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Algonquin Township Highway Commissioner Andrew Gasser criticized his predecessor's spending. Now he faces inquiries.

State debate on townships boils down to money, need

Illinois' 1,400 'redundant' polities called costly; advocates cite local responsiveness

BY ROBERT MCCOPPIN
Chicago Tribune

Shortly after taking office last year, Algonquin Township Highway Commissioner Andrew Gasser said he received an anonymous package containing old credit card bills that were

expensed to the township road department before he took it over.

Among them were numerous purchases of clothing and accessories from retailers like Lands' End and prAna. There were bills for two cashmere and cardigan sweaters and a wool

coat for \$349. There was a receipt for a LeVenger purse for \$329, according to a lawsuit Gasser filed challenging the expenses.

Also included were airline tickets from Chicago to New Orleans, \$375 each, for the daughter and grandchild of the former road commissioner, and bills for a hotel and meals during their stay. There were dinner and drinks at Hooters,

and even tickets to Disneyland, according to the lawsuit.

The unusual purchases prompted an investigation by the McHenry County state's attorney's office, as well as a storm of complaints claiming improper spending of public funds. At the same time, Gasser himself became a target of

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A push for gun training of teachers

Trump plan offers funds for states, no age-limit change

BY JILL COLVIN
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — President Donald Trump's plan to combat school shootings will include helping states pay for firearms training for teachers and a call to improve the background check system.

But Trump's plan will not include a push to increase the minimum age for purchasing assault weapons or an embrace of more comprehensive background checks, as Trump has at times advocated.

Instead, a new federal commission on school safety will examine the age issue, as well as a long list of other topics, as part of a longer-term look at school safety and violence.

In a call with reporters Sunday evening, administration officials described the plan as a fulfillment of Trump's call for action in

the wake of the school shooting in Parkland, Fla., that left 17 students and faculty members dead.

"Today we are announcing meaningful actions, steps that can be taken right away to help protect students," said Education Secretary Betsy DeVos, who will chair the commission.

DeVos said that "far too often, the focus" after such tragedies "has been only on the most contentious fights, the things that have divided people and sent them into their entrenched corners." She described the plan as "pragmatic."

As part of that plan, the White House has directed the Justice Department to help states partner with local law enforcement to provide "rigorous firearms training to specifically qualified volunteer school personnel," said Andrew Bremberg, director of the president's Domestic Policy Council.

Trump is calling on

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Pritzker betting big as problems nip at campaign

Billionaire keeps narrow lead with voting week away

BY RICK PEARSON
Chicago Tribune

During a December campaign rally at a lakefront theater, a boisterous crowd made up of mostly union workers piped down when an officious-sounding voice boomed over the loudspeakers: "The program is about to begin."

Like the concert-style announcement, everything about the Pritzker campaign can seem big.

There's the candidate's money. Pritzker is worth \$3.5 billion, according to Forbes, and he's pumped a record \$63.2 million into his campaign so far. The cash has paid for a large staff, a slew of satellite offices, get-out-the-vote efforts, the "Think Big" bus used to tour Illinois, reams of mailers and a sizable chunk of ad time across the state.

"If you don't know who J.B. Pritzker is, please go home and empty your mailbox and turn on the TV every once in a while,"



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Democrat J.B. Pritzker has backing from unions and the party establishment.

joked 2nd Ward Ald. Brian Hopkins in introducing the candidate last week at a Streeterville neighborhood group meeting.

There's also the candidate himself, which Pritzker nodded to in his very first TV ad last May. Walking down a neighborhood street, he stretched his arms wide and introduced himself: "I'm J.B. Pritzker and I've been thinking big since the very beginning."

"Certainly, as you can see in the (ad's baby) pictures and so on, yeah, it is pretty obvious, that

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Aides: Trump is up to the task on N. Korea talks

Senior officials expressed confidence that President Donald Trump would not be taken advantage of by North Korea's Kim Jong Un in any direct talks, but critics suggested the president's inexperience could spell disaster if a meeting between the two leaders proceeds as planned. **Nation & World**, Page 10

South Side Irish Parade focuses on family, community

With an estimated attendance around 150,000, the parade included 16 bagpipe and marching bands and more than 100 floats. **Chicagoland**, Page 3

Female directors are finding fewer obstacles in TV

Some of the most distinctive and acclaimed female filmmakers have turned to television for opportunities not readily available in the feature film world. **A+E**



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A building in Lakeview is demolished Saturday for the planned CTA flyover project.

Lakeview's CTA makeover

As buildings come down, Belmont flyover closer to reality

Backhoes are tearing into Lakeview buildings to make way for the Belmont flyover, a CTA project aimed at unsnarling "L" traffic north of the Belmont station by running Brown Line trains up and over Red and Purple Line tracks.

Some community residents, fearing the structure would hurt the affluent neighborhood's character, fought the project



MARY WISNIEWSKI
Getting Around

for years, and lost — the agency will award a construction contract by year's end and start building in late 2019. So now

that it's really happening, it's time to think about what the flyover is supposed to do and how Lakeview's going to look when it's finished.

The elevated bypass is a ramp that will run northbound Brown Line trains over Red and Purple Line tracks at the 111-year-old Clark Junction north of Belmont. Currently, Red

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Assault rifles are displayed at Tinley Park's Freddie Bear Sports. New legislation for gun shops is on the governor's desk.

For Ill. residents' safety, Rauner needs to OK stricter gun laws



DAHLEEN GLANTON

Gov. Bruce Rauner probably knows that it's a good idea to require gun shops to have a license in order to sell weapons.

There's also a chance that some time during the next two months, Rauner will sign the legislation sitting on his desk forcing retailers that sell, lease or transfer firearms to be licensed by the state.

But it's probably not going to happen before the votes are cast in the March 20 Republican primary. To sign such a partisan bill prior to his face-off with challenger Illinois Rep. Jeanne Ives could be political suicide for the incumbent governor.

The question is whether Illinois voters should let him off the hook. Ives toed the Republican Party line and voted against the bill in the General Assembly, weeks after 17 people were killed in a shooting at a high school in Parkland, Fla. But Democrats used their majority vote to push it through.

The future of the legislation now rests with Rauner. And we don't know where he stands. All he's been willing to say so far is that we need to talk about it some more.

"We need to have a good conversation about how do we keep our citizens safer, how do we protect our students, our children, our families," he said recently when asked whether he would sign the legislation. "And this should be done on a bipartisan basis. I believe we need to come together and we can come together to do a number of things."

That's a cop-out. It's vague enough to give his pro-gun constituents hope that he'll veto the bill that was passed by Democrats and a handful of Republicans. On the other hand, those in the anti-gun

camp might get the sense that he's leaning toward supporting serious firearms legislation in Illinois.

After all, the moderate governor has broken ranks before. Back in September, he changed his mind and signed a controversial bill expanding taxpayer-subsidized abortions for low-income women.

Conservatives heavily criticized him, but many others saw it as a brave move. He set an example of what can happen when politicians put their politics aside and do what they know is right.

That's the kind of governor the people of Illinois deserve. And that's the kind of governor we should demand.

In an ideal world, politicians would always speak their mind and not

In a country where voters are so polarized that we can't agree on anything, especially when it comes to guns, politicians try to take the easy way out and keep us guessing.

worry about the consequences. But in a country where voters are so polarized that we can't agree on anything, especially when it comes to guns, politicians try to take the easy way out and keep us guessing.

It is one thing to have a governor who isn't a cookie-cutter Democrat or Republican. Most of us would welcome a leader who prefers to reach a compromise with those on the other side of the aisle for the benefit of the state.

The truth is that during the last four years, Rauner hasn't been all that good at negotiating. It's not entirely his fault, though. Democrats haven't been willing to listen.

It is understandable that in the midst of his re-election campaign, Rauner might fear that signing the bill could look like he's giving in to Democratic House Speaker Michael Madigan.

But, in fact, signing the bill now could have the opposite effect. Standing up for what is right at a time when you are the most politically vulnerable would be a show of strength.

In a state where urban gun violence kills or maims thousands of people each year, it would be wonderful to have a governor who isn't afraid to show us that he's with us in the struggle to make Illinois one of the safest states in the nation.

This bill and others awaiting his signature give us a shot at it.

It is easy to shirk responsibility and say it should be left to the federal government to tighten gun laws. But that's not the truth.

The laws that have the biggest impact on the American people are the ones that exist within their own state. And while Illinois' gun laws are not among the least stringent, there is plenty of room for improvement.

Under the retail gun licensing bill, gun store employees would have to be trained how to conduct background checks, store guns properly, prevent thefts and thwart straw purchases, in which someone buys a gun on behalf of someone who can't legally obtain one.

The House also approved legislation to ban bump stocks, which are used to accelerate the rate at which a gun can fire. In addition, lawmakers passed a bill requiring anyone who purchases an assault weapon to wait 72 hours before they can receive it. The bill also prevents anyone under 21 from buying assault weapons and large ammunition-feeding devices.

These would be good, common-sense laws. The people of Illinois deserve this protections.

And we deserve a governor who has the guts to make sure we get them.

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THE GREENER THE BETTER

South Side Irish Parade focuses on family, community

By ZAK KOESKE
Daily Southtown

From the abundance of shamrocks and green derbies to Irish dancers and pipers in traditional regalia, the hallmarks of St. Patrick's Day were on display at the South Side Irish Parade on Sunday as far down Western Avenue as the eye could see.

The masses of green-and-white-clad revelers who lined the parade route from 103rd to 115th streets created an unmistakable sense of community throughout the event.

"I think it bonds the neighborhood, and it bonds just the whole collection of neighborhoods," said Terry Gainer, whose family has participated in the parade since close to its inception in 1979. "I think it brings a little love and trust, and maybe we need a lot more of that now."

Franklin Park resident Darrell Schuyler, who makes it a point to attend multiple St. Patrick's Day celebrations throughout the Chicago area every year, said he considers the South Side Irish Parade "right up at the top" among Irish events because of the atmosphere.

"Downtown, it seems to be a party for the younger kids," he said of the March 17 parade where the Chicago River is dyed green.

"Here," said Schuyler — whose over-the-top Irish getup included shocking green hair, a mountain of shamrock beads, a kilt and a shillelagh — "it's all about family. That's what I like, the family part of it."

Many of the event's dedicated elder statesmen have attended since they were young parents with small children, and take great joy in passing the tradition down to new generations of grandchildren and even great-grandchildren.

"At one time, we were pushing buggies with our babies," said Irene Gainer, Terry's wife. "And now they're pushing bug-



BRIAN CASSELLA/CHICAGO TRIBUNE PHOTOS

A girl does cartwheels while marching in Sunday's South Side Irish Parade.



The Morgan Park High School marching band performs Sunday. The two-hour parade included 16 bagpipe and marching bands.

gies with their babies."

For parade committee co-chairman Greg Kovak, the event marks the unofficial start of spring, because it breathes new life into the neighborhood.

"Life kind of blooms, and the community kind of rises up," he said of parade day.

"This is the one day out of the year where you can take all the negative ads, and all the negativity in the world and just celebrate spring, celebrate Irish heritage and celebrate your neighbors."

The two-hour parade — with an estimated attendance around 150,000 — included 16

bagpipe and marching bands, Irish dance schools, a choral group from Kanturk, Ireland, and more than 100 floats representing local parishes, families and community organizations.

Special Olympics Chicago, which is celebrating its 50th anniversary this year, was the parade's grand marshal. Amyloidosis Support Groups and the Martin McGarry family were the special honorees.

"Putting our athletes in the spotlight and showcasing them and all that they've accomplished means a lot to our organization, and it is why we do what we do," said Kevin

Magnuson, president of Special Olympics Chicago.

The organization, which showcased more than 200 local athletes aboard its float Sunday, offers training and competition for more than 7,500 Chicago area athletes with intellectual disabilities each year.

Martin McGarry, a former Golden Gloves champion and legendary boxing trainer in the Beverly neighborhood, did not live to see this year's Irish parade, but was there in spirit.

McGarry's son Morgan said his father, who died less than two months ago after a grueling six-year battle with familial amyloidosis, had been excited to attend this year's parade as a special honoree.

"He loved the South Side parade, too, so when he got nominated for honoree, he was ecstatic," Morgan said. "Even as sick as he was, he was like, 'Oh, I'll still be there. I'm going to be there.' It didn't faze him. He was real excited about being able to be a part of this and to raise awareness for the disease."

Kovak, who only got to know McGarry in the last few months of his life, said the 66-year-old native of Ireland made an outsized impression on him.

"People loved this man. He always had a smile on his face and every day was great. He

would say, "'Tis a great day,'" said Kovak, imitating McGarry's brogue. "He loved life."

Amyloidosis, the rare disease that took McGarry's life and the lives of a number of his immediate family members, causes amyloid proteins to build up in one's organs and leads to organ failure.

Morgan McGarry said he hoped the publicity that comes with the high-profile parade would help raise awareness about the disease.

"Hopefully the word gets out and we get more treatments and trials and medicine, and maybe, hopefully, a cure someday soon," he said.

An appearance by the Chicago Police Honor Guard, which marched in honor of Cmdr. Paul Bauer, who was fatally shot outside the Thompson Center last month while responding to a police call, marked another bittersweet highlight of this year's parade.

"It really is special now to come out and both celebrate Ireland and think about Cmdr. Bauer, our police and fire," said Terry Gainer, a retired Chicago police officer.

Like many of those in attendance Sunday, the Gainers make a day of the South Side Irish Parade, bookending the parade festivities with meals replete with traditional Irish fare.

"We were just over at a niece's house that's not too far away, and they served breakfast to about 75 people," Terry Gainer said shortly before the parade stepped off at noon. "Then right after the parade we'll go to another niece's — she is a teacher and he is a policeman — and we'll enjoy corned beef and cabbage."

The nieces, Irene Gainer said, have taken over the parade-day hosting duties that she and her husband had once coordinated.

It's that passing down of traditions from one generation to the next that Terry Gainer said makes the event so special.

"Each time you see the kids advance. ... It's just kind of neat where they get very much into their Irish heritage," he said.

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CPR skills an asset for emerging threats

Palos fire paramedics: Whether heart attack or gunshot wound, training can change outcomes

By DONNA VICKROY
Daily Southtown

If the fact that nearly half a million Americans die from cardiac arrest each year isn't incentive enough to learn CPR, perhaps mass shootings like the one at Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School might be added inducement.

There is never a bad time to learn cardiopulmonary resuscitation or other lifesaving skills, said Kevyn Holdefer, paramedic-firefighter with the Palos Fire Protection District. But now that mass shootings have become common enough to be included in the training, the best time might be now, he said.

"CPR does change every four years or so anyway" as techniques are updated to reflect new information or changes in science or medical advances, he said.

"It is a dangerous world out there, and unfortunately it doesn't seem like it's going away, so the best thing to do is be prepared for it," he said.

"We incorporate (mass shooting) scenarios into our program to kind of get people prepared for what they may see and what they may feel," he said.

"We talk about using your best judgment. Our students are always taught that their safety comes first. If they are in a situation like that, the best thing to do would be to get out of it," he said.

Though firefighters hope they will never encounter a mass shooting scenario, Holdefer said they prepare for it anyway. Civilians should take the same approach to that and more common kinds of emergencies, he said.

"The skills you learn in (CPR)

class are things that could come in handy any day," Holdefer said. "I've walked through Target and encountered a full cardiac arrest while shopping."

Every year, more than 480,000 adult Americans die due to a heart attack or related complications, but the victim of a heart attack, cardiac arrest, stroke or choking incident might be saved if people at the scene know lifesaving skills and have had techniques training, he added.

The district offers its Heart Saver CPR course the second Tuesday of each even-numbered month, Holdefer said. But groups of five or more can schedule their own time. Sessions are open to anyone and cost \$50 (\$40 for Palos Park residents). For information, call 708-448-0369 or go to www.palosfire.org/cpr-classes.html.

Holdefer said Palos firefighters go out on a call for a full cardiac arrest "at least once a week because we serve an elderly community," he said.

A lot of those older residents are now taking the class, he said. "And we're starting to notice more and more (older people) giving CPR when we arrive."

But lifesaving techniques, he added, are not just for seniors.

A common emergency today, he said, is infant choking. Many of the classes are filled with new parents or teens interested in baby-sitting jobs, he added.

Holdefer, who has been teaching CPR to the public for three years and to paramedics for seven, said the material can be dry, so he likes to liven the sessions up with real-life anecdotes.

"I used to work at a pizza joint. I had three people choke on pizza while I was working there. One



DONNA VICKROY/DAILY SOUTHTOWN

Knowing how to administer CPR or work an automated external defibrillator can dramatically increase a victim's chances of survival, said Kevyn Holdefer, paramedic-firefighter with the Palos Fire District.

time I broke my ribs because the guy fell on me while I was helping him. So now I teach the proper stance when administering abdominal thrusts," he said.

He said it would benefit everyone to know CPR, "not so much for mass shootings but for loved ones. When you have a victim go down in a full cardiac arrest, when breathing has stopped and the heart has stopped, for every minute that goes by, they lose 10 percent of their chance at survival."

A healthy person, Holdefer said, who suffers sudden cardiac arrest will typically have a 70 percent chance of coming back if CPR is started immediately or an automated external defibrillator is applied.

If not, in the time it takes the fire department to arrive, that person's chances of survival can be greatly diminished, he said.

A lot of people are aware that AEDs exist, Holdefer said. People see them hanging on the walls at public places but are intimidated because they don't know how to use them, he said.

"We had the Palos Woman's Club in here recently. They ranged in age from 60 to 80, and they

were concerned about the technology and not being able to use something like that. We taught them step by step, and now they rave about it because it's so easy," he said.

CPR and the use of an AED can enable "you to keep the heart circulating blood and keep all the organs alive so that when paramedics arrive, they can get that person back," Holdefer said.

"This is a skill that I think should be taught in every high school. In Seattle the survivability rate after going into full cardiac arrest is 19 to 21 percent compared with the national average, which is 11 to 12 percent, because that city makes it mandatory that kids in high school learn CPR," he said.

He added that he likes to keep the lessons memorable. "I teach you the 2 o'clock in the morning method, which is what to do if this happens in the middle of the night and you just can't remember. I teach things like push hard, push fast on the chest. That will get you by," he said.

Holdefer also discusses the importance of calling 911, something many adults are apprehensive about. But dispatchers, he added, can talk you through the

CPR process.

Throw first-aid training in the mix, he said, and you will be prepared to help someone through the first 15 minutes of any kind of emergency — including a mass shooting.

"We can teach you how to make a tourniquet with everyday supplies," he said.

That could enable you to save someone from bleeding out in a shooting situation, he added.

While escaping a shooting situation is the No. 1 priority for civilians, Holdefer said, the tide is changing as to the way paramedics should respond.

In the past, police would go in first and clear the area, making it safe for paramedics to enter, he said.

"Paramedics are not armed; they're not prepared for a situation like that. They're prepared to deal with the results of it," he said.

But in the past few years, because of so many mass shootings, Holdefer said, "There has been increasing talk about using the Rescue Task Force approach, which is training paramedics to go into what we call the 'warm zone,' not necessarily where the shooter is but where the shooter has been, to start treating and removing victims."

Often, when there's a mass shooting such as the one Feb. 14 in Parkland, Fla., "a lot of victims are dying because they're bleeding out" while they wait for police to secure the scene, he said.

"Cops are told not to stop and help those people because the goal, unfortunately, is to save as many as possible. In order to keep a threat from getting worse, they err on the side of taking care of the threat first," he said.

But until the paramedics can get in there, "there's not much we can do for those victims," he said.

Even though schools have lockdown procedures now, he said, anyone could find themselves locked in a room with an injured person. Knowing how to help, he said, could save that person's life.

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Democratic governor hopeful J.B. Pritzker has said self-funding his campaign represents a form of "independence" from special interests. He's given \$63.2 million to his campaign so far.

Pritzker keeps lead as election nears

Pritzker, from Page 1

"I'm not a small individual," Pritzker said in a recent interview.

The term "big," the candidate said, also serves as a metaphor for a campaign in which "we were trying to get across to people that my record is something important for people to look at. It's a record of doing big things that no one else in this race can match."

But in a big campaign, problems become magnified. Pritzker has tried to distance himself from a trio of challenges, from intra-Democratic turmoil to his federally recorded conversations with a disgraced ex-governor to the revelation that toilets were disconnected to get a property tax assessment reduction on a mansion in Chicago's Gold Coast.

Campaign seasons evolve, and candidates have to evolve with them. That's where Pritzker finds himself today: After holding a wide lead in the polls for months, he now faces a tightening of a contest that's just days away from its March 20 finish.

The challenges

When Pritzker announced his candidacy in April, many of the party's faithful viewed him as the ideal challenger to take on a wealthy Republican governor. Bruce Rauner had spent tens of millions of dollars to get elected, fund GOP legislative candidates and rejuvenate the Illinois Republican Party.

Pritzker promised to self-fund his campaign, taking the pressure off reliable Democratic allies, such as organized labor, to help bankroll both a governor's race and legislative contests.

In turn, Pritzker quickly gained support from unions and the establishment. By August, he'd won the Cook County Democratic Party endorsement. Two months later, he got the backing of the state's Democratic county chairmen. Both of Illinois' U.S. senators are behind Pritzker, as are the Democrats seeking re-election on the statewide ticket.

Lately, though, that party establishment support that was so crucial in giving Pritzker the early advantage has become more of an obstacle.

House Speaker Michael Madigan, the state Democratic chairman, is embroiled in controversy over his handling of harassment issues in his political operation in an offshoot of the #MeToo movement. Cook County Democratic Chairman Joe Berrios, who's also the assessor, is under fire over the fairness of the property tax system as reported by the Chicago Tribune and ProPublica Illinois.

Beyond that, there's an intra-party skirmish across the ballot as progressive candidates try to wrest power from the old guard with a message decrying income inequality and the wealthy Rauner's tenure.

"I'm nothing like Bruce Rauner or (President) Donald Trump and, in fact, I feel very confident that the people of Illinois, that voters in the Democratic primary will see that," Pritzker said. "There's no

candidate running in this race that has done as much in as large a fashion across the state of Illinois for working families as I have."

Pritzker's path

Politics came early to Pritzker, the son of Donald Pritzker, who moved to California in the late 1950s to oversee three small hotels and build new ones, laying the groundwork for the Hyatt Hotels Corp.

His father was finance chairman of Edmund Muskie's unsuccessful 1972 Democratic presidential bid. His mother, Susan, was a California Democratic party official. Politicians became regular guests to the family home, and his father's office was used for a scene in the 1972 Robert Redford political satire, "The Candidate."

But 1972 also was the year Donald Pritzker died of a heart attack while playing tennis at age 39. A decade later, Susan Pritzker, who had become an alcoholic after her husband's death, died in a traffic accident.

"I think when you watch somebody struggle, you develop a kind of an empathy and understanding," Pritzker said in an ad about his mother's death. "It becomes your responsibility to step in. I've tried to do that during my life, wherever I could."

While attending Georgetown University, he was a part-time legislative aide to California Democratic U.S. Rep. Tom Lantos, a Holocaust survivor. At Duke University, Pritzker volunteered for former North Carolina Gov. Terry Sanford's U.S. Senate campaign and later joined his staff. In 1988, Pritzker joined the staff of Illinois Democratic Sen. Alan Dixon.

While in Washington, Pritzker met and later married Mary Kathryn, who was an aide to South Dakota Democratic Sen. Tom Daschle. In 1993, Pritzker earned a law degree at Northwestern University. The law school now bears his name following a \$100 million endowment in 2015.

Rather than practice law, he launched himself into private equity investment. Five years later, at age 32, he ran for the North Shore congressional seat U.S. Rep. Sid Yates was giving up after nearly a half-century. Seeking a seat in a liberal district, he campaigned to ban the sale of handguns and proposed 24-hour day care for working parents.

He finished third with 20 percent of the vote in a 1998 primary won by Jan Schakowsky, who still holds the seat. Pritzker got campaign help from workers allied with former 33rd Ward Ald. Richard Mell, the father-in-law of future Gov. Rod Blagojevich. Two years earlier, Pritzker had helped Blagojevich win his congressional seat.

"This was a good first start and I think J.B. has a tremendous future," Blagojevich said in a May 1998 Tribune profile of Pritzker. "Remember, Abraham Lincoln didn't win his first election, and Mario Cuomo lost several races

before he got elected. For J.B., this is only the beginning."

Philanthropist

The family name is synonymous with philanthropy, and J.B. and M.K. Pritzker have focused on early childhood health and education initiatives through their family foundation. The candidate pointed to his record of giving at a recent Chi Hack Night event at the Merchandise Mart in Chicago.

"Every politician, every person running for public office stands up and tells you what you want to hear. And yet, not everybody has the capability to actually get those things done. And so I think the question that you should ask about the candidates is, 'What have they done, what were they doing, in fact, when they weren't running for public office, to make people's lives better?'" Pritzker told the group of tech researchers.

He's funded the Pritzker Consortium on Early Childhood Development at the University of

"If you don't know who J.B. Pritzker is, please go home and empty your mailbox and turn on the TV every once in a while."

— 2nd Ward Ald. Brian Hopkins

Chicago and helped lead the 2014 White House Summit on Early Education with a \$25 million commitment for youth programs and services.

In 2016, he added a \$5 million check on top of previous contributions to the Ounce of Prevention Fund, which is headed by Diana Rauner, who is married to the politician Pritzker is trying to unseat. That same year, Gov. Rauner signed into law legislation pushed by Pritzker's foundation and others to provide more than 175,000 additional children with access to school breakfast programs.

"There's something to be said for the Pritzkers and what that family has done in terms of philanthropy, and they go hand-in-hand with government and governing," said Mark Rotblatt, a Chicago real estate broker who listened to Pritzker's campaign pitch in Streeterville and planned to vote for him.

On the business side, Pritzker joined with older brother Tony to form the Pritzker Group, an investment and venture capital firm. In 2012, the candidate founded the 1871 high-tech startup.

Politically, Pritzker and his wife contributed at least \$14.7 million to two super political action committees supporting Hillary Clinton's 2016 White House bid, federal records show. At the state level, he's given more than \$2.3 million to Democratic candidates and political groups.

During the 1990s, Pritzker founded a group aimed at attracting voters under age 40 to the

Democratic Party. In 2008, he was a national co-chair of Clinton's presidential campaign against then-U.S. Sen. Barack Obama. It was a family split of political allegiances, as sister Penny Pritzker backed Obama and then served as his commerce secretary.

The message

After nearly a year on the campaign trail, Pritzker's message has become more honed and well-worn. He typically starts by telling potential voters that core Democratic values have come under assault from the leadership of Trump and Rauner.

Like his major Democratic rivals, Pritzker supports a graduated income tax that would hit wealthier incomes, though he hasn't specified a rate. He said he would use the added revenue to increase education funding to try to reduce the property tax burden of paying for schools.

Pritzker also supports tougher restrictions on guns, though not as stringent as during his congressional bid. He favors a ban on so-called assault weapons, high-capacity ammunition magazines and bump stocks that can turn a semi-automatic firearm into a near-automatic weapon. He vows to try to form a compact with neighboring governors to stem the flow of illegal guns into Illinois.

In addition, Pritzker supports legalization, state regulation and taxation of marijuana, but he sees it more as a way to foster entrepreneurial growth in some of the city's economically depressed neighborhoods than as a new revenue source.

The candidate has sought to appeal to minority voters by calling for changes to a criminal justice system he says has "disproportionately impacted" people of color. He said he would create a criminal justice reform and economic opportunity office headed by running mate Juliana Stratton, a freshman state lawmaker. Pritzker also pledged to make community-based alternatives to incarceration "a priority."

More recently, Pritzker has intensified his outreach to the African-American community, a core Democratic voting demographic. It's not only to counter rival Chris Kennedy, who is heavily courting black voter support, but to counter his own November 2008 conversation with the now-imprisoned Blagojevich over potential African-American candidates to fill the U.S. Senate vacancy of then-President-elect Barack Obama.

The Tribune published a story about those comments in early February, and since then Pritzker has been on an apology tour that has included meeting with African-American clergy, visiting black churches and speaking to community leaders.

On the recording, Pritzker described Secretary of State Jesse White as the "least offensive" of the African-Americans being talked about for the seat. White

has stood by Pritzker, as have many of the black elected officials who endorsed him.

Pritzker has said "hundreds" of people were speaking to Blagojevich about the Senate appointment, though it was widely known that the governor was under federal investigation at the time. Pritzker later said he regretted "some of the things that I didn't say and some of the things that I did, but my heart is in the right place."

Even before the FBI-recorded conversation, Pritzker faced criticism from some black leaders who already had aligned with Kennedy. Kennedy's father, the late Sen. Robert F. Kennedy, and late uncle, President John F. Kennedy, were major figures in the 1960s civil rights struggle.

"Don't let J.B. Pritzker's million bucks fool you," U.S. Rep. Bobby Rush told a Kennedy rally at a Bronzeville church. "Yeah, money talks. But I'm telling you billion-aires don't listen. The people talk. So I'm just here to say that we've got something to do between now and March 20. We've got an election to win."

Money game

In politics, it often comes down to the money.

At the Streeterville Organization of Active Residents event where Pritzker spoke to about 50 people, prominent developer Charles Gardner stood up to ask a question.

"One of the biggest problems with Bruce Rauner as governor is that he bought the job, and some would say that you're trying to do the same thing," Gardner said. "Why do you not reach out to the community to raise funds in a finance committee and to show the broad base of support across the community from many people?"

The deep-pocketed Rauner has rebuilt the state Republican Party, and Pritzker replied that a similar effort was needed. "The Democratic Party of Illinois, such as it is, really has been diminishing over many, many years ... and for us to be competitive all over the state, we had to build an infrastructure to win," he said.

Campaign finance reports show Pritzker has poured more than \$700,000 into the political funds of local Democratic organizations and elected officials leading up to the primary election, including \$110,000 to money controlled by Cook County Board President Toni Preckwinkle.

Pritzker also said his self-funding of his campaign represents a form of "independence" from special interests.

"I'm running as an independent leader and somebody who's gotten things done independently of the leadership in Springfield, the leadership in Chicago, trying to work together to bring people together to get big things done," Pritzker said.

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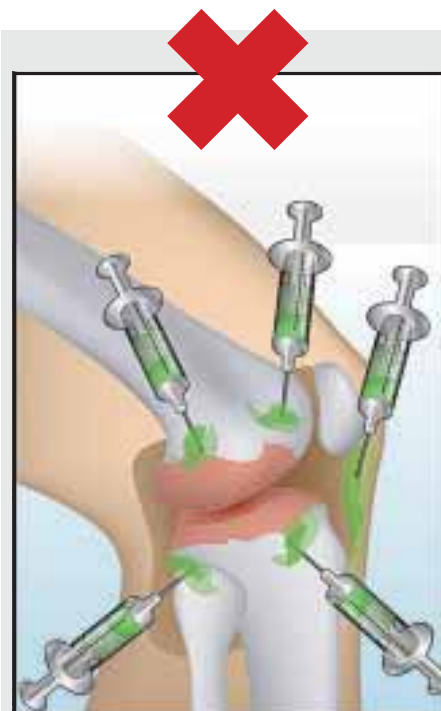
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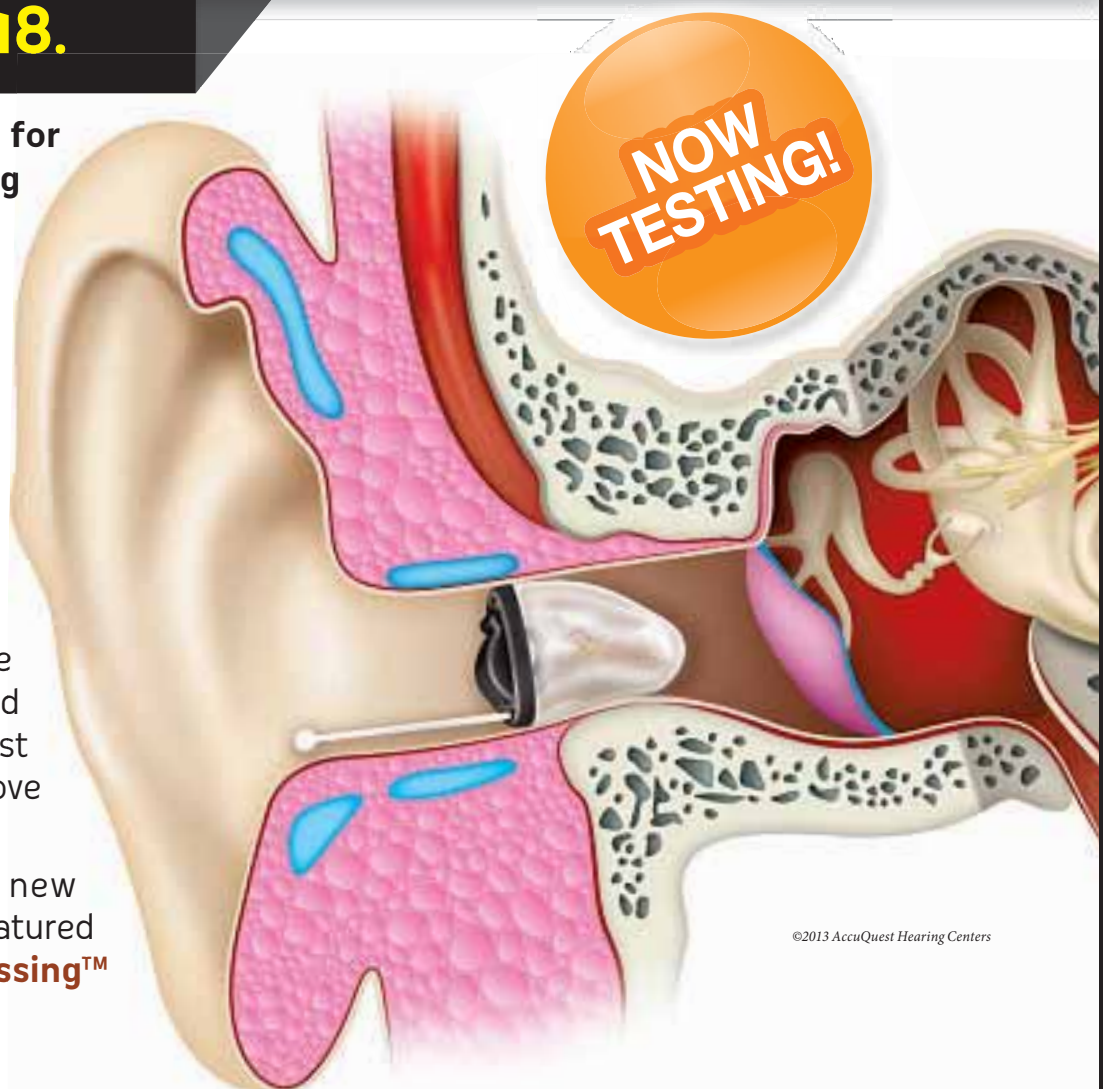
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Ill. townships face scrutiny over spending

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criticism for spending hundreds of thousands of dollars on legal fees to fight the unionization of the road district workforce.

What one observer calls a "circus" in the township has added momentum to a movement to abolish townships altogether. It's prompted dueling Republican proposals for new state laws, one to make it easier to get rid of townships, the other to require a study to show financial savings before any township unit could be dissolved.

Illinois has 1,428 townships, helping to account for more units of government than any other state. It's a layer of bureaucracy formed primarily to serve rural communities, but most states do without them. Numerous studies have found that local government consolidation is likely to save money.

"The real issue, and the reason property taxes are so high in Illinois, is because we have 7,000 units of government," said state Rep. David McSweeney, a Barrington Hills Republican who's sponsoring the bill to make it easier to mount township abolition campaigns in McHenry County. "The only way we're going to reduce property taxes is to consolidate local governments. Townships are just a start."

But advocates of township government say not so fast. They argue that it's the most responsive and cheapest way to help residents, and there are good reasons that claimed savings would never materialize.

"It's an emotional issue that will drive people to vote simply because they see the word 'consolidation,'" said state Rep. Steve Reick, a Woodstock Republican. "I'm not against consolidation, but only if it actually saves money."

Bad blood

Rancor first arose in Algonquin Township last year when Gasser, a conservative McHenry County Board member, defeated Robert Miller for highway commissioner. Miller's family had held the elected office since the 1960s, but Gasser accused Miller of nepotism, noting that his wife, Anna May Miller, and two sons-in-law all worked for the road department.

The credit card bills in question were submitted during Robert Miller's years as commissioner.

Seeking to have the township clerk preserve records in the case, Gasser filed suit in McHenry County. He said the bills show township credit cards were used to buy gift cards for employees as bonuses.

McHenry County State's Attorney Patrick Kenneally confirmed his agency is looking into past spending in Algonquin Township. He declined to elaborate.

Miller denied Gasser's claims of improper spending and called them "character assassination."

"I can't comment on all the crazy allegations he's made," Miller said in an interview, "but I can tell you nothing I did was illegal. They were all legitimate expenses properly presented to the board and paid within the policies that were legal at the township."

Miller also criticized Gasser for firing four employees, including Miller's two sons-in-law, after he took office. The employees had joined a union just before Gasser took over and won an administrative ruling to get their jobs back, but that case is still being fought in court.

Gasser said he was forced to spend tax money to stop what he considered an improper, last-minute unionization that took place under his predecessor, and to eliminate nepotism hires.

Gasser has also raised questions about almost \$245,000 that was paid to highway department employees since 2012 and marked as miscellaneous, above and beyond salaries and overtime.

Since he took office last year, Gasser himself has paid \$26,700 in worker bonuses, saying it was for on-call duty for summer storm cleanup and tree removal and for winter snowplowing. He said the township board approved the expenditures but that he stopped the practice of miscellaneous spending after investigators inquired about it.

The barber vs. the road commissioner

In neighboring McHenry Township, Bob Anderson, a barber from Wonder Lake, has been fighting against township government for three decades. He's lost every time — until recently.

Last month, Anderson, as a new member of the McHenry Township Board, was victorious in getting a referendum on the November ballot that will ask voters whether to abolish the township road district. Advocates on both sides of the issue say they will be ramping up public campaigns leading up to the vote.

The binding referendum is a small first step but emblematic of a broader debate over the very existence of township government. That fight is now playing out in Springfield, where lawmakers have competing proposals to allow for further abolition of township governments, or requiring a study to show whether there would be cost savings before doing away with any township unit.

"They've outlived their usefulness," Anderson said. "They're outdated. They're redundant."



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Former Algonquin Township Highway Commissioner Robert Miller was defeated in 2017 by Andrew Gasser. Miller had succeeded his grandfather and father in the same role, and his sons-in-law and wife all worked for the road department.

But townships have ardent defenders — James Condon, McHenry Township road commissioner, among them. He accused McSweeney of grandstanding to attract support and said much of the debate was over proposed spending for needed equipment, which the township board can control through approval of the budget and tax levy.

"This is just for a political purpose," Condon said. A licensed civil engineer with a master's degree in business administration, he said other officials would not have his expertise in running the road district. "I would not get rid of good government because of bad political policy."

Many residents have also spoken out about their appreciation of the McHenry Township road district.

Township Officials of Illinois, which represents more than 11,000 elected officials, paid for a statewide study that concluded townships have the lowest tax cost per person of any unit of government. Contrary to the idea that bigger is better, the study's authors concluded, "Forcing consolidations and abolitions of local governments could increase taxes and spending."

Two main areas of cost savings for townships are that their employees generally are not unionized, so they are paid less — an average of \$49,000 annually — and they often work part time, so they may not be provided health care insurance. In comparison, average county salaries were almost \$60,000, according to the organization's study.

The study also showed that township costs have been rising much more slowly than in other forms of government. It looked only at labor costs, however, and not at facility and equipment costs, where greater savings from consolidation might be realized. And other forms of government have far broader and costlier responsibilities, such as educating kids, mass transit, and police and fire duties.

For Anderson, the barber and a local school board member, the debate over townships reflects his belief that counties can eliminate the redundancies of townships while fulfilling their

duties.

Back in 1994, Anderson collected signatures for a referendum to abolish townships in McHenry County, but the proposal was defeated by a 3-1 ratio. Two years ago, the county board voted down a plan to consolidate the county's townships.

Anderson acknowledges that his township government levies only about 4 percent of the total tax bill there, a small fraction of what schools cost, but said it's the easiest form of government to replace.

"Many of my customers are leaving the state due to high taxes, particularly retired people," he said. "If we're going to save Illinois, there'll be no tax reduction unless we reduce the 7,000 units of government."

Townships have three basic functions: maintaining roads that aren't handled by other units of government, assessing property for real estate taxes, and helping the poor through food banks and emergency aid. Townships also often provide transportation for people with disabilities, as well as programs for senior citizens and youths.

But township duties vary widely depending on their location. For instance, while townships oversee just a small portion of the roads in the Chicago area, they maintain the majority of roadways in downstate rural areas.

Townships are the oldest form of government in the United States, predating the revolution. Yet 17 counties in southern Illinois already get along without them, operating instead under a "commission" system.

Advocates of townships argue that they provide the most local, responsive service for the lowest price. In addition, several studies have found that expected expense reductions from government consolidation never materialized. A Rutgers University study concluded that "cost savings are not assured," and that "most consolidations fail."

Township abolition is rare, but it has happened, and with large money-savings in at least one case.

In 2014, residents of Evanston voted to abolish their township, which had the same boundaries as the city of Evanston. The municipality took over town-

ship responsibilities.

An analysis done for the city found that the consolidation saved almost \$800,000 the first year, and that services were expanded and improved.

But many townships cover unincorporated areas, or are split between multiple municipalities, so their switch to oversight by other agencies might not run so smoothly.

Voters in Naperville and Lisle townships last year approved a plan to consolidate their highway departments to save money.

Township Officials of Illinois President Danny Hanning conceded that while some changes may be necessary, different areas of the state may have different needs. In a letter to members, he urged them to convince the public that the agency closest to them is also the most responsive.

"We must show them that, in most cases, no one could do what we do for less money," Hanning wrote. "The further government gets away from the people, the less responsive it becomes."

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Critics wary of how Belmont flyover will change area

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and Purple Line trains have to stop as Brown Line trains cross the tracks to make their way north.

Known formally as the "Red-Purple Bypass," it will carry Brown Line trains up a concrete ribbon north of the Belmont station that rises to a crest of 45 feet above ground level, or about the height of a four-story building, and then down again before the

trains proceed to the Southport stop, according to the CTA. The flyover will be about twice as high as the existing track.

The flyover's exact appearance is yet to be determined. By the end of the year, the CTA will hire a contractor to design and, later on, build the structure.

Ian Savage, a Northwestern University economics professor who specializes in transportation issues, said the project will be

"fantastic" for eliminating congestion and that some complaining about it now are going to love it later.

"The Clark Street junction is obviously a choke point — it's been a choke point for years, ever since it was built," Savage said, adding: "You only have to stand on the platform for a few minutes and you see what the problem is."

He conceded the flyover could be "unsightly." But the CTA determined that

building a tunnel would have required even more building displacements and neighborhood disruptions.

The CTA said the flyover will allow it to run up to 15 more trains per hour in one direction on the three lines after the afternoon rush and up to 12 more morning trains. The CTA has said delays at Clark Junction range from 30 seconds to four minutes — critics of the plan have charged that a 30-second delay is not

reason enough for the project. But the CTA argues that the project will cut crowding and delays up and down the north branch of the Red Line, the busiest line in the system, with about 150,000 riders going through the Belmont station every weekday.

Currently, the most the agency can do is 40-44 trains per hour in one direction on the three lines. The CTA said building the bypass will allow it to serve

7,200 more riders per hour. It is part of the \$2.1 billion Red-Purple Line modernization project, which also will rehabilitate stations, bridges and track along a century-old corridor between Lawrence and Bryn Mawr stations on the Red Line, which has seen a crushing 40 percent growth in rush-hour traffic in recent years.

The flyover itself will cost about \$570 million and includes modernizing both the Brown Line track structure west of the junction and the signal system on the Red and Brown lines near the junction, said CTA spokeswoman Tammy Chase. "It makes sense to do it all at once," she said.

The CTA is taking out 14 area buildings for the flyover, most of them before the Cubs home opener on April 9. These include five buildings on Wilton Avenue south of School Street, four on Clark Street between School and Newport Avenue, and one on Roscoe Street. Scheduled for fall tear-downs are four other Clark buildings. The historic Vautravers building at 947-949 W. Newport Ave. will be moved. Another building is being demolished by its owner.

Ellen Hughes, a longtime Lakeview resident and head of the group that tried to stop the flyover, said she will watch the tear-downs with her neighbors while they drink spiked coffee.

She joked that she is considering a new name for the "Coalition to Stop the Belmont Flyover." It could be the "Now We Go On and Make It the Best We Can" or "The Flyover's Here and Now What?" coalition.

"Our goal is to bring in urban planners and try to imagine something better than we can imagine now," Hughes said.

Once the flyover is finished, there will be room for new construction on some lots, the CTA said. Hughes said she is encouraging Lakeview residents to stay vigilant as projects go forward to make sure the neighborhood stays attractive.

"I'm cautiously optimistic, if we stay in it," she said. "If we close our eyes, we will look like the (Jane Byrne) Interchange."

Mailbag: Later trains wanted

Some readers have written wishing for later Metra trains to accommodate evening activities. Here's an example from a Milwaukee District North rider:

"Mary, can you help me get Metra to move their late night train schedule from a 10:30 (p.m.) train to 11:00? This would allow theater patrons like me to get to Union Station and Ogilvie in time to make the train, and not have to wait until 12:30, which is way too late. Currently I am forced to drive in at rush hour, which can take up to 1.5 hours. ..."

— Howard Kirschner, Morton Grove

Metra spokesman Michael Gillis said the commuter railroad looked into this and decided the possible extra riders would not compete with the hundreds already using the 10:30 p.m. train who would be inconvenienced by having to wait another half an hour. He said Metra has tried adjusted late evening times on other lines and saw no increase in ridership. "It'd be hard to pick a time that would please everyone," Gillis said.

Transportation song quiz

Last week's transportation song quiz asks for a train tune called the fiddler's national anthem. The train, named for a popular wedding flower, is the "Orange Blossom Special." Kathy Manofsky in Oak Lawn was first with the right answer.

A band known for psychedelic hits about time and loneliness wrote this early lyric about offering a girl cookies, and a ride on a form of transportation. Name the song and the group. The first person with the right answer gets a Tribune notebook, and glory.

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Aides: Trump up to the task on North Korea

Democratic senator says she fears regime may 'take advantage'

BY LAURA KING
Washington Bureau

WASHINGTON — Senior administration officials expressed confidence Sunday that President Donald Trump would not be taken advantage of by North Korea's Kim Jong Un prior to and during any direct talks, but critics suggested the president's impulsiveness and inexperience could spell disaster if a face-to-face meeting between the two leaders proceeds as planned.

Trump would be the first sitting U.S. president to hold talks with a North Korean leader if he follows through on the decision Thursday to accept an invitation to meet with Kim. Amid rising tensions over Pyongyang's nuclear and ballistic programs, the two leaders had exchanged a series of threats and insults in recent months.

Some foreign policy observers have attributed the president's abrupt move at

least in part to his fondness for grand gestures, but CIA Director Mike Pompeo said Trump "isn't doing this for theater."

"He's going to solve a problem," said Pompeo, who was interviewed on "Fox News Sunday." He also insisted that Kim must be prepared to talk about "complete, verifiable, irreversible denuclearization" if the meeting is to go ahead.

Treasury Secretary Steven Mnuchin also sought to deflect any suggestion that the president would soften the U.S. stance toward North Korea in advance of the talks, even though many observers say that agreeing to direct talks is already a huge and prestige-enhancing concession to Kim.

"We're not removing the maximum-pressure campaign," Mnuchin said on NBC's "Meet the Press." He added that "the sanctions are staying on" and the United States would proceed with military exercises in the region as scheduled.

Trump, he said, simply planned to "sit down and see if he can cut a deal."



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CIA Director Mike Pompeo says President Donald Trump is "going to solve a problem."

Trump, in a boisterous campaign-style speech delivered Saturday night in Pennsylvania, indicated he saw little in the way of pitfalls even if the talks fail.

"I think we will have tremendous success," he said, describing prospective denuclearization as "the greatest deal for the world." But he also raised the possibility that he may "leave fast" if conditions are not ripe.

"Who knows what's going to happen?" Trump said.

White House spokesman Raj Shah, appearing on

ABC's "This Week," reiterated Washington's expectation that North Korea would not engage in nuclear or missile testing in advance of any talks.

So far, North Korean officials have not verified any of the details about their offer to meet or any preconditions. All messages have been relayed through South Korea.

Some Trump critics praised the president's pivot toward diplomacy but raised alarms about the administration's diplomatic acumen. The White House has not named an ambas-

sador to South Korea, who would under normal circumstances be a key interlocutor on matters regarding the North.

Sen. Elizabeth Warren, D-Mass., interviewed on "Meet the Press," cited the complexity of any talks, which she said were worrying against a backdrop of Trump's failure to heed the advice of experts on the region.

"What I'm concerned about in these negotiations is we have a State Department that's just been decimated," Warren said. "And that really matters, because

it means you don't have the people who understand the economics, who speak the language, who know the history."

Warren, who has frequently sparred with Trump, said she wanted to see the president succeed, "because if he succeeds, America succeeds." But she said she feared that North Korean leaders would "take advantage" of him.

Concern also came from within the GOP ranks, with Sen. Cory Gardner, R-Colo., saying that the North should have to do more in order to merit a meeting. "I'd like to see some concrete steps — more than just a cessation of testing," he said on CBS' "Face the Nation."

A former top adviser to President Barack Obama warned against allowing any element of showmanship to affect decision making on North Korea, citing the "volatile" situation on the Korean Peninsula.

"This is not a real estate deal or a reality show," Ben Rhodes, who served as Obama's deputy national security adviser, said on ABC's "This Week." But he expressed hopes that Trump's unorthodox approach would yield good results.

"I think the nation should be rooting for diplomacy to work with North Korea, and I think that's certainly President Obama's view," he said.

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China's Xi handed expanded powers, ability to rule for life

BY CHRISTOPHER BODEEN
Associated Press

BEIJING — Xi Jinping, already China's most powerful leader since Mao Zedong, received a vastly expanded mandate Sunday as lawmakers abolished presidential term limits that have been in place for more than 35 years and wrote his political philosophy into the country's constitution.

In one swift vote, the rubber-stamp legislature opened up the possibility of Xi serving as president for life, returning China to the one-man-rule system that prevailed during the era of Mao and the emperors who came before him.

The package of constitutional amendments passed the nearly 3,000-member National People's Congress almost unanimously, with just two opposing votes and three abstentions. The vote further underscored the total dominance of Chinese politics possessed by the 64-year-old Xi, who serves simultaneously as the head of state, leader of the ruling Communist Party and commander of the powerful 1 million-member armed forces.

The move upends a system enacted by former Chinese leader Deng Xiaoping in 1982 to prevent a return to the bloody excesses of a lifelong dictatorship typified by Mao's chaotic 1966-1976 Cultural Revolution.

"This marks the biggest regression in China's legal system since the reform and opening-up era of the 1980s," said Zhang Lifan, an independent Beijing-based political commentator.

"I'm afraid that this will all be written into our



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President Xi Jinping walks to his seat Sunday after casting his vote for an amendment to the Chinese Constitution.

history in the future," Zhang said.

The change is widely seen as the culmination of Xi's efforts since being appointed leader of the party in 2012 to concentrate power in his own hands and defy norms of collective leadership established over the past two decades. Xi has

appointed himself to head bodies that oversee national security, finance, economic reform and other major initiatives, effectively sidelining the Communist Party's No. 2 figure, Premier Li Keqiang.

In addition to scrapping the limitation that presidents can serve only two

consecutive terms, the amendments also inserted Xi's personal political philosophy into the preamble of the constitution, along with phrasing that emphasizes the party's leadership.

The slide toward one-man rule under Xi has fueled concern that Beijing is eroding efforts to guard

against the excesses of autocratic leadership.

The head of the legislature's legal affairs committee, Shen Chunyao, dismissed those worries as "speculation that is ungrounded and without basis."

Shen told reporters that the party's 90-year history

has led to a system of orderly succession to "maintain the vitality and long-term stability of the party and the people."

"We believe in the future that we will continue with this path and discover an even brighter future," Shen said.

In a sign of the issue's sensitivity, government censors have aggressively scrubbed social media of expressions ranging from "I disagree" to "Xi Zedong." A number of prominent Chinese figures have publicly protested the move, despite the risk of retaliation.

Officials have said the elimination of presidential term limits is aimed only at bringing the office of the president in line with Xi's other positions atop the Communist Party and the Central Military Commission, which do not impose term limits.

While some scholars questioned the wisdom of the move, others said they saw value in sending the message that Xi would be setting policy for many years to come. "In fact, the more Xi Jinping's position is consolidated and the longer his governing time is to last, the more secure it is for the continuity of the policies," said Liu Jianguo, a professor at Renmin University's School of International Relations.

The move has crushed faint hopes for political reforms among China's embattled liberal scholars and activists, who now fear even greater repression. China allows no political opposition in any form and has relentlessly persecuted independent groups seeking greater civic participation.

Pressure builds on U.K. to act in ex-spy case

BY GREGORY KATZ AND JO KEARNEY
Associated Press

SALISBURY, England — The health implications of the nerve agent attack on a Russian ex-spy and his adult daughter broadened Sunday when British officials conceded that limited traces of contamination were found in a restaurant and a pub in Salisbury, a city in England.

Public health officials said the risk of others being sickened by the chemicals

that put the father and daughter in critical condition a week ago was very low. But they advised people who had patronized the businesses during a two-day period to wash their clothes, double-bag articles for dry cleaning and to wipe down items like jewelry.

"It's really important to understand the general public should not be concerned. There is, on the evidence currently, a very low risk," Dr. Jenny Harries of Public Health England said during a news confer-

ence. Sergei Skripal, 66, and his daughter, Yulia, 33 were found comatose on a bench near Zizzi restaurant and The Mill pub on March 4. Several hundred people would have been in the Salisbury establishments that day and the day after, Harries said.

The public health concerns are increasing pressure on the British government to take action against whoever is deemed responsible for the nerve agent attack.

Treasury chief Philip Hammond added his voice Sunday to the chorus of senior British figures vowing that strong steps will be taken if a foreign government is found to be responsible.

Authorities haven't revealed how or where the Skripals were exposed to the nerve agent. They remain in critical but stable condition. A British police detective who came to their aid is also hospitalized in serious condition. He is said to be talking to visitors.



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Officers stand Sunday outside a restaurant near where an ex-Russian spy and his daughter were found comatose.

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A push for gun training of teachers

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states to pass temporary, court-issued Risk Protection Orders, which allow law enforcement to confiscate guns from individuals who pose risks to themselves and others, and temporarily prevent them from buying firearms.

The president is also calling for better coordination between mental health care, school officials and law enforcement. And he has called for a full audit and review of the FBI tip line.

In the weeks since the massacre, Trump has held listening sessions with lawmakers, survivors of recent school shootings and the families of victims. He's also met and spoken with leaders of the influential National Rifle Association. The NRA on Friday sued Florida over a new gun law signed by Republican Gov. Rick Scott that bans the purchase of firearms by anyone under the age of 21.

White House spokesman Raj Shah had said earlier Sunday that "the president has been clear that he does

support raising the age to 21" for assault weapons purchases.

"I don't want to get ahead of what's going to be announced," Shah said on "This Week" on ABC, "but I will say that will be a component of it, raising the age, as well as mental health."

During those meetings, Trump advocated arming certain teachers and school staffers, arguing that gun-free schools are "like an invitation for these very sick people" to commit murder.

"If you had a teacher who was adept at firearms, they could end the attack very quickly," he has said.

During the often free-wheeling conversations, Trump also seemed to voice support for "universal" background checks, which would apply to private gun sales and those at gun shows, instead of just from licensed dealers. He also raised eyebrows by suggesting that law enforcement officials should be able to confiscate guns from those they deem a safety risk even before a



SHAWN THEW/EPA

President Donald Trump, seen at a recent session involving students, has advocated arming certain school personnel.

court has weighed in.

"Take the guns first, go through due process second," Trump said.

Sarah Huckabee Sanders, the White House press secretary, later walked back both suggestions, saying "Universal means something different to a lot of people." She said the president wanted to expedite the court process, not circumvent it.

As part of the plan, the

White House reiterated its support for improvements to the National Instant Criminal Background Check System through the "Fix NICS" bill, which would penalize federal agencies that don't properly report required records and reward states that comply by providing them with federal grant preferences.

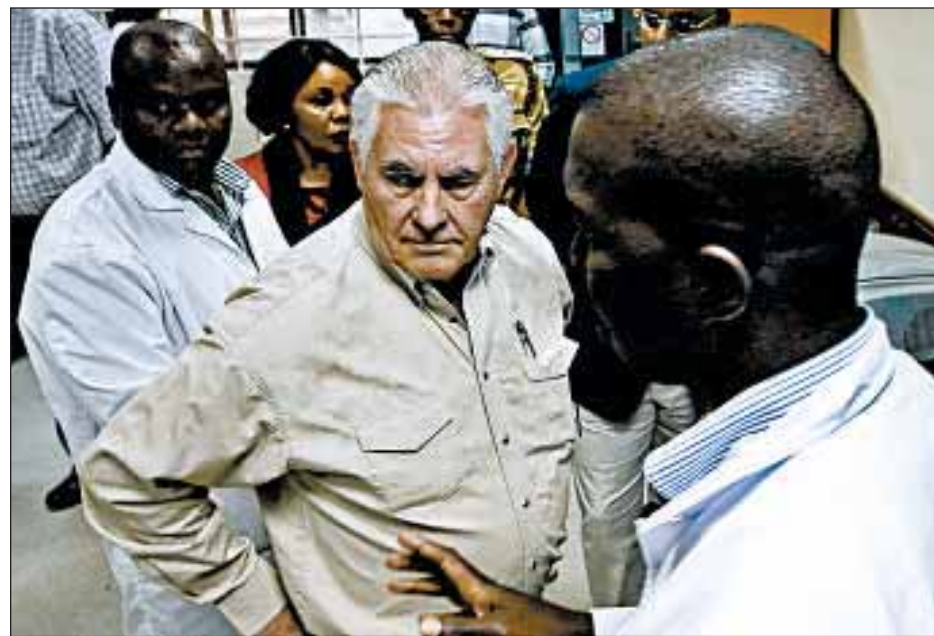
The bill was written in response to a shooting last

November by a gunman whose domestic violence conviction the Air Force failed to report to the National Criminal Information Center database. It has already passed the House.

The White House is also calling on Congress to pass a second bill that would create a federal grant program to train students, teachers and school officials how to identify signs of potential violence and

intervene early. The Republican-controlled House is expected to vote on the STOP School Violence Act next week.

Trump has also vowed to ban the use of so-called bump-stock devices that enable semi-automatic guns to closely match the rate of fire of automatic weapons. The Department of Justice has also been moving forward with that effort.



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Secretary of State Rex Tillerson on Sunday tours an anti-poaching forensic lab in Kenya.

Administration's words, deeds collide as Tillerson visits Africa

By JOSH LEDERMAN
Associated Press

NAIROBI NATIONAL PARK, Kenya — On the outskirts of a sprawling reserve of Kenyan grasslands where endangered animals roam wild, Secretary of State Rex Tillerson lavished praise on an American-funded forensics lab that tracks down elephant-poachers for prosecution, and urged aggressive action in Africa on conservation.

Yet this month, the Trump administration lifted the U.S. ban on importing African elephant trophies, to the dismay of groups that said it sends precisely the wrong message. U.S. words and deeds are colliding as Tillerson travels across Africa. On trade policy, HIV/AIDS and humanitarian aid, the United States at times seems at odds with itself, muddying efforts to show it wants the continent to flourish and is here to help.

In the case of the elephants, conservationists appeared to have a powerful ally in President Donald Trump, who intervened last year to stop the U.S.

Fish and Wildlife Service from lifting the Obama-era ban on tusks imported from Zambia and Zimbabwe. Trump called the practice a "horror show."

At the forensics lab at Nairobi National Park, Tillerson agreed Sunday when famed conservationist Richard Leakey warned that the "huge interest" in wildlife products such as elephant and rhinoceros parts was fueling the international trafficking trade.

"That's really the key ... to shut it all down," Tillerson said.

But three months after Trump's move to keep the ban in place, his administration reversed course again, saying elephant trophies could be imported on a "case-by-case basis." The U.S. agency said it chose that course of action to comply with a court ruling that said the Obama administration failed to follow proper procedure in enacting the original ban.

In Kenya, the new Trump policy fell flat. Paula Kahumbu, an elephant expert and CEO of Wildlife Direct, a leading Kenyan environmental group, said past U.S. support for ban-

ning the ivory trade has pushed China and other nations to act as well. "To then say, 'Oh, but we have a special case for some of our people, they should be allowed to have ivory,' it totally undermines the U.S. leadership role."

American leadership has been repeatedly questioned since Trump took office in January 2017 as Washington pulls back from past commitments to NATO, to the United Nations and to aid programs that form the core of U.S. "soft power" diplomacy.

Tillerson's trip to Kenya was designed in part to highlight the success of PEPFAR, the HIV/AIDS program that has saved millions of lives and helped see the continent through an epidemic that once threatened to wipe out a whole generation.

So HIV/AIDS advocates are scratching their heads at why Trump has proposed cutting hundreds of millions of dollars from PEPFAR. The nonprofit ONE Campaign warned that the cut would lead to hundreds of thousands more people dying of AIDS each year.

Schools in U.S. apply various strategies to student walkouts

By DENISE LAVOIE
Associated Press

RICHMOND, Va. — As schools around the country brace for student walkouts in response to the deadly shooting in Parkland, Fla., principals and superintendents are scrambling to perform a delicate balancing act: how to let thousands of students exercise their First Amendment rights while not disrupting school and not pulling administrators into the raging debate over gun control.

Some have taken a hard line, promising to suspend students who walk out, while others are using a softer approach, working with students to set up places on campus where they can remember the victims of the Florida shooting and express their views about school safety and gun control.

Since the Feb. 14 shooting at Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School, demonstrations have sprung up on school campuses around the country. But the first large-scale, coordinated national demonstration is planned for Wednesday when organizers of the Women's March have called for a 17-minute walkout, one minute for each of the 17 students and staff members killed in Florida. National demonstrations are also planned for March 24, with a march on Washington, D.C.; and on April 20, the 19th anniversary of the Columbine High School massacre in Colorado.

No matter how schools decide to deal with the demonstrations, students have been reassured by Harvard, Yale, MIT, the University of Connecticut, UCLA and dozens of other colleges and universities that their participation won't affect their chances of getting admitted.

But for middle school and high school administrators, figuring out how to



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Last month's shooting in Parkland, Fla., has inspired demonstrations on school campuses around the country.

allow the demonstrations during school hours has proven challenging. In some cases, it hasn't gone smoothly.

In Needville, Texas, near Houston, Superintendent Curtis Rhodes was castigated on social media after he warned that students who leave class would be suspended for three days, even if they get parental permission.

And in Arizona, dozens of students at Ingleside Middle School, near Phoenix, were given one-day suspensions after they left campus on Feb. 27.

AASA, The School Superintendents Association, has fielded dozens of calls and emails from school administrators asking for advice, while the American Civil Liberties Union has received hundreds of inquiries from students about what their rights are and if they can be disciplined for participating in the protests.

The answer depends on each school's code of conduct and disciplinary policies. Generally, the ACLU has been advising students that because they are required to go to school by law, administrators can discipline them for unexcused absences. But the ACLU also told students in an online training video that administrators can't punish them more harshly because

of the political nature of their demonstrations.

The superintendents association — which is supporting the April 20 walkout — has drafted a list of suggestions for school administrators, including holding a teach-in, a school-led walkout to a spot on campus, or a session on bullying.

Some schools have embraced the walkouts.

In Mooresville, Ind., administrators met with 10 high-school student leaders to work out a plan. Mooresville High School Principal Brian Disney said the students plan to use the school's public address system to read short statements about mental illness, the importance of kindness and standing up against all school violence before inviting all students to gather in a school hallway for 17 minutes of silence.

In Anne Arundel County, Md., administrators are still talking with students about how they can participate without violating school rules.

"I think we all realize that for folks who are teenagers right now, this could well be a defining moment in their lives. We want to very much encourage and empower student voices. That said, it has to be done in ways that are safe and appropriate," said spokesman Bob Mosier.

Daniels suggests she's unsure about fate of '60 Minutes' segment

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The Washington Post

Porn star Stormy Daniels said in an email on Sunday "we will see what happens" to a taped segment she did with the CBS news show "60 Minutes," as reports suggested that lawyers for President Donald Trump are trying to block the broadcast.

The most likely legal course for Trump's attorneys would be to seek a court injunction to try to



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Porn star Stormy Daniels said her CBS interview "was never going to air" Sunday.

enforce the nondisclosure agreement Daniels signed when she accepted a

\$130,000 payment from Trump lawyer Michael Cohen. In the agreement Daniels promised to keep quiet about an alleged affair she had with Trump in 2006.

CBS declined to comment Sunday on a BuzzFeed report that Trump's attorneys are considering legal action. CBS said late last week that the interview with correspondent Anderson Cooper, who posed for a photograph with Daniels that was widely circulated on social media, has not yet been scheduled.

BuzzFeed, quoting an anonymous source, said Trump's lawyers "are preparing to file for a legal injunction to prevent it from airing."

Daniels, in a brief email to The Washington Post, declined to comment on any legal discussions. "All I can say is it was never going to air tonight and I guess we will see what happens," she said.

Michael Avenatti, Daniels' attorney, shared BuzzFeed's report on Twitter shortly after it was pub-

lished. Michael Cohen, Trump's personal lawyer, did not respond to a request for comment.

An injunction would be the latest in a series of moves to silence Daniels, including a restraining order the president's lawyers recently obtained.

Avenatti moved the hush agreement into public view last week when he filed suit on Daniels's behalf, claiming that the contract was invalid because it did not have Trump's signature.

The specter of a presi-

dent who has made no secret of his hostility to the media trying to silence Daniels raises constitutional concerns. Now that Trump is president, the existence of an extramarital relationship becomes a matter of public concern, said C.J. Peters, dean of the University of Akron School of Law.

"A judicial 'gag order' against Ms. Daniels or CBS would constitute a 'prior restraint' of speech, which under First Amendment doctrine is almost never permissible," Peters said.

NEWS BRIEFING

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Fears of globalization, barriers for foreigners decried by pope

ROME — Pope Francis rejected the branding of foreigners and poor people as enemies as he honored volunteers Sunday with a Catholic lay organization that helps Syrian and other war refugees reach Europe.

The pontiff spent the afternoon with the Community of Sant'Egidio, which has also mediated peace accords in Africa. The organization is marking its 50th year.

During his papacy,

Francis has encouraged citizens and world leaders to welcome newcomers and to pay attention to those on the margins of their own societies. His stance has contrasted with the shifting political tides in Europe and the U.S.

"Our time faces great fear as it faces the vast dimensions of globalization," he said. "And fear often turns against people who are foreign, different, poor, as if they were enemies."

Critics of peace deal with rebels dominate Colombia election

BOGOTA, Colombia — Colombia's fragile peace deal looked increasingly under threat Sunday as right-wing parties critical of the accord performed well in congressional elections seen as a dry run for a hotly contested presidential ballot in May, while the current president's party slumped.

The vote was the first time former members of the Revolutionary Armed Forces of Colombia, or

FARC, were competing after disarming as part of the 2016 peace deal for ending a half century of guerrilla war.

As expected, support for their agenda was soundly defeated, with FARC candidates getting less than 0.5 percent of the overall vote.

That means their political party, also called FARC, will get only the 10 seats guaranteed them by the peace accord.

Hong Kong pro-democracy movement loses ground in vote

HONG KONG — Hong Kong pro-democracy candidates won back only two of four seats in a by-election in the semi-autonomous Chinese region, results showed Monday.

The results mean the opposition wasn't able to recapture all of its territory, losing some to formidably resourced pro-Beijing rivals in the city's semi-democratic legislature.

The four seats were

among six left empty when a group of lawmakers were expelled following a 2016 controversy over their oaths, which they used to defy China.

Little-known activist Au Nok-hin won a key battleground. He was enlisted at the last minute after officials rejected the pro-democracy camp's marquee candidate, 21-year-old Agnes Chow, for her party's political platform.



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Residents in Natori, Japan, fly dove-shaped balloons Sunday to honor the victims of the March 11, 2011, earthquake, tsunami and nuclear disaster that devastated the nation's northeast coast and left about 18,500 people dead or missing.

Pentagon chief warns Syrian forces on use of poisonous gas

MUSCAT, Oman — Defense Secretary Jim Mattis on Sunday warned the Syrian government not to use chemical weapons in its civil war and said the Trump administration has made it clear that it would be "very unwise" to use gas in attacks.

Mattis told reporters traveling with him to the Mideast that he was disturbed by reports of civilian casualties from bombings by Syrian President Bashar Assad's forces.

"Right now we're getting reports — I don't have evidence that I can show you — but I'm aware of the

reports of chlorine gas use," he said before arriving Sunday in Oman.

The U.S. responded militarily last year to reported Syrian government use of sarin gas, and Mattis was asked whether the administration is now considering retaliating for chlorine gas use.

"I'm not going to strictly define it. We have made it very clear that it would be very unwise to use gas" as a weapon, Mattis said.

He said the latest reports of Syrian government forces killing civilians in eastern Ghouta show that troops are "at best indis-

criminately" attacking and "at worst targeting hospitals. I don't know which it is, whether they're incompetent or whether they're committing illegal acts or both."

Mattis said Russia, which intervened militarily in Syria to support the Assad government, could be complicit in the civilian casualties.

Syria's deputy foreign minister, Faisal Mekdad, denied opposition charges that government forces used poisonous gas on suburbs of Damascus, saying any evidence was fabricated by insurgent groups.

2 dead as helicopter crashes into NYC's East River

NEW YORK — A helicopter crashed into New York City's East River around sundown Sunday and flipped on its side, killing at least two people.

A spokesman for the mayor's office, Eric Phillips, confirmed the fatalities on Twitter. At least one person was rescued

from the water, he said.

Authorities did not immediately say whether there were other people aboard.

Video taken by a bystander and posted on Twitter shows a red helicopter land hard in the water and then tip over as its rotors slap at the water.

The helicopter, a model used by tourist companies, went down near Gracie Mansion, the mayoral residence. A small armada of rescue boats searched for survivors.

Witnesses told local media that the helicopter appeared to fill with water quickly.

China rejects trade war but vows defense of its interests

BEIJING — China said Sunday that it would not initiate a trade war with the United States but vowed to defend its national interests in the face of growing American protectionism.

"There are no winners in a trade war, and it would bring disaster to our two countries as well as the rest of the world," Minister of Commerce Zhong Shan told reporters during China's annual parliamentary session.

"China does not wish to fight a trade war, nor will China initiate a trade war, but we can handle any challenge and will resolutely defend the interests of our country and our people," he said.

It was Beijing's latest statement on "problems in Sino-U.S. economic trade and cooperation," alluding to President Donald Trump's plan to impose heavy tariffs on imported steel and aluminum.

At least 16 people were killed in Rwanda and 140 injured when lightning struck a Seventh Day Adventist church, said a provincial governor. The injured churchgoers were taken to a hospital, where two were in serious condition, said Rose Mureshyankwano. She said 17 of those injured were still in the hospital.

The Northeast is bracing for its third nor'easter in less than two weeks while still feeling the effects of the last storm that dumped more than 2 feet of snow in some areas and left hundreds of thousands of customers without power. A southern storm is expected to move up the coast, causing more snowfall this week.

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EDITORIALS

Chicago prepares to debate the role of citizens in police oversight

It took nearly two years for the Grassroots Alliance for Police Accountability to develop its proposal for citizen oversight of policing in Chicago. It took only minutes for the defenders of the status quo to dismiss that proposal out of hand.

The response that matters now will be that of Mayor Rahm Emanuel and city aldermen who say they're committed to rebuilding trust between police and the public.

It will be tempting for them to discount the proposal as an unworkable civilian takeover of the Chicago Police Department and its oversight apparatus. Here's what it really is: An unambiguous vote of no confidence in politicians' stewardship of those institutions. A reminder that they've promised to overhaul the police accountability system, and that the job isn't finished. A challenge, maybe even a dare: Here's our plan. Can you do better?

The city's mishandling of the police shooting of teenager Laquan McDonald forced its leaders to confront the decades-long cycle of crisis, reform, failure, crisis. A task force appointed by Emanuel produced

a long list of recommendations, including the creation of a community oversight board. GAPA took up the task of determining what its role should be.

Oversimplified highlights of the proposed ordinance to be introduced in the City Council later this month:

A seven-member Commission for Public Safety and Accountability — chosen not by the mayor but by elected members of 22 district-level police councils — would have the authority to fire the police superintendent and set policy for the department.

The commission would screen candidates for superintendent and choose the finalists — a job now done by the mayor's hand-picked Police Board, which by the way would now be chosen by the commission.

The commission, not the mayor, would pick the head of the Civilian Office of Police Accountability, which handles the most serious disciplinary cases.

The commission would set goals for the Police Department and its oversight bodies. It would conduct annual evaluations of the police chief, the COPA chief and the

Police Board president, and could fire any of them for cause. It could compel them to attend public meetings to report on their work or answer questions.

The superintendent and command staff would run day-to-day operations of the Police Department, but policy changes would be subject to public hearings and approval by the commission.

Sweeping and one-sided? Yes. ("Let's give them the nuclear launch codes while we're at it!" wrote one online commenter.) But the old model, also one-sided, hasn't held abusive cops (or feckless politicians) accountable. Again: Let's see a better solution.

GAPA members say they're expecting pushback. We'll go first.

Should a community board have the power to fire the police chief? We don't think so. Should it pick the head of COPA? We're not sure, but we agree that the mayor shouldn't. And instead of replacing a nine-member Police Board, picked by the mayor, with a nine-member Police Board picked by a citizens' commission, maybe we should talk about a board whose mem-

bers represent multiple constituencies, none of which own a majority of seats.

We appreciate the hard work and good faith that went into drafting this proposal. We recognize that it doesn't reflect the interests of some important stakeholders, including rank-and-file police officers. That wasn't GAPA's job.

Aldermen: It's yours. We urge you to view this ordinance as a starting point. Give it the respect and attention it deserves. Don't sign on as co-sponsors and shrug helplessly when the usual suspects try to bury it in committee. Don't wait for City Hall to draft its own ordinance and call it a compromise. Broker one yourselves.

Lead sponsors Ald. Roderick Sawyer, 6th, and Ald. Harry Osterman, 48th, should insist on public hearings, as many as it takes and at times when people can actually attend. All 50 aldermen should show up and listen. Examine the proposed changes — and if you reject them, explain what you're going to do instead.

Because you owe it to your constituents. Because there's an election coming. Take your pick.

Pardon Jack Johnson to redress an injustice

"I've found no better way of avoiding race prejudice than to act with people of other races as if prejudice did not exist."

— Jack Johnson, world heavyweight champion, 1908-1915

In an era of lynchings and Jim Crow, Jack Johnson lived out his credo. He broke boxing's color barrier to become the first black heavyweight champion in 1908. He incensed white America by dating, and marrying, white women. He was unfazed by newspaper articles that spewed venom about him.

It pains us that the Tribune was one of those newspapers. Before Johnson defeated Jim Jeffries in 1910 to defend his heavyweight title, the Tribune called the bout "a contest between the white man's hope and the black peril." The New York Times' view of the fight was just as repugnant: "If the black man wins," the Times wrote, "thousands and thousands of his ignorant brothers will misrepresent his victory as justifying claims to much more than physical equality with their neighbors."

In 1913, authorities found a way to exact a price on Johnson, accusing him of transporting a white woman he had dated over state lines for "immoral purposes." Prosecutors applied the Mann Act, a law meant to stop the trafficking of women for prostitution. He was convicted by an all-white jury in Chicago, and would later serve nearly a year in prison.



AP PHOTO

Jack Johnson, shown in 1932, won the heavyweight championship in 1908.

A onetime Chicagoan, Johnson is buried at Graceland Cemetery on the North Side. The stain of an unjust, racially charged conviction, however, mars his reputation and the name of his surviving relatives. "Knowing that he was treated unfairly and unfairly convicted and targeted because of his choice of companions, who happened to be Caucasian, that's wrong," Johnson's

great-great niece, Linda Haywood of Chicago, recently told The Associated Press. "The last thing you want to do is die and have your name tarnished. That's wrong."

Haywood and other surviving Johnson relatives want the Trump administration to grant Johnson a posthumous pardon. The request is a longstanding one. For nearly a decade and a half, many influential people

— documentary filmmaker Ken Burns and U.S. Sens. John McCain and Orrin Hatch, to name a few — lobbied President George W. Bush and then the country's first black president, Barack Obama, to clear Johnson's name. The U.S. Department of Justice, however, has consistently maintained a general policy that its time and resources are better spent on pardons and commutations for people still alive.

Johnson's case calls for an exception. A pardon is a powerful expression of presidential authority, and at times that authority has been abused. In the waning hours of his presidency, Bill Clinton granted no fewer than 140 pardons, many of them to people with whom he had political connections. Certainly a gross misuse of executive discretion, and one we denounced.

Used correctly, however, a pardon makes a powerful statement not just about a man's innocence, but also about the mistreatment society inflicted on him, in Johnson's case the use of law as a cudgel of discrimination. The reasons why Johnson should get a posthumous pardon outweigh whatever inconvenience the paperwork poses for the federal government.

This is a pardon that the Justice Department should make time to process, and that the Trump White House should grant. Even in death, a name means so much. Especially the name of a boxing legend who defied color barriers, even as society fiercely clung to them.

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REASONS TO FIRE ASSESSOR BERRIOS

When government hiring is a family affair

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

Reason 2: Berrios won the assessor's seat in 2010 against independent Forrest Claypool on a campaign promise to "cut patronage positions and eliminate wasteful spending." Then the Sun-Times counted 13 members of Berrios' family on county and other governmental payrolls; two more had just retired.

Berrios explained his flagrant nepotism by exploiting the late President John F. Kennedy and his brother Robert F. Kennedy: "Look at a great president that we had, President Kennedy. Who'd he appoint attorney general? You know? Same thing."

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



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PERSPECTIVE

I could have been a school shooter

By AARON STARK

At the lowest point in my life, I almost did the most horrible thing imaginable.

I grew up in a very chaotic and violent household. My mother tried to take care of my brother and me, but she, too, was a victim of my father, a violent and evil man.

My stepfather was not much better, replacing the outright horror with drugs and crime.

At 14, I was kicked out of my house for brawling with him. By 11th grade, I was a quiet, sensitive, obese social outcast with an affinity for poetry and comic books. I had no home and often slept outdoors; I felt alone and unloved.

The isolation and bullying eventually became unbearable, and at 16, having already dropped out of my Denver high school, I tried to reach out for help. I went to a mental health clinic I'd passed to discuss my anger and my suicidal thoughts. I had no idea whether it was the right place to go. I knew only that the sign said "mental health," and I needed some help on that front.

I met with a very young "care provider" who did not seem trained to identify my problems and did not agree that I needed inpatient care. She sent me home.

The last straw

Facing utter hopelessness, I snapped. I tried to get a gun; I wanted to take out as many people as possible — people who had tortured or ignored me — and then kill myself. It was 1997, and I had two possible locations mapped out: my school and a mall food court. I wanted to be heard. The abuse I'd suffered had closed me off, and I wanted to feel an emotion other than pain. I wanted to feel, for once, like I was in control, even if that meant spreading destruction and death.

But two things happened that stopped me.

First, I tried to get a gun. The gun store seemed out of the question, because I was under 18 and raised with a deep fear of authority, thanks to frequent evictions, drug use at home and my own truancy. So I sought a group of local gang members who gathered outside my school. They had dealt drugs to people in my family, and they knew I didn't use myself, so they trusted me.

They always talked about "being strapped," and because I was not raised around guns, they were the only connection my young mind could imagine. I approached one member and asked about a rifle, something that would let me inflict maximum damage in a small amount of time. The exchange was business-like. He suggested that he could procure one, and we exchanged phone calls for three days.



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The unexpected

On the third day, something else stopped me — and altered the course of my life. I was shown love and kindness at a time when I felt there was no love left in the world for me, that I had no future whatsoever, that I was barely human. It came from Mike, who lived near my family. Mike and I shared interests and a sense of humor. He came from a loving, intact family, and his parents were kind and supportive. He'd stayed in school while I lived a life of evictions and fast-food jobs.

Despite our differences, he showed me compassion.

He never once condescended to me because I didn't have any money. No matter how badly I smelled from sleeping on pavement, or how much of his food I ate to get a meal that wasn't stolen, no matter how much I cried and raged about my life, he never once left my side. Even when every other person in my world pushed me away — and they did — Mike never treated me like anything other than a person worthy of love and happiness.

Mike took me in that night, letting me sleep in his room against his parents' wishes, sneaking me leftovers from dinner. He helped me wash my clothes and let me take a shower. Being my only friend, he knew how bad my life was. He did not know what I had planned, but he knew I needed help desperately. He gave it to me. And it made a lifetime of difference.

Best gift ever

Still, all my problems didn't vanish right away. A couple of months after my near-explosion, I was in a deep suicidal state. I had used up any couches I could possibly surf, and I was going to have to sleep in a field (not for the first time) on my birthday, with nothing but cold and loneliness to look forward to. So I'd decided to end it all.

I hadn't shared my feelings with anyone, but someone was watching. Mike's friend, Amber, knew me a little, and we'd hung out, though we weren't especially close. Nevertheless, she invited me to hang out that night. I expected to see a movie with her and Mike, then return to my solitude. Instead, she'd organized a surprise party, complete with a blueberry peach pie and a place to sleep. Her mom made sure I showered. Again, an act of kindness saved my life.

Eventually, I realized that my urge to destroy had nothing to do with the kids at my school or the random diners at a mall. My feelings of hatred and pain were directed at myself. When someone comes to believe he is worthless — as I had been told by my classmates, my father and others, over many years — he eventually will believe it. It took being shown that I was indeed worth it, that I was a good person shoved into a terrible life, for me to get over that belief. Mike helped me see that: When you are at the bottom, being shown that you matter can save you.

A work in progress

My recovery took a decade. Therapy helped, as I faced what had happened to me.

All the abuse, every bit of the hurt I had been subjected to was laid bare. The more you know about something, the less it can scare you, so I learned as much as I could about myself. It was an arduous road.

I do not say any of this to get attention. I'm not trying to advance a partisan antigun message, and I'm not trying to say that mental health is the only issue. But if I'd possessed a rifle, I would have been a killer. If I'd known love, I would never have wanted a rifle.

All of this was 25 years ago. I grew up, married and became a very proud father. I'm happy with who I am and what I've overcome, and while I occasionally battle depression, I have a much better support system now. My life is no longer in danger — and neither is anybody else's.

But I am not the only person to suffer through these issues. So instead of seeing the outcast kid as a loser or a threat, regard him as a possible friend. Instead of running to the FBI when a troubled teen says something strange, ask him to lunch. Give love to the ones whom you'd be most uncomfortable loving, because they need it the most.

The Washington Post

Aaron Stark, a stay-at-home dad, is a writer.

The growing attack on boys



HEATHER WILHELM

International Women's Day on March 8 came and went, as it tends to do, with great media fanfare.

The day, originally cooked up at the 1910 International Women's Socialist Conference, rolled in with triumphant declarations of girl power, repeated celebrations of women in STEM (science, technology, engineering and mathematics), jobs — paired with a host of obligatory reminders that there are simply not enough of them — and impassioned pleadings for greater female representation in things like farcical cartoons featuring the secret lives of high school ninjas on Mars.

Across its websites, McDonald's turned its world famous arches upside down to form a "W," which stands for "What's really in the McRib, anyway?" Just kidding. You know what it stands for: Women!

Not to be outdone, Kim Kardashian, a person who still is famous, promoted a brand-spanking-new line of KIMOJIS — these are custom-crafted Kardashian emojis that I did not know existed until this very moment — with a "feminist" edge.

Two feature naked people, one references abortion, and another reads "The future is NASTY NASTY NASTY."

In short, in our culture, International Women's Day was pretty much like any other day. In America, cheers for women abound. Girls are often praised, in fact, just for being girls. They've long been oppressed, we're told; we need to eternally shore them up. "Girls today are told that they can do anything, be anyone," actor Michael Ian Black recently wrote in a much-discussed New York Times op-ed. "They've absorbed the message: They're outperforming boys in school at every level. But it isn't just about performance. To be a girl today is to be the beneficiary of decades of conversation about the complexities of womanhood, its many forms and expressions."

For boys, it's a dramatically different story. The headline of Black's op-ed, in case you're wondering, is "The boys are not all right."

If you're a parent to multiple boys in this day and age, you know the drill. Every once in a while, a friendly-yet-awestruck stranger will approach and publicly note the apparently terrifying gender of your children. It happens more often than you might think. On planes. In restaurants. At Target. "Oh, my goodness! You have all boys? ALL BOYS? I'm so sorry!" Insert a pause, a dramatic gasp, and a knowing/troubled look here.

The weirdest part comes when they stand and wait for you to agree. "Boys are fantastic," I usually say, moving right along. Alas, not everyone thinks so. "It's tempting to believe that boys are not 'hardwired' to care about feelings or friendship," notes a recent New York magazine piece, part of a larger and questionable chin-stroking series called "How to raise a boy." Really? Who finds this belief tempting, and has that person ever interacted with a real live boy? Further in the piece, we are told that boys need forced female friendship to curb their aggressive instincts, and that "by the end of elementary school," boys are "starting to sexually objectify girls." In other words, by going through puberty, they're automatically oppressing women. Ah. OK. "The power white American boys have been taught to seize for generations comes from the already powerless, women, people of color, everyone who isn't us," notes another piece in the "How to raise a boy" series, written by a man. "Which is why, in a macro sense, the lessening power of men (straight and white particularly) is an unquestioned societal good. When others rise, we must fall." I could point out that this is an almost flawless example of economist Milton Friedman's fixed-pie fallacy — the mistaken assumption that "one party can gain only at the expense of another." Ideally, we should work together to grow the proverbial pie and lift all proverbial pie-stocked ships, but hey, why bother?

That's apparently no fun at all.

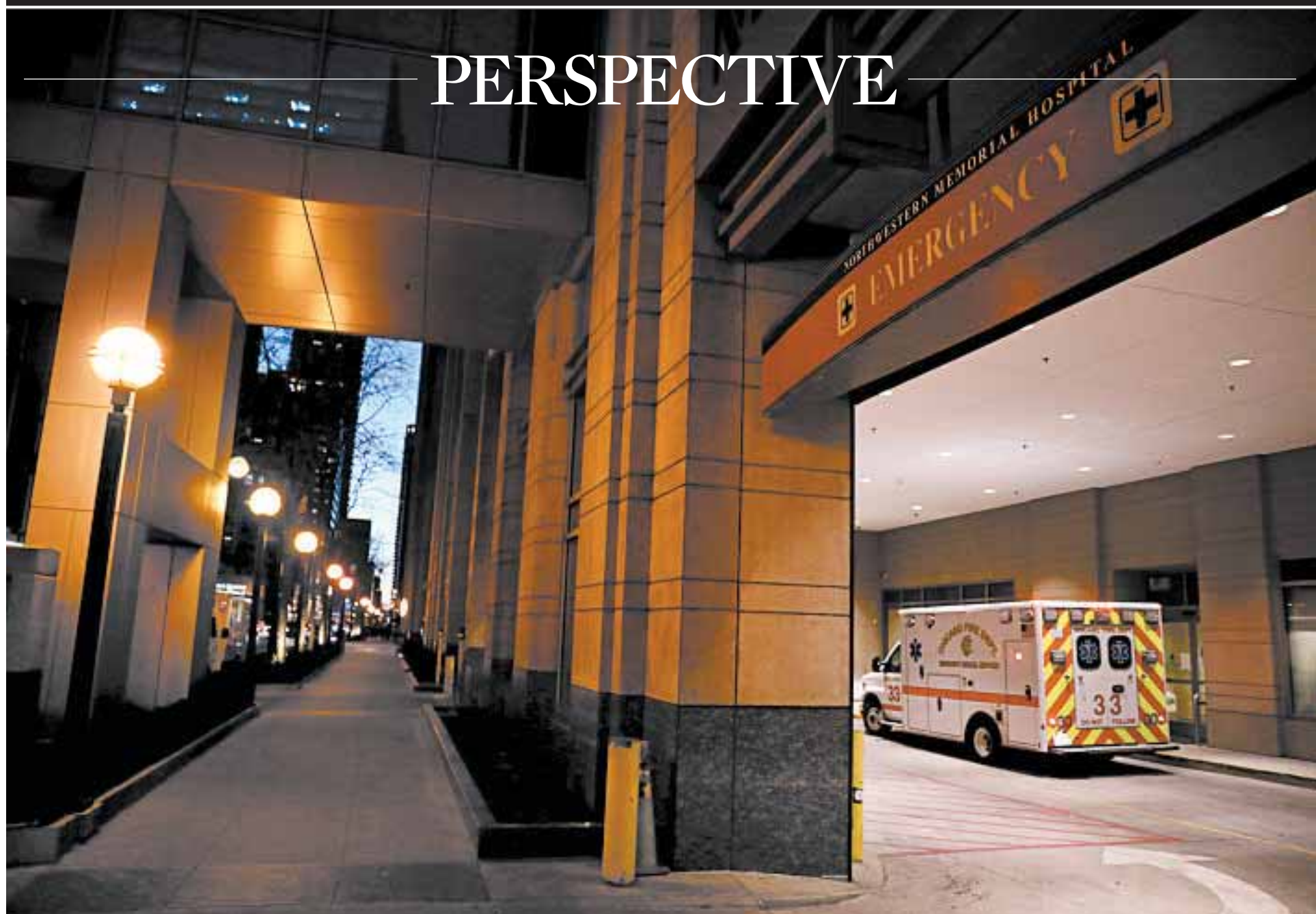
"Teenage boys and men are almost entirely the bad actors in certain crises the nation is facing, like mass shootings and sexual harassment," noted a recent New York Times piece, detailing a growing American parental "bias against boys." Michael Thompson, a "psychologist who studies the development of boys," told the Times that "there is now a subtle fear of boys and the trouble they might bring."

One of those fears, according to "The Drugging of the American Boy," a 2014 Esquire investigation by Ryan D'Agostino, is attention deficit/hyperactivity disorder — a fear that is leading perfectly normal and active boys to be drugged in potentially harmful ways. "By high school, nearly 20 percent of all boys will have been diagnosed with ADHD — a 37 percent increase since 2003," the report noted. Among the kids diagnosed with ADHD "are a significant percentage of boys who are swallowing pills every day for a disorder they don't have." For many, the "disorder" involves simply acting like a boy: "We are pathologizing boyhood," psychiatrist Edward Hallowell told D'Agostino. In an age of increasing gender-related anxiety, this seems to be true in more ways than one.

National Review

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Judgment calls: Who really needs a painkiller?

BY JONATHAN REISMAN

Brittany was a drug-seeker I knew by name, and I was not surprised when she rolled into the ER for the third time that month. As she lay on a wheeled paramedic bed pushed by an ambulance crew through big bay doors, her shrieks resounded down the hall and into the waiting area. She howled and swore through rotten teeth.

Before I uttered a greeting, she demanded that I give her the most powerful intravenous opioids in the hospital, and nothing else would do. This was Brittany's usual weekly script — every Friday, her mysterious abdominal pain flared up again. During past visits, the simple promise of a prescription miraculously lessened her agony. Despite many extensive workups, tubes of blood wasted on laboratory tests and repeated CT scans pointlessly overexposing her with radiation, no cause of her pain had ever been discovered.

Patients in pain present a daily conundrum for physicians like me. Each one is set against the backdrop of epidemic opioid misuse in our country. Overdose deaths have tripled in the past decade, and addiction has grown into a full-fledged societal calamity fanned by overindulgent prescription pens. Now doctors are pulled in opposite directions by an individual's pain and a society's crisis. Do we prescribe opioids or not?

Judge and jury

The mental seesaw has become a familiar part of my job, one made worse by a frequent ER occurrence — patients like Brittany feigning or exaggerating pain to receive painkillers. Some seek a buzz; others want a fix for opioid withdrawal, itself a painful and unpleasant condition. Some are “opioid refugees,” cut off by their primary doctors and migrating from one ER to the next in search of a doctor benevolent or gullible enough to grant a prescription.

The presence of drug-seekers in virtually every physician's practice today has tainted our thinking, casting doubt over clinical instincts to relieve suffering and making us suspicious of pain. As an ER doctor tasked with differentiating the life-threatening from the harmless, I waver between the emotional tug of agony before my eyes and a rational view of our public health emergency. Sometimes it feels empathetic to give pain meds; other times empathy demands withholding them. Even when convinced that a patient is lying, I'm startled into doubt by a fellow human being crying in pain. Nurses have called me cruel; other times, they have shaken their heads at how easily a patient fooled me into giving an opioid. Either choice has consequences.

Brittany had the stereotypical signs of a drug-seeker: disheveled; track marks in both arms; smelling of alcohol, old cigarettes and urine. She would arouse a well-honed bias in any physician. Even her timing was suspect — early Friday evenings are when primary-care doctors, who might normally refill a pain prescription, first become unreachable for the weekend.

Brittany also bore significant psychological scars, as I knew from our past conversations and from her medical chart. She had been abused by her

father; several family members had committed suicide, and she had attempted it herself in the past. She worked on and off as a prostitute and had once given birth to a son dependent on opioids, his first breaths marked by the high-pitched squeals of infant craving. Each pill or intravenous injection delivered a brief balm for her pain. And I, the physician, was the unlucky holder of the opioid key.

Deserving or undeserving?

The ER was filling with critically ill patients that night, shrill monitor alarms in the distance demanding my attention, and I had little desire to rehash the same argument with Brittany over pain meds. A prescription, just a few electronic scribbles, was my easiest escape. Every physician practices somewhere on a spectrum of opioid permissiveness. Some flog their patients with powerful painkillers from the first “ouch,” while others virtually never give in. I tend toward the latter and have developed a reputation as an extremely tight-fisted physician. I knew it would enable her addiction, and her next ambulance trip to our ER could be for an overdose.

My first task as a doctor was to rule out the seemingly far-fetched possibility that an actual pathology was causing her pain this time. So I began asking my usual questions, looking for clues as to whether her pain was real.

It's difficult to prove that pain exists and even more difficult to disprove it. Inherently private, pain is a subjective scream of neurons that no one else can hear. But in medical school, I learned several tricks, part of a universal but unofficial curriculum, and the prescription-fed epidemic had since honed my detective skills.

I first assessed the pattern of Brittany's pain, its specific location in the abdomen and any accompanying symptoms. The pain was “everywhere,” she said, offering only muddled and contradictory answers to questions about the pain's timing or associated vomiting, diarrhea, constipation or fever. Brittany is what physicians and nurses call a “terrible historian.” Her only certainty was that this pain was the worst ever, as it had been last week, and only the strongest IV opioids would suffice.

She writhed as I reviewed her vital signs, her hands gripping the bed's metal rails. Pain typically raises a patient's heart rate and blood pressure, rare pieces of objective evidence for internal aches. Brittany's measurements were near the upper limits of normal — though opioid withdrawal also causes vital-sign elevation, I reminded myself.

I carefully watched her reactions as I examined her abdomen. She flailed and cried in response to the lightest grazing of my hand against her belly, an overreaction that suggested fakery. While listening for bowel churning, I pressed the stethoscope's rounded head harder than usual into her abdomen — if she were acting, she might not react, since patients usually expect pain to worsen only when doctors push with their hands, not while using a stethoscope. Still, she grimaced in pain.

In the past, her complaints of pain were easily dismissed. This time, I felt uncertain. I decided to order blood and

urine tests, though they felt wasteful. I predicted that her results would come back normal, and then I could feel confident sending her home, though I dreaded the theatrical argument that would ensue. (Most weeks she'd threaten a lawsuit and storm out of the ER, demonstrating no evidence of pain.) I offered Tylenol and an antacid in the meantime and left the room amid a hailstorm of her swearing.

A physician's decision to administer opioids or not is influenced by the flagrant undertreatment of pain in the 1990s, a widely covered phenomenon that angered the public — what ghastlier sin could a physician commit than having the power to alleviate human suffering and yet withholding it?

By the time I entered medical school in 2005, the approach to pain had changed; aggressive treatment had become the standard of care. I was taught to consider pain as a vital sign, to calibrate it on a subjective 1-to-10 scale and treat the number as I would alterations in heart rate, blood pressure and body temperature. I learned that longer-acting opioid formulations could not be abused; that addiction rarely resulted from treating legitimately painful medical conditions with opioids; that elderly patients had minimal risk of developing dependence. I trained during a brief bubble of ignorance, when the medical profession was convinced that a War on Pain fought with a barrage of prescriptions was risk-free. Yet, even as we learned these lessons in lecture halls, more prescient physicians working on the ground saw the writing on the wall and taught us in our clinical rotations to sniff out drug-seekers.

Now what?

That curriculum now reads like propaganda, a list of horrifying myths now debunked. Those lessons resulted in a steady flow of opioids into American communities, compounding despair and accelerating ruin. As I started medical school, the rate and number of opioid prescriptions began climbing, and peaked in 2012 with more than 255 million, at a rate of 81.3 for every 100 people in the United States.

But today, in response to the epidemic, there is a danger of returning to where we were in the '90s, to the callous undertreatment of pain. Debate rages among physicians, as well as inside each doctor's head, about when and in what amount opioids are appropriate, but there is little consensus. One study of emergency room physicians and their prescription processes revealed how many factors influence doctors' decisions to prescribe, including concern about addiction, their personal medical experiences, pressure from state legislators to curb prescriptions and even worries over patient satisfaction scores — some physicians feel administrative pressure to prescribe opioids more freely to improve scores. Doctors might see their own addicted relatives or friends in the faces of their patients: a sibling or cousin, perhaps, who stole and spun a web of lies for years, burning bridges and trading a bewildered family for each transient fix.

While waiting for Brittany's lab results, I perused her electronic medi-

cal record. No recent opioid prescriptions from other doctors had run out that day, which might have explained her visit. She had no unusual recent evaluations or test results to suggest a developing medical condition. I saw only diagnoses typical of a drug-seeker: “polysubstance abuse,” “heroin dependence,” “PTSD” — scarlet letters affixed to her chart. I worried about missing a potentially life-threatening disease, but I also didn't want to be a sucker.

I surreptitiously peeked into Brittany's room to see if she remained immobilized by pain. If she were sitting comfortably now that no one was watching, I could discount her pain. But she lay there, moaning. I felt disgusted by my paranoid snooping.

I ordered the nurse to administer an IV anti-inflammatory and nausea medication, gradually stepping up the strength of analgesia while hoping to use the minimum needed. The next step was an opioid, which I dreaded giving to her. I impatiently waited for Brittany's lab results in the physicians' cubby, still anticipating a quick discharge afterward.

A nurse popped her head into the cubby. “Her white count is 18,” she said. My own abdomen suddenly burned. An elevated white-blood-cell count was extremely concerning, a possible sign of disease hidden in Brittany's abdomen. And a blood test could not be faked. I returned to her bedside, to the moans I had been trying to ignore. I ordered a dose of IV morphine and a CT scan — the image showed clear signs of a gastric ulcer that had ripped through the wall of her stomach, releasing air into the abdomen. She needed a surgeon, in addition to intensive drug rehab.

A two-edged sword

Opioids are a mixed blessing: Alongside their destructive potential I regularly witness their unbridled power. Kids with bones bent into question marks receive a quick squirt of aerosolized fentanyl in both nostrils upon entering my ER. Almost immediately, they sit comfortably in their hospital beds, despite broken bones, their pupils shrinking to poppy seeds. Sometimes only opioids will do. At such times, I marvel that molecules from the ovarian ooze of some plant should so precisely match our own pain receptors, alleviating the worst of our physical suffering.

The healing power endowed by the federal Drug Enforcement Administration to physicians brings great responsibility but not much insight into discerning disease from drug-seeking. Opioids are the nuclear power of painkilling, and their misuse similarly brings death and destruction on a national scale. Physicians enabled this epidemic, and now we're tasked with both saving the overdosed and prescribing rehab. In the prayerful words of addicts everywhere, may we have the serenity, courage and wisdom to help reverse what we've wrought.

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Students at Prescott School in Chicago take part in a practice drill for an atomic bombing in 1953.

Prepare for the second coming

My four siblings and I were raised in the boom of the post-war '50s. My dad served in Europe in the Army during WWII. I remember having drills at St. Bernadette Parochial School that required us to go under our desks and cover our heads to protect us from an atomic bomb from the enemies without.

Now, I have five grandchildren, all of whom go to schools where they have "intruder drills" for the enemies within. And because the president would rather use his

time to engage in Twitter wars like a seventh-grader (most of whom know that using too many exclamation marks is a sign of weak writing) instead of immersing himself in critical information about Russia or Korea, serious threats to the United States seem to be growing exponentially.

We must face the fact that this whole country can't fit under a metaphorically huge desk as a dark "beast slouches towards Bethlehem to be born."

— Kathleen Rabbers, *New Lenox*

Do no harm

I feel confused by President Donald Trump's message. On the one hand, he wants to "Make America Great Again." But on the other, he wants to slash the budget for the Environmental Protection Agency, gut the Clean Air Act, gut the Clean Water Act, drill in the Arctic Ocean and dismantle other environmental protections. I understand EPA Administrator Scott Pruitt has even overruled some EPA scientists and is now allowing chlorpyrifos, a pesticide that can affect the nervous system, to be used on a food crops again. This pesticide has been known to cause neurological damage in infants and children.

I thought the purpose of government was to protect its citizens from harm. Environmental protections are in place to keep us from the harm of pollution. Now, I ask you, how can we make America great if we are all too sick from pollution? I'm sorry, Donald, but dead people don't shop.

— Nancy Morton, *Harvard*

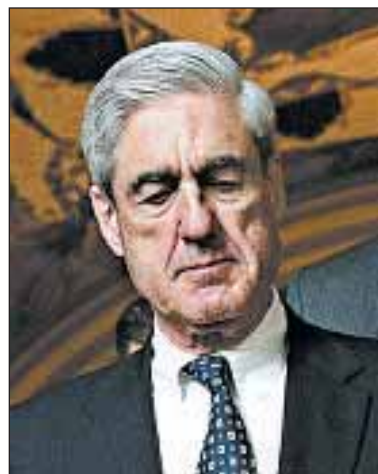
Citizen of the ages

Where have all our heroes gone? Where are they who sacrificed lives and careers for the welfare of others, who fought for a country to survive the onslaught of the world? Certainly not for personal glory or self-fulfilling, narcissistic aims.

Were they left on the battlefield, unsung, unheralded, now forgotten? Were they ensconced in our pages of history, entombed in countless chronicles, unread by millions, left in libraries on countless shelves gathered in dust?

Perhaps one has re-emerged, the Emile Zola of our times, the world-acclaimed author who brought down the French army in the 19th century, risking reputation, fame and fortune for the sake of honor, truth, and finally, justice. His heroics, successfully defying the government, made him a French citizen of the ages.

Special counsel Robert Mueller may be that man, battle hardened, politically stiffened — and American — on the brink of repeating history, adamantly opposed by his own political party and millions of the supporting base of this adminis-



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Special counsel Robert Mueller may be a modern-day hero.

tration.

Isn't this the stuff heroes are made of? Future writers, authors and historians may show him either a villain or hero. It depends on the direction this country will take. After all, isn't history recorded by victors of all conquests?

— James D. Cook, *Schaumburg*

An ailing country

We are still in the middle of one of the worst flu outbreaks in years, with nearly 1 in 10 deaths in early February caused by the flu or related pneumonia, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. As you and others reported, there are signs that the epidemic may have peaked; but one thing we've learned for sure is that for people without health care, a routine cold could mean real danger.

Unfortunately, the rising death toll from the flu did not have much influence on President Donald Trump and the GOP. At a time when we should invest in the health of our country, the administration's budget would cut from Medicaid and Medicare. That's on top of the \$300 billion already cut from the Affordable Care Act in order to pay for permanent tax cuts to big corporations.

These GOP policies will not help stem the spread of flu or other infectious diseases. They will make America sicker and more dangerous still.

— Julie Sampson, *Chicago*

A test of character

In these days of 24/7 prattle about "fake news," I am reminded of a quote often attributed to George Orwell: "Journalism is printing what someone else does not want printed; everything else is public relations."

In each new edition of the Tribune, there is another maze of dots drenched in tantalizing ambiguity. Thankfully, your reporters have been connecting the dots for those of us who have neither the time nor the tools. So far the connections are all linked in this single salient fact: Every player in the Trump orbit from Paul Manafort and Michael Flynn to Rick Gates and Jared Kushner was following the money.

And to where does the money eventually lead? Power. Even before special counsel Robert Mueller's final report, the body politic is relearning President Abraham Lincoln's warning from more than a century ago. To paraphrase: Nearly all men can stand adversity, but if you want to test a man's character, give him power.

The president, a man who has been intoxicated by power all his life, may turn to the Psalms for a lesson: "But man in his pomp and power will not endure; he is like the beasts that perish."

— Jack Spatafora, *Park Ridge*

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How do we handle the facts-challenged among us?



LEONARD PITTS

So what should we say to Robert Ussery?

He's an antagonist in a story of breathtaking emotional cruelty that unfolded March 5. It seems Pastor Frank Pomeroy was sitting in his car near his church in Sutherland Springs, Texas, just east of San Antonio, when, he says, a man and woman approached the building. He says the woman, later identified as 56-year-old Jodi Mann, began defacing a poster left for well-wishers to sign.

Pomeroy intervened. He says it took a moment for Mann and her partner, Ussery, 54, to recognize him as the pastor of First Baptist Church, where a Nov. 5 gun massacre left 26 people, including Pomeroy's 14-year-old daughter, Annabelle, dead. But he says that when they did, they began to harangue him that the tragedy never happened.

Pomeroy told the San Antonio Express-News that Ussery yelled at him. "He said: 'Your daughter never even existed. Show me her birth certificate. Show me anything to say she was here?'"

Sutherland Springs is not the only massacre Ussery denies. His website, whose name you won't read here, also describes as "drills using crisis actors" dozens of other mass casualty events, including the shootings in Parkland, Las Vegas, Charleston, Orlando and Newtown, the Charlie Hebdo attack in Paris and the concert bombing in Manchester.

"NO DEAD, NO WOUNDED," the website crows. Actually, 219 people (not including the perpetrators who died in some cases) died in the attacks listed above.

But how do we get Robert Ussery to see that? The question arises from a recent online discussion with readers after a study reported that 42 percent of Republicans and 17 percent of Democrats regard as "fake news" information they know to be accurate if they don't like what it says. In a

column on media distrust, I wrote that I have no interest in being trusted by that large cohort of us for whom facts command no respect and for whom truth is just a speed bump on the road to crazy town.

The issue is not ideology. Rather, it is America's vanishing ability — and willingness — to reason. And that raises a question: What is the obligation of thinking, moral people in a nation and news cycle increasingly dominated by the demented and controlled by the conspiracist? How do you reason with those who can't or won't? Should you even try?

One reader, Paul N. Calmes Jr., responded sharply on Twitter: "Serious people have to stop worrying about appearing fair to those who aren't interested in facts."

I tend to agree, but even that's problematic. It is, after all, a short hop from dismissing people because they are facts-challenged to dismissing them just because they disagree with you. "Facts-challenged" can too easily become an excuse for shut-

ting down a challenging debate. If Calmes' "serious people" are not careful, they might become what they abhor.

On the other hand, what's the alternative? What I call the stupidification of America crept upon us over the course of a generation. The road back will be at least as long. In the meantime, our only option is to endure this unraveling of the American mind and try to minimize its damage.

What else can we do? How do you reason with the person who thinks nobody died at Parkland? Or that Barack Obama was born in Kenya? Or that the U.S. government blew up the World Trade Center?

And really, now, what should we say to Robert Ussery? How do you talk to a man who allegedly stood before the grieving father of a murdered girl and screamed at him that his daughter was not real?

Sorry, but there are no words. He's not listening, anyway.

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Jill on Money

Lessons from Warren Buffett's shareholder letter

Warren Buffett recently released the 2017 Berkshire Hathaway shareholder letter. The letter is part performance review and part market wisdom, often with a dose of humor.

So what can ordinary investors learn from the 87 year-old Oracle of Omaha? In this year's letter, Buffett cautioned against assuming too much debt — specifically, he discussed why Berkshire Hathaway makes investments with equity, not borrowed money.

He noted that while debt can improve returns, he sleeps easier at night this way. "It is insane to risk what you have ... in order to obtain what you don't need."

He also reminded us not to act so that we feel like we're doing something. Instead: "Stick with big, 'easy' decisions and eschew activity."

Here are a few more quotes, all of which are smart lessons for investors, large and small.

"It is not necessary to do extraordinary things to get extraordinary results."

In 2013, Buffett advised the trustees of his estate to "put 10 percent of the cash in short-term government bonds and 90 percent in a very low-cost S&P 500 index fund. ... I believe the trust's long-term results from this policy will be superior to those attained by most investors ... who employ high-fee managers."

Buffett has long held that investors are better off with low-cost index funds than paying higher fees to managers, especially hedge fund managers. At the end of last year, Buffett claimed victory over Ted Seides in "The Million-Dollar Bet." In that 2007 wager, Buffett challenged any active manager to beat the S&P 500 index with a portfolio of hedge funds. The only taker was Seides, who was the founder of asset manager Protégé Partners LLC, where he served as president and co-chief investment officer.

Buffett didn't just win — he killed it. The average annual gain for the index fund over 10 years was 8.5 percent. The five funds of hedge funds selected by asset manager Protégé Partners reported average annual gains between 0.3 percent and 6.5 percent.

As Buffett aptly noted, "When trillions of dollars are managed by Wall Streeters charging high fees, it will usually be the managers who reap outsized profits, not the clients."

"Over the long term, the stock market news will be good."

In October 2008, amid the worst financial crisis in a generation, Buffett wrote an op-ed urging investors to maintain the faith.

He underscored an important point: "I can't predict the short-term movements of the stock market. I haven't the faintest idea as to whether stocks will be higher or lower a month — or a year — from now. What is likely, however, is that the market will move higher, perhaps substantially so, well before either sentiment or the economy turns up."

Remember that sentiment when you are tempted to time the market's next move.

"Successful investing takes time, discipline and patience. No matter how great the talent or effort, some things just take time: You can't produce a baby in one month by getting nine women pregnant."

There are some who question why Berkshire is sitting atop \$100 billion in short-term government bonds right now. I think this quote provides more insight.

Buffett is the consummate disciplined investor. Although it has been more than two years since his last big purchase, he adheres to strict guidelines. Perhaps the most important of which is that the opportunity must be available at "a sensible purchase price." Otherwise, he is content to be patient.

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Home work

Companies need formal policy to manage telecommuting

BY SUZANNE LUCAS | **Inc.**

A new report from Upwork, a freelancing website, found that while nearly two-thirds of companies have remote workers, fewer than half have a telecommuting policy.

This isn't particularly shocking because often telecommuting starts informally. Someone asks if he or she can work from home for a period of time, a manager says yes, and nothing is ever formalized. Then everybody else sees the first person working from home, and other people start asking and getting approvals.

This is all fine until a problem crops up, and you don't have a policy in place. Sure, the ideal situation is to have responsible employees who are completely trustworthy, but that doesn't always happen. You're much likelier to end up with someone exclaiming, "You didn't say I couldn't home-school my children while I'm working!"

So, yes, you need a policy. There isn't a perfect policy for every business, of course. You have different needs and different clients, but here are five things you need to consider.

Child care

You do need a policy that states that all young children are either off-site in day care or school, or they have an onsite caregiver.

Some people think that working from home is great because it means they can take care of their kids, but you still need people to do their jobs and young children need someone watching them.

Of course, you need to be flexible, such as when a child is sick and can't be sent to school or day care or the sitter has a family emergency. But there needs to be regular child care. Period.

Flexibility

This, of course, varies greatly from company to company and even job to job within the same company.

Are your remote workers expected to start work precisely at 9, take a 60-minute lunch break at noon, and then work until 6? Or do you not care what hours they work as long as they get the work done?

Some companies institute core hours when everyone must be reachable and available but allow people to control the rest of their schedules. Some companies require that workers be in communication at all times during the business day.

Whatever works for your business is fine, but be clear about it. If not, people will do things you don't like and then there can be conflict and hurt feelings. Simply state what the expectations are from the beginning.

Equipment

Does the company provide all the equipment? I'm not just talking about computers and smartphones. There also are desks, chairs, filing cabinets, headsets, pens, printers and anything else your employee needs to do his or her job.

Lots of companies like telecommuting because they don't have to pay for office space for all employees, but you should consider whether or not you'll provide office equipment. And, how do you ensure you get it back if the employee quits or is fired?

If you provide a printer, can the family use the printer or is it for work use only? Can the employee use the company-provided computer to write her novel or comedy script?

This is always an issue at the office,

but when an employee works at home, it can further blur the line between work equipment and personal equipment.

Space and location

Is it OK for your employee to work at the kitchen table? Does she need dedicated office space with a door that can be closed and locked? Does it need to be locked when the employee isn't there? If not, how do you ensure data confidentiality?

If the employee works exclusively from home, can she move to another city? Must she stay in the same state? Have less than a two-hour commute to the office? If a worker moves away, who pays for trips to the office, including transportation and hotel costs, when there is a mandatory onsite meeting?

Can the employee work anywhere outside the office, including the coffee shop or park?

Telecommuting arrangements

Is there a formal approval process for someone who wants to work from home? If so, who does the approving? Is temporary telecommuting allowed with the manager's approval while a permanent situation requires higher-level approval? Is full-time remote work allowed, or only part-time, for two or three days a week?

If someone telecommutes part-time, what happens to that person's office space when he is gone? Does it become shared space?

Obviously, some of these things are very job dependent, so you'll need to consider departmental discretion, but all need to be dealt with before an employee starts to work from home on a regular basis. Otherwise, things can fall apart.

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Exploring elder financial abuse

Signs that loved one is a victim



ANYA KAMENETZ

A reader writes:

"My wife's divorced and aging father has gotten involved with a much younger partner. He has taken her on luxury trips abroad and often takes her shopping. This young woman seems to be marginally employed. She has insisted on their getting married legally, even though she doesn't plan to live with my father-in-law full-time and, in fact, lives across the country.

"In addition, as part of a prenuptial agreement, the father has agreed to guarantee that his new wife has the right to live rent-free in an investment property that is supposed to pass to the adult children as part of his estate. Is this aboveboard and, if not, what should my wife and I do about it?"

As the population of elderly people in the U.S. grows, so too does the potential for financial abuse and exploitation. Five million people are victims of some form of elder abuse and neglect every year, according to the National Adult Protective Services Association. But it's hard to know the true number because just one

in 44 cases of financial abuse — to single out one form — is ever reported.

Research suggests 5 percent of older adults have been victimized in the recent past by someone taking advantage of them financially. Usually, the perpetrator is a family member or someone very trusted.

Michael Hackard, a California attorney and author of "The Wolf at the Door: Undue Influence and Elder Financial Abuse," notes that it can be difficult in practice to determine whether "undue influence" is being exerted. Is the supposed victim simply being generous by nature, or is he or she being taken advantage of financially?

You and your wife should look for red flags in her father's financial affairs, such as unpaid bills or collectors calling. "I've seen homes go into foreclosure even though the senior has the financial ability to pay the mortgage," Hackard says.

Other red flags:

- He wires or transfers large sums of money.
- He makes suspicious withdrawals or writes questionable checks.
- He closes bank accounts or CDs without regard to fees.
- He opens new accounts.
- His Social Security or VA checks go missing.
- He suddenly alters long-held will or estate plans and is reluctant to discuss these plans or share documents. This

may be the first opening a family member has to learn what has been going on.

There are emotional signs to look for as well. One that already seems to be present is attachment to a new person in his life. Here are others:

- Does your wife's father seem reluctant to discuss his financial decisions? Is he ashamed to look you in the eye?
- Does he seem confused or afraid when the topic of money comes up?
- Is he excited about some new investment opportunity or charity you've never heard of?
- Are there other signs of cognitive impairment?

There is a bright spot. Hackard says laws are evolving, and experienced attorneys are more able than ever to help elderly people and their loved ones protect their finances.

Hackard recommends that people set up a revocable living trust to protect themselves from fraud as they approach old age. The beneficiary is the person who sets up the trust and his/her spouse, and then it should pass to a trusted successor, an individual or institution.

Establishing power of attorney is an option to consider but choose carefully. Powers of attorney can be "springing," Hackard says — meaning they take effect in case of incapacity — or they can be durable, meaning they go into effect immediately and stay unless revoked.

Finally, transparency can be a good thing. Elders should share their estate planning documents with more than one child, if they have them.

They should discuss their finances with longtime and trusted friends whom they know to have their well-being at heart.

Anya Kamenetz' most recent book is "The Test: Why Our Schools Are Obsessed with Standardized Testing, but You Don't Have to Be." She welcomes your questions at diybook@gmail.com.

TERRY SAVAGE
The Savage Truth

IRS calculator eases withholding uncertainty

People love to get a tax refund. But a refund means you're essentially getting back your own money. A tax refund means you overpaid your taxes to the government, likely by having too much money withheld from your paycheck.

Most of us consider a refund to be the lesser of two evils. If too little money is withheld, you could owe a lot of money when you file your return in April. Still, the IRS says the average refund check was \$2,800 per return last year — a big interest-free loan to the government. It's more sensible to come out about even at tax time.

Withholding and the new tax law

The new tax law has made figuring out the appropriate amount of withholding even more difficult. Your personal exemption has disappeared, and your standard deduction has increased. Some of your larger deductions for state income and property taxes may have become less useful, given the new \$10,000 limit. And, of course, tax rates are lower.

The Treasury department has created an online withholding calculator, designed to help you figure out how much to have your employer take out of every paycheck. And the calculator is not just for wage earners who get a regular paycheck.

There's a place to input income from self-employment and other non-wage income, such as dividends or interest. That's a help not only to the wealthy but also to retirees who may receive pension income or retirement plan withdrawals from which taxes are not withheld. They need to estimate quarterly tax payments.

The most basic criteria for calculating withholding include personal issues such as how many children you have, whether your spouse works and your filing status (e.g., filing a joint return).

Using the new calculator can help you determine whether your current withholding amounts are adequate. You might owe more taxes — even at lower tax rates if fewer deductions are allowed.

Using the calculator

Google "IRS withholding calculator" to get started. The form is simple to fill out, but it will be helpful to have your most recent tax return and latest paycheck stub available, because the calculator asks for your expected gross income for the year and the amount currently being withheld from your paycheck for taxes.

Other information from last year's return includes questions about claiming child care and dependent credits, and how much you deducted last year for things like charitable contributions or medical expenses.

You don't have to input any personal information, such as your name, Social Security number, address or other identifying features. And the IRS does not save this information. It's purely a tool to help you calculate how much you should be paying per paycheck or per quarter.

How do you adjust your payroll withholding? Ask your employer for a new form W-4, on which you list the number of exemptions you claim. And if your circumstances change during the year — such as a job loss or a big bonus — you'll want to go back to the calculator once again to make an adjustment to your payroll withholdings or quarterly estimates.

The IRS warns that if you have a complicated return or might be subject to the alternative minimum tax or have huge capital gains or qualified dividends, you should consult your tax preparer to make sure you have adequate withholding.

There's another reason to look at your withholding under the new tax laws. As long as you pay at least 100 percent of your tax liability from the previous year (2017 for the 2018 tax year), or pay in at least 90 percent of the current year's required taxes, you can avoid the substantial penalty for underpayment of estimated taxes.

Rarely do I find a reason to thank the IRS for anything. But this calculator is an exception. And that's The Savage Truth.

Terry Savage is a registered investment adviser and the author of four best-selling books. She responds to questions on her blog at TerrySavage.com.

An overlooked tax break

Retirement savers' credit could be applicable

BY KIMBERLY LANKFORD
Kiplinger

Q: I retired a few years ago, but I still get paid to do some consulting work, so I contribute to a Roth IRA. Can I qualify for the retirement savers' tax credit too?

A: If your annual income is less than the cutoff, you can qualify for the retirement savers' tax credit. This frequently overlooked tax break is worth up to \$1,000 per person (\$2,000 for joint filers) if you contribute to a retirement savings account, such as a 401(k), traditional or Roth IRA, 403(b), 457, Simplified Employee Pension, SIMPLE or the federal Thrift Savings Plan.

The lower your income, the larger the credit. The maximum credit is worth 50 percent of your retirement-savings contribution for the year (up to \$2,000 in contributions per person, with a maximum credit of \$1,000).

To claim the full credit on your 2017 federal tax return, your adjusted gross income must be less than \$38,000 if you're married filing jointly, \$28,500 if filing as head of household, or \$19,000 if single or married filing separately.

You can claim a credit for 20 percent of your contribution if your income is \$38,001 to \$41,000 if married filing jointly, \$28,501 to \$30,750 if filing as head of household, or \$19,001 to \$20,500 if single or married filing separately. And you can get a credit worth 10 percent of your contribution if your income is \$41,001 to \$63,000 if married filing jointly, \$30,751 to \$47,250 if filing as head of household, or \$20,501 to \$31,500 if single or married filing separately.

You aren't eligible for the credit for 2017 if your income is more than that. To see the slightly higher income limits for 2018, go to the IRS's Retirement Savings Contribution Credits page.

You also must meet other criteria to qualify for the credit. You must be 18 or older, not a full-time student and not claimed as a dependent on another person's tax return.

A lot of people overlook this credit in



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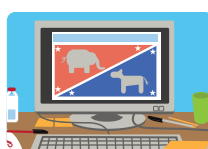
your situation (they are partially retired and their income has dropped, but they still earn some money and contribute to an IRA or other retirement savings plan).

To claim the credit, file Form 8880, Credit for Qualified Retirement Savings Contributions, with your 2017 tax return. This is a credit, not a deduction, so it lowers your tax liability dollar for dollar.

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Social media missteps

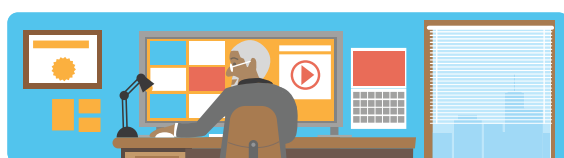
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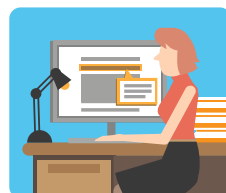
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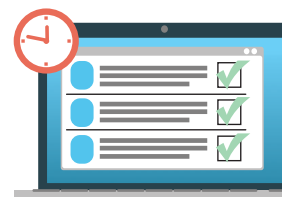
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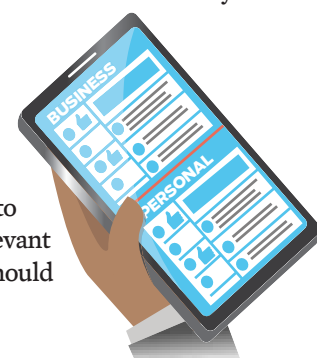
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Questions to ask before going into business with your spouse

BY DEBRA MALDONADO
Inc.

Would going into business with your spouse be a match made in heaven or a nightmare in the making?

I have worked with my husband for more than five years, and being partners in business and life has brought us closer together and made our business more successful.

Unfortunately, not everyone has a happy ending and having their spouse involved in business can create problems.

Before you ask your spouse to partner with you, be sure to answer these five questions.

1. Is your spouse qualified for the position?

Be clear on what role your spouse will play in the company and if he or she is experienced for the job. Don't create a special role that isn't necessary just to have your spouse involved in the business.

Sometimes the spouse is overqualified for a role, which ultimately will make him or her feel resentful. If he or she is under-qualified and overpaid, it could create problems with other members of your team who may be paid less and have to pick up the slack for an incompetent person.

Clearly define the position. You should draft employment agreements with job responsibilities so each partner knows their defined role.

2. Do you have good communication with your spouse?

If your marriage is not built upon trust and healthy communication, having your spouse in your business will only make things worse. Marital issues played out in the work environment destroy morale and become a distraction to other employees. Team members may be forced to pick sides, and everyone in the company could be pulled into the drama.

Keep it professional. Make an agreement not to talk about your personal life during business hours to keep it separate from the day-to-day of the business. Any personal issues such as child care, in-law drama or household duties should be handled before or after work hours.

3. Are you inviting your spouse into your business to save the marriage?

Being an entrepreneur pulls you away from your family and friends, especially in the start-up stages. Time away from someone you love can be hard on both parties.

If you feel that you and your spouse are drifting apart because of work, the last thing you want to do is have him or her work with you to repair the damage. You may end up making the relationship worse, and the business will suffer as well from the disruption this can cause.

Focus on your marriage first before you enter into a partnership. Seek a counselor or coach to help you work out your personal issues. Then, if you can get on the right track with your relationship, you can explore involving the business.

4. Do you enjoy spending a lot of time together?

Some business partners rarely see each other, so this may not apply to your business. In our business, we spend most of our time together, except when we are working with clients independently. Fortunately for us, we enjoy each other and get along well no matter how much time we spend together.

Run a pilot test. Before you make the leap into partnership, have your spouse do a small project. Some couples romanticize about working together until they actually do. By exploring a test run, you can see how each of you feel, and then you can decide if you want to make it a longer commitment.

5. Do you have the same success mindset?

Even if you don't partner with your spouse, having a similar success mindset will be important for any marriage. If one person is working hard to succeed and the other person does not feel motivated about the vision, it will affect your revenue. If one person believes in investing in certain parts of the business, while the other is worried about every little expense, there will be conflicts.

One of the best investments we made in the beginning was to be on the same page with our success mindset. We read the same books, listened to the same lectures and learned from the same mentors. We also had honest discussions to iron out the differences in opinion on how we define success. When we made business decisions, we were both on board and focused with the same mindset to reach our goals.

Whether you want to bring on a spouse or any family member, think of your business as a living organism that is affected by any foreign intruder. Sometimes the intruder brings wonderful gifts, and other times you may be inviting in a Trojan Horse that can take it all down.

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STEVE ROSEN
Kids & Money

Parents still lean on traditional ways to save

Options for socking away money for college have changed significantly since the days when the choices for many parents were regular savings accounts, checking accounts and savings bonds.

So how to explain why so many families are entrusting their college dollars to — you guessed it — savings accounts, checking accounts and savings bonds instead of tax-advantaged options, such as 529 college savings plans?

As businesses, foundations and other organizations rally in the coming weeks to promote America Saves events across the country, a report about college savings habits from Sallie Mae and its Ipsos research partner shows there's still work to do to raise awareness about 529 plans.

In the latest "How America Saves for College" study, researchers asked parents how they primarily save money for college. Here's what they found:

■ 61 percent of the parents surveyed used a traditional savings account for money earmarked for college.

■ 38 percent used checking accounts.

■ Nearly 33 percent of parents used either investment accounts or certificates of deposit for college savings.

■ About 25 percent used other investment options, including Coverdell Education Savings Accounts, savings bonds or life insurance.

As for the state-sponsored 529 accounts, which can be used to pay for qualified higher education expenses, about 37 percent of the parents surveyed said they have opened one. That's up from 27 percent in 2015.

Those parents who have 529 accounts tend to be from higher-income households (55 percent), compared to those in middle- and low-income households (38 percent and 19 percent, respectively).

Moreover, those who use 529s save about 25 percent more for college on average than those who don't, Sallie Mae noted.

The average amount saved in a 529 plan was \$7,534, compared with an average of \$6,043 in a general savings account and \$5,004 in certificates of deposit, both of which offer safer, but paltry returns.

To be sure, putting any money away for college is a good thing. And I've always thought CDs in particular, with their locked in rates, make for a solid foundation in any college savings plan.

But aren't parents leaving a lot of potential income on the table by relying so heavily on conservative, traditional approaches? I posed that question to Sallie Mae.

"When it comes to 529s, it still seems to be an awareness issue," said Rick Castellano, a spokesperson for the financial services company. And despite marketing efforts, he added, "many parents simply don't know about them or know enough about them to feel confident in opening one. ... That's why we still see many folks gravitating toward general savings accounts."

The bottom line, Castellano said, is that the financial services industry must do more to raise awareness about 529 programs.

There's also a role for community-based nonprofits, especially foundations.

In my hometown of Kansas City, for example, the Kauffman Foundation (www.kauffmanscholars.org) has put considerable time and money into a new Kauffman Scholars program launched last year.

Part of the Kauffman Scholars' \$79 million, 10-year commitment provides about 500 Kansas City-area ninth graders, primarily from lower-income urban families, the opportunity to open a 529 savings account with money seeded by the foundation. Some of those students also will be eligible to receive matching funds of up to \$5,000 in their 529 account, and other financial incentives and an additional \$2,000 in incentives for completing key college-ready milestones while in high school.

It may take more creative approaches like this to help promote better college savings habits. And while it may feel impossible at times, having a plan and understanding all your savings options will make it easier.

Questions, comments, column ideas? Send an email to sbrosen1030@gmail.com.

Gray divorce can take big financial toll

Ways to protect assets

BY EILEEN AMBROSE
Kiplinger

A divorce can derail the best-laid retirement plans, particularly if it occurs later in life, when there is less time for partners to recover financially.

"You essentially are splitting your assets but potentially doubling your expense footprint. You are now maintaining two households with the same amount of assets you spent a lifetime building. It can be devastating," says Haleh Moddasser, a certified public accountant in Chapel Hill, N.C., and author of "Gray Divorce, Silver Linings: A Woman's Guide to Divorce After 50."

The divorce rate for those age 50 and older has doubled since the 1990s. In 2015, 10 out of every 1,000 married persons divorced, and the number of so-called gray divorces was even higher among those in remarriages, according to the Pew Research Center.

Still, even with a divorce, there are steps partners can take to get their retire-



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ments back on track.

For couples splitting up, Moddasser suggests "collaborative divorce," in which spouses and their lawyers meet with the goal of creating a win-win situation for both partners.

Or, if you're already divorced, the new tax law may make it worthwhile for you and an ex to renegotiate the settlement. Starting with settlements reached in 2019, alimony payments will no longer be tax-deductible, and alimony income won't be taxed.

It's possible, Moddasser says, for an ex to pay less in alimony while the recipient still comes out ahead because payments won't be reduced by taxes.

You may be eligible to receive Social Security benefits based on an ex's work record if the amount will be larger than you'd get based on your earnings history. You must be single, you and your ex have to be at least 62, and the marriage must have lasted 10 or more years, says Mary Beth Franklin, a certified financial planner and contributing editor at InvestmentNews.

This chance for a bigger benefit is one reason Franklin advises married couples near the 10-year mark to wait to divorce.

"If your marriage is on shaky ground in years eight or nine, stretch out the paperwork," she says. "Because if you are married, literally, nine years, 11 months and 29 days, and you get divorced, you're out of luck."

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JAMES PHILIP HANNY 1946-2018

Vietnam veteran went on to fly for American

By **BOB GOLDSBOROUGH**
Chicago Tribune

James Philip Hanny flew 77 combat missions during the Vietnam War and then became a pilot for American Airlines, based out of O'Hare International Airport, his family said.

Before retiring from the Air Force in 1993, Hanny also had served with his O'Hare-based 64th Airlift Squadron in Operation Desert Shield in the Middle East.

"He was an extremely accomplished pilot," said retired American Airlines pilot Frank Walley, a long-time colleague. "It was a highlight to be able to fly with him and enjoy his professionalism."

Hanny, 72, died of complications from kidney cancer Feb. 21 at his winter home in Honolulu, said his wife of 52 years, Grace. He had been a longtime resident of Lake Geneva, Wis.

Born in Elkhorn, Wis., Hanny grew up in Lake Geneva, where his parents had owned and operated the now-shuttered Hanny's Restaurant on Broad Street. He graduated from Badger High School in Lake Geneva in 1964.

Hanny began college at Michigan State University but transferred as a junior to Southeastern Oklahoma State University, which had just begun an undergraduate degree program in aviation. Hanny earned a bachelor's degree in aviation from the university in 1968 as the first graduate of any aviation program in the U.S., his family said.

Hanny then joined the Air Force and was stationed in Southeast Asia during the Vietnam War.

Hanny's 77 combat missions, flown out of the Udorn Royal Thai Air Force Base in northern Thailand, entailed more than 943 hours of flying, said his wife, who noted that he maintained meticulous logs of his flights. He was awarded



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James Philip Hanny flew 77 combat missions during the Vietnam War.

the Distinguished Flying Cross for landing his plane on a rain-swept runway after one of his four engines had conked out, saving his aircraft and crew of 18, according to the online military award database Hall of Valor.

In 1972, Hanny left active service in the Air Force and was accepted to an Air Force Reserve squadron at Milwaukee's Billy Mitchell Airport. The following year, he began flying for American Airlines.

Hanny became a captain in 1986 and for many years was an instructor. He also mentored many younger pilots, including his own daughter, Carolee Hanny Barnett, who like her father attended Southeastern Oklahoma State and earned a degree in aviation. Barnett, who now is a pilot for American herself, said she was thrilled to be able to sit in the cockpit with her father during his final flight before retirement in 2005.

"He worked very hard, and he was very good at his career," Walley said.

Hanny's cousin, Chris Lehner, a retired Air Force pilot who now is a pilot and captain for FedEx, recalled how "generous with his time" Hanny was.

"After I retired from the Air Force in 1995 and began interviewing with the airlines, Jim was very helpful in that transition," Lehner

said. "He took lots of time to talk to me."

In 1990, Hanny was named commanding officer of the Air Force Reserve's 64th Airlift Squadron at O'Hare. He was given the role shortly before the unit was deployed in Kuwait during Operation Desert Shield, which was a U.S.-led defensive mission prior to Operation Desert Storm that was aimed at keeping Iraq from invading Saudi Arabia.

In September 1990, Hanny and 55 members of the squadron he oversaw were the first reservists to return home to O'Hare after Operation Desert Shield.

"I can tell you the weather was 117-120 degrees, the sand was like powdered dirt, the living conditions were extremely austere and nobody complained a bit," Hanny told the Tribune in 1990.

Hanny retired from the Air Force Reserves in 1993 and from American Airlines in 2005.

Hanny had a wealth of interests, including boating, community theater in Lake Geneva, flying gliders, snow skiing and participating in triathlons. He was a member of his local American Legion post for more than 45 years.

Hanny also was the president of Southeastern Oklahoma State University's alumni association from 2002 until 2004, and was honored with the university's Distinguished Alumnus award in 1992.

In addition to his wife and daughter, Hanny is survived by two other daughters, Kristin Hanny Larkin and Katy Freytag; two sisters, Dorothy Swatek and Carol Cicotosto; seven grandchildren; and one great-granddaughter.

Visitation and services are set for March 21 at Immanuel Lutheran Church in Lake Geneva.

Goldsborough is a freelance reporter.

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In Memoriam

R. Anthony Mancuso

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Death Notices

Anderson, Kimberley Lynn

Kimberley Lynn Anderson, age 56, passed away suddenly on March 9, 2018. Beloved wife, best friend and soul mate of Scott Kacich. Loving mother of Ashleigh Strickland and stepmother of Jamie Kacich (Theodore Thompson) and Nicholas (Ryan) Kacich. Cherished grandma "Mima" of Lucy, Elijah and Landon. Dearest sister of Kristine Anderson (David Thelander) and Karen Anderson (Scott Frank) and stepsister of David (Kelleen), Gerrit, Rory (Kim) and Scott (Bea) Bannon. Fond aunt of Jessica, Kelsey, Mallory and Kael. Great aunt of Penelope. Preceded in death by her parents Arthur Anderson and Shirley Turner. Stepdaughter of Linda Anderson. Kim was a dear friend to many and a volunteer at Lutheran General Hospital Flower Shop. Visitation Wednesday, March 14 from 3:00 - 9:00 p.m. at COLONIAL - WOJCIECHOWSKI FUNERAL HOME, 8025 W. Golf Rd. in Niles. Wake Service at 7:30 p.m., Cremation Private. Arrangements entrusted to **Green Burials of Love, Ltd.** Marion O'Connor Friel—Funeral Director. Info at (847) 581-0536 or www.colonialfuneral.com



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Athas, Peter Gus

Peter Gus Athas, age 60, of Chicago, IL. Loving father of Ian and Aaron Athas. Beloved son of Lista and the late Constandinos 'Gus' Athas. Dear brother Terry (Suzan) and Steven Athas. Fond uncle of Dean (Cristy), Shanna (fiancé Trent Dickie), Erin, and Lauren Athas. Great uncle of Alexander, Nicholas, and Ryan Athas. Visitation Tuesday, March 13, 2018, 4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at **Donnellan Family Funeral Home**, 10045 Skokie Boulevard, at Old Orchard Road, Skokie, IL 60077. Funeral Service Wednesday, March 14, 2018, 10:30 a.m. at Saint Haralambos Greek Orthodox Church, 7373 North Caldwell Avenue, Niles, IL 60714. Interment Elmwood Cemetery, River Grove, IL. Memorials may be made to Guerin College Preparatory High School, 8001 West Belmont Avenue, River Grove, IL 60171. Info: www.donnellanfuneral.com or (847) 675-1990.



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Baseleon, Maria

Maria Baseleon nee Papadakis 88, of Palos Hills, formerly of Apidia, Lakonia Greece, passed away peacefully at home Saturday evening. Beloved Wife of Louis for over 68 years. Loving mother of Dean (Lisa) and Angie (Louie) Kladis. Proud Yiayia of Christopher, Maria, John, Demetri, and Mark. Dear Thea and Nouna of many. Devoted member of The St. Helen Philoptochos Society of Palos Hills. Maria will be dearly missed by her family and friends. May Her Memory Be Eternal! Visitation Monday March 12th from 3:00 PM to 9:00 PM at Palos Gaidas Funeral Home 11028 South Southwest Highway (7700 W) Palos Hills. Trisagion Service at 7:00 PM. Friends and family are asked to meet Tuesday morning 9:45 AM for the 10:00 AM funeral Service at St. Constantine & Helen Greek Orthodox Church 11025 S. Roberts Road Palos Hills 60465. In lieu of flowers memorials will be made to The Father Byron Koras Student Assistance Fund. **Orrico Kourelis Funeral Services Inc.**, Directing interment Evergreen Cemetery. For information 708974-4410 or www.orriconfuneral.com



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Fogelson, Georgia Bender

Georgia Bender Fogelson, aged 77, of Chicago IL and Rancho Mirage, CA. died March 7, 2018 at Eisenhower Hospital in Rancho Mirage CA. She died of pneumonia and chronic lung disease. She was born on May 24, 1940 to William Elwood and Shirley Smith Elwood in New Kensington Pa. Georgia is survived by her husband Gerald Fogelson, daughter Molly Heilmann, and her stepsons, Bruce Fogelson and Doug Fogelson. She is also survived by her brother, Smith Kalita and sister Cheryl Hasson. Additionally, Georgia has five adoring grandsons.

Georgia attended University of Pittsburgh, then moved to Chicago. In Chicago, she ran a successful marketing research firm, Georgia Bender Research for over 15 years, retiring shortly after her second marriage to Gerald Fogelson. Georgia and Jerry had a great love affair and were married for 35 years. They split their time between Chicago IL, La Porte IN, and Rancho Mirage, CA.

Georgia was involved in many philanthropic efforts, and was active in organizations in both Chicago and the greater Coachella Valley including Columbia College in Chicago, Young Women's Leadership Charter School in Chicago, and Game-On in the Palm Springs area. But her true joy and passion was for the Palm Springs Art Museum, where she sat on their Board of Directors, lead their Education Committee, and led countless visitors through the museum as a docent.

She was known for her bright energy and big smile. Well loved by friends and coworkers for her engaging and thoughtful spirit, she will remain in our thoughts and prayers.

A memorial service will be held in her honor on April 7 at 10:00 am at the Palm Springs Art Museum.

The family suggests that any donations be made to the Georgia Fogelson Scholarship at the Palm Springs Art Museum. <http://tickets.psmuseum.org/donations>

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Fox, Eleanor M.

Eleanor M. Fox. Age 91 formerly of Park Ridge. Loving daughter of the late Adolph and Theresa Mack. Beloved wife of the late Albert J. Fox. Devoted mother of Robert J. (Linda) Fox and the late Lynnette E. (Curtis) Edlund. Dear grandmother of Brian K. (Jackie) Edlund and Jennifer L. (Jason Hellmich) Ernest, great-grandmother of Andrew C. (Stephanie) Edlund, Frank L. Edlund, Kyle A. Ernest and Kane C. Ernest, great-great-grandmother of Dominic A. Edlund. Visitation Friday March, 16, 10 a.m. until time of service, 12 noon at **Ryan-Parke Funeral Home**, 120 S. Northwest Hwy., Park Ridge. Entombment Acacia Park Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, memorials to the American Heart Association, www.americanheart.org. Funeral Info., www.ryan-parke.com.



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Glowaty, Helen

Helen Glowaty, nee Harvis, age 92. Beloved wife of the late Edward; loving mother of Linda and the late Donna Good; fond sister of the late Anna Sedor and the late Mary Garstka; dear aunt of nieces and nephews. Visitation Tuesday 4 to 8 p.m. with Panikhida Service 7:00 p.m. at St. Peter & St. Paul Orthodox Church, 6980 S. County Line Rd. Burr Ridge. Lying-in-state Wednesday 9:00 a.m. until time of service 10:00 a.m. at the Church. Interment Evergreen Cemetery. Arrangements by Otto V. Stransky & Son (773) 778-0700

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Goldblatt, Norman L.

Norman L. Goldblatt, 79, beloved husband of the late Sandra "Sandi" Goldblatt; dear brother of Jerry (Lionie) Goldblatt and the late Edith Rose (the late William) Celnik; treasured uncle of Anna (Michael) Samocki, Adam (Melissa) Celnik, the late Mathias Celnik, the late Sabina Celnik, the late Helena Celnik and Steven Goldblatt and David Goldblatt. Chapel service Wednesday 12:15 PM at **Shalom Memorial Funeral Home**, 1700 W. Rand Road, Arlington Heights. Entombment Beth Shearim Mausoleum at Shalom Memorial Park. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the charity of your choice. For info and condolences, (847) 255-3520 or shalom2.com



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Gross, Jean

Jean Marie Gross nee Hopfensperger; beloved wife of Patrick; wonderful mother of Sarah, Patrick (Ofelia Sanchez), Leticia and the late Eric; loving grandmother of Isla; cherished sister of Mary (Herb) Schreiner, Lindell (Tom) Nabbeled, Mick Hopfensperger, Bill Hopfensperger, Cindy (Tim) Hainer and David (Laura) Hopfensperger; dear sister-in-law of Edward (Cynthia), Frank (Susan), Randal (Patricia), Judith (Richard) Kreher and Karen Anderson; dearest daughter of the late Clayton and Lillian Hopfensperger; fond aunt and friend to many. Visitation Monday 3-9 PM at **Gibbons Family Funeral Home**, 5917 W. Irving Park Rd. (1/2 Block East of Austin) and Tuesday 9 AM until time of Mass, 10 AM at St. Robert Bellarmine Church. 4646 N. Austin. Interment Private. In lieu of flowers donations may be made to MNASR, www.MNASR.org. For info 773-777-3944 or www.GFFH.com

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Hartstein, Rhea

Rhea Hartstein, nee Brown, age 93, beloved wife of the late Raymond; loving mother of Larry (Missy) Miner, Ellen Kaufman, the late Pam (Chuck) Guarino, Elliott (Judy) Hartstein, Barry (Sandi) Hartstein, and the late Jeff Hartstein; adored grandmother of Joey (Alison) Hartstein, Jamie (Scott) Tiplitsky, Scott (Adena Rosenblatt) and Brian (Becca) Hartstein, Stacey (Bryan) Hersh, Kelly (Matt) Miller, Adam (Merritt) Dewitt, Joshua (Andrea) Lieberman, Daniel and Michael Kaufman, Kristin (Matthew) Harmic, Steven (Nikki) Miner, Rachel (Jon) Forbes, Amy (David) Heaton and David (Natalia) Guarino; proud great grandmother of 24. Graveside service Tuesday, 3:00 p.m. at Westlawn Cemetery, Carnation Section, 7801 W. Montrose, Norridge. In lieu of flowers, contributions to Cured Foundation, P.O. Box 32, Lincolnshire, IL 60069. Info: The **Goldman Funeral Group**, www.goldmanfuneralgroup.com (847) 478-1600.



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ON MARCH 12 ...

In 1664, New Jersey became a British colony as King Charles II granted land in the New World to his brother James, the Duke of York.

In 1864 Ulysses S. Grant became commander in chief of the Union armies in the Civil War.

In 1912 Juliette Gordon Low founded the Girl Guides, which later became the Girl Scouts of the United States of America.

In 1930 political and spiritual leader Mohandas Gandhi began a 200-mile march in India to protest a British tax on salt.

In 1933 President Franklin Roosevelt delivered the first of his radio "fireside chats," telling Americans what was being done to deal with the nation's economic crisis.

In 1938 the Anschluss took place as German troops entered Austria.

In 1940 Finland and the Soviet Union concluded an armistice during World War II. (Fighting between the two countries flared

again the following year.)

In 1947 President Harry Truman established what became known as the "Truman Doctrine" to help Greece and Turkey resist Communism.

In 1951 "Dennis the Menace," created by cartoonist Hank Ketcham, made its syndicated debut in 16 newspapers.

In 1955 jazz saxophonist and composer Charlie Parker died in New York; he was 34.

In 1959 the House joined the Senate in approving statehood for Hawaii.

In 1967 Indira Gandhi was chosen unanimously as leader of the Congress Party in India and became prime minister.

In 1980 a Chicago jury found John Wayne Gacy Jr. guilty of the murders of 33 men and boys. (The next day, Gacy was sentenced to death; he was executed May 10, 1994, at Stateville Penitentiary near Joliet.)

In 1985 conductor Eugene Ormandy, director of the Philadelphia Orchestra for

more than four decades, died in Philadelphia; he was 85.

In 1989 about 2,500 veterans and supporters marched at the Art Institute of Chicago to demand that officials remove an American flag placed on the floor as part of a student's exhibit.

In 1993 Janet Reno was sworn in as the nation's first female attorney general.

In 1994 the Church of England ordained its first female priests.

In 2000 Pope John Paul II asked God's forgiveness for the sins of Roman Catholics through the ages, including wrongs inflicted on Jews, women and minorities.

In 2002 Houston homemaker Andrea Yates was convicted of murder in the drowning deaths of her five children in the family bathtub.

In 2003 Elizabeth Smart, the 15-year-old girl who had vanished from her bedroom nine months earlier, was found alive in a Salt Lake City suburb with two drifters.

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ILLINOIS	
March 11	
Pick 3 midday	290 / 7
Pick 4 midday	2276 / 9
Lucky Day Lotto midday	09 10 13 17 31
Pick 3 evening	505 / 7
Pick 4 evening	2014 / 2
Lucky Day Lotto evening	09 11 23 29 31

March 12 Lotto: \$7M	
March 13 Mega Millions: \$318M	
March 14 Powerball: \$420M	

WISCONSIN	
March 11	
Pick 3	941
Pick 4	6317
Badger 5	04 08 15 25 26
SuperCash	02 12 19 23 28 35

INDIANA	
March 11	
Daily 3 midday	678 / 9
Daily 4 midday	1701 / 9
Daily 3 evening	660 / 9
Daily 4 evening	2460 / 9
Cash 5	13 21 24 30 37

MICHIGAN	
March 11	
Daily 3 midday	336
Daily 4 midday	4027
Daily 3 evening	666
Daily 4 evening	3771
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Ingmire, Cecil W.

Cecil W. Ingmire, D.V.M. – Of Orland Park, formerly of Joliet, passed away March 10, 2018. Age 92 years. Survived by his wife of 71 years, Mary Ingmire; son Wayne (Jane Tinker) Ingmire; three daughters Linda (Paul Graham), Celia (Edward Fitzgerald) and Jann Ingmire; seven grandchildren and six great-grandchildren; two brothers and a sister. He practiced veterinary medicine for 50 years, starting in a small animal practice in Akron, Ohio and then moving to Joliet in 1948, establishing his own practice. Dr. Ingmire was president of the Illinois State Veterinary Medical Association and a lifetime member of the American Veterinary Medical Association. He served on the Advisory Boards to create Veterinary Technology Programs at Parkland Community College and Joliet Junior College. Former Chief Veterinarian for the Chicago-Joliet Livestock Center and was the Will County Animal Control Administrator for 23 years. He was also actively involved with the Will County Farm Bureau, the University of Illinois Extension Service and the 4-H. Past president of the Joliet Exchange Club. Served on the Joliet Junior College Board and was Past Board President, Community Trustee for Silver Cross Hospital and recognized for his contributions to the profession of veterinary medicine with the Kansas State University College of Veterinary Medicine and Veterinary Medical Alumni Association Distinguished Alumnus Award, Meritorious Service Awards from the Illinois State Veterinary Medical Association and the University of Illinois College of Veterinary Medicine, Alumni Association. He was a captain in the Army Veterinary Corps, 1954 – 1956. Funeral services will be held at Grace United Methodist Church, 1718 Avalon, Joliet, Wednesday at 10:00 A.M. Interment Abraham Lincoln National Cemetery. Memorials to Kansas State University College of Veterinary Medicine Ingmire Family Scholarship or the Will County 4-H Fund for Youth will be appreciated. Visitation will be held at the **Carlson-Holmquist-Sayles Funeral Home**, 2320 Black Rd., Joliet, Tuesday, March 13th from 3:00 -6:00 P.M. For information call (815) 744-0022 or visit www.CHSFUNERAL.com.

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Januska, Albert G.

Albert G. Januska, Army Veteran, beloved husband of Darlene nee Pitra. Loving father of Laurie (Keith) Baldwin, Paul (Diane) Januska, Mark (Gayle) Januska, Glenn (Rayna) Januska and Karen (Steven) Lisota and the late infant Beth Anne. Cherished grandfather of Megan, Emma, Rachel, Sara, Leland (Dakota), Brandon, Steven (Destiny), Owen, Elizabeth, Kevin, Kyle, Allison, Brianna, Tyler and Ryan. Devoted son of the late Albert and Beatrice Januska. Graduated from DePaul University in 1954. Retired from the Nuclear Regulatory Commission and a devoted Docent for many years at Brookfield Zoo. Funeral Wednesday 10:15 am from **Modell Funeral Home** 7710 S. Cass Avenue, Darien to Christ the Servant Church Mass 11:00 am. Interment Queen of Heaven Cemetery. Visitation Tuesday 3-9 pm. In lieu of flowers donation to the Parkinson's Foundation, www.parkinson.org would be appreciated. For funeral info: 630-852-3595 or www.modelldarien.com

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Kostaken, Josephine 'Josie'

Josephine "Josie" Kostaken; Loving wife of the late John E. Dear mother of John (Cindy) Kostaken; Loving grandmother of Jennifer (Justin) Whitlock, Nicole (Frank) Clarizio, John (Angela) and Christy Kostaken. Dear great grandmother of Tyler, Gavin, Hailey, and Nathan. The Kostaken Family were owners of J. & J. Discount Store, 31st & Halsted, Chicago, from 1959 to 1982. Visitation will be held Monday, March 12 from 4-9pm at **Adolf Funeral Home**, 7000 S. Madison Street, Willowbrook. Funeral Tuesday, March 13 at 9:15am from funeral home to St. Isaac Jogues Church, 4th and Clay Streets, Hinsdale, for a 10am mass. Interment Resurrection Cemetery, Justice, IL. Memorials appreciated to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, www.stjude.org. For information 630-325-2300, www.adolfservices.com or www.powellfuneraldirectors.com.

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Lasak, Edwin M.

Edwin M. Lasak. Beloved husband of the late Helen, nee Serafin; loving father of Marty (Liz) Diane (Al) Zagorski and Edwin M.(Corrie); dear grandfather of Kristin (Evan) Teska, Lauren (Karsten) Temme, Jennifer (Steve) Proffer, Jessica (Matt) Bernardi, Robin and Brittany Lasak and Ashley (Andrew) Jorgenson; great-grandfather of Alivia and Isabella Teska, Bennett and Emerson Temme and Sophia Bernardi; loving brother of Virginia (late Roman) Barski; dear uncle of many nieces and nephews. Visitation Tuesday, March 13, 2018 from 3-9pm at **Matz Funeral Home** 410 E. Rand Rd., Mt. Prospect. Lying in state Wednesday from 9am until time of Mass 10am at St. Stephen Protomartyr Church 1280 E. Prospect Ave., Des Plaines. Interment St. Adalbert. In lieu of flowers, memorials to the Alzheimers Association appreciated. Info:847-394-2336

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Pape, Marie E.

Marie E. Pape. Beloved mother of Charles, Wayne (Hilda), Paul, and Marie; Cherished Hubba of Kimberly, Brian, Alexis (Robert) Sanchez, Ariana, Pauly, Adeline, and great Hubba of Tre, Jayden, Tru, and Gracie; Dear sister and aunt of many. Visitation Tuesday 3 p.m.-9 p.m. at **BELMONT FUNERAL HOME** 7120 W Belmont Ave. Funeral prayers Wednesday 10:30 a.m. at the funeral home.

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Santucci, Sophie

Sophie Santucci beloved wife of the late Christino. Loving mother of Mary (Alan) Gabrys and Patricia (James) McDarrah. Fond grandmother of Ryan (Christina) Gabrys, Kristin (Matthew) Schriber, Nicole, James & Joey McDarrah. Great grandmother of Dashiell, Olivia, Avalyn & Mikaela Sophia. Sister of the late Frank & the late Michael Digioia.

Visitation Friday 4:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. at **Cumberland Chapels** 8300 W. Lawrence Ave. Norridge, IL. Funeral service will begin at 8:45 a.m. on Saturday at the funeral home & proceed to St. Francis Borgia Church mass 9:30 a.m. Entombment St. Joseph Cemetery Mausoleum. In lieu of flowers donations to Alzheimer's Association at alz.org or 312.335.8700 appreciated.

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Sliwa, Casimir P 'Casey'

Casimir "Casey" P. Sliwa, passed away on Tues, March 6, 2018 in Beaver Dam, WI. Casey is survived by his wife, Sue; children, James (Melanie); Michael (Sharon); Cassandra (Will) and step-daughter, Kimberly Rogge (Dewey); 5 grandchildren, 1 great-grandson; mother of his children, Loretta; brothers, Joseph (Betty), Adam (Krystyna); 4 foster children, Rich, Robin, Michael and Kevin; and other relatives. A memorial gathering will be held on Sat, May 5, 2018 at **Cornerstone Funeral Services**, 135 Keller Blvd., Beaver Dam, WI from 11:00 a.m. until the time of the memorial service at 12:30 p.m. A full obituary and guest book can be found at www.cstones.com.

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Stapleton, Loretta J.

Loretta J. Stapleton, nee Bray, 86, of Des Plaines, formerly of Norwood Park. Beloved wife of the late Joseph L. Stapleton. Loving mother of David (Cathy), Kevin, Mark, Beth Dudzinski and Joseph (Tricia) Stapleton. Proud Grandmother of Joe (Jonna), Matthew, Ryan (Joana), Edward, Jessica, Hannah, Rebecca, and Melissa. Great Grandmother of Francesca. Dear sister of Betty (the late James) Moran, and the late Edward (the late Marge), the late Rosemary (the late James) Taff and the late Maureen Bray. Fond aunt of many nieces and nephews. Visitation Tuesday, March 13, 2018 at the **M J Suerth Funeral Home**, 6754 N. Northwest Hwy., Chicago from 3-8pm. Funeral Wednesday 11:00 AM. Interment All Saints Cemetery. In lieu of flowers memorials to Brother James Court, 2508 St. James Road, Springfield, IL 62707 appreciated. For further information 877-631-1240.

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Tagli, Hugo

Brilliant, blessed and beloved, Hugo Tagli, 75, of Kildeer, IL and Marco Island, FL, is now at rest. Known as the hard-working Blue Cross Blue Shield of Illinois employee who rose from the computer room to become Chief Legal Counsel, Hugo will be best remembered as the adoring husband, generous father and doting Papa of his large and loving family. His ambition in the workplace was only matched by his enthusiasm for golf, White Sox baseball and gardening. He had a knack for home renovations, for which he was entirely untrained but somehow superbly capable. He was a gracious host who opened his heart and home to his wonderful family and friends, with typical Italian hospitality. Larger than life, Hugo was charming, funny, and unforgettable. But the sun in his world was his wife, Rose Mary around whom the stars were set. As a couple, they were inseparable and enchanted with each other for over 50 years. In his last days, Hugo was surrounded by his family who spent their time whispering their gratitude into his ear until he passed on in his sleep. His loving legacy, however, will remain alive for generations. Hugo is survived by his beloved wife Rose Mary (Lanzarotta). He was the proud father of three daughters, Lauretta (Julie), Lisa (Ric) and Lynnette (Paul); and grandfather of eight adoring grandchildren, Amanda, Julia, Joey, Charlie, Molly, Sophie, Will and Talia. He was preceded in death by his parents, Hugo Sr. and Ada; and his brother, Valentino. Visitation will be Thursday, March 15, from 3 pm until 8 pm at **Davenport Family Funeral Home and Crematory**, 941 Old Rand Rd., Lake Zurich. Mass will be Friday, March 16, at 11:30 am at St. Mary's Catholic Church, 10 N. Buffalo Grove Rd, Buffalo Grove, with prayers to be said at 10:30 am at the funeral home. Interment will be private at All Saints Cemetery, Des Plaines. In lieu of flowers, memorials can be made to JourneyCare Foundation: 2050 Claire Court, Glenview, IL 60025 or online at www.journeycare.org. To leave online condolences for the family visit www.davenportfamily.com or call 847-550-4221 for information.

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Thall, Sylvia

Sylvia Thall, nee Baylen, age 96. Beloved wife of the late Sidney. Loving mother of Bob (Jo Cates) and Larry. Devoted sister to nine brothers and sisters who predeceased her. Service Thursday 1PM at **Chicago Jewish Funerals**, 8851 Skokie Blvd (at Niles Center Road), Skokie. Interment private. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions to Dystonia Medical Research Foundation, www.dystonia-foundation.org would be appreciated. Arrangements by **Chicago Jewish Funerals** – Skokie Chapel, 847.229.8822, www.cjinfo.com

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Varchetta, John V.

John V. Varchetta 88, passed away March 6, 2018. Beloved husband of the late Josephine (nee Spiga) Varchetta. Loving father of Anna Marie (Kurt Szaltis) and Vincent Varchetta. Devoted Grandfather of Sean (Lupe). Dedicated son of the late Vincent and Anna (nee Allegretti) Varchetta. Brother of Rita and the late Felix (Phil) R. Varchetta. John was a Veteran of the U.S. Army during the Korean War serving stateside. John loved sitting in the garden, being with his pets and trips to Michigan. In lieu of flowers please send donations to Friends of Fisher House www.fofhl.org or your local animal shelter. Visitation and interment are private. Funeral services were entrusted to John Rago Sons Funeral Home, 721 North Western Avenue (at Superior St.), Chicago, IL 60612. For info call 773-276-6056 or online guestbook at www.RagoSons.com

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Zuro, Matthew J.

Matthew J. Zuro, age 55, passed away Thursday, March 8 after a long and valiant battle with cancer. Loving husband of Theresa nee Madaj. Loving father of Devyn T. Zuro. Dearest brother of Mark III (Cathy) Zuro, Paul (Gail) Zuro, David (Jean) Zuro, Jean Anderson, Peter (Karen) Zuro, Stephen (Patricia) Zuro and Thomas Zuro. Fond brother in law of Thaddeus (Jane) Madaj and Mary (Michael) Kozak. Dearest son of the late Mark Jr. and Eileen nee Milord and son in law of the late Edmund and Helen Madaj. Uncle of many nieces and nephews. Funeral Saturday 10:00 AM. from **Modell Funeral Home** 7710 S. Cass Avenue to Our Lady of Peace Church Mass 11:00 AM. Interment Private. Visitation Friday 3-9 PM. In lieu of flowers donations to Collie Rescue of Greater Illinois or St. Thomas Hospice would be appreciated. For funeral info: 630-852-3595 or www.modelldarien.com

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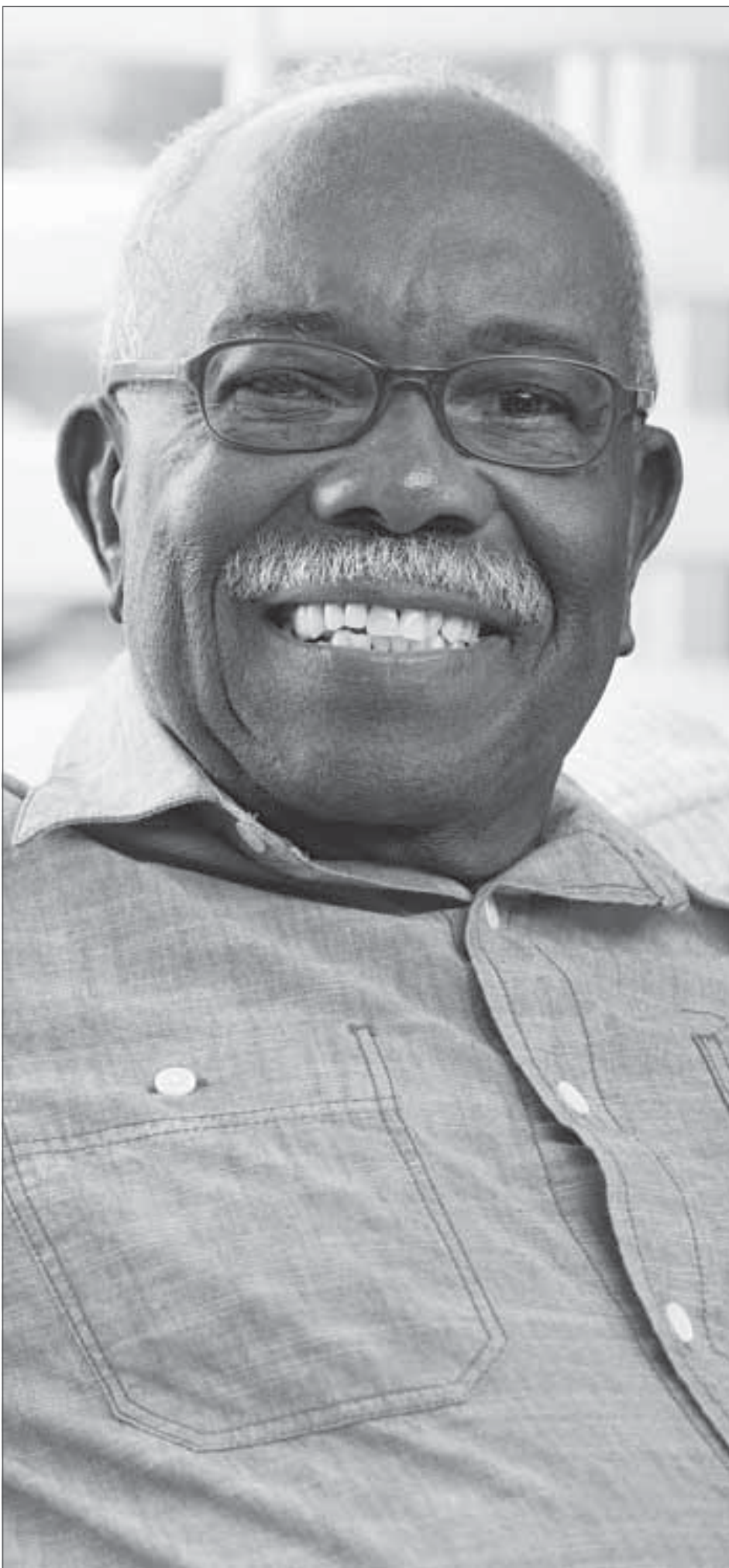
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Date: February 26, 2018

Under the Assumed Name of: **BLINK MINK** with the business located at:
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ADVERTISEMENT DATE: Monday, March 12, 2018

DESCRIPTION: Occupational Health Services
RFP NO.: 1725-17077

MBE/WBE GOALS: 12.5% MBE & 5% WBE of the overall estimated expenditures for this procurement

RFP DOCUMENTS: RFP Documents are available for download at: <http://legacy.cookcountygov.com/purchasing/bids/listAllBids.php>

PRE PROPOSAL CONFERENCE: Monday, March 19, 2018 at 10:00 A.M. C.S.T. 118 N. Clark Street, Room 1018 Chicago, IL 60602

PROPOSAL DUE DATE: Wednesday, April 11, 2018 no later than 3:00 P.M. C.S.T. Office of the Chief Procurement Officer 118 N. Clark Street, Room 1018 Chicago, IL 60602

CONTACT: Hermine Wise (312) 603-3950, hermine.wise@cookcountyl.gov
Local MBE/WBE firms are encouraged to submit a proposal. The County has set contract specific goals based on the requested service. The MBE/WBE goals are listed above and in the contract document. Inquiries regarding MBE/WBE participation should be directed to the Office of Contract Compliance at (312) 603-5502.

The County reserves the right to reject any and all proposals.

LEGAL NOTICES

To: Cynthia Kadlac (or current owner) of the mobile home located at 1543 Jay, Melrose Park IL 60160.

You are hereby notified that the Village of Melrose Park has declared that a certain mobile home, located at 1543 Jay Melrose Park 60160 Description: 1976 Hampton VIN 3996H1063, is an abandoned mobile home within the meaning of the abandoned Mobile Home Act. Unless all delinquent mobile home privilege taxes (including penalty and interest) are paid and electric and water service are restored to this home within (30) thirty days of this notice, the Village of Melrose Park shall be disposed of or sold at public auction free and clear of any existing liens.

If you have any questions regarding this notice, you should contact the following person:
Michael Marchetti
1000 North 25th Ave. Melrose Park IL 60160 (708) 343-4000

TAKE NOTICES

To: Waters Tripp; Marguerita Waters; Edmond Waters; John Kanewskie; Gerald Waters, Co-Administrator of the Estate of John Waters; David L. Cwik, an Attorney for the Estate of John Waters; Thomas Tartaglia, an Attorney for the Estate of John Waters; Occupant, 2326 N. Tripp Ave., Chicago, IL; Occupant, 2330 N. Tripp Ave., Chicago, IL; L&M Investments, LLC; City of Chicago; M.R. Sutton As Trustee, U/T/N 2328 Trust Dated, November 1, 2004; City of Chicago Dept of Water; Maryanna Spocinski; Josephine Kanewskie; ERS Board Up, Inc; Daniel V. Waters, Co-Administrator of the Estate of John Waters; Occupant, 2328 N. Tripp Ave., Chicago, IL; David D. Orr, County Clerk; Parties in occupancy and possession; any unknown owners and occupants. TAX DEED NO. 2018COTD000711. FILED: 1/17/2018. TAKE NOTICE. County of Cook. Date Premises Sold 1/5/2016. Certificate No. 155-0004201. Sold for General Taxes of (year) . 2004 thru 2011. Sold for Special Assessment of (Municipality) and special assessment number N/A Warrant No. N/A Inst. No. N/A. THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES. Property located at 2328 N. Tripp Ave., Chicago, Illinois. Legal Description or Property Index No. 15-08-224-001-0000. This notice is to advise you that the above property has been sold for delinquent taxes and that the period of redemption from the sale will expire on 6/14/2018. The amount to redeem is subject to increase at 6 month intervals from the date of sale and may be further increased if the purchaser at the tax sale or his or her assignee pays any subsequently accruing taxes or special assessments to redeem the property from subsequent forfeitures or tax sales. Check with the county clerk as to the exact amount you owe before redeeming. This notice is also to advise you that a petition has been filed for a tax deed which will transfer title and the right to possession of this property if redemption is not made on or before 6/14/2018. This matter is set for hearing in the Circuit Court of this county in Room 1704, Richard J. Daley Center, 50 West Washington Street, Chicago, Illinois at 9:30 a.m., on 6/20/2018. You may be present at this hearing but your right to redeem will already have expired at that time. YOU ARE URGED TO REDEEM IMMEDIATELY TO PREVENT LOSS OF PROPERTY. Redemption can be made at any time on or before 6/14/2018 by applying to the County Clerk of Cook County, Illinois at the Office of the County Clerk in Chicago, Illinois. For further information contact the County Clerk. ADDRESS: 118 North Clark Street, Room 434, Chicago, Illinois 60602. TELEPHONE: (312) 603-5645. COUNTY OF COOK, D/B/A COOK COUNTY LAND BANK AUTHORITY, Purchaser or Assignee. Dated: March 7, 2018. Pub: 3/10, 12, 13/2018 5499433

To: Bruce Gandy; Gandy Service, Inc; Gandy Auto Service, Inc; Occupant, 2141 St. Charles Rd., Bellwood, IL; David D. Orr, County Clerk; Parties in occupancy and possession; any unknown owners and occupants. TAX DEED NO. 2018COTD000218. FILED: 1/17/2018. TAKE NOTICE. County of Cook. Date Premises Sold 12/30/2015. Certificate No. 155-0001301, 155-0001302 & 155-0001303. Sold for General Taxes of (year) . 2010 thru 2013. Sold for Special Assessment of (Municipality) and special assessment number N/A Warrant No. N/A Inst. No. N/A. THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES. Property located at 2141 St. Charles Rd., Bellwood, Illinois. Legal Description or Property Index No. 15-10-116-031-0000, 15-10-116-032-0000 & 15-10-116-033-0000. This notice is to advise you that the above property has been sold for delinquent taxes and that the period of redemption from the sale will expire on 6/14/2018. The amount to redeem is subject to increase at 6 month intervals from the date of sale and may be further increased if the purchaser at the tax sale or his or her assignee pays any subsequently accruing taxes or special assessments to redeem the property from subsequent forfeitures or tax sales. Check with the county clerk as to the exact amount you owe before redeeming. This notice is also to advise you that a petition has been filed for a tax deed which will transfer title and the right to possession of this property if redemption is not made on or before 6/14/2018. This matter is set for hearing in the Circuit Court of this county in Room 1704, Richard J. Daley Center, 50 West Washington Street, Chicago, Illinois at 9:30 a.m., on 6/20/2018. You may be present at this hearing but your right to redeem will already have expired at that time. YOU ARE URGED TO REDEEM IMMEDIATELY TO PREVENT LOSS OF PROPERTY. Redemption can be made at any time on or before 6/14/2018 by applying to the County Clerk of Cook County, Illinois at the Office of the County Clerk in Chicago, Illinois. For further information contact the County Clerk. ADDRESS: 118 North Clark Street, Room 434, Chicago, Illinois 60602. TELEPHONE: (312) 603-5645. COUNTY OF COOK, D/B/A COOK COUNTY LAND BANK AUTHORITY, Purchaser or Assignee. Dated: March 7, 2018. Pub: 3/10, 12, 13/2018 5498506

To: John Sonnenberg, a Trustee of The John Sonnenberg Family Trust; Joyce Sonnenberg, a Trustee of The John Sonnenberg Family Trust; Carole L. Johnson; Gary R. Johnson; Illinois Dept. of Revenue; The John Sonnenberg Family Trust; City of Chicago; City of Chicago Dept of Water; Illinois Attorney General; Bellwood Medical Center Building; Occupant, 4420 St. Charles Rd., Bellwood, IL; David D. Orr, County Clerk; Parties in occupancy and possession; any unknown owners and occupants. TAX DEED NO. 2018COTD000192. FILED: 1/17/2018. TAKE NOTICE. County of Cook. Date Premises Sold 12/30/2015. Certificate No. 155-0001278, 155-0001279 & 155-0001280. Sold for General Taxes of (year) . 2005 thru 2013. Sold for Special Assessment of (Municipality) and special assessment number N/A Warrant No. N/A Inst. No. N/A. THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES. Property located at 4420 St. Charles Rd., Bellwood, Illinois. Legal Description or Property Index No. 15-08-224-001-0000, 15-08-224-002-0000 & 15-08-224-003-0000. This notice is to advise you that the above property has been sold for delinquent taxes and that the period of redemption from the sale will expire on 6/14/2018. The amount to redeem is subject to increase at 6 month intervals from the date of sale and may be further increased if the purchaser at the tax sale or his or her assignee pays any subsequently accruing taxes or special assessments to redeem the property from subsequent forfeitures or tax sales. Check with the county clerk as to the exact amount you owe before redeeming. This notice is also to advise you that a petition has been filed for a tax deed which will transfer title and the right to possession of this property if redemption is not made on or before 6/14/2018. This matter is set for hearing in the Circuit Court of this county in Room 1704, Richard J. Daley Center, 50 West Washington Street, Chicago, Illinois at 9:30 a.m., on 6/20/2018. You may be present at this hearing but your right to redeem will already have expired at that time. YOU ARE URGED TO REDEEM IMMEDIATELY TO PREVENT LOSS OF PROPERTY. Redemption can be made at any time on or before 6/14/2018 by applying to the County Clerk of Cook County, Illinois at the Office of the County Clerk in Chicago, Illinois. For further information contact the County Clerk. ADDRESS: 118 North Clark Street, Room 434, Chicago, Illinois 60602. TELEPHONE: (312) 603-5645. COUNTY OF COOK, D/B/A COOK COUNTY LAND BANK AUTHORITY, Purchaser or Assignee. Dated: March 7, 2018. Pub: 3/10, 12, 13/2018 5498488

To: Greenwich Investors XLIX Trust 2015-1; Willie Chambliss; Evangelical Christian Credit Union; Village of Maywood; Much Shelist, P.C.; Miracle Revival Cathedral Ministries; Miracle Revival Ct; Rally Capital Services, LLC; Occupant, 1908 W. St. Charles Rd., Maywood, IL; David D. Orr, County Clerk; Parties in occupancy and possession; any unknown owners and occupants. TAX DEED NO. 2018COTD000219. FILED: 1/17/2018. TAKE NOTICE. County of Cook. Date Premises Sold 12/30/2015. Certificate No. 155-0001314 & 155-0001315. Sold for General Taxes of (year) . 2011 thru 2013. Sold for Special Assessment of (Municipality) and special assessment number N/A Warrant No. N/A Inst. No. N/A. THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES. Property located at 1908 W. St. Charles Rd., Maywood, Illinois. Legal Description or Property Index No. 15-10-126-005-0000 & 15-10-126-006-0000. This notice is to advise you that the above property has been sold for delinquent taxes and that the period of redemption from the sale will expire on 6/14/2018. The amount to redeem is subject to increase at 6 month intervals from the date of sale and may be further increased if the purchaser at the tax sale or his or her assignee pays any subsequently accruing taxes or special assessments to redeem the property from subsequent forfeitures or tax sales. Check with the county clerk as to the exact amount you owe before redeeming. This notice is also to advise you that a petition has been filed for a tax deed which will transfer title and the right to possession of this property if redemption is not made on or before 6/14/2018. This matter is set for hearing in the Circuit Court of this county in Room 1704, Richard J. Daley Center, 50 West Washington Street, Chicago, Illinois at 9:30 a.m., on 6/20/2018. You may be present at this hearing but your right to redeem will already have expired at that time. YOU ARE URGED TO REDEEM IMMEDIATELY TO PREVENT LOSS OF PROPERTY. Redemption can be made at any time on or before 6/14/2018 by applying to the County Clerk of Cook County, Illinois at the Office of the County Clerk in Chicago, Illinois. For further information contact the County Clerk. ADDRESS: 118 North Clark Street, Room 434, Chicago, Illinois 60602. TELEPHONE: (312) 603-5645. COUNTY OF COOK, D/B/A COOK COUNTY LAND BANK AUTHORITY, Purchaser or Assignee. Dated: March 7, 2018. Pub: 3/10, 12, 13/2018 5498506

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TAKE NOTICES

To: Horace A. Evans; Yolanda Evans, aka Yolanda Baylor; Horace Evans; BMO Harris Bank, N.A.; Envigoe; Occupant, 253 Mannheim Rd., Bellwood, IL; Occupant, 251 Mannheim Rd., Bellwood, IL; David D. Orr, County Clerk; Parties in occupancy and possession; any unknown owners and occupants. TAX DEED NO. 2018COTD000206. FILED: 1/17/2018. TAKE NOTICE. County of Cook. Date Premises Sold 12/30/2015. Certificate No. 155-0001284 & 155-0001285. Sold for General Taxes of (year) . 2009 thru 2013. Sold for Special Assessment of (Municipality) and special assessment number N/A Warrant No. N/A Inst. No. N/A. THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES. Property located at 251 Mannheim Rd., Bellwood, Illinois. Legal Description or Property Index No. 15-09-108-018-0000 & 15-09-108-019-0000. This notice is to advise you that the above property has been sold for delinquent taxes and that the period of redemption from the sale will expire on 6/14/2018. The amount to redeem is subject to increase at 6 month intervals from the date of sale and may be further increased if the purchaser at the tax sale or his or her assignee pays any subsequently accruing taxes or special assessments to redeem the property from subsequent forfeitures or tax sales. Check with the county clerk as to the exact amount you owe before redeeming. This notice is also to advise you that a petition has been filed for a tax deed which will transfer title and the right to possession of this property if redemption is not made on or before 6/14/2018. This matter is set for hearing in the Circuit Court of this county in Room 1704, Richard J. Daley Center, 50 West Washington Street, Chicago, Illinois at 9:30 a.m., on 6/20/2018. You may be present at this hearing but your right to redeem will already have expired at that time. YOU ARE URGED TO REDEEM IMMEDIATELY TO PREVENT LOSS OF PROPERTY. Redemption can be made at any time on or before 6/14/2018 by applying to the County Clerk of Cook County, Illinois at the Office of the County Clerk in Chicago, Illinois. For further information contact the County Clerk. ADDRESS: 118 North Clark Street, Room 434, Chicago, Illinois 60602. TELEPHONE: (312) 603-5645. COUNTY OF COOK, D/B/A COOK COUNTY LAND BANK AUTHORITY, Purchaser or Assignee. Dated: March 7, 2018. Pub: 3/10, 12, 13/2018 5498492

To: Cynthia Kadlac (or current owner) of the mobile home located at 1543 Jay, Melrose Park IL 60160.
Date of Notice: February 26, 2018.
You are hereby notified that the Village of Melrose Park has declared that a certain mobile home, located at 1543 Jay Melrose Park 60160 Description: 1976 Hampton VIN 3996H1063, is an abandoned mobile home within the meaning of the abandoned Mobile Home Act. Unless all delinquent mobile home privilege taxes (including penalty and interest) are paid and electric and water service are restored to this home within (30) thirty days of this notice, the Village of Melrose Park shall be disposed of or sold at public auction free and clear of any existing liens.
If you have any questions regarding this notice, you should contact the following person:
Michael Marchetti
1000 North 25th Ave. Melrose Park IL 60160 (708) 343-4000

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LEGAL NOTICE

VOTE EARLY MARCH 5 – 19, 2018

Official notice is hereby given, by Cook County Clerk David Orr, that Early Voting for the Gubernatorial Primary Election being held on Tuesday, March 20, 2018, will be held at the below locations. This notice applies only to SUBURBAN Cook County.

vote!
cookcountyclerk.com

▲ M - F	Mar. 5-9	9 a.m. to 5 p.m.	● M - F	Mar. 5-9	9 a.m. to 5 p.m.
M - F	Mar. 12-16	9 a.m. to 7 p.m.	M - F	Mar. 12-16	9 a.m. to 7 p.m.
M	Mar. 19	9 a.m. to 5 p.m.	M	Mar. 19	9 a.m. to 7 p.m.
SAT	Mar. 10 and Mar. 17	9 a.m. to 5 p.m.	SAT	Mar. 10 and Mar. 17	9 a.m. to 5 p.m.
SUN	Mar. 11 and Mar. 18	10 a.m. to 4 p.m.	SUN	Mar. 11 and Mar. 18	10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Grace period registration offered at all early voting locations.

North of Eisenhower Expressway (I-290)

- ▲ **Arlington Heights Village Hall**
33 S. Arlington Heights Rd.
Arlington Heights, IL 60005
- ▲ **Barrington Hills Village Hall**
112 Algonquin Rd.
Barrington Hills, IL 60010
- ▲ **Bellwood Village Hall**
3200 Washington Blvd.
Bellwood, IL 60104
- ▲ **Des Plaines Public Library**
1501 Ellinwood St.
Des Plaines, IL 60016
- ▲ **Elk Grove Village Hall**
901 Wellington Ave.
Elk Grove Village, IL 60007
- ▲ **Elmwood Park Village Hall**
11 W. Conti Pkwy.
Elmwood Park, IL 60707
- **Evanston Civic Center**
2100 Ridge Ave.
Evanston, IL 60201
- ▲ **Franklin Park Village Hall**
9500 Belmont Ave.
Franklin Park, IL 60131
- ▲ **Glenview Village Hall**
2500 E. Lake Ave.
Glenview, IL 60025
- ▲ **Hoffman Estates Village Hall**
1900 Hassell Rd.
Hoffman Estates, IL 60169
- ▲ **Melrose Park Village Hall**
1000 N. 25th Ave.
Melrose Park, IL 60160
- ▲ **Mount Prospect Village Hall**
50 S. Emerson St.
Mount Prospect, IL 60056

- ▲ **Niles Village Hall**
1000 Civic Center Drive
Niles, IL 60714
- ▲ **Norridge Village Hall**
4000 N. Olcott Ave.
Norridge, IL 60706
- ▲ **Northbrook Village Hall**
1225 Cedar Lane
Northbrook, IL 60062
- ▲ **Oak Park Village Hall**
123 Madison St.
Oak Park, IL 60302
- ▲ **Palatine Village Hall**
200 E. Wood St.
Palatine, IL 60067
- ▲ **Park Ridge - (Centennial Activity Center)**
100 S. Western Ave.
Park Ridge, IL 60068

- ▲ **Schaumburg - (Trickster Art Gallery)**
190 S. Roselle Rd.
Schaumburg, IL 60193
- ▲ **Skokie Village Hall**
5127 Oakton St.
Skokie, IL 60077
- ▲ **Streamwood Village Hall**
301 E. Irving Park Rd.
Streamwood, IL 60107
- ▲ **Wheeling - (The George and Angela Paterakis Center) NEW**
199 N. First St.
Wheeling, IL 60090
- ▲ **Wilmette - (Centennial Park)**
2300 Old Glenview Rd.
Wilmette, IL 60091

- ▲ **Maywood Courthouse - Whitcomb Building**
1311 Maybrook Sq.
Room 104
Maywood, IL 60153
- ▲ **Rolling Meadows Courthouse**
2121 Euclid Ave.
Room 238
Rolling Meadows, IL 60008
- ▲ **Skokie Courthouse**
5600 W. Old Orchard Rd.
Room 149
Skokie, IL 60077
- **County Clerk's Main Office**
69 W. Washington, Pedway & 5th Fl.
Chicago, IL 60602

South of Eisenhower Expressway (I-290)

- ▲ **Alsip Village Hall**
4500 W. 123rd St.
Alsip, IL 60803
- ▲ **Berwyn City Hall**
6700 W. 26th St.
Berwyn, IL 60402
- ▲ **Brookfield Village Hall**
8820 Brookfield Ave.
Brookfield, IL 60513
- ▲ **Burbank - (Prairie Trails Library District)**
8449 S. Moody Ave.
Burbank, IL 60459
- **Calumet City Public Library**
660 S. Manistee Ave.
Calumet City, IL 60409
- ▲ **Calumet Township Community Center**
12633 S. Ashland Ave.
Calumet Park, IL 60827
- **Cicero Community Center**
2250 S. 49th Ave.
Cicero, IL 60804
- **Cicero PSO Building**
5410 W. 34th St.
Cicero, IL 60804
- ▲ **Crestwood - (Andrew Biela Senior Citizen Center)**
4545 Midlothian Turnpike
Crestwood, IL 60445

- ▲ **Hodgkins Village Hall**
8990 Lyons St.
Hodgkins, IL 60525
- ▲ **Lansing Public Library**
2750 Indiana Ave.
Lansing, IL 60438
- ▲ **Lemont Township Hall**
1115 Warner Ave.
Lemont, IL 60439
- ▲ **Lynwood Senior Youth Center**
21490 Lincoln Hwy.
Lynwood, IL 60411
- ▲ **Matteson Community Center**
20642 Matteson Ave.
Matteson, IL 60443
- ▲ **Oak Forest City Hall**
15440 S. Central Ave.
Oak Forest, IL 60452

- **Oak Lawn Village Hall**
9446 S. Raymond Ave.
Oak Lawn, IL 60453
- ▲ **Olympia Fields - (Brookdale Senior Living)**
3633 Breakers Dr.
Olympia Fields, IL 60461
- ▲ **Orland Township Hall**
14807 Ravinia Ave.
Orland Park, IL 60462
- ▲ **Palos Heights Recreation Center**
6601 W. 127th St.
Palos Heights, IL 60463
- ▲ **Park Forest Village Hall**
350 Victory Blvd.
Park Forest, IL 60466

- ▲ **South Holland - (South Suburban College) NEW**
15800 S. State St.
South Holland, IL 60473
- ▲ **Stickney-Forest View Public Library**
6800 W. 43rd St.
Stickney, IL 60402
- ▲ **Tinley Park Village Hall**
16250 S. Oak Park Ave.
Tinley Park, IL 60477
- ▲ **Bridgeview Courthouse**
10220 S. 76th Ave.
Room 238
Bridgeview, IL 60455
- ▲ **Markham Courthouse**
16501 S. Kedzie Ave.
Room 238
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THE 1s TO WATCH

George Mason, VCU were able to make it to Final Four as 11 seeds not that long ago. The Ramblers have right mix to do it too.



DAVID HAUGH
In the Wake of the News

Every March, a national college basketball audience discovers a local secret and tells a friend in the name of celebrating something good.

Everybody knows about the Dukes and Kentuckys, the North Carolinas and Michigan States, but would as

many people know where to find Valparaiso or Dunk City on the sport's map without the NCAA tournament? Or that Middle Tennessee or Northern Iowa are more than just geographic estimations? And how to pronounce Pittsnogle or appreciate a trusty Butler?

Over the years, to the delight of millions, much of America annually adopts an unheralded team that captures our imagination, defies long odds and

makes memories that last long after the music to "One Shining Moment" ends.

Why not Loyola in 2018? Why not consider the possibility of Illinois' only college basketball program to win the NCAA tournament advancing a couple of rounds in this one? Get to know everything about coach Porter Moser's team, from the backcourt brotherhood of Blue Valley Northwest High School graduates Clayton Custer and Ben Richardson, who have played together since third grade in Overland Park, Kan., to Sister Jean Schmidt, the Jesuit school's charming 98-year-old chaplain. Learn as much as possible about honorable Loyola legend Jerry Harkness and the historically significant 1963 national championship team that shook society by starting four black players in the "Game of Change."

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LOYOLA'S WALL OF VULTURES

THE 4 TEAMS MOST LIKELY IN THE WAY OF AN UNLIKELY RAMBLERS RUN TO THE FINAL FOUR



INSIDE THE MADNESS

Ramblers 'ready to set the world on fire'

Coach Porter Moser and Loyola's players celebrate the program's first NCAA tournament berth in 33 years with their fans during a watch party at Gentile Arena. The Ramblers open play against Miami at 2:10 p.m. Thursday in Dallas on TruTV. "This first game is still part of the race," senior forward Aundre Jackson said. "We can't be satisfied." Page 3

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RICH CAMPBELL

Bears offer good sales pitch

As Bears general manager Ryan Pace and chief negotiator Joey Laine hit the free-agency showroom floor this week, they're more confident than ever in their pitch to players and agents.

Gone, they hope, are the frustrating attempts to sell a rusty Yugo. This year, with franchise quarterback Mitch Trubisky and coach Matt Nagy giving the Bears a more definitive direction, Pace and Laine will try to convince free agents to get behind the wheel of a new Audi A7.

"When you look at free agency, for the most part it comes down to the money, to be honest with you," Pace said Feb. 28. "But I think a lot of times when you look at it and you see stability with the coaching staff, you see a quarterback that's in place (that) we feel good about, I think those are all attractive traits when people view our organization."

Whether free agents receive the Bears' sales pitch that favorably will be apparent soon after new contracts can be finalized at 3 p.m. Wednesday. After all, there's no spit-and-polish for four double-digit-loss seasons and counting.

The Bears enter the negotiating period Monday with approximately \$65 million in salary-cap space and many holes to fill. Here's an overview of the market at their five greatest positions of need.

Wide receiver

Top of the line: Allen Robinson, Jaguars. **Also available:** Sammy Watkins, Rams; Paul Richardson, Seahawks; John Brown, Cardinals; Albert Wilson, Chiefs; Taylor Gabriel, Falcons; Marqise Lee, Jaguars; Jordan Matthews, Bills; Donte Moncrief, Colts; Terrelle Pryor, Redskins.

Bears status: They seek a total overhaul to help Trubisky and make the NFL's 29th-ranked scoring offense more potent. Kevin White (shoulder blade) and restricted free agent Cameron Meredith (knee) won't be counted on.

Market report: Robinson's size (6-foot-3, 211 pounds) and detailed route-running will lure teams past the reconstructive left knee surgery he had in September. Watkins (6-1, 211) is very fast, and his eight touchdowns last season would be a welcome addition. Wilson (5-9, 200), a slot receiver, would add much-needed familiarity with Nagy's scheme.



BRIAN CASSELLA/CHICAGO TRIBUNE

Mitch Trubisky and Matt Nagy make it easier for GM Ryan Pace to make his sales pitch.

Edge rusher

Top of the line: Alex Okafor, Saints. **Also available:** Julius Peppers, Panthers; Aaron Lynch, 49ers; Junior Galette, Redskins; Trent Murphy, Redskins; Barkevious Mingo, Colts; Denico Autry, Raiders.

Bears status: While Leonard Floyd is expected to be healthy this spring after November surgery to repair two right knee ligaments, the pass rush needs balance.

Market report: Difference-makers will be found only in the draft. Teams simply don't let productive, healthy pass rushers leave in free agency.

Tight end

Top of the line: Jimmy Graham, Seahawks.

Also available: Trey Burton, Eagles; Tyler Eifert, Bengals; Antonio Gates, Chargers; Ed Dickson, Panthers; Austin Seferian-Jenkins, Jets.

Bears status: Pace has praised Adam Shaheen's route quickness, but last season they used the second-round, Division II rookie as an in-line blocker.

Market report: Graham's 10 touchdown catches last season amount to a red-zone threat that Trubisky badly needs.

Cornerback

Top of the line: Trumaine Johnson, Rams. **Also available:** Bashaud Breeland, Redskins; Malcolm Butler, Patriots; Aaron Colvin, Jaguars; Rashaan Melvin, Colts; E.J. Gaines, Bills; Patrick Robinson, Eagles; Dominique Rodgers-Cromartie, Giants; Nickell Robey-Coleman, Rams.

Bears status: The Bears have committed \$13 million next season to Kyle Fuller, so it would be surprising if they broke the bank to pay another cornerback.

Market report: There's quality depth, which should make for team-friendly deals.

Interior offensive line

Top of the line: Andrew Norwell, guard, Panthers.

Also available: Justin Pugh, guard, Giants; Ryan Jensen, center, Ravens; Zach Fulton, center/guard, Chiefs; Weston Richburg, center, Giants; Josh Kline, guard, Titans; Jack Mewhort, guard, Colts; Spencer Long, center, Redskins.

Bears status: Parting with Josh Sitton created a hole. Cody Whitehair can play center and guard, so the Bears will be flexible.

Market report: Fulton played mostly center for Nagy in Kansas City last season. Norwell is a nimble, powerful run blocker.

THE LINEUP

Rose so tired of critics



Derrick Rose, the one-time NBA MVP with the Bulls whose career has been marked by horrific injuries and comebacks, is rebooting his career once again and, at this point, he has

heard all the talk and read all the headlines questioning him. He's having none of it, telling reporters after he joined the Timberwolves that he doesn't need their "(expletive) validation."

"You could have your perspective on me, as far as I'm a bum, I can't play, I can't shoot, this and that, all right, cool," he said via ESPN.com. "I have no hard feelings with that. I'm cool with that. ... But at the same time, I don't need your (expletive) validation. I know who I am, I know what type of player I am. So you respect that and I respect that (point of view) and we should be good. That's how I feel about it."

"I'm 29, they're acting like I'm 39. I'm still able to push the ball up the floor, they're acting like I'm in a wheelchair. ... I feel great. My body feels great."

Washington Post

Castro getting over shock



Starlin Castro says he's over the initial shock and disappointment he felt upon learning in December that he'd been traded from the contending Yankees to the rebuilding Marlins.

"It's kind of tough because I'd been there two years," Castro, 27, said. "We had a good team over there. We made the playoffs last year. When they made the trade, I felt a little upset."

He is the second-highest-paid Marlins player at \$10.86 million and still could be traded at any point to further cut costs. Whether that happens or not, he's set to play for Marlins as their No. 3 hitter.

"I feel good now," Castro said. AP

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- Out of bed
- Word attached to coal or broil
- Fibbed
- Chevrolet SUV
- Honolulu's island
- Uneducated
- Get ready, for short
- ___ oneself up; get set mentally
- ___ likelihood; probably
- Actress West
- Bar bills
- Eat away at
- Pure
- "The Wizard of Menlo Park"
- "___ ain't seen nothing yet!"
- Fish with pinkish flesh
- Lubricates
- Soap lather
- Outer garments
- Castle trench
- Threesome
- Beginning
- Nation founded in 1776: abbr.
- Fashionable
- Like a scab
- Like a chimney
- Halt
- Next month: abbr.
- DVD player button
- Exchange
- Homonym for "laze"
- Fear of heights
- ___-blue; loyal
- Huge mammal
- "Heidi" setting
- Identical
- Not smashed
- Relaxation

DOWN

- Cut coupons
- Feels sick
- ___ on; have confidence in
- Royal decrees
- Feasted
- New Delhi dresses
- Other ___; besides
- Greek letter
- Lively dance
- Police officer
- Like notes in tune
- ___ of; before
- India's currency
- "___ all, folks!"
- French article

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- Containing nothing
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- Moth or mantis
- Praise
- Final
- Stick around
- Divide into categories
- Engagement
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- Grouch
- Up to the task
- Short swims
- Vane direction
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- ___ person; apiece

NCAA TOURNAMENT

Investigation may really bust bracket

Looming scandals might bring post-March Madness hangover

This NCAA tournament will feel familiar in that cozy way.

Players from tiny schools will become household names. Goliaths will come crashing to the court. The blue bloods will battle. Confetti will fall April 2 as a national champion is crowned in San Antonio.

But looming above the annual feel-good party will be a dark cloud.

After an FBI investigation concludes, will any of this matter? Will the championship team be forced to vacate its title? Legacies may be marred. Careers may end. More prison sentences could come.

This NCAA tournament, the nation will tune in again as No. 1 seeds Virginia, Villanova, Kansas and Xavier try to fulfill ex-



SHANNON RYAN
On college basketball

pectations and Cinderellas emerge from the mid-major ranks — maybe No. 11 seed Loyola.

But it's hard to ignore the overarching storyline that began in September with a news conference in New York at which federal authorities announced an FBI investigation into bribery and corrup-

tion charges.

In February, Yahoo Sports obtained expense-report documents that identified current and former players and their family members, casting suspicion on schools from Washington to Wichita State to Seton Hall. ESPN reported that Arizona coach Sean Miller was on an FBI wiretap discussing a \$100,000 payment to then-

recruit Deandre Ayton, one of the top players in the tournament. Miller called the report “completely false and defamatory” and continued to coach the Wildcats after sitting out one game.

Louisville, USC and Oklahoma State — three bubble teams involved in the FBI probe — were left out of the tournament. Selection committee chairman Bruce Rasmussen told ESPN the investigation was not part of the consideration.

Entering March Madness, Michigan State coach Tom Izzo has said he will field only basketball-related questions. (Good luck with that.) A university investigation quickly cleared Miles Bridges, who was named in the Yahoo report, but Izzo has been dogged by questions about mishandling cases involving players accused of sexual assault and violence against women after an in-depth ESPN Outside the Lines report.

Amid the fallout from this season of scandal, the NCAA is being pressured more than ever to consider allowing players to profit off their basketball skills. NCAA President Mark Emmert told the Associated Press he hopes the scandals lead to rule changes but that paying players is not an option.

With all of this as the backdrop, the arguments about the bracket seem petty. But it's March, and picking on the selection committee is a lot more fun than letting thoughts of corruption ruin the world's best tournament.

For the next few weeks, basketball fans will lose themselves in upsets and buzzer-beaters. Enjoy March Madness.

Because the party might end when the confetti gets swept up in April.

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From left: Guard Donte Ingram, coach Porter Moser and guard Ben Richardson are in a happy mood as the Ramblers learn they're going to Dallas to play Miami in the NCAA tournament.

Loyola earns its moment

Sweat, tears, aches, pains all worth it as Ramblers get ready for tournament

BY SHANNON RYAN
Chicago Tribune

After a grueling two-week preseason boot camp, during which training sessions began at 5:45 a.m., coaches guided Loyola players into a video room to watch the “One Shining Moment” highlight reel from the 2017 NCAA tournament.

The purpose?

“All your hard work, sweat and tears, aches and pains, it's for a goal,” coach Porter Moser said. “To get where this program hasn't been in 33 years.”

Loyola is having its moment now.

For the first time since 1985, the Jesuit school in Rogers Park officially became an NCAA tournament team Sunday when the TBS broadcast announced its name.

The Ramblers are the No. 11 seed in the South Region and will play No. 6 seed Miami at 2:10 p.m. Thursday in Dallas.

A crowd of about 1,000 fans — many wearing their trademark long maroon-and-gold scarves — gathered at Gentile Arena to celebrate the historic moment with the players and coaches.

As they awaited the official announcement atop a stage at center court, Moser pulled in players Ben Richardson and Donte Ingram for a selfie. When the TBS broadcast announced Loyola's name on a giant screen in the arena, players jumped up to celebrate. Many held up their phones to record the moment.

The band played and forward Aundre Jackson called his mom from the stage. Team chaplain Sister Jean Schmidt, 98, cheered from her wheelchair. Ingram's dad, Don, quickly started looking up Dallas hotels on his phone. A woman approached Jackson on the court as the celebration wound down, saying, “I don't know you, but I have to hug you.”

“I got goosebumps,” Richardson said.

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FIRST-ROUND SHOCKER			
Stephen F. Austin over Texas Tech	Stephen F. Austin over Texas Tech	Stephen F. Austin over Texas Tech	Marshall over Wichita State
CINDERELLA			
Loyola	Loyola	New Mexico State	New Mexico State
FINAL FOUR			
Arizona Michigan Villanova Duke	Kentucky North Carolina Villanova Duke	Arizona North Carolina Villanova Duke	Arizona Michigan Villanova Kansas
CHAMPION			
Villanova	Villanova	Duke	Villanova
MOST OUTSTANDING PLAYER			
Jalen Brunson Villanova	Jalen Brunson Villanova	Marvin Bagley III Duke	Jalen Brunson Villanova

“I was just yelling, I was so excited,” Marques Townes said.

Loyola was a lock for the tournament as the winner of the Missouri Valley Conference tournament, in which they beat Illinois State in the final last week.

It has been a wild week for the Ramblers, whose media sessions during the season

were mainly with reporters from the college's student newspaper.

Moser and players have fielded 75 interviews in the last week, according to a team spokesman. They took in a Blackhawks game Thursday in a private suite at the United Center, where they were presented a Hawks sweater reading “MVC

CHAMPS” on the back. The Cubs have reached out to the school about scheduling Moser to throw out a first pitch this season.

During the anticipation for Sunday, there was practice too. The Ramblers (28-5) aren't satisfied with a tournament appearance. Almost immediately after Loyola learned its fate, assistant coaches scurried off to break down film on Miami.

“This first game is still part of the race,” Jackson said. “We can't be satisfied.”

The Ramblers might have had a strong case for an at-large bid with a No. 28 RPI if they hadn't won the MVC tournament.

Loyola's 50.7 field-goal percentage ranks third nationally. Its defense ranks fifth nationally, allowing 62.2 points per game. The Ramblers are one of only 11 top-50 RPI teams to win nine or more road games.

Five players average between 10.5 and 13.4 points. Loyola's No. 6 scorer, Richardson, was the conference defensive player of the year.

The Ramblers made waves Dec. 6 in Gainesville, Fla., with a 65-59 victory against then-No. 23 Florida. That win helped legitimize the Ramblers and will make them an upset pick in some brackets.

Fans slowly took notice as the season progressed. The Ramblers, who averaged a league-low 2,222 fans per home game, announced a sellout crowd for their regular-season finale Feb. 24 against Illinois State.

This is the sixth appearance in the NCAA tournament for Loyola in its 100th season. The 1963 team, which played in the landmark “Game of Change,” is the only team in the state to have won a national championship.

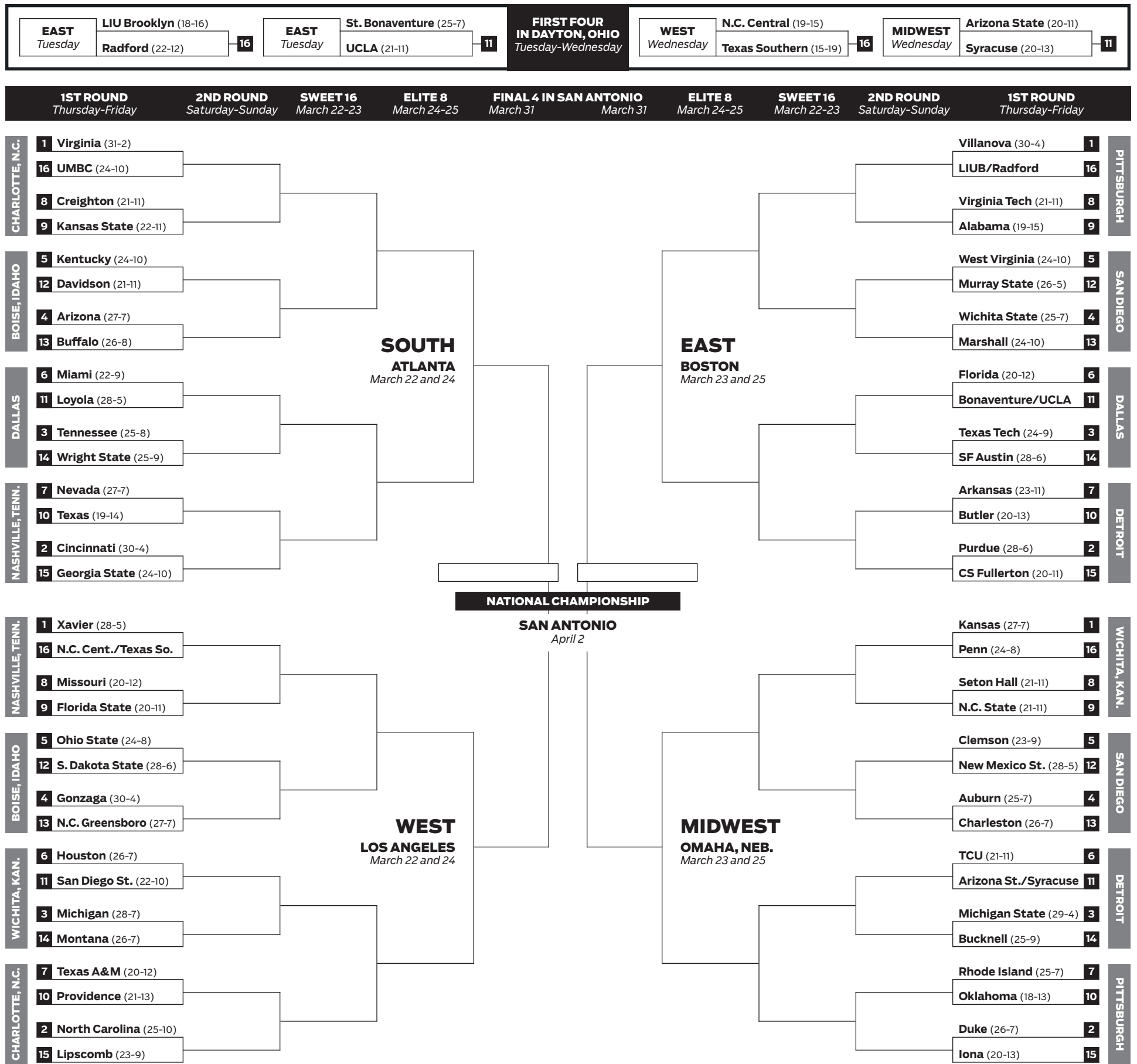
The 1985 Loyola team, led by star Alfredrick Hughes, advanced to the Sweet 16.

This season's team is eager to add to that tradition. In a speech before the watch party, Moser cited St. Ignatius' quote, “Go forth and set the world on fire.”

“We're ready,” Moser said to the crowd, “to set the world on fire.”

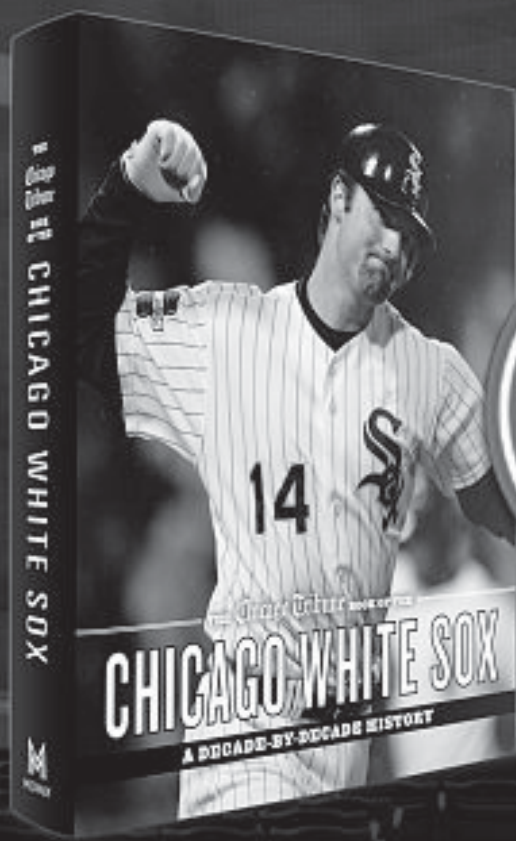
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South

BY SHANNON RYAN | Chicago Tribune


GET TO KNOW NO. 1 Virginia (31-2, RPI 1, SOS 13)

Coach Tony Bennett's Cavaliers once again boast the nation's most intimidating defense, allowing only 53.4 points per game. The Cavaliers allow 0.84 points per possession and haven't permitted an opponent to reach 70 points. Virginia held Clemson — a No. 5 NCAA tournament seed — to 13 second-half points in a 61-36 victory in January. On offense, sophomore guard Kyle Guy — who returned from a sprained MCL in the ACC tournament — leads a balanced scoring attack with 14.1 points per game. As the ACC regular-season and tournament champions, the Cavaliers were the clear-cut overall No. 1 seed.


CINDERELLA No. 11 Loyola

The Ramblers are back in the tournament for the first time since 1985. They share the ball, utilize spacing on offense and have a bulldog defense. With an offense that ranks third nationally in field-goal shooting (50.7 percent) and a defense that ranks fifth, giving up only 62.2 points per game, the Ramblers could pull off some upsets. No. 6 Miami is a similar team that plays with precision and solid guard play.


BEST FIRST-ROUND MATCHUP No. 8 Creighton vs. No. 9 Kansas State

This game pits Creighton senior guard Marcus Foster against his former team. Foster transferred after two seasons with the Wildcats and is enjoying a banner season, averaging a team-high 20.3 points for the Bluejays.



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PLAYERS TO WATCH

1 Deandre Ayton, Arizona
The 7-foot-1 freshman center and national player of the year candidate, above, will be one of the top picks in the NBA draft. The Bahamian star recorded 22 double-doubles this season, averaging 19.9 points, 11.3 rebounds and 1.9 blocks for the fourth-seeded Wildcats.

2 Gary Clark, Cincinnati
The senior forward was the American Athletic Conference player of the year on the strength of impressive all-around production. Though he ranked just 17th in the conference in scoring (12.8 points per game), Clark had 12 double-doubles, led the conference with 8.4 rebounds per game and shot 51.6 percent from the field for the second-seeded Bearcats.

3 Devon Hall, Virginia
Known for their defense, the Cavaliers have three reliable scorers in Hall, Kyle Guy and Ty Jerome. Hall, a senior guard, averages 12 points, 4.3 rebounds and 3.2 assists. He scored 15 points to help take down North Carolina for the ACC tournament championship.

East

BY SHANNON RYAN | Chicago Tribune


GET TO KNOW NO. 1 Villanova (30-4, RPI 2, SOS 19)

Jay Wright's squad aims to get back to the Final Four for the third time in 10 seasons — and maybe duplicate the 2016 national championship. The Wildcats won the Big East tournament for the third time in four seasons and lead the nation in scoring with 87.1 points per game. National player of the year candidate Jalen Brunson directs an offense with a multitude of scorers; six average at least 10 points. NBA scouts rave about Mikal Bridges, a 6-foot-7 wing with a 7-1 wingspan who averages 18 points. Bracketologists are calling Villanova's path to the Final Four the easiest among No. 1 seeds.



LAURENCE KESTERSON/AP

PLAYERS TO WATCH

1 Jalen Brunson, Villanova
The junior guard, above, has been integral to the Wildcats offense since his arrival from Stevenson as Illinois' 2015 Mr. Basketball, and he's having his best season. Brunson averages 19.4 points, 4.7 assists to 1.9 turnovers, shoots 53.1 percent from the field and hits 41.3 percent on 3-pointers.

2 Collin Sexton, Alabama
The freshman guard made everyone forget about Oklahoma freshman Trae Young, at least momentarily, during the SEC tournament. Sexton, who averages 19 points, scored 79 in three tournament games — including 31 in an upset of Auburn — and hit 58.8 percent of his 3-pointers.

3 Carsen Edwards, Purdue
With 40 points against Illinois on Feb. 22, the sophomore guard became the first Boilermaker to reach that mark since Glenn Robinson in 1994. Edwards leads Purdue with 18.5 points per game and has eight games with at least 25 points.


CINDERELLA No. 11 St. Bonaventure


Despite getting tossed in the semifinals of the Atlantic 10 tournament, the Bonnies earned an at-large bid thanks to a strong RPI (tied for 23rd), road record (9-4) and victories against three top-50 opponents (Rhode Island, Buffalo and Syracuse). They have to advance from the play-in game against UCLA and then would face No. 6 Florida. The Bonnies' guards are tough enough to keep them rolling, led by senior Jaylen Adams (19.8 points per game).


BEST FIRST-ROUND MATCHUP No. 4 Wichita State vs. No. 13 Marshall

The Shockers aren't the underdog and they're not the top seed either — both of which they've experienced as their national reputation has risen over the years. Marshall coach Dan D'Antoni — like his older brother Mike — likes his team to zip up and down the court, and the Thundering Herd could cause some trouble for Wichita State.

West

BY SHANNON RYAN | Chicago Tribune


GET TO KNOW NO. 1 Xavier (28-5, RPI 3, SOS 20)

The Musketeers are celebrating their first No. 1 seed despite an upset loss in the Big East tournament to Providence. They don't get counted with the blue bloods of college basketball, but they've been a model of consistency since 2009 under coach Chris Mack with three Sweet 16 runs and last season's Elite Eight appearance. Xavier ranks in the top 20 nationally in scoring (84.3 points per game) and shooting percentage (49.1) and is led by a pair of experienced senior guards in Trevon Bluiett and J.P. Macura. The Musketeers' road might be the toughest among No. 1 seeds with last year's finalists, No. 2 North Carolina and No. 4 Gonzaga, plus a red-hot Big Ten tournament champion in No. 3 Michigan.


CINDERELLA No. 10 Providence

The Friars should have caught everyone's attention in the Big East tournament. They showed they're fighters, coming back from 17 down to beat Xavier in the semifinals and overcoming a double-digit deficit against Villanova to force overtime in the championship game. They beat Creighton twice and Butler in the regular season. No. 7 Texas A&M's size will be a challenge in the first round, as would facing experienced North Carolina in the second round.


BEST FIRST-ROUND MATCHUP No. 5 Ohio State vs. No. 12 South Dakota State

Both teams feature elite players. Junior forward Keita Bates-Diop was the Big Ten player of the year and leads the Buckeyes with 19.4 points and 8.8 rebounds per game. South Dakota State's Jim Daum had an All-America-caliber season with 23.8 points per game. The Buckeyes are sputtering with three losses in five games, while the Jackrabbits have won 11 straight.



JOE ROBBINS/GETTY

PLAYERS TO WATCH


1 Trevon Bluiett, Xavier
Bluiett, above, tested the NBA waters the previous two years but returned to Xavier for his senior season. He's closing out his career as one of the best to play for the Musketeers, averaging 19.5 points and 5.7 rebounds and shooting 42.3 percent on 3-pointers.

2 Luke Maye, North Carolina
The junior forward and former walk-on is best known for hitting a buzzer-beater to beat Kentucky and send the Tar Heels to the Final Four last year. He went from averaging 5.5 points as a reserve last season to being a crucial piece of the offense; his 17.1 points per game are tied for the team high with senior point guard Joel Berry.

3 Rob Gray, Houston
Nine-time Olympic gold medalist Carl Lewis, an assistant track and field coach at Houston, impressed Gray's family on his recruiting visit, and the rest is history. The senior guard has helped lead the Cougars to one of their best seasons in years with 18.6 points per game. He scored 24 of his game-high 33 in the second half to beat Wichita State in the AAC semifinals.

Midwest

BY SHANNON RYAN | Chicago Tribune


GET TO KNOW NO. 1 Kansas (27-7, RPI 5, SOS 3)

This might be one of coach Bill Self's least-touted teams, and he still guided the Jayhawks to Big 12 regular-season and tournament championships. Kansas lost four home games — more than any team during Self's tenure in Lawrence — but the Jayhawks know how to stage a comeback, beating West Virginia three times that way. Udoka Azubuike, a 7-foot sophomore center, missed the Big 12 tournament with a knee injury but has blossomed this season, averaging 13.7 points and 7.1 rebounds. With No. 2 Duke and No. 3 Michigan State in the region, it's not a clear path to San Antonio for the Jayhawks.



AL GOLDIS/AP

PLAYERS TO WATCH

1 Miles Bridges, Michigan State
Bridges, above, returned to East Lansing for his sophomore season instead of turning pro. On a team loaded with options, he's still averaging 16.9 points (the same as last season). The Spartans have had some sluggish stretches, and Bridges needs to help smooth them out.

2 Devonte' Graham, Kansas
The senior guard and Big 12 Player of the Year is the Jayhawks' catalyst, averaging 17.3 points and 7.3 assists and hitting 41.1 percent of his 3-pointers. Against West Virginia in the Big 12 tournament championship, he had 18 points on 7-of-13 shooting with 13 assists.

3 Trae Young, Oklahoma
The freshman point guard led the nation in scoring (27.4 points per game) and assists (8.8). The Sooners cooled off to the point they were a bubble team, but Young could do damage in the tournament. He scored at least 30 points in nine games and scored 40 or more four times, with a high of 48 against Oklahoma State.


CINDERELLA No. 11 Arizona State

The Sun Devils earned double-digit wins over two No. 1 seeds, beating Xavier and Kansas, and own top-50 wins against USC and UCLA. Entering the tournament on a 1-5 stretch, they need to get their mojo back, but they have the talent to beat Syracuse in a First Four game and No. 6 TCU. No. 3 Michigan State looms as a probable second-round opponent. Senior guard Tra Holder rises to the occasion in big games: 40 points against Xavier, 29 versus Kansas and 31 against Arizona.


BEST FIRST-ROUND MATCHUP No. 5 Clemson vs. No. 12 New Mexico State

Love defense? This is the game for you. Clemson gives up only 65.8 points per game, while the Aggies hold opponents to 63.9. The Tigers' production fell with the season-ending knee injury to Donte Grantham in January. New Mexico State's Zach Lofton shoots 40 percent on 3s and could be the difference if he gets hot.

NCAA TOURNAMENT

Loyola gets its chance

Haugh, from Page 1

Start with breaking down the first-round game, 11th-seeded Loyola against a beatable Miami team Thursday in Dallas.

Maybe this is the year Cinderella parks her carriage at the L stop in Rogers Park and rambles longer than expected. Maybe Loyola can bust its share of brackets the way other double-digit seeds have in recent memory, from No. 15 Florida Gulf Coast soaring into the Sweet 16 in 2013 to No. 11s George Mason and Virginia Commonwealth going to the Final Four in 2006 and 2011, respectively. Those who scoff at the suggestion forget how 13th-seeded Bradley made the Missouri Valley Conference proud in 2006 with a Sweet 16 appearance and another Loyola — 11th-seeded Loyola Marymount — inspired everyone 28 years ago with a run to the Elite Eight after the sudden on-court death of star Hank Gathers.

More than the rest, this is the month sports fans believe in magic, three weeks of suspending reality for fantasy, a time to tap into your Dick Vitale and let emotions spill about absolutely everything from Diaper Dandies to PTPers. This is a short period of time to simply accept that a tournament that produced \$761 million in 2017 provides experiences money can't buy. Like it or not, as the FBI continues to investigate college basketball, the court of public opinion still figures to adjourn in April after finding sport's greatest tournament a repeat offender, guilty of stealing the country's attention.

The Ramblers represent the best things about the sport, a model mid-major Division I program balancing academics and athletics in a culture defined by character and integrity, the way Northwestern did a year ago in breaking its 78-year drought. It was after seeing Northwestern break new ground that Loyola players — well aware that their program had gone 32 years without an NCAA bid — started asking themselves: "Why not us?"

The increased exposure never got in the way of execution for the Wildcats, who took advantage of their tournament opportunity by beating Vanderbilt and giving Gonzaga all it could handle. Likewise, expect Loyola to arrive in Dallas ready for its close-up.

Everything starts with Moser, the disciple of Rick Majerus, whose meticulousness can be seen in the way Loyola plays defense and spreads the floor on offense. Moser represents the example every struggling college coach wants his athletic director to notice, a guy whose first Loyola team went 7-23 — and struggled through two more losing seasons before a shift in direction coincided with a move to the MVC. Loyola stuck with Moser — "Just a Catholic kid from Chicago," he says — and success followed.

Along the way came smart, skilled players Moser recruited from winning high school programs.

Custer, the Iowa State transfer who was named MVC player of the year, has more answers than Siri in directing Loyola's offense. Richardson, the conference defensive player of the year, happily does the dirty work. Donte Ingram, the pride of Simeon and most valuable player of the MVC tournament, offers athleticism and leadership the Ramblers lean on through the toughest of times.

Cameron Krutwig, the 6-foot-9 center from Jacobs High in Algonquin who was MVC freshman of the year, prepared for this season by losing 35 pounds and became a passer skilled enough for the offense to go through him at the high post. Marques Townes, a New Jersey high school teammate of NBA star Karl-Anthony Towns, has made a name for himself by shooting 40 percent from behind the 3-point arc. Aundre Jackson, a junior-college transfer, is just as deadly from long range. Lucas Williamson, the freshman from Young who followed Ingram's path from the Chicago Public League, showed uncommon maturity coming through in the clutch in St. Louis.

Five Ramblers average in double figures, led by Custer at 13.4 per game. Moser trusts every last one of them to play an important role, big or small, for a team that makes basketball fun to watch.

An analytics website called Synergy Sports gave Loyola an 11 percent chance of reaching the Sweet 16, according to the Washington Post.

The head says that still sounds a little high. The heart says just shut up and enjoy the ride on a bandwagon filling up fast.

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Injuries to Matt Farrell, left, and Bonzie Colson during the season helped to undermine Notre Dame's quest for an NCAA tournament berth.

Irish NIT-picked

Win by Davidson locks ND out of final NCAA spot

BY LAMOND POPE
Post-Tribune

SOUTH BEND, Ind. — Coach Mike Brey called it a "fitting" chapter to Notre Dame's frustrating season.

The Irish just missed making the NCAA tournament. Instead, they will play in the NIT.

Notre Dame is one of the four top seeds and will host Hampton in the first round Tuesday at Purcell Pavilion.

"We've had all kinds of heart-breaking things happen," Brey said Sunday. "And on the most important day, it was a heart-

NIT
Hampton at Notre Dame
8 p.m. Tuesday, ESPN

breaking day."

Just how close were the Irish (20-14) to getting into the NCAA tournament?

NCAA media coordinator David Worlock tweeted after the selection show that if Rhode Island had defeated Davidson in Sunday's Atlantic 10 final, Notre Dame would have made the field of 68. Instead, with Davidson crashing the party, the Irish were the first team out.

"We did what we could do to be in there," senior forward Bonzie Colson said. "We feel we deserve to be in there, but we can't complain and hang our head. Throughout the season

we've had a lot of punches thrown at us, so this is another punch we will deal with as a group."

Notre Dame presented the tournament committee with a difficult decision. The Irish won the Maui Invitational in November, but injuries ravaged the team during the ACC season.

The Irish played 15 games without Colson after the pre-season All-American suffered a left foot fracture Dec. 29. Top guard Matt Farrell missed five ACC games because of an ankle injury.

Without Colson, the Irish went 6-9, and they were 1-4 without him and Farrell. Notre Dame split its final two regular-season games with Colson back in the lineup, then won two games in the ACC tournament

before losing to Duke in the quarterfinals.

The Irish's only win without their two stars came Jan. 6 at Syracuse, which was the last at-large team selected to the NCAA tournament field. But close December losses to Ball State and Indiana with Colson and Farrell in action hurt Notre Dame's resume.

The Irish look to turn the page while participating in the NIT for the first time since 2009. Hampton is 19-15 overall and finished in a three-way tie for first place at 12-4 in the Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference.

"We have another opportunity to keep playing the game we love," Farrell said.

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With Big Ten, it's quality over quantity



TEDDY GREENSTEIN

P Second-seeded Purdue takes on Cal State Fullerton in Detroit. Big Ten observers believe the Boilermakers could benefit from the days off, given that they looked tired in late-season wins over Rutgers and Penn State and the 75-66 loss to Michigan.

If it beats the Titans, a team that has attempted the ninth-fewest 3-pointers in Division I, Purdue will face the winner of Butler-Arkansas. The Boilermakers beat the Bulldogs by 15 points in December, shooting 52.9 percent.

The ACC got nine teams in the NCAA tournament. The SEC got eight, the Big 12 seven and the Big East six. Keep scrolling down and you come to the Big Ten, which has a final four of Michigan State, Purdue, Michigan and Ohio State. The group is meager in quantity — not since 2008 has the league gotten so few bids — but high in quality.

The variable that makes it (even) tougher to predict performance is that none of the teams has played since Michigan beat Purdue in the Big Ten tournament championship game March 4. So the teams will be rested but perhaps rusty too.

Let's break it down:

M Michigan State cannot complain about jet lag. The third-seeded Spartans also will play in Detroit, about 90 miles east of campus. Tom Izzo's crew has danced 21 consecutive times, reaching the Final Four on seven occasions. But the Spartans have won only one game in the last two seasons.

They need Cassius Winston, who got bottled up by Michigan in the Big Ten semifinals, to do damage from long range.

"There's pressure when you play in your home state," Izzo said. "It works both ways."

M Third-seeded Michigan also wanted to play down I-96 but instead was sent to Wichita, Kan. If the Wolverines are annoyed about that, this should balance it out: The No. 1 seed in their region is Xavier, the weakest of the four.

Michigan won its three Big Ten tournament games by an average of 13 points. Coach John Beilein, hailed for his offensive sets, has a crew that makes life miserable for the opposition (fifth nationally in defensive efficiency, via KenPom).

S South Dakota State over fifth-seeded Ohio State will be a popular upset pick, given that the Buckeyes lost three of their last five and South Dakota State has won 11 straight. On top of that, the Jackrabbits are superb from downtown (40.3 percent) and have made the NCAA tournament three straight years while the Buckeyes missed the last two. Big Ten Player of the Year Keita Bates-Diop will look to emerge from a bit of a shooting slump (37.3 percent in the last five games).

ROUNDUP

SEC again crowns Kentucky

Associated Press

Shai Gilgeous-Alexander scored 29 points to lead Kentucky to its fourth straight SEC tournament championship with a 77-72 win over No. 13 Tennessee on Sunday in St. Louis.

Gilgeous-Alexander added seven rebounds and hit the clinching free throws with 2.4 seconds left for the Wildcats (24-10), who have won seven of their last eight after losing four in a row. The win was their first over the Volunteers (25-8) in three tries this season.

Admiral Schofield had 22 points and 10 rebounds to lead Tennessee, which was attempting to win its first tournament championship since 1979.

American: Gary Clark put Cincinnati ahead for good with a free throw with 4.3 seconds left and the eighth-ranked Bearcats (30-4) held on for a 56-55 victory against No. 21 Houston (26-7) in the championship game in Orlando, Fla.

Clark finished with 20 points and the league regular-season champions rescued themselves for the second straight day with a stellar second-half performance, limiting the Cougars to 20 percent shooting and 18 points after halftime.

Atlantic 10: Kellen Grady scored 17 points, Peyton Aldridge added 13 and seven rebounds, and Davidson punched its ticket to the NCAA tournament by upsetting No. 25 Rhode Island 58-57 in the title game in Washington.

The Wildcats (21-11), who haven't reached the NCAAs since 2015 and haven't won there since 2008, advanced despite going nearly 13 minutes of the second half without a field goal.

E.C. Matthews led Rhode Island (25-7) with 20 points and eight rebounds.

Ivy: Darnell Foreman scored 19 points, Ryan Betley added 17 and Pennsylvania earned its first NCAA tournament berth since 2007 with a 68-65 win over

Harvard in the title game in Philadelphia.

AJ Brodeur totaled 16 points and 10 rebounds for the Quakers (24-8), who will be making their 24th appearance in the NCAAs.

Chris Lewis led Harvard (18-13) with 16 points. Justin Bassey added 15 and Seth Towns, the league's player of the year, finished with 13.

Sun Belt: D'Marcus Simonds scored 27 points and Georgia State defeated Texas-Arlington 74-61 to win the championship game in New Orleans.

The Panthers (24-10) will make their fourth NCAA tournament appearance and first since 2015.

The Mavericks (21-13), who upset regular-season champion Louisiana-Lafayette in a semifinal, shot just 30 percent against Georgia State.

Georgia staying home: Georgia announced it will not accept a bid, if offered, to play in the NIT after the school fired coach Mark



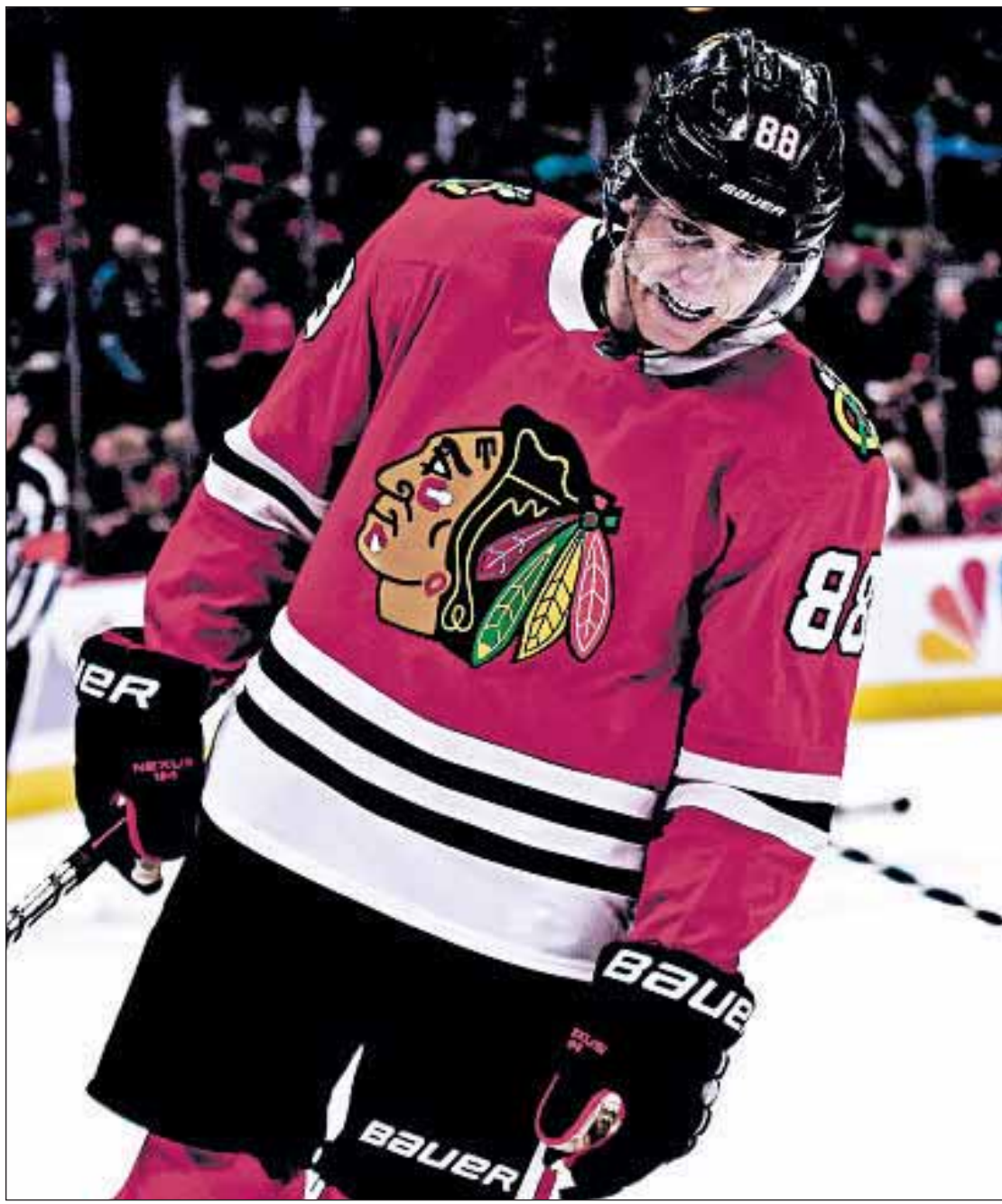
JEFF ROBERSON/AP

Shai Gilgeous-Alexander cuts down the net Sunday after Kentucky won the SEC tournament.

Fox on Saturday.

Fox, who was let go after nine seasons, said at a news conference that "players have elected that they will not participate in that." Georgia spokesman Mike Mobley confirmed the school would honor the players' vote.

BLACKHAWKS 3, BRUINS 1



NUCCIO DINUZZO/CHICAGO TRIBUNE

Patrick Kane seems to like the way things are going in the second period as the Hawks maintain a 1-0 lead.

Perfect payback

Kane gives Bruins taste of their own medicine in win

BY PAUL SKRBINA
Chicago Tribune

Patrick Kane wasn't in the mood for hugs Saturday. But the Blackhawks forward was all about sharing affection Sunday, when the Hawks won 3-1 and the Bruins kissed their six-game winning streak goodbye.

A day after his double-minor for high sticking, born of frustration, led to two third-period goals for Boston in a 7-4 loss to the same Bruins, Kane redeemed himself with what Hawks coach Joel Quenneville dubbed "the perfect shot and the perfect timing."

Kane's goal with 3 minutes, 16 seconds left Sunday coincidentally occurred after Brandon Saad left a trail of blood from the ice to the bench after he caught a high stick from Zdeno Chara.

The result was a double-minor against the Bruins and a trip to the locker room for Saad, whom Quenneville expects to be fine.

Kane quickly embraced Erik Gustafsson, who assisted on his goal. Brent Seabrook tacked on an insurance goal with just over a minute remaining, just after the four-minute penalty ended.

Did Saturday's penalty cross Kane's mind?

"A little bit," Kane said. "I don't think the second one (Sunday) was a power-play goal, but we scored two in a short amount of time to put ourselves in a good position. Kind of a similar game, just the opposite way."

Things looked like they might go the other way, as has been customary for the Hawks, after they scored first on Artem Ansi-

PAUL SKRBINA'S THREE STARS

1. Patrick Kane, Blackhawks: Goal, assist.
 2. Anton Forsberg, Blackhawks: Made 31 saves.
 3. Jonathan Toews, Blackhawks: Three assists.
- Up next: At Jets, 7 p.m. Thursday; NBCSCH, WGN-AM 720.

THE SUMMARY

Boston	0	0	1-1
BLACKHAWKS	1	1	2-3
FIRST PERIOD:			
1. BLACKHAWKS, Anisimov 20 (Gustafsson, Toews), 7:26 (pp)			
Penalties: Schaller, Bos. (roughing), 6:08; Girzelcuk, Bos. (interference), 7:49; Heinen, Bos. (hooking), 10:50; Hayden, Hawks. (high sticking), 15:40.			
SECOND PERIOD: No scoring, penalties.			
THIRD PERIOD:			
2. Boston, Chara 7 (Krejci, DeBrusk), 10:57.			
3. BLACKHAWKS, Kane 25 (Gustafsson, Toews), 16:44 (pp).			
4. BLACKHAWKS, Seabrook 4 (Kane, Toews), 18:55.			
Penalty: Chara, Bos. major (high sticking), 16:26.			
SHOTS ON GOAL			
Boston	10	14	8-32
BLACKHAWKS	12	11	16-39
Goalies: Boston, Khudobin 15-5-4 (39 shots-36 saves).			
BLACKHAWKS, Forsberg 9-14-3 (32-31).			A: 21,819

mov's deflection of Jonathan Toews' screaming slap shot early in the first period.

The Hawks have lost 18 games when scoring the first goal in a game this season, second-worst behind the Coyotes. They are 11-10-2 when doing so in their last 30 games.

But what would have been their first shutout since Nov. 4 disappeared with Chara's goal 10:57 into third. It matched Anisimov's 20th goal of the season and tied the score 1-1.

"I got screened a little bit and then I kind of saw it a little late," Hawks goalie Anton Forsberg said. "It is what it is. We got a win; that's the most important part."

And Forsberg played a big part. His 31 saves kept the Hawks in it and allowed them their first victory in three games.

"It was tough ... since we were ahead 1-0 pretty much the whole game, to get the 1-1 there," Forsberg said. "But the boys played really well and fought back and we got the two huge goals from Kaner and Seabrook. It was great.

That the Hawks' power play,

fourth-worst in the league at 15.9 percent, made a rare appearance also was a positive.

"Our power play all year has been quiet," Quenneville said. "We're missing some opportunities."

With the postseason already a missed opportunity for the Hawks, Quenneville stuck with a combination he has resisted in the past, leaving Kane and Toews together for the sixth game in a row with Brandon Saad.

Kane and Toews have combined for four goals and seven assists since being reunited.

"There's a lot of potential production when the three of them are together," Quenneville said. "We keep them apart because we feel there's way more balance over the course of the season."

"(Toews has) been great for us for 10 years and you know that you put him and Kaner on the same line, a lot of good things can happen."

With just 12 games left this season, Kane said the plan is to try for as many hugs as he can now and let the chips fall where they may during the fast-approaching summer.

"Obviously time's winding down here and we want to put our best foot forward every game and try to win every game," he said. "We all love playing hockey, we all love playing in the NHL, so it's not a bad time to still be playing."

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BLACKHAWKS NOTES

Hawks salute golden Coyne, Rigsby

BY PAUL SKRBINA
Chicago Tribune

Kendall Coyne didn't bring her Olympic gold medal to the store Saturday. But the U.S. women's hockey player from Palos Heights had it with her at the United Center on Sunday.

"I was at Costco yesterday and someone said, 'Do you have your medal?'" Coyne said. "I said, 'No, I have my wallet.'"

Coyne had two goals and an assist last month to help the U.S. women win their first hockey gold since 1998. She skated onto the ice with U.S. backup goalie Alex Rigsby, a Downers Grove native, when the two were recognized before the Hawks' 3-1 victory against the Bruins.

Both wore their medals, and both said they plan to enjoy them as much as possible.

Coyne's celebration of the feat

brought her back to Feb. 7, 2016, when she ran on the field to be with her fiancé, former Broncos lineman Mike Schofield, after his team won the Super Bowl.

This time, Schofield joined Coyne on the ice in South Korea after the U.S. women's team defeated four-time defending champion Canada in a shootout to win the title.

Coyne and Rigsby said they were inspired by the 1998 team, which featured Cammi Granato, still on Downers Grove.

"I still get butterflies and anxious when I speak to her," Coyne said. "We actually heard from her the night before our gold-medal game."

Crawford update: Hawks coach Joel Quenneville remains hopeful Corey Crawford, who hasn't played since Dec. 23 because of an upper-body injury,

will play again this season.

"I'm not going to say no," Quenneville said.

The injured goalie, who reportedly has concussion-related symptoms, continues to work out off the ice, Quenneville said. Crawford has worked out on the ice with the team once since his injury.

Duclair update: Forward Anthony Duclair likely will miss one to two weeks with a right leg injury he suffered Saturday during a collision with the Bruins' Brad Marchand, Quenneville said.

Duclair landed awkwardly on the leg and did not return after he was helped off the ice during the first period of the 7-4 loss. Marchand played 20:17 Saturday but was a scratch Sunday with what the Bruins called an upper-body injury.

BULLS 129, HAWKS 122

Bulls able to turn Hawks into doves

LaVine, Portis spark 2nd-half offense that produces 76 points

BY TEDDY GREENSTEIN
Chicago Tribune

On Selection Sunday, few in Atlanta selected to witness the Bulls-Hawks matinee. The game drew a crowd that looked closer to what DePaul attracts for a decent Big East opponent.

A bearded Charles Oakley attended, though, and perhaps the Bulls made him proud with their toughness and offensive rebounding. They trailed by as many as 16 points early but won going away, 129-122.

The Bulls are now 23-43 after "succeeding" to beat many of the NBA's true tankers. Seven teams have a worse record, and the Knicks, who have lost seven straight to fall to 24-43, are trying to get there.

Nine Bulls made at least one 3-pointer and the team scored 109 points over the final three quarters.

The Bulls scored 21 second-chance points. That's 21 more than the Hawks, who lost Kent Bazemore to a knee injury in the second quarter.

Every Bulls bench player finished on the good side of plus-minus. Every starter wound up on the minus side, though Lauri Markkanen (19 points) finished 6-for-13 after missing his first six shots.

Bobby Portis and Zach LaVine scored 21 points apiece, and Portis added five offensive rebounds and 10 overall.

Bulls coach Fred Hoiberg told reporters before the game that LaVine had grown frustrated by some poor shooting nights. He hit 3 of 15 in Detroit on Friday.

"I did like his attack and the fact he wasn't settling; he was trying to get into the teeth of the defense," Hoiberg said. "He drew contact on a couple but unfortunately didn't get the call. That affected his transition defense. That was a conversation he and I had after the game."

"You can't let that affect getting back and putting your teammates in a tough position. ... That's something that has to change."

The Bulls' first shot was a missed reverse layup by LaVine, who screamed, "Hey!" He seemed to expect a call and was a bit slow to get back, leading to a three-on-two break and corner 3-pointer by Bazemore.

The Bulls got down 24-8, but



ERIK S. LESSER/EPA

Bobby Portis, who scored 21 points against the Hawks, reacts after a second-half play Sunday.

THE BOX SCORE

BULLS	MN	FG-A	FTA	REB	A	PF	PTS
LaVine	28:22	7-16	4-4	0-1	3	2	21
Markkanen	29:02	6-13	6-6	2-8	0	2	19
Lopez	12:00	2-6	0-0	2-2	1	1	4
Dunn	30:36	5-13	1-2	1-2	5	4	13
Nwaba	22:46	3-4	2-4	0-3	2	5	10
Portis	27:05	9-16	1-1	5-10	5	3	21
Valentine	26:19	5-10	0-0	1-6	7	3	12
Vonleh	18:56	3-8	0-0	0-8	2	0	8
Blakeney	18:33	6-9	0-0	0-3	1	2	14
Payne	17:24	2-3	2-2	1-2	4	0	7
Felicio	8:57	0-0	0-0	1-2	1	0	0
TOTALS	48-98	16-19	13-47	31	24	129	

Pts: FG .490, FT .842. 3-pointers: 17-37, .459 (LaVine 3-8, Nwaba 2-2, Blakeney 2-3, Dunn 2-4, Valentine 2-4, Portis 2-5, Vonleh 2-5, Payne 1-1, Markkanen 1-5). Team rebs: 4. Team turnovers: 5 (10 PTS). Blocks: 4 (LaVine, Lopez, Markkanen, Vonleh). Turnovers: 5 (Valentine 2, Dunn, LaVine, Markkanen). Steals: 10 (Dunn 3, Payne 2, Blakeney, Markkanen, Nwaba, Portis, Valentine). Technical fouls: coach Bulls (Defensive three second), 7:50 fourth.

HAWKS	MN	FG-A	FTA	REB	A	PF	PTS
Collins	26:37	5-8	5-6	0-7	0	2	15
Prince	35:20	11-18	9-10	0-6	7	1	38
Demmon	30:36	4-6	1-1	2-9	2	1	10
Bazemore	12:26	2-5	0-0	0-0	3	0	6
Taylor	27:01	3-7	1-2	0-1	8	5	7
Dorsey	27:46	3-11	0-0	0-3	3	7	7
Muscala	22:36	7-9	0-0	1-5	0	2	19
Magette	21:56	2-6	2-2	1-2	8	0	7
Plumlee	16:11	1-3	0-0	1-7	0	1	2
White III	13:46	2-6	1-1	0-1	0	1	7
Morris	5:45	2-3	0-0	0-1	1	0	4
TOTALS	42-82	19-22	5-42	32	129	122	

Pts: FG .512, FT .864. 3-pointers: 19-40, .475 (Prince 7-13, Muscala 5-6, Bazemore 2-3, White III 2-5, Demmon 1-2, Magette 1-3, Dorsey 1-7, Morris 0-1). Team rebs: 3. Team turnovers: 15 (24 PTS). Blocks: 5 (Collins, Demmon, Dorsey, Muscala, Plumlee). Turnovers: 15 (Plumlee 3, Taylor 3, Demmon 2, Prince 2, Bazemore, Collins, Magette, Morris, Muscala). Steals: 2 (Demmon, Prince). Technical fouls: None.

they dominated the second quarter (33-16) and scored 76 points in the second half.

They shared the ball impeccably, finishing with 31 assists to just five turnovers.

Two highlights: Kris Dunn fired an overhead bounce pass through traffic to Markkanen, who slammed it home. Markkanen dunked even more emphatically off a perfectly timed bounce pass from David Nwaba.

Justin Holiday didn't play and Robin Lopez exited after 12 minutes. The Bulls didn't need them against a lifeless Hawks team coming off a 25-point loss to the Pacers.

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PGA VALSPAR CHAMPIONSHIP

Woods 1 shot short of momentous win

Back in the hunt, can't force a playoff with winner Casey

BY EDGAR THOMPSON
Orlando Sentinel

PALM HARBOR, Fla. — If he could not win, Paul Casey said Friday he was pulling for Tiger Woods at the Valspar Championship.

Woods will have to wait at least another week, because Casey mounted a Sunday charge at the challenging Copperhead Course for a 6-under-par 65, earning the 40-year-old Englishman his first PGA Tour win in nine years.

Seeking his first victory in nearly five years himself, Woods finished a shot back when his 37-foot birdie putt on the 18th hole ran out of gas. The 42-year-old settled for a 1-under-par 70 to end the week at 9-under 275 for his best finish since he tied for second at the Barclays in August 2013.

"I had a chance," Woods said. "I really did. ... A couple putts here and there, it could have been a different story."

Woods now carries a head of steam into this week's Arnold Palmer Invitational and is closer to winning again than anyone could have imagined less than a month ago.

Woods had his chances to return to the winner's circle Sunday. But his iron play was spotty a day after he was in complete command to card a textbook 67. Woods consequently needed to make some putts Sunday and failed to do so until draining a 44-footer on the par-3 17th hole.

He needed another long birdie putt to force a playoff with Casey, but Woods' effort on the par-4 18th hole ended up just under three feet short.

Woods finished the day with just two birdies after he made at



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Tiger Woods gets locked in Sunday at the Valspar Championship, where he finished tied for second.

least four in each of the previous three rounds. But he remained upbeat about his performance.

"I felt very comfortable," Woods said. "My game was quite solid this entire week. As a whole, I felt very good about what I did this week."

Multiple major winners Jordan Spieth and Rory McIlroy failed to make the cut. Ranked No. 388 in the world entering the week, Woods finished Sunday tied with No. 27 Patrick Reed, a shot ahead of No. 11 Sergio Garcia and two shots ahead of No. 5 Justin Rose.

Reed had a chance to catch Casey, who began the day five shots back of 54-hole leader Corey Conners, who recorded a Sunday 77. But Reed bogeyed the 72nd hole.

After playing with Woods on Saturday and Sunday, Brandt Snedeker summed up the sentiments of everyone who had a chance to watch Woods.

"I don't see it going backwards from here, only going to get better," Snedeker said.

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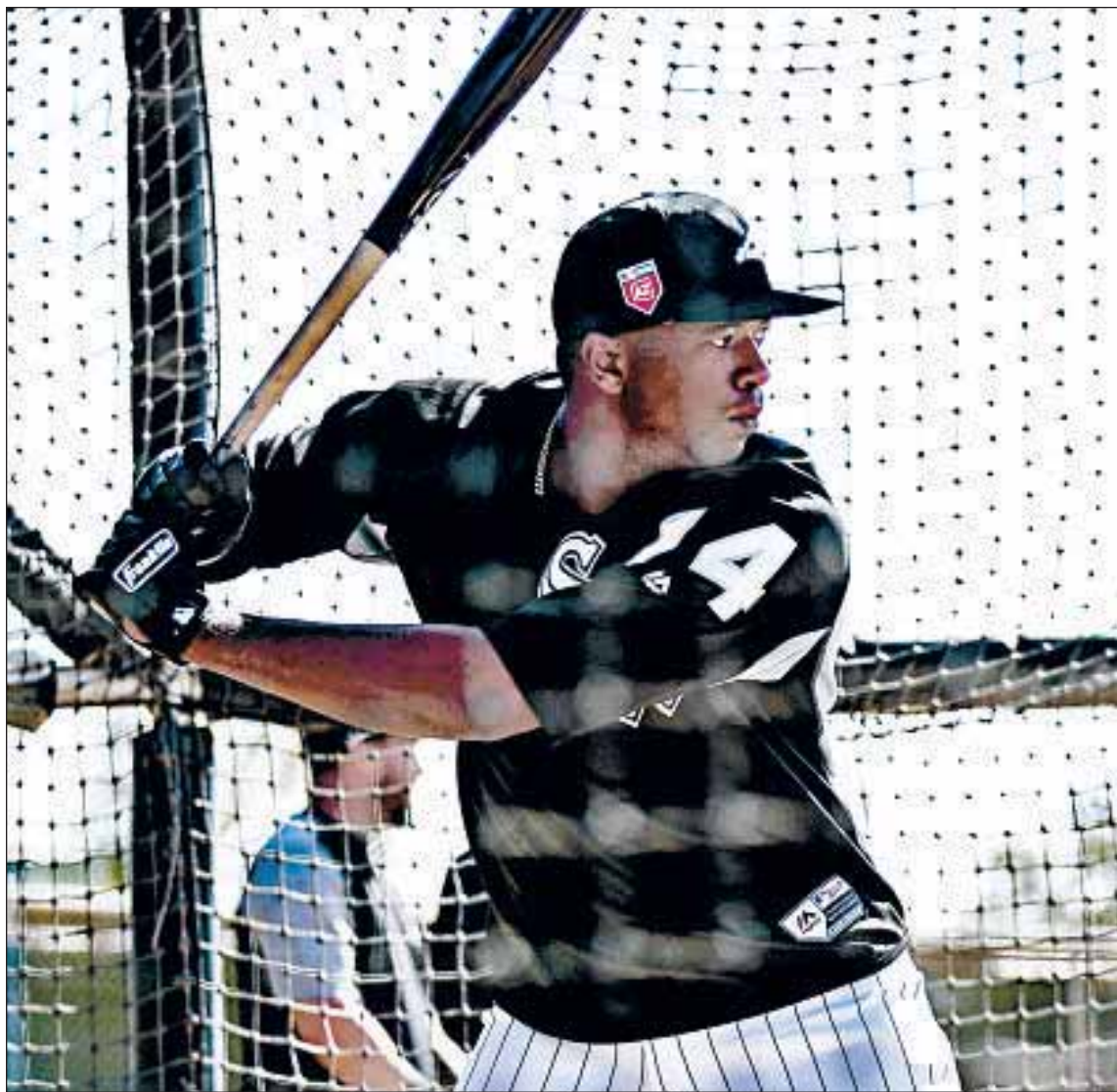
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Eloy Jimenez homered twice over the weekend while seeing his first action for the White Sox in two weeks.

Smashing return

Back from a bout of tendinitis, Jimenez flashes his power



PAUL SULLIVAN
On the White Sox

GLENDALE, Ariz. — After hitting a home run and triple in his first Cactus League start Sunday, one day after he homered in his return from knee tendinitis, White Sox right fielder Eloy Jimenez was asked if he was at all surprised.

“No, not really,” he said. “I believe in myself and I know that I can do this. It doesn’t matter if I stay out two weeks or six months.

“When I’m playing, I know I can do this. I have that confidence in myself.”

One of the most anticipated things at Camelback Ranch this spring was the expected pairing of Jimenez and Luis Robert in the same outfield. The Sox haven’t had such a pair of sluggers in the minors since — well, maybe ever.

With exceptions such as Paul Konerko, Frank Thomas, Harold Baines and Bill Melton, most of the great home run hitters in Sox history — including Dick Allen, Albert Belle, Adam Dunn, Jermaine Dye, Greg Luzinski, Carlton Fisk and Todd Frazier — were acquired as established major-leaguers via trade or free agency.

But the idea of pairing the two potential building blocks of Generation Sox never came to fruition, so we’ll just have to imagine how they’d look together. Teamed

with Matt Davidson and Jose Abreu, it should be a sight to see.

“Definitely we have a lot of pop,” Davidson said. “That’d be really cool to hit a lot of homers (together).”

Due to circumstances beyond their control, the 21-year-old Jimenez (acquired from the Cubs last July in the Jose Quintana deal) and 20-year-old Robert (signed as a free agent out of Cuba) spent most of the spring cranking baseballs over the fences on back fields at Camelback. Robert got one start Wednesday and hit a grand slam before it was revealed Saturday he has a sprained left thumb that is expected to keep him out of action for about 10 weeks.

Jimenez made his first appearance in two weeks Saturday, hitting a pinch homer against the Cubs, and was given his first start Sunday in a 6-5 win over the Diamondbacks. He hit another opposite-field homer in the second inning, then tripled past diving center fielder Rey Fuentes in his next at-bat in the fourth.

The latter was just as important to Jimenez, who said: “I know my knee is good.”

Jimenez drew a walk in his next plate appearance before being removed, giving him 12 bases and no outs in four appearances since returning.

The Sox hadn’t planned to use Jimenez until Sunday, but the outfielder said he “hassled” manager Rick Renteria on Saturday at Sloan Park until Renteria changed his mind.

“A big at-bat for him,” Renteria said. “I think everybody was really excited.”

Hitting a home run in the Cactus League isn’t exactly the same as doing it at Yankee Stadium, but Jimenez seems to have a flair for

the dramatic.

“It’s hard to believe all the things he’s doing,” Sox starter Reynaldo Lopez said. “When you see a guy with that talent talking about how pitchers are going to pitch him, how he’s going to prepare for a specific pitch in a specific count, it’s impressive.

“Actually I don’t know how he does it, but it shows you he’s special.”

Renteria said there’s “always drama” in a situation when a player faces his former organization, whether it’s spring training or not.

“It’s still a game,” Renteria said. “Nobody wants to look bad. Everybody wants to be able to perform. For not being able to play in any games (previously), it’s pretty impressive.”

When Jimenez was with the Cubs, it was unclear whether he would develop the defensive skills to become an everyday outfielder. With the Sox, he can always be the DH down the road, though Renteria said they’re not thinking that way.

“I don’t have any questions about his ability to defend,” Renteria said. “I never have. I think it’s just going to depend on how it all plays out, which (outfield) position he’s going (to) end up playing.

“I think he works very, very hard. ... I watch the way he tracks balls, his skill work. He’s got the ability to play the outfield, absolutely.”

Jimenez is expected to start at Double-A Birmingham, even though he appears to be ready for the majors. But it shouldn’t be long before the Eloy Show hits prime time on the South Side.

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WHITE SOX NOTES

Add Delmonico shoulder injury to list

BY PAUL SULLIVAN
Chicago Tribune

GLENDALE, Ariz. — White Sox left fielder **Nicky Delmonico** was removed after a nasty collision with shortstop **Tyler Saladino** while they attempted to catch a pop-up in the seventh inning of Sunday’s 6-5 win over the Diamondbacks.

Delmonico was down on the field for a while but got up on his own. A Sox spokesman said Delmonico suffered a left shoulder subluxation, or a partial separation.

Manager **Rick Renteria** said he didn’t think the injury was overly serious.

“Just extended it,” he said. “Didn’t pop it. Didn’t do anything. Just got extended and jammed it a little bit.”

Saladino also was removed from the game in compliance with the concussion protocol after he hit his head in the collision.

“We just took him out because he was real fuzzy,” Renteria said.

Renteria said both were day to day and he would have more information Monday.

So far Sox camp has featured a series of injuries, including **Luis Robert** (sprained thumb),

WHITE SOX RECAP

Top prospect Eloy Jimenez did it again, homering and hitting a triple in his first Cactus League start, leading the White Sox to a 6-5 win over the Diamondbacks at Camelback Ranch.

On the mound: Reynaldo Lopez reduced his spring ERA to 0.96 with 4 1/3 scoreless innings. Dane Dunning gave up five runs on five hits in two-thirds of an inning.

At the plate: Jimenez, Jose Abreu and Yoan Moncada homered in an 11-hit attack.

In the field: Yolmer Sanchez made a nifty backhanded grab at shortstop to throw out a runner in the eighth.

The quote: “I like that all those things are happening now because that’s another way to prepare when those things arise during the season.” — Lopez on getting out of the first unscathed.

Up next: at Seattle, 8:40 p.m., Monday in Peoria. RH Dylan Cease vs. LH Marco Gonzales.

Micker Adolfo (sprained UCL in his elbow), **Alec Hansen** (forearm tightness), **Jake Burger** (torn Achilles) and **Eloy Jimenez** (left knee tendinitis).

Carlos Rodon is rehabbing

from shoulder surgery, and reliever **Jeanmar Gomez** has a sore shoulder, according to Renteria.

“Nothing of concern for us,” the manager said.

Rotation rundown: **Reynaldo Lopez** escaped a bases-loaded jam in the first inning and pitched 4 1/3 scoreless innings.

Lopez, who has an 0.96 ERA in three starts, didn’t know which outing was his most impressive.

“All three have been good, because I can learn from each one of them,” he said.

While Lopez has been the most effective of the five starters in camp, **Hector Santiago** also has been impressive and could still win a rotation spot if **Carson Fulmer** is sent back to Triple A.

Miguel Gonzalez will pitch a B game Monday, with prospect **Dylan Cease** starting the Cactus League game against the Mariners in Peoria, Ariz.

James Shields is expected to be the opening day starter in Kansas City, though Renteria hasn’t revealed his decision.

“It has nothing to do with me trying to hide (it),” he said. “We’ve talked to these guys what the possibilities are, but we haven’t set it in stone.”

CUBS

Darvish relieved Arrieta’s wait over

Pitcher regrets it took so long for him to get free-agent ball rolling

BY MARK GONZALES
Chicago Tribune

MESA, Ariz. — Yu Darvish expressed an amusing regret Sunday upon hearing that former Cubs ace Jake Arrieta had agreed to terms with the Phillies — five weeks after Darvish did so with the Cubs.

“After I signed, (Arrieta), Eric Hosmer, J.D. (Martinez) and all these other guys signed,” Darvish said. “Now that I look back, I feel I should have signed earlier for those guys. Not necessarily (Arrieta) signing, but the whole market, in general, began moving.”

Darvish, who signed a six-year, \$126 million contract with the Cubs, followed the tedious pace of his fellow free agents — including Arrieta, whose deal is for a reported three years and \$75 million.

“It’s a good thing Jake has a team in the Phillies,” Darvish said after striking out five in a 55-pitch outing in a 7-2 loss to the Athletics. “I was aware of him being a free agent. And then he’s really succeeded with the Cubs. I’m glad he ended up somewhere.”

Because both were free agents at the same time — with Darvish signing with Arrieta’s former team — their future performances will be compared closely.

Darvish, 31, has been all business since joining the Cubs. He carries his own motivation, some of it stemming from the chance to redeem himself after a terrible performance in the 2017 World Series with the Dodgers.

“There’s a little bit of a factor in the postseason, but more than that — as a Cub — I want to spend quality time pitching and to concentrate, and I can really concentrate on what I need to be doing here,” Darvish said.

Manager Joe Maddon declined to divulge his thoughts about Darvish’s struggles in the World Series, revealing only that “I think I have an idea what went wrong, so that’s what I got in my pocket.”

“But you got a really motivated guy right now in Darvish, and he’s going to come out feeling he’s got something to prove right now. So I like that attitude, combined with that stuff.”



ARMANDO L. SANCHEZ/TRIBUNE

Yu Darvish, pitching in a bullpen session last month, said he is only concentrating on what he can do to help the Cubs win.

Darvish showed his talents during his first three innings by fooling Matt Olson with runners at first and second to end the first, then striking out the side in the second. After Bruce Maxwell’s grounder grazed his glove for an infield hit to open the third, Darvish quickly induced a double-play grounder.

“I treat (spring training) as the regular season,” Darvish said of his situational adjustments, whether it’s trying to induce strikeouts or ground balls.

“Right now I’m where I should be. Usually I have trouble with one pitch, but everything seems to work well.”

And Darvish wasn’t about to hold back any of his deep array of pitches.

“I (put) all my cards on the table because they probably have the data by now, so there’s no point,” Darvish said.

As part of his latest attempt to mix art and baseball, Maddon had another painting placed in front of the clubhouse entrance. This work of art was inscribed with themes of building relationships, trust, exchanging ideas, constructive criticism and flow.

As for Darvish, Maddon plans to do his best to keep the pitcher at an even keel.

“We all have our personal wiring, so how you react to it is going to be up to him,” Maddon said. “But my part during the course of the season is to talk to him.”

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CUBS NOTES

Maddon isn’t looking for more from roster

BY MARK GONZALES
Chicago Tribune

MESA, Ariz. — The quality depth **Joe Maddon** has observed at Cubs camp has made the manager even more comfortable with a 25-man roster that’s virtually set.

So don’t expect a late spring addition as the last batch of marquee free agents are finally signing, including former Cubs ace **Jake Arrieta** agreeing to terms with the Phillies on Sunday.

“Jake did so much wonderful work for the Cubs,” Maddon said Sunday. “And as a person and family member, he benefited my family. He ascended to a Cy Young Award and three years of playoffs. Wow.

“I want nothing but good things to happen to Jake.”

The Cubs never came close to an agreement with Arrieta, whose three-year, \$75 million contract includes an opt-out after two years but can reach \$135 million over five years, according to FanRagSports.com.

Maddon didn’t seem worried about the prospects of other top-tier free agents signing with National League Central rivals, especially after watching the precision of his team for nearly four weeks.

The only unsettled spot appears to be at backup catcher, where veteran **Chris Gimenez** has worked with **Yu Darvish** and drawn praise from **Jon Lester**. The switch-hitting **Victor Caratini** and right-handed hitting Gimenez can play other positions, but Caratini has minor-league options left.

Maddon praised President **Theo Epstein** and general manager **Jed Hoyer** for constructing a deep roster, especially in the pitching department.

“This is probably the best

CUBS RECAP

The Cubs lost their second straight as Kyle Ryan surrendered a three-run homer to Matt Chapman in the fourth inning of the Athletics’ 7-2 victory Sunday at Hohokam Stadium.

At the plate: Several Cubs hitters gave long stares to home plate umpire Doug Eddings over his curious strike zone. But there was no questioning Kyle Schwarber’s home run.

On the mound: Left-hander Justin Wilson threw strikes with more consistency, but he allowed a home run to Sean Murphy with one out in the seventh.

In the field: With Addison Russell receiving a rest, non-roster invitee Ryan Court started at shortstop and started a double play in the third.

Up next: vs. Padres, 3:10 p.m. Tuesday at Peoria Sports Complex; LH Mike Montgomery vs. RH Jordan Lyles. Vs. Giants, 9:05 p.m. Tuesday at Sloan Park; RH Tyler Chatwood vs. TBA.

group of other pitchers that we’ve had in camp,” Maddon said. “There’s much greater competition, better arms.”

Extra innings: Hoyer acknowledged a strong dialogue up to the decision to renew **Ian Happ**’s salary at \$570,000 — a \$25,000 raise from his rookie season. But, “there are zero hard feelings,” Hoyer said. “We’ve had great conversations with him about it.” ... Second baseman **Javier Baez** (\$657,000) and left-handed pitcher **Mike Montgomery** (\$611,250) were among the 20 players who agreed to terms. The Cubs could continue to explore long-term deals with these players. ... Baez said his left hamstring cramp feels “110 percent now,” but he remains unlikely to return until Wednesday at the earliest.

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KAREN WARREN/AP

Outfielder George Springer and his Astros teammates did much more than just sign autographs during a hectic offseason that followed the franchise's first World Series championship.

Handling their hangover

That's what Astros must do after basking in championship glow

BY DAVE SHEININ
Washington Post

WEST PALM BEACH, Fla. — George Springer spent most of November being transported.

Two days after the World Series ended, he rode through downtown Houston on the back of a fire-truck for the Astros' championship parade, and the next day he was carried, along with two teammates and Mickey Mouse, through Disney World atop a purple, motorized, balloon-festooned float.

There were flights to whisk Springer off to the next city and limousines that would show up to ferry him to "Saturday Night Live" for a skit with Leslie Jones or to the New York Stock Exchange to ring the trading bell.

He never knew a month-long parade could be so exhausting — or such a time-suck.

"Thanksgiving," he said last week, "(sneaked) up real quick."

So it went for the men from the Lone Star State, who spent last fall captivated America on their way to the first World Series title in franchise history — and enjoying every last drop of its intoxicating aftermath —

then spent the winter trying to fight off the inevitable hangover.

"It was crazy," said Springer, a college football nut who would have normally spent October and November weekends on the couch watching games.

"I did everything you can think of — shows, appearances, interviews. I remember my first weekend with nothing to do was Week 11 of college football."

But now comes the hard part. On March 29, the Astros will launch their title defense following what is believed to be the shortest offseason in baseball history, lasting a mere 148 days — thanks to a seven-game World Series that stretched into November and a 2018 season that will start on the earliest date ever.

If there is such a thing as a World Series hangover — and just ask the 2017 Cubs about that — the Astros have the shortest window ever in which to beat it.

"I think that demand on your time is more of the hangover than anything else," said Astros right-hander Lance McCullers, who started Game 7 of the World Series against the Dodgers. "It's just the time you didn't get to devote to preparing for the season."

"I did all the media stuff, all the requests — sometimes two, three times a day — which plays into it as well. That's not an offseason; that's a media tour."

"That first month after the World Series other guys are lifting, getting ready for the season, and you're running around doing interviews and other stuff, which is great because you won the World Series. But it just contributes to the mental fatigue you deal with during the season."

As manager A.J. Hinch said soon after the team reconvened in Florida last month: "If these are the questions and this is the misery we have to go through — worrying about hangovers, fatigue and all that — then sign me up for it again in 2019."

Most members of the Astros said they started their typical offseason workout regimens three to four weeks later than usual.

For third baseman Alex Bregman, that meant mid-November. ("I've never felt better," he said.) For McCullers, it was right after Thanksgiving; for Springer, mid-November; for lefty Dallas Keuchel, Dec. 1; for second baseman Jose Altuve, late December.

"It certainly wasn't a normal winter," said veteran right-hander Charlie Morton, who said he started throwing again

three weeks after the World Series — a month later than usual.

I have a greater appreciation for the teams that are in the postseason every year because that's a lot of baseball. That's a lot of high-energy, high-pressure games. It's exhausting to watch it, let alone play it. I don't know if I would call (the aftermath) a hangover, but let's just say I understand the sentiment."

Altuve said the Astros are dealing with the perception of a World Series hangover by acknowledging it, talking about it and joking about it.

"We're managing it really good," he said. "The guys here are smart enough to know what they have to do in spring training. If you need to take it easy, you can take it easy."

"I think we're going to be totally fine. I tell you what — I like what I see."

It isn't difficult to see what Altuve means. At first glance, the Astros have the best and deepest roster in baseball, one through 25, and their core is impossibly young and potent: Bregman and shortstop Carlos Correa are 23, McCullers 24, Altuve and closer Ken Giles 27 and Springer 28.

And then there is newcomer Gerrit Cole, a 27-year-old flamethrower who arrived Jan. 13 from the Pirates in a trade that cut

through a winter hangover like a triple shot of espresso.

"Everybody was pretty fired up when that went down," McCullers said. "There was a lot of excited texting going on between guys."

Of the Astros' top three starting pitchers, two of them — Cole and ace Justin Verlander, acquired in August in a trade with the Tigers — were not with the team 12 months ago. Given a full season of both, it is tempting to go ahead and pencil the Astros into the 2018 World Series.

"We already did it — that's the strongest indicator of what we can do," Morton said. "We already did it, and we got better."

"You can make the case for any number of teams, but when we're in the clubhouse looking at each other in the face, we're the World Series champs. We just did it a few months ago."

Except there is a reason only two franchises in the last 40 years — the Blue Jays (1992 and '93) and Yankees (1999 and 2000) — have managed to repeat as World Series champions. For a team to win a championship everything must go right, from good health to good chemistry to good karma. And it isn't easy to replicate it the year after.

Just ask the Cubs, who won the World Series in

2016 with a young core, brought back essentially the same team in 2017, but won 11 fewer games and bowed out of the playoffs in the National League Championship Series.

"We're not the Cubs," Keuchel fired back when presented with that example. "I firmly believe we have better players."

Already, there are signs things might not go as smoothly for the Astros as they did in 2017, when they opened up a 10-game lead by late May and captured the American League West by 21.

So far this spring, they have seen first baseman Yuri Gurriel lost until at least mid-April to a hand injury. (Upon his return to health, he will also have to serve a five-game suspension for the racially insensitive gesture he made toward pitcher Yu Darvish during the World Series.) They also saw top pitching prospect Forrest Whitley, a 6-foot-7 right-hander expected to pitch in the majors by the end of the season, nailed for a 50-game drug suspension.

And still opening day creeps closer. If the Astros thought October was a grind and November one interminable parade, those are nothing compared with the task of trying to muddle through April with the mother of all hangovers.

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ABBIE PARR/GETTY

Virginia coach Tony Bennett may have been excited but he preferred not to show it after his Cavaliers defeated North Carolina to win the ACC tournament Saturday at Barclays Center.

A private, first-class coach

Bennett and Virginia basketball aren't for everyone, and laid-back leader believes 'it's OK to be different'

BY KENT BABB | Washington Post

CHARLOTTESVILLE, Va. — Most everyone had taken shelter by now, but Tony Bennett was walking in the rain. In his mind, some things are worse than a downpour.

Bennett was making his way to work 87 minutes before tipoff against Virginia Tech, a late arrival for most college basketball coaches but early for the Virginia coach, a man who detests idle time. And though a cozy security tent sat a few dozen yards away, a crowd was beneath it on this February afternoon, so Bennett made his way between a wall and a television truck.

Even Bennett's staff used to find some of his quirks odd, but when you're the coach of the nation's No. 1 team and the architect of an ACC powerhouse, it's all part of the plan. "Certain things are sacred to me," Bennett would say a bit later, and among those are efficiency, maximizing potential and — perhaps most precious in a profession filled with self-promoters — his privacy.

Bennett is perhaps college basketball's most public mystery. He actively avoids the spotlight for himself and his program, believes pregame theatrics and between-game hype are pointless, doesn't see how interviews and television appearances can benefit his team. And with the Cavaliers having captured their third ACC regular-season title in five seasons, maybe he has a point.

Even on this day, with ESPN's "College GameDay" at John Paul Jones Arena and Hokies coach Buzz Williams seizing any chance for national exposure, Bennett declined to appear on television and mostly stayed home to review game notes. He operates no social media accounts, has tended to avoid top-50 recruits — and the hysteria and entitlement that often accompany them — and arrives at the arena as late and as stealthily as possible.

"A lot of people live for that," Bennett would say of the more public parts of his job, but he learned a long time ago to find comfort in his own skin, even as the game he coaches becomes more and more public — and success often seems directly tied to face time and branding.

Bennett has crafted a program in this image, even as his two most powerful instincts occasionally seem at odds with each other. Bennett is ruthlessly competitive and driven to prove that his name belongs among the game's great coaches — or at least that of his father, Dick, who in 2000 led Wisconsin to the Final Four — but he's almost defiantly unwilling to conform to the trends that seemingly would make that rise easier.

Anyway, regardless of how or when he got here, Bennett has made it — both to the arena and to the college game's mountain-top — so if he is using this season to conduct a social experiment aimed at challenging

the game's traditional norms, he has the nation's attention.

"We can, in this climate, in this crazy world that we're in — and we're in a crazy time — we can be different," said longtime Virginia assistant coach Jason Williford, whose boss has taught him one prevailing lesson. "It's OK to be different."

Not long after Bennett arrived in Charlottesville nine years ago, assistant coach Ritchie McKay approached him with good news. Sports Illustrated, the venerable national magazine, was interested in writing about Virginia and a changing ACC.

"I'd rather not," McKay would remember his boss telling him.

"Tony, man, this would help recruiting," said McKay, himself a former longtime head coach, but Bennett said his program wasn't ready.

McKay went with it, but Bennett's style took some getting used to. He wondered aloud what the purpose was of turning down the lights during pregame player introductions, why it was necessary to play videos and music before games, what benefit was in shooting things from the scoreboard.

"This isn't the NBA," McKay would recall Bennett saying, and indeed the coach seemed to be a walking rejection of a sports league he once had inhabited.

Bennett, in his younger days, had been a point guard blessed with average talent but an unholy work ethic. As the son of a famously demanding college coach, Bennett teased his friends for wanting to attend the high school dance; he had left a window unlocked at Wisconsin-Stevens Point, where his father coached. While they were soft-shoeing, he'd be slipping through the window to fire up the lights to practice basketball alone. Even as he played for his father at Wisconsin-Green Bay before coming off the bench for the Hornets, he'd find a racquetball court that would allow him in so he could turn off the lights and practice dribbling in the dark.

Players were built, as he saw it, not born — and though he enjoyed competition at the highest level, the NBA lifestyle made him feel out of place. While the Hornets' superstars hit the town, Bennett — who had decided his future was either as a pastor or a coach — watched movies, ordered takeout and went to bed early.

"There's a lot of things, just like in sports and our society today, that weren't as interesting to me," Bennett would say much later. "I felt comfortable, but I also knew who I was."

Then and now, almost nothing was more important to Bennett than knowing himself. He was a worker, not one of the gifted. He was a preparer, not a character. A man, not a celebrity.

When he left Washington State, where he had succeeded his dad as coach, to take over at Virginia, he would rebuild a program that had reached the NCAA

tournament twice over the previous decade in just that image. The Cavaliers would run a most unglamorous version of the man-to-man defense called the "Pack Line." They would minimize possessions, even as successful programs took more shots. They would be slow, not fast. They mostly would avoid blue-chip recruits and the entitlement he'd witnessed in the NBA. "We have to lose before we can win," Bennett told his confused staff in those early days.

They would bring in blue-collar players such as Mike Tobey and London Perrantes and Malcolm Brogdon — not a McDonald's All-American among them — to build a foundation and establish a culture.

"Guys who are so committed to your buy-in," McKay would recall, "and are process-over-results-oriented."

And they would not change. Because before anyone else knew who the Cavaliers would be, Bennett knew. They would resemble Tony Bennett himself.

Almost 18 months ago, Bennett heard about a photograph of Virginia players circulating on social media. In it, they were wearing black and kneeling, and the message was consistent: "Kneel for Injustice. Kneel for Equality."

Bennett, at first surprised by the players' decision and then whipsawed by how public it had become, called African-American friends and community officials and reporters, asking them for their opinions. He contacted university officials and advisers and members of the clergy.

Had players overstepped? Or was this justified?

"Let me know what I don't know," Wes Bellamy, a member of Charlottesville's city council, remembered Bennett asking during a phone conversation, which led to an invitation to hold an impromptu panel discussion alongside the city's police chief.

During the conversation, Bellamy would recall, Bennett said virtually nothing. He sat and listened to the guests and to his players, who would later agree to link arms during the national anthem instead of kneeling.

Then in August, after a group of white nationalists marched in Charlottesville and incited protests in and around the city, Bennett again initiated a listening session. This time, it came during a coaching staff meeting, and Bennett encouraged his assistants to be honest. What didn't he know? What, considering his experience as a white Midwesterner in his late 40s, was he naturally unable to relate to?

"When something like that happens, it's real," Bennett would say months later. "I'm going to be compassionate, but I want to understand and open up the dialogue. It's awful that it happened, but what can we learn from it?"

Williford, who is African-American, spoke first. He described growing up in Richmond, Va., and the feeling of shopkeepers following him around a store. He told his boss that someday he'll have a conversation with his two sons about what to say and do if police pull them over. Ron Sanchez, who has worked with and for Bennett since 2004, told his boss about occasionally

hearing derogatory language when he traveled around the country.

Afterward, Bennett gathered the entire team. He told players it wasn't enough to post a photograph or say things need to change. Bennett challenged his players to be the agents of improvement in a city under siege.

"You can't just be a picture," Williford would remember Bennett saying, and players spent time at children's hospitals and elementary schools. They became involved in the area chapter of Big Brothers Big Sisters, participated in mentoring sessions and volunteered during a clothing and shoe drive.

If a basketball staffer suggested involving media, the answer was no. If someone pointed out it'd look good for the program or for Charlottesville, Bennett pointed out that didn't matter.

Months later, that hadn't changed. "It's ultimately about promoting the right stuff. I thought that was powerful. I saw — talked with our guys ... " Bennett would say recently, temporarily losing himself in the moment. "To me, it's important that it's not publicly known."

After a moment, he continued. "I'd rather do that in private."

Three years ago, long before Virginia entered last week's ACC tournament as the top seed with a good chance of being the No. 1 overall seed in the NCAA tournament, Virginia cut down the nets for the last time. It was, of course, classic Bennett.

A year earlier, the Cavaliers had clinched the 2014 regular-season conference championship by drilling Syracuse at home. It was the culmination of Bennett's vision and the program's first conference title since 1981.

Anyway, after the game, nearly 15,000 fans stormed the floor at John Paul Jones Arena and celebrated with Brogdon and Perrantes and Tobey. Somewhere in a back hallway, a staffer pleaded with Bennett to allow players to cut down the nets; it'd be good for fans, memorable for players, a milestone for the program. Bennett didn't like it but he relented anyway.

Eight days later, Maryland handed Virginia its first loss in nearly two months, and that's what Bennett would remember.

So the next year, when the Cavaliers again clinched the regular-season championship at Syracuse, the team returned to Charlottesville that night, and Bennett led the group into the arena. The seats were empty. The building was silent. Just as he liked it.

When the lights came on, players saw that a ladder had been set up beneath a basket. Every player, coach, walk-on, manager and staffer would be invited to climb up and snip a piece of the nylon, but before the first cut, Bennett addressed those surrounding him.

He told them this wasn't about the fans or the media or even the school; that a moment didn't need to be widely viewed to be special; and that these next few moments would forever belong to the people gathered here and no one else.



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Director Mimi Leder and Justin Theroux work on HBO's "The Leftovers." Leder says, "Women are constantly having to prove ourselves."

A niche in Peak TV

Faced with limited options, some female film directors turn to the small screen, where choice and demand are more plentiful

BY MEREDITH BLAKE
 Los Angeles Times

In the 14 years that elapsed between her debut feature, the Oscar-winning "Monster," and her blockbuster second film, "Wonder Woman," Patty Jenkins kept her skills sharp by directing episodes of "The Killing," "Entourage" and "Arrested Development."

Jenkins is hardly alone in following this path. Some of the most distinctive and acclaimed female filmmakers of the last 25 years — Jane Campion, Mary Harron, Allison Anders, Nicole Holofcener among them — have turned to television for opportunities not readily available in the feature film world.

Writer-director Kimberly Peirce struck gold with her first feature, "Boys Don't Cry," whose lead actress, Hilary Swank, also won an Academy Award. But it took her nine years to make her follow-up, the Iraq War drama "Stop-Loss," a commercial disappointment.

"People would say to me, 'Why don't you make more movies? You should never ask a woman why she hasn't made more movies, any more than you should ask a person of color why they're not doing certain things that are inherently more difficult for people of color to do,'" Peirce says. "What you need to ask is, 'Why are these competent, brilliant people being stopped in their tracks?' The systemic obstacles and the systemic discrimination against women are horrifying."

Having risen in New York's indie film community, she was frustrated by studio meddling and the way that the best material and the best screenwriters inevitably



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Director Kimberly Peirce says, "The systemic obstacles and the systemic discrimination against women are horrifying."

went to male directors. "There was a subtle, kind of putting down of where women were," she says. "If you did get onto a set with a halfway decent story, the level of interference was so crazy. It'd be

like, 'You sit down to dinner, and somebody takes your food away.' In retrospect, the interference had solely to do with my gender."

Peirce also directed "Carrie," a remake of the horror classic released in 2013, but has since focused on television, directing shows including "Six," "I Love Dick," "American Crime" and "Halt and Catch Fire." She says the medium offers a chance to stay current with technology, work with different casts and crews, amass more on-set experience quickly — and even get paid for it, unlike in features, where directors often aren't compensated during the protracted development process.

After her debut picture, "Girlfight," took the Sundance Film Festival by storm in 2000, Karyn Kusama directed two underperforming, female-centered genre movies, "Æon Flux" (2005) and "Jennifer's Body" (2009), that were hampered by studio meddling.

For female filmmakers, "the expectation is only that you hit three home runs in a row," Kusama says. "Failure isn't even quite perceived as failure for male filmmakers."

"I don't see myself as a quote 'woman filmmaker,' so much as I see myself as a filmmaker. So it didn't occur to me until later in the game: why there was so much crowing about the failure of 'Æon Flux.' It really took me a second to come to the disheartening conclusion that being female is a component of that animus."

But a few years ago, Kusama broke into TV and has directed episodes of "Billions,"

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CLAIRE DEMOS PHOTO

Mariah Sydney Gordon, from front, Gregory Fenner and Jennifer Glasse in "Hang Man."

IN PERFORMANCE
 'HANG MAN' ★★★

Race, sex mingle in unsettling new play

BY CHRIS JONES
 Chicago Tribune

At the beginning of "Hang Man," during the usual friendly announcements about cellphones and emergency exits, an African-American Mississippian climbs up high in the sudden darkness, inserts his neck into a noose, and swings.

In any theatrical circumstance, that would be a disturbing opening to a play, but in a theater like the Gift Theatre in Jefferson Park, a theater that barely is three rows deep, it was enough at Friday night's opening to elicit gasps from audience members who did not necessarily expect the title of the new play they were seeing, the world premiere of a work by Stacy Osei-Kuffour, to be presented with such shockingly literal intent.

We're asked if we ever have seen something like this: "Only in the history books, right?"

Yet we all quickly discover that there has not been a lynching, at least not in how that heinous word usually is understood. This man, Darnell, played with a pleading intensity by Gregory Fenner, has put his own neck there for his own personal purposes. Or did he?

Darnell looks out from his noose, alive and dead. "Can't a man," he asks, "just hang himself for pleasure?"

Even as everyone is trying to unpack the many dimensions of that question, that bizarre declaration of what it should mean to live free in America, asked in the present day in some rural backwater of this troubled nation, Osei-Kuffour brings in a couple of

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IN PERFORMANCE

Pink flies even higher than her songs at UC

BY GREG KOT
 Chicago Tribune

Pink was zipping around the rafters Friday in the first of two United Center concerts. Wearing a harness, stack-heel shoes and a silver body suit, she looked like the bride of Ziggy Stardust as she zoomed up to face the fans in the third balcony. And oh, by the way, she was also singing "So What" as though her life depended on it — which it may have.

It was a tough-as-nails breakup song that also served as a can-you-top-this throwdown to any performer who settles for an encore with their feet planted on the stage.

The singer was airborne several times during the show, spinning and twisting with acrobatic zeal and turning "Secrets" into an aerial ballet. It was as good a metaphor as any for a career that has remained buoyant for nearly

two decades, far beyond the typical life span of a performer who came into public view during the teen-pop boom of the early 2000s alongside Britney Spears, Christina Aguilera, Backstreet Boys and 'N Sync. Though viewed as an outsider back then — the blue-collar singer from Pennsylvania with too much punky attitude to be a diva — she's outlasted just about all of her contemporaries.

She has sold more than 40 million albums and is coming off an album, "Beautiful Trauma," that debuted at No. 1 and was one of the top-10 best-selling releases of 2017. Her longevity has become a post-feminist model for how to straddle genres while selling out arenas. A new generation of singers such as Halsey and Kesha has been taking notes. Meanwhile, Pink continues to dabble. She touched on electronic dance

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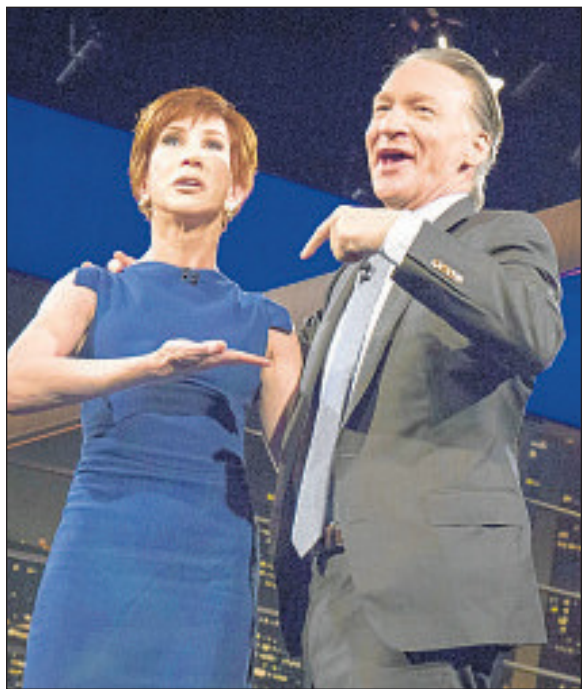


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Pink performs at the United Center in Chicago as part of her "Beautiful Trauma" world tour on Friday.

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Kathy Griffin appears with Bill Maher on his show "Real Time with Bill Maher" in Los Angeles on Friday.

Griffin plans shows after photo backlash

It looks like Kathy Griffin is trying to make a bit of a comeback, nine months after her controversial photo shoot using a Trump prop.

Griffin announced her first U.S. shows since the gruesome photo, which showed her holding a bloody mask of President Donald Trump's head, was released in May 2017. The image outraged Trump and his family, prompted widespread condemnation, led to show cancellations and cost her a CNN gig.

"I'm dipping my toes into touring again, even though the Trumps and nobody wants me to work again," Griffin said Friday on HBO's "Real Time with Bill Maher," her first major TV appearance since the photo. "I just booked today, I'm going to do a show at Carnegie Hall in New York, and I'm also going to go right to Trump's backyard and do a show at the Kennedy Center."

Griffin, who said it was "a small, victorious announcement," didn't divulge the dates for her upcoming shows. She later tweeted that Carnegie Hall show tickets will be available this coming week.

The comic also was scheduled last Thursday for a "Jimmy Kimmel Live" appearance but canceled due to what her rep described as "a scheduling conflict."

As the backlash to the photo taken by Tyler Shields grew in spring of last year, Griffin apologized and then tearfully addressed what she said were detailed death threats she had been receiving online. Months later, she retracted the apology. Griffin had trouble booking domestic shows after the fallout and instead performed internationally.

— The Washington Post

Box office

1. Black Panther
\$41.1 million
2. A Wrinkle in Time
\$33.3
3. The Strangers: Prey at Night
\$10.5
4. Red Sparrow
\$8.2
5. Game Night
\$7.9
6. Peter Rabbit
\$6.8
7. Death Wish
\$6.6
8. The Hurricane Heist (tie)
Annihilation (tie)
\$3.2
9. Jumanji: Welcome to the Jungle
\$2.8

SOURCE: Associated Press, estimated sales, Friday-Sunday.



MARVEL STUDIOS/WALT DISNEY
Chadwick Boseman in "Black Panther."

Milestone for 'Black Panther': T'Challa still rules the box office, even with the fresh rivalry of another Walt Disney Studios release in "A Wrinkle in Time." "Black Panther" took the No. 1 spot at the North American box office with \$41.1 million, according to studio estimates Sunday. The Marvel and Disney phenomenon crossed the \$1 billion mark worldwide this weekend.

March 12 birthdays: Actress and singer Liza Minnelli is 72. Singer James Taylor is 70. Writer Dave Eggers is 48. Actress Jaimie Alexander is 34.



ASK AMY

By AMY DICKINSON

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Vacation 'theft' leaves couple in limbo

Dear Amy: My boyfriend and I have been together for eight years, but live separately.

Recently he told me that if I don't see him as a life-long partner, then we should break up.

He said I don't trust him and that mistrust shows up on day-to-day interactions, especially when we travel.

I have an anxiety disorder, diabetes and food allergies, so I need to know exactly where we are going, where to eat, etc. He is more casual about it.

The mistrust stems from my suspicion that he stole my money while we were traveling two years ago.

He said he didn't do it, but I lost \$200 the day we got to the destination, and then 10 days later it magically reappeared in my money bag.

I am very meticulous with my money. I even wrote down the serial numbers of the bills.

What I have not told him was that one day I looked into his wallet. I found three fresh \$20 bills that matched my missing bills. I know if I told this to him, he would want to break up. I have already forgiven him, but he keeps bringing it up as an issue of mistrust. Should I tell him?
— Forgiving

Dear Forgiving: Not every relationship must lead to forever, but your guy seems to be declaring that it is time to fish or cut bait. Either that or he is laying the groundwork for a breakup, by basically accusing you of deal-breaking behavior.

I can understand why your anxiety disorder might lead you to be hyper-vigilant regarding day-to-

day interactions. But according to you, you have a concrete reason not to trust him, as well as evidence that he took money from you. But if he removed this money and then replaced it, what were his motivations? Was he testing you? Was he trying to gaslight you?

You say you have forgiven him for this transgression, but I wonder if you have — or if you should.

What you should NOT do is continue to sweep this under the rug. Now is the time for you to be brave enough to confront him and present him with the proof you claim to have.

He may deny your accusation. But after two years, this incident is not going away. It seems to be symbolic of your larger problem as a couple, which is the inability to communicate about your behavior (hypervigilance), and his behavior (blaming and shaming), in order to find ways to move forward as a trusting, loving couple.

Dear Amy: My neighbors are very nice, but they are irresponsible pet owners.

If not for me feeding their cat daily, I fear she'd be left to depend only on leftovers. This kitty is left outdoors, even on cold nights. I give my own cat the royal treatment.

If this indifference continues, should I confront my neighbors, report them or simply carry on as I am?
— Nice Neighbor

Dear Neighbor: It sounds as if this cat roams between your houses, and if she seems attached and happy with both households, then that might be a pretty good life for her.

If you don't know, ask your neighbors if the cat is their pet. It is certainly possible that you and your neighbors have both been feeding a feral kitty. She should be spayed.

You might be tempted to ask if you could adopt this cat, but keep in mind that this outdoor kitty might not do well with your indoor cat.

Otherwise, I don't think this is a reportable situation — it likely depends on where you live (you could call your local shelter to ask). Many cats do basically live outdoors.

I saw a neat item recently — basically a small heated cat house intended for outdoor cats to shelter in. If you are willing to purchase and plug one in to your outdoor outlet during cold snaps, this cat (or other outdoor cats) could use it during the coldest nights.

Dear Amy: "Devoted but Hesitant Daughter" outlined her abusive mother's serious mental and emotional challenges and wondered about visiting with the kids. Thank you for suggesting it might be safe to make a "totally supervised, and probably short" visit with her children. Children will not break if exposed to challenging people, as long as parents are awake and aware.
— Been There

Dear Been There: I agree. I applaud "Devoted's" careful instincts, but as I responded, her mother's mental illness "is not contagious."

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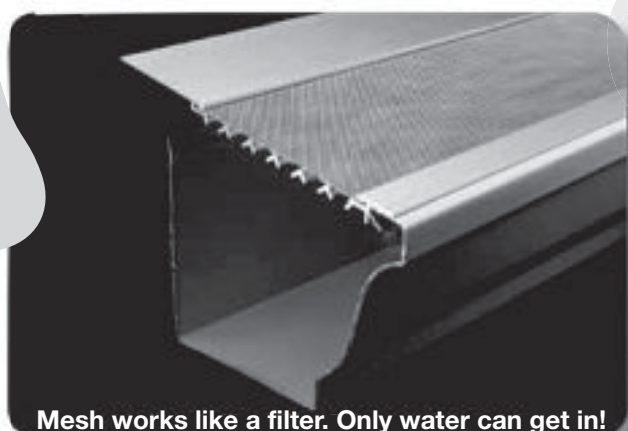
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Pink at top of her game

Pink, from Page 1

music ("Secrets"), hip-hop ("Revenge," which reprised her duet with Eminem by turning the rapper's image into a giant blow-up monster that Pink dive-bombed), goth-rock ("Try") and gospel with a bluegrass twist (an acoustic version of "I Am Here"). She spiced the mix with No Doubt's "Just a Girl" and a celebratory version of Nirvana's "Smells Like Teen Spirit" that had four women in front of me sharing a group hug, while a few rows nearby, a graying, bespectacled couple bellowed every word.

The set was long on hits powered by a muscular, seven-piece rock band. Pyro, fog machines, confetti and lasers provided the usual big-show pageantry, but Pink ensured that the spectacle had a human dimension. She was a relaxed entertainer

with a feel for how to briskly pace a big show while maintaining a sense of humor. After briefly conversing with a fan, she turned to the arena and said, "She says she's going through a divorce. I don't know what to say: Sorry, or congratulations!"

Her songs brimmed with imagery of outcasts who refuse to become victims and fighters who can be knocked down but not out, and she poured on the self-empowerment anthems. She rarely veered from verse-chorus-verse-bigger-chorus formula, as singalongs trumped innovation. The quirky flair that made her something of a teen-pop rebel has given way to a series of earnest message songs. The freaks-unite manifesto "Raise Your Glass" and the inclusive sentiments of "F---in' Perfect" were meant to be shouted at a hockey arena. And if all the

Pink's set list

1. Get the Party Started
2. Beautiful Trauma
3. Just Like a Pill
4. Who Knew
5. Revenge
6. Funhouse/Just a Girl (No Doubt cover)
7. Smells Like Teen Spirit (Nirvana cover)
8. Secrets
9. Try
10. Just Give Me a Reason
11. I'm Not Dead
12. Just Like Fire
13. What About Us
14. For Now
15. Barbies
16. I Am Here
17. F---in' Perfect
18. Raise Your Glass
19. Blow Me (One Last Kiss)
- Encore:
20. So What
21. Glitter in the Air

songs didn't fly quite that high, at least Pink did.

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IN PERFORMANCE 'YOU FOR ME FOR YOU' ★★★½

A timely fever dream of North Korea

By **KERRY REID**
Chicago Tribune

Much as we might prefer living in less interesting times, Sideshow Theatre Company's opening of Mia Chung's "You for Me for You" — on the night that the White House announced a meeting between President Donald Trump and North Korea's Kim Jong Un — couldn't have been timed better. Chung's imaginative epic tale of two sisters separated during their escape from the "hermit kingdom" took on extra resonance with the breaking news.

But even without that synchronicity, Chung's play succeeds as an imaginative and intricate story of loyalty, loss and the ruptures caused by repression and relocation. Director Elly Green's staging unfolds with wit and elegance, anchored by strong performances from the six-member ensemble on William Boles' spare but evocative set.

I admired Chung's script on the page when I read it two years ago, but this Chicago premiere hits on nearly all the cylinders, both enlarging Chung's linguistically rich dialogue and finding moments of spare poignancy. "You for Me for You" doesn't take a docudrama approach to illustrating the dangers of defection. Instead, the story of sisters Minhee (Helen Joo Lee) and Junhee (Jin Park) takes place in two equally strange and befuddling universes.

Older sister Minhee falls behind — and in a well — during their attempt to cross the border. She enters a world not unlike "the upside down" in Netflix's "Stranger Things." The arbitrary and menacing authoritarianism of the North Korean government becomes an absurdist force thwarting her attempts to find her dead son, who perished in a re-education camp. Gordon Chow and John Lu skillfully embody a series of characters and creatures, including frogs and bears (well, a man in a bear suit, anyway), during her adventures in this not-so-wonderful land.

Meantime, Junhee makes it over the border and ends up working as a nurse in New York



MICHAEL TUTINO PHOTO

Jin Park and Helen Joo Lee in the Chicago premiere of Mia Chung's "You for Me for You" by Sideshow Theatre Company.

City, where she negotiates dizzying consumer choices and a new language. Katy Carolina Collins brings comic verve to a series of patients, bosses and co-workers who fire rat-a-tat near-gibberish observations on everything from the quality of hospital food to celebrity "experts" on breast-feeding. Junhee also embarks on a romantic friendship with an African-American "Man from the South" — that is, Alabama — who also finds New York a bit discomfiting. (Patrick Agada delivers a warm, sympathetic performance.)

But Junhee cannot forget her older sister, and her decision to try to save her throws everything we think we understand about the narrative into question.

Chung doesn't shy away from

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the atrocities in North Korea. In one segment in the underworld hellscape into which she's fallen, Minhee finds her husband — a party official who ran afoul of the regime. He recites a series of tortures and possible deaths that he has suffered and it's gut-wrenching. Yet at the same time, Junhee's life in a city rife with possibilities also feels isolating.

Lee and Park anchor the production with unfussy but focused performances. We believe these are women who have had to carefully modulate their reactions to others for fear of what a wrong look or word might bring to them. This makes the heightened emotional moments all the more effective, even on the rare occasions when Chung's script pushes the whimsy buttons harder than necessary.

Boles' red-framed set with doors on either end suggests a box from which it's nearly impossible to escape, enhanced by a back wall with rotating panels that conjure streetscapes and poppy fields. Cat Wilson's deliberately disorienting lighting design and Christopher M. LaPorte's sound and original music

(particularly an oddly enchanting interlude where Minhee finds a "rice musician" who "conducts" grains of the staple food) add to the sense of a world that is all at once familiar and nightmarish.

Early on, Lee's Minhee resists Junhee's urgings to make the border crossing to "somewhere else" by telling her, "There is nowhere else." Park's Junhee responds "I know, I know — let's just hurry and get there." Chung's play and Sideshow's production create a "somewhere else" that passes like a fever dream, leaving behind disquieting and emotionally wrenching images of the cost of leaving.

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'THE CHI' RECAP EPISODE 9

In Tracy and Quentin, some dark histories show their faces

By **WILLIAM LEE**
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Each week, William Lee and Nina Metz recap and discuss the first season of "The Chi," which airs at 9 p.m. Sundays on Showtime.

Spoilers ahead

Nina Metz: More and more I'm impressed with how "The Chi" is blending its drama with absurdist comedy, and in particular Shamon Brown Jr's Papa is one of the great breakout characters of the show. This! Kid! Now I get why he's called Papa — he's the most mature and well-adjusted person on the show, period.

But let's start with the serious stuff. No one is bothering with secrets anymore, whether it's Jada telling Ronnie he's the reason she lost her job, or Kevin coming clean to Papa about shooting Ronnie.

This week Laverne joined the women's support group and when she and Tracy heard the names of their respective sons, they instantly knew the connection. A lot of TV shows would have drawn out that tension, but I like that Laverne didn't let it fester: "My boy Coogie ain't kill your son. He was just in the wrong place at the wrong time. I thought you should know that." The quietly shocked look on Tracy's face nearly broke me.

And we finally learned Tracy's own devastating history. What these people did to her as a teenager — bartered by a junkie stepfather to Quentin, who kept her as a sex slave — is awful. That she managed to make it out to the other side relatively intact (I'm rooting for ya, Tracy) means something.

So this is who Quentin is, with his courtly manner masking all kinds of nastiness. And now we know why he has been so obsessed with Jason's death, patiently waiting to strike back to avenge his son's murder. He never asks Tracy what she needs in her time of grief — what she wants to happen. He couldn't care less about her. It's ironic — she goaded Ronnie into taking matters into

his own hands, and we find out Quentin had the same plan all along.

William Lee: Tracy's story is a devastating revelation that finally begins to peel away at Quentin's polite veneer while explaining her own hardened exterior. Quentin coincidentally appears to be playing all of his trump cards, getting Reggie to go against his boss, with a battered Trice in the trunk of his car. We also see Q brazenly getting into the crooked detective's car and proposing business. Quentin may be one of the most diabolical characters on TV.

NM: I agree! It helps tremendously that he's played by Steven Williams, who is giving the performance of his career. Smooth and complicated and incredibly dangerous. And apparently without the capacity for introspection.

WL: And what about the boys this week? Jake looks like he's on schedule to end his childhood in the worst way possible by the end of the season. Reggie wins Creepiest Big Brother award once again out of that tension, but I like that Laverne didn't let it fester: "My boy Coogie ain't kill your son. He was just in the wrong place at the wrong time. I thought you should know that." The quietly shocked look on Tracy's face nearly broke me.

NM: Twice this episode we saw Reggie give the boys terrible advice — how to make girls jealous and then how to conquer fear — but let's consider: Who taught Reg? His father's in jail and his mom took off. Twisted as his worldview often is, I think he's one of the show's great characters and Barton Fitzpatrick brings an innate charisma to the role. Reg clearly cares for his kid brother (although that scary hot tub scene from a few weeks back suggested otherwise) and he doesn't resent that he's filling a parental role. But also, Reg isn't above using those kids as alibi-builders either.

Do we believe Andrea's parents really told her she couldn't date until she's 18, or was she just letting Kevin down easy?

WL: I suspect it could be that her

heartbroken cousin, Maisha, is at the root of this rejection.

NM: What did you think about that scene in the boy's locker room between Kevin and Papa? "The Chi" continually shows us that these friendships are real and these kids have substantial conversations. Kevin's finally giving us a glimpse into what he's thinking; he just wants to forget everything connected to Ronnie. Also, Papa is a font of information about the sciatic nerve!

WL: More than a well of information, Papa is also the moral center of the group. Where Kevin is happy-go-lucky and Jake is teetering on the abyss, Papa knows who he is and what he wants. Because of this, I'm as worried about his fate as much as Jake's. After all, stray bullets have no names on them and no one is safe in a crossfire.

Like life in the real-life Chicago, kids on a seemingly righteous path can't always escape bloodshed on the street, even if they aren't directly involved. As a crime reporter, I've seen plenty of examples of good kids — even church kids like Papa — falling victim to crime. Kids like Terrell Bosley, an 18-year-old church musician killed a few blocks from the home of one of my relatives in 2006. Bosley was unloading musical equipment when he was killed, and his murder remains unsolved to this day — revealing the double whammy of violence addressed directly in this show: the initial heartbreaking impact and the lingering pain from the case remaining unsolved.

But I shudder to think what would become of Kevin if either of his pals falls into violence. In the slower storylines, we have Emmett reaching some sort of peace treaty with the mother of his child (and her new boyfriend, apparently).

NM: In the case of that boyfriend, that peace comes at a literal price of \$100 a week — money we can assume won't be spent on E.J. right?

WL: Which is why Emmett's



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In Episode 9 of the first season of "The Chi," Laverne (Sonja Sohn) and Tracy (Tai Davis) realized a devastating connection.

attention may be focused on his son, but he still has money troubles. He gave up his trademark sneakers for socks and sandals. Between Sonny's warning about getting involved with Quentin and the unprofessional tongue lashing he took from the currency exchange worker, I worry that Emmett may get pulled into more shady activities to provide for his family.

NM: Also, is Jada really moving to Seattle? Noooo! I love Yolonda Ross!

WL: We also see Brandon trying to get his food truck business off the ground as he reconciles with Jerricka. It's not going easily for him in the early going, only to have his former boss Sarah show up to tell him her husband knows about them. To his credit, Brandon confesses to Jerricka — and then she confesses that she too stepped out during their break. So where do they go from here?

NM: By the way, that surprised look on Brandon's face was ... odd. I mean, he saw her with another guy at the block party where she made it clear they were an item, but OK, Brandon.

WL: And finally we see Ronnie taking steps to get his life in order and shaving his mustache ...

NM: It was a beard! A scraggly beard!

WL: Seriously, didn't he look like a completely different person afterward? And then he goes into the police station and confesses to

killing Coogie. We know he's been hurting since he killed Coogie — he killed for a boy he raised as his own son, but who wasn't actually his son. I wonder what Tracy's reaction to this will be.

NM: Tracy has enough on her plate! But this does open up opportunities for her to interact with Ms. Ethel. Or did Ronnie's call reporting fake elder abuse (to ensure Ethel would be taken care of in his absence) signal LaDonna Tittle's departure from the show? I hope not. I'm pulling hard that we get a flashback to Ethel in her 20s or 30s in Season 2.

Here's the thing, the cop portions of "The Chi" feel like they exist in a separate show. I'm not sure how invested I am in this storyline.

WL: The cop portions are sadly too brief, as they could provide a real window into the complex nature of police work, where good cops like Detective Cruz face hard odds pushing back against corrupt officers like Detective Wallace. "The Chi" makes an earnest effort to show little-addressed snippets of life, whether it's the street economy of loose cigarettes, pilfered freight trains or apathetic police brass more interested in closing cases than truly solving crimes.

Read next week's recap after the episode airs on Showtime next Sunday.

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Josh Lovell, from left, Emmett O'Hanlon, Susan Graham and Diana Newman perform the Leonard Bernstein opera "Trouble in Tahiti" at the Lyric Opera House in Chicago on Saturday as part of a tribute to the legendary composer.

IN PERFORMANCE

Lyric nails Bernstein's musical theater mode

BY JOHN VON RHEIN
Chicago Tribune

For all the larger-than-life fame Leonard Bernstein achieved on the podium, on television and in everything else this multifaceted musician did, Bernstein the composer was deeply torn between his need to be at once the George Gershwin and the Gustav Mahler of his era.

The iconic status he achieved as the most important American musician of the 20th century simply wasn't enough for this protean figure: This revered composer of "West Side Story" longed to be taken seriously as a composer of concert and operatic works, and the frequent belittling of those works by critics bothered him greatly.

The flood tide of performances, publications, recordings and events from all corners of the world (including, this summer and beyond, at Ravinia) during the 2018 Bernstein centennial celebration promises to correct this perceptual imbalance. Too bad Bernstein, who died in 1990, won't be around to witness it.

Lyric Opera kept the focus on Bernstein the master of American musical theater with its hugely entertaining tribute concert, "Celebrating 100 Years of Bernstein," Saturday night at the Lyric Opera House. This was no grab bag of greatest hits, but an intelligently planned, well-directed (by Peggy Hickey), skillfully performed selection of

familiar and unfamiliar Bernstein vocal works.

Performed with exuberance and affection by opera singers Susan Graham and Nathan Gunn, music theater star Kate Baldwin and members of the Ryan Opera Center, and accompanied by the Lyric Opera Orchestra under conductor (and helpful second-half emcee) David Chase, the event felt rather like one of those soirees *chez Lenny* at which he would hold forth at the piano: relaxed, smart, intimate, jokey, unabashedly sentimental.

The first half was given over to a clever semi-staging of the first of Bernstein's two operas, "Trouble in Tahiti," his one-act 1952 satire on postwar suburban domesticity and consumerism. Set to a bright, tuneful score that fuses elements of jazz, musical comedy, popular song and soap opera, the work examines the unhappy marriage of a suburban middle-aged couple, Dinah and Sam. Their spiritual emptiness and inability to communicate, their desperate longing for love and intimacy, make up the heart of the piece.

The smartest touch is counterpointing the pair's bickering with the idealized representation of American life presented by a scatting jazz trio, who comment on the action like a Greek chorus of '50s hepcats. The balancing of voices wasn't ideal at the outset but, overall, Ryan singers Diana Newman, Josh Lovell and Emmett O'Hanlon made an engaging trio, their jazzy

rhythms and close harmonies straight out of radio commercials of the era.

A lightweight little opera, no question, although Bernstein's slick score and witty lyrics make it rate an occasional hearing. The high point was the title song, sung by Dinah, a sendup of kitschy '50s Hollywood musical fantasies that Graham brought off hilariously well. The charismatic mezzo-soprano made Dinah truly touching through the warmth of her singing and her subtle way with Lenny's lyrics.

Gunn was in good vocal form but appeared somewhat miscast in the admittedly tricky role of Sam, whose naked need for approval makes him super-competitive in both the office and the handball court.

The baritone seemed more comfortable with the more varied material he got to deliver as part of the potpourri of lighter Bernsteiniana that came after the intermission — a survey of musical theater songs and ensembles, and concert pieces, from the 1940s (the shows "On the Town," "Wonderful Town"), '50s ("Peter Pan," "Candide," "West Side Story") and his 1976 Broadway flop, "1600 Pennsylvania Avenue," which marked his farewell to Broadway.

Baldwin, fondly remembered for her Anna Leonowens in Lyric's "The King and I" two seasons ago, is a consummate pro when it comes to the Bernstein songbook. Her star presence lit up a second

half in which everybody got to take part. If "Somewhere" lacked what a bigger, richer voice would bring to it, "A Little Bit in Love" was full of wistful charm, and "I Can Cook, Too" was delicious. Who could resist Baldwin's loving way with "So Pretty," a song Bernstein wrote for Barbra Streisand to perform at an anti-Vietnam War fundraiser at Lincoln Center in 1968?

Graham came into her own with a truly dreamy rendition of "Dream with Me," a number cut from the original score of the rarely performed 1950 "Peter Pan" (not to be confused with the more popular 1954 show that starred Mary Martin). Gunn got to show off his comedic chops (also a fake hook) in the soliloquy for Captain Hook that star Boris Karloff never performed in that same show. His wistful "Lonely Town" and "To What You Said" (from "Songfest") were among the choicest musical moments.

All in all, Lenny the music theater/concert genius was well served by everyone, including Broadway pro Chase and Lyric's crack orchestra. I could imagine the shade of Bernstein sitting off to the side, cigarette in one hand, glass of scotch in the other, delighting in his own music as much as any member of Saturday's audience.

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'Hang Man' is a risk that pays off for Gift Theatre

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marauding white folks. We see a young woman and her boyfriend, a young woman who we soon will see has more than one boyfriend, including a police officer with a gun. But that is still to come, all part of a play that packs a heck of a lot into 85 minutes. These two are copulating when they see the black man hanging — which both shocks and, it seems, titillates at least one of them.

Then we meet a young African-American girl, a middle-schooler, who lives with her mom in this part of Mississippi where you find people hanging in trees of their own volition, to a point. Her mom, Sage, played by Jennifer Glasse, is a waitress. In a honky-tonk for white people.

Such as that young white woman, Margarie, played by Angela Morris. So intense is her obsession with the hanging man that she progressively changes her features, darkening her skin tone and working with her hair. Before long, she appears to be working from the Rachel Dolezal playbook.

All of that happens in just a few minutes, and things progress, if that is the word, from there.

Chicago theaters currently are producing many plays about racial collision in the present, as contextualized by historical racism: I saw "Hang Man" just a few days after Kevin Douglas' "Plantation" at the Lookingglass Theatre.

"Plantation" is an accessible work with a clear moral message, aimed especially for a white audience. "Hang Man" is bleaker, absurder, more challenging, overtly lyrical and propelled by the language of the earth, the soil, the wet dirt. It is a work that deals with the intersection of racism and self-loathing, not to mention racism and sexuality. As such, it was a great risk for Gift.

A risk well worth taking, for I've not found it easy to shake this piece from my head, even though the big chunk of

When: Through April 29

Where: The Gift Theatre, 4802 N. Milwaukee Ave.

Running time: 1 hour, 25 minutes

Tickets: \$30-\$40 at 773-283-7071 and www.thegifttheatre.org

the plot involving the lives of Sage, her friend Jahaad (Martel Manning) and young G (the terrific Mariah Sydney Gordon) feels removed from Darnell and those who become compelled by what he has chosen to do to himself. I had a sense that not fully unlocking the authorial intent there was partly my fault, although that is where the script still needs work and I could have used more help from director Jess McLeod's production, which does not always operate at the same levels of intensity or veracity. It's also not always fully comfortable with the comedy inherent in the writing, although it is not hard, God knows, to see why.

At times, the poetry of "Hang Man" put me in mind of the similarly formidable drama "A Small Oak Tree Runs Red," which I admired in its Chicago premiere, and which recently opened in New York.

That said, this still is a gutsy piece of directing, and most of all of the performances (Paul D'Addario and Andy Fleischer play Margarie's doodlers and diddlers) reflect deep dives into characters whose actions both reflect and belie their traumatized inner complexity, and malevolence.

You will not easily arrive at villains and heroes on Osei-Kuffour's watch. But you will wonder if this country ever can shake the ghosts that hang in its trees or lie at our feet as we walk. We'd better. Kids are looking up at the trees. And Osei-Kuffour comes from Chicago.

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Angela Morris and Andy Fleischer in "Hang Man," which deals with the intersection of racism and self-loathing.



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"Being female is a component of that animus."

—Director Karyn Kusama, above, on the "crowning" over the failure of her feature film "Æon Flux" in 2005

Directors find more choices in TV

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"Casual," "The Man in the High Castle" and "Halt and Catch Fire." On a practical level, working in television, where the budgets are often more generous than the indie film world, is also appealing. "A lot of times, you get more tools per hour in TV," says the filmmaker, whose micro-budget feature "The Invitation" was released to positive reviews in 2016.

Mimi Leder didn't earn her stripes in the indie world — she got her start in TV, working on shows including "L.A. Law" and "China Beach" before winning an Emmy for her groundbreaking work on "ER." By the late '90s, she

was directing big studio releases like "The Peacemaker" and "Deep Impact," the latter of which set what was then a record for highest-opening weekend box office for a film directed by a woman. Then came "Pay It Forward," a critical and commercial disappointment, and she couldn't get hired on another movie.

"When a woman makes a movie that is not successful, she goes to movie jail," Leder says. "Women are constantly having to prove ourselves over and over again. No matter how many Emmys you win or have been nominated for."

Leder has continued to thrive in television, most recently earning rapturous praise for her work on

HBO's "The Leftovers." She was also an executive producer on the series, which she calls a "life-changing experience," and she has made a point of bringing more women into the fold.

Despite the obstacles they've faced, Leder, Peirce and Kusama have fared better than most women in Hollywood. A recent report by the USC Annenberg Inclusion Initiative found that 84 percent of female directors made just one film — the "one and done" phenomenon — and men were almost twice as likely to helm a second feature.

Ironically, for many of these women, their TV work is getting them noticed once again by the film world. Leder is in post-

production on "On the Basis of Sex," a biopic about Ruth Bader Ginsburg. Kusama just wrapped "Destroyer," a crime thriller starring Nicole Kidman. And it was recently announced that Peirce would direct "This Is Jane," a fact-based drama about an underground abortion service, for Amazon.

Says Kusama: "Part of why I decided to take a break from studio filmmaking was that I need the world to catch up with me a bit. Constantly having to defend my creative honor was getting tiresome."

The world — or at least Hollywood — may finally be catching up.

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WATCH THIS: MONDAY



Tom Ellis

“Lucifer” (7 p.m., FOX): Lucifer (Tom Ellis) and company get to experience what it's like to be at the center of superstardom in the new episode “Let Pinhead Sing!”. Protecting a hugely popular, threatened music star means dealing with all sorts of personalities — and obsessive fans, one or more of whom could prove lethal. Charlotte (Tricia Helfer) attempts to bring Linda and Maze (Rachael Harris, Lesley-Anne Brandt) back together.

“The Voice” (7 p.m., NBC): With the new season of the singing competition still in its earliest phase, “The Blind Auditions” continue with their fifth round in this episode. Coaches and judges Kelly Clarkson, Alicia Keys, Adam Levine and Blake Shelton continue to assess the hopefuls who want to be chosen for their teams — and then possibly go on to be the last vocalist standing at the end of the entire contest. Another episode airs Tuesday. Carson Daly is the host.

“Man With a Plan” (7:30 p.m., CBS): Adam (Matt LeBlanc) becomes “The Party Planner” in a new episode by that title, but that isn't to say he'll be successful as he tries to surprise Andi (Liza Snyder) for her birthday. Getting all the guests in place for the event turns out to be quite problematic. Swoosie Kurtz, Jenna Dewan Tatum, Tim Meadows and Sherri Shepherd reprise their earlier guest roles. Kevin Nealon and Stacy Keach also star.

“iZombie” (8 p.m., CW): Liv (Rose McIver) has love on the brain — in an extremely literal way — in the new episode “Brainless in Seattle, Part 1,” as her probe of a very romantic person's murder makes her prone to meddle in others' relationships, to Clive's (Malcolm Goodwin) particular discomfort. Liv and Major (Robert Buckley) continue to try to resolve their shared troubles.

“Living Biblically” (8:30 p.m., CBS): “Love Thy Neighbor” is a credo Chip (Jay R. Ferguson) struggles to live by ... and it's also the title of this new episode, as he's flummoxed by a lack of sleep from loud noise at night on his block. He consults Rabbi Gil and Father Gene (David Krumholtz, Ian Gomez) on what to do. Sara Gilbert and Jane Carr (“Dear John”) guest star.

“The Good Doctor” (9 p.m., ABC): A patient puts Shaun (Freddie Highmore) on the spot in the new episode “Pain,” by asking the doctor what he would do if faced with the same potentially perilous surgery. It's then a struggle for Shaun to put himself in the other person's shoes and give an honest answer. Antonia Thomas, Nicholas Gonzalez, Chuku Modu, Beau Garrett, Hill Harper, Richard Schiff and Tamlyn Tomita also star.

TALK SHOWS

“Conan” (10 p.m. 11:30 p.m., TBS): Actress Minnie Driver; comic Ron Funches.*

“The Tonight Show Starring Jimmy Fallon” (10:34 p.m., NBC): Actor Alec Baldwin; actor Billy Crudup; Nathaniel Rateliff & the Night Sweats perform.*

“The Late Show With Stephen Colbert” (10:35 p.m., CBS): Professional football player Tom Brady; actor Sean Bean; comic Emmy Blotnick.*

“Jimmy Kimmel Live” (10:35 p.m., ABC): Celebrity guests and comedy skits.*

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	NBC	5	The Voice: “The Blind Auditions, Part 5.” (N) ©			(9:01) Good Girls: “Borderline.” (N) ©		NBC 5 News (N) ♦	
	ABC	7	American Idol: “102 (Auditions).” (N) ©			The Good Doctor: “Pain.” (N) ©		News at 10pm (N) ♦	
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OXY	NCIS: “Troll.” ©		NCIS: “The Lost Boys.”		NCIS: “Neverland.”		NCIS ♦		
PARMT	♦ Friends ©		Friends ©		Cops ©		Cops ©		
SYFY	♦ Lara Croft: Tomb Raider		Predators (R,'10) ♦♦		Adrien Brody, Topher Grace. ©				
TBS	Family Guy		Family Guy		Family Guy		American (N) Final Sp. (N)		
TCM	National Velvet (G,'44) ♦♦♦♦		Mickey Rooney. ©				Life With Father ♦♦♦ ♦		
TLC	Separation Anxiety		Counting On (N)		Little People, Big World		Counting ♦		
TLN	Supernatural		Humanit		Faith Chi		Gaither Homecoming		
TNT	♦ Avengers: Age of Ultron		The Alienist (N) ©		(8:54) The Alienist		Law ♦		
TOON	King of Hill		Amer. Dad		Cleveland		Amer. Dad		
TRAV	Delicious		Delicious		Man v. Food		Man v. Food		
TVL	Raymond		Raymond		Raymond		Raymond		
USA	WWE Monday Night RAW (N) (Live) ©						Mom ©		
VH1	Love & Hip Hop (N) ©		Love & Hip Hop Miami (N)		Love & Hip Hop ©		Hip Hop ♦		
WE	Criminal Minds: “Hope.”		Criminal Minds ©		Criminal Minds ©		Criminal ♦		
WGN America	♦ (6) Pulp Fiction (R,'94) ♦♦♦♦		John Travolta. ©		Shoot the Messenger (N)		Bellevue ♦		
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	MAX	The Medallion (PG-13,'03) ♦♦		©		The Core (PG-13,'03) ♦♦		Aaron Eckhart. © ♦	
	SHO	Homeland ©		The Chi ©		Homeland ©		The Chi ♦	
	STARZ	(7:04) Counterpart ©		©		McLaren (NR,'17) Dwayne Cameron. ©		Ash vs Evil	
STZNC	♦ (6:06) Grease ('78) ♦♦♦		©		True Grit (G,'69) ♦♦♦		John Wayne. ©		

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Horoscopes



Today's birthday (March 12): Get out and spread your passions this year. A strong network of friends is invaluable. Money comes when you need it. Love grows over the summer, before a resting time to transition into higher gears of performance, physical action and health. Push your own boundaries.

Aries (March 21-April 19): Today is a 7. Stay in communication to avoid surprises or duplication of efforts with your team. Share what you're learning as you go. Celebrate accomplishments together.

Taurus (April 20-May 20): 7. Forge ahead for a career goal. Take on more responsibility at work. Someone influential is paying attention. Dress for success, and show your skills.

Gemini (May 21-June 20): 8. Investigate possibilities for a few days. Your studies could take you in a new direction. Don't rely on an unstable source. Check things out thoroughly.

Cancer (June 21-July 22): 8. Changes necessitate budget revisions. Handle financial obligations and bills before getting treats. Adjust to include what you want in your plan. Collaborate creatively.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22): 8. Listen to your partner's point of view. You don't know it all, especially about money. Compromise resolves a disagreement. Keep or change your word.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): 8. Your work is in demand. Take care of yourself for stamina and endurance. Maintain physical exercise and health practices. Nurture your body.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): 7. Prioritize family, relaxation and romance. Distractions abound; it could get awkward. Handle chores before you go out to play. Handle basic responsibilities and then unplug.

Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): 8. Settle into domestic comforts. Focus on home and family for now. Cook up something delicious together. Mute the screens. Use good china.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): 8. Practice creative skills and learn new tricks. An answer you've been seeking is hiding in plain sight. Communicate through your favorite media and channels.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): 8. Cash flow surges for a few days. Divert some to savings for a morale boost. A steady trickle grows your money jar.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): 5. Take extra care of your personal image and appearance. Try a new style. It doesn't need to be expensive to look sharp. Nurture yourself.

Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20): 6. Contemplate your upcoming moves. Take extra care of yourself to reduce stress. Peaceful privacy and soothing rituals allow for clear thinking.

— Nancy Black, Tribune Content Agency

The Argyle Sweater



Bliss



Bridge

Here are the answers to the weekly quiz:

Q.1—Neither vulnerable, as South, you hold:

♠ K ♥ AK983 ♦ A87 ♣ AJ62

Right-hand opponent opens one diamond. What call would you make?

A.1—This hand is strong enough to double and bid hearts next, but there is a danger. Partner might have a distributional hand with long spades and get excited thinking that you have a spade fit. Bid one heart.

Q.2—North-South vulnerable, as South, you hold:

♠ AQ93 ♥ 10963 ♦ 107 ♣ AKQ

As dealer, what call would you make?

A.2—This is a balanced 15-17, and there is only one opening bid with this hand in standard bidding. Bid one no trump. Don't worry that your values are concentrated in two suits.

Q.3—North-South vulnerable, as South, you hold:

♠ QJ95 ♥ K862 ♦ KQ5 ♣ 93

North **East** **South** **West**

Pass Pass ?

What call would you make?

A.3—We would open the bidding in third position. It's acceptable to open with a strong four-card major in this position, but we don't think either major is strong enough. Bid one diamond.

Q.4—East-West vulnerable, as South, you hold:

♠ A9 ♥ Q432 ♦ K107 ♣ 10964

West **North** **East** **South**

1♠ Dbl 3♠* ?

*Pre-emptive

What call would you make?

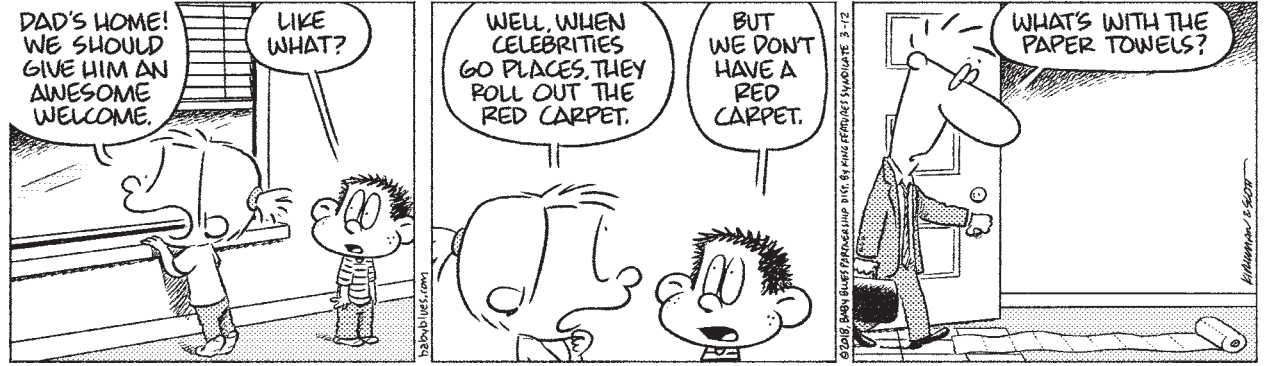
A.4—You must be aggressive over their pre-emption, just not reckless. We would double if playing responsive doubles and bid four hearts if not. Borderline reckless.

— Bob Jones
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Dilbert



Baby Blues



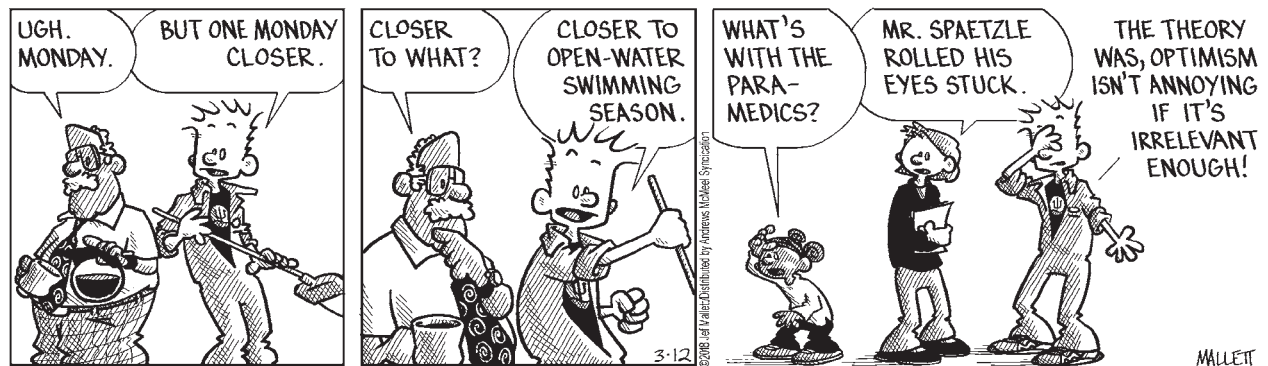
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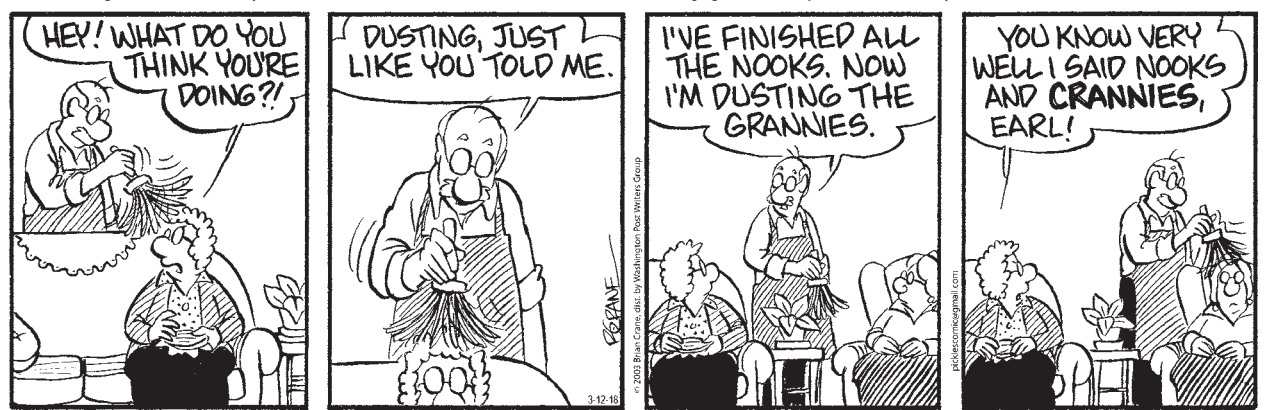
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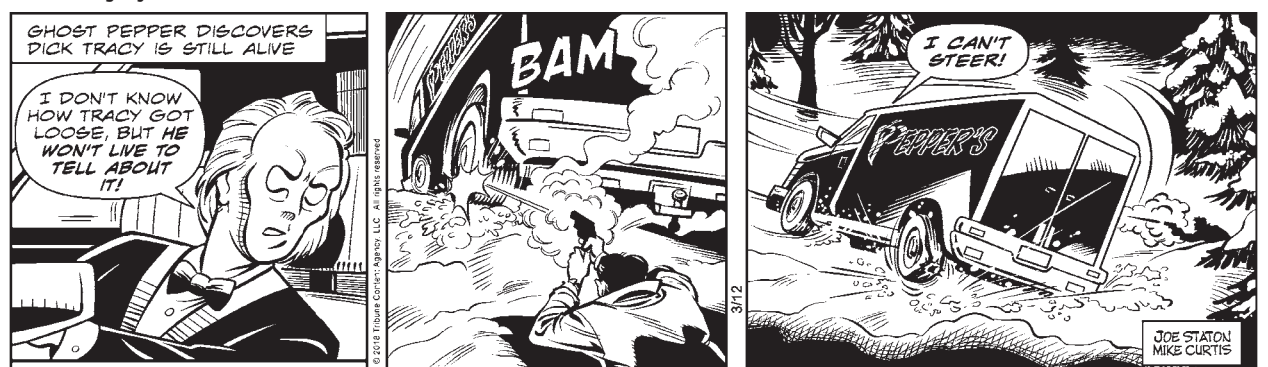
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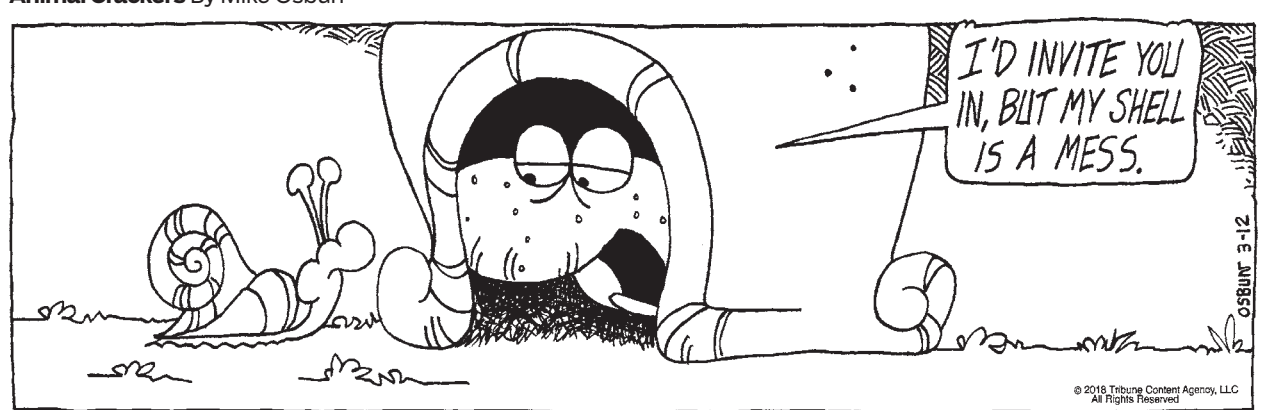
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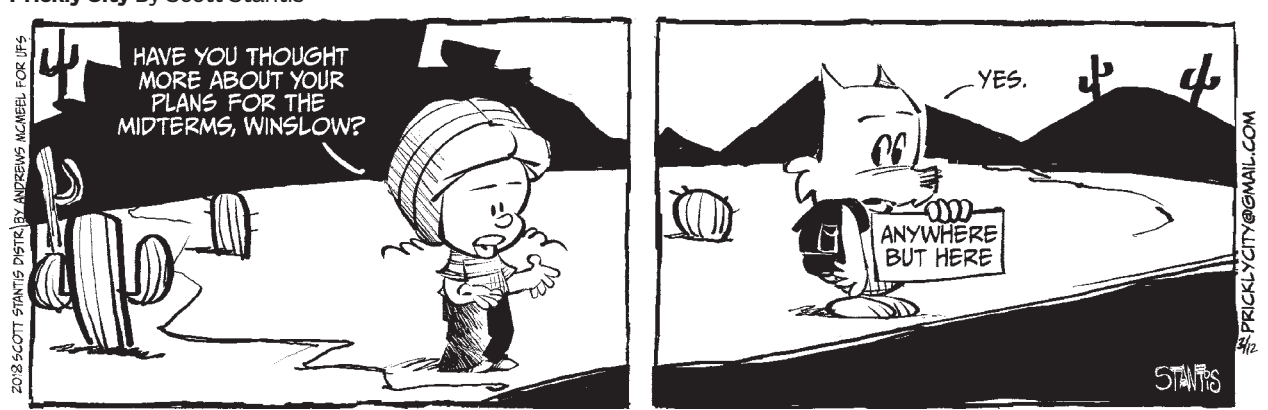
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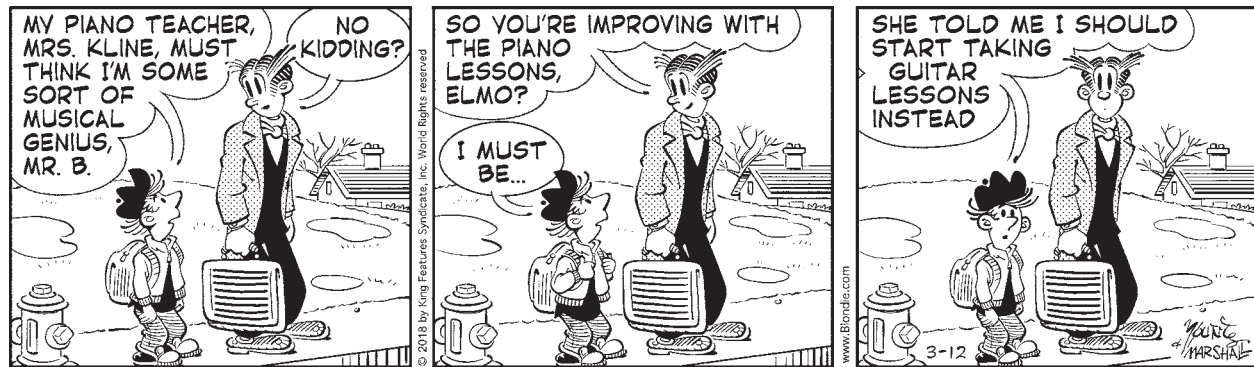
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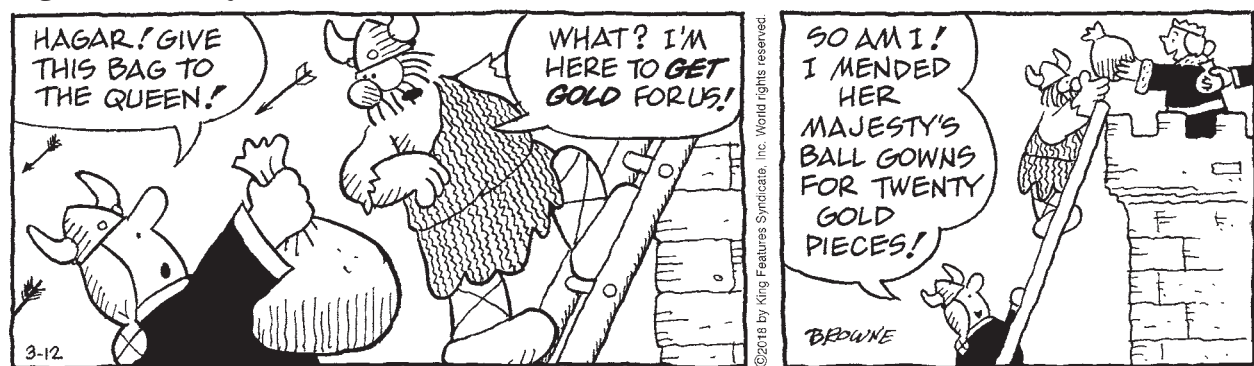
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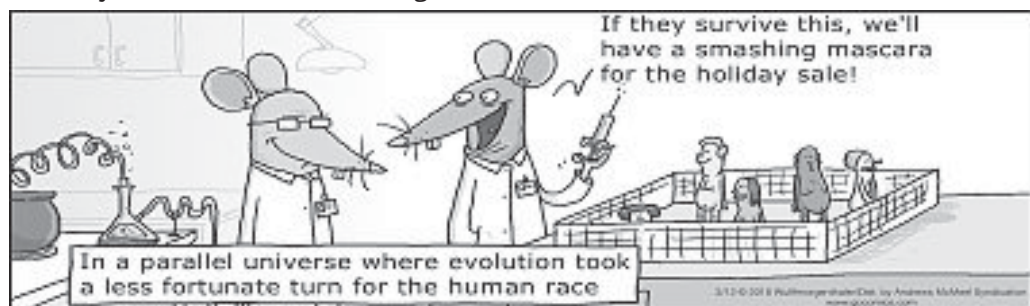
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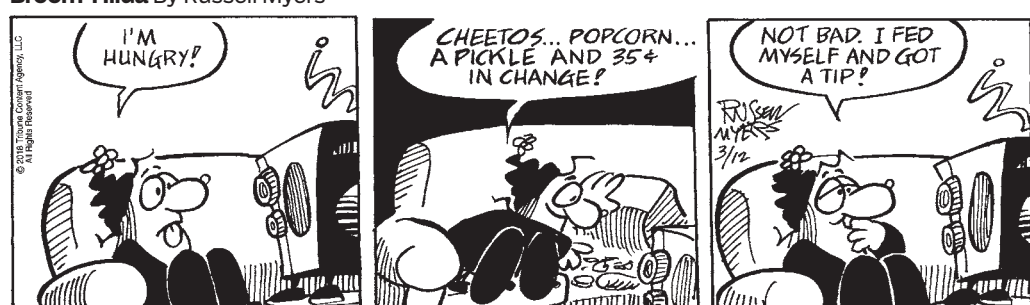
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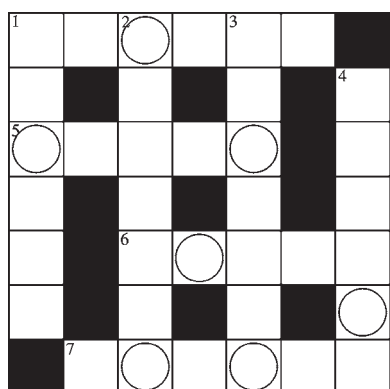


Trivia Bits

Who provided the voice of Marty the zebra in the "Madagascar" film franchise?
A) Sacha Baron Cohen
B) Chris Rock
C) Jada Pinkett Smith
D) Ben Stiller

Saturday's answer: In Mary Shelley's novel, Dr. Frankenstein's first name is Victor.

Jumble Crossword



CLUE ACROSS
1. Boundaries
5. Green
6. Oven feature
7. Deer

CLUE DOWN
1. up
2. Baste
3. radiation
4. Point maker

ANSWER ACROSS
1. MLTISI
5. VEUIL
6. METRI
7. TLEARN

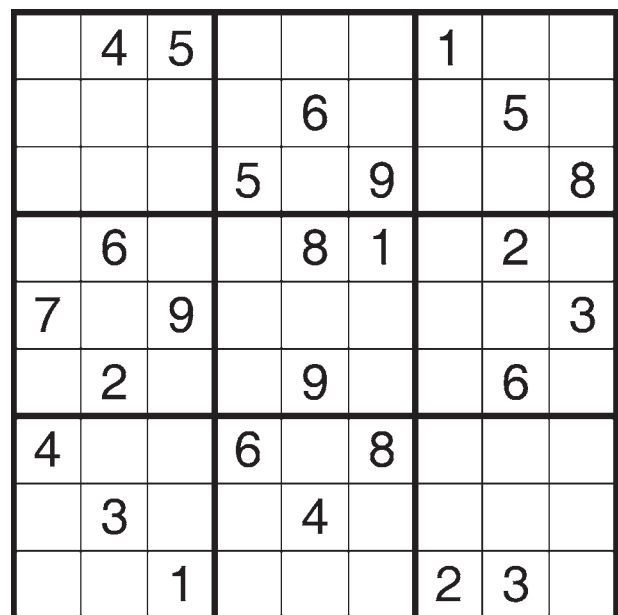
ANSWER DOWN
1. OSNEO
2. IOETNSM
3. RMTLHEA
4. CSRREO

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 is equal to 1,760 yards.
BONUS [Grid]

Sudoku 1 2 3 4

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4	7	9	5	2	8	3	1	6
6	1	2	9	3	4	8	5	7
3	5	8	1	7	6	9	4	2
8	6	1	4	9	2	7	3	5
7	4	3	6	8	5	2	9	1
9	2	5	7	1	3	6	8	4
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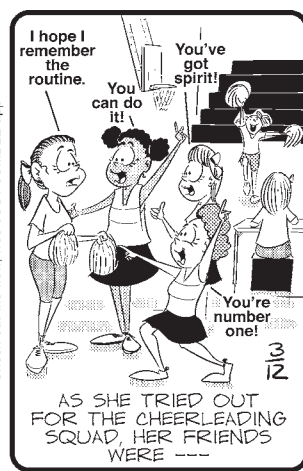
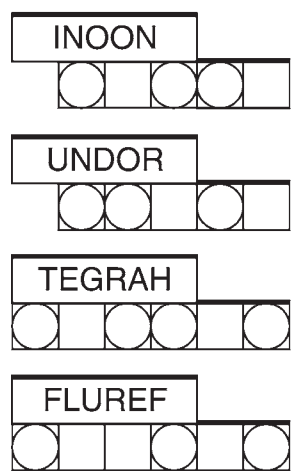
Complete the grid so each row, column and 3-by-3 box in bold borders contains every digit 1 to 9.

Saturday's solutions

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Jumble

Unscramble the four Jumbles, one letter per square, to form four words. Then arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by this cartoon.



Answer here



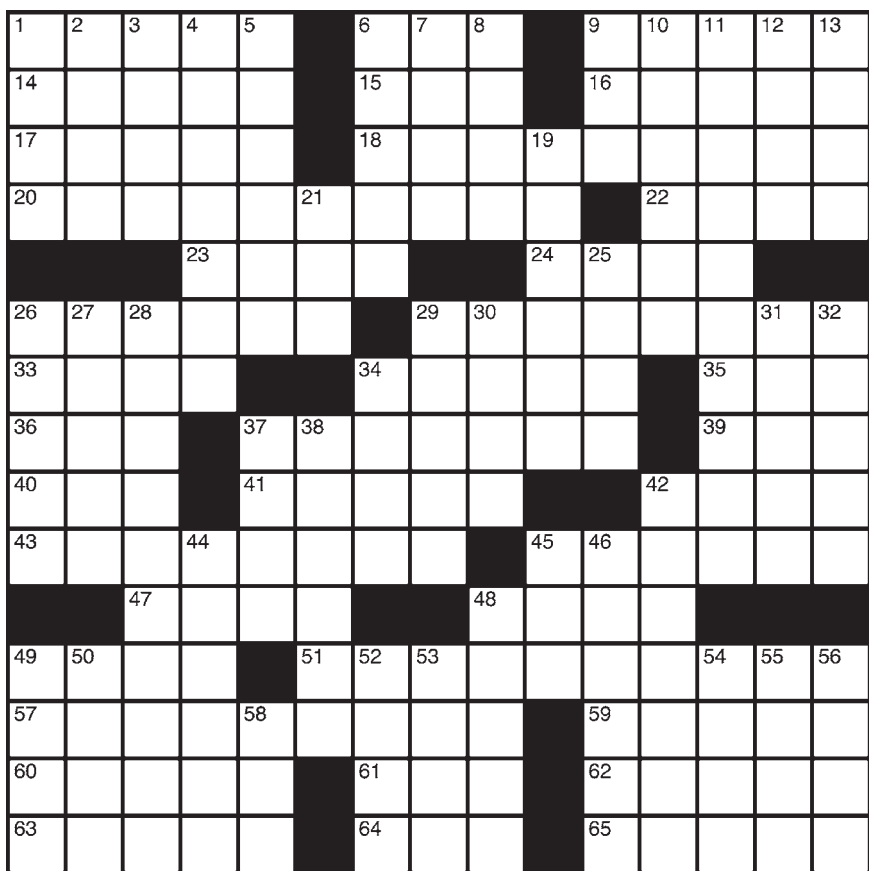
Saturday's answers

Jumbles: NEWLY PLAID WEAKEN VISUAL
Answer: The winery's grapes were finally ready to pick. They described the taste as — DIVINE

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Crossword

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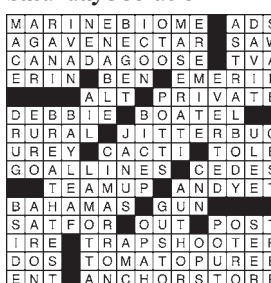
Across

- 1 Medicare section for doctors' services
- 6 Number of sides on most game cubes
- 9 Fit of _ : irritated state
- 14 Western neighbor of Wyoming
- 15 Omelet meat
- 16 Finnish hot spot
- 17 Deck
- 18 Some Little League eligibility rules
- 20 *Samsung Galaxy, e.g.
- 22 Aberdeen native
- 23 Salty waters
- 24 Eastern neighbor of Wyoming; Abbr.
- 26 Sewn loosely
- 29 Put together, as IKEA furniture
- 33 Pale
- 34 Urge forward
- 35 Curtain holder
- 36 Reggae relative

- 37 *Trick that's "pulled"
- 39 Bit of energy
- 40 Cape sci-fi play
- 41 Jerk
- 42 Taxi meter amount
- 43 Tickle the fancy of
- 45 Puts up with
- 47 Big name in banking
- 48 "So that's it!" cries
- 49 Heavy hammer
- 51 *Optimist's perspective
- 57 Barbra with Oscars
- 59 Ballet skirts
- 60 Donates
- 61 NHL surface
- 62 Layered cookies
- 63 With 21-Down, dictation taker's need
- 64 Bobsey girl
- 65 Group described by the starts of the answers to starred clues

- 12 "Do _ others ..."
- 13 Dawn direction
- 19 Reduce
- 21 See 63-Across
- 25 What a stet cancels
- 26 Iraqi port
- 27 Invite to one's penthouse
- 28 *Hairpin turn, e.g.
- 29 "Are not!" response
- 30 Dalmatian mark
- 31 Sitcom producer Chuck
- 32 Boundaries
- 34 " _ just me ... ?"
- 37 Royal decree
- 38 Goes off script
- 42 Narrow crack
- 44 Astronaut Collins
- 45 "That feels good!"
- 46 Inning half
- 48 Poet Nash
- 49 Inbox list; Abbr.
- 50 Going _ : fighting
- 52 Reason to roll out the tarp
- 53 Peruvian native
- 54 Cal.-to-Fla. highway
- 55 Couples
- 56 She, in Sicily
- 58 Prefix with -bar or -tope

Saturday's solution



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MONDAY, MARCH 12 NORMAL HIGH: 45° NORMAL LOW: 28° RECORD HIGH: 81° (1990) RECORD LOW: 1° (1948)

Cold air reinforced here for next couple of days

LOCAL FORECAST

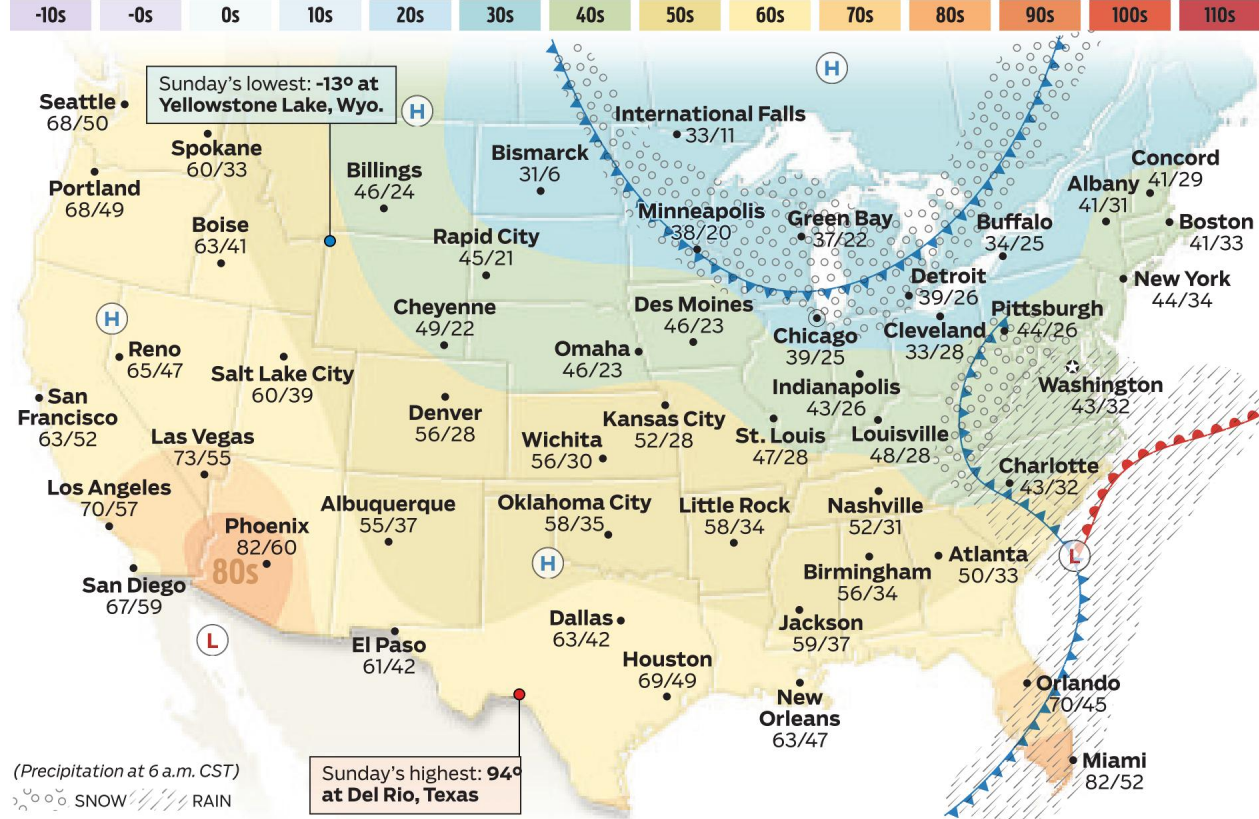
HIGH 39 **LOW** 25

■ 12 to 25 mph north to northwest winds will replenish cold air over the Chicago area for the next 36 to 48 hours.

■ The long fetch over the waters of Lake Michigan will provide impetus to the formation of lake-effect snow showers around the south end of the lake into northwest Indiana and southwest Lower Michigan. Temperatures in the Chicago area will likely be no higher than the 30s, with nighttime lows in the 20s and even teens Tuesday night. An anticipated shift in the jet stream pattern midweek should see a strong temperature reversal here the last half of the week, with readings looking to average some 10 degrees above normal.

■ Variably cloudy and continued cold — afternoon highs 35 to 40-degrees.

NATIONAL FORECAST



North-to-northwest winds will travel the length of Lake Michigan the next couple of days, bringing reinforcing surges of cold air along with a good chance of accumulating snow showers around the south end of the lake into northwest Indiana and southwest Michigan. Temperatures in the Chicago area will likely be no higher than the 30s, with nighttime lows in the 20s and even teens Tuesday night. An anticipated shift in the jet stream pattern midweek should see a strong temperature reversal here the last half of the week, with readings looking to average some 10 degrees above normal.

Another nor'easter is scheduled to hit portions of New England on Monday night and Tuesday, producing 40 to 50 mph winds, high seas and over a foot of new snow from Long Island to Maine.

TUESDAY, MARCH 13

HIGH 36 **LOW** 21

Partly cloudy and cold — afternoon highs in the middle 30s. Accumulating snow showers likely in northwest Indiana. Gusty NNW winds. Lows in the teens away from the lake and city overnight with single-digit wind chills.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 14

HIGH 42 **LOW** 30

Mostly sunny. Not quite as cold but highs in the lower 40s, still a little below normal for this date. Overnight lows near 30. Northwest winds.

THURSDAY, MARCH 15

HIGH 53 **LOW** 39

Plenty of sunshine and warmer — afternoon highs top out 50-55. Partly cloudy overnight. West to southwest winds.

FRIDAY, MARCH 16

HIGH 56 **LOW** 45

Sunny forenoon with an increase in clouds during the afternoon. Breezy south to southeast winds and mild with highs in the middle 50s. Thickening clouds overnight with a good chance of rain.

SATURDAY, MARCH 17

HIGH 58 **LOW** 48

St. Patrick's Day. Mostly cloudy, breezy southeast winds shift to the south-west. Scattered showers likely. Highs in the upper 50s to lower 60s. A chance of showers overnight.

SUNDAY, MARCH 18

HIGH 55 **LOW** 38

Clouds and a good chance of showers early — becoming partly cloudy in the afternoon. Highest temperatures occur by midday with slowly falling readings in the afternoon. Winds shift from southwest

ASK TOM

Dear Tom,
Is the Yellowstone Caldera active right now?
— Eileen Meyering, Oak Lawn

Dear Eileen,
The Yellowstone Caldera is a massive depression in the Earth's surface, 34 by 45 miles across, formed when the huge magma chamber beneath the Yellowstone volcano emptied during its last major eruption about 640,000 years ago and the surface collapsed into the evacuated chamber. Geysers and other thermal features of Yellowstone offer proof that the volcano (actually, it's a supervolcano because of the amount of material ejected) is indeed still active. It is impossible to know when Yellowstone's next major eruption will occur, but the volcano is closely monitored. Minor earthquakes occur in the Yellowstone area 50 or more times per week, but a major eruption is not expected in the foreseeable future.

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Shift in jet stream pattern to bring milder air later this week

MONDAY-WEDNESDAY
Chicago positioned on southern edge of cold air

FRIDAY-SUNDAY
Chicago positioned on northern edge of mild air

COLD FLOW MONDAY EVENING THROUGH TUESDAY
Lake-effect snow showers to mainly impact NW Indiana and SW Lower Michigan

Cold flow the length of Lake Michigan

Accumulating lake-effect snow with 2-4 inches possible

THE WEEK AHEAD TURNS MUCH Milder IN THE LAST HALF
Chicago temperature departures from normal

Monday-Sunday forecast

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
-1°	-6°	-5°	+4°	+10°	+14°	+13°

SOURCES: Frank Wachowski, National Weather Service archives

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CHICAGO DIGEST

SUNDAY TEMPERATURES

LOCATION	HI	LO	LOCATION	HI	LO
Aurora	43	26	Midway	41	31
Gary	37	28	O'Hare	40	29
Kankakee	41	29	Romeoville	42	28
Lakefront	38	32	Valparaiso	43	24
Lansing	38	28	Waukegan	37	19

CHICAGO PRECIPITATION

PERIOD	2018	NORMAL
Sunday	0.0"	0.8"
Month to date	0.99"	0.85"
Year to date	7.17"	4.37"

CHICAGO SNOWFALL

PERIOD	O'HARE	MIDWAY
Sunday	0.0"	0.0"
Season to date	30.7"	33.4"
Normal to date	32.1"	33.3"

SOURCE: Frank Wachowski

LAKE MICHIGAN CONDITIONS

MONDAY		TUESDAY	
Wind	NNW 15-28 kts.	NNW 15-30 kts.	
Waves	4-6 feet	6-8 feet	
Sun. shore/crib water temps	39°/38°		

LASAT WEEK'S PEAK POLLEN LEVEL

POLLEN	LEVEL
Tree	Low
Grass	0
Mold	Low
Ragweed	0
Weed	0

SOURCE: The Gottlieb Memorial Hospital Allergy Count, Dr. Joseph Leija

CHICAGO AIR QUALITY

Sunday's reading: Moderate
Monday's forecast: Good
Critical pollutant: Particulates

MOON RISE/SET TIMES

Sun	7:08 a.m.	6:54 p.m.
Moon	4:25 a.m.	2:17 p.m.

MONDAY PLANET WATCH

PLANET	RISE	SET
Mercury	7:42 a.m.	8:27 p.m.
Venus	7:48 a.m.	8:07 p.m.
Mars	2:45 a.m.	11:49 a.m.
Jupiter	11:54 p.m.	9:52 a.m.
Saturn	3:28 a.m.	12:41 p.m.

BEST VIEWING TIME

PLANET	DIRECTION
Mercury	7:45 p.m. 7.5° W
Venus	7:45 p.m. 4° W
Mars	6:15 a.m. 24° SSE
Jupiter	5:00 a.m. 31° S
Saturn	6:15 a.m. 22.5° SSE

SOURCE: Dan Joyce, Triton College

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