the late Linda (Jimmy) Colucci; Adored Papa of Tiffany (Dave), Sophia, Joey, Evan, Elizabeth and Ethan; Dear uncle of many nieces and nephews; Funeral Saturday 9:30 a.m. from Salerno's Rosedale Chapels, 450 W. Lake St., Roselle (3/4 mile west of Bloomingdale/Roselle Rd.) Funeral mass celebrated at 10:45 a.m. at St. Isidore Catholic Church. Interment Mt. Carmel Cemetery. Visitation on Friday from 1:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. For info (630) 889-1700



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## Sandrick, Shirley E.

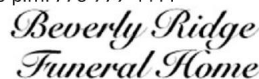
Shirley E. Sandrick, age 93, of Brookfield. Beloved wife of the late John A. Sandrick; loving mother of Patricia Bozzi, dearest step mom of the late LeRoy Sandrick; loving grandmother of Michael (Trina) Bozzi, Chris Bozzi, Celeste (Bryan Berenz) Bozzi, Frank (Amy) Bozzi; great grandmother of 13; sister of the late Patricia Egan and the late Raymond (the late Virginia) Egan. Visitation Friday, March 8, 2019 from 4 P.M. to 8 P.M. and Saturday, March 9, 2019 from 10:30 A.M. to time of Service 11 A.M. at Hitzeman Funeral Home, Ltd. 9445 W. 31st Street, Brookfield, IL 60513. Entombment Queen of Heaven Cemetery. The Sandrick & Bozzi family would like to express a heartfelt appreciation to the staff at Cantata and Kindred Hospice. Memorials appreciated to Cantata 8700 W 31st St, Brookfield, IL 60513 or Kindred Hospice, 800 Enterprisse Dr., Suite 111, Oak Brook, IL 60523. Information 708-485-2000 or [www.HitzemanFuneral.com](http://www.HitzemanFuneral.com)



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## Schubert, Jerry

Jerry Schubert, beloved husband of the late Rosemary, nee Shine. Dear father of Joe. Loving grandfather of Katrina, Marguerite and Lorelei. Dear brother of Pat (Judie), Peggy Willis and the late Norinne Gushi, John and George Schubert. Fond uncle of many nieces and nephews. Funeral Friday 9:15 a.m. from Beverly Ridge Funeral Home; 10415 S. Kedzie Avenue to St. John Fisher Church Mass 10:00 a.m. Interment Private. Visitation Thursday 3:00 - 9:00 p.m. 773-779-4411



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## Scott, Stuart Lothian

Stuart Scott, former Chairman and CEO of JLL, a global leader in commercial real estate services and investment management, dies at 80



Stuart L. Scott, who played a central role in building Jones Lang LaSalle Incorporated from a small regional company into a leading global commercial real estate services

and investment management firm, died at his home in Lake Bluff, Illinois, on February 25. He was 80. The cause was complications related to Non-Hodgkin Lymphoma, said his wife of 37 years, Anne O'Laughlin Scott, a retired Cook County judge and former Commissioner of Martin County, Florida. A founder of LaSalle Partners, and then JLL, Scott dedicated his life to the challenge of bringing professionalism, superior services, high ethical standards and a commitment to act always "in the client's best interests" to the commercial real estate industry. He led the firm's rapid growth, including its initial public offering in 1997 and a range of mergers and acquisitions highlighted by the 1999 merger of LaSalle and UK-based Jones Lang Wootton to form Jones Lang LaSalle. He remained Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of JLL until his retirement in 2005.

Scott served as Chairman of the Board of Directors of LaSalle Hotel Properties from 1998 to 2000, and then again from 2009 to 2018. He also chaired the LaSalle Street Fund - LaSalle Investment Management's first institutional commingled fund -- the Florida Office Property Company, and other LaSalle-sponsored funds.

In 1999, Scott was named "Real Estate Executive of the Year" by Commercial Property World. In 2004 he received the "Urban Land Institute Lifetime Achievement Award". Throughout his career, he was well known as a friend and mentor to many individuals in the real estate industry and in other professions.

In addition to his wife, Scott is survived by seven children and their spouses: Alexis; Sarah and John Howell; Charity; Antonia and Richard Feingold; Fiona and Daryl Mechem; George; and Phoebe. Scott had nine grandchildren: Penelope Tornes; Henry, Amelia, Tally and Stuart Mackey Feingold; Declan, Theodora and Georgie Mechem; and Winnie Volpe.

He was born in Montreal in 1938. His father was an actuary, and his mother was a homemaker.

Scott was a proud graduate of Hamilton College and chaired its Board of Trustees from 2002 to 2008. He was named a Life Trustee and Chairman Emeritus of the Board of Trustees by the Clinton, New York, liberal arts college. He earned a J.D. degree from Northwestern University.

Scott was a long-time Director of the Rehabilitation Institute of Chicago, where he served as Chairman of the Board for seven years. He was also a trustee of the African Wildlife Foundation, a Nairobi-based non-governmental organization, and of NumbersUSA, a Washington, D.C.-based education and research foundation.

His family will hold a private ceremony to honor Scott's life and legacy. Individuals who would like to recognize and celebrate Stuart Scott's life are encouraged to make donations to the African Wildlife Foundation ([www.awf.org](http://www.awf.org)).

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## Serszen, Jerome Anthony

Jerome A. Serszen, Age 90, Passed away on Sunday March 3, 2019. Beloved son of the late John and the late Elizabeth (nee Nebrick) Serszen and fond cousin and friend to many. Visitation Thursday, March 7, 2019 from 3:00 until 8:00 p.m. and Friday from 10:00 a.m. until time of funeral service at 11:00 a.m. at Cumberland Chapels 8300 W. Lawrence Ave. Norridge, IL. Interment will follow at St. Joseph Cemetery. Info [www.cumberlandchapels.com](http://www.cumberlandchapels.com) or 708-456-8300



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## SSC, Zelvys, Sister M. Lucille

Sister M. Lucille Zelvys, SSC, 84, beloved member of the Sisters of St. Casimir for 61 years, died March 1, 2019. Sister Lucille worked as a nurse and teacher at Maria High School in Chicago. Sister M. Lucille Zelvys was preceded in death by her parents, Peter and Albina (Didrikaite) Zelvys. She is survived by her sister, Nijole Lukosiunas, nephews, Tom Vitas Lukas and Rimas Lukas. Visitation will be held Friday, March 8, 2019 from 10:15a.m. to 11:30a.m. at Franciscan Village Chapel, 1270 Village Drive, Lemont, IL. Wake service at 10:45 followed by Mass of Resurrection at 11:30a.m. Interment St. Casimir Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the SSC Retirement Fund. Sisters of St. Casimir, 2601 Marquette Rd., Chicago, IL. 60629 773-776-1324. Arrangements by Lack & Sons Funeral Directors.

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## Stahr, Paul J.

Paul J. Stahr, 81, of Elmhurst. Beloved husband of Susan M. nee Keefer; loving father of Thomas (Julie), Lisa (David) Woodman, Meg Stahr Aguilera and the late Bob; cherished grandfather of Jensen and Jason Stahr, Kyle, Samantha and Madeleine Woodman and Benjamin, Ana Sophia Aguilera; brother of Richard (Marilyn). Paul was formerly with Continental Bank and PNC Financial. He was an active Alum of Loras College, an avid golfer and a member of the Honor Club at Cantigny. He received great support and care from the staff and trainers in the Wellness Center at Good Samaritan Hospital. Visitation at Ahlgrim Funeral Home, 567 S. Spring Rd., Elmhurst from 3:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Friday, March 8, 2019. Prayers 9:15 a.m. Saturday, March 9, 2019 at the funeral home going to Ascension of Our Lord Church, 15314 Summit, Oakbrook Terrace. Mass at 10:00 a.m. Interment Queen of Heaven Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, Memorials will be appreciated for the American Parkinson Disease Association, Midwest Chapter, 1800 N. Main Street, Suite 2215, Wheaton, IL 60187. Funeral info 630-834-3515 or [www.ahlgrim.com](http://www.ahlgrim.com).



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## Tziortzis, Kety

Kety Tziortzis, nee Manarolis, age 73, of Lakous, Greece passed away on March 2, 2019. Beloved wife of the late Peter Tziortzis; loving mother of Alek (Tracy) and Desey (Nathan) Tziortzis. Proud grandmother of Alexis and Sophia Tziortzis; dear sister of Loula (the late Stefano) Kourakis, Charalambos (Maria), the late Panayiotis (Maria), Georgious (Stefani) and Andreas (Athina) Manarolis; cherished godmother of Tasia Apostolopoulos and Stelio Peters and fond aunt of many nieces and nephews. Visitation Friday, March 8, from 10:00 am until the Funeral Service begins at 11:00 am at St. John the Baptist Greek Orthodox Church, 2350 E. Dempster Street, Des Plaines, IL 60016. Interment Memorial Park Cemetery, Skokie, IL. Arranged by John G. Adinamis Funeral Director, Ltd. For more information please call 847-375-0095.



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## Vucic, Branko

Branko Vucic, 84, passed away on March 1st, 2019. Beloved husband of Janja. Loving father of Zora and Frank Vucic. Dear brother of Mila, Zora, Marija, Jure, Jagoda, and Kreso (Angela) Vucic. Uncle to Nicole Vucic, Radojka (Risto) Konkovic and Zdravko (Narcisa) Vucic. Visitation 3 PM to 8 PM, Friday, March 8th at Smith-Corcoran Funeral Home, 6150 N. Cicero Ave., Chicago, with prayer service at 7:30 PM. Family and friends will meet Saturday, March 9th, at Blessed Alojzije Stepinac Croatian Church, 6346 N. Ridge, Chicago for Mass at 10:00AM. Interment Maryhill Cemetery. Info 773-736-3833 or visit Branko's memorial at [www.smithcorcoran.com](http://www.smithcorcoran.com)



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## Walski, Louise M.

Louise M. Walski, age 88, of Aurora, IL, passed away on Saturday, March 2, 2019. She was born July 20, 1930 in Frankfort, IL. Louise is survived by her daughters; Gayle (Paul) Kiefer and Julie Follett; grandchildren; Rebecca (Michael) Haling and Thomas D'Anza. She was a loving aunt to many nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her husbands; James Grove and Fred Walski, parents; Frank and Juliette Lamoine; and her siblings. Visitation at Our Lady of Mercy Catholic Church, 701 South Eola Road, Aurora, IL 60504 Thursday, March 7, 2019 from 9:30 a.m. until 10:30 a.m. with a Funeral Mass at 10:30 a.m. Private interment at Queen of Heaven Cemetery, Hillside, IL. Info: 630-922-9630 or [www.beidelmankunshfh.com](http://www.beidelmankunshfh.com)

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**Invitation for Bids (IFB) for Group 1 – 2017 Lake Cook Road Bridge over Middle Fork Bartlett Road Bridge over Poplar Creek**  
IFB No.: 1955-17676  
Section: 17-A5022-00-BR  
IFB Document: The IFB document is available for download at: <https://legacy.cookcountyl.gov/purchasing/bids/listAllBids.php>

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**Non-Mandatory Pre-Bid Conference Date, Time, and Location:** Wednesday, March 13, 2019 at 11:00 AM (CST) 69 W. Washington Street Conference Room Room 2300 Chicago, IL 60602

**Questions:** Questions can be submitted in writing to the contact person above until 3:00 P.M., March 14, 2019.

**Bid Due Date, Time, and Location:** Friday, March 29, 2019 at 10:00 AM (CST) Office of the Chief Procurement Officer Cook County Building 118 N. Clark Street, Room 1018 Chicago, Illinois 60602

**LOCATION OF IMPROVEMENT**  
The proposed improvement is part of the public highway system in the County of Cook, State of Illinois, located by section and route before mentioned, and is indicated on the map showing the County Highway System on file in the office of the County Clerk and also in the office of the Illinois Department of Transportation, Division of Highways, Springfield, Illinois.

**DESCRIPTION OF IMPROVEMENT**  
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**IN THE INTEREST OF**  
**Ta'Marja Tyshawn Moody AKA Tyshawn Moody**

**MINOR(S) CHILD(REN) OF Janyah Dejureaux (Mother) AKA Janyah Dejureaux**

**JUVENILE NO.: 17JA00584**

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**DOROTHY BROWN, CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS**  
**March 6, 2019**

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**IN THE INTEREST OF**  
**Tamia Jones Rihana Jones**

**MINOR(S) CHILD(REN) OF Tiffany Moore (Mother)**

**JUVENILE NO.: 18JA00966 18JA00967**

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A copy of such evidence may be inspected by any interested party at ComEd's office located at Three Lincoln Centre in Oakbrook Terrace, Illinois.

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# Chicago Tribune CHICAGO SPORTS

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## Rizzo hoping to finish career as Cub



**PAUL SULLIVAN**  
On the Cubs

TEMPE, Ariz. — Anthony Rizzo admits he's a fan of the old-school stats.

Save your WAR, your exit velocity and your launch angles for someone else. He really doesn't care.

"I like average, on-base percentage, RBIs and runs," Rizzo said Tuesday before the

Cubs game with the Angels at Tempe Diablo Stadium. "If you drive in 100 and score 100 every year, you're pretty good. There are only a few guys that do that on a year-in, year-out basis. I've never scored 100 runs personally, but that's always a goal."

Not coincidentally, Rizzo has fared quite well in one of the oldest of the old-school stats — runs batted in — where he ranks third among majors leaguers with 420 total RBIs since 2015.

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### BLACKHAWKS & BULLS

## Turn off the lamp

The Blackhawks' run is over. They aren't making the playoffs. But at least they brought us a little bit of joy. Jimmy Greenfield's point/counterpoint, **Back Page**

■ "They've allowed me to coach this team how I thought it needed to be coached. They've let me grow too," says Jim Boylen of the Bulls brass. Story, **Back Page**

## Energy source: Loss to Eagles motivates



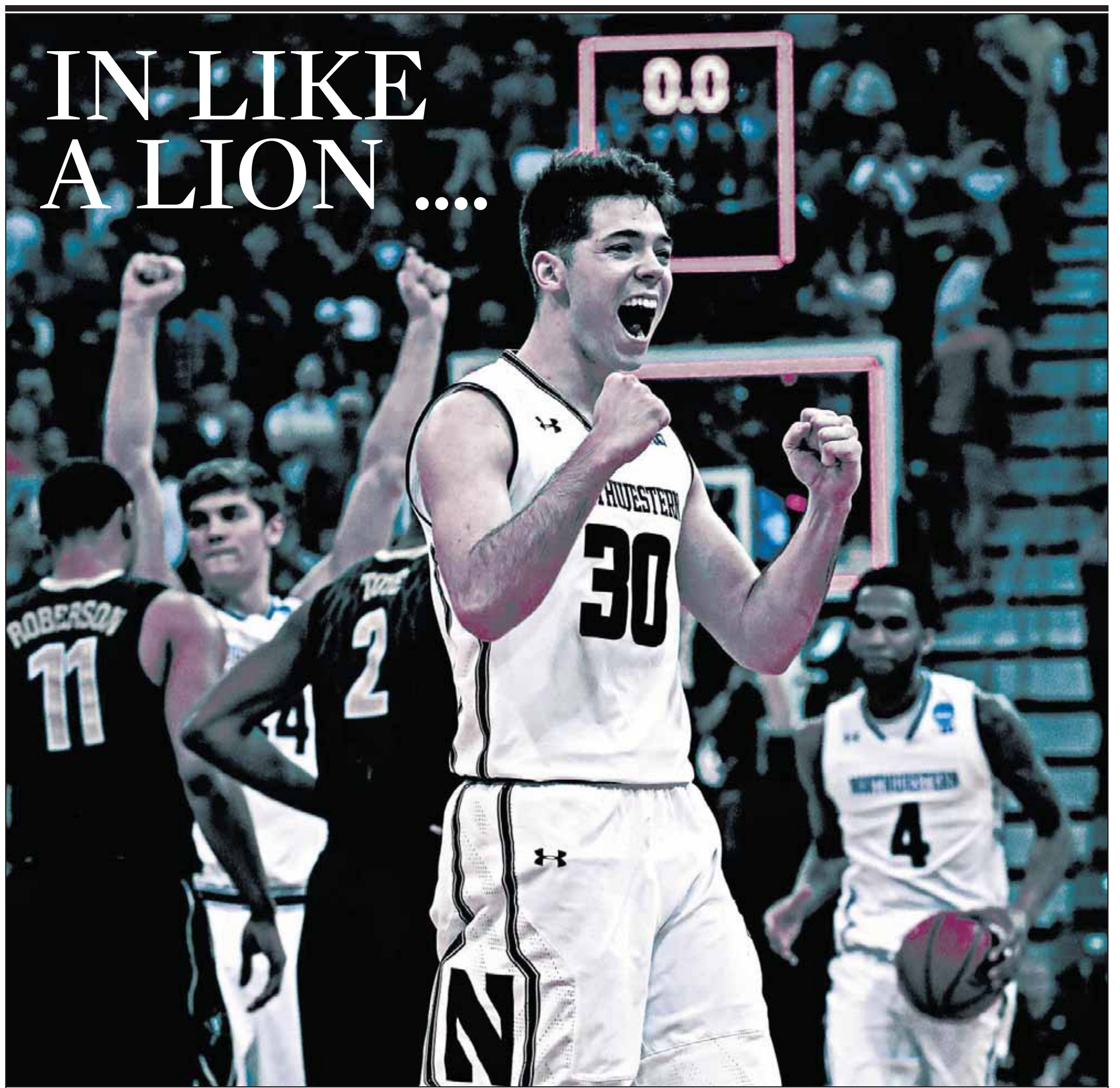
**DAN WIEDERER**  
On the Bears

In the days after the Bears season ended with a gut-wrenching loss to the Eagles, Matt Nagy found himself stewing, his competitive tenacity still gnawing away and reminding him that a dozen regular-season wins and an NFC North title meant only so much.

Nagy badly wanted his team to march deeper into the playoffs, making a run at its grandest goal. Instead, the Bears were abruptly separating for the offseason, cleaning out the locker room and left to chew on the reality that the franchise's first playoff win since January 2011 would have to wait at least another year.

Still, if there was one thing that consistently reassured the 40-year-old coach, it was the demeanor and drive of his players.

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# IN LIKE A LION ....

# ... OUT LIKE A LAMB

How Northwestern went from March madness to big-time badness in two years



**TEDDY GREENSTEIN**  
On Northwestern

As if Northwestern's losing streak isn't supplying enough misery, some alumni are partaking in this masochistic exercise: They're checking box scores for castoffs who might have rescued these Wildcats.

Have you heard of Jordan Lathon, a 2018 NU signee who wasn't admitted? He's running the point at UTEP and totaled 57 points and 24 rebounds in his last two games.

Remember Rapolas Ivanauskas, the Barrington native? Now playing for Colgate after transferring, he just torched Bill Carmody's Holy Cross team for 33 points on 10-for-13 shooting.

Northwestern, meanwhile, averages a Big Ten-worst 66 points. The Wildcats managed to score 76 on Sunday night but lost by five to Illinois, marking their 10th straight defeat.

Northwestern hasn't won since the polar vortex and has locked up last place in the Big Ten with two games to play.

The Wildcats (12-17, 3-15) will play in the dreaded 11-versus-14 Big Ten tournament game next Wednesday at the United Center, and then comes the longest offseason — figuratively, at least — of the Chris Collins regime.

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NU coach Chris Collins, left, has had a lot of these reactions this season. The Wildcats' run to the NCAA tournament in 2017, led by Bryant McIntosh, above, feels like decades ago.

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PHIL ROSENTHAL

## Mendoza mixing messages?

The Mets are to be applauded for signing ESPN "Sunday Night Baseball" analyst Jessica Mendoza as a baseball operations adviser.

ESPN allowing Mendoza to stay on as a "Sunday Night Baseball" analyst is another matter.

This isn't a knock on the insight Mendoza has offered on ESPN's weekly prime-time marquee game.

Her analytical skills undoubtedly are what piqued the Mets' interest, with Mets general manager Brodie Van Wagenen specifically citing her "extremely high baseball IQ."

The problem is conflict of interest — and it must be addressed, not just with Mendoza, but also her fellow "Sunday Night Baseball" analyst, Alex Rodriguez, who doubles as a special adviser to Yankees general manager Brian Cashman.

Same goes for others who are double-dipping as analysts and team advisers. Among them is David Ross, who recently agreed to a multiyear ESPN extension as a studio and game analyst while continuing as a special adviser to the Cubs.

There's also Hall of Famer Jim Thome, hired last season as an MLB Network studio analyst while working as a special assistant to White Sox general manager Rick Hahn.

This cannot be allowed to be the norm among TV analysts.

A two-time Olympian with a gold and a silver medal in softball to show for it, Mendoza, in a statement, thanked ESPN and parent company Walt Disney Co. "for their understanding and confidence as I balance both tasks moving forward."

Tasks can be balanced. Loyalties can't. No one should expect less than 100 percent, and it's ESPN viewers who stand to get shorted here.

And it doesn't matter whether a double-dipper's team is playing in the game these analysts are calling.

Remember last season when Rodriguez said during a Cubs-Cardinals game on "Sunday Night Baseball" that some of Yu Darvish's Cubs teammates were upset with the pricey free agent's rehab methods and a clubhouse rift was beginning to develop?

Was that A-Rod the ESPN analyst or A-Rod the special adviser for the Yankees, whose long-term contract offer Darvish rejected last year en route to the Cubs? Or a



BOB LEVEY/GETTY

Jessica Mendoza stays in the TV booth with Alex Rodriguez, center, and Matt Vasgersian.

little of both? Viewers may never know.

Even when analysts clearly don't let their work with a team soften their criticisms, problems can cause problems. Even with an unofficial position.

Then-White Sox manager Tony La Russa relieved analyst Jimmy Piersall of his unofficial outfield coaching duties in 1980, when players became fed up working with Piersall only to have him rip their vulnerabilities during games.

Piersall was just as critical after the move, maybe more so. But now everyone was left to wonder if the coaching move had embittered him.

"Sunday Night Baseball" is a national telecast. The audience deserves commentary from analysts whose sole agenda is to tell viewers all that can be discerned during and around a game.

They're expected to give viewers a greater understanding of what is happening by leveraging both their own knowledge of the game and what they learn from players, coaches, managers, scouts and front-office personnel.

Fans shouldn't have to wonder whether commentators are holding back or if what they do say is colored by their other job. ESPN and other outlets need fully

independent analysts for the same reasons news operations need fully independent political analysts. If you buy spin, you get spin.

Ironically, team play-by-play announcers have their allegiances questioned all the time when they handle national or regional telecasts.

Yet unlike these double-dipping analysts, team play-by-play announcers aren't getting paid to contribute insights to the front-office brain trust.

They aren't focused in the areas of player evaluation, roster construction, technological advancement and health and performance as the Mets say Mendoza will be.

"Jessica has a tremendous knowledge of the game," said Jeff Wilpon, Mets chief operating officer. "She will be able to provide a different perspective to the club and help assist in a variety of roles within the baseball operations department."

But in paying her for perspective, Mendoza's views — just like those of A-Rod and the other double-dippers — may become less valuable on TV.

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## BASEBALL

### Harper reeling in Trout for Phillies?



Now pitching for the Phillies, **Bryce Harper**.

The new Phillies slugger again has lobbied for superstar Mike Trout to join the franchise in 2021, a possible violation of

Major League Baseball's tampering rule.

Trout, a two-time AL MVP with the Angels, grew up near Philadelphia, attended the Phillies victory parade in 2008 as a 17-year-old and has season tickets for the Eagles.

The 27-year-old outfielder is set to become a free agent after the 2020 season.

"If you don't think I'm gonna call Mike Trout to come to Philly in 2020, you're crazy," Harper told SportsRadio 94WIP in Philadelphia on Tuesday.

The Phillies gave Harper a 13-year contract last week, the largest deal in baseball history at \$330 million. Harper told team owner John Middleton he's willing to help the team recruit free agents and sell them on playing for a winner in Philadelphia.

Fishing for Trout, sort of.

"For me, I can be able to talk to Trout, or whoever it is, big-name free agent or whoever wants to come to Philly or is thinking about coming to Philly, I can say 'Hey, this is the place to be. This is where the fans are great, ownership understands it, our manager is awesome,'" Harper said.

"I can really put that faith in myself in being able to say we are able to go about it the right way, we are the Philadelphia Phillies and we want whoever wants to come to Philly."

"If you don't want to come to Philly, then don't come. Don't be part of it. But if you want to come be part of a winning team and a winning culture, then we are going to need the best players to do that. I don't think John is scared to go out and get the best guys we need to have," he said.

Harper made his first pitch for Trout on Saturday at his introductory press conference in Clearwater.

MLB has not yet said whether it will look into Harper's remarks.

— Associated Press

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## Rizzo hoping to finish his standout career with Cubs

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Only Nolan Arenado (503) and Edwin Encarnacion (452) have driven in more runs over the last four seasons, and Rizzo is well ahead of the two free agents who struck it rich this spring, Bryce Harper (372) and Manny Machado (384).

But what those two have that Rizzo lacks is a megadeal, and who knows if he'll get a big payout when he becomes a free agent after 2021? Rizzo will make \$11 million in 2019, which isn't too shabby until you realize it's \$1.5 million less than Tyler Chatwood.

Rizzo knew what he was doing when he signed a seven-year, \$41 million deal almost six years ago on March 4, 2013, before he had proved himself as an elite hitter. Security is the trade-off and what he prioritized.

Newly married and entering a new chapter of his life, the 29-year-old cancer survivor also is entering what should be his prime years. But he's seeing hitters with far less run production get nine-figure deals, which can't be easy on anyone's ego.

Assuming the Cubs pick up his option years in 2020 and 2021, Rizzo will continue to be one of the game's best bargains. Rizzo earned \$24 million from 2015 to 2018, or less than Harper and Machado will get in one year of their megadeals.

"What's great is seeing everyone signing these big deals," he said. "In a couple years hopefully I'll be in position to cash in on some bigger earnings. But as of right now I signed a great deal that has me financially set."

So no regrets?  
"No, I definitely dream of it," he said. "Like that would've been nice. But I'm so set now and it's a good feeling not to have to worry about the stress of the outside variables of arbitration every year and this and that. Would I love to be paid more? Sure. Who wouldn't want to in any job?"

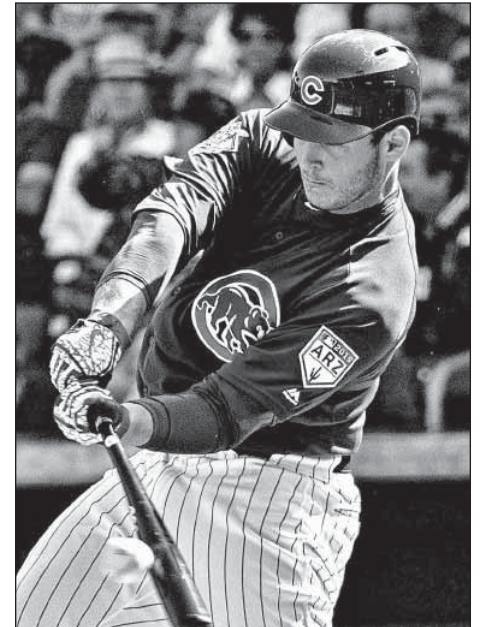
The Cubs haven't approached Rizzo about redoing his deal to make him a Cub for life, though he hopes it happens eventually.

"We've been through a lot together in this organization," he said, referring to President Theo Epstein and general manager Jed Hoyer. "We've seen it grow."

As much as Epstein and Hoyer love Rizzo, who was part of the Red Sox system when they were in Boston and was acquired by Hoyer when he was GM of Padres, they have to look at the big picture. And that picture seemingly would include room in the future budgets for Kris Bryant and Javier Baez when they become eligible for free agency.

How many \$300 million contracts can one team give out?

Rizzo is smart enough to know the Cubs



ARMANDO L. SANCHEZ/CHICAGO TRIBUNE

For his production over the last few seasons, first baseman Anthony Rizzo has been a relative bargain for the Cubs.

may not keep all three, but he's hoping they can find a way to make everyone happy.

"We'll see," he said. "With how much money is in this game, to be able to keep your guys is important. You can't just replace a Kris Bryant or a Javy Baez or other guys on this team and expect you're going to get someone else that can fill that role, the leadership and mentorship and all that. Keeping the group together can only help."

But after going from the tough days of the start of the rebuild to being an annual contender for a World Series title, Rizzo believes he has seen it all. Maybe the Cubs will turn the page and go for a younger, less expensive first baseman after 2021, just as they let Jake Arrieta leave as a free agent last year.

If that happens, Rizzo will have no choice but to move on.

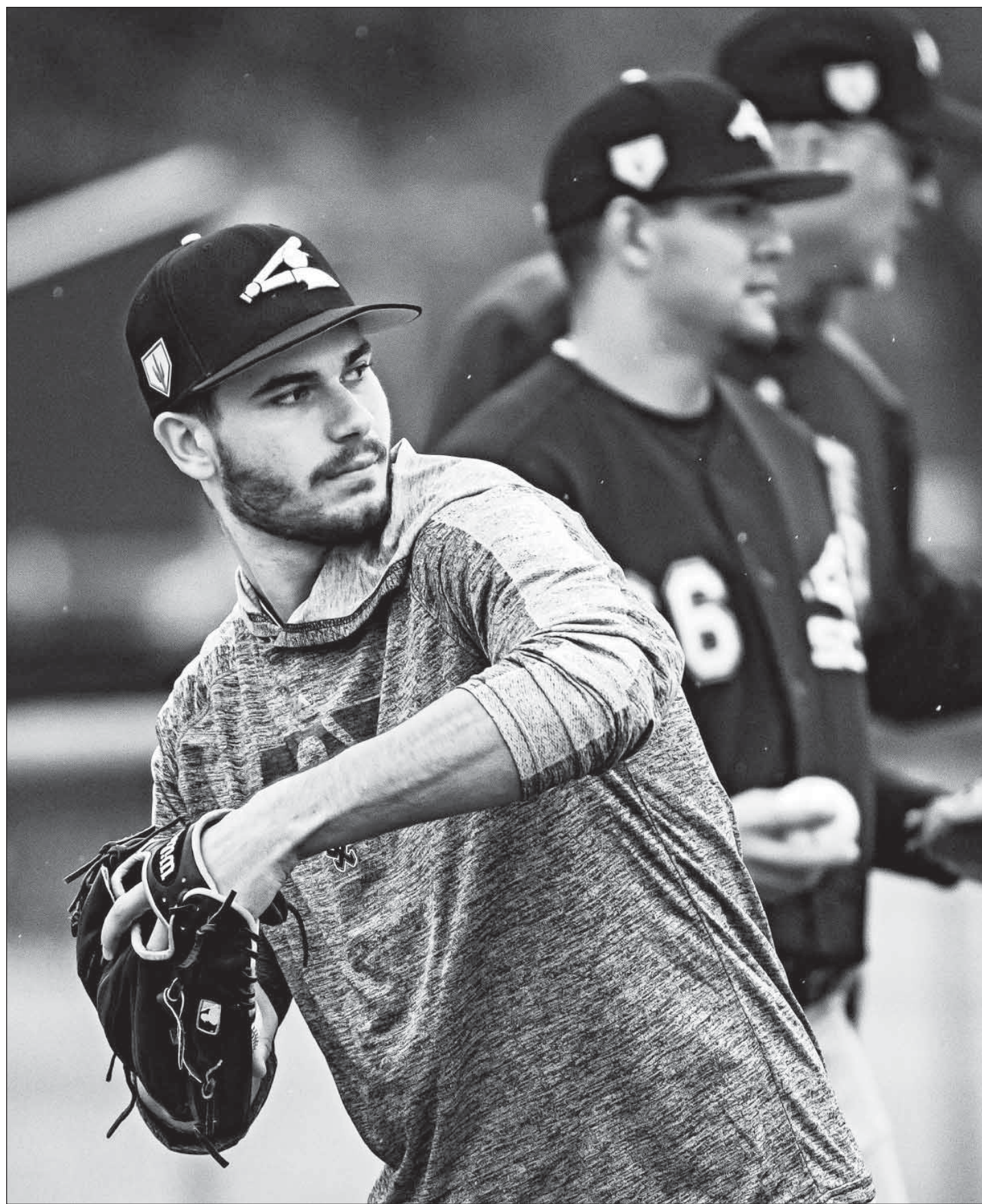
"No doubt I could never see myself playing anywhere else, at least by my choice," he said. "Obviously I can't control what happens, but to be able to play here for basically my whole career would be pretty special. You look at the guys who have done that, especially with this franchise ... all the guys that have played here before us. It'd be cool to end my career here."

It's way too soon to think about the ending. But does Rizzo ever think about how long he wants to play?

"As long as they let me," he said.

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## WHITE SOX &amp; CUBS



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In his 10 starts at Birmingham last season, Sox prospect Dylan Cease dominated hitters with 78 strikeouts in 52 1/3 innings and a 1.89 ERA.

## Wait-and-see approach

Cease getting closer, but likely won't break camp with Sox

BY PAUL SULLIVAN | Chicago Tribune

GLENDALE, Ariz. — Dylan Cease's White Sox debut may take place a little later than necessary, but the pitching prospect still should be an integral part of the 2019 season.

Too many things have happened to the Sox since last September to delay him, including the gut-wrenching, season-ending injury to fellow top prospect Michael Kopech and the unsuccessful attempt to lure Manny Machado to the South Side.

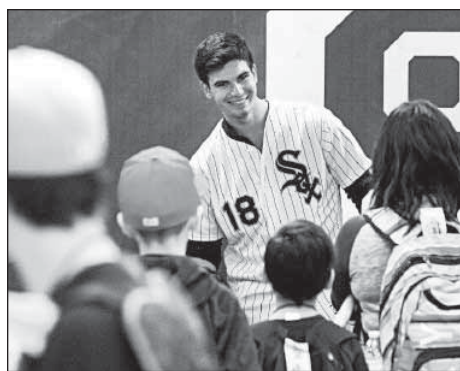
The Sox desperately need some star power to create interest.

Kopech had it even before he put on a Sox uniform. Eloy Jimenez already is a bigger name in Chicago than anyone in the lineup.

The Sox clearly are counting on Cease's starts to create a buzz — something they've lacked from their starters since the trade of Chris Sale after the 2016 season.

Cease made his delayed Cactus League debut Tuesday in Goodyear, Ariz., throwing one scoreless inning against the Indians. He's expected to start again in five days and to start the season at Triple-A Charlotte.

The Sox are being extra cautious with Cease, preferring to get him going slowly this spring so his arm remains strong in September. They shut him down last August at Double-A Birmingham with two starts left, revealing he'd reached his season



LOU FOGLIA/CHICAGO TRIBUNE

White Sox fans are excited about the prospects of pitcher Dylan Cease.

limit at 124 innings.

Whether babying his arm is the right decision won't be known until the end of the season. But it's the plan the Sox are going with, and Cease has no issues with it.

In the ideal world, Cease already would've had a couple of Cactus League outings and be well on his way to starting out with the Sox on opening day in Kansas City. He's easily one of the five best starters in camp.

But unlike Jimenez, Cease has yet to spend a half-season in Charlotte, so it'd hard to criticize the Sox for any alleged service time manipulation. And who really wants him pitching in April weather in Chicago anyway?

But let's face it: Only the best major-league starters have a 98 mph fastball with a plus curveball and changeup. In his 10 starts

at Birmingham, Cease dominated hitters with 78 strikeouts in 52 1/3 innings and a 1.89 ERA.

It's rare to see any pitcher jump from Double A to the majors these days. The Sox did it with Mark Buehrle in 2000, when he had only 30 career starts under his belt. Since Jon Garland had just been called up, no one paid much attention to Buehrle, who turned into one of the best Sox pitchers ever.

Cease wouldn't have the luxury of learning to pitch in the majors while operating in someone else's shadow. Like Kopech's brief time up last summer, every Cease start is going to be magnified, at least in the first few months.

Does Cease ever find himself looking at the Sox's schedule and wondering which series he may be up?

"Not necessarily," he said. "I'm more just worried about preparing my body and getting a feel for pitches right now. I try to take it really step by step. I don't really worry too much about that stuff."

Waiting on Jimenez and Cease are the Sox's two biggest selling points this year.

They can't afford to be wrong on either of their two brightest prospects, the ones the Cubs gave up in 2017 in the Jose Quintana deal. It looks like they're the real deal, but until they prove it, we'll never know.

After Tuesday's 11-0 loss to the Indians, the Sox sent first-round pick Nick Madrigal down to minor-league camp along with outfielders Blake Rutherford and Luis Gonzalez and pitchers Bernardo Flores and Jordan Guerrero.

## CUBS TAKEAWAYS

## Descalso a pinch-hit prospect

Maddon says utility man can fill void left by La Stella

BY PAUL SULLIVAN | Chicago Tribune

TEMPE, Ariz. — Three takeaways from Cubs spring training Tuesday.

### 1. Who will be the new Tommy La Stella off the bench?

La Stella was dealt to the Angels in November for a player to be named or cash considerations, leaving the Cubs without their best pinch hitter.

La Stella set the franchise record for pinch hits last year with 24, eclipsing the mark of 20 set by Thad Bosley in 1985 and tied by Dave Clark in 1997.

So can anyone fill the void on the Cubs roster, or was La Stella a once-in-a-generation pinch hitter?

Before Tuesday's game against the Angels at Tempe Diablo Stadium, manager Joe Maddon said Daniel Descalso could be the de facto replacement on days he's not starting. He also said Albert Almora Jr. should do fine in the role against left-handers.

"I guess man-for-man, it's kind of a Descalso kind of thing," Maddon said. "Descalso equals Tommy is a pretty good comparison off the bench, though I think Daniel will get more opportunities to just play too."

"Tommy was valuable. He was so good here. It's a valuable spot. I think we've got it covered, but we're going to find out."

Almora hit .065 (2-for-31) pinch hitting last year. Descalso has 285 career pinch-hitting appearances with a .218 average and only six home runs.

Pinch-hitting specialists have largely disappeared since bullpens expanded. It's now a luxury most teams can't afford, even in the National League where a pinch hitter often is needed for the pitcher's spot.

Maddon noted that a veteran traditionally has filled the role.

"Tommy was relatively young doing it, but he accepted that role," Maddon said. "I guess part of (the lack of quality pinch hitters) is that getting a young guy to accept that role isn't easy. It's a very vital component of National League baseball."

### 2. Brandon Morrow isn't a big fan of bullpen by committee.

The Red Sox are contemplating going with a bullpen by committee now that uber-closer Craig Kimbrel is as good as gone.

Maddon won't name a closer in Morrow's absence, though Pedro Strop is expected to get the majority of the save opportunities.

Do teams even need a closer these days with so many middle relievers throwing in the mid- to upper 90s?

"Depends on the personnel, I'd say," Morrow said. "I think it helps to have the closer. It is a little bit different. We've got guys that have been around and done it, so it's not foreign to them. ... But also I think the hitters put up a little bit better of a battle (against the closer). It's their last chance and they're just a little more locked in than maybe they are in the seventh or eighth. The game is on the line a lot of times."

Morrow believes the Cubs have enough relievers with closer experience to get by without him.

"I wasn't a closer until last year, and (then) for only a half a season" he said. "There are guys who have more career saves on this team than I do. They'll be just fine filling in."

Morrow isn't due to return to Cubs until a month or so into the season as he rehabs from elbow surgery, and won't be ready to throw a bullpen for almost three weeks. He'll stay in Arizona at extended spring training when the team heads north.

"You don't want to be out in the cold in Chicago at that time," he said. "You don't want to be throwing 9 o'clock (simulated) games."

Smart man.

### 3. You can't have 'Dress Like Pedro Strop Day' without Pedro Strop.

The Cubs wisely picked up Strop's \$6.25 million option in November, one of their better moves of the offseason. Strop is scheduled to throw in a Cactus League game for the first time Wednesday at Sloan Park.

"He doesn't get near the due he is due," Maddon said. "This is one of the most consistent relief pitchers in baseball the last four or five years. ... Not only that, but what he does on the team is spectacular. A very funny guy, and he is a leader."

Will the Cubs make "Dress Like Pedro Strop Day" an annual affair after the critical success of last August's theme road trip?

"That's up to my boys," Strop said. "I'm willing to (do it)."

Maddon wasn't sure it could be as good. "Blue Hangover" was a classic, after all, but the two sequels were duds.

"It's hard to bring that back," Maddon said. "Is it too soon? We'll see. But with him, to pay homage to 'Stropy' never gets old."

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## SPRING TRAINING NOTES

## Yankees won't have Severino for opening day

Associated Press

Yankees ace Luis Severino will miss opening day because of an inflamed right shoulder that caused him to be scratched from his first scheduled spring training start Tuesday.

Severino won't throw for two weeks, manager Aaron Boone said after a 5-1 win over the Braves.

"Obviously, any time a starting pitcher and a guy like Sevie walks off while he's warming up to start a game, you always get worried," Boone said. "But it sounds like the shoulder is pretty clean, it's just the inflammation issue."

Severino avoided an arbitration hearing with the Yankees and agreed to a \$40 million, four-year contract, a deal that includes a team option and could be worth \$52.25 million for five seasons.

Severino went 19-8 with a 3.39 ERA last year, winning 14 of his first 16 decisions but then five of his last 11. He came out early in both of his postseason starts, going 0-1 in seven innings.

**Rosters may grow:** Major League Baseball and the players' union are near an agreement to expand active rosters by one to 26 starting in 2020 as part of a deal that would include a commitment to discuss larger economic issues after opening day this year.

As part of the deal, the active limit from Sept. 1 to the end of the season would be lowered from 40 to 28 beginning next year, people familiar with the negotiations told The Associated Press.

There would be a maximum of 13 pitchers for most of the season and 14 from Sept. 1 on, the people said.

**Sano sidelined:** Twins third baseman Miguel Sano will likely miss the first month of the season following another procedure to repair a severe cut above the heel on his right foot.

Sano was sent to a plastic surgeon at the Mayo Clinic in Minnesota, where he underwent an operation called a debridement that removes damaged tissue or foreign objects from a wound.

The gash Sano suffered Jan. 26 in his native Dominican Republic when he slipped on some metal stairs on a stage during his team's winter league championship celebration was not healing as expected, so the Twins sought a more aggressive treatment.

**Extra innings:** Dansby Swanson was 1-for-2 with a single and played three innings at shortstop in his first game for the Braves since surgery on his left wrist last Nov. 5. ... Padres OF Travis Jankowski will miss the first couple of months of the season after breaking a bone in his right wrist while diving to catch a fly ball against the Rangers. Jankowski will have surgery this week. ... Pitcher Clay Buchholz and the Blue Jays finalized a \$3 million, one-year contract. ... Jessica Mendoza was hired as a baseball operations adviser for the Mets while remaining a broadcaster for ESPN's "Sunday Night Baseball." She will be involved in player evaluation, roster construction, technological advancement and health and performance, the Mets said.

## COLLEGE BASKETBALL

## LOYOLA

## Townes Valley's top player

BY SHANNON RYAN  
Chicago Tribune

Senior guard Marques Townes became the second consecutive Loyola player to win the Larry Bird Trophy as the Missouri Valley Conference's player of the year, the league announced Tuesday.

Townes joins teammate Clayton Custer, who earned the honor as a junior last season. Loyola is the first Valley team with back-to-back winners since Creighton's Doug McDermott won it in 2011-12 and 2012-13. (Wichita State's Fred VanVleet won the award twice but not consecutively in 2013-14 and 2015-16.)

Townes, a native of Edison, N.J., who transferred to Loyola in 2016 from Fairleigh Dickinson, averaged a league-best 18.1 points in conference play and 15.9 points and five rebounds overall. He received 110 votes and 25 first-place votes from conference coaches, sports information directors and media to beat out Drake's Nick McGlynn (95, 17) and Loyola teammate Cameron Krutwig (45, five).

The Ramblers (19-12, 12-6) tied Drake for their second straight Valley regular-season title and enter the conference tournament this week in St. Louis as the No. 1 seed.

Krutwig joined Townes on the All-MVC first team, while Custer made the third team and Cooper Kaifes the all-freshman squad.

The Valley's other award winners were McGlynn (defensive player of the year), Missouri State's Tulio Da Silva (newcomer of the year), Northern Iowa's AJ Green (freshman of the year) and Northern Iowa's Spencer Haldeman and Bradley's Nate Kennell (sixth men of the year).

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## ROUNDUP

## Late rally douses Flames

Associated Press

Sandy Cohen III scored 21 points and Lemont graduate P.J. Pipes hit the go-ahead jumper as host Green Bay rallied in the final four minutes for an 82-77 victory over UIC on Tuesday night in the first round of the Horizon League tournament.

Tarkus Ferguson scored 22 points and hit six 3-pointers to lead the Flames (16-16), who were the No. 5 seed. Godwin Boahen, who had 17 points, put UIC ahead 74-69 on a 3-pointer with 4:13 left before the fourth-seeded Phoenix (17-15) ended the game with a 13-3 run.

Joliet West graduate Trevian Bell also was a huge factor for Green Bay, scoring 15 points off the bench, including three 3-pointers.

**Prison from recruiting culprits:** A former Adidas executive and two others who paid families to persuade top recruits to play for schools sponsored by the shoe brand were sentenced to prison Tuesday by a judge who said he wanted to send a "great big warning light to the basketball world."

U.S. District Judge Lewis A. Kaplan said he had to balance the need for a stern message with the realization that others who did similar crimes were not prosecuted in a recruiting scandal that has tainted two dozen schools.

Former Adidas executive James Gatto, business manager Christian Dawkins and Merl Code, a former Adidas consultant, were convicted in October of conspiracy to commit wire fraud for funneling illegal payments to families of recruits to Louisville, Kansas and North Carolina State.

Gatto, 48, of Wilsonville, Ore., got six months in prison; Dawkins, 26, of Atlanta, and Code, 45, of Greer, S.C., got six months each. Code and Dawkins were each also ordered to pay \$28,261 in restitution to the University of Louisville.



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Transfer Ryan Taylor was the MVC's top scorer at Evansville thanks to his 3-point range, but he's shooting just 33.9 percent on 3s for the Cats.

## NU's struggles easy to count

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Among the questions he needs to ask himself: What on earth happened to NU basketball? How did the Wildcats, in the span of two years, go from America's team — making their first NCAA tournament appearance and taking top seed Gonzaga to the wire in the second round — to Chicago's afterthought? Is this a two-year blip or a return to the Dark Ages?

Last season was a 15-17 disaster, but Northwestern had the excuse of being a commuter school, having to take time-sucking shuttles to and from soul-sucking Allstate Arena.

The Wildcats got a mulligan in 2017-18, but these shanks count.

Making it worse is they now play in the glorious new Welsh-Ryan Arena. The school invested \$110 million for the equivalent of a Gold Coast penthouse, and the Wildcats immediately spilled coffee all over the rug.

Here are five reasons it all went wrong for Northwestern:

## 1. Oh, how they miss Bryant McIntosh.

Northwestern promoted McIntosh's love of passing in 2016 by sending out giant dimes. He led the Wildcats in assists in all four of his seasons and dished out a school-record 700.

Lathon was slated to replace him, but the school revoked his admission after an incident on his recruiting visit. The decision was made in late May, long after every quality point guard had signed elsewhere. Northwestern got Ryan Greer to reclassify, but the freshman is a backup type who twice got swallowed up Sunday by the Illini pressure, yielding two easy baskets.

The Wildcats actually rank fifth in the conference in assists (14.1 per game) and a respectable seventh in assists-to-turnover ratio (plus-1.3), but thrusting Vic Law into a pseudo-point role might help explain why he's slumping. Law hit 38.3 percent of his 3-pointers last season. This season he's making just 33.5 percent and often settles for long, contested 2s.

All of this goes back to a recruiting whiff.

Northwestern thought it would get a commitment from 6-foot-5 point guard Cormac Ryan, the No. 68 player in 247Sports.com's Class of 2018 composite rankings. He chose Stanford and is averaging 29 minutes but posting middling numbers: 9.1 points on 35.2 percent shooting and 1.7 assists per game.

## 2. Too much reliance on transfers.

Law and the tireless Dererk Pardon represent the team's core, but Ryan Taylor and A.J. Turner were expected to be major pieces.

Signing Taylor after he averaged a Missouri Valley-best 21.3 points last season at Evansville should have come with a warning: If he's not hitting 3s, he can't help you.

Taylor's 3-point percentage has crashed from 42.4 percent (against the likes of Indiana State) to 33.9 percent (against teams such as Michigan State).

With seconds to play against Oklahoma on Dec. 22, Collins devised a play for Taylor, setting him up for a potential game-winning 3. He missed, finishing 2-for-11 from long range.

"If you had told me before the game that Ryan Taylor would have a bare-ass-open 3 at the last second to win the game, I would have signed the contract right there," Collins said afterward. "We executed perfectly and had a great shooter with an open shot."

Taylor is averaging just 1.9 rebounds and 1.2 assists in 28.4 minutes. Good or bad, he displays the emotions of a sphinx.

The 6-7 Turner is lean and athletic, looking like a stud in warmups. But he has played more like a seventh man, shooting 30.3 percent from 3-point range, down from 37.4 percent in his final season at Boston College.

## 3. A failure to develop players.

Barret Benson's regression has been baffling. The 6-10 Hinsdale South alumnus drew scholarship offers from Illinois, Indiana and Iowa. He is bright with a terrific attitude. As a freshman on the NCAA tournament breakthrough team, he shot 59.1 percent and projected to be a force in the Big Ten.

On Sunday in Champaign he found himself under the basket, all alone. He missed the layup and saw his shooting percentage fall below 38 percent.

## 4. The loss at Iowa was crippling.

Northwestern's brutal offense found a panacea Feb. 10 in Iowa City. The Wildcats led 72-57 with 4:30 to play. Iowa pressed. Northwestern fumbled. Again. And again. Turner missed the front end of a one-and-one with 20 seconds to play. Law missed a free throw with 10 ticks remaining. Down 79-77, Iowa's Jordan Bohannon fired a long, running 3 over Anthony Gaines. Nothing but net.

Three days later, Northwestern lost at home to Rutgers.

## 5. Jinx of The Shrieker?

NU officials asked student/superfan Emily Harriott to keep it down after receiving complaints from spectators and TV viewers. That was Jan. 9. Northwestern was 10-5. Since then, the Wildcats are 2-12.

Harriott tweeted before the Feb. 23 home game against Wisconsin about an encounter with NU President Morton Schapiro: "Hello today at this basketball game I saw Morty and he told me to start screaming again bc we have been on a bit of a losing streak so go cats I guess."

Desperate times ...

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## BEARS

## Nagy: 'We were going to win the Super Bowl'

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In individual exit interviews and in group conversations, Nagy kept feeling a similar vibe and hearing consistent messages.

*If only the Bears had been able to slip past the Eagles ...*

"(It was) their response to me of saying, 'We were going to win the Super Bowl,' " Nagy said. "They believed that. But now they also realize it's not easy."

The ambitious energy Nagy felt was stronger than he imagined.

"I wasn't sure, after a loss like that, how they were going to handle it," Nagy said. "Because they are young. So are they upset and deflated and disappointed? Yeah, they are. But they were actually more positive and more (eager) to get back (to Halas Hall), which fired me up."

"In that game, with the way we lost, there's a natural reaction to almost feel sorry for yourselves as players and coaches that, 'Man, we were so close.' But, no, (it was), 'We're going to use this now as a motivation.' That's what's fun to me, knowing we have guys on this team who truly care."

The mentality Nagy is hoping to cultivate may have been best expressed by receiver Allen Robinson less than an hour after that playoff loss at Soldier Field.

"Coming back next year, it's going to be twice as hard, I can tell you that much," Robinson said. "As a player who has played in this league and has seen what it takes to have success, you understand that the better you play, the better you have to play. I know that for a fact. Next year, that means we're going to have to be twice as good at OTAs as we were this year, twice as good at camp, twice as good during the regular season."

## Hunger games

As Nagy describes the road ahead for the Bears in 2019, he keeps coming back to two words: belief and hunger. Those are two qualities he won't have to inject into a team that made a surprising ascent in his first season as a head coach.

The Bears will have to use that belief and hunger as motivational fuel as they embrace a role change from NFC dark horse to bona fide Super Bowl contender. They will have to fight off the feeling they've arrived and instead remember the investment in the grind that made so much of their 2018 success possible.

Said Nagy: "That's going to be my biggest challenge as the head coach — to make sure there's no complacency."

Sure, Nagy's biggest impact likely will be felt in how well he expands his offense and nurtures the growth of franchise quarterback Mitch Trubisky. But he knows he also must look beyond the playbook to catalyze this team's improvement. Some of that, Nagy said, requires keeping players engaged and laser-focused.

"One of the fun parts in my position is being able to be creative and find ways of how you do that," Nagy said.

"You've got to be motivational, but you can't be monotonous with it."

Stay tuned for new slogans and fresh mantras. Be ready for possible improvements to "Club Dub."

At present, Nagy is reading Pat Riley's 1993 book "The Winner Within: A Life Plan for Team Players." This, Nagy said, is a small part of his continuing education as a coach. Maybe from within Riley's handbook he can gain some insight on how to handle players while lifting an idea or two to mold into his own.

But Nagy also realizes the 23- and 24- and 25-year-olds of today are much different than they were in Riley's heyday.

"With these millennials and the type of kids we have, how you reach them is very important," Nagy said. "It's totally different (now) and there are different ways to do it. As coaches and teachers, (it's about) how we teach. The old-school days of putting up lines on the chalkboard and saying, 'You run a slant route — three steps this way and three steps this way' (are gone). They want to see it. That's how they learn. We've got to be able to adapt with that."



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Coach Matt Nagy says the Bears' playoff loss to the Eagles stung, but now his players are "fired up" to get back to work.

## Proof positive

Last year's Bears did a fantastic job turning the page each week, leaving exhilarating wins and disappointing losses behind and remembering that each Sunday's results were directly tied to the sharpness of their on-field and classroom preparation on Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays.

It will be a different challenge to retain such a dialed-in mindset with a team that won a division championship and sent seven players to the Pro Bowl. Still, Nagy believes in the character of this group and in its ability to lock in on specific orders.

In the big picture, Nagy convinced his players early last year that they had to protect Soldier Field and that they could reach the playoffs in 2018 if they stayed on top of the little details throughout each stage of the process. The Bears proceeded to go 7-1 at home and locked up their first playoff berth in eight seasons a week before Christmas.

This year? Nagy plans to be increasingly vocal about the importance of earning a first-round bye if a Super Bowl run is going to materialize.

Through it all, Nagy hopes the sting of January's playoff loss and the immediate motivation it produced will remain contagious. Bears players need to remember the way they felt when Cody Parkey's potential game-winning 43-yard field-goal attempt clipped the left upright and clanged off the crossbar. And they must remember the drive that heartbreak stimulated in the days and weeks that followed.

"They were ready to win the Super Bowl," Nagy said. "But they also understand now how tough it is. And that every play matters. Now (over the next six months) we're going to go back to every practice matters and every week matters and every month (matters). And then before you know it, it's going to be Week 1 again."

This year, though, Nagy will hit Week 1 with proof that his formula for success works, his voice now carrying Coach of the Year credibility. Last year, the rookie head coach wanted mostly to establish a foundation, to energize Halas Hall with a vision that the Bears were becoming a playoff team.

"It's easy to talk about it. But you have to back it up," Nagy said. "Now that I feel like we've got that full trust from the players and the people within the building, we have to maintain it. And so the hunger that was in our players' guts and what was in their eyes when I met with them, you can't make that up. They're ready. They're ready to get back at it."

So, too, is their leader.

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## ON THE WEB

Brad Biggs checks in with a national scout after the NFL scouting combine for some thoughts about selected prospects. Story at [chicagotribune.com/sports](http://chicagotribune.com/sports)

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CHRIS URSO/TAMPA BAY TIMES

Marc Trestman went 13-19 in his two seasons as coach of the Bears. He was fired in Dec. 2014.

FOOTBALL

Trestman lands job in XFL redux

Former Bears coach will guide revived league's Tampa Bay team

Former Bears coach Marc Trestman was named head coach and general manager of the XFL's Tampa Bay franchise Tuesday.

Trestman, 63, went 13-19 in his two seasons as Bears coach (2013-14). He and general manager Phil Emery were fired Dec. 29, 2014, after a 5-11 season that ended with a five-game losing streak.

That disastrous finish prompted Bears Chairman George McCaskey to famously characterize the feelings of his mother, Virginia, this way: "She's pissed off. ... She's fed up with mediocrity."

Trestman's success as a head coach in the Canadian Football League could bode well for his prospects in the revived XFL, which is set to kick off next February.

Trestman is a three-time Grey Cup winner and two-time CFL coach of the year. He led the Toronto Argonauts to the 2017 Grey Cup title but went 4-14 last season and was fired in November.

"I think our goal of playing that up-tempo, more rhythm, more flow, fewer stoppages, more points, playing that kind of a game, I think Marc is absolutely the perfect choice to be the head coach in Tampa Bay," XFL Commissioner and CEO Oliver Luck said at a news conference Tuesday in Tampa, Fla.

According to the Tampa Bay Times, when Luck reached out to Trestman in January to gauge his interest in coaching in the XFL, he asked which franchise Trestman would want.

"I would choose Tampa No. 1," Trestman said he told Luck. "My experience in the state of Florida, knowing the love and passion that people have for the game of football is extraordinary here."

Trestman's well-traveled career includes stops as quarterbacks coach for the University of Miami (1983-84) and the Buccaneers (1987) and assistant head coach for the Dolphins (2004).

Trestman is the fourth coach announced by the XFL, joining Bob Stoops (Dallas), Jim Zorn (Seattle) and Pep Hamilton (Washington).

IN BRIEF

COLLEGE FOOTBALL: Nebraska RB Maurice Washington will be a "limited participant" in spring football practice as his legal problems in California play out. Washington faces felony and misdemeanor charges related to his possession and distribution of a video of his former girlfriend allegedly being sexually assaulted by two other people in 2016.

HORSE RACING: Santa Anita has canceled racing indefinitely to re-examine its dirt surface after the deaths of 21 horses in the last two months. Tim Ritvo, chief operating officer of the Stronach Group, which owns Santa Anita, said racing won't be held this weekend when two major races were scheduled: the San Felipe for 3-year-old Kentucky Derby hopefuls and the Santa Anita Handicap for older horses.

NFL: Five defensive players, all premier pass rushers, and 49ers kicker Robbie Gould were given franchise tags by their teams before Tuesday's deadline. Ends DeMarcus Lawrence of the Cowboys and Frank Clark of the Seahawks, LBs De Ford of the Chiefs and Jadeveon Clowney of the Texans, and Falcons DT Grady Jarrett received non-exclusive tags. So did Gould. That means the players can negotiate with other teams, which would be required to give up two first-round draft choices as compensation for signing the tagged player.

SOCCER: Real Madrid's Champions League reign is over. More than 1,000 days since winning the first of three consecutive European titles, Real Madrid's unprecedented era of dominance ended with a whimper when the Spanish giant was stunned 4-1 by Ajax at Santiago Bernabeu Stadium. The humiliating loss meant Madrid was looking at a trophy-less season in its first campaign since Cristiano Ronaldo left for Juventus. "We were not going to win the Champions League forever," defender Nacho Fernandez said. "Something like this was going to happen sooner or later."

## BLACKHAWKS



CHRIS SWEDA/CHICAGO TRIBUNE

# This season not all lost for Hawks

BY JIMMY GREENFIELD  
Chicago Tribune

Back in October, the hot topics for the Blackhawks included their terrible power play (since fixed), what to do with enigmatic winger Nick Schmaltz (since traded) and what the future held for coach Joel Quenneville (since fired).

The issues are different now that it's March but no less important. Let's explore some of them with our latest point/counterpoint.

**Point:** The Blackhawks still have a chance to make the playoffs.

**Counterpoint:** They never really had a chance to make the playoffs.

Look, it has been a long season. The Hawks got off to a nice 3-0-2 start, then started losing enough that they had a reasonable argument to fire their legendary coach.

Then they lost a ton of games. Then they won enough to get into a playoff spot for approximately one hour.

Let the fact the Hawks came all the way back for a short period be the victory here. The playoffs would have been gravy, but this is a team that has 18 regulation wins. That's the same number as the Senators, who are likely to finish with the fewest points in the league.

The math says the Hawks still could make the playoffs, and if you want to hang your hat on that until elimination is official, that's the prerogative of a sports fan. But keep in mind the resurgence was largely against bad teams.

It was fun, it was brief and it is over.

**Point:** The Hawks blew their chance at a top-two pick by winning too much.

**Counterpoint:** You want to be the one to tell Jonathan Toews the Hawks should have tanked?

The Hawks probably won't have a chance to draft either of the consensus top two picks — Jack Hughes and Kaapo Kakko — because their draft lottery odds will be far longer than if they had just had the decency to lose on purpose.

According to tankathon.com, the Hawks have a 6.5 percent chance of getting the top pick based on the current standings. The team with the worst record will have an 18.5 percent chance.

Is that really what you want from your team? To quit on the season so you can possibly have an 18.5 percent chance of getting the top pick?

Tanking was never going to happen anyway, not with Toews, Patrick Kane and other proud players who love and respect the game too much not to give their best every time they take the ice.

Yes, the goal is to win a Stanley Cup and the Hawks would be better off in the long run if they're able to draft Hughes or Kakko. But never be upset they won too much. Be upset they didn't win enough.



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**Point:** It's time to bring back Henri Jokiharju from Rockford.

**Counterpoint:** He's right where he ought to be.

If Connor Murphy hadn't been hurt when the season began, it's quite possible Jokiharju wouldn't have started out with the Hawks.

It's no coincidence he played only 11 games after Murphy, who is also a right-handed shot, returned in early December.

There is no need to bring back Jokiharju for the final month. He's playing important minutes for the IceHogs, who are fighting for a playoff berth, and the Hawks don't have an opening. Even if Jokiharju has a much higher upside than Carl Dahlstrom, Slater Koekkoek and Gustav Forsling, his return can wait until next season.

Be happy that Jokiharju was able to play in 38 NHL games, even if it did burn the first year of his entry-level deal.

**Point:** The Hawks should play Kane 25-plus minutes per game to try to get him 50 goals.

**Counterpoint:** Well, maybe not that much, but good idea!

Kane needs 10 goals to reach 50 and has 16 games to do it. It won't be easy, especially because the Hawks have a tough schedule, but it's doable and would bring some excitement to the final few games when the Hawks likely will have been mathematically eliminated from playoff contention.

Kane is logging 22 minutes, 30 seconds per game, more than a minute more than his previous career high. He was in great shape to start the season, hasn't had any noticeable injuries and has an astute sense of hockey history.

The Hawks haven't had a 50-goal scorer since Jeremy Roenick in 1992-93, and only two others — Bobby Hull and Al Secord — have hit or surpassed that mark in franchise history. Coach Jeremy Colliton should do all he can to help Kane become the fourth.

The Blackhawks are starting to fall apart again, top, but at least Patrick Kane has a shot at a 50-goal season. Kane will need 10 goals in the final 16 games.

**Point:** General manager Stan Bowman had a good season.

**Counterpoint:** Talk to me after the offseason.

After an offseason in which the Hawks didn't do a whole lot to improve, Bowman made some great moves once the season started.

Trading Schmaltz to the Coyotes for Dylan Strome and Brendan Perlini is looking like a stroke of genius with Strome averaging nearly a point per game since joining the Hawks. Getting Drake Caggiula from the Oilers for free-agent mistake Brandon Manning has been a great addition, and acquiring Koekkoek from the Lightning for Jan Rutta also has been a win for the Hawks.

Bowman has had a good season. Now it's time to really get to work.

The Hawks can score goals but have no offensive depth. They give up a ton of goals, but it's unclear what they can do to improve with Brent Seabrook and Duncan Keith on long-term deals with no-movement clauses.

The game plan is for defensive prospects Adam Boqvist, Ian Mitchell, Nicolas Beaudin and Jokiharju to give the Hawks a boost, but they won't all be ready at the same time. Besides Jokiharju, it's possible none of them will be contributing next season.

There's plenty of cap space to find a forward or two, but that won't solve the problems on defense.

Give Bowman credit for making some savvy deals. But hold the applause until we see what he does this summer.

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## Goalie Delia recalled after Ward suffers knee injury

The Blackhawks recalled rookie goalie Collin Delia from Rockford on an emergency basis Tuesday to fill in for Cam Ward, who suffered a right knee injury and will not participate in any hockey activities for 7-10 days, the team

announced.

Ward was in net for Sunday's 5-2 loss to the Sharks and completed the start without apparent incident. In 30 games this season, he is 14-11-4 with a 3.72 GAA and .893 save percentage.

Delia started 14 games with one relief appearance while Corey Crawford was out with a concussion, going 6-4-3 with a 3.48 goals-against average.

— Jimmy Greenfield

## BULLS

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## Vote of confidence 'blessing' for Boylen

Bulls fall on road, but Reinsdorf's support means a lot to coach

By K.C. JOHNSON  
Chicago Tribune

INDIANAPOLIS — The last time the Bulls visited Bankers Life Fieldhouse on Dec. 4, Jim Boylen made his debut as head coach and talked up his "road dog mentality" following the Bulls' low-scoring loss.

So much has changed in three months.

Boylen survived a tumultuous first week on the job, eventually opened up the offense like he said he would and received another public vote of confidence, this time from ownership, the day before the Bulls' 105-96 loss to the Pacers on Tuesday.

"Well, it's a real blessing for me to have that vote of confidence from my boss. I've said all along our communication has been great. Our honesty ... they've allowed me to coach this team how I thought it needed to be coached. They've let me grow too," Boylen said. "It's been a great synergy of all the parts — John (Paxson), Gar (Forman), Jerry and Michael (Reinsdorf), right on down the line. This is not just about me.

"Our medical staff has done a great job. Dr. (Wendy) Borlabi, our sports psychologist, (senior advisor) Doug Collins, everybody has been supportive. We've communicated at a high level and we've tried to do what's best for our team and players. I hope we can continue to play well and for each other. I think we're starting to honor 'Bulls' across our chest better and take more ownership of good play, bad play and Bulls play. That being said, we've got a lot of work to do still."

That was apparent early as the Bulls fell into a 16-point hole before rallying to take their first lead at 86-85 on a Zach LaVine dunk with 7 minutes, 8 seconds left. The Pacers, led by Bojan Bogdanovic's 27 points, responded with a 10-0 run.

LaVine scored 13 of his 27 points in the fourth quarter. But Lauri Markkanen didn't score in the second half until 45.7 seconds remained, and Otto Porter Jr. endured a 3-for-11 night.

"We lost because they were tougher than us in the fourth quarter," Boylen said.

Coincidentally, the Bulls engaged in a "road dog mentality" type game despite their recent offensive prowess.



DARRON CUMMINGS/AP

Jim Boylen argues a call during the Bulls' loss to the Pacers on Tuesday night in Indianapolis.

"I think we're kind of establishing the cornerstones of how we're going to play, what we value," Boylen said. "I think we have to get more consistency defensively. Offensively, the ball is moving and we're playing for each other pretty well. But we've gotta bring the juice and determination at the defensive end every night.

"We are establishing some things in a culture of competitiveness and togetherness and teamwork, but we've got to get better defensively. We will."

LaVine agreed, particularly about the offensive growth.

"We're at a lot better place now," LaVine said. "It's a lot more fun to play when you get more points and more shots up. It's just a more exciting game."

Boylen has talked about using a multiple-ballhandler system, allowing players like LaVine and Markkanen to push the ball in transition. Asked for his reaction when Boylen introduced it following his "road dog mentality" first days, LaVine cracked wise.

"I don't think he really came to us. He just told us, 'Such-and-such gets the rebound, you know, we gotta learn to run,'" LaVine said. "I think that's why at the beginning we were standing in the backcourt waiting for the ball, or at least I was, where we had to get out and run."

The Bulls have started to run — and have come a long way from that first crazy week. LaVine remembers it.

"He's the coach and he's going to do what he thinks is best. We're the players and we've got to adjust to it," LaVine said. "I don't think it was something to where we were like, 'I wish it was different.' It was just we had to deal with it. I think we did that and we're in a better spot now."

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## BULLS NOTES

## Pacers reload while Bulls are still rebuilding

By K.C. JOHNSON  
Chicago Tribune

INDIANAPOLIS — It's coincidental that Jimmy Butler arrives in Chicago on Wednesday for his first trip with the 76ers because his June 2017 trade signaled the start of the Bulls' full rebuild.

On Tuesday, the Bulls faced a comparison point with the Pacers, who traded their franchise superstar, Paul George, just two weeks after the Bulls traded Butler.

In fact, only two players — Myles Turner and Thaddeus Young — remain from the Pacers team that went 42-40 in the season before they traded George to the Thunder for Victor Oladipo and Domantas Sabonis. After the trade, they went 48-34 last season and took a 41-23 record into Wednesday's matchup to rank third in the Eastern Conference.

The Bulls went 41-41 in the season before they dealt Butler. Similar to the Pacers' rebuild, only three players remain from that team — Cristiano Felicio, Robin Lopez and the injured Denzel Valentine.

Their 27-55 finish last season led to the draft pick of Wendell Carter Jr., another player the Bulls hope they hit on to try to advance the rebuild.

Oladipo took the kind of jump, to third-team All-NBA, the Bulls are hoping to see from Lauri Markkanen and Zach LaVine.

Furthermore, the Pacers' shrewd acquisitions of Cory Joseph, Bojan Bogdanovic, Darren Collison and Tyreke Evans have helped them keep afloat in the Eastern Conference playoff race despite Oladipo's season-ending ruptured right quadriceps ten-

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don and surgery. Sabonis missed his fourth straight game Tuesday because of a sprained left ankle.

When Oladipo returns, the Pacers hope to move from contender to championship challenger.

"This is I think one of the remarkable teams in our league right now," Bulls coach Jim Boylen said. "To be down Sabonis, who is almost unguardable, and to be down Oladipo and to play competitive basketball and be near the top of the East is unbelievable."

Boylen heaped praise on Bogdanovic, calling him "as good a wing as there is in the league," and said he's not surprised where the Pacers are.

"This is a tough franchise. I worked here," Boylen said of his assistant coaching stint under coach Frank Vogel. "They instill toughness in guys. It's a tough city. It's a good city. And they like good basketball. It's Indiana. There is something to that. It's not just fairy dust. This is a basketball place."

**Layups:** Joel Embiid will miss Wednesday's game with knee soreness. The 76ers center has played one time at the United Center. ... Xavier Bradford, 14, flew on the team plane for this one-game trip after he attended Sunday's game as a guest of the Bulls and Advocate Children's Hospital. The fan currently can't play basketball because surgeons at the hospital removed a benign tumor from a bone in his spine. Bradford also received a jersey from Boylen and met players and broadcasters.

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MICHAEL CONROY/AP

Alabama defensive lineman Quinnen Williams runs a drill at the NFL combine. Williams was impressive, and virtually locked up the spot as the draft's No. 2 defensive prospect.

## Draft big on defense

### Scouting combine proves incoming talent on that side of the ball is the real deal

BY JOHN CLAYTON | The Washington Post

In November, when the Los Angeles Rams outscored the Kansas City Chiefs, 54-51, on "Monday Night Football," the NFL looked like a defenseless league.

But on the heels of the New England Patriots' 13-3 Super Bowl victory over the Rams, a standout performance from the 2019 draft class' top defenders was an indication that defense is about to make a major comeback.

It can be argued that the five best players in this year's draft are on defense, something that hasn't been seen for at least two decades. That's where we'll start this look at the biggest takeaways from the NFL Scouting Combine, which concluded Monday in Indianapolis.

#### The defensive talent in this year's draft is the real deal.

What has been billed as one of the best defensive line classes in NFL history looked even better than expected over the weekend. The numbers were incredible. One of the stats team decision-makers care about most for edge rushers is the 10-yard split in the 40-yard dash, and Pro Bowl edge rushers since 2003 have averaged 1.67 seconds. This year, Ohio State's Nick Bosa, Florida State's Brian Burns, Michigan's Rashan Gary and Mississippi State's Montez Sweat all topped that time.

Alabama defensive tackle Quinnen Williams all but locked up the No. 2 prospect spot behind Bosa by running a 4.83 40 at 6-foot-3, 303 pounds. Kentucky edge rusher Josh Allen is firmly in the top-five mix after recording a 4.64 40 at 6-4<sup>7</sup>/<sub>8</sub> and 262 pounds. LSU linebacker Devin White ran a 4.42 40, while Michigan linebacker Devin Bush ran a 4.43.

While some might go overboard trying to judge times in the 10-yard split and 40-yard dash, what can't be disputed is the athletic ability of the defensive players in this draft. Teams are looking for playmakers. They are looking for speed. For teams in need of defensive help, the 2019 combine 2019 was a feast. At least two-thirds of the first-round picks in this draft are expected to be on defense.

#### The NFL's quarterback musical chairs will leave some in an uncomfortable position.

Carr, the Miami Dolphins' Ryan Tannehill, Jacksonville Jaguars' Blake Bortles and Denver Broncos' Case Keenum could all find themselves traded or let go by their teams. It's considered a near-certainty that Nick Foles will sign with the Jaguars. Teddy Bridgewater, Tyrod Taylor and Ryan Fitzpatrick are available in free agency. But outside of Jacksonville, the market for quarterbacks is small. The Washington Redskins are looking to add one because of the Alex Smith injury, but they don't have the cap room to pay top dollar for a quarterback, and they have been connected to the Antonio Brown trade discussions.

The Miami Dolphins are in rebuilding mode and might not want to acquire a quarterback who would prevent them from landing one of the top QB prospects in next year's draft. The New York Giants seem intent on following the "Kansas City model" of having a veteran quarterback (Eli Manning) bridge the gap for a year while a rookie quarterback — such as Ohio State's Dwayne Haskins — develops.

With four quarterbacks likely going in the top 13 or 15 choices, some veteran quarterbacks are going to have to take big pay reductions to get backup jobs on other teams.



MICHAEL CONROY/AP

Former Oklahoma QB and Heisman Trophy winner Kyler Murray, center, measured in at just over 5-10.

#### Kyler Murray won the combine by measuring at 5-10 and doing nothing else.

Murray measured 5-10<sup>1</sup>/<sub>8</sub> and weighed 207 pounds, and looked a little thick from that recent weight being added. Some members of the teams that talked to him indicated he didn't give great interviews.

It didn't matter. He has moved toward the top of the NFL draft, and could go as early as No. 1. In 30 years of covering the combine, I've never seen anything like it. Before 2012, no general manager or coach would consider taking a 5-10 quarterback in the first round.

Those days are done. The scouting report on Russell Wilson was that he would have been a first-round pick if he had two more inches on his 5-10 5/8 frame. Wilson has become one of the top five or seven quarterbacks in the league and has never missed a game because of injury. A year ago at this time Baker Mayfield was considered a late first-round pick. He measured 6-foot, 1/2-inch. He ended up being the first pick in the draft and took the Cleveland Browns to a 7-8-1 season.

After the combine, it appears as though Murray will either be the first or the fourth pick in the

draft. Although I doubted it late last week, I am now believing the Arizona Cardinals are trying to decide between Murray and Bosa with the first overall selection. There were some rumblings at the combine that the Oakland Raiders could be open to trading quarterback Derek Carr, which would potentially pave the way for them to draft Murray, either with the No. 4 pick or by trading up to No. 1, allowing the Cardinals to collect extra picks and take a top defensive player fourth overall.

#### This isn't a great draft for running backs.

After a couple of really strong running back classes, teams are going to struggle to find difference-makers at the position this year. Most evaluators have Alabama's Josh Jacobs as the only possible first-rounder at running back. The combine didn't do anything to change that.

The average back at the combine recorded a 4.53-second 40-yard dash. Only seven backs had sub-4.5 times in the 40. Jacobs didn't run the 40, but he's still expected to go in the lower part of the first round. Teams looking for backs might have to dig deeper into free agency.

#### The wide receiver group was a pleasant surprise.

Coming into the combine, most scouts considered this a deep draft for receivers, but not a great one for star power.

Only three wide receivers — D.K. Metcalf of Ole Miss, Marquise Brown of Oklahoma and N'Keal Henry of Arizona State — were receiving potential first-round buzz.

There still might not be many first-rounders, given the amount of defensive talent, but it was clear after Indianapolis that this is a fast and athletic group.

Eighteen receivers posted sub-4.5 40 times. Nineteen were 6-2 or taller.

And the wide receiver position had the freakiest athlete at the entire combine. Metcalf looks and performs like a Marvel Super Hero.

He's 6-3, 228 pounds.

He ran a 4.33 40.

His 27 bench presses at 225 pounds was better than 30 offensive linemen.

Injuries held down his numbers in college, but he stunned everyone at Indy.

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Oklahoma quarterback Kyler Murray (1), who could be the top pick in the upcoming NFL draft, looks to pass in the fourth quarter against Alabama during the Orange Bowl.

# Murray can thank Wilson for proving it can be done

BY LARRY STONE  
The Seattle Times

Is he too short to be an elite NFL quarterback, or will his dynamic talent be enough to overcome the lingering prejudice against quarterbacks who stand under six-feet tall? Here's Mike Mayock weighing in:

"He's not typical and he's too short and all those things. However, to me, he's a winner. Doesn't matter where you plug him in. He finds a way to win. ... I think he's the kind of guy that might develop more than people think."

No, that's not Mayock, the new Raiders general manager, assessing Oklahoma's Kyler Murray from this week's NFL combine — though, heaven knows, those questions were bandied about with abandon.

Actually, it's Mayock, the NFL Network draft analyst at the time, assessing Wisconsin's Russell Wilson before the 2012 draft.

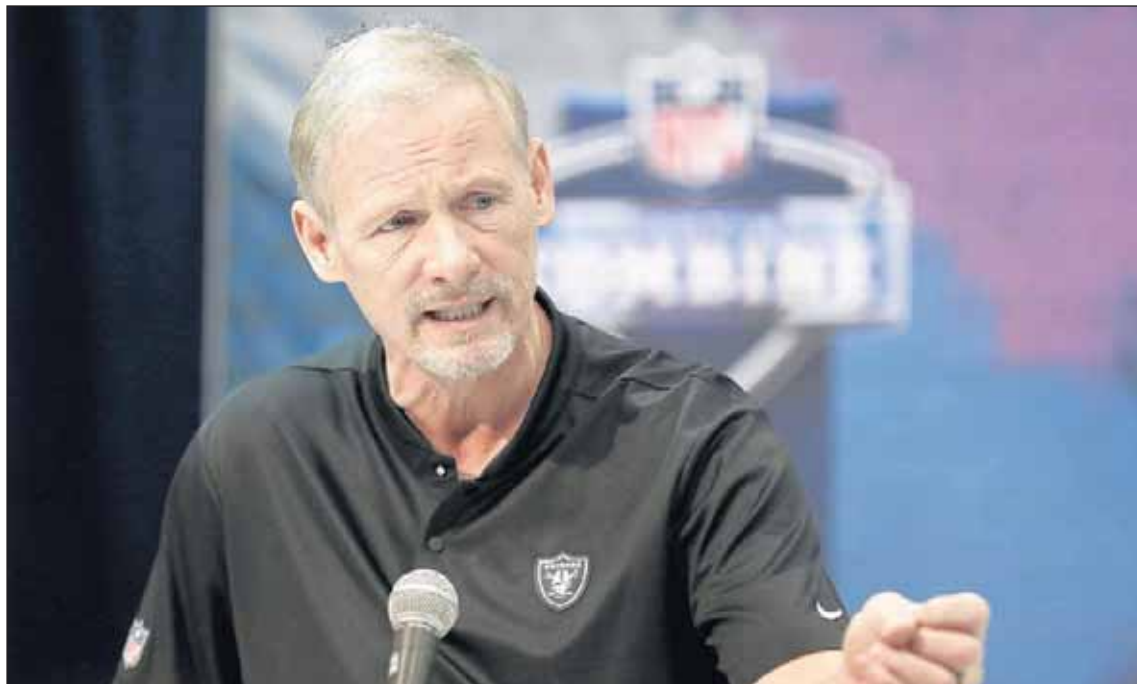
In one sense, there's nothing new about the hue and cry over Murray, who shunned baseball to cast his lot with the NFL. He had the world waiting breathlessly on Thursday to see if he could crack the magical 5-foot-10 barrier at the official measurement ceremony. (All's well in the world: Murray tipped the yardstick at 5 feet, 10<sup>1</sup>/<sub>8</sub> inches).

The same curiosity existed in '12 over Wilson, who had scouts drooling over his throwing ability, his athleticism, his leadership, his smarts, even his hand size. But most of them just couldn't get past the fact that he stood just 5-10<sup>5</sup>/<sub>8</sub>. As Jon Gruden — then an ESPN analyst, now the coach of Mayock's Raiders — said in Wilson's "QB Camp" episode while mocking all the scouting reports on Wilson, to his face: "He's too short, he's too short, he's too damn short."

But here's what's new in 2019, and why Murray should shake Wilson's 10<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub>-inch hand the next time they cross paths: In the ensuing seven years since the Seahawks used their third-round draft pick on Wilson, he's torn asunder the popular wisdom about short QBs.

Now, Wilson hasn't done this single-handedly, of course. Wilson's role model was Drew Brees, who measured 6-foot-<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub> and 213 pounds at the 2001 Combine. But that "6" rather than a "5" is like a key to the kingdom door that Wilson had to pick, or kick, open.

Which he did — and Wilson's unequivocal success in Seattle, which included a Super Bowl title in his second year and more wins



MICHAEL CONROY/AP

Raiders general manager Mike Mayock, who has evaluated smaller quarterbacks in the past, speaks during a news conference at the NFL football scouting combine in Indianapolis.

than any other quarterback of his tenure, has greatly weakened those stereotypes.

Notice it doesn't say "removed them." If that were the case, there wouldn't have been the breathless anticipation to see Murray's vitals (he weighed 207, assuaging those who feared he'd be in the 190s, and had hands of 9<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> inches, whatever the heck that really means).

Murray's college credentials, which included a Heisman Trophy and a dazzling array of highlights for the reel, would have spoken for themselves. But if he had checked in at 5-9<sup>15</sup>/<sub>16</sub>, and not just a tick over 5-10, you just know it would have been a deal-breaker for some teams. Fortunately, though, Wilson's success has taught enough teams that it's the content of a quarterback's skill set, and not a few inches one way or the other, that will determine his success.

One hopes, anyway.

Asked this week if Wilson's success would make it easier for a team to spend a top pick on Murray, Seahawks coach Pete Carroll replied, "It didn't have anything to do with his height; it had to do with who he was and the player he was. We got over that part of it or we wouldn't have drafted him."

"Were we affected by it? Yeah, we were, just because of the tradition. I don't know if it was a mistake, but it was a hindrance, because he was a great player, obviously. Those guys that have played their whole lives at that height know what they're doing, know how to do it. It shows by the



MARK LOMOGGIO/AP

The Seahawks' Russell Wilson, who is only an inch taller than Kyler Murray, is the template for quarterbacks under 6 feet.

way they play. That's just how you've got to evaluate. Not everybody agrees with that. I think we've proven that. Russell has been a fantastic trendsetter, leader, in that regard.

"He's not the only one — Fran (Tarkenton) was pretty good, too. You guys don't remember George Mira, but he was a guy way back in the day. Eddie LeBaron even got smaller. There's a lot of guys that

have played — no, there's some guys who have played. Not a lot of guys have made it all the way to the NFL level. It's really the player, the person, and all that. We're seeing a young guy coming up this year, he's a very exciting football player that will challenge everybody's evaluations."

The irony, of course, is that Wilson's success might just embolden the Arizona Cardinals,

who own the No. 1 overall pick, to eschew their current QB, Josh Rosen, and go with Murray instead.

That's the hot rumor, based on several factors — Rosen's struggles (11 touchdowns, 14 interceptions, a 3-10 record) last year as a rookie starter, after the Cardinals traded up to move from 15th to 10th to nab him out of UCLA; the perfect fit for Murray in the offense of new Arizona coach Kliff Kingsbury, who said last year as Texas Tech coach that he would draft Murray No. 1 if he could (and now he can); and the nebulous comment this week at the combine from Cardinals GM Steve Keim, who was asked whether Rosen is the Cardinals' quarterback.

"Yeah. He is right now, for sure," Keim said.

That "right now" reverberated around the football world and had many analysts predicting that the Cardinals will trade Rosen and draft Murray. ESPN's Mel Kiper said he was moving Murray to the top spot in his next mock draft — Arizona's spot.

That would, of course, place Murray smack-dab in the path of Wilson and the Seahawks twice a year in the NFC West. Perhaps someday Murray will give a commencement address at the University of Oklahoma and tell a story like Wilson did when he was the speaker at Wisconsin's graduation in 2016.

"The summer before my senior year of college, I'm playing minor-league baseball. I called my football coach at N.C. State and said, 'Hey coach, I'd like to come back for my senior year.' He told me I wasn't coming back. He said, 'Listen son, you're never going to play in the National Football League. You're too small. There's no chance. You've got no shot. Give it up.'

"Of course, I'm on this side of the phone saying, 'So you're telling me I'm not coming back to N.C. State? I won't see the field?' He said, 'No son, you won't see the field.' Now this was everything I had worked for. And now it was completely gone."

Wilson's message to students, of course, was to follow your dream and don't let others dictate your future. He transferred to Wisconsin, had a dazzling season, and then silenced all the doubters who said 5-10 was simply too short to play quarterback in the NFL.

They're still saying it, in fact. But thanks to Wilson, there are enough who know it's not true to ensure Kyler Murray's name will be called very early on draft day. Maybe even first.

## Building a bridge between East, West

Japanese architect Arata Isozaki wins Pritzker Prize



**BLAIR KAMIN**  
*Cityscapes*

Japanese architect Arata Isozaki, who grew up in a city destroyed by Allied bombs and went on to build bridges between East and West, on Tuesday was named this year's winner of the Pritzker Architecture Prize, the field's highest honor.

The 87-year-old Isozaki, whose more than 100 completed buildings defy easy categorization, is best known in the U.S. for two postmodern designs — the Museum of Contemporary Art in downtown Los Angeles, a 1986 structure sheathed in red sandstone, and the Team Disney Building in Lake Buena Vista, Fla., a whimsical office building completed in 1991.



Isozaki

His latest projects include an ultrathin Milan office building, the Allianz Tower, whose lower floors are braced by four exterior steel buttresses that are painted gold.

Isozaki's selection marks the fourth time that a Japanese architect, or pair of architects, have won the Pritzker Prize in the last 10 years, and the seventh time since the prize was first presented in 1979. Japan, this year's honor confirms, is a Pritzker powerhouse. And at a time when the flow of people and capital across national borders has sparked tensions, the award sends an optimistic message about the value of international exchange.

Isozaki "has brought together East and West, not through mimicry or as a collage, but through the forging of new paths," said the citation

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Michael Jackson performs in 1993. Jackson died in 2009, but a new documentary has put the pop star back under the microscope.

# ICON'S LEGACY IN JEOPARDY

'Leaving Neverland' puts Michael Jackson's star power and \$2 billion empire at risk

BY LAVANYA RAMANATHAN AND ELAHE IZADI | The Washington Post

When Michael Jackson died in 2009, the singer had hit a low point, dogged by personal scandals and diminishing star power that paled in comparison to the rarefied heights he achieved in his record-setting career. But the decade since his death has seen a wholesale rehabilitation of his image, returning the King of Pop to prominence as both a cultural icon and financial powerhouse whose afterlife became a billion-dollar brand.

Now, a documentary detailing graphic allegations of child sexual abuse has created a new wave of public outrage against Jackson, imperiling his legacy as a music superstar — and the business that his estate has rebuilt into an empire.

The entertainer's estate, once roiled by hundreds of millions of dollars of debt, has flourished remarkably since his death of an overdose, pulling in a reported \$2 billion through posthumous deals, including the forthcoming Broadway musical "Don't Stop 'Til You Get Enough," a Cirque du Soleil tribute spectacle performed five nights a week in Las Vegas and the \$287.5 million Sony paid for Jackson's share of EMI Music Publishing.

In the two-part documentary "Leaving Neverland," which began airing Sunday on HBO, former child actor James Safechuck, 41, and choreographer Wade Robson, 36, revive the child abuse claims that have followed Jackson since the early 1990s. They accuse Jackson of plying them with gifts and attention when they were boys, then sexually abusing them for years. In interviews, the men describe impropriety at Jackson's legendary Neverland Ranch, including that Jackson gave them alcohol, showed them pornography and even purchased a wedding ring for the underage Safechuck.

For a legion of die-hard Jackson fans, the allegations rang false. On social media, they co-opted the hashtag #LeavingNeverland as their own, posting their criticisms of the film and bombarding celebrities who tweeted about the documentary. Bus ads ap-

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## Digital scholar John Palfrey named MacArthur Foundation president

BY STEVE JOHNSON  
 Chicago Tribune

Chicago's MacArthur Foundation has named as its new president John Palfrey, an educator, author and scholar with a focus on digital technology and a history of working with MacArthur, the philanthropy announced Tuesday.

Currently Head of School at the old-line Massachusetts prep school Phillips Academy Andover, Palfrey, 46, will take the reins

in September from President Julia Stasch, who announced last year she would leave when a replacement could be found.

"I'm extremely excited to carry on the legacy that MacArthur Foundation has set over time," Palfrey said in an interview. "It's an extraordinary Chicago institution and a very important institution in the world of philanthropy, and I'm really excited about its prospects in the years to come."

MacArthur is best known for its "genius grants," no-strings-

attached annual awards to innovators in creative and scholarly realms, but it has made a splash in recent years with its 100&Change program, a new competition for a \$100 million grant awarded the organization that can best identify and propose a solution to a pressing global problem.

Palfrey, Stasch said in a statement, "is a thoughtful scholar and visionary innovator who is deeply

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John Palfrey is the new president of Chicago's MacArthur Foundation, taking over from Julia Stasch in September.

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A new documentary will give fans "an intimate look" into the lives of Kevin, from left, Joe and Nick Jonas.

## Amazon announces Jonas Brothers doc

Jonas Brothers fans, remember to breathe. Amazon Studios has announced it is partnering with Republic Records on an upcoming documentary about the Jonas brothers, to premiere on Amazon Prime Video.

The doc will give fans "an intimate look" into the lives of Kevin, Nick and Joe.

"Our fans are the best in the world and have shared in our journey as the Jonas Brothers and us as individuals," said the Jonas Brothers in a statement. "In releasing this documentary we wanted to make sure we partnered with an innovative platform, like Amazon, that could reach our fans around the world."

In an interview with Apple Music, the brothers gave some details about what their fans can expect in the documentary. "It's going to give people a look into who we are as a family, as brothers," Nick said. "I think it's going to be something we look back on in 20 years and we were able to show our kids and be really proud of the growth we've had."

The band recently dropped its comeback single, "Sucker," which is its first original release in nearly six years and the debut of its new partnership with Republic Records. The accompanying music video, which playfully stars the trio's respective partners, Priyanka Chopra, "Game of Thrones" star Sophie Turner and Danielle Jonas, has already gained over 40 million views on YouTube.

— Variety



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**Davidson, Beckinsale fuel relationship rumors:** Ariana Grande who? The singer's ex-fiance, Pete Davidson, above, was seen smooching British actress Kate Beckinsale on Sunday, further fueling speculation about the pair's relationship. Davidson and Beckinsale have been spotted on several public outings since the Golden Globes afterparty where they were first seen together. Sources close to Beckinsale have said the actress is "not looking to get serious with someone."

**Townshend to release novel:** The Who's Pete Townshend, the man who helped invent the rock opera, has now written a rock novel. Hachette Books announced Tuesday that the British composer-guitarist's "The Age of Anxiety" was scheduled for release Nov. 5. Set in London, the novel explores the modern generational divide and also takes on the "craziness" of the music business. Townshend said he hopes to expand the story into an opera and art installation.

**Hall announces pregnancy, new show:** Tamron Hall is having a baby and getting her own talk show. The former NBC "Today" show anchor and host tweeted Monday that she's pregnant. Hall writes that she and husband Steven "are beyond excited." The 48-year-old's syndicated talk show, "Tamron Hall," will premiere Sept. 9. Hall left NBC and MSNBC in 2017.

**March 6 birthdays:** Actor-director Rob Reiner is 72. Singer Kiki Dee is 72. Actor Tom Arnold is 60. Actress Connie Britton is 52. Rapper-producer Tyler, the Creator is 28.



## ASK AMY

By AMY DICKINSON

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## Student wants to shake chaperone

**Dear Amy:** I'm a senior college student on a medical leave of absence from school. I'm living at home until I recover. I had to uproot my life, and lost much of my independence, due to this sudden ailment, and living with my parents has always been a source of conflict.

My boyfriend is coming to visit me and we are willing to be respectful and understanding of my parents' house and their rules: e.g., no alcohol, no shared room and not being alone together.

My concern is whether it is appropriate or necessary for my significant other and me to have a chaperone every time we leave the house. My parents are not comfortable with us sharing a hotel room and are uneasy about him in general.

Should I just let them have their way, or should I stand my ground on not needing a baby sitter on dates?

— Living at Home

**Dear Living:** You understand that you must respect your folks' rules regarding your (and your boyfriend's) conduct in their home. You also must respect their rules (and consequences) regarding curfews, etc., while you are living with them.

Did your parents accompany you to college to chaperone you there? (I assume not.) And this is the rationale you should provide them regarding you and your boyfriend going out during his visit. Their need to chaperone you seems very silly.

For now, instead of focusing on your parents' limitations, you and your

boyfriend should show them you can be trusted — to their standard — as much as possible.

You don't describe the nature of your medical situation, but take it as a given that your folks are worried about you. One way to assist in your own healing is to reduce stress and learn to mediate your anger about this. Breathe, communicate and calmly ask your folks to trust and compromise. Once you are well, graduated and out of the house, you will champion your own destiny.

**Dear Amy:** I am looking for a job in a large metropolitan area. While I look up the companies before I apply, I feel I am being hoodwinked pretty often about their location.

Many say they are in or near a metropolitan area, when in reality the company has a small office in the metro area, with most of their jobs in the suburbs. I usually do not find out about these alternative locations until I am called for an interview. How do I politely deal with this?

— Job Seeker

**Dear Job Seeker:** Job searching has changed radically in the last 10 years. For instance, the process often starts with companies using bots (not people) to search through resumes for keywords.

During the recruiting/interviewing process, some companies seem to communicate mainly through third-party conduits, making it challenging to discover exactly who they are, what they do and where they are physically located.

Sometimes vital information about the company

is withheld until you are contacted for a phone, Skype or in-person interview (and sometimes even interviewing doesn't seem to illuminate matters).

You could use LinkedIn or other social media to connect with other company workers before getting too far along in the process. When setting up an interview, ask specifically where the office space is located, and where your interviewer who is currently speaking to you is physically located.

The internet has widely broadened the capacity to search for, and find, a job. But personal connection — through family, former colleagues, friends of friends or professional networking events — remains (in my opinion) the optimal way to find your next job.

**Dear Amy:** "Trying to Do the Right Thing" wrote that her brother was pressuring their mother to give him "his share" of inheritance early. I appreciated the fact that if they don't know how long their mother will live and what her needs and expenses will be, they should be cautious. However, I wish you had also commented on the emotional toll this sort of pressure can take.

— Been There

**Dear Been There:** Absolutely. Elderly parents are oftentimes very vulnerable to pressure. It can be harmful to them and to other family relationships.

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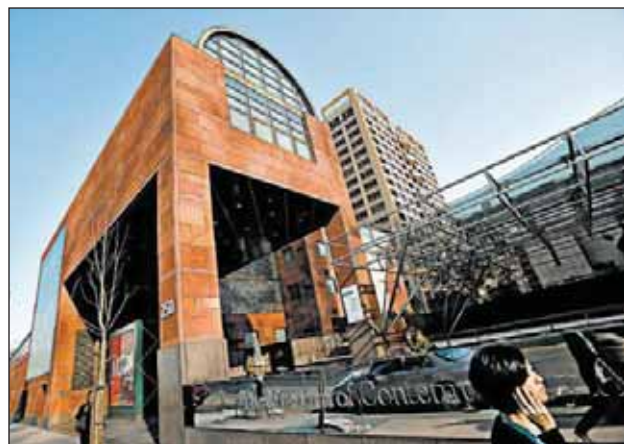
## Kamin

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from the seven-member jury, which includes experts in the field and is chaired by Supreme Court Justice Stephen Breyer.

Sponsored by Chicago's billionaire Pritzker family, the award is given annually to recognize "consistent and significant contributions to humanity and the built environment through the art of architecture." In light of Isozaki's age, it is the equivalent of a lifetime achievement award. Like previous winners, he will receive \$100,000 and a bronze medallion. The award will be presented at the Chateau de Versailles, France in May.

In an email, Isozaki said that winning the prize signaled that he has reached a venerable stage of his work called "Okina." "The past Laureates and



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Arata Isozaki, winner of the Pritzker Architecture Prize, designed the Museum of Contemporary Art in LA.

jurors are some of the architects that I have been paying most attention to since before their acceptance of the prize," he wrote. "I am honored and thankful to be a recipient."

Besides Breyer, who has long exhibited a strong interest in architecture, this year's jury had two members from Japan,

including Kazuyo Sejima, who won the prize in 2010 with her partner Ryue Nishizawa.

The other Japanese winners include Kenzo Tange (1987), Fumihiko Maki (1993), Tadao Ando (1995), Toyo Ito (2013) and Shigeru Ban (2014).

Asked Monday to explain Japan's abundance of



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Allianz Tower in Milan, seen here in 2017 from nearby Generali Tower with its lower floors braced by four exterior steel buttresses, is one of Isozaki's latest projects.

Pritzker success, Martha Thorne, the prize's executive director and a former Art Institute of Chicago architecture curator, cited the nation's support for international cultural exchange programs, its wealth of distinguished architectural publications, and the buildings of the Pritzker winners, which she said are characterized by "excellence in construction, clarity in the expression and sensitivity to the landscape around it."

Isozaki was born in 1931 in the city of Oita, which is on the island of Kyushu, part of Japan's chain of four main islands. Allied bombs struck the island during World War II.

"When I was old enough to begin an understanding of the world, my hometown was burned down," Isozaki said in a news release accompanying the announcement of the prize. "Across the shore, the atomic bomb was dropped on Hiroshima, so I grew up on ground zero. It was in complete ruins, and there was no architecture, no buildings and not even a city. Only barracks and shelters surrounded me. So, my first experience of architecture was the void of architecture, and I began

to consider how people might rebuild their homes and cities."

After graduating from the University of Tokyo in 1954 with a degree in architecture, Isozaki apprenticed under Tange. He opened his own firm, which now has offices in China, Italy and Spain as well as Japan, in 1963. Some of his significant early works, like a 1966 library in his home city, were done in the Brutalist style of sculptural exposed concrete, but Isozaki did not develop a signature style, he said, because Japan had such a broad range of rebuilding to do after World War II.

By the 1980s and 1990s, he had blossomed into an international figure, through teaching and such commissions as the Los Angeles museum, the Team Disney office building and the Palau Sant Jordi sports arena that was designed for the 1992 Summer Olympic Games in Barcelona. He served on the Pritzker jury from 1979 to 1984. He has also taught at U.S. architecture schools, including those at Harvard and Yale.

In recent years, the jury's citation said, Isozaki has demonstrated "extraor-

dinary dynamism" in such projects as the Allianz Tower.

Isozaki has no buildings in Chicago. In 1982, as part of Neocon 14, the National Exposition of Interior Contract Furnishings, he designed a postmodern showroom in the Merchandise Mart for the E.F. Hauserman Co., an office wall-system and furniture company.

The Art Institute of Chicago has a drawing of the showroom's entrance in its collection.

Isozaki's favorite Chicago building, he wrote, is the Louis Sullivan-designed former Carson Pirie Scott & Co. building at 1 S. State St. The structure, built in stages starting in 1899, features a white glazed terra-cotta exterior that expresses its underlying steel frame, as well as spectacular cast-iron decoration. It is now known as the Sullivan Center.

Isozaki's admiration of the building is appropriate. The bronze medal received by Pritzker winners is based on Sullivan's designs.

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# '90210' was appointment viewing

Perry perfect for role despite show being 'terrible'



**HEIDI STEVENS**  
*Balancing Act*

I remember scheduling my college classes around "Beverly Hills, 90210."

Sophomore year, my friend John and I would rush to his dorm room, hunker down on his twin bed, turn on his 13-inch TV and drink in the show's jilted, jealous, broken, beautiful characters and their delicious drama and histrionics.

Nothing stood in the way of "90210." Friends could be seen later. Student newspaper deadlines could wait. Homework? Eh.

Luke Perry, who played one of the most beautiful of all the jilted, jealous, broken, beautiful characters (Dylan McKay), died Monday at age 52 after suffering a massive stroke.

We've been surrounded by "90210" flashbacks and montages and cast shots and love letters, and it's all reminding me, in a painful way: The show was terrible.

Perry wasn't terrible. Luke Perry played the role as it was written for him to play, and he played it well. Legions loved him. I loved him.

Since his death, a portrait of a multilayered, bighearted father and actor and activist has emerged. U.S. Sen. Sherrod Brown, D-Ohio, whose doctor father delivered Perry, tweeted: "Very saddened by this loss. Luke Perry was not only a talented actor — but a warm, kind person who made his home state proud. My thoughts are with his friends, family, and loved ones."

"Beverly Hills, 90210" was not Perry's full body of work. He played Oliver Pike, Buffy's love interest, in the "Buffy the Vampire Slayer" film and the Rev. Jeremiah Cloutier on HBO's "Oz."

At the time of his death, he had a major role on the CW's "Riverdale," playing Archie Andrews' father, Fred. I've read that "River-

dale's" young cast members looked up to and learned tremendously from Perry.

"Beverly Hills, 90210," though, is the role he was best known for. And while we're on the topic, I think we should acknowledge that the show didn't do us any favors, culturally speaking.

In "90s Bitch: Media, Culture, and the Failed Promise of Gender Equality" (Harper), journalist Allison Yarrow argues that the '90s were a particularly noxious decade for women.

"The music, media and products freely portrayed women as bitches and every nasty offshoot imaginable," Yarrow writes. "The generation's youth, and girls in particular, internalized this term and saw its power to offend and undercut even the most powerful women — the first lady, the secretary of state and the attorney general, to name a few.

"Anita Hill lied, Monica Lewinsky was a tramp, Marcia Clark was unqualified, and girls were supposed to 'go wild' for cameras," she continues. "Our would-be role models were pilloried, our authentic selves were pried away

from us, and to get them back we were told to buy lingerie and magazines featuring sex tips." (Victoria's Secret, she reminds us, really took off in the '90s.)

What does all this have to do with "Beverly Hills?"

A lot, Yarrow maintains. "If '90s television was ground zero for the war on women," she writes, "the soldier on the front line was 'Beverly Hills, 90210.'"

"The main male characters — Brandon, Dylan and Steve — talk about their emotions and wear wounded looks and sexy sideburns," she writes. "They are independent and active: playing sports, writing for the school paper, working jobs and even living alone.

"Susan Douglas' book about misogyny in modern pop culture, 'The Rise of Enlightened Sexism,' points out that while the male characters contend with the show's meatier dilemmas, the female protagonists — Kelly, Brenda and Donna — are relegated to obsessing over shopping, gossip and dating cute boys. Their power is concentrated in their looks, how they fill out their bikinis

and their likelihood to have — or be victimized by — sex."

For the girls, Yarrow writes, sex veers between dangerous and frivolous. They are graded for performance and blamed when things go wrong.

Their bodies were endlessly picked apart. Their friendships were tumultuous. Their emotions were terrifying.

"Few characters on television were more hated than the blue-chip bitch of 'Beverly Hills, 90210,'" Yarrow writes. "Loathing Shannen Doherty — who played Brenda Walsh — became an intense, active pastime for many teenage girls in the '90s."

An I Hate Brenda Club sprung up, complete with an I Hate Brenda newsletter, which The Baltimore Sun called "a wonderfully nasty tattle sheet full of spurious tales and rude doings," Yarrow writes. I Hate Brenda T-shirts and bumper stickers were a thing.

We wondered where their characters' personalities left off and their real-life personalities began. We didn't work that

hard to figure it out.

"Women who came of age in (the '90s) internalized a culture of sexism, both blatant and subtle, social and commercial," Yarrow writes. "We didn't question the frame because we didn't know that we should. But now we do.

"Knowing this history is how we stop it from repeating," she writes. "We can actually put our '90s nostalgia to potent use."

In Perry's too-short lifetime, television evolved tremendously. It's hard to imagine "Beverly Hills, 90210" receiving the same reception (it was consistently a top performer for Fox) were it released in 2019.

I think there's room to celebrate his life and work and mourn his loss and still acknowledge that the show that made him famous is a relic from a less enlightened, though not so long ago, time.

Join the Heidi Stevens Balancing Act Facebook group, where she hosts live chats every Wednesday at noon.

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Conductor David Afkham has bowed out of this week's CSO concerts due to family reasons.

## Feddeck will replace Afkham at CSO concerts

BY HOWARD REICH  
Chicago Tribune

James Feddeck — a winner of the Solti Conducting Award, Aspen Conducting Prize and a former assistant conductor of the Cleveland Orchestra — will replace guest conductor David Afkham at Chicago Symphony Orchestra subscription concerts Thursday, Saturday and Sunday in Orchestra Hall. Feddeck also will conduct the CSO's Friday concert in Wheaton College's Edman Memorial Chapel.

Afkham "has had to withdraw from his CSO engagement due to family reasons," according to a

statement from the orchestra.

The program for all four concerts will remain the same, with pianist Nicholas Angelich making his CSO debut as soloist in Beethoven's Piano Concerto No. 5, "Emperor." The repertoire also will include Beethoven's "Coriolan" Overture and Dvorak's Symphony No. 7.

Feddeck made his CSO subscription concert debut in October 2015.

For more information, phone 312-294-3000 or visit [www.cso.org](http://www.cso.org).

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## Palfrey

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committed to MacArthur's values."

Among Palfrey's achievements at Phillips Andover, according to MacArthur, the number of faculty members of color has doubled during his tenure while the student body has become more diverse, admitting students regardless of ability to pay tuition.

"It is the only need-blind school of its kind. We're in our 11th year of doing that, which is a really big deal," Palfrey said.

Married with two young children, Palfrey holds undergraduate and law degrees from Harvard and a masters in philosophy from Cambridge. Prior to his Phillips tenure, which began in 2012, he was a law professor and vice dean for library and information services at Harvard Law School. From 2002 to 2008 he was executive director of the Berkman Center for Internet & Society at Harvard, a leading think tank on digital matters that has since been renamed the Berkman Klein Center.

The center received MacArthur grant support, and Palfrey more recently has been board chair of LRNG, which he described as "a MacArthur spin-off that is focused on

education using technology for underprivileged young people." Also in the philanthropic world, since 2014 he has been board chair of the John S. and James L. Knight Foundation, which pays out \$120 million in grants yearly.

"My interest has been in working with historically strong institutions and figuring out how to build for the future using technology," said Palfrey, the son of two pediatricians and a native of the Boston area.

Priorities at the Chicago-based philanthropy, which has a \$7 billion endowment and awarded \$256 million in 2017, "would be certainly to build on MacArthur's unshakable commitment to the City of Chicago and its long reach there," said Palfrey. "I'd also say that I think that this is a moment in history where philanthropy is looking at how it can have the most impact."

Palfrey is the author or co-author of nine books treating the digital media and education realms. Titles include "Safe Spaces, Brave Spaces: Diversity and Free Expression in Education," "Born Digital: How Children Grow Up in a Digital Age" and "BiblioTech: Why Libraries Matter More than Ever in the Age of Google."

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Luke Perry, who died Monday at 52 years old, portrayed heartthrob Dylan McKay on the hit Fox show "Beverly Hills 90210" during the 1990s.

### APPRECIATION

## 3 Luke Perry superfans on why he (and those sideburns) mattered

BY TRACY SWARTZ, JANINE SCHAULTS AND DARCEL ROCKETT  
Chicago Tribune

Luke Perry, who died Monday at 52 after suffering a stroke, first found fame on "Beverly Hills, 90210" in the 1990s as the restless and moody Dylan McKay.

Perry made his mark on a generation of fans who followed him from teen dreamboat to the rough, crime-ridden world of HBO's "Oz" to the beguilingly serene small town of "Riverdale."

Below three Tribune staffers recall their super-fandom and why Perry will always matter:

### Team Dylan or Team Brandon

I'm not going to lie — I've always been Team Brandon Walsh. He was brilliant, honest, compassionate and a newspaperman. He was my favorite part of "Beverly Hills, 90210," but I had a soft spot for Dylan McKay as well. Dylan is the first TV character that I can recall struggling with alcohol and drugs. He seemed like he had it all — money, looks and book and street smarts. As a kid, it was tough to watch him fight his addictions. I remember being thrilled when he

proposed to Antonia Marchette in Season 6. He seemed like he finally had it together, and I was devastated when she was shot and killed. Although he wasn't among the cast members announced last week for the upcoming "90210" revival, I was hoping that he would make an appearance or two. — Tracy Swartz

### Rebel with a heart

For those of us old enough to remember James Dean, Dylan McKay was the bad boy we wish we knew in real life — rebel with a heart. He was flawed, but always true to himself. And no matter your age, that's a message and a persona worth watching every week a la "Beverly Hills, 90210" — especially when you're a teen or a college student trying to find your path and your tribe.

Granted, there were few people of color in the world that was "90210," but you could dream. And Dylan embodied all the characteristics you wanted in a boyfriend — loyal, mysterious, monetarily well-off and smart. This affable, leather-clad bad boy was not one you sought out — because he was also the boy next door. He didn't give into peer pressure, could

live alone and still manage his affairs. He was the old soul with a young person's swagger and he loved Brenda fiercely — until he loved Kelly. And wasn't that the rub? But even in that, Dylan McKay was honest. He taught us that first love doesn't last forever and growth is inevitable.

Some may love the Brandon Walshes of the world — the Midwestern transplant with a heart of gold — but give me the sly smile and eyebrows of Dylan McKay any day. — Darcel Rockett

### Not as dangerous, but still golden

The sideburns. The James Dean-like "Rebel Without a Cause" swagger. The way he shortened "90210" girlfriend Brenda's name to simply "Bren," uttered with a protracted sigh.

Dylan McKay — and by extension, Luke Perry — embodied the fantasy of the dangerous-with-a-heart-of-gold boyfriend that my grammar school self didn't know I pined for until he leaned up against one too many lockers in the hallways of West Beverly High on the Fox sitcom I was probably too young to be watching when it exploded onto the scene in 1990.

Call it the Britney Spears

conundrum summed up in the title of her hit song, "I'm Not a Girl, Not Yet a Woman." I owned the Barbie-sized versions of Perry and his co-stars, reveled in their likeness and put on grand episodic renditions of my own creation based on the show. Yet, I also wanted Perry to ride on Dylan's motorcycle (or black Porsche) into Beverly Hills, 60643 (what my Chicago neighborhood coined itself at the time thanks to the popularity of the series) and take me to a movie we had no intention of watching.

I eventually put the dolls away with the other toys of childhood, but the love for Perry never dwindled. During senior year of high school, dragging my mom and uncle along, we stood outside the now-shuttered Planet Hollywood — in the rain — for three hours to meet him in person. He didn't disappoint.

In my 30s, I got to reclaim the weekly TV appointment with the actor as one of the stars of "Riverdale," where he took on the role of a doting dad with an epic neckbeard. Not as dangerous, but still golden. I expected to see his million-watt smile still outrunning his teen heartthrob status on the small screen well into my 50s, rather than saying goodbye not long into his. — Janine Schaults

# Country music's Moore 'relaxed'

BY DAN HYMAN  
Chicago Tribune

It's been some time now since Kip Moore had a smash single on country radio. But then again, commercial success never mattered all that much to him.

"I'm never chasing anything," said the Georgia-raised singer, whose sound was always a bit more Southern rock than traditional country and who at heart considers himself a classic singer-songwriter. "We live in a plastic generation," the 38-year old added. "Everybody is just trying to latch on: Whenever something is popular everyone is just trying to do that. But I've always just trusted my gut. It's nice knowing that I've never sold out at any point in my career and I've stayed authentic in my feelings and my artistry."

Calling from his adopted hometown of Nashville, Moore said he's never felt more fulfilled than he does at this moment in the near-decade since he broke out with his sole No. 1 single, and arguably his most country-pop song to date, 2011's "Somethin' Bout A

Truck." That's because the singer is set to kick off the second leg of his wildly successful "Room to Spare Acoustic Tour" at the Copernicus Center on Thursday behind last year's unplugged album of the same name.

"And I'll tell ya, I go out onstage every night and I'm so relaxed," Moore explained of an acoustic show that sees him playing songs across his entire discography albeit in a stripped-down fashion. "I'm playing these songs the way they originated and there's such a peace in that for me. It's the same way it felt when I was making and creating these songs. There's no lights and no bells and whistles. It's all about the music."

It helps, Moore acknowledged, that his fan base is along for the ride. The musicians said so dedicated are his fans that following his least successful album to date, 2015's "Wild Ones," which arrived in the wake of his more pop-friendly debut, 2012's "Up All Night," rather than see his audience dwindle his listenership only became more rabid. "There's a big difference



Kip Moore performs Thursday at the Copernicus Center.

between a smoke-and-mirrors fan base that's predicated solely on how well you're doing commercially at that moment and a fan base like mine that's truly there for the music." Moore offered by way of explanation. "Nothing else." To that end, for the three years leading up to "Room To Spare," Moore had been inviting 150 fans every night to attend a VIP acoustic gig before each of his gigs if only to present some of his more lyrically heavy songs in their original form. "And in these pre-show acoustic sets, first of all, it's always

sold out, and I could tell the fans were really craving that kind of thing. I'd been seeing that for so many years. And every time I'd do it, one of the questions I'd always get from the crowd was, "When are you going to make an acoustic record?"

Last year, following the release of "Slowheart," his third LP and most critically acclaimed album yet, Moore decided it was time to convince his record label to green light an acoustic LP. They did, and the singer said he couldn't be more thrilled. "Because it gives me a whole different feel

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when I play acoustic," he said. "As an artist you have to know whether your music is going to translate acoustically. Is there going to be a maturity to the melodies and the lyrics? I've always felt like my records lent themselves to acoustic versions. A lot of these songs have a lot of meat on the bone. I'd just been itching to play them this way."

"The thing about an acoustic show is you have nothing to hide behind," he added before noting how several "Slowheart" songs including "Sunburn" and "Bittersweet Company," carry more emotional weight when played acoustic. "Your song is completely exposed. And if your song is a turd everybody is gonna know it. Your songs have to stand up. I love that."

So energized is Moore from his acoustic endeavor that he's nearly finished

with his next LP. "This is hands down the best thing I've ever done," he said. "It's the most stretching of my legs musically... the most musically interesting, the lyrically interesting and melodically interesting."

Moore admitted he feels nothing if not supremely pleased for where he sits in life. Having a tried-and-true fan base, he noted, is reason alone to be feeling proud. "Through all the ebbs and flows of commercial success, the question you ask is are (the fans) showing up? Have you created something real and something tangible? Can you touch it? Can you feel it? I have that kind of fan base. They're going to be with me for 20-30 years from now. It's not a fleeting thing. There's something to hang your hat on with that. And I've been able to rest my head on my pillow at night knowing I've built something that's true and lasting. That's what feels so special."

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HBO's new "Leaving Neverland" documentary puts some of the late Michael Jackson's songs in a new light.

## COMMENTARY

### Jackson's iconic songs sound different today

BY CHRIS RICHARDS  
The Washington Post

If you make it through all four hours of "Leaving Neverland," you'll see the credits rolling next to images of a bonfire consuming a sequined glove, a red leather jacket and the cover of an album that sold more than 66 million copies. The flames give a quiet command. Go gather up whatever you have and throw it in. You certainly have something. He's Michael Jackson. Now let's be done with him.

And if you give "Leaving Neverland" your full attention, you'll want to be done with him. Dan Reed's harrowing documentary film — which began airing in two parts on HBO Sunday night — recounts the alleged sexual abuse that Jackson inflicted on Wade Robson and James Safechuck as children in such excruciating and incriminating detail, there's no turning your head the other way. It's unbearable to watch. But you should. And then?

How do we make the most famous entertainer our world has ever known instantly and permanently disappear? We don't. We can't. Even if we toss every last copy of "Thriller" into that fire, we still have to breathe the fumes. Jackson's music has dictated the contours of 21st-century pop music, so we're hearing him even when we aren't actually listening to him.

And whether or not you want to listen to another Michael Jackson song in your life, it's not really up to you. There will still be house parties, and wedding receptions, and karaoke contests, and barbecues, and Friday nights on dance floors where "Billie Jean" makes the room spin. Maybe we won't hear these songs as frequently now, but there will always be fans fluent in the finest details of Jackson's music who refuse to hear the big, horrible truth about who he really was. (Jackson's estate has come out strongly against the documentary, suing HBO for \$100 million and releasing a statement that denies Robson's and Safechuck's

allegations.)

For the rest of us, every Michael Jackson song sounds different today. A lot of old music has many new meanings to carry. His hits have always felt as vast as life itself, but now the Michael Jackson songbook suddenly feels even wider, more lifelike in the saddest way. It now accounts for the cruelty of this world. There's always been so much good to hear in this music, and now there's evil, too. Now, "Thriller" is very much about a man trying to expose the horror inside. Now, "Smooth Criminal" sounds brazenly criminal. Now, "Keep It in the Closet" feels sinister and perverse. Now, "Man in the Mirror" is a guilty plea.

But a song's meaning doesn't reside exclusively in its lyrics, which means Jackson's voice radiates a new aura as well. The softness and the levity in his falsetto used to make his songs feel resistant to gravity. Now, it sounds like he was using a child's voice as some kind of insidious disguise. The precision and control in his phrasing used to feel like a generous craftsman's gift to humanity. Now, it should remind us about the control Jackson exerted over the powerless children he surrounded himself with.

As for Jackson's greatest songs, they've always been little Möbius loops — those songs about dancing that make you want to dance. And this is the music that we will struggle to contend with in public, over and over again. It's dizzying to think about it. These songs have consecrated so much American life. "Don't Stop 'Til You Get Enough" and "Rock With You" and "Off the Wall" — the critic Margo Jefferson once described the appeal of these dance floor hymns with blunt-force clarity: "It's trance music."

We're vulnerable in a trance. As an artist, Jackson knew how that worked. His ability to cultivate vulnerability changed the way we listen. Now, the evidence has never been more damning that he preyed on the vulnerable behind closed doors. Our listening has to change again.

## Legacy

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peared in London, declaring, "Facts don't lie. People do." Jackson's estate offered its own counterprogramming during the documentary's premiere, enthusiastically promoting new concert footage while remaining silent on the allegations.

On Twitter, TV personality Geraldo Rivera noted that Robson years ago testified in court that he had not been abused by Jackson. Safechuck did as well, though they each later reversed themselves and sued the estate. (Their cases were dismissed because too much time had passed.)

But the accusers also have high-profile defenders. A force no less than Oprah Winfrey entered the fray, with her network set to air an interview with Safechuck, Robson and the film's director, Dan Reed, on Monday.

"For me, this moment transcends Michael Jackson. It is much bigger than any one person," Winfrey said in a preview clip. "This is a moment in time that allows us to see this societal corruption. It's like a scourge on humanity and it's happening right now."

Jackson designated his mother, Katherine, and his three children as beneficiaries of his estate, which he vigorously tried and failed to stop the film from airing, filing a \$100 million lawsuit last month in Los Angeles Superior Court accusing HBO of violating a 1992 contract promising not to disparage the singer.

"Michael Jackson is innocent. Period," reads the first sentence in the filing.

In a statement, lawyers representing the estate described the two-part documentary as "a one-sided marathon of unvetted propaganda to shamelessly exploit an innocent man no longer here to defend himself."

The \$100 million is "putting a price tag on what they think these allegations are going to do," says Adam Streisand, a Los Angeles-based trial lawyer specializing in celebrity estates. "If people are turning away in droves from other very famous people and their work, is the same thing going to happen to Michael Jackson? Clearly the estate thinks so."

The value of the Jackson brand has been the subject of vast disagreement. The estate has argued that at his death, the accusers and Jackson's peculiar behaviors so dramatically affected his image and name that they could be valued at only \$2.105, while the IRS has put the figure closer to \$160 million.

The question now is whether that estate can weather this latest storm. Cirque du Soleil declined



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At a monthslong trial in 2005, pop star Michael Jackson was acquitted on all 10 counts in connection with accusations that he molested a 13-year-old boy.



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Michael Jackson and Wade Robson in "Leaving Neverland."

to comment on the future of "Michael Jackson One," the show that debuted at the Mandalay Bay Resort and Casino in 2013. The Broadway musical produced by Jackson's estate and Columbia Live Stage will premiere in 2020 as planned, a spokesman said Monday. A Chicago tryout run was canceled after complications related to the Actors' Equity strike, he added.

But Allen Adamson, co-founder of marketing the form Metaforce and an adjunct business professor at NYU, says corporate partners may turn skittish. "For any mainstream marketing tapping into big sponsors and big advertisers, I think it's going to come off the table, certainly for the next couple of years and maybe forever, because marketers are risk averse," he says. "There are plenty of choices in entertainment."

"Leaving Neverland," which premiered at the Sundance Film Festival, arrives in the midst of a broader reckoning with sexual misconduct and abuse that has leveled the careers of celebrities from Bill Cosby to Harvey Weinstein. It aired on HBO a week after R&B singer R. Kelly was charged with 10 counts of aggravated criminal sexual abuse in the

wake of a widely watched Lifetime docuseries that brought new attention to allegations that followed Kelly for decades.

"In some ways, I don't think a film like this gets made or gets the kind of wide circulation that it does in absence of the #MeToo movement," said Mark Anthony Neal, a professor of African and African American studies at Duke University, who teaches a course on Michael Jackson and the black performance tradition. "It changes everything, in terms of our willingness to grapple with these issues."

Few can match Jackson's stature as a megastar. He went from baby-faced member of the Jackson 5 to singular pop entertainer who, in his prime, inspired an international craze for red leather jackets and spurred millions to moonwalk.

Controversy followed Jackson as well. Since the early 1990s, five boys alleged molestation or inappropriate behavior; the families of two arranged settlements with the pop star, reportedly totaling more than \$20 million.

In life, Jackson vehemently denied wrongdoing. A sensational, monthslong trial in 2005 forced the allegations

against Jackson into the spotlight — he was acquitted on all 10 counts — as the pop singer displayed increasingly bizarre public behavior.

For years after, Jackson's pop-star persona was permanently cleaved in two — music fans continued to enjoy the art of Michael Jackson, the supremely creative entertainer of the "Thriller" era, while grappling uncomfortably with the allegations.

The singer's death in 2009 seemed to deify him the eyes of the public. A 2009 concert-style film, "This Is It," earned more than \$200 million. A posthumous multi-album contract and video game — as well as two tribute Cirque du Soleil shows — rapidly refilled his estate's coffers, which had been drained during the singer's lifetime.

Jackson's death allowed people "to reconnect with him and his music, without the scandal," Streisand said. "There was an enormous sea change in attitudes when he died."

The new documentary could shift those attitudes once more. And some fans say they won't support him any more.

"I'm very sorry for anyone who loves Michael," tweeted former Ebony editor in chief Kierna Mayo. "Very sorry. Myself included. Your cognitive dissonance is about to be violently disrupted. The love affair is over."

While discarding R. Kelly's music or no longer watching Bill Cosby's show may have been easy to do, Jackson's influence on pop culture is more far-reaching. "Looking at all of this, if I am to take seriously the gravity of the charges we see in the film and the truthfulness of them, am I willing to give up Michael Jackson?" wonders Neal. "And for me, that's a much more difficult question."

The Washington Post's Bethonie Butler contributed to this report.

## WATCH THIS: WEDNESDAY



Bethenny Frankel

**“The Real Housewives of New York City”** (8 p.m., 10:37 p.m., 12:37 a.m., Bravo): After the death of her boyfriend Dennis, Bethenny Frankel struggles with grief and other conflicting emotions as she and Dorinda Medley, LuAnn de Lesseps, Ramona Singer, Sonja Morgan and Tinsley Mortimer return for Season 11 of their unscripted series, which sees them collectively trying to pick up the pieces after their last tumultuous season. Elsewhere, fresh off her second stint in rehab, LuAnn discovers a real passion for cabaret performance, while Tinsley worries that she and boyfriend Scott Kluth may not be on the same page romantically.

**“Property Brothers”** (8 p.m., 11 p.m., HGTV): Drew and Jonathan manage to convince a family that it’s time to move out of a friend’s basement and into a downtown fixer-upper in a new episode called “Nutty and Proud.” First, Drew has to leverage a home inspection to ensure that their clients don’t wind up overpaying, then Jonathan has his work cut out for him when it comes to reconciling their very different personal styles. After a major excavation in the bedroom, though, a delay in delivery threatens to keep this family out in the cold.

**“Project Runway All Stars”** (8 p.m., 12:01 a.m., Lifetime): In a new episode called “Climate Quick Change,” the remaining All Stars are forced to battle extreme weather both on and off the runway for a tough challenge that tasks them with creating resort wear that can transition from one climate to another. Tony Award winner Cynthia Erivo (“The Color Purple”) and Lebanese fashion designer Reem Acra are the guest judges; the panel also includes Alyssa Milano, Isaac Mizrahi and Georgina Chapman.

## TALK SHOWS

**“Conan”** (10 p.m. 11:30 p.m., TBS): Actress Rachel Feinstein.\*

**“The Tonight Show Starring Jimmy Fallon”** (10:34 p.m., NBC): Actors Steve Martin and Martin Short; professional baseball player Tim Lincecum; Avril Lavigne performs.\*

**“The Late Show With Stephen Colbert”** (10:35 p.m., CBS): The comic interviews guests and introduces musical performances.\*

**“Jimmy Kimmel Live”** (10:35 p.m., ABC): Actor Chris Pratt; actress Gemma Chan; David Gray performs.\*

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	PM	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00
BROADCAST	<b>CBS</b>	2	Survivor: “Betrayals Are Going to Get Exposed.” (N)	The World’s Best (N) ©				News (N) ♣
	<b>NBC</b>	5	Chicago Med: “All the Lonely People.” ©	Chicago Fire: “The Solution to Everything.”	Chicago P.D.: “Black and Blue.” ©			NBC 5 News (N) ♣
	<b>ABC</b>	7	American Idol: “202 (Auditions).” (N) ©			Whiskey Cavalier: “The Czech List.” (N) ©		News at 10pm (N) ♣
	<b>WGN</b>	9	blackish: “Lemons.”	blackish ©	Last Man Standing ©	Last Man Standing ©	WGN News at Nine (N) (Live) ©	WGN News at Ten (N)
	<b>Antenna</b>	9.2	Alice ©	Alice ©	B. Miller	B. Miller	Johnny Carson ©	3’s Comp.
	<b>This TV</b>	9.3	Billy Two Hats (PG,73) **	Gregory Peck. ©			Another Man, Another Chance **	
	<b>PBS</b>	11	Chicago Tonight (N)	Nat King Cole’s Greatest Songs (My Music) (N) ©			70s Soul Superstars (My Music) ©	
	<b>The U</b>	26.1	7 Eyewitness News (N)	The Game	Engagement	Broke Girl	Broke Girl	Seinfeld ©
	<b>MeTV</b>	26.3	Andy Griffith	Andy Griffith	Gomer Pyle	WKRP Cincinnati	Hogan Hero	C. Burnett
	<b>H&amp;I</b>	26.4	Star Trek ©		Star Trek: Next		Star Trek: Deep Space 9	Star Trek ♣
	<b>Bounce</b>	26.5	The Game	The Game	Today You Die (R,05) ***	Steven Seagal, Treach.		Hard-Kill ♣
	<b>FOX</b>	32	Gordon Ramsay’s 24 Hours to Hell and Back: “Social; M’Dears Bakery & Bistro.” (N) ©			Fox 32 News at Nine (N)		Modern Family ©
	<b>Ion</b>	38	Blue Bloods ©		Blue Bloods ©		Blue Bloods ©	Blue Blood ♣
	<b>Telem</b>	44	Exatlon EE. UU. (N)		Betty en NY (N) ©		La reina del sur ©	Chicago (N)
	<b>CW</b>	50	Riverdale (N) ©		All American (N) ©		Dateline ©	Chicago ♣
	<b>UniMas</b>	60	Tres Milagros		Atrapada		Rosario Tijeras	Tiro de ♣
<b>WJYS</b>	62	Salem Baptist Church		Joyce Meyer	Robison	Coach’s Cor.	Paid Prog.	Monument
<b>Univ</b>	66	Jesus		Mi marido tiene familia		Amar a muerte	Noticias (N)	
CABLE	<b>AE</b>	Storage	Storage	Storage	Storage	Storage	Storage	Storage ♣
	<b>AMC</b>	The Green Mile (R,99) ***	Tom Hanks, David Morse. ©					
	<b>ANIM</b>	Lone Star Law: Uncuffed: “Wardens of the Water.” (N)		Lone Star Law ©				Lone Star ♣
	<b>BRCA</b>	The Karate Kid (PG,84) ***	Ralph Macchio, Noriyouki	“Pat” Morita. ©				Karate II ♣
	<b>BET</b>	♣ (4:35) Bad Boys (95) **		(7:55) Bad Boys II (R,03) **	Martin Lawrence, Will Smith. ♣			
	<b>BIGTEN</b>	♣ College Basketball (N)		College Basketball: Ohio State at Northwestern. (N) ©				Postgame
	<b>BRAVO</b>	Housewives/NJ (N)		Housewives/MYC (Season Premiere) (N)		(9:07) To be announced		Watch (N) ♣
	<b>CLTV</b>	News at 7	News (N)	News at 8	News (N)	SportsFeed ©		Politics
	<b>CNBC</b>	Deal or No Deal ©		Deal or No Deal (N) ©		Deal or No Deal ©		Deal or No ♣
	<b>CNN</b>	Anderson Cooper 360 (N)		Cuomo Prime Time (N)		Cuomo Prime Time (N)		Tonight (N) ♣
	<b>COM</b>	South Park	South Park	South Park	South Park	South Park	South Park	Daily (N)
	<b>DISC</b>	Moonshiners (N) ©		(8:01) Moonshiners (N) ©				Moonshine ♣
	<b>DISN</b>	Sydney-Max	Coop	Raven	Raven	Sydney-Max	Coop	Andi Mack
	<b>E!</b>	Botched ©		Botched (N) ©		Botched ©		Busy (N)
	<b>ESPN</b>	NBA Basketball: Philadelphia 76ers at Chicago Bulls. (N) (Live)				NBA Basketball (N) ♣		
	<b>ESPN2</b>	♣ College Basketball (N)		College Basketball: Teams TBA. (N) (Live)				SportCtr (N)
	<b>FNC</b>	Tucker Carlson (N)		Hannity (N) ©		The Ingraham Angle (N)		Fox News
	<b>FOOD</b>	Guy’s Grocery Games		Guy’s Grocery Games (N)		Guy’s Grocery Games		Grocery ♣
	<b>FREE</b>	grown-ish	(7:31) The Goonies (PG,85) ***	Sean Astin. © (SAP)				700 Club ♣
	<b>FX</b>	Bad Moms (R,16) **	Mila Kunis, Kristen Bell. ©			Bad Moms (R,16) **	Mila Kunis. ©	
	<b>HALL</b>	A Royal Winter (NR,17) Merritt Patterson. ©				The Art of Us (NR,17) Taylor Cole. ♣		
	<b>HGTV</b>	Property Brothers ©		Property Brothers (N) ©		Hunters (N)   Hunt Intl		Property ♣
	<b>HIST</b>	Forged in Fire (N)		Forged in Fire (N)		Truck Night (N)		Knight (N) ♣
	<b>HLN</b>	Forensic	Forensic	Forensic	Forensic	Forensic	Forensic	Forensic
	<b>IFC</b>	♣ (6) Sixteen Candles **		The Wedding Singer (PG-13,98) ***	Adam Sandler.			Doc. Now (N)
	<b>LIFE</b>	Project Runway (N)		Project Runway (N)		American Beauty Star (N)		All Stars ♣
	<b>MSNBC</b>	All In With (N)		Rachel Maddow Show (N)		The Last Word (N)		11th Hour (N)
	<b>MTV</b>	Ridic. (N)		Ridic. (N)		The Challenge (N) ©		Game of Clones ©
	<b>NBCSCH</b>	2019 MVC	Bensinger	Bobsledding (Tape)		Bulls Postgame (N)		Bulls (N)
	<b>NICK</b>	SpongeBob	SpongeBob	SpongeBob	SpongeBob	The Office	The Office	Friends ©
	<b>Ovation</b>	♣ (6) That Thing You Do! (PG,96) ***		Up in the Air (R,09) ***	George Clooney. ♣			
	<b>OWN</b>	If Loving You Is Wrong		If Loving You Is Wrong		If Loving You Is Wrong		Loving ♣
	<b>OXY</b>	NCIS: Los Angeles		NCIS: Los Angeles		NCIS: Los Angeles		NCIS: LA ♣
	<b>PARMT</b>	John Wick: Chapter 2 (R,17) ***	Keanu Reeves, Common. ©					John Wick ♣
	<b>SYFY</b>	♣ London Has Fallen (R) **		The Magicians (N) ©		Deadly Class (N) ©		AlienNews
<b>TBS</b>	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Full (N)	Conan (N)	
<b>TCM</b>	Northwest Passage (NR,40) ***	Spencer Tracy. ©			(9:15) Lone Star (NR,52) **	©	♣	
<b>TLC</b>	My 600-Lb. Life: “Destinee’s Story.” (N)				Family by the Ton (N)		My 600-Lb ♣	
<b>TLN</b>	Camp Meeting		Diane	The Three	Life Today	Exalted	Humanit ♣	
<b>TNT</b>	Step Brothers (R,08) **	Will Ferrell. ©			Drop/Mic (N)   Jokers (N)		Step Brot ♣	
<b>TOON</b>	Adventure	Adventure	Amer. Dad	Amer. Dad	Burgers	Burgers	Family Guy	
<b>TRAV</b>	Mysteries-Museum (N)		Beyond the Unknown (N)		Paranormal Ca. (N)		Paranorm. ♣	
<b>TVL</b>	Raymond	Raymond	Everybody Raymond		Two Men	Two Men	Other Two	
<b>USA</b>	Law & Order: SVU		Law & Order: SVU		Law & Order: SVU		Mod Fam	
<b>VH1</b>	Black Ink Crew: Chicago		Black Ink: Chicago (N)		Black Ink Crew: Chicago		Cartel Crew	
<b>WE</b>	Pretty Woman (R,90) ***	Richard Gere, Julia Roberts. ©			(9:32) Pretty Woman ♣			
<b>WGN America</b>	Last Man	Last Man	Gone: “Ride.” (N) ©		Cops ©	Cops ©	Cops ©	
PREMIUM	<b>HBO</b>	REAL Sports Gumbel	The Shop	Geostorm (PG-13,17) *	Gerard Butler. ©			
	<b>HBO2</b>	Crashing	Last Week	2 Dope Queens ©		Blockers (R,18) ***	Leslie Mann. ©	
	<b>MAX</b>	Battle of the Sexes (PG-13,17) ***	Emma Stone. ©			(9:05) Girls Trip (R,17) ***	♣	
	<b>SHO</b>	The Mexican (R,01) **	Brad Pitt. ©			SMILF ©	Inglourious Basterds (R) ♣	
	<b>STARZ</b>	♣ (6:08) 27 Dresses **	©	(8:01) Alice in Wonderland (PG,10) ***	©			Proposal ♣
<b>STZNC</b>	American Gods ©		(8:02) American Gods		(9:03) Sin City (R,05) ***	©	♣	

## ‘Frozen’ is coming to Chicago in 2020

BY CHRIS JONES  
Chicago Tribune

Picking an aptly frigid day for their official announcement, Disney Theatrical said Tuesday that the Broadway musical “Frozen” is coming to Chicago.

The first national tour of the musical will play Disney’s favorite Loop venue, the Cadillac Palace Theatre (151 W. Randolph), for an 11-week engagement from Oct. 21, 2020 through Jan. 3, 2021.

This is a shorter engagement than was anticipated — Disney’s “Aladdin,” for example, played here for five months in 2017. In an interview with the Tribune, Disney Theatrical president

Thomas Schumacher said the decision involved a desire to get the show to as many cities as possible. “There is a huge demand in every community,” Schumacher said. “People really relate to this show.”

Although its gestation involved more than one director and reviews were mixed on Broadway, “Frozen” has settled into a long-term Broadway engagement alongside Disney’s other hit shows in New York. The musical features all of the songs from the animated feature that famously drive parents to distraction on long car journeys when offspring put them on repeat. There also are additional numbers

created for the Broadway version.

The show also is notable for its special effects — especially during the signature number “Let It Go.” Directed by Michael Grandage, “Frozen” features music and lyrics by the husband-and-wife team of Kristen Anderson-Lopez and Robert Lopez, book by Jennifer Lee and choreography by Rob Ashford.

Business is likely to be brisk in Chicago, given the length of the run and the number of Midwestern fans of the title, which aims to attract both current kids and those who look upon the embittered but ultimately triumphant Elsa with nostalgia.

Group sales are available now; single tickets go on sale at a later date. Broadway in Chicago said it will also sell premium-priced, so-called VIP packages, including “a prime seat location, a commemorative souvenir program, and an exclusive merchandise item.” The Chicago-based presenter said that the show also will appear on its next subscription season, on sale this spring, no doubt well in advance of the ticket sale. More information at [www.BroadwayInChicago.com](http://www.BroadwayInChicago.com).

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DEEN VAN MEER PHOTO

Cassie Levy plays Elsa in “Frozen” on Broadway. The Disney musical is slated to come to Chicago next year.

## It’s all about family for ‘Good Girls’ star Retta

BY RICK BENTLEY  
Tribune News Service

Retta — whose real name is Marietta Sirleaf — doesn’t have to be a mom to know how parents would act when pushed into impossible situations. It just so happens that the actions her character takes on the NBC series “Good Girls” tend to be criminal.

The series follows three women — played by Christina Hendricks, Mae Whitman and Retta — who go down a path of illegal activities that started in the first season. The second season, which begins Sunday, picks up with plans to get rid of the gang pushing their evil ways falling apart when Beth (Hendricks) returns home to find her husband beaten and being threatened at gunpoint.

Ruby, played by Retta, has her own problems created by her decision to go along with the criminal acts as a way to help pay for her daughter’s hefty medical bills. It’s very easy for the New Jersey native to understand how common sense can be trumped by



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Retta says being an aunt to five nephews helps her understand her character in the series “Good Girls.”

family.

“I’m not a mother, but I’m now an auntie of five nephews, and I don’t know how parents don’t live in a constant state of panic because I have anxiety

about my nephews constantly. I’m always like texting, ‘Is someone home so I can FaceTime?’ I always want to see them,” Retta said. “When they’re sick, I get sick. I have a

sickness in me when I know one of them is sick. So I get what Ruby is like: ‘This is what it is. It’s what it is. I have to do it. It doesn’t matter.’ Even when I read the script, I cried when I read the pilot, just knowing that she felt helpless when it came to her child. So I experienced just a portion of it, being an aunt. So it’s not hard to play it, at all. I’m like, ‘Just got to do it.’”

The rest of playing the role comes down to acting experience. Although best known for playing Donna Meagle on NBC’s comedy “Parks and Recreation,” Retta has appeared in “It’s Always Sunny in Philadelphia.” In film she had roles in “First Sunday” and “Fracture.”

Acting wasn’t her original plan as Retta graduated with a pre-med degree in sociology from Duke University. Before she could start that career, Retta moved to Los Angeles, where she worked as a stand-up comic, hoping it would land her a television sitcom. She’s yet to have her own series but has

already been a part of a huge comedy hit with “Parks and Recreation” and her work on “Good Girls.”

Picking roles has been simple — she looks for good writing and great actors.

“For me, it’s the script. When I read the pilot (for ‘Good Girls’), I knew exactly who she was. But I will say, once I started working on it when my kids come on set, I fall in parental mode,” Retta said. “So it was the script originally, but then Reno (Wilson). I didn’t meet Reno until the table read, so I didn’t know him. I didn’t know how I felt about him playing my husband. When we sat down at the table read, he was so warm, and he’s like that with everyone, and he calls everybody ‘baby.’ He’s just so loving that I knew exactly what that relationship was going to be on screen. So, for me, it was the script, and then the people that played my family.”

“Good Girls” tests Retta’s comedy and dramatic skills. Some of the scenes in the first season were emo-

tionally draining, but Retta saw that as cathartic. The one thing Retta knew she would be able to bring to the big emotional scenes was tears because she’s never had a problem crying. It’s nothing for a Hallmark commercial to send her searching for a tissue.

Being able to cry on cue was important because of the highs and lows of the series. Retta kept telling the director and producers they had nothing to fear. The first day didn’t support Retta’s claims as she just could not muster any tears.

“I don’t know if it’s anxiety or what. And I realized I hadn’t drank any water. So that’s how I prep for my crying scenes. I drink a lot of water because I literally was dry to the bone. And I drank some water, and I was, like, ‘Oh, I got this. This is my lane.’ So, for me, the first step is to drink water,” Retta said. “And then usually when I read the script, I get triggered by it, by what is happening. And like I said, I’ll cry when I read it. So when I go to shoot it, the dialogue triggers me.”

### Horoscopes



**Today's birthday** (March 6): Your professional influence grows this year. A strong network of support leads your team to success. Discover fresh passion this summer, leading to shifting team priorities. Win your game together this winter, before resolving a romantic challenge. Love is your magic key.

**Aries** (March 21-April 19): Today is a 7. Insights, breakthroughs and revelations sparkle under this new moon. Dreams seem within reach. Practice benefits a philosophical, spiritual and mindful phase. Make long-term plans.

**Taurus** (April 20-May 20): 9. Take a group endeavor to new heights. Breakthroughs in friendship, social networks and community provide cause for celebration under the new moon. Provide well for family.

**Gemini** (May 21-June 20): 9. Professional opportunities shine under this new moon. Accept new responsibilities as you prepare. Develop a project from an idea to reality.

**Cancer** (June 21-July 22): 8. Study with a master. Education, travels and exploration sprout under this new moon. Consider different perspectives. Learn another cultural view. Expand your horizons.

**Leo** (July 23-Aug. 22): 9. Find creative ways to grow your family's nest egg. A lucrative phase dawns with this new moon. Launch a profitable initiative together. Strengthen bonds.

**Virgo** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): 9. Partnership blossoms under this new moon. Start a new chapter together. Align toward your shared long-term interests and commitments.

**Libra** (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): 8. Nurture yourself before caring for others. Fresh energy floods your work, health and vitality under this Pisces new moon. Power into physical routines.

**Scorpio** (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): 9. A romantic relationship transforms. This new moon sparks a family, fun and passion phase. It's all for love, and love for all. Follow your heart.

**Sagittarius** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): 8. Wrap your love around home and family. A new domestic phase arises with this new moon. A seed planted long ago flowers. Tend your garden.

**Capricorn** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): 8. Adapt to the news. Connect and network. Profit through communication and creative expression. Breakthroughs arise in conversation under this new moon. Share gratitude and appreciation.

**Aquarius** (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): 9. Step into expanding prosperity. Another chapter begins. Silver slides into your pockets with the new moon. Reap an abundant harvest.

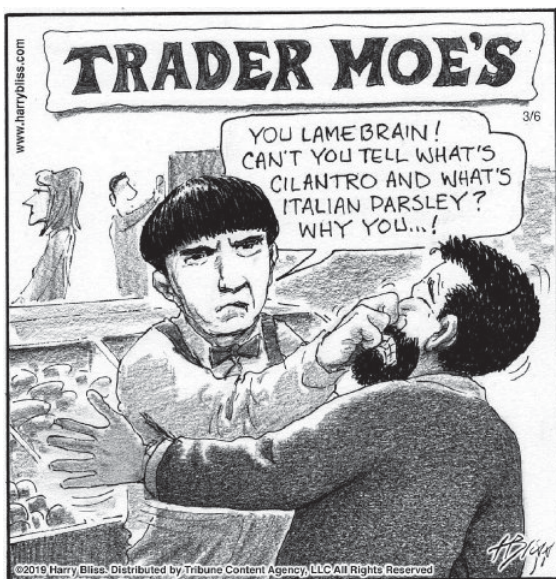
**Pisces** (Feb. 19-March 20): 9. A personal phase dawns with this new moon in your sign. Take charge to realize a personal dream. Grow your talents, capacities and skills.

— Nancy Black, Tribune Content Agency

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 ♦ 2  
 ♣ K Q 10 5 3

**South**  
 ♠ K Q J 9 5 4 2  
 ♥ 10 8  
 ♦ 5  
 ♣ 8 7 2

Today's deal is from a major championship in India not long ago. North judged well to take the sacrifice despite holding two aces. Six hearts would have made easily. A "wild and wooly" auction like this one often ends with a penalty double. The double of a slam, however, often has lead implications, asking for an unusual lead. This is usually the lead of dummy's first-bid suit.

**The bidding:**

West	North	East	South
1♥	2♦	4♦*	Pass
4♥	Pass	Pass	4♠
Pass	Pass	5♥	Pass
6♥	6♠	Dbl	All pass

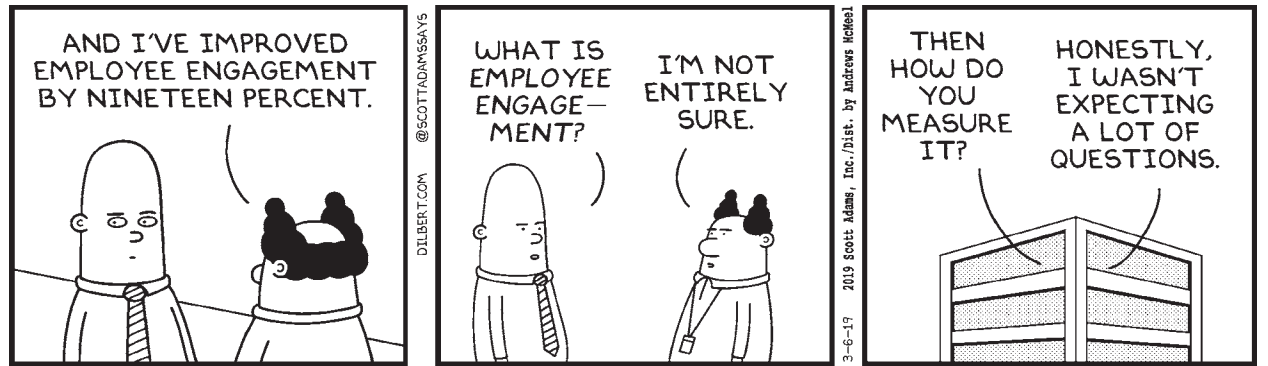
\*Splinter bid, heart raise with shortness in diamonds  
 Opening lead: Seven of ♦

West, who knew that his partner had, at most, one diamond, thought the double suggested a diamond void. The defense could have taken the first three tricks, but declarer had a chance when West lead the seven of diamonds.

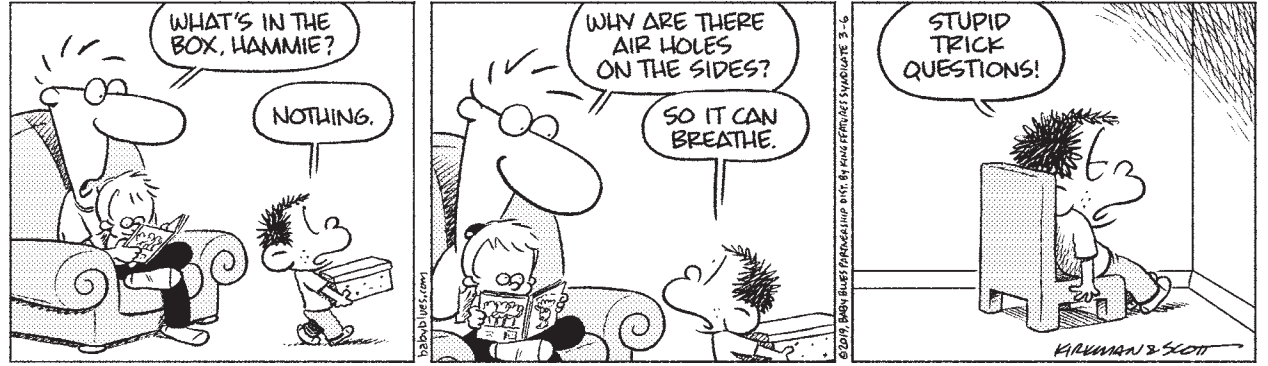
What would you play on the opening lead? Declarer reasoned that the loss of an additional trick would only cost 200 points, so it was well worth risking that for a chance to score 1210 points for making his slam. He courageously played dummy's 10 of diamonds at trick one! When this held the trick, and East followed, South ruffed a diamond with his king of spades. He crossed back to dummy with a spade to the 10 and ruffed another diamond high. The ace of spades drew the last trump and South discarded all three of his club losers on the good diamonds. This earned a big swing for his team.

— Bob Jones  
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### Dilbert



### Baby Blues



### Zits



### Mr. Boffo



### Frazz



### Classic Peanuts



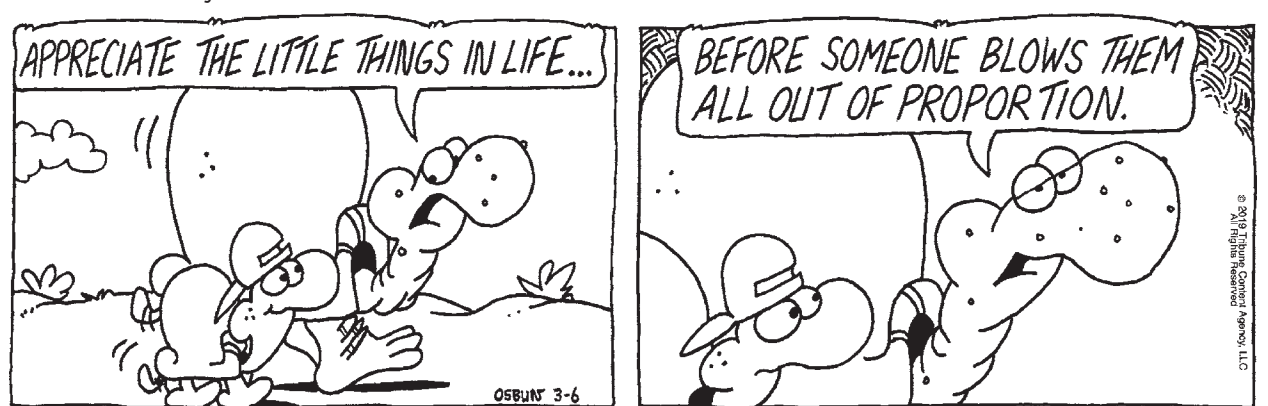
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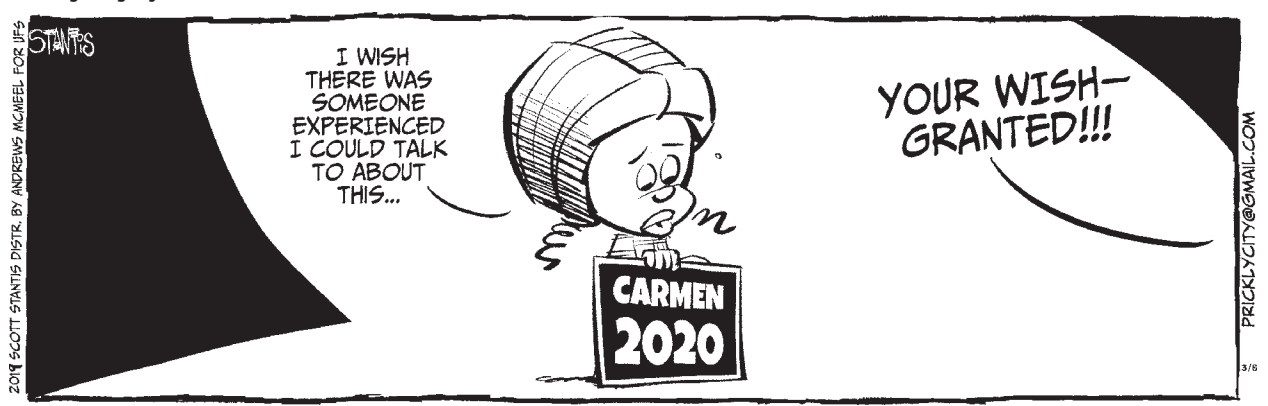
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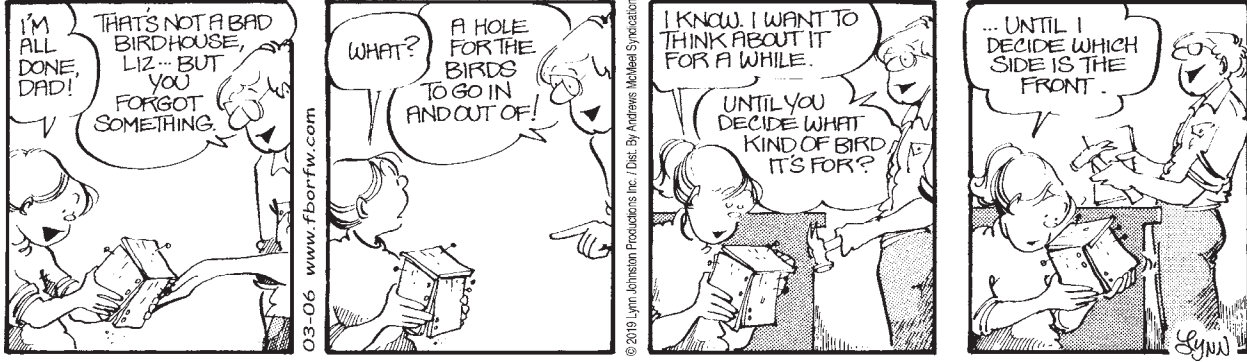
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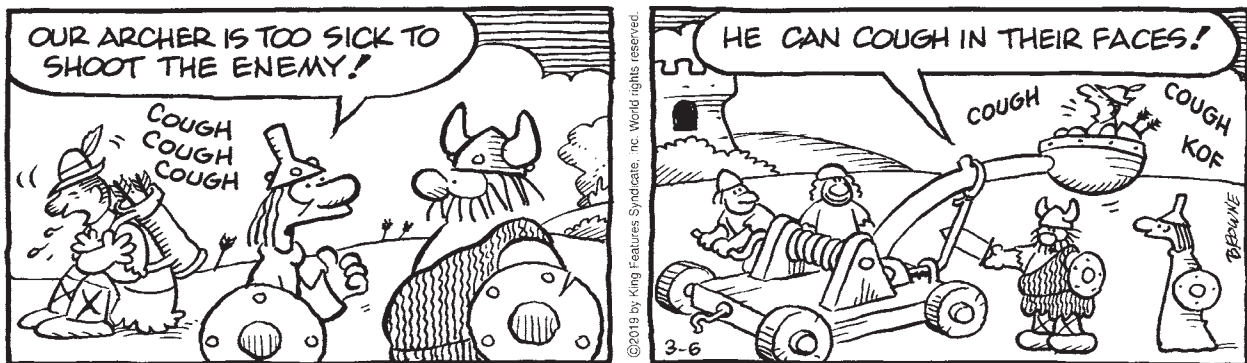
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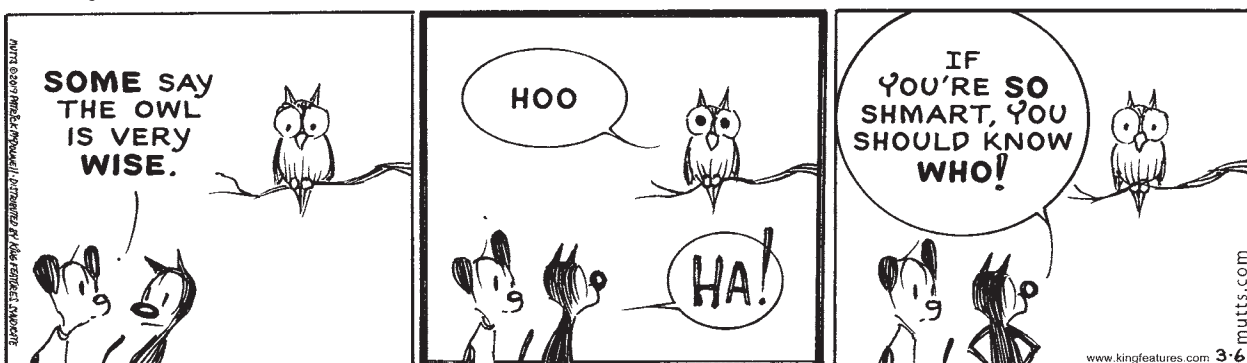
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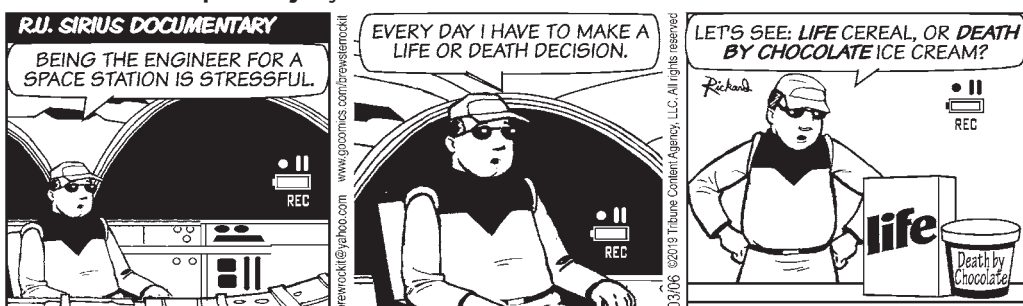
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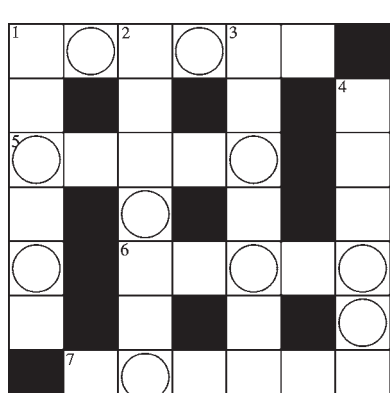
**Broom-Hilda** By Russell Myers



**Trivia Bits**

In which U.S. state does the Golden Spike National Historic Site commemorate the joining of the Union Pacific and Central Pacific railroads?  
 A) Colorado  
 B) Illinois  
 C) Oklahoma  
 D) Utah  
 Tuesday's answer: Carol Ann Duffy's poem "Achilles" was written after David Beckham tore his Achilles tendon in 2010.  
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**Jumble Crossword**



**CLUE ACROSS**  
 1. On the \_\_\_\_\_  
 5. \_\_\_\_\_ squid  
 6. Corn  
 7. Beginning, onset

**CLUE DOWN**  
 1. Cloak and \_\_\_\_\_  
 2. Defenseless  
 3. Lavatory  
 4. Sincere

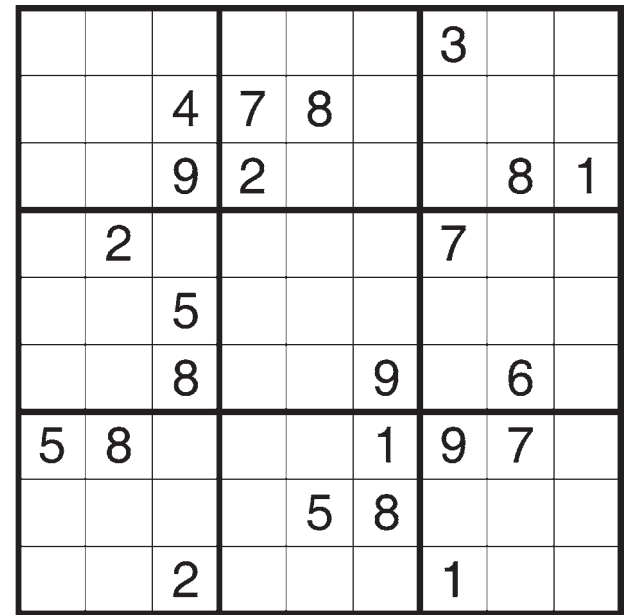
**ANSWER**  
 BUDELO  
 NTIAG  
 ZAMIE  
 VNTADE

**ANSWER**  
 GRGEDA  
 RUADENM  
 NILAETR  
 SHOTN

How to play - Complete the crossword puzzle by looking at the clues and unscrambling the answers. When the puzzle is complete, unscramble the circled letters to solve the BONUS.  
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 ANSWERS: 1-A-Double 5-A-Giant 6-A-Maze 7-A-Advent 11-Dagger 12-Unarmed 3D-Honest 4D-Honest 6-D-Golf 8-Boat  
 By David L. Hoyt.

**Sudoku** 1 2 3 4

3/6



6	7	4	8	1	9	3	5	2
8	3	1	2	5	7	6	9	4
5	2	9	6	4	3	1	7	8
1	4	8	3	2	5	9	6	7
3	6	2	9	7	1	4	8	5
7	9	5	4	8	6	2	3	1
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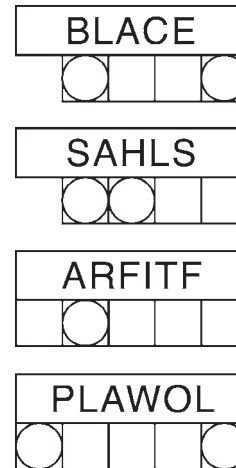
Complete the grid so each row, column and 3-by-3 box in bold borders contains every digit 1 to 9.

**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.



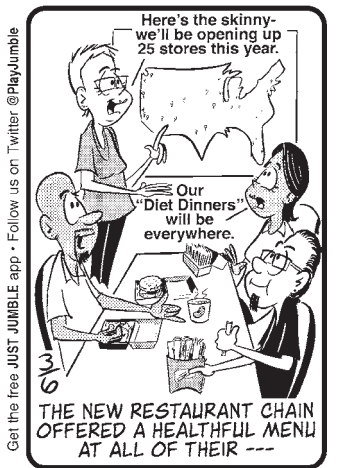
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**Tuesday's answers**

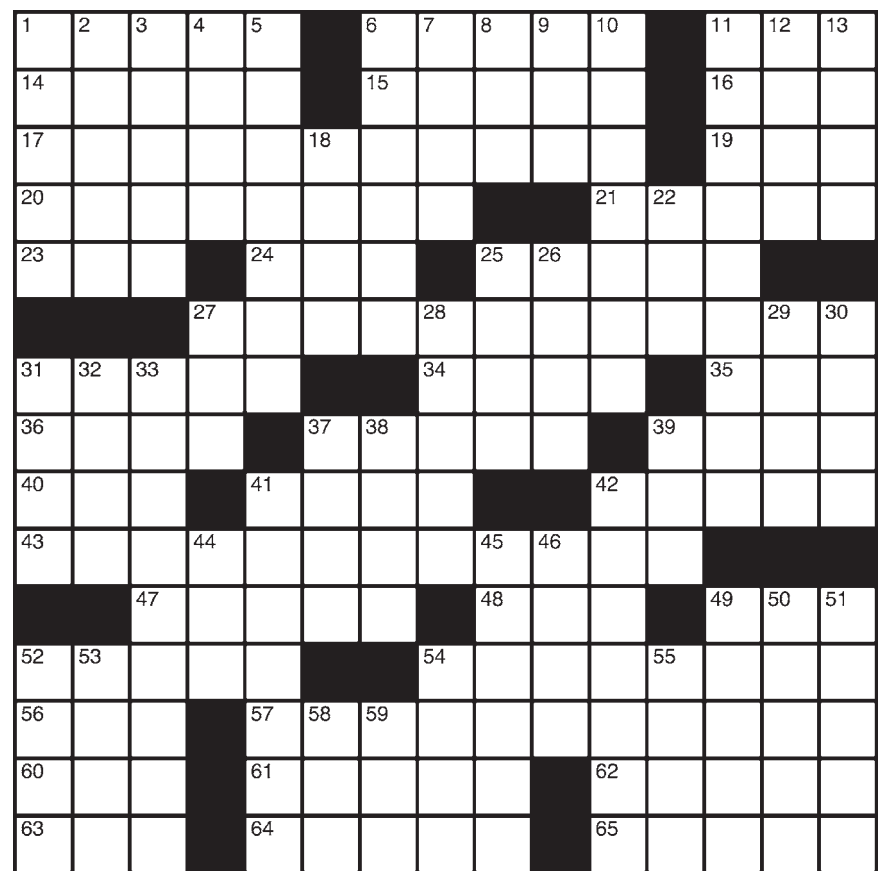
Jumbles: HANDY QUIRK FLAVOR LEGEND  
 Answer: Most people would have helped the stranded motorist, but he wasn't that — KIND OF A GUY

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**Crossword**

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**Across**  
 1 Nurse Barton  
 6 Work with a libretto  
 11 Capture  
 14 Spring for a drink?  
 15 Piece of info  
 16 "What \_\_\_ the odds?"  
 17 It may require a permission slip  
 19 "Narcos" org.  
 20 First encounter in a romcom  
 21 Open, as a gate latch  
 23 Pigs out (on), briefly  
 24 Believer's suffix  
 25 General sense  
 27 Nearly one-third of Africa  
 31 Roadside business  
 34 Decorating job on "Cake Boss"  
 35 Coin-op gas station machine output  
 36 Grand-scale production  
 37 Extra feature

**Down**  
 39 "And your point is?"  
 40 Drumstick  
 41 Guys-only party  
 42 Let up  
 43 Gathering with much networking  
 47 Neutral shade  
 48 \_\_\_Clean: stain remover  
 49 Tarzan raiser  
 52 Razor sharpener  
 54 Time-out  
 56 Seek the affections of  
 57 Table with columns, and what literally can be found in 17-, 27- and 43-Across  
 60 Rock concert need  
 61 Angel who directs Satan to Earth in "Paradise Lost"  
 62 Speak formally  
 63 "\_\_\_haw!"  
 64 Diver's gem  
 65 Renoir subjects

**Tuesday's solution**  
 ARCED HUED DOCK  
 WHOME OKRA ACAI  
 COWBATTERY NERD  
 ALOE SAILED  
 AJAR ELKS MELEE  
 CORGI SNOWBOIND  
 RAMONA ELOI  
 ENS ROOOWE USE  
 ORAL SNAPUP  
 OWLABIES TUTEE  
 SHARD ODOR DOZE  
 MIMOSA LUAAU  
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 EDGY NESS ANODE

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# CHICAGO WEATHER CENTER

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WEDNESDAY, MARCH 6 NORMAL HIGH: 43° NORMAL LOW: 26° RECORD HIGH: 70° (2000) RECORD LOW: 0° (2015)

## Temps slowly moderate before weekend storm

### LOCAL FORECAST

**HIGH** 29 **LOW** 14

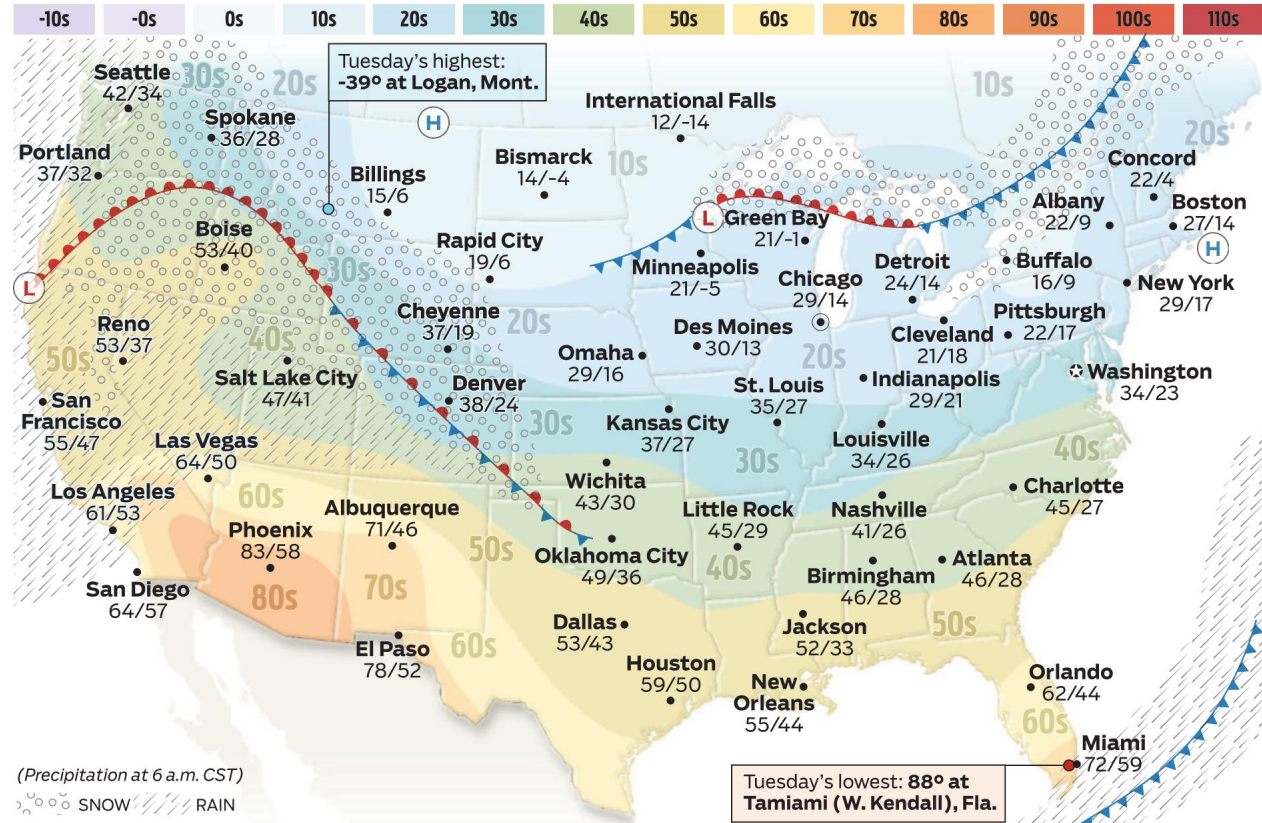
■ High pressure extending from the northern plains to the Ohio Valley gives partly sunny skies to the area and allows temperatures to add about 10 degrees onto Tuesday's highs.

■ Temperatures approach the 30 degree mark, still nearly 15 degrees below the normal high for this date.

■ West to southwest winds 10-20 mph.

■ Increasing high and mid-level cloudiness overnight, cutting-down on radiational heat loss - temperatures mostly in the teens.

### NATIONAL FORECAST



The center of cold high pressure will migrate east out of the northern plains across the Great Lakes to New England by this coming weekend with Chicago positioned on the southern edge of the cold air mass. Our temperatures will average nearly 15-degrees below normal Wednesday and Thursday before "only" averaging 5-degrees below normal Friday and actually going above normal Saturday for what will be the first time in 12 days.

It looks increasingly likely that the storm system battering the west coast Wednesday into Thursday will pass over Colorado on Friday and bring an intensifying low pressure system through here this weekend. On the north side of this system another foot of snow could fall over northern Wisconsin, which is already buried under a 2 to 3-foot snow cover.

### THURSDAY, MARCH 7

**HIGH** 29 **LOW** 22

Clouds thicken from the south and west with a chance of some snow developing well south of Interstate 80. High temperatures 25-30 degrees. Chance of snow far southern portions overnight. Southeast winds.

### FRIDAY, MARCH 8

**HIGH** 39 **LOW** 30

Lingering flurries exit early, followed by decreasing clouds. Temps respond to emergent sunshine, climbing above freezing for the first time in a week. Clouds increase and thicken overnight. E/SE winds.

### SATURDAY, MARCH 9

**HIGH** 49 **LOW** 36

Thickening clouds, rain arrives by afternoon along with the possibility of thunderstorms - warmer with highs approaching 50°. Showers/t-storms overnight. Strengthening SE winds, eventually gusting over 40 mph shift to SW overnight.

### SUNDAY, MARCH 10

**HIGH** 37 **LOW** 32

Blustery and unsettled. Windy and colder - rain changing over to snow showers before ending late. Temperatures peak in the morning, slowly falling in the afternoon. West winds turn northwest at 20-30 mph.

### MONDAY, MARCH 11

**HIGH** 39 **LOW** 29

Scattered clouds along with abundant sunshine - highs 35 to 40. North winds gradually diminish as high pressure approaches. Temps run about 10 degrees below normal, peaking in the mid 30s. Mostly clear skies overnight.

### TUESDAY, MARCH 12

**HIGH** 44 **LOW** 38

Some sun early, then clouds increase from the south and west with rain, possibly mixed with wet snow beginning in the afternoon. Rain likely overnight with temperatures for the most part steady or rising.



NOTE: Predicted high/low temps on Tribune weather page are chronological—the "high" refers to maximum reading expected during day and "low" is the minimum reading expected the following night.

### ASK TOM

Dear Tom,  
What is Chicago's record for number of days with high temperatures less than 60 degrees? Our current string began on Nov. 1, 2018. As of March 1, the string will be 121 days, and cold weather is forecast to continue for at least several days.

— Greg Mate, McHenry

Dear Greg,  
You are correct that Chicago will be spending the next several days with high temperatures below 60 degrees. However, we are far from a record number of such days. Our current string of sub-60 days will likely persist for at least another 15 days. Beyond that? We will just have to wait and see.

Chicago's record for days with high temperatures of 59 degrees or lower stands at 163 days: from Nov. 11, 1880, through April 22, 1881. The second-longest number of such days is 157, from Nov. 7, 1890, through April 12, 1891.

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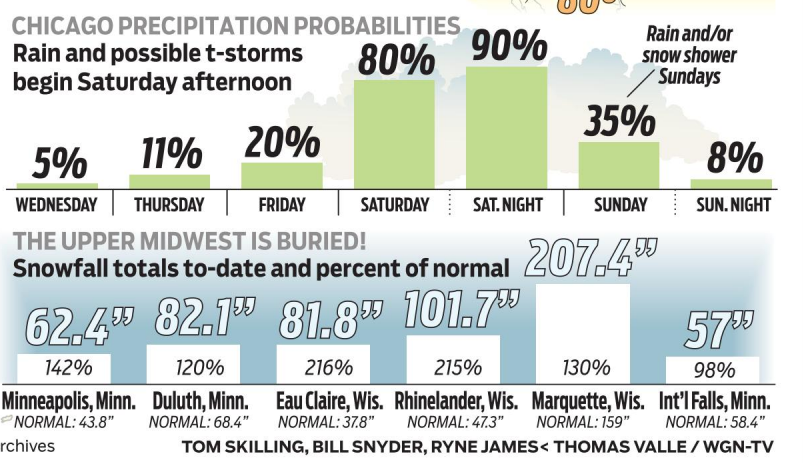
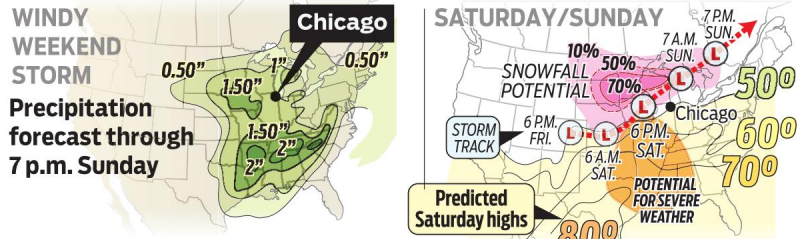
WGN-TV meteorologists Mark Carroll, Steve Kahn, Richard Koeneman, Paul Merzlock and Paul Dailey, plus Bill Snyder, contribute to this page.

Hear Tom Skilling's weather updates weekdays 3 to 6 p.m. on WGN-AM 720 Chicago.



## Weekend storm; rain/t-storms Saturday, rain/snow Sunday

**UPPER AIR PATTERN—THE WEEK AHEAD**  
Tracking "short wave" that will trigger next weekend's storm in Chicago  
Approaches our area spreading showers and t-storms over the Chicago area along with warmer/windy conditions on Saturday— then rain and snow showers/colder and windy Sunday with more heavy snow across northern Wisconsin Sunday.



### CHICAGO DIGEST

**TUESDAY TEMPERATURES**

LOCATION	HI	LO	LOCATION	HI	LO
Aurora	22	8	Midway	22	9
Gary	23	12	O'Hare	21	8
Kankakee	23	9	Romeoville	23	7
Lakefront	na	na	Valparaiso	26	10
Lansing	23	9	Waukegan	19	6

**CHICAGO PRECIPITATION**

PERIOD	2019	NORMAL
Tue. (through 4 p.m.)	Trace	0.08"
March to date	41.5"	39.0"
Year to date	4.77"	3.91"

**CHICAGO SNOWFALL**

PERIOD	O'HARE	MIDWAY
Tue. (through 4 p.m.)	0.2"	0.1"
Season to date	41.5"	39.0"
Normal to date	30.7"	31.9"

SOURCE: Frank Wachowski

**LAKE MICHIGAN CONDITIONS**

WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY
Wind W 12-27 kts.	NE 3-9 kts.
Waves 2-4 feet	1-3 feet
Tue. shore/crib water temps	35°/32°

**U.S. SNOW COVER**

MARCH 5	2019	2018
Area covered by snow	57.1%	34.0%
Average snow depth	8.0"	5.4"

**TRACKING THE COLD**

SINCE OCT. 15	O'HARE	MIDWAY
Sub-32° highs	38 days	34 days
Subzero lows	7 days	7 days

### CHICAGO AIR QUALITY

Tuesday's reading	Good
Wednesday's forecast	Good
Critical pollutant	Particulates

**WEDNESDAY RISE/SET TIMES**

Sun	6:18 a.m.	5:47 p.m.
Moon	6:38 a.m.	5:53 p.m.



### WEDNESDAY PLANET WATCH

PLANET	RISE	SET
Mercury	6:35 a.m.	6:59 p.m.
Venus	4:32 a.m.	2:21 p.m.
Mars	8:28 a.m.	10:43 p.m.
Jupiter	1:40 a.m.	10:57 a.m.
Saturn	3:27 a.m.	12:52 p.m.

**BEST VIEWING TIME** DIRECTION

Mercury	6:30 a.m.	5.5° SE
Venus	5:30 a.m.	9° SE
Mars	7:15 p.m.	37.5° SW
Jupiter	5:15 a.m.	23.5° SSE
Saturn	5:15 a.m.	14° SE

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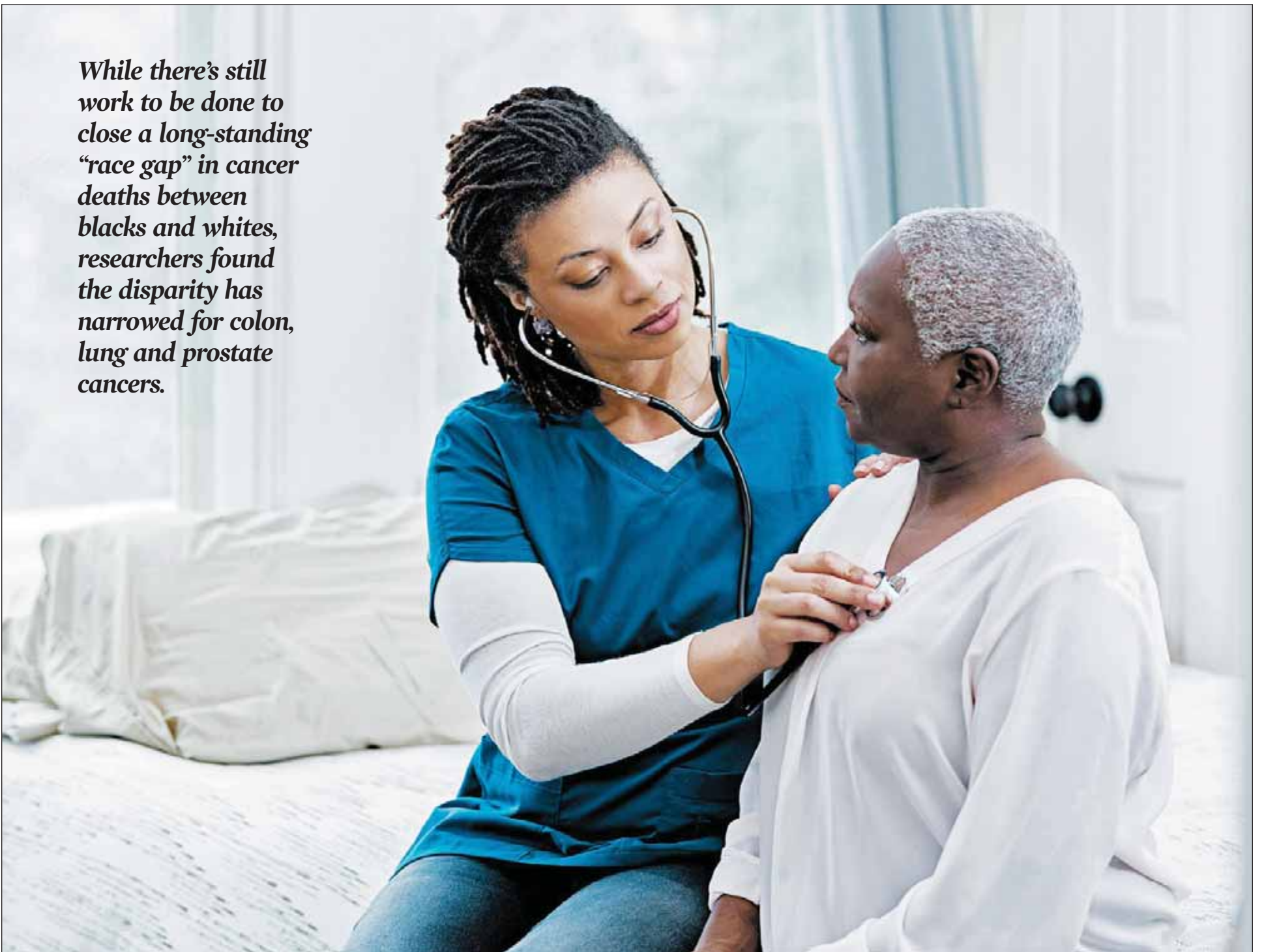
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## HEALTH &amp; FAMILY

While there's still work to be done to close a long-standing "race gap" in cancer deaths between blacks and whites, researchers found the disparity has narrowed for colon, lung and prostate cancers.



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# Cancer 'race gap' closing

But blacks still have the highest cancer fatality rate of any group in the U.S.

HealthDay

A recent report from the American Cancer Society brings good news and bad news for black Americans.

The number of black lives lost to cancer is falling, the report finds, and at a faster rate than observed among whites. That's helping to close a decadeslong "race gap" in cancer deaths between blacks and whites.

"Seeing the substantial progress made over the past several decades in reducing black-white disparities in cancer mortality is incredibly gratifying," said Dr. Len Lichtenfeld, interim chief medical officer at the ACS.

However, even with that improvement, blacks still have the highest cancer death rate of any racial/ethnic group in the United States. That's true for most cancer types, the report found.

In 2019, about 202,260 new

cancer cases and 73,030 cancer deaths are expected to occur among black Americans.

The authors of the new report tracked statistics from three major databases as far back as 1990. In that year, black men had a 47 percent higher risk of dying of cancer compared with white men, and black women had a 19 percent higher risk of such deaths compared with white women.

However, by 2016 those percentages had shrunk to 19 percent and 13 percent, respectively, the ACS found.

The improvement was even greater in men younger than 50 and women 70 and older. In these groups, the black-white disparity in cancer deaths has nearly been eliminated, the ACS team said.

The improvements are largely due to significant declines in three of the four most common cancers, the researchers said.

They found that the black-white

disparity in cancer deaths has narrowed for lung, prostate and colon cancers and has stabilized since 2010 for breast cancer.

One physician who works with prostate cancer patients said he's seen these changes firsthand.

"While we continue to observe higher-grade prostate cancer in African-American men, my anecdotal evidence suggests that we are seeing more screen-detected cancers, at early stages," said Dr. Manish Vira. He helps direct urologic research at Northwell Health's Arthur Smith Institute for Urology in Lake Success, N.Y.

Vira said there has been an "increase in awareness" among all patient groups about the need to get screened early for prostate cancer.

Early detection of cancer typically brings a better chance of survival.

"There has been particular emphasis on improving screening

compliance in high-risk populations," Vira said.

The ACS report found an especially dramatic narrowing of black-white disparities in cancer deaths for certain age groups.

For example, among men ages 40 to 49, the cancer death rate was 102 percent higher in blacks than in whites in 1990-91, but just 17 percent higher in 2015-16.

Among women ages 40 to 49, the overall cancer death disparity between blacks and whites narrowed from 44 percent in 1990-91 to 30 percent in 2015-16.

The report also said that between 2006 and 2015, the overall cancer rate fell faster among black men (2.4 percent per year) than among white men (1.7 percent per year), largely due to bigger declines in lung cancer among black men.

That last trend didn't surprise

Turn to **Cancer, Page 2**

## Glennon! Abby! Jahmal! Julie! It's Lolla for parents!



**HEIDI STEVENS**  
*Balancing Act*

Glennon Doyle, Abby Wambach, Jahmal Cole, Julie Lythcott-Haimes and several more authors/activists/psychologists will gather in Lombard this weekend for a two-day Zen Parenting Conference, the fourth of its kind.

It's the Lollapalooza of parenting, but less mud and fewer ambulances.

The conference is organized by Cathy and Todd Adams, the hosts of Zen Parenting Radio, an 8-year-old podcast about mindfulness and family, rooted largely in the couple's own experiences raising their three daughters.

"One of the things Todd and I tend to say on the show all the time is, 'The best predictor of a child's well-being is a parent's



Glennon Doyle, from left, Abby Wambach, Jahmal Cole and Julie Lythcott-Haimes will be featured at this week's Zen Parenting Conference.

self-understanding," Cathy Adams told me. "We didn't come up with it, that's (psychologist and author) Dan Siegel's line. But that's the core of everything we talk about and everything this convention is about: Parents can actually focus on themselves first and take care of themselves first, and that's what creates healthy parenting."

The conference will open

Friday evening with an address from Todd and Cathy Adams, followed by a panel discussion on "Equality at home: Reimagining partnerships and raising thought leaders." Panelists include family therapist John Duffy and Northwestern University psychology professor Alexandra Solomon.

On Saturday, Doyle and Wambach, who are married and raising three kids together, will

speak after a morning yoga session. Doyle is the best-selling author of "Carry On, Warrior" and "Love Warrior," the latter of which Oprah Winfrey is making into a movie. Wambach is a two-time Olympic gold medalist in soccer, a Women's World Cup champion and author of the upcoming "Wolfpack: How to Come Together, Unleash Our Power, and Change the Game," based on her 2018 commencement speech to Barnard College graduates. Doyle and Wambach have been touring with a rotating cast of speakers on their Together Live tour for the past two years.

After a lunch break, Jahmal Cole, founder of My Block, My Hood, My City, will speak. Cole's organization mentors Chicago students from underserved communities and helps them explore opportunities in the worlds of art, STEM, health, community development and more. Last month his group teamed up with the Chicago Bears for a day of education and activism.

"Screenwise" author Devorah Heitner and "Real American"

author Julie Lythcott-Haimes will speak after Cole.

"The conference says 'parenting' in the name, but it's really about thinking bigger-picture," Cathy Adams said. "What kind of world do you want your kids to grow up in? Who do you want to be? And from that place of self-awareness, what kind of relationship do you want to have with your kids?"

She encourages parents to bring their teenage kids.

"Another thing we say a lot on the show is that kids learn not by listening to what you say, but by watching how you live," Cathy Adams said.

The conference, she hopes, will offer both inspiration and practical guidance.

*The Zen Parenting Conference takes place Friday and Saturday at the Westin Lombard Yorktown Center, 70 Yorktown Center, Lombard. Two-day tickets are \$300 and are available at [zenparentingradio.com/2019conf/](http://zenparentingradio.com/2019conf/). Tickets for teens age 18 and under are \$25.*

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Nearly 3 out of 4 obstetricians and gynecologists had a patient who wanted to end a pregnancy in the past year, yet fewer than 1 in 4 were willing and able to perform one themselves, according to the results of a recent survey. The new survey elicited reactions that underscored the central — and uncomfortable — role that physicians play in the abortion debate.

# OB-GYNs react on abortion

Various factors affect if they provide services

BY MELISSA HEALY  
Los Angeles Times

A survey of U.S. obstetricians and gynecologists has found that while nearly 3 out of 4 had a patient who wanted to end a pregnancy in the past year, fewer than 1 in 4 were willing and able to perform one themselves.

Among the doctors who answered questions about the procedure, 1 in 3 cited personal, religious or moral reasons for not providing abortion services.

But conscientious objections to abortion were hardly the only factor influencing OB-GYNs' decisions. As reported in a study recently published by the journal *Obstetrics & Gynecology*, 19 percent of the specialists who did not provide abortion care despite having patients who wanted it said that practical considerations — specifically, restrictions imposed on their practice settings — made it difficult or impossible for them to do so. And another 16 percent cited the attitudes of office staff

in discouraging them from providing abortions.

OB-GYNs practicing in the Northeast or West were far more likely to offer procedures or drugs to end a pregnancy than were their peers in the South or Midwest, and women doctors were more likely than men to do so. Those practicing in an urban or suburban setting were much more likely to do so than those treating patients in midsize towns, rural areas or communities with a heavy military presence.

The new survey elicited reactions that underscored the central — and uncomfortable — role that physicians play in the abortion debate. In deciding whether and how to meet their patients' medical needs and preferences, the doctors who care for women and deliver their babies are buffeted by state and federal regulations, fear of physical threats and protests, negative judgments by colleagues or neighbors, and their own convictions.

"We have two patients: both the unborn child and the mother," said Dr. Donna Harrison, executive director of the Association of Pro-Life Obstetricians & Gynecologists. "As physi-

cians, we've taken the Hippocratic oath," which commits physicians to "do no harm" to their patients, she said. "So we don't kill our patients."

Dr. Barbara Levy, vice president for health policy at the American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists, countered that many physicians in her specialty, like many Americans, "have different concepts of when an embryo or fetus becomes a viable life."

That, she said, "is a deeply personal decision" that will influence an OB-GYN's decisions about whether and which abortion services to provide.

But Levy stressed that even for those committed to offering patients a full range of safe and legally protected abortion services, "there are barriers in place that have no medical necessity." And on a medical landscape where the lone private-practice doctor is an increasing rarity, she said, the concerns of one's colleagues, employer and institutional allies often dissuade an OB-GYN from providing abortions.

The result is that many patients have limited or no access to services they want or need and are le-

gally entitled to receive, Levy said.

The survey plumbed the attitudes of members of ACOG, a professional society with more than 58,000 members that represents roughly 90 percent of practicing OB-GYNs in the U.S. Researchers reached out to a sample of 1,000 doctors; 655 responded.

The survey reveals that women's health specialists have grown more willing to aid patients intent on ending an unwanted pregnancy. In 2008, the last time ACOG asked its members about abortion, 14 percent said they had performed one in the previous year. That 24 percent said they had done so this time around marks a significant uptick. The poll also suggests that doctors' attitudes may be changing as abortions shift toward earlier pregnancy and increasingly rely on pills rather than procedures that mechanically aspirate or surgically cut a fetus from the uterus.

After years of steady decline, the abortion rate among U.S. women has reached a historic low, according to the National Academies of Sciences, Engineering and Medicine. In 2014, the latest year for

which reliable figures are available, 926,190 abortions were performed legally in the United States. Fully 90 percent were performed in the first trimester, the National Academies found.

That mirrors a rise in so-called medical abortions, which can be performed outside of a hospital or clinic. These procedures involve two drugs — mifepristone (long referred to as RU-486 and known commercially as Mifeprex) and misoprostol — that are taken within 70 days of a woman's last menstrual period. The drugs shut off the flow of hormones necessary to sustain a pregnancy and then prompt contractions to expel the fetus.

The Food and Drug Administration approved their use in 2000 with a stringent "risk management" program that limits their use. The pills can cost as much as \$1,000 per procedure, and not all public or private insurers will cover those costs.

Today, 14 percent of OB-GYNs offer medical abortions, the new survey found. But among OB-GYNs whose patients have asked for an abortion but who do not now offer it, 28

percent said they would offer the drugs if the FDA lifted its most onerous restrictions on their use.

The FDA requires doctors wishing to provide medical abortions to register and agree to a wide range of conditions for dispensing mifepristone. The agency also mandates that mifepristone be stocked and provided in a physician's office rather than prescribed by a doctor, dispensed by a pharmacy, and taken by a woman at home.

At least 17 states have added strictures that go beyond those imposed by the FDA. And at least seven states have made it a criminal act for a woman to "self-induce" abortion by taking the pills.

ACOG, the American Academy of Family Physicians and other medical societies have called the FDA's "risk-management" rules medically unnecessary.

The survey results suggest that the proportion of OB-GYNs offering medical abortions might increase to as high as 31 percent — if the FDA allowed physicians to write prescriptions for mifepristone as they do for most other drugs.

## Cancer

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lung specialist Dr. Len Horowitz, who pointed to recent advances in lung cancer screening.

"Particularly in the diagnosis of lung cancer, the use of low-dose lung CT scans will identify lung cancer in earlier stages, resulting in the possibility of cure or increased survival," said Horowitz, who practices at Lenox Hill Hospital in New York City.

Lichtenfeld said the growing unpopularity of smoking has played a big role, too.

"Progress (against cancer) is driven in large part by drops in the lung cancer death rate driven by more rapid decreases in smoking over the past 40 years in blacks than in whites," he said in an ACS news release. "To continue this progress, we need to expand access to high-quality cancer prevention, early detection, and treatment for all cancers."

Lung cancer remains the leading cause of cancer death among both men (25 percent of deaths) and women (20 percent of deaths), followed by breast cancer in women (18 percent) and prostate cancer in men (15 percent). Colon cancer is expected to be the third-leading cause of

## Aspirin can help prevent colon cancer, but many at risk don't take it

People with colon polyps spotted during screening are at higher risk for colon cancer. But while low-dose aspirin could lower the odds for the disease, too few patients adopt the regimen, new research shows.

The U.S. Preventive Services Task Force recommends health care providers prescribe low-dose aspirin to all patients with advanced polyps unless there are specific medical reasons not to. Aspirin reduces colon cancer risk by 40 percent and helps prevent return of advanced polyps, its guidelines say.

To assess low-dose aspirin use, Florida Atlantic University researchers analyzed interviews with 84 patients who had advanced colon or rectal polyps. Only 43 percent of the patients said they took aspirin.

"These data indicate underutilization of aspirin to prevent colorectal cancer as well as recurrent polyps in these high-risk patients," said senior author Dr. Charles Hennekens, a professor at FAU's Charles E. Schmidt College of Medicine in Boca Raton.

The study was recently published online in the *American Journal of Medicine*.

— HealthDay

cancer death for black men and women.

According to the ACS, cancer death rates peaked in black men and women in the early 1990s and have since declined, with a larger decrease in men, translating into more than 462,000 cancer deaths prevented over the past 25 years.

There was little change in the incidence of cancer among black women, but incidence increased slightly among white women. There were overall declines in lung and colon cancer, and increases

in breast, endometrial and pancreatic cancer.

Prostate cancer is the most common cancer in black men, and breast cancer is the most common cancer in black women, each accounting for nearly one-third of cancers diagnosed in each sex, the report found.

Lung and colon cancers are the second- and third-most-common cancers in both black men and women.

The report was published in February in *CA: A Cancer Journal for Clinicians*.

## Too much TV may up colon cancer odds

HealthDay

Binge-watching series after series might be fun, but too much TV could raise a middle-aged woman's odds for colon cancer, a new study finds.

Reporting in February in *JNCI Cancer Spectrum*, researchers tracked data for more than 89,000 U.S. women enrolled in the Nurses' Health Study.

The investigators found 118 cases of "young-onset" colon cancer — diagnosed under age 50 — occurring over two decades of follow-up.

The study couldn't prove cause and effect. But it found that women who had watched more than an hour of TV a day had a 12 percent increased risk of colorectal cancer, compared with those who spent less time in front of the TV. That number rose to 70 percent for those who watched more than two hours of TV daily, the study authors said.

That trend was seen even after accounting for women's history of colon cancer, exercise habits or weight, according to the research team from Wash-



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A study found a possible link between binge-watching and an increased risk of colon cancer in middle-aged women.

ington University in St. Louis.

The finding suggests that time spent sitting in front of televisions "may be an altogether distinct risk factor for young-onset colorectal cancer," study co-senior author Yin Cao said in a journal news release. She's assistant professor of surgery at the university.

The connection with TV watching was stronger for rectal cancer than for colon cancer, according to the researchers.

Young-onset colorectal cancer is typically more

aggressive and is becoming more common.

One expert unconnected to the study called the new findings "very interesting."

"As young people are spending more time in front of the TV, especially with binge-watching from one of the streaming services, it would be important to make them aware of this additional risk, besides those of obesity and physical inactivity," said Dr. Aaron Harrison. He's chair of internal medicine at Northwell Health's Southside Hospital in Bay Shore, N.Y.



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And Mary, an avid gardener. The Artis staff planted rose bushes outside her bedroom window.



And veteran George, who was welcomed on move-in day by an honor guard, 15 National Guardsmen, and local legislators, who presented him with a special coin.

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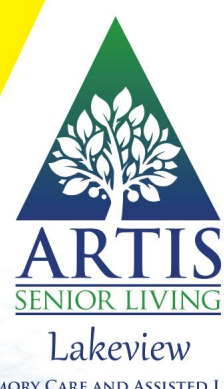
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# Obesity-related cancers are rising in young adults

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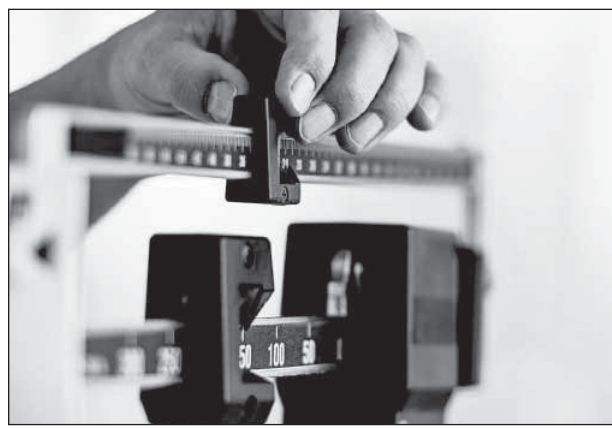
A new study has found that six obesity-related cancers are on the rise in young adults, another sign of the worldwide epidemic of excess weight.

The individual risk of cancer remains small in young adults, and unrecognized factors may also be at play. Still, the study found that for millennials and Generation Z — people in their 30s and even their 20s — incidence rates are rising for endometrial, gallbladder, kidney, multiple myeloma, pancreatic and colorectal cancers, all of which have been linked to obesity.

To put it in perspective, millennials (those born between the early 1980s and mid-1990s) are twice as likely to develop four of those cancers — colorectal, endometrial, pancreatic and gallbladder — as baby boomers (born from 1946 to 1964) were at the same age.

The researchers, from the American Cancer Society and the National Cancer Institute, first reported the increase in colorectal cancer among young adults — a trend that defies an overall steady decline in colon cancer — several years ago. They extended that analysis by using cancer registries to examine age-specific trends over the past two decades for 30 types of cancers, including 12 known to be linked to obesity.

Although the public is generally not aware, scientists have found that cancer can be fueled by the same metabolic abnormalities that occur in obesity and a related disease, diabetes. The abnormalities include resistance to insulin, the hormone that enables cells to absorb blood sugar and turn it into energy, and chronic in-



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flammation.

The new study, published recently in Lancet Public Health, also looked at 18 cancers that are not related to obesity, including malignancies caused by smoking and infections. Only two of these cancers (gastric and leukemia) were increasing in young adults, while the rest were stable or decreasing.

Cancer remains a disease primarily driven by aging. Colon cancer is now diagnosed in about 1 in 100,000 people in their 20s, compared with 50 in 100,000 people in their early 60s. Pancreatic cancer strikes 2 in 100,000 people ages 25 to 49, compared with 37 in 100,000 adults ages 50 to 84.

However, more Americans are being exposed to a carcinogen — namely, excess weight — for most or all of their lives. Between 1980 and 2014, the prevalence of overweight and obesity among children and adolescents grew by 100 percent. More than a third are now overweight, defined as a body mass index of 25 to 29, or obese, defined as a BMI of 30 or more. The prevalence during those years grew by 60 percent among adults, of whom 78 percent are now too heavy, according to federal data.

“The future burden of these cancers could worsen as younger cohorts age,

potentially halting or reversing the progress achieved in reducing cancer mortality over the past several decades,” said senior author Ahmedin Jemal, scientific vice president of surveillance at the American Cancer Society.

That concern was echoed by Pamela Goodwin, an oncologist at Mount Sinai Hospital and a professor at the University of Toronto who has studied the role of diet, weight, and exercise in breast cancer.

“The study provides a cautionary tale — that recent improvements in cancer mortality, reflecting factors such as smoking cessation, early diagnosis, and improved treatment, may not continue,” Goodwin said. “The improvements may actually be reversed by increased rates of obesity-associated cancers in those exposed to obesity in childhood or early adulthood.”

The public health implications are clear, experts said.

“This study, and others like it, just highlight the need to continue to inform people, particularly children and young adults, about the importance of a healthy diet and lifestyle,” said Ryan Dowling, a biochemist at Princess Margaret Cancer Center in Toronto who studies how obesity disrupts metabolism.

## PEOPLE'S PHARMACY PRESCRIPTIONS AND HOME REMEDIES

# Onion syrup an old home remedy for cough, colds

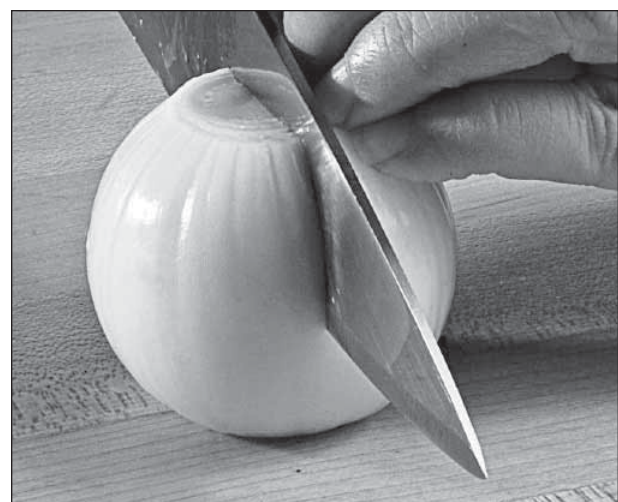
BY JOE GRAEDON  
AND TERESA GRAEDON  
King Features Syndicate

**Q: I read about onion syrup for coughs and colds. How does one prepare this? I have never seen it in a store.**

A: This old home remedy is not difficult to make. One reader described her approach: “When my kids were babies and got croup, I made onion syrup on the stove. I cut a few onions in half and covered them with water. First I’d bring it to a boil, then simmer the mixture real low and slow with enough water just to cover for a couple of hours. The onions would get soft and the cooking water would be syrupy. I’d sweeten it with a little sugar or honey, depending on the child’s age. Nothing worked better.” Another reader offered this: “I really believe in the onion syrup. When my daughter was a baby, she had colic and was coughing all the time. A friend of mine sliced an onion, sprinkled sugar all over the cut edges, and waited about 30 minutes until the juice began to collect. Then we gave the baby a teaspoon, with instant success. We continued to give it to her, and she slept well.”

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by 7 to 12 percent (Nutrients, Sept. 7, 2018).

**Q: My neurologist recommended alpha-lipoic acid for numbness in my feet, and it helps some. However, walking the dogs around the pond in the cool mornings means I start out the day wearing my hiking boots, and that seems to help the neuropathy even more. This seems more than a little weird to me, but the comfort is welcome. I already own boots, so I didn't have to spend money. At 74 years of age, neuropathy's effects on my balance are not trivial.**

A: We’re glad the hiking boots are helpful. You also might want to consider the synthetic B vitamin benfotiamine in addition to alpha-lipoic acid. It has been shown helpful against diabetic neuropathy (Minerva Medica, October 2017). There hasn’t been much research on this combination to treat nerve pain and numbness not due to diabetes.

Although this is only an anecdote, one reader wrote: “I know that benfotiamine with alpha-lipoic acid can eliminate neuropathy. I had it so bad in my

feet that it felt like I was walking on the sharp part of a huge spike! I have been taking both of these for years now and have not had one pain. I could not walk without them.”

**Q: I had a deep cut on my finger and the blood was pulsing out. I grabbed the black pepper, poured it on the cut, and the bleeding stopped immediately. I left the cluster of black pepper on the cut. The cut sealed shut and was healed in two days. Thanks for writing about this remedy.**

A: We always encourage anyone with a serious cut to apply pressure and seek immediate medical attention. That said, you are not the first person to report that applying ground black pepper can sometimes be an effective way to stop bleeding. To read about other simple approaches for common ailments including cuts and bruises, you may find our book “Quick & Handy Home Remedies” of interest.

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# Breast surgeons seek more genetic exams

Group calls for all cancer patients to be offered testing

BY LAURIE MCGINLEY  
The Washington Post

The nation's breast surgeons are advising that all patients diagnosed with breast cancer be offered genetic testing to check for inherited mutations, fueling an intense debate about how such tests should be used to prevent and treat disease.

The American Society of Breast Surgeons, which sent its recommendations in February to its 3,400 members, said it developed the recommendation because current guidelines are too restrictive. "Too many patients develop cancers that might have been prevented or found earlier if genetic testing had been performed," said Walter Taylor, a Texas breast surgeon who is president of the group.

In an interview, Taylor noted that the consensus statement says the tests "should be made available to all patients diagnosed with breast cancer," but he added that "in our minds, that means offered." He said the group, in its choice of language, was trying to avoid being overly confrontational with the nation's premier guideline-setting group: the National Comprehensive Cancer Network, an alliance of leading cancer centers whose authoritative recommendations are followed closely by physicians and insurers. The NCCN endorses testing for inherited mutations for patients of certain ages and who have a family history of the disease but does not endorse universal testing for breast cancer patients.

Mary Daly — a geneticist at Fox Chase Cancer Center in Philadelphia who leads the panel that writes the NCCN guidelines for hereditary breast cancer — called the surgeons' recommendation interesting. But she added that many of the



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More than 266,000 new cases of invasive breast cancer are diagnosed in the U.S. yearly. Under the American Society of Breast Surgeons' recommendation, those patients would be offered genetic testing to check for inherited mutations, as would family members whose relatives test positive.

new inherited mutations being discovered so far are not "actionable." That means they aren't implicated in breast cancer, or it isn't clear how much they raise the risk of the disease and whether it warrants any change in treatment, Daly said.

She said figuring out what to do with newly found abnormalities is difficult. "We agonize over that question every year," she said, adding that the NCCN committee will meet in April and discuss the surgeons' recommendation.

More than 266,000 new cases of invasive breast cancer are diagnosed in the U.S. every year. Under the surgeons' recommendation, almost all those patients would be tested, as would family members whose relatives discover they have mutations, said Taylor. It's not clear how many people are being tested now, but experts said it is far less

than what the recommendation contemplates. About 40,000 patients die of breast cancer annually.

Genetic tests that once cost thousands of dollars are now much cheaper. Some cost in the hundreds of dollars, depending on how many genes they test.

The best-known breast cancer mutations — or pathogenic variants, as many experts call them now — involve BRCA1 and BRCA2, whose roles in the disease have been recognized for decades. Defects in these tumor suppressor genes sharply increase a patient's risk of developing breast cancer. Faced with that, some women undergo more-intensive cancer screening, while others, including actress Angelina Jolie, have their breasts removed as a preventive measure.

The surgeons' recommendation got mixed reviews from oncologists and

surgeons.

Otis Brawley, a former chief medical and scientific officer of the American Cancer Society, was skeptical.

"Whether such an increase in screening would save lives is really an unknown," said Brawley, an oncology professor at Johns Hopkins. "It is known it will increase costs. And it's pretty assumable that it will increase the number of women who will get prophylactic surgery."

But Deanna Attai, a breast surgeon at UCLA and a former president of the breast surgeons' group, said broader testing could give doctors and patients valuable information. Some recent studies, she said, suggest "we are missing a decent percentage of genetic mutation carriers and we are potentially undertreating them and not identifying family members" who might also be carriers and

at higher risk for cancer.

A major impetus behind the surgeons' recommendation came from a study published late last year in the *Journal of Clinical Oncology*. The study covered patients who were previously or newly diagnosed with breast cancer but had not had genetic testing. Of the 959 participants, 8.65 percent had inherited genetic defects, the study showed. Of the patients who met the NCCN guidelines for testing, 9.39 percent had at least one abnormality, while the rate was 7.9 percent for those who did not meet the guidelines for testing. The difference between the two groups was not statistically significant, said Peter Bietsch, a Dallas surgeon and the lead author of the paper. Investigators used an 80-gene panel test, but Bietsch said a smaller panel could be used.

Claudine Isaacs, an on-

colist at the Lombardi Comprehensive Cancer Center at Georgetown University, was cautious about the recommendation, saying, "I think it's opening up a conversation that we all need to be having."

But she noted that any genetic test needs to be carefully interpreted — in part because it's likely to turn up what are called "variants of unknown significance." In most cases, such abnormalities are harmless, she said, but some people might get overtreated. "You would not want to get bilateral mastectomies for that," she said.

Still, Isaacs said, more genetic testing of some sort is on the way. "I do think that broader testing will become the standard of care at some point," she said. "We have to develop some kind of system to provide for that and for the right interpretation."



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— Phil Vettel, Tribune food critic

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Chef Chris "CJ" Jacobson's *Aba* opened in June in the Fulton Market District and was the hottest place in town all summer long.

### BEST NEW RESTAURANT

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I could have predicted this one. *Aba*, the sequel to *Ema* in River North (the names mean "father" and "mother," respectively, in Hebrew), opened in June in the Fulton Market District and was the hottest place in town all summer long. Even now, people crowd in

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## Try Instant Pot for St. Pat's

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Dinner at Home

When the kids were young, a pressure cooker allowed me to get dinner on the table in quick order. They'd pull up little chairs and

watch as the shiny pot rattled, sizzled and hissed on the stove. Opening the pot called for oohs and aahs. Soon tender stews, brothy soups and hearty chili graced the family table.

Truth be told, I was always a little nervous as the hot pressure rendered beef and pork into tender bits. Family stories of mashed potatoes plastered on the ceiling (when the pot was opened before the pressure dropped) didn't ease my mind. When the seal on the

pot cracked, I pitched the whole thing.

This year a 6-quart Instant Pot joined the family. This multipurpose electric appliance proves far easier to use than my old stovetop pressure cooker. It also could replace my rice cooker and my slow cooker, but it's the tenderizing qualities of cooking under pressure that interest me. Suddenly, the relatively inexpensive,

Turn to *Instant*, Page 6



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# Readers pick their favorites

## BEST OLD-SCHOOL RESTAURANT

### Manny's Cafeteria & Delicatessen, 452 votes

This was like the recent Chicago mayoral election with dozens of candidates, except all our old-school restaurants have remained honest to generations of constituents. In a competitive race, Manny's Cafeteria & Delicatessen, established in 1942, won over Green Door Tavern and The Village at Italian Village (both open since the 1920s) and other worthy contenders. The Jewish-style deli in the South Loop neighborhood serves up European comfort food on a cafeteria line and happens to be a favorite politician hangout. Best known for corned beef, the house recipe brisket is usually sliced thin and piled high on rye bread by Gino Gambarota, who will celebrate 36 years behind the counter this March. A tip from fourth-generation owner and operator Dan Raskin, who thoughtfully restored and expanded the restaurant a few years ago to serve generations to come: Order it fatty if you can. 1141 S. Jefferson St., 312-939-2855, [mannysdeli.com](http://mannysdeli.com) — Louisa Chu

## BEST NEW COCKTAIL BAR

### Bar Sotano, 326 votes

In a photo finish, Lanie Bayless' imaginative mix of high-concept cocktails and modern-Mexican bar food edged Matthias Merges' vintage-liquor bar Mordecai Whiskey & Grill. How close was the voting? The two were separated by fewer votes than I have fingers — on one hand. In a race this tight, one has to acknowledge Mordecai's superb whiskey selection and excellent food (best dining in Wrigleyville, says me), but the glory belongs to Sotano, where drinks are based on Mexican fruits, medicinal herbs or other provocative inspirations ("Provocative Inspirations" is actually a menu heading here). The food, from simple and not-so-simple street food (oyster tacos, anyone?) to sturdy entrees such as Mexican paella, will tempt you to spend the whole night here. Add the mysterious alley entrance and the intimate, way-cool basement space, and Bar Sotano is pretty much irresistible. 443 N. Clark St., 312-391-5857, [rickbayless.com](http://rickbayless.com) — Phil Vettel

## BEST SANDWICHES

### Schmaltz Deli, 436 votes

We live in a time and place with an embarrassment of riches, if you count your bounty in sandwiches as I do. In another tough vote, Schmaltz Deli won big this year with J.P. Graziano, Steingold's, Tempesta Market and Jibaritos y Mas all vying for the title. The Jewish-style deli, opened 15 years ago in Naperville by Culinary Institute of America graduate and former Four Seasons chef Howard Bender, is best known for its overstuffed sandwiches. Start with the Wall Street, a warm corned beef sandwich with mustard on seeded rye bread, plus half-sour pickles and bagel chips. If you're feeling particularly peckish, add chopped liver too, while channeling your inner *bubbe*: "Just look at you! You're skin and bones! Sit down and eat something!" 1512 N. Naper Blvd., Naperville, 630-245-7595; [schmaltzdeli.com](http://schmaltzdeli.com) — Louisa Chu

## BEST KOREAN

### San Soo Gab San, 256 votes

In a blazing hot race, only 35 votes split the top two contenders for best Korean restaurant. San Soo Gab San won with 256 votes, but Joong Boo Market in Chicago was so close with 221. Nominees Cho Sun Ok, En Hakkore and Ssyal are serving fine food from the East Asian peninsula too. The restaurant, open since 1993 in the Bowmanville neighborhood, is the oldest tabletop charcoal-fire Korean barbecue in the city. You will be wondrously overwhelmed with customary complimentary banchan (small side dishes) even before you order any galbi (marinated beef short ribs) or jjukkumi gui (small spicy octopus). Yes, you can take home leftovers, even your banchan. Your servers will advise you to pack them according to color. 5247 N. Western Ave., 773-334-1589, [ssgsbbq.com](http://ssgsbbq.com) — Louisa Chu

## BEST MEXICAN

### Mi Tocaya Antojeria, 425 votes

This one wasn't remotely close. Another 30 votes, and Diana Davila's Logan Square restaurant would have outpolled its four competitors combined. (Carnitas Uruapan gets the distant-second-place honor.) Clearly, Chicago diners are as passionate about Mi Tocaya as Davila is passionate about food. She embraces tradition while crafting unique bites that are transportation. (I'm thinking specifically of her peanut butter y lengua creation, which is positively inspired.) Davila has spent the last 18 months or so gathering accolades like so much farmers-market produce; Mi Tocaya's runaway readers' choice win is as unsurprising as it is well-deserved. 2800 N. Logan Blvd., 872-315-3947, [mitocaya.com](http://mitocaya.com) — Phil Vettel

## BEST CHINESE

### Sun Wah BBQ, 341 votes

Chubby roasted ducks glittering with fat



BANG BANG PIE & BISCUITS

Bang Bang Pie & Biscuit was voted most Instagrammable.



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Chicagoans are as passionate about Mi Tocaya as Diana Davila is passionate about food.



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Cindy's Rooftop offers sweeping views of our lovely lake and lush Millennium Park.



TERRENCE ANTONIO JAMES/CHICAGO TRIBUNE

Elske's quiet aesthetic provides the perfect setting for date night.

and slabs of ruby red barbecue pork swing gently from metal hooks in the window of this Uptown staple. Each time the door opens, a gust of warm, savory spices knocks your olfactory senses over. People come here for the duck dinner. It's quite the performance — a whole duck's crispy skin and juicy meat are expertly shaved off tableside while pillow, steamed lotus leaf buns await with small dishes of vegetables and rich plum sauce. Your server will also bring a duck soup and a duck fried rice. But if this feast is not enough, the restaurant also has an extensive list of Hong Kong dishes, like savory stir-fried eggplant stuffed with bouncy shrimp, smoky beef chow fun and comforting tofu casseroles. 5039 N. Broadway, 773-769-1254, [sunwahbbq.com](http://sunwahbbq.com) — Grace Wong

## BEST FOOD COURT

### Revival Food Hall, 649 votes

From the moment Revival Food Hall opened in the Loop, it has been packed. That's because the owners made a concerted effort to bring in some of the best restaurateurs in Chicago. No food hall currently open in Chicago can touch it. Not only is there barbecue, there's some of the finest smoked meat around from Smoque BBQ. The absolute best sandwiches in the Loop can be found at Danke, from the folks behind Table, Donkey and Stick. And if you're in the need for some bagels or cookies, it's hard to think of stumbling onto a better find than Mindy Segal's Hot Chocolate Bakery. 125 S. Clark St., 773-999-9411, [www.revivalfoodhall.com](http://www.revivalfoodhall.com) — Nick Kindelsperger

## BEST TAPROOM

### Revolution Brewing (Kedzie Avenue location), 309 votes

When the brewpub was born in 2010 in Logan Square, Revolution Brewing founder Josh Deth was forthright about his goal: to become one of Chicago's iconic breweries — if not the iconic brewery. The goal,



ALEX GARCIA/CHICAGO TRIBUNE

Revolution Brewing has the best taproom.

he has said, was only amplified a year later when the city's longtime stalwart, Goose Island, sold to mighty Anheuser-Busch. It appears Revolution has indeed climbed the mountain: Its Kedzie Avenue brewery bested four competitors — including Goose Island — to be named Chicago's best taproom. Revolution has succeeded on a number of fronts, including its deft approach to India pale ales, a constant churn of innovation and the hardcore fandom stirred by its embrace of barrel-aged beers. After nearly 10 years and countless quality beers, voters have affirmed that Revolution's revolution is on. 3340 N. Kedzie Ave., 773-588-2267; [revbrew.com](http://revbrew.com) — Josh Noel

## BEST COFFEE ROASTER

### Dark Matter, 446 votes

Chicago loves Dark Matter, obviously. The coffee roaster has been among the city's most well-known bean producers for years, even while Dark Matter has evolved into perhaps the most experimental roaster in Chicago. It has honed a trio of techniques — barrel-aging, cask-conditioning and yeast fermentation — to infuse its beans with unsurpassed flavors in a variety of ways, including limited monthly blends. And don't be fooled by the name: Most of Dark Matter's roasts only go as deep as a

medium roast — even its Unicorn Blood espresso blend offers brighter, less-roasty notes than average peers. Outside the mug, Dark Matter also puts itself out there. Names like "Get the F--- out of Bed" and "Sip of Hope: It's OK Not to Be OK" draw you in like a friend, and the roaster regularly works to host and promote the Chicago arts community with locally designed coffee bags, live events and more. "Mother-ship" location: 738 N. Western Ave., 773-697-8472, [darkmattercoffee.com](http://darkmattercoffee.com) — Adam Lukach

## BEST FROZEN TREAT

### Original Rainbow Cone, 375 votes

With five colorful layers of ice cream and sherbet piled high on a wafer-style ice cream cone, it's no wonder the Original Rainbow Cone has a loyal base of fans. This Instagrammable sweet treat is based out of a bright pink shop in Beverly and has served generations of Chicagoans. The family-owned ice cream shop is also serving up a rainbow cone cake — a single layer cake with the same chocolate, strawberry, Palmer House (New York vanilla with cherries and walnuts), pistachio ice cream and orange cream sherbet that you'd find stacked in slices on the cone. In the summer, the shop doles out cones on Navy Pier's South Dock, but if you go to the original location, they're available year-round. 9233 S. Western Ave., 773-238-9833, [rainbowcone.com](http://rainbowcone.com) — Grace Wong

## BEST AIRPORT FOOD

### Tortas Frontera, 655 votes

While O'Hare and Midway have both seriously upgraded their restaurant options in the past few years, Tortas Frontera still handily won this category. In fact, it garnered more votes than any restaurant in this whole feature. It's easy to understand why. Doesn't matter if you're visiting in the morning to pick up an egg torta and a fresh-squeezed orange juice, or grabbing a chipotle chicken torta and a lime agua fresca for dinner after a long flight, the food is always freshly prepared and vibrantly flavored. That helps to explain why visiting Tortas Frontera has become something of a ritual for many flying to and from Chicago. O'Hare International Airport, 1000 Bessie Coleman Drive, Terminal 1, Gate B11; Terminal 3, Gate K4; Terminal 5, Gate M12, [rickbayless.com](http://rickbayless.com) — Nick Kindelsperger

## BEST DATE SPOT

### Elske, 198 votes

You won't find any tiny round tables draped in deep-hued tablecloths and topped with a rose-in-vase at Elske, and the romantic atmosphere of the Danish restaurant is better for that. Elske blooms in its simplicity. Its quiet yet pronounced aesthetic eschews extra frills or filler — tangible or not — the way the right conversation does on a date. The soft lighting is perfect, especially at night, when the floor-to-ceiling windowed walls offer a beautiful, city-lit backdrop. The off-white paneling with simple wooden borders feels both modern and timeless, and small touches of color and greenery cozy up the interior space. A semi-open kitchen and central service hub for staff cultivate a centerpiece for the room without stymying the chance for conversation, which, in theory, should be an important part of any date. Consider, also, Elske's outdoor patio with a fireplace and its Michelin-starred food, and it's a lovely location for a proper date. 1350 W. Randolph St., 312-733-1314, [elskerestaurant.com](http://elskerestaurant.com) — Adam Lukach

## BEST VIEWS

### Cindy's, 639 votes

Chicagoans are wild about their rooftop spots. But there's no better place to eat, drink and take in sweeping views of our impossibly blue lake and lush Millennium Park than Cindy's Rooftop. While many rooftop restaurants are uninhabitable in the wintertime, Cindy's has giant fireplaces for you to cozy up around and warm drinks to warm your fingertips. Order a craft cocktail — with or without alcohol — and take it to the patio, or maybe even settle in for some seasonal bites. For people who work in the Loop, it's the perfect meeting place for after-work drinks, and if you're showing out-of-towners around, it's an impressive way to show off the city from this vantage point. While it can be miserably packed during peak hours (pro tip: avoid it on the weekends), it provides an intimate escape from the bustle of the city below. 12 S. Michigan Ave., 312-792-3502, [cindysrooftop.com](http://cindysrooftop.com) — Grace Wong

## MOST INSTAGRAMMABLE

### Bang Bang Pie & Biscuits, 453 votes

Biscuits might not seem like the most Instagrammable of foods, but that's probably because you've never experienced one from Bang Bang. This shop serves towering biscuits, with gorgeously golden brown crusts. Order one plain, and you'll get a side of shockingly purple jelly. But where things get really interesting, and more photogenic, is when you get a biscuit sandwich, which features ingredients like avocado, sausage or bacon. As you can tell by the name, you'll also find pie here, and each one is precisely decorated. Perhaps that explains why Bang Bang had nearly twice as many votes as the second-place finisher. 2051 N. California Ave., 773-276-8888 and 4947 N. Damen Ave., 773-530-9020, [bangbangpie.com](http://bangbangpie.com) — Nick Kindelsperger

# Price of Napa's celebrated reds soaring

BY DAVE MCINTYRE  
The Washington Post

Six glasses stood arrayed in an arc on the place mat, offering me tastes of Napa Valley's past, present and future. At the head of the room, one of California's most celebrated winemakers waved at a PowerPoint presentation with photos and maps of Beckstoffer To Kalon, Napa Valley's most storied vineyard, and another in Coombsville, the valley's newest and most buzzworthy official appellation.

This was a wine nerd's dream, even with the PowerPoint: A chance to meet Paul Hobbs and taste his Napa Valley cabernet sauvignon from the 1998 and 1999 vintages. The other four wines were loftier: Two vintages each of single-vineyard cabernets from Beckstoffer To Kalon and the Nathan Coombs Estate. Just over a dozen members of the trade — sommeliers, retailers and writers — sat around the long table in the basement room of the Old Ebbitt Grill in Washington, oblivious to the lunchtime crowd of tourists and lobbyists above us. For 90 minutes, we were, in effect, in Napa Valley.

We swirled, sipped and spat (mostly) while Hobbs described his career, which has paralleled much of California's modern wine era. He started in 1977 as an intern at Robert Mondavi Winery and became one of the original "flying winemaker" consultants, making wine in Argentina, Armenia and, more recently, the Finger Lakes in New York. Yet as he discussed the climate and soils of Napa, I found my thoughts increasingly pulled back home. I couldn't relate to the discussion, because I knew what the wines cost.

The current release of the Paul Hobbs Napa Valley Cabernet Sauvignon, a valleywide bottling meant as an introduction to his



CHRIS LESCHINSKY PHOTO

The Nathan Coombs Estate Vineyard in Coombsville, Calif., is Napa Valley's newest subregion. Winemaker Paul Hobbs' latest high-end Napa cabernet sauvignon goes for about \$400 per bottle, and other cabernet sauvignon from the region is even more expensive.

signature wines, averages \$120 a bottle on Wine-Searcher.com. The Coombsville is \$400, while the Beckstoffer To Kalon, fueled by the vineyard's history and the reputation of its owner, Andy Beckstoffer, costs a whopping \$500 per bottle. (Hobbs' second label, CrossBarn, includes a Napa Valley cab around \$50.)

Hobbs acknowledged the conundrum of price.

"It's really a shame that the market dynamics have driven the price of fruit, and of the wine, out of reach," Hobbs said. Napa Valley has run out of land suitable for vines, which drives the price of existing vineyards higher. Any new billionaires

seeking to live the vintner's dream will pay an average of about \$300,000 for a single acre of planted vineyard. New plantings have to be "net zero," meaning an equal number of acres have to be ripped out. And developing a new vineyard often means leveling mountain-side forests and rejiggering the slopes. That's an expensive and controversial proposition, requiring heavy investment in equipment, labor and lawyers.

Napa cabernet sauvignon is a wine for the 1 percent. It's not meant for the rest of us. It's a trophy for the rich, something to be flaunted as much as enjoyed.

Don't get me wrong. I love Napa cabernet. It was

the first wine I fell for back in the 1980s, when \$25 a bottle seemed exorbitant. My inner geek does somersaults at the prospect of sussing out the nuances of a Stags Leap District cab vs. one from Coombsville. My weary soul loves being wrapped in the plush velvet of an Oakville, while my mind races with the stimulation of Spring Mountain. There are 16 demarcated American Viticultural Areas within Napa County, each with its own story to tell. But I can't afford them.

Hobbs quoted an industry rule of thumb that the price of a bottle of wine should be the price of a ton of grapes divided by 100. He said he pays \$50,000 for a

ton of Andy Beckstoffer's cabernet from To Kalon, thus the \$500 price for the bottle. According to the 2017 California Grape Crush Report, the average price for a ton of Napa Valley cabernet grapes was just over \$7,500, meaning the average bottle price would be \$75. (In contrast, the statewide price for cab averaged \$1,552, or about \$16 per bottle, given rounding error.)

Yes, some larger, older companies such as Robert Mondavi Winery (now owned by Constellation Brands) produce reliable Napa cabernet around \$30 a bottle, and they make enough that it's easy to find. Many more fall under that

\$75 average, but even at \$40 or \$50, they are still expensive special occasion wines. The most elevated ones, like any from To Kalon vineyard, are made in small quantities, and anyone who wants them better have deep pockets.

There is a market for them, of course. "International buyers seem to recognize To Kalon as Napa Valley's best vineyard," Hobbs said. "It wasn't that way 20 years ago."

Then he sighed and said, "If it weren't for the tariffs, I could sell a lot of To Kalon to the Chinese, because they know it."

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# Barrel aging an art, science

Old-school approach has been around for decades

BY M. CARRIE ALLAN  
The Washington Post

Carried to this distillery by a hybrid vehicle, having mapped my way here via satellite technology, and holding a device on which I can access vast stores of the world's wisdom and idiocy, I find myself considering the humble wooden barrel, a piece of old-school tech that's been connecting the world for centuries.

Barrels tower overhead in the storage area of One Eight Distilling in Washington. Most of them are new white oak, but others are darker with age and use, each labeled to denote what liquid — sherry, muscat wine, rum — it used to hold. What's quietly happening here and at distilleries around the world is the aging of spirits. For a harsh corn whiskey caterpillar to become a caramelly bourbon butterfly, it has to metamorphose by cocooning up in wood.

The technique likely started by accident. For centuries, the wooden barrel was a chief means for moving goods over distances. Well before forklifts, it allowed people to move massive weights by rolling the barrels, container and wheel all in one.

It's unclear exactly when people began charring barrel interiors, but they probably did it to get rid of flavors from whatever the barrel last held. At some point, they noticed that wines at the end of their journey tasted better than at the beginning.

Centuries later, barrel aging is an art and a science that wine and spirits makers invest money and time into getting right. The influence of wood is even stronger in spirits, whose higher proof makes them extract more of the botanicals they rub up against. Estimates vary, but anywhere from 40 to 70 percent of the flavor of an aged spirit is thought to come from the wood.

Globally, several species of European and American white oak remain the preferred material. "They're able to breathe, so oxygen can pass in and out of the barrel — which is a key component of maturation — and they taste good," says Jason Stout, vice president of marketing and business development at Independent Stave, an international cooperage company



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Species of European and American white oak are the preferred choice of material for barrel-aged spirits.



TADD MYERS/INDEPENDENT STAVE

Different degrees of charring are used in the creation of spirits and wine. Experts estimate at least 40 percent of the flavor of an aged spirit is derived from the wood.

founded in 1912 and headquartered in Missouri.

The main difference between a barrel the company would create for, say, a bourbon and one for wine is that a bourbon barrel will be charred inside rather than gently toasted.

What happens to a spirit during its years in a barrel is multifold: Unappealing flavors get filtered out by that layer of char. New flavors get put in as the alcohol penetrates into the so-called red layer underneath the char and extracts its chemical components. As temperature and humidity levels change

around the porous barrel, it "breathes," causing evaporation and oxidation inside: Some of the liquid disappears into thin air while the spirit is maturing (the fabled "angel's share"), but the interaction between wood, spirit and air also affects the development of flavors.

"Wood is made of certain building blocks ... and heat transforms those big building blocks into smaller compounds that are then extracted," Stout says. Understanding how to get those flavors out is part of the cooper's art. You might be trying to get at, for

example, an aldehyde called vanillin. "How do we toast that barrel in order to ... get the maximum amount of vanillin?" Stout says. "Or how do we create a little bit of that sweet smoke character, without going a little too far and starting to get into that kind of burnt smoke character?"

Distillers can do plenty of experimenting, but what they can release under particular designations is another story. In the immortal words of Walter Sobchak, there are rules, man. American "straight bourbon whiskey," for

## Bottles to try

- Avua Cachaca's native wood aged bottles.
- Westland Garryana
- Glendalough's 13-year-old Single Malt Irish Whiskey and 13-year-old Mizunara Cask Finish
- Compass Box Spice Tree
- Glenmorangie's Discovery Set/Sampler Pack
- St. George Spirits Baller Whiskey
- Virginia Distillery's Cask Finished Virginia-Highland Whiskeys
- Amrut Naarangi Single Malt
- Foursquare Rum's Premise
- Copper & Kings' brandy Craftwerk series

example, must be stored in charred new oak containers for no less than two years. Irish whiskey regulations specify the length of time in barrel, but not the type of wood. Cognac regulations specify the type of oak and the time the spirit must stay in it.

What a spirit will glean from a barrel isn't always just from wood. Remember those darker, used barrels in the One Eight warehouse? A spirit that goes into a barrel that previously held something else will get less from the wood (the first liquid has already sucked some of those flavors out), but will get flavor from the previous contents.

This is one of many differences between bourbon and Scotch: Where bourbon has to be aged in new charred oak, the Scots generally reuse barrels that have held wine or other spirits, so the wood typically has a more subtle impact.

Even with so much now known about what happens to spirits during the aging process, so much science behind it, some of the pleasure is in the remaining mysteries.

"We did a collaborative whiskey with the Whiskey Library," says One Eight CEO and co-founder Sandy Wood. "It's just two small rye barrels. Same mash, same distillation, they were kept side by side and have been for two years. And they are very different both in proof and flavor. It's all about the differences in the oak."

Whatever you love in aged spirits — the creativity and surprises that come out of craft barrels, the iconic bottlings from famous distillers, the cocktails you can make from them — wood is part of the pleasure. Consider it one more reason to hug a tree.

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## DRINK

# Baltimore Spirits taps history, innovation in every bottle

BY LISA FUTTERMAN  
Chicago Tribune

I recently had drinks with Max Lents, of the Baltimore Spirits Co., to taste through his innovative lineup of spirits that the distillery is rolling out around the country. First Max ordered us a Negroni made from his Shot Tower Gin, replacing the traditional Campari with his Szechuan amaro. It sipped floral and aromatic, with barely a hint of the peppercorn sharpness I expected. Next we tried an up-drink of Fumus Pumila, his smoked apple brandy, with lime and orange liqueur.

Said Lents, "This one straddles the line between daiquiri and margarita" — it showed off the mezcals' qualities and deep fruitiness of the unique spirit. I was all-in.

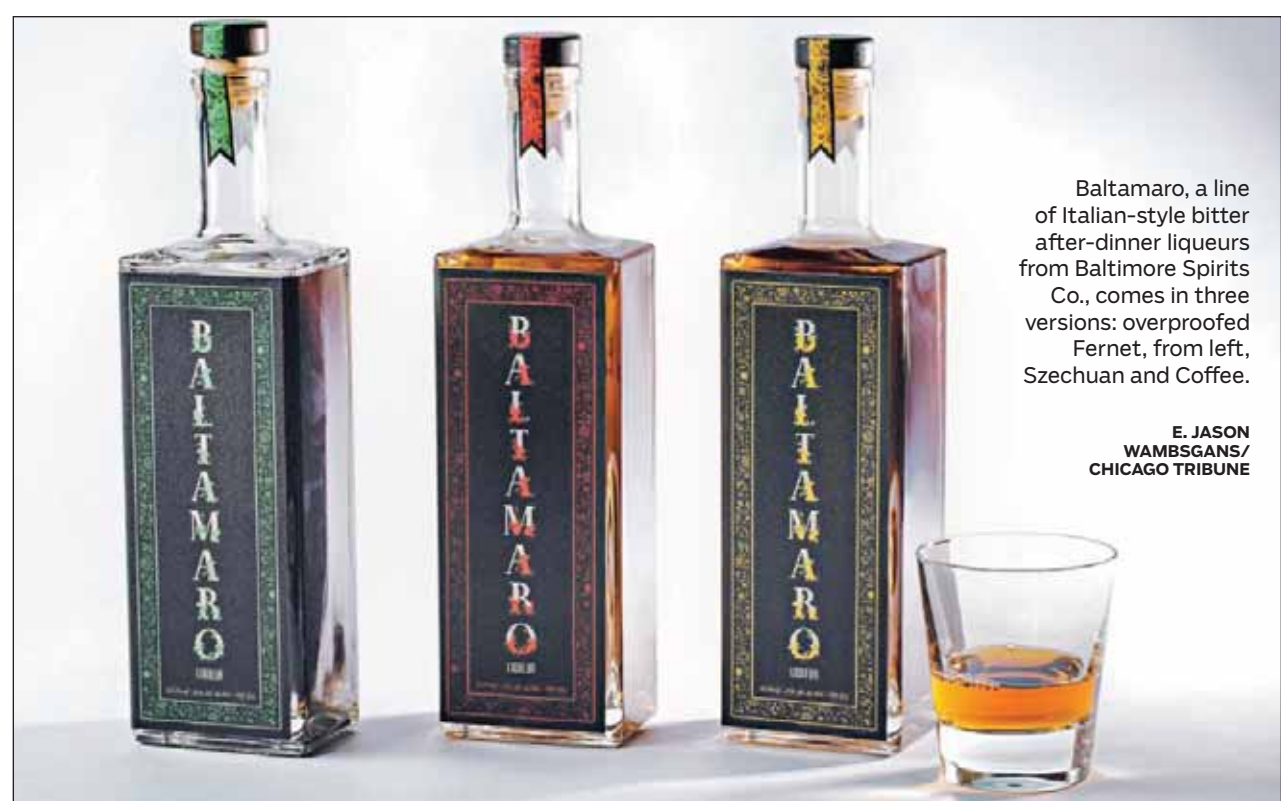
Lents launched the distillery with his old friends Eli Breitburg-Smith and Ian Newton in 2014, when the craft distillery scene in Maryland was pretty barren. They started with the aforementioned gin, playing around in a 10-liter moonshining still in Max's kitchen. The result shows a floral style with a delicate, green tea finish at a forceful

100 proof.

"We make Shot Tower with a compacted proof designed to open up in cocktails — which also ups its value in the bottle," Lents explains. After hitting the gin profile they wanted, the team created a nine-month "barrel rested" version that zaps those delicate flower notes and brings out the typical vanilla flavors found in oak-aged spirits.

Next they set out to conquer amari, the Italian bitter after-dinner liqueurs, eventually landing on three variations of Baltamaro that create a handsome set. Overproofed Fernet (Volume 1), made with rhubarb root, is the most herbal, Alpine version, with a bracing eucalyptus flavor and a whiskeylike finish. The Szechuan (Volume 2) grew from playing with a three peppercorn liqueur — the Szechuan berry shows its citrusy side with caramel notes and heat at the end. The dark aspect of coffee comes out in Volume 3, rich with citrus peel, star anise and cascara, the husk of the coffee berry.

All of these hip Baltimore Spirits creations are fashioned in a time-honored style. "We use low-



Baltamaro, a line of Italian-style bitter after-dinner liqueurs from Baltimore Spirits Co., comes in three versions: overproofed Fernet, from left, Szechuan and Coffee.

E. JASON WAMBSGANS/CHICAGO TRIBUNE

rectification copper pot stills and open-topped wooden vat fermentation," Lents says. Though the pot stills are "slow and inefficient," they create the best result, he says.

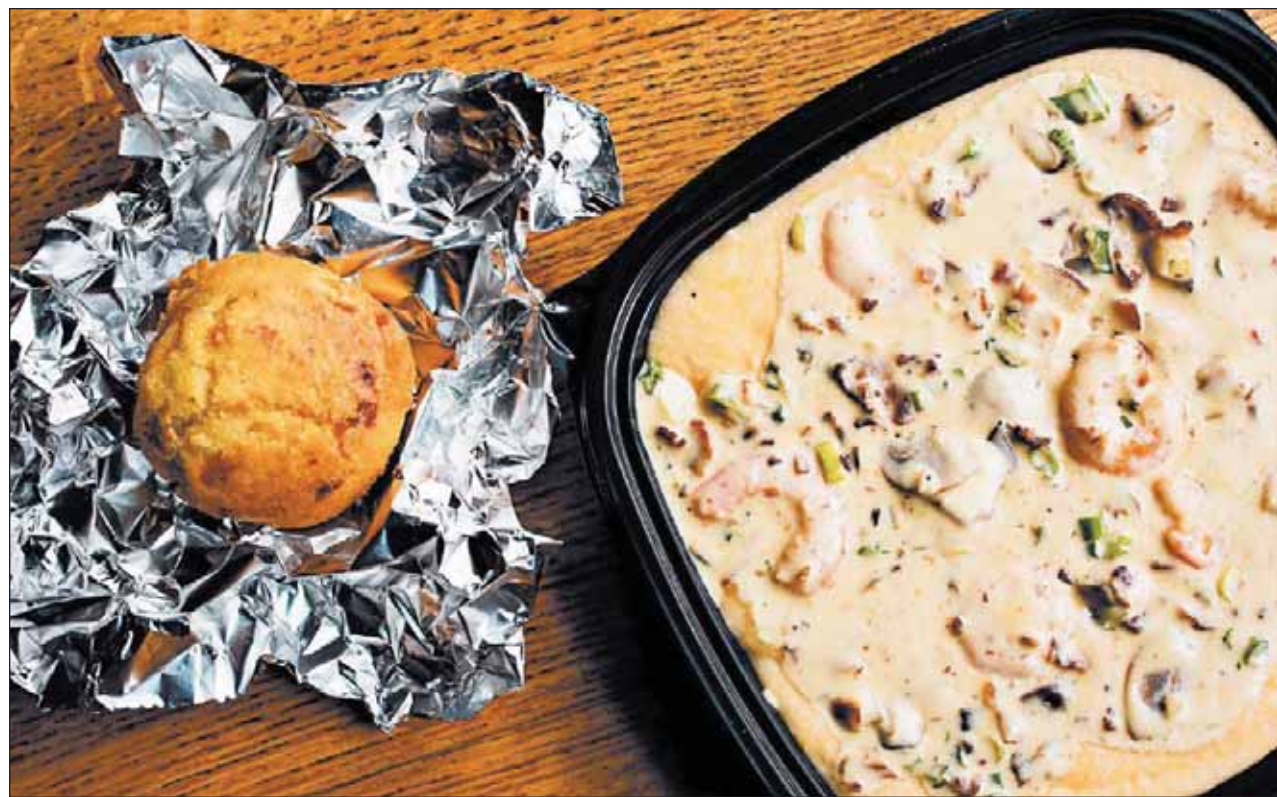
The distillery's efforts are the result of lots of research on the world's spirits, from Scotland to

Mexico and all the way back home to Maryland-style rye — an American whiskey popular since Colonial times. (Baltimore Spirits' Epoch Rye is so popular you can only get it at the distillery.)

The line includes the aforementioned Fumus Pumila, "the world's only

mezcal-style apple brandy," made from raw juice fermented with smoked apple peels to mimic the traditional spirit made from roasted agaves. Once a year, the team takes the homage to the next level by creating a Maryland pechuga they call Asimina Pumila. The final distillation takes place

over pawpaws, black walnuts and persimmons, with a Maryland country ham hung in the still, a nod to the Mexican pechuga made with raw turkey breast. Their New World spirits reflect Baltimore Spirits Co.'s ability to embrace history and innovation in every bottle.



MICHELLE KANAAR/FOR THE CHICAGO TRIBUNE

The shrimp and grits delivery from Wishbone North includes a cornbread muffin.

# Exploring breakfast delivery options while homebound



**INA PINKNEY**  
*Breakfast With Ina*

“Let’s order in.” How many times a week do you think these words are spoken? In Chicago? In the country? Chinese food and pizza may top the list, but the choices have expanded to Middle Eastern, Peruvian, Italian, Jewish deli or baked goods from bakeries and cafes. But what about breakfast?

Let’s talk about takeout and delivery expectations, and agree that we want great food in excellent condition. In the recent past, we’d call the restaurant and place an order. Most places hired their own drivers, and in less than an hour, food arrived.

Now we look at a restaurant’s website, see a link to “Delivery” or “Order Online,” click and we are taken to one of the delivery services that specialize in bringing food from many restaurants to your door. They use email confirmations for your order, alerts and texts that it’s on its way, and follow-up surveys.

There are about six services operating now in Chicago. Some are well-known, and some are smaller.

So while I’m homebound with a broken leg, what better time to have breakfast brought to me!

My “Breakfast With Ina” columns are always about places that I like and want you to visit, skipping spots that don’t do a great job. This column, however, by its very nature, is different. Sometimes, the truth hurts.

I will tell you what I ordered and where it came from. Unless the delivery was unusually good, or bad, I won’t mention the service since many restaurants have signed on with more than one. Instead, I’ll focus on the food itself and the condition in which it arrived.

The only caveats are that some have high delivery charges, while others have really low ones if you are a new customer. Occasionally, there is a service fee as well.

Delivery is not cheap, but if going out is not an option, you can still have breakfast.

## Rules to follow

- Don’t order eggs.
- Don’t order pancakes.
- Naturally there were winners in this experiment.
- Wishbone North delivered hot and tasty shrimp and grits.
- Dollop Diner delivered the only delicious well-prepared complete meal of the morning.
- The Biscuit Man came through with the fried chicken biscuit sandwich.
- Want some more advice? Make breakfast at home.

## Do-Rite Donuts

I ordered: CBR sandwich with fried chicken, cheddar, bacon and ranch dressing on a brioche, plus the avocado sandwich, which had scrambled eggs, cheddar and avocado on brioche.

Each sandwich was wrapped in a foil sheet and put in a bag that was stapled shut.

Surprisingly, the eggs were tender, but unfortunately the avocado was way too old. On both sandwiches, the cheese wasn’t soft, much less melted, and looked and tasted more like American cheese.

The piece of fried chicken was small with lots of crust and dry chicken inside.

Both were cold. [doritedonuts.com](http://doritedonuts.com)

## Eggspereience Cafe

I ordered: MMM-Mushroom Spinach Skillet with eggs poached soft, and pancakes.

The food never had a chance in the clear plastic clamshell container. Even the pancakes suffered, being smashed into one small one.

I will never be able to figure out how the potatoes, spinach and mushrooms were really cold and gelatinous and the eggs soft and runny. The pancakes could have been thrown like Frisbees. [eggspereiencecafe.com](http://eggspereiencecafe.com)

## Dollop Diner

I ordered: The mushroom and spinach omelet that came with roasted potatoes, plus a biscuit with bacon on the side.

The delivery person took the bag

out of a thermal bag, which had helped keep the food inside heavy biodegradable clamshells warm — but not hot.

I made an allowance for the delivery being 20 minutes late and that the restaurant had made the food for an on-time pickup.

Everything looked so good that I thought it was worth the effort to heat up a frying pan and quickly reheat the omelet and potatoes. I was right. [dollopdiner.com](http://dollopdiner.com)

## Wishbone North

I ordered: Shrimp and grits, and crunchy French toast.

The delivery was almost an hour late, but the upside is that everything arrived hot, which probably means the restaurant was late in preparing it and handed it off immediately to a waiting delivery person.

For me, shrimp and grits for breakfast is the ultimate comfort food, and this version was one of the best I’ve had.

The crunchy French toast, coated with corn flakes, was not very crunchy. Pretend maple syrup on the side didn’t help. [wishbonenorth.com](http://wishbonenorth.com)

## The Biscuit Man

I ordered: The fried chicken sandwich on a biscuit.

It came wrapped in foil in a small paper bag, and I had a moment of surprise when I felt the warmth! Yippee. The biscuit was square and buttery, and the fried chicken piece — though the crust was a little soggy — was warm and tender. The tasty pickles on top of the chicken made it a delicious way to begin the day.

Full disclosure: I ordered an extra biscuit for the next morning. [biscuitmanchicago.com](http://biscuitmanchicago.com)

## Wrapping it up

Now for my observations and advice.

Breakfast served to you in a restaurant is a challenge, as any breakfast cook or server will attest. Ordering breakfast for delivery seems almost impossible. Most food will arrive cold or moderately warm, and reheating on stovetop, toaster oven or microwave will render the dish mostly inedible, or at the least, unsatisfying.

# Assessing impact of peat, grain, barrels on Scotch

BY DAVID HAMMOND  
Chicago Tribune

Maybe you’ve had this sensation: You’re sipping Scotch whisky, and you suddenly pick up a strong sense for the spirit’s place of origin. You believe you taste the earthiness of the barley, the sweetness or spice of the barrel, perhaps the saltiness of the sea and peat smoke.

The flavor of place, or terroir, comes up frequently in discussions of wine. But how to talk sensibly about terroir in whisky?

The case for terroir is usually not addressed for spirits like Irish or Scotch whisky. Some find it hard to believe such liquors might, in any way, reflect terroir, especially after distillation, which strips away flavors.

Bruichladdich (brook-laddy), however, is one of the few Scotch distilleries to vigorously claim its whisky reflects the place where it’s made, the peat-covered island of Islay off Scotland’s west coast.

“Bruichladdich is the only distillery to conceive, distill, mature and bottle all its product 100 percent on Islay,” says Zoe Turnbull, a representative of the distillery. “The distillery works with farmers on the island to grow barley, and each showcases

the soil and topography.”

The case for discerning the taste of terroir in whisky has recently gained scientific support. In January, “The Drinks Business” reports, “preliminary results of a study exploring the influence of terroir on barley ... concluded that ‘environmental differences in whisky flavor are present.’” So, according to this study, the barley in whisky reflects the place where it was grown.

Although discernible “environmental differences” in barley may be subtle, there are other ways whisky can express terroir.

“Water added after distillation is hugely important to the terroir of our whisky,” says Allan Logan, Bruichladdich production manager. “Islay spring water is filtered through billion-year-old rocks; it’s soft, offering a desirable neutrality when cutting whisky down to bottling strength.”

Smokiness is usually part of the Scotch drinking experience. The smoke flavor comes from burning peat, which stops the germination of the sprouting barley so that the sugars will be conserved for conversion into alcohol. The smoke of peat, composted organic matter cut from Islay’s boggy fields, contributes to the spirit’s taste of place.



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Whisky barrels at a distillery on the island of Islay, off the coast of Scotland. The peat-covered island is known for bringing a distinctive taste to the Scotch.

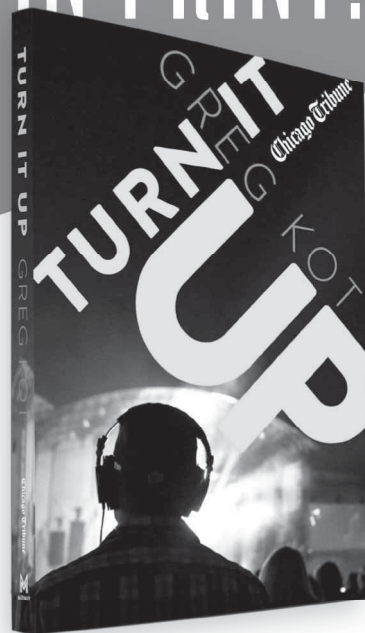
Still, smoke may overwhelm the subtler flavors of barley and water. If you don’t like smoke, get unpeated or lightly peated Scotch from Speyside, such as The Macallan or Glenlivet. For many, however, smokiness plays a big part in the Scotch experience; if it weren’t there, it’d be missed.

At his distillery, Logan explains how even his barrels contribute to the taste of place that ends up in his Scotch: “The famously ‘salt-soaked’ Islay air interacts with the woods of every barrel we use.”

The brininess of Islay whiskies, including Ardbeg and Laphroaig, may in this way reflect the island’s terroir ... or, if you will, merroir.

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## Instant

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but long-cooking, pot roasts and stews beckoned.

How about a red wine pot roast to nourish us through the last days of winter? Then my husband reminded me that we used to cook our St. Patrick's Day corned beef in the old pressure cooker. Perfectly tender beef ready in about 1 hour for serving thinly sliced with vegetables cooked in the delicious pot juices.

Cooking both the corned beef and the pot roast in the pressure cooker saves nearly 2 hours of time versus cooking in the oven. Even more if compared with a slow cooker. The results are equally delicious. The only limitation comes from the size of the pressure cooker — the 6-quart version holds a 3 to 3 1/4 pound roast serving six.

When my daughter mentioned rice pudding, I immediately started experimenting on recipes for the Instant Pot. A batch takes a mere 10 minutes — 3 of those under pressure — and yields perfectly tender, not mushy grains of rice. Too good, really. My refrigerator now holds several containers of tempting pudding.

Cooking under pressure is not magic — you still need to apply the rules of good cooking. First, read the owner's manual and safety tips. Don't overfill the pot. Be careful that the cord is out of reach of small hands and the dog. Always check the steam release valve and the sealing ring to be sure they are in working order. Then, read the recipe through thoroughly before starting.

For deep flavor, such as for meats and onions, allow time to develop the browning. You can do that in your pot with a saute function or use a skillet on the stovetop.

The pressure cooker will not replace my beautiful gas range or my supply of heavy cast-iron pots and Dutch ovens. But when the new grandbaby or the bicycle beckon, it's good to know a comforting one-pot meal is no pressure at all.

No pressure cooker? No problem! I'm including oven and stovetop directions too.

## Sweet mustard-glazed corned beef supper

**Prep:** 15 minutes **Cook:** 1 1/4 hours **Makes:** 6 servings

3 cups low-sodium beef broth or water

4 cloves garlic, crushed

2 tablespoons whole grain or Dijon mustard

1/2 teaspoon black peppercorns

1/4 teaspoon each, dried: thyme, rosemary

1 corned beef brisket, about 3 1/2 pounds

1 large yellow onion, halved, thickly sliced

1 pound small new potatoes, scrubbed clean

1 pound skinny carrots, peeled, cut into 2-inch lengths

1/2 medium head green cabbage, cut into 1-inch wedges

2 tablespoons dark brown sugar

**1. Mix** broth, garlic, 1 tablespoon of the mustard, peppercorns, thyme and rosemary in the insert pot of a pressure cooker. Add corned beef, fat side up; top with onion.

**2. Close** and lock the lid. Be sure to seal the pressure valve. Use manual pressure cooking setting to cook on high pressure, 55 minutes. Let pressure drop naturally by following the pot instructions; don't quick release.

**3. When** the pressure has dropped, open the pot and add potatoes and carrots. Close and lock the lid; set to cook on high, 8 minutes. Then use the quick release function to drop the pressure. Add the cabbage. Close and lock the lid; set to cook on high, 1 minute. Then use the quick release function to drop the pressure.

**4. Heat** broiler in oven. Use a slotted spoon to transfer vegetables to a deep serving platter. Put corned beef on a baking sheet. Mix brown sugar and remaining 1 tablespoon mustard in small dish. Spread

over top of corned beef. Broil 6 inches from heat source, until glazed, about 2 minutes.

**5. Transfer** corned beef to a cutting board. Slice very thinly across the grain. Spoon a ladleful of the hot cooking liquid over the vegetables. Arrange sliced beef on the platter with the vegetables. Serve.

**Nutrition information per serving:** 680 calories, 40 g fat, 13 g saturated fat, 145 mg cholesterol, 34 g carbohydrates, 12 g sugar, 43 g protein, 3,529 mg sodium, 6 g fiber

**Oven method:** Heat oven to 325 degrees. Increase broth by 1 cup in step 1 above, and place it with the mustard and other seasonings in a large Dutch oven. Add meat and onion. Cover tightly and bake, turning meat occasionally, until nearly tender when pierced with a fork, about 2 1/2 hours. Add potatoes and carrots; cook until fork-tender, 20 to 30 minutes. Add cabbage; cook until crisp-tender, about 15 minutes. Finish recipe as directed in steps 4 and 5.

## Rice pudding with caramelized pineapple

**Prep:** 10 minutes **Cook:** 5 minutes **Makes:** 3 cups, 6 servings

Arborio rice is available in large supermarkets and online. Do not substitute regular white long grain rice, or you will have mushy rice pudding.

1 1/2 cups skim milk

1 cup arborio rice

Pinch salt

1/2 cup half-and-half

1/3 cup granulated sugar

1/2 teaspoon vanilla extract

1/4 teaspoon ground cinnamon

1/4 teaspoon freshly ground nutmeg and/or ground cardamom, optional

2 tablespoons butter

2 tablespoons brown sugar

1/2 ripe pineapple, diced, about 2 cups

**1. Put** 1 cup of the milk, the rice, salt and 1/2 cup water into the pressure cooker. Close and lock the lid. Cook 3 minutes on high pressure. Let pressure drop naturally for 10 minutes. Then quick release steam.

**2. Uncover** the pot; turn on the saute function. Stir in remaining 1/2 cup milk, plus the half-and-half and granulated sugar. Saute, stirring, until sugar dissolves, about 3 minutes. Turn off heat; stir in vanilla, cinnamon and optional spices.

**3. Melt** butter in medium skillet; stir in brown sugar until dissolved. Stir in pineapple; cook until glazed, about 2 minutes. Remove from heat.

**4. Serve** rice pudding warm topped with the pineapple.



E. JASON WAMBSGANS/CHICAGO TRIBUNE

A batch of Instant Pot rice pudding takes a mere 10 minutes — 3 of those under pressure — and yields perfectly tender, not mushy grains of rice. We top them with glazed pineapple for a sweet-tart contrast to the richness.

**Note:** I like cold rice pudding. Refrigerate it a few hours. Serve in small bowls with a generous drizzle of cold milk or half-and-half.

**Nutrition information per serving:** 282 calories, 6 g fat, 4 g saturated fat, 18 mg cholesterol, 52 g carbohydrates, 25 g sugar, 5 g protein, 71 mg sodium, 2 g fiber

**Stovetop method:** Put 1 cup skim milk, the rice, salt and 1 1/2 cups water into a medium saucepan. Heat to a boil. Reduce heat to very low. Cook, tightly covered, on low, stirring often, until rice is tender, about 20 minutes. Uncover and stir in 1/2 cup skim milk, half-and-half and sugar. Cook and stir until sugar dissolves, about 5 minutes. Remove from heat, and stir in vanilla, cinnamon and optional spices.

## Red wine pot roast with carrots, peppers and gnocchi

**Prep:** 30 minutes **Cook:** 1 1/2 hours **Makes:** 6 servings

1 boneless beef chuck roast, 3 pounds, 2 to 2 1/2 inches thick

3 tablespoons grapeseed, sunflower or safflower oil

1 medium (6 ounces) onion, halved, thickly sliced

Salt, freshly ground black pepper

1 cup dry red wine

1/2 cup low-sodium beef broth

2 cloves garlic, crushed

1/2 teaspoon dried basil

1/4 teaspoon each, dried: rosemary, thyme, oregano

1 pound carrots, peeled, cut into 3-inch chunks

1/2 pound mini sweet peppers, about 8, stems removed, left whole

1/4 cup flour (or 3 tablespoons arrowroot or 2 tablespoons cornstarch)

2 tablespoons tomato paste

1 package (16 to 17 ounces) potato gnocchi

Flat-leaf parsley

**1. Pat** meat dry. Heat 2 tablespoons of the oil in the inner pot of a pressure cooker on saute function. Add onion; saute, stirring, until golden brown, about 5 minutes. Transfer onion to a bowl.

**2. Add** meat; saute on the "more" setting, flipping once, until richly browned on both sides, about 15 minutes total. Remove meat; season it well with salt and pepper.

**3. With the pot** still on saute, stir in the wine and heat to a boil. Add broth, garlic and herbs. Nestle the meat and onion into the pot.

**4. Close** and lock the lid. Be sure to seal the pressure valve. Use manual pressure cooker setting to cook, 55 minutes. Then use the quick release function to drop the pressure. Be careful not to splatter yourself with hot steam.

**5. Open** the Instant Pot; add the carrots and peppers. Close the pot and lock the lid. Cook under pressure, 8 minutes. Then use the quick release function to drop the pressure.

**6. Heat** a large saucepan of salted water to a boil to cook the gnocchi.

**7. Use** a slotted spoon to remove cooked vegetables to a bowl; cover and keep warm. Use tongs to transfer meat to a cutting board, leaving the liquid in the pot. Tent the meat with foil; let rest while you make the gravy and cook the gnocchi.

**8. For the pan gravy,** dissolve the flour in 1/4 cup water in a small dish. Stir in the tomato paste until smooth. Set the pressure cooker with the liquid to the saute function. When it boils, whisk in the flour mixture. Cook, whisking, until the liquid boils again and thickens, about 3 minutes. Season to taste with about 1 teaspoon of salt and plenty of black pepper. Turn off cooker.

**9. Drop** the gnocchi into the boiling salted water. Cook until tender, 2 to 3 minutes. Drain well; toss in a serving bowl with remaining 1 tablespoon oil.

**10. Thinly slice** the meat and arrange it on a warm serving platter. Set the vegetables around the meat. Ladle hot pan gravy over all. Garnish with parsley. Serve with the gnocchi.

**Nutrition information per serving:** 507 calories, 21 g fat, 7 g saturated fat, 144 mg cholesterol, 29 g carbohydrates, 7 g sugar, 48 g protein, 391 mg sodium, 4 g fiber

**Stovetop and oven method:** Heat oven to 325 degrees. Follow steps 1 through 3 above using a large Dutch oven to brown the onions and meat. Then cover the pot tightly, and bake until meat is nearly tender when pierced with the tip of a knife, about 2 hours. Add the carrots and peppers to the pot. Cover and bake until the vegetables are tender, 20 to 30 minutes. Finish the recipe as directed in steps 6 through 10 above.

### SERIOUSLY SIMPLE

## Corned beef and cabbage in a salad

BY DIANE ROSSEN WORTHINGTON  
Chicago Tribune

Each year, as March rolls around, I try and come up with a delicious dish to acknowledge St. Patrick's Day. I've made variations of corned beef and cabbage in the past, so this year I thought, why not take all the elements of the dish and morph it into a crunchy, multicolored salad? I recently tried it on a few guests who all raved about how satisfying it was and how fun it was to experience the classic ingredients reinterpreted into a



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St. Paddy's Day ingredients can be used to make a salad.

salad.

Start with a tight green cabbage. It's important to thinly slice it and then slice the shredded cabbage in half again for bite-size pieces. I'm partial to the

Yukon Gold potato for its buttery texture, but red potatoes work well too. To save time and work, I blanch the green beans in boiling water and drain them with a slotted spoon,

## St. Patrick's Day chef's salad

**Prep:** 45 minutes **Cook:** 30 minutes **Makes:** 4 to 6 servings

**Vinaigrette:**

1 tablespoon Dijon mustard

1 clove garlic, minced

3 tablespoons apple cider vinegar

1 teaspoon brown sugar

1/2 cup olive oil

Salt and freshly ground black pepper

Pinch crushed pepper flakes, optional

**Salad:**

1/2 pound green beans, trimmed, cut into bite-size pieces

1 pound Yukon Gold or red potatoes

1/2 pound green cabbage, shredded

2/3 pound cooked corned beef, trimmed of fat, chopped in 1 1/2-inch pieces

1/3 pound Irish cheddar, cut in 1 1/2-inch dice

1 tablespoon chopped chives

**1. For the dressing,** whisk the ingredients together in a small bowl. Taste for seasoning. Reserve.

**2. Heat** a large pot of salted water to a boil. Add the green beans; cook until just tender but still crisp, 3 minutes. Transfer beans to a platter with a slotted spoon. Add the potatoes to pot; cook until tender when pierced with a knife, 20 to 30 minutes. Drain and let cool. Peel the potatoes; dice into 1 1/2-inch pieces. Transfer to platter.

**3. Arrange** the cabbage on the bottom of a shallow bowl. Arrange the corned beef, cheese, potatoes and green beans on top in separate sections. Garnish with the chives. When ready to serve, drizzle with 1/2 cup vinaigrette, then toss to coat ingredients.

**Nutrition information per serving (for 6 servings):** 480 calories, 36 g fat, 10 g saturated fat, 74 mg cholesterol, 22 g carbohydrates, 4 g sugar, 17 g protein, 724 mg sodium, 3 g fiber

then I use the same water to boil the potatoes. Beats using multiple pots.

I like to present the salad with each element arranged individually on top of the

cabbage along with a sprinkling of chives. Once you have presented it at the table, pour the vinaigrette over the salad and toss to coat all the ingredients.

This is a satisfying lunch on its own along with some crusty bread. For dinner, start with a green vegetable soup, like broccoli, and then serve this afterward.

# How Big Beer spilled into its corn war

BY JOSH NOEL  
Chicago Tribune

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Like any great rivals, the nation's two dominant beer companies are never quite at ease with each other. But for the first time in years, their cold war has become a heated battle, sparked by Anheuser-Busch's now-infamous Super Bowl commercials spotlighting MillerCoors' use of corn syrup in its two leading brands, Miller Lite and Coors Light.

It's little wonder that the commercial led to sniping. What is perhaps surprising is that the sniping festers nearly a month later. The latest twist came this week, as MillerCoors pulled out of a potential brand-agnostic partnership, at least temporarily, with Anheuser-Busch and other large breweries to promote the American beer industry.

"This is an all-or-nothing proposition to us," MillerCoors spokesman Adam Collins said this week. "As long as the industry leader is attacking an ingredient widely used across the beer industry, we're not going to spend any time or money on an industry health campaign."

(And, yes, corn syrup — or some kind of sugar additive — is indeed commonly used to aid fermentation.)

Anheuser-Busch remains largely unrepentant. "Consumers are demanding more transparency around the food and drink they consume, and Bud Light is leading the transparency movement for beer," Cesar Vargas, Anheuser-Busch's vice president of legal and corporate affairs said in a statement.

"The use of corn syrup in Miller Lite and Coors Light is a key difference from Bud Light. ... We will continue to lead the effort toward increased transparency as it benefits the entire beer industry," he said in the statement.

Those outside the beer world may shake their heads as the industry titans continue to bicker, but both clearly see plenty at stake; nearly all of the major light beer brands have suffered in recent years at the hands of imports, craft, wine, spirits and cannabis. And for that reason, Harry Schuhmacher, editor and

publisher of Beer Business Daily, isn't surprised that tensions have festered.

"In any other consumer packaged-good industry, you'd be surprised, but beer, even though it has become so much more corporatized, it's so very, very competitive on a personal level," Schuhmacher said. "It's more than just business."

Miller obviously considers himself as an aggrieved party and has spent ample time highlighting the feud. Anheuser-Busch, meanwhile, has lurched from stick-to-its-guns righteousness — after all, who doesn't want clarity about what's in their beer? — to repairing self-inflicted damage.

How did we get here?

## The groundwork

I. No, this doesn't simply begin with the Super Bowl ads.

The roots stretch at least to 2016 and a series of Miller Lite ads taking aim at Bud Light. The St. Louis Post-Dispatch notes it was "the first time in several years that Miller Lite has called out the top-selling beer in America, Bud Light, by name in its advertising."

The campaign, which is ongoing, is rooted in the idea that Miller Lite has "more taste than Bud Light." Miller even creeps into Anheuser-Busch's backyard — St. Louis.

Anheuser-Busch is not amused, filing a complaint with the National Advertising Division. In December, NAD rules Miller is within its rights to make such a claim (even if it shouldn't have, despite being the better beer.)

II. In January, Bud Light surprises industry onlookers by declaring that "ingredients should be right on the packaging." It begins doing just that, listing water, barley, rice and hops as the components of the nation's top-selling beer (a list that curiously ignores yeast). It also lists nutritional information.

Anheuser-Busch has historically embraced obfuscation as much as or more than transparency, which makes industry onlookers wonder: What is the company's long-term play? They'll find out soon enough.

III. A day before the Super Bowl, Schuhmacher — who is as plugged in as anyone on the industry — hears rumblings: An-



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Rivals MillerCoors and Anheuser-Busch both see plenty at stake in the ongoing corn controversy. Could it end up a lose-lose proposition?

heuser-Busch plans to respond to Miller's "more taste" ads. And it is being particularly secretive about those plans.

## The big game

I. The match is lit: During a snooze fest of a Super Bowl, Anheuser-Busch airs the first of the three commercials. Miller Lite and Coors Light are made with corn syrup! Bud Light is not!

II. Within 15 minutes, Miller bites back.

*We see your ingredients and raise your calories and carbs!*

III. At the exact same time — 6:13 p.m. — the gloves start coming off. Pete Marino, MillerCoors' chief communication officer, nods at the elephant in the room.

Corn syrup isn't the same as high-fructose corn syrup ... *which you use, Anheuser-Busch!*

IV. Two hours later, it becomes clear Anheuser-Busch has a bigger problem than MillerCoors. Corn farmers are *pissed*.

"Bud Light, you're not standing with corn farmers, we're not standing with you," Iowa corn farmer Kevin Ross says in a moment of social media video fame — 906,000 views and counting — while pouring at least four Bud Lights down his bathroom sink.

## Fallout

I. Two days after the game. Anheuser-Busch: We're doubling down!

II. Two days after the game. MillerCoors: We're taking out a

full-page ad in The New York Times!

III. Three days after the game. Anheuser-Busch: Dear God, what have we done?

IV. Five days after the game. Anheuser-Busch: No, seriously, what have we done? Better get Bud Light involved. After all, it's made with corn! Wait — why did we denigrate corn in the first place?

V. One week after the game. MillerCoors: We love farmers! And we're going to prove it by toasting them!

VI. Three days later. Anheuser-Busch: Wait! We also love farmers! Can we get in on your toast thingy?

VII. A day later. Anheuser-Busch: Now that we've successfully horned in on your toast thingy, as part of the world's largest beer company, there's no problem we can't solve by throwing gobs of money at it.

VIII. MillerCoors: Did we mention we love corn farmers?

IX. MillerCoors: I mean, we really, really love corn farmers! A lot. So much more than Anheuser-Busch.

X. MillerCoors seems to sense an advantage in the conflict.

Its blog publishes at least four articles about what has become known as #corngate — though #corngate is obviously the far superior hashtag — including one that gleefully tracks Anheuser-Busch's changing story about the corn syrup ads. Then MillerCoors announces it wants no part of the industry initiative.

Anheuser-Busch, meanwhile, seems to sense an advantage of its own. Schuhmacher reported Thursday that Anheuser-Busch is adding an ingredients panel to a second brand: Bud Light Orange. Ingredients include barley, cane sugar, natural flavors, citric acid, orange peel, hop extract and, yes, corn. (But no corn syrup.)

"I think this is a long play for them," Schuhmacher said.

## What's next

More of the same is most likely ahead.

Anheuser-Busch is still running the ads denigrating MillerCoors' use of corn — while also promoting Busch Light's use of corn — and pledging to do what it can to boost the health of the industry, regardless of MillerCoors' involvement.

"We, along with other members of our industry, remain fully committed to strengthening the beer category, and our joint efforts to highlight the very positive impact that beer has on our economy and in our communities will continue as planned," Vargas said in a statement.

But as Schuhmacher reported this week, the conflict seems to be serving no one: Sales of the key brands involved in the #corngate controversy are all down since the Super Bowl.

Could light beer brands sniping at each other simply be turning drinkers off to all of them? Quite possibly, though, funny enough, the brand hurting the most during the four weeks ending Feb. 16 is — yup, you guessed it — Bud Light, down 7.7 percent. (Coors Light was down 5.8 in the period, and Miller Lite was down 1.2 percent.)

"My personal fear, as someone who covers the industry and cares about it, is that this could just drive people away from beer — the back-and-forth and demonizing of ingredients," Schuhmacher said.

The worst outcome he said, would be beer drinkers washing their hands of the conflict by choosing to, instead, buy the swiftly growing Tito's Handmade Vodka — which, he noted, is made with corn.

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**Strawberries**  
1 lb. Limit 4  
**99¢** ea

**Natural Boneless Skinless Chicken**  
Breasts or Thighs Value Packs  
**1.47** lb

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**ORGANIC** USDA ORGANIC **NON GMO**

**Organic Baby Peeled or Whole Carrots**  
1 lb. Bag or 2 lb. Bag  
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**ORGANIC** USDA ORGANIC **NON GMO**

**Organic Blueberries**  
6 oz.  
**1.99** ea

**Icelandic Style Yogurt or Larabar**  
Select Varieties 1.6-8 oz.  
**5 for \$5**

**Fresh Thyme Mild Cheddar Cheese**  
**1.99** lb

**Fresh Thyme Purified Water**  
24 pk. 16.9 oz.  
**3 for \$5**

**Fresh Thyme Sliced Cheese**  
Assorted Varieties 6-8 oz.  
**2.99** ea

**Almond Breeze or Fresh Thyme Dairy Free Almondmilk or Organic Large Brown Eggs**  
Select Varieties, 64 oz. or 1 dozen  
**2 for \$6**

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**1.49** lb

**Fresh Thyme Corned Beef Brisket**  
Point Cut  
**3.49** lb

**Natural 85% Lean Grass Fed Ground Beef**  
Previously Frozen  
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When You Buy 4  
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10 Pk.  
**99¢**

Must Buy 4. Single Item Price \$1.99 Ea.



Kraft  
**Salad Dressing**

16 Oz.  
**3/\$5**



When You Buy 2  
**Farm Rich French Toast Sticks**

12 Oz.  
**2/\$4.50**

Must Buy 2. Single Item Price 2/\$5



When You Buy 3  
**Louisa Pasta**

16 - 22 Oz.  
**3/\$9**

Must Buy 3. Single Item Price 3/\$10



When You Buy 4  
**Pictsweet Polybag Vegetables**

• Farm Favorites  
• Southern Classics  
10 - 14 Oz.  
**4/\$4**

Must Buy 4. Single Item Price 4/\$5



## Digital Reward Coupons

Additional Savings with Walt's Digital App

Limit 1 of Each Coupon Per Customer. Must Use Walt's App to Redeem.

Maxwell House  
**Coffee**

22 - 30.6 Oz.

Sale Price **\$5.99**  
Digital Reward Coupon **-\$1.00**

Final Price **\$4.99**

Must use Walt's App to Redeem.



Welch's  
**Grape Juice**

64 Oz.

Sale Price **\$3.99**  
Digital Reward Coupon **-.50¢**

Final Price **\$3.49**

Must use Walt's App to Redeem.



Wesson  
**Vegetable Oil**

128 Oz.

Sale Price **\$7.99**  
Digital Reward Coupon **-.50¢**

Final Price **\$7.49**

Must use Walt's App to Redeem.



Post  
**Hostess Cereals**

• Donettes • Honey Bun  
11 - 11.5 Oz.

Sale Price **2/\$5**  
Digital Reward Coupon **-\$1.00**

Final Price **2/\$4**

Must use Walt's App to Redeem.



Marie Callender's  
**Pies**

• Fruit • Cream  
24.8 - 40 Oz.

Sale Price **\$5.99**  
Digital Reward Coupon **-\$1.00**

Final Price **\$4.99**

Must use Walt's App to Redeem.



Ore Ida  
**Just Crack An Egg**

3 Oz.

Sale Price **2/\$4**  
Digital Reward Coupon **-.50¢**

When You Buy 2  
Final Price **2/\$3.50**

Must use Walt's App to Redeem.





# WALT'S SEAFOOD LENTEN SPECIALS

**EVERYDAY LOW PRICES ON ALL YOUR SEAFOOD FAVORITES**

Sale Dates: Wednesday March 6 thru Tuesday April 23, 2019

Sea Best  
**Cod Fillets**  
 16 Oz.  
**\$5.99**



Sea Best  
**Tilapia Fillets**  
 16 Oz.  
**\$3.99**



Sea Best  
**Perch Fillets**  
 16 Oz.  
**\$5.29**



Sea Best  
**Pollock Fillets**  
 16 Oz.  
**\$3.29**



Sea Best  
**Salmon Fillets**  
 16 Oz.  
**\$6.79**



Sea Best  
**Mahi Mahi Fillets**  
 16 Oz.  
**\$9.99**



Sea Best  
**Flounder Fillets**  
 16 Oz.  
**\$5.99**



Sea Best  
**Ahi Tuna Fillets**  
 16 Oz.  
**\$8.99**



Sea Best  
**Catfish Fillets**  
 16 Oz.  
**\$6.49**



Chatka  
**Panko BREADED Shrimp**  
 1.5 Lb. Box



Morey's  
**Salmon**  
 •Steakhouse  
 •Seasoned Grill  
 10 Oz.  
**\$6.99**



Morey's  
**Fillets**  
 •Butter & Herb Cod  
 •Honey Butter Sole  
 10 Oz.  
**\$6.49**



Asian Classic  
 3/4 Ct.  
**Cooked Tail-On Shrimp**  
 16 Oz.  
**\$8.99**



Asian Classic  
 3/4 Ct.  
**Raw EZ Peel Shrimp**  
 16 Oz.  
**\$5.99**



**SALE DATES:**

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 6th THRU  
TUESDAY, MARCH 12th, 2019

**WALT'S**  
FOOD CENTERS

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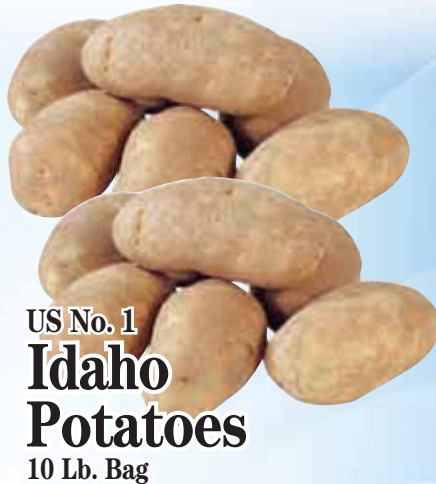
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**From Our Deli Hut**

Land O Lakes  
**American Cheese** **\$3.98**  
Selected Varieties Lb.  
\$1.99 1/2 Lb.

Walt's Signature  
Premium  
**Baked Ham** **\$4.98**  
Gluten Free Lb.  
\$2.49 1/2 Lb.

Butterball  
**Turkey Breast** **\$5.98**  
Selected Varieties Lb.  
\$2.99 1/2 Lb.



US No. 1  
**Idaho Potatoes**  
10 Lb. Bag  
**\$1.99**



Tri-Color Sweet  
**Mini Peppers**  
1 Lb. Bag  
**2/\$3**



**Jumbo Size**

Guaranteed Sweet  
**Cantaloupe**  
**\$1.49**  
Ea.



Indiana Kitchen "All Natural" Pork  
Lean & Meaty  
**Pork Shoulder Steaks**  
Value Pack Lb.  
**\$1.49**

Walt's Premium USDA Choice "Natural Beef"  
**Boneless Round Steak**  
Sold As Steak Only Lb.  
**\$3.99**

Walt's Premium USDA Choice "Natural Beef"  
**Boneless Strip Steak**  
Any Size Package Lb.  
**\$7.99**



Walt's "All Natural" Fresh Chicken  
**Boneless Chicken Breasts**  
3 Lb. Pkgs. or More Lb.  
**\$1.49**  
No Added Hormones



Dutch Farms  
**Cream Cheese**  
•Regular •1/3 Less Fat  
8 Oz. Box  
**99¢**  
Limit 4 Total

**Dutch Farms Grade "A" Large Eggs** **79¢**  
Dozen Limit 2, Add'l. 99¢

**Extra Large** **99¢** **Jumbo** **\$1.19**  
Dozen Dozen

Dutch Farms  
**Shredded Cheese**  
•Regular Mild Cheddar or Mozzarella  
•Thick Cut Mild Cheddar, Mozzarella, Mexican or Sharp Cheddar  
7 - 8 Oz.  
**99¢**  
Limit 4 Total, Add'l. 2/\$3



Ice Mountain  
**Spring Water**  
28 Pk. .5 Ltr. Btls.  
**3/\$10**

Dutch Farms  
**Bagels**  
14 Oz. **99¢**

Dutch Farms  
**Orange Juice**  
Gallon **\$2.99**

General Mills  
**Cereals**  
•Honey Nut Cheerios 27.2 Oz.  
•Cinnamon Toast Crunch 27 Oz.  
•Cheerios 20 Oz.  
•Lucky Charms 26.1 Oz.  
**3/\$10**



•Pepsi  
•Diet Pepsi  
•Mtn. Dew  
•Crush  
24 Pk. 12 Oz. Cans  
**\$5.99**

Nabisco  
**Chips Ahoy Cookies**  
7 - 13 Oz.  
**\$1.99**

Fiora  
**Bath Tissue**  
12 Pk. Double Rolls  
**Paper Towels**  
6 Pk. Rolls  
**\$3.99**  
Your Choice

**W Digital Rewards DEAL of the Week**

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**88¢**  
Limit 1

Old Orchard  
**Apple Juice**  
64 Oz.

# DAIRY

**Yoplait Yogurt**  
•Original •Whips •Light  
Selected Varieties  
4 - 6 Oz.  
**10/\$5**



**Dutch Farms English Muffins**  
6 Pk.  
**79¢**



**Dutch Farms Cream Cheese**  
•Regular •1/3 Less Fat  
8 Oz. Box  
**99¢**  
Limit 4 Total, Add'l. 3/4



**Dutch Farms Orange Juice**  
Gallon  
**\$2.99**



**Dutch Farms Bagels**  
14 Oz.  
**99¢**



**Chobani Yogurt**  
•0% •2% •Flips •Drinks  
Selected Varieties  
4 - 7 Oz.  
**10/\$10**



**Yoplait Go-Gurt Yogurt**  
8 Pk.  
**2/\$4**



**Dean's DairyPure Half & Half**  
Qt.  
**\$2.79**  
Dean's DairyPure Buttermilk Qt. \$1.79



**International Delights Bailey's or Dunkin' Donuts Creamer**  
Qt.  
**2/\$6**



**Eggland's Best Grade AA Large Eggs**  
Dozen  
**\$2.29**



**Dutch Farms Butter**  
•Regular •No Salt  
1 Lb. Qtrs.  
**2/\$6**



**Dutch Farms Sour Cream**  
16 Oz.  
**4/\$5**



**Dutch Farms Cheese**  
•Natural Slices 6 Oz.  
•Fancy Shredded 6-8 Oz.  
•Bars 8 Oz.  
Selected Varieties  
**2/\$3**



**Dutch Farms Dip**  
•French Onion  
•Ranch  
16 Oz.  
**\$1.19**



**Dutch Farms Cheese Spread**  
8 Oz.  
**2/\$4**



**Blue Bonnet Soft Spread**  
45 Oz.  
**\$2.99**



**Dutch Farms or Dean's Cottage Cheese**  
24 Oz.  
**2/\$6**



**Jell-O Pudding • Gelatin**  
4 Pk.  
**\$1.99**



**Kraft Natural Cheese Slices**  
Selected Varieties  
7 - 8 Oz.  
**2/\$4**



**Simply Orange Juice**  
52 Oz.  
**2/\$6**



**TruMoo Milk**  
1/2 Gallon  
**2/\$6**



**Dole Juice Blends**  
59 Oz.  
**2/\$5**



**Pure Leaf Tea**  
59 Oz.  
**2/\$4**



**Reddi Wip Whipped Topping**  
Selected Varieties  
6.5 Oz. Can  
**\$2.99**



**Tropicana Pure Premium Orange Juice**  
89 Oz.  
**\$6.49**



# FROZEN

**Dean's Premium Ice Cream**  
48 Oz.  
**2/\$5**



**Pillsbury Toaster Strudel**  
11.7 Oz.  
**2/\$4**



**Banquet Pot Pie**  
•Meat •Fruit  
7 Oz.  
**88¢**



**Tony's Pizzeria Style Pizza**  
12 Inch  
**4/\$10**



**Eggo Waffles**  
24 Pk.  
**\$4.99**



**Bob Evans Breakfast**  
•Sausage & Gravy Biscuits 13.5 Oz.  
•Sausage/Egg/Cheese Burritos 6 Pk.  
•Snack Sausage Biscuits 6 Pk.  
**\$2.99**



**Mr. Dell's "All Natural" Hash Browns**  
24 - 32 Oz.  
**2/\$6**



**Best Choice Whipped Topping**  
8 Oz.  
**4/\$5**



**North Star Sundae Cups**  
6 Pk.  
**2/\$4**



**Kemp's Premium Ice Cream**  
48 Oz.  
**2/\$7**



**Green Giant Boxed Vegetables**  
Selected Varieties  
7 - 10 Oz.  
**4/\$5**



**Birdseye Voila!**  
21 Oz.  
**\$3.99**



**Gorton's Fish**  
•Crispy Fillets 15.2 Oz. •Sandwich Fillets 18.3 Oz.  
•Portions Value Pack 24.5 Oz. •Beer Battered Fillets 18.2 Oz.  
•Crispy Fillets or Sticks 19 Oz. •Sticks Value Pack 24.5 Oz.  
**\$3.99**



**Best Choice**  
•Light Garlic Texas Toast 8 Ct.  
•Garlic Bread 16 Oz.  
•Garlic Texas Toast 8 Ct.  
•Garlic Dinner Rolls 6 Ct.  
•Garlic Breadsticks 6 Ct.  
**2/\$4**



**Ore Ida Potatoes**  
14 - 32 Oz.  
**\$2.99**



**Banquet Family Size Entree**  
24 - 28 Oz.  
**2/\$6**



**Banquet Classic Meal**  
7.4 - 11.88 Oz.  
**4/\$5**



**Marie Callender's Lasagna**  
90 Oz.  
**\$11.99**



**Kraft Macaroni & Cheese Dinner**  
8.5 Oz.  
**2/\$6**



**Chili's Entree**  
10 Oz.  
**2/\$5**



**Boston Market Dinner**  
14 - 15 Oz.  
**2/\$5**



**Pizza**  
•Home Run Inn Ultra Thin Crust 12 Inch  
•Edward's 24 - 28 Oz.  
**\$3.99**



**Banquet Sliders**  
•Chicken  
•Cheese Burger  
10 - 11.64 Oz.  
**\$3.99**



**Pizza**  
•Gino's East Deep Dish 9 Inch  
•Newman's Own 12 Inch  
**\$5.99**



**Palermo's Primo Thin Crust Pizza**  
12 Inch  
**2/\$6.98**  
Scream'n Sicilian Singles  
•Sicilian •Stromboli 9.20 - 10 Oz. 3/89



**Totino's Pizza Rolls**  
22.3 - 24.8 Oz.  
**2/\$6**



**DiGiorno Pizza**  
12 Inch  
**2/\$10**



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12 Pk. Cans  
**\$13.99**



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•Pinot Noir  
•Chardonnay  
•Riesling  
Selected Varieties  
1.5 Ltr.  
**\$8.99**  
750 ML \$4.99



**Dark Horse Wine**  
•Rose •Cabernet  
•Merlot  
•Chardonnay  
750 ML  
**\$7.99**

**Angry Orchard • Redd's Apple Ale**  
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**\$4.49**



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4.6 Oz.  
**\$2.99**

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•Soft  
1 Ct.  
**\$1.79**



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•Energy  
•Sparkle  
16.9 Oz.  
**\$3.99**

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•Fresh Scent  
•Advance Therapy  
•Fragrance Free  
16 Oz.  
**\$5.49**



# GROCERY

Nabisco  
**Chips Ahoy Cookies**  
7 - 13 Oz.

**\$1.99**

•Pepsi  
•Diet Pepsi  
•Mtn. Dew  
•Crush  
24 Pk. 12 Oz. Cans

**\$5.99**

•Ice Mountain  
**Spring Water**  
28 Pk. .5 Ltr. Btls.  
•San Pellegrino  
**Sparkling Essenza**  
8 Pk. 330 ML Cans

**3/\$10**

Tide Simply or Era  
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75 - 100 Oz.

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•Ketchup  
24 Oz.  
•BBQ Sauce  
18 Oz.

**5/\$5**

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•Pasta Roni  
4.2 - 7.2 Oz.

**10/\$10**

Prego  
**Pasta Sauce**  
14.5 - 24 Oz.

**2/\$4**

Libby's  
**Vegetables**

•Green Beans  
•Corn  
•Sweet Peas  
14.5 - 15 Oz.

**69¢**

Red Gold  
**Tomatoes**  
28 - 29 Oz.

**2/\$3**

Doritos  
**Tortilla Chips**  
9.25 - 10.5 Oz.

**2/\$5**

•Cheetos  
•Fritos  
7 - 9.25 Oz.

**2/\$5**

Vitner's  
**Potato Chips**  
6.5 Oz.

**4/\$5**

•Jays  
**Okedoke Popcorn**  
7.5 Oz.

•Snyder's  
**Pretzels**  
16 Oz.

**2/\$5**

•Chex Mix  
•Bugles  
•Garden of Eatin'  
**BUGLES**  
7 - 8.75 Oz.

**4/\$5**

Canada Dry  
**Ginger Ale**  
2 Ltr.

**5/\$5**

Regular, Diet  
•Pepsi  
•Mtn. Dew  
•Crush  
2 Ltr.

**4/\$5**

•7Up  
•Dr. Pepper  
•A&W •RC  
•Sunkist  
6 Pk. .5 Ltr. Btls. or  
6 Pk. 7.5 Oz. Cans

**4/\$10**

Regular, Diet  
•Coke •Sprite  
•Coke Zero Sugar  
•7Up •Dr. Pepper  
•A&W •RC  
•Sunkist  
12 Pk. 12 Oz. Cans or  
8 Pk. 12 Oz. NR Btls.

**3/\$12**

•Coke  
•Diet Coke  
•Coke Zero Sugar  
•Sprite  
6 Pk. .5 Ltr. Btls.

**2/\$6**

•Monster  
**Energy Drink**  
24 Oz.

•Core Power  
**Protein Shake**  
14 Oz.

**2/\$5**

Lipton  
**Tea**  
128 Oz.

**2/\$5**

•Crystal Light  
**On the Go**  
10 Ct.

•Kool-Aid  
**Presweetened**  
8 Qt.

**2/\$4**

•Quaker  
**Oats**  
18 Oz.

•Aunt Jemima  
**Pancake Mix**  
32 Oz.

**\$2.99**

Nabisco Family Size  
•Cookies  
Oreos, Chips Ahoy or Nutter Butter

•Snack Crackers  
11.5 - 20 Oz.

**\$2.99**

•Charmin Essentials  
**Bath Tissue**  
12 Pk. Double Rolls

•Bounty Essentials  
**Paper Towels**  
6 Pk. Rolls

**\$5.49**

Butternut  
**Bread**  
•Italian  
•Whole Grain White  
•Honey Wheat  
20 Oz.

**3/\$5**

•Sunmaid  
**Raisin Bread**  
16 Oz.

•Sunbeam  
**Texas Toast**  
24 Oz.

**2/\$4**

Nature Valley or  
Fiber One  
**Fiber One Bars**  
(Excludes Protein)  
5 - 8 Ct.

**2/\$5**

Betty Crocker  
**Fruit Snacks**  
6 - 10 Ct.

**3/\$5**

Entenmann's  
**Donuts**  
15.5 - 17.5 Oz.

**\$2.99**

## COUNTRY BAKERY

Walt's Own  
Fresh Baked  
**Buttercrust Bread**  
1 Lb. Loaf

**\$1.99**

Gonella  
**Irish Soda Bread**  
1 Lb. Loaf

**\$2.99**

Walt's Own  
Fresh Baked  
**Hotcross Buns**  
6 Pk. Pre-Packaged

**\$3.49**

Walt's Own  
**Cookie Sale**  
12 Pk. Pre-Packaged

**\$2.99**

Walt's Own Sliced  
**Cream Cake Loaf**  
Assorted Varieties

**\$4.49**

Walt's Own  
Glazed Cherry  
**Donut Holes**  
18 Pk. Pre-Packaged

**\$2.99**

Walt's Own  
Fruit Topped  
**Crumb Coffee Cake**

**\$3.99**

Walt's Own  
Buttercream Iced  
**Cupcakes**  
6 Pk. Pre-Packaged

**\$3.99**

## DELI-HUT

BUY OF THE WEEK!

Walt's Signature Premium  
**Baked Ham**

**\$4.98**  
Lb.  
\$2.49 1/2 Lb.

BUY OF THE WEEK!

Butterball  
•Turkey Breast  
•Chicken Breast  
Selected Varieties

**\$5.98**  
Lb.  
\$2.99 1/2 Lb.

BUY OF THE WEEK!

Eckrich  
**Deli Loaves**  
•Old Fashioned •Olive  
•Jalapeno •Pickle & Pepper

**\$4.98**  
Lb.  
\$2.49 1/2 Lb.

Dietz & Watson  
•Top Round  
•London Broil  
•Italian Roast Beef

**\$10.98**  
Lb.  
\$5.49 1/2 Lb.

Walt's Deli Hut  
**Tuna Salad**

**\$7.99**  
Lb.

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**Breaded Chicken Tenders**

**\$4.99**  
Lb.

Garden of Eatin'  
**Seafood Salad**

**\$4.99**  
Lb.

Walt's Deli Hut  
**Breaded Chicken Tenders**  
Breaded Chicken Tender Bucket 2 Lb. \$9.95

**\$4.99**  
Lb.

# BUTCHER SHOP

Best Choice  
Breaded  
**Chicken**  
•Nuggets  
•Tenders  
•Patties  
20 - 30 Oz. Bag  
**\$2.99**



Indiana Kitchen  
"All Natural" Pork  
Lean & Meaty  
**Pork Shoulder  
Blade Steaks**  
Value Pack  
**\$1.49**  
Lb.



Walt's Premium USDA Choice  
"Natural Beef"  
**Boneless  
Round Steak**  
Sold As Steak Only  
**\$3.99**  
Lb.



Indiana Kitchen  
"All Natural" Pork  
**Assorted  
Pork Chops**  
Value Pack  
**\$1.39**  
Lb.



Walt's Premium USDA Choice  
"Natural Beef"  
**Sirloin Tip  
Roast**  
Sold As Roast Only  
**\$3.99**  
Lb.



Walt's Premium USDA Choice  
"Natural Beef"  
**Boneless  
Strip Steak**  
Any Size Package  
**\$7.99**  
Lb.



Miller Amish Country "100% Natural"  
**Thin Sliced  
Boneless  
Chicken Breast**  
**\$4.79**  
Lb.



Indiana Kitchen  
"All Natural" Pork  
**Center Cut  
Pork Chops**  
Value Pack  
**\$2.29**  
Lb.



Walt's Premium USDA Choice  
"Natural Beef"  
**Sirloin Tip  
Steaks**  
Value Pack  
**\$4.29**  
Lb.



Walt's "All Natural"  
Premium 85% Lean Fresh  
**Ground  
Round**  
Value Pack  
**\$3.29**  
Lb.



Smithfield  
**Sliced  
Bacon**  
Assorted Varieties  
12 Oz.  
**2/\$5**



Tennessee Pride  
**Pork Sausage  
Roll**  
•Mild •Hot  
16 Oz.  
**2/\$5**



Oscar Mayer  
Fully Cooked  
Ready to Serve  
**Bacon**  
2.52 Oz.  
**2/\$5**



Oscar Mayer  
•Beef Hot Dogs  
•Beef Bologna  
•Beef Cotto Salami  
Selected Varieties 14 - 16 Oz.  
**\$3.99**



Johnsonville  
**Smoked  
Sausage**  
•Ropes •Links  
12 - 14 Oz.  
**\$2.99**



Dutch Farms  
Bagged Breaded  
**Chicken**  
•Nuggets •Tenders  
•Rings •Patties  
3 Lb. Bag  
**\$4.99**



Frozen  
**Salmon  
Fillet  
Portions**  
4 Oz.  
**2/\$4**



Farm Raised  
Fresh  
**Catfish  
Fillets**  
**\$3.99**  
Lb.



# PRODUCE

Hass  
**Avocado**  
**99¢**  
Ea.



**Jumbo  
Size**

Fresh Picked  
Fancy  
**Green  
Beans**  
**99¢**  
Lb.



**Young  
N  
Tender**

Tri-Color Sweet  
**Mini  
Peppers**  
1 Lb. Bag  
**2/\$3**



Guaranteed Sweet  
**Cantaloupe**  
**\$1.49**  
Ea.



**Jumbo  
Size**

US No. 1  
**Idaho  
Potatoes**  
10 Lb. Bag  
**\$1.99**



Sweet Jumbo  
**Blueberries**  
**2/\$4**



**Full  
Pints**

Extra Large  
Tangy  
**Lemons**  
**2/\$1**



"Andy Boy"  
Crisp Tender  
**Romaine  
Hearts**  
3 Pack  
**\$1.69**



Fresh Bunched  
**Green  
Onions**  
**2/\$1**



Sweet  
Seedless  
**Halos**  
3 Lb. Bag  
**\$4.99**



Country Fresh  
Sno-White  
**Whole  
Mushrooms**  
1 Lb. Pkg.  
**\$1.99**



Fresh Sweet  
**Blackberries**  
6 Oz.  
**\$1.49**



Red Ripe Sweet  
**Grape  
Tomatoes**  
Pkg.  
**\$1.39**



Super Select  
Premium  
**Cucumbers**  
**2/\$1**



Garden Ripe  
Super Sweet  
**Tomatoes**  
•Cherry •Medley  
Pkg.  
**\$1.99**



Sweet N Juicy  
**Peaches**  
**\$1.49**  
Lb.



Red Ripe  
**Slicing  
Tomatoes**  
**99¢**  
Lb.



Sweet N Juicy  
**Nectarines**  
**\$1.49**  
Lb.



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