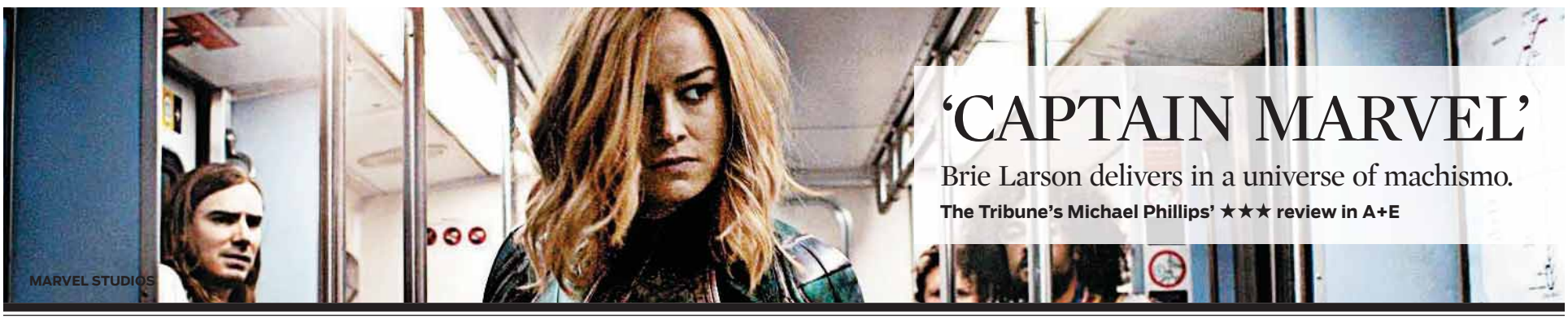


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Pritzker unveils graduated tax plan

Says those making under $250K would get a break

BY DAN PETRELLA AND RICK PEARSON
Chicago Tribune

Less than two months after taking office, Democratic Gov. J.B. Pritzker embarked on a new and potentially bruising political campaign Thursday by seeking to win public approval of a graduated-rate income tax that he contended would generate $3.4 billion by raising taxes on the wealthy while lowering taxes for 97 percent of Illinois residents.

“Instituting a fair tax as I’ve proposed will improve the arc of our state’s finances forever and will make our state more fair for everyone,” Pritzker said in unveiling proposed tax rates and income brackets for his long-discussed plan to replace the state’s constitutionally mandated flat-rate income tax.

Currently, all Illinois residents are taxed at 4.95 percent, regardless of income level. Pritzker’s proposal is largely reliant on raising taxes significantly on residents making more than $250,000 a year, with those earning $1 million and up taxed at 7.95 percent of their total income.

“It’s wrong that I would pay the same tax rate as someone earning $100,000 or, even worse, pay the same tax rate as someone earning $30,000, which is why 33 states and the federal gov-

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CHRIS SWEDA/CHICAGO TRIBUNE

Kristin Ballard of Rockford stands in support of first responders during a procession for McHenry County Sheriff’s Deputy Jacob Keltner on Thursday.

Sheriff’s deputy fatally shot in Rockford; suspect arrested

Alleged gunman charged with murder after downstate standoff

BY ROBERT MCCOPPIN, JOHN KEILMAN, JEREMY GORNER, JEFF COEN AND MADELINE BUCKLEY
Chicago Tribune

A fugitive shot and killed a McHenry County sheriff’s deputy Thursday as law enforcement agents closed in on his Rockford hotel room, authorities said, leading to a high-speed chase and a six-hour armed standoff that finally ended with an arrest.

Deputy Jacob Keltner was working with a U.S. Marshals Service fugitive task force to serve an arrest warrant on Floyd E. Brown, 39, at the Extended Stay America in Rockford, police said. As some members of the task force tried to get into Brown’s room about 9:15 a.m., authorities said, he shot at them through the door.



Keltner

Brown apparently jumped through the third-floor window and shot Keltner in the parking lot, then got in his Mercury Grand Marquis and sped away, authorities said.

Keltner, married with two young children, suffered a gunshot wound to the head and was taken to a Rockford hospital in critical condition. McHenry County sheriff’s officials said he died just after 3:30 p.m.

“This is truly a dark day for McHenry County and for law enforcement everywhere,” said Jack Franks, chairman of the County Board. “Deputy Keltner is a hero who died doing what he loved.”

A 25-year-old woman, identified in court documents as Brown’s girlfriend, was wounded in the hotel room, apparently by a shot from a rifle Brown

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BRIAN CASSELLA/CHICAGO TRIBUNE

Helen Sinclair greets people as she arrives for a church service on Feb. 10 at Stateville Correctional Center.

CHAPLAIN, 98, HAS TIME FOR THOSE DOING TIME

The woman that inmates dub Queen Mother is ‘here to serve’

BY LOLLY BOWEAN | Chicago Tribune

She doesn’t remember the Scriptures or her sermons the way she used to.

And where the former chaplain once strode easily into prisons across Illinois, now a guard guides her through the gates of Stateville Correctional Center in a wheelchair.

But at 98 years old, Helen Sinclair is still as resolute in her mission as she was when she started ministering to men in prison nearly 75 years ago.

The way she sees it, it’s her job to remind men who have been convicted and condemned that they are still loved by God, and that they have a purpose to fulfill, even while locked up.

“I feel like I’m here to serve,” she said during a recent interview at her home on Chicago’s South Side, decorated with artwork made for her by inmates. “How can I quit when people need me? I know I wouldn’t have lived this long if I hadn’t been doing this work.”

And so Sunday after Sunday, despite her aging

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In clash of mayoral finalists, tensions rise

Preckwinkle, Lightfoot duel at runoff forum

BY JUAN PEREZ JR. AND GREGORY PRATT
Chicago Tribune

Chicago mayoral candidates Lori Lightfoot and Toni Preckwinkle were quick to attack each other’s political and legal careers during a Thursday night forum, as the veteran litigator and seasoned politician vied to establish themselves as the true progressive of the April 2 election.

In a wide-ranging discussion that often substituted personal barbs for policy specifics, Lightfoot at one point accused Preckwinkle of “lying” and using “shameful” tactics while Preckwinkle said her opponent had resorted to “name-calling.”

Preckwinkle, the Cook County Board president, also targeted Lightfoot’s record as a well-heeled corporate attorney and sought to cast her as someone who protected powerful business interests.

Lightfoot, a former partner at the Mayer Brown law firm, countered with criticism of Preckwinkle’s stature in the city’s bare-knuckled political scene — including her ties to an embattled alderman and former county assessor.

Each candidate sought to establish a progressive political identity and rejected suggestions that their careers made them members of the city’s elite. But the gloves came off minutes into the televised session moderated by political reporter Carol Marin.

“It’s interesting — and frankly disappointing — that Toni Preckwinkle and her people would try to criticize me for being suc-

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Manafort gets 47 months for financial crimes

The ex-campaign chairman for President Trump told the judge he felt “humiliated and ashamed.”
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Ex-Ald. Vrdolyak pleads guilty to tax evasion

Ex-Chicago alderman was charged in an indictment in 2016 and now faces up to 2½ years in prison.
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PRINTERS ROW LIT FEST RETURNS TO ORIGINAL OWNERS

The Near South Planning Board, the original founders of the Printers Row Lit Fest, will once again own and manage the event. The Tribune will remain a sponsor while Wintrust will be the principal sponsor for programming.

The Chicago Tribune took over the free literary event in 2002. For 16 years, the Tribune worked with the Near South Planning Board to establish the event as the largest free outdoor literary showcase in the Midwest.

Bruce Dold, Editor-in-Chief and Publisher of the Tribune said, "We look forward to working with the Near South Planning Board on the 2019 Lit Fest."

This year's Printers Row Lit Fest will be held on June 8 and 9 along Dearborn Street and Ida B. Wells to Polk Street, as it has in previous years. The event will feature local and international booksellers, presses and publishers.

Bette Cerf Hill, the founder of the Printers Row Book Fair in 1985, explained this year's event would be entirely outdoors and entirely free. In previous years, festival goers would need to pay for special sessions and events.

Cerf Hill said, "While we are grateful for the support of the Tribune and the amazing public awareness they brought to the event, it is energizing to once more welcome the booksellers and the public and the authors and the book loving public who will fill the streets to celebrate all things literature. All the programs and admission will be free to all of the public."

President of the Near South Planning Board Bonnie Sanchez-Carlson said, "We welcome the opportunity to renew and build on the open and joyous event it has been since the beginning."

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Come meet writer, producer and author Jacob Tobia. From interviewing former U.S. Presidents to working with queer and trans youth, Tobia helps others embrace the full complexity of gender and their own truth, even when that truth is messy. Tobia's soon-to-be-released memoir "Sissy: A Coming-of-Gender Story" follows his story from the moment a doctor put "male" on his birth certificate though his work today. With fierce honesty, wildly irreverent humor, and wrenching vulnerability, "Sissy" takes readers on an odyssey sure to make you never think about gender – both other people's or your own – the same way again. The event is 6:30 p.m. to 8 p.m., March 12, at WeWork, 515 N State Street, 14th Floor.To learn more and purchase tickets, go to jacobtobiaunscripted.eventbrite.com.

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■ A March 2 story about the Chicago mayoral campaign stated that a campaign ad produced by candidate Toni Preckwinkle and a Chicago Reader article quoted in the ad were factually incorrect. In fact, the ad and the Chicago Reader story accurately asserted that candidate Lori Lightfoot "worked on two lawsuits brought by Republicans challenging congressional redistricting." The online version of this article was corrected on Saturday.
■ A story on Wednesday's front page about sex abuse allegations at Timberline Knolls, a residential treatment facility for women and girls, erroneously attributed quotes from one alleged victim to statements given to police. In fact, her quotes about a former counselor at the facility and about the Christian-based therapy offered there were published in a news story on Patch.com and originated in an interview between the alleged victim and a Patch reporter.
■ A Feb. 28 story about how U.S. Rep. Jesus "Chuy" Garcia's endorsed candidates fared in the February election misidentified Ald. Edward Burke's campaign manager. Micaela Vargas said she left Burke's campaign at the end of January.
The Tribune regrets the errors.

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HELEN SLOAN/HBO

Emilia Clarke as Daenerys Targaryen and Kit Harington as Jon Snow in HBO's "Game of Thrones."



John Kass

Game of Thrones to return. And death is coming.

In just a few weeks, millions of people from around the world will be weeping, screaming, pulling out their hair and issuing piteous cries of rage and grief while eating ice cream on the couch.

Because in just a few weeks, HBO's series "Game of Thrones," perhaps the most widely watched program on television, will begin its eighth and final season.

And death is coming.

It is expected that many, or most, of the beloved characters will die horrible deaths. It follows logically, then, that many of the 30 million-plus viewers each week on all platforms — not counting the tens of millions who pirate the show illegally — will go positively bonkers.

"You're going to need therapy," the striking Gwendoline Christie, who plays the noble lady warrior Brienne of Tarth, told E! News. "I think just the show ending is going to send all of the world into professional help."

Yeah, well, she wasn't just talking to me, was she? Well, was she?

And though a hit show's ending is inevitable, and brings with it a certain sadness, like reaching the last few pages of a good novel, they usually don't end with most of your favorite characters getting slaughtered.

The emotional upheaval has been accelerated by the release of the "Game of Thrones" Season 8 trailer just days ago. Some fans are watching and rewatching it frame by frame, picking out clues so they won't be surprised.

After Lord Stark lost his head, surprises hurt. "Game of Thrones" changed the way TV works. It killed its main character, the noble Ned Stark, who spoke truth to power and ended up with his head on a pike, his death jeered at by illiterate fools watching a play.

May that be a lesson to me.

So pass me a glass of red wine so that I may sip, and smirk, chewing on a truth understood by the old gods and the new:

When you play the game of thrones, you win, or you die.

Before I go any farther let me tell you, THIS COLUMN CONTAINS NO SPOILERS.

But as I sit here, glass in hand, I think of a tasty Cajun lunch I had years ago with George R.R. Martin, the author of the novels upon which the TV series is based. He told me that idea for The Wall, the 700-foot-tall barrier of ice separating the living and the dead, began in Chicago.

Martin was a freshman at Northwestern University in 1967, when the city was hit by a massive snowstorm. Describing it, he sounded rather like "Old Nan" in his stories.

"There was so much snow that winter, you couldn't see, all snow, all ice, and it was so very cold," Martin told me. "It was like the trenches during World War I, but they were trenches of ice. I remember walking through the trenches and the tunnels of ice, the wind blowing so you couldn't even see. It's an experience that never left me."

And here's what "GoT" fans will never forget from Season 8. Characters will die — and not in their beds, fat, rich and old, their sons groveling over their fortunes.

They'll die alone, terrified in the ice, to be reanimated as blue-eyed zombies in the Night King's army. Or they'll burn. Or they'll be torn apart or stabbed in the kidneys by a loved one. However it is that they go, it won't be pretty.

But if any of them are a fearless girl named Arya Stark, well, watch yourself, HBO. You might want to reconsider. Arya is my favorite.

I'm an experienced journalist, and what I have are a very particular set of skills; skills that make me a nightmare for people like you. Last warning:

Take Cersei. Leave Arya. You hear me?

Obviously, Ms. Christie is correct. We'll all need therapy. And crisis counseling, hugs, perhaps even pharmaceuticals to get through this; not to mention the countless pints of ice cream that will be eaten as we gorge away our anxiety and pain.

Mondays at the office will be intolerable. HR departments will be swamped by a veritable plague of some mysterious illness. Employees will call in, their voices short and choppy, unable to breathe through the sobs. Me too.

I'm not the only one worried about fictional characters. Yes, they are fictional. Yes, they're make-believe. And still we cling to them, meaning, of course, that millions and millions of us may actually be stark-raving mad.

Psychologists will study the madness of this crowd, just as they've studied the madness of other crowds, when series like "The Sopranos" ended abruptly. And clergy may write homilies about what this all means.

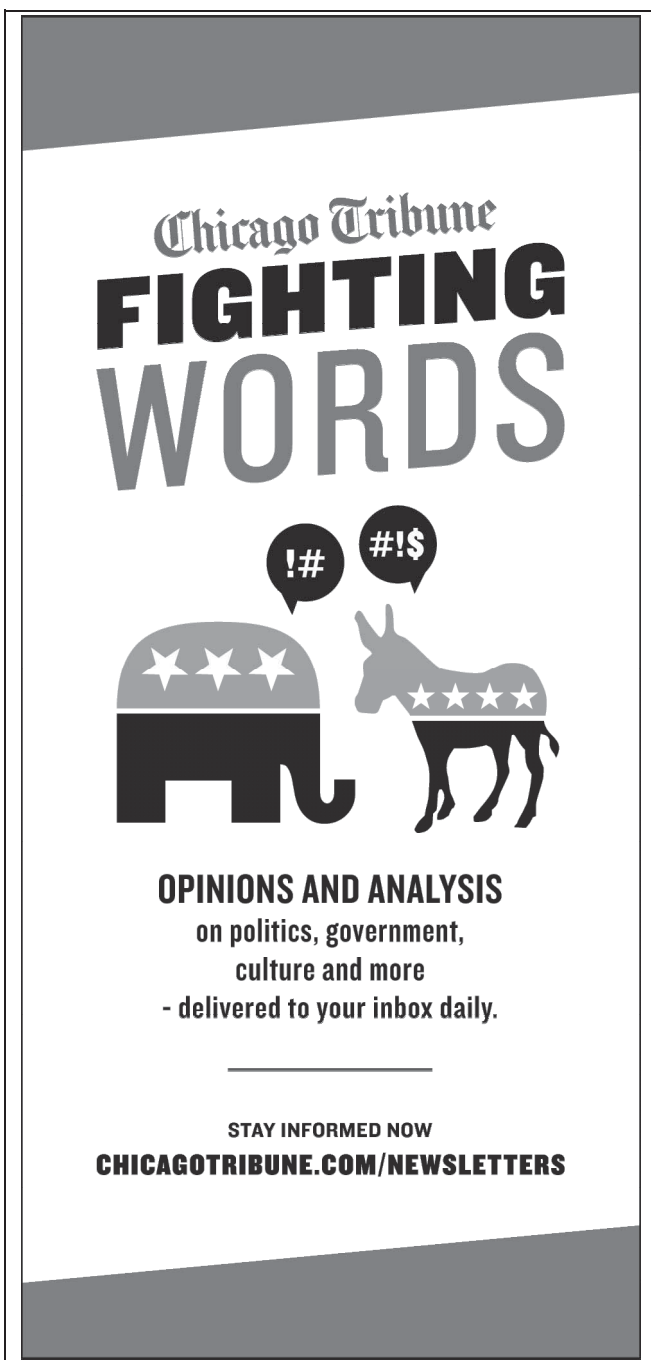
Perhaps myth is as powerful as we want it to be, and yearning makes things true, in fantasy and in politics, say a puppet carved of wood that becomes a boy, or a callow political hack with no accomplishments who becomes the empty vessel of a nation's hopes and dreams.

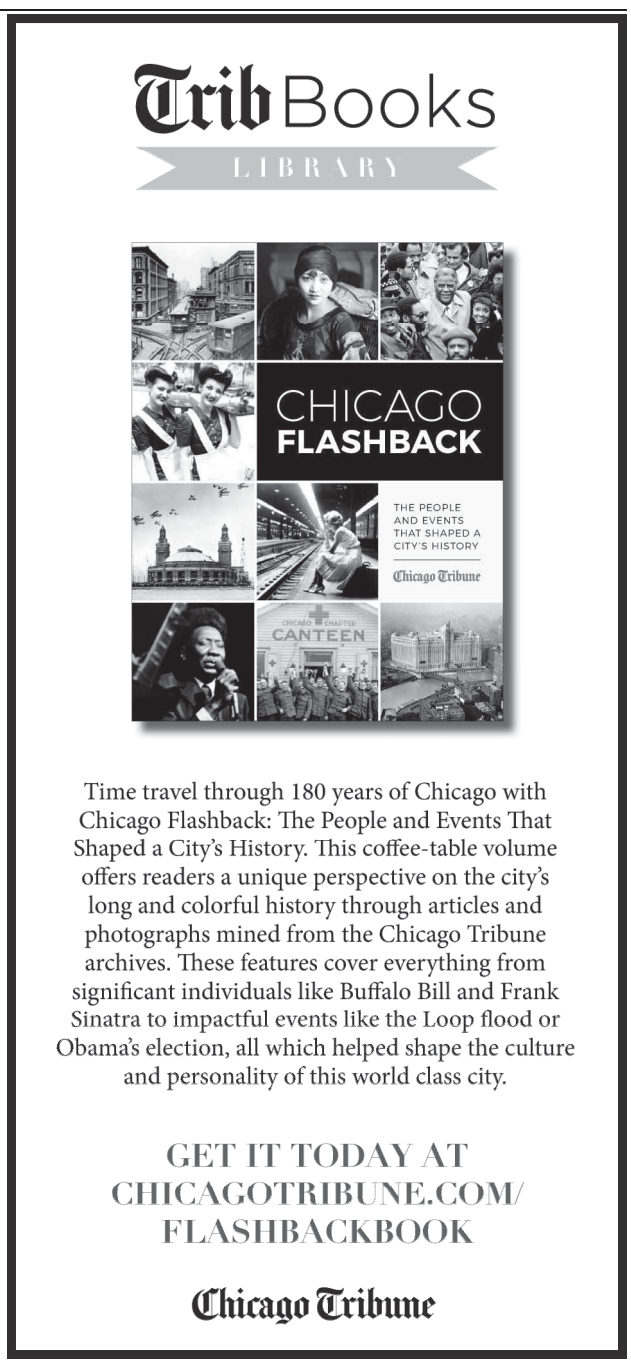
I'll admit, grudgingly, that Arya Stark is not real. She is not the daughter we didn't have, the daughter who would bring me a glass of water when I'm old, the daughter who'd understand that revenge is a dish best served cold, especially in a savory pie, with peas and carrots and other things.

But if she were real, I'd expect her to find Cersei and finish what she started. And she doesn't have much time.

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Sgt. Keith Miller and his crew hailed as heroes



MARY SCHMICH



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Sgt. Keith Miller stands outside Loyola University Medical Center in Maywood on Thursday.

For the past month, Keith Miller has been overwhelmed by thank-yous.

From all over the country, parents of children with autism have said thank you. His bosses have said thank you. A woman from Canada expressed her gratitude by sending a box of socks and Canadian candy.

He has heard from national and local media. He has been invited to speak. He has been hailed as a hero.

And all of it because one night he put on his security guard's uniform, went to work and, in his view, just did his job.

"It's very, very surprising, and humbling," Miller said this week when I called to talk about the response to the story of what happened one night in late December at Loyola University Medical Center in Maywood.

Last month, I recounted that story in a column, about how Miller was the sergeant in charge of the security team on the night Walker Hughes arrived in the ER.

Hughes, who is 33 and has autism, was in the midst of a violent reaction to his medication, and as he entered the hospital, he bit his mother. The security guards swarmed. Walker's mother, Ellen Hughes, remembers thinking, "They're going to kill him."

But where others might have seen merely a menace, Miller and his crew — he's quick to say that if there's credit to be had, they all share it — saw a man in need of help. Instead of restraining him with force, they calmed him down with songs, dancing and games.

In some ways what happened that night was not remarkable, just another slice of chaotic life in the ER. But hundreds of thousands of people have now heard about the incident, and to many of them it was remarkable that these men in uniform responded with compassion instead of aggression.

From the flood of response, Miller has learned a lot.

"I've learned that the autism community is much larger than I could have ever imagined," Miller said, "that a lot of parents out there are struggling with the same issues. I also learned that a lot of health care organizations aren't prepared to deal with this. I learned that law enforcement isn't prepared to deal with the generation with autism coming up. I've learned also how fast this issue has affected people."

The affected people include him.

Miller grew up in Chicago's Englewood neighborhood, the youngest of four kids raised by their mother. She was the kind of



FAMILY PHOTO

Sgt. Keith Miller with his son, Cameron, who is 14 and has autism.

mom, he says, who cooked and babysat for neighbors in need, and she instilled in him the spirit of helping. One of her friends had a son with muscular dystrophy, so Miller spent most nights at the boy's house, bathing him, lifting him off and on the toilet, helping him into bed. It wasn't duty, he said, it's what you do when you care.

"It prepared me to be a lot more compassionate," he said. "It molded me and prepared me to deal with my son."

Miller's son, Cameron, was 12 months old when Miller and his wife began to suspect a problem.

"He stopped walking, stopped saying bye-bye and making eye contact, started doing the hand-flapping," Miller said. "We didn't know what was wrong."

He was so unaware of autism that when he first heard his son's diagnosis, he wondered if it meant his child was gifted.

But he and his wife soon learned the truth, and they adjusted their lives to help their son. It was that personal experience, along with some professional training in how to handle people with autism, that guided his response to Walker Hughes.

In the weeks since the story went public, the Hughes family, too, has been overwhelmed with inquiries and kindness, much of it from other families who deal with autism.

"There's a lot of us," Ellen Hughes said.

Miller and Hughes hadn't seen each other since that night in the ER until they were both invited to a recent radio interview. She was struck by how gentle, friendly and dedicated he was and afterward wrote to suggest I talk to him some more.

"He's amazing and full of stories you will really appreciate," she said. "And not full of himself."

As for her son Walker, he has spent most of his time since December in a care facility in the hopes of having his medication regulated. His parents brought him home for a few days recently.

"He was darling, charming, talking to us — and then, suddenly, completely violent and strange," she said.

She and her husband, Robert, called 911. When the officers arrived, Walker was shouting and pounding on a table.

"I pointed out to Walker that these were officers, just like his friends in the Loyola ER that he had fun with," she said. "He took a good look at them, got up, put on his jacket, walked down and got in the ambulance. Amazing. I totally credit this to Sgt. Miller and his crew."

The number of children diagnosed with autism has risen dramatically in recent years. Those children will grow into adults. The children and the adults will need care that as a society we don't yet provide.

But it starts with the individuals like Keith Miller who know it matters.

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IDOT updates public on Jane Byrne delays

Vows to keep lanes of communication with residents open

By Mary Wisniewski and Joe Mahr
Chicago Tribune

Officials for the Illinois Department of Transportation on Thursday acknowledged that they could have communicated better with the public about delays involved in the Jane Byrne Interchange project, and said they will do better.

"This is new ground for us. We haven't had a project go this long," said Anthony Quigley, IDOT Region One engineer, speaking to reporters before a public open house about the rebuild. "We are going to be looking at doing this more often on other projects."

The Tribune on Thursday morning reported that the project's timetable has roughly doubled and costs have risen. It's now expected to be done until October 2022, at a cost of $713 million.

Later in the day Thursday, state officials defended actions that have led the project timeline to double while trying to ready motorists for more painful parts of the project ahead.

IDOT officials warned of potentially bigger headaches for drivers, particularly with ramp closures, as the project evolves to one focused on the expressways and ramps that form what used to be nicknamed the "spaghetti bowl." The interchange sits at the juncture of the Eisenhower, Kennedy and Dan Ryan expressways west of the Loop.

IDOT officials also said the early engineering work was more conceptual, meaning the 4½-year timetable was open to changes as workers dug into the project.

"You start to learn the problems as the project goes along," Quigley said.



BRIAN CASSELLA/CHICAGO TRIBUNE

Chuck Stenzel of the Illinois Department of Transportation discusses the construction of the Jane Byrne Interchange.

IDOT has offered a host of other reasons for the delays beyond poor soil conditions. Among them: It said it took longer to work with other agencies and outside firms to pull permits and have utility lines moved. It said it decided to hold off on more painful parts of the projects for motorists as they did urgent repairs on I-55's ramps to and from Lake Shore Drive.

This fall, the ramp from the northbound Dan Ryan onto Ida B. Wells Drive should reopen, as well as the second lane of the "flyover" ramp — from the northbound Ryan to westbound Eisenhower.

But the Eisenhower and Wells' ramps to the Kennedy will be closed for parts of next year. The ramp from the southbound Kennedy to eastbound Wells — shut down last year — won't reopen until 2020. A ramp from Wells west to the southbound Ryan will remain closed through 2020.

All work, including on all ramps, should be done by 2021, with all Kennedy-Ryan work done by late 2022.

Officials took questions at the UIC Forum, in the southern shadow of the construction zone. It was on the other side of campus, across the Eisenhower, that major problems emerged early in the project from poor soil conditions discovered after the project began, according to IDOT documents reviewed by the Tribune.

Workers noticed one UIC building had been sinking and shifting to the point it was uninhabitable. The discovery led to finger-pointing about who was to blame, and at least 18 months of delays on that part of the rebuild as engineers worked to redesign a nearby retaining wall.

Construction crews have finished that wall, but it hasn't stopped concern among those living by the project of potential problems with their buildings.

Pamela Martinez, 59, a retired nurse, said she lives at Haberdasher Square Lofts, on the east side of the Kennedy, and was worried about the nearby retaining wall that's part of the project. She asked IDOT officials to assure her the building would be OK. They responded that they were testing to make sure they could detect any problems.

Martinez welcomed the open house and commitment to broaden outreach efforts. "It should have started from the beginning," she said. "I'm optimistic that now going forward, we'll be more informed."

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Ex-Ald. Edward Vrdolyak, center, leaves the Dirksen U.S. Courthouse after pleading guilty to a federal tax evasion charge.

Vrdolyak pleads guilty to federal tax evasion charge

The ex-alderman faces up to 2½ years in prison

By Jason Meisner
Chicago Tribune

Former Chicago Ald. Edward Vrdolyak faces up to 2½ years in prison after pleading guilty Thursday to a federal tax evasion charge stemming from millions of dollars in payments he received from the state's massive settlement with tobacco companies in the 1990s.

Vrdolyak, 81, was charged in an indictment in 2016 alleging he obstructed an Internal Revenue Service investigation into the tobacco deal by hiding payments to and from his friend and associate, attorney Daniel Soso.

Known as "Fast Eddie" for his knack for backroom negotiations, Vrdolyak was scheduled to go on trial before a federal jury on April 15 — Tax Day.

Instead, Vrdolyak pleaded guilty before U.S. District Judge Robert Dow to one felony count of tax evasion. Preliminary guidelines call for a range of two to 2½ years in prison.

Vrdolyak's attorneys, however, will likely argue for probation or a term of home confinement, particularly given his age.

The guilty plea marked the second time in a little over a decade that the onetime political powerhouse has been convicted of a federal felony.

In 2008, Vrdolyak pleaded guilty to fraud for his role in a kickback scheme in which a Gold Coast real estate deal was rigged so he could secretly split a $1.5 million finder's fee with corrupt insider Stuart Levine, a close friend who had secretly worn a wire on Vrdolyak. He was ultimately sentenced to 10 months in prison.

Prosecutors said Thursday that Vrdolyak committed the tax crime while still on supervised release for his previous conviction — a factor in the projected sentencing guideline he's now facing.

Dressed in a charcoal gray suit, Vrdolyak shuffled up to the lectern with a slight limp when his case was called and put on a pair of black eyeglasses when prosecutors began reading from a copy of his plea agreement.

Asked what he's been doing for work in the past several years, Vrdolyak told the judge in a quiet voice he's mostly retired but still goes into the law office that bears his name.

"I help out wherever I'm needed at the office, just running papers around, but I don't practice law anymore," Vrdolyak said.

When Dow asked if he was in good health, Vrdolyak paused before replying, "I'm 81. ... I'm doing all right."

The judge set sentencing for July 23.

After court, Vrdolyak's attorney, Michael Monico, downplayed the role of the tobacco settlement in the charges, telling reporters that his client pleaded guilty to a "relatively simple tax case."

"That's all it's about, nothing more," Monico said in the lobby of the Dirksen U.S. Courthouse. "We're happy that it's over, and Mr. Vrdolyak ... looks forward to getting the case resolved."

As part of his plea agreement, Vrdolyak agreed to pay $245,000 in restitution to the IRS, plus any additional penalties and interest.

Prosecutors have alleged in court filings that Soso and Vrdolyak received at least $10 million in fees stemming from the historic $9.2 billion tobacco settlement, even though they weren't authorized to perform any legal work for the state of Illinois and, in fact, did no work.

The exact amount collected by Vrdolyak has never been publicly revealed. However, at his sentencing hearing for his fraud conviction in 2010, it was revealed that the former alderman had a "guaranteed revenue stream" of $260,000 a year through 2023 from the settlement.

Soso, 67, pleaded guilty last week to one count of income tax evasion for his role in the scheme. Under preliminary sentencing guidelines, he faces up to three years in prison at his scheduled sentencing June 25.

According to court records, Vrdolyak's role in the tobacco settlement came after then-Illinois Attorney General Jim Ryan negotiated a contingency arrangement promising 10 percent of the payout to four law firms that handled the litigation. That figure was dramatically reduced after years of court arbitration, but in the end, several law firms were to share in a total of $188.5 million.

One of those firms was Seattle-based Hagens Berman, which was headed by attorney Steve Berman. Identified only as Individual B in the indictment, Berman entered into a secret agreement in 1996 to pay Vrdolyak and Soso fees from the settlement and hide the payments from the attorney general and tobacco companies, the charges alleged.

Prosecutors have said in court papers that Vrdolyak's name was purposefully left off the settlement paperwork because he was a controversial figure.

Vrdolyak's lawyers, however, have argued in court filings that not only was Vrdolyak's cut of the settlement above-board but it also was blessed by key players, including Ryan.

Indeed, Assistant U.S. Attorney Amarjeet Bhachu did not mention the word "secret" when he read into the record Thursday the facts that Vrdolyak was admitting.

According to the 15-page plea agreement, the IRS learned in 2005 that Soso had been receiving large payments from Vrdolyak and failed to report the income. Investigators served Vrdolyak with a levy requiring him to pay any money owed to Soso to the IRS instead.

Vrdoyak lied and told the IRS he wasn't paying Soso any more money when in reality he was continuing to kick back hundreds of thousands of dollars in fees from the tobacco litigation to Soso, according to the plea agreement.

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Sheriff's office opens investigation of alleged vote-buying in Harvey

By Zak Koeske
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The Cook County sheriff's office has opened an investigation into alleged voter fraud in Harvey at the request of the county clerk's office, an agency spokeswoman said.

Spokeswoman Sophia Ansari declined to elaborate on the nature of the allegations or when they were made, but said the investigation had been launched recently and could lead to criminal charges.

She could not immediately say how frequently the sheriff's office opens such investigations.

Clerk spokesman James Scalzitti said the office had received multiple reports of "electioneering," which he said is different than voter fraud in that it involves "blatant attempts to manipulate or influence a person's vote by payment or intimidation."

Harvey's mayoral primary was held last Tuesday to determine which two candidates from a field of seven would face off in April's general election to succeed four-term Mayor Eric Kellogg.

Kellogg, who saw two of his brothers and a cousin charged in separate federal corruption probes on Wednesday, was prevented from running for a fifth term due to recently-imposed term limit restrictions.

Ald. Christopher Clark, who had 1,147 votes, and Harvey Park District President Anthony McCaskill, with 819 votes, finished first and second in the mayoral primary, according to unofficial results. Ald. Keith Price, with 650 votes, finished third. None of the other four candidates received more than 300 votes.

Scalzitti said that on Feb. 11, the first day of early voting, the clerk's office began receiving reports of electioneering in Harvey, specifically related to vote buying.

While such activity is difficult to confirm, Scalzitti said the clerk took the reports seriously because they all seemed to match, despite coming from "seemingly unrelated sources," he said.

As a result, the clerk's office immediately contacted the state's attorney's office and provided the state's attorney with any evidence it had, including license plate numbers and descriptions of the vehicles said to be involved, Scalzitti said. It also contacted the sheriff's office and the FBI for assistance, he said.

Ald. Christopher Clark and Harvey Park District President Anthony McCaskill were the leading vote-getters in Harvey's mayoral primary on Feb. 26, 2019.

In an effort to combat possible electioneering, the clerk's office requested — and the sheriff's office provided — a large police presence at South Suburban College, the only early voting site in Harvey, Scalzitti said.

Nine South Suburban police officers were assigned to the polling place on Election Day and the sheriff's office also provided an outsized presence at other Harvey polling places on that day, he said.

Both Clark and Price said they filed reports with the county alleging vote buying during the early voting period. Harvey Library Board Trustee Mauzkie Ervin, who is running for an aldermanic seat on Clark's ticket, also said he reported vote buying to the county and was told by others that they planned to do the same.

While neither Clark nor Price said they witnessed the alleged misconduct firsthand or had photographic evidence of it, both said they received calls about the McCaskill camp buying votes from vulnerable residents, either in exchange for money or drugs, and then driving them to the polling place to vote.

"I just think it's very unfortunate that people would take advantage of certain people's vices or addictions and stoop to such a level," said Price, who compiled testimonial videos from multiple individuals who claim to have been paid between $20 and $40 to vote for McCaskill.

Price cast doubt on the validity of McCaskill's victory, but said he's less interested in seeing the primary election results overturned than he is about ensuring similar shenanigans aren't afoot on April 2.

McCaskill acknowledged that he had heard rumors about vote-buying by his camp, but vehemently denied the allegations that he had paid residents to vote for him.

He said that after hearing the rumors prior to the election, he immediately gathered his campaign staff to address them.

"I had a huge campaign meeting and I made one thing perfectly clear," McCaskill said. "You guys represent the campaign, the campaign of Anthony L. McCaskill, and if you're doing something illegal or something wrong, you'll stand on your own."

He said his campaign team assured him that none of them had done anything illegal.

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McHenry County deputy killed

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allegedly wielded. She was later treated at a hospital and released, and she is not facing charges, authorities said.

Guests in the hotel were evacuated, but no other injuries were reported.

Illinois State Police spotted Brown north of Bloomington, and he led them on a 30-minute chase that reached speeds over 100 mph, authorities said. About 11:15 a.m., a trooper rammed his car, causing him to crash in a ditch off Interstate 55 near the small city of Lincoln — roughly 160 miles from the hotel.

Authorities said Brown refused to leave the car, and reports from troopers at the scene said he was pointing a rifle out of the window. Court documents say that at some point during his flight, he fired a rifle at law enforcement officers.

Brown remained in the car for hours as police tried to negotiate a surrender. Police said they finally took him into custody at 5 p.m.



Brown

Brown had been wanted on warrants out of Champaign, McLean and Sangamon counties. In one case he fled police investigating a burglary and crashed his car, injuring at least two people.

At the time, Brown was on parole after serving time for a series of burglaries in McLean and Macon counties in 2011. He had been arrested then by a U.S. Marshals fugitive task force, according to authorities.

Brown was sentenced to 13 years in prison and, with credit for good behavior, was released in January 2018. He also served time in the 2000s for convictions of unlawful restraint, violating an order of protection and illegally possessing a firearm, according to the Illinois Department of Corrections.

The Winnebago County state's attorney's office filed first-degree murder charges against Brown. Because Keltner was working with federal agents when he was shot, Brown also will face federal murder charges — a crime that carries the possibility of the death penalty, prosecutors said.

Authorities said Brown was being treated for injuries he suffered during the crash. It was unclear when he will be transported back to Rockford.

The McHenry County sheriff's office said Keltner had been with the department for 13 years. Keltner's LinkedIn page says he worked as a detective for the sheriff's office and as a fugitive investigator for the U.S. Marshals Great Lakes Regional Fugitive Task Force.

The task force pools federal and local law enforcement agents to arrest fugitives in Illinois, Indiana and Wisconsin.

More than 20 police departments contribute officers, including the McHenry County sheriff's office and the Chicago Police Department.

According to media accounts, Keltner has won commendations from the sheriff's office for investigations and for arresting dozens of intoxicated drivers.

"Jake was a fine young man," McHenry County Sheriff Bill Prim said at a Thursday night news conference in Rockford. "We're truly going to miss him. He was part of a group of officers who chased the worst of the worst."

Keltner's brother works as an officer in DuPage County, and his father is a retired DuPage law enforcement official who is still affiliated with the U.S. Marshals, Prim said.

Sharon Freise, who lives near Keltner's Crystal Lake-area home, said she last saw him Sunday, playing in the driveway with his two young boys.

"I'm at a loss for words," she said. "I just can't imagine the little boys without their father."

Scores of officers in police vehicles escorted Keltner's body Thursday night from the hospital where he died to the Winnebago County coroner's office.

Keltner was the first McHenry County deputy to die from wounds suffered in the line of duty since 2015. Deputy Dwight Maness, 47, died from a blood clot related to a gunshot wound he suffered responding to a domestic disturbance a year earlier.

The gunman, Scott Peters, was convicted of attempted murder and sentenced to 135 years in prison.



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Officers investigate the scene where a McHenry County sheriff's officer was shot trying to serve a warrant on a fugitive.

"Jake was a fine young man. We're truly going to miss him. He was part of a group of officers who chased the worst of the worst."

— McHenry County Sheriff Bill Prim

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Argosy University in Chicago may shut down Friday

By Dawn Rhodes
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Argosy University in Chicago likely will close Friday, days after being cut off from federal financial aid over its mishandling of the money and facing possible sanctions from the state.

The private institution, headquartered in California but with campuses in 11 states, announced this week it would have to shut down Friday unless it could find a buyer or an outside institution willing to take over its programs.

Many students said they were caught off-guard by the announcement, and at the Chicago campus on Michigan Avenue Thursday, students were frantically trying to obtain copies of their transcripts while several people were seen leaving the building carrying boxes and stacks of books.

Pamela McCullough, who is pursuing a doctorate in education, said she only learned of the likely shutdown Wednesday evening. She was presenting parts of her dissertation when she and classmates received the notice from campus President Kevin Beaver saying the school was "at risk of closure this Friday ... because of financial constraints."

McCullough, of Park Forest, said numerous students were crammed in Argosy's offices trying to obtain their student records and information about transferring to another institution. She was due to graduate in May.

"It is devastating," she said. "I cried all night."

The financial problems of Argosy's parent company, Dream Center Education Holdings, deepened last week when the U.S. Department of Education announced it no longer would provide financial aid to the private university because it had failed to properly administer the money in what the department called "a grievous breach" of the university's responsibility.

The department said the university failed to give federal financial aid credit balances to students as required by law and that, after receiving $13 million in federal aid in January, Argosy instead used the money to cover payroll costs and other expenses. The federal education agency called that "a severe breach of the required fiduciary standard of conduct" that "demonstrates a blatant disregard for the needs of its students."

In the same Feb. 27 letter, the Department of Education notified Dream Center that its request to convert Argosy from a for-profit to a nonprofit university was rejected and that it was ceasing Argosy's participation in what's known as Title IV federal student aid programs.

The Department of Education "took this step because Argosy does not meet certain standards, including administrative capability, financial responsibility, and the institution's duty to use federal student aid program funds only for their intended purpose," the department wrote in a notice posted to the federal student aid website. "Argosy's failure to pay credit balance refunds owed to its students and parents demonstrates that Argosy cannot meet the required standards."

Argosy was given until Monday to file an appeal.

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Tensions rise as 2 mayoral finalists face off

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cessful," Lightfoot said of her opponent's recent attacks during the heated hourlong discussion.

"I am a black success story, as are many people who are in the middle and upper middle class of this city, and for somebody like Toni Preckwinkle and her people to criticize me for being successful, I find it highly ironic," the former federal prosecutor said.

Preckwinkle retorted with a jab at work Lightfoot's law firm conducted for big businesses: "I grew up poor, too, that's not the point," she said. "The point is what you chose to do with your time and talent as an adult.

"The question is not that you're successful," Preckwinkle, who also is the county Democratic Party chair, then said to Lightfoot. "It's possible to be very successful and not be an equity partner and owner in a firm that has a history of protecting the privileged and the powerful against working people, against working families."

There were some points of agreement between the two Democrats, of course.

Both women set out their long-standing positions on Chicago's challenges with law enforcement and criminal justice. They discussed the leadership ranks of Chicago Public Schools, and their plans for an elected Chicago Board of Education as opposed to one appointed by the mayor.

They each said jobs and economic opportunities are important strategies to halt the city's ongoing loss of its African-American residents. Both candidates expressed support for affordable housing. Neither of them answered specifics about how they would address the Chicago Teachers Union contract.

But the contenders often broke apart during a display of sharp exchanges between the first African-American women to battle in a Chicago runoff election.

Thursday's debate on WMAQ-Ch. 5 and Telemundo Chicago was the first of several scheduled discussions between the finalists before next month's runoff.

Sniping began days after polls closed last week, when both candidates launched dueling six-figure campaign commercial blitzes. Both campaigns aired ads during the newscasts that led up to the evening forum.



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Mayoral candidates Lori Lightfoot and Toni Preckwinkle take their seats before a televised debate at the NBC 5 studios on Thursday.

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Preckwinkle needs support from a swath of voters outside her Hyde Park-adjacent base on the South Side, as Lightfoot works to build on her victories in some vote-rich North Side wards during the Feb. 26 election.

Each candidate also is pushing to expand their margins with African-Americans in the city's West and South sides, exploring inroads with potential Latino supporters and courting white voters who live in bungalow belts far from downtown.

Lightfoot arrived to NBC-5's studios with an advantage on that front Thursday, after accepting the endorsement of Chicago's firefighters' union while standing next to Northwest Side aldermen Nick Sposato and Anthony Napolitano.

Preckwinkle described the event as an endorsement from Sposato and Napolitano, describing both aldermen as Trump supporters.

Lightfoot and Preckwinkle talked over each other, then Lightfoot said, "I'm going to let you lie and then I'll respond."

"I'm not accusing you of lying," Preckwinkle said.

"You are lying," Lightfoot said. "There's no lie you will not tell. It is sad and pathetic."

Marin interjected, and Lightfoot accused Preckwinkle of telling "lie after lie" since the start of the campaign.

"I've seen a lot of craven things happen in politics but, man, you are shameful," Lightfoot said, before explaining that the two aldermen showed up when she was endorsed by the firefighters union. She noted she's been "highly critical" of those aldermen.

"If someone stands with you, it's hard not to take that as an endorsement," Preckwinkle replied. "And let me just say, in public life we often disagree, we often disagree, but I don't call the people with whom I disagree liars. I think it's really disrespectful."

Preckwinkle added that it's "hard to be an effective leader if you're going to engage in name-calling."

Even campaign contributions from employees at Lightfoot's former law firm were at issue.

Preckwinkle dismissed Lightfoot's legal work instead of answering a question about whether she respected and trusted her opponent to lead the city should she lose the election.

"To be part of that law firm, to profit from that kind of work, is very troubling to me," she said.

Preckwinkle lists at least $15,000 in contributions from Mayer Brown employees since 2009, according to state campaign finance records. That includes $7,500 from attorney Michael Gill with $5,000 earmarked to her mayoral campaign in twin $2,500 payments in January and on March 5.

"You just took a $2,500 donation from one of the partners in that very law firm," Lightfoot said, when she was asked if she trusted Preckwinkle to lead the city. "If it troubles you that much, give the money back."

Lightfoot, meanwhile, has logged 87 contributions totaling nearly $141,000 from current or former Mayer Brown employees, state records show.

Gill also gave to Lightfoot, and Preckwinkle also accepted a $1,000 contribution from Lightfoot in 2016.

After an evening of attacks, Lightfoot praised Preckwinkle for expanding medical coverage in Cook County. Preckwinkle, in turn, praised Lightfoot for being open about her sexual orientation.

The overall tone of the coming campaign, though, looks set.

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Critics line up as Pritzker outlines plan

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ernment use lower rates for lower earnings and higher rates for higher earnings," said Pritzker, a billionaire heir of the Hyatt hotel fortune.

The governor, who pushed a graduated-rate income tax in his campaign for office but until now offered no details, acknowledged it was only the beginning of negotiations with lawmakers.

But the graduated tax concept has been widely rejected by the business community and Republican lawmakers, with both groups reiterating their opposition Thursday.

"Today's massive tax hike proposal will further harm the state's manufacturing sector, which has already lost more than 300,000 jobs since the turn of the century," Mark Denzler, president and CEO of the Illinois Manufacturers' Association, said in a statement. "Taxing and spending are not the answer to our daunting challenges."

Pritzker warned of opponents using "scare tactics," and said it's now up to those who are against his proposal to present an alternative plan for closing the state's $3.2 billion budget deficit, paying off a backlog of nearly $8.5 billion in unpaid bills and dealing with $134 billion in unfunded pension liabilities.

Without a graduated income tax, Pritzker said the only options would be a 15 percent across-the-board spending cut or an increase in the flat income tax rate to at least 5.95 percent. The governor has previously said he would earmark $200 million annually from the new tax revenue toward pension debt on top of the state's legally required payments.

"I respect the right of opponents to disagree with this proposal. But they should do so in good faith with a specific counterproposal, not pie in the sky," he said.

"Now, there are those who want to scare people by claiming that this proposal will cause residents and businesses to flee Illinois. They couldn't be more wrong," Pritzker said. "They ignore the fact that people and businesses are fleeing our state now under our current regressive tax system, yet states with fair tax systems on average grow faster and create more jobs than Illinois."

Pritzker proposes dropping the personal tax rate to 4.75 percent for the first $10,000 of income for single and joint filers. Income between $10,000 and $100,000 would be taxed at 4.9 percent, and the rate would remain 4.95 percent for income between $100,000 and $250,000.

From there, the top rates would be 7.75 percent for income up to $500,000, 7.85 percent for income between $500,000 and $1 million, and 7.95 percent for the entire income of someone earning more than $1 million in a year.

Under Pritzker's plan, a family of four with a household income of $61,000 would see $41 in income tax relief before any exemptions, deductions or credits, and a couple with an income of $250,000 would save $65, according to the governor's office. A family of four with an income of $5 million would pay an additional $150,000 in state income taxes.

The governor also proposes increasing the current property tax credit by 1 percentage point, from 5 percent to 6 percent. He would create a per-child tax credit of up to $100 for individuals earning less than $80,000 and joint filers earning less than $100,000.

The corporate tax rate would increase from the current 7 percent to 7.95 percent, matching the top personal rate.

The governor's proposal would give Illinois the second-highest top marginal tax rate among its neighboring states. In Iowa, rates top out at 8.53 percent for income above $73,710. Wisconsin's top rate — 7.65 percent on income above $252,150 for individuals — is slightly lower than what Pritzker proposes for Illinois. Indiana has a flat income tax rate of 3.23 percent.

Before Pritzker's plan can be implemented, three-fifths majorities in each chamber of the legislature must approve a constitutional amendment doing away with the flat tax requirement. The measure would then require voter approval, which couldn't happen until at least November 2020. The tax rates would be implemented through separate legislation.

While the next general election is nearly two years away, the issue already promises to be one of the biggest ballot measure fights in Illinois history, with "dark money" groups that aren't required to disclose their donors lining up on either side. One — Think Big Illinois — is tied to the governor, and the other — Ideas Illinois — is tied to business interests.

The pushback to Pritzker's plan from Republican lawmakers was immediate. "The House Republican caucus stands united in opposition to a $3.4 billion tax increase on Illinois families and businesses," House GOP leader Jim Durkin, of Western Springs, said in a statement. Before Pritzker released any details, House Republicans held a news conference at the Capitol last week to make their opposition known.

Senate Republicans on Thursday joined their House colleagues in unified opposition. "Without guaranteed protections for middle class families, we are opposed to the governor's $3.4 billion tax increase," the Senate GOP said in a statement.

But Democrats hold enough seats in both chambers of the legislature to approve the constitutional amendment without any GOP votes. Whether they'll be willing to do so remains in question.

Democratic leaders welcomed Pritzker's proposal but stopped short of endorsing the specifics.

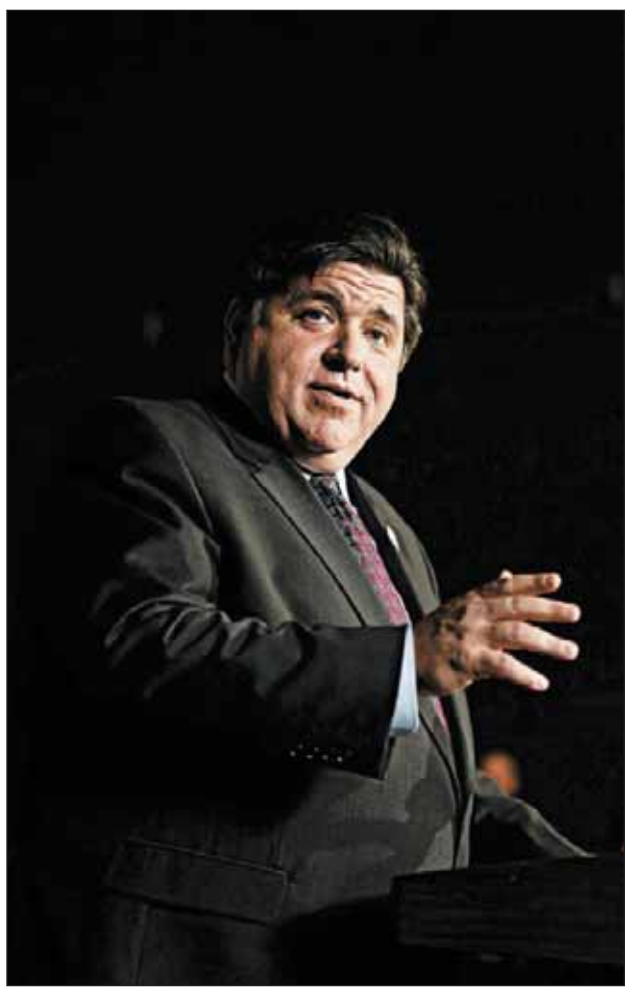
A spokesman for Senate President John Cullerton said he "looks forward to a comprehensive, bipartisan discussion on this issue, one that is frankly long overdue."

"For years people have been saying Illinois should be more like our neighboring states with more modern and fairer tax systems," Cullerton spokesman John Patterson said in an emailed statement. "He eagerly awaits negotiations."

House Speaker Michael Madigan didn't comment on the specifics of Pritzker's proposal but wants to work with the governor and lawmakers on a graduated income tax, spokesman Steve Brown said.

"As he's said since November, he plans to be supportive of the governor's efforts," Brown said.

Madigan twice backed efforts to amend the state constitution to create a 3 percent tax surcharge on income above $1 million. He never got enough votes to put the question on the ballot, but voters in 2014 endorsed the idea by a wide margin in an advisory referendum. The 7.95 percent top rate in Pritzker's plan matches what Illinoisans would currently pay on income above $1 million if Madigan's idea had been adopted.



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Gov. J.B. Pritzker asked critics of his graduated income tax proposal to offer counterproposals "in good faith."

Laurence Msall, president of the nonpartisan budget watchdog Civic Federation, commended Pritzker for releasing the details of his plan. The Civic Federation does not have a position on graduated income taxes generally or Pritzker's plan specifically, Msall said.

"Coming forward with the specificity removes a lot of the uncertainty and speculation as to what the governor and his team intends to do," he said. "It provides a real opportunity for the state of Illinois' policymakers to engage in a meaningful debate on the future of tax policy in Illinois."

Msall said one of his organization's initial concerns is that charging the 7.95 percent rate on all income for people who earn more than $1 million could lead to "very significant tax avoidance."

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‘Queen Mother’ cares for inmates

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body and fragile memory, Sinclair journeys to state prisons to lead worship services she has designed to resemble traditional church affairs. She sings, offers prayers, teaches about black history and shouts words of encouragement. She offers hugs and broad smiles. She listens as the inmates testify about how God has helped them find their better selves and a sense of peace.

The inmates call her Queen Mother. It’s a name that’s been embraced by her entire community.

“In her work, she found her name and her passion,” said the Rev. Jesse Jackson, who through his Rainbow/PUSH Coalition provides support staff and other resources so Sinclair can continue her weekly prison visits. “There are some people in prison. Some have done things that are horrendous. Others are victims of their circumstances. They all need parents who will adopt them in a spiritual sense.”

On a recent Sunday, Sinclair and her six-member team gathered in her living room in Bronzeville and said a quick prayer before making the hourlong drive to the prison near Joliet.

Wearing her signature colorful fabric head wrap and a long, colorful caftan — to resemble African royalty, she says — Sinclair searched the room for her sermon notes.

At Stateville, about three dozen maximum-security inmates were gathered in a drab gray and tan theater building on the prison grounds.

As the men sang gospel songs, Sinclair sat listening, at times nodding her head to affirm them. At one point she slumped her petite body into her chair and wrapped herself in a blanket to keep warm amid the drafts.

But when it came time to deliver the sermon, Sinclair stood from her wheelchair, tossed the blanket back from her shoulders and used her cane to walk to the wooden podium. As the men in the choir sang out, she turned to face them and rolled her shoulders, bopped her head and started to dance and sing along.

“I am so happy to be here,” she called out to the crowd, her voice strong. She told them she wanted to preach about a passage in the Bible’s book of James and how life’s circumstances can shape character.

“How many people got patience?” she asked, then looked among the men for their responses. “Now you do. Before you came here, you didn’t have an ounce of patience.”

She told them she knows many of them are fathers and that they must stay involved in their children’s lives.

“We look at our young people and wonder what’s wrong,” she said. “Well, the old people didn’t make time for them.”

Sinclair has transformed into that spiritual mother for dozens of men, some who count her as their only family, Jackson said.

“She doesn’t collect lawyers’ fees or a salary,” he said. “She does it because she cares.”



BRIAN CASSELLA/CHICAGO TRIBUNE

Helen Sinclair, the 98-year-old volunteer prison chaplain known as Queen Mother, dances with David Carter, 55, as an inmate choir performs during a church service on Feb. 10, 2019, at Stateville Correctional Center near Joliet.



Sinclair, seated in a wheelchair, is escorted by prison personnel as she arrives for a church service last month at the Stateville Correctional Center.



Prisoners sing as Sinclair helps lead a February church service at the Stateville Correctional Center. “She’s got a genuine love for God that extends to all,” an ex-inmate said.

A pioneer’s daughter

Sinclair was born in Hot Springs, Ark., in 1920.

When her stepbrother, Eli Watson, was arrested and later died in custody in a prison farm, it lit a fire in her family.

Her mother, Jessie “Ma” Houston, began visiting the local jail every week with her Bible in hand, and she became one of the first and few African-American women to focus on ministering to prisoners. She continued the work after the family moved to Chicago in 1925.

Sinclair would later graduate from DuSable High School, get married and work as a phone order clerk for Montgomery Ward. She started accompanying her mother on her inmate visits in 1945, at first just because Houston needed a ride.

“What I remember is how brave my mother was,” Sinclair said. “When my mama went into the prisons, there weren’t many black preachers. All the prison chaplains were white. My mother insisted on being there.”

Eventually Sinclair became not just her mother’s chauffeur but her partner in spreading the gospel.

“When I started, I was standing in my mother’s fame,” she said. “I became her shadow.”

As life went on, Sinclair would wear many hats. She worked in administrative positions, as a hairdresser, a salon owner and a classroom assistant, and she taught early childhood learning. Eventually she became an ordained minister at Chicago’s St. Paul Christian Methodist Episcopal Church.

In her 60s, she joined the Peace Corps and served in Malawi. A few years later she enrolled at Northeastern Illinois University and obtained her bachelor’s degree.

“I’ve lived so much, I can’t remember everything,” she said.

Through it all, her weekly prison visits continued. She believes it’s where she’s needed most. She’s had a hand in creating programs that have helped prisons become places where inmates can transform their lives, not merely serve time. She saw she could advocate for inmates who were overlooked and often voiceless.

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Eventually she was tapped to work full time as a chaplain for the Illinois Department of Corrections, and she made it her mission to get to know the inmates and their families. She drove hours to visit each institution to conduct her Christian worship services. And she focused on ways to reform prisons so they actually rehabilitate men.

“Rev. Sinclair served on an IDOC committee that was instrumental in selecting the first African-American director of IDOC,” said George Adamson, the chaplain at Stateville prison. “She has held seminars with state legislators to address prison conditions and initiated programs designed to assist ex-offenders with training and job skills as they re-enter the workforce. She has assisted families in the aspects of the what, where and how to go to court.

“She is always looking to help someone,” he said.

Not a ‘high-glitter, high-glamour’ job

While many of Sinclair’s contemporaries like the Rev. Addie Wyatt, DuSable Museum founder Margaret Burroughs and historian Timuel Black went on to become widely recognized, Sinclair labored mainly in the shadows.

“When you are dealing with the prison population, it’s not a high-glitter, high-glamour position that people want to put a spotlight on,” said Devorah Crable, a Chicago-based filmmaker who’s been working on a documentary about Sinclair’s life. “She has been a soldier on the field standing up for inmates’ rights and fighting for the programs that restore their dignity, their self-esteem and their pride.”

The Rev. Curlee Adams, who leads the congregation at Sinclair’s home church, St. Paul CME, said Sinclair sees that prisoners are “forgotten people.”

“She has often said many of us probably have nephews, cousins, brothers who are in prison. They need to know they are loved in spite of the mistakes they have made,” Adams said. “She wants to give them hope.”

Anibal Santiago met Sinclair in the 1980s while he was serving a 70-year sentence at Stateville for a murder he says he didn’t commit. He attended one of her church services and felt emotionally connected in a way he never had before.

“She would call me up to the front,” he said. “I wasn’t too comfortable coming to the front and reading Scriptures in front of everyone, but it made me start reading the word on a daily basis. She would speak to me on a personal level, and I encouraged other prisoners to attend her services. We filled all the seats when she came.”

As Santiago served his time, often being moved to different facilities, he’d see Sinclair on her visits. When he was involuntarily moved to a prison in New Jersey, placing him far away from his support network, Sinclair lobbied to have him transferred back to Illinois, he said.

“She campaigned and wrote letters,” he said. “She’d say, ‘Where is my son?’ ”

After serving 35 years, Santiago was released. He still calls and sends text messages and cards to Sinclair.

“She’s got a genuine love for God that extends to all people,” he said. “She saw that we were human, even though we were there. She’s my spiritual mother and she’s a strong woman ... courageous in a way I can’t put into words. She’s a blessing, a warrior of Christ.”

Howard Morgan left prison in 2015 when he was granted clemency, in part because he was convicted with shaky evidence.

Ten years earlier, the former senior railroad police officer was accused of firing a weapon at four Chicago police officers during an encounter in which he was shot 28 times but survived. After two trials, Morgan was convicted of attempted murder and sentenced to 40 years in prison.

He met Sinclair when she visited him as he was healing from gunshot wounds at Oak Forest Hospital in 2005. She prayed with him and for him. She became a close ally to his wife, who said he was innocent, and was fighting to get him released.

Sinclair “worked with my wife constantly. When my wife couldn’t locate me in the prison system, (Sinclair) went to the warden and found out where I was,” Morgan said. “I was a cop and I didn’t get special treatment. They threw me in a hole. Mother Sinclair was a hand to hold. Whenever she came to the prison, she’d have (staff) notify me that we were having church.”

Now he’s someone Sinclair calls on to tell his story at community gatherings.

“She never gives up on you,” Morgan said. “She’s determined to knock away the depression on (inmates). She is well-loved.”

While Sinclair’s contributions may be little known to outsiders, at Stateville the inmates and staff have a special affinity for her. Her image is painted on a hallway wall and the inmates dedicated to her their reentry clothing closet, which provides suits for men to wear when they leave prison.

On the recent bitter-cold Sunday morning when she visited Stateville, Sinclair told the men it is more important to live like Christ than to talk about him.

“I ain’t got time to tell you about Jesus. I’m busy doing what he did,” she said.

At points during her talk, Sinclair recognized faces in the crowd and called out to them.

“I just saw your brother,” she said to one inmate.

“I don’t come here without asking about you,” she told another.

As she spoke, Sinclair’s words wandered, sometimes randomly, from topic to topic.

She talked about food deserts in black communities. She pontificated about why gangs have so much power. She vented about school buildings not being properly cleaned and discussed advice she gives her grandchildren.

Then, as if she were just remembering, she reminded the men that she was there, in that room, to support them.

“We come in to preach and pray, but we also fight,” she said. “We’re going to be for you — whatever it takes.”

And with that, she broke out in song.

“In the name of Jesus, we have the victory,” she sang.

And the inmates sang with her.

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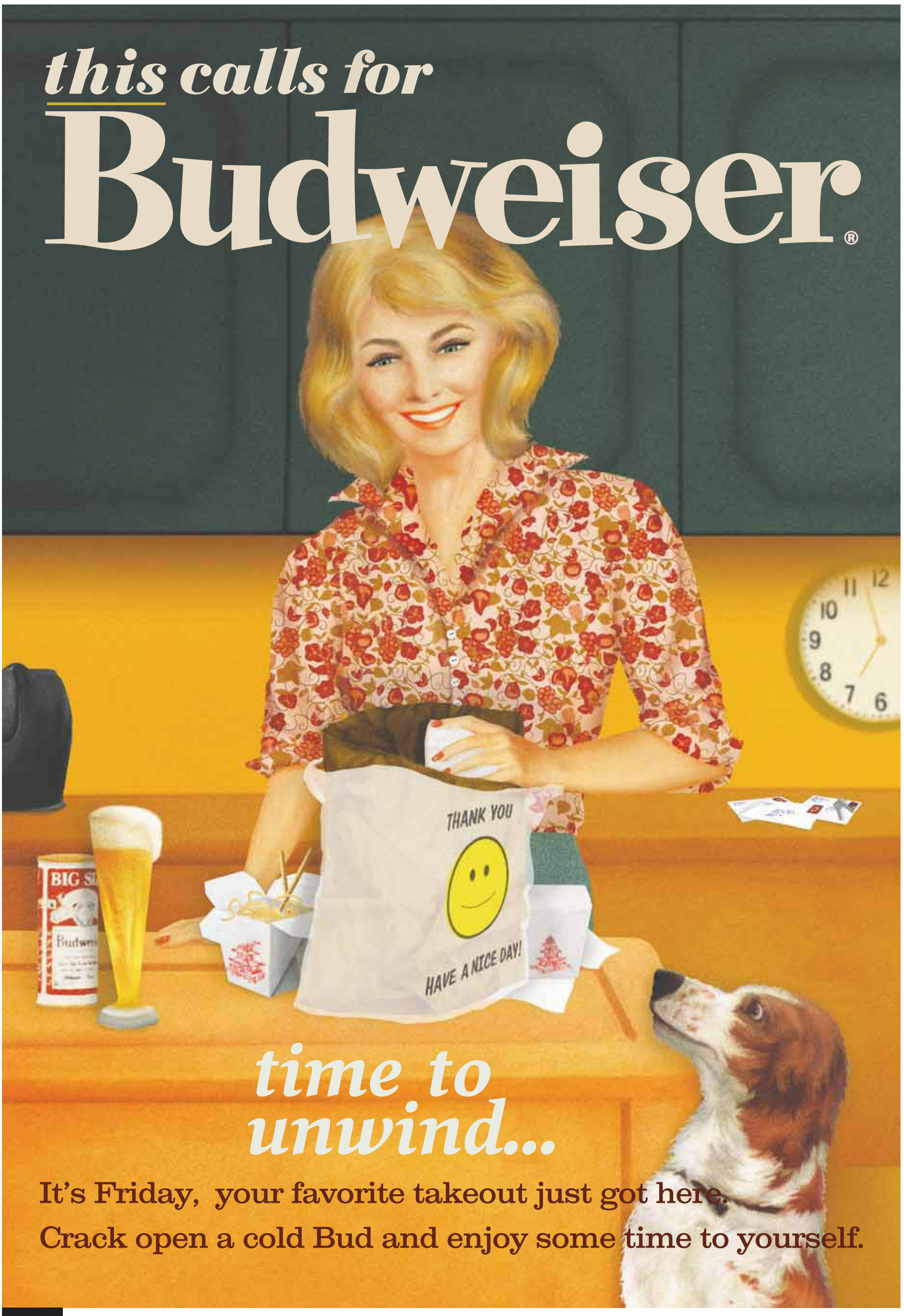


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Manafort sentence: 47 months

Told judge he felt 'humiliated and ashamed'

By Chris Megerian
Los Angeles Times

ALEXANDRIA, Va. — Paul Manafort, who managed Donald Trump's presidential campaign for part of 2016, was sentenced Thursday to 47 months in prison for financial crimes that were prosecuted by special counsel Robert Mueller.

U.S. District Judge T.S. Ellis could have sent the 69-year-old veteran Republican operative to prison for the rest of his life, but he rejected the recommended sentence of 19 to 24 years, under federal guidelines, calling it excessive.

A lobbyist and consultant before he joined Trump's campaign, Manafort was brought into court in a wheelchair. He appeared more frail than in August, when a federal jury convicted him of eight charges of tax evasion and bank fraud.

Near the end of a 3½-hour court hearing, Manafort appealed to Ellis for compassion and said he felt "humiliated and ashamed." He thanked the judge for "a fair trial."

"The last two years have been the most difficult that my family and I have experienced," he said.

Ellis described Manafort's crimes as "very serious" and said his tax evasion represented "a theft of money from everyone that pays their taxes." He also expressed surprise that Manafort did not express more regret when he addressed the court.



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Paul Manafort, shown leaving Federal District Court last May, was brought to court Thursday in a wheelchair.

"I hope you reflect on that," he said.

Because Manafort has already been in jail for the last nine months, his sentence means he would serve only an additional 38 months. He was sent to jail last summer when U.S. District Judge Amy Berman Jackson, who is overseeing a related case in Washington, D.C., decided he revoked his bail by reaching out to potential witnesses.

Jackson is scheduled to sentence Manafort at another hearing Wednesday. He has pleaded guilty to two related charges of conspiracy in that case.

All the criminal charges against Manafort stemmed from his work on behalf of Ukraine's former pro-Russian government, although some of the crimes continued while he also managed Trump's campaign for several months in 2016.

During his trial, prosecutors detailed how Manafort used a network of offshore bank accounts and other schemes to avoid paying millions of dollars in federal income taxes.

When his client, Ukrainian President Viktor Yanukovich, was overthrown in a popular uprising in 2014, Manafort turned to bank fraud to maintain an opulent lifestyle that included custom tailored clothes, seven homes and luxury cars.

Mueller's team initially focused on Manafort as part of its investigation into whether Trump's campaign conspired with a Russian intelligence operation that sought to sway the 2016 election to Trump, using stolen emails and disinformation on social media.

In June 2016, Manafort joined Donald Trump Jr., the president's eldest son, and Jared Kushner, the president's son-in-law, in a meeting in Trump Tower in Manhattan with a woman identified to them as a "Russian government attorney."

Before the meeting, when an intermediary's email said the lawyer would present dirt on Hillary Clinton "as part of Russia and its government's support for Mr. Trump," Trump Jr. replied, "If it's what you say I love it."

No charges have been filed in connection with the meeting, and Trump's allies have said no incriminating information was provided. Trump's critics have said the campaign should have called the FBI to report the Russian offer.

Two months later, Manafort and Trump's deputy campaign chairman, Richard Gates, met with Konstantin Kilimnik.

Mueller's prosecutors later disclosed in court papers that Kilimnik "has ties to a Russian intelligence service and had such ties in 2016."

Manafort shared polling data with Kilimnik, then lied about it even after he agreed to cooperate with the investigation.

Those lies and others led to the implosion of Manafort's plea deal, which he reached after he was convicted in northern Virginia. The deal had required him to cooperate truthfully with the special counsel's office.

Prosecutors had urged the judge to impose a tough sentence.

Greg Andres, a prosecutor from the special counsel's office, said Manafort "broke the basic civic covenant of citizens in this democracy" by failing to pay his taxes.

"Nobody made up these crimes," he added. "He made criminal choices."

Manafort's lawyers argued in a sentencing memo before Thursday's hearing that "the special counsel's attempt to vilify Mr. Manafort as a lifelong and irredeemable felon is beyond the pale and grossly overstates the facts."

They also suggested that prosecutors pressured Manafort to provide evidence against the president in the Russia investigation, and urged the judge to spare him jail time.

Mueller's "strategy in bringing charges against Mr. Manafort had nothing to do with the special counsel's core mandate — Russian collusion — but was instead designed to 'tighten the screws' to compel Mr. Manafort to cooperate and provide incriminating information about others," the lawyers wrote.

Trump has repeatedly said that his former campaign chairman was treated unfairly by prosecutors, and he's left open the possibility of pardoning him before he leaves office.

House passes measure condemning hate

By Mike DeBonis, Felicia Sonmez and John Wagner
The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — The House on Thursday passed a measure broadly condemning hate, as Democrats seek to move past a controversy over alleged anti-Semitic comments from freshman Rep. Ilhan Omar.



Omar

The resolution condemns anti-Semitism and anti-Muslim bias in equal measure, a shift from a draft circulated Monday that rebuked only anti-Semitism. Neither mentions Omar, D-Minn., or her comments specifically.

"It's not about her," House Speaker Nancy Pelosi, D-Calif., said of Omar at a news conference. "It's about these forms of hatred."

Thursday's vote reflected Democratic leaders' concerns that the acrimonious issue is overshadowing their legislative agenda, including the expected passage Friday of a sweeping election and ethics reform bill.

But even the new resolution had problems. The vote was briefly delayed Thursday afternoon as House leaders made further changes to the resolution, broadening it again to acknowledge prejudice against more minority groups.

Omar suggested last week that Israel's supporters have an "allegiance to a foreign country," remarks that angered some Democrats who saw them as hateful tropes and who pushed to condemn the freshman lawmaker. Her defenders argued that leadership was applying a double standard in singling out one of the two Muslim women in Congress.

The resolution posted Thursday indirectly repudiates Omar's comments, saying that "accusations of dual loyalty generally have an insidious and pernicious history" and noting that such an accusation "constitutes anti-Semitism because it suggests that Jewish citizens cannot be patriotic Americans and trusted neighbors."

But it also includes language condemning anti-Muslim bigotry "as hateful expressions of intolerance that are contrary to the values and aspirations of the United States," and condemns incidents of mosque bombings and planned domestic terrorist attacks targeting Muslim communities.

Omar, a Somali American immigrant, has spoken about religiously motivated verbal attacks and threats she has been subjected to.

The decision to sanction Omar for her "allegiance" comments without mentioning the hatred she had faced — as well as incidents of intolerance concerning President Donald Trump and other Republicans — angered many Democrats and prompted a backlash at the initial plans to condemn anti-Semitism specifically.

That forced Democratic leaders to chart a delicate path to navigate the sensitivities of their own caucus.

The announcement that the House would move forward with a resolution came from House Majority Leader Steny Hoyer, D-Md., in a closed-door meeting.

"I do not believe that (Omar) understood the full weight of the words," Pelosi said. "I feel confident that her words were not based on any anti-Semitic attitude."



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Speaker of the House Nancy Pelosi speaks Thursday during her weekly news conference.

The seven-page resolution that passed the House acknowledges at one part that white supremacists have targeted "traditionally persecuted peoples, including African-Americans, Latinos, Native Americans, Asian-Americans and Pacific Islanders and other people of color, Jews, Muslims, Hindus, Sikhs, the LGBTQ community, immigrants, and others."

Rep. Doug Collins of Georgia, the top Republican on the House Judiciary Committee, criticized the way Democrats handled the resolution. In remarks on the House floor, he asked why Mormons, Jehovah's Witnesses or people with disabilities were not included, as well as lawmakers such as himself who are not members of marginalized groups but who have nonetheless received death threats.

"How long does it take to figure out, just don't hate?" Collins asked. "Evil is evil."

Numerous other Democrats expressed hope earlier Thursday that the new resolution could help Democrats put the Omar controversy behind them.

Noting the front-page coverage the controversy has received, Rep. Jan Schakowsky, D-Ill., said, "We want to put this thing to bed before we do H.R. 1, which is a really important bill." She referred to the ethics and election reform bill.

She lashed out at reporters for covering the controversy surrounding Omar rather than the legislation: "I just think that it is shameful that it is being exploited, not just by the Republicans, but also by the press."

Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell, R-Ky., chided House Democratic leaders for not acting more quickly.

"Apparently within the speaker's new far-left Democratic majority, even a symbolic — symbolic — resolution condemning anti-Semitism seems to be a bridge too far," he said.

Scientists begin exploring Indian Ocean

By Jerry Harmer and David Keyton
Associated Press

ALPHONSE ATOLL, Seychelles — An unprecedented mission to explore the Indian Ocean and document changes taking place beneath the waves began its research on Thursday, in Seychelles waters.

The British-led Nekton Mission arrived off the tiny atoll of Alphonse in the early morning hours, after looming bad weather forced a change of plan and of route.

The ambitious expedition will delve into one of the last major unexplored frontiers on the planet, a vast body of water that's already feeling the effects of global warming. Understanding the Indian Ocean's ecosystem is important not just for the species that live in it, but also for an estimated 2.5 billion people at home in the region — from East Africa to the Arabian peninsula, the Indian subcontinent and Southeast Asia.

Though the mission will use high-tech submersibles in its work, research began on Thursday with more modest equipment: a device to measure the water's chemistry and a Neuston net used to retrieve zooplankton.

"When you actually finally begin doing the science, it's a bit of a relief and a lot of fun," said Louise Allcock, a professor of zoology at the University of Ireland, in Galway.

Alphonse is a tiny atoll, the tip of a submerged mountain, 232 nautical miles southwest of Seychelles' capital Victoria. Within two miles of its shores, the ocean is as deep as 3 miles.

Little is known about the biodiversity of Alphonse Atoll, as it remains unexplored beyond scuba depth.

The mission expects to discover new species, as well as document evidence of climate change and of human-driven pollution.

The data will be used to help the Seychelles protect its national waters.



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Researchers aboard the science vessel Ocean Zephyr retrieve zooplankton from a Neuston net.



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Migrants requesting asylum are returned to Mexico at El Chaparral port of entry in Tijuana. They will wait in Mexico until their scheduled court date in the United States.

Memos say agents must target Spanish speakers at border

By Elliot Spagat
Associated Press

SAN DIEGO — Border agents have been told to explicitly target Spanish speakers and migrants from Latin America in carrying out a Trump administration program requiring asylum seekers to wait in Mexico, according to memos obtained by The Associated Press that reveal some inner workings of a top government priority to address the burgeoning number of Central Americans arriving in the country.

The Trump administration launched the program in late January in what marks a shift in how the U.S. handles the cases of immigrants seeking asylum and fleeing persecution in their homeland.

The program initially applied only to those who turned themselves in at official border crossings. But a memo from a division chief of the Border Patrol's San Diego sector said it expanded Friday to include people who cross the border illegally.

The guidance includes instruction about groups of immigrants who are not to be sent back to Mexico and instead go through the traditional asylum process in the U.S. court system. They include pregnant women, LGBT migrants and people suffering medical issues. Authorities said previously that Mexican asylum seekers are excluded, as are children traveling alone.

U.S. officials must check if the asylum seeker has any felony convictions and notify Mexico at least 12 hours before they are returned. Those who cross illegally must have come as single adults, though the administration is in talks with the Mexican government to include families.

The program is being implemented as border arrests soared in February to a 12-year-high, and more than half of those stopped arrived as families, many of them asylum seekers who generally turn themselves in instead of eluding capture. Guatemala and Honduras have replaced Mexico as the top countries.

The instructions say Mexican officials insist that no more than 20 asylum seekers are returned each day from San Diego to Tijuana, Mexico, on Monday through Saturday, underscoring challenges that the U.S. faces in trying to quickly ramp up one of its top border enforcement priorities and most significant changes to the U.S. immigration system of Donald Trump's presidency. Authorities said Tuesday that more than 76,000 were stopped or apprehended at the Mexican border in February, more than double the same period last year.

A memo on Tuesday to top Border Patrol officials in San Diego said the agency is under "pressures to utilize this program as much as we can."

Asylum-seeking families are typically released from U.S. custody immediately and allowed to settle with family or friends while their cases wind through immigration courts. Critics say that amounts to "catch-and-release," which officials want to limit with the new Mexico program.

In a statement, the Department of Homeland Security described the program as "another tool available in the law" to respond to the record numbers of Central American migrants arriving at the border in recent months. The agency said the program is being carried out in a "thoughtful and deliberate manner."

Two U.S. officials who were not authorized to discuss the internal guidance and spoke on condition of anonymity confirmed contents of the memos obtained by the AP.

Cohen sues Trump firm over nearly $2 million in legal fees

By Felicia Sonmez
The Washington Post



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Michael Cohen, President Trump's former personal lawyer, is seeking an additional $1.9 million on top of legal fees.

WASHINGTON — Michael Cohen, President Donald Trump's former personal lawyer, is suing the Trump Organization for failing to reimburse him millions of dollars for his legal fees, fines and other costs.

Cohen, who testified before Congress last week at a contentious House Judiciary Committee hearing, said in a lawsuit filed Thursday in New York that the Trump Organization had breached a July 2017 agreement under which it agreed to cover the costs Cohen incurred while participating in ongoing investigations into his work for the company.

Cohen is seeking more than $1.9 million in attorneys' fees as well as an additional $1.9 million that he has been ordered to pay as part of his sentence for crimes he committed while working for Trump.

"All of these amounts were subject to the Trump Organization's indemnification agreement," the lawsuit states.

It alleges that after initially paying some of Cohen's legal fees, the Trump Organization stopped paying him last June, once it "became clear that Mr. Cohen would cooperate in ongoing investigations into his work" on behalf of the company and Trump.

"As a result of the Trump Organization's unfounded refusal to meet its indemnification obligations under the indemnification agreement, Mr. Cohen has incurred millions of dollars in unreimbursed attorneys' fees and costs, plus additional indemnifiable amounts, and continues to incur attorneys' fees and costs in connection with various ongoing investigations and litigation," the lawsuit states.

Cohen wrote to the Trump Organization in late January requesting that it reimburse him for all outstanding amounts, but he received no reply, according to the court filing.

"Over the past week, Michael Cohen has proven with documents and facts that the President of the United States has lied and committed crimes," Lanny Davis, an attorney for Cohen, wrote in a statement. "Stubborn facts backed up by documents, such as signed criminal hush money checks, can't be ignored — unless you are President Trump and his apologists."

Davis added that while he is not involved in the lawsuit, he is confident that Cohen "has documents to prove the allegations in this complaint as well."

A lawyer for the Trump Organization disputed that there was ever a contract between Cohen and the company over his legal fees, written or oral. "It's an act of desperation," the lawyer said.

He asked not to be named because he was speaking about pending litigation.

Steve Ryan, Cohen's former lawyer whose invoices are referenced in the suit, did not immediately respond to a request for comment.

Cohen is scheduled to begin his three-year prison sentence in May for lying to Congress and financial crimes.

According to people familiar with the matter, a dispute erupted in June over Cohen's legal debts, which were being paid in part by the Trump Organization. The argument burst into public when it was reported that Cohen would be parting from the Trump Organization's legal team, including Ryan, that had been representing him.

In Los Angeles, a federal judge threw out a lawsuit by porn actress Stormy Daniels that sought to tear up a hush-money settlement that Cohen has said he arranged at Trump's direction in order to cover up allegation of a sexual encounter.

Judge S. James Otero ruled Thursday in U.S. District Court that the suit was irrelevant after Trump and his former personal lawyer agreed to rescind a nondisclosure agreement Daniels signed in exchange for a $130,000 payment.

Daniels, whose real name is Stephanie Clifford, had wanted a court to declare the agreement illegal so she could speak out about her alleged tryst with Trump without fear of financial penalties if she violated the agreement.

Associated Press contributed.

Trump 'a little disappointed' by activity at N. Korea missile sites

By Deb Riechmann and Matthew Lee
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — President Donald Trump said Thursday that he's a "little disappointed" by reports of new activity at a North Korean missile research center and long-range rocket site and that time will tell if U.S. diplomacy with the reclusive country will be successful.

South Korea's military said it is carefully monitoring North Korean nuclear and missile facilities after the country's spy agency told lawmakers that new activity was detected at a research center where the North is believed to build long-range missiles targeting the U.S. mainland.

Defense Ministry spokeswoman Choi Hyun-soo said the U.S. and South Korean militaries are sharing intelligence over the developments at the North's missile research center in Sanumdong on the outskirts of the capital, Pyongyang, and at a separate long-range rocket site. She did not elaborate on what the developments were.

Trump told reporters at the White House that time will determine the future of U.S. efforts to get North Korean leader Kim Jong Un to give up his pursuit of nuclear weapons in exchange for relief from sanctions stalling economic growth.

"We'll let you know in about a year," Trump said.

Briefing reporters at the State Department later, a senior U.S. official said that despite the new activity and the failure of last month's Trump-Kim summit in Hanoi to reach a denuclearization deal, the administration still believes it can reach and implement an agreement by the end of the president's first term. The official said it is important that progress be made quickly but that the goal is "achievable" by January 2021.



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President Trump said his relationship with Kim Jong Un is good even though Trump walked away from negotiations.

Trump said on Wednesday that his relationship with Kim remained "good" even though Trump walked away from negotiations at their high-profile meeting in Vietnam, saying the North's concessions on its nuclear program weren't enough to warrant sanctions relief.

Trump has favored direct talks with Kim, but the next stage of negotiations is likely to be conducted at lower levels. Trump's envoy to North Korea, Steve Biegun, had lunch Wednesday at the State Department with his counterparts from Japan and South Korea. The South Koreans have proposed semiofficial three-way talks with the United States and North Korea as it works to put nuclear diplomacy back on track.

Meanwhile, 38 North, a website specializing in North Korea studies, said commercial satellite imagery indicates the rebuilding started between Feb. 16 and March 2. And the Center for Strategic and International Studies, a think tank in Washington, issued another report saying satellite imagery taken Saturday — just two days after the summit ended — showed North Korea "pursuing a rapid rebuilding" of the Sohae Satellite Launch Site.

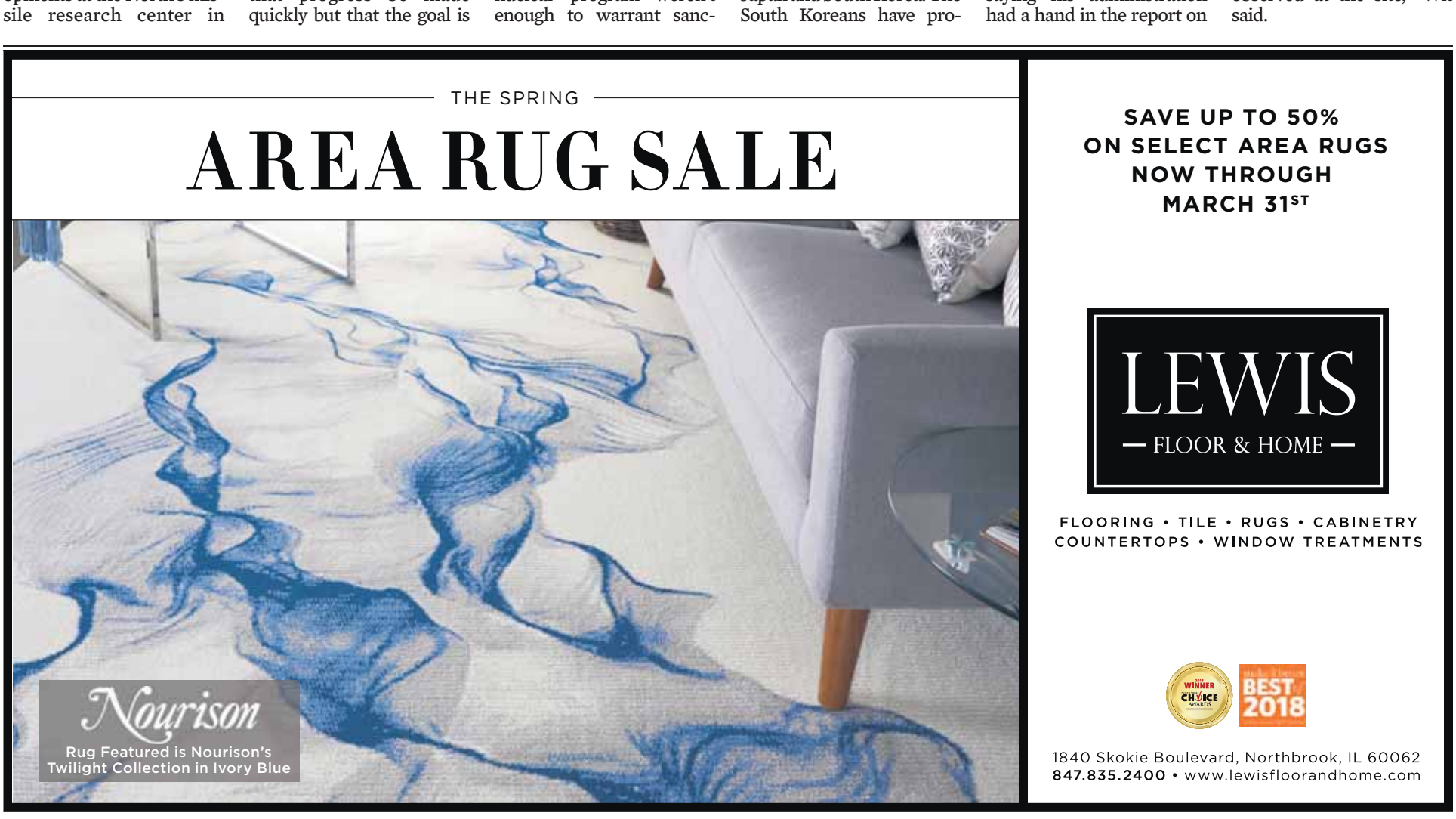
Some analysts think the work is a signal that Kim is getting ready to conduct more tests, but others suggest he's just registering his disappointment that no agreement was reached at the summit. Trump himself added to the confusion, saying his administration had a hand in the report on Sohae being made public.

"It's a very early report. We're the ones that put it out," Trump said without elaborating.

Joel Wit, a North Korea proliferation expert who helped negotiate with North Korea in the mid-1990s, said the new work at Sohae is Kim's way of showing that he's "getting impatient with lack of progress in negotiations."

"We have to watch to see what else happens," Wit said. "It's a space launch facility and has been used to send satellites into space. Problem is, some of the technologies are the same."

He said there is no evidence that North Korea's work at the site signals Kim is preparing to test another intercontinental missile. He said North Korea has never tested an ICBM at Sohae. "Preparations for any launch would require a wide range of activities not observed at the site," Wit said.



Teen deaths stir knife debate in Britain

Authorities at odds over how to solve rising crime wave

By Jill Lawless
Associated Press



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Forensic officers work the scene Saturday where Jodie Chesney was stabbed to death the night before in London.

LONDON — Jodie Chesney was a keen Explorer Scout. Yousef Makki wanted to be a surgeon.

The two 17-year-olds were stabbed to death on the same weekend in different parts of England, plunging friends and families into grief and igniting an intense political debate about why so many young people in Britain are being killed — and who is to blame.

"How many more?" asked the Daily Mail days afterward alongside photos of 27 teenagers who have been stabbed to death in the past year.

The Daily Mirror pointed the finger at Prime Minister Theresa May: "How many more, Mrs. May?"

After falling for a decade, knife crime is on the rise in Britain. There were 285 knife homicides in England and Wales from April 1, 2017 to March 31, 2018, the highest number since comparable records began in 1946.

The number of people admitted to hospitals with blade injuries rose 8 percent from the year before.

Knives are the most common weapon used in slayings in the U.K., where guns are tightly restricted. About 40 percent of murder victims were stabbed to death last year, while only 4 percent were shot.

Both the causes of the crime wave and its solutions are disputed.

Police leaders and opposition politicians blame years of public spending cuts by the Conservative-led government, which has slashed funding to police by almost 20 percent since 2010, leading to 20,000 fewer officers on the streets.

Government cuts to local budgets also mean there are fewer youth programs and after-school activities and worse mental health services for young people in many areas.

"Of course there's a link between youth centers having massive cuts, mental health services having massive cuts, schools having massive cuts and young people having less constructive things to do," said London Mayor Sadiq Khan, a member of the opposition Labour Party.

"The government needs to wake up, reverse these cuts to our police — but also our preventative services too," he told Sky News.

The government denies austerity is to blame.

May insisted this week that there was "no direct correlation between certain crimes and police numbers."

She was contradicted by Britain's most senior police officer, who said "of course there is" a link between crime levels and police numbers.

"In the last few years police officer numbers have gone down a lot, there's been a lot of other cuts in public services, there has been more demand for policing and therefore there must be something," Metropolitan police Chief Cressida Dick told radio station LBC.

Experts say rising crime can't be blamed solely on government cuts.

Police and community workers say the surge in violence is partly driven by battles over control of the illegal drug trade. Social media plays a role in escalating disputes from online threats into real-life violence.

In London, authorities recently set up a Violence Reduction Unit, which treats violence as a public health issue, rather than simply as a law-and-order problem. It brings together police, health workers, probation staff and community groups, seeking to identify potential perpetrators and victims and tried to steer them away from crime.

London's approach is modeled on a program introduced in the early 2000s in Glasgow, Scotland, which managed to reduce murders in the city by almost half.

It's a long-term approach whose results may not be clear for years.

Meanwhile, the families of the latest victims await justice.

A 17-year-old boy was charged Tuesday with murdering Makki, who was stabbed in the street Saturday in a wealthy commuter village on the edge of Manchester. Another 17-year-old was charged with assisting the alleged killer. Neither can be named for legal reasons because of their ages.

Police also arrested a man Tuesday over the killing of Chesney, who was stabbed in the back last week as she sat on a park bench with friends in an eastern suburb of London. He has not been charged.

Some in Britain are calling for longer sentences for knife crimes, which have already been toughened in recent years. Merely carrying a bladed weapon can bring a four-year prison sentence.

"My argument is build more prisons — we need to have a consequence," said John Apter, national chairman of police officers' union the Police Federation of England and Wales.

But Tim Bateman, an expert in youth justice at the University of Bedfordshire, said a "getting tough" approach would likely be counterproductive.

"Young people in particular tend not to think through the consequences of their actions, so responses that that rely on deterrence simply don't work," he said.

WWII airmen honored with flyby in U.K.

10 from U.S. crashed to save kids; 1 child, now 82, sought the event for decades

By Danica Kirka and Jo Kearney
Associated Press



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Tony Foulds, right, who has tended a memorial to 10 U.S. aviators who died in a plane crash he witnessed in 1944, waves at the memorial flyby over Sheffield.

SHEFFIELD, England — U.S. and Royal Air Force planes roared over the English city of Sheffield recently to honor 10 American airmen who sacrificed their lives to save British children playing in a park beneath their crippled bomber during World War II.

The fly-past brought tears to the eyes of 82-year-old Tony Foulds, for he was one of those children at that park.

The spectacle over Sheffield's Endcliffe Park was the culmination of decades of lobbying by Foulds, who wanted an aerial display befitting the young fliers who died that day. As thousands of spectators watched from the park below and the BBC broadcast live on its morning news program, the climax came when four U.S. fighters passed overhead, with one veering skyward in the missing man formation to honor the fallen.

"That was worth waiting 66 years for," Foulds said as he dabbed his eyes with a wadded tissue and recalled the dream he'd had since he was 17.

The crowd burst into a cheer of "Hip, hip hooray!" for Foulds, who has tended a nearby memorial for the airmen for decades, wracked with guilt because he believed he was responsible for the deaths of Lt. John G. Kriegshauser and the crew of the B-17G Flying Fortress nicknamed "Mi Amigo."

Kriegshauser, a 23-year-old pilot from St. Louis, was on his 15th mission on Feb. 22, 1944, when Mi Amigo was hit by enemy fire during a daylight raid on the Aalborg airfield in occupied Denmark, a key fighter base that protected Germany from Allied bombers. The crew nursed the damaged plane back across the North Sea, trying to reach their base in Chelveston, England.

But the weather was poor, and when the plane broke through the clouds it was over Sheffield, 80 miles northwest of their intended destination.

Tony was almost 8 that day and had joined a group of children in Endcliffe Park, an oasis of green surrounded on three sides by terraced houses and dense woodland on the other.

After five years of war, including German attacks on Sheffield's steel and armaments plants, the boys were accustomed to hearing planes. But the sound of this aircraft wasn't right.

The plane circled over the stretch of green and one of the airmen waved his arms at the kids. They waved back, thinking he was being friendly. Years later, Tony realized he was trying to get them to clear the field.

To avoid the children in the park as well as nearby houses, the plane deliberately crashed into the wooded area, killing all 10 men aboard.

"No one will ever tell me any different: I killed these lads," Foulds said. "And that will always stay with me."

In January, BBC presenter Dan Walker chanced upon Foulds tending the memorial, as he does some 260 days a year, and took up his call for an aerial tribute. Walker started a Twitter campaign under the hashtag #gettonyaflypast.

"Tony has pretty much single-handedly spent the best part of seven decades ensuring the memorial in the park is kept up to standard, and ensured that the memory of the Mi Amigo and those brave crewmen is kept alive," said Lee Peace, a reporter at The Star newspaper in Sheffield. "Once people heard about the story, it just took off."

Also in the crowd on the 75th anniversary of that fateful day were several family members of the crewmen. Kriegshauser's nephew Jim and a relative of 2nd Lt. Melchor Hernandez, the crew's bombardier, sat beside Foulds and both stretched out a comforting hand as he repeated his remonstrations of guilt.

Hernandez's relative, Megan Leo, said he was the eldest of six children, a first-generation American whose parents came from Mexico. She said the story of his sacrifice had always been told in her family.

"I think for this story to now be capturing so many hearts, it just reminds me of how many other stories we don't know, of all the men who died back then and in the years after fighting for our countries and for peace," she told the BBC, as she thanked Foulds.

As the jets roared into view, Foulds waved his arms over his head like a windshield wiper, hoping the pilots would see him.

Painted on the sides of the planes were the names of the crew.

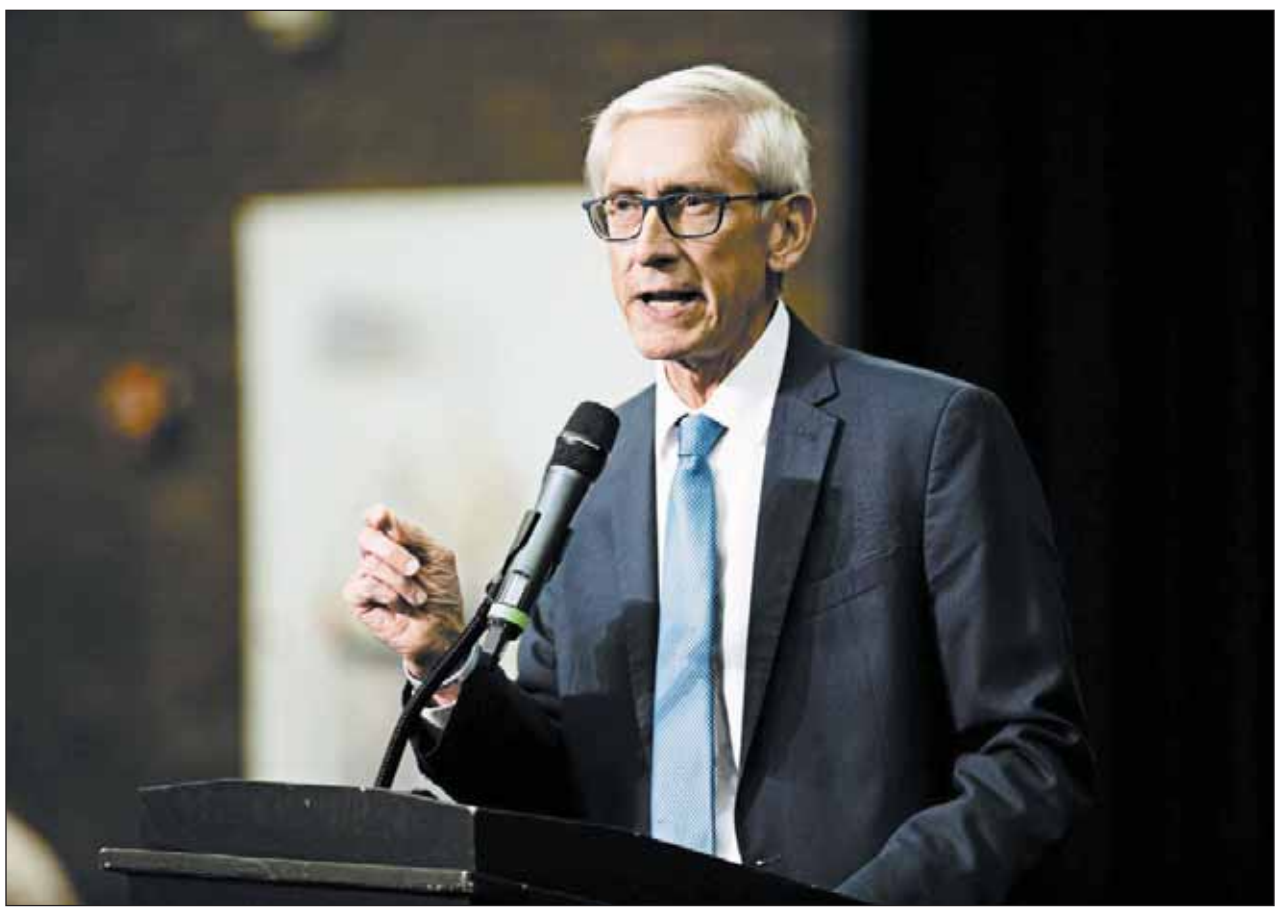
In addition to Kriegshauser and Hernandez, there were 2nd Lt. Lyle Curtis, of Idaho Falls, co-pilot; 2nd Lt. John W. Humphrey, of Wyoming, Ill., navigator; Staff Sgt. Robert Mayfield, of Raymond, Ill., radio operator; Sgt. Vito Ambrosio, of Brooklyn, waist gunner; Staff Sgt. Harry Estabrooks, of Mound Valley, Kan., flight engineer and top turret gunner; Sgt. George M. Williams, of Faxon, Okla., waist gunner; Sgt. Charles Tuttle, of Raceland, Ky., ball turret gunner; and Sgt. Maurice Robbins, of Manor, Texas, rear gunner.

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Campaign technology gets 'Orwellian'

Data is tracked and delivered to political hopefuls

By Evan Halper
Los Angeles Times



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Wisconsin Gov. Tony Evers' campaign used technology to push ads during a state Democratic party meeting.

WASHINGTON — It was a crowded primary field and Tony Evers, running for governor, was eager to win the support of officials gathered at a Wisconsin state Democratic party meeting, so the candidate did all the usual things: He read the room, he shook hands, he networked.

Then he put an electronic fence around everyone there.

The digital fence enabled Evers' team to push ads onto the iPhones and Androids of all those attending the meeting. Not only that, but because the technology pulled the unique identification numbers off the phones, a data broker could use the digital signatures to follow the devices home. Once there, the campaign could use so-called cross-device tracking technology to find associated laptops, desktops and other devices to push even more ads.

Welcome to the new frontier of campaign tech — a loosely regulated world in which simply downloading a weather app or game, connecting to Wi-Fi at a coffee shop or powering up a home router can allow a data broker to monitor your movements with ease, then compile the location information and sell it to a political candidate who can use it to surround you with messages.

"We can put a pin on a building, and if you are in that building, we are going to get you," said Democratic strategist Dane Strother, who advised Evers. And they can get you even if you aren't in the building anymore, but were simply there at some point in the last six months.

Campaigns don't match the names of voters with the personal information they scoop up — although that could be possible in many cases. Instead, they use the information to micro-target ads to appear on phones and other devices based on individual profiles that show where a voter goes, whether a gun range, a Whole Foods or a town hall debate over Medicare.

The spots would show up in all the digital places a person normally sees ads — whether on Facebook or an internet browser such as Chrome.

As a result, if you have been to a political rally, a town hall, or just fit a demographic a campaign is after, chances are good your movements are being tracked with unnerving accuracy by data vendors on the payroll of campaigns. The information gathering can quickly invade even the most private of moments.

Anti-abortion groups, for example, used the technology to track women who entered waiting rooms of abortion clinics in more than a half dozen cities. RealOptions, a California-based network of so-called pregnancy crisis centers, along with a partner organization, had hired a firm to track cell phones in and around clinic lobbies and push ads touting alternatives to abortion. Even after the women left the clinics, the ads continued for a month.

That effort ended in 2017 under pressure from Massachusetts authorities, who warned it violated the state's consumer protection laws. But such crackdowns are rare.

Data brokers and their political clients operate in an environment in which technology moves much faster than Congress or state legislatures, which are under pressure from Silicon Valley not to strengthen privacy laws. The RealOptions case turned out to be a harbinger for a new generation of political campaigning built around tracking and monitoring even the most private moments of people's lives.

"It is Orwellian," said Los Angeles City Attorney Mike Feuer, whose office in January filed a lawsuit against the makers of the Weather Channel app, alleging that the app surreptitiously monitors where users live, work and visit 24 hours a day and sells the information to data brokers.

The apps on iPhones and Androids are the most prolific spies of user whereabouts and whatabouts. But they aren't the only ones. Take televisions.

In the 2016 election, campaigns began targeting satellite-television ads to particular households. That technology was credited with helping Sen. Bernie Sanders, I-Vt., target voters to eke out a surprise victory over Hillary Clinton in Michigan's presidential primary.

Now, a person's television may be telling candidates a lot more than many people would care to share. Some newer smart-television systems, including units made by Vizio, can monitor everything a person watches and send the information to data brokers. Campaigns can buy that information and use it to beam ads that either complement a narrative broadcast by such networks as Fox News or MSNBC — or counter-program against it.

Or a campaign might look for frequent watchers of a particular program — bass fishing championships, perhaps, or maybe "The Bachelor." Campaigns have long targeted viewers of particular programs as likely to support their positions and have bought ads to air during those shows. Now, however, knowing that a person watches a specific program, a campaign can beam ads to the person's television that would show up the next time the device is turned on, even if the viewer was watching some other show.

Feuer said he was surprised to learn from a reporter that political consulting firms are an eager market for tracking information.

"It means suddenly a campaign knows whether you are going to a doctor, an Alcoholics Anonymous meeting, where you worship and who knows what else," Feuer said. At a time foreign agents are commandeering American campaign tools and using them to sow confusion and distrust among voters, Feuer said, the shift toward more tracking and monitoring is particularly concerning.

"It is not hyperbole to wonder if this information will end up with a Russian bot," he said.

Just as the anti-abortion organizations did around clinics, political campaigns large and small are building "geo-fences" around locations from which they can fetch the unique identifying information of the smartphones of nearly everyone who attended an event.

"I don't think a lot of people are aware their location data is being sent to whomever," said Justin Croxton, a managing partner at Propellant Media, an Atlanta-area digital firm that works with political campaigns.

"The good news is a lot of those people can opt out," Croxton said. Privacy advocates, however, say opting out can be nearly impossible, as most device users are not even aware of which apps and phone settings are causing them to be surreptitiously monitored, much less in position to understand the intricacies of disabling all the tracking technology.

"It is often embedded in apps you would not expect to be spying on you," said Sean O'Brien, a technology and privacy scholar at Yale Law School. "There is a question of how much people know is being grabbed from an ethical standpoint, even if from a legal standpoint you have technically agreed to this without knowing it."

Florida jury finds fired officer guilty of killing black motorist

By Terry Spencer
Associated Press



GREG LOVETT/PALM BEACH POST

Kattie Jones and her husband, Clinton Jones Sr., father of Corey Jones, react after Nouman Raja was found guilty.

WEST PALM BEACH, Fla. — A fired Florida police officer was found guilty of manslaughter and attempted murder Thursday for fatally shooting a stranded black motorist, becoming the first officer in the state to be convicted of an on-duty shooting in 30 years.

Nouman Raja, 41, faces a mandatory minimum of 25 years at sentencing April 26, and could spend his life in prison for the death of Corey Jones, 31.

The four-man, two-woman jury deliberated for four hours. Raja didn't react as the verdict was read. About 25 relatives and supporters of Jones looked on, some weeping. One said "the sweetest sound was the click of those handcuffs" after Raja was led away.



Raja

They held a prayer circle outside the courtroom.

Jones, a housing inspector and part-time drummer, came from a family of Christian ministers and was scheduled to perform at church the morning he died.

Raja's attorneys left without comment. His wife said an obscenity when asked for comment.

Prosecutors said Raja, one of few police officers nationwide convicted of an on-duty shooting, escalated what should have been a routine interaction.

Prosecutors charged Raja with manslaughter, saying his actions created the confrontation and showed "culpable negligence." They also charged him with attempted first-degree murder, saying that although they couldn't prove beyond a reasonable doubt which of the six shots killed Jones, the second volley was a conscious effort to kill him as he fled.

Raja, of Asian descent, was working on an auto burglary investigation team when he spotted Jones' SUV at 3:15 a.m. Oct. 18, 2015. Jones was returning home from a nightclub performance when his vehicle stalled. He had a concealed-weapons permit and carried a .38-caliber handgun, purchased days earlier to protect his $10,000 drum set, which was in the SUV.

Wearing plain clothes, Raja drove an unmarked van the wrong way up an off ramp and stopped a few feet from the broken-down vehicle.

Prosecutors said Raja never identified himself as an officer and acted so aggressively that Jones must have thought he was about to be carjacked or killed. Raja said he first thought the SUV was empty, but then saw Jones inside. Raja's supervisor testified the officer had been told to wear a police vest if he approached a civilian. He didn't. Prosecutors also questioned why Raja didn't pull his badge from his pocket.

What police didn't know at first was that Jones had been talking to a tow-truck dispatcher on a recorded line. That recording shows Jones saying "Huh?" as his door opens. Raja yells, "You good?" Jones says he is. Raja replies twice, "Really?" with Jones replying "Yeah."

Suddenly, Raja shouts at Jones to raise his hands, using an expletive. Jones replies, "Hold on!" and Raja repeats his demand.

Prosecutors believe Jones pulled his gun and tried to get away. Raja fired three shots; Jones ran down an embankment. Prosecutors said he threw his gun, found 125 feet from his body, but Raja fired three more times, 10 seconds after the first volley. Jones was killed by a bullet through his heart.

A medical examiner testified Jones would have dropped feet from where the fatal shot struck him. He also was shot once in each arm.

Prosecutors said Raja, not knowing of the tow-truck dispatcher recording, tried to deceive investigators. He told them in a video-recorded interview hours after the shooting that he said "Police, can I help you?" as Jones jumped from the SUV.

He told investigators Jones leaped backward and pointed his gun, forcing him to fire. Raja said Jones ran but turned and again pointed his gun, forcing him to fire the second volley.

Documents: Colo. man's grim account of how family killed

By Kathleen Foody
Associated Press



SHERIFF'S OFFICE

Convicted killer Christopher Watts said his 4-year-old daughter's last words were: 'No, Daddy!'

DENVER — A Colorado man convicted of killing his pregnant wife and two young daughters has acknowledged to investigators that he strangled his wife in their bed then drove her body and the girls to a worksite, where he smothered the girls using a blanket, according to documents released Thursday.

Christopher Watts made the statements during a prison interview with detectives Feb. 18, three months after he was sentenced to life in prison.

Authorities said they believe the grim details represent Watts' first full confession.

The suburban Denver crime began with the disappearance of Shanann Watts and the children, and Christopher Watts' televised pleas for their safe return.

He was arrested within days and later pleaded guilty in exchange for prosecutors not seeking the death penalty.

Watts, however, didn't provide a full account at the time on the killings or his motive.

Authorities who visited Watts in February told him that "his life and situation was unique and we wanted to fully understand what happened," according to a written summary of the interview.

An audio recording indicates Watts, 33, expressed no hesitation about talking.

Watts previously blamed his wife for killing Bella, 4, and Celeste, 3, but acknowledged in the interview that was a lie.

He said detectives were the first to mention that Shanann may have killed their children and he "just went with it."

Watts said he strangled Shanann, 34, in their bed Aug. 13 after he told her their marriage was over and she said he would never see their children again. Watts said his wife correctly suspected that he was having an affair, but he did not tell her about his ongoing relationship with a co-worker before killing her.

Authorities say Watts wanted a chance to start over with the woman.

Watts told investigators the woman "never asked him to get rid of his family" but their relationship may have "contributed" to his actions.

After he strangled Shanann, Watts said Bella came into their bedroom and asked what was wrong with her mother. She then watched as Watts wrapped his wife's body in a bed sheet and pulled it down the stairs of their home.

Watts said he put her body on the floor of his truck's back seat. When he went inside, Celeste also was awake. Watts said he loaded the girls into the backseat of the truck.

Each child had a blanket and Celeste also brought a stuffed animal.

Watts claimed he had no plan for his daughters but drove to an oil worksite about 40 miles east of the family's home in Frederick. He worked there as an operator for an oil and gas producer.

He told police he pulled Shanann's body from the truck as the girls asked, "What are you doing to Mommy?"

He said he went back to the truck and used Celeste's blanket to smother her as Bella watched. He then put Celeste's body inside an oil tank before returning to the truck and smothering Bella using the same blanket, the documents say.

Her last words were "Daddy, no!" he told police, adding that Bella struggled under the blanket. He said he put her body inside another oil tank and buried Shanann's body nearby.

Watts insisted that he did not plan to kill his wife or children.

"If I was thinking, this wouldn't have happened," he said.

Watts told investigators that he pleaded guilty to avoid a lengthy trial playing out before family and did not feel pressured by his attorneys to make an agreement with prosecutors.

The interview records also provide a glimpse of Watts' life in prison.

Colorado prison officials moved him out of the state but have refused to confirm his location. A site allowing people to send money to inmates lists Watts under the Wisconsin Department of Corrections.

Watts told police he read the Bible for the first time in prison and he writes down scriptures each day to send his parents.

He keeps photos of his wife and daughters in his cell and "talks to them every morning and every night."

NEWS BRIEFING

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Pentagon may tap military pay and pensions for border wall

WASHINGTON — The Pentagon is planning to tap $1 billion in leftover funds from military pay and pensions accounts to help President Donald Trump pay for his long-sought border wall, a top Senate Democrat said Thursday.

"It's coming out of military pay and pensions. $1 billion. That's the plan," said Sen. Dick Durbin of Illinois, the No. 2 Democrat in the Senate.

Durbin said the funds are available because Army recruitment is down and a voluntary early military retirement program is being underutilized.

The development comes as Pentagon officials are seeking to minimize the amount of wall money that would come from military construction projects that are so popular with lawmakers because they help send millions in federal dollars to home districts and states.

Justice Department targeting scams against older people

WASHINGTON — The Justice Department said Thursday that it has criminally charged about 225 individuals over the past year in connection with fraud scams that victimize people age 60 and older.

Attorney General William Barr and other law enforcement officials announced what they said was the department's largest-ever nationwide crackdown on elder fraud schemes. In addition to the criminal charges, the department has brought civil cases against dozens of other defendants. All told, officials said, there were more than 260 criminal and civil charges filed in the past year.

"This is a particularly despicable crime, and it's a massive and growing problem," Barr said at a news conference, adding that authorities "have to prosecute an all-out attack" on these crimes.

Military leaders apologize for problems in family housing

WASHINGTON — Top leaders of the U.S. military services apologized to Congress on Thursday for allowing substandard living conditions in military family housing. They acknowledged failing to have fully understood the problem earlier and promised to fix it.

At a Senate Armed Services Committee hearing, the civilian and uniformed leaders of the Army, Navy, Air Force and Marine Corps laid blame largely on the private contractors who built the homes and are obliged to keep them in good repair.

The officials vowed to renegotiate the long-term, multibillion-dollar contracts to ensure more accountability.

The issues include lead poisoning hazards, mold and pest infestations in some military housing nationwide, according to military family advocates.



FRISO GENTSCH/AP

Klaus O. hides his face Thursday in a Bielefeld, Germany, court. He was convicted of attempted murder and sentenced to life in prison for poisoning co-workers' sandwiches with mercury and other chemicals, leaving one in a coma and two with kidney damage.

Israeli electoral committee bans 2 Arab parties, candidate

JERUSALEM — A decision by Israel's electoral committee to ban two Arab parties and a candidate from a third Arab-led slate from running in elections, while allowing a far-right-wing candidate despite recommendations from the attorney general to ban him, was sharply criticized Thursday by leaders of Israel's Arab community.

The ruling was called unreasonable and racist, and it sparked fears among Israeli Arabs that the country's 1.8 million Arab citizens could be further politically marginalized ahead of April 9 parliamentary elections.

The decision to ban the parties, which are running on a united ticket, and candidate, Ofer Cassif, followed petitions submitted by three right-wing factions, including Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu's ruling Likud party.

The two parties and Cassif now plan to appeal to the Supreme Court next week, and a panel of nine judges will make a final ruling on whether they can run in elections for the parliament, called the Knesset.

In a hearing Wednesday of the Central Elections Committee, it was argued that the two parties, Balad and the United Arab List, as well as Cassif — a politics professor and the only Jewish candidate for the Arab-majority Hadash party — had either expressed views supporting terror or rejected Israel's right to exist as a Jewish state.

Parties and individuals can be disqualified if they reject Israel as a Jewish and democratic state, incite racism, or express support for an enemy state or for terrorist organizations.

Since the country was founded in 1948, Arabs have been encouraged to run for political office.

Ohio Sen. Sherrod Brown won't seek Oval Office

WASHINGTON — Sen. Sherrod Brown of Ohio announced Thursday that he will not seek the presidency, a decision he said came after a tour of early primary states left him more confident that his party was focusing more on labor and workers.

"I will do everything I can to elect a Democratic President and a Democratic Senate in 2020," Brown said in a statement. "The best place for me to make that fight is in the United States Senate."

Brown, 66, is the second Democratic senator this week to pass on a White House bid; Oregon's Jeff Merkley released a similar statement Monday.

Both senators hired staff in early states and had begun to sketch out arguments that a populist Democrat with a record of winning the support of white, working-class voters could break the coalition that elected Donald Trump.

French court: Cardinal guilty of failure to report abuse

LYON, France — A court Thursday found a French cardinal guilty of failing to report to authorities allegations of sexual abuse of minors by a priest, a surprise decision and a strong signal to the Catholic Church.

The Lyon court handed Cardinal Philippe Barbarin a six-month suspended prison sentence for not reporting the cases in the period between July 2014 and June 2015.

Alleged victims of the Rev. Bernard Preynat claim Barbarin and other church officials covered up for him for years, but the statute of limitations had expired on some charges and even the victims had expected that the cardinal would be acquitted.

Five other defendants were acquitted.

Barbarin was not present at the Lyon court Thursday. His lawyer said he will appeal.

In Hawaii: Officials say a number of private boats helped a team of federal responders free a young humpback whale from heavy gauge fishing gear off Hawaii.

The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration said in a joint statement Thursday that the "subadult" humpback was first spotted Wednesday morning by a dive boat off Maui.

The commercial vessel alerted officials and NOAA's Hawaiian Islands Humpback Whale National Marine Sanctuary coordinated a rescue effort with the U.S. Coast Guard and others.

Ed Lyman, the sanctuary's whale entanglement coordinator, says the whale was carrying several hundred feet of fishing gear and buoys.

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EDITORIALS

Pritzker's $3.4 billion tax hike: How to fan the 'Illinois Exodus'

Gov. J.B. Pritzker on Thursday unveiled details of his promised push for a graduated income tax. He campaigned on the issue. He delivered.

So how much will taxes increase under a rate structure Pritzker proposed? You might want to cover your eyes. About $3.4 billion annually, by his calculation.

That extraction of dollars from taxpayers' pockets would be in addition to roughly $5 billion raised annually in new revenue under the 2017 income tax hike. That legislation lifted the individual rate to 4.95 percent. Lawmakers — including some Republicans — approved it over former Gov. Bruce Rauner's veto. Don't confuse any of that with the more than $30 billion raised during four years of the 2011 income tax hike, which increased the individual rate from 3 percent to 5 percent for four years, then dropped it to 3.75 percent.

How did Springfield's collection of all that new money work out for state government and taxpayers? Here's how: Illinois remains deeply in debt, continues to borrow to pay bills, faces an insurmountable unfunded pension liability and is losing taxpayers who are fed up with paying more.

The flight of Illinoisans to other states is intensifying with 2018's loss of 45,116 net residents, the worst of five years of consistent, dropping population. And the ceaseless maneuvering to raises taxes has only aggravated Illinois' national and global reputation as a state whose anti-employer attitude creates unpredictable costs for businesses.

Tax policy drives behavior. It's why states with low or no income taxes are thriving. Illinois needs to be *adding* more taxpayers and businesses, not *subtracting* them. When politicians raise taxes, they aren't adding. A switch to a graduated tax would eliminate one of Illinois' only fishing lures to attract taxpayers and jobs: its constitutionally protected flat income tax.

Rates under Pritzker's plan would jump to nearly 8 percent for anyone earning more than $250,000 per year. For filers who report income of more than $1 million annually, the 7.95 percent rate would not be marginalized; meaning, it would be applied to every dollar, not just income of more than $1 million. Line up the Allied moving vans for business owners and other high-income families who've had a bellyful of one of America's highest state and local tax burdens: exorbitant property taxes, plus high sales taxes, plus fast-rising income taxes.

Pritzker's only pro-growth selling point Thursday for moving to a graduated structure is that it would bring stability to Illinois' roller-coaster budget environment. That's what he said. But it would not bring stability. Unlocking the state constitution to permit graduated rates would allow lawmakers to tinker with tax rates into perpetuity. After a moment of stability — that is, a quick honeymoon for taxpayers at the rates he now proposes — which direction do you think your income tax rate would head?

Pritzker's proposal, like each tax hike before it, was introduced with no meaningful reform on the spending side of the ledger. This is all about collecting more money. No changes to pensions through — our recommendation — a loosening of the pension clause of the constitution. No spending cuts throughout state government. No reductions in employee head count, or Medicaid reform. Just another dive into taxpayers' pockets.

In fact, the tax hike would come amid promises of spending new billions, as Pritzker advocates, for local schools, higher education, social programs and wages for the state's unionized workforce. Grab your wallet for that upcoming contract, which Team Pritzker will negotiate. The unions already are behind the graduated income tax because they want gobs of new revenue for their wage increases.

The lesson in Illinois government is quite clear. Tax hikes come fast and furious, and they're never enough. The money raised is never, ever enough.

And the dramatic spending reforms that could offset new tax grabs? Sorry, this is Illinois.

Residents get it. They will continue protesting with their feet.

A Chicago tale: Why we're happy to erase the asterisk from Daniel Burnham's 'Make no little plans*'

Chicago has long turned to Daniel Burnham for inspiration and guidance. A century ago, his words painted a picture of a city driven by ambition yet ripe with nature, bustling with industry yet free from pollution.

"Make no little plans; they have no magic to stir men's blood," Chicagoans say again and again.

This famous sentence has always come with a tiny asterisk, perhaps known to only the most scrupulous. The quotation was not widely reported at the time, fueling a belief that perhaps the words were more apocryphal than literal — reflecting Burnham's ideals but not strung together in exactly that perfect way. Burnham's own son said as much.

Wait, what? Could the poetic, evocative words that inform not only Chicagoans' lakefront layout but this city's every ambition and attitude be ... made up? A fabrication?

After some digging, Chicago author and tour guide Adam Selzer reports this week that the asterisk can at last be removed. On his blog, Mysterious Chicago Tours, Selzer describes his search for contemporaneous reporting of a speech Burnham gave to city planners in London. He located the article, "Stirred by Burnham, Democracy Champion," from the Chicago Record-Herald, Oct. 15, 1910, and there it was. Much of the speech was reproduced in the article, including the essential line, exactly as generations of Chicagoans have known it.



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Daniel Burnham presented his Plan of Chicago more than a hundred years ago.

"Make no little plans; they have no magic to stir men's blood and probably themselves will not be realized. Make big plans; aim high in hope and work, remembering that a noble, logical diagram once recorded will never die, but long after we are gone will be a living thing, asserting itself with ever-growing insistency.

"Remember that our sons and grandsons are going to do things that would stagger us. Let your watchword be order and your beacon beauty."

Carl Smith, author of "The Plan of Chicago: Daniel Burnham and the Remaking of the American City" and professor emeritus at Northwestern University, tells us that to his knowledge no one had previously found a direct source for the quote. So congrats, Mr. Selzer.

Chicago suffers plenty of problems that demand more than incremental solutions. We push for answers on those every day. An inscription of Burnham's quote met us daily in the marble lobby of our former home, Tribune Tower, and for five years inspired our New Plan of Chicago challenge to the city.

This new moment to reflect on Burnham's words should remind Chicago not just to pick at its own flaws, but also to dream tomorrow into existence. It calls upon visionaries to describe new spaces and ways to live and interact. It urges leaders to mobilize the energy of those in their charge. It reminds citizens that the only acceptable direction to move is forward.

Transformative plans appear on any given day in Chicago, where they can be cheered, analyzed, protested, adapted and eventually lived. The city is molding the Obama Presidential Center and Lincoln Yards to what we hope will be their best use, in ways that will respect the Burnham ideals of high-quality urban life and open space. Steppenwolf Theatre, which began in a suburban basement, just announced an ambitious $54 million expansion, one that will create a sparkling destination with a theater-in-the-round, additional accessible seating and more spaces to learn and gather.

Chicago never heeded the asterisk. But we're glad to see it go.

WHAT OTHERS ARE SAYING

Every newsroom in the country used to have what was called the "AP Stylebook" to use in writing news stories. Now you need two AP stylebooks, one for Democrats, about whom seldom is heard a discouraging word, and a second for the GOP, with a hundred different pejoratives. Two parties, two vocabularies. One positive, one negative — very bad, evil in fact. Consider the testimony by Michael Cohen last week in front of various congressional committees. For example, since he worked for Donald Trump, Cohen was described about a million times as a "fixer." Democrats, on the other hand, have lawyers. ...

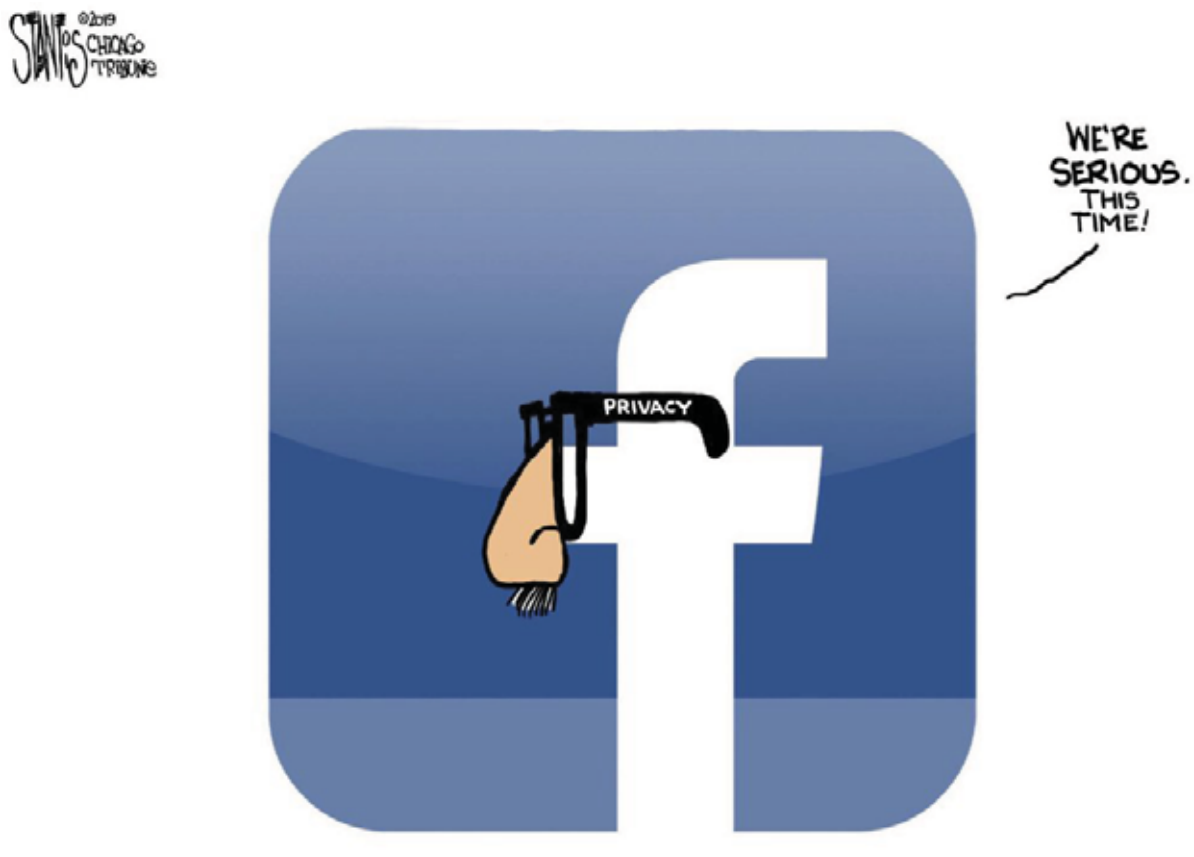
Republicans lie, Democrats misspeak. Democrats plan, Republicans scheme. Republicans hire lobbyists, Democrats use advocates. Republicans employ operatives or hired guns, Democrats prefer community activists. If a Democrat changes his or her position on an issue, they have evolved ... grown. Republicans "flip-flop."

Likewise, accusers are handled differently depending on whom exactly they're accusing. Brett Kavanaugh's nomination to the Supreme Court was almost derailed by the not particularly credible "Dr." Christine Blasey Ford. One of the women who's accused Lt. Gov. Justin Fairfax of Virginia of sexual assault likewise has a Ph.D., but how often does the alt-left media refer to "Dr. Vanessa Tyson." Fairfax, you see, is a Democrat. ...

A Republican tax cut is a "corporate giveaway" for the rich, a boon to "one percenters" that the government "can't afford." A Democrat-proposed tax increase, though, is an "investment in the future." It's for the children.

Howie Carr, Boston Herald

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Chicago Tribune
PERSPECTIVE



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Illinois lawmakers are on the verge of approving legislation that would make the state one of the most permissive in the U.S. for abortion rights.

Abortion rights are under fire, but Illinois is fighting back



ERIC ZORN

Illinois is poised to fulfill one of Gov. J.B. Pritzker's campaign promises and become the most permissive state in the nation for abortion rights. And I'm thrilled.

House Bill 2495 "provides that every individual who becomes pregnant has a fundamental right to continue the pregnancy and give birth or to have an abortion, and to make autonomous decisions about how to exercise that right."

A companion bill, Senate Bill 1594, repeals the Parental Notice of Abortion Act of 1995 that requires minors to inform a parent or legal guardian or get a waiver from a judge before having an abortion.

Among the effects of these twin proposals, introduced by Democratic lawmakers in mid-February, would be the lifting of restrictions on late-term abortions and the removal of a leftover statutory provision calling for criminal penalties against abortion doctors and allowing localities to effectively ban abortion clinics by imposing medically unnecessary requirements on them. The House bill additionally requires private insurance plans to cover abortion services.

Opponents have branded the effort "extreme."

Well, if it's extreme to allow women to make the intensely personal decision about whether or not to remain pregnant free from state interference, then it's extreme.

If it's extreme to regulate abortion in the same manner as we regulate many other medical procedures and services, then it's extreme.

If it's extreme to allow minors to make their own decisions about involving their parents or guardians before obtaining abortions, then it's extreme.

The House bill, known as the Reproductive Health Act, "would basically enshrine abortion as a positive good in Illinois law," says a critical memorandum released Feb. 21 by the Thomas More Society, a Chicago-based conservative law firm.

No. It would enshrine *access* to abortion — abortion rights — as a positive good in Illinois law. It would enshrine female bodily autonomy as a positive good. It would enshrine the idea that the best person to solve the moral dilemmas associated with unwanted or seriously compromised pregnancies is the pregnant woman herself.

I'm thrilled about this legislation because I believe in reproductive choice. I believe it's none of my business what a woman decides to do after she becomes pregnant. I believe that the very suggestion that women are casually obtaining late-term abortions because — *whoops!* — they just got around to making the appointment or have decided they really want to fit into that bridesmaid's dress is offensively misleading and belies the wrenching, usually tragic circumstances.

And I'm thrilled because it represents a bracing counterpunch against cynical and oppressive efforts elsewhere to restrict and regulate abortion nearly out of existence.

The Trump administration has just released the final version of a rule preventing family-planning organizations from getting Title X federal funds if they "provide, promote, refer for, or support abortion," even if none of those funds go toward abortion services. And along with this gag order comes the requirement that there be no physical or financial connection between approved family-planning organizations and abortion providers.

The main target of this rule is clearly Planned Parenthood, which, ironically, has prevented far more abortions than it has facilitated by dint of its robust distribution of birth control over the years. And the main beneficiary will be faith-based agencies that call themselves "crisis pregnancy centers" in order to lure in and preach to women with unwanted pregnancies.

More than 20 state attorneys general — including Illinois Attorney General Kwame Raoul — have joined medical organizations filing suit to block the rule, now scheduled to go into effect in May.

This cynical attempt to impede a woman's right to choose is of a piece with efforts by numerous state legislatures to erect such barriers to abortion as stricter gestational thresholds, longer waiting periods and requirements that clinic doctors have admitting privileges at nearby hospitals. The result has been to place a particularly heavy burden on low-income women seeking abortions.

I have no doubt that many states will outlaw abortion altogether if our increasingly conservative judiciary ends up gutting or reversing Roe v. Wade, the 1973 U.S. Supreme Court decision that guaranteed abortion rights in most cases, and returns the issue to the states.

I'm thrilled that if these bills pass in Springfield — a decent bet given the overwhelmingly Democratic makeup of the General Assembly and Pritzker's promise — Illinois will be very unlikely to join them.

Abortion is never anything to be thrilled about. But the expansion of rights and freedoms for all women is.

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Lightfoot defends her resume, says she's been 'tough,' 'steady'

BY DAVID GREISING

Toni Preckwinkle is a wily, seasoned politician, and she showed Lori Lightfoot a few savvy moves on election night by setting terms for the contest ahead of the April 2 runoff election.

Two attributes need to define the next mayor, Preckwinkle stated. First, she needs to be Chicago's ambassador to the world. She also needs to be able to run the city, Preckwinkle added.

"It's not enough to stand at a podium and talk about what you want to see happen," Preckwinkle told a cheering crowd. "You have to come to this job with the capacity and the capability to make your vision a reality."

As the president of the Cook County Board, and head of the Cook County Democratic Party, Preckwinkle reasonably sees her resume as a competitive advantage over Lightfoot, who lacks such major titles.

Never mind that Preckwinkle's actual track record has been mixed. She got elected County Board president by promising to eliminate her predecessor's unpopular sales tax, then needed to reinstate it. She passed a soda tax, then watched the County Board eliminate it.

Even so, Preckwinkle passed a balanced $5.9 billion budget last November without any new taxes, fines or fees. And on the strength of that, and her carefully cultivated reputation as a reformer, she is implying that her resume beats Lightfoot's.

But resumes don't run City Hall. Mayors do. Preckwinkle has been in the public eye long enough that we have a fair idea what traits would help and hurt her as mayor. Lightfoot's background, and capabilities for mayoral leadership, are less well-known, so it's worth looking into Preckwinkle's question: Does Lightfoot have the background "capacity and capability" to lead the city from behind the big desk of the mayor's office?

Lightfoot acknowledges that being mayor of the nation's third-largest city would be a big step, but she isn't fazed. "I think I'm absolutely, fundamentally prepared for that," Lightfoot told me.

Lightfoot ticks off highlights of her early years in city government. Straight out of a stint in the U.S. attorney's office she led the Office of Professional Standards in the Chicago Police Department, then was appointed by Mayor Richard M. Daley as chief of staff and general counsel at the 911 center. She later was a top officer in the city's procurement department.

When the 911 center went down, Lightfoot quickly set up an alternative site at the 311 center. When a fire broke out in the LaSalle Bank Building, she grabbed a bullhorn, jumped on top of a picnic table and helped direct the emergency response.

As a leader of the city's $2 billion annual procurement program, Lightfoot picked up the pieces from scandals surrounding James Duff and other politically connected but corrupt city contractors who took advantage of Chicago's minority contracting program. Planning was so lax there that there were no long-term contracts for rock salt — which can come in handy in case it ever snows in Chicago. Lightfoot promptly negotiated some.

"I have had a lot of experiences where you have to be tough, you have to be steady and you have to have a very clear sense of where your North Star is," she said.

One takeaway: In several of her jobs, Lightfoot has made a practice of running simulations to prepare herself and staff in the event an actual crisis hits.

Lightfoot has made her name fighting police corruption. Mayor Rahm Emanuel appointed her to run two different police oversight groups. An investigation she headed found bias and lack of accountability well before the U.S. Justice Department discovered even worse in its 2017 probe of the Chicago Police Department. And as president of the Chicago Police Board, Lightfoot called out Emanuel for his shortcomings in police oversight — a sign of independence and courage that would serve a mayor well.

In private practice at the Mayer Brown corporate law firm, Lightfoot said, she has served as lead attorney on more than 100 cases in the range of $1 billion or more in claims.

The high stakes and complexity — along with the need to manage legions of lawyers and advisers in such cases — are good preparation for the mayor's office, she said.

Lightfoot has caught heat from Preckwinkle for defending Bank of America against claims of racial bias arising from the way Merrill Lynch brokers were compensated after the bank acquired the brokerage firm at the peak of the 2008 financial crisis. Lightfoot's client, Bank of America, ultimately agreed to set aside a $160 million fund for the aggrieved brokers.

Emanuel has relied heavily on outside experts, as well as $1-a-year deputy mayors, to address some of the city's thorniest issues. For example, he deployed Michael Sacks, head of investment firm GCM Grosvenor, to negotiate with Gov. Bruce Rauner to seek additional funding for Chicago's public schools.

Lightfoot said she would avoid such a "kitchen cabinet" approach. "Particularly when you face a crisis, the nuances matter, and you're never going to capture the nuances if you're not there as it's happening," she said.

Even so, Lightfoot said she already is seeking outside expertise on the city's most intractable problems. On pensions, she has received counsel from Laurence Msall of the nonpartisan Civic Federation, Ralph Martire of the left-leaning Center for Tax and Budget Accountability and former state Sen. Daniel Biss, a Democrat from Evanston.

To be effective as mayor, Lightfoot said, the winner of the April 2 runoff election will need to persuade a wary public that change is coming to Chicago.

"People talk a good game when it comes to election time, but they never deliver," Lightfoot said. "The level of skepticism and mistrust will be one of our biggest challenges."

That's a challenge the next mayor will face, whomever she is.

David Greising is president and chief executive officer of the Better Government Association.

PERSPECTIVE

VOICE OF THE PEOPLE

Lori Lightfoot gets my vote

I am a 60-something African-American woman (aka the backbone of the Democratic Party). I am also a "born-again" evangelical Christian.

I am voting for Lori Lightfoot in the April 2 runoff election for mayor of Chicago. I have more of a problem with Lori's opponent sitting at the head of the Cook County Democratic Party and supporting folks like former Cook County Assessor Joe Berrios and Ald. Ed Burke and every other "Chicago Way" Democrat who swims in the swampy, deep reservoir of rotting corruption that is Chicago, Cook County and state politics in Illinois, than I do with Lori Lightfoot's sexuality.

What Lori (or anyone) does in the privacy of her own bedroom affects me way, way less (actually, not at all) than what Toni Preckwinkle does publicly in deciding that it would be a good idea, for example, to impose a regressive soda tax on the people of Cook County.

The Democratic machine has shown time and again that it *still* "ain't ready for reform," and never will be. The politicians at the head of that corrupt, at-times criminal enterprise just have to be voted out. Period!

As for Toni Preckwinkle, let me paraphrase my girl, Janet Jackson: "You used to do progressive things for us — but what have you done that's progressive *lately*?"

I'm voting for real, progressive change when I cast my ballot for Lori Lightfoot on April 2. And all you holier-than-thou Christians, please get up off your fainting couches and be practical. The lying, thieving, blatant corruption — you'll vote for that. But a — gasp! — lesbian? That's just a bridge too far. Oh, get over yourselves!

— Pamela J. Johnson, registered nurse, Chicago

Don't put Obama center in park

Chicagoans, especially those of us who live on the South Side, felt immense pride and satisfaction on the night in November 2008 Barack Obama was elected president. Our nation took a giant step toward the realization of its ideals. We felt even greater pride and satisfaction on the night in November 2012 Obama was reelected.

My opposition to building the Obama Presidential Center in Jackson Park has nothing to do with race.

The U.S. is not a monarchy in which we bestow riches upon retiring royalty. Former President Obama's private foundation should not be given 20 acres of Jackson Park and $175 million (before cost overruns) to reconfigure roads to accommodate his complex. Let's change the name of Jackson Park to Obama Park and erect a simple, elegant statue in his honor there. His private center can be built on a portion of the vast amount of vacant, undeveloped land on the South Side, and all of the benefits of the center's admirable work will still be realized.

— John Clement, Chicago

No community pact for center

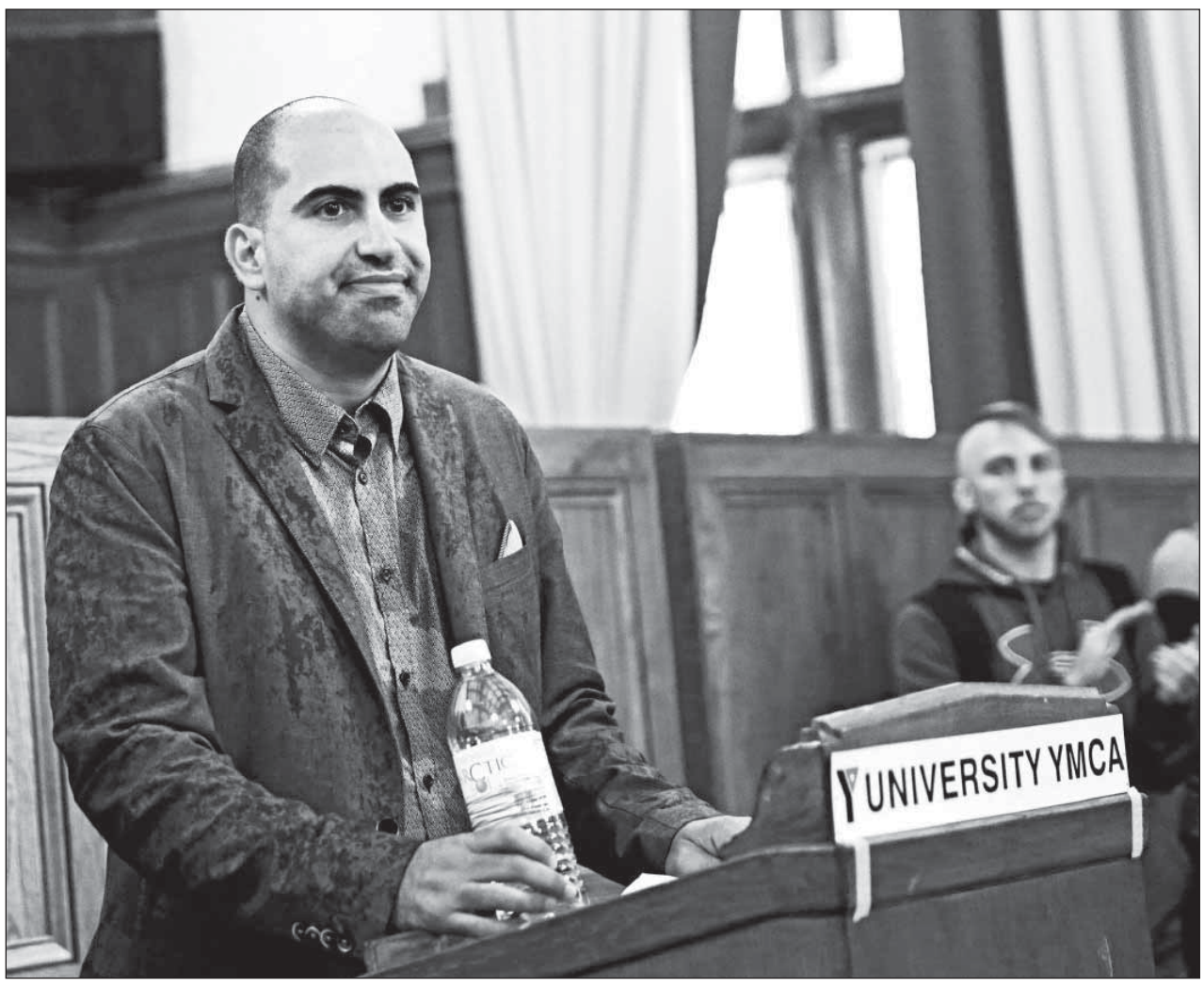
I was surprised to see the Tribune editorial endorsing a community benefits agreement for the Obama Presidential Center ("Lightfoot, Preckwinkle and the Obama center: Locking in benefits for the South Side makes sense," March 1). The CBA proposed by the Obama Community Benefits Agreement Coalition involves many desirable goals but is extremely ambitious. It includes dozens of proposals in the areas of economic development, education, employment, housing, sustainability and transportation. A few examples: develop a black business corridor; enhance science, technology, engineering and math programming in Chicago Public Schools; offer tutoring and mentorship programming; refer local residents to workforce development programs; and coordinate with Cook County for a property tax freeze or exemption for longtime neighbors of the presidential center. Many of the proposals are enough for a whole nonprofit organization.

The CBA would involve a partnership among the Obama Foundation, the city of Chicago and the University of Chicago. How are these three to come together in agreement, considering the high costs involved and the other demands for their funds? Private/corporate support is mentioned, but how is that money to be raised? I think the proposed CBA is well-intended but unreasonable and impractical. I do not think it is needed, since the Obama Presidential Center will benefit the community as it is planned.

I do understand the concern with displacement and gentrification, but I know that candidates for mayor and alderman are concerned about that issue, and I hope that plans will be made to avoid those problems.

— Eleanor Hall, Chicago

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The University of Illinois withdrew a job offer to Steven Salaita after discovering a series of profane tweets about Israel.

Steven Salaita finds some peace — driving a school bus

By Steven Lubet

In 2014, Steven Salaita's venomous tweets about Israel cost him his tenured faculty appointment at the University of Illinois. Five years later, he is working as a school bus driver in suburban Washington, D.C., having been effectively and unfairly banished from academia. It is a wrenching story, made no less sad by the fact that Salaita brought much of it on himself. With impressive candor, he tells the tale in a long-form essay, posted on his blog, titled "An Honest Living." It is well worth reading.

Salaita's promising academic career came to a sudden stop when it was revealed that he had posted a series of profane tweets about Israel, including some that many people (including me) perceived as anti-Semitic. At a minimum, they were vile and filled with violent imagery, which led the University of Illinois trustees to pull an all-but-final job offer out from under him.

For a short while, Salaita was a cause celebre. He embarked on a national speaking tour, and hundreds of academics vowed to boycott the University of Illinois until he was reinstated. The American Association of University Professors conducted an investigation, concluding that the university trustees had "violated Professor Salaita's academic freedom and have cast a pall of uncertainty over the degree to which academic freedom is understood and respected." Nonetheless, Salaita's strategy ultimately backfired, as the intense publicity, coupled with his refusal to apologize for even his most intemperate and belligerent tweets, evidently made him radioactive to university administrations.

Salaita sued the university, rightly claiming that even his most offensive comments were protected by the First Amendment.

In Salaita's words, he was "exiled" from academics. To his great credit, he recounts his new circumstances with generous grace. His reflections are bittersweet but not rancorous.

He netted $600,000 in a settlement, but without a renewed faculty appointment. He subsequently obtained a short-term post at the American University of Beirut, but he was denied a permanent position there, and at every other school where he applied. In Salaita's words, he was "exiled" from academics, which required him to find another way to support his family.

To his great credit, Salaita recounts his new circumstances with generous grace. His reflections are bittersweet but not rancorous. He mentions Israel and Palestine only once apiece, neither time blaming the controversy for his current hardships. He is at his best when describing the care and responsibility that goes into bus driving:

"Yet the job induces primal expressions of love. School buses supersede their physical structure; they anchor a huge apparatus designed to guard the vulnerable. The machine is outfitted with lights and blinkers calculated to announce its presence. It is excessive on purpose. Nothing is more important than its cargo. SUVs, bicycles, 18-wheelers, ambulances, fire trucks — all abdicate their right of way when the stop sign and crossbar swing into the roadway. The school bus is one of the few institutions in the United States that protects the powerless from the depredations of commerce."

As one of Salaita's most severe critics, I have pointed out that his vilification of Israel tended to cross the line into bigotry. But the Israel-Palestine struggle has driven numerous others, of all persuasions, to deplorable rhetoric, and Salaita's tweeted outbursts were no worse than those of many still-employed professors. He deserved censure, not expulsion.

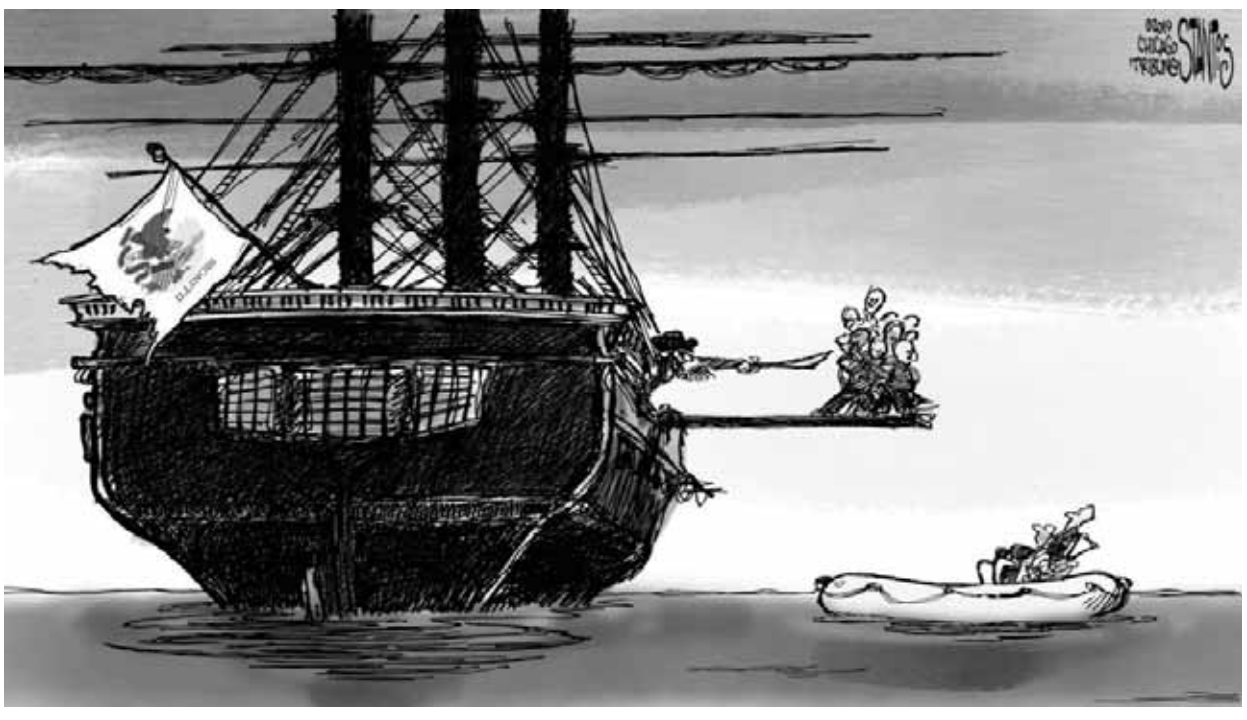
Even so, Salaita has applied a scholar's insights to the safe transport of schoolkids, which suggests that he has found some peace:

"Every now and again while my family sleeps and I'm on the back porch enjoying a final cigarette I think about my days as a star speaker, memories that allow me to better appreciate the quiet of my surroundings, although in pronounced moments of loneliness I miss the company of the audience, the pleasure of applause and laughter and the cathartic thrill of raging against injustice, but the feeling is evanescent, for the sobering immediacy of cold air on my fingertips and pressure in my thorax reminds me of both material and psychological limitations that render me unfit for prominence, being that I've become the kind of person content with the humdrum thrill of stopping traffic."

Despite our profound disagreement about Israel — and less disagreement about the occupation of Palestine, which is oppressive and intolerable — I have always defended Salaita's academic freedom. Now, I would also trust him to drive my children.

Steven Lubet is a law professor at Northwestern University.

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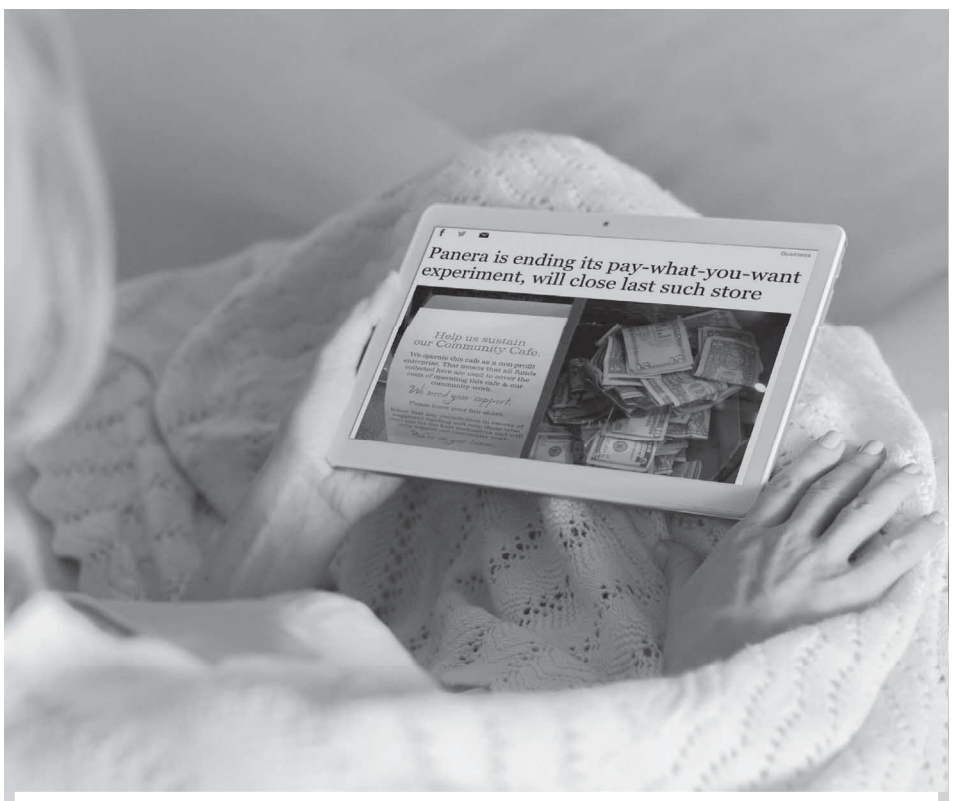


WINNER:
"No thanks, I only drink Kool-Aid from the machine."
— Steve Ziliak, Chicago

RUNNERS-UP:
"A penny-per-ounce for your thoughts?"
— Mark Camilleri, Chicago

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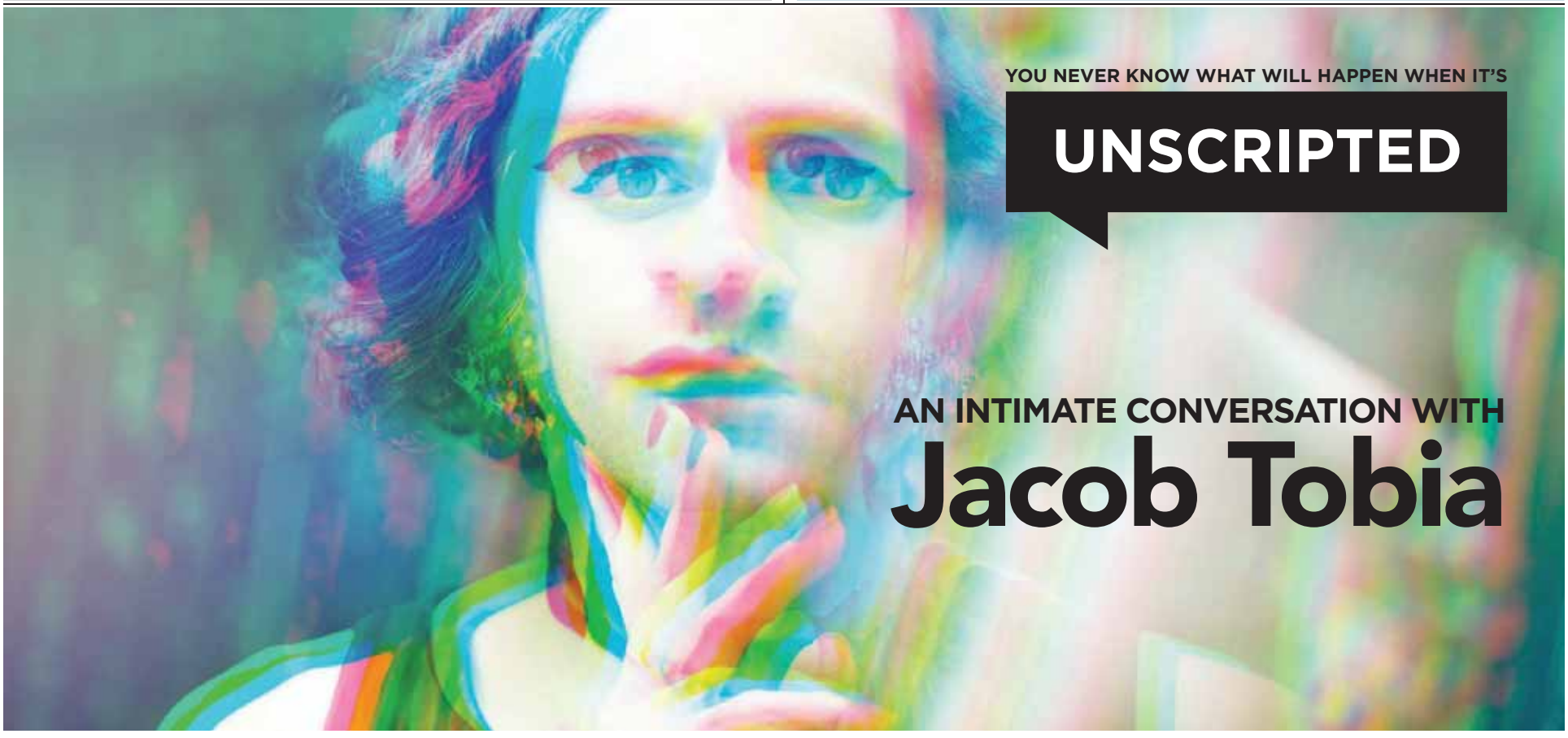
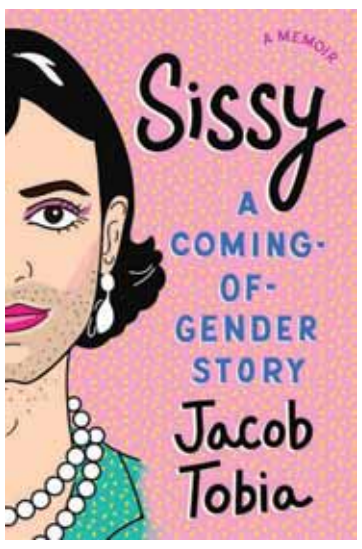


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Employers must start reporting gender pay data

By Paige Smith, Rebecca Greenfield and Jeff Green
Bloomberg News

Companies with more than 100 employees will have to report to the U.S. government data about how much workers' are paid broken down by sex, race and ethnicity, possibly as soon as this spring, according to a new court ruling.

The pay disclosures were finalized by the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission in summer 2016, but the Office of Management and Budget froze the expanded requirements after President Donald Trump took office. The National Women's Law Center and other groups sued, and March 4, Judge Tanya Chutkan ruled that the government didn't properly justify its decision.

The OMB could appeal, and it's not clear whether companies will have to comply by the original deadline of May 31. Still, the decision comes amid a rising global push to get companies to show that their pay practices are fair.

Under shareholder pressure, most of the big U.S. banks last year released modified information on the gender pay gaps in their workforce. The U.K.'s new gender pay gap reporting requirements are entering their second year.

"This is part of a real cultural shift we're seeing around transparency in pay," said Emily Martin, vice president for education and workplace justice for the National Women's Law Center, one of the groups that sued to get the wage information included. "In order to have equal and fair pay, employees need more information about their employers' pay policies. So this is one step, but it's not the last step."

Employers already submit demographic data to the EEOC annually. The new disclosures would call for more granular analysis, requiring them to report the racial and gender makeup of employees in each job category (executive level, professionals, sales workers, etc.) within 12 pay ranges, for each of a company's physical locations. The current form fits on one page. The expanded form could need 10. "It's kind of in the weeds, really technical detailed stuff," said Michael Eastman, senior vice president with the Center for Workplace Compliance. "That's where the burden comes in."

The U.S. Chamber of Commerce, which strongly opposed the expanded reporting, says it would cost businesses more than $400 million annually. The EEOC says it's more like $53 million. In a 2017 letter to OMB director Mick Mulvaney, the Chamber urged the agency to reconsider the approved collection, saying the EEOC "materially underestimated the burden that the revised form would impose."



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Possibly because of its popularity among criminals, there are more $100 bills in circulation than $1 and $20 bills.

Has the C-note seen its zenith?

$100 bill is widely used, but some want it retired

By Taylor Telford and Jeanne Whalen
The Washington Post

A puzzling surge in the number of $100 bills in circulation and the planned demise of the 500 euro bank note have resurrected debate on the need for three-digit currency at all — given their favor with criminals around the globe.

A decade ago, the number of $100 bills lagged well behind $1 and $20 notes. But the tally has doubled since the end of the financial crisis, according to data from the Federal Reserve; by 2017 the C-note had eclipsed the dollar bill to become the most widely distributed U.S. currency. Output is still climbing, and experts are perplexed.

"It could be driven by a global fear of negative interest rates in Europe and Japan, or it could be a savings vehicle for U.S. households worried about another financial crisis, or it could be driven by more demand from the global underground economy," Torsten Slok, chief international economist of Deutsche Bank, wrote in a note to investors last week.

The Benjamin Franklin-faced currency has been the largest U.S. bill since the $500, $1,000 and $5,000 were axed in 1969, but it's not very popular for day-to-day transactions. The average American carries about $60 in cash, according to a 2017 study from the Federal Reserve Bank of Atlanta. A December study from Pew Research Center found that about 30 percent of Americans use no cash at all on a weekly basis, suggesting that, in the digital age, cash is going out of style altogether.

The U.S. Treasury Department is responsible for printing currency, and does so to replace bills that are old or damaged, or to meet increased demand. But the lifespan of $100 bills is about 15 years, compared with 8.5 years for a $50 bill, so they don't need to be replaced very often.

The vast majority of these bills aren't even here. A 2018 research paper from the Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago estimates as much as 80 percent of the 12 billion $100 bills in circulation live outside the country. Some of this growth is likely a result of the U.S. dollar supplanting local currencies in unstable economic environments.

"We think that the significance of foreign demand is unique to the dollar," Ruth Judson, an economist at the Fed Board of Governors, said in a 2018 paper from the Federal Reserve Bank of Richmond.

One possibility is an increase in global corruption and criminal activity. A 2016 paper published by Harvard's Mossavar-Rahmani Center for Business and Government claimed that high denomination notes are the "preferred payment mechanism" of criminals, because of "the anonymity and lack of transaction record they offer, and the relative ease with which they can be transported and moved."

The Harvard paper, by Peter Sands, former chief executive of Standard Chartered Bank, puts the convenience of big bills for criminals in stark terms: $1

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What's Craftsman tools' 'real home'?

It's not Sears anymore, Stanley says in lawsuit

By Lauren Zumbach
Chicago Tribune

The tool manufacturer that bought Sears' Craftsman tools line is asking the courts to make Sears stop touting itself as the "real" home of the iconic brand.

Stanley Black & Decker bought the Craftsman brand from Sears Holdings Corp. in 2017. The deal, valued at $900 million, let both brands continue making and selling products under the Craftsman label.

But Stanley said Sears' new line of professional-grade mechanics' tools under the "Craftsman Ultimate Collection" brand, as well as Sears' efforts to promote itself as "the real home of the broadest assortment of Craftsman," violate the companies' agreement, according to a lawsuit filed Wednesday in federal court in New York.

Stanley, based in New Britain, Conn., said the slogan falsely implies Craftsman products sold elsewhere are "illegitimate" and could confuse shoppers and hurt the brand, according to the lawsuit.

Hoffman Estates-based Sears could not immediately be reached for comment.

Craftsman's history at Sears goes back to 1927, when the retailer decided to create a higher-end line of tools. According to a company history website, Sears bought rights to use the Craftsman name from Marion-Craftsman Tool Company for $500. The brand first appeared on a line of saws. Power tools were introduced two years later, in 1929.

For years, the overwhelming majority of Craftsman products were sold only at Sears.

But in 2016, long-struggling Sears announced it was looking for ways to get more cash out of its best-known brands, including Craftsman, Kenmore and DieHard, by expanding their distribution outside its stores. The 2017 sale to Stanley gave Sears an immediate cash infusion and a chance to

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Zoning Committee approves Lincoln Yards project

Megadevelopment is just 3 votes away from final OK



Ryan Ori
On Real Estate

Mayor Rahm Emanuel went to unusual lengths Thursday to push the controversial Lincoln Yards plan through a City Council committee, relying on aldermanic allies to override the usually sacrosanct wishes of the committee chair, who wanted to defer the vote on the massive project.

Developer Sterling Bay emerged from the dramatic meeting with support from the City Council's Zoning Committee for its $6 billion development on the North Side.

The key vote took place after the Zoning Committee's acting chairman, 46th Ward Ald. James Cappleman, began the meeting by announcing he was deferring the vote. But a vote of the panel overrode that decision.



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Huu Nguyen, left, and other people opposed to the fast track approval of Serling Bay's Lincoln Yards development hold a press conference Thursday at City Hall to call on Zoning Chair Ald. James Cappleman to delay a vote on the project's zoning changes.

The committee's 9-4 vote moved the mixed-use project, which could reshape 54.5 acres of formerly industrial land along the Chicago River between North and Webster avenues, closer to the starting line for construction.

What is Lincoln Yards?

Chicago developer Sterling Bay proposes 14.5 million square feet of residential and commercial towers, as well as 21 acres of open space, a relocated Metra train station and other changes to formerly industrial land between Lincoln Park and Bucktown.

The project is expected to take about a decade to build in phases, creating 10,000 construction jobs and eventually 6,000 homes and 23,000 employees on the site.

What has changed?

Earlier this week, 2nd Ward Ald. Brian Hopkins announced a compromise in which Sterling Bay would double the number of on-site affordable units, to 600. It would decrease the number of affordable units to be built nearby to 300 units, from 600.

On Thursday, Hopkins unveiled additional changes, including a 500,000-square-foot reduction in overall density and a decrease in the tallest building height to 595 feet, from 650 feet. The tallest towers would be 595 and 575 feet high.

Hopkins also said there are agreements for continued reviews of the development, a level of public oversight that he said is unprecedented in Chicago. Another agreement will create oversight of an 11-acre park, regardless of whether it's owned publicly or privately.

Previous changes included the elimination of a planned 20,000-seat soccer stadium and several live entertainment venues.

Who is opposed?

Several alderman and community groups remain opposed to the project.

Foes have asked for final decisions on zoning to be delayed until after the April runoff election between Toni Preckwinkle and Lori Lightfoot to succeed Emanuel.

They also have called for more park space, and oppose the proposed use of tax increment financing for new infrastructure around

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United aims to unite you with connecting flight

Test program would let agents delay departure for fliers racing to gate

By Justin Bachman
Bloomberg News

It's a familiar experience in an airport: You race to your gate on a tight connection to see the door shut and your plane inching backward.

One reason gate agents are so strict about that closed door is an airline metric called "D-0" (D-zero), which designates a flight that departs at exactly the scheduled time. The industry-and government-regulators rigorously monitor this metric to see which carriers operate reliably and which don't.

Aiming to alleviate at least some of this pain, United Airlines is testing a program called "Dynamic D-0" at its Denver hub to empower gate agents to delay a departure to accommodate customers and employees rushing to a connecting flight.

The system "tells an employee, tells customers, 'Hey, here's five or six customers that are coming to this connection; they're going to be five minutes late, but we know we can make up the time in flight on this particular flight,' " United President Scott Kirby said Tuesday at an investor conference. "Sometimes we can't, and we don't hold the airplane."

Typically, about a quarter of United's flights arrive 10 or more minutes early, meaning they can make up a slight departure delay in transit. The new software examines flights in this group and coordinates the data with United's connecting passenger roster as a way to decide which departures can be allowed to slip. United's operations center then identifies the flights to hold and alerts gate agents.

The testing has saved thousands of connecting passengers from missing a flight, Kirby said. The new system's flight holds are likely to have "minimal impact on performance as the flights are expected to arrive on-time, even with the hold," United spokeswoman Erin Benson said. United will expand the automation to other large airports later this year, and eventually use it on all of its flights, mainline and regional, worldwide.

Punctual departures have become far more critical as U.S. airlines work to boost their schedule reliability, an attribute that such carriers as Delta Air Lines and Spirit Airlines have increasingly touted as a way to win customers. Industrywide, 79.1 percent of U.S. airline flights arrived on time last year through November, the latest month for which federal statistics are available.

The world's largest carrier, American Airlines, has focused zealously on its D-0 performance after struggling with delayed flights for more than year.

The company, which ranked seventh of 10 carriers for on-time flying last year (77.3 percent) has set a D-0 target of 69.7 percent for 2019. Delays of several minutes for one flight can ripple through the hub-and-spoke carrier's system, jeopardizing connecting operations later in the day, said Ross Feinstein, an American spokesman.

Some American pilots and gate agents have complained that the airline's push to improve its D-0 rate has left passengers standing at gates and, in some cases, bags belonging to those who made it aboard were not loaded on aircraft.

"One minute late off the gate being a failure is a setup for a pressure cooker that does not serve our passengers well," said Dennis Tajer, an American captain and spokesman for the airline's pilots union. "We've seen it before, where we left passengers behind at the gate just to get off the gate on time."



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Chicago-based United Airlines is testing new software to flag flights where departures can be briefly delayed to help connecting passengers get on board.

Feinstein said those left at gates are usually American employees who are flying for free.

Chicago-based United, which was in sixth place through November (77.9 percent), has made better on-time flight performance a crucial aspect of its effort to lure back customers lost during its rocky merger with Continental.

With assistance from Bloomberg's Mary Schlangenstein.

Huawei sues to challenge U.S. security law

Experts see move by Chinese firm as a last-ditch option

By Joe McDonald
Associated Press

SHENZHEN, China — Chinese tech giant Huawei is challenging a U.S. law that limits its sales of telecom equipment in the U.S. on security grounds as the company steps up efforts to preserve its access to global markets for next-generation communications.

Huawei Technologies Ltd.'s lawsuit, announced Thursday, asks a U.S. court to reject as unconstitutional a military-spending provision that bars the U.S. government and its contractors from using Huawei equipment.

It comes as the biggest global maker of network equipment fights a U.S. campaign to persuade allies to shun Huawei. That threatens to block access to major markets as phone carriers prepare to invest billions of dollars in next-generation cellular networks, known as 5G.

The complaint filed in Plano, Texas, the headquarters of Huawei's U.S. operations, says the law is an unconstitutional "bill of attainder," or a measure that singles out a specific entity for punishment. It says that denies the company due process and amounts to a "death penalty."

The American Embassy in Beijing said it had no comment on pending litigation.

Steven Schwinn, a professor at the John Marshall Law School in Chicago, said the lawsuit is likely to be dismissed by a judge. He said the "bill of attainder" claim, or punishment without due process, would be hard to prove.

But Schwinn said the lawsuit is one of Huawei's only remaining options, short of trying to get Congress to reverse the ban.

"This strikes me as a last-ditch effort to do something," he said.

Franklin Turner, a partner at law firm McCarter & English, said there are parallels to a lawsuit filed by Kaspersky Labs in 2017 that was eventually thrown out as well. The U.S. government had barred federal agencies from using Kaspersky's anti-virus products because of concerns about its ties to the Kremlin and Russian spy operations.



KIN CHEUNG/AP

People use a cellphone Thursday in a Huawei shop in Shenzhen, China. The company filed a lawsuit in Plano, Texas.

Turner said Huawei will likely keep fighting, but "to keep it going, is the legal equivalent of scaling Mount Everest without a rope."

Huawei, China's first global tech brand, is at the center of U.S.-Chinese tensions over technology competition and cyberspying. The company has spent years trying to put to rest accusations it facilitates Chinese spying or is controlled by the ruling Communist Party.

The company's rotating chairman, Guo Ping, said the ban would limit competition, slowing the roll out of fifth-generation communications and raising consumer prices.

Huawei has pleaded not guilty to U.S. trade-theft charges unsealed by a federal court in Seattle in January.

The company's CFO, Meng Wanzhou, was arrested Dec. 1 in Canada on U.S. charges of lying to banks about dealings with Iran. She is fighting extradition to the United States.

Huawei denies wrongdoing.

Huawei has about 40 percent of the global market for network gear. Its U.S. sales evaporated after a congressional panel in 2012 cited the company and a Chinese competitor, ZTE Corp., as security risks and told phone carriers to avoid dealing with them.

Huawei says the new law would shrink its potential U.S. market further by prohibiting the government from buying the Chinese vendor's technology and from buying goods or services from or giving grants or loans to companies or other third parties that do.

Founded in 1987 by a former military engineer, Huawei overtook Ericsson in 2017 as the biggest global supplier of network gear. It says it supplies 45 of the world's top 50 phone companies and has contracts with 30 carriers to test 5G wireless technology.

Chinese authorities and some industry analysts say Washington might be exaggerating security concerns to limit competition with Western vendors.

European governments are balking at U.S. pressure to ban Huawei.

$100 bill is widely used, but some what it retired

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million in $20 bills would weigh more than 50 pounds. In 500 euros bank notes, it would come in at a little over 2 pounds.

Though exact figures aren't available, the amount of cash criminals launder each year could range from hundreds of billions of dollars to $1 trillion, the Financial Action Task Force, an intergovernmental body that combats illicit finance, said in a 2015 report. The U.S. dollar, the euro, the British pound and the Swiss franc are among criminals' preferred currencies.

"In many cases, even when the proceeds of a crime are initially generated in electronic form (such as the theft of funds from a bank account), criminals choose to withdraw the funds from a bank account in cash, transport it to another country, and pay it into another account in order to break an audit trail," the report said.

In the U.S., cash from regional narcotics sales is usually funneled to a central counting house in a large city, such as Atlanta, Boston, Chicago and Los Angeles, where smaller notes are converted into $50 and $100 bills and then vacuum-sealed to reduce their bulk, according the report.

Tougher banking controls against money-laundering may be driving criminals to rely more on cash, the report said.

It's these arguments that led the European Central Bank to stop recirculating 500 euro notes, which were worth about $575, as of Jan. 27. At one point, these bills were called "bin Laden notes" because of their rumored use in financing terrorism and money laundering. There also has been a broader push to eliminate big bills everywhere.

"A global agreement to stop issuing high denomination notes would also show that the global financial groupings can stand up against "big money" and for the interests of ordinary citizens," former Treasury Secretary Lawrence Summers wrote in a Washington Post op-ed in favor of killing off the $100 bill.

Lawsuit filed to stop claim of tools 'real home'

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benefit from the brand's growth at other retailers through royalty payments.

It also meant Sears and Stanley began making and selling competing Craftsman products.

As Stanley began rolling out its Craftsman products, selling them at retailers including Lowe's and Ace Hardware, Sears defended its ties to the brand. A company blog post in August said Sears still had the largest Craftsman selection of any U.S. retailer.

After Sears sought bankruptcy protection in October, in the run-up to the critical holiday shopping season, Sears referred to itself as the "original" or "real" home of Craftsman on social media.

Stanley said its agreement with Sears put limits on how Sears could use the Craftsman brand, and that the new Craftsman Ultimate Collection line ran afoul of certain restrictions. Both companies also agreed not to do anything that could tarnish the brand, according to the lawsuit.

Those restrictions still apply now that Sears has a new owner, Stanley said. The retailer's former CEO and chairman, Edward Lampert, bought the company — including its rights to use the Craftsman brand — out of bankruptcy last month in a deal valued at $5.2 billion.

Stanley is asking the courts to stop Sears from using the tagline and "Craftsman Ultimate Collection" label and remove references to both from its websites, social media platforms and advertising. It is also seeking damages of more than $75,000, according to the lawsuit.

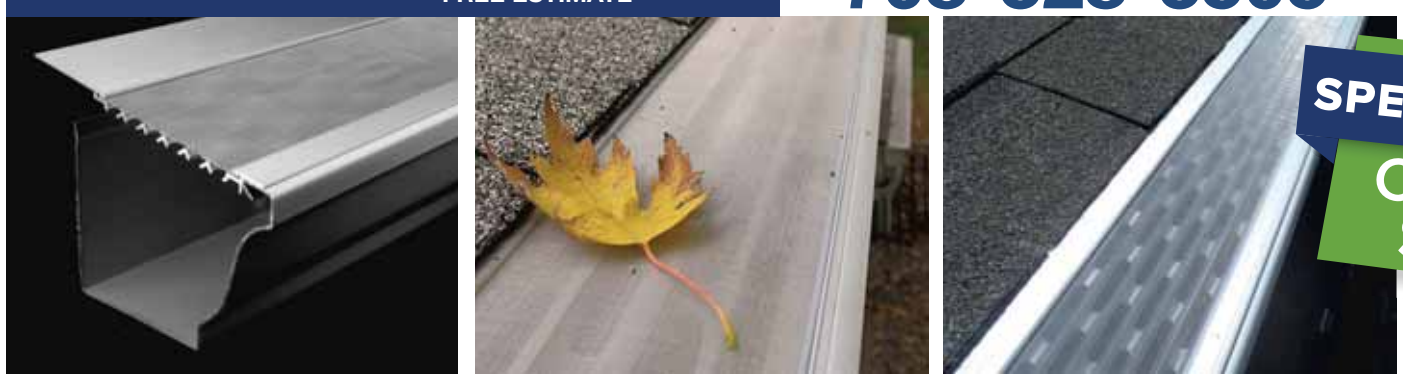
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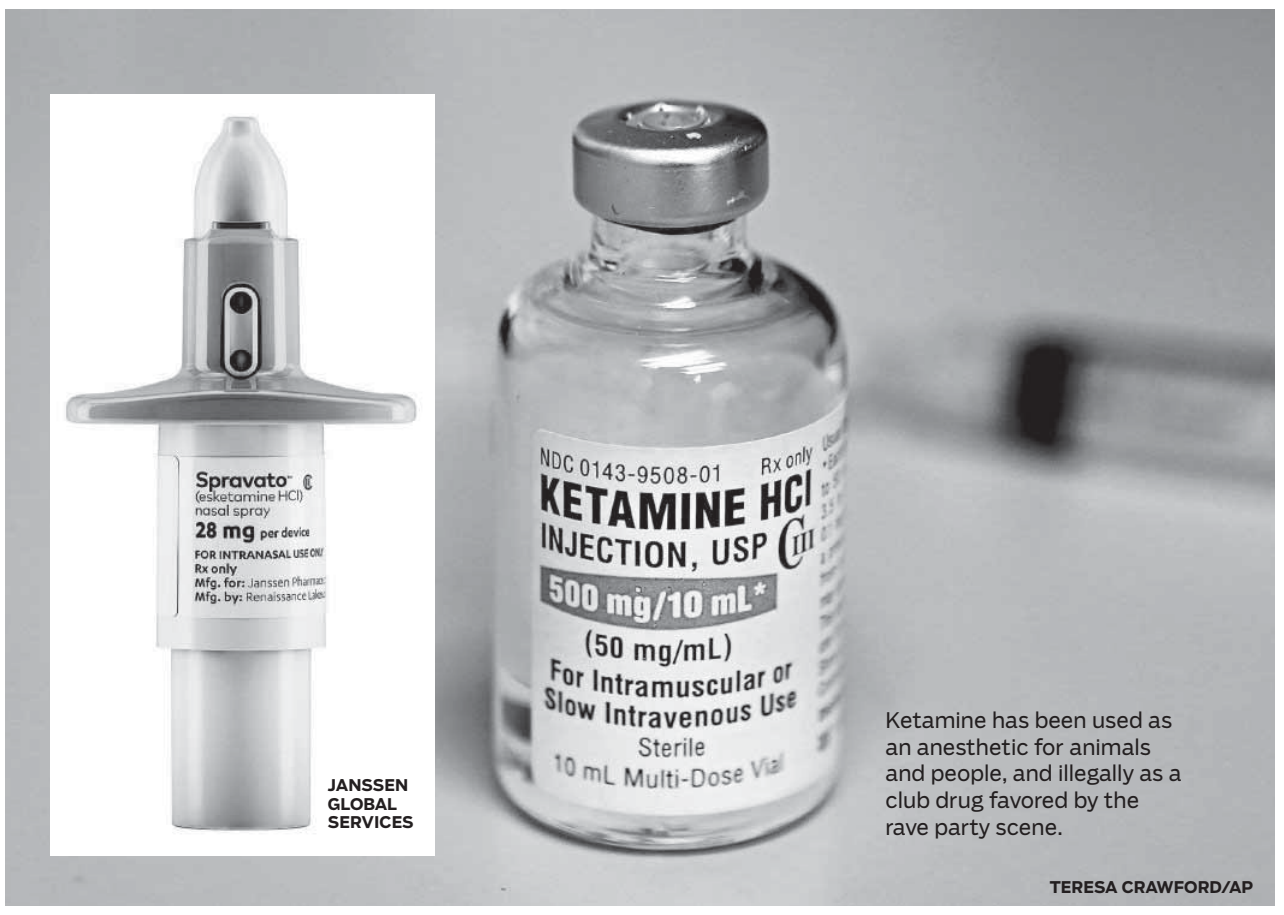
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New approach to depression

Mind-altering, ketamine-like drug OK'd for treatment

By Matthew Perrone
Associated Press



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Ketamine has been used as an anesthetic for animals and people, and illegally as a club drug favored by the rave party scene.

TERESA CRAWFORD/AP

WASHINGTON — A mind-altering medication related to the club drug Special K has won U.S. approval for patients with hard-to-treat depression, the first in a series of long-overlooked substances being reconsidered for severe forms of mental illness.

The nasal spray from Johnson & Johnson is a chemical cousin of ketamine, which has been used for decades as a powerful anesthetic to prepare patients for surgery. In the 1990s, the medication was adopted as a party drug by the underground rave culture due to its ability to produce psychedelic, out-of-body experiences. More recently, some doctors have given ketamine to people with depression without formal FDA approval.

The Food and Drug Administration approved Spravato as a fast-acting treatment for patients who have failed to find relief with at least two antidepressants. Up to 7.4 million American adults suffer from so-called treatment-resistant depression, which heightens the risk of suicide, hospitalization and other serious harm, according to the FDA.

The drug will cost $590 to $885 depending on the dosage and before various insurance discounts and rebates.

There have been no major pharmaceutical innovations for depression since the launch of Prozac and related antidepressants in the late 1980s. Those drugs target the feel-good brain chemical serotonin, and can take weeks or months to kick in.

Ketamine and J&J's version work differently than those drugs, targeting a chemical called glutamate that is thought to restore brain connections that help relieve depression.

When the drug works, its effect is almost immediate. That speed "is a huge thing because depressed patients are very disabled and suffer enormously," said Dr. John Mann, a psychiatrist and researcher at Columbia University. If the drug doesn't work, physicians can quickly switch to other options, he noted.

The FDA approved Spravato, known chemically as esketamine, based on study results that showed patients taking the drug experienced a bigger improvement in their depression levels than patients taking a sham treatment, when measured with a psychiatric questionnaire.

The drug is designed to be lower-dose and easier to use than ketamine, which is normally given as an intravenous infusion.

Robin Prothro, 60, began taking antidepressants more than 20 years ago. But she says none of the five medications she tried relieved the depression that has stymied her personal and professional life.

Since enrolling in a Spravato trial two years ago, Prothro says her depression has lifted and she's returned to hobbies she abandoned years ago, like gardening.

She takes the drug every two weeks at her psychiatrist's office while reclining in a comfortable chair.

"You can feel it coming on, it's a strong drug," she said, describing colors and shapes that drift before her eyes. "I just let the drug work. I close my eyes and my mind is amazingly quiet."

The ketamine-like drug is the first of several psychoactive substances making their way through the U.S. regulatory process as physicians search further afield for new therapies. Researchers are conducting late-stage trials of psilocybin, the active ingredient in magic mushrooms, and MDMA, a euphoria-inducing club drug, as potential treatments for depression and post-traumatic stress disorder.

"Substantially different agents are only rarely appearing from pharmaceutical companies or other laboratories," said Dr. Paul Summergrad, a psychiatrist at Tufts University. "That's prompting people to investigate other compounds."

Unlike ketamine, psilocybin and MDMA have no legal medical use. Classified in the same category as heroin and LSD, they are tightly restricted by the government. But the FDA's approval of esketamine could smooth their path.

Depression is among the leading causes of disability in the U.S. and is being closely monitored by health authorities amid rising suicides nationwide. In 2017, the U.S. suicide rate rose to 14 deaths per 100,000 people, the highest rate in at least 50 years, according to federal records.

Government officials haven't suggested an explanation for the trend, though academic researchers point to the nation's widening income gap, financial struggles and divisive politics.

J&J's drug will be subject to a number of restrictions due to its abuse potential, side effects and lingering safety questions.

The drug will only be given by accredited specialists who must monitor patients for at least two hours after administration, due to its trippy, disorienting effects. Additionally, all patients will be tracked in a registry to monitor long-term safety and effectiveness.

The immediate impact of ketamine is thought to last just four to seven days and there's no consensus yet on how long patients can benefit from ongoing treatment.

Still, there are few other options for patients who fail to respond to antidepressants. The most effective treatment in such cases, electroshock therapy, requires patients to be fully sedated and can cause persistent memory loss.

Wall Street has high expectations for J&J's medication, with analysts predicting more than $600 million in annual sales by 2022. But J&J will face competition in the marketplace.

A decades-old drug, ketamine is already used off-label to treat depression by some doctors. At least 150 clinics around the U.S. provide treatment with various forms of the drug, which is available as a low-cost generic. Patients often pay hundreds or thousands of dollars for intravenous infusions of the drug over several weeks or months. Such therapies are generally not covered by insurance because they haven't been approved as safe and effective by FDA regulators.

Some doctors plan to offer both ketamine and the new J&J drug.

Dr. Steve Levine says having FDA-approved standards for dosing and administering the new drug should raise standards in the field and drive out some of the bad actors who are not qualified to treat depression.

"This is going to bring in some standards, regulation and it's going to make it safer and more accessible to patients," said Levine, who serves as vice president of the American Society of Ketamine Physicians, a group representing doctors, nurses and others using ketamine for treating depression or other non-approved uses.

Committee approves Lincoln Yards project

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Lincoln Yards.

During a news conference before Thursday's meeting, opponents — including Cappleman's foe in an aldermanic runoff election, Marianne Lalonde — decried the use of TIF funds. "TIF funds should go to benefit the entire community, and not just the wealthy few," Lalonde said.

Members of her coalition also argued that the revised affordable housing commitment remains insufficient.

The city's planning department said affordable rents would range from $750 to $900 per month for one-bedroom apartments, and from $900 to $1,075 for two-bedroom units.

Why the TIF?

Up to $1.3 billion in TIF funds are proposed to create new infrastructure including bridges and a reconfigured intersection of Armitage, Ashland and Elston avenues.

Sterling Bay would pay many of those costs upfront and would be paid back as its project and other developments in the TIF district generate new taxes over the next 23 years.

The city is seeking state and federal transportation funds to support those projects, which could reduce the amount of TIF funding, Hopkins said.

Who voted?

Aldermen who voted against the project Thursday were Cappleman; Ameya Pawar, 47th; George Cardenas, 12th; and Deborah Mell, 33rd.

Not attending were former committee chairman Ald. Danny Solis, 25th, who resigned the post after reports that he had been wearing a wire to help federal prosecutors for at least two years; and Ald. Ed Burke, 14th, whose law firm had represented Sterling Bay on Lincoln Yards' property tax appeals before he was charged in a federal extortion case.

What happens next?

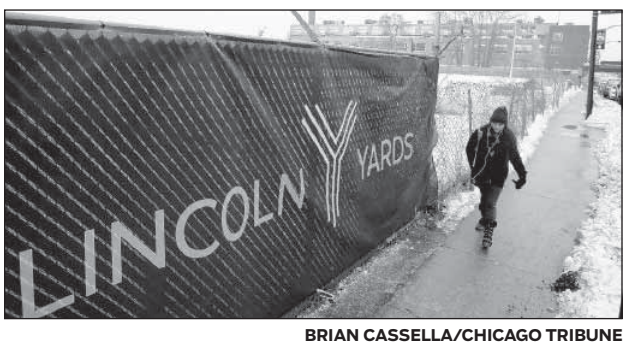
Sterling Bay needs the City Council's Finance Committee to approve the TIF funding. The full City Council also must approve TIF funds, as well as hold a separate vote on overall zoning for the site.

The TIF issue is likely to be referred to the Finance Committee during next week's City Council meeting, Hopkins said. That means the project is likely to come before the full City Council in April, after the runoff election for mayor but before Emanuel's successor is sworn in.

Hopkins said that, with the recent changes, he believes the full City Council will approve Lincoln Yards.

Chicago Tribune's John Byrne contributed.

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The Lincoln Yards development site is seen on the North Side of Chicago.

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What is an FHA mortgage?

Mortgage shopping will pit you against numerous terms and acronyms that may leave you scratching your head. One you're likely to encounter is an FHA loan, and though some 8 million U.S. homeowners have this type of mortgage, you may be unfamiliar with what it is.

A FHA loan is a mortgage backed by the U.S. Federal Housing Administration. In the same way that private mortgage insurance, or PMI, guarantees conventional mortgages for those putting down less than 20 percent, the FHA provides mortgage insurance on FHA loans.

This backing makes lenders willing to extend mortgages to homebuyers they would have otherwise turned down. Namely, FHA insurance makes it possible to secure a mortgage with as little as 3.5 percent down, and/or a credit score as low as 580 (or possibly even lower), bringing homeownership into reach for many more low-income buyers than conventional loans would serve.

FHA loans can also allow gift money to be used for the down payment or closing costs, and can be less restrictive on required debt-to-income ratios for the buyer.

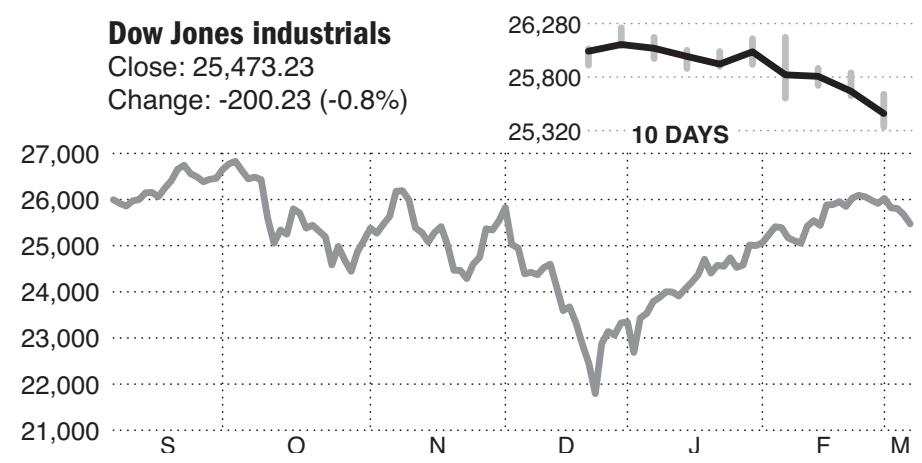
Of course, there are trade-offs. The biggest is that FHA borrowers must pay two different fees in exchange for FHA insurance. First, a one-time mortgage insurance premium of 1.75 percent of the loan amount is applied at the time of closing. Second, a modest ongoing premium, ranging from about half to one percent of the loan amount annually, will be due each month for the life of the loan.

Since FHA interest rates may or may not be better than conventional rates, borrowers with ample down payment funds and a decent credit score might be better served with a standard mortgage. But if your down payment or credit rating are stumbling blocks, an FHA loan may be your ticket to getting into a home.

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Close	7,421.46	Close	2,748.93	Close	1,523.63
High	7,489.08	High	2,767.25	High	1,536.97
Low	7,397.19	Low	2,739.09	Low	1,521.61
Previous	7,505.92	Previous	2,771.45	Previous	1,536.82

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5-day % change			30-day % change			1-year % change		
DOW	NASD	S&P	DOW	NASD	S&P	DOW	NASD	S&P
-1.71	-1.47	-1.28	+1.21	+1.83	+1.58	+2.32	-.09	+.36

FUTURES

COMMODITY	AMOUNT-PRICE	MO.	OPEN	HIGH	LOW	SETTLE	CHG.
WHEAT (CBOT)	5,000 bu minimum- cents per bushel	Mar 19	435.25	437.25	431.50	431.50	-9
		May 19	450.75	451.75	437.50	438.25	-11.75
CORN (CBOT)	5,000 bu minimum- cents per bushel	Mar 19	362.25	362.25	355.75	356	-6.50
		May 19	371.75	372	364.50	365.25	-7.25
SOYBEANS (CBOT)	5,000 bu minimum- cents per bushel	Mar 19	892	893.75	887	890.75	+1
		May 19	902.75	907.50	898.25	902.50	+.50
SOYBEAN OIL (CBOT)	60,000 lbs- cents per lb	Mar 19	29.55	29.55	29.25	29.41	-.10
		May 19	29.80	29.83	29.48	29.67	-.11
SOYBEAN MEAL (CBOT)	100 tons- dollars per ton	Mar 19	301.90	303.20	301.50	302.00	+.20
		May 19	306.10	308.30	305.50	306.30	+.20
LIGHT SWEET CRUDE (NYMX)	1,000 bbl.- dollars per bbl.	Apr 19	56.20	56.99	56.08	56.66	+.44
		May 19	56.57	57.37	56.48	57.03	+.41
NATURAL GAS (NYMX)	10,000 mm btu's, $ per mm btu	Apr 19	2.845	2.871	2.812	2.866	+.025
		May 19	2.854	2.878	2.822	2.872	+.022
NY HARBOR GAS BLEND (NYMX)	42,000 gallons- dollars per gallon	Apr 19	1.7845	1.8160	1.7845	1.8054	+.0164
		May 19	1.7925	1.8217	1.7913	1.8100	+.0147

Source: The Associated Press

LOCAL STOCKS

Stocks listed may change due to daily fluctuations in market capitalization. *Exchange key: N=NYSE, O=NASDAQ*

STOCK	XCHG.	CLOSE	CHG.
Abbott Labs	N	76.80	-.90
AbbVie Inc	N	78.24	+.15
Allstate Corp	N	93.24	-.29
Aptargroup Inc	N	99.88	-.61
Arch Dan Mid	N	42.17	+.04
Baxter Intl	N	74.72	-.01
Boeing Co	N	422.56	-1.90
Brunswick Corp	N	52.09	-.82
CBOE Global Markets	N	92.73	-2.07
CDK Global Inc	O	57.73	-.42
CDW Corp	O	91.73	-1.48
CF Industries	N	40.27	-.98
CME Group	O	172.50	-1.00
CNA Financial	N	42.79	-.20
Caterpillar Inc	N	132.80	-2.03
ConAgra Brands Inc	N	22.37	-.52
Deere Co	N	158.02	-.22
Discover Fin Svcs	N	69.91	-1.39
Dover Corp	N	90.18	-.78
Equity Commonwlth	N	32.82	+.01
Equity Lifesty Prop	N	111.70	+.47
Equity Residential	N	73.43	-.12
Exelon Corp	N	48.55	+.12
First Indl RT	N	33.77	-.15
Fortune Brds Hm&Sec	N	46.04	-.78
Gallagher AJ	N	78.24	-.64
Grainger WW	N	297.70	-4.75
GrubHub Inc	N	73.75	-2.67
Hill-Rom Hldgs	N	103.49	-.24
IDEX Corp	N	143.81	-1.28
ITW	N	140.75	-1.80
Ingredion Inc	N	91.47	+.93
Jones Lang LaSalle	N	159.06	-.97
Kemper Corp	N	79.00	-1.95
Kraft Heinz Co	O	31.89	-.57
LKQ Corporation	O	27.80	-.67
Littelfuse Inc	O	189.04	-2.70
MB Financial	O	44.05	-.10
McDonalds Corp	N	180.52	-1.51
Middleby Corp	O	123.75	-.38
Mondelez Intl	O	46.81	-.16
Morningstar Inc	O	121.04	-1.01
Motorola Solutions	N	139.49	-.79
Navistar Intl	N	35.18	-1.54
NiSource Inc	N	27.26	+.19
Nthn Trust Cp	O	89.98	-1.42
Old Republic	N	20.54	-.02
Packaging Corp Am	N	97.64	-1.41
Paylocity Hldg	O	81.72	-.03
Stericycle Inc	O	47.65	-.02
TransUnion	N	63.82	-.25
Tribune Media Co A	N	46.27	+.02
US Foods Holding	N	34.19	+.16
USG Corp	N	43.08	-.02
Ulta Salon Cosmetics	O	305.45	-7.06
United Contl Hldgs	O	82.61	-1.72
Ventas Inc	N	61.84	-.05
Walgreen Boots Alli	O	59.79	-1.31
Wintrust Financial	O	70.72	-.92
Zebra Tech	O	201.99	+.75

MOST ACTIVE STOCKS

NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE

STOCK	CLOSE	CHG.
Gen Electric	9.45	+.34
Eli Lilly	126.34	-.34
Bank of America	28.55	-.29
Ford Motor	8.48	-.10
Chesapk Engy	2.97	-.01
Kroger Co	25.61	-2.83
Itau Unibanco Hldg	9.15	+.04
Goldcorp Inc	10.60	-.04
Aurora Cannabis Inc	7.58	-.31
Vale SA	12.60	+.11
Pfizer Inc	41.39	-.47
Snap Inc A	9.49	-.38
CenturyLink Inc	12.11	+.55
Livent Corp	12.10	-.95
EnCana Corp	6.81	-.17
Ambev S.A.	4.26	+.03
AT&T Inc	29.92	+.11
CVS Health Corp	52.36	-1.64
Altria Group	54.74	+.07
Brist Myr Sqb	51.51	-1.38
Wells Fargo & Co	49.68	-.14
Intl Game Tech plc	14.35	-2.72
Nokia Corp	6.03	-.07
Sthwstn Energy	4.42	-.21

NASDAQ STOCK MARKET

STOCK	CLOSE	CHG.
Seelos Therapeutics	3.04	+1.49
Adv Micro Dev	22.08	-.33
Synergy Pharma	.03	-.03
Sirius XM Hldgs Inc	5.99	-.01
Micron Tech	37.83	-.10
GTx Inc	1.54	+.62
Microsoft Corp	110.39	-1.36
Apple Inc	172.50	-2.02
Marvell Tech Grp	19.17	-.43
Cisco Syst	51.29	-.38
JD.com Inc	27.84	-1.19
Novavax Inc	.55	-.01
ArQule Inc	5.44	+2.19
Facebook Inc	169.13	-3.38
Huntgtn Bancshs	13.69	-.34
Intel Corp	52.60	-.35
Zynga Inc	5.08	-.05
Fifth Third Bcp	26.60	-.21
Kraft Heinz Co	31.89	-.57
Ctrip.com Intl Ltd	40.28	-2.31
eBay Inc	36.21	-.60
Caesars Entertain	8.58	-.11
Ameri Holdings Inc	.42	+.08
Comcast Corp A	38.38	-.23

FOREIGN MARKETS

INDEX	CLOSE	CHG./%
Shanghai	3106.42	+4.3/+.1
Stoxx600	373.88	-1.6/-.4
Nikkei	21456.01	-140.8/-.7
MSCI-EAFE	1856.11	-19.2/-1.0
Bovespa	94340.19	+123.3/+.1
FTSE 100	7157.55	-38.5/-.5
CAC-40	5267.92	-20.9/-.4

LARGEST COMPANIES

Based on market capitalization

STOCK	CLOSE	CHG.
Alibaba Group Hldg	177.32	-6.85
Alphabet Inc C	1143.30	-14.56
Alphabet Inc A	1150.85	-14.09
Amazon.com Inc	1625.95	-43.00
Apple Inc	172.50	-2.02
Bank of America	28.55	-.29
Berkshire Hath B	199.30	-1.37
Boeing Co	422.56	-1.90
Exxon Mobil Corp	80.16	+.88
Facebook Inc	169.13	-3.38
HSBC Holdings prA	25.89	-.06
JPMorgan Chase	102.97	-.75
Johnson & Johnson	138.24	-.85
Microsoft Corp	110.39	-1.36
Procter & Gamble	98.55	-.38
Royal Dutch Shell B	62.78	-.86
Royal Dutch Shell A	61.57	-.82
Visa Inc	146.83	-.98
WalMart Strs	97.45	-.81

TREASURY YIELDS

DURATION	CLOSE	PREV.
3-month disc	2.40	2.40
6-month disc	2.44	2.45
2-year	2.45	2.50
10-year	2.63	2.69
30-year	3.02	3.07

SPOT METALS

	CLOSE	PREV.
Gold	$1283.80	$1284.90
Silver	$14.960	$15.003
Platinum	$817.10	$828.10

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)	42.5007
Australia (Dollar)	1.4263
Brazil (Real)	3.8842
Britain (Pound)	.7647
Canada (Dollar)	1.3458
China (Yuan)	6.7150
Euro	.8940
India (Rupee)	70.240
Israel (Shekel)	3.6248
Japan (Yen)	111.52
Mexico (Peso)	19.6109
Poland (Zloty)	3.86
So. Korea (Won)	1135.21
Taiwan (Dollar)	30.91
Thailand (Baht)	31.88

LARGEST MUTUAL FUNDS

Based on total assets

FUND	NAV	CHG IN $	1-YR %RTN
American Funds AMCpA m	30.35	-.29	-.1
American Funds AmrcnBalA m	26.26	-.11	+2.6
American Funds CptWldGrIncA m	46.47	-.45	-5.0
American Funds CptlIncBldrA m	59.49	-.24	-.3
American Funds FdmtlInvsA m	57.05	-.54	-.3
American Funds GrfAmrcA m	46.99	-.49	
American Funds IncAmrcA m	21.84	-.11	+1.5
American Funds InvCAmrcA m	36.51	-.28	-1.8
American Funds NwPrspctvA m	41.59	-.47	-1.0
American Funds WAMtInvsA m	44.26	-.30	+3.6
DFA EMktCorEql	20.52	-.19	-11.7
DFA IntlCorEqIns	12.70	-.18	-10.3
Dodge & Cox Inc	13.56	+.02	+3.1
Dodge & Cox IntlStk	40.15	-.70	-11.7
Dodge & Cox Stk	188.19	-1.99	-1.0
DoubleLine TtlRetBdI	10.45	+.02	+3.6
Fidelity 500IdxInsPrm	95.89	-.77	+2.8
Fidelity Contrafund	12.09	-.12	+.3
Fidelity GroCo	18.28	-.19	-.8
Fidelity TtlMktIdxInsPrm	78.17	-.61	+2.4
Fidelity USBdIdxInsPrm	11.37	+.02	+3.6
Franklin Templeton IncA1 m	2.29	-.01	+4.5
Metropolitan West TtlRetBdI	10.47	...	+3.6
PIMCO IncInstl	11.94	...	+3.6
PIMCO TtlRetIns	10.00	+.01	+3.0
Schwab SP500Idx	42.17	-.34	+2.8
T. Rowe Price BCGr	108.04	-1.33	+3.9
T. Rowe Price GrStk	64.13	-.70	+2.5
Vanguard 500IdxAdmrl	254.79	-2.04	+2.8
Vanguard DivGrInv	26.81	-.14	+9.6
Vanguard EqIncAdmrl	72.54	-.42	+3.8
Vanguard GrIdxAdmrl	77.40	-.74	+3.3
Vanguard HCAdmrl	86.08	-.74	+6.6
Vanguard InTrTEAdmrl	14.05	+.02	+4.2
Vanguard InsIdxIns	250.52	-2.00	+2.8
Vanguard InsIdxInsPlus	250.55	-1.99	+2.8
Vanguard InsTtlSMIInPls	59.91	-.47	+2.6
Vanguard IntlGrAdmrl	88.29	-1.72	-7.7
Vanguard MdCpIdxAdmrl	193.51	-1.25	+.5
Vanguard PrmCpAdmrl	132.73	-1.45	+2.5
Vanguard STInvmGrdAdmrl	10.53	+.01	+3.1
Vanguard SmCpIdxAdmrl	72.18	-.58	+1.6
Vanguard TrgtRtr2020Inv	30.28	-.11	+1.0
Vanguard TrgtRtr2025Inv	18.12	-.09	+.6
Vanguard TrgtRtr2030Inv	33.03	-.19	+.2
Vanguard TrgtRtr2035Inv	20.28	-.14	-.2
Vanguard TtBMIdxAdmrl	10.54	+.03	+3.6
Vanguard TtBMIdxIns	10.54	+.03	+3.6
Vanguard TtInBIdxAdmrl	22.08	+.08	+5.1
Vanguard TtInBIdxIns	33.13	+.12	+5.2
Vanguard TtInSIdxAdmrl	27.47	-.32	-7.7
Vanguard TtInSIdxIns	109.85	-1.29	-7.7
Vanguard TtInSIdxInsPlus	109.87	-1.29	-7.7
Vanguard TtInSIdxInv	16.42	-.19	-7.7
Vanguard TtlSMIdxAdmrl	68.75	-.54	+2.5
Vanguard TtlSMIdxIns	68.77	-.54	+2.5
Vanguard TtlSMIdxInv	68.72	-.54	+2.4
Vanguard WlngtnAdmrl	68.18	-.31	+3.5
Vanguard WlslyIncAdmrl	62.04	-.05	+4.6
Vanguard WndsrIIAdmrl	60.57	-.42	+.3

d - Deferred sales charge, or redemption fee.
m - Multiple fees are charged, usually a marketing fee and either a sales or redemption fee.
Source: Morningstar.

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Dem-led House panel grills consumer watchdog chief

By Marcy Gordon
Associated Press



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Kathy Kraninger, head of the consumer watchdog agency, answers questions Thursday from the House Financial Services Committee and its chair, Maxine Waters, right.

WASHINGTON — The government's consumer watchdog agency came under new scrutiny from the House Financial Services Committee, now controlled by Democrats who say the appointees chosen by President Donald Trump to lead the organization have undermined its mission to protect Americans.

A fresh rebuke came Thursday from the committee's chairwoman, Rep. Maxine Waters, D-Calif., as the new head of the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau appeared before the panel.

In December, Kathy Kraninger succeeded Mick Mulvaney, now Trump's acting chief of staff. Mulvaney hired GOP operatives to oversee nearly all of the agency's operations.

"The Trump administration has undertaken a sustained effort to destroy the agency," Waters said. "I'm committed to reversing the damage that Mulvaney caused."

As a congressman from South Carolina, Mulvaney described the bureau as a "sick, sad" joke. When he was made director, Mulvaney pushed for cutbacks on many of the rules and regulations that were put into place under the first director during the Obama administration.

Democrats opposed Kraninger's appointment in the fall, saying she had little relevant experience. She's an attorney who had worked as a mid-level official in the White House's budget office, most recently under Mulvaney, but has no experience in financial services or consumer protection and had never run a federal agency.

The CFPB was created as an independent agency by the landmark Dodd-Frank law that overhauled the regulations governing Wall Street and banks in the wake of the 2008-09 financial crisis.

Republicans assailed the CFPB under President Barack Obama's appointee as director, saying he had overreached with his actions taken against companies selling financial products and services.

In a major move under Kraninger, the agency said last month that it plans to abolish most of its critical consumer protections governing payday lenders. It's a big win for the payday lending industry, which asserted that the government's regulations could kill off a large chunk of its business.

Consumer groups say payday lenders exploit the poor and disadvantaged with loans carrying annual interest rates as high as 400 percent.

The cornerstone of the regulations is a requirement that lenders ensure that borrowers can afford to repay a payday loan without being stuck in a cycle of debt — a standard known as "ability to repay."

Asked about the move on payday lending, Kraninger told the hearing that the practice "has a number of impacts on a number of different consumers."

The agency's plan is still at a proposal stage, she said.

Waters has proposed legislation that would direct Kraninger to reverse Mulvaney's actions as head of the CFPB in the areas of student loans, consumer complaints, fair lending rules and others. Waters' bill has gained several dozen Democratic supporters in the House.

Kraninger insisted, under a shower of criticisms and questions from Democrats, that she is not under the political influence of Trump or Mulvaney.

"I absolutely take seriously the responsibility vested in me, and the decisions I take at the CFPB are my decisions," Kraninger said.

Republicans defended Kraninger, accusing Democrats of setting a contentious tone after they "berated and badgered" her.

At least one GOP lawmaker acknowledged he would prefer that the agency be abolished altogether, if possible.

"The good news is that it's a new day at the CFPB," said Rep. Patrick McHenry, R-N.C. He decried "the ugly history of regulation by enforcement" during the Obama administration as "dangerous and destructive."

The CFPB has the authority to scrutinize virtually any business selling financial products and services.

OBITUARIES

PHILIP SWEET 1927-2019

Former Northern Trust CEO, civic leader put his skills to work

By Graydon Megan
Chicago Tribune

After a 30-year career with Northern Trust that took him to the top post at the Chicago bank, Philip Sweet put his skills to work with Chicago civic organizations including the Chicago Zoological Society, which runs Brookfield Zoo.

Sweet started at Northern Trust in 1953 in the bond department, became president in 1975 and was chairman and CEO when he left the bank in 1984. His tenure included the bank's expansion into the master trust and custody business, according to David Fox, who became the bank's CEO in 1990.

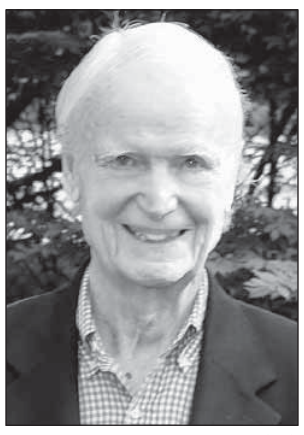
"Phil was a very strong proponent of that (expansion), and of making the necessary investments in technology to move ahead on that front," Fox said.

Sweet joined the Chicago Zoological Society board in the early 1980s and was chairman from 1987 to 1993, according to Stuart Strahl, the society's president and CEO.

"He was the go-to guy working with our head of advancement to develop philanthropic support for our capital projects," Strahl said. While Sweet was chairman, the zoo opened the Seven Seas Panorama and the Fragile Kingdom exhibit.

Sweet, 91, died of natural causes Saturday in the Balmoral Care Center in Lake Forest, according to his son David. Except for some years spent in Florida, he had lived in Lake Forest since the late 1950s.

Sweet was born in Mount Vernon, N.Y., in 1927 and grew up in New Rochelle. He graduated from Phillips Academy Andover in Massachusetts in 1946 and from Harvard University in 1950.



FAMILY PHOTO

Philip Sweet was chairman and CEO of Northern Trust.

He was part of an officer training program in college and became an officer in the Navy after graduation, serving on ships during the Korean War, his son said. After his discharge in 1953, he came to Chicago for a job with Northern Trust.

He was named chairman and CEO in 1981. In addition to growth in the master trust and custody business, the bank expanded in securities lending and wealth management areas during his tenure. It also expanded its foreign exchange trading operations, its London branch and its U.S. presence, especially in Florida and Arizona along with Illinois.

Sweet had become a governing member of the zoological society in 1981. He was elected to the board of trustees in 1985 and became chairman in 1987, remaining in that post until 1993.

"Phil was a person who helped not just oversee, but engaged the board in philanthropy but in a more direct way with the projects that were being built," Strahl said.

"He was a person who could put folks at ease," Strahl continued. "He had a great way of working with people and was able to translate our cause among trustees into a greater investment in the institution."

Strahl said that, as chairman, Sweet restructured board committees and worked to enhance the society's relationship with the Forest Preserve District of Cook County and with elected state leaders.

"He would guide the conversation and move everybody toward the right outcome," Strahl said.

Sweet also was chairman of the Chicago Sunday Evening Club, chairman of the University of Chicago Graduate School of Business Alumni Association, president of the Harvard Club of Chicago and president of the Commonwealth Club, his son said. He served as a board member of Rush University Medical Center, the Commercial Club, the Economic Club and was on the Trustees Committee of the Chicago Community Trust.

But his work with the zoological society and Brookfield Zoo was special, his son said. "He loved the zoo and he loved taking his grandchildren to the zoo," he said.

Sweet also is survived by his daughter, Sandra; another son, Philip Sweet III; his sister, Virginia Cobb; six grandchildren; and five great-grandsons.

His wife, Nancy, to whom he was married for 66 years, died in 2016.

Private services are planned.

Megan is a freelance reporter.

Chicago Daily Tribune

ON MARCH 8 ...

In 1702 England's Queen Anne ascended the throne upon the death of King William III.

In 1765 the British House of Lords passed the Stamp Act to tax the American colonies.

In 1782 the Gnadenhutten massacre took place as about 90 Indians were killed by militiamen in Ohio in retaliation for raids carried out by other Indians.

In 1841 Supreme Court Justice Oliver Wendell Holmes Jr., the "Great Dissenter," was born in Boston.

In 1849 President Zachary Taylor appointed the first secretary of the interior, Thomas Ewing of Ohio.

In 1854 U.S. Commodore Matthew C. Perry made his second landing in Japan; within a month, he concluded a treaty with the Japanese.

In 1859 Kenneth Grahame, author of "The Wind in the Willows," was born in Edinburgh, Scotland.

In 1874 the 13th U.S. president, Millard Fillmore, died in Buffalo, N.Y.

In 1894 New York state enacted the nation's first dog-licensing law.

In 1896 Volunteers of America was founded in New York by Christian social reformers Ballington and Maud Booth.

In 1917 Russia's "February Revolution" (so-called because of the Old Style calendar being used by Russians at the time) began with rioting and strikes in St. Petersburg. **Also in 1917** the U.S. Senate voted to limit filibusters by adopting the cloture rule.

In 1930 the 27th U.S. president, William Howard Taft, died in Washington.

In 1942 Japanese forces captured Rangoon, Burma, during World War II.

In 1944 U.S. bombers resumed bombing Berlin.

In 1948 the Supreme Court ruled that religious instruction in public schools violates the Constitution.

In 1950 Soviet Marshal Voroshilov announced that Russia had the atomic bomb.

In 1958 the Chinese government imposed martial law on Lhasa, the capital of Tibet.

In 1965 the United States landed about 3,500 Marines in South Vietnam.

In 1971 Joe Frazier became the undisputed heavyweight boxing champion of the world with a unanimous 15-round decision over Muhammad Ali in New York.

In 1972 President Richard Nixon signed an executive order limiting secrecy surrounding federal documents and restricting the power of officials to classify them.

In 1973 Northern Ireland violence spread to London, where automobile bombs exploded outside the Old Bailey, killing one person and injuring many others. **Also in 1973** Ron "Pigpen" McKernan, founding keyboardist of the Grateful Dead, died in San Francisco; he was 27.

In 1974 President Richard Nixon proposed to lead a cleanup of political campaigns, including financing.

In 1983 President Ronald Reagan denounced the Soviet Union as an "evil empire."

In 1985 the directors of New Yorker Magazine Inc. announced their agreement to sell the company to S.I. Newhouse Jr.

In 1989, in Lebanon, daily artillery barrages between Christian and Syrian forces and their militia allies began in Beirut; at least 930 people were killed before a cease-fire took hold the following September.

In 1993 singer-bandleader Billy Eckstine died in Pittsburgh; he was 78.

In 1994 the Defense Department announced a smoking ban for workplaces ranging from the Pentagon to battle tanks.

In 1995 the plummeting dollar stabilized after Federal Reserve Chairman Alan Greenspan called the decline unwarranted.

In 1996 Dr. Jack Kevorkian was acquitted of assisted suicide in Michigan for helping two suffering patients kill themselves.

In 1997 President Bill Clinton, in keeping with his push for private businesses and churches to hire off welfare rolls, ordered federal agencies to do the same.

In 1998 James McDougal, one of the most important cooperating witnesses in Kenneth Starr's Whitewater investigation, died in a federal medical prison in Fort Worth, Texas; he was 57.

WINNING LOTTERY NUMBERS

ILLINOIS
March 7
Lotto ..... **12 19 21 26 29 37 / 22**
Lotto jackpot: $12M
Pick 3 midday ..... **089 / 3**
Pick 4 midday ..... **2758 / 5**
Lucky Day Lotto midday **06 27 32 40 43**
Pick 3 evening ..... **246 / 5**
Pick 4 evening ..... **4975 / 0**
Lucky Day Lotto evening **01 04 15 26 42**

March 8 Mega Millions: $45M
March 9 Powerball: $414M

WISCONSIN
March 7
Pick 3 ..... **638**
Pick 4 ..... **9340**
Badger 5 ..... **01 17 21 24 27**
SuperCash **08 13 20 27 29 34**

INDIANA
March 7
Daily 3 midday ..... **530 / 1**
Daily 4 midday ..... **6117 / 1**
Daily 3 evening ..... **536 / 6**
Daily 4 evening ..... **3650 / 6**
Cash 5 ..... **08 21 25 34 45**

MICHIGAN
March 7
Daily 3 midday **364**
Daily 4 midday **8294**
Daily 3 evening **348**
Daily 4 evening **7010**
Fantasy 5 ..... **04 06 09 24 26**
Keno ..... **07 08 09 16 18 23 34 ..... 40 43 45 46 50 51 52 56 ..... 62 66 67 72 73 78 79**

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Death Notices

Cebulski, Louise



Louise E. Cebulski (nee Ptack), age 74, of Woodridge, IL, at rest March 5, 2019, surrounded by her loving family. Born February 10, 1945 in Chicago, IL to George and Ruth Ptack. Beloved wife of John; loving mother of John (Debbie) Cebulski, Carey (Thomas) Snyder and the late Shirley Cebulski; devoted grandmother of James Johnson, Nate Nall and Thomas, Abby and Jacob Snyder; dearest great-grandmother of Ben; dear sister of Shirley Steger; fond aunt of several nieces and nephews. Funeral Services Saturday March 9, 2019 at 4 P.M. at **West Suburban Funeral Home & Cremation Services** 39 N. Cass Ave., Westmont. Visitation Saturday from 2 P.M. till time of services. Interment Private. In lieu of flowers memorials may be made to St. Jude Childrens Research Hospital (stjude.org) or Alzheimers Association of Chicago (alz.org) Info 630-852-8000 or www.westsuburbanfh.com

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Century, Dr. Theodore Howard

Dr. Theodore Howard Century, Age 86. Husband of the late Shirley Bellowe Century. Former husband of the late Frayda Century. Loving father of Michael Century, Hara Century, Jeanne Century (Michael Weisman), and Laura Century (Lee Unkrich). Proud "Papa" of Hannah, Kenan, Alice, Reuben and Max. Grandfather of Julia, Leah, Kara, Ilana, Gabriel, Nathan, Lindsey, Lily and Macallister. Service Sunday, 11AM at **Chicago Jewish Funerals**, 8851 Skokie Blvd (at Niles Center Road), Skokie. Interment Waldheim Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the National Yiddish Book Center, www.yiddishbookcenter.org. Arrangements by **Chicago Jewish Funerals** – Skokie Chapel, 847.229.8822, www.cjfinfo.com

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Chandler, Jr, Jesse Samuel '"Doc"'

Dr Jesse S Chandler, Jr. (74) departed this life on March 4th. He grew up in Muskogee,OK, an attended the Howard University College of Medicine before moving to Chicago for residencies at Cook County and Mount Sinai Hospitals. He had a long career in Obstetrics and Gynecology serving as the head of the department and Chief of Staff at Grant Hospital. An avid golfer, he was in several clubs and traveled extensively to enjoy his hobby. He leaves behind two daughters, Michelle Chandler-Smith of Washington, DC and Christine Hollis (Lawrence) of Northbrook, IL, three grandchildren, Callie-Taylor Chandler, Hunter and Brooke Hollis, and one great grandchild, Caileigh-Noelle Madrid. Additionally he will be missed by many friends and the patients he served.

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Cheney, Carol Jean

Carol Jean Cheney, 83, of Burbank, Illinois, passed away peacefully on Thursday, February 28, 2019, with family by her side. Visitation will be held on Sunday, March 10, 2019, at **Mount Auburn Funeral Home**, 4101 Oak Park Avenue, Stickney, Illinois, for family starting at 1 p.m. and the public from 2 p.m. – 8 p.m. A chapel prayer will be held on Monday, March 11, 2019, at 11 a.m. with burial following. The full obituary can be found at: www.mountauburnfuneralhome.com.

Dignity Memorial Mt. Auburn Funeral Home

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Conroy, Coleman 'Colm'

Coleman "Colm" Conroy of Berkeley, age 80. Beloved husband of Kathleen, nee Ukich; loving father of Angela and Katie (John) Taylor; proud grandfather of Johnnie, Thomas, Christopher, Sean and Joseph; dear brother of Patrick (Evelyn), Angela (Vince) Finnegan, Bridie (John) Campbell, Sean (Junie), Ann (late Jim) Cusick, Theresa (Jim) Long, Helen (Eamonn) Ribbett, Rita (Patrick) Feeney and the late Thomas (Rose) and Kathleen; fond uncle of many nieces and nephews. Family and friends will be received at the **Conboy-Westchester Funeral Home**, 10501 W. Cermak Rd., Westchester (2 blks West of Mannheim Rd.) on Sunday, March 10, 2019 from 3:00 to 8:00 p.m. Funeral Monday 9:15 a.m. from the funeral home to St. Domitilla Church for 10:00 a.m. Mass. Interment private. For further info 708-F-U-N-E-R-A-L.

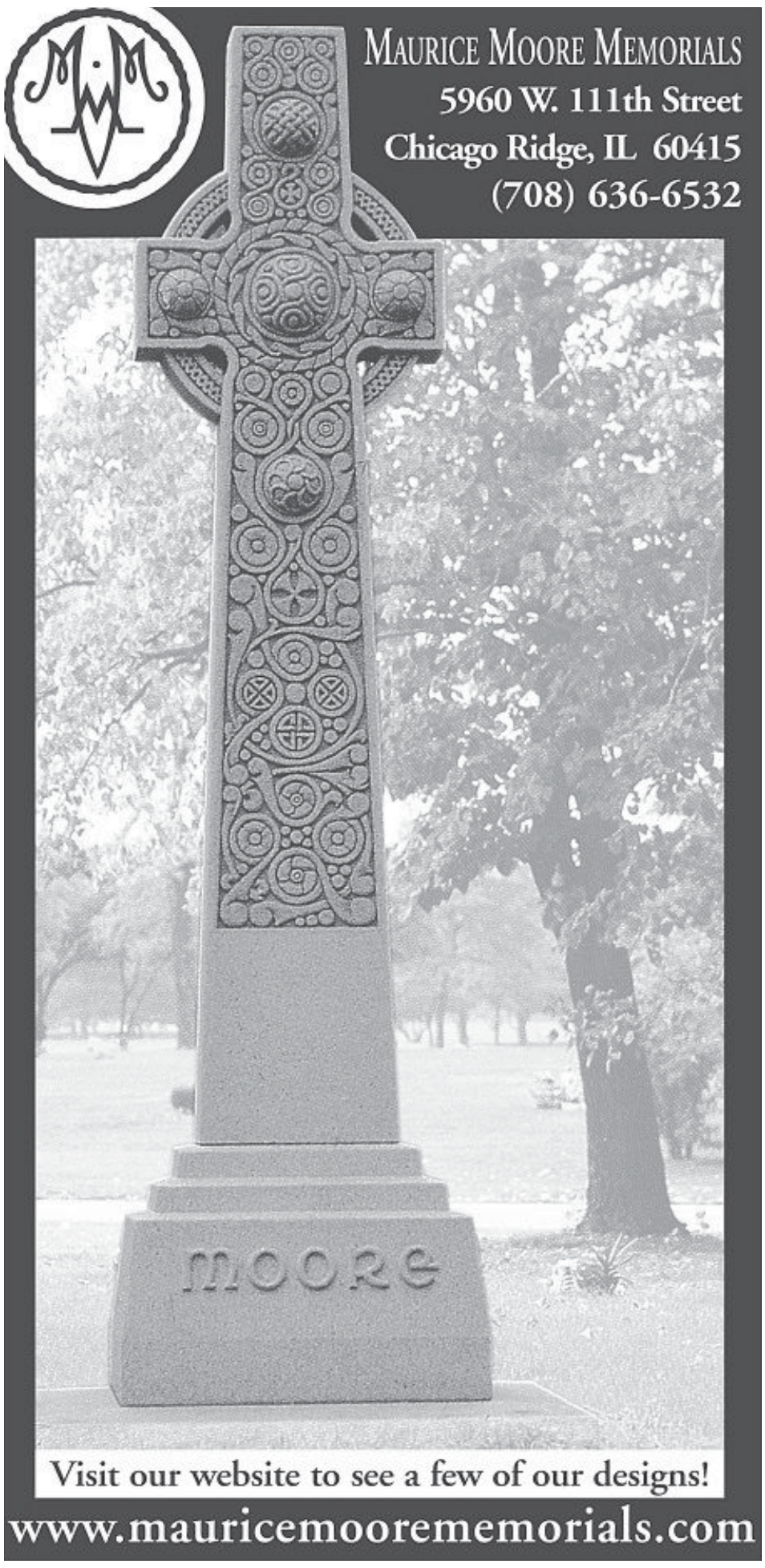
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Deignan, James E.

James Edward Deignan, age 67, beloved son of the late Mary and the late John Deignan; cherished brother of Cathy (Roger) McGill, Gerard (Theresa) Deignan and Julie (Charles) Schultz. Preceded in death by much loved siblings Virginia (Tom) Sullivan, Mary Therese, Colette, and John Michael. Loving uncle to Thomas, Seanne, Julie, Michael, Patrick and Kerry Sullivan, John, Colette and James McGill, Robert and John Deignan, Elizabeth, Patrick, Eileen and Nora Deignan, Katie, Mary Pat and Michael Schultz; great-uncle and dear cousin to many. Jim enjoyed a wonderful career for over 37 years as an experienced manager at AT&T. Upon his retirement, Jim joyfully shared his knowledge and practical expertise with young students as an instructor of Economics at College of DuPage and Oakton Community College. He will be dearly missed by all who knew and loved him. Funeral Mass will be celebrated at St. Edward Catholic Church, 4350 W. Sunnyside, Chicago, Saturday March 9th at 10:30 a.m. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Misericordia, or the charity of your choice. Interment private. Info at tohlefuneralhome.com or 773-685-4400.

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Dluger, Ronald J

Ronald J. Dluger, beloved husband of Annette, nee Maffia, cherished father of David (Lisa) Dluger and Marc (Angela) Dluger PhD, loving grandfather of Chloe, Jacob, Colin and step-grandchildren Lindsey and Jordan and the late Joshua, devoted son of the late David and Vera. Visitation Sunday March 10th, 5PM-8PM at Nelson Funeral Home, 820 W. Talcott Rd., Park Ridge. Funeral Monday March 11th, 11 AM at the Swan Chapel in Ridgewood Memorial Park, 9900 N. Milwaukee Ave., Des Plaines. Interment to follow. Info **Mitzvah Memorial Funerals**, 630-MITZVAH (630-648-9824) or www.mitzvahfunerals.com

Mitzvah Memorial Funerals

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Eisenberg, Janet

Janet M. Eisenberg nee Young, 93, originally of Cadillac MI and Chicago, died peacefully in her sleep March 6. She was predeceased by her husband, Leonard, and by two sisters and a brother. Janet leaves behind three sons, Elliot, Martin (Joann), and Jack (Janet), seven grandchildren, Daniel (Lauren Yates), Lauren (David Gimpel), Dana (fiancé, Joseph Capriglione), Charles (Leah), Michael, Jane, and Rebecca, and five great grandchildren. Graveside services Sunday 11AM, at Westlawn Cemetery, 7801 West Montrose Avenue, Norridge. In lieu of flowers memorials can be made to Hasassah-Chicago-Northshore. 60 Revere Dr #800, Northbrook, IL 60062. Arrangements by **Chicago Jewish Funerals** – Buffalo Grove Chapel, 847.229.8822, www.cjfinfo.com

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Ferri, Israel

Israel A. Ferri, 86, beloved husband of 43 years to the late Jean nee Goldman; loving father of David (Laurie) and Daniela; cherished grandfather of Ariel and Joshua; dear brother of Alessandro "Robby" (Bilha) Ferri; fond uncle of many. Services were held Thursday. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Solomon Schechter Day School www.schechter.org. For information and condolences: Shalom Memorial Funeral Home 847-255-3520 or www.shalom2.com.

Shalom Memorial Funeral Home

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Fishman, Marvin

Marvin "Marvelous" Fishman (#1), age 93, died peacefully Thursday, February 21st at the Preserve in Clearwater, FL; beloved husband for 66 years of the late Gertrude; loving father of Janice (#2) (Frank (#3)) Lesh; and Janice and Frank's nephew Matthew Lesh (#4); dear brother of Ted (Adrienne) Fishman. Services were held Thursday, March 7th at the Preserve in Clearwater. Marvin served honorably in WWII and was a purple heart recipient. Contributions may be made to Dementia Society of America, www.dementiasociety.org. Info: The **Goldman Funeral Group**, www.goldmanfuneralgroup.com (847) 478-1600.

Goldman Funeral Group

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Fowler, Donald 'Twig'

Donald 'Twig' Fowler, of LaGrange Highlands; beloved husband of Judith; loving father of Ellen (Gus) Chamopoulos, Mike (Diane) Fowler, Christine (Jeff) Parliament-Swick, & Lisa (Jason) Fowler-Johnson; proud grandfather of Kailey & Kyle Parliament, Amanda (Joe) Butler, Sarah, Zachary, & Tommy Fowler & Emily Johnson; dear great-grandfather of Cole, Shane, & Dustin; friend of many. Visitation 3 to 9pm on Monday, March 11 at **Hallowell & James Funeral Home**, 1025 W. 55th St., Countryside. Memorial donations in Don's name to Wellness House for Living with Cancer are appreciated (wellnesshouse.org). Funeral info: (708) 352-6500 or hjfunerals.com

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Giamarusti, James C.

James C. Giamarusti, 68, U.S. Army veteran; Beloved husband of Debbie nee Brennan; Devoted father of Nancy and Bobby Giamarusti; Loving grandfather of Vincent and Bo; Dear brother of Joseph (Marie) Giamarusti, the late John (Dolores) Giamarusti, Kathleen (Paul) Wanhala and Michael (Colleen) Giamarusti; Dear brother-in-law of Kathie Brennan and the late Robert Brennan; Fond uncle and friend to many. Visitation Sunday March 10th from 2:00 - 8:00 p.m. at **Cumberland Chapels** 8300 W. Lawrence Ave., Norridge. Funeral service begins Monday at 8:45 a.m. from the funeral home proceeding to St. Paul of the Cross Church in Park Ridge for 10:00 a.m. Mass. Interment to follow at Maryhill Cemetery. Info: 708-456-8300 or www.cumberlandchapels.com

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Herman, Nancy L.

Nancy L. Herman, nee Melcarek, age 69. Dear mother of Vincent (Amy) Herman, Melissa (James) Goodman and the late Camille Herman. Loving grandmother of Alexandra, Abigail, Francis and Donna Herman and Daniel, Joshua and MaryJane Goodman. Memorial Visitation Saturday 9:30 a.m. at St. John Fisher Church; 10300 S. Fairfield until time of Memorial Mass 10:00 a.m. Interment Private. 773-779-4411

Beverly Ridge Funeral Home

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Jastrzebski, Anna R.

Anna R. Jastrzebski, age 97; beloved wife of the late William; loving mother of James (Eileen), Jane (the late Ben) Furino and William (Diana) Jaski; cherished grandmother of 6 and great-grandmother of 2; fond sister of Rita, Virginia and the late Genevieve, Irene and Edward; also many nieces and nephews. Funeral Monday 9:15 A.M. from **Modell Funeral Home**, 7710 S. Cass Ave., Darien to Our Lady of Peace Church. Mass at 10:00 A.M. Interment Resurrection Cemetery. Visitation Sunday 3-9 P.M. For funeral info: (630) 852-3595 or www.modelldarien.com

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Lagen, Sophia

(nee Nesterouli). Age 73, born in Athens Greece. Beloved wife of Pete Lagen. Loving mother of Demetra, Nick, and Matthew. Proud Yaya of Sophia, Yeoryios, Aleni, Sophia, Nicholette, and Penelope. Family and friends to gather Saturday 11:30 a.m. until time of Service 12:30 p.m. at Saints Helen & Constantine Greek Orthodox Church, 11025 S. Roberts Road, Palos Hills, IL. Interment Bethania Cemetery. Arrangements entrusted to **Robert J. Sheehy & Sons Funeral Home**. www.sheehyfh.com 708-857-7878

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Luttrell, Mary-Rose A.



Mary-Rose (nee Weishaar) Luttrell, 72, of Winthrop Harbor, IL, passed away March 04, 2019 at Vista East Medical Center. Mary-Rose was born September 24, 1946 in Chicago, IL. She is survived by her children, Lori Jedrysek and Linda Jedrysek; her grandchildren, Alyssa Jedrysek, Ashley Fink, Kian Baxter, and Tony Leitsch-Jedrysek. She is preceded in death by her soul mate, Tony Jedrysek, her parents, brother, and sister. A Memorial Service will be held at The Well Church, 9001 17th Avenue, Kenosha, WI 53143 on Saturday, March 9th, 2019 from 1:30 p.m. until 3:30 p.m. Please sign the online guest book www.congdonfuneralhome.com.

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McArdle, Jeanne P.

Jeanne P. McArdle. Beloved wife of the late Roy; loving mother of Mathew and Erin (Dave); fond grandmother of Finley; dear sister of Kathie Quirk and Jack (Stella) Quirk; sister-in-law of Eileen McCoy and Helen McArdle; aunt and great aunt of many. Visitation Friday March 8, 2019, 4:00 until 8:00 p.m. at Dreschler Brown & Williams Funeral Home, 203 S. Marion St., Oak Park. Family and friends will meet Saturday March 9, 2019 at St. Giles Church, 1045 N. Columbia, Oak Park, IL for 10:30 Mass. Interment Private.

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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

Smith-Corcoran Funeral Homes

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Moriarty, Katie

Katie Moriarty nee Foley, age 89, passed away peacefully in her sleep on March 5, 2019.

Katie is remembered by many friends and family from her childhood home in Castlemaine, Co. Kerry, Ireland. She was blessed with 13 siblings, some who are living and some who have passed on. They are from Oak Lawn, Ireland, England, Wales, and Australia. She married the late Florence Moriarty and immigrated to the United States. Here, she lived a full and joyous life surrounded by her four children, Daniel Ret. CFD (Kathy), Dennis (Kathy), Jerry (Christine), and Mary (David) Wisniowicz, and her grandchildren, Danny, Katie, Brendan, Meaghan, Eileen, Tim, Brian, and Caitlin. Fond aunt of many nieces and nephews. Loving sister-in-law of many. Katie will be missed dearly by them for her endless laughs and love she showed each of them. She had many interests and never had a boring moment. She was involved with senior swim, an avid bingo player, and an active member of the Women's Auxiliary Council at St. Louis de Montfort.

Katie will be dearly missed by many, but will be remembered for her spontaneous and spunky spirit, a trait that resides in every person that was fortunate to meet and know her.

Visitation Sunday 3:00 pm to 9:00 pm. Funeral Monday 8:30 am from the ROBERT J. SHEEHY & SONS FUNERAL HOME-BURBANK, 4950 W. 79th Street, to St. Albert the Great Church for Mass at 9:30 am. Interment Holy Sepulchre Cemetery. 708-857-7878 or www.sheehyfh.com

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Nemecek, Irvin J.

Irvin J. Nemecek, age 88, of LaGrange, IL; beloved husband of the late Evelyn and the late Doris; loving father of the late Pam (Phil) Shanks, Skip (Laura) Nemecek, Brian Langosch, Kenn (Christy) Langosch, and Gail (Mike) Hall; dear grandfather of Casey, Jeffrey, Sarah, Scott, Mark, Brandt, Keith, Graham, Tyler, Hannah, Nicole, and Kaitlin; fond great-grandfather of Leilah, Lee, and Evelyn. Irvin was the proud life-long owner of the Tweeten Fibre Company in Chicago, IL. Visitation 4 to 8pm Sunday, Mar. 10 at **Hallowell & James Funeral Home**, 1025 W. 55th St., Countryside. Funeral Service 11am Monday, Mar. 11 at the funeral home. Interment Bronswood Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations given to the American Cancer Society are appreciated. Funeral Info: 708-352-6500. Please see the full obituary at hjfunerals.com

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Peterson, N. Roger

Proud Carpenter in the Local 199 for over 65 years. Spent time in Palos Heights, IL and Green Lake, WI. Beloved husband of Joyce (nee Fernlund) Peterson. Loving father of Karen Chandra & Dale (Karen) Peterson. Cherished grandfather of Michael (Meredith) Chandra, Jennifer (Jonathan) Welsh, Kimberly (Justin) Lee, Danielle (Josh) DeBoer & Megan (Fiancé Corey Grove) Peterson. Adoring great grandfather of Olivia & Claire Chandra and Cameron Welsh. Devoted son of the late; Nels & Elsa (nee Nelson) Peterson. Visitation Sunday, March 10th from 3 p.m. until 8 p.m. Chapel service Monday, March 11th, 10:30 a.m. at the **KERRY FUNERAL HOME & CREMATION CARE CENTER**, 7020 W. 127th Street, Palos Heights. Interment Oak Hill Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, contributions to the American Cancer Society, 225 N. Michigan Ave., Suite 1200, Chicago, IL 60601 would be appreciated. www.kerryfh.com ~ (708) 361.4235 ~ www.facebook.com/kerryfuneral

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Ryan, Theodore J. '"Teddy"'

Theodore J. 'Teddy' Ryan, Suddenly, age 32 beloved son of Thomas Jr. and Darlene (nee Cronin); loving brother of Selena Ryan, Thomas (Jasmine), Andrew and Amy (Luke) Ambrosini; fun loving uncle of Ethan, Rosalee, Lilliana and Emmett; dearest grandson "forever in our hearts" of the late Bonnie Cronin and the late Thomas and Margaret Ryan; fond nephew of Patrick Ryan, Michael (Gail) Ryan and Catherine O'Shea; Comical Cousin of Patrick Ryan, Amanda (Colin) Ford, Sean, Maggie and Ryan O'Shea. Always Sunny Side Up demeanor. Teddy was a proud 14 1/2 year member of Carpenters Union Local 13. Visitation Sunday 1-7 P.M. Funeral Monday 9:00 A.M. from Lawn Funeral Home, 17909 S. 94th Ave. Tinley Park, IL 60487 to St. Stephen Deacon & Martyr Church Mass 9:30 A.M. Interment Holy Sepulchre Cemetery. Funeral info (708) 532-3100.

Lawn Funeral Home

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Schwartz, Patricia Ann



We regret to inform all those who loved our mom that she passed away in her sleep on February, 28, 2019. Her peaceful ending came after 87 years of life filled with love and happiness. When asked how she lost 15 pounds in her 20's she famously replied, " I switched from beer and peanuts to martinis and cigarettes ". She loved collies and follies and sunny days on the beach. She taught us that you can't soar with the eagles in the morning if you hoot with the owls at night; but that the owls have way more fun. She leaves behind her sons David, Allen(Janet) and Lewis (Karla) ; 10 grandchildren, Jeffrey (Stephanie),Katherine Daigle (Andrew),Charles (Katherine),Rebecca, Amanda, Margaret (Jonah),Olivia, Alex, Anna and Henry ; and 3 great grandchildren, Bennett, Silas Daigle and James. On the bright side, heaven just added a beautiful southern belle where her husband gets to welcome her with open arms. We love you mom

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Shapiro, Robert Aaron

Robert Aaron Shapiro, 68, devoted son of the late Philip and Phyllis nee Krause; loving brother of Larry (Carol) Shapiro; cherished uncle of Jennifer (Charles) Pack, Jessica (Dan) Wing and Brian (Kirsty) Shapiro; dear great uncle of Jacob, Elijah, Caroline, Tripp, Danica, Hannah and Oliver. Chapel service, Monday, 10 AM at Shalom Memorial Funeral Home, 1700 W. Rand Road, Arlington Heights. Interment Shalom Memorial Park. Memorials may be made to the Anti-Defamation League. For information or to leave condolences, (847) 255-3520 or www.shalom2.com.

Shalom Memorial Funeral Home

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Tunney, Edna Jean

Edna Jean Tunney, nee Mansen, age 100. Beloved wife of the late James. Dear mother of Carla (John) Vellos, James (Catherine) and Thomas (Karen). Loving grandmother of David and Christopher Vellos, Eileen (Craig) Franz and great grandmother of Catherine. Dear sister of the late George Mansen. Fond aunt of many nieces and nephews. Retired employee of Harris Bank with many years of service. Funeral Monday 9:15 a.m. from **Beverly Ridge Funeral Home**; 10415 S. Kedzie Ave to St. John Fisher Church Mass 10:00 a.m. Interment St. Mary Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, please make donations to Arapahoe/Douglas NAMI; 155 Inverness Drive West, Suite 205, Englewood, CO 80112, appreciated. Visitation Sunday 3:00 – 8:00 p.m. 773-779-4411.

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Van Hoesen Sr, John W.



John W. Van Hoesen Sr., age 75, of Elgin. Beloved husband of 51 years of Mary Van Hoesen (Suerth), loving father of Catherine (Jim) Bonczyk, John (Kelly) Van Hoesen Jr., and Deborah (Kevin) Quaid. Loving Grandfather of Jenna and Nathan Bonczyk, Teaghan and Sean Van Hoesen, Abbey, Mary Kate, and Lizzie Quaid. Survived by his loving brothers Marty (Jeannie) Van Hoesen, Richard (Jeni) Van Hoesen, Jim (the late Jeanne) Van Hoesen and sister-in-laws Jean (Jim) Cosgrove, Leslie (the late Bob) Suerth, and Diane (the late Tom) Suerth. Fond uncle to many nieces and nephews. John was the owner of Van Hoesen Industries and a veteran of the U.S. Army. Visitation 2:00p.m. to 8:00p.m. Sunday, March 10, 2019 at the **Countryside** Funeral Home and Crematory, 1640 S Greenmeadows Blvd (at Barrington Rd), Streamwood/Schaumburg. Funeral Monday 9:15a.m. going to St Hubert Catholic Church, Mass 10:00a.m. Following service, cremation will be private at the **Countryside** Crematory. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, www.stjude.org or to Misericordia, www.misericordia.com, would be appreciated. 630-289-8054 or www.countrysidefuneralhomes.com

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Watkins, Angela E.

In memory of Angela E. Watkins, 56, died March 4, 2019, who loved life & touched all who knew her with her warm and gentle spirit. She will be truly missed. Visitation: Fri Mar 8, 2019, 3-7pm at Unity Funeral Parlors, 4114 S. Michigan, Chicago IL. Services: Sat Mar 9, 2019 10am Visitation & 11am Service at St. Edmunds Episcopal Church, 6105 S. Michigan, Chicago IL.

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Williams Gallo, Betty J.

Beloved wife of the late Anthony. Loving mother of Jan Traver, Karen Gallo (John) Johnson, and Adriann Gallo. Cherished grandmother of Dr. Ami Traver, Amanda Traver, and Jacqueline Eichhorn. Dear great-grandmother of Avi Jane Simmons. Visitation Saturday 8:30 a.m. until time of Prayers 10:30 a.m. at the **Robert J. Sheehy & Sons Funeral Home**, 9000 W. 151st Street, Orland Park, IL to Our Lady of the Woods Church, Mass 11:15 a.m. Entombment Holy Sepulchre Cemetery. www.sheehyfh.com 708-857-7878

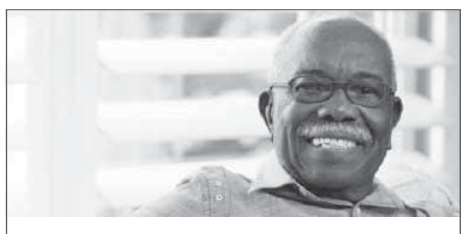
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Zuraitis, Grace

Grace Zuraitis, nee Accettura. March 6, 2019. Age 73. Devoted wife of the late George J. Zuraitis. Loving mother of Genevieve Berger. Cherished grandmother of Grace and Jason Berger. Beloved sister of Nancy(late Gary) McDonald and Susan Murphy. Fond aunt of Jack, Matt, Cara, Jerome, Danny, and Jackie. Funeral services Monday 11:00 A.M. at the Petkus Lemont Funeral Home, 12401 S. Archer Ave.,(at Derby Rd.), Lemont. Rev. Joe Mol, officiating. Committal services are private. In lieu of flowers, Memorial Offerings may be made to the American Heart Association and will be deeply appreciated. Visitation Sunday 3:00 to 8:00 P.M. 800-994-7600 or www.petkusfuneralhomes.com

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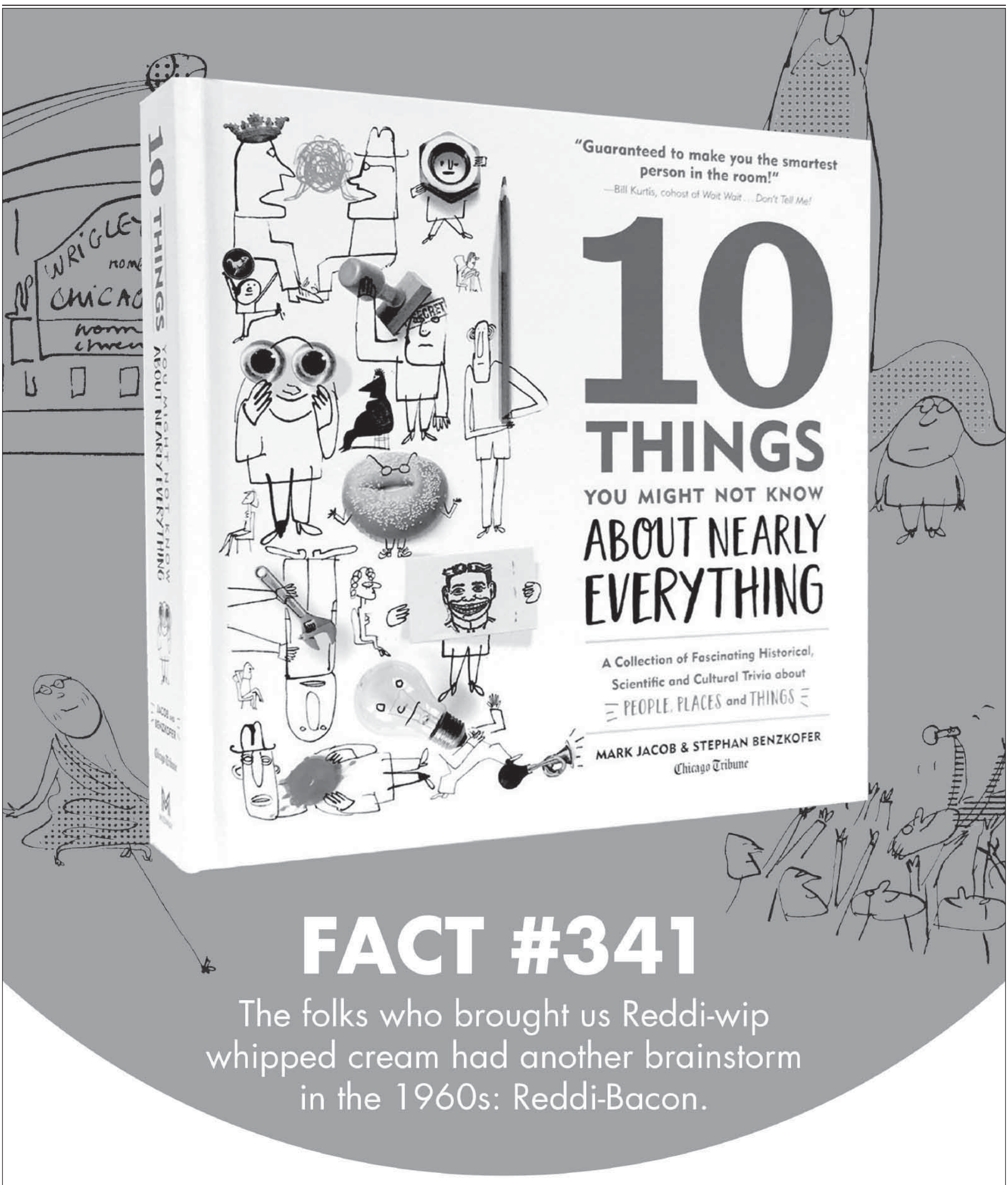


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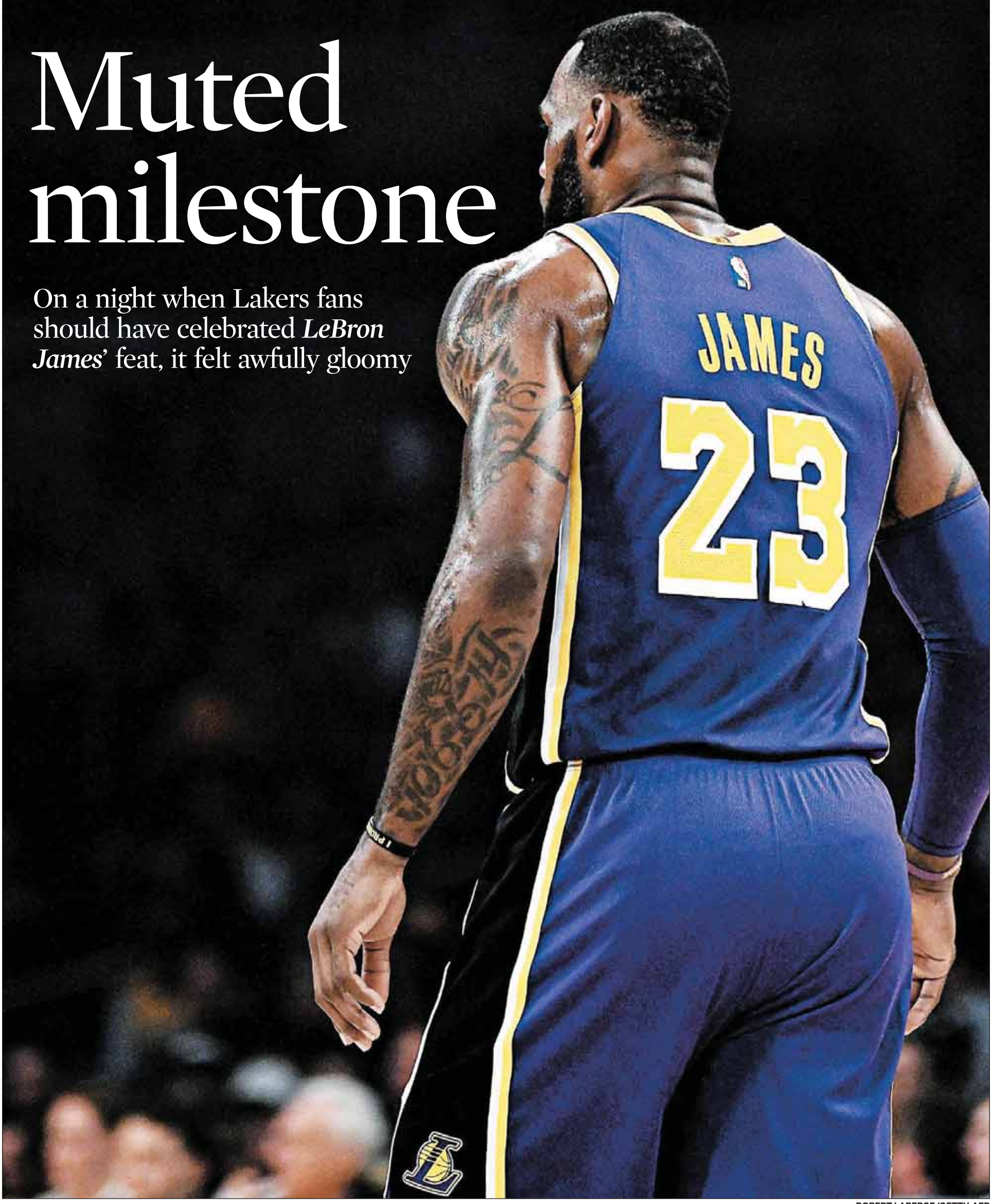
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Bill Plaschke

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They stood, but not all of them, and not immediately, and not for long.

He surely heard them but never acknowledged them.

LeBron James passed Michael Jordan to move into fourth place on the NBA's all-time scoring list Wednesday night, leaping over the legend in a monumental accomplishment that felt like an enormous dud.

Epitomizing this embarrassment of a season, the history-rich Lakers couldn't even enjoy making history.

It wasn't the franchise's fault. The Lakers did everything they could to make it a special moment. The NBA wouldn't let them stop the game immediately, so at the first stoppage after James' layup against the Nuggets with 5 minutes, 38 seconds to play in the second quarter gave him 32,294 points — two more than Jordan — an attempted celebration ensued.

The scoreboard displayed a video. Public-address announcer Lawrence Tanter boomed an announcement. The timeout gave everyone time to soak it in.

But nobody soaked. Everyone just sort of

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NBA CAREER SCORING LEADERS

1. Kareem Abdul-Jabbar	38,387
2. Karl Malone	36,928
3. Kobe Bryant	33,643
4. LeBron James	**32,311**
5. Michael Jordan	32,292
6. Wilt Chamberlain	31,419
7. Dirk Nowitzki	**31,364**
8. Shaquille O'Neal	28,596
9. Moses Malone	27,409
10. Elvin Hayes	27,313
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Cubs content is coming to YouTube

Channel is 'precursor' to Marquee Sports Network



Paul Sullivan
On the Cubs

MESA, Ariz. — When you search the word "Cubs" on YouTube, you'll see an assortment of videos on the first page, such as Bill Murray's hilarious guest stint subbing for Harry Caray in 1987 and a Cubs-related parody of a song from "Hamilton."

But starting Monday morning, you'll get the real deal as the Cubs begin their own YouTube channel.

"It's really a precursor to our network channel because it's a chance for us to do long-form programming," president of business operations Crane Kenney said Thursday at Sloan Park. "You'll see a whole bunch of features on there because the (network) is (starting) in 2020."

Kenney said it's not a replacement for Vine Line, the team's monthly magazine that was discontinued at the end of 2018, but a video-based version of the print product.

Cubs Productions, which earned Emmys for features on subjects such as Kerry Wood's 20-strikeout game and the life of scout Sam Hughes, will be producing features for the YouTube channel as well as non-game programming for the Cubs network, to be called the Marquee Sports Network.

"The YouTube channel will give them a chance to start stretching their legs a little bit in a more direct-to-consumer way,"

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The Bulls' Robin Lopez, left, and Zach LaVine celebrate after LaVine's winning shot Wednesday night against the 76ers.

UP NEXT
Pistons at Bulls
7 p.m. Friday, NBCSCH

BULLS

Teammates say Lopez's picks really clicking

LaVine lauds veteran center as the 'best screener' he's ever had

By K.C. Johnson
Chicago Tribune

Setting a screen isn't glamorous. It doesn't show up in the box score.

It can show up in the faces of defenders. Just check Ben Simmons' reaction to a screen Robin Lopez set Wednesday night to free Zach LaVine late in the Bulls' 108-107 victory over the 76ers. It looked like a combination of pain, resignation and disgust.

"He's the best screener I've ever had," LaVine said.

Ryan Arcidiacono said the same thing. And Arcidiacono has been both beneficiary and target of said screens.

"I've run into a lot of them playing on the second team in practice and going up against RoLo," Arcidiacono said.

What does it feel like?

"Not good," Arcidiacono cracked.

The Bulls have employed plenty of strong screeners over the years — Tom Boerwinkle, Charles Oakley, Bill Cartwright, Kurt Thomas. Lopez has joined a powerhouse of pick setters.

And with today's steady diet of pick-and-rolls, having such a player is essential. The Bulls resorted to a Lopez-LaVine pick-and-roll repeatedly down the stretch against the 76ers. LaVine scored 13 of his 39 points in the fourth.

Lopez scored 19 points, his 12th time in double figures over

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TOP OF THE SECOND



PHIL ROSENTHAL

Ozzie now a TV free agent

NBC Sports Chicago would be smart to snap up Ozzie Guillen, who's apparently a TV free agent.

The former White Sox star shortstop and manager of the 2005 World Series champs disclosed his divorce from ESPN Deportes after five seasons in a gracious tweet Thursday. A source said Guillen's contract had expired and described the split as amicable.

Guillen on Twitter thanked everyone at ESPN "from the talent producers to the big boy executives, from the security guards to my people in the cafeteria."

ESPN's spokesman said, "We wish Ozzie all the best."

Guillen played 16 seasons in the majors, including a 1985-2000 run with the Sox, in which he was American League Rookie of the Year and a three-time All-Star. He also managed the Sox from 2004 to 2011, becoming in '05 the first Latino manager to win a World Series title. He also managed the Marlins in 2012.

ESPN Deportes, ESPN's Spanish-language outlet, picked up Guillen the next spring. While still a manager, he previously had done some pregame and postgame World Series work for Fox Sports.

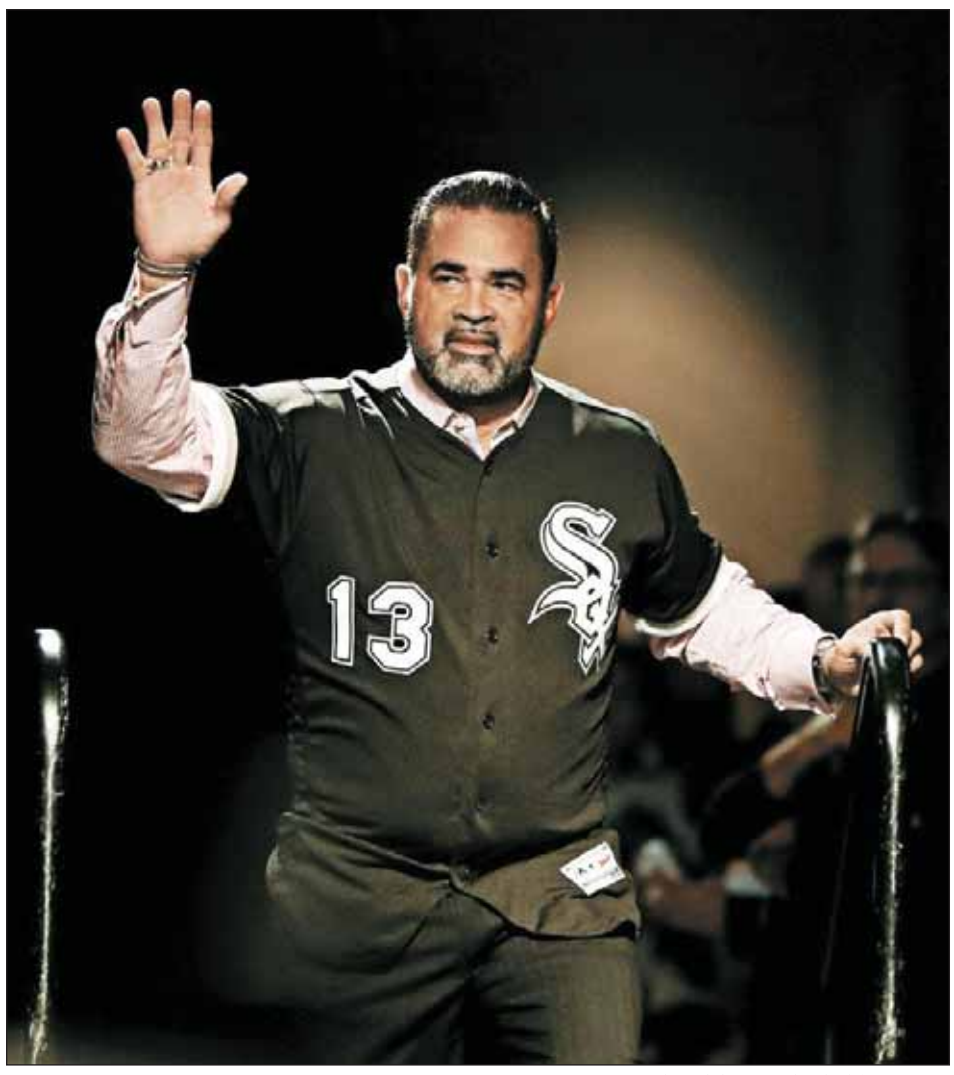
"I want to thank each and every single person I had the pleasure of working with over the past five years at ESPN," Guillen said in his tweet. "Thank you for opening your doors to me, for allowing me to work alongside you, and welcoming me into your family. These years were among the happiest of my (life) and I owe so many people thanks for that."

Addressing his now-former ESPN colleagues in the tweet, Guillen said he would "truly miss being around you every Sunday but I wish all of you nothing but the best and continued success in your lives and careers."

NBC Sports Chicago, cable home of the Sox, does pregame and postgame shows for all Sox games whether it carries those games or not. Former Sox slugger Bill Melton, 74, a fixture on NBC Sports Chicago's pregame and postgame shows, plans to cut back on his TV workload this season while continuing to serve as a team ambassador.

That seemingly would create an opening for Guillen if he and the regional sports network can agree to terms.

Last year, Guillen contributed as an analyst on NBC Sports Chicago's "Baseball Night in Chicago" with Doug Glanville and Leila Rahimi. Guillen in 2017 provided commentary for a Spanish-language Sox-Blue Jays telecast that ran on a secondary channel.



CHRIS SWEDA/CHICAGO TRIBUNE

Former Sox manager Ozzie Guillen has parted ways with ESPN Deportes after five years.

Guillen, 55, earlier this year appeared to achieve full rapprochement with his old team, making his first SoxFest appearance in eight years. Fans greeted him with enthusiastic chants of "Ozzie! Ozzie! Ozzie!" and he downplayed any residual tensions with Sox exec Ken Williams.

"People think we bashed each other," Guillen said at the fan convention. "No, we just had a job and we were young. ... Me and Kenny are fine."

Son Ozzie Jr. and Sox marketing boss Brooks Boyer had been discussing Guillen's return to the fold for some time. With the team firmly committed to Rick Renteria as manager, the time was deemed right.

"I'm glad I'm part of this," Guillen said. "I feel like I'm back home. This is something I was looking for for a long time."

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LET'S PLAY 2

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	Friday @Angels 2:10 p.m.	**Saturday** @Rangers 2:05 p.m.
	Friday Pistons 7 p.m. NBCSCH	**Sunday** @Pistons 11 a.m. NBCSCH
	Saturday @Stars 7 p.m. NBCSCH	**Monday** Coyotes 7:30 p.m. NBCSCH
	Saturday Orlando City Noon	**March 16** Sounders Noon

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MLB
Noon Red Sox at Orioles — MLB Network
7:30 p.m. Cubs at Mariners — MLB Network

NBA
7 p.m. Pistons at Bulls — NBCSCH, WSCR-AM 670
7 p.m. 76ers at Rockets — ESPN
9:30 p.m. Nuggets at Warriors — ESPN

MEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL
Noon Loyola vs. Ind. St./Valpo — NBCSCH+
2:30 p.m. Mo. State vs. Bradley — NBCSCH+
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5 p.m. Bowling Green at Buffalo — ESPNU
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6 p.m. Miami at Virginia Tech — ESPN2
6 p.m. Minnesota at Maryland — FS1
7 p.m. Belmont vs. TBA — ESPNU
8 p.m. St. Joseph's at VCU — ESPN2
9 p.m. Murray State vs. TBA — ESPNU

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL
11 a.m. Maryland vs. Michigan State — BTN
1:30 p.m. Michigan vs. Wisconsin — BTN
5:30 p.m. Iowa vs. Minnesota/Ind. — BTN
8 p.m. Rutgers vs. TBA — BTN

BOYS BASKETBALL
11 a.m. Class 1A semifinal — NBCSCH
12:45 p.m. Class 1A semifinal — NBCSCH
5:30 p.m. Class 2A semifinal — NBCSCH+
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GOLF
1 p.m. Arnold Palmer Invitational — Golf
5 p.m. Hoag Classic — Golf
3 a.m. (Sat.) Qatar Masters — Golf

NHL
6 p.m. Devils at Capitals — NHL Network

AHL
7 p.m. Wolves at Admirals — WCIU-26.2

COLLEGE HOCKEY
7:30 p.m. Minn.-Dul. at St. Cloud St. — CBSSN

SOCCER
1:20 p.m. Werder Bremen vs. Schalke — FS2

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1 p.m. BNP Paribas Open — Tennis
9 p.m. BNP Paribas Open — Tennis

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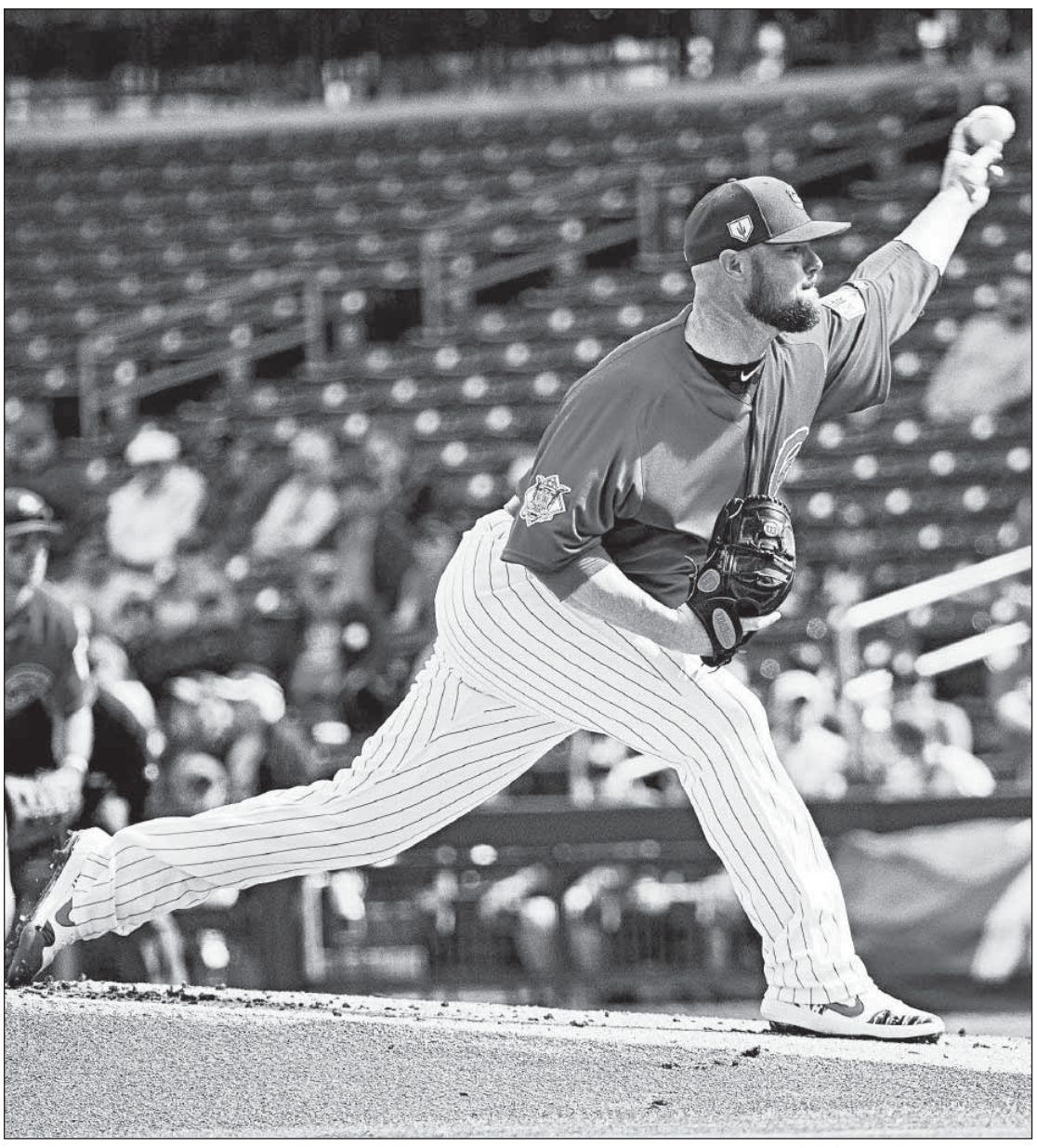
Given the need for more defense, is Patrick Beverley the ideal signing this offseason? A better fit than Derrick Rose or Ricky Rubio? *Hallie L.*
Don't sleep on Darren Collison. There are other free agents who fit as well. I have to be honest: I didn't think Beverley shot well enough from 3-point range until a coach from another team reminded me how much of an idiot I am and told me to look at his career statistics. Beverley is at 37.8 percent over his career. So, yes, he fits.
Can you explain what the Bulls saw from Wendell Carter Jr. this season to think of him as a cornerstone of the rebuild? Is it based on his on-court production or his draft status? *Emmett*
The Bulls saw a player whose defensive instincts and IQ belied his age. They saw a potentially elite shot blocker. They saw a strong body who only will get stronger as he matures and fills out. They saw — albeit with not enough regularity — an offensive player whose range extends to the 3-point line. And they saw a player with strong leadership qualities who doesn't need to scream or shout to make his impact felt.
I constantly see the Bulls unnecessarily helping on defense and leaving 3-point shooters wide open. It does not seem the individual player is bad on defense. It seems it is something that is being coached because it happens all game every game. Why don't they keep a body on 3-point shooters and let the other player guard his guy? *Shawn*
Yes, the Bulls appear confused defensively often. They have utilized more switching this season. Sometimes this is communicated well. Other times it's not. What you're asking about is when it's not. And, yes, this is a coaching and execution issue.

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BASEBALL



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Cubs left-hander Jon Lester, 35, has accepted his role of being the old guy in the rotation.

CUBS TAKEAWAYS

Embracing age

Lester, 35, says he relishes veteran leadership role

By Paul Sullivan
Chicago Tribune

MESA, Ariz. — Three takeaways from Cubs spring training Thursday:

1. You're only as old as you feel, especially if you're Jon Lester.

Lester reported to camp with a bushy beard that has a touch of gray.

"Thanks for reminding me," he said Thursday after making his third Cactus League start in a 7-5 loss to the Rockies.

Lester, who recently turned 35, is serving as the elder statesman of the Cubs rotation.

Does he feel old?

"Every day I wake up and I feel old," he said. "I said that to my dad one day and he just laughed at me. He was like, 'You have no idea.' I think he turns 66 this year."

Lester could shave the beard and no one would know he had any gray hairs at all. But he's OK with it.

"No, it's stuck with me now," he said. "When you're in the clubhouse with a bunch of 26-, 27-year-olds you feel old. But obviously in the real world 35 is just kind of getting started."

Lester, in fact, is kind of growing fond of his status as the old guy on the mound.

"At first it's kind of a hard pill to swallow, especially when you turn around and think you threw a fastball well and it says 90 or 91 (mph) as opposed to 94, 95," he said. "But it's cool to have the Rizzos and the (Bryants) ask you questions, and Kyle (Hendricks) and all those guys look to you for what's going on.

"I remember being in their shoes a long time ago and figuring out what you have to pay in dues and what do you do when you travel and what do you pack and how to do you get in (from trips) at 4 in the morning and be ready for that night. It's cool to answer those questions. At the same time, I wouldn't mind trading about five years and going back and having that on my side."

2. Lester was helped by a ball boy who wasn't paying attention.

Lester gave up three runs and four hits, including a pair of home runs, in 3 2/3 innings. He wasn't pleased with his outing and said the result "speaks for itself."

He could've given up another run when Mark Reynolds sliced a ball down the right-field line in the first with a runner on first base. The ball boy down the right-field line wasn't paying attention and fielded the live ball, forcing the base runner to stop at third on a dead ball. The ball boy threw the ball back on the field, apparently thinking that would make it a live play.

Lester retired the next hitter to get out of the inning, and Heyward ran over to the embarrassed ball boy to thank him for the help.

"I don't think anyone is running on J-Hey," Lester said. "But still, that definitely makes that play a lot less interesting with him fielding the ball. That'd be really nice in a regular-season game moreso than a spring training game."

3. Cubs shortstop Addison Russell appears at ease.

When Russell reported to camp, he appeared uncomfortable answering questions for the first time about the 40-game suspension he received from Major League Baseball in October for violating its domestic violence policy.

But Russell has been treated well by his teammates and Cubs fans, which seems to have improved his comfort level on and off the field.

He's hitting .462 (6-for-15) after going 1-for-2 Thursday, and the shortstop looks defensively sound as well.

Manager Joe Maddon has noticed the change.

"I talk to him every day pretty much," Maddon said. "I don't talk to him about (his off-the-field situation). I just talk to him in a baseball sense.

"He's in a good place mentally right now. He looks good in the field and at the plate."

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Cubs' YouTube channel 'precursor' to network

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Kenney said. "Obviously the network is the next step."

Colin Faulkner, Cubs senior vice president of sales and marketing, said MLB Advanced Media (MLBAM), a partnership of MLB owners that runs the team's internet and interactive branch, controlled all the team channels until 2019.

"They just gave control back to the teams this season," Faulkner said. "I don't know what other teams' intentions are as far as how much they're going to put behind their YouTube channels, but we basically said we're going to use Cubs Productions and invest heavily to create a lot of content for our fans.

"There was certainly a great history with Vine Line, but we are looking at how people are consuming our product and our content and how can we continue to tell rich and deep stories. We think we're able to do that through this medium, so we're putting resources there to be able to tell the story of our players to our fans."

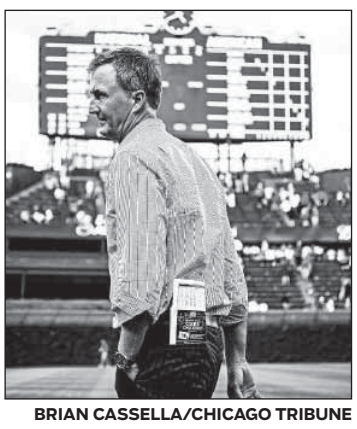
The Cubs didn't put any content on their team channel when MLB ran it. It had 15,490 subscribers as of Thursday and included videos of relievers dancing in the bullpen and game highlights, among other things.

Kenney said MLB executive Tony Petitti realized it would be better for teams to control their channels and create social media content from their employees instead of from a centralized location such as New York, where MLB's offices are located.

The MLB team websites, including Cubs.com, are run out of New York. But the teams run their social media accounts, including Twitter and Instagram. Now they'll also run their YouTube channels.

"Out in New York, you can't get moment-by-moment situations," Kenney said. "It's much more relevant (to create content) in Chicago on, say, a Tuesday in April. So (Petitti) said, 'You know what, we're turning these assets back to the team.' Once they gave us the keys to the car back, we said, 'Now let's ramp it up.' "

The Cubs are hoping the YouTube channel will promote the team's brand in coming years, as WGN-9 helped build the franchise back in the 1980s and '90s when it was a superstation. There will be no live telecasts of Cubs games on the YouTube channel, though it will have highlights.



BRIAN CASSELLA/CHICAGO TRIBUNE

President of business operations Crane Kenney says the Cubs will use their new YouTube channel "to tell rich and deep stories ... of our players to our fans."

"We're beneficiaries. This whole empire is a product of the WGN superstation and Harry Caray," Kenney said. "Seventy million homes outside of Chicago watching our games, day baseball games, the '84 Cubs ... we all got the benefit of that.

"That's lost. We don't have that massive footprint. But social media allows us to do that."

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SPRING TRAINING NOTES

Harper looks ready to get in real games

Associated Press

Bryce Harper homered for the second straight day in a simulated game against Phillies minor-leaguers.

Harper had an opposite-field homer to left in the first of 12 plate appearances Thursday at the team's minor-league complex in Clearwater, Fla. Harper also lined a double down the right-field line, singled up the middle, drove a deep fly to center and had a broken-bat flare to left-center.

Phillies manager Gabe Kapler watched part of Harper's game before the Phillies played the Yankees next to the complex at Spectrum Field.

"You want to make sure that he gets through those at-bats with good timing and good health, and saw that he did," Kapler said.

After agreeing last weekend to a record $330 million, 13-year contract, the 26-year-old outfielder is set to make his first appearance in a spring training game.

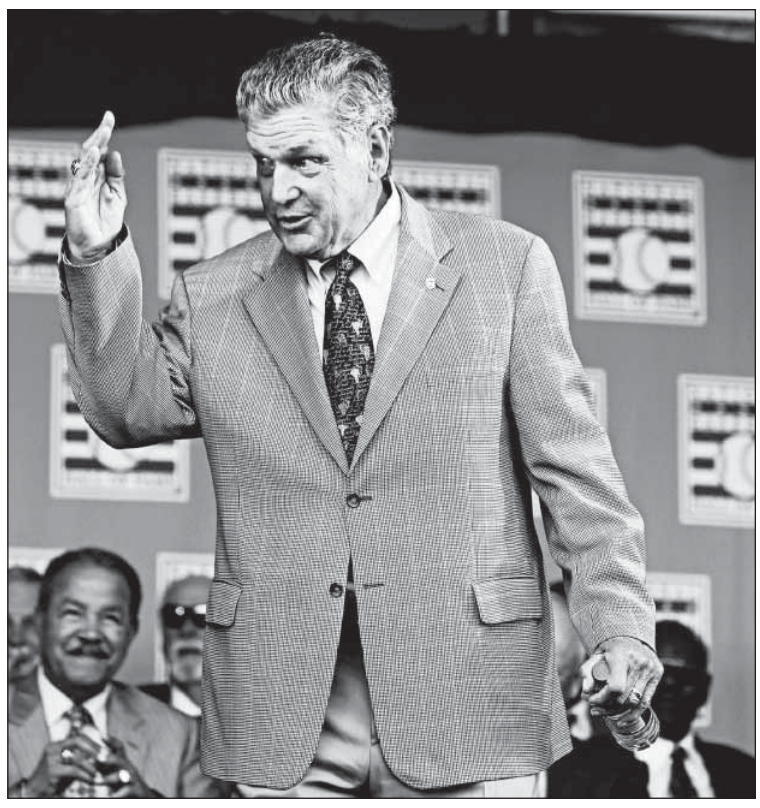
"We're good to go for Saturday at this point," Kapler said.

Lineup changes: Major-league teams must notify the commissioner's office of their starting lineups before they are announced at stadiums this season. The decision comes in response to the Supreme Court ruling that has led to more widespread legal gambling.

Through last season, clubs announced lineups as they wanted, some by posting in clubhouses, others in email to media, on Twitter or their websites.

"One new procedure is that we now ask clubs to submit starting lineups in a uniform fashion in order to reduce the risk of confidential information being 'tipped,' " the commissioner's office said.

Extra innings: Danny Farquhar pitched a hitless seventh inning in the Yankees' 6-0 win over the Phillies in his second spring training appearance. Farquhar collapsed in the White Sox dugout on April 20 because of a ruptured aneurysm and brain hemorrhage. He signed a minor-league deal with the Yankees during the offseason. ... Josh Donaldson plans to play in his first spring training game for the Braves on Friday against the Phillies. The 33-year-old third baseman spent the first two weeks of the exhibition season strengthening his legs, feet and toes. ... Carlos Gomez is back with the Mets. The outfielder agreed to a minor-league contract and will report to big-league spring training, the team said.



MIKE GROLL/AP

Hall of Fame pitcher Tom Seaver, who earned his 300th victory with the Sox, has been diagnosed with dementia, his family said Thursday.

Ex-Sox pitcher Seaver diagnosed with dementia

By Ronald Blum
Associated Press

NEW YORK — Hall of Fame pitcher Tom Seaver, the star of the Miracle Mets 1969 World Series championship team, has been diagnosed with dementia at 74.

His family made the announcement Thursday through the Hall of Fame and said Seaver has retired from public life. He will continue to work at Seaver Vineyards, which he and wife Nancy founded in 2002 on 116 acres at Diamond Mountain in the Calistoga region of California.

Seaver was diagnosed with Lyme disease in 1991, and it reoccurred in 2012 and led to Bell's palsy and memory loss, the New York Daily News reported in 2013.

Seaver has limited his public appearances in recent years. He did not attend the Baseball Writers' Association of America dinner in January, when members of the 1969 Mets were honored on the 50th anniversary of one of baseball's most unexpected championships.

A three-time National League Cy Young Award winner and the 1967 NL Rookie of the Year, Seaver was 311-205 with a 2.86 ERA, 3,640 strikeouts and 61 shutouts from 1967 to '86.

A five-time 20-game winner nicknamed "Tom Terrific," Seaver was elected to the Hall in 1992, when he appeared on 425 of 430 ballots for a then-record 98.94 percent. His mark was surpassed in 2016 by Ken Griffey Jr. and this year by Mariano Rivera, the first unanimous selection.

Seaver pitched for the Mets until 1977, when they traded him to the Reds after a public spat with Mets Chairman M. Donald Grant over Seaver's desire for a new contract.

"My biggest disappointment? Leaving the Mets the first time and the difficulties I had with the same people that led up to it," Seaver told the Associated Press ahead of his Hall induction in 1992. "But even that I look back at in a positive way now. It gave me the opportunity to work in different areas of the country."

He pitched his only no-hitter for the Reds in June 1978 against the Cardinals and was traded back to the Mets after the 1982 season. But general manager Frank Cashen blundered by leaving Seaver off his list of 26 protected players, and in January 1984 the White Sox claimed Seaver as free-agent compensation for losing pitcher Dennis Lamp to the Blue Jays.

While pitching for the White Sox, Seaver got his 300th win at Yankee Stadium, and he did it in style with a six-hitter in a 4-1 victory. He finished his career with the Red Sox in 1986.

He was a 12-time All-Star and led the major leagues with a 25-7 record in 1969 and with a 1.76 ERA in 1971. The Mets retired his No. 41 in 1988.

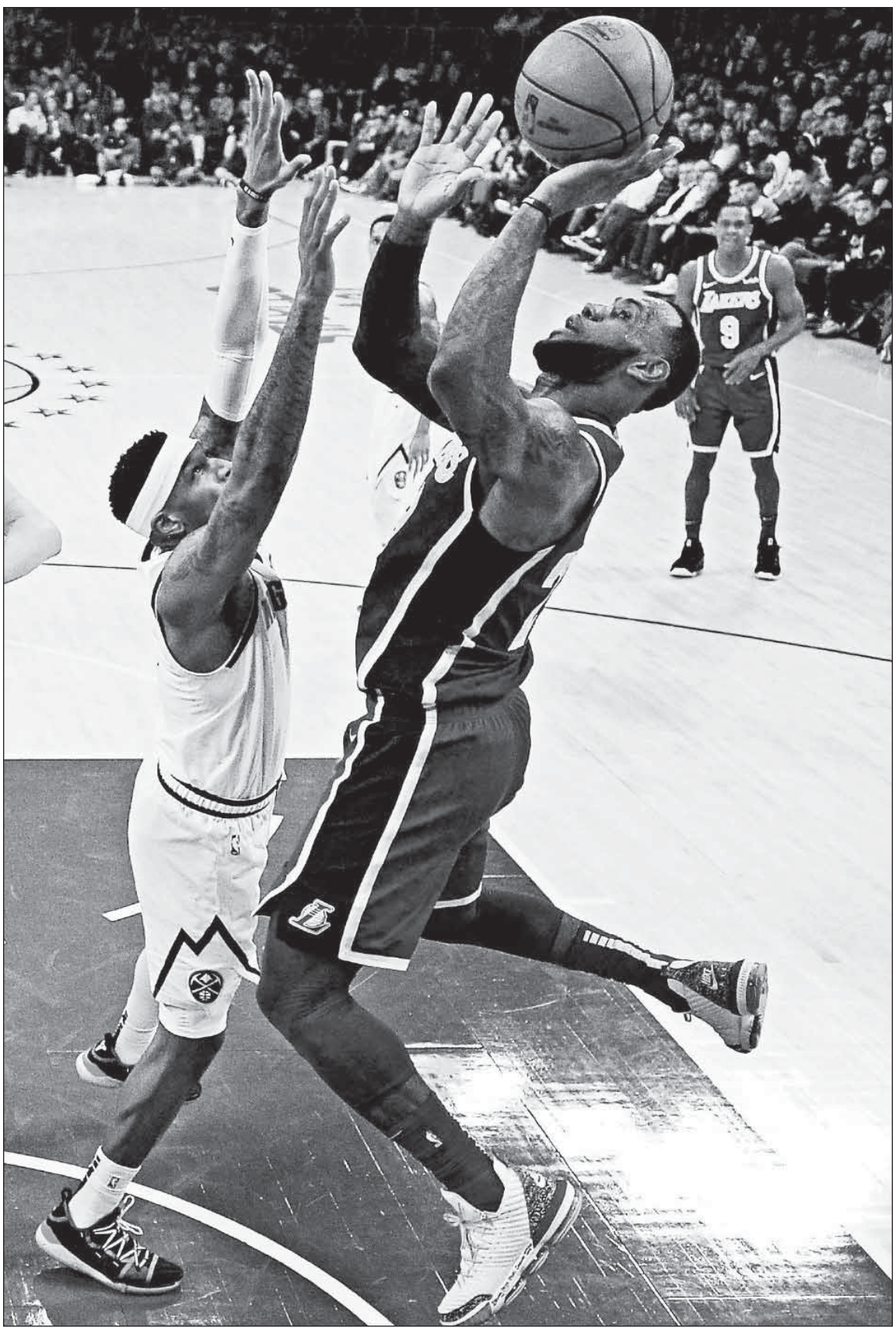
"From a team standpoint, winning the '69 world championship is something I'll remember most," Seaver said in 1992. "From an individual standpoint, my 300th win brought me the most joy."

A young corps of pitchers led by Seaver and an offense that included Cleon Jones and Tommy Agee, the Mets overtook the Cubs to win the NL East with a 100-62 record.

His most memorable moment on the mound was at Shea Stadium on July 9, 1969, when he retired his first 25 batters against the Cubs. Jimmy Qualls hit a one-out single to left-center in the ninth before Seaver retired Willie Smith on a foulout and Don Kessinger on a flyout.

"I had every hitter doing what I wanted," Seaver recalled in 1992. "Afterward, my wife was in tears and I remember saying to her: 'Hey, I pitched a one-hit shutout with 10 strikeouts. What more could I ask for?' "

NBA



ROBERT LABERGE/GETTY-AFP

LeBron James scores the basket Wednesday night that put him into fourth on the NBA's all-time scoring list.

Disappointing season overshadows feat

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stared. James sat on the bench with a towel over his eyes, seemingly in tears, three seats between him and anyone else, starkly alone. The fans stood and cheered, but it was mostly politely, and somewhat uncertainly, as if they were applauding an impromptu speech given by a distant uncle at an acquaintance's wedding.

James was never given the game ball. The fans were never given any indication James even knew they were there. Once play resumed, any thoughts of the milestone disappeared while a sullen truth was once again revealed.

Even six months into his first season as a Laker, James isn't yet a Laker. The fans don't consider him family. His team doesn't consider him its leader. His lack of physical and emotional investment in the basketball portion of his great Los Angeles adventure is paying the sad dividends of a man who, on the court, appears very much distant and alone.

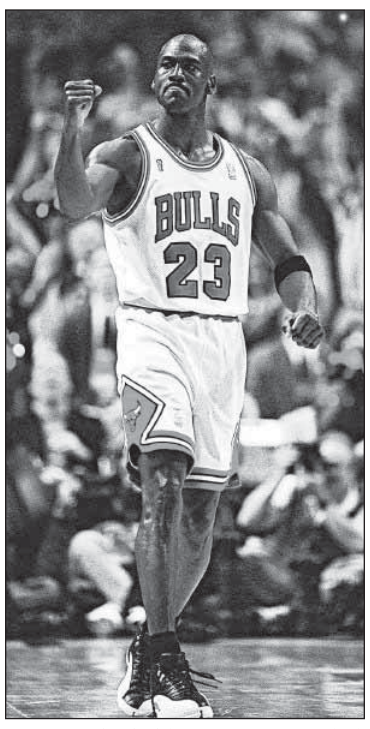
This truth was obvious Wednesday not only in the weird environment, but also on that colorful scoreboard, where nearly all of his highlights were accomplished in the uniforms of the Cavaliers and Heat.

His records are not Lakers records. His greatness is not yet Lakers greatness. He may have scored more points than Jordan, but he is going to fail to lead his first Lakers team even into the playoffs, and that's all that matters to this town.

He has been a big hit in Hollywood, but the Lakers aren't Hollywood, they are Olympic and Figueroa. Their fan base is not this town's glitz, they are its heart, and that heart has rarely been more hurting than it has been at the end of a season that began with such optimism and is ending with such gloom.

The night, which concluded with the Lakers losing for the 14th time in 19 games, a 115-99 defeat to the Nuggets, began with fans booing James as he missed four first-quarter free throws. He missed them without a make, equaling the worst free-throw shooting in one quarter in his career.

The only surprise about the booing was that it was not a surprise. James was individually booed for the first time Monday



CHICAGO TRIBUNE 1997 PHOTO

Michael Jordan "was the guy for me," LeBron James said after passing Jordan on the career scoring list. "I wanted people to look at me at some point like MJ."

in a loss to the Clippers. He surely will be booed again. While his stat line remains strong, his failure to play defense, make free throws or display any sort of leadership has drawn the public's ire.

It was several years before most fans dared boo Shaquille O'Neal or Kobe Bryant, but they will not cut James the same slack. From his initial decision to forgo an introductory news conference last summer to his Culver City prank pizza tweet to his pregame announcements of movie releases in the middle of playoff pushes, he has never really reached out to the fans, and now they are holding him accountable for the Lakers' failure.

On probably the most unusual milestone night in Lakers history, so much felt different, so much was lost.

This passing of Jordan should have been another brick in the foundation of a local debate that James is the greatest player ever. Instead, because James has scored less than 5 percent of his points as a Laker, it's a debate that works better in Cleveland. In fact, considering James' lack of impact in LA, it would have made more sense if he had passed Jordan while still in Cleveland.

James is also now, quite reasonably, three more seasons from becoming the league's all-time leading scorer. But even with this monumental history looming, Lakers fans are focused on a different, more uncomfortable milestone.

At his current rate, James will easily pass Bryant next season for third on the list. With 32,311 points, he's 1,332 behind, and he has averaged 2,042 in the previous three seasons.

On the night he passes Bryant, if the Lakers are still struggling, can you imagine how conflicted fans will be? If it happens at the Staples Center, Bryant would show up, and who do you think would get the most cheers? At this rate, James should probably plan on doing it on the road. Interestingly, the NBA allowed the game to be stopped when Bryant passed Jordan in 2014 in Minneapolis.

Maybe the saddest part of Wednesday was that this really meant a lot to James, and he wasn't able to share it with anybody.

Before the game, he tweeted: "Can't even front. This is going to be UNREAL!! Wow man."

Then, before entering the game, he wrote Jordan's name on his shoes.

After scoring the Jordan-jumping points, James' feelings were on display when he sat on the bench hiding his eyes in that towel.

"It was very emotional, very emotional, lot of things going on inside me at that point in time," James said. "At the same time, I didn't want to show what was going on behind that towel."

You could hear that same emotion afterward when he talked about modeling his career after Jordan.

"For a kid from Akron, Ohio, that needed inspiration and needed some type of positive influence, MJ was the guy for me," James said. "I watched him from afar. I wanted to be like MJ. ... I wanted people to look at me at some point like MJ. It's crazy, to be honest. It's beyond crazy."

On a night when James' career point total surpassed Jordan's, it felt as if Lakers history was made by a visiting player without a team, and that is indeed beyond crazy.

Bill Plaschke is a columnist for the Los Angeles Times.

BULLS NOTES

Upon further review: Finish still wild, crazy

By K.C. Johnson
Chicago Tribune

The Bulls didn't just rally from 10 points down with six minutes left to beat the 76ers on Wednesday night. They prevailed 108-107 twice.

A possibly unprecedented series of events began when officials were forced to retrieve players from both locker rooms after a video review determined the clock operator started the game clock too early when the 76ers inbounded with 0.5 seconds left.

Fans had emptied out of the United Center. Robin Lopez and Zach LaVine had conducted on-court postgame interviews. Otto Porter Jr. was busy performing a drug test.

"I was already in midstride so I couldn't stop," Porter said. "They were looking for me and couldn't find me. They finally found me. By that time, it was too late. I grabbed my jersey and was about to run out and heard the buzzer. I turned back around and finished the process."

That buzzer sounded after Wayne Selden Jr. subbed in for the missing Porter and Jimmy Butler couldn't corral Ben Simmons' inbounds pass. So the Bulls won — again.

"I'm taking our clock guys to dinner," coach Jim Boylen cracked. "That's how it's supposed to be, baby."

LaVine outduels Butler again: Butler actually scored more points than LaVine during their memorable shootout when Butler paid his first visit to the United Center as a visitor last season. But the Bulls downed the Timberwolves and LaVine was still strong.

This time, LaVine was spectacular.

He scored 13 of his 39 points in the fourth, including the winning basket with 1.6 seconds left. LaVine posted his 10th 30-point game of the season; it would've been his fourth 40-point game if he hadn't missed the free throw following the winning basket. That came off a pretty inbounds play in which LaVine fed Lopez and curled off him, attacking the basket after taking the handoff as two 76ers defenders stayed with Lopez.

"They got confused," LaVine said. "I was going right down the gut. I don't care who was there."

This is the mentality that is allowing LaVine to close games with winning plays.

"I got it going," he said. "It's somewhat my job to make sure we get points on the board and try to be that guy to take over the game. I've done it before. I'm going to continue to try to do it."

LaVine also attempted 13 free throws, his second game out of four with double-digit free-throw attempts.

"He was in a great frame of mind," Boylen said. "He was getting downhill. He was competitive. I want him to be a plus-8, plus-9 free-throw shooter. I want him to be up there with Kobe (Bryant) and (James) Harden and those guys. That's what he can do. That helps us win the free-throw game, which is a big part of the game. When he gets downhill, we're dangerous."



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Bulls coach Jim Boylen reacts after the game was finally over against the 76ers at the United Center on Wednesday night.

Teammates laud Lopez for his screening ability

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his last 13 games.

"I'm just playing off a really intelligent player," Lopez said. "I'm fortuitous to be doing that. He's so dynamic in it. If he gets a little bit of daylight, it's tough to stay in front of him for anybody, let alone a big man."

But this isn't about scoring. It's about screening.

"It's just invaluable," coach Jim Boylen said. "I've been a part of teams where guys are selfless. The message it sends, it uplifts people. It's an example of what teamwork and togetherness is when you give your body up like that and help other people succeed.

"RoLo is a guy who protects the soul of the team. And when you protect the soul of the team, it all comes back to you. RoLo is playing as good as anybody."

From Lopez's typically unfazed view, his screen-setting ability is paying forward the lessons he learned growing up. Not so coincidentally, Cartwright served as an assistant coach for Lopez during his rookie season on the Suns.

"It's rewarding. Setting a solid screen is something I'm proud of," Lopez said. "I like contributing to the team however I can. I've had a lot of coaches at my high school and at Stanford and in the NBA who helped me. Bill Cartwright comes to mind."

Indeed, there's an art to screen setting. It's not simply being big and staying stationary, though the former helps and the latter is legal. There are proper angles to take. There is timing. There's a lot.

It's why LaVine simply smiled when asked about Lopez's ability in this department.

"Chemistry with Robin is off the charts," he said. "And I'm going to run keep running (defenders) into him too. I'm going to make sure I get open. You can see it. Sometimes, teams revert to switching. And that's when I get a one-on-one with a big guy or a matchup I like. If he rolls in the paint, I just throw it up to him.

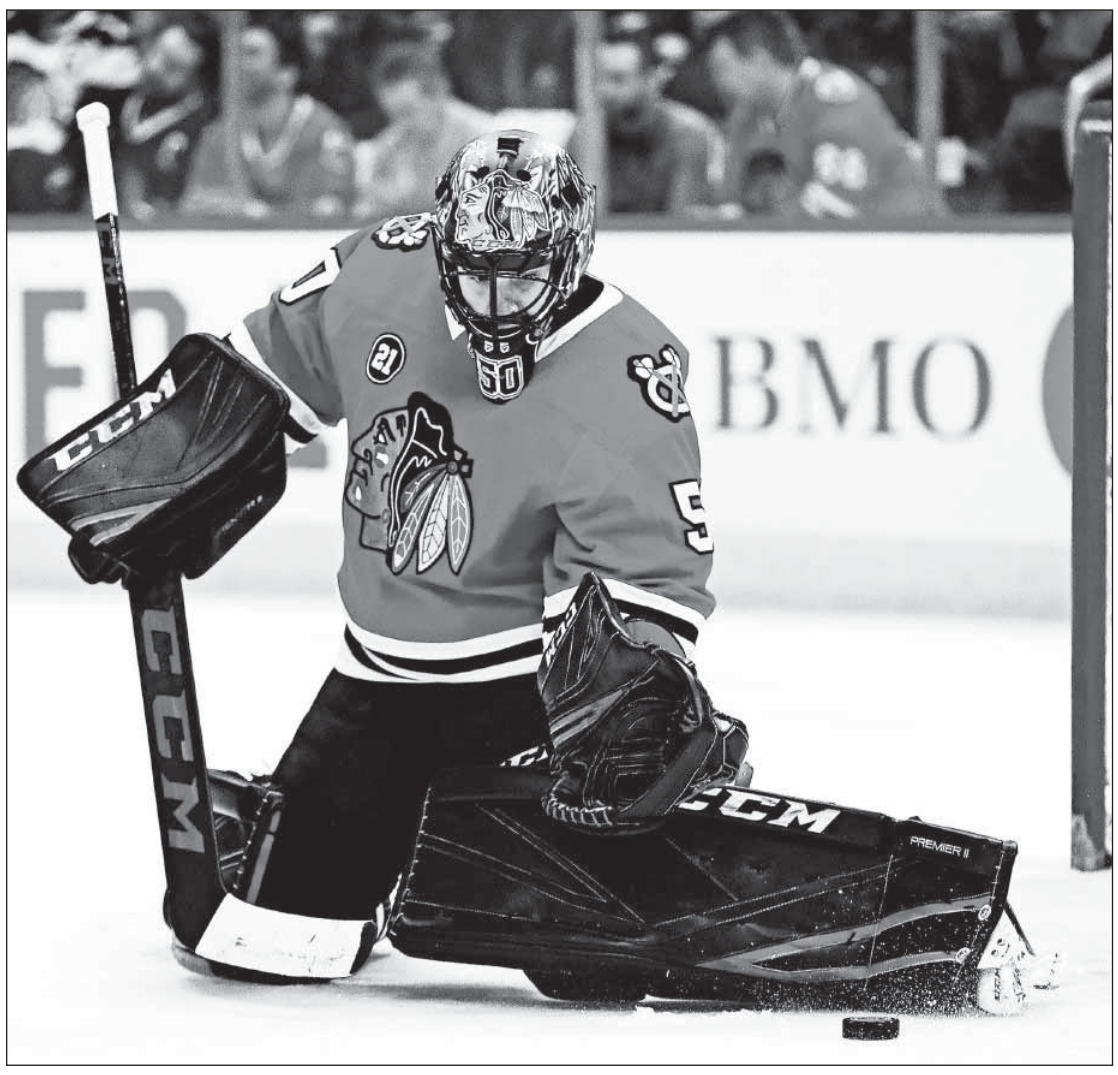
"Everything in the NBA to me is opportunity and confidence. We're playing with the highest-level guys, talent-wise. You give a 7-footer the ball multiple times, I think he can score. He does it in practice. We've seen it the last couple years. He can dominate in practice. He's showing it now. He's looking like he's getting 20 (points) every game now."

And setting about 60 screens.

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BLACKHAWKS

BLACKHAWKS 5, SABRES 4 (SO)



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HAWKS RECAP
The Sabres stormed back from an early deficit to take a pair of leads, but Brendan Perlini tied the score with a third-period goal, and Jonathan Toews, Patrick Kane and Alex DeBrincat each scored in the shootout to give the Blackhawks a 5-4 victory Thursday night at the United Center. Artem Anisimov's second goal tied it 3-3 with 15:12 left in the third. The Hawks went ahead on first-period goals by Duncan Keith and Anisimov. Corey Crawford moved to a perfect 10-0 in his career against the Sabres. For the full story from Thursday's game, go to **chicagotribune.com/sports**

Clock ticking

Hawks still seek consistency with playoffs long shot

By Jimmy Greenfield
Chicago Tribune

Phase one of the Blackhawks' season was so strong it provided boundless hope — but lasted only five games.

The next phase was so damaging it cost Joel Quenneville his job.

These Hawks went through two eight-game losing streaks and a seven-game winning streak, celebrated two veterans reaching the 1,000-games-played milestone and came back from having the fewest points in the NHL to becoming playoff contenders.

And now? The Hawks likely have entered the next-to-last phase of a season that has had confounding ups and dizzying downs. The postseason still is mathematically possible, but entering Thursday's game against the Sabres at the United Center, the Hawks are nine points out of the final Western Conference playoff spot with only 16 left.

Hope exists, which is why there's room for one more phase: shocking the hockey world ... or accepting their fate. To a man, the Hawks haven't given up on a playoff berth.

No matter how it turns out, it will have been an interesting and choppy ride.

"When you look at the way we started, we found ways to win those tight overtime games," Chris Kunitz said. "It probably made us feel like we were a little better than we were. And then to go from a coaching change, where it's a low, and a losing streak, finding a way to win one and feeling good or different milestones we come across, (these) were all things that created energy. ...

"Having that winning streak or having guys on awesome runs that propel a team, it's been too up and down because usually a good year is one of those consistent ones where you're just trekking upward."

Despite the different phases, Jonathan Toews is proud of the consistently positive attitude that has permeated the Hawks locker room. There haven't been any team blowups — at least not publicly.

"We've really worked and built that identity within the locker room," Toews said. "With the messages that come from the coaching staff, through thick and thin, there's always been a good feeling and a positive outlook on where this team's headed. We try to focus on that process and improve on our team game every single day, regardless of the ups and downs, which obviously means the wins and losses throughout the season.

"We feel good about that and we know that we're progressing and we like where we're at as a team much more than earlier this year. There were a lot of variables there that were tough to predict that obviously are tough on your progress, but you feel like there's a lot of little things we can do to put it together and play our best hockey."

The Sabres are not quite a mirror image of the Hawks but have had their share of highs and lows. They won 10 straight games in November, seemingly announcing their arrival as perennial contenders. But entering Thursday they were 13-22-6 since then and won consecutive games only once.

The Hawks, meanwhile, have had only a pair of winning streaks of more than two games: They won three straight in December and put together seven consecutive wins from Jan. 20-Feb. 10 to get back in the thick of the playoff hunt — if only temporarily. Coach Jeremy Colliton knows it's essential to avoid that inconsistency.

"When we're playing really well, we're great," he said. "We do a really good job, we can dominate games. But the problem is when it goes the other way. We need to find a base game, and that's the challenge to become a better team."

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BLACKHAWKS NOTES

Hayden gets chance on top line

By Jimmy Greenfield
Chicago Tribune

Sometimes lines fit like a glove, and sometimes they fail to click without any obvious explanation.

In January, Blackhawks coach Jeremy Colliton added Drake Caggiula to the top line with Patrick Kane and Jonathan Toews and discovered a trio that helped turn the Hawks' season around.

But Caggiula is out indefinitely with a concussion, which forced Colliton to go back to the line blender for Thursday's game against the Sabres at the United Center.

Next up on the top line? Toews, Brandon Saad and John Hayden. Kane moved to the third line with Artem Anisimov and Dominik Kahun but still figured to take double shifts and receive plenty of ice time.

Hayden may seem like an unusual choice given his lack of production this season (three goals, two assists) and being a frequent healthy scratch. But like Caggiula, his job is more about creating opportunities for his linemates.

"Toews and Saad play more of a rugged game, and I think he can fit in with that," Colliton said. "We're trying to spread it out a little bit and give it a different look, and I think he can get on the forecheck and get pucks back and go to the net and that maybe fits with the other two."

Caggiula hasn't skated since the Ducks' Rickard Rakell boarded him Feb. 27.

"We miss (Caggiula) for sure," Colliton said. "Especially with that Toews line, he was a big part of why they had the puck so much. When those two have the puck, a lot of good things are going to happen. They just haven't had it as much lately, so a little bit of a shuffle and we'll see if we can get something going, a little bit of a spark."

Kane passes Larmer: Kane had a pair of first-period assists Thursday to give him 924 career points, passing Steve Larmer for fourth place on the Hawks' all-time scoring list.

Kane trails Stan Mikita (1,467 points), Bobby Hull (1,153) and Denis Savard (1,096).

Kampf in, Sikura out: Forward David Kampf, who has been out with a right foot injury since Feb. 5, was activated from injured reserve and in Thursday's lineup.

Kampf was not on the recent three-game West Coast trip but began skating last week and has practiced with the Hawks since their return.

"I feel great and ready to play tonight," Kampf said.

Dylan Sikura was a healthy scratch for the first time since getting called up from Rockford on Feb. 11. He has six assists in 21 games, including three assists in 10 games during this most recent stint. Dating to last season, Sikura has not scored a goal in his first 26 NHL games.

"He's taken some strides here as far as being able to contribute shift to shift," Colliton said. "He's made a lot of plays (and) his numbers could be better based on how he's played. He's created some chances, he's had some chances himself. Just hasn't gone in the net.

"Maybe the last couple games not as impactful as far as being able to get pucks out and helping his line to play in the offensive zone. So (this is) a chance to look at his shifts with him and give him some feedback and, when he goes back in, take another step."

COLLEGE BASKETBALL

INDIANA 92, ILLINOIS 74

Hoosiers win in Illini's home finale

By Terry Towery
Associated Press

CHAMPAIGN — Juwan Morgan had 20 points and nine rebounds as Indiana cruised to a 92-74 victory over Illinois on Thursday night at the State Farm Center.

The win could help land the Hoosiers (16-14, 7-12 Big Ten) a low-seed berth in the NCAA tournament. Rob Phinisee added 17 points and Justin Smith 15 for Indiana.

Ayo Dosunmu led the Illini with 16 points, while Giorgi Bezhanishvili and Trent Frazier added 15 and 13, respectively.

The loss closed out the home season for Illinois (11-19, 7-12), which visits Penn State on Sunday.

The Hoosiers were in control for most of the game, leading by 22 before Illinois went on a 6-0 run to close to 80-67 with 5:22 left. But Indiana took advantage of an obviously tired Illinois defense and iced the game.

Despite hitting 7 of 13 3-pointers in the first half, Illinois seemed out of sync and trailed 52-42 at the half.

The game had conference tournament implications for both teams. Indiana, which closes the regular season at home Sunday against Rutgers, likely will have a first-round bye, while the Illini could find themselves playing Wednesday at the United Center if they don't beat the Nittany Lions.

The Hoosiers' wins last week over Wisconsin and Michigan State have thrust them back into the NCAA tournament conversation after a stretch in which they lost 12 of 13 Big Ten games, but they would need to beat Rutgers to have a chance.

COLLEGE BASKETBALL ROUNDUP

Report: LSU coach recorded by FBI

Associated Press

LSU coach Will Wade is declining comment on a Yahoo report detailing a phone conversation recorded by the FBI in which Wade discusses his efforts to lure a recruit to the Tigers.

The report says the FBI recording is of a conversation with Christian Dawkins, who is one of several people convicted in October of conspiracy to commit wire fraud for funneling illegal payments to families of recruits to Louisville, Kansas and North Carolina State.

In the report, Wade is described expressing his frustration with an unidentified third party handling the recruitment of player referred to only as "Smart." LSU has a freshman guard named Javonte Smart who is a former Louisiana high school player of the year.

The report also states that it is not clear if the offer Wade discusses would violate NCAA rules, or if the player and his family knew of, or accepted, the offer.

The Tigers finish up their regular season Saturday at home against Vanderbilt with a chance to win the SEC regular-season title.

Wade says his players have been good at blocking out distractions and focusing on basketball, and that is how he expects them to move forward.

LSU athletic officials have not commented.

Valpo, Illinois State advance: Markus Golder scored 18 points and Javon Freeman added 17 as ninth-seeded Valparaiso cruised past No. 8 seed Indiana State 77-55 in the opening game of the Missouri Valley Conference tournament in St. Louis. The Crusaders (15-7) advance to a quarterfinal Friday against top seed Loyola.

In the second game, No. 7 seed Illinois State (17-15) got 18 points from Milik Yarbrough and 17 from Phil Fayne to beat Evansville 65-60 and advance to a quarterfinal against Drake.

Happ ending: Ethan Happ had 21 points and 14 rebounds in his final home game to help No. 21 Wisconsin beat Iowa 65-45 in Madison, Wis.

Fellow senior Khalil Iverson added 11 points and 11 rebounds for the Badgers (21-9, 13-6 Big Ten).

The Hawkeyes (21-9, 10-9) played without coach Fran McCaffery as he completed a two-game suspension for an outburst at an official Feb. 26. They had a season-low points total — 20 below their previous low.

Iowa's post players couldn't stay on the floor. Luka Garza went to the bench in the first half after being whistled for his second foul with nearly 9 minutes left. Nicholas Baer followed a few minutes later. Then it was Jared Cook's turn in the second half. He was whistled for his third foul less than 4 minutes into the half, came back five minutes later and was promptly hit with his fourth. After scoring 19 and grabbing 15 rebounds in the teams' first meeting Nov. 30, Cook was scoreless and had seven rebounds.

UCF clamps down: B.J. Taylor scored 22 points, and No. 25 UCF held off No. 19 Cincinnati 58-55 in Orlando, Fla.

Tacko Fall added 10 points and six rebounds for the Knights (23-6, 13-4 AAC). They held Cincinnati to 37.1 percent shooting and had a 39-33 rebounding edge.

Trevon Scott had 20 points on 9-of-15 shooting and added nine rebounds for the Bearcats (25-5, 14-3).

NORTHWESTERN

Unique uniforms for final home tilt

By Teddy Greenstein
Chicago Tribune

Northwestern is breaking out new uniforms for senior day, which is Saturday against Purdue.

The senior class of Dererk Pardon, Vic Law, Jordan Ash, Ryan Taylor and Charlie Hall designed the jerseys, which are black. The shorts feature a fierce Wildcat with long nails clutching a basketball.

The school's news release Thursday said the design was inspired by NBA uniforms from the 1990s ... "the decade in which NU players fell in love with the game of basketball."

The shooting shirt includes the word "Brothers" on the nameplate with every team member's name behind it. The trim of the jersey features the Chicago star as well as "NU" and "PTR" — a reference to NU basketball's motto, "Pound the Rock."

Under Armour makes the uniforms and shoes, which are Curry 5's with confetti colorwave.

The Wildcats (13-17, 4-15 Big Ten) ended a 10-game losing streak Wednesday by crushing Ohio State 68-50.



NORTHWESTERN ATHLETICS

Northwestern's senior day jersey and shorts were designed by the senior players.

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GOLF

Cubs, Champions Tour seek to create golf event

By Teddy Greenstein | Chicago Tribune

The Cubs and the Western Golf Association think they have a brilliant idea for 2020 and beyond.

What if they could create a PGA Tour Champions event in March near the team's spring training complex in Mesa, Ariz.? And what if the tournament could be played in a pro-am style like the AT&T Pebble Beach Pro-Am, allowing fans to compete alongside the pros?

"People coming to the Phoenix/Scottsdale area in March, what are they looking to do?" said Vince Pellegrino, the WGA's senior vice president of tournaments. "They want to watch baseball games and play golf and get out of the miserable weather we have in Chicago. This is a marriage of golf and baseball, an opportunity to serve those coming to the desert."

Organizers envision a field of perhaps 78 pros — standard for a Champions event but about half of a typical PGA Tour field — with a Wednesday pro-am featuring Cubs legends (think Ryne Sandberg) and perhaps even current players if it's a day off. The main three-day pro-am would begin on a Friday.

The Pebble Beach Pro-Am on the PGA Tour features 156 pros and 156 amateurs spread over three courses. The Champions event would likely be played on one Phoenix-area course that has yet to be selected.

Getting on the Champions calendar should not be a problem, given that this year's schedule has no events on the third and fourth weekends of March.

The most prominent players on the 50-and-over Champions tour include Fred Couples, Bernhard Langer, Steve Stricker, John Daly, Miguel Angel Jimenez and Jeff Sluman. Hall of Fame pitcher John Smoltz played in last week's tournament in Tucson, Ariz., finishing 53rd.

The only holdup seems to be money. Marquee Sports & Entertainment, the agency the Ricketts family founded to create and manage events, is seeking a title sponsor to commit to a deal likely in excess of $3 million.

Pellegrino said for the inaugural event to take place next year, a deal would need to be reached pretty soon.

"We're going to need some runway," he said.

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PGA TOUR

Cabrera Bello in front at Palmer

By Doug Ferguson | Associated Press

ORLANDO, Fla. — Rafa Cabrera Bello never had a chance to meet Arnold Palmer.

He played Bay Hill for the first time Thursday with Palmer's grandson Sam Saunders and had an ideal debut with a 7-under 65 for a two-shot lead in the Arnold Palmer Invitational. Cabrera Bello opened with four birdies in six holes in the morning chill, put together another run of birdies that included consecutive putts from the 30-foot range and wound up leading by two over Keegan Bradley.

The rest of the Spaniard's birdie putts were from 6 feet or closer.

"I really didn't know what to expect," Cabrera Bello said. "I know how nice and tough the course is, and it's a course with many, many daunting shots. I feel the more you play it, probably the better, so I wasn't really having high expectations."

Saunders had a 73 and was along for the ride with Cabrera Bello, who capped his round with a 10-foot par putt.

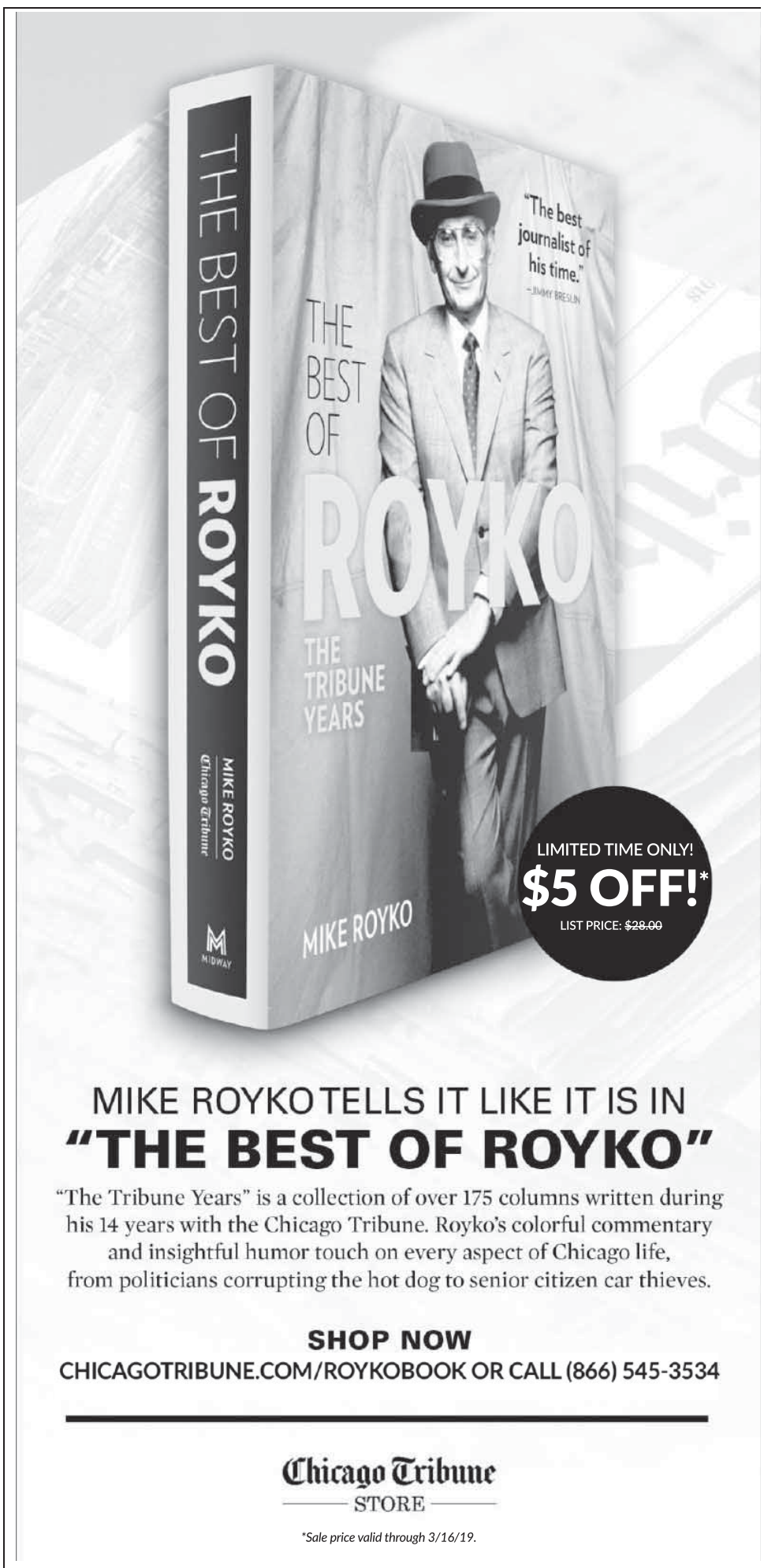
"Playing with Sam is always a pleasure,"Cabrera Bello said. " I know how special this event is for all of us. I can only imagine how special it is for him."

Phil Mickelson was back at Bay Hill for the first time in six years and was as entertaining as ever.

In addition to his seven birdies, the last with an approach to the 18th that stopped a foot from the hole, Lefty tried to play a right-handed shot from under a mesh fence that got caught up in the fence and went out of bounds. The new Rules of Golf helped him because he was able to move the ball one club length and escaped with a double bogey.

He rallied to finish at 68, joining a group that included Graeme McDowell, Bubba Watson, Billy Horschel and Patrick Rodgers. British Open champion Francesco Molinari made one of two aces on the day and was among six players at 69. Defending champion Rory McIlroy opened with a 72.

Jason Day withdrew after six holes because of a back injury.



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Philipp Kohlschreiber d. Pierre-Hugues Herbert, 6-4, 6-0.
Albert Ramos-Vinolas d. Damir Dzumhur, 6-1, 6-2.
Ivo Karlovic d. M Ebden, 7-6 (3), 7-6 (3).
Sam Querrey d. Marcos Berrettini, 7-6 (5), 2-6, 6-4.
Yoshihito Nishioka d. D. Kudla, 3-6, 6-3, 6-2
Jordan Thompson d. Federico Delbonis, 6-4, 6-7 (6), 7-6 (5).
Marcos Giron d. J. Chardy, 7-6 (3), 7-6 (1).

WOMEN'S FIRST ROUND SINGLES

Madison Brengle d. S. Stosur, 6-2, 6-3.
Misaki Doi d. Ons Jabeur, 6-3, 6-3 .
Kristina Mladenovic d. Z. Saisai, 7-5, 6-2.
Yulia Putintseva d. Timea Babos, 6-1, 6-3.
Ekaterina Alexandrova d. Rebecca Peterson, 7-3, 3-6, 6-2.
Alison Van Uytvanck d. Alison Riske, 7-6 (1), 6-4.
Venus Williams d. Andrea Petkovic, 6-4, 0-6, 6-3.
Mona Barthel d. Z. Lin, 6-4, 6-7 (4), 7-5.
Natalia Vikhlyantseva d. Priscilla Hon, 6-1, 6-1.
Ajla Tomljanovic d. A. Cornet, 7-5, 6-3
Monica Puig d. Evgeniya Rodina, 6-0, 6-4.
Kirsten Flipkens d. Eugenia Bouchard, 7-5, 3-6, 7-5.

GOLF

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Rafa Cabrera Bello	33-32
67 (-5)	
Keegan Bradley	33-34
68 (-4)	
Graeme McDowell	35-33
Patrick Rodgers	33-35
Bubba Watson	35-33
Phil Mickelson	33-35
Billy Horschel	34-34
69 (-3)	
Francesco Molinari	36-33
Jhonattan Vegas	36-33
Sung Kang	36-33
Pat Perez	33-36
Tommy Fleetwood	35-34
Scott Stallings	35-34
70 (-2)	
Matthew Fitzpatrick	36-34
Aaron Baddeley	36-34
Kevin Streelman	38-32
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Roger Sloan	38-32
Adam Hadwin	36-34
Hudson Swafford	35-35
Patrick Reed	36-34
Zach Johnson	34-36
Tyrrell Hatton	34-36
Jason Kokrak	36-34
Luke List	33-37
Adam Schenk	34-36
71 (-1)	
Ryan Moore	35-36
Corey Conners	37-34
J.J. Spaun	37-34
Kiradech Aphibarnrat	34-37
Johnson Wagner	36-35
Chesson Hadley	36-35
Justin Rose	36-35
Keith Mitchell	35-36
J.T. Poston	36-35
Nate Lashley	36-35
Sungjae Im	35-36
Joaquin Niemann	36-35
Ernie Els	36-35
Matt Wallace	36-35
Chris Kirk	39-32
Bud Cauley	37-34
72 (even)	
Tim Herron	39-33
Bronson Burgoon	38-34
Martin Kaymer	36-36
Stewart Cink	36-36
Hideki Matsuyama	38-34
Dominic Bozzelli	37-35
a-Justin Suh	35-37
Carlos Ortiz	39-33
Eddie Pepperell	36-36
Aaron Wise	39-33
Marc Leishman	40-32
Rory McIlroy	37-35
D.A. Points	36-36
Byeong Hun An	35-37
73 (+1)	
Ryan Blaum	36-37
Sam Saunders	36-37
Kevin Na	36-37
Brandt Snedeker	38-35
Michael Kim	38-35
Ian Poulter	37-36
Thorbjorn Olesen	40-33
C.T. Pan	36-37
Vijay Singh	37-36
74 (+2)	
Anirban Lahiri	36-38
Sam Ryder	41-33
Rickie Fowler	38-36
Scott Piercy	38-36
Robert Streb	36-38
Joel Dahmen	39-35
Brian Gay	35-39
Scott Langley	37-37
Adam Long	39-35
Charles Howell III	38-36
Brooks Koepka	38-36
Sam Horsfield	37-37
a-Viktor Hovland	37-37
75 (+3)	
Brice Garnett	38-37
Steve Stricker	41-34
Vaughn Taylor	38-37
Rod Perry	39-36
Charley Hoffman	40-35
Brian Harman	36-39
Ryan Armour	38-37
Bryson DeChambeau	35-40
Austin Cook	39-36
Kyle Stanley	38-37

EUROPEAN PGA QATAR MASTERS

1st of 4 rds; Doha GC; Doha, Qatar; 7,400 yards; Par: 72; play suspended

67 (-5)	
Adri Arnaus	35-32
Justin Walters	33-34
68 (-4)	
Justin Harding	34-34
George Coetzee	33-35
Hugo Leon	35-33
Mike Lorenzo-Vera	35-33
Nicolas Colsaerts	36-32
Bradley Dredge	35-33
Richie Ramsay	36-32

COLLEGE BASKETBALL

HOW MEN'S AP TOP 25 FARED

1. Gonzaga (29-2) did not play. Next: WCC semifinals, Monday.
2. Virginia (27-2) did not play. Next: vs. Louisville, Saturday.
3. North Carolina (25-5) did not play. Next: vs. No. 4 Duke, Saturday.
4. Duke (26-4) did not play. Next: at No. 3 North Carolina, Saturday.
5. Tennessee (27-3) did not play. Next: at Auburn, Saturday.
6. Kentucky (25-5) did not play. Next: vs. Florida, Saturday.
7. Michigan (26-4) did not play. Next: at No. 9 Michigan State, Saturday.
8. Texas Tech (25-5) did not play. Next: at Iowa State, Saturday.
9. Michigan State (24-6) did not play. Next: vs. No. 7 Michigan, Saturday.
10. LSU (25-5) beat Florida 79-78, OT. Next: vs. Vanderbilt, Saturday.
11. Purdue (22-8) did not play. Next: at Northwestern, Saturday.
12. Houston (28-2) beat SMU 90-79. Next: at No. 20 Cincinnati, Sunday.
13. Kansas (22-8) did not play. Next: vs. Baylor, Saturday.
14. Florida State (24-6) did not play. Next: at Wake Forest, Saturday.
15. Virginia Tech (22-7) did not play. Next: vs. Miami, Friday.
16. Marquette (23-7) did not play. Next: vs. Georgetown, Saturday.
17. Nevada (27-3) did not play. Next: vs. San Diego State, Saturday.
18. Kansas State (23-7) did not play. Next: vs. Oklahoma, Saturday.
19. Buffalo (27-3) did not play. Next: vs. Bowling Green, Friday.
20. Cincinnati (25-5) lost to No. 25 UCF 58-55. Next: vs. No. 12 Houston, Sunday.
21. Wisconsin (21-9) beat Iowa 65-45. Next: at Ohio State, Sunday.
22. Wofford (26-4) did not play. Next: vs. VMI or Western Carolina, Saturday.
23. Villanova (22-8) did not play. Next: at Seton Hall, Saturday.
24. Maryland (21-9) did not play. Next: vs. Minnesota, Friday.
25. UCF (23-6) beat No. 20 Cincinnati 58-55. Next: at Temple, Saturday.

HOW WOMEN'S AP TOP 25 FARED

1. Baylor (27-1) did not play. Next: vs. Oklahoma or Texas Tech, Saturday.
2. UConn (28-2) did not play. Next: vs. East Carolina or SMU, Saturday.
3. Louisville (27-2) did not play. Next: vs. Clemson, Friday.
4. Notre Dame (27-3) did not play. Next: vs. North Carolina, Friday.
5. Mississippi State (27-2) did not play. Next: vs. Tennessee, Friday.
6. Oregon (27-3) did not play. Next: vs. Arizona, Friday.
7. Stanford (25-4) did not play. Next: vs. California, Friday.
8. Maryland (26-3) did not play. Next: vs. Michigan State, Friday.
9. N.C. State (25-4) did not play. Next: vs. No. 22 Florida State, Friday.
10. Iowa (23-6) did not play. Next: vs. Indiana, Friday.
11. Oregon State (24-6) did not play. Next: vs. Washington, Friday.
12. South Carolina (21-8) did not play. Next: vs. Arkansas, Friday.
13. Kentucky (24-6) did not play. Next: vs. Missouri, Friday.
14. Gonzaga (27-3) did not play. Next: WCC semifinals, Monday.
15. Texas A&M (23-6) did not play. Next: vs. Alabama, Friday.
16. Miami (24-7) did not play. Next: vs. No. 18 Syracuse, Friday.
17. Marquette (24-6) did not play. Next: vs. St. John's or Seton Hall, Sunday.
18. Syracuse (23-7) beat Virginia 67-57. Next: vs. No. 16 Miami, Friday.
19. Iowa State (23-7) did not play. Next: vs. Oklahoma State or Kansas, Saturday.
20. Arizona State (20-9) beat Colorado 66-49. Next: vs. No. 25 UCLA, Friday.
21. Texas (22-8) did not play. Next: vs. TCU, Saturday.
22. Drake (24-5) beat Illinois State 88-61. Next: vs. Bradley, Saturday.
22. Florida State (23-7) beat Duke 51-41. Next: vs. No. 9 N.C. State, Friday.
24. Rice (25-3) beat UTSA 72-46. Next: C-USA quarterfinals, Thursday.
25. UCLA (19-11) did not play. Next: vs. No. 20 Arizona State, Friday.

THURSDAY'S SCORES

MEN

EAST
St. Peter's 71, Marist 68, OT
Temple 78, UConn 71

SOUTH
Campbell 86, Hampton 77

MIDWEST
Indiana 92, Illinois 74

WOMEN

EAST
Bryant 76, Wagner 73
Fairfield 74, Niagara 69
Fairleigh Dickinson 68, LIU Brooklyn 49
Iona 75, Siena 64
Manhattan 62, St. Peter's 41
Md.-E. Shore 69, Delaware St. 58
Robert Morris 66, St. Francis (Pa.) 53
Sacred Heart 53, Mt. St. Mary's 46
St. Francis Brooklyn 83, CCSU 69
Syracuse 67, Virginia 57

SOUTH
Bethune-Cookman 70, Florida A&M 60
Charlotte 59, S. Miss. 46
Chattanooga 72, UNC-Greensboro 62
Clemson 80, Virginia Tech 79
Furman 67, Samford 52
Grambling St. 63, Alabama St. 45
Jackson St. 69, Alabama A&M 51
James Madison 58, Drexel 47
Marshall 87, FIU 42
Mercer 55, W. Carolina 32

MEN'S CONFERENCE TOURNAMENTS

Atlantic Sun Conference
Liberty 71, N. Florida
Lipscomb 78, NJIT 55

Big South
Radford 84, Presbyterian 76
Charleston Southern 77, Winthrop 63
Campbell 86, Hampton 77
Gardner-Webb 75, High Point 69

Metro Atlantic Athletic
Saint Peter's 71, Marist 58, OT
Manhattan 57, Fairfield 53
Monmouth 76, Niagara 72

Missouri Valley
Valparaiso 77, Indiana State 55
Illinois State 65, Evansville 60

Ohio Valley
Austin Peay 95, Morehead State 81
Jacksonville State 88, UT Martin 71

Patriot League
Colgate 81, Boston Univ. 69
Bucknell 77, Holy Cross 65
Lehigh 75, Army 71
Navy 60, American 56

West Coast Conference
Pepperdine 61, Pacific 53
San Diego 67, Portland 47

WOMEN'S CONFERENCE TOURNAMENTS

Atlantic Coast
Syracuse 67, Virginia 57
North Carolina 80, Georgia Tech 73
Clemson 80, Virginia Tech 79, OT
Florida State 51, Duke 41

Big Ten
Michigan State 68, Northwestern 52
Wisconsin 73, Ohio State 63
Indiana 66, Minnesota 58
Purdue 75, Nebraska 71

Metro Atlantic Athletic
Fairfield 74, Niagara 69
Iona 75, Siena 64
Manhattan 62, Saint Peter's 41

Ohio Valley
Tennessee Tech 68, Austin Peay 57
UT Martin 77, Murray State 56

Pacific-12
Arizona State 66, Colorado 49
Arizona 76, Southern Cal 48
California 77, Washhington State 58
Washington 64, Utah 54

Southeastern Conference
Tennessee 69, LSU 66
Missouri 87, Florida 56
Arkansas 86, Georgia 76
Auburn 53, Alabama 52

Southern Conference
Mercer 55, Western Carolina 32
Wofford 75, ETSU 66
Furman 67, Samford 52
Chattanooga 72, UNC Greensboro 62

West Coast Conference
San Francisco 76, Portland 69
Santa Clara 63, San Diego 59

NBA

EASTERN CONFERENCE

ATLANTIC	W	L	PCT	GB	L10	STK	HOME	AWAY	CONF
Toronto	46	19	.708	—	7-3	L-2	27-7	19-12	28-12
Philadelphia	41	24	.631	5	6-4	L-1	25-9	16-15	23-16
Boston	40	26	.606	6½	5-5	W-2	24-10	16-16	28-13
Brooklyn	34	33	.507	13	5-5	W-2	20-16	14-17	23-20
New York	13	52	.200	33	3-7	L-4	6-25	7-27	8-35
SOUTHEAST	**W**	**L**	**PCT**	**GB**	**L10**	**STK**	**HOME**	**AWAY**	**CONF**
Miami	30	34	.469	—	5-5	W-3	14-18	16-16	17-21
Orlando	30	36	.455	1	6-4	L-2	17-16	13-20	21-19
Charlotte	29	35	.453	1	3-7	L-2	20-14	9-21	22-19
Washington	27	37	.422	3	5-5	W-2	19-12	8-25	18-26
Atlanta	22	44	.333	9	4-6	L-2	11-20	11-24	13-30
CENTRAL	**W**	**L**	**PCT**	**GB**	**L10**	**STK**	**HOME**	**AWAY**	**CONF**
x-Milwaukee	49	16	.754	—	8-2	W-1	26-5	23-11	33-8
Indiana	42	24	.636	7½	5-5	L-1	25-9	17-15	29-14
Detroit	32	31	.508	16	8-2	W-3	20-13	12-18	22-19
Chicago	19	47	.288	30½	6-4	W-1	8-25	11-22	14-28
Cleveland	16	49	.246	33	5-5	L-1	10-24	6-25	12-31

WESTERN CONFERENCE

SOUTHWEST	W	L	PCT	GB	L10	STK	HOME	AWAY	CONF
Houston	39	25	.609	—	7-3	W-6	22-9	17-16	22-17
San Antonio	37	29	.561	3	5-5	W-4	25-7	12-22	26-19
New Orleans	30	37	.448	10½	5-5	L-1	18-13	12-24	20-23
Dallas	27	37	.422	12	2-8	L-3	21-11	6-26	14-24
Memphis	26	40	.394	14	4-6	W-1	16-17	10-23	18-23
NORTHWEST	**W**	**L**	**PCT**	**GB**	**L10**	**STK**	**HOME**	**AWAY**	**CONF**
Denver	43	21	.672	—	6-4	W-1	27-6	16-15	28-13
Oklahoma City	40	25	.615	3½	4-6	W-1	22-9	18-16	24-19
Portland	39	26	.600	4½	6-4	L-2	24-9	15-17	20-21
Utah	37	27	.578	6	7-3	W-1	21-11	16-16	23-18
Minnesota	30	35	.462	13½	5-5	L-1	21-10	9-25	19-22
PACIFIC	**W**	**L**	**PCT**	**GB**	**L10**	**STK**	**HOME**	**AWAY**	**CONF**
Golden State	44	20	.688	—	5-5	L-1	23-9	21-11	26-12
L.A. Clippers	37	29	.561	8	7-3	W-3	18-12	19-17	24-20
Sacramento	32	32	.500	12	4-6	L-1	20-14	12-18	17-24
L.A. Lakers	30	35	.462	14½	2-8	L-4	18-15	12-20	21-23
Phoenix	15	51	.227	30	4-6	W-3	10-23	5-28	8-32

x-clinched playoff spot

THURSDAY'S RESULTS
Milwaukee 117, Indiana 98
Oklahoma City 129, Portland 121 (OT)

FRIDAY'S GAMES
Dallas at Orlando, 6 p.m.
Washington at Charlotte, 6 p.m.
Cleveland at Miami, 7 p.m.
Detroit at Chicago, 7 p.m.
Philadelphia at Houston, 7 p.m.
Toronto at New Orleans, 7 p.m.
Utah at Memphis, 7 p.m.
Denver at Golden State, 9:30 p.m.
Oklahoma City at L.A. Clippers, 9:30 p.m.

SATURDAY'S GAMES
Sacramento at New York, 11 a.m.
Brooklyn at Atlanta, 6 p.m.
Washington at Minnesota, 7 p.m.
Boston at L.A. Lakers, 7:30 p.m.
Charlotte at Milwaukee, 8 p.m.
Phoenix at Portland, 9 p.m.

SUNDAY'S GAMES
Chicago at Detroit, 11 a.m.
Indiana at Philadelphia, 2:30 p.m.
Toronto at Miami, 2:30 p.m.
New Orleans at Atlanta, 5 p.m.
Orlando at Memphis, 5 p.m.
Houston at Dallas, 6 p.m.
Milwaukee at San Antonio, 7 p.m.
New York at Minnesota, 7 p.m.
Phoenix at Golden State, 7:30 p.m.

BUCKS 117, PACERS 98

INDIANA: Bogdanovic 6-15 2-4 17, Young 3-9 2-2 10, Turner 8-19 2-2 22, Collison 2-7 5-6 9, Matthews 3-9 2-4 10, McDermott 3-6 0-0 7, Leaf 1-1 0-0 2, O'Quinn 5-7 1-2 11, Joseph 2-9 0-0 5, Holiday 1-2 0-0 2, Sumner 0-0 0-0 0, Evans 1-6 0-0 3. Totals 35-90 14-20 98.

MILWAUKEE: Middleton 8-15 7-9 27, Antetokounmpo 10-17 8-8 29, Lopez 5-8 0-0 13, Bledsoe 6-10 0-0 12, Brogdon 3-9 0-0 7, Ilyasova 3-6 1-2 9, Wilson 0-0 0-0 0, Mirotic 1-6 0-0 2, Gasol 0-1 1-2 1, Snell 4-7 0-0 9, Connaughton 1-3 0-0 3, DiVincenzo 2-4 0-0 5. Totals 42-85 17-21 117.

Indiana	**24**	**26**	**22**	**26**	**— 98**
Milwaukee	**32**	**22**	**30**	**33**	**— 117**

3-Point Goals—Ind 14-37 (Turner 4-11, Bogdanovic 3-5, Matthews 2-4, Young 2-6, Joseph 1-1, Evans 1-3, McDermott 1-3, Holiday 0-1, Collison 0-3), Mil 13-34 (Middleton 4-7, Lopez 3-4, Ilyasova 2-3, Snell 1-2, Connaughton 1-3, DiVincenzo 1-3, Antetokounmpo 1-4, Brogdon 1-4, Bledsoe 0-1, Gasol 0-1, Mirotic 0-3). **Reb—**Ind 39 (Turner 17), Mil 52 (Antetokounmpo 12). **Ast—**Ind 26 (Collison 9), Mil 20 (Antetokounmpo 5). **A—**17,884.

LATE WEDNESDAY: CELTICS 128, WARRIORS 95

BOSTON: Tatum 6-13 4-4 17, Morris 4-8 0-0 10, Horford 2-3 0-0 5, Irving 7-15 3-4 19, Smart 4-9 0-0 9, Hayward 12-16 2-2 30, Brown 8-16 0-0 18, Ojeleye 0-0 0-0 0, Theis 0-2 2-2 2, Yabusele 2-3 2-2 7, Baynes 0-1 0-0 0, Wanamaker 1-3 0-0 2, Rozier 3-7 3-3 9. Totals 49-96 16-17 128.

GOLDEN STATE: Durant 5-16 8-10 18, Green 2-3 0-0 5, Cousins 4-12 2-3 10, Curry 8-16 3-3 23, McKinnie 3-5 1-1 7, Jerebko 1-4 2-2 4, Bell 3-7 1-2 7, Cook 3-10 0-0 9, Iguodala 0-1 2-2 2, Evans 3-3 0-0 6, Lee 2-8 0-0 4. Totals 34-85 19-23 95.

Boston	**32**	**41**	**32**	**23**	**— 128**
Golden State	**24**	**24**	**28**	**19**	**— 95**

3-Point Goals—Boston 14-34 (Hayward 4-6, Brown 2-4, Irving 2-5, Morris 2-5, Horford 1-1, Yabusele 1-1, Tatum 1-3, Smart 1-5, Theis 0-1, Baynes 0-1, Rozier 0-2), Golden State 8-35 (Curry 4-10, Cook 3-4, Green 1-2, Iguodala 0-1, Jerebko 0-2, McKinnie 0-2, Lee 0-4, Cousins 0-5, Durant 0-5). **Rebounds—**Boston 46 (Hayward 7), Golden State 45 (Cousins 9). **Assists—**Boston 38 (Irving 11), Golden State 26 (Green 5). **A—**19,596 (19,596).

NHL

EASTERN CONFERENCE

ATLANTIC	GP	W	L	OT	PTS	GF	GA	HOME	AWAY	DIV
Tampa Bay	68	51	13	4	106	263	179	28-6-2	23-7-2	16-4-0
Boston	67	41	17	9	91	202	167	26-7-3	15-10-6	14-6-2
Toronto	67	41	21	5	87	241	191	21-12-1	20-9-4	12-6-3
Montreal	68	36	25	7	79	206	199	19-11-4	17-14-3	10-8-5
Buffalo	67	30	28	9	69	194	216	19-10-4	11-18-5	9-9-4
Florida	67	28	27	12	68	212	231	16-12-6	12-15-6	11-8-3
Detroit	67	24	33	10	58	185	229	13-17-5	11-16-5	7-10-4
Ottawa	68	23	39	6	52	201	255	14-16-4	9-23-2	7-12-2
METROPOLITAN	**GP**	**W**	**L**	**OT**	**PTS**	**GF**	**GA**	**HOME**	**AWAY**	**DIV**
Washington	67	39	21	7	85	231	211	19-9-5	20-12-2	13-5-2
N.Y. Islanders	67	39	21	7	85	196	163	20-10-4	19-11-3	15-7-1
Pittsburgh	67	36	22	9	81	232	204	19-12-2	17-10-7	12-7-2
Carolina	66	36	23	7	79	199	180	18-10-4	18-13-3	9-9-2
Columbus	67	37	27	3	77	205	201	17-16-2	20-11-1	14-8-1
Philadelphia	67	32	27	8	72	204	224	17-13-4	15-14-4	8-10-2
N.Y. Rangers	67	27	28	12	66	192	222	16-11-8	11-17-4	7-10-5
New Jersey	67	25	33	9	59	189	225	17-12-6	8-21-3	8-12-3

WESTERN CONFERENCE

CENTRAL	GP	W	L	OT	PTS	GF	GA	HOME	AWAY	DIV
Nashville	69	39	25	5	83	207	184	22-12-1	17-13-4	12-10-1
Winnipeg	66	39	23	4	82	224	198	22-8-4	17-15-0	11-10-0
St. Louis	67	36	25	6	79	196	185	17-14-2	19-11-4	11-9-4
Dallas	67	35	27	5	75	171	170	21-10-2	14-17-3	11-7-2
Minnesota	68	33	27	8	74	189	196	14-13-6	19-14-2	11-6-4
Colorado	68	29	27	12	70	220	215	14-12-6	15-15-6	8-9-3
Chicago	67	28	30	9	65	225	254	15-13-6	13-17-3	10-6-3
PACIFIC	**GP**	**W**	**L**	**OT**	**PTS**	**GF**	**GA**	**HOME**	**AWAY**	**DIV**
Calgary	68	41	20	7	89	235	196	20-7-5	21-13-2	11-8-2
San Jose	67	40	19	8	88	243	208	22-5-5	18-14-3	15-4-3
Vegas	68	37	26	5	79	203	188	21-10-4	16-16-1	14-5-2
Arizona	67	33	29	5	71	179	186	16-15-3	17-14-2	13-9-2
Edmonton	67	30	30	7	67	190	218	15-15-2	15-15-5	9-11-2
Vancouver	68	28	31	9	65	185	211	15-12-4	13-19-5	9-11-4
Anaheim	68	26	33	9	61	151	209	13-12-8	13-21-1	7-10-3
Los Angeles	67	24	35	8	56	159	214	13-17-3	11-18-5	8-8-2

Two points for a win, one point for overtime loss. Top three teams in each division and two wild cards per conference advance to playoffs.

THURSDAY'S RESULTS
Boston 4, Florida 3
Pittsburgh 3, Columbus 0
Detroit 3, N.Y. Rangers 2 (SO)
N.Y. Islanders 4, Ottawa 2
Minnesota 3, Tampa Bay 0
Dallas 4, Colorado 0
Chicago 5, Buffalo 4 (SO)
Vancouver at Edmonton, late
Calgary at Arizona, late
San Jose 5, Montreal 2
St. Louis 4, Los Angeles 0

FRIDAY'S GAMES
Minnesota at Florida, 6 p.m.
New Jersey at Washington, 6 p.m.
Winnipeg at Carolina, 6:30 p.m.
Montreal at Anaheim, 9 p.m.

SATURDAY'S GAMES
Buffalo at Colorado, 2 p.m.
St. Louis at San Jose, 3 p.m.
New Jersey at N.Y. Rangers, 6 p.m.
Philadelphia vs. N.Y. Islanders, 6 p.m.
Toronto at Edmonton, 6 p.m.
Ottawa at Boston, 6 p.m.
Detroit at Tampa Bay, 6 p.m.
Pittsburgh at Columbus, 6 p.m.
Chicago at Dallas, 7 p.m.
Carolina at Nashville, 7 p.m.
Los Angeles at Arizona, 7 p.m.
Vegas at Vancouver, 9 p.m.

BLACKHAWKS 5, SABRES 4 (SO)

Buffalo	**0**	**3**	**1**	**0**	**— 4**
Chicago	**2**	**0**	**2**	**0**	**— 5**

Chicago won shootout 3-1.
FIRST PERIOD: 1, Chicago, Keith 4 (Toews, Kane), 16:01. **2,** Chicago, Anisimov 12 (Kahun, Kane), 18:26.
SECOND PERIOD: 3, Buffalo, Sobotka 5 (Girgensons, Thompson), 3:16. **4,** Buffalo, Montour 7 (Bogosian, Wilson), 4:39. **5,** Buffalo, Bogosian 3 (Rodrigues), 6:45 (sh).
THIRD PERIOD: 6, Chicago, Anisimov 13, 4:48. **7,** Buffalo, Okposo 11 (Rodrigues, Sheary), 7:20. **8,** Chicago, Perlini 8 (Koekkoek, Toews), 7:57.
OVERTIME: No scoring.
SHOOTOUT: Buffalo 1 (Eichel G, Reinhart NG), Chicago 3 (Toews G, Kane G, DeBrincat G).
SHOTS ON GOAL: Buffalo 14-12-8-5—39. Chicago 16-12-10-7—45.
POWER PLAYS: Buffalo 0-of-2
GOALIES: Buffalo, Hutton 16-18-5 (45 shots-41 saves). Chicago, Crawford 8-15-2 (39-35).
A: 21,500. **Referees:** Pierre Lambert, Garrett Rank. **Linesmen:** Derek Amell, Lonnie Cameron.

SOCCER

MAJOR LEAGUE SOCCER

EASTERN	W	L	T	PT	GF	GA
Toronto FC	1	0	0	3	3	1
D.C. United	1	0	0	3	2	0
Montreal	1	0	0	3	2	1
N.Y. City FC	0	0	1	1	2	2
Orlando City	0	0	1	1	2	2
Columbus	0	0	1	1	1	1
N.Y. Red Bulls	0	0	1	1	1	1
New England	0	0	1	1	1	1
Chicago	0	1	0	0	1	2
Philadelphia	0	1	0	0	1	3
Atlanta	0	1	0	0	0	2
Cincinnati	0	1	0	0	1	4
WESTERN	**W**	**L**	**T**	**PT**	**GF**	**GA**
Seattle	1	0	0	3	4	1
Minnesota	1	0	0	3	3	2
LA Galaxy	1	0	0	3	2	1
Los Angeles FC	1	0	0	3	2	1
Portland	0	0	1	1	3	3
Colorado	0	0	1	1	3	3
Real Salt Lake	0	0	1	1	1	1
FC Dallas	0	0	1	1	1	1
Houston	0	0	1	1	1	1
Vancouver	0	1	0	0	2	3
Sporting KC	0	1	0	0	1	2
San Jose	0	1	0	0	1	2

SATURDAY'S SCHEDULE
Orlando City at Chicago, noon
Columbus at New England, 1 p.m.
LA Galaxy at FC Dallas, 2:30
Montreal at Houston, 4 p.m.
Vancouver at Real Salt Lake, 5 p.m.
Minnesota at San Jose, 7 p.m.
Colorado at Seattle, 9 p.m.

MLB SPRING TRAINING

THURSDAY'S RESULTS
Minnesota 12, Boston 1
Washington 6, N.Y. Mets 4
Pittsburgh 5, Baltimore 4
Toronto 11, Tampa Bay 2
N.Y. Yankees 6, Philadelphia (ss) 0
Houston 4, Miami 1
Philadelphia (ss) 3, Detroit 1
Kansas City 8, L.A. Angels (ss) 7
Colorado 7, Chicago Cubs 5
Chicago White Sox 9, Milwaukee 5
Cleveland 4, Arizona 3
San Diego 11, Texas 8
L.A. Dodgers 6, L.A. Angels (ss) 2
Seattle 11, Cincinnati 3
Oakland 5, San Francisco 1

FRIDAY'S GAMES
Toronto (ss) vs. Pittsburgh (ss), 12:05 p.m.
Tampa Bay vs. Minnesota, 12:05 p.m.
Boston vs. Baltimore, 12:05 p.m.
Washington vs. St. Louis (ss), 12:05 p.m.
Pittsburgh (ss) vs. Toronto (ss), 12:07 p.m.
Miami vs. N.Y. Mets, 12:10 p.m.
Arizona vs. Milwaukee, 1:05 p.m.
Cincinnati vs. Kansas City (ss), 2:05 p.m.
San Diego vs. Oakland, 2:05 p.m.
Chi White Sox vs. L.A. Angels, 2:10 p.m.
Texas vs. Colorado, 2:10 p.m.
Philadelphia vs. Atlanta., 5:05 p.m.
St. Louis (ss) vs. Houston, 5:05 p.m.
Detroit vs. N.Y. Yankees, 5:35 p.m.
San Francisco vs. Cleveland, 7:05 p.m.
Chicago Cubs vs. Seattle, 7:40 p.m.
Kan. City (ss) vs. LA Dodgers, 8:05 p.m.

NBA

James expresses thanks to Jordan

Associated Press

From the very first day LeBron James picked up a basketball, he wanted to be like Mike.

James and his closest friends idolized Michael Jordan while they grew up together on Akron's competitive playgrounds and tough streets. As James grew into a tantalizing basketball prospect capable of jumping from high school to the NBA as the No. 1 draft pick, he studied, imitated and drew profound inspiration from Jordan's tongue-wagging dunks, that fadeaway jumper, his competitive fire — even the little details of the way Jordan wore his sneakers and shorts.

James proudly put No. 23 on his back as soon as he could get it as a high school sophomore.

"He was everything," James said.

When James surpassed Jordan's career points total Wednesday night, he did it in a pair of Nikes with "Thank You M.J." written neatly on the side. That tribute doesn't begin to encompass what Jordan meant to a youngster who dreamed of a better life.

"You guys have no idea what M.J. did for me and my friends growing up," James said. "Some days where you just don't feel like you're going to make it to the next day where I grew up, because of everything that's going on. Like I wrote on my shoes today, I thank M.J. more than he would ever know. I've got to carry it on to the next kid. Hopefully I can inspire the next kid."

James moved past Jordan into fourth on the NBA's career scoring list in the Lakers' 115-99 loss to the Nuggets, bettering Jordan's 32,292 career points.

NHL

Lightning clincher will have to wait

Associated Press

Jason Zucker scored all three of Minnesota's goals for his first career hat trick, Devan Dubnyk made 25 saves for his second shutout of the season and the Wild beat Tampa Bay 3-0 on Thursday night to deny the Lightning a chance to become the first NHL team to clinch a playoff spot.

Ryan Donato had a pair of assists for Minnesota, which blocked 18 shots by Tampa Bay. The Wild are 6-0-2 in their last eight games and are in the first wild-card spot in the Western Conference playoff race.

Andrei Vasilevskiy finished with 27 saves but had his 10-game winning streak snapped one game short of tying the franchise record set by Louis Domingue earlier this season.

A victory by the Lightning would have clinched a playoff spot after Columbus lost to Pittsburgh earlier Thursday night.

Tampa Bay lost for the second time in four games after a 12-0-2 stretch in the previous 14 and were shut out for the second time this season — first in regulation.

Zucker put the Wild in front in the first period off a rush play, getting a deflection on Donato's shot at 10:50.

Minnesota protected the lead with a strong defensive effort the rest of the way. And the rare times the Lightning produced a chance, Dubnyk was there to keep the highest-scoring team in the league off the board.

IN BRIEF

COLLEGE FOOTBALL: Football seasons at Miami and Florida will start earlier than ever this year. The season opener between the Hurricanes and Gators has been moved up one week to Aug. 24 at 7 p.m., the schools announced. It will mark the earliest game date in the history of either program, and Aug. 24 will be the earliest start for any major college football season since 2003.

GOLF: Rafa Cabrera Bello never had a chance to meet Arnold Palmer. He played Bay Hill for the first time Thursday with Palmer's grandson, Sam Saunders, and had an ideal debut with a 7-under 65 for a two-shot lead among early starters at the Arnold Palmer Invitational in Orlando, Fla. Cabrera Bello opened with four birdies in six holes in the morning chill and wound up leading by two over Keegan Bradley. ... Justin Walters of South Africa and Spanish rookie Adri Arnaus mastered the tricky winds at the Doha Golf Club to sit tied for the first-round lead with 5-under 67s at the Qatar Masters in Doha.

NFL: A person with knowledge of the deal told The Associated Press that the Broncos agreed to trade QB Case Keenum to the Redskins. The deal cannot be announced until the start of the new league year March 13. The person said the teams will also swap 2020 draft picks, with the Broncos receiving a sixth-rounder and the Redskins a seventh-rounder. ... The Steelers made a significant investment in protecting QB Ben Roethlisberger, signing Pro Bowl center Maurkice Pouncey to a two-year, $11 million extension and left guard Ramon Foster to a two-year deal worth $8.25 million. ... WR Pierre Garcon will become a free agent after the 49ers declined his contract option.

SOCCER: Lionel Messi is back with Argentina's national team. The five-time world player of the year was called up by interim Argentina coach Lionel Scaloni for a pair of friendly matches ahead of this year's Copa America in Brazil. Messi last played for his national team eight months ago at the World Cup in Russia when Argentina lost to France 4-3 in the last 16. Argentina has played six matches since then, all without Messi. "I believe he is happy and wants to try once more. He is welcome," Scaloni said. "The World Cup was tough for all, even more so for him." ... Chelsea closed in on the Europa League quarterfinals with a 3-0 win over Dynamo Kiev, while Arsenal and Benfica will have to overturn deficits in the second leg of their round-of-16 matches to advance. Arsenal fell 3-1 at Rennes, and former European Cup winner Benfica lost 1-0 at Dinamo Zagreb.

TENNIS: Playing just her seventh match of the year, Venus Williams rallied to beat Andrea Petkovic 6-4, 0-6, 6-3 in the first round of the BNP Paribas Open in Indian Wells, Calif. The match featured two former top-10 players who have fallen in the rankings. Williams is No. 36 in the world; Petkovic is 68th. The women met for the first time in five years. Williams next plays third-seeded Petra Kvitova, runner-up to Naomi Osaka at the Australian Open in January. Williams' younger sister, Serena, had a first-round bye and next will play Victoria Azarenka.

— Edited from news services

BEARS

Preparing for the future

Bears tackle Leno among NFL players on LA police recruiting mission

By Ben Golliver
Washington Post

LOS ANGELES — Charles Leno was raised in the "Murder Dubs," an East Oakland neighborhood whose ominous nickname references its street numbers (the 20s) and reputation for deadly crime. As the Bears left tackle tells it, his path to the NFL was aided by a large and caring support structure — including both parents, his grandparents and uncles — and an athletic, 6-foot-3 frame that earned him a scholarship to Boise State.


Leno

But Leno is also quick to credit members of the Oakland Police Department, who happened upon him as a young child.

"I was handling a toy gun, and the cops came up to educate me," he said. "They broke it down, telling me what a gun can do and how the image of me holding a gun can be threatening."

When stories of officer-involved shootings, such as the 2014 killing of 12-year-old Tamir Rice in Cleveland, hit the news, Leno finds himself returning to that childhood conversation.

"I remember being that kid," he said. "(When a shooting like Rice's takes place), I know right then and there, that's a bad cop. That's a guy who didn't have any training and didn't respect his community. He doesn't deserve to have a job. Something about that moment (in Oakland) inspired me. These are actual good people. Not all cops are bad."

Former 49ers quarterback Colin Kaepernick's protests during the national anthem to call attention to racial inequality and police mistreatment of African-Americans began in August 2016, a month after the high-profile shooting deaths by police of Alton Sterling in Baton Rouge, La., and Philando Castile in Minnesota. The protests have dominated headlines in the years since, and many players — notably the Players Coalition — have used the increased platform to draw awareness for social justice issues.

But there is also an interest among some players to pursue a career in law enforcement once their playing days are over, and the NFL Players Association recently established a weeklong externship that connects its members, including Leno, with the Los Angeles Police Department. The intensive five-day program is intended to foster dialogue and better understanding, but it has another goal: to recruit NFL players to the police force.

"Law enforcement is a natural progression for an NFL player," said LAPD Lt. Chris Zine, who has helped run the annual NFLPA externship program since its 2018 launch. "You're a part of a team of officers. Communication and working together are important. There's a physical training component to the police academy. And they're already active in their community, going to schools and talking to kids."

The LAPD program is one of 27 offseason externships offered by the NFLPA; they place players everywhere from Gatorade to Under Armour to Capitol Hill to prepare them for life after football. Shortly after launching the externship program six years ago, NFLPA staffers began receiving requests for law enforcement placements from players, selecting the LAPD as a host given its wide-ranging facilities and resources.

All seven of this year's LAPD externship participants were African-American, as were both members of last year's inaugural class. African-Americans represent 9.6 percent of the LAPD's sworn officers, according to departmental data, a figure nearly identical to the city's demographic breakdown.

"There's a narrative out there that NFL players are against the police based on how some people have viewed the player protests," the NFLPA's Brandon Parker said. "This program is a reinforcement that our players have a great respect for law enforcement and the military."

Leno, 27, a full-time starter on a four-year, $37 million contract he signed in 2017, was the most established player in this year's group. Falcons safety Keith Tandy boasts career earnings of more than $3 million, but the five others — A.J. Howard, Victor Salako, Linden Stephens, Malik Williams and Ronald Zamort — have yet to make their NFL debuts.

The week of instruction opened with a conversation about how police officers are viewed, plus a detailed overview of the job's demands.

"I thought about how my friends would react to me hanging out with police," said Howard, 23, who participated in an internship program with the Boone, N.C., police department while working toward a pre-law degree at Appalachian State. "I'm here factfinding and possibly wanting to get into this after football. I'm using it as a tool to network."

Zine, an 18-year LAPD vet whose father, Dennis, served 33 years on the force, said Kaepernick's protests and the issue of police brutality weren't major topics of discussion this year, but the program did outline the department's policies regarding use of force, and explained concepts such as probable cause and reasonable suspicion. Zine also stressed that the LAPD had just 33 officer-involved shootings while handling 1.7 million citizen contacts in 2018, pointing to the department's de-escalation protocols and its use of less-than-lethal tools such as stun guns and beanbag shotguns.

One of the LAPD's central messages to the players — that a department "can't arrest its way out of crime" — was reflective of its philosophical shift toward community-oriented policing following the infamous Rodney King beating in 1991 and the Rampart corruption scandal of the late 1990s that gave the department a negative reputation for racist behavior and misuse of force. While public opinion of the department has improved in the decades since, there have still been recent officer-involved shootings that have drawn national scrutiny.

As part of a national study, the Washington Post found that nearly 1,000 people were shot and killed by police in the United States in every year from 2015 to 2018.

The NFLPA members met with Pueblo United, a youth football team coached by LAPD officers, and Mental Evaluation Unit staff members to learn how officers identify and react to signs of mental illness. They also took part in foot patrols through Watts, a high-crime South Los Angeles neighborhood that erupted in race riots in 1965 and again following the King beating.

The players arrived at Nickerson Gardens, California's largest public-housing community and a longtime home of gang activity, in an oversized black van dubbed "The Turtle" by officers for its protective exterior and slow pace. After disembarking, they toured an unoccupied apartment, talked to a Spanish-speaking resident with the help of an interpreter and viewed "The Wall," an extensive mural bearing the names of victims of gun violence and other deceased community members.

At the Jordan Downs complex, where "Menace II Society" was filmed in 1993, Notorious B.I.G. thumped from a passing car as the players met with community-center employees who worked to secure a $3.7 million jobs grant from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development. They also posed for pictures with gang members, although one man drew rebukes from the officers for flashing what they interpreted as a gang sign to the cameras.

"Don't get it twisted," an LAPD officer told the NFLPA members once the Watts patrols were complete. "These guys still call us 'pig,' whether it's from decades of systemic racism or whatever you want to call it. We're trying to build up the trust within this community and reduce the violence."

The players also participated in a SWAT team drill and went through a "Force Options Simulator," an interactive computer program that allows officers to practice their responses to volatile situations.

"There was a guy with a bat holding a woman," said Tandy, shaking his head at his performance. "I shot at him and missed, and then he started hitting her."

Early in the week, the players were taken up in helicopters to learn about the LAPD's air support unit. Multiple players were along for the ride as an alleged domestic-violence perpetrator attempted to escape on foot.

"He was running from the police, and they had him barricaded all around," Leno recalled. "He was jumping on top of houses as he ran away. I was getting a little dizzy because the helicopter was making tight turns. It wasn't a fun merry-go-round."

Throughout the program, the cops and players drew parallels between their lines of work. Leno compared the fast-paced decision-making skills needed to handle an active shooter situation in the simulator to his day job processing coverage and audibles. The players were also warned that the lack of adrenaline control after a high-intensity altercation that leads to late hits on the field can produce the most explosive and regrettable behavior from officers.

"There's a lot of similarities," Leno said. "Except their decisions are life and death, and ours are a game."

While the LAPD's starting salary is roughly $63,000, the total benefits package includes overtime, a family health insurance plan and a pension. That doesn't sound like much compared with the tens of millions of dollars paid to NFL stars, but it's reasonably enticing to practice-squad players looking for a career with job security after football. Troy Nolan, one of last year's externship participants, is now in the LAPD's hiring process after a three-year NFL career spent mostly with the Texans.

Although Leno isn't about to walk away from his NFL riches, he completed the externship with knowledge that will guide his future. If former Bears cornerback Charles Tillman successfully transitioned from a 13-year football career to life as an FBI agent, Leno reasoned, perhaps he could follow a similar path.

"I always knew a policeman's job was hard," he said. "But they have to be psychologists, paramedics, mental health advocates, and the list goes on. It's awesome work they do. Whether in Oakland or in Chicago where I'm playing, I want to be more of an asset to my community."

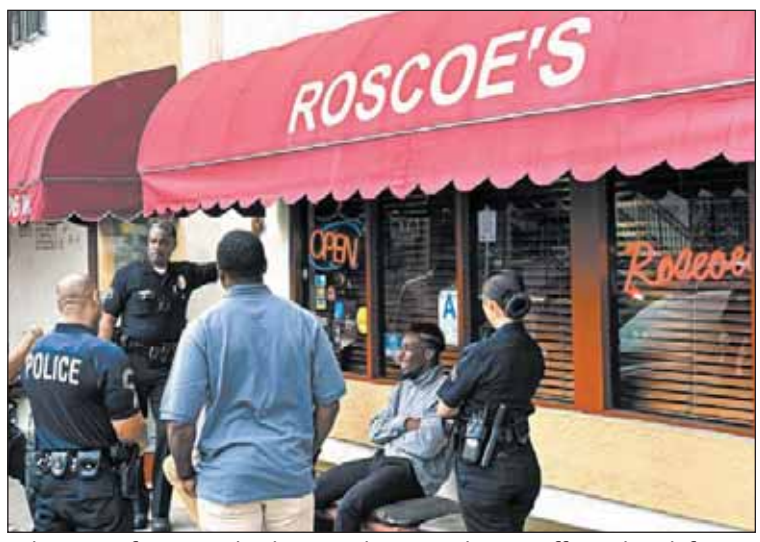


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LAPD officers lead the NFLPA's externship participants, including the Bears' Charles Leno, rear right, on a foot beat patrol.



NFL players Charles Leno of the Bears, left, Malik Williams and Keith Tandy are briefed on the history of the Nickerson Gardens complex.



In between foot patrols, the NFL players and LAPD officers break for lunch at Roscoe's Chicken & Waffles.

ASK THE REPORTER BRAD BIGGS

What are the chances the Bears pursue Justin Houston or Landon Collins? Do they have the capital to pursue either one of them? — *@bearsmoke8514*

Capital and salary-cap space are two different things. The Bears overshot their cash budget last year with the biggest spree the club has ever had in free agency and then by signing Khalil Mack to a long-term contract after the trade. Don't forget, the Bears also invested in Eddie Goldman and matched what was a front-loaded offer sheet that Kyle Fuller signed with the Packers. Given how aggressive general manager Ryan Pace has been, and Chairman George McCaskey's track record for supporting those bold moves, nothing would surprise me. But in what is expected to be a soft market for safeties, Collins is a player who should cash in and receive a deal near the top of the market, especially because he will be unrestricted. I've said all along I doubt the Bears will want to significantly pay a safety when they are a year away from having to reward their own player at that position, Eddie Jackson, with a new deal. Houston, the outside linebacker, will probably be more affordable and likely could be had on a short-term deal, but where do the Bears play him with Mack and Leonard Floyd? They're more likely to try to re-sign Aaron Lynch for that role. It will be interesting to see what kind of market Houston has as plenty of teams are seeking pass rush help. Houston last had double-digit sacks in 2014. Based on cap space, I would be surprised if the Bears were in on either one of these guys, but you never know.

Lots of safeties in the free-agent pool this offseason. Are the Bears waiting out the market to scoop up Adrian Amos at a potentially cheaper rate than if they would sign him now? — *@shaneloew776*

Well, it's fair to say the Bears would have to pay to prevent Amos from exploring the open market and often times the only way to get a player back at your price is to let him see what is actually out there. There wasn't a ton of buzz regarding Amos in Indianapolis. That doesn't mean there are not teams interested in him, but there are plenty of safeties available. Amos is more durable and younger than most and he runs well. Still, I don't know if he has the track record for making big plays to get a really big payday. There is a chance Amos returns. Let's see what shakes out.

eNEWSPAPER BONUS COVERAGE



FRANK FRANKLIN II/AP

Chiquita Evans poses for photographs with Brendan Donohue after being selected as the 56th pick overall by the Warriors Gaming Squad at the NBA 2K League draft Tuesday.

'It means everything to me'

Warriors draft first woman player into NBA 2K esports league

By Jake Seiner
Associated Press



Chiquita Evans responds to questions after becoming the first woman ever drafted into the NBA 2K League, going in the fourth round to Warriors Gaming, which is operated by the Golden State Warriors.

NEW YORK — After over three hours of sitting, waiting and stressing, Chiquita Evans heard her name called. She stood, smiled and put on a Warriors cap, striding to the stage backed by the loudest applause of the night.

Someone put a microphone in front of her and asked her how it felt. That's when she finally choked up.

"It changes everything," she said. "It means everything to me."

Evans became the first woman ever drafted into the NBA 2K League on Tuesday night, going in the fourth round to Warriors Gaming, which is operated by the NBA's Golden State Warriors. A former college and semipro basketball player, Evans is now the esports league's first female pro, one of the 126 players who will make between $33,000 to $37,000 per season, plus benefits and team housing.

No more sessions as a trainer at Planet Fitness. The Chicago native is heading to the Bay Area.

"It feels surreal," she said.

Evans was one of two women who qualified for the 2K League draft this year through the league's online combine. The other, Brianna Novin, was not selected but could still sign as a free agent.

The NBA runs the league in coordination with 2K game publisher Take-Two Interactive, and it did not have any women for its inaugural season. Prior to last year's draft, NBA Commissioner Adam Silver called the lack of gender diversity "a disappointment for all of us so far."

The league set out to solve that problem by holding focus groups with top women gamers to spot potential barriers. One key problem: Data showed that male players weren't passing the ball to their female teammates — something that wasn't accounted for when the league analyzed players to build the 2018 draft pool.

"It made us put more emphasis on how good a player was when they got the ball in their hands," said 2K League managing director Brendan Donohue. "That's the only part of it they can control."

The league also monitored communication between players more carefully at this year's combine, removing several players for sexist remarks.

That kind of harassment isn't new to Evans, or women in esports in general. One of the biggest challenges for women is finding teammates for games that rely so heavily on teamwork. Female gamers can try to ignore an offensive, trash-talking opponent — and there are plenty of those in the 2K community.

But just like in real life, you can't defend a pick-and-roll if your teammates aren't willing to communicate.

Evans has done most of her competitive gaming with a coed team — right now, five of its 12 players are women — and that's helped her thrive as a shot-creating small forward.

Her experience when gaming outside that team — with both teammates and opponents — hasn't always been as rosy.

"I've had sexual remarks put towards me," she said. "I get told I should be back in the kitchen. '2K is not for women,' I've had that. There's no question about that."



Chiquita Evans smiles after being selected. "I've had sexual remarks put towards me," she said. "I get told I should be back in the kitchen."

Evans also got loud pushback on social media when she announced last month — on her 30th birthday, no less — that she'd qualified for the draft.

"That's the only time that it's been discouraging for me," Evans said. "In that moment, because it was a great moment for me, and I felt like people ruined it."

Other gamers at Tuesday's draft were eager to welcome Evans and Novin.

"Male, female, dog, cat, frog, I don't care," said Alexander Bernstein, a returning player with 76ers Gaming. "If you're the best in the world, I feel like you deserve to be able to play."

That doesn't mean the women won't face extra skepticism. Kimanni Ingram, another draft-eligible player, has played with Evans and respects the way she has navigated blowback from male gamers.

But even his compliments Tuesday came with a qualifier.

"She has the basketball IQ for a girl," Ingram said. "Most people would be like, 'I'm playing with a girl. She's not going to know what to do.' She knows what she's doing. You can tell."

News of Evans' selection traveled fast. Warriors coach Steve Kerr was asked about her prior to a game against Boston.

"I think that's really cool that she's passionate and inspired and broke a barrier," Kerr said. "That's awesome."

"Esports has become a huge thing now," said Kevin Durant, Evans' favorite player. "More people who enjoy the game might get an opportunity to be professionals and make some money for themselves and make some money. I think it's cool."

Female gamers have had difficulty breaking into pro esports. Among the most popular circuits, League of Legends Championship Series and the Overwatch League have each had just one female player. Those women both received ample praise and criticism on social media.

The NBA wants to help Evans and Novin manage that. The 2K League has a transition program based on the NBA's rookie symposium, and it added sessions specifically for Evans and Novin to help them navigate their potential barrier-breaking roles, including help with social media.

One item 2K hopes to change soon: The video game still does not include any female players. Unlike EA Sports' NBA Live series — which includes WNBA rosters and the ability to create female players — NBA 2K is still male-only. Donohue says 2K is working to add women to future versions of the game.

That's not bumming out Evans right now. She's already building out her to-do list for her new home in Oakland.

"I'm going to see if I can do a real-life shooting competition with (Stephen) Curry," Evans said. "That's what I was known for. See if I can shoot with the best."

eNEWSPAPER BONUS COVERAGE

Mitchell finds himself on whole new level of sucess

By Doug Ferguson
Associated Press

ORLANDO, Fla. — Two days after his first PGA Tour victory, Keith Mitchell still had not checked his bank account to see if his Honda Classic earnings of more than $1.2 million had cleared. That's about $400,000 less than what he earned his entire rookie season.

Just don't expect him to go on any shopping spree.

And to hear Mitchell talk on Tuesday, he is more inclined to spend it on someone else.

Mitchell was asked about the biggest thing he has ever bought for himself since joining the PGA Tour, and he mentioned a watch for his father.

There's a story behind that.

"When my grandfather passed away, he gave his watch," Mitchell said. "It was cool because my dad had given my grandfather that watch when he got out of medical school. It was like a 'thank you' to him. I felt like me getting on tour was like me graduating med school. So I got him a similar watch — same style, different color."

What kind of watch?

Mitchell smiled and said, "I'll leave that out."

He said his father always figured he would go the education route instead of professional golf, mainly because Mitchell's father worked hard through medical school and saw what kind of opportunities it provided.

"It was tough for him to grasp the whole golf world, because he played golf for fun," Mitchell said.

Golf is working out pretty well for Mitchell, who earned a two-year exemption on the PGA Tour along with a spot in the Masters next month, which will be his first major.

And he has a college degree from Georgia.

Mitchell was one semester short when he finished his senior season with the Bulldogs and had thought about turning pro after the NCAA Championship. Instead, he went back and finished up his degree.

"I never wanted to say there's a Plan B," he said, referring to his diploma. "If you know there's a Plan B, you don't put as much effort on Plan A. It was just two months. I knew if I didn't do it, I'd look back on it forever. It was two months out of my life at age 22."

So what does he plan to do with his Honda earnings?

"I always wanted to buy my mom a car," he said. "She helped me get my first car. But Honda gave me the keys to a new Honda. I might go that route."



SAM GREENWOOD/GETTY

Keith Mitchell plays his shot from the 18th tee during the first round of the Arnold Palmer Invitational at the Bay Hill Club on Thursday.

Rookie award: Justin Thomas is the final recipient of the Arnold Palmer Award for winning the PGA Tour money title in 2018, becoming the first player since Tiger Woods (2006-07) to win the money title in consecutive years.

The next winner of the Arnold Palmer Award will be a rookie.

The PGA Tour, which now emphasizes the FedEx Cup, no longer has an award for winning the money title, which dates to 1981. Starting this year, the Arnold Palmer Award will be given to the rookie of the year.

The rookie award dates to Robert Gamez in 1990 and is decided by a vote of PGA Tour players.

Thomas last year joined a distinguished list of players to win the money title in consecutive years — Curtis Strange, Nick Price, Vijay Singh and Woods.

Player involvement: Justin Thomas disputed a tweet from the USGA saying that he canceled any scheduled meetings over the modernized Rules of Golf, and the USGA corrected itself Tuesday by saying in another tweet that Thomas did not avoid any discussions or cancel any meetings.

Tyler Dennis, the PGA Tour's vice president of competition, said plenty of players have tried to get up to speed on the new rules.

"We had five rules workshops in the first five weeks on Tuesday, and we had heavy attendance," Dennis said. "We had 40 to 50 players and caddies at each one at a minimum."

The tour also posted one-page memos on some of the more common rules, along with an illustrated poster of those rules in locker rooms. He said the tour's rules officials produced 15 videos on how to make a drop and take relief, and there has been "a lot of traffic" on a player-only website.

"Change is hard," Dennis said. "But they've really tried hard to learn the rules."

Americans in Europe: Kurt Kitayama, who grew up in Northern California and played at UNLV, extended a most unusual trend when he won the Oman Open last week.

That gave Americans six victories through 12 events on the European Tour this season.

That includes two by Dustin Johnson, the world's No. 1 player, who won the Saudi International and the WGC-Mexico Championship. It also includes Bryson DeChambeau, who won the Dubai Desert Classic.

Kitayama previously won the Mauritius Open in just his third start since earning his European Tour card through Q-school.

The other was David Lipsky at the Alfred Dunhill Championship in South Africa at the end of last year. Lipsky was born in Los Angeles and played his college golf at Northwestern.

Lipsky and Kitayama are in the field this week at the Qatar Masters, along with Americans Sean Crocker and Charlie Saxon.

Open qualifying: A month before the first major is played at the Masters, spots are on the line for the British Open in July.

The Open Qualifying Series for PGA Tour events typically doesn't start until tournaments leading up to the Open. This year, the first such event is the Arnold Palmer Invitational at Bay Hill.

The top three players not already exempt who finish among the top 10 at Bay Hill will be exempt for Royal Portrush on July 17-21.

Of the 120-man field, 39 players already are exempt.

Personal connection: PGA Tour Commissioner Jay Monahan wanted a young player as a partner when he played the AT&T Pebble Beach Pro-Am, and he selected Keith Mitchell. They were going along fine as a team until the end, when they missed the cut based on matching scorecards.

Monahan's father, Jay, was his caddie for the week.

Mitchell didn't advance individually either, hurt by a four-putt double bogey on the 17th hole at Pebble Beach. He missed the cut at Riviera the following week and took the following week off to reset his thinking and pay more attention to his shots than the score. A week later, he won the Honda Classic.

Monahan was happy for him. Apparently, so was Monahan's father.

"My dad was driving home from Vero Beach, pulled off the side of the road at a gas station and watched him play the final hole," Monahan said.

Stat of the week: This is the fifth straight time that a player rose to No. 1 in the world ranking without playing the previous week.

Final word: "I'll play out here as long as they'll let me, as long as I'm exempt, just to keep going back for that feeling." — Keith Mitchell, on the 15-foot walk to the hole after making birdie to win the Honda Classic.

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Feminist franchise

Larson delivers in a universe of machismo



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Brie Larson, who delivered an Academy Award-winning performance in the 2015 movie "Room," stars as the title character in the latest cinematic version of "Captain Marvel."

By Michael Phillips | Chicago Tribune

"Captain Marvel" pushes a rabid feminist agenda. Meaning: There's a female lead this time. So that's one more white male out of work.

It's fun. In various ways, some better than others, you can tell the film was made by people who weren't mapping out their entire careers to lead to the big moment when they tackle a Marvel Cinematic Universe franchise.

The results are not likely to equal the impact of "Black Panther," in part because "Black Panther" had considerably more violence as a selling point. At its best, "Captain Marvel" is more like the first, slightly square "Captain America" movie, which was set in the 1940s and went about its business with retro assurance.

Warning: The online trolls who wanted Brie Larson to smile more in the "Captain Marvel" trailers last fall may experience some discomfort. There's a moment when Larson's character, Carol Danvers, is back on Earth after a six-year hiatus on the planet Hala, her memory of an ordinary childhood wiped nearly clean. She has been training with her Kree overseer Yon-Rogg (Jude Law) for battle in the war with the Skrulls, and the Skrulls have designs on Earth.

She's back home — the crash landing through the roof of a Blockbuster Video is a nice touch; the film's set in 1995 — and outside an LA strip mall, a biker tells/asks her: "Lighten up, honey. Got a smile for me?" She doesn't beat him up or anything, but she does "borrow" his motorcycle, and it's one of several sideline flourishes in the film directed and co-written by Anna Boden and Ryan Fleck, best known for the excellent indie drama "Half Nelson" and the singular baseball picture "Sugar."

Co-written by Geneva Robertson-Dworet, the movie acknowledges a considerable debt to Kelly Sue DeConnick's 2012-2013 iteration of "Captain Marvel," which endured its own fanboy blowback and anti-feminist resentments. We're introduced to Danvers, known as "Vers" (pronounced "Veers") to the Krees, in a dream sequence in which she flashes on stray images from her earthly childhood. Only later do we learn who she really was, and how she got to the planet, ruled or, rather, advised by the Supreme Intelligence. The way Annette Bening plays her suggests a slightly forbidding, recently tenured college professor.

There's the usual Marvel matter of retrieving an all-powerful infinity stone, one of a set. There's a mid-movie shifting of alliances and a homeless-refugee subplot (at one point, a despotic ruler declares that the enemy will "threaten our borders no more!") destined to trigger cries of Social Justice Warrior Syndrome from certain basement-level quarters.

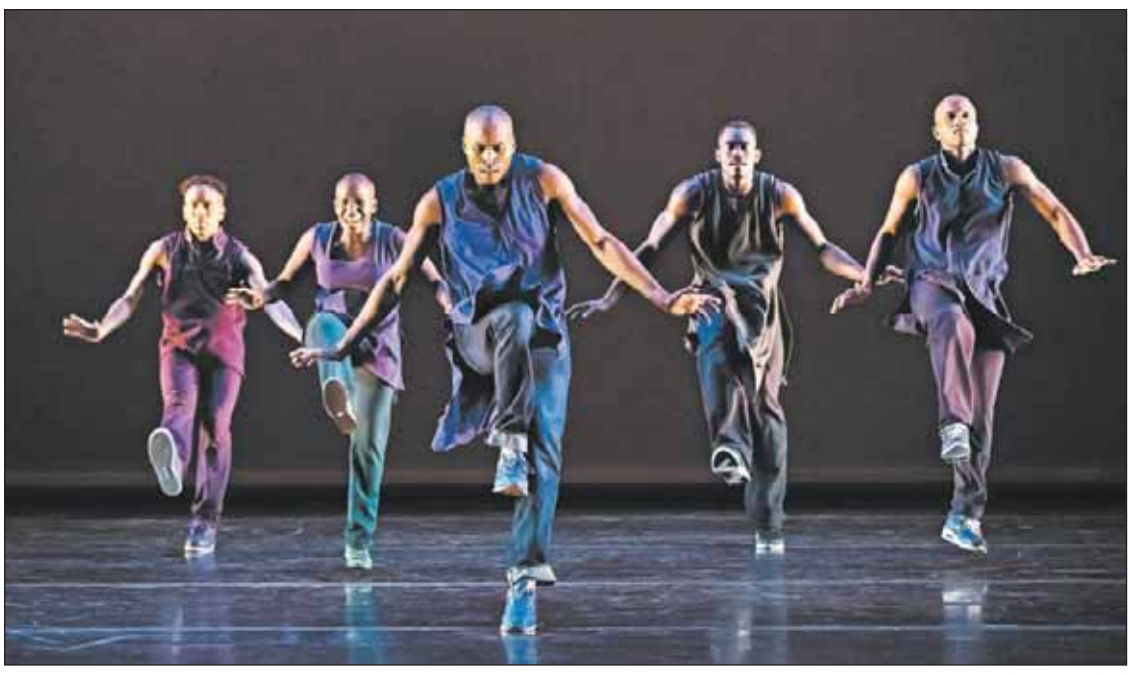
MPAA rating: PG-13 (for sequences of sci-fi violence and action, and brief suggestive language)

Running time: 2:04

A lot of "Captain Marvel" is playfully retro, though not bluntly topical, from the Nine Inch Nails T-shirt worn by Danvers to the uber-'90s soundtrack. Visually, the film consciously evokes an earlier, Clinton-era style of effects work, notably in the honeycomb pattern of outer-space portals. When Danvers goes full Captain Marvel, though, the photon blasts coming out of her arms are full-on early 21st century. Some of the throwaway bits get the biggest laughs, as when a Skrull factotum, on Earth, waits impatiently for a '90s computer to complete a download.

How's Larson? More than good enough. It's not her loosest work, but few, if any,

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PAUL KOLNIK PHOTO

Alvin Ailey American Dance Theater brings "Lazarus," created by choreographer-in-residence Rennie Harris, to the Auditorium Theatre. "Lazarus" will be shown again Saturday night and Sunday afternoon.

IN PERFORMANCE 'Lazarus' ★★★ 1/2

Ailey Dance takes a look back with its inspirational 'Lazarus'

Choreographer Harris combines street dance with a mock lynching

By Lauren Warnecke
Chicago Tribune

The cornerstone of Alvin Ailey American Dance Theater's 60th anniversary season is "Lazarus," the company's first two-act work in its history, created by choreographer-in-residence Rennie Harris. The Auditorium Theatre, which for 50 years has hosted Ailey's annual tour to Chicago, was a commissioning partner for the piece, so it's fitting that "Lazarus" opened this six-performance engagement Wednesday at the Auditorium.

"Lazarus" will be shown again Saturday night and Sunday afternoon, with two other programs scattered throughout the weekend. A contemporary program of Midwest premieres by Jessica Lang and Wayne McGregor runs Thursday night and Saturday afternoon, and on Friday evening, the company performs a two-act retrospective of more than a dozen Ailey works.

The latter is perhaps a more conventional way to honor the company's diamond anniversary, and it will undoubtedly be a popular choice for Ailey fans. But "Lazarus" feels like a timely and appropriate way to honor Alvin Ailey's legacy; it's a work that reflects the varied aesthetic of the rep company he started in 1958 with a performance at the storied 92nd Street Y. With "Lazarus," Harris, a street dance pioneer and the company's first-ever official artist-in-residence, pushes the extraordinary Ailey dancers to adopt a less-familiar movement style — one they pull off marvelously and which shares some of the same roots as the modern dance techniques Alvin Ailey

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IN PERFORMANCE 'Dutch Masters' ★★★ 1/2

Short, tense thriller packs a lot into that meeting on the subway

By Chris Jones
Chicago Tribune

It's 1992. A young white man named Steve meets a young African-American man named Eric on an empty D subway train in New York City. The white man is going home to his mother in Riverdale; the black man is going home to the South Bronx.

The black man takes an interest in the white man — making conversation, wondering where he might be going, asking questions, standing between his seat and the door. Before long, those of us in the seats intuit that Eric knows Steve.

But at first it appears that Eric knows Steve only in the way that Amiri Baraka's Lulu knows Clay in another racially charged play set on a subway train, the famous drama "Dutchman." Perhaps the similarity is intentional: We are, after all, sitting in the bowels of the Broadway Armory watching a Jackalope Theatre production of a play by Greg Keller called "Dutch Masters."

In "Dutchman," Lulu knows Clay because she knows his type. She doesn't need to know him personally to have a handle on his personal history because Baraka was making the point that we're all much less individual than we think.

But even though it only lasts 80 minutes — 80 very tense minutes, I might add — "Dutch Masters" makes more lurches than an "L" car in a reconstruction zone. Before the doors close on this most invigorating and

When: Through April 6

Where: Broadway Armory Park, 5917 N. Broadway

Running time: 1:20

Tickets: $5-$30 at www.jackalopetheatre.org

complicated piece of theater, you realize that Keller has not so much updated "Dutchman" as Athol Fugard's "Master Harold ... and the Boys," which is to say that he has constructed a new play that imagines human beings who have known each other at the locus of a massive imbalance in power and privilege.

And while neither of them made the house rules in America, that inequality has meant they now know each other hardly at all. And yet they are destined for the most painful of collisions.

Keller has telegraphed this with this title. Cigars with weed make an appearance. To Steve, the Dutch Masters smokes are named after great Renaissance painters; to Eric, they recall slave owners settling New York on the back of the profits of the Dutch West Indies company.

If all of this sounds cryptic, it's because I don't want to ruin the many twists in the plot of this very taut and tight play, seen off-off-Broadway last year and staged for the first time in Chicago by Wardell Julius Clark, an unstinting director who keeps

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Idris Elba will take over Will Smith's role as Deadshot in the upcoming "Suicide Squad" sequel, set for 2021.

Elba replaces Smith in 'Suicide Squad'

Idris Elba is joining the squad.

Sources tell Variety that Warner Brothers is replacing Will Smith as Deadshot in the much-anticipated "Suicide Squad" sequel.

Smith had to bow out of the upcoming DC Comics movie due to scheduling conflicts, and the studio moved fast to find another proven A-lister to replace him before production starts in September.

It's currently unknown who will be joining Elba in the sequel, though many believe Margot Robbie will return as Harley Quinn.

James Gun was tapped to write and direct the film. The release date is currently set for Aug. 6, 2021.

The original "Suicide Squad" — starring Smith, Jared Leto and Robbie — became a massive box office sensation when it hit theaters in 2016, grossing $746 million worldwide.

Elba is also starring in the upcoming Netflix series "Turn Up Charlie," which bows this spring.

Ahead of "Suicide Squad 2," he will appear on the big screen for "The Fast and the Furious" spinoff "Hobbs and Shaw" alongside Dwayne Johnson and Jason Statham, as well as Universal and Tom Hooper's "Cats" adaptation with Taylor Swift, James Corden and Jennifer Hudson.

— Variety



CHARLES SYKES/INVISION

Aguilera to be honored: The nation's largest LGBTQ civil rights organization is honoring Christina Aguilera with its Ally for Equality award. The Human Rights Campaign announced Thursday the Grammy-winning singer is a true "LGBTQ icon." Aguilera has raised money to fight HIV/AIDS, advocated marriage equality and spoken out against LGBTQ bullying. She will be honored at the group's dinner in Los Angeles on March 30.

Lennox pushes for global feminism: Annie Lennox teamed with Apple Music to launch a video Thursday in support of global feminism to coincide with International Women's Day, which is Friday. The clip features Lennox, Richard E. Grant, Ed Sheeran, Mary J. Blige and Dua Lipa telling the story of women's rights in the last 100 years. Lennox said, "My interest is this term 'global feminism.' It means that everybody can be a part of it."

'Mad About You' revival set: Paul and Jamie Buchman are picking up where they left off 20 years ago on "Mad About You." On-demand service Spectrum Originals said Wednesday a limited series will bring Helen Hunt and Paul Reiser back as the New York City couple. The sequel will explore modern marriage from the perspective of empty nesters. It's set to debut late this year.

March 8 birthdays: Songwriter Carole Bayer Sager is 72. NBC News anchor Lester Holt is 60. Singer Shawn Mullins is 51. Actor Freddie Prinze Jr. is 43. Actor James Van Der Beek is 42.



ASK AMY

By Amy Dickinson

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Mother's anger is exposing her grief

Dear Amy: Twenty-five years ago, when my son was 10, I dated "Carl" for five years. Carl treated me badly, and this created a lot of disturbance in my son's life and in mine. I eventually married a wonderful guy and forgot about Carl.

Seven years ago, my son died in an accident. Around that time, I learned that Carl has a wife and is well-off. Since then I have struggled with anger and resentment. I regret that I didn't kick him to the curb the first time he mistreated me back then.

I have Googled his name repeatedly, only to churn with rage about the fact that we broke up after all manner of hurt and inconvenience to my son, and Carl never once acknowledged this or apologized.

I am still married to my good man who wonders what is wrong, and I can't tell him, because he knew Carl and had always chided me for degrading myself with him. What should I do about this?

— Struggling

Dear Struggling: Grief is tricky. Grief is insidious. Grief is a mask-wearing burglar who steals into your life and overtakes other emotions. And right now, your grief is using your anger as a shield.

You should approach this feeling, and your behavior, understanding that you are reviewing events of your life (and your son's life), and assigning blame for a painful and challenging period when you made choices you now regret.

You didn't protect your son adequately when he was an adolescent. And many years later, after you knew better and were more emotionally stable, you couldn't protect him from the accident that claimed his life.

You have to ask yourself: "What purpose does my behavior serve?" You need to try to decode whether Googling "Carl" is triggering or soothing. You feel worse after you do this. Does feeling worse serve any purpose for you?

You also need to ask yourself this very tough question: "Would my son want me to review and remember the worst part of his life on an endless loop? How does this serve his memory?"

Yes, you should communicate with your husband. During a quiet moment, sit down with him and start by saying, "I'm looking for comfort, not judgment or advice, here. I want to talk about this. Can you hold my hand and just listen?"

Dear Amy: I live in snowy Michigan. My house is one of four whose mailboxes are grouped together. Although I am by far the oldest of the occupants, I am the only one who clears the snow so the postal carrier can deliver our mail. One of the homeowners even owns a snowplow, but even he doesn't take the initiative.

Do you have any suggestions on how I can encourage the other mailbox owners to help with clearing the snow in front of our mailboxes without alienating them?

I had thought about filling their mailboxes with snow, which I thought would get the point across. However, that would probably be illegal.

— Stressed-Out Snow Shoveler

Dear Stressed-Out: This is from postalinspectors.uspis.gov: "Mailboxes are considered federal property, and federal law ... makes it a crime to vandalize them (or to injure, deface or destroy any mail deposited in them). Violators can be fined up to $250,000, or imprisoned for up to three years, for each act of vandalism." Don't fill them with snow.

My neighborhood has an email listserv, where neighbors can post notices or requests for help. If yours has a listserv or Facebook page, you could post a general request. And here's the thing: When you ask for help, people have a tendency to step up.

Otherwise, you should contact your neighbors directly (perhaps by note) to say, "It's been a long winter. I've been working pretty hard to keep access to the mailboxes shoveled out. It would be great if we neighbors could trade off taking care of this chore."

Dear Amy: I am an alcoholic in recovery. I want to thank you for your compassion toward alcoholics and addicts. When I read your words, I assume you've been here.

— Recovering

Dear Recovering: Thank you so much. I don't have to personally experience something in order to try to understand it deeply. I've definitely got my share of challenges; fortunately, I seem to have been spared the burden of addiction.

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"Ruben Brandt, Collector" is the debut feature from Slovenian animator Milorad Krstic.

'RUBEN BRANDT, COLLECTOR' ★★

Globe-trotting art mystery starts fun but fails to satisfy

By Michael Phillips
Chicago Tribune

MPAA rating: R (for nude images and some violence)

Running time: 1:34

Here's a unique and uniquely exasperating addition to the heist genre.

"Ruben Brandt, Collector" globe-trots from international art museum to international art museum, scattering insanely high-speed chases throughout a busy mystery involving a shadowy art therapist, haunted by childhood memories and terrible dreams in which he's attacked by figures from famous works of art.

Every few seconds, and sometimes every second, a new visual name-drop hits the screen. Here, a rip-off of Munch's "The Scream"; there, Warhol's dueling Elvises; here, there and everywhere, characters sport noses and ears, in varying numbers, akin to those found in Picasso.

The Budapest-based filmmaker Milorad Krstic makes his animated feature debut. In many ways, "Ruben Brandt, Collector" (collector refers to "thief") impresses with its sheer density of referencing and detail. The visual landscape combines digital animation with two-dimensional, old-school lines. The story and the milieu, with its dizzying death-defiance and leggy cat burglars, recall heist and spy movies of the 1960s and '70s. It sounds fun. For a while it's clever. And then it becomes a joyless, protracted exercise.

A lot of what's wrong with "Ruben Brandt, Collector" relates to what I don't love about a lot of contemporary live-action movies: a numbing relentlessness and a casual brutality. Krstic opens with a bang: after a cliffhanging nightmare, Ruben awakens from his first bad dream, on a speeding train, and the movie soon segues into a car chase through the streets of Paris, with everything a little rougher, a little wilder, than the average "Mission: Impossible" sequel.

Then, suddenly, the pursuer (an American private detective) and the pursued (the purring, unstoppable cat burglar in high heels) find themselves in a nightclub. Dance break! Then it's back to the pursuit.

Ruben's neuroses lead back to some familial secrets, buried too long. The sheer geography and velocity of the capers offer plenty of diversion. The hit-and-run jokes, or name-drops, keep coming: When private eye Mike Kowalski's knife collection is shown, briefly, to include a knife from Polanski's "Knife in the Water" next to Rambo's weapon from "First Blood," you might say to yourself: "That's funny." That's not the same thing as actually laughing, but it's something.

"Art is the key to the troubles in the mind," Ruben tells his patients. A satisfying heist movie, animated or live-action, requires more selectivity and less clutter than this one. The movie dashes by door after door, but it lacks the key.

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MARVEL STUDIOS

Brie Larson, center, plays former U.S. Air Force pilot Carol Danvers who joins the Kree military team Starforce in "Captain Marvel."

Marvel

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good actors deliver their loosest work in a superhero movie. Often Larson is confined to unblinking reaction shots and too few lines, while other key players — including Ben Mendelsohn as the shapeshifting Skrull leader, Talos — have their moments. What images you do remember after the movie's over tend to be defiantly lo-fi, such as the Skrulls strolling out of the ocean or, more kinetically, Danvers' speeding-train smackdown with a Skrull disguised as a sweet old lady.

A more conventional treatment of the comic book heroine might've front-loaded the "ordinary life on Earth" account of the early years of Carol Danvers: her setbacks, her girlhood spent surpassing low male expectations, her U.S. Air Force career alongside her best friend and fellow pilot Maria Rambeau (Lashana Lynch, a huge, heartfelt asset throughout). Boden and Fleck aren't yet first-rate action directors. Then again, neither was Jon Favreau when he made "Iron Man," or even Patty Jenkins, who couldn't quite find a way to make the last half-hour of "Wonder Woman" more than a protracted destruction festival.

There's a strong argument to be made: Whatever the studio, these movies are producer's movies above all. Undeniably, though, Marvel producer Kevin Feige has figured out how to inject some idiosyncrasy and personality into most of his products, especially when stacked up against the leaden DC Comics line. Hiring Boden and Fleck for "Captain Marvel" took some legitimate and, I think, rewarding risk. Once we get past the machinations and alleged farewells of "Avengers: Endgame," maybe a "Captain Marvel" sequel with the same directors can expand on the tantalizing possibilities in this conflicted human/Kree hybrid and really let Larson fly.

Postscript: The cat! Almost forgot the cat. How could I forget the cat? There's a swell cat, named Goose, played by four different actor cats plus a digital version, along for the ride. The common house cat resembles the dreaded *Flerken*, which contains terrifying, squid-like tentacles in its mouth.

Goose deserves a franchise. And I don't even like cats.

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JACKALOPE PHOTO

Sam Boeck, left, and Patrick Agada star in "Dutch Masters," a Jackalope Theatre Company production.

Dutch

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making a truth-telling mark in Chicago's more intimate theater spaces.

Aided by two all-in actors, Patrick Agada and Sam Boeck, Clark well understands the entertainment as well as the socio-political imperative, biting down hard on the play's sudden twists and, at times, provoking considerable psychic disturbance in the audience. "Dutch Masters" is staged as a thriller, capturing that all-American brand of racial anxiety at every moment, not to mention the scary sounds of the subway in the big city, when you're never quite sure on what the doors will open or what you'll decide when they do.

In particular here, Boeck offers a spectacularly intense performance, filled with doubt, regret, uncertainty, defiance and, at times, palpable panic. It's something to see but then so is this the entirety of this gripping reminder of urban American about 19 years ago — back when New York was still on a knife-edge, looking back, forward, worrying about what might be around the next corner.

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EU Fest features 3 to see at the Siskel

Annual showcase offers films with global perspective

By Michael Phillips
Chicago Tribune



WALTER CARONE/PARIS MATCH

Filmmaker Mark Cousins examines Orson Welles' visual world through his sketchbooks and travels in "The Eyes of Orson Welles," playing at the Gene Siskel Film Center.

We're lucky here. We are. Chicago moviegoers needn't wholly rely on the Gene Siskel Film Center's annual Chicago European Union Film Festival to see what's out there in the world (28 nations, anyway) and in current EU cinema, because Chicago is graced with venues and programmers who believe in sustaining a global perspective year-round.

And yet it's always heartening to see the EU fest come around again. It's a harbinger of spring. It's a bracing corrective to too many 2019 U.S. releases already seen and forgotten. And it's a nicely concentrated wallow in a rich variety of work, beginning Friday and continuing through April 4.

With the ongoing Brexit fiasco — sorry, "uncertain development with potentially dire ramifications" — the EU's practical, symbolic and cultural meaning has never been more up for grabs. Film Center programmers Barbara Scharres and Martin Rubin, along with a phalanx of festival advisers, offer their explanations of that meaning by way of 60 films.

The three I previewed, utterly dissimilar, nonetheless reveal a shared, precarious sense of fate, or luck, leading countries and people (including a great American filmmaker from Kenosha, Wis.) through the past, to a fraught and unsettled present.

A U.S. premiere, "Thou Shalt Not Kill" (Friday and Wednesday) comes from Romania, early 21st century cinema's code word for ungodly, malfunctioning bureaucracy and rampant corruption. Based on true events, it's an absorbing medical drama focused on Bucharest surgeon Cristian (Alexandru Suciu, intensely driven). The doctor, who lives with at home with wife and mother, turns whistleblower following the death, after a routine operation, of a 3-year-old.

With the camera at his back as he charges down another hallway, the increasingly desperate surgeon acts on his suspicions that the biocide sanitizer widely used for hand-washing and all-purpose disinfectant has been seriously diluted. The resulting hospital infections, all over Bucharest, are brushed off or swept under the rug by various administrators on the take. Cristian's wife, Sofia (Cristina Flutur, so good in "Beyond the Hills"), watches the process slowly bleed her husband of his humanity. He's up against a wall of indifference, cynicism and status quo fatalities.

It's not a three-dimensional character study; from the first shot of Cristian washing his hands, obsessively, it's clear something is eating at this man from the inside. As written by the directors, the character is a bull-headed archetype. The film's slow-building man-vs.-society outrage recalls Ibsen's "An Enemy of the People," while the diluted substance suggests and implicates an entire nation of Harry Limes — "The Third Man" transplanted to contemporary Romania, albeit with several key confrontations left obliquely off-screen.

The co-directors, shooting in a familiar style of hand-held realism, are Catalin Rotaru and Gabi Virginia Sarga. Sarga is one of 20 female directors or co-directors represented by this year's EU festival. The Austrian documentarian Ruth Beckermann is another. Her fascinating nonfiction essay "The Waldheim Waltz" (March 15 and 17) unfolds from her dual perspective as both activist and filmmaker.

Made up largely of archival footage, it's an evocatively chilly portrait of United Nations Secretary General and, later, Austrian president Kurt Waldheim. Ever smiling, ever gracious, gathering his spindly fingers around one microphone after another, Waldheim ran a successful 1986 presidential campaign under a cloud of revelations regarding his shadowy Nazi past. He lied, changed his story, effectively erased the truth of his 1941-1945 resume.

The Austrian people, hopelessly divided, broke into two defiant camps: those (like Beckermann) who craved the truth and an airing-out after decades of secrecy, and the Waldheim supporters who resented any attempt at the "collective guilt" label. This wasn't so long ago, of course. Watching "The Waldheim Waltz," it's impossible not to think about America's recent political fortunes and the sobering rise of various far-right factions right here at home.

Home meant many things to Orson Welles: Kenosha, where he was born; Chicago, where he studied and drew at the Art Institute, and lived for a time; Ireland, for which he boarded a ship at age 16, sketchpad in hand; and so many other locations in his grand, bittersweet career.

The probing documentary "The Eyes of Orson Welles" (March 22 and 26) offers a valuable, idiosyncratic addition to the informal but fervently passionate Welles appreciation society. It draws sharp, often arresting connections between works from Welles' sketchpads and images from his movies. Film historian, video essayist and critic Mark Cousins, our travelogue host and narrator, gathers his evidence from paintings provided by Welles' Arizona-based daughter, Beatrice Welles. Cousins also shows us visual artifacts from the Welles collection housed at the University of Michigan.

Like "The Waldheim Waltz," this is a first-person essay. Cousins, seen fleetingly on camera, favors rolling, interlocking rhetorical questions in voiceover mode. ("Were you in the zone when you drew, Orson, like sports people are in the zone? Do your sketches show us your unconscious?") Above all Cousins strives to show us the influence of Welles' lifelong love of painting, and his early political interests (his mother, we're told, was the first elected public official in Kenosha), on his body of film work. The quick, graceful cuts between sketch or painting, and similarly composed images from "Citizen Kane" or "The Lady from Shanghai," make his points, effortlessly.

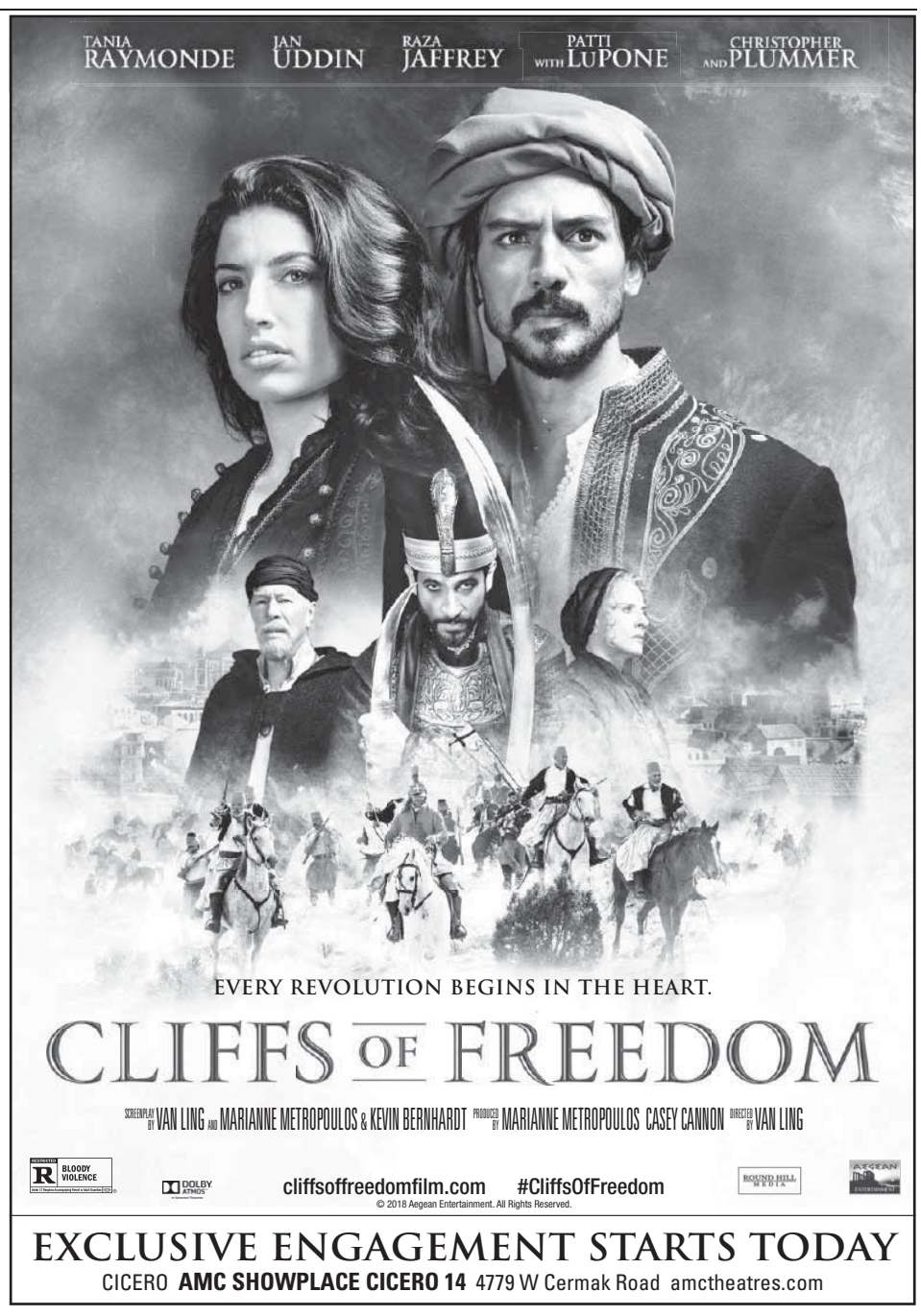
At his best Cousins encapsulates big ideas in casual-seeming observations. Many are directed to his long-gone, ever-present subject by name. *A lot has happened since you died, Orson,* he murmurs at one point. Then, in a line applicable to both Waldheim's Austria and Trump's America, he notes: "The despots that you were fascinated by are gaining ground."

The Chicago European Union Film Festival, March 8-April 4, Gene Siskel Film Center, 164 N. State St. For schedule and ticket information, go to siskelfilmcenter .org or call 312-846-2800.

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Enjoy the Theater Tonight

'CLIMAX' ★★

Depravity without rhyme or reason

By Owen Gleiberman
Variety



LAURENT LUFROY/FABIEN SARFATI/COURAMIAUD

A dance troupe undergoes an LSD-fueled frenzy in "Climax."

Gaspar Noe is a filmmaker who literally wants to show you hell on earth. He wants to lead you into the pit, to make the ultimate shocking spectacle of our violence and addiction and depravity. He did it in two sequences of "Irreversible," his 2002 drama of degenerate psycho horror: At a nightclub, a man smashed someone's face — over and over — with a fire extinguisher, until his entire head was turned into hamburger. Then, in an empty tunnel, Noe staged a rape sequence in a hideously long and unflinching shot. You were practically invited to debate the morality of what you were seeing, yet there was no denying the debauched mastery of the button-pushing.

Ever since then, however, Gaspar Noe's career has been haunted by a single question: Once you've taken your audience to hell, what do you do for an encore?

"Climax," Noe's latest plunge into the forbidden zone, lets you touch, once again, the hot blue flame of his talent. For about 45 minutes, it's a compelling movie, and with its ensemble cast of 20 young dancers, it feels like a new flavor for this artist of scandal. "Climax" works, at least when it's willing to be a human drama. But then it sinks in that you're watching "Fame" directed by the Marquis de Sade with a Steadicam.

The movie opens with videotaped audition interviews of the dancers (seen on an old TV), who've been assembled in a troupe that's scheduled to tour France and the U.S. They're all in their early 20s, with very rad hair, and they're a racially and sexually diverse crew, bursting with hipster street confidence. The film then cuts to a dizzily choreographed dance sequence set in a dank rehearsal space, set to throbbing '90s EDM and photographed in a single hypnotically unblinking head-on shot.

It may be one of the most enthralling dance sequences you've ever seen. I don't quite know how to describe what it is these dancers do, but they're like krumpers or wackers or voguers doing flex dancing at astonishingly fluid speeds, so that their arms seem to be stretching out of their joints and rolling over their torsos.

Then the rehearsal ends, and everyone takes a break for a party, standing around flirting and giving each other a hard time as they guzzle the sangria that the troupe's leader, Emmanuelle (Claude Gajan Maull), has made for them. The music keeps on throbbing, and Noe glides his camera around, gathering the vignettes into one long predatory swirl.

The actors pulsate with erotic energy, to the point that we could imagine any one of them hooking up with any other. Yet their personalities come through, and we start to register who they are: David (Romain Guilermic) the conquering jerk, Selva (Sofia Boutella) the bicurious choreographer, Daddy (Kiddy Smile) the sweet-souled DJ.

I kept hoping that "Climax" would stay on this relatively sane level, with its balance of sensation and interaction.

There's a second extended dance sequence: Its tone is ominous, driven by the electricity of fear, because what we're really asking ourselves is: What new atrocity is he going to show us now?

It turns out to be drug horror. Somebody has spiked the sangria with LSD, and just about everyone is drinking it. So they all start to go slowly out of their minds on acid. As Noe whips his camera around the place in a sustained voyeuristic frenzy, the veneer of civilization falls away. And that's the moment where Noe's addiction to shock value, which he had kept under control until then, starts to get the better of him. Simply put: If we don't totally buy what we're seeing, how horrifying can it be?

There's no question that for Gaspar Noe, hell on earth looks like a Eurotrash dance club. But maybe it's time that he turned the volume down and stopped trying to make the sins of Sodom and Gomorrah into the world's most forbidden music video.

MPAA rating: R (for disturbing content involving a combination of drug use, violent behavior and strong sexuality, and for language and some graphic nudity)

Running time: 1:36

Playing: In French dialogue with English subtitles.

'THE WEDDING GUEST' ★★ ½

Patel's on the run, but story keeps changing its course

By Katie Walsh
Tribune News Service



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British star Dev Patel flips his usual nice guy persona for a kidnapper for hire in "The Wedding Guest."

Michael Winterbottom's international thriller "The Wedding Guest" flips the script on British star Dev Patel's nice guy star persona. We're not used to seeing him with a gun in his hand or stuffing a woman into a trunk while coldly executing a kidnapping for hire. But as Jay, his good looks and friendly demeanor serve his cover well while infiltrating a small Pakistani city posing as a wedding guest to kidnap the bride.

When Jay frees his bounty, Samira (Radikha Apte), from the trunk, we discover she's in on the plot, escaping an arranged marriage to be with a lover she met in the U.K. (Jim Sarbh). They plan to run off with some diamonds, as many young lovers do. If it all sounds like a heart-pounding suspense ride, unfortunately, it's not. Twists and turns abound, but they're all smoke and mirrors, and ultimately don't add up to anything at all.

Winterbottom and cinematographer Giles Nuttgens shoot the film with the kind of neon-streaked, cover-of-night, lean, efficient muscularity that communicates to the audience what the film might be about — a shady underworld of arms and identification dealers, murder, double-crosses, betrayal and illegal international maneuvering. So it's a surprise when it turns out that's not the case at all.

Jay and Samira grow close as they discover their mutual connection — her lover, his employer — isn't all he's cracked up to be. They set out from Pakistan to Delhi to Jaipur to Goa, and halfway through the film, you realize this international crime thriller is actually a romantic road trip movie, which isn't a relief — it's deflating. All the air is let out, not exactly something you want from a suspense film, which is what we were ostensibly promised.

Patel's inherent decency bleeds through, and despite his ruthlessness and cold efficiency, we never, ever believe he'll do something outside of his moral code. Samira, however, is a mystery. She seems a bit too posh to be this scrappy and sits at the intersection of old-world customs and modern globalization. Watching her transform from a quaking young woman in customary dress into a gum-chewing, scrunchie-wearing Western woman illustrates how easily codes can be switched, how cultures can shift. Apte's layered performance keeps Samira unpredictable. There's more to her than meets the eye, but every time we suspect her, nothing pans out. It's a constant denial of our expectations of the genre.

Perhaps that is Winterbottom's intent — to kidnap us thrill-seekers onto a romantic beach vacation and urge us to chill out (as he did with his funny foodie travelogues "The Trip" and "The Trip to Spain"). But one can't deny the wobbly script, especially in the third act. You start to realize perhaps it's not ruthlessly efficient and spare, but that there's just not much there. As the pair bounce around, "The Wedding Guest" ultimately just fails to gel into something captivating.

The ending is baffling, but in some ways fascinating when you try and dig into what exactly Winterbottom wants to tell us and who this story is about. Much like the titular guest himself, "The Wedding Guest" is a bait-and-switch, but what we end up with isn't all that satisfying.

MPAA rating: R (for language, some violence and brief nudity)

Running time: 1:34

Lazarus

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channeled in making his work. The bulk of Ailey's most famous dances were made in the 1960s and '70s, informed and inspired by his experiences as an African-American man growing up in the American South. And it is there that "Lazarus" begins.

Considered together, the first and second acts of the piece move temporally through the Jim Crow South, civil rights movement, and on into today. But "Lazarus" is not a linear or literal story about Alvin Ailey. The dancers spend much of the first act low to the ground, sometimes crawling on hands and knees, or in slouched-shoulder processionals. The music, a mix of gospel and djembe beats infusing an atmospheric score by Darrin Ross, as with the movement, reference the slave trade and African diaspora. The most obvious image is a chilling moment portraying a mass lynching. A group clumps together downstage right, on tip-toes, swaying, their heads cocked to the side. As they are released from these invisible nooses one by one, these dancers slump to ground, dragged by other cast members, who pull their limp bodies offstage.

There is a protagonist all the way through, portrayed by one of the company's men who we imagine to be representing Alvin Ailey (though specific roles are not noted in the program). "Protagonist" might be the wrong word; while this man is clearly the main subject in "Lazarus" — he's given a number of bright, flashing lights announcing his presence, and has some fascinating slow-motion, break-dance-inspired solos — it's as though he's just one in a book of a thousand characters. He's not exactly positioned as the hero of this story; rather, "Lazarus" is a glimpse of the world through one man's point of view.

And so, as the work progresses, we see abstract images of religiosity, resistance, resilience and hope in addition to the more overt references to slavery and the Jim Crow South. We hear text, recited by Harris, Ross and Wadud Ahmad, and the voice of Ailey himself — an excerpt from "Essence: The Television Program" recorded in 1984. Not all of this spoken word is legible to me, but it doesn't have to be. What I could understand, phrases like "patiently waiting for change" and "this land is still my hope," are more than enough to give pause. In the final moments of the first act, the central figure is standing among the rest of the cast, who are prone all around him, arms stretched out from their chests, slowing waving their hands like a slow-burning flame, or a low-hanging fog, before the man descends into the group and the stage goes dark.

The biblical figure of Lazarus offers an interesting metaphor. The subject of a miracle in the Gospel of John, Lazarus is restored to life by Jesus four days after his death. A silhouetted figure at the very end of the piece is perhaps the most direct reference to Lazarus of Bethany — the idea being, through his legacy, Ailey lives beyond the constraints of his mortal body. Yet were it not for the continuation of the first act's final scene at the beginning of Act 2, I'm not sure I'd be fully aware of that symbolism, nor that the two halves were even part of the same piece.



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The bulk of Act 2 and "Lazarus's" long and rousing curtain call, is made of bright, jubilant footwork. If this is Alvin Ailey's afterlife, I'm all about it. It's joyful and fun, but I made sure to carry the emotional context from the previous act with me as a reminder that Ailey's work (and Harris's work), are not simply joyful and fun. Here, Ross mixes upbeat house music with other rhythmical snippets; it's like you're driving, listening to the radio, and pass a row of other cars all tuned to different stations. At the forefront of these musical diversions is Nina Simone's "Feeling Good," which is repeated a couple times and, each time, stops dead in its tracks, like a skipping CD, just as the brass is about to kick in with that familiar descending scale. This rich sonic environment goes largely ignored by the dancers, who keep to the underlaid house beats with lighting fast flicks and kicks; it's the most recognizable link "Lazarus" offers to Harris' hip-hop roots, and marvelous to watch.

When: Through Sunday

Where: Auditorium Theatre, 50 E. Ida B. Wells Drive

Running time: 2 hours

Tickets: $34-$130 at 312-341-2300 and www.auditoriumtheatre.org

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WATCH THIS: FRIDAY



Sullivan Stapleton

"Blindspot" (7 p.m., NBC): In a taut new hour called "The Big Blast From the Past Episode," citizens are paralyzed with fear as a bomber wreaks havoc, and the villain forces Weller (Sullivan Stapleton) and his teammates to look for clues to his identity and motive in one of their past cases. Jaimie Alexander, Rob Brown, Audrey Esparza, Ashley Johnson and Ennis Esmer also star.

"Gold Rush" (8 p.m., 11 p.m., Discovery): The new episode "Brace for Impact" finds Rick Ness and his crew hard hit by the winter freeze as they struggle to get as much gold as is humanly possible before the severe weather shuts them down. Similarly, Tony Beets races to finish rebuilding his second dredge, ultimately making a desperate decision that could wind up costing him everything. Parker Schnabel gambles on making the longest and most precarious plant move of this season.

"Diners, Drive-Ins and Dives" (8 p.m., 11 p.m., Food): Guy demonstrates that "putting some South in your mouth" leaves plenty of room for diverse cuisines as he samples fare ranging from classic Southern comfort food to specialties from South America in the new episode "Southern to South American." He starts off in Atlanta, where an authentic soul food spot throws in some unconventional quirks like collard green lasagna and a twist on classic fried chicken.

"Wildling" (8 p.m., Showtime): British actress Bel Powley received excellent reviews for her lead performance in director and co-writer Fritz Bohm's deeply unsettling 2018 horror fantasy revolving around Anna, a teenager going through some eerie changes as she reaches maturity. The man she knew as "Daddy" (Brad Dourif) took her in as a child, but keeps her confined to the attic of his home.

"Trailblazer Honors 2019" (8 p.m., VH1): Nancy Pelosi, the formidable new Speaker of the U.S. House of Representatives, and Canadian author Margaret Atwood ("The Handmaid's Tale") are among the vanguards honored during this event, which is airing on International Women's Day and helps kick off Women's History Month activities.

"The Cincinnati Kid" (9 p.m., TCM): Norman Jewison's 1965 screen adaptation of Richard Jessup's novel casts a charismatic Steve McQueen as Eric "The Kid" Stoner, a cocky young Depression-era poker player determined to prove himself the best at his game. Toward that end, he challenges reigning champion Lancey "The Man" Howard (Edward G. Robinson) to a high-stakes game. Joan Blondell earned a Golden Globe nomination for her supporting performance; Ann-Margret, Karl Malden and Tuesday Weld also star.

TALK SHOWS

"The Tonight Show Starring Jimmy Fallon" (10:34 p.m., NBC): Actor Matt LeBlanc; professional wrestlers Nikki Bella and Brie Bella; actress Jo Firestone.*

"The Late Show With Stephen Colbert" (10:35 p.m., CBS): Actress Mariska Hargitay; actors Matt Ingebretson and Jake Weisman.*

"Jimmy Kimmel Live" (10:35 p.m., ABC): Singer Lady Gaga; comic Adam Carolla; Maná performs.*

* Subject to change

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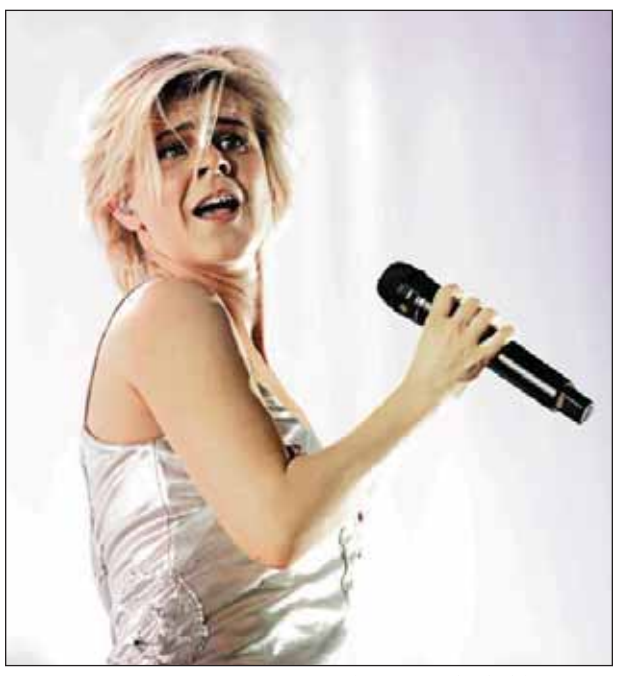
FRIDAY EVENING, MAR. 8

MOVIES

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BROADCAST	CBS 2	MacGyver: "Seeds & Permafrost & Feather." (N) ©		Hawaii Five-0 (N) © HD		Blue Bloods: "Past Tense." (N) © HD		News (N) ♦
	NBC 5	Blindspot: "The Big Blast From the Past Episode." (N)		The Blacklist: "The Cryptobanker." (N) © HD		Dateline NBC (N) © HD		NBC 5 News (N) ♦
	ABC 7	Fresh Off the Boat (N)	Speechless (N) ©	20/20: "Deadly Dance in Texas." (N) © HD				News at 10pm (N) ♦
	WGN 9	blackish: "Manternity."	blackish © HD	Last Man Standing ©	Last Man Standing ©	WGN News at Nine (N) (Live) © HD		WGN News at Ten (N)
	Antenna 9.2	Alice ©	Alice ©	B. Miller	B. Miller	Johnny Carson ©		3's Comp.
	This TV 9.3	♦ Pink Panther	A Shot in the Dark (PG,'64) ★★★ Peter Sellers. ©				Return of Pink Panther ♦	
	PBS 11	Chi. Tonight: Review (N)	Washington Week (N)	Ken Burns: The National Parks ©			Deepak Chopra: The Spiritual Laws of Success ♦	
	The U 26.1	7 Eyewitness News (N)		The Game	Engagement	Broke Girl	Broke Girl	Seinfeld ©
	MeTV 26.3	Andy Griffith	Andy Griffith	Gomer Pyle	WKRP Cinci.	Hogan Hero	Hogan Hero	C. Burnett
	H&I 26.4	Star Trek: "Amok Time."		Star Trek: Next		Star Trek: Deep Space 9		Star Trek ♦
	Bounce 26.5	The Game	The Game	The Brave One (R,'07) ★★ Jodie Foster, Terrence Howard.				
	FOX 32	Last Man Standing (N)	The Cool Kids (N) ©	Proven Innocent: "The Shame Game." (N) ©		Fox 32 News (N)	Flannery Fired Up	Modern Family ©
	Ion 38	CSI: Crime Scene		CSI: Crime Scene		CSI: Crime Scene		CSI: Crime ♦
	TeleM 44	♦ Exatlón EE. UU. (N)		Betty en NY (N) ©		La reina del sur		Chicago (N)
	CW 50	Whose Line	Whose Line	Penn & Teller: Fool Us		CSI: Miami © HD		Chicago ♦
	UniMas 60	Tres Milagros HD		Atrapada HD		Rosario Tijeras HD		Tiro de ♦
	WJYS 62	Kenneth Cox Ministries		Joyce Meyer	Robison	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Monument
	Univ 66	Jesús		Mi marido tiene familia		Amar a muerte		Noticias (N)
CABLE	AE	Live PD: Rewind (N) ©		Live PD: "Live PD -- 03.08.19." (N) (Live) © ♦				
	AMC	Sixteen Candles (PG,'84) ★★ Molly Ringwald.				Ghost (PG-13,'90) ★★★ Patrick Swayze. ♦		
	ANIM	Animal Cribs		Animal Cribs (N) ©		(9:01) Tanked ©		Tanked ♦
	BBCA	The Karate Kid (PG,'84) ★★★ Ralph Macchio, Noriyuki "Pat" Morita. ©						Norton (N) ♦
	BET	blackish ©	blackish ©	American Soul		Boomerang	Boomerang	Martin © ♦
	BIGTEN	♦ Basketball	Basketball	Women's College Basketball: Big Ten Tournament (N)				B1G Show
	BRAVO	♦ Don't--Tardy	Don't--Tardy	Tardy (N)	Talladega Nights: The Ballad of Ricky Bobby ★★ ♦			
	CLTV	News at 7	News (N)	News at 8	News (N)	Chic.Best	Weekend	Politics
	CNBC	Shark Tank ©		Shark Tank ©		Shark Tank ©		Shark ♦
	CNN	Anderson Cooper 360 (N)		Anderson Cooper 360 (N)		CNN Special Report ©		AC 360 ♦
	COM	South Park	South Park	Chappelle's	Chappelle's	Chappelle's	Chappelle's	This Is (N)
	DISC	Gold Rush: Pay Dirt (N)		Gold Rush: "Brace for Impact." (N) ©				Moonshine
	DISN	Sydney-Max	Sydney (N)	Fast Layne	Coop	Bizaardvark	Coop	Andi Mack
	E!	Bridesmaids (R,'11) ★★★ Kristen Wiig, Maya Rudolph. ©						Busy
	ESPN	NBA Basketball: Philadelphia 76ers at Houston Rockets. (N) (Live)					NBA Basketball (N) ♦	
	ESPN2	♦ College Basketball (N)		College Basketball: Saint Joseph's at VCU. (N) (Live)				SportCtr (N)
	FNC	Tucker Carlson (N)		Hannity (N) ©		The Ingraham Angle (N)		Fox News
	FOOD	Diners, Drive	Diners, Drive	Diners (N)	Diners, Drive	Diners, Drive	Diners, Drive	Diners, Drive
	FREE	Mother's Day (PG-13,'16) ★ Jennifer Aniston, Kate Hudson. © (SAP)					grown-ish	700 Club ♦
	FX	X-Men Origins: Wolverine (PG-13,'09) ★★ Hugh Jackman. ©					X-Men Origins ♦	
	HALL	Finding Santa (NR,'17) Jodie Sweetin, Eric Winter. ©				Unleashing Mr. Darcy (NR,'16) © ♦		
	HGTV	Dream	Dream	Dream (N)	Dream	Dream	Dream	Dream
	HIST	Ancient Aliens ©		(8:02) Ancient Aliens ©		(9:05) Ancient Aliens ©		Aliens ♦
	HLN	Forensic	Forensic	Forensic	Forensic	Forensic	Forensic	Forensic
	IFC	Two Men	Two Men	Two Men	Two Men	Two Men	Two Men	Two Men
	LIFE	Enough (PG-13,'02) ★★ Jennifer Lopez, Billy Campbell. ©					(9:33) Girl in the Box ♦	
	MSNBC	All In With (N)		Rachel Maddow Show (N)		The Last Word (N)		11th Hour (N)
	MTV	Wild/Out (N)	Wild/Out (N)	Wild 'n Out	Wild 'n Out	Wild 'n Out	Wild 'n Out	Wild 'n Out
	NBCSCH	NBA Basketball: Detroit Pistons at Chicago Bulls. (N) (Live)					Postgame	Bulls (N)
	NICK	SpongeBob SquarePants		SpongeBob	SpongeBob	The Office	The Office	Friends ♦
	OVATION	♦ (6) In the Heat of the Night ('67) ★★★★		Lethal Weapon (R,'87) ★★★ Mel Gibson. ♦				
	OWN	20/20 on OWN ©		48 Hours: Hard Evidence		48 Hours: Hard Evidence		20/20 ♦
	OXY	♦ Dateline: Secrets (N)		Snapped ©		Snapped: "Janet Tyburski."		Snapped ♦
	PARMT	Raiders of the Lost Ark (PG,'81) ★★★★ Harrison Ford. ©					Indiana Jones ♦	
	SYFY	Marvel's the Avengers (PG-13,'12) ★★★ Robert Downey Jr., Chris Evans. ©						Futurama ♦
	TBS	Wonder Woman (PG-13,'17) ★★★ Gal Gadot, Chris Pine. ©						The Intern ♦
	TCM	Bye Bye Birdie (G,'63) ★★★ Dick Van Dyke. ©				The Cincinnati Kid (NR,'65) ★★★ © ♦		
	TLC	Dr. Pimple Popper (N)		Untold Stories of the E.R.		Untold Stories of the E.R.		Stories ER ♦
	TLN	Camp Meeting				Life Today	Dare	7th Street
	TNT	Wonder Woman (PG-13,'17) ★★★ Gal Gadot, Chris Pine. ©						Am/Night ♦
	TOON	Amer. Dad	Amer. Dad	Family Guy	Family Guy	Chicken	Aqua Teen	Hot Streets
	TRAV	Ghost Adventures ©		Ghost Adventures: "Southwest Shadows." (N) ©				Ghost ♦
	TVL	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	Two Men	Two Men	King
	USA	Mod Fam	Mod Fam	Mod Fam	Mod Fam	Mod Fam	Mod Fam	Mod Fam
	VH1	♦ Sister Act 2: Back		Trailblazer (N)		Selena (PG,'97) ★★★ Jennifer Lopez. ♦		
	WE	Love After Lockup ©		Love After Lockup (Season Finale) (N) ©				Love- Loc. ♦
	WGN America	♦ (6) Jumanji (PG,'95) ★★		Jumanji (PG,'95) ★★ Robin Williams, Bonnie Hunt. ©				Gone © ♦
PREMIUM	HBO	Green Zone (R,'10) ★★ Matt Damon. ©				Real Time, Bill Maher (N)		Barry ©
	HBO2	♦ (6:30) Pitch Perfect 3 ★★		Crashing	(8:32) Rampage (PG-13,'18) ★★ Dwayne Johnson.			
	MAX	The Condemned (R,'07) ★ Steve Austin. ©				Strike (N)		Strike ♦
	SHO	♦ (6:30) Midnight Sun ★		Wildling (R,'18) Liv Tyler. ©			(9:35) I Feel Pretty ★★ ♦	
	STARZ	♦ Spider-Man: Homecoming	(8:12) Jurassic Park (PG-13,'93) ★★★ Sam Neill. ©					
	STZENC	American Gods ©	(7:55) American Gods			(8:58) Flatliners (PG-13,'17) ★ ♦		

Robyn blends ecstasy, anxiety at the Aragon

By Greg Kot
Chicago Tribune



JOHN J. KIM/CHICAGO TRIBUNE

Swedish pop singer Robyn ratcheted up the energy in her performance Wednesday at the Aragon Ballroom.

Robyn's brand of dance pop hinges on a balancing act between ecstasy and introspection. On Wednesday at the sold-out Aragon Ballroom, the scales tipped toward the lighter side of the spectrum, with the singer skipping, twirling, tumbling and even backflipping as the beats rolled through a bobbing, fist-pumping audience.

But the darker stuff was always there, hanging around the fringes, and it made all that motion on the stage feel less like an act of pure joy and more like a purge, a way of blasting a hole through all that loneliness and anxiety in Robyn's emotionally layered songs.

A concert that began with the singer standing virtually motionless behind her microphone burst into the rumbling "Love is Free," with Robyn in a frenzy of hips and limbs atop a synth groove that built to a roar. And yet a few songs later the celebration that greeted her biggest hit, "Dancing on My Own," turned the singer motionless yet again at the end, her back turned to the audience, arms crossed, hands grasping her shoulders, as if giving herself a consoling hug.

Though not prone to the extravagant gestures of a pop diva, the Swedish singer nonetheless knows how to deliver grand drama. In a genre not typically associated with longevity, Robyn — born Robin Miriam Carlsson 39 years ago — has not only endured but flourished, her songs transcending eras and influencing a new generation of adventurous artists, including Lorde, Solange, Carly Rae Jepsen and FKA Twigs.

In the eight years after the release of "Dancing on My Own," she broke up with a longtime boyfriend and mourned the death of a loyal collaborator, producer Christian Falk. Her music has long been based on what some might consider a contradiction — a love of the communal, escapist power of club music and an equally deep appreciation for thinking through her private turmoil. In that space, she creates an introspective brand of dance music that merges the melancholy and the euphoric.

The songs from her latest album, "Honey," are populated with ghosts, the emptiness that loss brings. Appropriately, the music as performed by a five-piece band at the Aragon had a sparseness that suited the subject matter, but it also somehow felt airy, sensual, an atmosphere underlined by the white-curtained staging, which suggested that Robyn was singing from inside a cloud.

The set's first half suffered through some erratic pacing, with the mood piece "Beach2k20" derailing the early momentum and then a costume-change interlude creating another lull. But the second half ratcheted up the energy with "Between the Lines," a song that perfectly encapsulated how Robyn can turn uncertainty into something that moves almost in spite of its tangled emotions.

That embrace of ambiguity was never more apparent than on "Missing U," with its undulating synthesizer notes dancing in and out of the singer's anguish, the ghosts of her past reminding her of "this empty space you left behind." On Wednesday, Robyn's narrators filled that emptiness by heading toward the one space that they know will always be there for them, no matter how anxious or despondent they feel: the dance floor.

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Horoscopes



Today's birthday (March 8): Your career, status and influence grow this year. Connect and collaborate for shared gain. Discover a magnetic attraction this summer, inspiring the redirection of a team project. Together, incredible results light up the winter, leading to new views on love, family and romance.

Aries (March 21-April 19): Today is a 9. Enjoy the limelight. All this practice is paying off. An opportunity presents to further a personal dream. Smile and give thanks.

Taurus (April 20-May 20): 7. Balance emotion and reason. Stay patient with a resistor. Things may not make sense. Postpone judgments or assumptions. Wait for developments. Consider possibilities.

Gemini (May 21-June 20): 8. Community efforts surge ahead. Share what you're learning. Contribute what you can. Keep your agreements. Delays are possible. Friends help make an important connection.

Cancer (June 21-July 22): 8. Take charge for a professional goal. Focus to fulfill a vision. Weigh pros and cons. Balance emotional as well as practical or financial factors.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22): 8. Expand your understanding of a particular subject of fascination. You're gaining valuable experience. Others ask your advice. Share your perspective.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): 9. Resolve financial details with your partner. Send invoices or statements. Review budgets and plans. Make updates to track cash flow.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): 8. Share support with a partner. Rely on each other to save time and resources. Let the small stuff go, and focus on areas of common interest.

Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): 9. The excellent work you've been doing reflects well on you. Maintain your fitness practices. Nurture your health and wellness. You're gaining confidence.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): 8. Harmonize with a sweetheart. A romance develops naturally. Enjoy the company of someone attractive and interesting. Use your creativity to express what's in your heart.

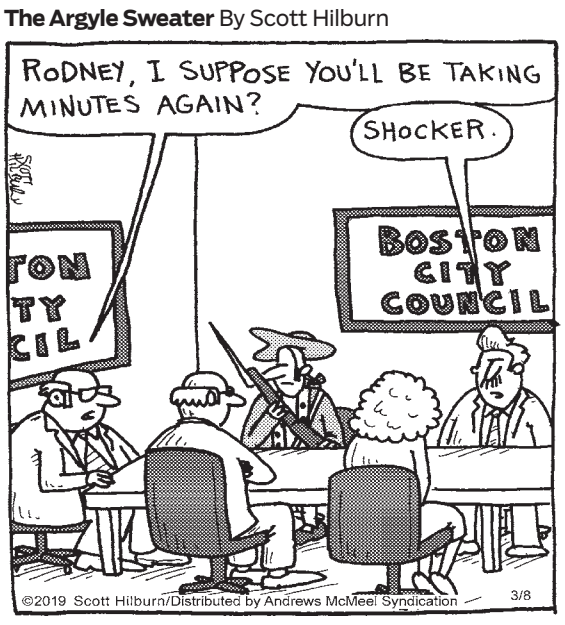
Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): 8. Domestic chores and upgrades support you. Clean an area of chaos or disorganization. Do laundry and prepare for what's ahead.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): 8. Write your views. Report and document your unique perspective. Clarify a misunderstanding or controversy. Make an important connection. Reach out and touch someone.

Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20): 9. Income rises with increased action. Business picks up, and your work is in demand. Take advantage, and provide excellent service.

— Nancy Black, Tribune Content Agency

The Argyle Sweater By Scott Hilburn



Bliss By Harry Bliss



Bridge

Both vulnerable, South deals

North
♠ J 9 6 2
♥ K 5 3 2
♦ Q 8 5
♣ A 2

West
♠ Void
♥ 10 9 8 6
♦ J 9 7 3
♣ J 9 7 4 3

East
♠ Q 10 8
♥ A 7 4
♦ K 10 4
♣ K 10 8 6

South
♠ A K 7 5 4 3
♥ Q J
♦ A 6 2
♣ Q 5

A routine auction, with South going on to game after North's invitational raise. The contract looked routine also, but a problem developed due to the foul trump split.

The opening heart lead went to East's ace, and East returned the seven of hearts to declarer's queen. The ace of trumps gave the bad news and South had to re-think the hand. The contract was still solid if West held the king of diamonds, but South saw a better plan that needed only for East to have started with three hearts, as it appeared from the carding on the first two tricks.

The bidding:

South	West	North	East
1♠	Pass	3♠	Pass
4♠	All pass		

Opening lead: Ten of ♥

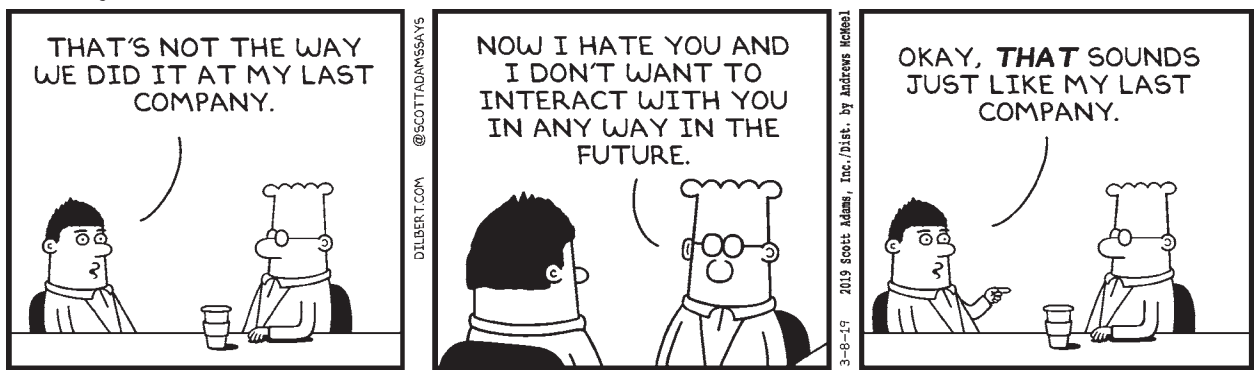
Declarer cashed the king of spades and led a club to dummy's ace. He cashed the king of hearts, discarding a club from his hand and then ruffed a club. This eliminated clubs from his hand and the dummy, and hopefully, eliminated hearts from East's hand. He now exited with a trump to East's queen. East had the unpleasant choice of yielding a ruff-sluff or leading a diamond away from his king. He chose to lead a diamond, and South played low from his hand. This assured only one diamond loser regardless of who held the king. Well played!

Note that, had East been able to ruff the king of hearts, so that he could exit safely with a club, South could still fall back on leading a diamond toward the queen.

— Bob Jones
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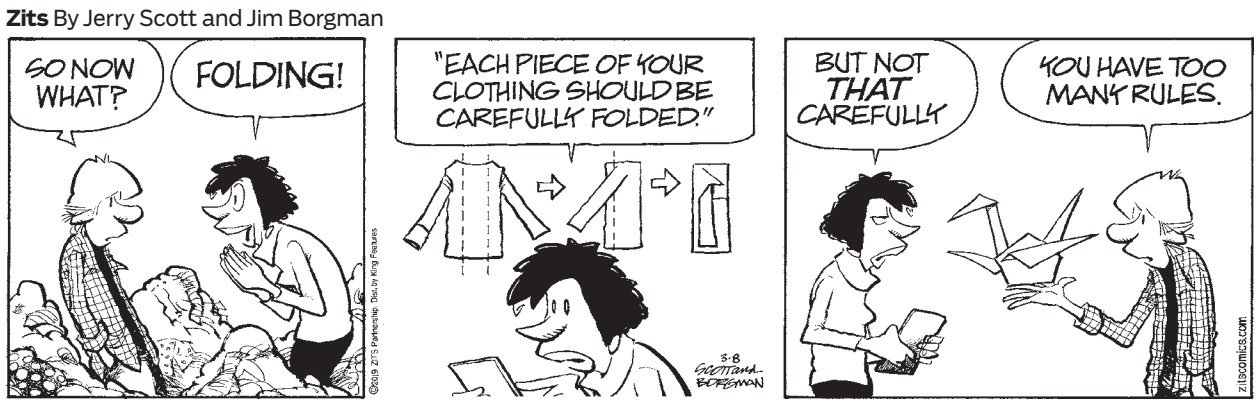
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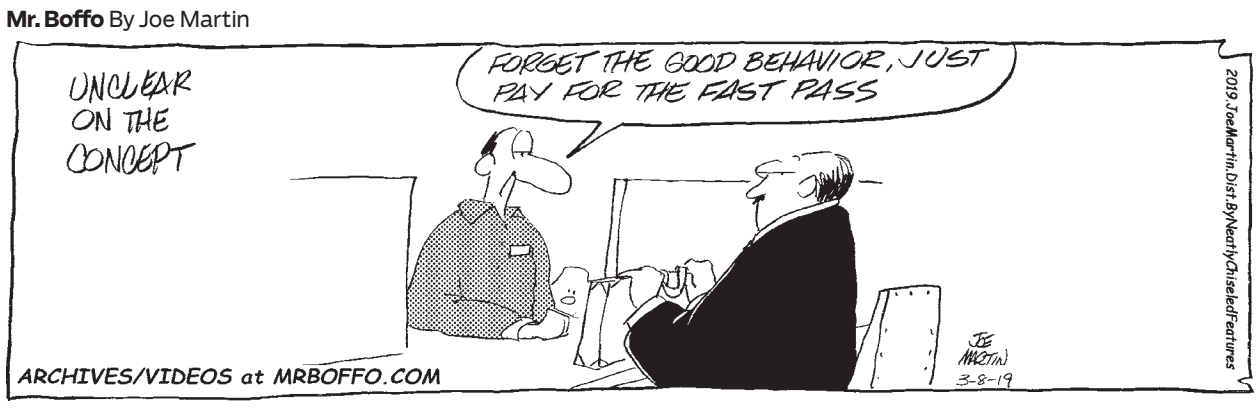
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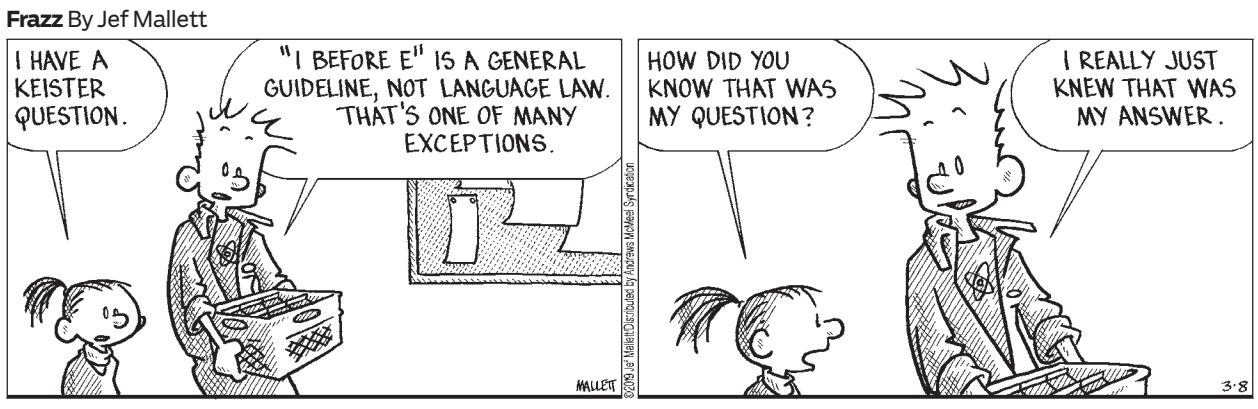
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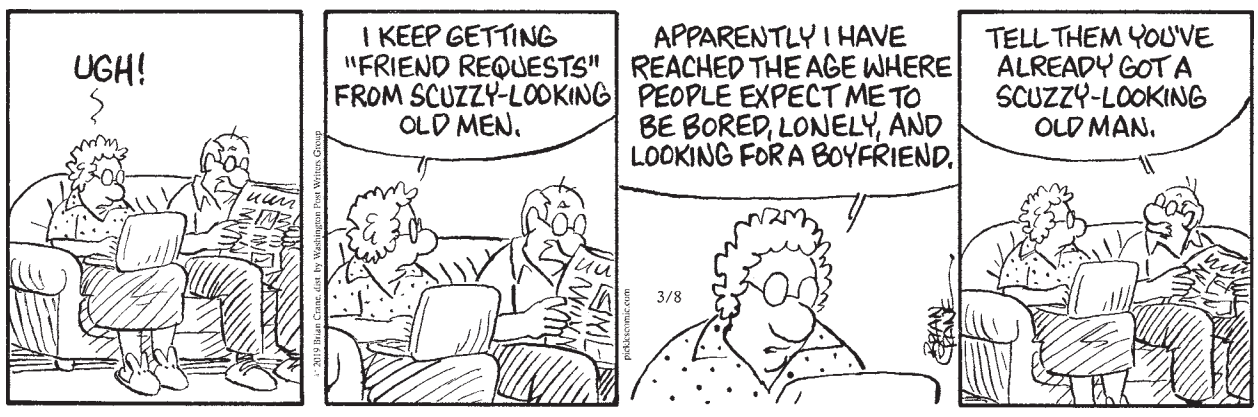
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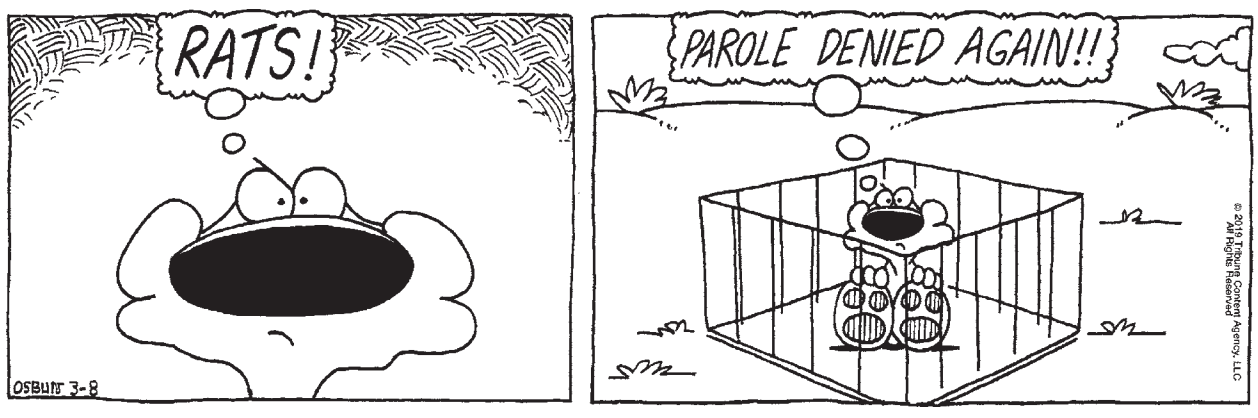
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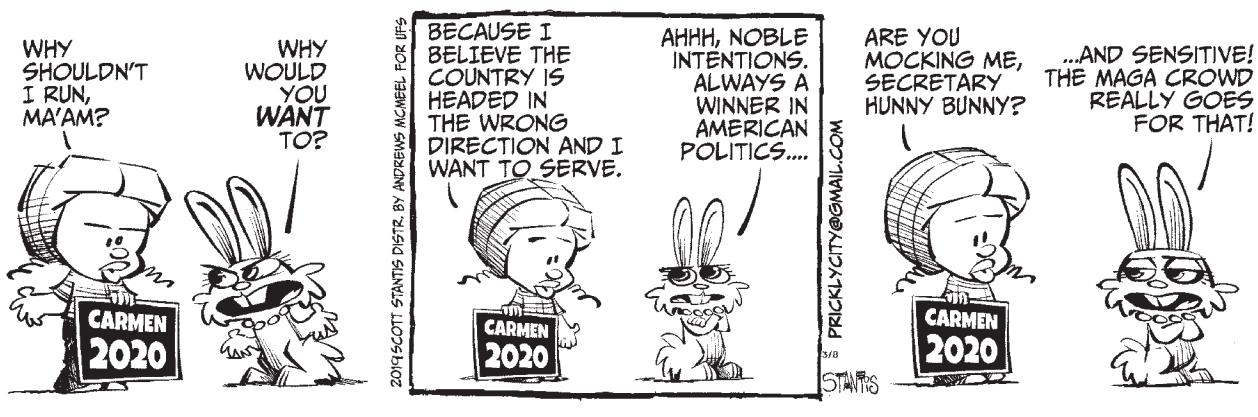
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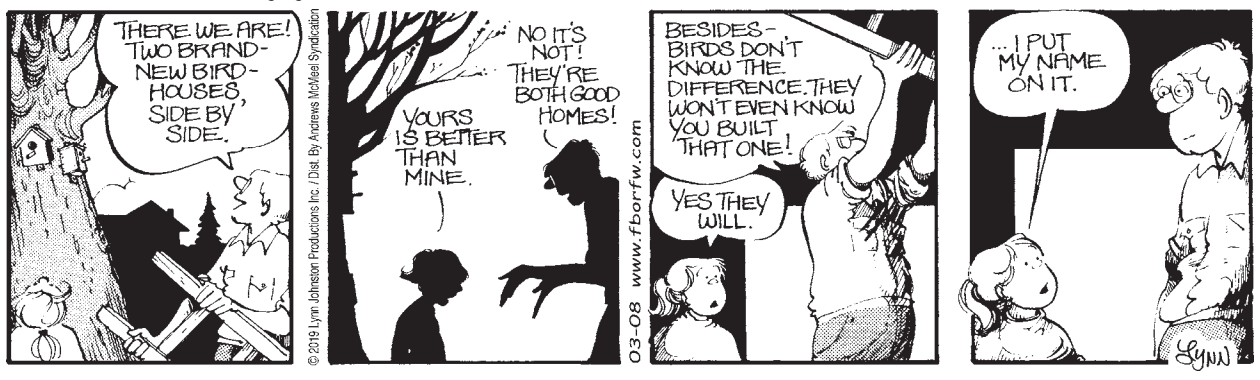
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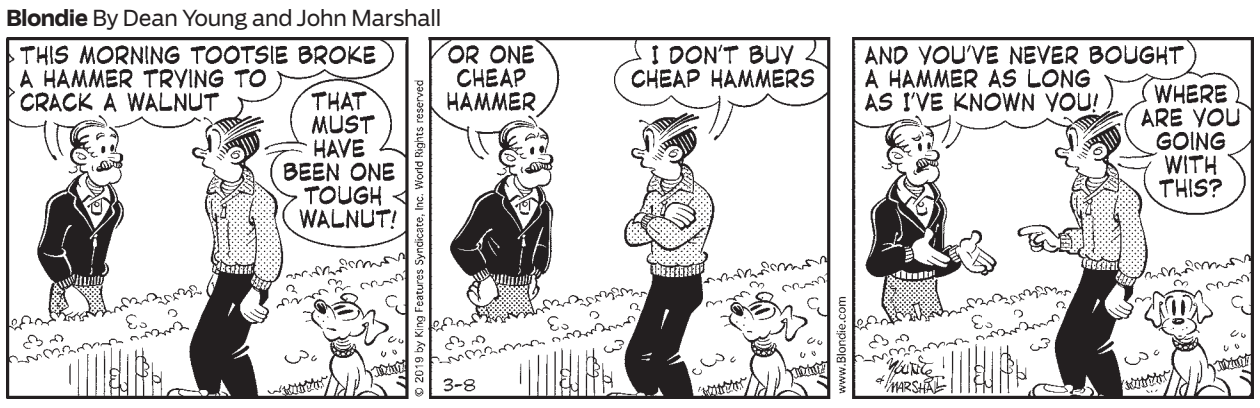
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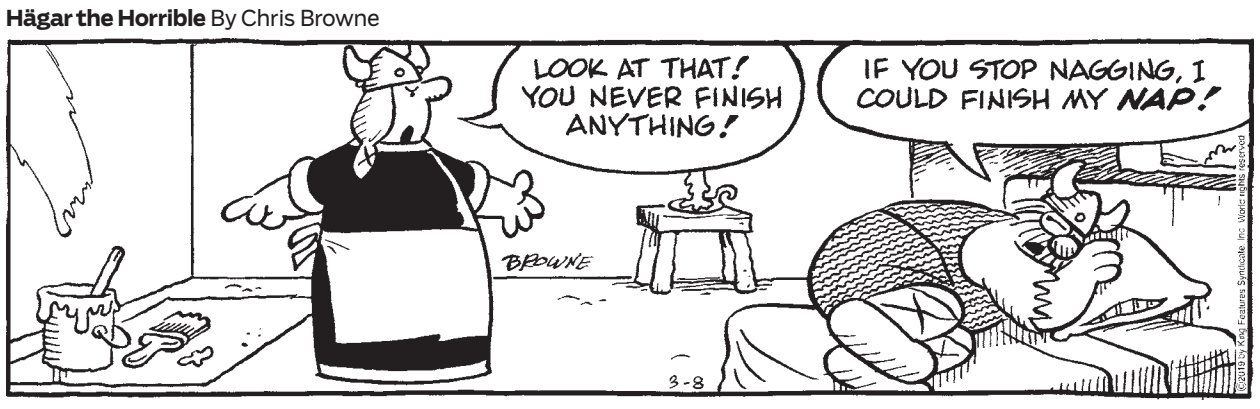
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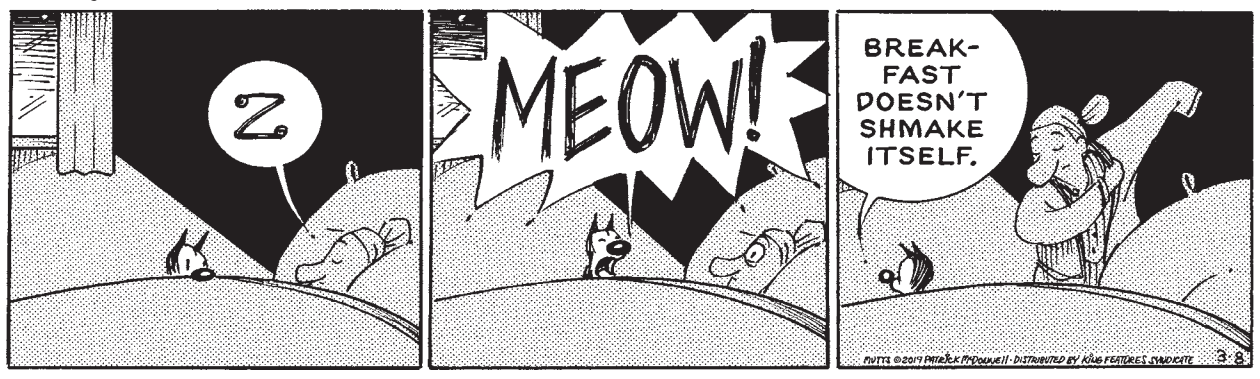
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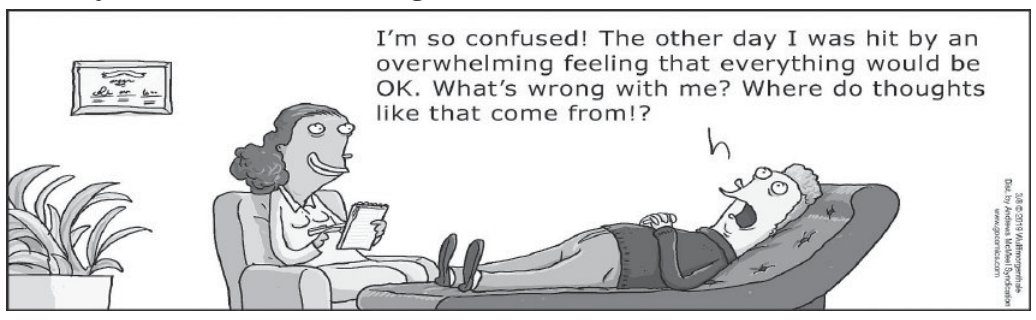
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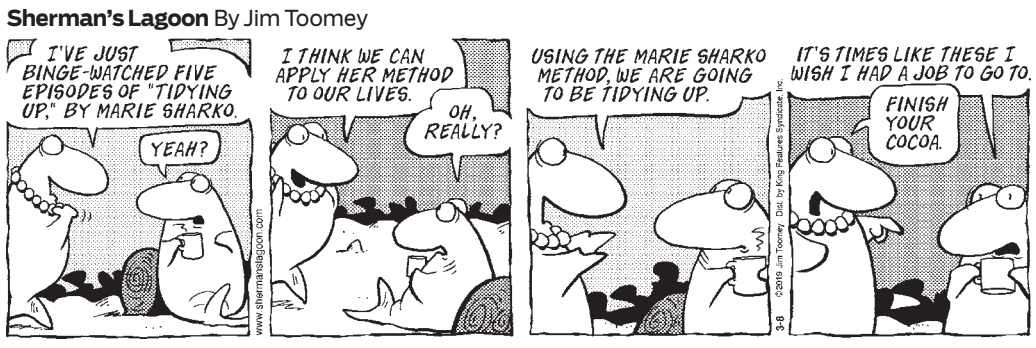
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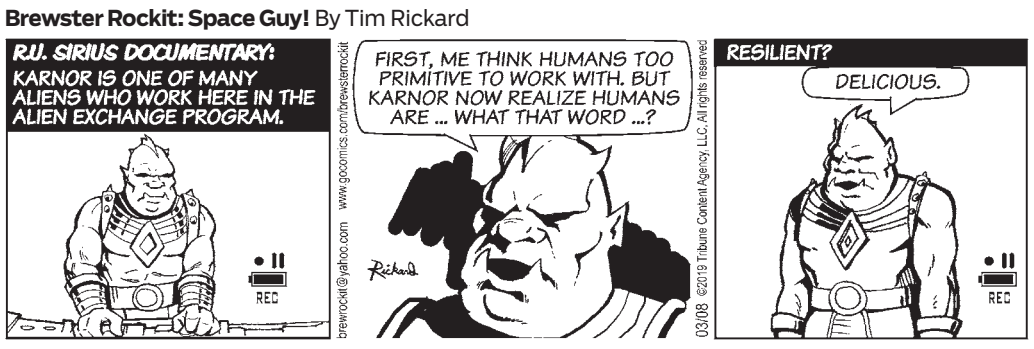
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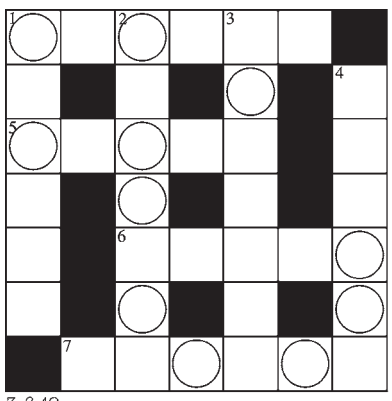
In the 19th century, knygnesiai were people who defied Russian laws by smuggling what into Lithuania?

A) Arms
B) Bicycles
C) Books
D) Priests

Thursday's answer: Lynda Carter and Gal Gadot are known for playing Wonder Woman on TV and in films.

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Jumble Crossword



3-8-19

ACROSS CLUE	ANSWER
1. Apprehender	OTCARP
5. On-and-off device	VELVA
6. Cadge	COMHO
7. In ____	SUNNIO

DOWN CLUE	ANSWER
1. Reason for a filling	VYTCAI
2. Bill ____	AMUNPLL
3. Very difficult	ROEOSNU
4. Type of blanket	FNGAHA

How to play - Complete the crossword puzzle by looking at the clues and unscrambling the answers. When the puzzle is complete, unscramble the circled letters to solve the BONUS.

CLUE: This general served as the governor of Chihuahua, Mexico, from 1913 to 1914.

BONUS

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ANSWERS: 1A-Captor 5A-Valve 6A-Mooch 7A-Unison 1D-Cavity 2D-Pullman 3D-Onerous 4D-Afghan 5D-Pancho Villa

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Sudoku 1234

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8			9		5			
		4				2		
7			1	2				
4				7		8		
			5		4			
		2		6				5
				9				1
		8		3		6		
			4				3	7

6	9	3	8	2	7	5	4	1
5	4	8	1	9	6	7	3	2
7	1	2	5	3	4	6	9	8
3	6	1	7	8	2	9	5	4
2	8	4	6	5	9	3	1	7
9	7	5	3	4	1	2	8	6
4	3	7	9	6	8	1	2	5
8	5	6	2	1	3	4	7	9
1	2	9	4	7	5	8	6	3

Complete the grid so each row, column and 3-by-3 box in bold borders contains every digit 1 to 9.

Thursday's solutions

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Jumble

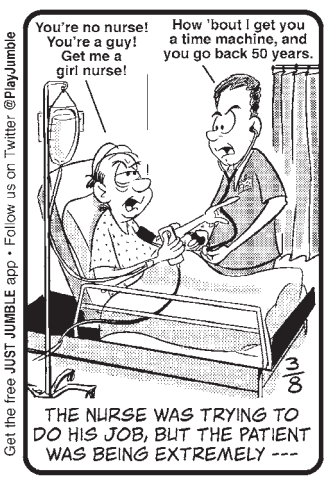
Unscramble the four Jumbles, one letter per square, to form four words. Then arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by this cartoon.

NCULH

WEYNL

FCDAEE

AIPIRM



Answer here

____ - _____

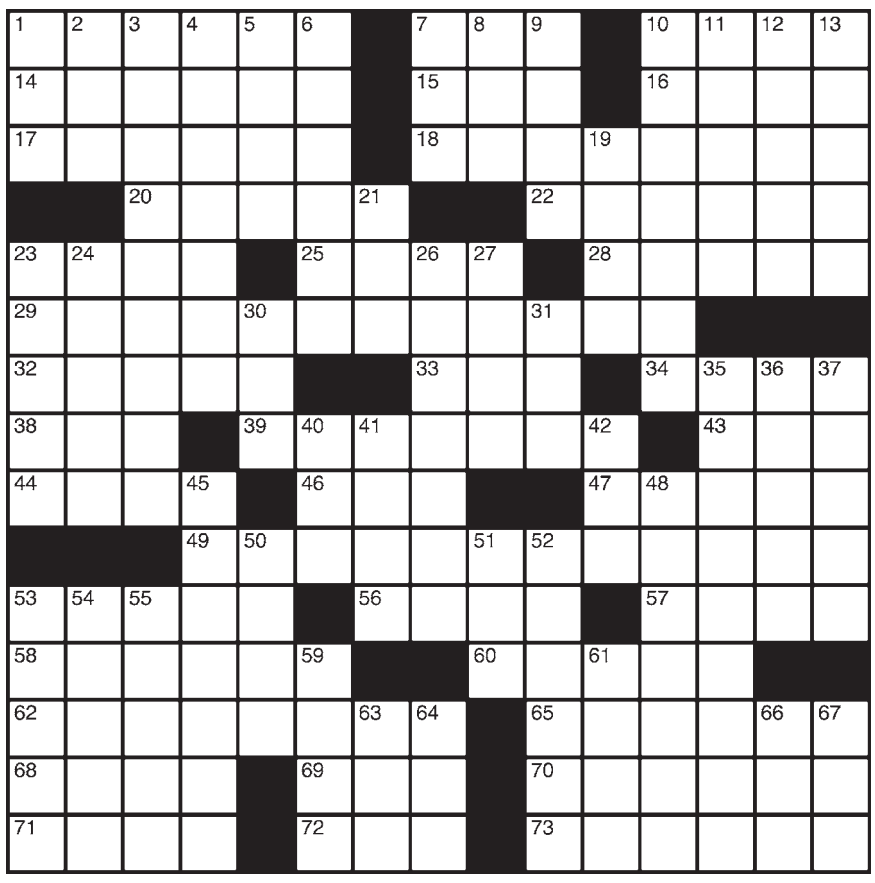
Thursday's answers

Jumbles: VENUE TEPID WEAKLY HANGAR
Answer: When asphalt became commonly used on roads, it — PAVED THE WAY

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Crossword

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Across

1 Fencing needs
7 Soup holder
10 Web creation
14 "Amen"
15 Complement for a tango
16 Sharp
17 Fill with love
18 Didn't just knock?
20 Like a male lion
22 Housecleaning aid
23 Arctic trout
25 Completely erase
28 PC key above Shift
29 Barbecue dinner followed by dyspepsia?
32 Audibly amazed
33 Period
34 Bad Ems and Marienbad, for two
38 Animal protection agent
39 Public face
43 Muhammad's son-in-law
44 Ready to drive
46 Contend
47 Trailer follower
49 Part for a robot vampire?
53 Prop for a Tell skit
56 Label caveat
57 Wandering the range, say
58 Thinking things
60 Game with 25 squares
62 Eagerly excited for an extended period of time?
65 Containing more lemon
68 O.T. book after Neh.
69 Pedi pinkie
70 French teacher
71 Remainder
72 "I think my love as rare / As any __ belied by false compare": Shak.
73 Conclusion ... or, in three parts, what four answers in this puzzle unexpectedly do

Down

1 Memphis-to-Mobile dir.
2 Outplayed an opponent
3 2010 health statute, informally
4 They may be nasty
5 Belmonts frontman
6 Thrown around
7 School org.
8 Hogwarts mail carrier
9 Discard
10 Simple island garments
11 "__ even!"
12 Bit of color
13 Landscaping tool
19 Taking customers
21 Completed
23 Boat, or the building of one
24 World Court site, with "The"
26 Car stereo conveniences
27 Continental currency
30 Dictionary on a phone, say
31 Scottish John
35 "King of the High C's"
36 Dress style
37 "Iliad" topic
40 Party time
41 Costa __
42 "Preacher" airer
45 Gladden
48 Independent of public utilities
50 Singer Horne
51 Tease
52 Self-reflective thought
53 Not so ham-handed
54 Verse alternative
55 Slacks
59 PD ranks
61 Bread with tikka masala
63 "That's amazing!"
64 "That's interesting"
66 Fish-eating bird
67 Brief rule?

Thursday's solution

R	I	D		C	A	N	V	A	S		R	E	A	L
I	D	E		A	L	B	E	I	T		U	G	L	I
S	U	B		S	T	A	N	D	A	R	D	O	I	L
K	N	I	F	E	S	E	T		G	O	O			
E	N	T	E	R		R	I	B		B	L	E	S	S
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			G	A	S	S	I	E	S	T		R	O	T
F	A	U	N		P	L	E	A	S		A	N	T	S
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R	I	E	M	A	N	N			E	A	S	I	N	G
M	I	D	I	S		G	U	S		T	I	N	G	E
			R	I	M		R	A	D	A	R	G	U	N
B	R	E	A	K	I	N	G	B	A	D		E	Y	E
B	O	R	G		S	T	E	L	M	O		A	E	R
C	O	R	E		O	H	D	E	A	R		R	N	A

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CHICAGO WEATHER CENTER

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FRIDAY, MARCH 8 NORMAL HIGH: **43°** NORMAL LOW: **27°** RECORD HIGH: **78° (2000)** RECORD LOW: **-7° (1943)**

Skies brighten briefly before clouds, rain return

LOCAL FORECAST

HIGH	LOW
41	29

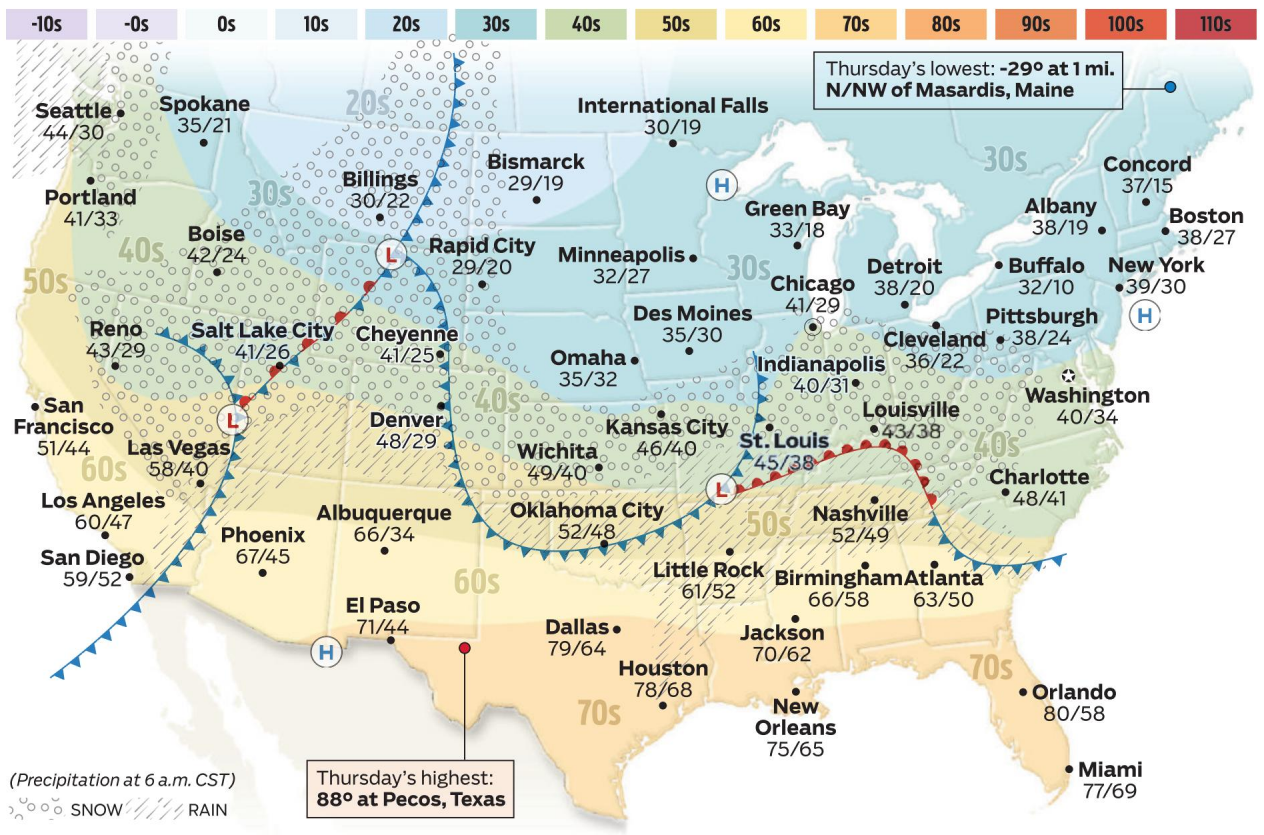
■ **High pressure follows overnight minor-accumulating light snow band with sun breaking through by midday.**

■ Cloudy with a few snow flurries possible early, becoming mostly sunny in the afternoon. High temperatures break the 40-degree mark many locations.

■ Easterly winds 5-12 mph.

■ Clouds increase, thicken and lower overnight with a chance of rain westernmost sections before sunrise.

NATIONAL FORECAST



An overnight band of light snow will end from the west during the early forenoon Friday with clouds breaking and the sun shining through later in the morning, continuing through the afternoon hours. We may finally reach that elusive 40 degree temperature that has been missing the last 11–day cold spell.

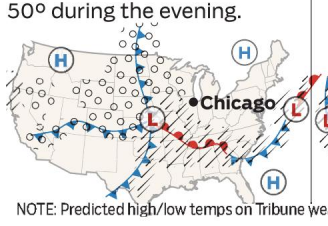
Clouds return quickly overnight, as a deepening low pressure system approaches out of the central plains. Rain will overspread our area by afternoon Saturday with heavy snow to our north and west in Wisconsin, Minnesota and portions of Iowa and severe storms likely developing in the lower Mississippi and Tennessee River Valleys.

Extremely strong WNW winds will follow Sunday with gusts over 50 mph pulling somewhat colder air back into our area.

SATURDAY, MARCH 9

HIGH	LOW
50	34

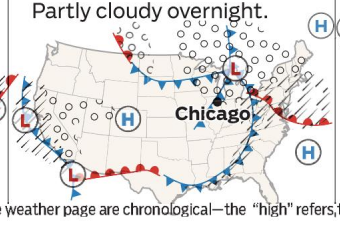
Cloudy, east winds gusting to 25 mph and rain developing by afternoon. Chance for later afternoon or evening t-storms. Temps rise through the 30s during the day, but surge through the 40s to near 50° during the evening.



SUNDAY, MARCH 10

HIGH	LOW
38	27

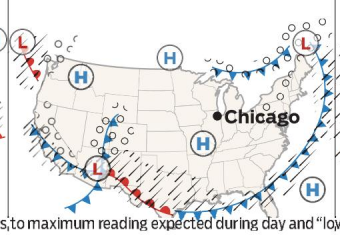
Very strong west to NW winds gusting over 50 mph. A few flurries possible early, then clouds break. Colder with highs in the upper 30s during the forenoon, then temps fall in the afternoon. Partly cloudy overnight.



MONDAY, MARCH 11

HIGH	LOW
40	26

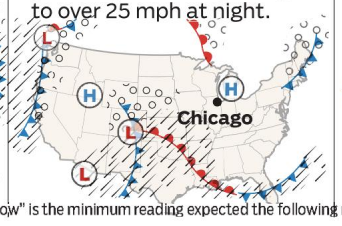
Partly sunny with afternoon highs near 40. Increasing high, thin cirrus clouds overnight. Light winds.



TUESDAY, MARCH 12

HIGH	LOW
42	34

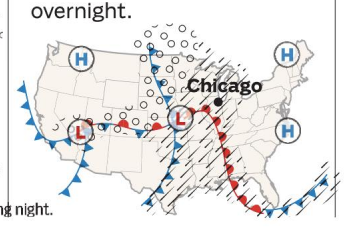
A sunny start but clouds increase during the day. High temperatures in the lower 40s. Clouds thicken with rain likely overnight. South to southeast winds gradually increase gusting to over 25 mph at night.



WEDNESDAY, MARCH 13

HIGH	LOW
57	46

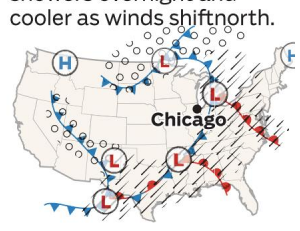
As low pressure approaches from the southwest and moves through our area, rain will continue all day into the evening hours with gusty winds out of the southwest. Rain then diminishes overnight.



THURSDAY, MARCH 14

HIGH	LOW
52	35

A break in the clouds early, then a good chance rain will spread back across our area from the southwest later in the afternoon/overnight. Highs 50-55. A chance of showers overnight and cooler as winds shiftnorth.



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's the difference between a winter storm watch and a winter storm warning?

— Joe Gilleran, Palatine

Dear Joe,

The National weather Service issues a *winter storm watch* when the potential exists for a significant and hazardous winter weather occurrence within 48 hours. It does not mean significant and hazardous winter weather will occur; it means it is possible. Such weather is defined as 5 inches or more of snow/sleet within 12 hours or 7 inches or more within 24 hours and/or enough ice accumulation to damage trees or power lines and/or a life-threatening or damaging combination of snow and/or ice accumulation with wind.

A *winter storm warning* is issued when a significant combination of hazardous winter weather is occurring or is imminent.

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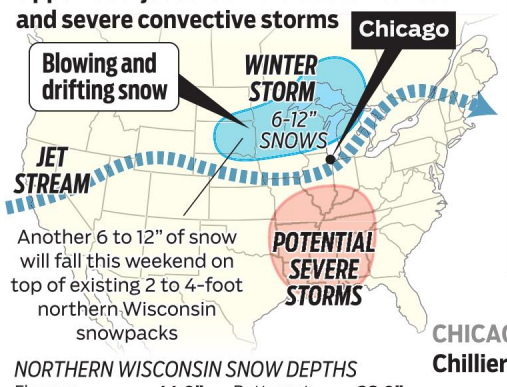
WGN-TV meteorologists Mark Carroll, Steve Kahn, Richard Koeneman, Paul Merzlock and Paul Dailey, plus Bill Snyder, contribute to this page.

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Break in cold, rain and strong winds here; more snow north

SATURDAY-SUNDAY JET STREAM

Upper level jet stream divides winter storm and severe convective storms



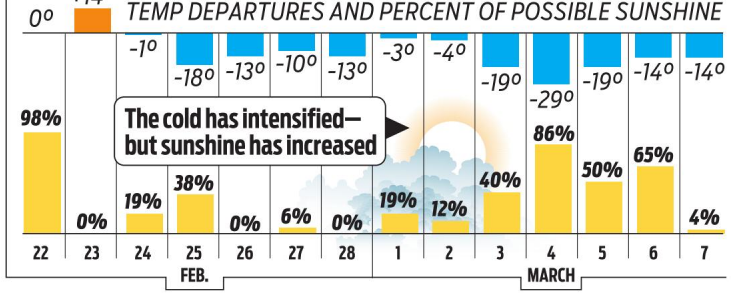
NORTHERN WISCONSIN SNOW DEPTHS

Florence	44.0"	Butternut	28.0"
Boulder Junction	37.5"	Osseo	26.0"
Amberg	37.0"	Solon Springs	25.0"
Land O' Lakes	36.0"	Stone Lake	24.0"
Cornell	33.0"	Poplar	24.0"
Phillips	33.0"	Oakland	23.5"
Rhinelander	30.0"	Wis. Rapids	23.0"
Ashland	30.0"	Sister Bay	23.0"
Mellen	28.0"		

SOURCES: Frank Wachowski, National Weather Service archives

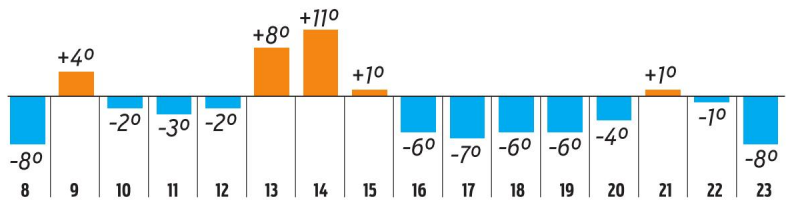
LAST WEEK OF FEBRUARY VS. FIRST WEEK OF MARCH

TEMP DEPARTURES AND PERCENT OF POSSIBLE SUNSHINE



CHICAGO FORECAST TEMPERATURE DEPARTURES FROM NORMAL

Chillier than normal pattern dominates but not as extreme as recent weeks



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CHICAGO DIGEST

THURSDAY TEMPERATURES

LOCATION	HI	LO	LOCATION	HI	LO
Aurora	29	12	Midway	28	16
Gary	na	na	O'Hare	26	14
Kankakee	na	na	Romeoville	30	13
Lakefront	27	20	Valparaiso	na	na
Lansing	na	na	Waukegan	25	12

CHICAGO PRECIPITATION

PERIOD	2019	NORMAL
Thu. (through 4 p.m.)	0.00"	0.08"
March to date	Trace	0.55"
Year to date	4.77"	4.07"

CHICAGO SNOWFALL

PERIOD	O'HARE	MIDWAY
Thu. (through 4 p.m.)	0.0"	0.0"
Season to date	41.5"	39.0"
Normal to date	31.2"	32.4"

SOURCE: Frank Wachowski

LAKE MICHIGAN CONDITIONS

	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Wind	E/NE 14-12 kts.	SE 16-32 kts.
Waves	1 foot	5-9 feet
Thur. shore/crib water temps		35°/32°

U.S. SNOW COVER

MARCH 7	2019	2018
Area covered by snow	48.5%	38.4%
Average snow depth	7.7"	5.6"

TRACKING THE COLD

SINCE OCT. 15	O'HARE	MIDWAY
Sub-32° highs	40 days	35 days
Subzero lows	7 days	7 days

CHICAGO AIR QUALITY

Thursday's reading	Not available
Friday's forecast	Not available
Critical pollutant	Particulates

FRIDAY RISE/SET TIMES

Sun	6:15 a.m.	5:49 p.m.
Moon	7:31 a.m.	7:51 p.m.

NEW 1ST Q FULL 3RD Q
March 6 March 14 March 20 March 27

FRIDAY PLANET WATCH

PLANET	RISE	SET
Mercury	6:25 a.m.	6:48 p.m.
Venus	4:32 a.m.	2:25 p.m.
Mars	8:28 a.m.	10:42 p.m.
Jupiter	1:40 a.m.	10:50 a.m
Saturn	3:27 a.m.	12:45 p.m.

BEST VIEWING	TIME	DIRECTION
Mercury	Not Visible	
Venus	5:30 a.m.	9° SE
Mars	7:15 p.m.	37° SW
Jupiter	5:15 a.m.	24° SSE
Saturn	5:15 a.m.	14.5° SE

SOURCE: Dan Joyce, Triton College

MIDWEST CITIES

FRI./SAT.	FC	HI	LO	FC	HI	LO
Illinois						
Carbondale	sh	49	40	ts	63	38
Champaign	cl	40	30	rn	51	31
Decatur	cl	39	31	rn	52	31
Moline	pc	45	32	rn	45	33
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Quincy	cl	44	35	ts	51	32
Rockford	pc	41	27	rn	42	33
Springfield	cl	40	32	rn	52	32
Sterling	pc	42	28	rn	43	32
Indiana						
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Evansville	sh	48	37	ts	62	40
Fort Wayne	pc	42	26	rn	46	35
Indianapolis	ss	40	31	rn	50	35
Lafayette	sh	40	28	rn	49	32
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Milwaukee	pc	35	20	rn	39	34
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Grand Rapids	pc	37	21	rn	42	35
Marquette	pc	32	17	sh	36	26
St. Ste. Marie	pc	27	9	cl	31	26
Traverse City	pc	32	12	cl	40	33
Iowa						
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Cedar Rapids	cl	35	29	fr	37	27
Des Moines	sh	35	31	rn	37	25
Dubuque	pc	38	27	fr	38	30

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Abilene	sh	81	53	su	72	46
Albany	pc	37	19	pc	41	28
Albuquerque	pc	66	34	su	58	36
Amarillo	pc	73	39	pc	64	30
Anchorage	sh	39	31	sh	40	35
Asheville	rn	48	42	ts	52	49
Aspen	rs	41	21	cl	32	17
Atlanta	sh	63	50	ts	71	61
Atlantic City	rs	39	32	pc	42	37
Austin	sh	80	66	ts	79	57
Baltimore	rs	39	34	sh	46	41
Billings	ss	29	22	pc	31	7
Birmingham	ts	67	58	ts	70	61
Bismarck	cl	29	19	sn	25	9
Boise	sh	42	24	sh	42	27
Boston	pc	38	27	su	40	31
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Buffalo	pc	32	10	pc	40	32
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Cheyenne	rs	41	25	pc	35	16
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Cleveland	pc	36	23	sh	48	42
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Concord	pc	37	15	su	39	18
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Dallas	sh	79	65	pc	73	48
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Helena	cl	29	11	pc	28	3
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Kansas City	pc	45	40	ts	51	30
Las Vegas	pc	58	40	pc	60	44
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Montgomery	pc	74	57	sh	73	64
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New York	cl	39	30	pc	46	37
Norfolk	rn	50	36	cl	49	43
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Omaha	cl	35	32	rn	37	23
Orlando	pc	79	58	cl	84	64
Palm Beach	pc	77	67	pc	80	70
Palm Springs	pc	66	45	pc	68	47
Philadelphia	sh	41	29	cl	48	37
Phoenix	pc	67	45	pc	68	48
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San Antonio	fg	79	67	pc	83	62
San Diego	pc	59	52	sh	59	49
San Francisco	pc	51	45	rn	51	45
San Juan	su	84	72	su	83	73
Santa Fe	sh	57	28	su	49	29
Savannah	pc	72	54	cl	76	62
Seattle	pc	45	30	pc	47	28
Shreveport	ts	77	66	ts	76	52
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Tucson	pc	64	39	pc	68	44
Tulsa	sh	55	49	ts	66	35
Washington	rn	40	34	sh	49	42
Wichita	sh	49	41	pc	52	28
Wilkes Barre	ss	33	20	pc	42	30
Yuma	pc	69	46	cl	68	

WORLD CITIES

FRIDAY	FC	HI	LO
Acapulco	su	85	72
Algiers	pc	66	48
Amsterdam	sh	47	43
Ankara	su	59	31
Athens	pc	69	49
Auckland	pc	69	60
Baghdad	pc	64	46
Bangkok	su	92	79
Barbados	pc	83	75
Barcelona	pc	61	46
Beijing	sh	54	35
Beirut	su	65	52
Berlin	sh	50	39
Bermuda	cl	62	59
Bogota	sh	69	50
Brussels	pc	51	45
Bucharest	cl	71	46
Budapest	pc	62	43
Buenos Aires	cl	73	52
Cairo	pc	76	52
Cancun	pc	83	74
Caracas	ts	76	63
Casablanca	sh	65	48
Copenhagen	sh	45	37
Dublin	sh	51	42
Edmonton	ss	23	5
Frankfurt	pc	49	38
Geneva	sh	51	37
Guadalajara	pc	89	50
Havana	pc	86	64
Helsinki	rn	40	29
Hong Kong	sh	74	64
Istanbul	pc	62	49
Jerusalem	pc	60	39
Johannesburg	ts	80	59
Kabul	su	51	25
Kiev	sh	61	42
Kingston	sh	84	74
Lima	sh	82	71
Lisbon	pc	63	49
London	cl	52	45
Madrid	pc	61	34
Manila	pc	93	74
Mexico City	pc	82	55
Monterrey	pc	86	63
Montreal	pc	29	15
Moscow	rs	39	36
Munich	pc	49	40
Nairobi	pc	87	61
Nassau	sh	79	70
New Delhi	su	80	54
Oslo	ss	35	21
Ottawa	pc	31	8
Panama City	sh	90	74
Paris	cl	57	46
Prague	pc	52	37
Rio de Janeiro	pc	95	77
Riyadh	su	76	51
Rome	sh	64	47
Santiago	su	80	52
Seoul	sh	52	36
Singapore	pc	93	79
Sofia	cl	70	40
Stockholm	sh	41	27
Sydney	ts	76	67
Taipei	rn	69	64
Tehran	sh	53	40
Tokyo	su	60	45
Toronto	pc	31	12
Trinidad	pc	86	74
Vancouver	pc	43	33
Vienna	pc	58	40
Warsaw	pc	55	37
Winnipeg	cl	24	

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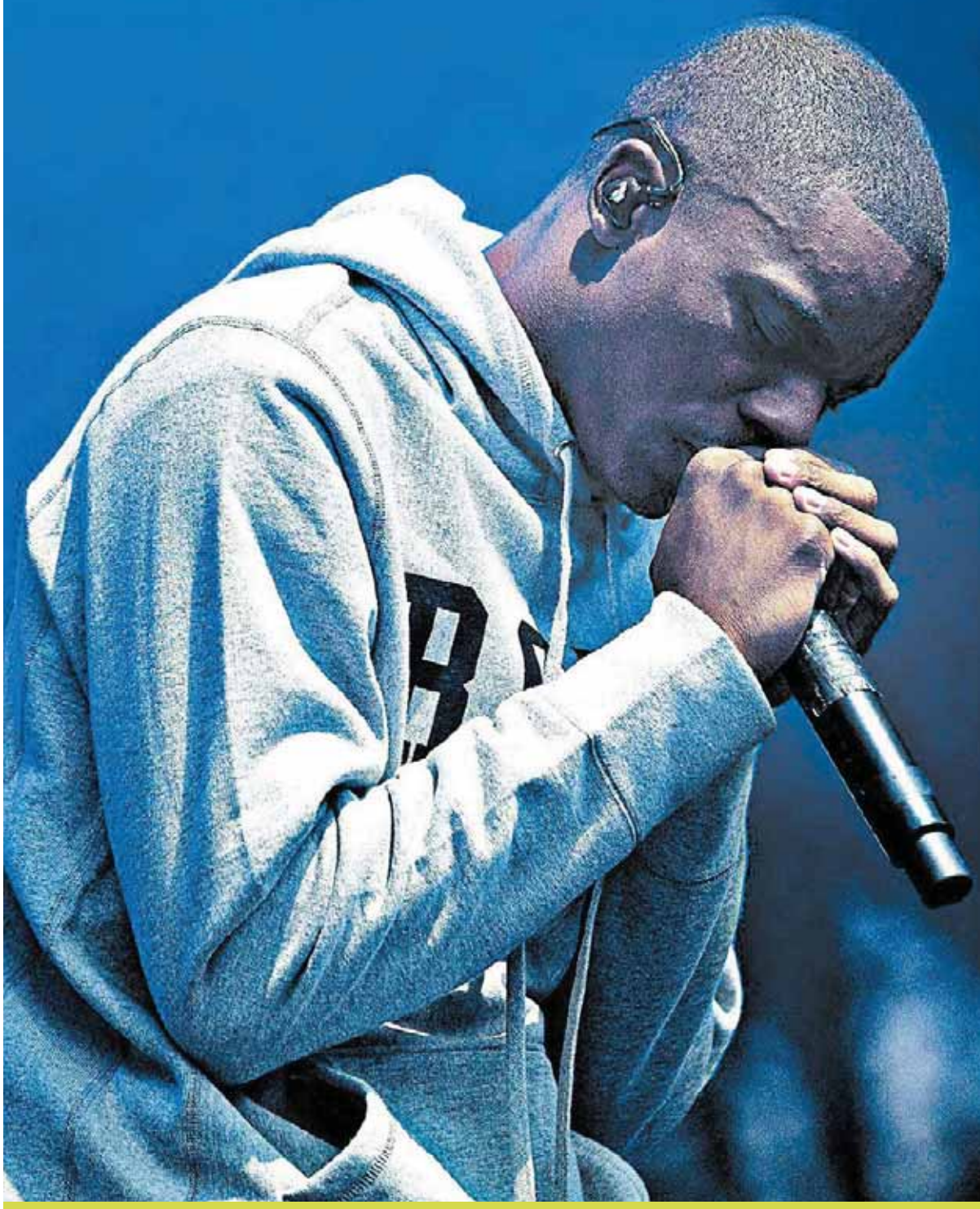
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ON THE TOWN

PAY IT FORWARD

Vince Staples and the lasting bond of home and hip-hop



By Greg Kot | Chicago Tribune

On Vince Staples' 2018 album, "FM!," there's a party going on. From a distance, it sounds like a celebration of the rapper's childhood in Long Beach, Calif. But as with all things Staples creates, it's more complicated than that.

With the voice of legendary Los Angeles morning-show host Big Boy setting the tone, "FM!" is a soundtrack for an endless summer, a throwback to the days when Long Beach icons such as Snoop Dogg, Warren G and Nate Dogg ruled the airwaves. Yet on the opening "Feels Like Summer," a warning splits the buoyant G-funk: "We gon' party till the sun or the guns come out."

"I say things like that because I'm probably just a morbid person," Staples says. "I'm like that all day. That's real. We're American, there are guns in America, and in any urban environment that's part of your day, you see it in your everyday life. Every kid hears their

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Vince Staples performs at Lollapalooza.
BRANDON CHEW/CHICAGO TRIBUNE 2016

TAKE 10

By Adam Lukach
Chicago Tribune

1. Some very good quality time: Hop over to Reynolds Club, where University of Chicago Health and Wellness will bring support dogs for a short social session. Human and canine comrades can enjoy species-appropriate snacks, plus coffee and hot cocoa. *11 a.m.-1 p.m. Saturday. Reynolds Club, 5706 S. University Ave. Free. facebook.com/UChicagoHealthandWellness*

2. Get your style right: Gumbo Media hosts regular events at the West Loop's Ace Hotel, aimed at informing and inspiring. This edition features Evan Marshall of sartorial blog "High Fashion Living," speaking about how to tap into your individual "narrative," via fashion or otherwise. *11 a.m.-1 p.m. Sunday. Ace Hotel Chicago, 311 N. Morgan St. $10. eventbrite.com*

3. Mariah caution: The mercurial genius Mariah Carey returns to Chicago for the first time in a couple of years to support November's "Caution" LP. That album was her biggest critical success in years, landing on many 2018 "best of" lists and peaking at No. 5 in the Billboard Top 100. *8 p.m. Monday. Chicago Theatre, 175 N State St. $159.95-$189.95. ticketmaster.com*

4. Pizza partners: New York and Chicago have a rivalry that can sometimes be a little "crusty." This weekend, one of NYC's favorite pizza spots will make a trip to Chicago to team with Dusek's for a weekend of celebration by the slice. Roberta's pizza has visited Dusek's for a similar event and the lines of pizza lovers stretched down the block. *5-10 p.m. Friday and Saturday, 11 a.m.-3 p.m. Sunday. Dusek's Board & Beer, 1807 S. Allport St. (18th Street entrance). Prices vary per menu item. facebook.com/dusekschicago/events*

5. Get you a 'Clue': The cult comedy classic "Clue" gets the Manic Movie Mondays treatment at Davis Theater next week, and Lucy Stoole will play host for the evening. MMM is a collaboration between Davis and For All Humans, a queer-owned talent management agency, that screens audience favorites and welcomes "quoting the film and comedic banter." There is half-price pizza beforehand, and drinks available at the theater bar during the show. *7-11 p.m. Monday. Davis Theater, 4614 N. Lincoln Ave. $10 requested donation. eventbrite.com*

6. A talk about Quest: Hanif Willis-Abdurraqib hails from Columbus, Ohio, but the poet and essayist has spent enough time in Chicago that we'd like to take a little credit for his success. Willis-Abdurraqib will read from and discuss his third book, "Go Ahead in the Rain," a recounting of and reflection on the rap group A Tribe Called Quest. *3-4 p.m. Sunday. Seminary Co-op Bookstores, 5751 S. Woodlawn Ave. Free; facebook.com/semcoop/events*

7. Cracking the doors: You Are Beautiful is an art gallery that recently opened its first "official" space in Chicago, and will be showing off its new digs as well as its first exhibit, "Take Care." The exhibit concentrates on self-care and the ways we practice it, as well as the ways we take care of each other. *6-10 p.m. Saturday. YAB HQ Gallery, 3368 N. Elston Ave. Details: Free. RSVP at eventbrite.com.*

8. Special cars: Custom cars of all kinds reach another level at the 57th annual World of Wheels convention. It's a chance for automobile enthusiasts to see some four-wheeled beauties that come from people's imaginations instead of the assembly line. *3-10 p.m. Friday, 10 a.m.-10 p.m. Saturday, 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Sunday. Donald E. Stephens Convention Center, 5555 N. River Road, Rosemont. $19-$21 adult, $7-8 children 6-12. autorama.com/attend/chicago*

9. Yes, soup for you: Cooking school Get In The Kitchen celebrates "Seinfeld" and its food-related episodes with the "Restaurants of Seinfeld" dinner series, running on select weekend dates through April 20. The seating area imitates three different settings: Monk's Cafe, as well as Hunan 5th Ave. and Mendy's. Lunch and dinner sessions feature the same five-course menu, plus a themed cocktail. . *Noon Saturday, plus various times and dates through April 20. Get in the Kitchen, 3617 N. Broadway. $79. getmeinthekitchen.com/tv-themed-pop-up-dinners*

10: 'Beale Street' back: Barry Jenkins' "If Beale Street Could Talk" was one of the notable Oscar snubs this year, but the director's follow-up to "Moonlight" will still get some love in Chicago. At University of Chicago, Doc Films will host a trio of "Beale Street" screenings (two Saturday and one Sunday). The film, based on James Baldwin's novel, is set in 1970s Harlem. *7 p.m. Saturday, 9:30 p.m. Saturday, 4 p.m. Sunday. Doc Films at the U. of C., 1212 E. 59th St. $7, only at box office. docfilms.uchicago.edu*



TURN IT UP

By Greg Kot



Staples

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parents say, 'Be careful, pay attention, keep your eyes open.' I don't feel like that's specific to me. You could live in a prestigious neighborhood and have that. That's America. The world isn't always kind, and things can change just like that. You learn that at an early age."

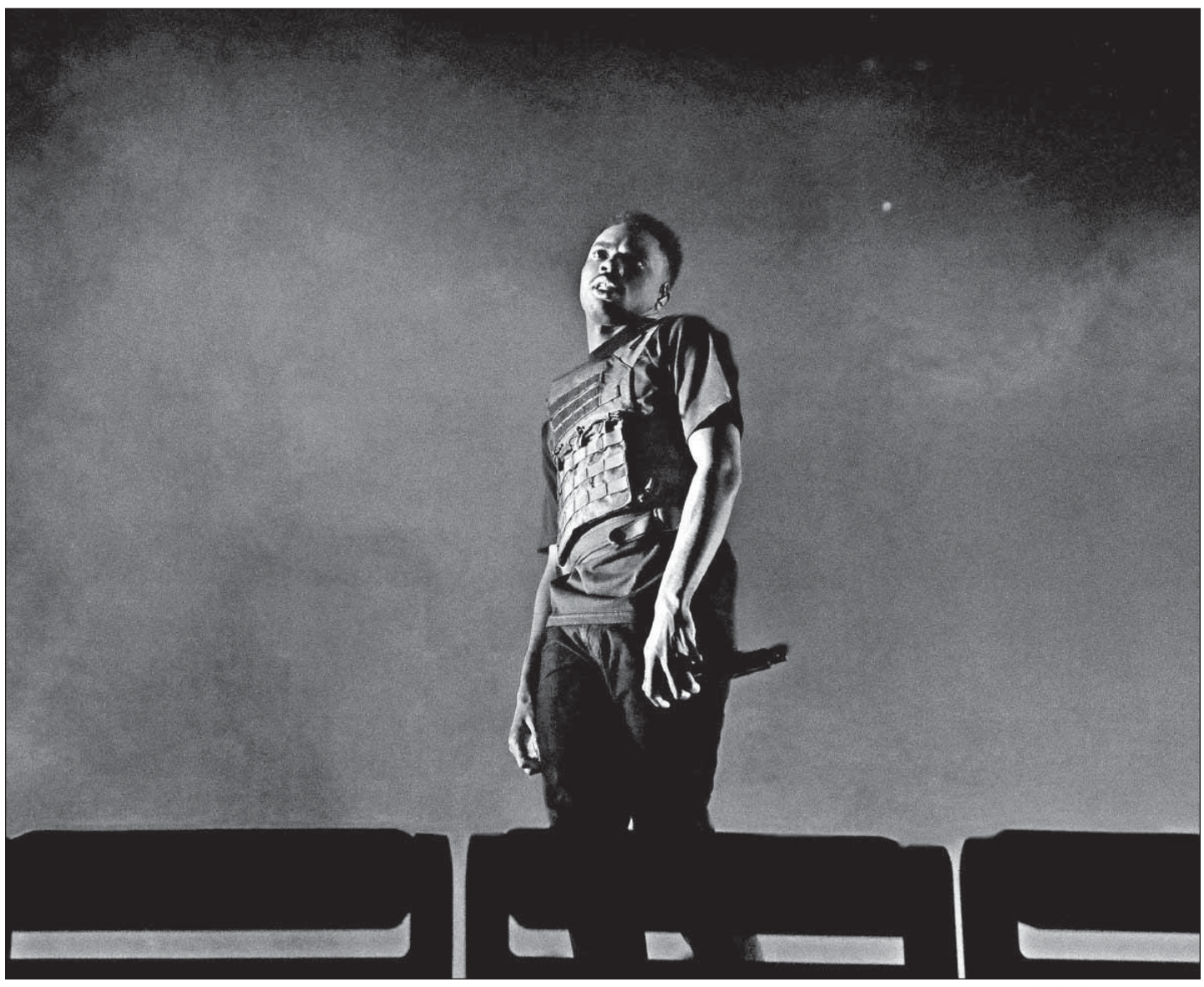
Staples had to learn faster than most in Long Beach, a city of a half-million in which certain neighborhoods were ruled by gangs. Staples saw the gang culture as not just a deadly fact of life, but as a means of survival, a way of protecting his family. Rapping gave Staples a way out, and his 2015 debut, "Summertime '06," made him a star with its mix of vivid storytelling and stark introspection.

Even as Staples has taken the opportunity to tour the world, he remains tied to his community. On "Don't Get Chipped," the MC repurposes a line from Sam Cooke's 1964 classic "A Change is Gonna Come" to reflect his attitude about escaping the past: "Sammy told me that a change gon' come / I'm not going if my gang won't come."

"Getting out of their environment is only something urban people have to deal with," he says. "We're always told we're not good enough. Some of us have done things in our past to people that would not be right. I made choices in my past that have led me to need to be away, to need to get out. But Long Beach is always my home and I will always come back to it, discuss it, make songs about it. We should be able to change the description of the neighborhood. You go to white neighborhoods in the Los Angeles area, and they have clothing stores, groceries, community centers, but the black neighborhoods don't. That's something we should push so that we can repaint the picture."

Long Beach, he says, is "calmer now than when I grew up there. The gang stuff has kind of diminished. There are a lot more alternatives. We had things to do as a kid, but once we got into trouble, there was no alternative but to get out. You're always looking over your shoulder. Now people who grow up in Long Beach see that there is more available to them out in the world. They have choices. I want to help bring out that narrative in my art, my music."

For Staples, an essential part of that transformation is the role that hip-hop played in his young life. A radio deejay such as Big Boy helped shape the soundtrack of his youth by giving it meaning, a context. "That was such a big part of my childhood, it was the environment — it seemed like all the music you heard was filtered through him and his perspective on life," Staples says. "When I started to make this album, I thought I would just follow his blueprint in creating a radio format, because that's how we first heard the music as kids. So to get him involved was a gift, something for which I'm very thankful. He was always aware of everything going on in the culture, the gatekeeper, and he remains very intertwined in what we are doing now."



JOHN J. KIM/CHICAGO TRIBUNE 2018

Rapper Vince Staples brings his Long Beach, Calif., hip-hop roots to the Riviera Theatre on Tuesday.

When: 8:30 p.m. Tuesday

Where: Riviera Theatre, 4746 N. Racine Ave.

Tickets: $35-$135; jamusa.com

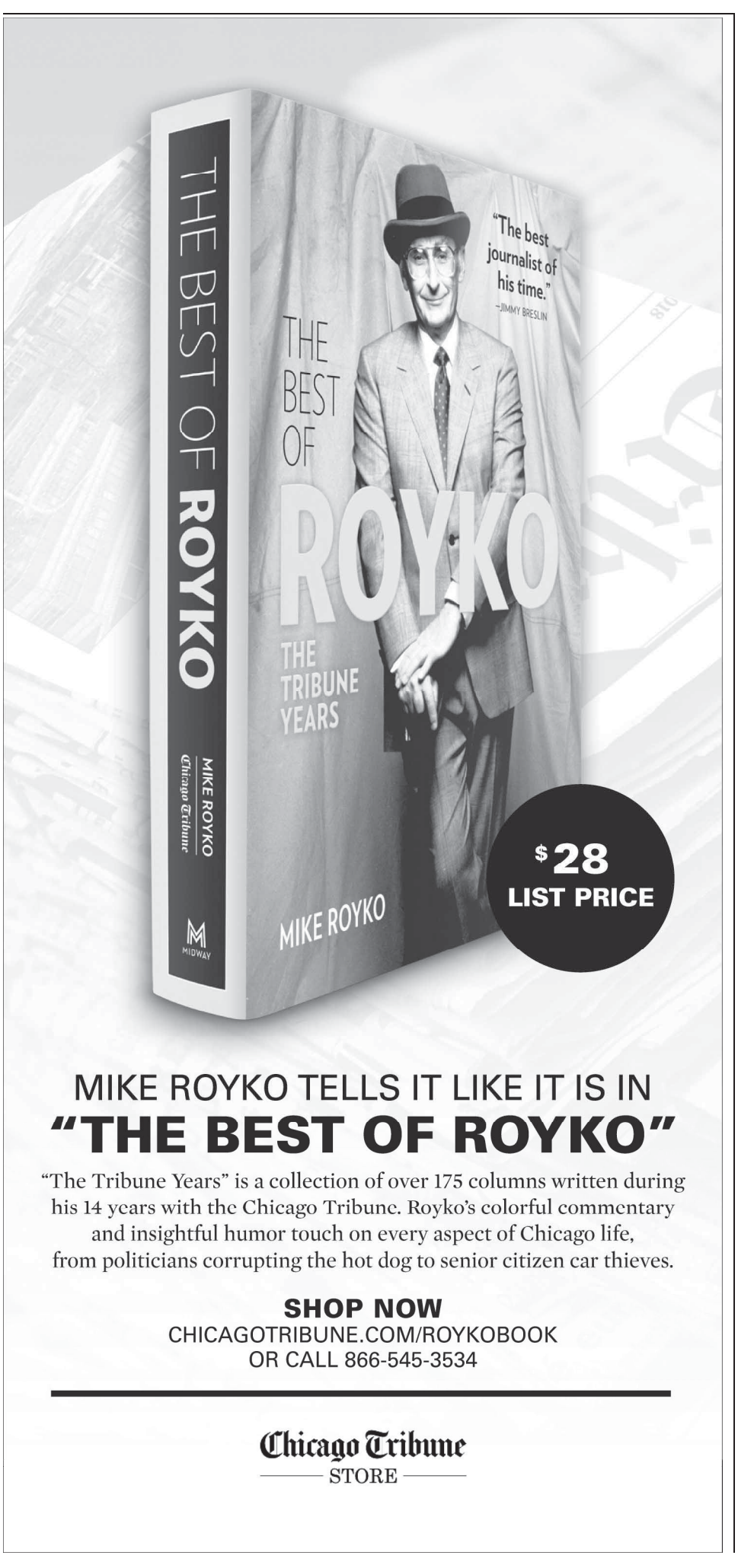
Though the era of Snoop Dogg and other Long Beach icons was in the past when the 25-year-old Staples was a teenager, the G-funk rappers of the '90s set a standard for what a kid from Long Beach could accomplish. "Rap music is our music, it's our culture," Staples says. "We had so little growing up, but we had that. People talk about how popular hip-hop has become, that everyone listens to it now as pop music. But we (African-Americans) will always look at it as our music, because the voices we heard in that music, the rappers, they talk how we talk, they did what we did. They were us."

It's why Staples believes it's his responsibility to pay it forward as one of the new voices of hip-hop out of Long Beach. "I got help on the way up from people like Earl (Sweatshirt of Odd Future) and Mac Miller (the late Pittsburgh rapper who became an early mentor to Staples)," he says. "When Mac died (in 2018 of an accidental drug overdose) I lost my friend, a person who taught me something important. We hope when we die we will be remembered, and he left a great legacy. Not just because of the music he made, but the people he helped. He helped me, and now the idea is to pass it on."

Greg Kot co-hosts "Sound Opinions" at 8 p.m. Friday, 7 p.m. Saturday and 2 p.m. Sunday on WBEZ-FM 91.5.

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LOCAL SOUNDS

Baby Money is not at all interested in playing it safe

By Britt Julious
Chicago Tribune

Baby Money & The Down Payments is more than just a band. The project, led by the multifaceted artist Pamela Maurer, is visionary in a time where more artists choose to play it safe than take risks. And there are risks aplenty in a project like Baby Money. Take, for instance, the narrative Maurer has built around the group.

"Baby Money as an idea is this futuristic, apocalyptic, epic novel movie that's playing out, and we're catching snippets of it at each show of what's going on in that world," Maurer said enthusiastically. "The only true division is time. Sometime in the near future when our society collapses, what will we have to hold on to? I think it will be music, culture, art and each other. I've really leaned into that idea."

Baby Money's origin story is less narratively complex as the world in which the project lives. Maurer grew up in Colorado playing keyboard and singing in the choir. She came to Chicago for school, but after a decade in Chicago, relocated to Cincinnati for a year to do scenery work.

Her time away, Maurer said, opened up a new creative freedom she yearned for. Previously, she tried to keep all of her artistic work separate. But in Cincinnati (and especially after viewing an exhibition by the iconic artist Patti Smith), Maurer realized she produced better work when she leaned into her interests rather than trying to separate them.

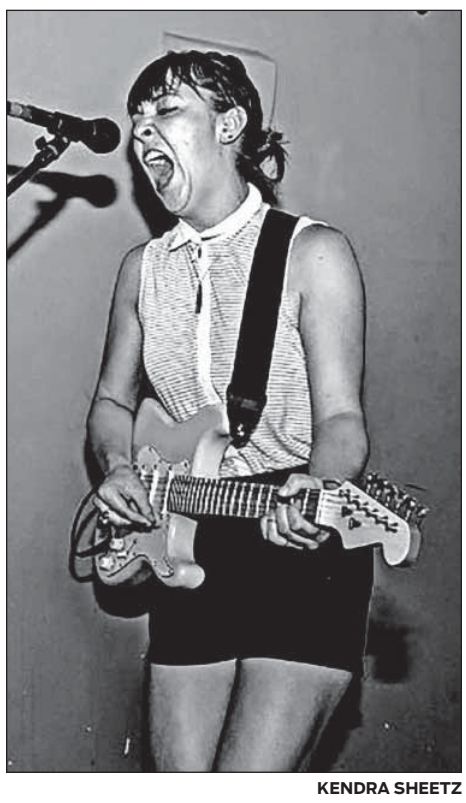
"I realized I was denying myself the ability to combine the different things I studied. It's input, output," she said. "Everything that's in me is there, so I can't turn off the fact that I'm a designer or visual artist or singer or performer. It's all kind of living in the same world."

Upon returning to Chicago, Maurer realized there was an opportunity to create a band that was, in her words, a "piece of art" born out of a visual, and not just musical, point of view. "There was a huge change that happened inside of my approach (to creating)," Maurer added. Whereas she may have struggled to craft a handful of songs before, she now tapped into a new, ongoing creative flow. Maurer began to pull from the literature she read, letting the worlds each author build in their novels seep into her sound. "I think I needed that bolt of energy," Maurer said.

Since then, the goal of Baby Money & The Down Payments has come into a more defined shape. Politics, for one, are front and center. And the world of Baby Money continues to become richer and richer with each day. The all-female band now wears uniforms on stage and Maurer regularly creates one-off zines to distribute at shows. Albums are treated as artifacts. The physical, the tangible is just as important to Maurer as the songs. What are we left with when everything else goes away? The 2016 presidential election, she said, "blew up" her desire to communicate in zines and visual art.

"What do we do post-internet? What if that were to go away?" she asked. "It seems like nobody knows how to fact check or source check. Nobody knows how to go to a library and read a book. Where are all of our skills going to be? Where are all of our abilities to communicate going to be?"

Baby Money is an artistic answer to those questions. Although rooted in the future, those things should be in the back of one's mind right now. "I really want to move people to action through art," Maurer said. "I'm still struggling with that."



KENDRA SHEETZ

Baby Money

When: 9 p.m. Friday

Where: Hungry Brain, 2319 W. Belmont Ave.

Tickets: $10 (21+); www.hungrybrainchicago.com

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Chi-Town Jazz Fest gears up for its 10th



Howard Reich
On Music

Creating a jazz festival that lasts 10 years is no small feat, particularly when all the musicians, club owners and others are donating their services.

But Chicago guitarist John Moulder has pulled it off, the 10th annual Chi-Town Jazz Festival culminating with performances this weekend.

Everyone works for free because of the event's noble cause: hunger relief. Over the past decade, Moulder's brainchild has raised approximately $300,000 toward that purpose, he says.

Even so, it cannot be easy to organize such an event each year as a pro bono venture, when you consider the labors involved in signing up musicians and venues, trying to get the word out to listeners, and collecting and distributing funds.

Why does Moulder keep doing it?

"A big reason has been that the need hasn't necessarily diminished," he says. "You do have a somewhat upturned economy. But when you talk to Care for Real and Catholic Charities or any of the service agencies, there are still increases in the need for food."

In addition, he says, "I've had favorable response by the musicians. That has always been so encouraging. Without their generosity, you don't have a festival."

How telling that jazz musicians, not known for earning vast sums of money, are eager to give of their time and talents for those in need. Then again, that makes perfect sense considering the social history of jazz, which emerged more than a century ago in the aftermath of slavery and in the face of institutional racism. Jazz always has been a voice of freedom and empowerment, Chicago's jazz musicians underscoring the point through the Chi-Town Jazz Festival and efforts like it.

This year's edition, it must be noted, is smaller than previous ones, with most of the activity focused on Friday and Saturday evenings. Gone, for instance, are concerts previously staged at First Presbyterian Church of Evanston.

In part, says Moulder, this was because the festival will feature a different Evanston venue, Studio5, on Dempster Street. In addition, "We thought to keep it very simple, for booking reasons and just logistics."

Which makes you wonder about the event's future. Can a festival endure by simply holding its ground or reducing its scope?

"It's always stayed at a certain level," says Moulder. "Part of me thinks it would be great to have an entity that would have resources and make it a larger operation, maybe bring in more dollars. I'm kind of open to those possibilities at this point, but nothing firm has come along."

Nevertheless, adds Moulder, "In some ways, it's a wonder how it all comes together. It's the club owners and the musicians, and we pull through."

Following is the lineup for this weekend's shows. Admission is $20 to each venue; for more details, visit www.chitownjazzfestival.org.



CHRIS SWEDA/CHICAGO TRIBUNE 2017

Saxophonist/clarinetist Eric Schneider leads a quintet at the Green Mill on Chicago's North side.

Friday

■ Alyssa Allgood Quartet, 5 and 7 p.m.; Soul Message Band, 9:30 and 11: 30 p.m.; Andy's Jazz Club, 11 E. Hubbard St.; 312-642-6805 or www.andysjazzclub.com.

■ Don Stiernberg Quartet, 8 p.m.; Fred Simon Quartet, 9:30 p.m.; Studio5, 1934 Dempster St., Evanston; 847-328-6683 or www.studio5.dance.

Saturday

■ Jim Trompeter and his DePaul Quintet, 8 p.m.; Mitch Paliga Band, 9:30 p.m.; Eric Schneider Quartet, 11 p.m.; Green Mill Jazz Club, 4802 N. Broadway; 773-878-5552 or www.greenmilljazz.com.

Chicago Philharmonic

Conductor Scott Speck will lead the ensemble in "The Roaring Twenties," a program featuring Kurt Weill's Suite from "The Threepenny Opera," John Harbison's "Remembering Gatsby," George Gershwin's "Rhapsody in Blue" and Maurice Ravel's Piano Concerto in G, with Aldo Lopez-Gavilan as soloist. *7:30 p.m. Saturday in Northwestern University's Pick-Staiger Concert Hall, 50 Arts Circle Drive, Evanston; $40-$75; 312-957-0000 or www.chicagophilharmonic.org.*

Donny McCaslin

The exuberant, genre-defying saxophonist is in residence this week with the Columbia College Jazz Ensemble, a partnership that has produced vivid results in the past. *8 and 10 p.m. Friday and Saturday; 4, 8 and 10 p.m. Sunday; at the Jazz Showcase, 806 S. Plymouth Court; $20-$35; 312-360-0234 or www.jazzshowcase.com.*

Johnny O'Neal

Few jazz singers play piano as well as O'Neal, and few pianists sing as authoritatively as he does. The versatile musician will pay tribute to the 100th birthday of Nat "King" Cole, who remains the pride of Chicago. *7:30 and 9:30 p.m. Friday and Saturday at Winter's Jazz Club, 465 N. McClurg Court (promenade); $30-$35; 312-344-1270 or www.wintersjazzclub.com.*

Paquito D'Rivera

The musical focus turns to Cuba with a double-bill featuring eminent saxophonist D'Rivera leading a quintet and pianist Alfredo Rodriguez duetting with percussionist Pedrito Martinez. *8 p.m. Friday in Orchestra Hall at Symphony Center, 220 S. Michigan Ave.; $9-$89; 312-294-3000 or www.cso.org.*

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POP MUSIC PREVIEW

FINALLY, FINALLY

Chicago's Disturbed finds its way to mainstream success via ... Simon & Garfunkel?

By Allison Stewart
Chicago Tribune



TRAVIS SHINN

Chicago hard rock band Disturbed (John Moyer, from left, David Draiman, Dan Donegan and Mike Wengren) are enjoying a career resurgence, thanks to an unlikely Simon & Garfunkel cover.

Chicago-born hard rock band Disturbed has had five No. 1 albums so far, and sold millions of records, but until recently, genre-busting mainstream success had eluded them.

In 2015, fresh off a four-year hiatus, Disturbed's mellow-for-them cover of Simon & Garfunkel's "The Sound of Silence" became the crossover hit they'd never known they wanted. It brought about a late-career resurgence for the band, now in its 25th year; the night before this interview, band members headlined Madison Square Garden for the first time (they play Allstate Arena on Friday night).

In a phone interview, frontman David Draiman talked about his band's post-hiatus rebound and its hard-soft new album, "Evolution," its songs inspired in part by the deaths of fallen contemporaries like Linkin Park's Chester Bennington.

The following is an edited transcript of that conversation:

Q: It goes against conventional wisdom that this many albums into your career, at a time when rock is not thriving on the charts, that you'd be at your peak.

A: Well, they're so insistent on trying to press the notion that rock is dead, don't you know? We've been very fortunate that our entire career, we've always been able to ride a very gradual, uphill climb. It's unusual for sure. There's no magic equation to make it happen. It's a little bit of tenacity, it's a little bit of luck, it's a little bit of talent, hopefully.

Q: When you returned from hiatus, did it feel different, like when you break up with someone and get back together?

A: The way that you can compare it to a post-breakup situation, not that we ever broke up, is that sometimes you don't know what you've got 'til it's gone. Stepping away from Disturbed made us appreciate it that much more. There is no better situation for any one member of this band than when we're actually together. Strength in that unity is very apparent to us.

Q: You can draw a direct line between "The Sound of Silence" and headlining the Garden last night, don't you think?

A: I don't know, necessarily. We were already headed in that direction, thank God. Don't get me wrong, it certainly doesn't hurt having the biggest crossover hit of your career, and we couldn't be happier with the success it's achieved, and we couldn't be more shocked and surprised at how far-reaching it became. I wouldn't say that all of a sudden we got this huge influx of people coming into the shows because of the direct success of that song. I think the direct success of that song gave us the confidence to be able to go in different directions creatively and musically, and enabled us to create a much more dynamic set with greater variety and range. Does that lend itself to larger audiences? I certainly hope so.

When: 7:30 p.m. Friday

Where: Allstate Arena, 6920 N. Mannheim Rd., Rosemont

Tickets: $29.50-$79; 800-745-3000 or www.ticketmaster.com

Q: Is it fair to say some of the songs on the new album, the quieter ones, wouldn't have happened if "The Sound of Silence" hadn't been a hit?

A: I think that's a very fair assumption. ... (Us) just being older, and now all with families and in a different stage of our lives, led to the development of the lyrical content. Certainly earlier in our career, we weren't at the level of maturity as a human being to be writing the way that we have. Everything definitely plays a role.

Q: A song like "A Reason to Fight," it's difficult to imagine you doing even five years ago.

A: Agreed. You come to a different place in your life and you've experienced different things. Unfortunately all of us have experienced very, very painful and severe loss, personal loss, in reference to the demons of addiction and depression that have ravaged not only our country and our world, and us personally as individuals.

Q: You've talked about Chester Bennington, Chris Cornell and Scott Weiland being direct influences for (these songs). Have you heard back from anybody close to them about their take on these songs?

A: We haven't. ... We're not doing it for that, anyway. If they got wind of it and they found some solace in it, if it helps them bring back a vivid memory, or helps them contextualize things, or helps them grieve in any way, that would certainly be welcome. But it was something that we needed to do for ourselves. It's just too much. For me personally, I miss all of them, particularly Chester. Chester and I came up together in this business. We both literally came out very close to the same period of time, we both benefited from the huge surge of what everybody referred to as nu metal. We supported one another, we had been friends the entire time.

Q: Something that also doesn't get talked about a lot is how bandmates feel, to have this brother in your lives who's suddenly gone.

A: Yeah, and sometimes it's simply never the same. ... Chemistry is not something you can always predict. To find those men or women you do gel with, and you have that connection with and ability to create with is truly a blessing. I honestly don't know what the hell I would do if, God forbid, I ever lost (my band). I don't even want to think about it.

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POP MUSIC PREVIEW

TobyMac wrestles yet another hit song to the ground

By Alan Sculley
Chicago Tribune



THE MEDIA COLLECTIVE

Grammy-winning performer TobyMac plays Sears Centre in Hoffman Estates on Saturday.

TobyMac's current album, "Elements," has given him his biggest hit in six years. "I Just Need U" spent a dozen weeks atop the Christian music singles chart, and he can see now that the struggle to write it was well worthwhile.

"It was a wrestling match, that song, honestly. It wasn't, like, quick," TobyMac said in a recent phone interview.

"We probably wrote three completely different verses and wildly different melodies and lyrics. ... Sometimes you have to wrestle it to the ground."

TobyMac, whose real name is Kevin McKeehan, said his songs don't tend to just fall into place.

"I think there's a lot to be said for immediacy in lyrics and things like that, and some people are really good at that," he said. "I'm definitely a crafter. Sometimes they come quick, but I like to craft songs."

And with the "Elements" album, TobyMac feels he crafted his most personal album. Several factors, he said, have contributed to him digging deeper as a lyricist.

"Number one is just life and the things you're going through. You know, your life changes a little, your kids start growing up a little more," he said. Besides giving him more to work with, experience has helped him grow in confidence as a writer and learn to be a little more vulnerable.

"We're all going through these things. So to express those personally just resonates with people."

Overall, TobyMac says "Elements" deals with obstacles in life that work against someone being the person he or she wants to be. In his case, he said he seeks to be selfless and be there for people in his life, but that's not easy for a successful musician — living in the spotlight and receiving attention and adulation.

The shift toward more personal and meaningful lyrics has been happening for some time, TobyMac, 54, said, and it feels appropriate for his stage in life.

"Elements" keeps his mix of electronic, pop and hip-hop, which is in step with today's top 40 trends and has helped him connect with the Christian music audience while enjoying crossover success. His six previous solo albums have been certified gold, with combined sales of more than 5 million copies. Along the way, he's won seven Grammy Awards.

When: 7 p.m. Saturday

Where: Sears Centre Arena

Tickets: $36-$116; www.ticketmaster.com

His current tour is called "Hits Deep" and features opening acts Jeremy Camp, Ryan Stevenson, We Are Messengers and Aaron Cole.

"Some artists will play three songs because they have three hits. Some will play six because they have six. Others will play 12 because they have 12. We make the evening work like that for the people, so they know everything all night long, so they're singing along all night."

Alan Sculley is a freelance writer.

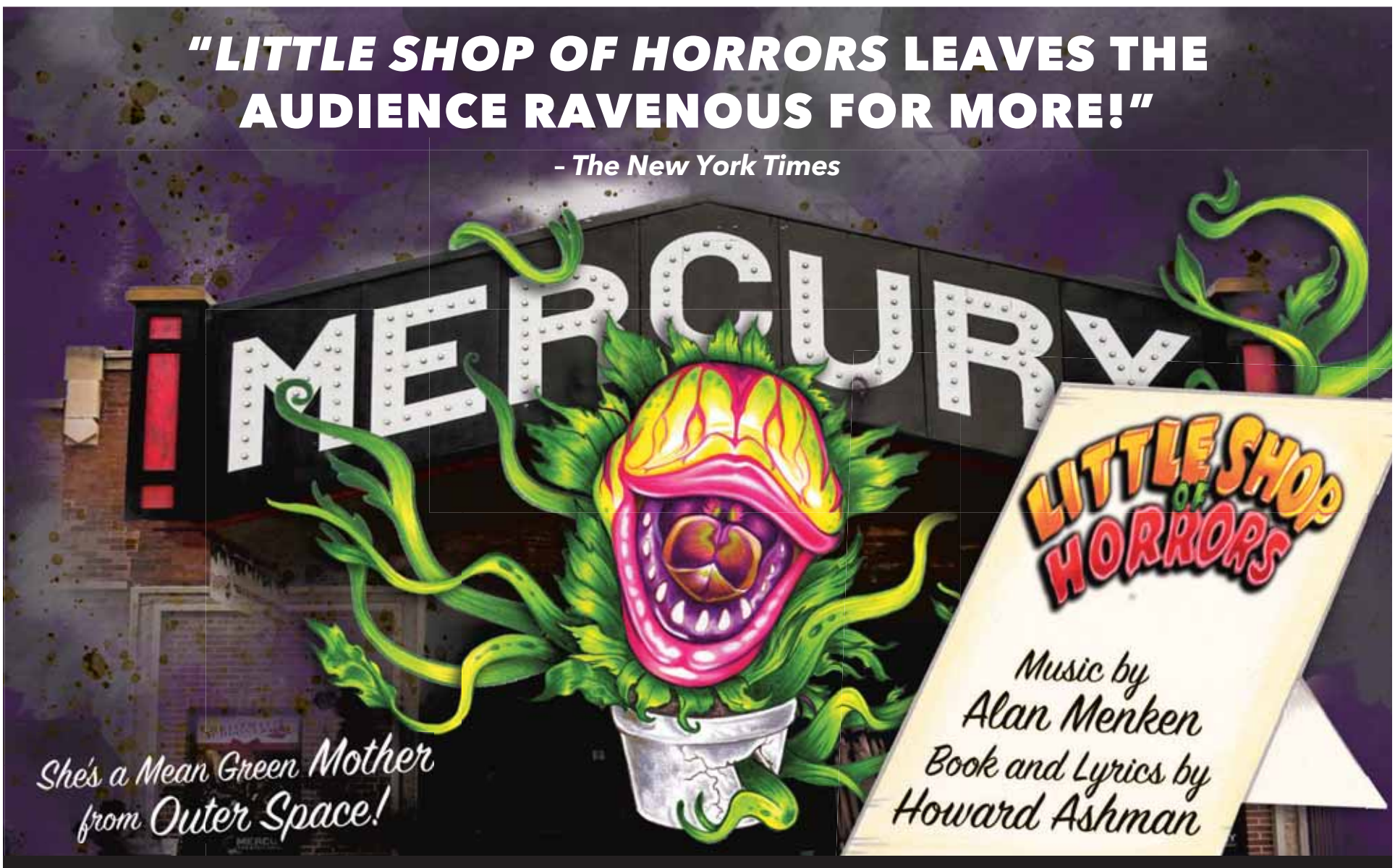
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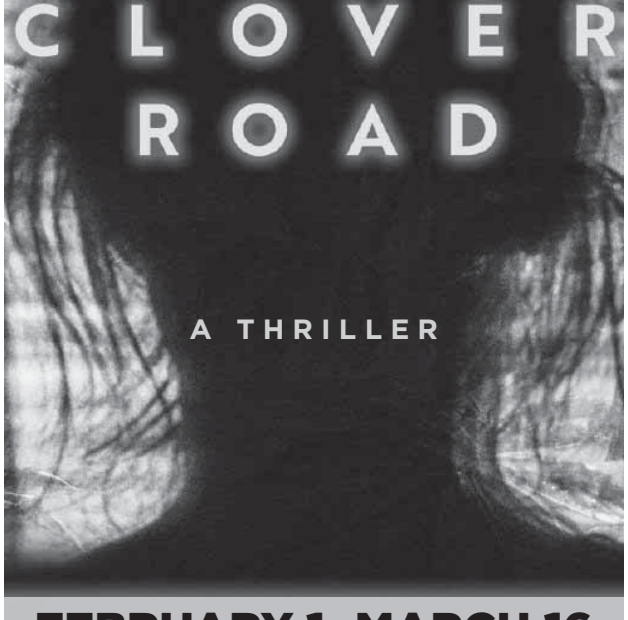
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Barangaroos Aussie Pies is open, serving up meat pies in traditional and American flavors.

To Lakeview from Down Under

By Grace Wong
Chicago Tribune

When Arjun Seigell visited his sister in Sydney, Australia, he and his wife, Lilly Seigell, fell in love with the assortment of meat pies they found in cafes and bakeries. With his background in business and his wife's background in restaurants, it seemed natural to bring them to the States. They opened Barangaroos Aussie Pies the first week of February, choosing the name of a waterfront neighborhood of Sydney — another factor, the word sounded cute and catchy like "kangaroo."

The concept is simple — nine flavors of filling all in a short-crust pastry shell with a flaky top. You'll find traditional varieties, like classic mince, with ground beef, onions and cheese; or steak and potato, which has a savory brown steak sauce. But to cater to American audiences, Arjun Seigell said he added barbecue chicken and Buffalo chicken, which comes with chicken, carrots, celery, Buffalo sauce and blue cheese.



A meat pie from Barangaroos.

"There are so many people walking around, and it's a busy town, so it's a perfect food if you're on the go," Seigell said. "It's just something different. If you look around, most of the fast food options are pizza, burgers and a couple Mexican joints, and that's about it. This brings something completely different."

In addition to pies, the shop also has soups, macaroni and cheese, chips and Australian snacks, like Tim Tam cookies and Bundaberg sodas. There's some seating inside, but Seigell said many people take their pies to go on their way to work or on their way home.

Business has been strong since opening, so much that Seigell had to close the store for two days because he ran out of a week's worth of pies in two days.

"We love it," he said. "It's been really busy, and we have been getting three or four hours of sleep every night, but we really like it, and everybody has been very nice."

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The Chocolate Wine and Spirits Expo

EAT

Satisfy your sweet tooth this weekend with a trip to the fifth annual Chocolate Festival, as part of the larger Chocolate, Wine and Spirits Expo. More than 50 different vendors — including winemakers, distillers, bakers, and, of course, chocolatiers — will offer unlimited tastings of chocolate, food and non-alcoholic beverages. Samples of alcohol are available to purchase at an additional cost through the Wine and Spirits Expo portion of the event. Enjoy demonstrations and pairings of a whole lot of food and drink. *11 a.m.-6 p.m. Saturday, 11a.m.-5 p.m. Sunday. Local 130 Plumbers Union Hall, 1340 W. Washington Blvd. Tickets: $25-$45. $1 per alcoholic beverage ticket. chocolatewinespirits.weebly.com*

DRINK

Spirit of Revolt is a special Imperial IPA from Revolution Brewing that was conceived and originally brewed by Revolution's women employees last year. Now, Revolution wants to make the release party an annual event to celebrate International Women's Day, also the genesis of the beer's creation. The Spirit of Revolt Art Show will feature a stellar lineup of local female artists, limited Spirit of Revolt merch, henna tattoos and food from the Empanada Bike and others. The event raises money to support Connections for Abused Women and their Children, a nonprofit based in Chicago. *6-11 p.m. Friday. Revolution Brewing, 3340 N. Kedzie Ave. Details: facebook.com/RevBrewChicago/events*

— Adam Lukach, Chicago Tribune

WHERE TO EAT NOW

Restaurant reviews and profiles from Tribune food critic Phil Vettel, staff reporters and freelance writers. Reviewers make every effort to remain anonymous. Meals are paid for by the Tribune.

Ramen Shinchan Shinchan is a fine example of southern Japanese cuisine. It's there that I encountered Chicagoland's finest bowl of tonkotsu ramen — the bloodstream-haltingly rich and savory broth cooked from pork bones. The chef's treatment of tonkotsu is classic, no culinary twists or dialing down for Western palates. Open: Lunch and dinner Tuesday-Sunday. Prices: Entrees $8-$12. *1939 S. Plum Grove Road, Palatine, 847-496-4189. — Kevin Pang*

Revival Food Hall Featuring 14 impressive food stalls and a cocktail bar, Revival is easily the best place to eat lunch in the Loop. Try hot chicken sandwiches at The Budlong, poke bowls at Aloha and more. Open: Lunch and early dinner Monday-Friday; bar until 9 p.m. Monday-Friday. Prices: Entrees $8-$15. *125 S. Clark St., 773-999-9411. — Nick Kindelsperger*

River Roast Well-known chefs Tony Mantuano and John Hogan are behind this riverfront restaurant. The sized-for-two roasted entrees are the stars, including an insanely good chicken. Open: Dinner daily, lunch Monday-Friday, brunch Saturday-Sunday. Prices: Entrees $22-$25, entrees-for-two $39-$42. *315 N. LaSalle St., 312-822-0100. — Phil Vettel*

Roister This boisterous, messy, decidedly un-Alinea restaurant from the Alinea group offers nearly all of its dishes cooked on a 6-foot-high open hearth. Plates have no common denominator except for a fearless use of acidic and fermented flavors. Fair warning: The dining room is loud. Reservations are made via online tickets, but some walk-in dining is possible. Open: Dinner daily, brunch Friday-Sunday. Prices: Entrees $31-$59. *951 W. Fulton Market. — Phil Vettel*

RPM Steak This chic, sleek steakhouse exceeds expectations in so many ways I can scarcely list them all. There are superior cocktails in the bar, which offers great people-watching; a dizzying array of beefy options, from grass-fed steaks to A5 Japanese wagyu; superb seafood; and a memorable chicken. Dinner-jacket-clad servers are utterly professional. Open: Dinner daily. Prices: Entrees $23-$155. *66 W. Kinzie St., 312-284-4990. — Phil Vettel*

Sable Kitchen & Bar Sable has struggled with its identity, with a number of staff shuffles in recent years. Amber Lancaster, a French-trained chef who has worked at Alinea and Moto, then as a private chef, has turned it around. Her menu is an appealing mix of Mediterranean influences — dishes that easily match Sable's still-excellent cocktail program. Open: Breakfast and dinner daily; brunch Saturday and Sunday. Prices: Large plates $14-$38. *505 N. State St., 312-755-9704. — Phil Vettel*

Sal's Trattoria Allen Sternweiler (Butcher & the Burger) is the chef behind this Lakeview charmer. A single-page, budget-conscious menu offers the usual suspects, plus more offbeat efforts. Open: Dinner Tuesday-Sunday. Prices: Pasta and main courses $18-$28. *2834 N. Southport Ave., 773-857-1401. — Phil Vettel*

Sepia Stars abound among the entrees at Sepia, the older sibling to the highly successful Proxi, both owned by Emmanuel Nony. Executive chef Andew Zimmerman and chef de cuisine Adam Zoscsak offer their takes on New American cuisine. Sarah Mispagel's pastry work doesn't disappoint, and service is spot on and eagerly conversant on the menu and wines. Open: Dinner daily; lunch Monday-Friday. Prices: Entrees $24-$38; tasting menu $95. *123 N. Jefferson St., 312-441-1920. — Phil Vettel*



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S.K.Y. At S.K.Y. in Pilsen, out-of-towner chef Stephen Gillanders (formerly of Lettuce Entertain You's Intro) wows with fine-dining finesse. Gillanders shows a deft hand with heat, which he employs the way other chefs use acidity. The highlight of his fried chicken (a boneless, skinless thigh), is the twice-fermented hot sauce (habanero-based, but deeply nuanced) poured tableside against a levee of creamed corn. Open: Dinner Wednesday-Sunday; brunch Saturday and Sunday. Prices: Main courses $19-$28. *1239 W. 18th St., 312-846-1077. — Phil Vettel*

Smyth This is a triumphant homecoming for chefs John and Karen Shields, who worked together at Charlie Trotter's before making a name for themselves in Virginia. Choose between three tasting menus, ranging from $95 to $225, and sit back for an onslaught of dishes of extraordinary complexity. It's a joyous experience. Open: Dinner Tuesday-Saturday. *177 N. Ada St., 773-913-3773. — Phil Vettel*

Somerset Lee Wolen gives his seasonal American cooking a less formal, more rustic touch in this Gold Coast charmer in the Viceroy Chicago (nee Cedar Hotel). Fans of Wolen's work at Boka know to look for signature ingredients such as octopus and whole-roasted chicken (the latter served Sunday-supper style, with side dishes), but keep an eye out also for beef tartare. The ever-reliable Meg Galus contributes stellar desserts. Entrees $23-$55. Breakfast, lunch/brunch, dinner daily. *1112 N. State St., 312-586-2150. — Phil Vettel*

Steadfast The most ambitious restaurant to hit the Loop in a long time is a small-plates American spot. There's a lot to love: the complex cooking of chef Chris Davies, the superb bread and dessert from pastry chef Chris Teixeira, and impressive charcuterie. Open: Dinner Monday-Saturday, lunch Monday-Friday. Prices: Entrees $24-$39. *120 W. Monroe St., 312-801-8899. — Phil Vettel*

Steingold's While Steingold's is inspired by Jewish food culture (pastrami-spiced lox, matzo ball soup, bagels), it is not even really a delicatessen. It is instead one of the best destination sandwich shops in Chicago. Steingold's pastrami is crowned with smoked tangy sauerkraut, Swiss cheese with edges caramelized on the griddle and a lustrous lick of Russian dressing. Open breakfast through dinner Tuesday-Friday; breakfast and lunch Saturday and Sunday. Prices: Entrees from $5 to $22. *1840 W. Irving Park Road, 773-661-2469. — Michael Nagrant*

Stefani Prime Phil Stefani has had a remarkable career as a restaurateur, from Stefani's, the restaurant he opened in 1980 on Fullerton Avenue, to Stefani Prime. As the name suggests, Stefani Prime skews a bit heavier on steaks and chops. The biggest steak is the $99 prime tomahawk rib-eye, a 40-ouncer. It arrives at the table propped upright on a carving board, then is sliced tableside. The meat is so rich it glistens. Open: Dinner daily. Prices: Entrees $22.95-$24.95; steaks/chops $33.95-$48.95. *6755 N. Cicero Ave., Lincolnwood, 847-696-6755. — Phil Vettel*

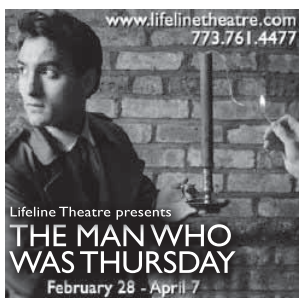
Sushi-San At Sushi-San, diners can enjoy four distinct dining experiences. At most tables, you'll peruse the single-page menu and choose among various nigiri, sashimi and charcoal-grilled items. Open: Dinner daily. Prices: A la carte items $6-$20; nigiri platters $29-$98, omakase menu $88. (Cash not accepted.) *63 W. Grand Ave., 312-828-0575. — Phil Vettel*

Swift and Sons The perfect consistency of the lobster bisque alone confirms that a serious chef (Chris Pandel, whose newest project is Wrigley Field-adjacent Dutch and Doc's) is behind this steakhouse. The must-try protein is the beef Wellington, enveloped in a crust "branded" with the image of a cow. Pastry chef Lauren Terrill's desserts go above and beyond the steakhouse norm. Open: Dinner daily. Prices: Entrees $29-$105. *1000 W. Fulton Market, 312-733-9420. — Phil Vettel*

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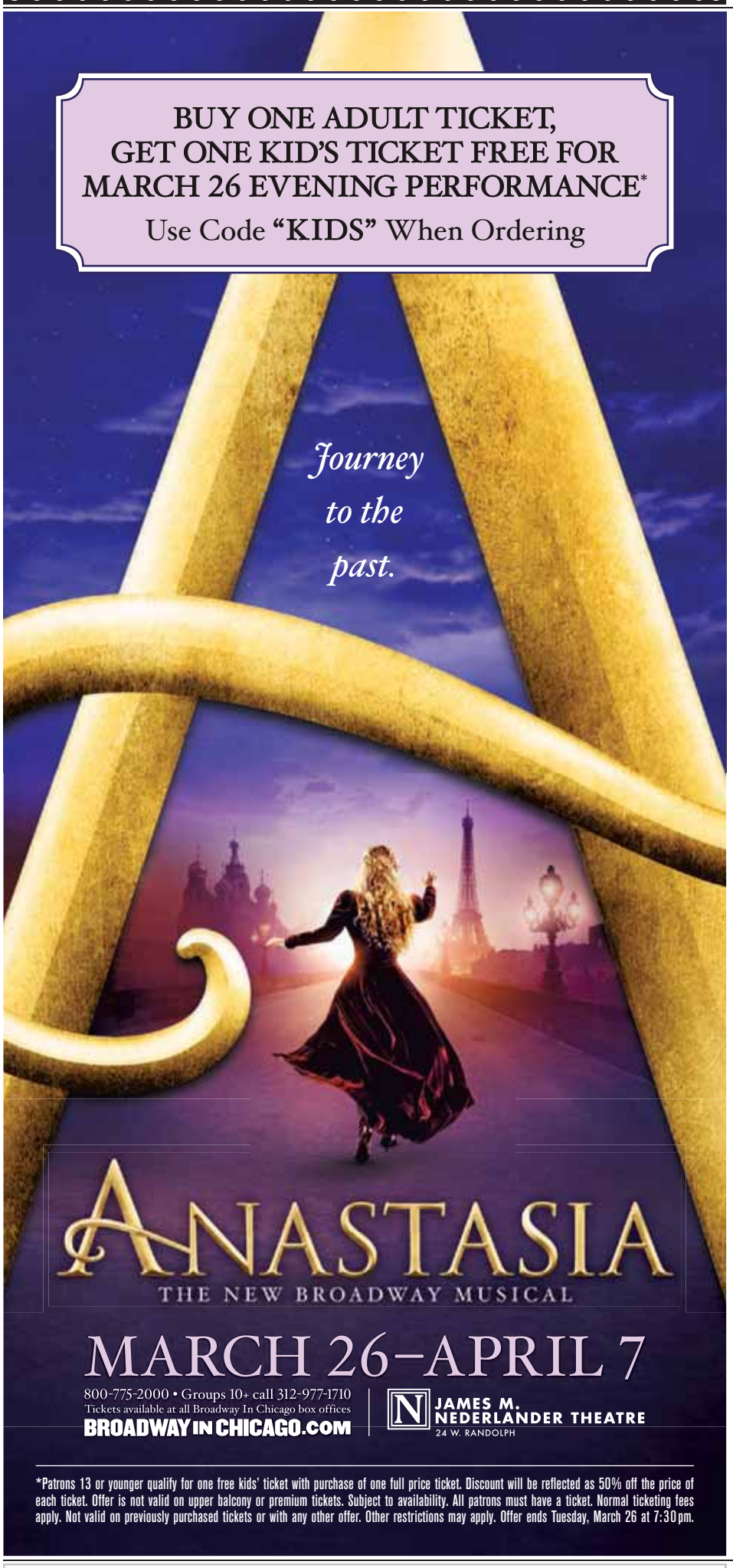


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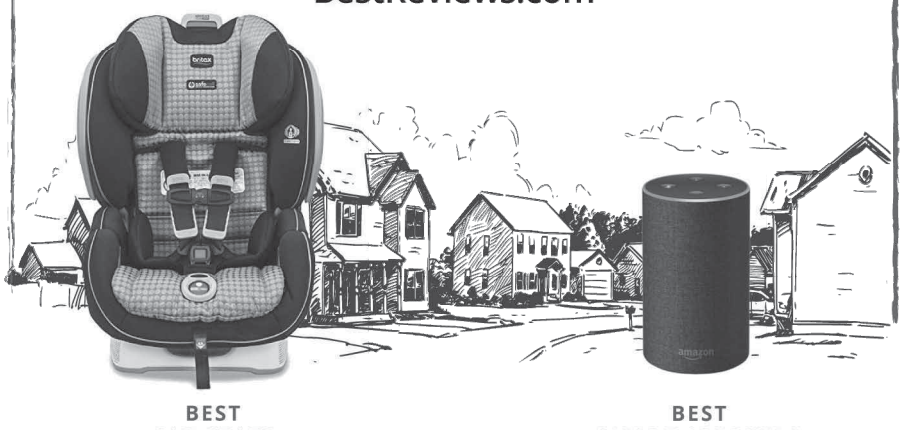
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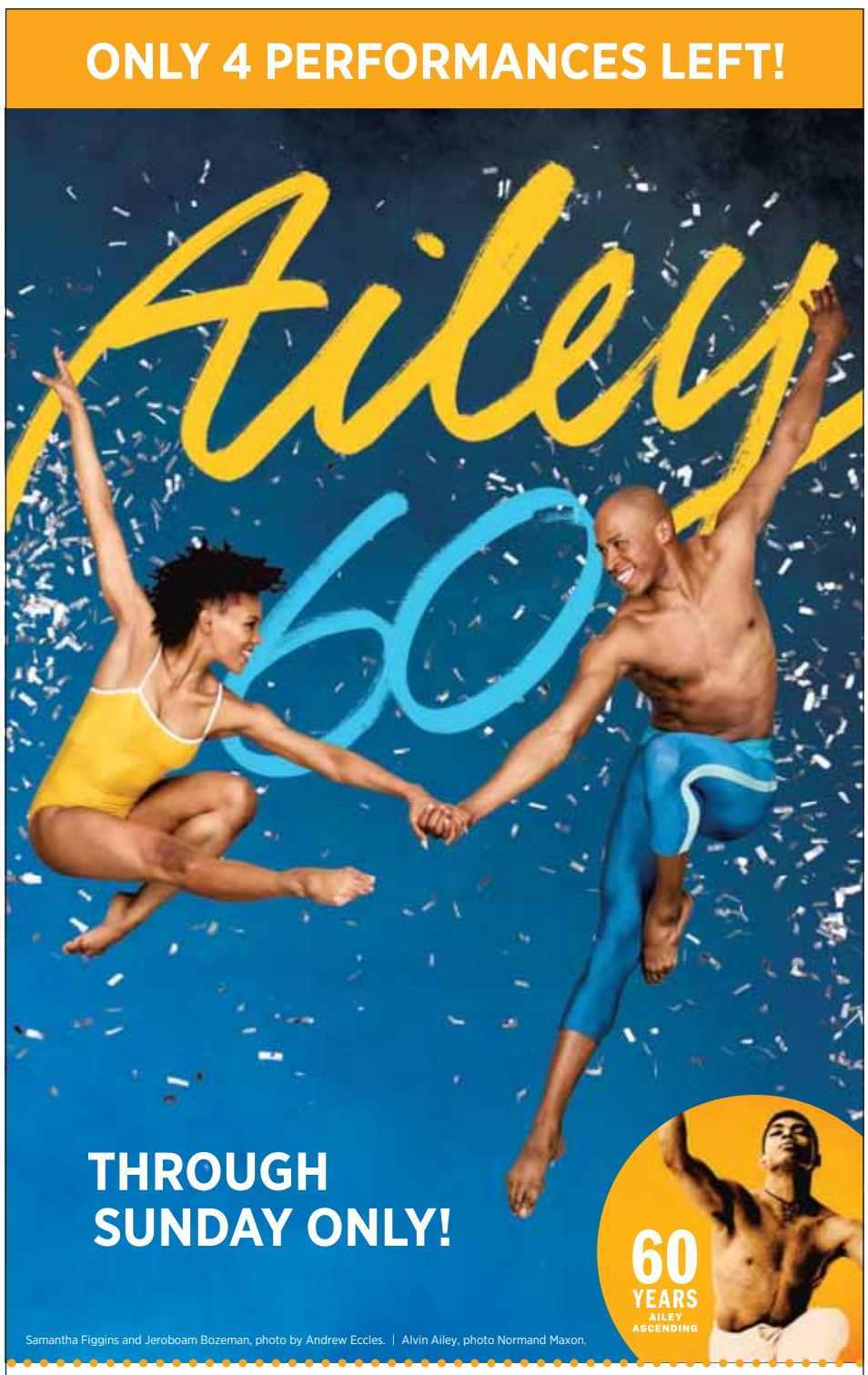
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THE THEATER LOOP

By Chris Jones



Imperative to entertain, educate

Margaret Trudeau, mother of Canadian Prime Minister Justin Trudeau, brings 'Certain Woman of an Age' to Chicago



KIRSTEN MICCOLI

Margaret Trudeau's solo show addresses her longtime struggles with mental health.

Margaret Trudeau — the mother of one Prime Minister of Canada and the former wife of another — will perform over Mother's Day weekend. But not in Canada. In Chicago. In the UP Comedy Club at Second City. Where she will be alone on the stage.

Trudeau, a celebrity staple of glamorous, glossy magazines and global scandal-sheets and tabloids since the 1970s, will workshop a new autobiographical solo show, titled "Certain Woman of an Age."

"I am rather astonished this is happening," Trudeau said, in a telephone interview from her home in Montreal.

Margaret Trudeau, who now is 70 years old, was married to Pierre Trudeau from 1971 to 1984, although the couple separated in 1977, only finalizing their divorce during Pierre Trudeau's last years in office. Pierre Trudeau, who died in 2000, was Prime Minister of Canada from 1968 to 1979 and 1980 to 1984 — and was the third longest-serving head of state in that nation's history. The couple's son, Justin Trudeau, is the 23rd Prime Minister of Canada. He assumed that office in 2015.

For years, if not decades, the Canadian press was consumed with Margaret Trudeau's jet-setting personal life: her affairs with the actors Ryan O'Neal and Jack Nicholson; her appearances at the infamous Studio 54 nightclub in New York City, most famously on the very night that her husband lost his re-election bid in 1979; her partying with Mick Jagger and Andy Warhol.

"My life for so many years was a reality show," Trudeau said. "Now I will be able to put that on the stage."

In more recent years, she has written, spoken and been interviewed about what she has said are her longtime struggles with mental health, a major theme of her new show.

"What I have been for the last 13 years is a mental-health advocate," she said. "I have given over 500 speeches, often to very large crowds. Canadians know me so well — I am part of Canada's collective memory — and my fame would get people through the door who would not otherwise be interesting in talking about mental health. I think we are now talking about that subject quite a lot in Canada, but I think that's a little different there in America. Wouldn't you say?"

Trudeau says that she understands the imperative to entertain as well as educate. "I have had quite the grand, interesting life," she said. "I have some great stories. But I am also very human and I suffered an awful lot. So I always like to get people laughing."

The reason for the choice of Second City for the show's debut is Trudeau's 25-year friendship with Diane Alexander, a fellow Canadian and the wife of Second City's owner, Andrew Alexander. Alexander described Trudeau as "one of the most charming and funny people I have ever met."

Co-written by Alix Sobler, the show is to be produced by Alexander and directed by Kimberly Senior, a director whose career began in Chicago.

Asked her long-term goals, Trudeau said that much will depend on how the show is received in Chicago, but that she had interest in a variety of options, from moving the piece off-Broadway to touring Canada ("if I have the endurance for that") to pursuing some kind of deal with an entity like HBO which could stream a performance.

"I rather feel like a pregnant woman in her eighth month," Trudeau said. "All I have right now is the dream of this."

Asked why she would not prefer to live outside of the public eye, she replied, "When am I going to be allowed to do that?"

Of course, when your son is a sitting head of state, you also have to expect to be asked what he thinks about the project. Margaret Trudeau laughed at the question, saying she expects friends, and especially her family, to come from all across Canada to see the show.

It will be Mother's Day weekend, after all.

"All of my children have been so sweet and supportive of what I am doing," Trudeau said. "My honesty about mental illness has helped open a door for real conversation, and I think Justin wants to continue that conversation," she said. "He has put no restrictions on me. His father couldn't. Why should he try?"

"Certain Woman of an Age" is May 9-12 in the UP Comedy Club at Second City, 230 W. North Ave.; tickets are $45 and up, now on sale at 312-662-4562 and www.secondcity.com

Chris Jones is a Tribune critic.

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OPENING NIGHTS

Sunday

"Mahalia Jackson: Moving Through the Light": A musical tribute to the gospel singer with classics including "Precious Lord," "How Great Thou Art." *Black Ensemble Theater, 4450 N. Clark St.; 773-769-4451 and www.blackensembletheater.org*

"Little Shop of Horrors": The Menken-Ashman fave about floral assistant Seymour. *Mercury Theater, 3745 N. Southport Ave.; 773-325-1700 and www.mercurytheaterchicago.com*

Monday

"The Bridges of Madison County": Kelli Harrington stars in the musical based on Robert James Waller's story, up-close and directed by Fred Anzevino. *Theo Ubique Cabaret Theatre, 721 Howard St., Evanston, 800-595-4849 or www.theo-u.com*

Tuesday

"The Choir of Man": Part concert, part pub crawl. *Broadway Playhouse, 175 E. Chestnut St.; 800-775-2000 and www.broadwayinchicago.com*

Wednesday

"A Bronx Tale": The Broadway musical set in 1960s New York and based on Chazz Palminteri's childhood. *Nederlander Theatre, 24 W. Randolph St.; 800-775-2000 and www.broadwayinchicago.com*

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"Blue Man Group"
★★★½
"Blue Man Group" has been playing at Briar Street since 1997, a remarkable run of 20-plus years. *Open run at the Briar Street Theatre, 3133 N. Halsted St.; $49-$69 at www.ticketmaster.com*

"Dear Evan Hansen"
★★★★
The first national tour of "Dear Evan Hansen" opened at the newly renamed Nederlander Theatre with pretty much its entire four-week Chicago run sold out. Teenagers could be seen snaking throughout the lobbies, half-singing the Benj Pasek and Justin Paul score. This is the rare show, many of them feel, that understands them. The writer Steven Levenson has created a show about teen suicide and parental loss, but mostly about how our need to be liked can lead us down a path of bad decisions. *Through March 10 at the Nederlander Theatre, 24 W. Randolph St.; $85-$175 at 800-775-2000 or www.broadwayinchicago.com*

"A Doll's House, Part 2"
★★★
"A Doll's House, Part 2" is the taut, smart new play at Steppenwolf Theatre from writer Lucas Hnath, which explores questions about matrimony and being alone. Hnath does so through the device of a sequel to Norwegian playwright Henrik Ibsen's proto-feminist play — in which Nora, a wife and mother, walked out on her family in 1879. Some 15 years later, Nora walks back through the door she once slammed. *Through March 17 at Steppenwolf Theatre, 1650 N. Halsted St.; $20-$99 at www.steppenwolf.org*

"Fulfillment Center"
★★★½
The word Amazon is never mentioned in Abe Koogler's play "Fulfillment Center," but this wry, poignant new work nonetheless feels part of the great debate about whether or not an online retailer is worthy of taxpayer subsidies. At A Red Orchid Theater, the central character is an ambitious New Yorker named Alex (Jose Nateras) who has moved to New Mexico with the hopes of impressing his bosses through the performance of his "team." *Through March 24 at A Red Orchid Theatre, 1531 N. Wells St.; $30-$40 at 312-943-8722 or www.aredorchidtheatre.org*

"Gaslight District" ★★★
The best work in the Second City e.t.c. Stage revue "Gaslight District" engages at an equal level with the paying customers in the seats. *Open run on the Second City e.t.c. Stage, 1608 N. Wells St. in Piper's Alley; $21-$48 at 312-337-3992 and www.secondcity.com*

"A Gentleman's Guide to Love and Murder" ★★★
Matt Crowle plays a multitude of comedic roles in the lively new Porchlight Music Theatre production of "A Gentleman's Guide to Love & Murder," the recent Broadway musical about an enterprising young man named Monty (Andres Enriquez) who finds himself in line to an aristocratic fortune and sets about murdering everyone else in the line of succession. All of those eight victims are played by Crowle. *Through March 16 at the Ruth Page Center for the Arts, 1016 N. Dearborn St.; $39-66 at 773-777-9884 or www.porchlightmusictheatre.org*

"Girl in the Red Corner"
★★★
Stephen Spotswood's "Girl in the Red Corner" is an intense play about a working-class woman (Elise Marie Davis) who decides to take up mixed marital arts as a means of fighting back against the demands of her difficult life. *Through March 9 at the Den Theatre, 1333 N. Milwaukee Ave.; $5-$40 or pay what you can, www.brokennosetheatre.com*



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Alba Guerra plays Carolina and Cruz Gonzalez-Cadel is Gabriela in Teatro Vista's world premiere of Stephanie AlisonWalker's "The Abuelas."

HOT TICKET

"The Abuelas" ★★★
The fine playwright Stephanie Alison Walker has been writing about the so-called dirty war, the Argentine purge that lasted from 1974 to 1983 — and those who disappeared. In her new play, "The Abuelas," now premiering with Teatro Vista, it's 2016 in Chicago. Concert cellist Gabriela (Cruz Gonzalez-Cadel) lives with her architect husband (Nate Santana) in a high-rise with a view of Lake Michigan. Gabriela has always believed her mother to be Soledad (Katie Barberi), but Gabriela's personal history begins to unravel, upending all of her assumptions about herself. *Through March 17 in the Richard Christiansen Theater at the Biograph, 2433 N. Lincoln Ave.; $20-$35 at 773-871-3000 and www.teatrovista.org*

"Hamilton" ★★★★
This heartland "Hamilton" is more in touch with the fundamental scrappiness of the early years of a rebel colony turned into a spectacular democratic experiment. *Open run at CIBC Theatre, 18 W. Monroe St.; $65-$400 at 800-775-2000 or www.broadwayinchicago.com*

"An Inspector Calls"
★★★★
Director Stephen Daldry's heart-stopping deconstruction of the post-war J.B. Priestley thriller "An Inspector Calls" was, in the 1990s, a spectacular revival by the National Theatre of Great Britain that was an indictment of privilege and complacency. The inspector is calling again, some 14 years later, at Chicago Shakespeare. *Through March 10 at The Yard at Chicago Shakespeare Theater, Navy Pier; $40-$88 at 312-595-5600 or www.chicagoshakes.com*

"Mamma Mia!" ★★★
By now, more people know "Mamma Mia!" than could name ABBA's hits. People love this show. It's back, this time at the Drury Lane — and opening night under the crystal chandeliers, there we all went again. Is this one any good? Yes, absolutely, it has Susie McMonagle played Donna. *Through April 14 at Drury Lane Theatre, 100 Drury Lane, Oakbrook Terrace; $55-$70; 630-530-0111 and www.drurylane.com*

"Ma Rainey's Black Bottom" ★★★
The music business is the subject of August Wilson's "Ma Rainey's Black Bottom," which you can see at Writers Theatre under the solid direction of Ron OJ Parson. Penned in 1982, it's the only Wilson play to be set in Chicago. *Through March 17 at Writers Theatre, 325 Tudor Court, Glencoe; $35-$80 at www.writerstheatre.org*

"Noises Off" ★★★
Now 37 years old, Michael Frayn's "Noises Off" is the best comedy ever written about the perils of putting on a show. In the first act, you watch the dress rehearsal of a dreary bedroom farce. In Act Two, you watch part of a performance from a backstage perspective, only by now the fragile relationships between cast members has deteriorated. By Act Three, it's an all-out war. At the Windy City Playhouse, the audience actually heads to different seats backstage. *Through April 7 at Windy City Playhouse, 3014 W. Irving Park Road; $45-$85 at 773-891-8985 or www.windycityplayhouse.com*

"The Producers" ★★★½
As I sat there at the Paramount Theatre's new production of "The Producers," as directed by Jim Corti, I kept thinking, they'd never get away with that joke now. As the stage filled with swastikas, I found myself looking around for protesters who did not understand Mel Brooks' creed that hate must be combated with ridicule. Corti's production is fearless, often doubling down where others would demur, and it is brimming with ideas. *Through March 17 at the Paramount Theatre, 23 E. Galena Blvd., Aurora; $36-$69 at 630-986-6666 or www.paramountaurora.com*

"The Realistic Joneses"
★★★
Everyone is named Jones in Will Eno's "The Realistic Joneses," which is now enjoying a Chicago premiere with a hefty dose of Chicago acting talent in a co-production between Shattered Globe Theatre and Theater Wit. In essence, "Realistic Joneses" is a portrait of two stages of a marriage. The older couple, played by Linda Reiter and H.B. Ward, are in that twilight zone between middle and old age. *Through March 9 at Theater Wit, 1229 W. Belmont Ave.; $24-$74 at www.shatteredglobe.org*

"Red Rex" ★★★½
Chicago playwright Ike Holter's "Red Rex" is the dynamic sixth entry in his Rightlynd Cycle of seven plays about a fictional Chicago ward undergoing gentrification. As the story of a fictional Chicago theater, it surely is the most self-critical show the storefront movement ever has produced. *Through March 30 at Steep Theatre, 1115 W. Berwyn Ave.; $27-$38 at www.steeptheatre.com*

"Twilight Bowl" ★★★
Playwright Rebecca Gilman's "Twilight Bowl," now at the Goodman Theatre, looks at the divide that opens between lower-middle class women living in a small Wisconsin town, based on who does and does not go to college. A character named Brielle (Mary Taylor) finds happiness in town; Jaycee (Heather Chrisler) ends up going to prison. *Through March 10 at the Goodman Theatre, 170 N. Dearborn St.; $10-$45 at 312-443-3800 or www.goodmantheatre.org*

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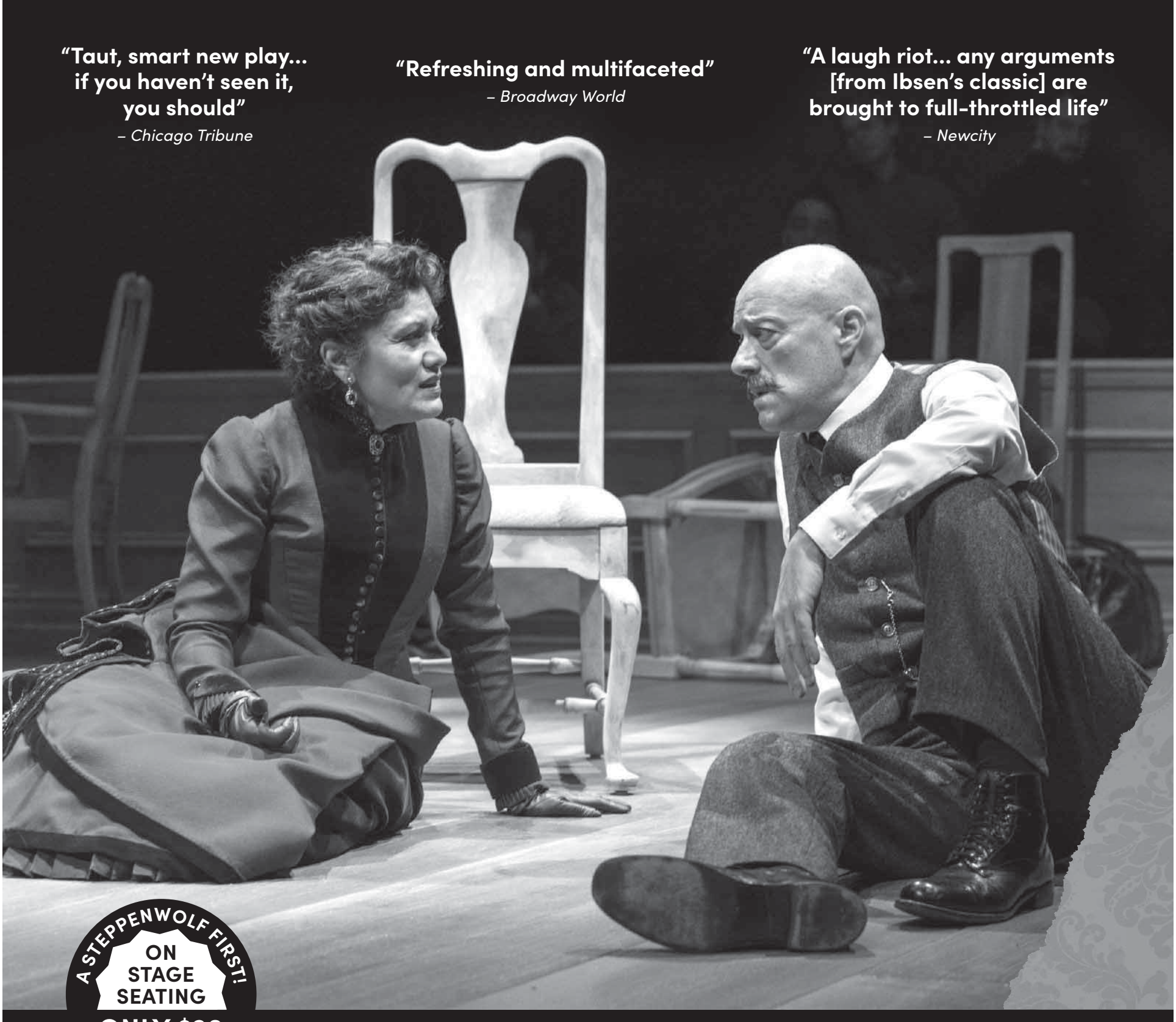
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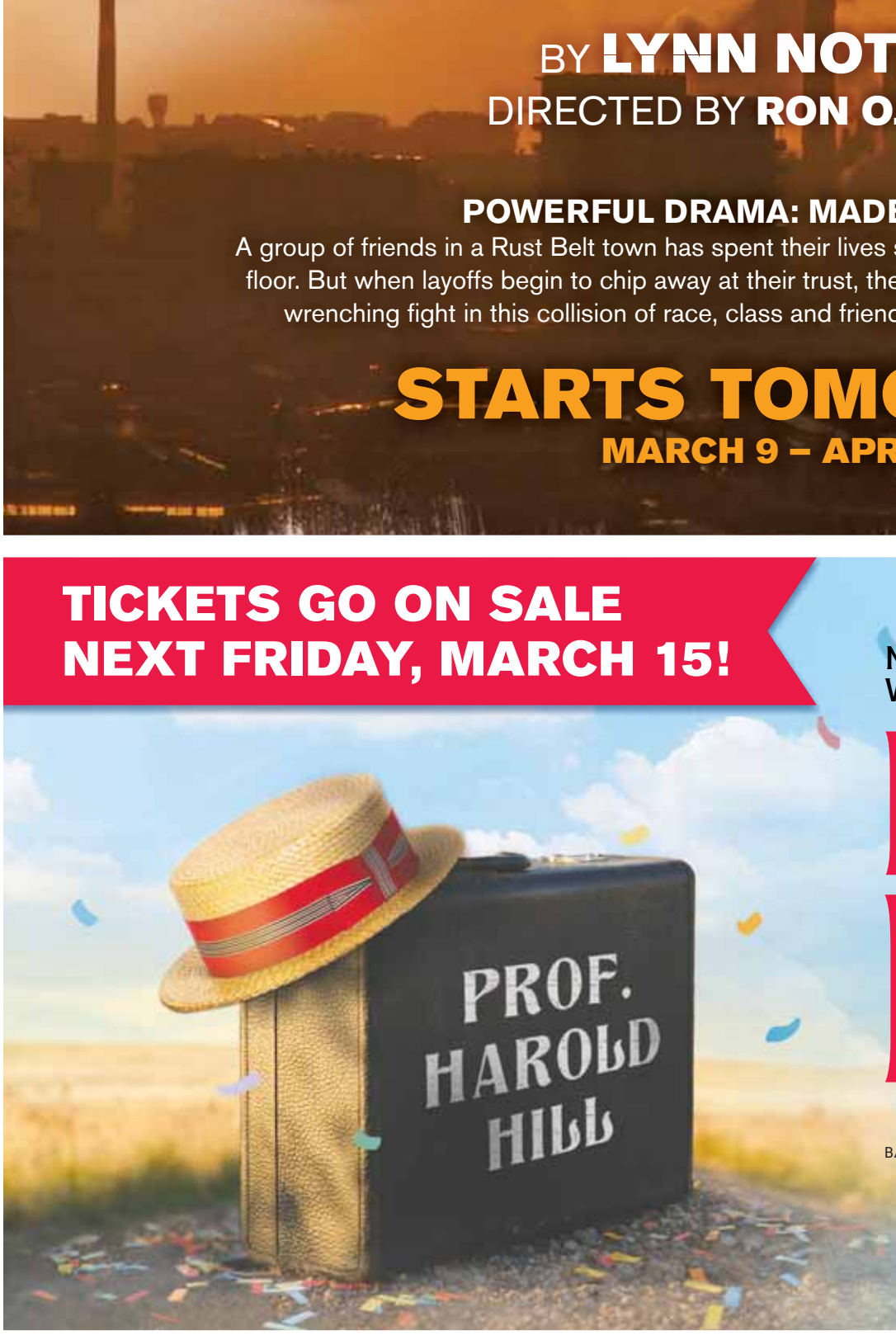
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It may not immediately come to mind when groundbreaking vehicles are discussed, but the Land Rover Range Rover Evoque is singlehandedly responsible for one of the hottest trends in the industry right now. The diminutive Range started the trend of city-sized luxury SUVs, and extended the Range Rover name beyond big, expensive country-traversing models. It even came in 3-door "coupe" form initially and currently offers the only convertible top in the SUV market.



Other luxury brands have since jumped on the bandwagon with offerings of many shapes and sizes, but the Evoque remains the most affordable entry to the world of Range Rovers, and now there's a new one. The 2020 Land Rover Range Rover Evoque borrows heavily from the style laden Velar for a sleek redesign that's more evolutionary than revolutionary.

Look beyond the objectively attractive sheet metal, however, and the new Evoque offers a host of novel features that may help to set it apart among its increasingly-crowded competitive set.

The new Evoque is redesigned from the ground up, but you may not be able to tell at first glance. It bears a striking resemblance to the outgoing model in terms of proportions and character lines, and looks very much like the long, sultry Velar released last year that was squished at both ends.

That's not necessarily a negative, though, as the Evoque's design is clean and sleek, with pronounced wheel arches and a sloping character line that gives it a forward-leaning stance. Faux skid plates front and rear remind onlookers that this is a Range Rover model, and therefore offers at least a modicum of off road ability, but sleek LED headlights and taillights that look like they could have been lifted straight off the Velar suggest otherwise.

Despite the abundance of sheet metal, this is still a small SUV, and the wheelbase grows by only 0.8 inches to accommodate occupants slightly more comfortably, while optional 21-inch wheels fill out those massive arches much like a concept car would. It's a lot of design packed into a short space, but as usual for Range Rovers, it's executed attractively.

The interior design is a mish-mash of other Range Rover styling elements but is executed beautifully with what is now likely the best cabin in its class. A clean, width-wise dashboard design incorporates a somewhat boxy hood over the gauge cluster that tapers down to a smooth line across the length of the dash. The foremost panel is swathed in contrasting leather and sandwiches two long, sleek vents front and center, resting right above a rounded-off infotainment screen that tilts upright when the Evoque is started.

Directly below, the graphic-heavy climate control system is lifted straight from the Velar and Jaguar's all-electric i-Pace, and while it looks fantastic, raises concern about functionality, as many manufacturers have had trouble with touchscreen-heavy systems over traditional buttons and knobs. The gauge cluster also gets a fully-digital treatment, displaying a full-size navigation map if selected by the driver.

Naturally, the Evoque is available in a number of upholstery configurations depending on how much you're willing to shell out, and the massive panoramic roof makes a return, helping open up the cabin's atmosphere given the relatively tiny rear windows dictated by the high beltline. That longer wheelbase reportedly offers more interior space for both passengers and cargo, increasing the load area by 6% of volume to 21.5 cubic feet with the rear seats in place and 50.5 with them folded flat.

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Handsome, Friendly, Playful, Family Raised, AKC, 1 Year Health & Genetic Guarantee, Parents Are Family Pets. www.LancasterPuppies.com

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AKC 9 wks. Beautiful like little lassie! Ready now!

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GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

ADOPTION : A Loving Choice We're Kay& Fred happily married & ready to share our life, love , laughter & Christian faith w/ a child . Our extended African American family is eager to welcome a baby girl into our secure and happy home. **1(708)529-5364**

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IF YOU WORKED AT COMMONWEALTH
EDISON IN MAYWOOD, IL BETWEEN
1953 AND 1970 AND KNEW OR WORKED
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CONDUCTED HOUSE SALES

Kildeer **March 8-9-10**
21654 N. Hampton Court 9:00AM-4:00PM
HUGE 6 BEDROOM HOME w/BASEMENT & 2 CAR GARAGE LOADED! Power & Hand Tools; Model, Toy & Real Train Collectibles, Books & Magazines; DR Tbl w/Chairs; China Cabinet; BR Sets; Desk; Chairs; Marble Coffee Tbl; Couch; Rocker; Shelf Units & Book Cases; Piano; Lamps; Rugs; Art; Jewelry inc. Sterling; Watches; Vintage Clothing; Collectibles; Dolls; Doll House; Glassware & Crystal; Books Galore; Huge CD Collection; Electronics & Stereo; Kitchen & Household Items; Dishes; Home Decor; Garden Tools; Bikes; Linens; Bar Items; XMAS; Photo Supplies inc. Epson Printer, Frames, Matting etc.; Home Office; Typewriters & TONS MORE! #s at 8:00AM Friday. More info - www.emeraldsales.biz and click on Current Sales.

Lombard **3,8,9,10**
215 S Stewart 10 am-3 pm
Antiques, Vintage, House PACKED!
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ASSUMED NAMES

Notice is hereby given, Pursuant to "An Act in relation To the use of an Assumed Business Name in the conduct or transaction of Business in The State" as amended, that a Certification was filed by the Undersigned with the County Clerk of **Cook County**
File No.
Y19000603 on the
Date: February 19, 2019
Under the Assumed Name of: **FABUDESIGNS**
with the business located at:
2253 North Wayne Avenue
Chicago, Illinois , 60614
The true name and residence Address of the owner is: **AMY WOHL**
2253 North Wayne Avenue
Chicago, Illinois , 60614

Notice is hereby given, Pursuant to "An Act in relation To the use of an Assumed Business Name in the conduct or transaction of Business in The State" as amended, that a Certification was filed by the Undersigned with the County Clerk of **Cook County**
File No.
Y19000572 on the
Date: 02/13/2019
Under the Assumed Name of: **Nuvision Windows**
with the business located at:
3340 N Springfield Ave Fl 2
Chicago, Illinois, 60618
The true name and residence Address of the owner is: **Jose Jeronimo Meza Hurtado**
3340 N Springfield Ave Fl 2
Chicago, Illinois, 60618

BUSINESS & SERVICE DIRECTORY

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GENERAL SERVICES

Maywood Home daycare Ages 6 weeks-12 years old, reasonable rates,qualified provider, licensed by DCFS. 3 meals and 2 snacks a day. Ms.Janet **708-654-3138**

ASSUMED NAMES

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File No.
Y19000549 on the
Date: February 11, 2019
Under the Assumed Name of: **SAMOYE PROCUREMENT AND GENERAL MERCHANDISE**
with the business located at:
9135 S JUSTINE ST
CHICAGO, IL, 60620
The true name and residence Address of the owner is: **SAMUEL OYEDELE**
9135 S JUSTINE ST
CHICAGO, IL, 60620

Notice is hereby given, Pursuant to "An Act in relation To the use of an Assumed Business Name in the conduct or transaction of Business in The State" as amended, that a Certification was filed by the Undersigned with the County Clerk of **Cook County**
File No.
Y19000599 on the
Date: 2/19/2019
Under the Assumed Name of: **Juri Cano Agency**
with the business located at:
5434 S Kedzie Ave
Chicago , IL, 60632
The true name and residence Address of the owner is: **Juribel Cano**
1326 Hull Ave
Westchester, IL , 60154

LEGAL NOTICES GOVERNMENT/EDUCATION

ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS
Sealed bids for the Niles West High School 2019 Asbestos Abatement will be received by Niles Township High School District 219 at their District Office located at 7700 Gross Point Road, Skokie, IL 60077 until 11:00 am prevailing time on April 5, 2019. Lump Sum bid proposals will be received for this project at the scheduled time of receipt of bids and will be publicly opened and read aloud at the above stated time and place

Each bid must be accompanied by a Bid Guarantee in the form of a Bid Bond, Certified Check or Bank Draft in an amount equal to and not less than ten percent (10%) of the bid and made payable to Niles Township High School District 219. No bid shall be withdrawn for a period of sixty (60) days after the bid opening date without the consent of the Owner. Checks or drafts of unsuccessful Bidders will be returned as soon as practical, after opening and checking the bids. Successful Bidder must provide a Performance Bond and a Labor and Material Payment Bond in the full amount of the Contract, acceptable to the Owner.

Bids shall be submitted in an opaque sealed envelope clearly marked as SEALED BID and addressed to:

Dr. Eric Trimberger
Assistant Superintendent for Business/CSBO
Niles Township High School District 219
7700 Gross Point Road
Skokie, IL 60077

The Board of Education reserves the right to reject any or all bids or parts thereof or waive any irregularities or informalities in bidding.

This Contract is subject to the Illinois Prevailing Wage Act (820 ILCS 130/1 et seq.).

QUALIFICATION: Each Bidder must satisfactorily complete the qualification process described in Section 004343 of the Project Manual, and by providing the required Qualification Documents. The required Qualification Documents must be delivered along with the Bidder's sealed bid at the same place and time required for the bid. Contents of each Bidder's Qualification Documents will be available for public review. The Qualification Documents will be reviewed by the Owner and Architect to determine the lowest responsible Bidder

Bidding documents consist of drawings, project manuals, plus all addenda issued prior to bids; and may be obtained electronically and reproduced at the Bidder's expense from Jeff Chapman, PSI (jeff.chapman@intertek.com) 708.236.0720.

A mandatory pre-bid meeting walk-through for general contractors will be held at 3:30 p.m., prevailing time, on March 22, 2019 at Niles West High School located at 5701 Oakton Street, Skokie, IL 60077. Subcontractors are encouraged, but not required to attend. After the pre-bid meeting, everyone shall visit the site to view the area of work, gather additional information, and ask specific questions. There shall be only one scheduled walk-through of the site. Attendance shall be taken at the site to ensure that all prime contractors have visited the site. Non-attendance can be grounds for rejection of bid.

Board of Education
Niles Township High School District 219
Skokie, Cook County, Illinois

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

IN THE INTEREST OF
Dasean Birgans

MINOR(S) CHILD(REN) OF **Santoenieshia Birgans (Mother)**

JUVENILE NO.: **18JA01089**

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

NOTICE IS GIVEN YOU, **Santoeniesha Birgans (Mother), And Unknown (Father) Any And All Unknown Fathers Any** , respondents, and to **All Whom It May Concern**, that on **November 13, 2018**, a petition was filed under the Juvenile Court Act by **KIM FOXX** in this court and that in the courtroom of Judge **Andrea Buford** in the Cook County Juvenile Court Building, 1100 So. Hamilton Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, ON **03/28/2019**,at **10:00 AM** in CALENDAR **4** COURTROOM **D**, or as soon thereafter as this case may be heard, an adjudicatory hearing will be held upon the petition to have the minor declared to be a ward of the court and for other relief under the Act.

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

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

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

DOROTHY BROWN, CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS
March 8, 2019

County of Cook
Office of the Chief Procurement Officer
For the Cook County Department of Facilities Management

Invitation for Bid (IFB) for Lamps and Accessories
IFB No.: 1945-17761

IFB Document:
The IFB document is available for download at: https://legacy.cookcountyil.gov/purchasing/bids/listAllBids.php

Contact Person:
If you are not able to download the IFB or if you have other questions, please contact Daniel Gizzi, Specifications Engineer III, at (312) 603-6825 or Dan.Gizzi@cookcountyil.gov.

Non-Mandatory Pre-Proposal Conference Date, Time, and Location:
None

Questions:
Questions can be submitted in writing to the contact person above until 12:00 PM on Monday, March 18, 2019 (CST)

Proposal Due Date, Time, and Location:
Wednesday April 3, 2019 at 10:00 AM (CST)
Office of the Chief Procurement Officer
Cook County Building
118 N. Clark Street., Room 1018
Chicago, Illinois 60602

Toni Preckwinkle
President, Cook County Board of Commissioners

Raffi Sarrafian
Chief Procurement Officer

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LEGAL NOTICES GOVERNMENT/EDUCATION

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

IN THE INTEREST OF
Jawan M Ward

A MINOR
NO. **2018JA40071**

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

Notice is given you, **Nataly Williams (Mother) Timothy Ward (Father) and Jawan M. Ward (Minor-Respondent)**, respondents, and **TO ALL WHOM IT MAY CONCERN**, that on **November 9, 2018**, a petition was filed under the Juvenile Court Act by **KIM FOXX**, STATE'S ATTORNEY OF COOK COUNTY through her assistant State's Attorney in this court and that in the courtroom of Judge **Steven Bernstein** in the Cook County 4th Municipal Courthouse located at 1100 South Hamilton Avenue, Chicago, Illinois on **03/21/2019** at **9:00 AM** IN CALENDAR **74** COURTROOM **8** ,

or as soon thereafter as this case may be heard, an adjudicatory hearing will be held upon the petition to have the minor declared to be a ward of the court and for other relief under the Act. The court has authority in this case to take from you the custody and guardianship of the minor.

Unless you appear at the hearing and show cause to the contrary, an order or judgment by default may be entered against you for the relief asked in the petition.

DOROTHY BROWN, CLERK OF COURT
March 8, 2019

ASSISTANT STATE'S ATTORNEY:
M. Walsh, L. Carlson, E. Sheehan
ATTORNEY FOR:
THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS
ADDRESS: 1100 South Hamilton Avenue
CITY/STATE: Chicago, Illinois 60612
TELEPHONE NUMBER: (312) 433-5376
ATTORNEY NO.: 33182

CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT,
COOK COUNTY OF ILLINOIS

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

IN THE INTEREST OF
Jazelle Harris

MINOR(S) CHILD(REN) OF **Sharday Hamilton (Mother)**

JUVENILE NO.: **15JA00866**

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

NOTICE IS GIVEN YOU, **Donte Wilson (Father)**, respondents, and to **All Whom It May Concern**, that on **February 20, 2019**, a petition was filed under the Juvenile Court Act by **KIM FOXX** in this court and that in the courtroom of Judge **Maxwell Griffin** in the Cook County Juvenile Court Building, 1100 So. Hamilton Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, ON **03/28/2019**, at **9:30 AM** in CALENDAR **10** COURTROOM **J**, or as soon thereafter as this case may be heard, a hearing will be held upon the petition to terminate your parental rights and appoint a guardian with power to consent to adoption.

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

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

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

DOROTHY BROWN, CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS
March 8, 2019

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

IN THE INTEREST OF
Jewel Wilder

MINOR(S) CHILD(REN) OF **Celeste Wilder (Mother)**

JUVENILE NO.: **19JA00100**

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

NOTICE IS GIVEN YOU, **Unknown (Father) Any And All Unknown Fathers Any**, respondents, and to **All Whom It May Concern**, that on **February 6, 2019**, a petition was filed under the Juvenile Court Act by **KIM FOXX** in this court and that in the courtroom of Judge **Peter Vilkelis** in the Cook County Juvenile Court Building, 1100 So. Hamilton Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, ON **03/28/2019**,at **9:30 AM** in CALENDAR **13** COURTROOM **M**, or as soon thereafter as this case may be heard, an adjudicatory hearing will be held upon the petition to have the minor declared to be a ward of the court and for other relief under the Act.

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

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DOROTHY BROWN, CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS
March 8, 2019

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

IN THE INTEREST OF
Kianna Smith AKA Kianna Arkyla Chanel Smith

MINOR(S) CHILD(REN) OF **Celeste Wilder (Mother)**

JUVENILE NO.: **19JA00101**

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

NOTICE IS GIVEN YOU, **"Stanley" (Father) Any And All Unknown Fathers Any** , respondents, and to **All Whom It May Concern**, that on **February 6, 2019**, a petition was filed under the Juvenile Court Act by **KIM FOXX** in this court and that in the courtroom of Judge **Peter Vilkelis** in the Cook County Juvenile Court Building, 1100 So. Hamilton Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, ON **03/28/2019**,at **9:30 AM** in CALENDAR **13** COURTROOM **M**, or as soon thereafter as this case may be heard, an adjudicatory hearing will be held upon the petition to have the minor declared to be a ward of the court and for other relief under the Act.

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

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DOROTHY BROWN, CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS
March 8, 2019

LEGAL NOTICES GOVERNMENT/EDUCATION

LEGAL NOTICE
THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF PROVISO TOWNSHIP HIGH SCHOOLS DISTRICT 209 IS ACCEPTING PROPOSALS (RFP) FROM INDEPENDENT CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTING FIRMS TO PROVIDE AUDITING SERVICES TO THE SCHOOL DISTRICT FOR THE FISCAL YEARS ENDING JUNE 30, 2019 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2021. ALL SPECIFICATIONS MAY BE OBTAINED FROM THE BUSINESS OFFICE AT 8601 W. ROOSEVELT ROAD FOREST PARK, ILLINOIS OR VIA THE WEBSITE WWW.PTHS209.ORG.PROPOSALS MUST BE SUBMITTED TO PROVISO TOWNSHIP HIGH SCHOOLS DISTRICT 209 NO LATER THAN MONDAY, APRIL 1, 2019 BY 11:00 A.M.

DATE ADVERTISED: FRIDAY, MARCH 8, 2019 COUNTY OF COOK OFFICE OF THE CHIEF PROCUREMENT OFFICER FOR THE COOK COUNTY BUREAU OF HUMAN RESOURCES REQUEST FOR QUOTE (RFQ) FOR LABOR AND EMPLOYMENT CONSULTATION AND/OR REPRESENTATION SERVICES (TARGET MARKET) RFQ NO.: 1944-17718
RFQ Document: The RFQ document is available for download at: https://legacy.cookcountyil.gov/purchasing/bids/listAllBids.php

Contact Person: If you are not able to download the RFP or if you have other questions, please contact Michael Schieve, Contract Negotiator, at (312) 603-6707 or Michael.Schieve@cookcountyil.gov

Questions: Questions can be submitted in writing to the contact person above until Friday, April 12, 2019 at 4:00 PM (CST)

Response Due Date, Time, and Location: Friday, May 10, 2019 at 3:00 PM (CST) Office of the Chief Procurement Officer Cook County Building 118 N. Clark Street, Room 1018 Chicago, Illinois 60602

Toni Preckwinkle
President, Cook County Board of Commissioners

Raffi Sarrafian
Chief Procurement Officer

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DATE ADVERTISED: FRIDAY, MARCH 8, 2019 COUNTY OF COOK OFFICE OF THE CHIEF PROCUREMENT OFFICER FOR THE COOK COUNTY BUREAU OF HUMAN RESOURCES REQUEST FOR QUOTE (RFQ) FOR LABOR AND EMPLOYMENT CONSULTATION AND/ OR REPRESENTATION SERVICES (NON-TARGET MARKET) RFQ NO.: 1944-17731
RFQ Document: The RFQ document is available for download at: https://legacy.cookcountyil.gov/purchasing/bids/listAllBids.php

Contact Person: If you are not able to download the RFQ or if you have other questions, please contact Michael Schieve, Contract Negotiator, at (312) 603-6707 or Michael.Schieve@cookcountyil.gov

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LEGAL NOTICES

PUBLIC NOTICE
Notice is hereby given that First Bank of Highland Park, 1835 First Street,
Highland Park, Illinois 60035, has submitted an application (the "Application") to the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation for permission to establish a full-service branch office at 8833 Gross Point Road, Suite 202, Skokie, Illinois 60077.

Any person wishing to comment on the Application may file his or her comments in writing with the Regional Director of the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation at its Regional Office (300 South Riverside Plaza, Suite 1700, Chicago, Illinois 60606) not later than March 23, 2019. The non confidential portions of the Application are on file in the regional office and are available for public inspection during regular business hours. Photocopies of the non-confidential portion of the Application files will be made available upon request.
6178150 3/8/2019

NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY OF INTERESTED PARTIES REGISTRY VILLAGE OF KENILWORTH, COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS PROPOSED GREEN BAY ROAD TAX INCREMENT FINANCING REDEVELOPMENT PROJECT AREA
Notice is hereby given that the Village President and Board of Trustees of the Village of Kenilworth, Cook County, Illinois, has created an interested parties registry for the proposed Green Bay Road TIF Redevelopment Project Area. The Registry is on file and available for public inspection during normal business hours at the office of the Village Clerk at the Kenilworth Village Hall, 419 Richmond Road, Kenilworth, Illinois. All interested persons may register with the Village on the Registry in order to receive information on the designation of the proposed TIF Redevelopment Project Area.
3/8/2019

SUPERIOR COURT OF NEW JERSEY CHANCERY DIVISION FAMILY PART COUNTY OF ESSEX
DOCKET NO. FM-07-729-18 CIVIL ACTION
ANTHONIO ROBERTO DAWKINS, PLAINTIFF,
V. ALLAYAH KHADIJAH MUHAMMAD, DEFENDANT,
THIS MATTER, having been brought to the attention of the Court by way of a Notice of Motion filed by Plaintiff, Anthonio Roberto Dawkins, self-represented and on notice to and with no opposition filed by Defendant, Allayah Khadijah Muhammad, self-represented, and the Court having considered the papers submitted, and for good cause having been shown:
It is on this 4th day of March 2019, ORDERED as follows:
1. Plaintiff's application for service by publication is hereby granted.
2. Notice of this Order, as prescribed by law and rules of this Court, shall be published once in the Chicago Tribune, Chicago IL. within twenty (20) days hereafter, with proof of publication filed with the clerk of the Essex County Superior Court, Chancery Division, Family Part, Wilentz Justice Complex, 212 Washington Street, Newark, New Jersey 07102 (Attn: Matrimonial Filings) in accordance with the Rules of Court.
3. Plaintiff shall also provide Notice of this Order to Defendant at Defendant's last known address, via Regular and Certified mail.
4. Defendant shall answer Plantiff's Complaint by serving upon the Plantiff an Answer to the Complaint within thirty-five (35) days after publication of notice of this Order in the Chicago Tribune.
5. Defendant shall answer Plaintiff's Complaint by filing an Answer and Proof of Service in duplicate with the clerk of the Essex County Superior Court, Chancery Division, Family Part, Wilentz Justice Complex, 212 Washington Street, Newark, New Jersey 07102 (attn: Matrimonial Filings) in accordance with the rules of Civil Procedure within thirty five (35) days after publication of notice of the Order in the Chicago Tribune.
6. Complaint for divorce is subject to dismissal on May 1, 2019 if this Order is not fully complied with.
AND IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that a copy of this Order shall be served upon all interested parties within seven (7) days from the date herein.
UNOPPOSED. HON. MARCELLA MATOS WISON, J.S.C.

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Wauconda **Fri 3/8-Sun 3/10**
406 Oak Grove Circle 10am-4pm
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847-373-3164

FORECLOSURES

NOONAN & LIEBERMAN, LTD. (Firm ID: 38245) Attorneys 105 W. Adams, Suite 1850 Chicago, Illinois 60603 STATE OF ILLINOIS, COUNTY OF Cook, ss – IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION, BAYVIEW LOAN SERVICING, LLC, A DELAWARE LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY, Plaintiff, vs. ANTHONY GILLIAM, UNKNOWN OWNERS-TENANTS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS, et. al., Defendants, Case No. 19 CH 1983. The requisite affidavit for publication having been filed, notice is hereby given to you: UNKNOWN OWNERS-TENANTS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS, , defendants in the above entitled suit has been commenced in the IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION, by the said plaintiff against you and other defendants, praying for the foreclosure of a certain Mortgage conveying the premises described as follows, to-wit: THE EAST 11.88 FEET OF LOT 12 AND ALL OF LOTS 13 AND 14 IN BLOCK 1 (EXCEPT THE NORTH 22 FEET OF SAID LOTS TAKEN FOR WIDENING EAST 71ST STREET) IN JOHN G. SHORTALL TRUSTEE`S SUBDIVISION OF THE NORTH HALF OF THE NORTHEAST QUARTER OF SECTION 26, TOWNSHIP 38 NORTH, RANGE 14 EAST OF THE THIRD PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN, IN COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS. PIN: 20-26-203-003-0000; 20-26-203-004-0000; 20-26-203-005-0000. Commonly known as: 1533 East 71st St, Chicago, IL 60619, and which said Mortgage was made by ANTHONY GILLIAM,, as Mortgagor(s) to InterBay Funding LLC, a Delaware Limited Liability Company, as Mortgagee, and recorded as document number 0717350070, and the present owner(s) of the property being ANTHONY GILLIAM,, and for other relief: that summons was duly issued out of said Court against you as provided by law, and that the said suit is now pending. Now, therefore, unless you, the said above named defendants, file your answer to the Complaint in the said suit or otherwise make your appearance therein, IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION, Richard J Daley Center, 50 W. Washington, Room 802, Chicago, IL 60602 on or before April 1, 2019, default may be entered against you at any time after that day and a Judgment entered in accordance with the prayer of said Complaint. Clerk of the Cook County Circuit Court. THIS IS AN ATTEMPT TO COLLECT A DEBT PURSUANT TO THE FAIR DEBT COLLECTION PRACTICES ACT, AND ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. Last known addresses: Defendant Address: 1533 East 71st St, Chicago, IL 60619 Pub: 3/1, 8, 15/2019 6164447

MANLEY, DEAS, KOCHALSKI LLC One East Wacker – Suite 1250 Chicago, IL 60601 IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS, JPMORGAN CHASE BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION., Plaintiff, v. JAYNE M. CAULFIELD, AKA JAYNE CAULFIELD; CITIFINANCIAL SERVICING LLC F/K/A COMMERCIAL CREDIT LOANS, INC.; UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS; OAKBROOK TERRACE; ASSOCIATES FINANCE, INC., Defendants, Case No. 2018CH04795 The requisite affidavit for publication having been filed, notice is hereby given you, Associates Finance, Inc., that the said suit has been commenced in the Circuit Court of the Cook County Judicial Circuit, Cook County, Illinois by the said plaintiff against you and other defendants, praying for the foreclosure of a certain Mortgage conveying the premises described as follows, to-wit: Lot 4(except the North 12 1/2 feet thereof) in Block 14 in Oviatt's subdivision of West 1/2 of Southeast 1/4 of Section 13, Township 37 North, Range 13, East of the Third Principal Meridian, in Cooke County, Illinois. 11018 South Washtenaw Avenue, Chicago, IL 60655 24-13-425-014-0000 Now, therefore, unless you, Associates Finance, Inc., and the said above named defendants, file your answer to the complaint in said suit or otherwise make your appearance therein, in the office of the Clerk of the Cook County Judicial Circuit, Cook County, Illinois, on or before April 1, 2019, default may be entered against you at any time after that day and a Judgment entered in accordance with the prayer of said Complaint. E-filing is now mandatory for documents in civil cases with limited exemptions. To e-file, you must first create an account with an e-filing service provider. Visit http://efile.illinoiscourts.gov/service-providers.htm to learn more and to select a service provider. If you need additional help or have trouble e-filing, visit http://www.illinoiscourts.gov/faq/gethelp.asp or contact the Clerk of this Court. Zachariah L. Manchester (6303885) MANLEY DEAS KOCHALSKI LLC Attorneys for Plaintiff One East Wacker, Suite 1250, Chicago, IL 60601 Phone: 312-651-6700; Fax: 614-220-5613 Atty. No.: 48928 Email: sef-zlmanchester@manleydeas.com file number: 18-010681 One of Plaintiff's Attorneys Pub: 3/1, 8, 15/2019 6164060

MANLEY, DEAS, KOCHALSKI LLC One East Wacker – Suite 1250 Chicago, IL 60601 IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS, NATIONSTAR MORTGAGE LLC D/B/A MR. COOPER., Plaintiff, v. RENITA R. HARRIS-GHOLSTON; IRWIN MORTGAGE CORPORATION; BMO HARRIS BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, F/K/A HARRIS BANK ARGO; THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, OFFICE OF THE DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY; CHRIS GHOLSTON; UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS, Defendants, Case No. 2018CH15315 The requisite affidavit for publication having been filed, notice is hereby given you, Irwin Mortgage Corporation, Unknown Owners and Non-Record Claimants, that the said suit has been commenced in the Circuit Court of the Cook County Judicial Circuit, Cook County, Illinois by the said plaintiff against you and other defendants, praying for the foreclosure of a certain Mortgage conveying the premises described as follows, to-wit: Lot 83 (Except the North 7 1/2 feet thereof) and the North 10 feet of Lot 84 in Wells and Nash's Resubdivision of Blocks 5, 6, 11 and 12 in the Subdivision of the South 1/2 of the Northeast 1/4 of the Northeast 1/4 and the Southeast 1/4 of the Northeast 1/4 of Section 17, Township 37 North, Range 14, East of the Third Principal Meridian, in Cook County, Illinois. 10520 South Sangaman Street, Chicago, IL 60643 25-17-219-070-0000 Now, therefore, unless you, Irwin Mortgage Corporation, Unknown Owners and Non-Record Claimants, and the said above named defendants, file your answer to the complaint in said suit or otherwise make your appearance therein, in the office of the Clerk of the Cook County Judicial Circuit, Cook County, Illinois, on or before March 25, 2019, default may be entered against you at any time after that day and a Judgment entered in accordance with the prayer of said Complaint. E-filing is now mandatory for documents in civil cases with limited exemptions. To e-file, you must first create an account with an e-filing service provider. Visit http://efile.illinoiscourts.gov/service-providers.htm to learn more and to select a service provider. If you need additional help or have trouble e-filing, visit http://www.illinoiscourts.gov/faq/gethelp.asp or contact the Clerk of this Court. Shara A. Netterstrom (6294499) MANLEY DEAS KOCHALSKI LLC Attorneys for Plaintiff One East Wacker, Suite 1250, Chicago, IL 60601 Phone: 312-651-6700; Fax: 614-220-5613 Atty. No.: 48928 Email: sef-sanetterstrom@manleydeas.com file number: 18-037756 One of Plaintiff's Attorneys Pub: 2/22, 3/1, 8/2019 6152026

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MANLEY, DEAS, KOCHALSKI LLC One East Wacker – Suite 1250 Chicago, IL 60601 IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS, NATIONSTAR HECM ACQUISITION TRUST 2018-3, WILMINGTON SAVINGS FUND SOCIETY, FSB, NOT INDIVIDUALLY, BUT SOLELY AS TRUSTEE., Plaintiff, v. THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, SECRETARY OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT; UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS; 200 EAST DELAWARE CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION; HELEN HARRIS; SOLOMON HARRIS; UNKNOWN HEIRS AND LEGATEES OF INA STERN, DECEASED, Defendants, Case No. 2019CH00988 The requisite affidavit for publication having been filed, notice is hereby given you, Unknown Owners and Non-Record Claimants, Helen Harris, Solomon Harris, Unknown Heirs and Legatees of Ina Stern, deceased, that the said suit has been commenced in the Circuit Court of the Cook County Judicial Circuit, Cook County, Illinois by the said plaintiff against you and other defendants, praying for the foreclosure of a certain Mortgage conveying the premises described as follows, to-wit: Unit No. 13E, as delineated on plat of survey of the following described parcel of real estate (hereinafter referred to as "Parcel"): Lots 12, 13, 14, 15 and 16 in Allmendinger's Lake Shore Drive addition to Chicago, being a subdivision of part of Block 13 of Canal Trustee's Subdivision of the South fractional 1/4 of Section 3, Township 39 North, Range 14 East of the Third Principal Meridian, in Cook County, Illinois, which survey is attached as Exhibit 'A' to Declaration of Condominium made by Chicago Title and Trust Company, a corporation of Illinois, as Trustee under Trust Agreement dated July 14, 1969 and known as Trust Number 53951, recorded in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds of Cook County, Illinois, as Document 22300553; together with an undivided percent interest in said parcel (excepting from said parcel the property and space comprising all the units as defined and set forth in said Declaration and Survey) all in Cook County, Illinois. 200 East Delaware Place, Unit 13E, Chicago, IL 60611 17-03-214-014-1138 Now, therefore, unless you, Unknown Owners and Non-Record Claimants, Helen Harris, Solomon Harris, Unknown Heirs and Legatees of Ina Stern, deceased, and the said above named defendants, file your answer to the complaint in said suit or otherwise make your appearance therein, in the office of the Clerk of the Cook County Judicial Circuit, Cook County, Illinois, on or before April 1, 2019, default may be entered against you at any time after that day and a Judgment entered in accordance with the prayer of said Complaint. E-filing is now mandatory for documents in civil cases with limited exemptions. To e-file, you must first create an account with an e-filing service provider. Visit http://efile.illinoiscourts.gov/service-providers.htm to learn more and to select a service provider. If you need additional help or have trouble e-filing, visit http://www.illinoiscourts.gov/faq/gethelp.asp or contact the Clerk of this Court. Edward R. Peterka (6220416) MANLEY DEAS KOCHALSKI LLC Attorneys for Plaintiff One East Wacker, Suite 1250, Chicago, IL 60601 Phone: 312-651-6700; Fax: 614-220-5613 Atty. No.: 48928 Email: sef-erpeterka@manleydeas.com file number: 18-038406 One of Plaintiff's Attorneys Pub: 3/1, 8, 15/2019 6164045

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS, COUNTY DEPARTMENT – CHANCERY DIVISION PNC BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, Plaintiff, v. HENRYK GASOWSKI; UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS, Defendant(s). Residential Mortgage Foreclosure Case No.: 2019CH01033 Property Address: 8016 S. Blackstone Chicago, IL 60619 NOTICE BY PUBLICATION NOTICE IS GIVEN YOU, UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS, Defendants, this case has been commenced in this Court against you and others, asking for foreclosure of the Mortgage held by the Plaintiff on the property located at 8016 S. Blackstone Chicago, IL 60619, more particularly described as: LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY LOT 7 IN BLOCK 7 IN CHARLES L. HUTCHINSON'S SUBDIVISION OF THE NORTHEAST 1/4 OF THE NORTHEAST 1/4 OF SECTION 35, TOWNSHIP 38 NORTH, RANGE 14, EAST OF THE THIRD PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN, IN COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS. Permanent Index Number: 20-35-213-025-0000 Commonly known as: 8016 S. Blackstone, Chicago, IL 60619 UNLESS YOU FILE your answer or otherwise file your appearance in this cause in the Office of the Circuit Court of Cook County at the Richard J. Daley Center located at 50 W. Washington St., Chicago, IL 60602 on or before MARCH 25, 2019, A JUDGMENT OR DECREE BY DEFAULT MAY BE TAKEN AGAINST YOU FOR RELIEF ASKED IN THE COMPLAINT FOR FORECLOSURE. THIS COMMUNICATION IS AN ATTEMPT TO COLLECT A DEBT, AND ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. Quintairos, Prieto, Wood & Boyer, P.A. 233 S. Wacker Drive, 70th Floor Chicago, IL 60606 Firm ID: 48947 Phone: (312) 566-0040 Fax: (312) 566-0041 Pub: 2/22, 3/1, 8/2019 6151738

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS, COUNTY DEPARTMENT – CHANCERY DIVISION PNC BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, Plaintiff, v. J. SHANNON AKA JAMES E. SHANNON; MARGARET D. SHANNON AKA MARGARET D. GILLIGAN; UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS, Defendant(s). Residential Mortgage Foreclosure Case No.: 2019CH02055 Property Address: 4941 W. Gunnison St. Chicago, IL 60630 NOTICE BY PUBLICATION NOTICE IS GIVEN YOU, UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS, Defendants, this case has been commenced in this Court against you and others, asking for foreclosure of the Mortgage held by the Plaintiff on the property located at 4941 W. Gunnison St., Chicago, IL 60630, more particularly described as: LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY LOT 17 IN BLOCK 7 IN MURRAY'S ADDITION TO JEFFERSON BEING A SUBDIVISION OF SOUTH EAST QUARTER OF THE SOUTH EAST QUARTER OF SECTION 9, TOWNSHIP 40 NORTH, RANGE 13 EAST OF THE THIRD PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN, IN COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS. Permanent Index Number: 13-09-430-008-0000 Commonly known as: 4941 W. Gunnison St., Chicago, IL 60630 UNLESS YOU FILE your answer or otherwise file your appearance in this cause in the Office of the Circuit Court of Cook County at the Richard J. Daley Center located at 50 W. Washington St., Chicago, IL 60602 on or before March 25, 2019, A JUDGMENT OR DECREE BY DEFAULT MAY BE TAKEN AGAINST YOU FOR RELIEF ASKED IN THE COMPLAINT FOR FORECLOSURE. THIS COMMUNICATION IS AN ATTEMPT TO COLLECT A DEBT, AND ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. Quintairos, Prieto, Wood & Boyer, P.A. 233 S. Wacker Drive, 70th Floor Chicago, IL 60606 Firm ID:48947 Phone: (312) 566-0040 Fax: (312) 566-0041 Pub: 2/22, 3/1, 8/2019 6152020

MANLEY, DEAS, KOCHALSKI LLC One East Wacker – Suite 1250 Chicago, IL 60601 IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS, MIDFIRST BANK., Plaintiff, v. UNKNOWN HEIRS AND LEGATEES OF DOROTHY J. SANFORD AKA DOROTHY J. HALL STANFORD, DECEASED; JOHN W. SANFORD; UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS; CARNELL HALL, Defendants, Case No. 2019CH01212 The requisite affidavit for publication having been filed, notice is hereby given you, Unknown Heirs and legatees of Dorothy J. Sanford AKA Dorothy J. Hall Stanford, deceased, Unknown Owners and Non-Record Claimants, that the said suit has been commenced in the Circuit Court of the Cook County Judicial Circuit, Cook County, Illinois by the said plaintiff against you and other defendants, praying for the foreclosure of a certain Mortgage conveying the premises described as follows, to-wit: Lot 31 in Block 15 in Second Addition to Hinkamp and Company's Western Avenue Subdivision, Being a Subdivision of the Northwest 1/4 of the Northeast 1/4 of Section 36, Township 38 North, Range 13, East of the Third Principal Meridian, in Cook County, Illinois. 8025 South Washtenaw Avenue, Chicago, IL 60652 19-36-210-008-0000 Now, therefore, unless you, Unknown Heirs and legatees of Dorothy J. Sanford AKA Dorothy J. Hall Stanford, deceased, Unknown Owners and Non-Record Claimants, and the said above named defendants, file your answer to the complaint in said suit or otherwise make your appearance therein, in the office of the Clerk of the Cook County Judicial Circuit, Cook County, Illinois, on or before March 25 2019, default may be entered against you at any time after that day and a Judgment entered in accordance with the prayer of said Complaint. E-filing is now mandatory for documents in civil cases with limited exemptions. To e-file, you must first create an account with an e-filing service provider. Visit http://efile.illinoiscourts.gov/service-providers.htm to learn more and to select a service provider. If you need additional help or have trouble e-filing, visit http://www.illinoiscourts.gov/faq/gethelp.asp or contact the Clerk of this Court. Shara A. Netterstrom (6294499) MANLEY DEAS KOCHALSKI LLC Attorneys for Plaintiff One East Wacker, Suite 1250, Chicago, IL 60601 Phone: 312-651-6700; Fax: 614-220-5613 Atty. No.: 48928 Email: sef-sanetterstrom@manleydeas.com One of Plaintiff's Attorneys Pub: 2/22, 3/1, 8/2019 6152010

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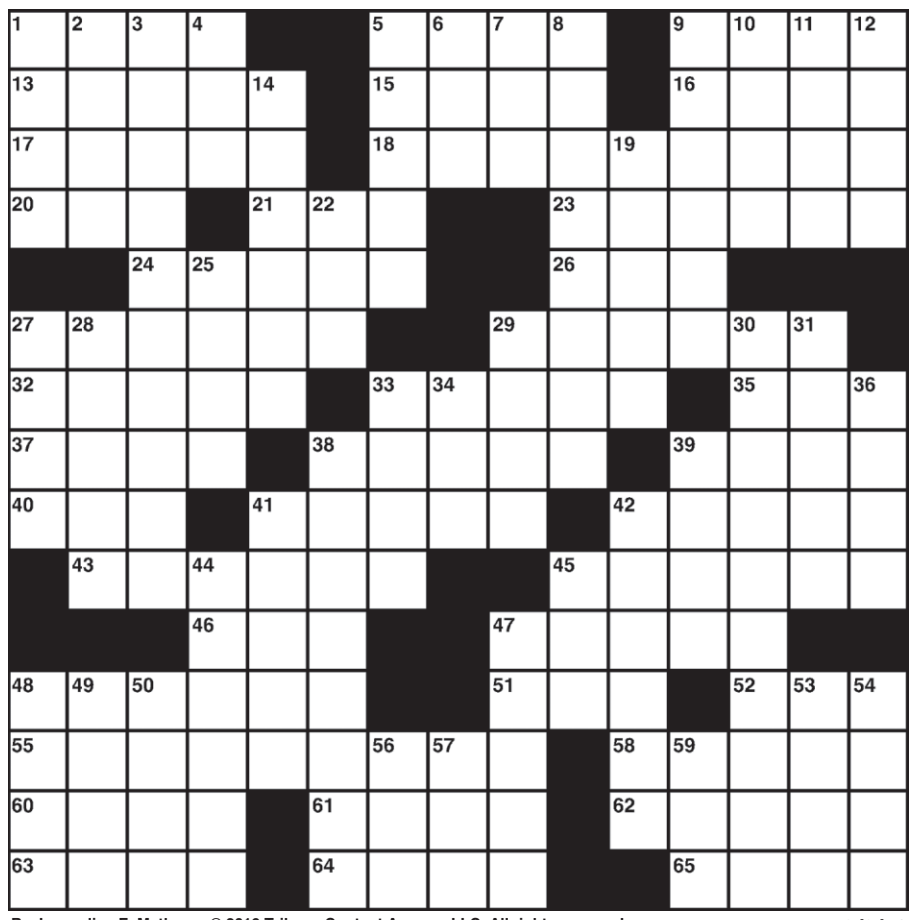
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17 Competitor
18 Ship's right side
20 Ike's initials
21 Crude mineral
23 Wears away
24 Berth under another
26 Unpleasant spouse
27 Made amends
29 Divide in two
32 Playful leap
33 BBQ attachments
35 Blood analysis site
37 "__ Land Is Your Land"
38 Devoutness
39 Tricycle rider
40 Family member
41 Burn slightly
42 __ away; disappears
43 Holiday drink
45 Museum guide
46 __ into; collided with
47 Desires
48 Flee
51 Peculiar
52 Defective product
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63 "You __ live once!"
64 __ up; arranges
65 Loch with a monster

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3 Evolving
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6 In good physical shape
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8 Calmness
9 Larry or Moe
10 Take a __ off; sit down
11 Bogeyman
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14 Not as quick
19 Candlestick material
22 Blushing
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27 __ up; misbehaves
28 Lake near Reno
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