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## A look into Pritzker's secret holdings

'Paradise Papers' show some of governor candidate's offshore interests

BY DAVID HEINZMANN AND TODD LIGHTY  
Chicago Tribune

J.B. Pritzker has offered a simple response when Democratic and Republican rivals attack his family's use of offshore banking to avoid taxes on its immense fortune: The trusts were set up in the 1960s by his grandfather, and the money goes to his charitable foundation. "Any trusts for my benefit that are offshore, I have received no distributions from, and those trusts are

only providing charitable contributions," the billionaire Hyatt Hotels heir told reporters in December. "That's all that they do." Those family trusts don't tell the full story of Pritzker's interests in the shadowy world of offshore finance, however. A Chicago Tribune investigation found several offshore shell companies created between 2008 and 2011 — long after Abram "A. N." Pritzker's 1986 death — that are either wholly owned by J.B. Pritzker, his brother and

business partner Anthony Pritzker, or list other close associates as controlling executives. Many of the records about the governor candidate's offshore interests were obtained by the Tribune through a reporting partnership with the International Consortium of Investigative Journalists, which maintains a database of millions of leaked offshore financial records collectively known as the Paradise Papers. In the offshore world,

wealthy people and corporations use the banking systems of low-tax countries, often island nations in the Caribbean, to shield their assets from taxing authorities in their home countries. Taxpayers in the U.S. are still responsible for paying taxes on any income they bring into the country from offshore assets. The secrecy of the offshore financial system, however, can make it difficult for the Internal Revenue Service to



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Governor candidate J.B. Pritzker and his circle are tied to several offshore shell companies created in 2008-11.

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## Rauner vetoes gun bill a week before primary

Critics say he's pandering to GOP base

BY MONIQUE GARCIA  
Chicago Tribune

SPRINGFIELD — Republican Gov. Bruce Rauner on Tuesday vetoed a bill that would have required the state to license and regulate gun shops, drawing sharp criticism from Democrats who contended the decision was designed to appeal to conservative voters ahead of next week's primary election. Rauner called the proposal "duplicative" because the federal government already licenses firearms retailers. He said adding another layer of oversight would be costly for businesses and "do little to improve public safety." Lawmakers approved the plan a couple of weeks ago in the wake of the killing of Chicago police Cmdr. Paul

Bauer and the high school shooting in Parkland, Fla. "The core issue is not which guns to legally ban or regulate," Rauner said in his veto message to lawmakers. "We have ample proof that such narrowly focused legislative responses make for good political cover. But they do little to stop the illegal flow of guns into Illinois or prevent people from committing thousands of crimes in our state each year with illegal guns." Supporters of the bill, though, said it was the governor who put politics first to shore up a conservative base amid a primary challenge from Republican state Rep. Jeanne Ives of Wheaton. She has hammered Rauner for signing bills to expand taxpayer

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Donald Trump, making his first trip to California as president, inspects border wall prototypes Tuesday in San Diego.

## Fired sheriff's officers may see \$70M in back pay

Court: Dart made illegal appointments to personnel board

BY STEVE SCHMADEKE  
Chicago Tribune

Former Cook County correctional officer Daniel Robinson was in uniform when he allegedly groped and kissed an underage girl in 2013, according to court and final disciplinary records. Jamie O'Malley, an ex-deputy sheriff, was off-duty driving home drunk from a party when he struck a pedestrian in Franklin Park

in 2012, then asked responding officers. "Can you please help me? I'm a sheriff," according to a final disciplinary report in that case; the pedestrian later died. And onetime correctional officer Edgar Singleton Jr. is serving a 50-year sentence after being convicted of first-degree murder in a 2013 Indiana road-rage slaying. The three men were fired by Sheriff Tom Dart's personnel board years ago but could get their jobs back as part of a still-growing legal morass around what a

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## Tillerson fired in Cabinet shake-up

Trump taps CIA chief to run State Dept. after diplomatic shift

BY ASHLEY PARKER AND PHILIP RUCKER  
The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — President Donald Trump ousted Secretary of State Rex Tillerson on Tuesday and plans to nominate CIA Director Mike Pompeo to replace him as the nation's top diplomat, orchestrating a major change to his national security team amid delicate outreach that includes possible talks with North Korea. Trump and Tillerson have had a fraught relationship for months. Trump told reporters Tuesday that he ultimately decided to fire the secretary because they disagreed over strategy in key areas of foreign policy, such as the 2015 Iran nuclear deal, the approach to North Korea and the overall tone of U.S. diplomacy. Tillerson said he received a call from Trump around noon Tuesday, more than three hours after his firing was first reported by The



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Secretary of State Rex Tillerson, who cut short a trip in Africa, delivers farewell remarks in Washington. Washington Post and announced minutes later in a tweet from the president. His voice quivering, Tillerson thanked diplomats for their "honesty and integrity" and the

American people for "acts of kindness," but notably did not thank Trump or praise his policies. Tillerson said he is delegating all authorities for running the State Department to Deputy Secretary John Sullivan and that he is committed to ensuring "an orderly and smooth transition." The deposed diplomat also made a clear statement about Russian aggression: "Much work remains to respond to the troubling behavior and actions on the part of the Russian government." With the circumstances of the firing still in dispute, the shake-up left officials at the State Department and throughout the national security community flummoxed, and the circumstances of the firing were in dispute. White House officials said that — as Tillerson traveled through Africa last week — White House chief of staff John Kelly called to wake him

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Sen. Elizabeth Warren, D-Mass., is facing calls to scientifically prove her claims of Native American heritage.



## JOHN KASS

# No reason for Warren to avoid taking DNA test

Isn't it delicious that Fauxcahontas, aka Sen. Elizabeth Warren — the liberal Massachusetts Democrat toying with a 2020 presidential run — is refusing to take a DNA test to finally prove whether her self-serving claims of Cherokee heritage are true?

Actually, watching Warren squirm and Chuck Todd all but flagellate himself for having to ask about the DNA test on “Meet the Press” was more than delicious.

It was tasty, kind of like a French omelet with crab meat at a fancy restaurant frequented by the Duke and Duchess of Windsor.

“I know who I am, and never used it for anything. Never got any benefit from it anywhere,” Warren said, pre-testing too much.

Oh, no, of course not.

She just claimed Native American status while teaching law at Harvard, and Harvard flaunted it as proof of faculty diversity. It's all about checking the right racial boxes.

And until she takes that DNA test — or releases the findings to show that she is indeed part Cherokee — it will dog her, like some rogue beast of liberal Democratic identity politics, trotting behind her wherever she goes.

The liberal Democratic Media Complex does not love this story. But Warren's DNA drama gets to the heart of the thing.

Democrats are thoroughly dominated by the hard left now, and except for bizarre socialist economics drawn from “The Big Rock Candy Mountain,” they're all about identity politics all the time.

The Democratic Party is hip-deep in the politics of race and gender, and uses these as tools to carve and parcel out power, resources and benefits, relying on skin pigments and chromosomes (or the lack thereof), grievance and victimhood.

Identity politics has been the left's recipe for years, and watching Warren squirm was just the thing to whet the appetite. Not like a Bobby Flay burger exactly, or a Dutch oven full of Gordon Ramsay's epic spicy lamb shanks, or Jacques Pepin's Oeufs En Cocotte.

Rather it was something like “Cold Omelets with Crab Meat,” an alleged

down-home, authentic Cherokee recipe submitted by Warren for a book weirdly titled “Pow Wow Chow” just a few years ago.

Yes, there is such a book, still available on Amazon. And no, you can't make this stuff up.

It turns out that Cold Omelets with Crab Meat, Warren's “Pow Wow Chow” Native American recipe, might not actually have been all that big along the infamous Cherokee Trail of Tears. It was, however, a favorite treat of the Duke and Duchess of Windsor and of Cole Porter at Le Pavillon restaurant in New York decades ago.

And it was most likely lifted — you might say she Joe Bided it — from a 1979 New York Times piece by chef Pierre Franey.

“...to make matters worse,” wrote Politifact in 2017, “some of the (Warren) recipes appear to have been copied from The New York Times wire service.”

The Boston Herald's Howie Carr wrote he found three pilfered Warren recipes in the Native American cookbook. “They ought to change the name of the next edition of ‘Pow Wow Chow’ to ‘Pow Wow Ciao,’ and Granny Warren can write a farewell address to any moonbats left who believe anything she says,” wrote Carr.

Ouch.

On NBC the other day, Todd didn't dare go there. Instead, he cited an editorial by the Berkshire Eagle, a paper that endorsed her campaign for Senate in 2012, asking her to take the DNA test.

“So we call upon our senior senator to screw up her courage and take the spit test,” the Eagle said in an editorial. “If she already has but is keeping the results under wraps, we urge her to be forthcoming with them. She has nothing to lose but her Achilles' heel.”

DNA racial preference tests will become law sooner or later when the left — having already seized the culture — finally macerates the Constitution.

If Warren's party has its way, the melding of big government and big business will ultimately bring us chips in our necks for workplace efficiency, and DNA tests to determine govern-

ment benefits, and IQ tests in utero to determine if we'll be allowed to live.

Even before then, we'll have driverless cars to keep us safe.

Me? I'd rather take a Mach I Mustang and head on down the highway.

What's embarrassing is that President Donald Trump insists on calling her “Pocahontas.” But Pocahontas was not a liberal Democrat who pilfered French crab omelet recipes. She was the daughter of a chief near the Jamestown colony in the 1600s. Legend says she saved the life of Capt. John Smith, one of those Christian fundamentalists with guns.

Elizabeth Warren would never, ever do that.

So best we call her Fauxcahontas, in honor of her French omelet recipes.

In a 2009 paper titled “The Politics of Genomics Research: The Implications of DNA for Racial Identity and Race-based Medicine,” authors Jennifer L. Hochschild and Maya Sten of Harvard cited several cases of vanity DNA tests gone wild.

Texan Danny Villarreal proudly thought himself to be of Hispanic blood. But a DNA test showed otherwise. “Danny Villarreal is (genetically, at least) an Ashkenazi Jew,” they wrote. Professor Henry Louis Gates discovered that he was not Yoruba as he hoped, but that a “number of exact matches turned up, leading straight back to that African Kingdom called Northern Europe.”

The paper also cited California high school principal Wayne Joseph, who thought he was black, until a DNA test ruled otherwise. Before the test, he said, “I was unequivocally black. Now I'm a metaphor for America.”

Exactly. And what's wrong with that?

Nothing.

We don't need DNA tests to tell us the only thing that counts:

We're Americans.

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By Kim Janssen, Tracy Swartz and Phil Thompson



## What to know about Bears' big acquisition

Top free agent wide receiver **Allen Robinson** reportedly has reached an agreement with the Bears and is expected to sign with the team Wednesday. Here are several things to know about the Detroit native and former Penn State Nittany Lion and Jacksonville Jaguar.

### What's in a number?

Robinson's jersey number has been 15 — it's what had made "AR15" work as a marketable nickname. "Thee\_AR15" is his Twitter handle. It will be interesting to see whether Robinson pursues the number in Chicago. **Josh Bellamy** currently has it, but it would be not uncommon for Robinson to buy him out, and Bellamy previously wore No. 11, which is still open. The larger question is whether Robinson would disassociate himself from "AR15." The AR-15 rifle has become a subject of controversy since it was used in the fatal mass shooting last month at Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School in Parkland, Fla. Robinson hasn't publicly commented about the shooting or its ties to his nickname, and his agent couldn't immediately be reached.

### Was Robinson's mind made up?

Robinson got tongues wagging among hopeful Bears fans when he posted on Instagram a picture of himself wearing a Cubs jersey and changed his Twitter profile to that same picture. Tuesday morning, Robinson tweeted a photo of himself wearing a No. 15 Bulls jersey. "What's good Chicago!!!" he wrote.

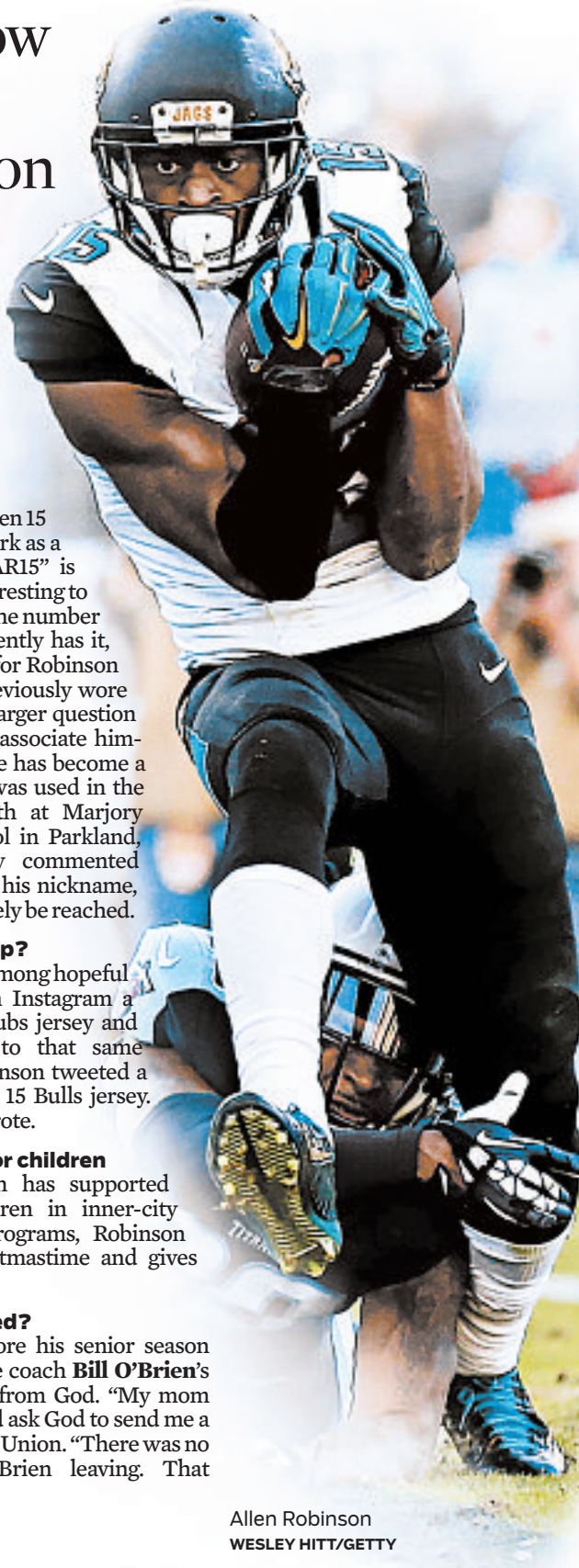
### Robinson started a charity for children

His Within Reach Foundation has supported education programs for children in inner-city Jacksonville. In one of his programs, Robinson meets with kids around Christmastime and gives them jerseys and bikes.

### Being a Jaguar was ... ordained?

He entered the NFL draft before his senior season because he saw then-Penn State coach **Bill O'Brien's** hiring by the Texans as a sign from God. "My mom (Tracie) told me to pray on it and ask God to send me a sign," he told The Florida Times-Union. "There was no greater sign than Coach O'Brien leaving. That solidified the decision."

— Phil Thompson



Allen Robinson  
WESLEY HITT/GETTY

## Chloe Mendel on faux fur and life with Billy Corgan

**Chloe Mendel** is a sixth-generation furrier, but the first in her family to make faux fur the focus of her business.



Mendel

"I felt like playing with something that was looked at as a nonluxury material, not something that was considered to be high-end, and treating it like a luxury material could elevate it and bring it into a different spotlight and also show people that it can be beautiful too. So it was a challenge and also an homage to my heritage," said Mendel, whose father is fashion designer **Gilles Mendel**.

Mendel, 25, and her business partner **Gustave Maisonrouge** last year launched **Maison Atia**, an outerwear and accessories label headquartered in New York City.

Mendel also spends a significant amount of time in Los Angeles and Highland Park with her life partner, **Smashing Pumpkins** frontman **Billy Corgan**. They welcomed their son, **Augustus Juppiter**, in November 2015.

Mendel was raised in New York City and moved here to study at the School of the Art Institute of Chicago. She met Corgan and helped manage his **Madame Zuzu's** tea shop in Highland Park. Corgan, 50, announced the tea shop is closing its doors Sunday "for various reasons which involve tenancy."

Meanwhile, Mendel is focused on building her fashion startup. **Maison Atia** showed at New York Fashion Week last month and provided faux fur slap bracelets for the Grammy Awards gift bag in January. The singer **Pink** and the model **Gigi Hadid** recently wore its designs.

Mendel said life is hectic between growing her business and caring for her 2-year-old son, whom she brings to the label's factory and office. When asked if her son will be a seventh-generation furrier, Mendel laughed. "You could also say he could be the next rock star, we don't know."

— Tracy Swartz

## Artist of Cloud Gate 'disgusted' by use in NRA ad

The artist who made Chicago's iconic **Cloud Gate** says he is "disgusted" that the National Rifle Association used video of the Millennium Park sculpture in a political advertisement that he said "seeks to whip up fear and hate."



Kapoor

**Anish Kapoor** — the Indian-born British sculptor responsible for the work colloquially known as **The Bean** — said the 2017 ad titled "The Clenched Fist of Truth" and starring NRA spokeswoman **Dana Loesch** used footage of the sculpture without his consent "by the NRA to promote their vile message."

The sculpture was used as a stand-in for former President **Barack Obama** in the ad, which was widely criticized at the time of its release in April. The ad paints a nightmarish vision of modern city life and states that "the only way to save our country, the only way to fight this violence of lies is with the clenched fist of truth."

In a statement issued by a New York gallery that represents him, Kapoor also said that his sculpture and other works of iconic modern architecture were used by the NRA in the ad to represent a hidden and threatening "other," or a version of "Liberal America" against which NRA members need to arm themselves.

"The NRA's nightmarish, intolerant, divisive vision perverts everything that **Cloud Gate** — and **America** — stands for. Art must stand clear in its mission to recognize the dignity and humanity of all, irrespective of creed or racial origin."

The NRA did not immediately respond to a request for comment. It previously defended the ad as a call to prevent violence.

But Chicago Mayor **Rahm Emanuel's** spokeswoman **Lauren Markowitz** said, "Rather than using a picture of our great city to sell their awful propaganda, the NRA should use this moment to reflect on their disgraceful efforts to block meaningful gun reforms that would save lives in Chicago and across the nation."

— Kim Janssen

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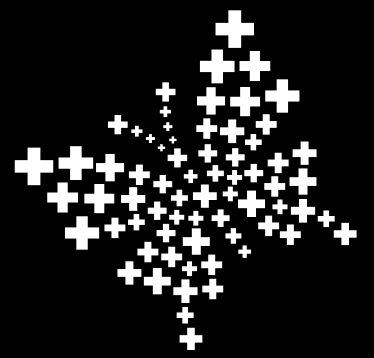
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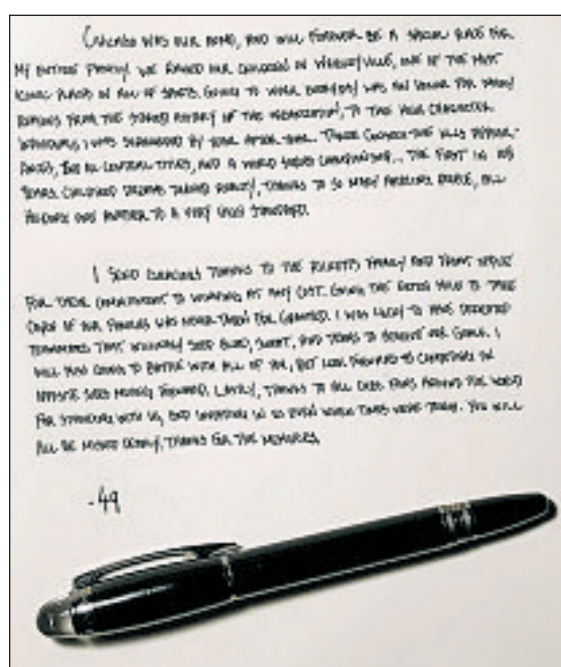
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JAKE ARRIETA

Former Cubs pitcher Jake Arrieta wrote a goodbye letter to Chicago before heading to Philadelphia.

## Pitch perfect note from Arrieta, but about that pen ...



MARY SCHMICH

I want Jake Arrieta's pen. You may have seen the photo of his pen artfully posed at the bottom of his tender goodbye letter to Chicago, the one in which he expressed his gratitude to the Cubs, the city, the Ricketts family and fans all over the world as he leaves to play ball in Philadelphia.

But as gracious as the farewell was, it omitted one vital thank you — to his pen.

Many nice things have been said about Arrieta's letter, and more than a few have focused on his penmanship.

"Perfect," wrote Tribune sports columnist David Haugh.

"Ridiculously good," posted an online commenter. Others have called it flawless, great, beautiful. Frankly, the nuns in my Catholic grammar school would have given it only a B+ — he writes in block letters, not cursive, and slants slightly to the left — but it is a work of art compared with the scrawl that generally passes for penmanship in these texting, typing times.

And for that, at least in part, Arrieta owes a debt of gratitude to his writing instrument.

**The perfect pen has a lot in common with the perfect partner, which means finding it can be complicated.**

A person's penmanship is only as good as the pen that makes it, a truth I've derived from a lifetime spent in the futile search for the perfect one. This mythical perfect pen is one that feels good to the touch, effortlessly does what you want it to, makes you look good and endures through thick and thin.

In other words, the perfect pen has a lot in common with the perfect partner, which means finding it can be complicated. Let me name some ways:

What's perfect for someone else may not be perfect for you.

(You hate that skinny ballpoint your friend adores.)

You may find the perfect one and, full of hope, bring it home — then quickly find out all the flaws you failed to notice at first dazzle.

(What spell were you under when you fell for the promise of that silky-glide-easy-grip-ultra-gel-roller-ball contraption? It worked well at the store. Turns out it's like pushing bricks over sandpaper.)

You may be attracted to what someone else has — the grass is greener, etc. — but the infatuation dries up faster than a cheap Bic.

(You were enchanted by the pen that came with the restaurant check. It felt so good in your hand. So you stole it. But the next day, it had no charm for you at all. How could you have been so wrong? Was it the wine?)

You may find the perfect one. Truly, the perfect one. And no sooner have you experienced that miracle than it dies.

(Why, why, why, just when you'd found the one you wanted, did it run out of ink? How could it have fallen apart so fast?)

Your perfect one may be perfect, for a little while, but you change and need something different. The quest resumes.

(C'est la vie. Nothing good lasts forever, especially when it comes to pens.)

As of this writing, I have at least 21 pens in my house — I just counted — and I hate them all. I find them in drawers, pockets, bags and cups, wherever it is that bad pens go to live out their disappointing lives.

There are half a dozen in my car, in the cup holder and the glove compartment, hiding underneath the seats, as ubiquitous and useless as dust bunnies.

None of my pens are fancy, but occasionally I spend a little money for something better than what I find in the office supply drawer. These pens have names like Jetstream and Safari, proof that pen-makers understand the quest for the perfect writing tool, which is why they give pens names that sound like exotic vacations.

I sometimes consider buying a fancy pen like Arrieta's (which appears to be a pricey Mont Blanc). But then I think of what the eye doctor said when I asked if I should invest in prescription reading glasses instead of the drugstore Valu-Pak:

"Would you rather lose \$15 or \$300?"

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## Berrios loses fight for funds

Judge favors Cook County limits on campaign donations

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Chicago Tribune

Cook County Assessor Joseph Berrios on Tuesday lost his court challenge to the county's campaign contribution limits, marking a legal and political setback that could restrict how much property tax appeals lawyers who handle cases before his office pour into his political funds.

Berrios, whose political committees were fined \$41,000 for accepting donations exceeding caps set by the county's ethics ordinance, is expected to appeal. The move likely would allow him to keep the political cash flowing as he heads into the last week of a Democratic primary race in which he seeks a third term.

"We respect the court and the judge, in particular, but we think the decision is wrong," said Kevin Forde, who represented Berrios in court and before the county ethics board, which levied the fines. "We are hopeful and confident we'll prevail on appeal."

Berrios, who also is Cook County Democratic Party chairman, argued the county ordinance was unfair, vague and unconstitutional. The 2016 ordinance says donors may contribute no more than \$750 in non-election years, and \$1,500 in election years, if they have sought "official action" from the county in the previous four years. The ethics probe covered January to March 2017.

Circuit Judge Sanjay Taylor ruled against all major points raised by the Berrios team, which sought a summary judgment on an

expedited basis. Forde said he also would seek an expedited hearing in the Appellate Court, pending Berrios' approval to take his challenge further.

Berrios' lawyers contended the county rules violate the state constitution because only the Illinois legislature has authority to set campaign contribution limits. They said the rules also violate the U.S. Constitution because they limit the free-speech rights of tax appeal attorneys.

The County Board, which approved the limits, maintained it has the power to set more restrictive limits on campaign cash to avoid quid pro quo politics. The judge agreed, saying the state legislature has exclusive authority over voter registration and election mechanics but not campaign finance.

In ruling against Berrios, Taylor pointed to the phrase "All politics is local," made famous by former U.S. House Speaker Thomas "Tip" O'Neill, in explaining that home-rule powers are to be liberally interpreted when it comes to "the issue of real and perceived political corruption." Taylor maintained local governments "may enact their own laws governing campaign finance for local elections so long as they do not touch on voter registration or the mechanical procedures for holding elections."

"Because the issue of the relationship between campaign finance and quid pro quo corruption and its appearance is essentially local in nature, the county has home-rule authority to limit campaign contributions for elected county offices," Taylor ruled.

Berrios has continued to accept contributions that exceed county limits from the attorneys and law firms

whose previous contributions triggered the fines by the ethics panel.

In a separate hearing Tuesday, the county ethics board rejected a Berrios motion to reconsider its \$41,000 in fines. The board's ruling said it appeared Berrios made a "strategic decision" to challenge the campaign limits "to try to raise as much money from interested donors as possible now with a consequential election looming and worry about the consequences later."

"That calculation, while potentially politically expedient, provides no legal grounds for reconsideration," the ruling said.

Berrios has received more than \$300,000 in large contributions so far this year, with most of the money coming from property tax appeals attorneys, after raising more than \$450,000 from those attorneys in late 2016 and all of 2017. Much of that money came from attorneys whose contributions far exceeded the campaign contribution limits set by the county.

In his court case, Berrios also argued the county limits are unfair because he is not independently wealthy and needed to be able to raise funds to compete against challenger Frederick "Fritz" Kaegi, an Oak Park asset manager who has pumped \$1.55 million of his own funds into his campaign.

Under state law, when a candidate contributes more than \$100,000 of his or her own money, donation limits that apply to all individuals are removed for the candidates in that race. Berrios' attorneys cited that law in saying the property tax attorneys should not face county-imposed restrictions in this race. In effect, they argued that the state

law should cancel out the county limits. But the judge ruled that particular provision in Illinois law does not apply to the county ethics ordinance.

The judge acknowledged the words "official action" were undefined in the county ordinance, a point Berrios lawyers said made the law so unclear it could include an act as simple as getting a marriage license. But the judge noted the ethics board has interpreted official actions to include the appearances of attorneys and law firms who went before the assessor and the Board of Review, another venue for appeals.

Numerous property tax attorneys had contributed more than \$750 to Berrios, prompting the ethics board to act. In July, ethics officials sent him notices for receiving excessive contributions, both as chair of his own campaign fund and as chair of the political fund of the 31st Ward. Berrios refused to return the contributions, and the ethics board meted out \$1,000 fines for each of 41 violations.

When Berrios went to court, he was joined in the suit by one of those attorneys, John Norris.

Berrios' practice of accepting campaign contributions from property tax lawyers was highlighted in "The Tax Divide," a Chicago Tribune and ProPublica Illinois series that concluded Berrios' assessment practices favored the wealthy at the expense of the poor. Tax appeals, which have flourished under Berrios, only make the system less fair, the series concluded and a recent independent study commissioned by county officials confirmed.

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The Chicago Police Department's 2018 Ford Interceptor features a design by 12-year Officer Jennifer Jacobucci.

## Veteran cop gives new cruiser some retro flair

BY ELVIA MALAGON AND JONATHAN BERLIN  
Chicago Tribune

Chicago police Officer Jennifer Jacobucci drew inspiration from a lot of influences, including rocker Jim Morrison, as she sketched out what would become the winning design adorning the department's new squad vehicles.

"This redesign was inspired through my world travels, the history of the department — and I really like the retro design of the '60s and '70s car. But I kind of wanted to make it a little bit more fresh," Jacobucci said. "Jim Morrison ... he says that, 'Each generation wants new symbols, new people, new names. They want to divorce themselves from their predecessors.' Which I feel is kind of like a state that we are in right now."

Indeed, in announcing the departmentwide con-

test last year, Chicago police Superintendent Eddie Johnson told staff that the new design would reflect a new era. Submitted designs were reviewed by a panel of police officers and residents, but Johnson had the final say.

Now the department is rolling out the first of the 2018 Ford Police Interceptors with her design. The SUVs are white, with the lower part of the doors stamped with two rows of dark blue and gray checkerboard. Below that is white-on-blue lettering with the words "CHICAGO POLICE." Above the checkerboard pattern is the red-lettered motto "We Serve & Protect." A large blue police star sits above each rear tire.

Jacobucci, a 12-year veteran assigned to a detail at O'Hare International Airport, said the colors are meant to make the car approachable, but the lines symbolize authority. The

entire design is meant to create movement, she said.

"I wanted to take the viewer's eye around the car so having that angle and that line showing movement and direction kind of incorporated that too," Jacobucci said.

She wanted to keep the design simple while incorporating symbols of the department's traditions.

"I feel like that's one of the more recognizable symbols for CPD, and I think we adopted that from overseas," Jacobucci said as she explained how other departments around the world also use the pattern.

The first newly marked police car will be deployed soon in the Englewood District, and the rest of the estimated 500 cars will be rolled out across the city based on the needs and vehicle replacement schedule for the various districts, said Anthony Guglielmi, spokesman for the depart-

ment. Johnson, the top cop, requested the first new car be given to Englewood, a nod to the commander's work to "strengthen relationships with the community," Guglielmi said.

The new fleet isn't just getting a new look on the outside. Inside, the vehicles will be equipped with a license plate reader, new emergency lights and technology that will allow officers to get real-time crime mapping. A price tag for the new fleet wasn't immediately available.

Coming up with sketches is nothing new for Jacobucci, who studied graphic design in college and worked in marketing before becoming an officer. There wasn't a prize for winning the contest, but she soon will see her design around the city.

"I think I'm still kind of in shock," she said.

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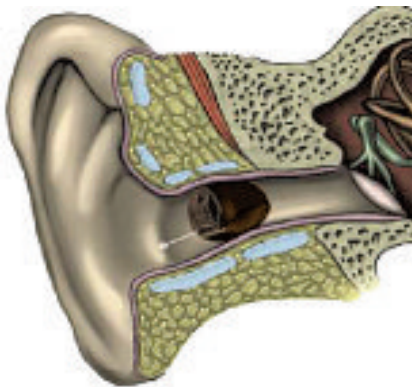
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Police investigate after the fatal shooting early Monday of Decynthia Clements by an Elgin police officer on I-90.

## Elgin cop shooting sparks protest

Dozens rally outside police headquarters after motorist killed

BY JANELLE WALKER  
The Courier-News

Nearly 60 people gathered Tuesday outside the Elgin Police Department to demand answers about the death of a 34-year-old woman fatally shot Monday by a city police officer.

Many wanted to know why they were not being allowed see the video taken of the shooting, in which Decynthia Clements, an African-American Elgin resident, was shot by Lt. Christian Jensen, a white police officer, in an incident that took place about 2 a.m. on Interstate 90, near Route 59.

Marcus Banner, one of the more vocal participants, also questioned why Jensen — a former gang unit member — was on the scene as a shift supervisor and why nonlethal or less-lethal tactics were not used to get Clements out of her SUV and into police custody.

“Did they value this woman’s life? They did

not,” Banner told the crowd. “Does she deserve to be dead when she was armed with a knife?”

Clements was stopped by Elgin police about 12:35 a.m., some time after officers initially tried to pull her over and she refused to stop, Elgin police Chief Jeff Swoboda said in a news release issued after the shooting. On I-90, Clements refused to get out of her SUV and at some point pulled out a knife, the release said.

When officers realized Clements’ SUV was on fire, they were forced to remove her from the vehicle and that’s when the shooting occurred, the release said.

Swoboda said Tuesday that police believe Clements may have brought the incident to a head with her actions, although he did not say why Jensen needed to fire his gun.

“We believe the fire was intentionally set by her,” forcing the officers to act, Swoboda said.

An autopsy conducted Tuesday determined Clements had been shot multiple times. The Cook County medical examiner’s office deemed her

death a homicide but declined to provide information on how many times she was shot or whether toxicology exams will be conducted.

Swoboda attempted to calm the crowd Tuesday, saying answers may not be immediately available because the Illinois State Police, not his department, is conducting the investigation into the shooting. However, he said he is not willing to wait indefinitely before the public is given some answers.

“If the state police says two weeks, then we will release (the body camera video) in two weeks,” Swoboda said. But if the state police says it will take several months, he is unwilling to wait that long, he said.

That said, it’s important that inaccurate information not be released that contradicts what the state police ultimately finds, he added.

If that happens, “(Clements’ family and friends) are not going to get their answers, I am not going to get my answers.”

In his 19-year career with the Elgin police, Jensen has never fired his weapon, and no complaints lodged against him have been found to be valid.

Banner said the problem is that one law enforce-

ment agency investigating another creates a situation that, in his opinion, guarantees the shooting will be found to be justified.

Swoboda responded that a shooting can be found to be justified but that authorities also are analyzing whether the officer violated department protocols and policy in his actions.

The chief added that talking to residents and trying to give them answers is part of his job.

“We heard there would be a gathering,” Swoboda said. “(We) thought it was appropriate to walk out there and try to listen. This police chief doesn’t hide in his office. People are upset and they want answers.”

No one in the Elgin Police Department wanted the outcome of this incident to be Clements’ death, and officers recently underwent training on implicit bias — biases they might not be aware of — and on procedural justice to ensure better outcomes.

He also urged residents to contact his department — or call him personally — if they have complaints against specific officers or if they feel their complaints are not taken seriously.

Janelle Walker is a freelance reporter for The Courier-News.



Clements



Jensen

## Longer stretch of river to get dye job for St. Pat’s

BY WILLIAM LEE  
Chicago Tribune

With big crowds and warmer weather expected for Saturday’s downtown St. Patrick’s Day Parade, organizers announced that the crowd favorite dyeing of the Chicago River would be extended one block west to State Street.

The move, which fulfills a longtime desire by parade

officials to lengthen the route, means hundreds more spectators will be able to watch from one of four downtown bridges over the river starting at 9 a.m., organizers said. Previously the river was dyed between Columbus Drive and Wabash Avenue.

“When our Chicago River turns that perfect shade of emerald green, it’s an official signal that St.

Patrick’s Day has arrived in our city,” parade committee Chairman James Coyne told reporters Tuesday at the training center of Plumbers Local 130, which sponsors and organizes the event.

Then expect Irish dancers to kick up their heels and kilted bagpipers to play their ditties as the parade, in its 63rd year, steps off at noon at Balbo and Colum-

bus drives, heading north on Columbus. The viewing stand is in front of Buckingham Fountain. The parade will include about 120 individual participants from nine other states.

Officials also introduced Mary Kate Manion, 26, an Elmhurst native chosen earlier this year as queen of the parade.

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## Prosecutors in Burge case want judge removed

They say jurist has crossed line with attacks on integrity

BY MEGAN CREPEAU  
Chicago Tribune

Special prosecutors in an infamous cop-killing case connected to disgraced former Chicago police Cmdr. Jon Burge want a Cook County judge removed from overseeing the case, saying he has unfairly attacked their integrity.

Judge William Hooks has been openly skeptical about the methods used by special prosecutor Michael O’Rourke’s office in opposing a new trial for Jackie Wilson, who alleges the now-retired Burge and detectives under his command tortured him into confessing to the 1982 killing of two Chicago police officers.

More than once in recent weeks, Hooks has accused the special prosecutors of acting more like defense lawyers for police than prosecutors. He also appeared troubled to learn last month that a former member of the special prosecution team, Brian Stefanich, now represents Burge in a civil case brought by another alleged torture victim.

“That smelled really bad. It still smells bad. It smells like rotten eggs,” Hooks said Tuesday from the bench. “It becomes a suspect situation at this point, to be quite honest with you.”

In a court filing Monday, O’Rourke said he has joined with Robert Milan, another private attorney appointed as special prosecutor on other Burge-related cases, and Stuart Nudelman, a former judge who once acted as a Burge special prosecutor, to hire attorney Lance Northcutt to seek Hooks’ recusal from the case.

“The cynical ploy by certain attorneys in this case to suggest improper conduct on the part of the Office of the Special Prosecutor is as offensive as it is false,” Northcutt said in an emailed statement.

Hooks did not address his potential recusal at Tuesday’s hearing, instead castigating the special prosecution team for failing to bring him the records he ordered last month detailing how much Stefanich had billed the county for his work on Burge-related cases.

Hooks ordered the special prosecutors to return Wednesday with those records for him to examine in chambers and said he would address the request for him to step aside only after that.

Wilson’s attorney, G. Flint Taylor, accused the special prosecutors of unnecessarily delaying a bid for a new trial by Wilson, who is serving a life sentence.

Wilson confessed in 1982 to being present when his now-deceased brother, Andrew, fatally shot officers Richard O’Brien and William Fahey. The hearing before Hooks was ordered after the Illinois Torture Inquiry and Relief Commission found “credible evidence” that Wilson was tortured after his arrest.

“These men have stretched out this case for two years,” Taylor said. “Any other case, they would have agreed to a new trial... (but) they’re in bed with the Fraternal Order of Police.”

Taylor told reporters after Tuesday’s hearing that the special prosecutors’ complaints were a bogus attempt to further delay the proceedings, calling it “an unwarranted attack on the judge.”

Hooks, a Marine Corps veteran who took the bench in 2008, again on Tuesday questioned the wisdom of assigning special prosecutors to the Burge cases. A court ruling years ago found that the Cook County state’s attorney’s office has an inherent conflict of interest going back to former Mayor Richard M. Daley, the county’s top prosecutor when allegations of torture first came to light.

“From what I’ve seen so far, the appointment of the office of the special state’s attorney has done absolutely nothing (different) than what a regular office would have done,” Hooks said.

Wilson’s lawyers allege he was tortured and want his confession tossed — a development that would likely make it difficult for prosecutors to retry him.

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

Burge was convicted in federal court of perjury and obstruction of justice in 2010 after jurors found he lied when he denied witnessing torture or abusing suspects in connection with a lawsuit. He was sentenced to 4½ years in prison.

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## Bodies’ location in dispute in fatal Chicago police shooting

BY DAN HINKEL  
Chicago Tribune

Lawyers for the families of two people killed in a controversial 2015 shooting by a Chicago police officer aired evidence in Cook County court Tuesday that a city paramedic gave differing accounts of where he found the bodies.

Attorneys for the estates of Quintonio LeGrier and Bettie Jones allege that the medic changed his account after speaking with lawyers defending the city in several lawsuits over the shooting. The bodies’ positioning is a significant detail in a case that has turned in part on how close LeGrier came to Officer Robert Rialmo before the officer shot the 19-year-old as he carried a baseball bat. Rialmo mistakenly also shot Jones, a 55-year-old neighbor at the West Side building.

The accounts of Fire Department medics are central to a motion from the families’ lawyers arguing that the city’s attorneys should be sanctioned for alleged improper behavior, including their interactions with those paramedics.

On Tuesday, Judge James O’Hara, who has yet to rule on the motion, heard recordings of paramedic Jo-

seph DiGiovanni giving statements to disciplinary investigators in the month after the shooting. In those statements, he described finding LeGrier fallen atop Jones, fully inside the building.

But then lawyers read to the judge from snippets of a sworn deposition in which DiGiovanni, while reviewing photos showing bloodstains at the scene, said LeGrier’s legs were hanging out of the doorway onto the porch, potentially placing him closer to Rialmo when he fired. The medic protested in his deposition that the scene was poorly lit and that he’d been on many ambulance runs both that day and since the shooting. DiGiovanni suggested in his deposition that any confusion about details might stem from the “fog of war.”

“Sometimes it gets confusing, guys,” he said during the deposition, as read in court Tuesday by an attorney.

Where LeGrier’s legs ended up is crucial, Basileios Foutris, attorney for the LeGrier estate, said outside court, because it is evidence of where he was standing when he was shot.

“It’s not until (DiGiovanni) had conferred with the city’s lawyers that the

bodies started moving outside,” Foutris said.

The city’s lawyers declined to comment as they left court. DiGiovanni also declined to comment.

Bill McCaffrey, a spokesman for the city’s Law Department, issued a statement saying the department would respond in writing to the motion for sanctions.

“However, any suggestion that our attorneys improperly asked a witness to alter or change testimony is unequivocally false,” the statement said.

The motion for sanctions, filed early this month, argues, among other things, that case law bars attorneys defending against a lawsuit from speaking with a plaintiff’s medical caretakers, including paramedics, outside of the formal discovery process. The motion asks that the medic’s deposition be barred from trial, among other forms of relief.

The motion also seeks sanctions against the city’s lawyers for other “contemptible behavior.” Foutris noted that Barrett Boudreaux, a private attorney hired by the city, asked LeGrier’s mother during sworn testimony last month how her son was conceived and whether his father had approached her about ex-

changing sex for money.

Foutris has said that any suggestion of prostitution was baseless and irrelevant.

Corporation Counsel Edward Siskel has said his office was reviewing the matter and would “not hesitate to take action” if the inquiry found anyone acted improperly.

Also in court Tuesday, O’Hara set the hotly contested deposition of Mayor Rahm Emanuel for March 29, even as tempers flared among the nine lawyers crowded in front of the bench. While O’Hara has previously ruled, over the city’s objections, that Emanuel would be deposed, high-ranking Law Department attorney Naomi Avendano continued to try to limit Emanuel’s exposure to questions under oath by asking the judge to set a time limit, allow the mayor to see the questions in advance and prevent the deposition’s recording. The judge largely rebuffed requests for specific limitations but said he would prevent the session from being excessively long or going off-topic.

Most of Tuesday’s hearing focused on evidence on where LeGrier and Jones were when they were felled by the shots.

Rialmo and his partner responded to 911 calls about a disturbance at the apartment in the 4700 block of West Erie Street where LeGrier was staying with his father. LeGrier, seemingly plagued by mental health problems, had run-ins with police as a student at Northern Illinois University, records show. Jones, who lived downstairs in the apartment building, answered the door and pointed police to the second floor.

LeGrier then came down the stairs with an aluminum baseball bat, according to an analysis released last year by State’s Attorney Kim Foxx’s office, which declined to bring criminal charges against Rialmo. As Rialmo backed down the porch stairs, he fired eight times, hitting LeGrier six times, according to prosecutors. Jones, who stood behind the teen, was shot once in the chest, prosecutors wrote.

Rialmo’s attorney, Joel Brodsky, has said his client was justified in firing in self-defense, but a December ruling from the city’s police disciplinary agency, the Civilian Office of Police Accountability, found the shooting unjustified and called for the officer to be

fired. Superintendent Eddie Johnson has yet to announce what, if any, punishment he will seek from the Chicago Police Board.

COPA’s ruling cast doubt on Rialmo’s account of events.

The Law Department’s handling of the case has repeatedly proved controversial, even beyond the conduct described in the motion for sanctions. Late last year, a private lawyer representing the city, Matthew Hurd, filed a lawsuit that sought to shift blame and some financial liability for Jones’ death from the city onto LeGrier’s estate. After the Tribune reported on the lawsuit hours after it was filed, the city’s lawyers quickly dropped the suit.

Rialmo faces legal trouble beyond the lawsuits. He was charged in January with two counts of battery and one count of theft, all misdemeanors, after a bar fight late last year at Moretti’s Ristorante & Pizzeria on the Far Northwest Side. He is also accused of stealing the jacket of one of the men he is charged with hitting. Brodsky has said Rialmo was defending himself and did not steal the jacket.

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# Governor says proposal wouldn't improve public safety

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funding of abortions and provide protections for immigrants living in Illinois illegally. Ives voted against the licensing bill and had called on Rauner to veto it.

"He wants to win his primary and neglect his primary responsibilities," said Democratic state Sen. Don Harmon of Oak Park, who sponsored the legislation. "Gov. Rauner is ignoring the young Illinoisans who are killed every single day in Chicago because he is afraid of the NRA."

Harmon said he will push to override Rauner's veto as early as Wednesday, an effort that could prove difficult. The bill passed with 30 votes in the Senate and 64 votes in the House, but overriding the governor would take 36 votes in the Senate and 71 in the House.

The governor's veto came a day before students across the country are planning a walkout Wednesday morning to protest gun violence. Democratic lawmakers and staff at the Capitol plan to have their own demonstration to show solidarity, and the Senate also is expected to consider additional gun control measures, including bills to extend the waiting period to buy assault-style rifles and ban bump stocks.

While there have been growing calls to restrict access to firearms following a series of high-profile shootings, the state licensing bill has been more than a decade in the making as public officials grapple with how to address persistent violence in some Chicago neighborhoods.

Though the federal Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives already licenses gun shops, critics have said those efforts don't go far enough. They say the agency doesn't have enough agents to properly inspect firearms dealers in Illinois and Indiana. They point to data that show a large percentage of weapons found at crime scenes in Illinois come from a handful of sellers.

Under federal rules, sellers must conduct background checks on those seeking to buy firearms, keep transaction records so guns used in crimes can be traced to their point of purchase and make sure that safety locks are provided with every handgun. The stores also are subject to inspections.

The proposed state rules would be more restrictive. Anyone who sells, leases or transfers 10 or more firearms a year would have to be licensed by the Illinois Department of Financial & Professional Regulation, a cost that would be limited to \$1,000 every five years.

Dealers and their employees would have to take training to make sure they know how to properly conduct background checks, store guns, prevent thefts and thwart straw purchases, in which someone buys a gun on behalf of a person who is barred from doing so.

Retailers also would be required to install video surveillance systems and conduct more regular inventory. Before they could receive a license, sellers would have to pass an inspection and obtain written approval from their county sheriff. Owners and employees would also be required to pass the same background checks as those seeking to make a purchase, and state regulators could require workers to undergo fingerprinting, provide a recent photograph and sign a release for other records.

Big-box retailers where gun sales make up less than 20 percent of overall sales would be exempt, which has prompted some to argue the measure would harm smaller, independent business owners.

Opponents also have questioned the state's ability to handle the new oversight tasks, noting the agency that would be in charge of launching the program has raised concerns about a lack of staff and expertise. The Department of Financial & Professional Regulation typically oversees barbers, dentists, nurses and other professions.

Mayor Rahm Emanuel tried to turn that argument on its head Tuesday. He appeared at police head-

quarters, where a table was set up to display liquor, cigars and barber tools, which come from businesses that require state licenses, next to guns, which stores sell without state licenses.

"We're not talking about — and I was there for President (Bill) Clinton — about an assault weapon ban," Emanuel said. "We are talking about whether a gun shop has the same type of oversight that a barbershop has. That is what we're

talking about. We're talking about whether you need licensing as it relates to holding a hair dryer versus the fact that we don't have any licensing as it relates to purchasing a revolver."

The Democratic candidates for governor also criticized the move, with state Sen. Daniel Biss accusing Rauner of "putting his fealty to the NRA first" and billionaire entrepreneur J.B. Pritzker saying, "Illinoisans deserve a governor who will treat gun violence like a

public health epidemic." Kenilworth developer Chris Kennedy said Rauner's actions in office have helped fuel violence across the state.

"The reality is (Rauner's) comprehensive solution to gun violence in our state is to cut funding for mental health services, cut funding for safety net hospitals, cut funding for 800 social service agencies," Kennedy said.

The attacks come after Rauner spent the last few weeks dodging questions

about how he would act on the proposal. On Monday, Rauner said he wanted to work with the Democratic-controlled General Assembly on four goals relating to firearms: banning bump stocks, improving school safety, keeping guns out of the hands of criminals and the mentally ill, and giving better support to police officers.

Rauner first announced he planned to veto the bill during a morning appearance on southern Illinois

radio station WJPF-AM.

"We need to support the Second Amendment and respect our Constitution, but we can also be thoughtful about ways we can improve safety in our schools and keep our citizens safe," Rauner said.

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# Activists push civilian oversight of police

Proposed body could fire top cop, set CPD policy

By JOHN BYRNE  
Chicago Tribune

Activists calling for a new Police Department oversight commission with the power to fire Chicago's police superintendent and set department policy stood by controversial aspects of their plan Tuesday, saying they are speaking up for residents.

The Grassroots Alliance for Police Accountability released its proposal after more than 18 months of community meetings, a process backed by Mayor Rahm Emanuel. Police Superintendent Eddie Johnson, though, said this week that it isn't a good idea for a proposed seven-member civilian board to have so much power.

Members of the group gathered with aldermen at City Hall on Tuesday for a news conference on the plan. Alliance spokeswoman Mecole Jordan said the plan aims to "improve the public safety agencies that exist in Chicago."

"We are here representing, standing here representing what the residents of the city of Chicago who are impacted by this issue wanted, and these are the ordinance and recommendations that we are planning to move forward with," Jordan said when asked if they would be willing to compromise on the oversight commission's power over the superintendent and department policy.

Emanuel on Monday didn't say whether he supports the proposed board.

Aldermen who will introduce the group's proposal as an ordinance this month didn't promise it won't change during the legislative process. And they declined to set a timeline on when the City Council might consider it.

"I think where we are right now is talking to aldermen, talking to people in the community, talking to the police about the ordinance and getting their feedback," said North Side Ald. Harry Osterman, 48th, who will co-sponsor the proposal. "I think that's kind of the key step. The legislative side of this is going to play out in the full light of day. We're all going to see it. So I think that will all unfold. And I don't want to predict how that's going to shake out right now."

Lori Lightfoot, who heads the Chicago Police Board and also chaired a city task force created by Emanuel that issued a report calling for civilian oversight, said the alliance report shows "the status quo has failed us."

Lightfoot said she doesn't see anything wrong with language allowing the oversight board to fire the superintendent, saying there would be "a very comprehensive process" governing that aspect of it.

And Lightfoot predicted electoral repercussions if Emanuel tries to slow-walk the politically combustible proposal until after the 2019 mayoral and aldermanic elections.

"Any effort to stall it and not let it see the light of day, not engage in the City Council process that I think our good aldermen here envision, I think will be met with extreme, extreme hostility and it will be taken out on them in February 2019," she said.

Chicago Fraternal Order of Police President Kevin Graham called the group's plan a "thinly disguised attack on the criminal justice system for political gain." In a statement, he said, "The truth is that it would be almost impossible to impose more scrutiny, more accountability, on the Police Department than already exists."

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# About 20 lawsuits have been filed

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higher court has said were Dart's illegal appointments to his disciplinary board. The Illinois Appellate Court ruled that Dart broke state law when he appointed one of the members of his Cook County Sheriff's Merit Board — the personnel board that handles hirings, firings and all suspensions of over 30 days — to a term less than six years as the law requires. That ruling affects decisions made by the board from 2011 to 2015.

At least 110 officers fired or suspended for allegedly assaulting jail detainees, sexually harassing co-workers, stealing money from inmates, soliciting bribes, selling heroin and other reasons could have their slate wiped clean by the Appellate Court's ruling, according to merit board disciplinary records obtained by the Tribune through an open records request. Taxpayers could be on the hook for millions of dollars in back pay for that four-year period cited in the court ruling, according to the sheriff's office.

There is now evidence that the problem could go back a decade or longer, and the bill could be \$40 million to \$70 million, up from an original estimate of \$15 million, attorneys for the affected officers say.

Officers' attorneys lay the blame for the costly violations on Dart. "If Dart had followed the law in the first place, the county taxpayer wouldn't have to foot the bill," said Dana Kurtz, who has filed a proposed class-action lawsuit on behalf of former officers.

But the sheriff's policy chief, Cara Smith, said the practice predates Dart's term in office and added that for years no one knew that the board appointments were a problem — including the attorneys for former officers who for



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Dixie Rios was fired in 2014. A judge has ordered that Rios get back pay of \$300,000.

years never raised the issue. "Obviously we weren't aware of this issue; otherwise it would've been remedied a long time ago," Smith said.

Some 20 lawsuits have been filed, and more are on the way. In two of those cases, Cook County judges recently ordered that fired officers Dixie Rios and Joel Mireles be reinstated and that Rios get a \$300,000 check for back pay.



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According to final merit board disciplinary reports, Mireles was terminated after being caught on video allegedly punching a jail detainee. He denied at his personnel hearing that he violated department use-of-force rules.

"He's happy to be back at work," said his attorney Christopher Cooper, who said Mireles believes he was wrongly accused. "He believes that justice has been done."

Rios was fired for allegedly passing on a message from her jailed brother, a high-ranking gang member, instructing a crime victim to go to court and tell authorities to drop charges in a case involving another Cook County Jail detainee,

according to the disciplinary report in her case. She has also denied the allegations in her case.

Rios went on leave eight days after returning to work, while Mireles is helping process inmates into the jail. Dart will seek to fire the officers again before a legally valid merit board, the sheriff's office says.

The Appellate Court ruling has opened the floodgates for lawsuits from fired sheriff's officers — at least 16 lawsuits have been filed since last year. Among them is Kelly Mrozek, who was fired in 2013 after being convicted of child endangerment when her 3-year-old son was found wandering her Orland Park neighborhood wearing only underpants and flip-flops, according to a disciplinary report.

A few hours after the boy was placed in his godparents' custody, witnesses reported Mrozek pulled into the parking lot of a restaurant near her home in her marked squad car. Mrozek left the squad car open and unlocked and got into a restaurant employee's unlocked car, where the employee found her holding a red plastic cup, according to the report.

Years earlier, she was demoted after she was acquitted on a 2006 public indecency charge after her neighbors in Frankfort reported her having sex in her backyard hot tub, the Tribune previously reported.

More disciplined officers who never challenged the personnel board's decision in court could also win their jobs back and be awarded lost wages if a Cook County judge allows a pending proposed class-action lawsuit to go forward.

That could include former correctional Sgt. Daniel Robinson, who was charged in 2013 by police in west suburban Berkeley with criminal sexual abuse and unlawful restraint after allegedly groping a 17-year-old girl, grabbing her hands and telling her not to be

nervous because he was a cop, according to court and disciplinary records. The alleged assault ended when the girl's stepfather found them in the laundry room of their apartment building and Robinson fled, according to merit board disciplinary records.

Prosecutors dropped criminal charges a year later, but after a personnel hearing, the merit board fired Robinson. He couldn't be reached for comment Tuesday.

Deputy O'Malley was driving drunk and carrying his service weapon when he struck Marcial Marias-Quevedo, 41, in 2012 and the pedestrian died, according to court and disciplinary records. O'Malley opted to have a Cook County judge hear his aggravated DUI case. The judge found O'Malley guilty of misdemeanor charges and sentenced him to two years of probation and 300 hours of community service. O'Malley couldn't be reached for comment.

Many officers were fired by the merit board for racking up unauthorized absences, but at least eight were fired for using excessive force on detainees at the Cook County Jail.

Another officer was fired after he and three other sheriff's deputies were alleged to have drunkenly yelled the N-word and other profanities at black patrons of a Michigan bar in 2011, according to a final disciplinary decision. The officer, James Przybyla, also allegedly "inappropriately" placed his hand on a female patron's back and asked responding police officers in Michigan to let him go as a "professional courtesy," according to the decision.

Przybyla filed a lawsuit last year asking for his job back and to be awarded back pay. On Tuesday, Przybyla said in a statement from his attorney that he "extremely disputes" the charges and is "outraged to learn that his career" ended on "false charges" before an "improper board."

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# A look at Pritzker offshore holdings

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track what wealth U.S. taxpayers may hold outside the country, experts say.

The combination of Pritzker's sprawling wealth, his decision not to release anything but the first two pages of his personal income tax returns, and the veiled existence of offshore companies tied to his businesses makes it difficult to determine the full scope of his assets or whether the Democratic governor candidate's own financial interests may intersect — or conflict — with the business of the state of Illinois.

One of Pritzker's offshore companies, Moreau Capital Holdings Ltd., is part of a venture that plans to buy city-owned land along the Chicago River to launch duck boat tours downtown. Pritzker is the sole owner of Moreau Capital Holdings, which was created in Nassau, Bahamas, in January 2011, according to records.

In recent weeks, the Tribune repeatedly asked the Pritzker campaign to make the candidate available to answer questions about his finances. After his staff did not respond to those requests, the Tribune last week sought out Pritzker at a campaign event at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. He quickly summoned a campaign press aide to run interference and declined to discuss his offshore dealings.

"You're going to have to talk to my campaign about it," said Pritzker, who started to walk away. "I know you guys are writing something and you've been talking to the campaign, and I really don't have the details with me."

The Tribune then submitted a list of questions about Pritzker's financial ties to a series of offshore companies. His campaign declined to answer nearly all of those questions, except for one. Asked about M Cay Bahamas Ltd., Pritzker campaign spokeswoman Galia Slayen said it was created to hold the family's real estate in the Bahamas in compliance with that country's law.

Jack Blum, a Washington, D.C., lawyer who is an expert in money laundering and offshore tax issues, said it's impossible to paint a complete picture of the tax structures and investment strategies Pritzker may enjoy while he campaigns in support of a graduated income tax increase to help fix Illinois' finances. In general, though, wealthy people use complicated offshore financial structures to avoid paying taxes on assets, he said.

"Illinois is bankrupt-plus. You have a hell of a problem. And the question you have to put is: You may want to come in with a platform of raising taxes, but why don't you begin with telling us how you've escaped taxation by being offshore?" Blum said.

"How are you separating yourself from the common man here?"

## Pritzker a 'PEP'

The bulk of the leaked Paradise Papers, which were obtained by the German newspaper *Süddeutsche Zeitung*, come from Appleby, a century-old offshore law firm that provides legal services to large corporations and wealthy individuals.

The New York Times reported that Appleby helps its clients reduce their taxes, set up offshore trusts that in some cases hold billions of dollars and obscure their ownership of assets, such as companies.

The Times said Appleby designates some of its clients as "PEPs" — politically exposed persons — for whom "avoiding unwanted attention is a crucial goal."

In Paradise Papers records reviewed by the Tribune, the Appleby firm labeled J.B. Pritzker as "PEP N-R," a designation meaning he's directly related to someone in a national government. The law firm declined to discuss its relationship with Pritzker or explain why it had applied the label to him. At the time, Pritzker's sister, Penny Pritzker, served as commerce secretary for Presi-

## Documents show Pritzker's offshore ties

A search of the Paradise Papers database shows J.B. Pritzker's ties to several offshore shell companies.

### CITY LAND DEAL

In 2016, a tour boat company owned by Pritzker and his brother, Anthony, agreed to buy a city-owned vacant lot. City records show that J.B. Pritzker owns 100 percent of Moreau Capital Holdings Ltd., a company incorporated in January 2011 in the Bahamas.

Name	Business Address	Percentage Interest in the Disclosing Party
TP Group-SC LLC	111 S. Wacker Dr., Ste. 4000 Chicago, IL 60606	75%
Aman 2 Capital Holdings Limited	Goodman's Bay Corporate Centre, 1st Floor West Hill Street, P.O. N. 3053, Nassau, The Bahamas	9.4%
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An offshore bank in the Bahamas paid the government licensing fees for a group of 18 companies, at least 11 of which appear to have ties to Pritzker or other members of his family.



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### 'POLITICALLY-EXPOSED PERSON'

A 2015 internal document from the Appleby law firm lists J.B. Pritzker as a "PEP N-R," shorthand for a direct relative of a "politically exposed person." At the time, his sister, Penny Pritzker, was serving as President Barack Obama's commerce secretary.

SOURCES: Chicago Tribune reporting, the Paradise Papers database

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One of J.B. Pritzker's offshore companies is part of a venture planning to buy city-owned land along the Chicago River to launch duck boat tours. The sale has not been closed.

dent Barack Obama. She has had her own offshore dealings revealed by the Paradise Papers.

J.B. Pritzker's campaign confirmed the accuracy of reports in *Forbes* and *Bloomberg News* setting the candidate's personal wealth at \$3.5 billion. So far, he has pumped more than \$63 million of his own money into his campaign in hopes of winning Tuesday's Democratic governor primary against five others.

Andrew Stoltmann, a Chicago securities lawyer, said the sparse financial information that wealthy candidates like Pritzker release and the use of offshore trusts and holding companies allows them to keep their wealth from scrutiny.

"It's byzantine. It's complicated. And that's just the way they like it," Stoltmann said. "That's why Pritzker running for governor is so fascinating. We should know more about his finances. But my guess is that (Republican Bruce) Rauner's probably not any more forthcoming."

Rauner is a wealthy businessman and was chairman of the private equity

firm GTCR before becoming governor in 2014. Economic disclosure forms when he first ran for governor showed Rauner was an investor in several of GTCR's offshore investment pools registered in the Cayman Islands. The records did not reveal the value of his stake.

## Chinatown connection

The path to exploring Pritzker's offshore activities begins at the edge of Chinatown.

In late 2016, Seadog Ventures Inc. entered into an agreement with the city of Chicago to buy a vacant lot along the Chicago River near the Cermak Road bridge. Seadog, a tour boat company, is a subsidiary of Entertainment Cruises Holdings LLC, which is owned by J.B. and Anthony Pritzker.

The Pritzkers intended to use the water access afforded by the land to operate a duck boat tour business on the river, according to city records. To complete the \$191,000 land purchase, Seadog and En-

tertainment Cruises filed required paperwork with the city disclosing economic interests behind the deal for public land.

The filing shows that the Pritzker brothers hold nearly 19 percent of the company in two corporations with addresses in the Bahamas — Moreau Capital Holdings Ltd. and Aman 2 Capital Holdings Ltd.

J.B. Pritzker owns all of the stock in Moreau Capital Holdings, according to the city filing. His brother owns all of the stock of Aman 2 Capital Holdings. Anthony Pritzker could not be reached for comment.

The sale of the land to the Pritzkers has not yet closed.

Dan Russell, regional vice president of Entertainment Cruises, said plans for duck boat tours are still alive, but the venture has been delayed because the company has not found new amphibious vehicles that meet its needs.

A Tribune search of "Moreau Capital Holdings" in the Paradise Papers database turned up a February 2012 letter from a banker in a Nassau branch of the Canadian Imperial Bank of

Commerce, to the Bahamian registrar general, paying the annual government license fees for 18 companies. Pritzker's campaign declined to answer questions about the candidate's relationship to those companies.

Moreau is on the list, as is Aman 2. So is another Bahamian company, Herodotus Capital Holdings Ltd. Separate filings revealed in the Paradise Papers show that Pritzker's brother-in-law Thomas J. Muenster was an executive of Herodotus.

Scant information is available on Herodotus Capital Holdings, but a Google search shows a listing on [www.chamberofcommerce.com](http://www.chamberofcommerce.com) tying the firm to an office address in Evanston that has been home to numerous J.B. Pritzker endeavors. The listing also names Eric A. Schreiner as a contact for the company. He is CFO of the Pritzker Group, the investment firm Pritzker owns with his brother.

Muenster, who has played a role as trustee of domestic trusts that Pritzker uses to hold assets, also is listed as president of M Cay Bahamas, the offshore holding company the Pritzker campaign has said was set up to hold the family's island vacation home. Muenster declined to speak to the Tribune when reached by phone.

Schreiner, who is listed as treasurer of M Cay Bahamas, could not be reached for comment.

## The Cheyenne Trust

In all, 11 of the 18 companies on the list sent to the Bahamian registrar — including Moreau, Aman 1 and Aman 2 — share names similar to Pritzker family trusts that hold Hyatt Hotels Corp. stock, according to filings with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission.

Take Cheyenne Capital Holdings Ltd., one of the offshore companies on the list. SEC records show that in December 2015, the similarly named Cheyenne Trust diverted nearly 1.4 million shares of Hyatt Hotels Corp. stock into the Pritzker Family Foundation, the charitable organization Pritzker formed.

In similar fashion, Moreau Trust diverted 445,000 shares of Hyatt stock to the Pritzker Family Foundation on the same day. Aman 1 Trust and Aman 2 Trust donated an equal number of shares to the Anthony Pritzker Family Foundation.

It is unclear why shell companies were created with similar names to the offshore Pritzker trusts that held Hyatt stock.

Experts in offshore finance and taxation say there is a limit to what can be learned from documents because the purpose of offshore banking is secrecy and shielding assets from the reach of the IRS.

Foreign companies of the sort tied to Pritzker are an even more secretive option than the trusts his family has used for decades, said Reuven Avi-Yonah, director of the International Tax LLM program at the University of Michigan Law School.

"The big difference between a trust and foreign company is, with a trust you're supposed to be able to trace who the beneficiaries of the trust are in a way that in a company you can't do," Avi-Yonah said. "A trust generally does not give you liability or tax protection in the U.S. Once you have a separate foreign company, it's more difficult to know what you've done."

In some cases, investment firms set up offshore subsidiary companies in order to attract investors from other countries who want to put money in a U.S. business venture without being subject to the IRS, said David Herzig, an offshore expert who teaches tax and trust law at Valparaiso University Law School.

U.S. citizens are subject to U.S. taxes on any income they claim, regardless of where they make the money, Herzig said. He added that it would be difficult to assess the purpose of Pritzker's — as well as the

Pritzker Group's — offshore activity without seeing his complete tax returns.

Seven other shell companies on the list filed with the Bahamian government have similar names to offshore trusts holding Hyatt stock. The companies — Nikopol, Alushta, Izyum, Sangdu, Evpatoria, Francis and Locust — were all incorporated in the Bahamas in August 2011. Trusts bearing those names sold millions of dollars in Hyatt stock earlier in 2011.

Nikopol, Alushta, Izyum and Evpatoria are all cities in Ukraine. Pritzker's great-grandfather emigrated to Chicago from Ukraine in the late 19th century.

## Campaign issue

In addition to the offshore holding companies, Pritzker has invested \$30 million in an offshore fund run by a New York hedge fund, according to an email in the Paradise Papers. It's also found in Pritzker's economic interest statement, which does not require that the dollar value of the asset be disclosed.

In 2013, using a Delaware-registered company, Stockbridge 1 LLC, Pritzker invested in a venture called Anchorage Illiquid Opportunities Offshore Master IV L.P., a Cayman Islands-registered company formed by Anchorage Capital Group LLC.

Chris Kennedy, one of Pritzker's Democratic opponents in the race, and himself an heir to a family fortune, also listed an Anchorage offshore fund in his economic interest statement.

The offshore wealth issue has come up in the governor's race. In late November, Pritzker released the first two pages of his tax returns, but not the detailed schedules. Nor did he release the tax returns of the trusts from which he benefits. On their 2016 personal tax return, Pritzker and wife Mary Kathryn reported \$14.95 million in federal adjusted gross income. The couple reported paying \$4.1 million in federal taxes and \$456,000 in state taxes.

The following week, Rauner accused Pritzker of parking money offshore to avoid paying taxes.

"The candidate Pritzker inherited over \$3 billion and he and his family has chosen, chosen on a massive scale, to hide hundreds and hundreds of millions of dollars of their money offshore in accounts outside the United States," Rauner said.

Rauner has acknowledged his own investment in offshore funds and has not released details of those holdings, nor has the governor provided complete tax returns.

Asked in December about his current holdings in offshore investments, Rauner dismissed the question as "spin."

"I have investments that I do not control, for example investments in banks and insurance companies, et cetera. They manage some money," Rauner said. "And what's got reported, which is true, some of them, for their accounts, where I'm a tiny piece, I have no voice, I have no control of the decision-making, they have an investment in some operation in the Bahamas or somewhere. Tiny for me, tiny for them."

Democratic governor candidate Daniel Biss' campaign labeled Rauner and Pritzker "two sides of the same shiny gold coin."

The byzantine, heavily lawyered corporate structures that rich people set up offshore can be very difficult to penetrate, even for the IRS, said Blum, the Washington lawyer who served more than 14 years in government as a staff attorney for the U.S. Senate antitrust subcommittee and the Senate Foreign Relations Committee.

"In this kind of stuff, you wander into some of the most complicated parts of U.S. tax law," Blum said. "There is a probability that there is a legal structure — that a lawyer has blessed — that gives them a tax advantage."

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## NATION & WORLD

# Trump views his border wall models

Protesters greet him in Calif.; he talks defense to Marines

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SAN DIEGO — President Donald Trump on Tuesday got his chance to inspect prototypes for the “big beautiful border wall” he wants to build to separate the U.S. from Mexico, saying strengthening the border would help stop “99 percent” of illegal immigration — or, he allowed, “maybe more than that.”

The president, making his first trip to California as president, appeared engaged as he was briefed on eight border wall designs. He said he preferred a fully concrete wall because it was the hardest to climb, but he noted that it needed to be see-through.

Trump said the first thing he noticed on the drive to view the prototypes was the patched-up holes in part of the existing fence at the border.

“We have a lousy wall over here now, but at least it stops 90, 95 percent,” Trump said. “When we put up the real wall, we’re going to stop 99 percent. Maybe more than that.”

Trump introduced a new argument, asserting that “the wall will save hundreds of billions of dollars — many, many times what it will cost.” An administration official, who refused to be identified, said the savings — for which no substantiation was provided — would come from keeping



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President Donald Trump inspects border wall prototypes in San Diego during his first visit to California as president.

out immigrants trying to enter illegally and in that way reduce costs for social services and law enforcement.

Yet several studies have shown that immigrants, legal and illegal, benefit the economy by working and paying taxes and that many in the country illegally do not take advantage of government services for fear they will be discovered and deported.

Trump’s visit was greeted with peaceful protests by demonstrators both for and against his planned wall. The trip also came amid an escalating battle between his administration and the liberal state, which has refused to help federal agents

detain immigrants in the U.S. illegally.

The president said Tuesday that the state’s policies “put the entire nation at risk.” His Justice Department sued California last week over a trio of the state’s immigration laws.

“They’re the best friend of the criminal,” Trump said. “That’s what exactly is happening. The criminals take refuge in these sanctuary cities and it’s very dangerous for our police and enforcement folks.”

Addressing Marines on Tuesday at Marine Corps Air Station Miramar, Trump said that the nation’s military had been “asked to do more with less” for too long.

He told troops that he’s overseeing a massive military buildup, and praised soldiers for pushing themselves to “new heights of excellence.”

The president said he remains optimistic about a new U.S. effort to engage with North Korea. Trump said the U.S. is “prepared for anything” but believes “something positive will happen.”

Trump also told Marines that there may someday be a “space force” fighting alongside the Air Force, Army and other branches of the military. Trump was speaking Tuesday about his administration’s investments in space exploration to members of the military

when he said that space is becoming a “war-fighting domain.”

He said his notion of a new space force had started as an off-the-cuff comment, but he decided it was a great idea.

Demonstrations were held at the San Ysidro port of entry in San Diego, the nation’s busiest border crossing, where protesters chanted, “No ban! No wall!” as honking cars and buses cheered them on. Protests were also held on the Mexican side, in Tijuana.

At San Ysidro, Jose Gonzalez, 21, stopped to snap a photo of the protesters holding signs, including one that read: “Wall off Putin!” in reference to Russian

President Vladimir Putin, who has a seemingly close relationship with Trump.

“I don’t think it’s really fair how he has the choice to separate us,” said Gonzalez, a dual citizen who lives in Tijuana and crosses the border daily to work at a San Diego ramen restaurant.

Army veteran Mark Prieto, 48, shook his head as he walked by the protest.

“People are so narrow-minded,” the Riverside firefighter said as the crowd chanted. “Finally we have someone who is putting America first.”

His wife, Corina Prieto, a nurse who has extended family in Mexico, agreed. Both voted for Trump.

“I think he is doing a lot of good, like protecting our Border Patrol,” she said.

Trump was to be briefed on lessons learned from the construction of the prototypes built in San Diego last fall. He was also to meet with border agents and officers to ask what they need, Homeland Security spokesman Jonathan Hoffman said.

San Diego’s Republican mayor criticized Trump’s planned short visit, saying the president won’t get a full picture of the city. Kevin Faulconer said a popular cross-border airport terminal connecting San Diego and Tijuana shows that “building bridges has worked wonders.”

Faulconer, writing in The San Diego Union-Tribune, also said San Diego police work to protect everyone regardless of immigration status, an apparent dig at Trump’s push to target illegal immigration.

Washington Bureau contributed.

# Republican, Dem locked in tight Pa. House race

Election seen as bellwether for the midterm elections

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Associated Press

MT. LEBANON, Pa. — Democrat Conor Lamb and Republican Rick Saccone were locked in a tight congressional election Tuesday night that pitted the strength of President Donald Trump’s grasp on blue-collar America against the energy and anger of the political left.

The contest has drawn national attention as a bellwether for the midterm elections in November.

With 98 percent of the vote counted, Lamb held a 755-vote lead, according to The Washington Post and other news outlets.

In a region Trump carried by 20 points, the White House has scrambled to rally voters behind Saccone, who cast himself as the president’s “wingman,” but has struggled at times to connect with the

blue-collar coalition that fueled Trump’s victory little more than a year ago.

Lamb, a 33-year old Marine veteran and former federal prosecutor, downplayed his opposition to the Republican president on Tuesday and insisted instead that the race hinged on local issues.

“This didn’t have much to do with President Trump,” Lamb said after casting his vote in suburban Pittsburgh.

Because of a state court decision redrawing Pennsylvania’s congressional boundaries, the winner will have to start campaigning for re-election almost immediately in a different district.

For the White House and its Republican allies, a Tuesday loss would represent both a profound embarrassment and major cause for concern in the broader push to defend majorities in the U.S. House and Senate.

The president has campaigned in the district twice and sent several tweets on Saccone’s behalf. Other recent visitors include Vice President Mike Pence.

For Democrats, a win



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Voters arrive at a polling station to decide the 18th Congressional District race Tuesday in western Pennsylvania.

would reverberate nationwide, while even a narrow loss would be viewed as a sign of increased Democratic enthusiasm just as the midterm season begins.

Registered Republican Brett Gelb said he voted for Saccone, largely because the Republican candidate promised to support the president.

“Saccone backs a lot of President Trump’s plans for the country,” said Gelb, a 48-year-old fire technician who lives in Mt. Lebanon. He added, “I do think

Trump is doing a good job. I think he needs backup.”

Democrats must flip 24 GOP-held seats this fall to seize control of the House, and months ago few had counted on this Pittsburgh-area district to be in play. The seat has been in Republican hands for the past 15 years.

It was open now only because longtime Republican congressman Tim Murphy, who espoused strong anti-abortion views, resigned last fall amid revelations of an extramarital af-

fair in which he had urged his mistress to get an abortion.

Saccone downplayed the significance of the close race.

“The Democrats — they’re throwing everything they can at this race,” he said. “There hasn’t been an open seat for a long time.”

With polls showing a tight race for months, Saccone tried to persuade the GOP-leaning electorate that their choice was about “making America great

again,” as the president repeatedly says.

Saccone, a 60-year-old Air Force veteran turned state lawmaker and college instructor, enjoyed enthusiastic backing from the social conservatives who’ve anchored his state career.

Yet Saccone struggled to raise money and stir the same passions that helped Trump on his way to the White House.

Lamb, meanwhile, excited core Democrats and aimed for independents and moderate Republicans.

# Death penalty sought in Florida school shooting

Attorney says Cruz won’t plead guilty as long as capital punishment still on table

BY CURT ANDERSON  
Associated Press

MIAMI — Prosecutors intend to seek the death penalty for the former student charged with killing 17 people at Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School last month even though attorneys for Nikolas Cruz indicated he would plead guilty if his life was spared.

Cruz, 19, is scheduled for formal arraignment Wednesday on a 34-count indictment, including 17 first-degree murder charges. The office of Broward County State Attorney Michael Satz filed the formal notice of its intentions Tuesday, though the action does not necessarily mean a plea deal will not be reached.

The only other penalty option for Cruz, if convicted, is life in prison with no possibility of parole.

Ira Jaffe, whose son and daughter survived the shooting, said he respects the wishes of the 17 families whose children were killed and that time is better spent finding solutions to the problem of mass school shootings.

“Live forever in jail or die — I don’t care,” Jaffe said in an email. “Cruz will rot in hell no matter when it is

that he arrives there.”

Fred Guttenberg, whose daughter Jamie Guttenberg died in the shooting, was angry the state decided to pursue the death penalty, noting how long capital punishment cases last.

“As a parent of a deceased student, I expected that the state would have pulled the parents together to ask what we wanted — and they didn’t,” he said.

“This guy’s willing to plea and spend the rest of his life in the general popu-

lation. Let him do that and let them do what they want with him,” Guttenberg added. “Why not take the plea and let the guy rot in hell?”

Broward County Public Defender Howard Finkelstein, whose office is representing Cruz, has said there were so many warning signs that Cruz was mentally unstable and potentially violent, and that the death penalty might be going too far.

In an email Tuesday, Finkelstein said Cruz is

“immediately ready” to plead guilty in return for 34 consecutive life sentences.

“If not allowed to do that tomorrow (at the hearing), out of respect for the victims’ families we will stand mute to the charges at the arraignment,” Finkelstein said.

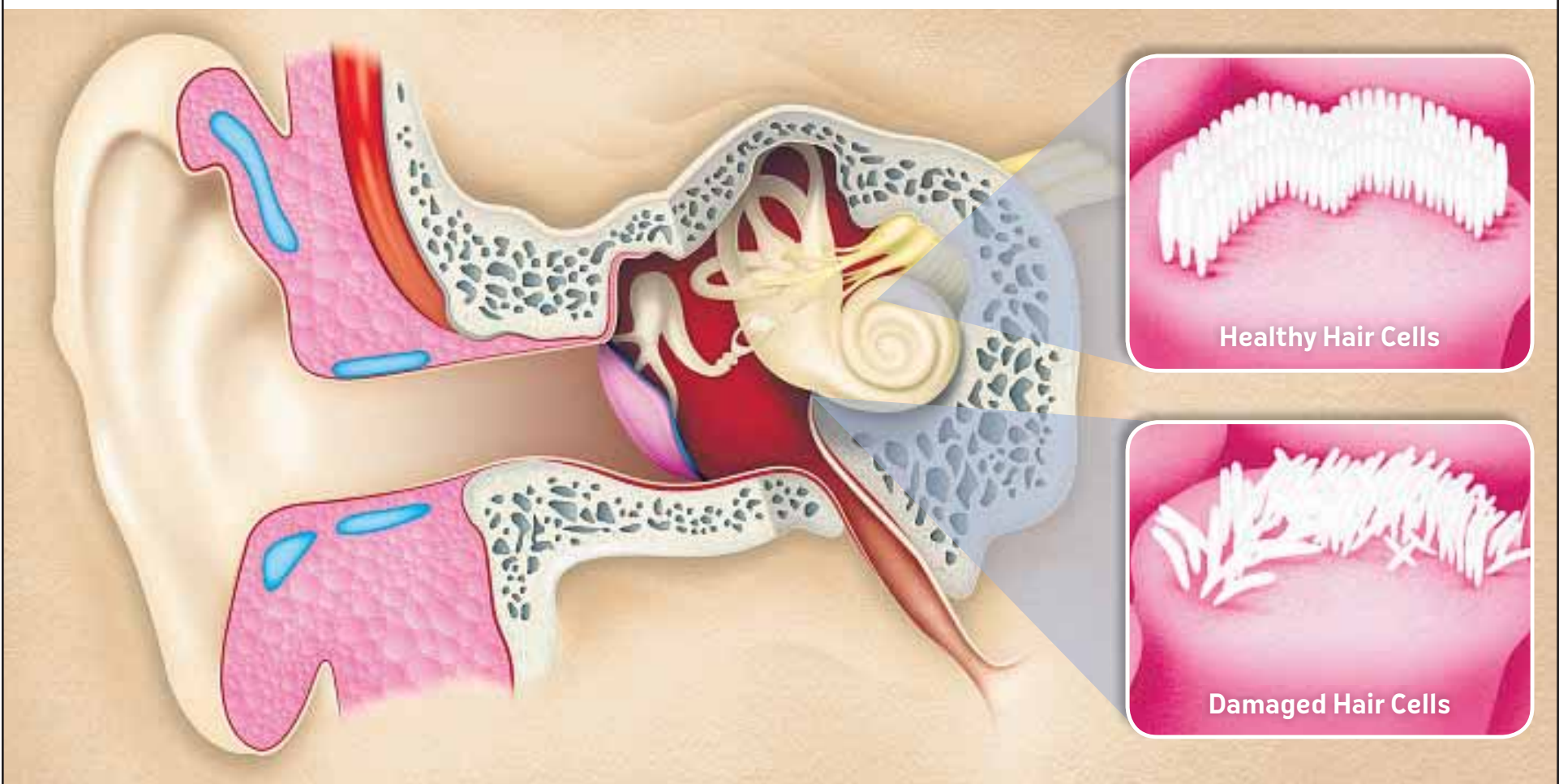
If Cruz does not enter a plea, a not guilty plea will likely be entered on his behalf by Broward Circuit Judge Elizabeth Scherer, his attorneys have said.

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# President weighs ousting VA chief

Trump floats idea of energy secretary taking over for embattled Shulkin

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WASHINGTON — President Donald Trump is considering ousting embattled Veterans Affairs Secretary David Shulkin, who has faced an insurgency within his department and fresh allegations that he used a member of his security detail to run personal errands.

Trump has floated the notion of moving Energy Secretary Rick Perry to lead the VA, believing Shulkin has become a distraction, according to two sources familiar with White House discussions. The sources were not authorized to discuss internal deliberations.

Shulkin has faced several investigations over his travel and leadership of the department but until now has received praise from the president for his work to turn it around. The news comes after Trump fired Secretary of State Rex Tillerson on Tuesday.

Trump raised the idea with Perry on Monday but did not offer the job to him, according to one White House official. Trump has been angry with Shulkin, the official said, but is known to float staffing changes without always following through.

Shulkin did not respond to requests for comment via phone and text message. A spokeswoman for Perry had no comment.

The VA inspector general is looking into a complaint by a member of Shulkin's security detail that he was asked to accompany the secretary to a Home Depot and carry furniture items into his home, according to two people familiar with the allegation who requested anonymity.

Within the agency, a political adviser installed by



ANDREW HARNIK/AP

David Shulkin has faced investigations over his travel and leadership of the Department of Veterans Affairs.

Trump has openly mused to other VA staff about ousting the former Obama administration official. And a top communications aide has taken extended leave following a secret, failed attempt to turn lawmakers against him.

Senior administration officials describe a growing frustration that Shulkin repeatedly ignores their advice, only to beg for their help when he runs into ethical trouble. The officials, who spoke on condition of anonymity in order to describe sensitive internal discussions, say Shulkin has been given a final warning to end the swirl of distractions. The adminis-

tration is seeking to push Trump's agenda of aggressively expanding the Veterans Choice program, which major veterans groups worry could be an unwanted step toward privatizing VA health care.

The issue came to the fore at a White House meeting last week, when chief of staff John Kelly told Shulkin to stop talking to the news media without clearing it first with the White House and to stay focused on fixing veterans care.

Shulkin was escorted from that meeting to the Oval Office, where Trump questioned him about his efforts to push the Choice

expansion, which lawmakers seek to include in a massive spending bill that must be approved by next week to avert a government shutdown.

Shulkin blames the internal drama on a half-dozen or so political appointees whom he had considered firing, only to be blocked by Kelly.

"I regret anything that has distracted us from what we should be focusing on, which is serving veterans," Shulkin told the AP shortly before release of an inspector general report that faulted the VA for "failed leadership" and an unwillingness or inability of leaders to take responsibility for

accounting problems at a major VA hospital that put patients at risk.

By December, relations at the VA between Shulkin and several political appointees began to fray over philosophical differences.

In a Dec. 4 internal email obtained by the AP, Jake Leinenkugel, a senior aide installed as part of a Cabinet-wide program to monitor secretaries' loyalty, said Shulkin was becoming increasingly distrustful and regarded Camilo Sandoval, a senior adviser in VA's health arm, as a White House "spy."

The email to Sandoval alluded to White House efforts to gain more control,

including ousting Shulkin's chief of staff, and said the secretary had been "put on notice to exit" once the administration gets the Choice legislation through Congress.

Last month, internal investigators released a blistering report finding ethical violations in Shulkin's trip last July to Denmark and England that mixed business with pleasure. The inspector general found that Shulkin's chief of staff, Vivieca Wright Simpson, had doctored emails to justify his wife accompanying him at taxpayer expense. Wright Simpson retired after the report was issued.



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Former U.S. Rep. Mike Pompeo harbors some political skills that Rex Tillerson lacked.

## Unlike Tillerson, Pompeo seen to emit Trump views

Choice to lead State Dept. expected to produce less friction

BY TRACY WILKINSON AND NOAH BIERMAN  
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WASHINGTON — Last week, a particularly chaotic time at the White House, President Donald Trump told reporters that he liked conflict. He said he enjoyed hearing disparate views before making decisions.

But only to a point it seems. In Mike Pompeo, whom Trump nominated Tuesday to replace Rex Tillerson as secretary of state, the president gets someone more attuned to his erratic style and flamboyant personality, and someone who may more readily agree with him than Tillerson had.

That could help Pompeo operate as the nation's top diplomat since foreign governments are more likely to view him as speaking directly for Trump when it comes to North Korea, Iran, trade disputes and other foreign policy dilemmas. Tillerson had credibility problems because he publicly disagreed with Trump on several major issues.

Pompeo is likely to hew

closer to Trump's views, although those can often be moving targets. He also has honed political skills that Tillerson lacked. Tillerson, a former Exxon Mobil CEO, took the job with no government experience.

Democrats expressed concern that Pompeo might be inclined to withhold information that challenges Trump's world view.

As director of the Central Intelligence Agency, Pompeo most frequently gives Trump his morning intelligence briefing. Trump is notoriously uninterested in details, so Pompeo has shortened the material and reportedly avoids critical issues such as Russian interference in U.S. interests.

Tillerson was often seen as a moderating force who could calm some of Trump's positions. "There's a pattern and practice to dismiss anyone with whom this president has a policy difference, and that appears to be the case with Secretary Tillerson," said Sen. Dianne Feinstein, D-Calif. "I regret to say this, but it appears any number of things can put you on the wrong side of President Trump, who appears to have very little patience with anyone who has a different point of

view."

Publicly, however, Pompeo has not been shy about Russia meddling. He joined other top intelligence community officials in congressional testimony last month to warn that Moscow is mounting another campaign to intervene in upcoming U.S. elections.

A lawyer, Pompeo, 54, represented Kansas in the U.S. House of Representatives for six years through 2016, graduated from West Point in 1986 and was an army officer who served in the first Gulf War.

Relations forged in his military and political careers have served him well in Washington, where he is liked by many colleagues.

Pompeo is far more hawkish than Tillerson, and some experts said that could complicate already fraught dealings with countries like North Korea. But Daniel Russel, an assistant secretary of state in the Obama administration, said Pompeo's position as head of the CIA might be a boost. "The job of 'spy chief' is one they (North Koreans) fully understand and respect," Russel said.

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## 'Black site' role called dark mark on pick for CIA chief

Haspel would be 1st woman to run nation's spy agency

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WASHINGTON — Gina Haspel, President Donald Trump's choice for new CIA director, would be the first woman to run the nation's spy agency, but her confirmation hearings may focus more on her role in the CIA torture of terrorism suspects and the destruction of key evidence more than a decade ago.

If confirmed by the Senate, Haspel would succeed Mike Pompeo, who Trump plans to nominate to replace Rex Tillerson as secretary of state, in a reshuffle of his national security and foreign policy team.

At 61, Haspel is a veteran CIA operative who has deftly navigated challenging foreign assignments as well as the vast bureaucracy of agency headquarters in Langley, Va. She steadily rose to top positions in the male-dominated spy service during a career, mostly in the shadows, that spanned more than three decades.

Haspel served as CIA station chief in several overseas assignments, directing U.S. espionage in those countries or regions. She later served as deputy director of the CIA division responsible for clandestine operations, and was promoted to deputy director of the agency last year.

Haspel said she was grateful and "humbled" by the opportunity to lead the CIA. "I look forward to providing President Trump the outstanding intelligence support he has grown to expect during his first year in office," she said.

Trump called Haspel's nomination a "historic milestone" for the CIA.

Haspel played a key role in the CIA's response to the



CIA

The president called the nomination of Gina Haspel a "historic milestone."

2001 al-Qaida attacks on the World Trade Center in New York and the Pentagon in Virginia. Most importantly, she was involved with controversial interrogation tactics that some at the CIA believed were necessary to prevent new strikes on U.S. soil.

The CIA began seizing terrorism suspects and shipping them to secret overseas prisons, where some were waterboarded, beaten, deprived of sleep and otherwise harshly interrogated in an effort to obtain information about al-Qaida's plans. Haspel reportedly ran one such "black site" in Thailand, an experience that critics cited Tuesday to oppose her nomination.

"She was at the center of the rendition, detention and interrogation program," said Laura Pitter, senior national security counsel at Human Rights Watch. "Someone with that kind of history should not have been made deputy director, let alone head of an agency with this much power."

One suspect at the prison, Abu Zubaydah, was waterboarded 83 times, a painful process that simulates drowning. Some CIA officers grew so concerned about Zubaydah's treatment that they reached

"the point of tears and choking up," according to a 2014 report from Democrats on the Senate intelligence committee.

The report concluded that the brutal CIA interrogations, which took place over several years, did not produce any actionable intelligence about impending or planned terrorist plots.

Ali Soufan, a former FBI agent who helped interrogate Zubaydah in 2002, said Haspel should face questions in her confirmation hearing about her handling of interrogations.

"Maybe she was following orders," Soufan said. "But we cannot deny there are a lot of issues that need to be discussed."

When Pompeo was facing confirmation as CIA director last year, he told senators he would refuse a presidential order to restart what the CIA called its "enhanced interrogation" program.

"The American people now deserve the same assurances from Gina Haspel," said Sen. John McCain, R-Ariz., chairman of the Senate Armed Services Committee and a critic of the CIA program. McCain, a former Navy pilot, was repeatedly tortured during his 5½ years as a prisoner of war in North Vietnam.

During the 2016 campaign, Trump voiced support for waterboarding and other techniques that were discontinued and criticized after they came to light.

Sen. Dianne Feinstein, D-Calif., who led the Senate investigation into the CIA abuses, said "it's no secret I've had concerns in the past" about Haspel's connection to the program. But Feinstein added, "to the best of my knowledge she has been a good deputy director and I look forward to the opportunity to speak with her again."

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## ANALYSIS

# Before ax fell, Tillerson had no plan to split

Seeming to have hit his stride, he aimed to remain top diplomat, despite differences

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WASHINGTON — Rex Tillerson spent a tumultuous year at the helm of the State Department, frequently undercut by the president he disagreed with on key foreign policy issues and derided by many of his employees who blamed him for marginalizing their role and diplomacy itself.

But after months of denying he intended to resign, Tillerson was ousted Tuesday just as he seemed to be hitting his diplomatic stride.

In recent weeks, he grew even more outspoken in his criticism of Russia, more confident that his patient pressure on North Korea was bearing fruit and seemingly more comfortable that he would outlast his many critics in the West Wing.

In the end, no one was more surprised that Till-

erson was fired than Tillerson himself. As recently as Monday night, while he was in the air flying back from a weeklong trip to Africa, an aide said Tillerson was staying put.

In a statement from a top aide about five hours after his plane landed at Joint Base Andrews, Tillerson made clear that the gulf between the methodical former corporate executive and the mercurial president was as wide as ever.

“The secretary had every intention of staying because of the critical progress made in national security and other areas,” said Steve Goldstein, undersecretary of public diplomacy for the State Department.

“The secretary did not speak to the president, and is unaware of the reason” for his firing, he added.

Tillerson’s father died on Feb. 25. Two days after returning to Washington



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Rex Tillerson, left, never clicked with President Donald Trump. Much of his tenure was dogged by rumors that he was fed up and ready to quit, or about to be pushed out.

from the funeral, he departed for Africa, where he was sidelined for a day by illness.

His departure followed months of disagreements with the White House over staffing and administrative matters at the State Department, which has a large backlog of unfilled jobs.

But what may have done him in was a fatal disconnect over what Trump saw as Tillerson’s conventional approach to policy matters.

In picking Rex Wayne Tillerson to head the State Department, Trump told associates he wanted a secretary of state who looked the part. He liked Till-

erson’s camera-ready image and acerbic Texas drawl, real as barbed wire from a man who was named after two 1950s Western movie stars, Rex Allen and John Wayne. He also liked Tillerson’s resume as chairman and chief executive of Exxon Mobil.

But the two men, who did not know each other before Trump’s election, never clicked. For Tillerson, despite weekly lunches and frequent phone calls, Trump remained unpredictable and sometimes inscrutable. For Trump, Tillerson became an embodiment of “establishment” naysayers.

Tillerson has no singular foreign policy cause or achievement to his credit, but he had worked to open the door to talks with North Korea.

Although Trump dismissively said last year that Tillerson was wasting his time trying to talk to “Little Rocket Man,” as he dubbed North Korean leader Kim Jong Un, the summit that Trump agreed to last week is partly born of Tillerson’s efforts.

A part of his legacy is in his pushback on Trump policies that Tillerson considered unwise, battles he did not often win.

There was an element of

anticlimax to Tillerson’s exit.

Much of his tenure was dogged by rumors that he was fed up and ready to quit, or about to be pushed out. The rumors were persistent enough that the possibility of Tillerson’s departure was dubbed “Rexit.”

Tillerson consistently, and rather wearily, denied it. In January, he told CNN he would still be around at the end of 2018.

Tillerson emerged as one of the administration’s strongest voices critical of Russia. For months, he had been saying that Russia clearly interfered in the 2016 U.S. election, even as Trump shied away from any critical remarks. On Monday, Tillerson told reporters traveling with him that he was “very, very concerned” with Russia’s growing aggression.

Tillerson’s firing could be a prelude to big policy changes ahead.

It comes just two months before the next deadline for the Iran nuclear deal, when Trump must decide whether to reimpose nuclear-related sanctions as he has said he is inclined to do, effectively withdrawing from the multilateral agreement reached in 2015 by the Obama administration and other world powers.

Tillerson’s departure further suggests that Trump is already out the door on the agreement, even as he prepares for talks with Kim.

# Tillerson fired in major shift

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up in the wee hours there Saturday to alert him that Trump had decided to replace him. Trump had told his chief of staff he wanted to announce he was replacing Tillerson on Twitter. Kelly urged him to hold off.

Kelly then suggested Tillerson return to Washington as soon as possible. Tillerson cut his trip short Monday.

But a top State Department spokesman offered a different version of events — and was swiftly fired after contradicting the White House.

Steve Goldstein, undersecretary of state for public diplomacy and public affairs, said that Tillerson was “unaware of the reason” for his firing and had not spoken directly with Trump.

He said Kelly told Tillerson in the call only that “he could expect a tweet” from the president, but it was not conveyed that the decision to fire him was final.

“He found out that he was terminated today,” Goldstein said.

Goldstein’s dismissal, which came just before he was scheduled to brief reporters about the shake-up, was confirmed by a State Department official. West Wing officials had accused him in recent weeks of privately criticizing White House decisions to reporters.

Asked Tuesday about the accusation, Goldstein said: “I spoke for the secretary of state. That was part of my role as the undersecretary.”

The president and his top diplomat reached a breaking point over the past week, and media inquiries about the fraught relationship accelerated the timing of the ouster, White House officials said.

After Kelly told him he was being let go, Tillerson asked that Trump hold off on announcing the news until he had returned to the U.S., and Kelly agreed, a



ANDREW HARNIK/AP

Rex Tillerson, who seemed to embrace his Rexit nickname after months or exit rumors, makes his way down a hall after a news conference Tuesday.

White House official said.

Trump told reporters that he had been considering removing Tillerson for “a long time.”

“I actually got along well with Rex, but really it was a different mind-set, a different thinking,” Trump said Tuesday as he departed the White House for a trip to California. “When you look at the Iran deal, I think it’s terrible. I guess he thought it was OK. ... So we were not really thinking the same. With Mike, Mike Pompeo, we have a very similar thought process. I think it’s going to go very well.”

Trump selected CIA Deputy Director Gina Haspel to succeed Pompeo as the agency’s director.

She would become the first woman to run the spy agency.

Haspel and Pompeo would need to be confirmed by the Senate at a time when the divided chamber has stalled on confirming dozens of Trump nominees.

Haspel, in particular, could come under added scrutiny over her past role reportedly running one of the CIA “black site” prisons in Thailand, where detainees were subjected to waterboarding and other interrogation methods widely denounced as torture.

The announcement of Tillerson’s departure sent shock waves across the globe.

Many U.S. diplomats and foreign leaders reacted with disbelief because they assumed Tillerson had finally begun to settle into his job after rumors of his ouster had swirled for months —

even taking on a nickname, Rexit.

In a statement, Trump praised Pompeo and Haspel. He highlighted Pompeo’s educational background, graduating first in his class from West Point and with honors from Harvard Law School, and celebrated the “historic milestone” of Haspel becoming the first woman to lead the CIA.

Pompeo said in a statement that he was “deeply grateful” to Trump and said he looked “forward to representing him and the American people to the rest of the world to further America’s prosperity.”

Trump also had words of praise for Tillerson despite their well-documented rifts: “Finally, I want to thank Rex Tillerson for his

service. “A great deal has been accomplished over the last 14 months, and I wish him and his family well.”

In his statement, Goldstein said: “The secretary had every intention of staying because of the critical progress made in national security and other areas. He will miss his colleagues greatly at the Department of State, and the foreign ministers he’s worked with throughout the world. The secretary did not speak to the president, and is unaware of the reason. He is grateful for the opportunity to serve, and believes strongly that public service is a noble calling.”

Speculation about Tillerson’s ouster has come in waves, including in October after NBC News reported that the secretary of state

had called Trump a “moron.”

Tillerson did not deny the remark.

Tillerson, 65, who spent his career at Exxon Mobil, climbing the ranks at the oil giant to become chief executive officer, had dismissed as “laughable” a report in December of a plan at the White House to replace him with Pompeo. Trump joined in with a denial that only underscored their policy disputes.

“The media has been speculating that I fired Rex Tillerson or that he would be leaving soon — FAKE NEWS!” the president wrote on Twitter at the time.

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# ICE spokesman cites ‘false’ raid claim in resigning

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The Washington Post

A spokesman for U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement has resigned over what he described as “false” and “misleading” statements made by Attorney General Jeff Sessions and ICE acting director Thomas Homan.

James Schwab worked out of the agency’s San Francisco office until he quit last week. He said he

had been told to “deflect” questions about the Oakland mayor’s interference with an ICE raid last month and to refer reporters to statements from Sessions and Homan that suggested that hundreds of “criminals” escaped capture in Northern California because the mayor tipped them off.

“I quit because I didn’t want to perpetuate misleading facts,” Schwab told the San Francisco Chronicle. “I asked them to change the

information. I told them that the information was wrong; they asked me to deflect, and I didn’t agree with that.”

Sessions, Homan and President Donald Trump criticized Oakland Mayor Libby Schaaf, a Democrat, for issuing a public warning in late February about an imminent ICE raid in the region.

Schwab told KTVU after resigning that ICE captured 232 immigrants suspected of living in the country

illegally — even more than officials had originally expected. About half of the people picked up had felonies or misdemeanors on their records, officials say.

In the raid’s aftermath, officials in Washington had suggested that more than 800 criminals had escaped because of the mayor’s actions.

“Those are 800 wanted criminals that are now at large in that community, 800 wanted criminals that ICE will now have to pursue

by other means, with more difficulty, in dangerous situations, all because of one irresponsible action,” Sessions said in blasting the mayor last week in Sacramento.

At a campaign rally over the weekend in Pennsylvania, Trump told the crowd that ICE had been prepared to arrest “close to 1,000 people” but got “a fraction” of that, thanks to the mayor — and called Schaaf a disgrace.

Schwab said he wanted

to set the record straight.

The officials from Washington had been referring to the raid’s target list of 1,000 people, he said, but immigration sweeps never net anywhere close to the total number of targets.

“We were never going to pick up that many people,” he said. “To say that 100 percent are dangerous criminals on the street, or that those people weren’t picked up because of the misguided actions of the mayor, is just wrong.”

# Will legal pot be new coke of Colombia?

Hotbed of 1 drug aims to hit big with other

BY ANTHONY FAIOLA  
The Washington Post

MEDELLIN, Colombia — Tens of thousands of Colombians died in the U.S.-backed war on drugs. But after an official about-face on marijuana, Colombia is looking to exchange gun-toting traffickers for corporate backers in a bid to become the Saudi Arabia of legal pot.

The new industry is budding here on the outskirts of Medellin, where Pablo Escobar moved marijuana in the 1970s before becoming the “King of Cocaine.” Fifteen years after his death in a last stand with the law, cannabis plants are blooming in the emerald hills beyond the city, this time with the government’s blessing.

“You are looking at history,” beamed Camilo Ospina, the lab-coat-wearing chief innovation officer for PharmaCielo Colombia Holdings, gesturing like a showman before a sprawling greenhouse of pungent cannabis plants. His company is one of a fast-rising number of corporations seeking to leverage the “Made in Colombia” label in a new age of legalization.

“Our advantage is that the Colombian brand already has a mystique,” he said. “We want to intensify that, so that the Colombian cannabis you already know — the Punto Rojo, the Colombian Gold — is the cannabis you want to buy.”

Colombia is still a hotbed of illegal drugs: A report last year from the U.S. Drug Enforcement Agency showed Colombia as the source of 92 percent of cocaine seized on U.S. soil.

And after 18 years and \$10 billion spent on Plan Colombia, the U.S.-funded effort to counter cartels and coca farmers, cocaine production here is at all-time highs.

Yet when it comes to marijuana, Colombia is taking a new tack: If you can’t beat ‘em, regulate ‘em.

In 2016, the country passed a landmark law legalizing medical marijuana for both domestic use and export, laying the groundwork for the new industry. The government started handing out the first licenses to grow, process and export medicinal cannabis in September, approving 33 companies so far. Legal growers such as Canada-based PharmaCielo are now raising test crops for upcoming product lines, with the first commercial sales and exports slated for the coming weeks and months.

Becoming the world’s supplier of legal cannabis won’t be easy. The biggest potential market, the United States, remains closed off, with even states that have legalized use having also banned cannabis imports. Yet a growing group of other countries, including Germany, Peru, Italy and Croatia, are seen as fast-developing export markets for medical marijuana.

Canada and the Netherlands, on the cutting edge of the legal pot business, have started to meet that demand, with several companies already exporting domestically cultivated crops.

But Colombia, say officials here, is the logical place for the industry’s future.

With a climate well



ANTHONY FAIOLA/WASHINGTON POST

Test plants thrive at a new cannabis cultivation center of the Colombian subsidiary of Canada-based PharmaCielo.

suited to the surprisingly fragile cannabis plant, the country supplied most of the illicit marijuana consumed in the United States during the 1970s and ‘80s — a dubious crown it later lost to Mexico. As more countries approve some form of legalization, Colombia is bent on recapturing its global dominance.

It amounts to a sea change in thinking. Rather than part of the problem, marijuana is being viewed as one solution to Colombia’s struggle against illicit narcotics, particularly coca leaf, the building block of cocaine. Perhaps it is time, authorities say, for coca farmers to start seeing legal marijuana as a potentially lucrative substitute crop.

“The message is, go the legal route with marijuana,” said Andres Lopez Velasco, head of Colombia’s National Narcotics Fund, the government agency overseeing legal cannabis. “You can keep your know-how, your knowledge of how to cultivate. But do it legally.”

Not everyone is convinced.

Some local authorities in the regions where companies are poised to start growing commercial marijuana remain cautious. They fear cultivation of stronger strains popular with recreational users may undermine the image of the budding pot industry as purely pharmaceutical.

Other critics insist the government is sending a negative signal to children, while rekindling the image of Colombia as the world’s factory for controlled substances.

“By saying it can be commercially grown and has a medicinal use, we are telling our children not only that marijuana is not bad but that it’s actually good for your health,” said Rafael Nieto, a former vice justice minister and conservative politician. “I’m sorry; I just don’t believe that.”

Nevertheless, here in the foothills of the Andes, Colombia is seeding the future of a new — or rather, old — industry.

In 1986, Colombia decriminalized small-scale growth for personal use,

allowing the cultivation of up to 20 plants. President Juan Manuel Santos pressed for medicinal legalization on a commercial scale as early as 2012 and hailed the 2016 legislation as a major leap of progress.

The nascent industry here still faces hurdles.

Some form of medical marijuana is now legal in more than a dozen nations, with recreational legalization close in Canada, and a reality in Uruguay and U.S. states including California. But it remains illegal in most places.

“Convincing foreign governments to allow imports” will probably be the biggest challenge for growers, said Bethany Gomez, research director for Chicago-based Brightfield Group, a market research firm.

Still, the global trade in legal pot is growing, with some experts predicting the market could be worth \$31.6 billion by 2021.

At least some local farmers, especially indigenous groups that have long dabbled in small-scale marijuana farming at the behest of

drug traffickers, are seizing on the chance to go legit.

“This is our chance to be part of a legal system,” said Ariel Huetio, a community organizer who represents indigenous farmers in the western state of Cauca. They’ve struck a deal to produce and supply cannabis to FCM Global, a Medellin-based company that has set up a production facility 27 miles southeast of the city. “This is our chance to say no to the wrong people and yes to the right ones.”

Some companies, such as FCM Global, have gone a step further: opting to grow only weaker strains while refraining from the stronger ones popular with recreational users.

“I lived through the Escobar years. I lost friends during those years. And when I see the TV shows that glorify that guy, it makes me sick,” said Carlos Velasquez, FCM Global’s chief executive. “What we’re doing with medical marijuana is totally different. We want no part of that past, any of it.”

# Puppy dies after being stowed in overhead bin

Witnesses say United flight attendant insisted

BY MARTINE POWERS  
The Washington Post

United Airlines said it will “assume full responsibility” for the death of a 10-month-old puppy that appeared to have suffocated after it was placed inside an overhead compartment on a three-hour flight from Houston to New York City on Monday.

According to accounts from fellow passengers on United Flight 1284, a flight attendant demanded that a woman traveling with the puppy and her two children place the puppy in its carrier inside the overhead bin for the duration of the flight. The woman protested, witnesses said, but the flight attendant assured her that the dog would be safe, and told her the family would not be allowed to travel if she refused to stow the dog in the bin.

When the airplane landed at LaGuardia Airport and the owner opened the overhead bin to find the puppy was no longer breathing.

“This was a tragic accident that should never have occurred, as pets should never be placed in the overhead bin,” a United spokeswoman said in a



TIMOTHY FADEK/BLOOMBERG NEWS

United Airlines says it will “assume full responsibility” for the death of a dog that suffocated in an overhead bin.

statement Tuesday. “We assume full responsibility for this tragedy and express our deepest condolences to the family and are committed to supporting them.”

According to United policy, small pets can travel in the cabin in a hard-sided or soft-sided kennel at a charge of \$125, as long as the carrier can fit in the space underneath the seat in front of the passenger.

Several fellow passengers who watched the

distraught family recounted the incident on social media. The story was later picked up by The Points Guy, a travel consumer advocacy blog.

“I just flew into LGA and witnessed a United flight attendant instruct a passenger to put her dog bag in the overhead bin,” tweeted passenger Maggie Gremminger. “It was clearly a dog and while the customer was adamant about leaving it under the seat, the attend-

ant pushed her to do so.”

Gremminger said she and another passenger were concerned that the dog would not be safe inside the overhead bin, but assumed that the flight attendant’s adamancy meant that there must be air ventilation inside the compartment.

“They INSISTED that the puppy be locked up for three hours without any kind of airflow,” another Flight 1284 passenger, June Lara, wrote in a Facebook

post early Tuesday. “They assured the safety of the family’s pet so wearily, the mother agreed.”

The puppy whimpered through the beginning of the flight, but eventually quieted.

Finally, when the plane landed and the dog’s owner opened the bin and pulled out the dog carrier, Lara recounted, there was no sound.

“There was no movement as his family called his

name,” Lara wrote. “I held her baby as the mother attempted to resuscitate their 10 month old puppy.”

When the dog’s owner realized what had happened, Gremminger said, “she sat in the airplane aisle on the floor crying.”

United said in its statement that the airline is conducting an investigation into the incident “to prevent this from ever happening again.”

Photos of the dog and its travel carrier posted by Lara suggest that the puppy may have been a pug, a dog breed that is particularly susceptible to suffocation if not given adequate access to air and ventilation.

“This little guy fought hard for his life, filling our flight with his cries until he finally ran out of breath,” Lara wrote in his post. “United Airlines does not care about the safety of their furry travelers. This poor family paid \$125 for their pet to be murdered in front of them. There is no excuse for the pain this family is suffering.”

According to a recent report issued by the Department of Transportation, last year there were 24 recorded incidents of an animal dying while being transported by a major U.S. air carrier.

Of those 24 incidents, 18 took place on United Airlines.



DAN ANDERSON/AP

Response crews work at the scene Tuesday after a bus carrying high school band members plunged into a ravine.

# Students jarred awake in deadly bus crash

BY JAY REEVES AND DAN ANDERSON  
Associated Press

LOXLEY, Ala. — Lulled asleep by the humming of their Texas-bound charter bus following a trip to Disney World, members of a high school band were jarred awake before dawn Tuesday when the rig ran off a highway and plunged into a deep ravine.

Driver Harry Caligone died, and about three dozen others were hurt, six seriously, authorities and the

bus company said. Interstate 10 didn’t reopen in both directions for about 10 hours after the accident happened between Mobile, Ala., and Pensacola, Fla.

The cause of the crash wasn’t immediately known, but survivors from Channelview High School in metro Houston described being asleep one moment and tumbling through the air the next.

Student DeWayne Benson, 15, told KTRK-TV by telephone that he awoke to hear the band director re-

peatedly say “Harry” before the bus hit some bumps followed by one “huge bump.”

“Some students were stuck under seats, some were on top of other students and there’s a lot of panic to get people out,” Benson said.

Students used cellphones as lights to get out and grabbed blankets to help people outside, he said. Temperatures were in the 40s at the time of the wreck, which happened around 5:30 a.m.

First responders used ropes to rappel down the more than 50-foot ravine in the middle of I-10 and had to cut some of the victims from the wreckage, said Baldwin County Sheriff Huey Hoss Mack.

The Channelview Independent School District said 40 students and six adults from the school were on board. Medical officials said at least 37 people, most of them teenagers, were treated at hospitals or other facilities in Pensacola and southwest Alabama.

## NEWS BRIEFING

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## Zinke defends plan to raise park fees amid flap over travel

WASHINGTON — Interior Secretary Ryan Zinke bristled Tuesday under questioning by Democrats about his travel spending as the Trump administration seeks deep cuts to conservation programs and fee increases at national parks.

Zinke testified before a Senate committee about the agency's proposed \$11.7 billion budget for 2019.

He has proposed doubling entry fees during

peak seasons at some of the nation's most popular national parks to help make up for an \$11 billion backlog in needed maintenance.

Zinke is one of several members of President Donald Trump's Cabinet who have been under scrutiny for spending on travel and other expenses that critics deemed questionable. Records show he also spent more than \$53,000 on three helicopter trips last summer.

## Trump's personal aide to join campaign after West Wing exit

WASHINGTON — President Donald Trump's personal aide is leaving the White House and will rejoin his campaign. John McEntee served as the president's personal assistant. He was one of a shrinking group of campaign aides still working in the West Wing.

Trump's 2020 Republican campaign announced Tuesday that he will serve as a senior adviser for campaign operations.

White House spokeswoman Sarah Huckabee Sanders declined to comment on the reasons for his departure.

In response to news reports about McEntee's exit, Rep. Elijah Cummings, the ranking Democrat on the House oversight committee, sent a letter to chief of staff John Kelly requesting all documents related to McEntee's employment and departure.

## CBS says work needed before Stormy Daniels interview airs

NEW YORK — The head of CBS News said Tuesday that a "60 Minutes" interview with adult film star Stormy Daniels is on its way but that more journalistic work needs to be done on the story.

David Rhodes' statement at a conference in Israel was the first time CBS publicly confirmed it had interviewed Daniels, who has alleged an extramarital affair with Donald Trump before he became

president. Trump has denied this.

No air date has been set for the interview.

Meanwhile, Trump's legal team did not respond Tuesday to an offer by Daniels, whose real name is Stephanie Clifford, to return the \$130,000 that she received in return for agreeing to stay silent about Trump's alleged affair with her a decade ago, according to a lawyer for the porn actress.



AREF TAMMAWI/EPA

Displaced residents from areas under Kurdish control arrive Tuesday in a village in the Afrin district of northern Syria. Turkish troops have surrounded the rebel town of Afrin.

## Turkish troops closing in on Kurdish forces in Syrian town

BEIRUT — Turkey said Tuesday that its troops and allied Syrian fighters have encircled the Kurdish-held town of Afrin in northern Syria, putting hundreds of thousands of civilians under siege and marking a significant military advance in the seven-week operation.

Turkey launched its assault on the border enclave Jan. 20 to drive out Syrian Kurdish forces that it views as "terrorists" linked to Kurdish rebels fighting inside Turkey. The Turkish military said the siege of Afrin, the main town in the enclave of the same name,

began Monday after the military took control of "critical areas."

A passage out of Afrin remained partially open, and thousands of people have reportedly fled the town, heading toward nearby areas controlled by the Syrian government.

Panic was spreading in the town as the Turkish forces approached, and some civilians came under fire when they tried to leave, according to residents and Syrian Kurdish officials.

Col. Moataz Raslan, commander of one of the Turkey-allied opposition

groups, said the Kurdish fighters in Afrin should surrender or leave the area. He said it was the Kurdish fighters who were preventing civilians from leaving and firing on those who do.

But Mohamed said most of the Kurdish fighters come from the area and would never give up their hometown.

"Their families will never forgive them if they leave," he said.

A top Syrian Kurdish official, Fawza Yousef, described intense Turkish shelling of the town and said Turkish forces were expected to "invade" soon.

## Palestinian PM escapes injury in Gaza bombing

JABALIYA, Gaza Strip — A roadside bomb on Tuesday struck the convoy of the Palestinian Authority prime minister during a visit to the Gaza Strip, causing no serious injuries but throwing a troubled reconciliation process between rival factions into deeper turmoil.

Prime Minister Rami Hamdallah, appointed by President Mahmoud Abbas five years ago, had just arrived from his West Bank headquarters to attend a ceremony for a new water-treatment plant when the bomb went off. There was no claim of responsibility, but Palestinian officials ac-

cused Gaza militants of trying to kill Hamdallah. Gaza's ruling Hamas group denied involvement.

The blast took place at a time of deadlock in reconciliation efforts between Hamdallah's Fatah party and Hamas, which has controlled Gaza since ousting Fatah forces in 2007.

## Russia calls nerve agent accusations 'nonsense'

LONDON — Russia on Tuesday dismissed accusations of any involvement in the poisoning of an ex-spy and his daughter as "nonsense," saying it will only cooperate with a British investigation if it receives samples of the nerve agent believed to have been used.

Russia vowed to retaliate if Britain imposes sanctions. Police said the investigation of who poisoned Sergei Skripal and his daughter, Yulia, will last many weeks.

The father and daughter remain in a Salisbury hospital. British Prime Minister Theresa May gave Russia a midnight deadline to explain its actions in the case.

Meanwhile, counterterrorism police took charge of the investigation into the death in London of Russian businessman Nikolai Glushkov because he was connected to a Kremlin foe.

**A nor'easter that could deliver up to 2 feet of snow to some areas socked New England on Tuesday, bringing blizzard conditions to parts of the Northeast, blanketing highways and knocking out power to hundreds of thousands of utility customers. More than 237,000 utility customers were without power in Massachusetts.**

**Pope Francis marked his fifth anniversary as pope Tuesday as surveys showed his reform-minded papacy was turning off some of the most faithful Catholics. A poll published in France's Le Figaro newspaper found 86 percent of church-going, practicing Catholics back him — 12 percentage points lower than in 2015.**

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## EDITORIALS

# After Rauner's veto of gun sellers bill, what comes next?

With gun violence dominating headlines in Chicago and around the country, Gov. Bruce Rauner on Tuesday vetoed legislation that would have placed new restrictions on firearms sellers in Illinois. The reaction from gun control advocates came fast and furious.

Chicago Mayor Rahm Emanuel said Rauner's veto was "cruel, it was cold and it was calculated to benefit his own politics at the expense of public safety." Senate sponsor Don Harmon, D-Oak Park, who worked on the bill for more than a year, called Rauner's veto "cowardly." State Sen. Daniel Biss, D-Evanston, who is running for governor, said Rauner's action lacked "moral conviction."

With emotions intensifying, the Senate plans to send Rauner additional gun bills on Wednesday — coinciding with the National Student Walkout, a planned demonstration calling for stricter gun laws in the aftermath of the Feb. 14 mass shooting at Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School in Parkland, Fla.

**Students around the country** leave their classrooms at 10 a.m.; the protest will last 17 minutes, one for each of the victims. Illinois senators will join them — marching out of the Capitol, then returning to vote on bills that would ban bump stocks, increase the waiting period to purchase semi-automatic rifles and limit sales of those weapons to buyers 21 and older.

We support those bills. We support stricter, uniform background checks at the federal level. We support lim-

iting the capacity of magazine clips.

But let's also take a breath. The gun shop licensing bill Rauner vetoed was government overreach. Rather than narrowly focused legislation targeting bad actors in the gun-sale business, the bill swept all Illinois sellers — more than 2,000 statewide — into a regulatory environment so onerous it would put some shops out of business. It also created a new layer of government through a Gun Dealer Licensing Board.

You don't have to take our word for it. More than 20 Democrats in the House and Senate didn't support the bill, along with more than 50 Republicans. Were they also cruel and cold, lacking moral conviction and cowardly? Or did they recognize government overcorrection when they saw it?

The bill lawmakers sent to Rauner went too far. It would have required gun shop employees to pass background checks and take mandatory state training. Shops would have to install surveillance equipment and alarms. Owners would need a county sheriff's approval to get a license and would have to open their records to law enforcement, to name just a few of the rules. The designated state oversight agency — the Department of Financial and Professional Regulation — opposed the bill because the agency doesn't have the resources to enforce it.

Together, the rules constituted more oversight than those of any other state, according to supporters and opponents. And it's all on top of regulations already in

place under federal law. Gun dealers are licensed by the U.S. Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives.

**Illinois already imposes more limits** on gun ownership than most states — including age restrictions, mandatory waiting periods and a state-issued firearm owner's identification card, which is granted only after an applicant clears background checks that are stricter than those contained in federal law. Anyone selling a gun must verify that the buyer has a FOID — there is no exemption, as there is under federal law, for private sales at gun shows or elsewhere.

All of this shows that Illinois lawmakers have a track record for passing reasonable gun restrictions.

Rauner's veto doesn't mean lawmakers should stomp away. A narrowly tailored bill increasing state oversight of gun dealers might well be warranted. We have seen the statistics on a handful of Illinois dealers who are federally licensed — yet whose weapons, supposedly sold legally, end up disproportionately at crime scenes in Chicago. Those shops deserve more scrutiny. Not everyone.

**If gun shop licensing is important to lawmakers** in this state, they should return to the negotiating table and find common ground. Downsize the burdensome regulations. Check the emotion that drives gun policy. And send Rauner a bill he can sign.

# Tillerson's exit: Trump needs creative achievement more than creative destruction

When Rex Tillerson signed on as secretary of state, he was supposed to become one of the adults in the room — that is, in the Oval Office of President Donald Trump's White House. That turned out to be not at all true. Tillerson wasn't even in the building, or in the country, last week when Trump impulsively accepted an invitation to meet North Korean leader Kim Jong Un.

So while it's shocking that Trump fired Tillerson on Tuesday and replaced him with CIA Director Mike Pompeo, this was no great surprise. Nor, frankly, is it any great loss to the trajectory of American foreign policy. Tillerson, former CEO of Exxon, was the establishment model of a diplomat-in-chief for a president with a deep anti-establishment streak. Tillerson was out of place and ineffectual.

Sound familiar? Last week saw the exit of Trump economic adviser Gary Cohn, who opposed the president's decision to start a tariff tiff. After a year in office, Trump has cycled through a slew of advisers and staffers. One of the departed, Steve Bannon, was politically repugnant.

What we have is a president who doesn't want to play by anybody else's rules, least of all the conventions of global diplomacy. As a manager, he doesn't value tranquility, order or predictability. In fact, he seems to like conflict, equating it with collaboration. "There is no Chaos, only great energy!" he tweeted recently.

To the extent that his rumpus-room approach to geopolitics frightens or flummoxes those who loathe him, Trump surely smiles. How did *their* last generation of stuffy diplomats, learned advisers and geopolitical know-it-alls do with North Korea's nukes, with Islamic State's bloodbath, with Israeli-Palestinian solutions, with Iran's spreading hegemony, with Russia's seizure of Crimea?

**What Trump values is his own instincts for politics and policy-making.** Within a matter of recent days he decided he should negotiate with Kim, impose steel tariffs, toy with gun control measures. So don't view Tuesday's shuffling of top administration officials as the beginning of some new era of earnest listening in the Trump White House.



SCOTT STANTIS

This president doesn't yield easily to subordinates or anyone else on matters that are within his political control. We choose not to panic over that thought. Trump in some perilous circumstances has shown he is capable of taking solid advice. On matters such as military decision-making, sober and skilled Defense Secretary Jim Mattis is in the room.

As for Tuesday's shuffle, Pompeo is a good choice for secretary of state because he appears to have the president's trust. To the extent he can influence Trump, Pom-

peo will speak as someone who knows when to take the intelligence community's conclusions with a grain of salt.

The decision to elevate Gina Haspel also is welcome. She is a 30-year veteran of the CIA and, according to The Washington Post, is a consummate pro and well-respected. She would be the first woman to lead the agency.

Our takeaway from Tuesday: Nobody expected Trump's presidency to be predictable or easy to watch. He is the same figure in 2018 as the candidate who was

elected in 2016: an impetuous, untested and unorthodox politician who revels in the unexpected.

But Americans variously repulsed or enthralled by his style are watching, together, for results — on North Korea and other world hot spots. Trump's leadership style reminds us of the relentless, sometimes frothy innovation that economist Joseph Schumpeter labeled "creative destruction." We continue to root, though, less for creative destruction than for creative achievements.

## REASONS TO FIRE BERRIOS

### He thinks ethics rules don't apply to him

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

**Reason 4:** A Cook County's ethics ordinance limits campaign donations from individuals and groups that have actionable business before the county. You know, so it doesn't look like a bribe.

But Assessor Berrios says the rules don't apply to him. The Cook County Board of Ethics has fined Berrios \$41,000 for failing to return to attorneys in the tax appeals industry contributions that exceeded legal limits. Those lawyers appear before his office requesting assessment reductions for their clients, many of them big commercial developments.

Berrios went to court to fight for his right to keep such contributions. One possible reason: On Feb. 28, the Tribune reported that since October, Berrios has collected more than \$276,000 from those attorneys — about four-fifths of what he has received in individual contributions during that time.

On Tuesday, a judge ruled that Berrios is mistaken — the rules *do* apply to him. Imagine that.

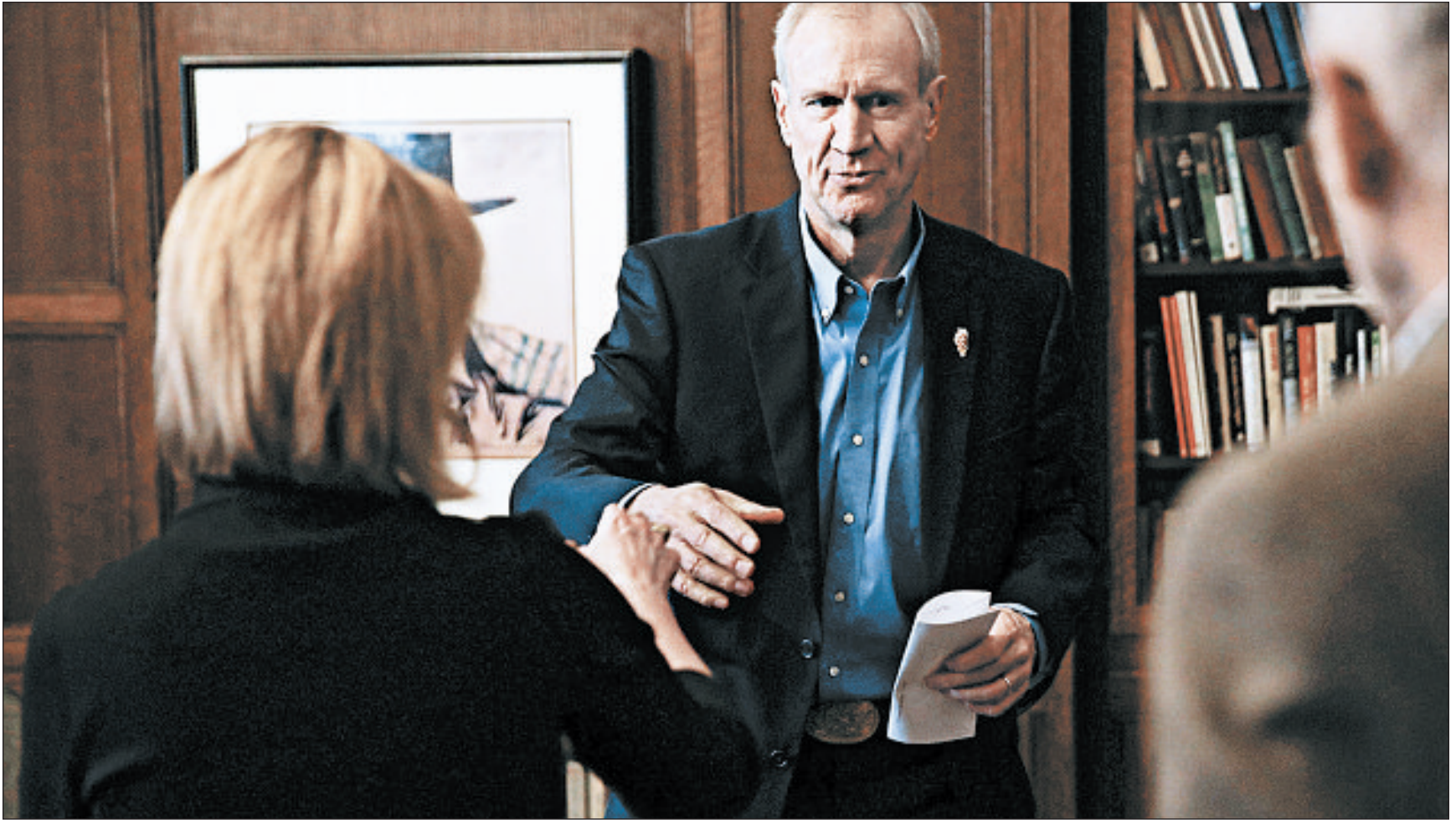
Time to go, Joe. The better ballot choice is Frederick "Fritz" Kaegi, right, a financial analyst from Oak Park who says he won't accept campaign cash from lawyers in the tax appeals industry.





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Gubernatorial candidate Jeanne Ives, left, probably is the Illinois House speaker's choice in the GOP primary, but not for reasons given by Gov. Bruce Rauner, center.

## How low can politicians go? Rauner's attack ads show the way



ERIC ZORN

Even in a nation where the president himself is reported to utter an average of six false or misleading statements every single day, Illinois Gov. Bruce Rauner's relentlessly dishonest attack ads against his Republican challenger, Jeanne Ives, are startling.

Rauner's commercials contain "the biggest lies since Rod Blagojevich told us he was for good government and he would always do what was right," said a social media post by Terry Martin, executive director of the Illinois Channel, a Springfield-based TV outlet that covers state politics. "The governor is in full Pinocchio mode," wrote Crain's columnist Greg Hinz, calling one particular spot "the most inaccurate ad" of this campaign season.

Syndicated conservative columnist Scott Reeder wrote that Rauner's central accusation, that Ives is a "lackey" of Democratic House Speaker Michael Madigan, "is a lie, wrapped in a prevarication, enveloped with deception, packaged in falsehood and bound up with a fabrication."

Opinion editor Jim Slusher of the Daily Herald called that same claim "utterly laughable" and "perhaps the most ludicrous of the accusations being posited this campaign cycle."

"Hyperbole and exaggeration are commonplace in political ads, but this ... struck us as not just over the top but over the moon," wrote PolitiFact Illinois in an extended examination of the

gobs of mud Rauner is hurling at Ives. They "turn credibility and rational argument inside out. That is why we give them our lowest possible credibility rating, Pants on Fire!"

At issue here are three 30-second commercials that fall under Rauner's rubric "Jeanne Ives: Madigan's Favorite Republican."

Let's unpack:

**Claim:** "Mike Madigan's corrupt cronies are bankrolling Jeanne Ives," begins a commercial now in hot rotation.

**Truth:** The reference is to \$6,900 in contributions Ives has received from the political action committee of the International Union of Operating Engineers Local 150, which represents heavy-equipment operators. The union does tend to give more to Democrats than Republicans, but PolitiFact reports that it's also given \$45,000 to state Senate Republican Leader Bill Brady of Bloomington and \$170,500 to House Republican Leader Jim Durkin of Western Springs.

The Illinois Sunshine database shows these "Madigan cronies" also gave \$104,500 to the Illinois Lunch Pail Republicans PAC in 2016, \$131,700 to the Republican State Senate Campaign Committee in 2015 and \$155,000 to the Republican Fund for Progress and Jobs Inc. in 2014.

As for "bankrolling" Ives, the union PAC donation is less than 0.2 percent of the \$3.6 million Ives had raised as of Tuesday.

**Claim:** "... the reason? Ives refuses to repeal the Madigan tax hike."

The Rauner commercial cuts to a video clip of Ives responding to the question of whether she would repeal

last year's 32 percent increase in the state income tax rate — which she voted against: "So, I wouldn't do that immediately," she says.

**Truth:** What Ives went on to say, but the ad doesn't show, is "within two years, we could set that out as a goal."

Would Rauner repeal the tax immediately? No! His recent budget proposal called for repealing just about one-fifth of the tax hike, and only in the unlikely event that he can persuade lawmakers to force local school districts to pick up teacher pension costs. (Both Ives and Rauner are, by the way, crazy to think they can repeal the tax increase without drowning Illinois in red ink. But I digress.)

**Claim:** "Ives even defends Madigan."

The commercial cuts to a video clip of Ives saying, "I don't think that's any way to deal with the powerful speaker of the House, Mike Madigan," during a joint interview with Rauner at the Tribune Editorial Board. A different Rauner commercial, one that calls Ives "another Madigan lackey," shows a clip from that same session in which Ives says Rauner is "picking on Mike Madigan again."

**Truth:** Ives was not defending Madigan in these clips but criticizing Rauner's intemperate, immature and highly unsuccessful attempts to browbeat Madigan into submission by calling him names. Rauner's 3½-year record of failure and futility — an unblemished 0-for-44 on his "turn-around agenda" goals — shows that he has no idea how to deal with Democratic majorities in the General Assembly and that re-electing him would promise more of the same.

**Claim:** Ives "voted against increasing your property tax exemption."

**Truth:** "Your" is the operative word here. House Bill 156 called for property tax breaks for certain classes of people — disabled veterans, for example — but did nothing to lower or control overall levies. This meant that those who didn't get increased exemptions, i.e., most people, would have paid marginally more in property taxes.

**Claim:** "Jeanne Ives might just be Mike Madigan's favorite Republican, and Illinois' worst nightmare."

**Truth:** Ives probably is Madigan's choice in the GOP primary, but not for the reasons Rauner says. Madigan likely wants Ives to beat Rauner because she's very socially conservative, cut from the same ideological cloth as Alan Keyes, Al Salvi, Jim Oberweis and other far-right Republicans who couldn't gain traction in statewide elections. And she doesn't have Rauner's vast personal wealth to run on.

But a "Jeanne Ives, too extreme and too poor to win in the fall" primary campaign message would not help Rauner with his party's base voters, who already feel betrayed by his stands on abortion and immigration and are weary of his faux everyman stylings. Rauner's announcement Tuesday that he'll veto a bill calling for state licensing of gun dealers will reassure GOP primary voters, though it may cost him should he win the primary.

What also may cost him is that he's spent his last shred of integrity on these phony attacks on Ives and will have no credibility left when he wants to fight the Democrats.

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## How Farrakhan kills the joy in identity politics



CLARENCE PAGE

I was darkly amused by the sorrow-sounding plea pinned to the top of Nation of Islam Minister Louis Farrakhan's Twitter page earlier this week: "What have I done to make Jewish people hate me?"

What, indeed? Where does one begin?

Here, for example, are a few quick quotes from his speech to the Nation's recent annual Saviours' Day program in Chicago's Wintrust Arena: The "powerful Jews," he told the audience of thousands, "are my enemy."

The Jews are also "the mother and father of apartheid," he said, and "responsible for all of this filth and degenerate behavior that Hollywood is putting out turning men into women and women into men"

"Farrakhan has pulled the cover off the eyes of the satanic Jew and I'm here to say your time

is up, your world is through," he said, getting thoroughly revved up. "You good Jews better separate because the satanic ones will take you to hell with them because that's where they are headed."

That's ironic. If my black American experience has taught me anything, it is how much minority groups resent being told how they're the "good" ones who should separate themselves from the "bad" ones.

I've seen Farrakhan play that tendency like a champ since he emerged on the national scene while providing Nation of Islam security to the Rev. Jesse Jackson's presidential campaign in the mid-1980s.

Now a remarkably healthy-looking 84 and surrounded like the rest of us by new generations of more conventional black community leadership, Farrakhan has become a litmus test for black politicians, especially if they are trying to reach out for white votes.

The Daily Caller named seven U.S. House Democrats who the conservative site says have met with Farrakhan while in Con-

gress: Rep. Danny Davis of Illinois, Reps. Maxine Waters and Barbara Lee of California, Rep. Andre Carson of Indiana, Rep. Keith Ellison of Minnesota, Rep. Gregory Meeks of New York and Rep. Al Green of Texas.

Davis responded with two statements because his first one sounded too lame. But neither statement mentioned Farrakhan by name. Why such reluctance to condemn the same vile philosophy of hate that led to the slaughter of millions in Europe during the last century?

The best explanation is the old political slogan: All politics is local.

In the districts from which many of these black lawmakers come, the Nation of Islam often has a better reputation than Congress.

For example, I grew up in a neighborhood where the Fruit of Islam, the Nation's bow-tied paramilitary unit, was as familiar to us as the mailman as its members sold fish, bean pies and the Muhammad Speaks newspaper door to door.

In more recent decades, Nation of Islam security have helped to

support neighborhood police in Chicago and other cities.

Whether with success or controversy, it all happens in places most white people never see. It was that sort of personal relationship that now has fueled a national dust-up over a member of Farrakhan's Saviours' Day audience, Tamika Mallory, a co-chair of the Women's March organization that took the lead in protesting after Donald Trump's election as president. After Farrakhan praised her and the Women's March — and she posted a cheerful photo of herself on Instagram praising the leader as a "GOAT," for "greatest of all time," Mallory suddenly found herself with a lot of explaining to do.

She had been attending Saviours' Day for more than 30 years, she later said in a statement, first with her parents and then on her own after her son's father was murdered. "In that most difficult period of my life," she said, "it was the women of the Nation of Islam who supported me and I have always held them close to my heart for that reason."

Unfortunately, she and the rest of the Women's March organization let several days go by before delivering a full-throated denunciation of Farrakhan's "anti-Semitism, misogyny, homophobia, transphobia, racism and white supremacy."

The first rule in crisis management for activist groups, among others, is to respond quickly, completely and apologetically — and move on. Now there are fears that a women's movement grounded in the shared interests of various racial, ethnic, gender and other groups may come unraveled over differences among those groups. Yet there's still time before the next elections for new liberal coalitions to learn from this. Interracial and interethnic coalitions can't sweep differences under a rug. They need to learn from their differences, even as they try to teach the rest of us.

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Secretary of State Rex Tillerson, right, shown with Secretary of Defense Jim Mattis, center, in August, was fired Tuesday and will be replaced with CIA chief Mike Pompeo.

## Tillerson's kick out the door damages Iran deal, but not North Korea talks

BY ELI LAKE

As far as firings under President Donald Trump go, Rex Tillerson's is not the most humiliating. That dishonor would have to go to former chief of staff Reince Priebus. He learned he was fired through three Trump tweets and soon after was decoupled from the president's motorcade.

But Tillerson's departure is nonetheless a slap in the face to a former CEO who advised and quarreled with a man who used to play one on TV. As Undersecretary of State for Public Diplomacy Steve Goldstein said in a statement Tuesday, "The secretary did not speak to the president this morning and is unaware of the reason, but he is grateful for the opportunity to serve." Ouch.

The truth is this was a long time coming. Inside the State Department, Tillerson's allies have long whispered about the rumors of his imminent departure, referring to "Rexit." Trump himself acknowledged Tuesday before boarding Air Force One for California that he and Tillerson had been discussing him leaving since the summer. They just disagreed on too much.

### The deep freeze

Tillerson had a close relationship with Defense Secretary James Mattis. They usually met at least once a week and were often aligned on important foreign policy tussles inside the national security Cabinet. But over time, Tillerson found himself frozen out and in disagreement with the man who mattered most, Trump.

"When you look at the Iran deal, I think it's terrible," Trump told reporters

Tuesday. "I guess he thought it was OK." That's important because Tillerson's State Department is charged with prodding European allies to go along with fixes to the nuclear agreement ahead of the next deadline for Trump to certify Iran's compliance.

Compare that with the man whom Trump has nominated to replace Tillerson, CIA Director Mike Pompeo. In his year leading the agency, Pompeo approved new authorities to target through intelligence operations leaders of Iran's Revolutionary Guard Corps. Inside the Cabinet, Pompeo argued against certifying Iranian compliance with the nuclear deal while Tillerson made the case for not rocking the boat.

### Change of plans

To get a flavor of how Pompeo approaches the nuclear pact, look no further than his work as a member of Congress representing his home district in Wichita, Kan. After the agreement was completed in 2015, Pompeo worked tirelessly as a member of Congress to meet with European bankers, diplomats and CEOs to make the case that investing in Iran was not as safe as they were hearing from John Kerry, who was secretary of state at the time.

Pompeo laid out his arguments six weeks before the 2016 election in an essay for Foreign Policy with the pithy title "Friends Don't Let Friends Do Business With Iran." At the time, one European diplomat told me his country was taking its cues from the outgoing Obama administration on investment in Iran. Now it will be taking cues from the man who tried to warn them about this. On two other important foreign pol-

icy areas, Russia and North Korea, the differences between Pompeo and Tillerson are less pronounced. Tillerson began his tenure as secretary of state seeking a reset of sorts with Russia. In his first visit to Moscow last year, he asked Russian President Vladimir Putin what he wanted from the U.S.-Russia relationship and on what areas the two countries could cooperate. This turned into negotiations over deconfliction zones in Syria, which the Russians have since violated.

### Last hurrah

Since the summer, though, Tillerson had soured on Russia. On Monday, before he was fired, he told reporters that the nerve agent attack in the United Kingdom last week "clearly came from Russia." Before that, Tillerson's State Department was preparing new sanctions with the Treasury Department to target some of the entities and individuals charged last month by special counsel Robert Mueller for meddling online against the 2016 election.

Pompeo, too, has taken a harder line than Trump himself on Russia. As CIA director last April, he said WikiLeaks, the web community that posted the emails of prominent Democrats hacked by Russia's military spy agency, would be treated as a "hostile intelligence service." More recently, Pompeo's CIA stepped up intelligence sharing and contacts with Ukraine's spy service, which is fighting a war on its eastern front against Kremlin operatives and Russian-backed separatists. Finally, there is North Korea. Notably, Tillerson was on a trip through

Africa when Trump announced that he had accepted an invitation — conveyed through a South Korean delegation — to meet with North Korea's tyrant, Kim Jong Un. Two administration officials, however, tell me that this did not mean Tillerson was out of the loop on the planning over the weekend.

Tillerson was an early advocate for U.S. participation in talks with North Korea, though not at such a high level. To ease the way for such talks, Tillerson and Mattis wrote an op-ed last year that said the U.S. had no interest in regime change for North Korea. Nonetheless, when asked about the potential summit, Tillerson was cautious. He said planning remained in the "very early stages."

That's not exactly the kind of flattering hyperbole Trump would like to hear from his Cabinet secretaries. Compare Tillerson's response to that of Pompeo. Speaking about the prospect of a Trump-Kim meeting, the CIA director played up what Tillerson played down. "These are real achievements," Pompeo told "Fox News Sunday." "These are conditions that the North Korean regime has never submitted to in exchange for conversations."

That's just the sort of thing a media-obsessed president likes to hear about his foreign policy. No wonder Trump is elevating Pompeo from the shadows of the CIA to the spotlight of Foggy Bottom.

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## When prices spike for generic drugs, patients suffer

BY MARA DIVIS

One of my patients is 51 and lives with diabetes. Despite weight loss, diet changes and walking his two kids to school every day, his blood sugar level still wasn't where it needed to be. I prescribed three medications to help prevent the kidney failure, heart disease, stroke, blindness and foot infections that disable too many Americans with this complex disease. He lacks health insurance, but two pharmacies each offered a low price for two different medications and a third we ordered through an access-to-meds program via our clinic.

At our last visit, his sugar control had worsened. He admitted that one drug was too expensive, and the pharmacy that offers the discount on the other generic medication was too far away.

This patient isn't alone. His story is like that of millions of Americans living with chronic disease who depend on medications to enable them to work, care for their families and avoid permanent disability or death.

Generic medications account for 80 percent of all prescriptions written in the U.S. Sometimes they're more affordable. However, an alarming number of off-patent medications have crept up in price. Finding a route to gathering prescription medications from different sources is circuitous, and for patients with limited means or complicated schedules, often impossible. In some cases, the problem is made worse by certain unscrupulous corporations that acquire the rights to old, inexpensive drugs and jack up the price to astronomical levels, simply because they can, not to recover the discovery and research costs of those developing new treatments.

An extreme example of that was Turing Pharmaceuticals, which in 2016 — with now-disgraced Martin Shkreli at the helm — rebranded and raised the price of an old anti-parasitic medication used in HIV/AIDS patients by 5,000 percent. Why? As Shkreli put it, "To make a profit on the drug."

I see the more mundane cost of unaf-

fordable generics in my practice every day: 20 capsules of doxycycline, an antibiotic used for rosacea and pneumonia, will cost up to \$105 without insurance or a discount. This "generic" is too expensive and therefore not an option for many patients. Similarly, I have patients with life-threatening allergies who have faced sticker shock as prices for the generic auto-injectable epinephrine have spiked in recent years. They've chosen to hope for the best and go without a prescription.

There is no simple explanation for why generics are expensive. Mergers of manufacturers of generics eliminate competition. Safety concerns shut down plants, decreasing availability and raising prices. And maddeningly, generic pricing varies because pharmacy benefit managers negotiate different contracts with different retailers. A 2017 Consumer Reports analysis showed up to a 447 percent price variance for five commonly prescribed generic medications in one area. This is why the diabetes patient needed to travel to three different pharmacies.

President Donald Trump has been promising to take action on high drug prices for over a year. But nothing has changed. In Washington, a number of bills aimed at leveraging negotiating power, stopping price spikes and curbing monopoly abuses sit in Congress.

This leaves an opportunity for the states. In February, Illinois state Rep. Will Guzzardi, D-Chicago, sponsored the Illinois Generic Drug Pricing Fairness Act. If enacted, this law would give the Illinois attorney general the power to stop price gouging of essential off-patent or generic drugs. Pharmaceutical companies that increase prices sharply would have to prove that they're raising prices because of an increase in the cost of production.

It's a start. Illinois could join Maryland, which passed a generic drug bill in 2017, in taking the lead on curbing exploitation of our state's most vulnerable — and sickest — patients. Millions of Americans are waiting.

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## Do we really want to turn our teachers into warriors?

BY PAUL BARKER

I commanded a Marine rifle platoon in Vietnam. I'm a former National Rifle Association member, a former elementary school teacher, a gun owner and a progressive.

I think guns can be fun, if handled responsibly, like fireworks. They make us feel powerful in a threatening world.

Guns aren't fun in combat. Warfare is not an exciting experience of invulnerability and heroism, as it is sometimes portrayed in our media.

Killing anyone, even in defense of yourself or your family, is not consequence-free. Even if you're legally justified, taking a life establishes a relationship between you and that person's family that haunts you for the rest of your life. In combat you learn a little about the life you've taken by searching through their belongings for potential intelligence and instead finding love letters, religious and good luck amulets and a precious photo or two. The first time you kill someone is the most disturbing and memorable, but every face of every kill is never far from your mind, running like a film loop.

The illusion of invulnerability quickly dissipates in an actual firefight. Even the best protective equipment is laughably inadequate. A helmet and flak jacket will stop some shrapnel but not a bullet. Your face, crotch, neck and limbs are protected only by fabric, and a wound there can be fatal. And nothing can protect your internal organs from the blast wave of high explosives. The best-equipped soldier today is still all offense and little de-

fense. Your fate is determined by a roll of the dice.

Once you recognize the luck factor, it changes how you see the job. As an officer, I was asking my troops to press their luck to the breaking point. In a firefight, invisible bits of hot metal fly everywhere, they go through windows, walls and doors, they ricochet off steel beams, stairs and handrails. They can go through one person and kill another. In urban warfare you can't hear where the shots are coming from because the reports echo off multiple surfaces; to see an opponent is to expose yourself to gunfire.

In the confusion and terror, your hands shake, your brain freezes, you expend every ounce of energy even on the most trivial actions. Your perception of time is altered. You make complicated decisions with inadequate information, in fractions of a second, knowing that your life could end in the next instant.

When I hear people talk about arming schoolteachers, I imagine a mild-mannered poetry teacher who has never raised her hand in anger, pulling her Glock out of a desk drawer. I imagine how she would fare if she were confronted by a shooter amid crumpled bodies in pools of blood. I think about how she'd feel if she mistakenly shot a student, fellow teacher or first responder.

I think such a teacher would be traumatized for life. She didn't become a teacher to be a warrior. Arming her is a simplistic, ill-conceived idea based on a failure to appreciate the nature of combat.

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### VOICE OF THE PEOPLE

#### Two-pronged approach

Aaron Stark's poignant op-ed "I could have been a school shooter" makes clear the need for a two-pronged response to gun violence.

First, gun controls do work. In Stark's case, the fact that he could not easily or legally buy a gun prevented him from executing his plan to kill innocent people. But that was more than 20 years ago when high-power high-capacity guns and ammunition were not as readily available as they are today. Imagine the tragic ending to Stark's story if he were a teenager today.

Second, we need to address the psychological pain and mental illness that drive the desire to lash out and hurt other people (and animals for that matter). Many readers, including George Hovany in his letter "Compassion, not control," fixate on just one side of the issue or the other, but it is clear from Stark's story that we need both compassion and control to make a meaningful and lasting impact on gun violence in America. The interplay of these two factors can be thought of as a mathematical equation, and we all know that anything times zero equals zero.

We need a strong positive change on both factors.

— Tom Palmer, Wilmette

#### The wrong place

As a retired military veteran and America Chicago Public Schools teacher, I am strongly opposed to

President Donald Trump's argument that the public schools should have armed teachers on a voluntary basis.

As a young soldier, I became proficient on various weapons, including the M-16 rifle, .45-caliber pistol, M-60 machine gun, etc. A school is not a place for any kind of weapon carried by an educator. Having armed teachers sends the wrong message to students.

Schools are suppose to be places of civil discourse and a free exchange of ideas. Teachers with weapons would convey the idea of a military camp.

— Peter V. Grafner, Chicago

#### Out of touch

In the 3rd Congressional District where I live, there is a primary challenge to the congressional incumbent, U.S. Rep. Dan Lipinski. This is a good thing.

Unfortunately, of the dozen campaign leaflets I have received from the challenger, Marie Newman, every piece of this campaign literature focuses exclusively on the issue of gay rights and abortion. Here, in the working-class district where I live, east of the wealthy suburb where the challenger lives, the issues encompass more than the above identity politics. Our needs and concerns range from foreclosures to better schools; clean air to jobs; good health care to neighborhood safety.

There is a term some of us who vote Democratic apply to some our

fellow Dems: out-of-touch limousine liberals. We paid tragically in 2016 for a campaign which forgot the word "inclusive." Progressive Democrats like the one challenging the congressman representing my district will be repeating the same mistake that led candidate Hillary Clinton into defeat if they do not remove their blinders and address the needs of everyone.

— Forest Ormes, Lyons

#### Big picture

If the goal of American trade policy is to bring products to the American people at the lowest possible prices, then, by all means, free, unfettered trade is the way to get that.

But when businesses close and jobs move out of the country due to free trade, then the cost to our country is greater than the desired benefits.

We lose the tax revenues from both corporate profits and the workers, and we end up paying the people who aren't working anymore. All this puts pressure on the government to raise taxes, borrow money, print money and still add more to our growing debt that can someday collapse.

The question is not tariffs or no tariffs, trade wars, free trade, fair trade or treaties. The goal should be keeping American jobs in America, bringing jobs back that have left, and creating an environment for people to start and grow companies here.

A policy that looks first or only on consumer prices is not seeing the bigger picture and will do more harm than good.

— Larry Craig, Wilmette

## Russians, nerve agents and everyone as a target

BY ANNE APPLEBAUM

Add a new word to your vocabulary: Novichok. It's a chemical weapon developed in the Soviet Union in the late 1980s, a nerve agent reportedly 10 times more potent than its better-known predecessors. A Russian scientist who was accidentally exposed to a small amount reported seeing "brilliant colors and hallucinations"; he died about five years later.

Larger doses may lead to immediate paralysis of the entire nervous system; that's what the British government now believes happened to Sergei Skripal, a Russian defense intelligence officer who spied for Britain, as well as his daughter, Yulia, when they were exposed to Novichok in Salisbury, a provincial English town best known for its lovely cathedral. The contrast between the sinister Russian poison and the middle-class, middle-England backdrop of Salisbury — also home to a well-preserved copy of the Magna Carta, the foundational document of the British legal system — is part of what has made the story so sensational in the U.K.

### Of course, Putin

Vladimir Putin, a man whom most Britons know as a semi-fictional bad guy who sometimes appears on the evening news, has suddenly insinuated himself into ordinary life. One British policeman fell gravely ill after being exposed to the Skripals; 12 others were hospitalized; hundreds of others have been warned as well. That makes it difficult to dismiss this story — "Russians killing Russians, and why should we care?" — as many Britons did when Alexander Litvinenko, another Russian ex-spy, was murdered with radioactive polonium, another rare, highly classified poison, in central London in 2006.

But while Litvinenko's assassins might have expected to go undetected, the Skripals' would-be murderers had to know that Novichok would quickly be linked to the Russian government. On many levels, this assassination attempt represents whole new levels of defiance. It broke the rules of spy swaps: Skripal had been pardoned by then-Russian President Dmitry Medvedev in 2010 and traded for a bevy of Russian spies. It showed no concern for bystanders. It follows a long series of other mysterious deaths, including that of Nikolai Glushkov, a Putin opponent, in London on Monday. It showed no concern for bystanders. It has been accompanied by a loud and arrogant disinformation campaign. Since the story broke, Russian state television has alternately issued warnings to "traitors" and blamed British secret services, Georgia and Ukraine. A Russian politician appeared on the BBC ranting about a new Reichstag fire and comparing the British prime minister, Theresa May, to Hitler. The Russian Foreign Ministry and the Russian Embassy have been openly mocking Britain, tweeting photographs of James Bond and laughing at the evidence.

What are they thinking?

But why are they doing this? Speaking to British politicians and officials over the past week, I've heard a range of explanations. Just like the attack on the journalist Anna Politkovskaya more than a decade ago, the hit may have been meant as a warning to other potential double agents: You don't have to murder every journalist, or every spy, to frighten the rest. Alternatively, it may have been designed, in line with the old Soviet tradition of "active measures," to provoke an angry response: In advance of the preordained Russian election next week, Putin can increase sluggish turnout by shouting about "Russophobia" in the United Kingdom.

More ominously, it may have been designed to expose Britain's new isolation: Now that it is leaving the European Union, the United Kingdom no longer has a set of allies it can rely upon to help craft a response. It has no favors it can draw upon either: For the past year, British diplomacy has been focused on Brexit to the exclusion of all else. As if to underline this weakness, even the White House was stunningly opaque, condemning the attack but repeatedly refusing to mention Russia. The American president, so quick to insult Meryl Streep and Alec Baldwin, has as of Tuesday afternoon yet to tweet a single syllable.

So extraordinary does this failure seem to the British — does the U.S. president believe their government, or the Russian Embassy? — that here in London, many are asking whether President Donald Trump fired Rex Tillerson because the State Department's statement on the Skripal poisonings used the word "Russia" and offered more support than the president himself.

### The U.K. stumbled

If the point was to expose British isolation, it has succeeded: There is no obvious, fast response that the United Kingdom can make, by itself, that really damages Putin. Bar some more senior Russian politicians from Britain? That hardly matters to the Russian president. Boycott the soccer World Cup? No one will mind if a few members of the royal family don't show up, or if the English team drops out.

The responses that might really matter are much more difficult. The British government could initiate a cyberattack or reveal some hacked information, and there are rumors that it will. It could reinforce its troops on the Russian border, in the Baltic states. It could also decide on much more revolutionary financial actions, make full use of its own new laws on "unexplained wealth" and begin immediate investigations into properties such as one where the Russian first deputy prime minister is believed to own two apartments worth \$15 million each, and freezing the assets of any Russian officials in Britain. It could pass laws making it difficult or impossible for anonymous shell companies to own British property or indeed to function in the United Kingdom at all.

That would cut down on Russian money-laundering, and indeed international money-laundering, and would slowly drive the Russian oligarchs out of London. But it would also cut down on the profits of the real estate agents, yacht salesmen, couturiers, lawyers and accountants who make their living off the international rich who have found the city so welcoming. For two decades, successive British governments put profits over security and underestimated the danger of hosting unscrupulous kleptocrats in their country. The appearance of Novichok in a quiet English town exposes the risks of that policy — just at a moment when Brexit Britain will find it most painful to abandon.

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## Policies start to leave mark on markets

Taxes, tariffs draw Wall St. attention because of profits

BY STAN CHOE  
Associated Press

NEW YORK — Markets can't ignore Washington politics any longer.

Last year, investors calmly brushed aside every surprise that came out of Capitol Hill or the White House. Whether it was President Donald Trump barring the arrival of travelers from certain countries, firing his FBI director or trying repeatedly to overhaul the health care industry, nothing seemed to knock markets

off their steady, record-setting course that lasted through 2017.

Now, though, markets are moving sharply either in anticipation of policy changes or upon their announcement. Stocks recently have zoomed up and down on speculation about whether Trump's decision to impose tariffs on imported steel will lead to a global trade war. Late last year, Washington approved big tax cuts for businesses, and investors sent stocks surging.

The difference is that Trump's actions are now aiming at what the market cares most about: corporate profits.

"The politics that matter for the market are the ones that impact the fundamentals," said Stephen Auth, chief investment officer of

equities for Federated Investors. "Which politics have moved the market? The tax deal — and now the tariffs. The other stuff tends to be noise."

It's easy to see how the tax cuts will affect corporate earnings: Lower tax bills will mean bigger profits, and investors hope the overhaul will encourage companies to spend more to expand their businesses, which would drive future growth.

Analysts now expect S&P 500 earnings to grow 18 percent this year, up from a forecast of 12 percent a few months ago, according to FactSet.

A possible trade war could have just as strong an effect for U.S.

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Markets brushed off much of last year's political squabbles. Policies that affect corporate profits, however, can't be ignored.



Lendlease will develop the north parcel into as many as 2,700 units in five high-rises surrounded by parkland.  
LENDLEASE RENDERING

## Divide & Construct

\$2 billion Riverline project split into separate residential developments

Less than two years after breaking ground on one of Chicago's most ambitious residential developments, Riverline's owners have split the \$2 billion plan into two projects along the Chicago River.

Riverline's developers said the eight-tower South Loop mega-development is now two separately controlled projects, with Australia's Lendlease taking over work on the 7-acre portion north of River City Condominiums and Chicago-based CMK Cos. keeping the 8-acre parcel south of the Bertrand Goldberg-designed complex.

The developments will continue to use the master plan designed by Perkins+Will,



RYAN ORI  
On Real Estate

but each developer now will separately make decisions on financing, construction schedules and how to balance the mix of apartments, condos and other potential uses.

"In a lot of ways, we've accomplished what we set out to do," Tom Weeks, executive general manager of development at Lendlease, said of creating the complex master plan. "This is a way to have each company realize the vision of the master plan, but to do so on their own terms and on their own time."

CMK will keep the Riverline name for its parcel, which runs between Polk

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CMK Cos. will now be the exclusive developer of the south parcel, which will continue to be known as Riverline.  
CMK PROPERTIES RENDERING



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## A RING FOR EMPOWERMENT

Lisa Terwilliger, executive director of MSCI and co-head of Women in ETFs Chicago, rings the closing bell to commemorate International Women's Day at the CBOE in downtown Chicago on Tuesday. The group will be participating in events and bell-ringing ceremonies at exchanges around the world to raise awareness about the importance of women's economic empowerment.

## MB Financial Bank faces lawsuit over overdraft fees

BY ROBERT CHANNICK  
Chicago Tribune

A Chicago-area customer is suing MB Financial Bank for allegedly charging her \$6,000 in "predatory" overdraft fees since 2015.

The lawsuit, filed Monday in federal court in Chicago, seeks class-action status over what it claims is MB Financial's "crushing and punitive" overdraft fee policies for its checking account customers, including plaintiff Rhonda Boone.

"Boone, like thousands of others, has fallen victim to the bank's take-no-prisoners overdraft fee revenue maximization scheme," the lawsuit alleges.

Chicago-based MB Financial charges an initial \$37 overdraft fee, which ranks among the highest in Chicago, according to a recent financial survey. In addition, the bank charges a \$6.50 per day "continuous day overdraft" fee for accounts that remain in a negative balance after two days.

Boone racked up the "staggering" \$6,000 in overdraft fees — which amounted to nearly 18 percent of her total income — in three years, according to the lawsuit. The charges include initial and continuous overdraft fees, both of which the lawsuit alleges are deceptively and improperly assessed.

Boone's attorney did not respond Tuesday to a request for comment.

A century-old bank with a focus on business customers, MB Financial has about \$20 billion in assets. An MB Financial spokeswoman did not respond Tuesday to a request for comment on the lawsuit.

The lawsuit alleges that MB Financial improperly determines the overdraft status of accounts twice for the same transaction — at the time of authorization and during a "secret batch posting process" when it settles — allowing the bank to charge more overdraft

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## Toys R Us said to miss payments as woes mount

BY MATT TOWNSEND  
Bloomberg News

Toys R Us has missed payments to some suppliers in recent days as its U.S. division heads toward a likely liquidation, according to people with knowledge of the situation.

The payments stopped without explanation, said the people, who asked not to be identified because the matter is private. Some of the people said they can't get anyone to respond to questions at the retailer, which filed for bankruptcy in September and faces a \$5 billion debt load.

Toys R Us also recently stopped negotiating settlements with vendors on money owned before it filed for bankruptcy, some of the people said.

A representative for Wayne, New Jersey-based Toys R Us declined to comment.

The bleak situation lends evidence to the notion that Toys R Us is moving toward winding down its U.S. operations for good. Bloomberg reported last week that the retailer was making preparations for a liquidation of its domestic business.

The company has failed to find a buyer or reach a debt restructuring deal with lenders, leaving it with few options, people familiar with the situation said at the time. A hearing in bankruptcy court is scheduled to be held on Thursday, after being delayed.

The struggles of Toys R Us have taken a toll on the two largest U.S. toymakers, Hasbro and Mattel. Shares of those companies fell on Friday after Bloomberg reported about the possible liquidation, then dipped again on Tuesday.



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Lendlease's first tower, at 720 S. Wells St., is expected to be completed this summer.

## Riverline developments divided

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Street and Roosevelt Road along the east bank of the river, CMK President Colin Kihnke said.

Lendlease will market its project, along the river between Polk and Harrison streets, with a new name that will be revealed soon, Weeks said.

Weeks and Kihnke said they expect both projects to be completed within a decade of the September 2016 groundbreaking. The developers said the projects are expected to cost about \$2 billion combined: \$1.2 billion for Lendlease and \$800 million for CMK. It's relatively unusual for joint ventures to split into separate groups while construction is ongoing. But projects of Riverline's scope are also rare.

Kihnke compared the new agreement to the way Magellan Development Group has built up the 28-acre Lakeshore East residential complex, bringing in new equity partners and construction financing as it begins each new tower.

The breakup of Riverline is not the result of a conflict with Lendlease, which has been the general contractor for residential towers CMK has built on streets including South Michigan Avenue and South Wabash Avenue,

Kihnke said.

"There's a longstanding relationship, and a lot of respect," Kihnke said. "Lendlease has built a tremendous amount of buildings for us, and we will certainly continue to utilize them in the future."

The first building, a 29-story, 452-unit apartment tower at 720 S. Wells St., will be completed this summer. It is the first of five towers Lendlease plans on its site, which also will include a riverwalk, water taxi stop, kayak launch, parkland and walking paths.

Lendlease will consider apartments and condos for the four other towers — and perhaps some offices or hotel rooms, depending on demand, Weeks said.

Buildings also will include ground-floor retail. Lendlease's total project calls for up to 2,700 residential units. The second phase of construction could begin by 2019, Weeks said.

CMK plans to build about 1,050 apartments, condos and townhouses in three towers, as well as a smaller townhouse structure, Kihnke said. CMK hopes to start building its riverwalk and park space, as well as a 19-story tower with about 300 apartments, in 2019, Kihnke said.

Construction timing and the mix of units will de-

pend on demand.

A record 4,350 apartment units were completed in downtown Chicago in 2017, with another 3,000 expected this year and 4,200 projected for 2019, according to Integra Realty Resources.

Strong rental demand last year and thus far in 2018 has calmed some fears of an oversupply.

Lendlease and CMK downplay the idea that forming neighboring developments will create too much competition for renters and buyers in a small pocket of the city.

Weeks and Kihnke said a flood of other big developments in the area — including Related Midwest's plans to develop a 62-acre site just south of Riverline, a \$500 million addition to the base of Willis Tower, an ongoing redevelopment of the old main post office and plans to redevelop Union Station — will only increase interest in the area just north of Chinatown.

"We're really creating such a unique community that it really benefits both parties and the entire area," Kihnke said. "All the large-scale development really solidifies us as the core of everything that's happening around us."

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## Equifax could get surprising benefits in deregulation bill

BY JIM PUZZANGHERA  
Los Angeles Times

Equifax Inc. was publicly excoriated by senators last fall for its massive data breach. Now the company and other credit reporting firms are in line to get some last-minute benefits in a banking deregulation bill that originally was designed to punish them by adding new consumer rights.

The bipartisan Senate bill includes requirements that Equifax and the other credit reporting companies allow people to freeze and unfreeze their files for free and provide free credit monitoring for active-duty members of the military.

An amendment by Sen. Mike Crapo, R-Idaho, which included numerous other revisions to the bill, passed a procedural hurdle in the Senate on Monday by a 66-30 vote. The amendment would prohibit active duty military from suing credit-reporting companies regarding any problems with the free credit monitoring.

Chi Chi Wu, a staff attorney at the National Consumer Law Center, said that, if approved, the provision would be the first time federal law would prohibit a consumer's right to sue regarding their credit reports.

"We think that would be a bad precedent," she said. "It's especially a bad precedent given that this is a right being given to service-members."

Sen. Sherrod Brown, D-Ohio, a leading opponent of the legislation, said he could not understand the change to the bill.

"Americans are furious with Equifax, as they should be, but this amendment ... for reasons I can't fathom includes provisions designed to help Equifax," said

"In exchange for this token benefit, they demanded that consumers and service members give up their right to take Equifax to court," he said. "So Equifax is willing to do a little bit for people, just a little bit, but damn it, you can't sue us then."

An Equifax spokeswoman said in a prepared statement that the company supported the free credit freezes but did not address the amendment providing immunity from lawsuits on credit monitoring.

Equifax also could get another benefit in an arcane change to the bill designed to open competition for credit scores used

for mortgages purchased by Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac, which are under federal government conservatorship.

Crapo's amendment would insert a provision proposed last summer by Sens. Tim Scott, R-S.C., and Mark Warner, D-Va., that would require the Federal Housing Finance Agency, which regulates Fannie and Freddie, to create a process to validate and approve new credit scoring models.

Equifax, Experian and TransUnion jointly own VantageScore, a competitor to San Jose's Fair Isaac Corp., the company behind the FICO score now used by Fannie and Freddie.

Consumer advocates have called for updated credit scoring models that are fairer to minorities. But they noted that FHFA in December issued a formal request for input on the agency's credit score requirements and the Senate bill's proposed provision could upend that process.

An FHFA spokeswoman declined to comment.

Scott's spokeswoman, Michele Exner, said "a handful of Senate Democrats" who opposed the banking bill are trying to use misleading claims to derail it, including singling out a provision that "outside of this bill would be lauded as a bipartisan solution to helping minority families reach new opportunities."

Warner has been an outspoken critic of Equifax. In January, he joined Sen. Elizabeth Warren, D-Mass., in proposing "massive and mandatory" fines for data breaches by credit reporting companies, starting at \$100 for each consumer whose sensitive information is compromised.

Warner also is one of the main Democratic co-sponsors of Crapo's deregulation bill, which backers say is intended to provide relief to small and midsized banks. Warner was among a bipartisan group on the Senate Banking Committee that drafted the bill and told reporters last week he was disappointed the bill wasn't tougher on Equifax.

Mike Litt, consumer campaign director for the U.S. Public Interest Research Group, said the U.S. Public Interest Research Group supports free credit freezes for consumers, but he's not happy with the bill because of the other provisions.

## Customers claim fees 'predatory'

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fees than it should.

"This secret step allows it to charge overdraft fees on transactions that never should have gotten them," the suit says.

In addition, the lawsuit alleges MB Financial's continuous day overdraft fee kicks in before the two full business days stated in the bank's policy, due to a "late-at-night" overdraft determination.

The lawsuit is seeking an order ceasing "unfair" overdraft policies, restitution of all overdraft fees wrongly paid by consumers to MB Financial and damages to be determined at trial.

Chicago has the fifth-highest overdraft fees among major cities in the U.S. at \$33 per overdraft charge in 2017, according to a forthcoming survey by Moebs Services, a Lake Forest economic research firm. Miami tops the list, with an average overdraft charge of \$35.

Nationwide, overdraft fees have averaged \$30 for the past six years, according to the survey, which pulled data from 3,800 financial institutions across the U.S.

MB Financial, which has charged a \$37 for several years, has the fourth-highest overdraft fees in Chicago. This is by design, said Mike Moebs, CEO of Moebs Services.

"They are a business bank — they don't want to overdraft," Moebs said.

Moebs advises consumers to shop around, paying particular attention to smaller community banks and credit unions, which tend to charge lower fees for overdrafts.

"The best deal for a consumer in Chicago would be to go to a community bank (with) under \$100 million in assets," Moebs said. "They charge (on average) \$25."

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## Taxes, tariffs draw Wall St. attention

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companies, but in the opposite direction.

Big U.S. businesses have become reliant on overseas customers, from Apple, which gets 63 percent of its revenue from outside the United States, to Zoetis, an animal-health company that gets just over half from abroad.

If other countries retaliate against the U.S. tariffs, escalating barriers to trade could hurt economies around the world through higher prices and slower growth.

Add in the high emotions Trump generates, and big swings in the market can quickly result.

The S&P 500 plunged 1.1 percent the day Trump first mentioned the possibility of steel and aluminum tariffs to industry executives, only to recover and then plunge again in ensuing days as speculation swirled.

"Right now, half the country thinks that the president is a lunatic, and they have very little confidence in his rational approach to issues, so they are worried about politics as an issue," said Auth.

Auth believes a global trade war is unlikely, although he won't rule it

out. So he viewed the market's recent drop as an opportunity to buy at lower prices at a time when the economy is continuing to grow and corporate profits keep piling higher.

It may take a while to see if the worries about a global trade war were prescient, as other countries mull their options. Trump has already exempted Canada and Mexico from the tariffs and said he will be "very flexible."

If the fears stay in the foreground, they will likely be a dominant force for the market. If the trade-war talk dies down, though, the Federal Reserve and the threat of higher interest rates will likely return to the top of the list of investors' concerns.

Fear of a more aggressive Fed first jolted markets from their pleasant ride at the start of February, when worries about higher inflation pushed investors to ratchet up their expectations for Fed rate increases this year. That fear has abated somewhat with recent government reports showing only modest growth in wages and consumer prices, signals that inflation remains under control for now.

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# For tech industry, a red flag on megadeals?

Associated Press

NEW YORK — The decision by President Donald Trump to scuttle a hostile takeover by Singapore's Broadcom of the U.S. chip-maker Qualcomm could signal a shift toward stronger sector oversight.

The deal raised red flags for government officials worried about ceding control of telecom or wireless infrastructure to foreign entities in the long run.

"These transitions come along almost every decade

or so, moving to a new iteration of technology," said Jon Erensen, research director for semiconductors at research firm Gartner. "The government is being very careful to ensure the U.S. keeps its leadership role developing these standards."

Shares of Qualcomm slid 5 percent Tuesday.

Trump said late Monday that a takeover of Qualcomm would imperil national security, ending Broadcom's \$117 billion buyout bid.

Although its name isn't widely known outside the technology industry, San Diego-based Qualcomm is one of the world's leading makers of the processors that power many smartphones and other mobile devices. Qualcomm also owns patents on key pieces of mobile technology that Apple and other manufacturers use in their products.

Qualcomm has long been a leader in previous iterations of broadband cellular network technologies like 3G and 4G and it poured

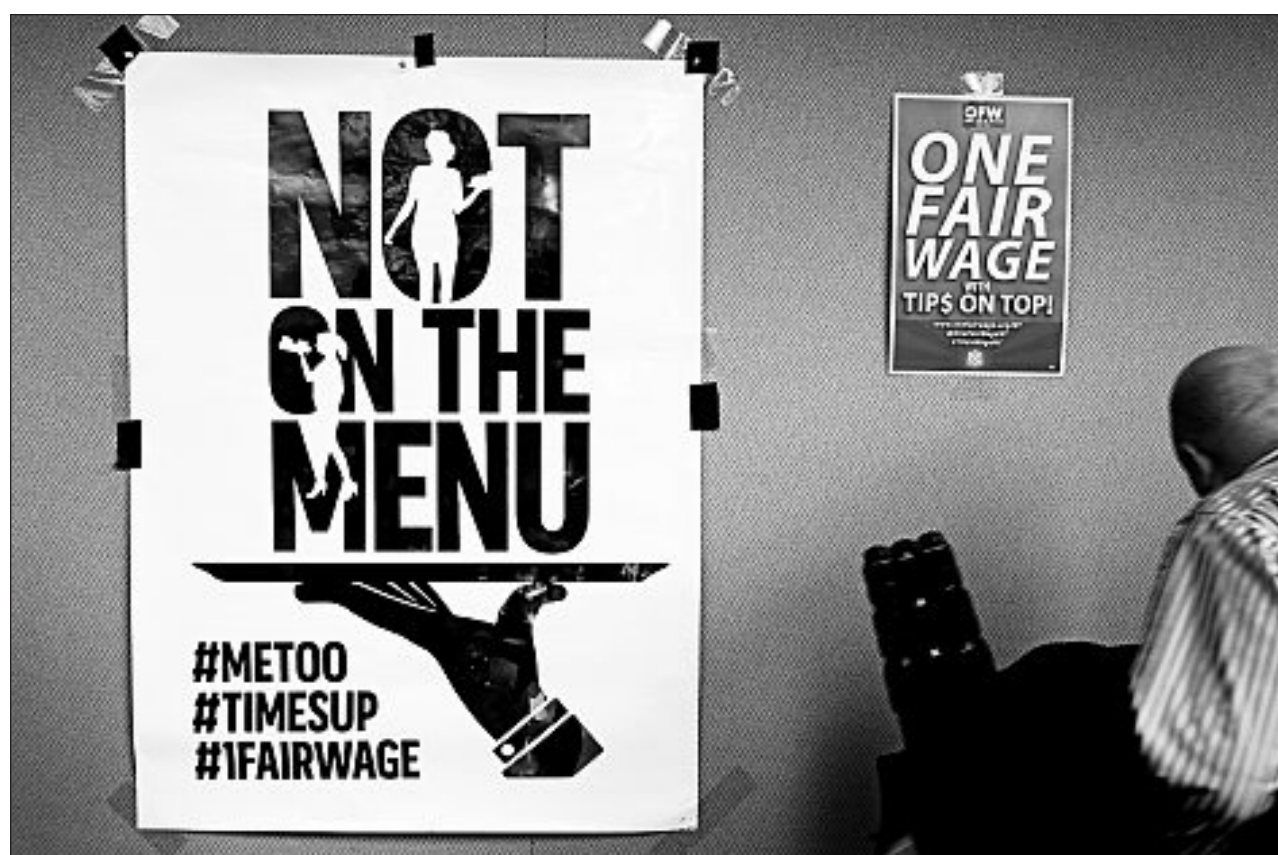
research and development money into developing 5G technology and related standards and practices.

More so than previous iterations of wireless technology like 3G or 4G, as 5G technology is developed, "We're seeing China emerge and start to play a bigger role in the standards developing process," Erensen said.

Industry analysts speculated that Qualcomm's advanced work on 5G was the reason for the government's move to block the deal.



Broadcom CEO Hock Tan spoke at the White House in November. Trump blocked Broadcom's bid for Qualcomm.



Signs are displayed at a discussion about subminimum-wage workers that depend on tips for their living in New York.

## Tipped workers invoke #MeToo in fight to raise minimum wage

BY DEEPTI HAJELA AND DAVID KLEPPER  
Associated Press

NEW YORK — As a waitress, Nadine Morsch was used to having to force an occasional smile for an unpleasant customer. But when a man was serving made a reference to grabbing her butt, she warned him he better not try. And he made her pay.

For the rest of the hour he was in the diner, she says, he was "running me around as much as possible."

Morsch says she tolerated him, because she needed a good tip.

Experiences like that are one reason activists are invoking the #MeToo movement in the push for more states to adopt higher minimum wages for tipped workers. They say a wage structure that leaves workers dependent on tips often forces them to put up with harassing and abusive behavior from their customers or risk not being paid.

The effort has been around for years but has taken on new momentum lately with the increased reckoning and awareness of sexual misconduct. Democratic New York Gov. Andrew Cuomo has called for public hearings; there's a June ballot question in Washington, D.C., and an

effort is underway to get the issue on the statewide ballot in Michigan.

A higher base wage, advocates say, could free tipped workers from the fear of speaking out.

"I wouldn't have needed to feel like my entire life was in his power," said Morsch, who now works at a pub in Rochester, New York.

According to the Bureau of Labor Statistics, there are about 2 million people working as restaurant servers in the United States, about 70 percent of them women.

Currently, the federal government allows workers who get tipped, such as servers and bartenders, to be paid as little as \$2.13 per hour if they make at least \$7.25 per hour with tips included.

No state is talking about ending the practice of tipping. But seven states — Alaska, California, Minnesota, Nevada, Oregon, Washington and Wisconsin — mandate that tipped workers be paid at least the same minimum wage as everyone else. Another 26 states require employers to pay tipped workers a wage at least a little higher than the federal minimum.

Restaurant Opportunities Centers United, an advocacy group, says it has found that service employ-

ees in the states that require the same minimum wage for everyone, even tipped workers, reported lower levels of harassment than states that did not.

"This is about the power imbalance that women face on the job," said Restaurant Opportunities Centers United co-founder Saru Jayaraman.

Cuomo said late last year that he was open to the possibility of joining the states that have eliminated the subminimum tipped wage.

It's an issue that's come up in New York before and gone nowhere while lawmakers focused on raising the standard minimum wage, currently at \$13 in New York City for companies with more than 11 employees and \$8.65 for tipped workers. Minimum wages are lower in other parts of the state. Cuomo's administration could make the change itself through an order from the Department of Labor, if the legislature does not act.

Restaurant workers can be sharply divided over whether a higher base wage would help.

Maine created a level minimum wage for tipped workers in a voter referendum in 2017, but almost immediately reversed course. Servers said they were worried custom-

ers would stop tipping altogether.

Part-time New York City waitress Sarah March, 30, shares that concern.

"As soon as they hear that I'm already making enough money, I just don't feel like anyone's going to put forth the extra effort to compensate the servers," she said.

March agreed that sexual harassment on the job is a problem. But a higher minimum wage, she said, will not deter customers engaging in improper behavior.

"They would just not tip and continue to act the way they were inclined," she said.

Some wait staff said if they were less reliant on tips, it might change a workplace culture that is conducive of abuse, and not just from customers.

New York State Restaurant Association President Melissa Autilio Fleischut said a higher minimum wage for tipped workers would only saddle employers with expenses they can't afford and wouldn't help deal with sexual misconduct, either.

Harassment, she said, "cuts across numerous industries and has very little to do with what a woman makes or what a sexually harassed person makes," she said. "I don't see the correlation between the tip credit and sexual harassment."

## Amazon working way into workplace

Retailer hopes new credit card will win business customers

BY HUGH SON, SPENCER SOPER AND JENNY SURANE  
Bloomberg News

Amazon.com plans to offer a credit card to U.S. small-business customers, furthering its push to supply companies with everything from reams of paper to factory parts, according to people with knowledge of the matter.

The e-commerce giant has been in talks with banks including JPMorgan Chase & Co. on a co-branded credit card for small-business owners who shop on its website, said the people, who asked not to be named discussing private negotiations. An Amazon spokesman declined to comment.

Seattle-based Amazon, the world's largest online retailer, has been looking for a way to replicate in the workplace the success that's made it a go-to shopping destination for households. In October, the company launched a Prime membership program offering fast free delivery for businesses, which was seen as a way to grab market share from factory-equipment providers such as WW Grainger and Fastenal and office-supply stores like Staples and Office Depot.

Amazon is hoping the new credit card, which will feature rewards points for purchases, will also let it eventually add offerings such as business insurance through a portal

designed for its small-business customers, according to one of the people familiar with the matter. Amazon could use customers' transaction data to help tailor the rewards, this person said. The retailer has already lent \$3 billion to more than 20,000 small businesses that sell via its marketplace in the U.S., Britain and Japan, Amazon said last year.

The battle for small businesses' spending has also been heating up among U.S. card issuers such as JPMorgan and American Express. Over the past few years, those lenders have debuted retooled proprietary small-business cards as well as new co-branded offerings for such customers.

A representative for JPMorgan declined to comment.

AmEx says it is the top card issuer for U.S. small businesses and that its portfolio is larger than its five nearest competitors combined, according to a presentation last week. The New York-based company doesn't disclose total purchase volume for the category. In 2016, small businesses spent about \$72.9 billion a year on JPMorgan's credit cards, \$46.7 billion on Capital One Financial's and \$15.6 billion on Citigroup's, according to a June 2017 edition of the Nilson Report.

Amazon already offers two credit cards for consumers with JPMorgan and Synchrony Financial. Those cards come with as much as 5 percent cash back on purchases.

## IHOP server told black teens to pay upfront

AUBURN, Maine — A server at a Maine IHOP restaurant asked a group of black teenagers to pay upfront for their meal, prompting the manager to issue a public apology.

Manager Melvin Escobar told the Sun Journal newspaper that "this is the first time it happened, and that will be the last time."

What happened on Sunday at the Auburn IHOP came to the attention of Escobar after a young man from Monmouth posted about it on Facebook.

Escobar said he believed the server's actions were not racially motivated but she was worried the kids would duck out on the \$100 bill. The

restaurant recently had some problems with teenagers walking out without paying, he said.

"IHOP and our franchisees strive to create a warm and hospitable dining experience for all guests, and this isolated incident is not reflective of that commitment nor tolerated," the company said in a statement Monday night. "The franchisee of this location is in the process of reaching out directly to the affected guests to apologize for an individual team member's misguided actions as well as using this as an opportunity to underscore the values we uphold as a brand with his entire team."

— Associated Press

## Hundreds of fertility clinic eggs possibly damaged

BY JENNA JOHNSON  
Washington Post

A long-established San Francisco fertility clinic had a liquid nitrogen failure in a storage tank in which thousands of eggs and embryos are kept frozen for future use, jeopardizing the tissue that hundreds of women have deposited there in hope of having children.

The March 4 incident at Pacific Fertility Clinic, acknowledged on Sunday by the facility's president, is the second such admission in a matter of days, coming on the heels of a similar malfunction the same weekend at an unrelated clinic in Cleveland.

The pair of incidents, with powerful emotional and financial consequences, come as the number of U.S. women freezing their eggs has soared in recent years as assisted reproductive technology has advanced and become increasingly

popular. Women freeze eggs in order to postpone pregnancy until a later date or to have a supply for in vitro fertilization attempts.

As at the University Hospitals Fertility Center in Cleveland in recent days, the half-dozen doctors at the Pacific Fertility Clinic raced over the weekend to notify their patients, according to Carl Herbert, a physician and the clinic's president.

Herbert said in an interview that he and colleagues began making phone calls on Saturday night to some 400 patients who had all their eggs or embryos stored in the clinic's storage tank #4. Early Sunday, the clinic also sent out emails explaining what had happened to two other groups: Roughly 100 who had tissue in both the problematic tank and another tank, and a larger group whose tissue was unaffected.

"There is just not an

ability to do this unemotionally. Anger is a big part of the phone call," Herbert said of his discussions with patients. "Our goal is to provide all the patients we see with some kind of a family. We need to think, if this tissue doesn't work, what are the next steps and have you not feel defeated."

According to Herbert, the extent to which the chemical failure damaged the eggs and embryos remains unclear. He said the clinic's staff thawed a few eggs and found they remain viable, though they do not know how many are still usable. They have not checked any of the embryos, he said.

Herbert said that the problem was discovered by the clinic's laboratory director, who noticed during a routine check of the steel storage tanks that the level of liquid nitrogen in one tank was too low. Too little liquid nitrogen causes the

temperature to rise, with a risk of damage to the tissue housed in vials called cryoclocks. One to three eggs may be stored in a unit. Embryos — fertilized eggs — are stored individually.

The clinic declined to specify the number of eggs and embryos affected but said "several thousand" were in the waist-high tank. They amounted to an estimated 10 to 15 percent of the total stored at the facility, according to Pacific Fertility Clinic spokesperson Alden Romney.

According to the clinic's website, its fees for egg freezing are \$8,345 for the initial cycle and \$6,995 for each subsequent round.

In the Cleveland incident at University Hospitals Ahuja Medical Center's fertility clinic, officials notified about 700 patients that their frozen eggs and embryos may have been damaged. Some dated to the 1980s.

## Jim Beam fills 15 millionth barrel since Prohibition

CLERMONT, Ky. — Bourbon barrel No. 15 million has taken its place in a Jim Beam warehouse in Kentucky.

Beam on Monday filled its 15 millionth barrel of bourbon since the end of Prohibition. The company says it's a first for a Kentucky distillery. It was filled and sealed by seventh-generation Master Distiller Fred Noe and his son, Freddie, at Beam's flagship distillery in Clermont.

Employees at the company's Clermont, Boston and Frankfort plants

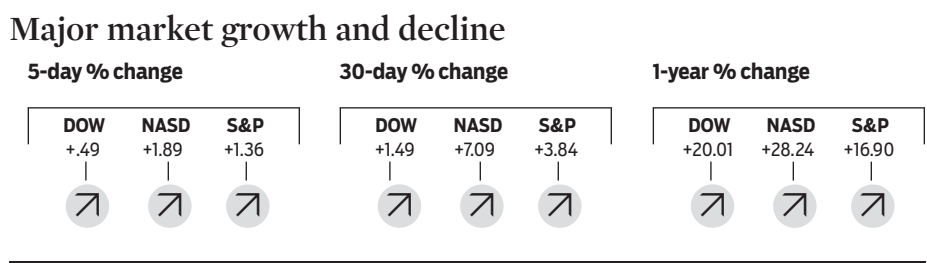
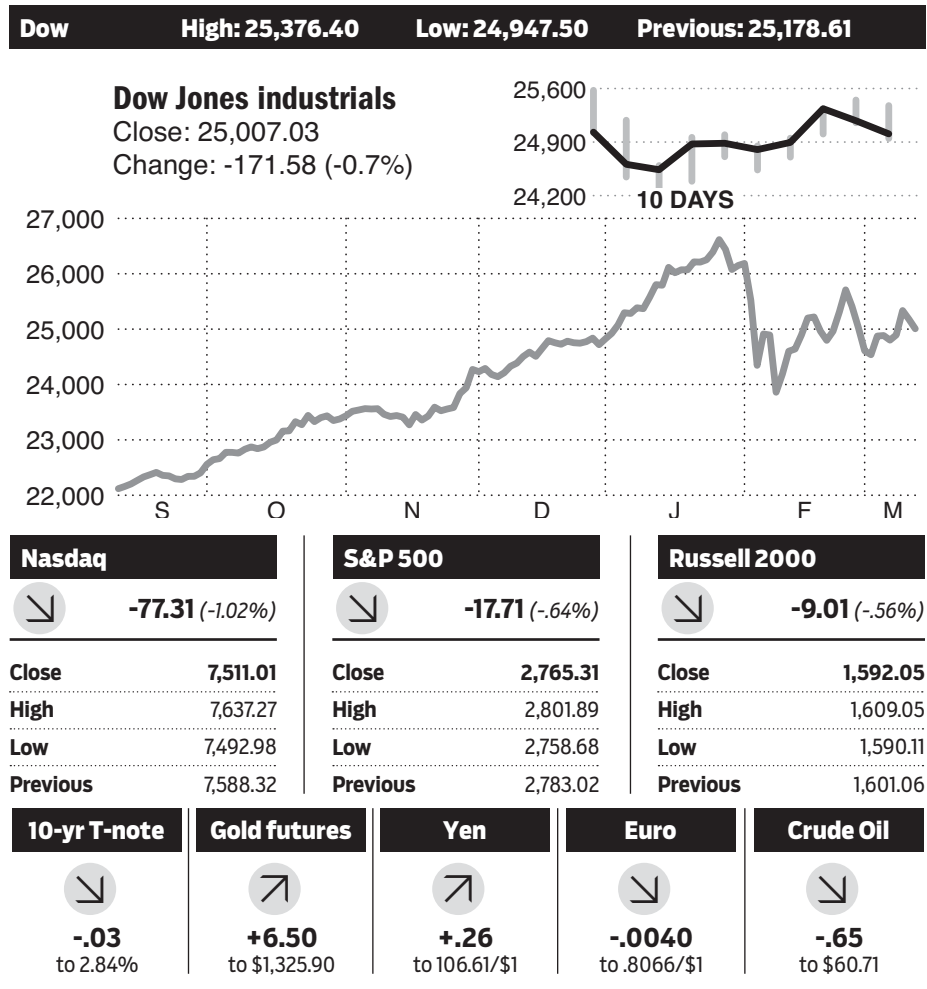
signed the barrel, which will be stored in a nine-story warehouse rebuilt by Jim Beam after Prohibition on the Clermont distillery grounds.

The company says it will be among nearly 2.3 million barrels of bourbon currently aging in Jim Beam's rackhouses across the state. Its parent company, Beam Suntory, is based in Chicago.

The milestone was reached less than two years after the brand's 14 millionth barrel was filled.

— Associated Press

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Women give high heels the boot for comfort's sake

Sales of fashion icon decline as sneaker sales rise

By ABHA BHATTARAI
The Washington Post

Amanda Powers hasn't worn high heels in years: Not to work, not to parties, not even to her wedding.

"They're not comfortable," she said. "They're not fun to wear. Not to mention, I walk fast and they slow me down."

Around the country, women are trading in their high-heeled stilettos for sneakers and ballet flats.

Workplaces are becoming more casual, and it is increasingly acceptable to wear sneakers to dinner.

But analysts say there are other changes afoot, too: More Americans are working from home, and those who do go into the office are more often walking to work.

(In Washington, for example, 14 percent of residents now commute by foot, up from 12 percent in 2012, according to Census data.)



ABEL URIBE/CHICAGO TRIBUNE

Sales of high heels have fallen as women buy more athletic shoes and flats for the sake of comfort.

to do with price: About one-third of high heels had been discounted by an average of 47 percent.

"This is not a burn-your-heels moment — the majority of women still have heels in their wardrobes," Smith said.

It doesn't hurt that flats — which are popping up on runways and the red carpet — are having a pop culture moment, either.

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Tech giants are also taking note: A ballet-flat emoji is slated to make its debut later this year.

"Across the board, there's an increasing casualization of every occasion, including at work," Smith said.

that women are buying more athletic shoes and sandals than they are dress shoes, according to market research firm Mintel.

High-heel makers, many of which had their heyday in the "Sex and the City" era of the early 2000s, have weathered a wave of consolidation in recent years.

"People are multitasking more these days — they're going from yoga class to work, then from happy hour to pick up their kids, and they don't want to change into four different outfits," said Alexis DeSalva, retail and apparel analyst at Mintel.

As for Powers, the marketing director in Los Angeles, she now has just one pair of heels — "very modest" black pumps — left in her closet.

"I am never going back," she said. "As soon as I stopped wearing high heels, it was a taste of sweet freedom."







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### Settecase, Alberta Mae

Alberta Mae Settecase, nee Ziegele, of Westchester, formerly of Riverside, age 90. Beloved wife of the late Joseph Settecase; loving mother of Beverly Settecase, Joanne (Alan) Dalessandro and Barbara (Mike) Bruckner; proud grandmother of Michael Bruckner, Jennifer Bruckner and Dina Dalessandro; dear sister of Dorothy (Dave) Bunting and the late Myrt (late Hap) Schwantz; proud aunt of many. Family and friends will be received at the **Conboy-Westchester Funeral Home**, 10501 W. Cermak Rd., Westchester (2 blks West of Mannheim Rd.) on Friday, March 16, 2018 from 4:00 to 9:00 p.m. Funeral Saturday 9:30 a.m. until time of Chapel Service 10:00 a.m. Entombment Woodlawn Cemetery. Memorials appreciated to Journey Care Hospice or "Relay for Life" of Barrington. For further info 708-F-U-N-E-R-A-L.

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### Smith, Janice L.

Janice Louise Smith passed away from complications of Alzheimer's. Born in Fort Wayne, IN and raised in Traverse City, MI she lived her adult life in Chicago, IL. A graduate of Michigan State University and National Louis University; she became an elementary school and fine arts teacher spending most of her career in the Wilmette public schools. Whether on the sunset or sunrise side, she was rarely far from her beloved Lake Michigan. A student and admirer of fine art, Jan never missed a chance to visit a museum or attend a concert. She also enjoyed camping, tennis, downhill skiing, and was a fan of Chicago sports teams. Her travels took her across the entire continent, as well as Europe, Africa, and China. Jan, a cancer survivor, was preceded in death by her parents Alfred and Isabell Smith, her sisters Joan Gospodarek, Judy Schaner, and Nancy Flaherty, and nephews Thomas Gospodarek and Scott Foster. She is survived by her sister Marjorie Foster, brothers-in-law Walter Gospodarek, Robert Schaner, and William Flaherty, nieces Judy (Stan) Jay and Amy (Ian) Foster, nephews David (Paula) Gospodarek, Michael (Doreena) Gospodarek, Michael Schaner, Patrick (Toni) Schaner, Sean (Justine) Flaherty, Brian (Kristi) Flaherty, and Brendan Flaherty, many great-nieces and nephews, and a special group of loyal and caring friends. Friends and family will meet for a Mass of Christian Burial, Friday, March 16, 2018, 11:00 a.m. at Visitation Catholic Church, 779 South York Road, (at Madison), Elmhurst. Interment Private. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the American Cancer Society, 1801 Meyers Rd, Ste 100, Oakbrook Terrace, IL 60181 or Lincoln Park Zoo, 2001 N Clark St, Chicago, 60614. Arrangements handled by **Gibbons Funeral Home**, Elmhurst. 630-832-0018 or [www.gibbonsfuneralhome.com](http://www.gibbonsfuneralhome.com)

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### Sobczak, Arlene M.

nee Kistingner. Beloved wife of the late Matthew E. Sobczak. Loving Mother of Patricia Ann (Fred) Biedess, Edward Arthur (Patricia) Sobczak, James Matthew (Carol) Sobczak, and Barbara Ann (Wayne) Christofferson. Devoted Grandmother of Scott (Alisa) Biedess, Katie (Sean) Bock, and Julie (David) Hoffman, Gina (Charles) Torbett, Christina and Jay Sobczak. Devoted Step-Grandmother of Megan (Dino) Menis and Conor Christofferson. Cherished Great Grandmother of Benjamin and Elizabeth Torbett, Scott Jr., Alexandria, Georgianna and Nicholas Biedess, Aubrie Bock, and Lola Hoffman. Cherished Step-Great Grandmother of Pete and Isabella Menis. Visitation Wednesday 3-9 pm. Funeral Thursday 9:00 am from the Robert J. Sheehy and Sons Funeral Home, 4950 W. 79th Street, Burbank, IL to St. Alexander Church 10:00 am Mass. Interment Abraham Lincoln National Cemetery. [www.sheehyfh.com](http://www.sheehyfh.com) 708-857-7878

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### Stanovich, Thomas Victor 'Tom'

Thomas "Tom" Victor Stanovich. Family man lost his battle with cancer at age 74 on March 9, 2018 surrounded by those he loved in his home in Palos Park, Illinois. Born on June 17, 1943 in Chicago, IL, he attended St. Rita High School. Tom proudly served in the Air National Guard for 6 years. He was an accomplished salesman for 40 years after a 12 year career with Illinois Bell.

Tom had a passion for cars and boats and could fix absolutely anything. He loved nothing more than spending time with his family, particularly his grandson Griffin. Tom was known for always taking care of those around him.

Tom was the loving husband of Dawn (nee Engel). He is preceded in death by his parents, Victor and Pauline (nee Nakvosas) Stanovich; brother, George Stanovich; and brother Richard Stanovich.

Tom is survived by his daughters, Lori (Jeff) Tucker, Karen Stanovich; grandchildren, Griffin Tucker, Lauren Tucker; brother, John (Barbara) Stanovich; brother-in-law, Bob (Mariann) Engel; nephews, John (Alison) Stanovich, Dan (Tina) Stanovich, Richard Stanovich; nieces Paula (Elias) Contreras, Mary Stanovich; and other relatives and friends too numerous to name. Tom always had a kind word to say or something to make you smile. Our memories of him will forever live in our hearts.

A celebration of Tom's life will take place on Friday, March 16th. Family will receive guests starting at 1:00 p.m. prior to a Memorial Mass at 2:00 p.m. at Our Lady of the Woods, 10731 W 131st St, Orland Park, Illinois. The celebration will continue immediately after at Crystal Tree Golf and Country Club, 10700 W 153rd St, Orland Park, Illinois. Reflections will start at 3:30 p.m. Guests welcome until 7:00 p.m. Charitable donations may be made in Tom's memory to the following organization: St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, <http://www.stjude.org> 501 St Jude Place, Memphis, TN 38105 Tel: 901 495 3300

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### Stutz, Edward L.

Edward L. Stutz 96, March 12, 2018. Army Veteran, Ret. C.F.D., member of Carpenter's Union Local #10. Beloved husband of the late Genevieve (nee Andrews). Dear father of Sally A. (Steven) Wilson, Edward P. C.F.D. (Ellen) Stutz, Carol M. (Christopher) Gardini and Janet L. (John) Cherbak. Loving grandfather of Matthew (Megan) and Thomas Wilson, Nicholas C.P.D., Michael C.P.D. and Margaret Stutz, Natalie, Nicole and Dante Gardini, Cheryl and Troy Wilson. Funeral Friday 9:30 a.m. from **Donnellan Funeral Home** 10525 S. Western Ave. to St. Walter Church (118th & Western) for Mass 10:30 a.m. Int. St. Mary Cemetery. Visitation Thursday 4-8p.m. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Illinois Veterans Home c/o Volunteer Services, 1 Veterans Dr., Manteno, IL 60950. Info (773) 238-0075 Sign guestbook at [www.donnellanfuneralhome.com](http://www.donnellanfuneralhome.com)

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### Timpa, Erika Annemarie

Erika Annemarie Timpa (nee Wehlus) Born December 26, 1921 in East Prussia, Germany. Erika was finally granted perfect peace and went home to her Lord on March 10, 2018 after an almost 20 year battle with dementia/Alzheimer's. She was the devoted wife of the late Gustavus B. Timpa and the late Hermann Wierz; the dear and loving mother of Lars (Linda) Timpa and the late Savannah. Erika loved all animals, so in lieu of flowers, please consider a donation of goods or funds to your local animal rescue facility. Visitation Friday, March 16th, 3:00 - 8:00 p.m. at **The Oaks Funeral Home** 1201 E. Irving Park Road (at Prospect), Itasca. Family and friends will meet Saturday, March 17th for a visitation, 10:30 a.m. until the Funeral Service, 11:00 a.m. at Christian Fellowship Church 152 E. Devon Avenue, Itasca. Interment private. For funeral info: 630-250-8588 or [www.theoaksfh.com](http://www.theoaksfh.com)

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### Tobin, Grace R.

Grace R. Tobin nee Bradley of Oak Park, Lake Geneva & The Villages, Florida, age 94, passed away peacefully at her home in Florida surrounded by family on March 6, 2018. She was preceded in death by her parents, Albert S. & Grace nee Dillon, her beloved husband of 52 years, John "Jack", her brother Al, & sister Carol Bradley. She is survived by her sister Michelle (Richard) Flaherty & her ten children: Bridget (Patrick) Herald, Julianne (David) Neptune, Elizabeth (Michael) Sodic, John, Gerard (Karen) Patrick (Doris), Eugene (Joanie), Joseph, Grace, & Michael, 22 grandchildren, & 13 great grandchildren. She was the fond aunt to many nieces & nephews and dear friend to anyone who knew her. She graduated from Providence High School & St. Mary's, Kankakee, where she excelled academically. Grace treasured her family, was a Veteran & registered nurse, a faith filled, very active member of St. Catherine-St. Lucy Catholic Church, active in St. Timothy's Catholic Church in Florida, & chairperson of many social events. She did all this in a superbly elegant & lively way & was known for her bright energy & big smile. Memorial visitation Thursday 3 p.m.-8 p.m. at Peterson-Bassi Chapels / Gamboney & Son Funeral Directors 6938 W. North Ave. Funeral procession Friday 10:15 a.m. from funeral home to St. Catherine - St. Lucy Catholic Church 38 N. Austin Blvd, Oak Park for Mass of Christian Burial 11a.m. Inurnment Queen of Heaven Cemetery. Info 708.848.6661 or [www.petersonfuneralhome.com](http://www.petersonfuneralhome.com)

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### Warsey, Fr. Robert M.

FR. ROBERT M. WARSEY, O.S.M. - a solemn professed friar & priest of the Order of Friar Servants of Mary (Servites) - United States of America Province, died Friday, March 9, 2018 at Advocate Lutheran General Hospital, Park Ridge, IL. He was 67 years of age, a friar for 36 years and a priest for 33 years.

Fr. Warsey was born on March 14, 1950 in Chicago, IL, the son of the late Stanley & Olga (Gramer) Warsey. He attended St. Domitilla Elementary School, Hillside, IL, and St. Joseph's High School, Westchester, IL, graduating in 1968. He entered the Order of Friar Servants of Mary (Servites) on September 18, 1979, at St. Philip Priory, Chicago, IL and the Servite Novitiate on August 11, 1980, at St. Philip's Priory, Begbroke/Oxford, England. He professed his first vows on August 15, 1981, and solemn vows on June 12, 1984. He was ordained a priest on January 12, 1985, at St. Domitilla Church, Hillside, IL.

His assignments included Associate Pastor, St. Joseph Parish, Carteret, NJ; Associate Pastor and Pastor, Seven Holy Founders Parish, Affton, MO; Servite Formation Director, Director Marian Center, Our Lady of Sorrows Community, Chicago, IL, and Pastor Annunciata Parish, Chicago, IL.

Fr. Warsey is survived by his sister Mary Susan. The Funeral Arrangements are - Visitation, Wednesday, March 14, 2018, from 3:00 P.M. to 9:00 P.M. at Annunciata Parish, 11128 S. Avenue "G", Chicago, IL 60617, 773-221-1043. The Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated on Thursday, March 15th at 10:00 A.M., preceded by a viewing from 9:00 - 10:00 A.M. Interment will be in the Servite Section of Queen of Heaven Cemetery, Hillside, IL.

In lieu of flowers, please send donations in Fr. Warsey's memory, to the Servite Provincial Center, 3121 W. Jackson Blvd., Chicago, IL 60612-2729.

Eternal rest grant unto Robert O Lord, and may the perpetual light shine upon him. May his soul and all the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen. Arrangements entrusted to Elmwood Chapel Chicago, IL. 773-731-2749. [www.elmwoodchapel.com](http://www.elmwoodchapel.com).

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### Wenzel-Keil, Betty L.

Betty L. Wenzel-Keil, nee Seiferling, 87, of Norridge. Beloved wife of Rudolph Keil and the late Hans Wenzel. Loving mother of Heidi (James) Sandgathe and the late Carl Wenzel. Active member of the Park Ridge Senior Center where Betty loved to participate with the singing group. Visitation Friday, March 16, 2018 at the **M J Suerth Funeral Home**, 6754 N. Northwest Hwy., Chicago from 4 -9 PM. Funeral Saturday, 9:30 AM prayers at funeral home to St. Eugene Church where Mass will be celebrated at 10:00 AM. Interment St. Joseph Cemetery. Memorials to St. Jude Children's Hospital, 501 St. Jude Pl., Memphis, TN 38105 appreciated. For further information 877-631-1240 or [www.suerth.com](http://www.suerth.com).

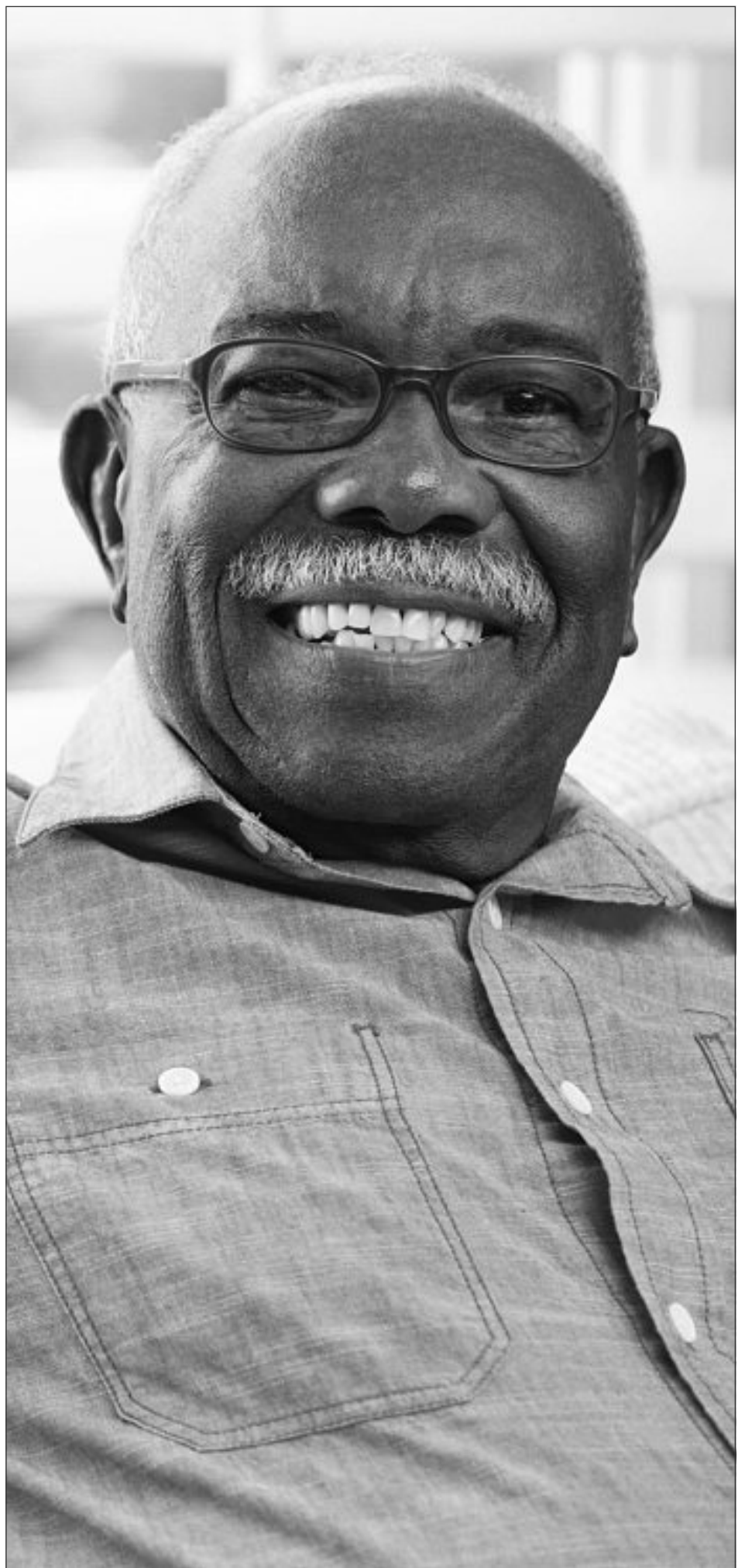
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# Destination wedding

Convincing top WR target to say 'yes' proof that GM Ryan Pace has turned Bears into a desirable landing spot

EXPECTED TO BECOME NEW BEARS ON WEDNESDAY

Pos.	Player	Ht.	Wt.	2017
WR	Allen Robinson	6-3	220	Tore ACL Week 1 with Jaguars >
TE	Trey Burton	6-3	230	5 TDs as Eagles' 3rd TE
WR	Taylor Gabriel	5-8	165	33 receptions for Falcons
K	Cody Parkey	6-0	195	21-for-23 FGs for Dolphins

## Full speed ahead into new Nagy era

BY BRAD BIGGS  
On the Bears

Possibilities for the quickly evolving Bears offense seem limitless. In a flurry of activity that began in the wee hours Tuesday, the team added wide receivers Allen Robinson and Taylor Gabriel, tight end Trey Burton and kicker Cody Parkey. They all should help the team, which has ranked 29th, 28th and 23rd in scoring respectively over the last three seasons, escape the doldrums and charge into a new era under coach Matt Nagy. The Bears have won only 14 games since 2015 for a variety of reasons but none bigger than their lack of playmakers, and more specifically players who can get into the end zone. Robinson represents a potential No. 1 wide receiver if he returns 100 percent from a torn left knee ACL suffered in the opener last season, something the Bears are betting on.

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## Robinson a good start for rebuild

BY DAVID HAUGH  
Chicago Tribune

In case the Bears forgot all that comes with a No. 1 wide receiver, Allen Robinson tweeted a picture of himself wearing a smug expression and a No. 15 Bulls jersey that paid homage to himself more than Ryan Arcidiacono or Ron Artest. Robinson asked: "What's good Chicago!!!" Ryan Pace's mood is my guess. Robinson, who wore No. 15 with the Jaguars, brightened Pace's mood considerably when he agreed in principle to a three-year, \$42 million contract with the Bears that can be made official at 3 p.m. Wednesday when the new league year begins. Given a second chance to make a first impression as the Bears general manager, Pace started strong by addressing his team's biggest need on the first day of NFL free agency.

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**OPENING SHOT**  
**Steve Rosenbloom**  
The Bears agreed to a deal with Allen Robinson to go along with Kevin White and Cameron Meredith, so it looks like they're cornering the market on receivers coming off season-ending injuries. More, Page 2

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## Boras slammed door shut

Agent's greed pushed Arrieta out of town



DAVID HAUGH  
In the Wake of the News

Nothing but class screamed off the page Monday night when former Cubs pitcher Jake Arrieta used perfect penmanship to craft a poignant farewell note under the heading "Chicago." "A four-and-a-half year stretch that would forever change our lives," Arrieta wrote of his Cubs tenure. "Thanks to so many amazing people all holding one another to a very high standard." Who said Arrieta couldn't close? Praise for the bearded Cubs legend came easily after reading his carefully chosen words to the city he called home from 2013 through 2017. But so did a measure of pity. Nobody will feel too sorry for the professional athlete who just signed a contract with the Phillies guaranteeing \$75 million over three seasons. But even if Arrieta never would admit it, you wonder if a small part of him regrets listening so obediently to so-called superagent Scott Boras, whose unrealistic demands always made it difficult to envision the right-hander remaining a Cub. Arrieta might have been the one standing outside the Phillies team plane in a tweet Monday night, but behind the scenes it was Boras who gassed up the jet and devised the flight plan.

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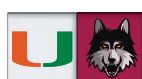


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During his run with the Cubs, Jake Arrieta won a Cy Young Award and a World Series ring.

NCAA TOURNAMENT

## Starting 5: A quintet of keys for Loyola's opener

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# TOP OF THE SECOND



STEVE ROSENBLIOM

## Bears not getting the best fit

As one might expect, the Bears' first big free-agent agreement was made with a guy who missed almost all of last season because of a knee injury. Talk about a team liking its guys pre-injured.

While you were sleeping Tuesday, ESPN's Adam Schefter reported the Bears will sign Allen Robinson to a three-year deal worth \$42 million with \$25 million guaranteed. Tribune football columnist Brad Biggs reported a source close to Robinson confirmed the agreement.

Much has been written about the Bears' fascination with Robinson, who's coming off ACL surgery on his left knee after making one catch in the Jaguars' opener last season. Much of that fascination stems from the Bears having no wide receivers because of bad scouting and bad injuries. It all made sense, but look, Robinson was available because he's coming off knee surgery; if he were healthy, one has to believe he still would be a Jaguar.

But if he is healthy to start offseason activities and can stay that way, then Robinson will bring a lot of things that help a young quarterback such as Mitch Trubisky. Robinson, who will turn 25 this summer, is a big target at 6-foot-3 and 225 pounds, according to pro-football-reference.com. A quality route runner, he averaged 14.1 yards per catch in his three seasons before his knee injury, scoring 22 touchdowns in 42 games.

But the guy who should have been the Bears' first priority is Sammy Watkins because he would have given them something they don't have: a receiver with separation speed. The Bears have nobody who can blow the top off the defense, nobody who scares other secondaries, nobody who opens up other areas that make teammates more productive.

And they still might not because reports Tuesday morning had Watkins agreeing to three years for \$48 million with the Chiefs. Alas. Sad-face emoji.

The Bears tried to address their weakest position, and when they got into the red zone they picked the wrong target.

The Bills made Watkins the fourth overall pick in the 2014 draft and since then he has scored 25 touchdowns and averaged 15.9 yards per catch, almost 2 yards better than Robinson's first three seasons. Last year, Watkins caught just 39 passes for 539 yards, but he had eight touchdowns and



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Free agent Sammy Watkins has reportedly agreed to a three-year deal with the Chiefs.

helped the Rams become the NFL's top-scoring offense.

Speaking of the Rams, coming to the Bears would have been *deja* quarterback all over again for Watkins. Entering his second pro season, Trubisky will start after spending the early part of his rookie season as a backup, the same career trajectory as Watkins' quarterback last season, Jared Goff. The Rams starter — funny how things work out — has been Trubisky's roommate and workout partner this offseason.

Goff threw for 3,804 yards and 28 touchdowns while completing more than 62 percent of his passes as the Rams won the NFC West last season. Not to say that's the season Trubisky will have in 2018, but he better have that season soon — and with frequency — or the Bears will have to blow up everything again. Signing more play-

makers would stave off another George McCaskey-Ted Phillips news conference, and playmaking receivers for a potential franchise quarterback would seem to be the quickest cure for what makes everybody sick watching the Bears offense.

Free agency officially opens Wednesday at 3 p.m., and if nothing changes, such as the Bears stealing Watkins too, then I expect Pace to say he believes he found just the playmaker he wanted.

I believe he could have done better with Watkins. I would rather have the fast guy with two good knees who catches touchdown passes. I would rather have the guy who gives the Bears three things they don't have.

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### THE LINEUP

#### Hawks bowling for dollars



Every Blackhawks player, save for injured goalie Corey Crawford, showed up at Lucky Strike on Monday night to try to knock down pins and raise money for the Inner-City Education Program as part of Brent

Seabrook's annual Celebrity ICE Bowl. Fans bowled with Blackhawks and competed against them in bubble hockey and pool tournaments.

ICE began in 2003 to assist low-income children get educational and hockey opportunities that wouldn't have otherwise been at their disposal. The program has awarded more than \$400,000 in academic scholarships since it started.

Seabrook has been involved with ICE for 10 years.

"I can't believe it," he said. "Thirty kids under scholarship, the hockey program — it's pretty cool to be a part of something like this." *Paul Skrbina*

#### Brady chugs like a champ



Patriots quarterback Tom Brady may not like strawberries, but he has skills when it comes to chugging beer.

Appearing Monday on CBS's "The Late Show with Stephen Colbert," Brady promoted his book "The TB12 Method," in which he writes about diet and athletic performance. That includes abstaining from alcohol.

Brady told Colbert he rarely drinks beer. But acknowledged he was a "pretty good beer chugger back in the day." So the host challenged him. Brady drained his glass within seconds after two gulps, with Colbert finishing a distant last.

Colbert also got Brady to eat his first strawberry. Brady said he had never eaten the fruit because he hated the smell. Brady said it was "not that bad." *AP*

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COLLEGE BASKETBALL

# Primer for Ramblers' faithful

Five things Loyola fans really need to know about first-round opponent Miami

BY SHANNON RYAN | Chicago Tribune

So you're on the Loyola bandwagon? The Ramblers, the No. 11 seed in the South Region, are in the NCAA tournament for the first time since 1985. They seem to be everyone's first-round upset pick against No. 6 seed Miami. From strong shooting to stifling defense, there are plenty of reasons to have faith in the Ramblers.

But what about the Hurricanes? Here are five things to know before Thursday's tipoff in Dallas:

## 1 | Lockdown 'D'

Like Loyola, the Hurricanes can play defense.

Miami holds opponents to 68 points per game. The Hurricanes have been able to win lately in games that go into the 70s, 80s and 90s, beating North Carolina in the regular-season finale 91-88. But the Tar Heels blew them out 82-65 in the ACC tournament.

Expect this one to stay in the low- to mid-60s.

Led by Ben Richardson, the Ramblers haven't allowed an opponent to score more than 61 points in the last five games.

The Hurricanes can suffer from defensive lapses on the perimeter, where Loyola guards Clayton Custer (44 percent), Lucas Williamson (42.9), Marques Townes (40.3), Donte Ingram (39.9) and Richardson (39.7) all can do damage on 3-pointers.

## 2 | Injury update

Loyola survived injuries to Custer and Richardson early this season and heads into the tournament in good shape.

Miami isn't as fortunate. Bruce Brown Jr., a 6-foot-5 sophomore guard who averages 11.4 points, 7.1 rebounds and 4 assists, has been out since Jan. 27 with a left foot injury. Hurricanes coach Jim Larranaga said Tuesday that Brown is not expected to play but will dress for the game. "He won't play, but he wants to be in uniform," Larranaga said.

Miami still boasts six players who average at least 8.7 points, led by freshman guard and NBA prospect Lonnie Walker IV at 11.5.



JULIE JACOBSON/AP

Miami guard Lonnie Walker IV splits the North Carolina defense during the ACC tournament. The Hurricanes meet Loyola on Wednesday.

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## 3 | 'U' for Under Investigation

Miami has flown under the radar since it was mentioned among the teams linked to an FBI investigation into college basketball corruption. Nobody has been fired, suspended or charged with a crime by federal authorities.

But the program was named "University-7" in the federal complaint as allegedly being involved with Adidas trying to lure a star recruit for \$150,000. Will the offseason reveal more about this case?

## 4 | Hot streaks

Miami lost four of eight games in January and suffered a three-game losing streak in February.

Then they hit a hot streak, winning at Notre Dame, against Boston College, at North Carolina and against Virginia Tech. They enter the NCAA tournament after being routed 82-65 by North Carolina in the ACC tournament.

Loyola has won 10 straight, culminating with the Missouri Valley Conference tournament championship. The Ramblers suffered only one loss in their last 18 games — a two-point decision at Bradley on Jan. 31.

Ten days will have passed between games when the Ramblers tip off Thursday. It's fair to question how Loyola's momentum might be affected.

## 5 | Cinderella history

Loyola quickly became a popular upset pick on analysts' brackets.

Larranaga knows a little something about Cinderella teams and likely will caution his players with upset tales.

In 2006, Larranaga coached No. 11 seed George Mason to an improbable Final Four run. The Patriots became one of only three No. 11 seeds to reach the national semifinals by upsetting No. 6 Michigan State, No. 3 North Carolina, No. 7 Wichita State and No. 1 Connecticut before falling to eventual champion Florida.

You can bet Larranaga has Loyola on his Cinderella radar.

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## ROUNDUP

# No. 1 Virginia won't have 6th man for tournament

Associated Press

Virginia forward De'Andre Hunter, the ACC's sixth man of the year, will miss the NCAA tournament with a broken left wrist. The school said Hunter suffered the injury during the ACC tournament but did not say how. He will have surgery Monday and miss 10 to 12 weeks.

Hunter, a redshirt freshman, averaged 9.2 points and 3.5 rebounds in 33 games for the top-ranked Cavaliers. He reached double figures in 16 games and was Virginia's leading scorer six times.

This is the second straight year the Cavaliers have lost a key player late in the season. Last season, forward Isaiah Wilkins, this year's ACC Defensive Player of the Year, missed time with an illness.

The Cavaliers, the top seed in the NCAA tournament, open play Friday night against UMBC in Charlotte, N.C.



BEN MCKEOWN/AP

Virginia's De'Andre Hunter will miss the NCAA tournament after breaking his left wrist during the ACC tournament.

Jermaine Marrow had 21 points to lead Hampton (19-16), which shot 30 percent.

**St. Bonaventure 65, UCLA 58:** Courtney Stockard returned from a hamstring injury and scored 26 points, and Jaylen Adams made a jumper and three free throws in the final minute Tuesday night, rallying the Bonnies to a victory over the Bruins in the First Four in Dayton, Ohio, their first NCAA tournament win in 48 years.

Eleventh-seeded St. Bonaventure (26-7) will play sixth-seeded Florida (20-12) in Dallas on Thursday night in the East region.

Aaron Holiday scored 20 points for UCLA (21-12) but also had 10 turnovers.

**Radford 71, LIU Brooklyn 61:** Travis Fields Jr. and Ed Polite Jr. each scored 13 points to lift the Highlanders to their first NCAA tournament win as they defeated the Blackbirds in the First Four.

Carlik Jones added 12 points and 11 rebounds for Radford (23-12), which faces No. 1 seed Villanova on Thursday in Pittsburgh. The Big South champions are making their first tournament appearance since 2009 and third overall.

Jashaun Agosto scored 16 points and Raiquan Clark added 14 for LIU Brooklyn (18-17), which went without a field goal in the last seven minutes and is now winless in seven trips to the tournament.

**Notre Dame 84, Hampton 63:** Martin Geben and T.J. Gibbs combined for 35 points, Bonzie Colson had a double-double and the host Irish cruised to a victory over the Pirates in the opening round of the NIT.

Geben had 18 points on 7-of-9 shooting, Gibbs scored 17 and Colson added 14 and 12 rebounds for Notre Dame (21-14). The Irish will host the winner of Wednesday's game between Temple and Penn State in the second round.

**NIT:** Deng Adel scored 20 points and Louisville (21-13) shot 61 percent after halftime en route to a 66-58 win over Northern Kentucky. Drew McDonald had 19 points and 13 rebounds to lead the Norse (22-10). ... Manu Lecomte hit 5 of 8 from long distance and scored 24 points to help host Baylor (19-14) beat Wagner 80-59.

Blake Francis scored 23 points for the Seahawks (23-10). ... Jeffrey Carroll scored 12 of his 18 points at the free-throw line and host Oklahoma State (20-14) made 32 at the stripe to beat Florida Gulf Coast 80-68. Zach Johnson led FGCU (23-12) with 23 points. ... Justin Johnson posted his fifth straight double-double with 19 points and 12 rebounds to lead host Western Kentucky (25-10) to a 79-62 win over Boston College. Ky Bowman scored 18 points for the Eagles (19-16). ... Giddy Potts made six 3-pointers and scored 25 points, Nick King added 16 points and 12 rebounds for his 11th double-double of the season and host Middle Tennessee (25-7) used an 18-0 third-quarter run to roll past Vermont 91-64. Anthony Lamb scored 18 points to lead the Catamounts (27-8).

**Layups:** A Pac-12 task force on reforming college basketball is recommending an end to the NBA's one-and-done rule, allowing players to return to school even after they are drafted, and that the NCAA facilitate access to agents for high school players. The task force also recommended the creation of an independent enforcement unit to investigate some cases of major NCAA rules violations. ... The Big East extended the contact of Commissioner Val Ackerman through June 2021. ... Wisconsin 7-footer Andy Van Vliet and Iowa State sophomore guard Jakolby Long will transfer.

## BEARS

## BEARS NOTES

## Stability key at kicker, cornerback

Bears set to sign free agent Parkey, keep Amukamara

By RICH CAMPBELL | Chicago Tribune

The Bears' free-agent spending spree Tuesday was about more than helping quarterback **Mitch Trubisky** become an elite passer. It was about acquiring personnel who put up points after the team ranked 29th in the NFL in scoring last season.

That push led the Bears to free-agent kicker **Cody Parkey**, with whom they agreed in principle on a contract. Terms of the agreement were not revealed, but the deal is expected to be finalized Wednesday, according to a person with knowledge of the situation who spoke on the condition of anonymity because new deals can't be made official until the new league year begins.

The Bears are counting on Parkey to stabilize a kicking situation that generally has been inconsistent since 2014. The 26-year-old converted 21 of 23 field goal attempts for the Dolphins last season, and

he was 7-for-9 from 40 yards or longer, with a long of 54. He made 26 of 29 extra-point attempts.

He has made 76 of 88 field goal tries in a four-year career with the Eagles, Browns and Dolphins. As a rookie with the Eagles in 2014, he made the Pro Bowl as an alternate after breaking the NFL rookie single-season scoring record Bears kicker **Kevin Butler** set in 1985.

When Parkey was with the Browns for 14 games in 2016, the special teams coordinator there was **Chris Tabor**, who now holds that position on coach **Matt Nagy's** new Bears staff.

**Prince reigns:** A Bears secondary that allowed only one 100-yard wide receiver last season looks like it will return intact.

Cornerback **Kyle Fuller** was secured with the transition tag and now the Bears have agreed to terms to bring back the starter opposite him, **Prince Amukamara**. The contract is expected to be for three years and worth a total of \$27 million.

Amukamara, who will turn 29 in June,

appeared in 14 games last season and made 12 starts after the Bears signed him to a one-year, \$7 million contract. He was beaten for only one touchdown, according to STATS. Amukamara had 48 tackles, 45 of them solos as he was solid against the run.

**Hero's farewell:** While the agent for tight end **Trey Burton** was busy finalizing an agreement between his client and the Bears, the Eagles Super Bowl hero was in Clearwater, Fla., to throw out the ceremonial first pitch for the Phillies spring training exhibition game.

Burton shared with reporters some insight about how he believes he fits with the Bears. He will be familiar with Nagy's offense because, like the Eagles' scheme, it traces to **Andy Reid**, the current Chiefs coach and former Eagles coach. The precision passing concepts and option elements will overlap.

"Any time you have a chance to go to a team that has a really similar offense is key," Burton told reporters according to Philly.com. "You don't have to learn every-

thing all over again."

**Extra points:** Quarterback **Mike Glennon** plans to sign with the Cardinals after the Bears release him Wednesday, NFL Network reported. The Cardinals are retooling their quarterback position following **Carson Palmer's** retirement. They have agreed to sign **Sam Bradford**, so Glennon is in position to be Bradford's backup. ... Linebacker **Christian Jones** is departing the Bears to join the Lions on a two-year deal, ESPN reported. There was a market for Jones because of his versatility as a reserve last season. ... The Bears announced they protected their rights to restricted free-agent receivers **Cameron Meredith** and **Josh Bellamy** and cornerback **Bryce Callahan** by tendering them one-year contracts at the right-of-first-refusal level.

Chicago Tribune's Brad Biggs and Colleen Kane contributed.

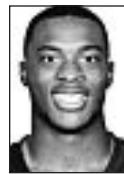
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## FOUR NEW BEARS

## Multimillion dollar quartet

By COLLEEN KANE | Chicago Tribune

The Bears made a flurry of deals with players they hope can boost their scoring potential Tuesday, one day into the negotiating period for free agency. Here are the details on four players they are expected to sign when contracts can be made official Wednesday afternoon.



## WR Allen Robinson

**Age:** 24.  
**Height/weight:** 6-3, 211.  
**NFL experience:** Jaguars, 2014-17.

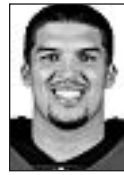
**College:** Penn State.

**2017 stats:** One catch for 17 yards in one game before tearing his ACL.

**Best season:** 80 catches for 1,400 yards and 14 touchdowns in 2015.

**Contract:** Three years, \$42 million with about \$25 million guaranteed, per NFL Network.

**What to know:** Robinson tore the ACL in his left knee in the first game of the 2017 season, but he has said he expects to be cleared for participation well before training camp. The Bears will look to Robinson, considered among the top free agents, to be the No. 1 wide receiver they didn't have last season. He followed up his Pro Bowl season by totaling 73 catches for 883 yards and six touchdowns in 2016.



## TE Trey Burton

**Age:** 26.  
**Height/weight:** 6-3, 235.  
**NFL experience:** Eagles, 2014-17.

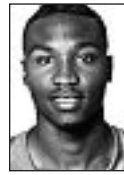
**College:** Florida.

**2017 stats:** 23 catches for 248 yards and five touchdowns.

**Best season:** 37 catches for 327 yards and one touchdown in 2016.

**Contract:** Four years, \$32 million, per NFL Network.

**What to know:** Burton's numbers with the Eagles came despite playing behind Pro Bowl tight end Zach Ertz. He made a name for himself last month when he threw a touchdown pass to quarterback Nick Foles in the Super Bowl, a play dubbed the "Philly Special." He should fill Zach Miller's role of pass-catching tight end.



## WR Taylor Gabriel

**Age:** 27.  
**Height/weight:** 5-8, 165.  
**NFL experience:** Falcons, 2016-17; Browns, 2014-15.

**College:** Abilene Christian.

**2017 stats:** 33 catches for 378 yards and one touchdown.

**Best season:** 35 catches, 579 yards and six touchdowns in 2016.

**Contract:** TBA.

**What to know:** The speedy Gabriel will be the Bears' new slot receiver after two seasons playing with Falcons quarterback Matt Ryan. His production dipped in 2017 after he hauled in a career-high six touchdowns in 2016.



## K Cody Parkey

**Age:** 26.  
**Height/weight:** 6-0, 190.  
**NFL experience:** Dolphins, 2017; Browns, 2016;

Eagles, 2014-15.

**College:** Auburn.

**2017 stats:** 21-for-23 on field-goal attempts, with a long of 54 yards; 26-for-29 on extra-point attempts.

**Best season:** 32-for-36 on field-goal attempts, with a long of 54, and 54-for-54 on extra-point attempts in 2014.

**Contract:** TBA.

**What to know:** The Bears cycled through kickers Connor Barth, Cairo Santos and Mike Nugent last season, so they have to hope they have found a solution in Parkey, who has made 76 of 88 field-goal attempts in his four-year career.



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Eagles TE Trey Burton tries to elude Danny Trevathan in 2016. Now Burton will be a Bear.

## Bears charge ahead into the new Nagy era

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Gabriel is a speedy slot receiver who has averaged 13.8 yards per reception in his career. Burton is a pass-catching tight end the Bears believe is ready to explode after he toiled behind Zach Ertz and Brent Celek in Philadelphia, and he's similar in measurables to the Redskins' Jordan Reed. Parkey has made 86.4 percent of his career field goal attempts and brings a solid track record as the team continues its search for consistency after the departure of Robbie Gould two years ago.

A breakdown of the paydays for general manager Ryan Pace's massive foray into the marketplace isn't known yet and the deals cannot be signed until the start of the new league year at 3 p.m. Wednesday. But Robinson's deal is expected to be worth potentially \$42 million over three years and Burton's \$32 million over four years.

Pace has gone from overpaying second-tier free agents to overpaying premium players entering the open market. While you're still overpaying — that's the nature of free agency — the Bears seem to have landed frontline talent that can make a difference for Mitch Trubisky and building around the quarterback is the franchise's foremost priority.

Robinson has the size and speed to dominate on the outside and make plays downfield. He has demonstrated the ability to challenge defensive backs at all three levels of the defense and should fill a massive void that was in the offense last season.

"Robinson is a beast," texted a pro personnel director for one NFC club. "He will make Bears fans forget about Alshon (Jeffery) and the Kevin White mistake."

Burton figures to play a key role for Nagy, who comes from the Chiefs, for whom tight end Travis Kelce is the main cog in the passing attack. Gabriel, who ran the 40-yard dash in 4.27 seconds at his pro day in 2014, was a major complementary threat in the Falcons' 2016 Super Bowl run when he caught 35 passes for 579 yards (16.5 average) and six touchdowns in the regular season.

With running backs Jordan Howard and Tarik Cohen, tight end Adam Shaheen and holdover wide receivers Cameron Meredith, White and Josh Bellamy, all of a sudden the Bears have a completely revamped offense with Nagy ready to install the offense when the voluntary offseason program begins next month.

The Bears have filled major roster needs, including a deal to bring back cornerback Prince Amukamara, and that suddenly gives them increased flexibility when it comes to the draft, where they hold the eighth overall pick. It's much easier to practice the idea of "best player available" when you don't have a gaping hole. They have yet to address how the exit of left guard Josh Sitton will be addressed, but faith in new line coach Harry Hiestand is warranted and the team could consider journeyman Eric Kush. Starting guards aren't that difficult to find.

There's risk involved. Will Robinson, who had only 833 yards in 16 games in 2016, return to his playmaking form of 2015 when he had 1,400 yards and 14 touchdowns? Will the projection with Burton prove accurate?

When you have been as bad as the Bears and had such a lack of explosive playmakers, sometimes the only way out is to take some chances. The Bears realized the draft is short on blue-chip wide receiver prospects and went aggressively into free agency to rebuild the position quickly, like Pace alluded to last month.

The Bears' ultimate hope is they have players entering their prime who can have their best seasons with them and not be the sort of short-term fixes they have signed in free agency the last few years that too often turned out to be placeholders in need of replacement. When the season begins, Robinson will be 25, Gabriel 27 and Burton 25.

Pace appears to have positioned the Bears to be winners of the offseason. The next step is winning on the field.

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## In Robinson, Pace makes a good catch

Bears, from Page 1

The addition of Robinson, an explosive Pro Bowl receiver coming back from a torn anterior cruciate ligament in his left knee, allows Pace to replace Alshon Jeffery a year after losing him for nothing to the Eagles — but better late than never. The ability of the Bears to sign Robinson, also coveted by the Jaguars, 49ers and others, speaks well of the reputation of the coach Pace hired, Matt Nagy, and the quarterback he drafted second overall, Mitch Trubisky.

The Jaguars held the advantage of being the team Robinson knew and helped improve into a playoff qualifier. The 49ers had rising star Jimmy Garoppolo at QB and proven play-caller Kyle Shanahan as coach. Somehow, Robinson picked the Bears anyway, which says a lot about the organization's momentum since firing John Fox.

An engaging receiver who averaged 76 catches and 1,141 yards in two healthy seasons after his rookie year before the injury needed to know three things in free agency: 1. Is the money right? 2. Will the coach use an offense that creates opportunities? And 3. Can the quarterback deliver the ball? The Bears checked all the boxes for a 24-year-old playmaker expected to be ready by training camp. A Detroit native who played in the Big Ten at Penn State, the Midwestern fit reportedly appealed to Robinson as much as his solid character reviews pleased the Bears.

Signing Robinson to hasten the progress of Trubisky after 12 NFL starts was reminiscent of the Bears adding veteran Pro Bowl receiver Muhsin Muhammad in 2005 to aid quarterback Rex Grossman, who had made six at the time. The goal also resembles what the Bears were looking for in 2012 when they acquired Pro Bowl receiver Brandon Marshall in an effort to surround quarterback Jay Cutler with as many weapons as possible. Big-time players often carry big risks, and Robinson is no different given that he tore his ACL last Sept. 10.

Robinson's left knee injury represents the kind of gamble struggling teams such as the Bears often must take on the road back to respectability. With Robinson joining a position group that includes Cameron Meredith, who's also returning from an ACL tear, and Kevin White, who's coming off a fractured shoulder blade, the Bears might consider adding MRIs to their wide-receiver statistics after YPC and YAC.

Assuming everybody stays healthy, the Bears now can enter the draft waiting until the middle rounds to draft a wide receiver to add to the mix rather than reach for the wrong guy early — a mistake Pace can't make twice.

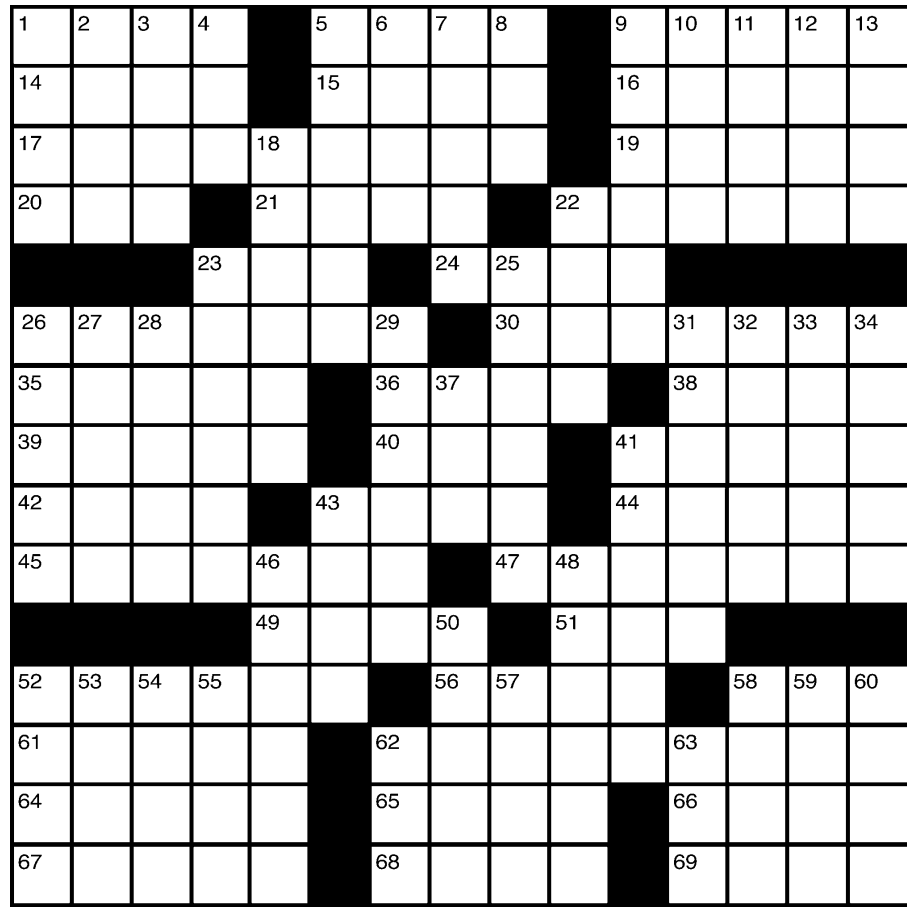
Pace also bolstered the tight end position when Trey Burton agreed on a four-year contract worth as much as \$32 million. Burton, a wide receiver trapped in a 6-foot-3, 236-pound body, caught 23 passes for 248 yards last season as the Eagles third tight end. With the Bears, Burton figures to give Trubisky a reliable mid-range target and replace the production Zach Miller provided before his horrific injury. His presence also takes the pressure off second-round pick Adam Shaheen to see the field before he's ready.

Football fans likely know Burton best for his role in the Eagles' flea-flicker "Philly Special." On Super Bowl LII's defining play, Burton took a pitch from running back Corey Clement and hit quarterback Nick Foles alone in the end zone on fourth-and-goal from the 1. It's about time the Bears signed someone who has thrown a touchdown pass to win a Super Bowl.

Nobody's saying the Bears will compete in the big game anytime soon after luring Robinson, Burton, speedster Taylor Gabriel and kicker Cody Parkey to Chicago. But for a team looking for legitimacy, day one offered something in short supply the last few years at Halas Hall.

Excitement.

# Crossword



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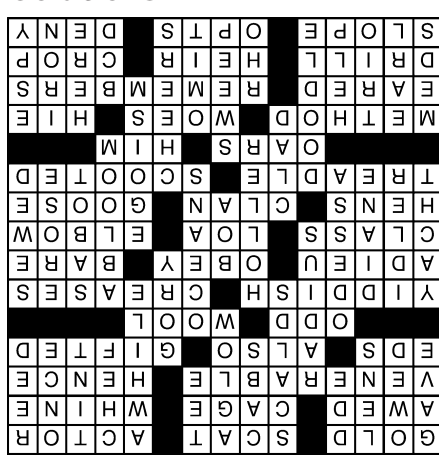
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- 15 Gerbil's home
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- 17 Highly esteemed
- 19 Therefore
- 20 Begley and his dad
- 21 As well
- 22 Talented
- 23 Abnormal
- 24 Tam fabric
- 26 Language that gives us "Oy vey!"
- 30 Fold marks
- 35 Monsieur's farewell
- 36 Do as told
- 38 Uncovered
- 39 Elegance
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- 41 Arm joint
- 42 Egg layers
- 43 Large group of kinfolk
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- 45 Sewing machine pedal
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# NFL

## NFL NOTES

# Vikings clear QB logjam so they can sign Cousins

Tribune news services

A clean slate of Vikings quarterbacks is clearing the way for **Kirk Cousins**.

**Case Keenum**, **Teddy Bridgewater** and **Sam Bradford** all agreed to terms Tuesday with new teams, marking the official end of their tenures in Minnesota, the Minneapolis Star Tribune reported.

Unrestricted free agents can't officially sign with other teams until 3 p.m. Wednesday when the new league year begins.

Early Tuesday morning, Keenum and the Broncos agreed to a deal. Contract terms were not immediately available.

Bradford, 30, is expected to sign a one-year deal with the Cardinals. The deal is worth up to \$20 million, including \$15 million guaranteed and a one-year option for \$20 million, according to ESPN.

While late Tuesday, Bridgewater was the last domino to fall when he agreed to a deal with the Jets.

Bridgewater's deal reportedly is for one year, according to ESPN.

**Josh McCown** also agreed to a one-year extension with the Jets, according to his agent, **Mike McCartney**.

This all comes with Cousins visiting the Vikings on Wednesday and Thursday, with the possibility of a three-year, \$84 million guaranteed contract on the table. The Vikings' pursuit of Cousins set the stage for a quarterback exodus.

Keenum moves on from the Vikings after he parlayed a one-year, \$2 million deal into 13 wins as the starter after Bradford suffered a non-contact bone bruise in his left knee.

The Broncos, one of a few main contenders for Cousins, add Keenum to a young and underperforming quarterback room led by **Trevor Siemian** and **Paxton Lynch**.

**Packers release Nelson: Aaron Rodgers** is losing his most prolific receiver but getting an upgrade at tight end. The Packers released veteran **Jordy Nelson**, the third-leading receiver in franchise history and one of Rodgers' top targets.

Nelson had 550 receptions and 69 touchdown catches in 10 seasons in Green Bay. But Nelson's production declined last season with Rodgers sidelined much of the year by a collarbone injury.

Nelson, who turns 33 in May, was scheduled to earn \$10.25 million this season and carry a salary-cap number of



Cousins

\$12.52 million.

Meanwhile, the Packers are upgrading at tight end by signing former Seahawk and Saint **Jimmy Graham**, according to multiple reports. Graham was reported to have agreed to a three-year deal.

The Packers also reportedly agreed to a deal with former Jets defensive end **Muhammad Wilkerson**.

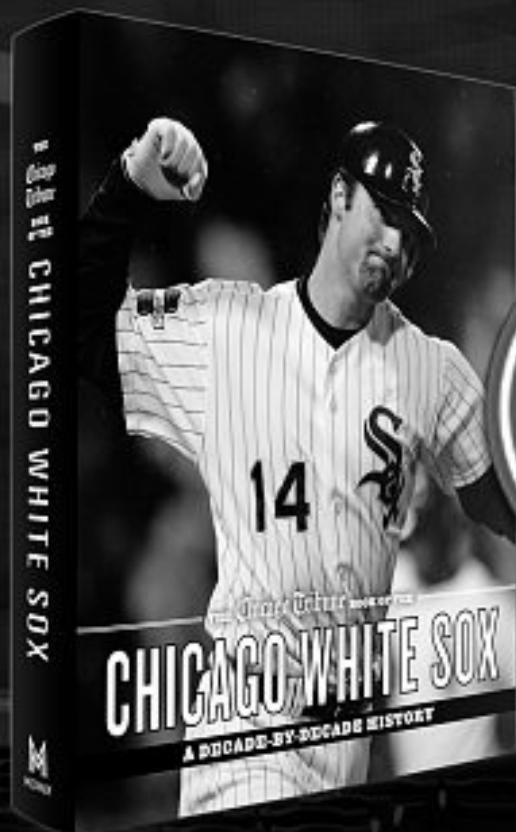
**Receivers on the move: Sammy Watkins** and **Albert Wilson**, two receivers the Bears reportedly had interest in, have found new homes.

Watkins, 24, intends to sign a three-year, \$48 million contract, including \$30 million in guarantees, with the Chiefs. Wilson reportedly was closing in on a three-year, \$24 million deal with the Dolphins, who also are adding former Dolphins receiver **Danny Amendola**.

**Extra points: Veteran RB Adrian Peterson** was released by the Cardinals. In six games, he gained 448 yards on 129 carries before being sidelined with a neck injury. ... **QB Drew Brees**, 39, agreed to a two-year, \$50 million extension with the Saints, with \$27 million guaranteed the first year. ... The Jets reportedly will sign former Rams CB **Trumaine Johnson**, the top cornerback on the market. ... The Jaguars are poised to sign All-Pro G **Andrew Norwell** to a five-year, \$66.5 million contract. Jaguars LB **Paul Posluszny**, 33, the second-leading tackler in franchise history, retired after 11 seasons. ... Five-time Pro Bowl DT **Haloti Ngata** and LB **Corey Nelson** agreed to one-year contracts with the Eagles. ... The Titans and former Patriots CB **Malcolm Butler** agreed on a five-year deal worth more than \$60 million. The Titans also agreed to a four-year contract with former Patriots running back **Dion Lewis**. ... The Bills agreed to a deal with Panthers T **Star Lotulelei** and re-signed **Kyle Williams**, who contemplated retirement. ... The Chiefs will add WR **Sammy Watkins** and MLB **Anthony Hitchens**. ... The Dolphins cut LB **Lawrence Timmons** to clear \$5.5 million in cap space. ... The Raiders agreed to a three-year contract with TE **Derek Carrier**. ... The league promoted **Maryann Turcke** to chief operating officer, making her the highest-ranking woman at the league offices. Turcke has overseen NFL Network in the last year. She replaces **Tod Leiweke**, who has left the league.

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## BASEBALL



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Michael Kopech won't start the regular season with the White Sox, but he'll reach the majors quickly.

# Knock on wood, it'll all work out

White Sox hoping rebuilding pieces are falling into place



PAUL SULLIVAN  
On the White Sox

GLENDALE, Ariz. — During a break in White Sox camp last week, manager Rick Renteria discussed his team's resiliency.

At the end of a long, meandering answer, he curled his hand into a fist and bumped a framed photograph of Mark Buehrle on the wall behind him.

"Knock on wood, we'll hope that continues to occur," Renteria said.

Unable to contain myself, I pointed out the factual error.

"Uh, that's not wood," I said. Renteria acknowledged the mistake and changed course.

"I'll give it to you right here," he said, knocking on his head.

The ability to poke fun at himself is one reason Renteria is so popular with his players. A lot of laughs are coming from the closed-door team meetings at Sox camp, led by Renteria and his coaches. This dates to Robin Ventura's stewardship, which included the same coaching staff.

The source of the laughter is always unavailable for media consumption, in stark contrast to the extracurricular activities at Cubs camp, where the goings-on are usually social media-friendly. To each his own.

The Sox Way is personified by Renteria, who seems calmer and more confident in Year 2 of his term, perhaps knowing something we don't about his 2018 team. With two weeks remaining until the opener against the Royals in Kansas City, Mo., here's what we know:



Like future White Sox pitcher Michael Kopech, outfielder Eloy Jimenez's time spent in the minor leagues should be short-lived.

■ Michael Kopech and Eloy Jimenez are ready for the majors and would make the roster based on talent alone. But the collective bargaining agreement rewards teams by letting them squeeze an extra year out of their top prospects by demoting them for a few weeks to delay service time. As soon as the cold weather ends, both should be in Sox uniforms, learning on the job.

■ Nate Jones is ready to be the closer and should be based on spring performances. Renteria has yet to name a favorite but conceded Jones and Joakim Soria are the logical choices. Jones, 32 and coming back from ulnar nerve surgery, is the last survivor of the 2012 Sox.

■ The best rotation, in order — not including prospects Kopech or Dylan Cease — is Lucas Giolito, Reynaldo Lopez, Miguel Gonzalez, James Shields and Hector Santiago. Right-hander Carson Fulmer needs to show something in his start Wednesday to force Santiago to the bullpen. Giolito should get the opening-day nod, but it'll probably go to Shields.

■ Matt Davidson and Jose Abreu are designated hitters in the corner-infield spots, Nicky Delmonico is a third baseman in left field and Yolmer Sanchez is a second baseman at third, forced to move for Yoan Moncada. This team is not defensively sound — with the exception of Sanchez and center fielder Adam Engel — and is going to make a lot of mistakes. Putting Davidson at first most of the time and using Abreu as the regular DH would help a little, but not enough.

■ Bringing back Paul Konerko is a must. Konerko reminded us with his commercials touting the rebuild how beloved he was during his career. A.J. Pierzynski agreed to join Hawk Harrelson in the booth this summer for the "You Got To Be Bleeping Me" farewell tour, and Konerko also needs to spend some quality time with Hawk. Konerko doesn't have to be a Sox ambassador, just make a few cameos at the ballpark. If that happens and the rebuild clicks, it'll be a successful year — knock on wood.

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# Bryant taking on additional duties

Third baseman now Cubs' representative with players union

BY MARK GONZALES  
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MESA, Ariz. — In a span of three years, Kris Bryant has suffered the disappointment of not gaining a spot on the Cubs roster he and his teammates strongly believed he deserved and watched former ace Jake Arrieta wait 4½ months before signing with another team as a free agent.

Those incidents piqued Bryant's interest in labor issues to the point that he has become the Cubs' player representative to the Major League Baseball Players Association. Bryant anticipates plenty of dialogue Thursday when he and his teammates meet with Executive Director Tony Clark and other MLBPA officials.

"It's very important because the next (collective bargaining agreement) is up right when we're free agents (after the 2021 season)," Bryant said. "It will be nice to have everyone participate. I'm sure a lot of the other clubs have stepped up.

The Cubs were one of the more aggressive teams in the free-agent market, retooling their pitching staff in December by adding Tyler Chatwood, Brandon Morrow and Steve Cishek and signing Yu Darvish in mid-February.

But returning players such as Jon Lester and Bryant remain baffled as to why it took so long for Arrieta, the 2015 National League Cy Young Award winner who won 54 games the last three seasons, to secure a three-year, \$75 million contract with the Phillies.

The players realize the CBA can't be changed but have taken note of developments that may come to the forefront in the next negotiations.

"It's nice to be one of the last clubs (to meet) at the end of spring," Bryant said. "There probably will be stuff brought up that other teams raised in their meetings, and it will be great to start that conversation."

## CUBS RECAP

Despite a four-run third inning Tuesday afternoon, the Cubs lost to the Padres 7-5 in a split-squad game at the Peoria Sports Complex. In the night game, Tyler Chatwood threw five innings of one-hit ball and struck out nine as the Cubs beat the Giants 2-1 at Sloan Park.

**At the plate:** After a slow start, Albert Almora Jr. is making his case for the leadoff spot. Almora Jr. collected a pair of hits in his first two at-bats, including an RBI double that ignited a four-run third against the Padres.

**On the mound:** Left-hander Mike Montgomery couldn't work out of a jam in the fourth and finished with 54 pitches against the Padres. Against the Giants, closer Brandon Morrow induced Gregor Blanco to ground into a double play in the seventh.

**Up next:** Vs. Royals, 3:05 p.m. Wednesday at Surprise Stadium. RH Alec Mills vs. RH Ian Kennedy.

The Cubs managed to land a marquee starter in Darvish and still are projected to avoid paying a competitive-balance tax for the second consecutive season. But they face a financial juggling act in the future, especially with Bryant, pitcher Kyle Hendricks and shortstop Addison Russell in line for more lucrative contracts as arbitration-eligible players.

The Cubs' decision to send Bryant to the minors for 12 days at the start of the 2015 season delayed his eligibility for free agency until 2022 instead of 2021 — the last year of the current CBA. Bryant said he and his teammates will watch closely how teams manipulate players' service time.

"(My type of situation is) something that probably should be brought up in the next CBA negotiations so that doesn't happen again," Bryant said. "I've been through it and it wasn't a fun thing, knowing that I earned (a roster spot and didn't get it).

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## CUBS NOTES

# Arrieta's work: 'Dynamic'

BY MARK GONZALES  
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MESA, Ariz. — "Dynamic."

That's how manager Joe Maddon described the impact of Jake Arrieta during his final three seasons with the Cubs.

Maddon called Arrieta's 11-strikeout shutout in the 2015 National League wild-card game against the Pirates in Pittsburgh the "most significant" game the Cubs played in turning around the franchise.

Maddon went on to list some of Arrieta's other accomplishments that season, including his 122-pitch complete game against the Twins in Minnesota, his no-hitter at Dodger Stadium and his winning the NL Cy Young Award.

Arrieta tweeted a photograph of himself in front of the Phillies' private jet before flying to Clearwater, Fla., where his new team trains.

"I thought (the photo) was really cool," Maddon said.

Infielder Tommy La Stella, who said he exchanged text messages with Arrieta, admitted it will be weird to see his friend wearing red. But La Stella stressed the impact Arrieta had on the Cubs,

especially in the second half of his 22-6 season in 2015.

"You knew what you were going to get every time he took the ball," said La Stella, who started at third base in the wild-card game. "Any time you got somebody on a roll, it was a good feeling for the clubhouse."

Right fielder Jason Heyward is happy Arrieta finally signed as the free agent got \$75 million guaranteed for three years.

"You can't take it for granted," Heyward said. "I'm happy he got life-changing money for him and his family. He has a job and his family is going to be taken care of."

**Extra innings:** Jon Lester will pitch a simulated game Wednesday in Mesa, as Alec Mills will face the Royals in Surprise. ... Infielder Javier Baez may return by the end of the week, Maddon said. ... Right-handed pitchers Luke Farrell, Cory Mazzoni, Jen-Ho Tseng and Mills, left-handers Dario Alvarez and Rob Zastryzny and infielder David Bote were optioned to Triple-A Iowa. Infielder Chesny Young and outfielder Jacob Hanemann were assigned to the minor-league camp.

# Arrieta's agent slammed door shut on chance to return to Cubs

Haugh, from Page 1

Did Arrieta's smile look a little forced? No matter how excited Arrieta might sound with the Phillies, how happy can one of baseball's most competitive pitchers really be after leaving a perennial World Series contender for a team that will consider a .500 season successful?

Arrieta followed Boras' advice all the way out of town, from Wrigley Field to Citizens Bank Park, which Philly.com on Monday called "a home-run factory." He trusted baseball's system, and the broken system let him down as much as his agent.

More than anything, Boras' greed got in the way of Arrieta riding off in the sunset as a Cub in a baseball city that would have adored him through his last pitch. Of course, those intangibles don't always help increase the commission. Agents driven solely by the bottom line often let dollar signs blur their perspective.

Go ahead and point out all the extenuating circumstances about the unprecedented slow pace of the free-agent marketplace, but Boras never showed interest in seizing any of the opportunities to hammer out a long-term deal with the Cubs — and over the last two years, several existed. The latest came in January when USA Today reported the Cubs were willing to bring Arrieta back on a four-year, \$110 million deal. But it takes two sides to make a deal.

Feel free to fawn over Boras, who Forbes said "definitely negotiated another creative contract" that reports claim has the potential of reaching \$135 million in incentives over five years. But remember what Boras always insisted Arrieta was worth, an absurd total well beyond the maximum he can make with the Phillies.

Baseball executives believed Boras sought a contract in the \$200 million range, comparing Arrieta to aces in that contract

bracket such as Justin Verlander of the Astros and Max Scherzer of the Nationals. You don't have to be a sabermetrician to conclude something went amiss if Arrieta settled for 38 percent of that amount. No way the 75-page binder Boras distributed to MLB owners at the winter meetings projected Arrieta to sign a deal worth only \$75 million guaranteed. That total is \$15 million less, by the way, than the five-year, \$90 million deal Jeff Samardzija signed with the Giants two years ago.

The man with the colorful language — "He's a big squirrel with lots of nuts in his trees," Boras bragged — failed to back up his big talk as Arrieta was left scrounging for free-agent scraps three weeks before spring training.

The only bigger surprise across baseball might have been Mike Moustakas — another Boras client who heeded his advice to stay patient — returning to the Royals

## Arrieta chose to obey Boras, who lost a staredown with MLB owners.

on a one-year, \$6.5 million contract after some projections estimated the third baseman would command around \$80 million.

Arrieta's former Cubs teammates gave him the respect he earned upon learning the news, and the front office moved on long ago after Boras made his outlandish conditions clear. The Cubs wisely preferred Yu Darvish over Arrieta anyway because the Japanese star figures to pitch at a higher level over the next several years. The six-year, \$126 million contract signed last month represented the price of playing poker. Darvish, 31, offers an upgrade over Arrieta by most accounts

and gives the Cubs perhaps the deepest rotation in the National League.

But it's important to note, amid the tributes and farewells, that the Cubs never would have been in a position to choose between the two right-handers if Boras ever had budged or Arrieta instructed his agent to pursue a deal to stay. Neither did. Had Boras ever made keeping his client in a first-class, comfortable environment conducive to winning a higher priority than signing the richest contract possible, Arrieta still might be a Cub. Instead, Arrieta chose to obey Boras, who lost a staredown with MLB owners.

The next letter be the new Phillies ace writes should be simpler, shorter but just as emphatic. He can address it to his agent.

Three words will suffice: Thanks for nothing.

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# eNEWSPAPER BONUS COVERAGE

## Stepping back to humble beginnings

After rejecting big offers, Moustakas stays with Royals

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KANSAS CITY, Mo. — Mike Moustakas was 18 the first time we met. A kid. He had a batting cage in his yard, he loved In-N-Out Burger and he and his friends had this thing, calling each other sir.

We had talked a few times on the phone after the Royals made him the first official draft pick of Dayton Moore's leadership. Moustakas always took the calls outside, on his driveway. I wanted to know who he was. He wanted to know about Kansas City.

He had not yet signed with the Royals. This is an important point. This was summer 2007, and back then picks had until midnight on Aug. 15 to sign. The draft was in June, but communication with clubs often didn't come until August. Serious talks often waited until the final days. With Moustakas, like many top picks, the real talk didn't happen until late on the 15th.

This meant Moose was isolated. Not from family, not from friends, but from baseball — which may have been just as lonely. Maybe that's why he was cool with me visiting him that summer.

He gave me the address, warned me that the driveway was easy to miss on the busy street, and within seconds of me ringing the bell he came to door. He held a wood bat in his left hand, extended his right for a shake, and said, "Thanks for coming, sir."

But none of that is what I most remember from the trip.

The Royals and Mike Moustakas are together again. The contract came together quickly.

A week earlier, Royals officials all but dismissed the possibility. Moustakas turned down a so-called qualifying offer worth \$174 million. Early in the off-season, according to two league sources, he and his agent Scott Boras turned down a three-year deal from the Angels worth around \$45 million. A source close to Moustakas denied the Angels made an offer.

In most offseasons, a man with his track record — franchise home-run record, playoff success, World Series champion, good defender, terrific teammate — could've signed for \$60 million. Maybe more. This wasn't most offseasons, and after Moustakas turned down the Angels the bigger offers never came. The Yankees reached out about a short-term deal, but those talks didn't go far.

Royals officials always loved Moustakas. He grew so much with them. Rough around the edges when they drafted him. Young. Played hard. Sometimes after the game too. Again, he was young.

He's 29 now. Married, with a daughter and baby boy at home, talking of them constantly. Last summer, a Royals executive said he'd never seen a player mature more from start to finish than Moustakas.

Nobody ever had to wonder what baseball meant to Moose. He loved every part of being a ballplayer. Loved the rhythms. Loved the work. Loved the late nights, the jokes with teammates, the lessons with coaches. As much as anything else, he loved that there was always a batting cage nearby.

His career was never linear. Most aren't. He played his first big-league game in Anaheim, a short drive from where he grew up in suburban Los Angeles, less than four years after he was drafted. The next night, he hit his first big-league homer. It was all happening.

He hit 20 more of them the next year, in 2012, but success is often fleeting. Opponents noticed his ag-



JOHN SLEEZER/KANSAS CITY STAR

Mike Moustakas rejected a \$17.4 million offer early in free agency before his interest cooled to the point where he returned to the Royals for \$6.5 million.

gression, and used it to their advantage. He'd chase pitches, guess with two strikes, and struck out three times as often as he walked.

In 2013, he hit just .233. Club officials said they'd stick with Moustakas as long as they believed he felt he belonged. He was batting .152 in May 2014 when the Royals sent him to the minor leagues. He came back up a month later, and didn't hit much better — .235 with fleeting power the rest of the way — but you wouldn't know it by watching.

He said he felt freer, that the demotion helped him see his role within the team, as opposed to living up to someone else's expectations. When the Royals went into extra innings of the first game of their first postseason series in 29 years that fall, Moustakas homered over the right-field wall, and as he rounded first he punched the air with his right hand. Later, he'd say he didn't realize he did that.

That same postseason, he made that catch in the dugout suites, then in 2015 he made his first All-Star Game and rode in a parade. Seventeen months after being sent to the minor leagues, Moustakas was a

forever part of Royals history.

Last season, Moustakas hit more home runs than any Royals player ever. Twenty-four of his 38 came on the road, signaling the capability of 45 or more with a different club, and his teammates will remind you he played the last two months or so with a limp. Bruce Rondon hit him with a pitch that sure looked intentional, and Moose's knee swelled up. He probably should've gone to the disabled list.

"But we were playing for our lives at that point," Danny Duffy said last week. "That's who Moose is. He wanted to play."

Coincidence or not, the Royals held a playoff spot the night Moose took that fastball off his knee and began their fade almost immediately.

They lost eight more games than they won after that, finishing with a losing record, five back of the wild card.

After they were eliminated, on the last day of the season, the Royals held major league baseball's version of Senior Day. Their intentions were pure, with a side of self-interest. The club wanted to celebrate the accomplishments of pend-

ing free agents Eric Hosmer, Lorenzo Cain, Moustakas and Alcides Escobar, and if the love gave those players incentive to return, then what's the harm in that?

Mostly, those plans centered around Hosmer. He's the youngest of the group, and the most likely to still be a productive player by the time the Royals are ready to win again. But they adored Cain's talent, respected Escobar's dependability and always revered Moustakas' attitude.

In him, the club could see much of what it promoted itself to be. Intense. Committed. Focused on family first, but baseball close behind, the former supporting the latter.

They didn't expect a reunion with Moustakas. They didn't see more than a one-year deal fitting their plans, and they didn't expect a one-year deal to fit his.

Baseball is impossible to predict, so five months after Moustakas turned down \$174 million, and three months after he turned down approximately \$45 million, he signed for a reported \$6.5 million guaranteed. Depending on the incentives, he could be taking a pay cut from last year.

Even before it's official,

the deal sent shockwaves through the industry. Boras, the most successful and famous baseball agent in history, lost a standoff.

It reminded me of that trip to see Moustakas, more than 10 years ago, before the parade and before the success and before the demotion and most of all before he signed out of the draft.

We sat in the family living room, a computer printout of the story announcing Moose as Baseball America's high school player of the year sitting on the coffee table. A list of past winners ran along the side of the paper. Joe Mauer. Scott Kazmir. Justin Upton. Moose's dad pointed to Matt Harrington.

"This guy," he said. "This guy's a tough story."

Harrington was offered \$4 million out of high school. He turned it down, and the next year was offered \$1.2 million. Turned that down, too, but as the years went on he was drafted in the 13th round, then the 24th, then the 36th, the offers dropping every time.

Moose was listening to his dad, but only sort of, popping a ball into his glove as the financial talk dragged on. Eventually, he cut off the conversation.

"Dad," he said. "We gotta get going."

We went to lunch, and we talked about all sorts of things, but with Moose the conversation always turned back to baseball. Moose has always studied the game, always kept notes on his plate appearances, and after the draft that year he got a new notebook with a Royals logo and labeled it — PITCHERS AND SEQUENCES.

The pages were blank, of course, because he hadn't yet signed. He had a scholarship waiting at USC, and Boras had assured the family Moose's value would only rise if he went to college.

When I asked Moose if he'd get a new notebook with a USC logo if he didn't reach a deal with the Royals, he dropped and shook his head.

"I'd be pretty disappointed," he said. "It's been my dream, ever since I was a kid."

A month later, minutes before the deadline, Moose agreed to a \$4 million signing bonus with the Royals. Boras, it was reported, pushed for significantly more. Moose signed the deal, and almost 11 years later, that story has never felt more relevant.

# eNEWSPAPER BONUS COVERAGE

## Coaches corner the respect market

Kerr, Popovich open up about their relationship

BY MELISSA ROHLIN  
San Jose Mercury News

OAKLAND, Calif. — Gregg Popovich has no interest in running for president of the United States, but he was willing to entertain a hypothetical question about it: If he did run, would he choose Steve Kerr to be his vice president?

Popovich initially chuckled, brushing off the idea of a political career. Then he revealed just how much he respects Kerr, who played under him 15 years ago and has gone on to become a two-time championship coach with the Warriors.

"I should be his vice," Popovich told the Bay Area News Group.

They're two of the most respected coaches in the NBA. They're also close friends who share similar views on social and political issues. Their words have resonated with many people, inspiring websites that support them as a presidential ticket. One of them, [www.popovichkerr2020.com](http://www.popovichkerr2020.com), has created mugs and T-shirts in the style of campaign posters.

But, unfortunately for their supporters, Kerr and Popovich also have something else in common.

"Both of us realize that we're not built or qualified for such an office, nor do we desire it," Popovich said.

There's a deep well of respect between Popovich and Kerr. They sing each other's praises, jokingly take shots at each other in media sessions and genuinely feel a bit torn when their teams play each other.

"It's awkward because I hate to see him ever lose," Popovich said. "And if we would win, which was rare, you'd still feel a bit badly for him. And I'm sure he felt vice versa."

They met in 1998, back when Popovich, now 69, wasn't yet the venerated architect of a franchise that has made 20 consecutive playoff appearances and won five NBA championships.

Kerr, 52, played under Popovich during two stints in 1998-2000 and 2002-2003. Popovich had just become the Spurs' coach in 1996, and was trying to get his feet on the ground.

"Pop wasn't Pop yet," Kerr said. "He was a young coach. I didn't know what to expect. But I liked him immediately on a personal level. He was a straight shooter. I know he cared about me and cared about all of the guys on the team."

Popovich asked Kerr about his family, including his father, Malcolm, an American academic who was assassinated in Beirut in 1984 in an act of terrorism.

Popovich's interest went a long way with Kerr.

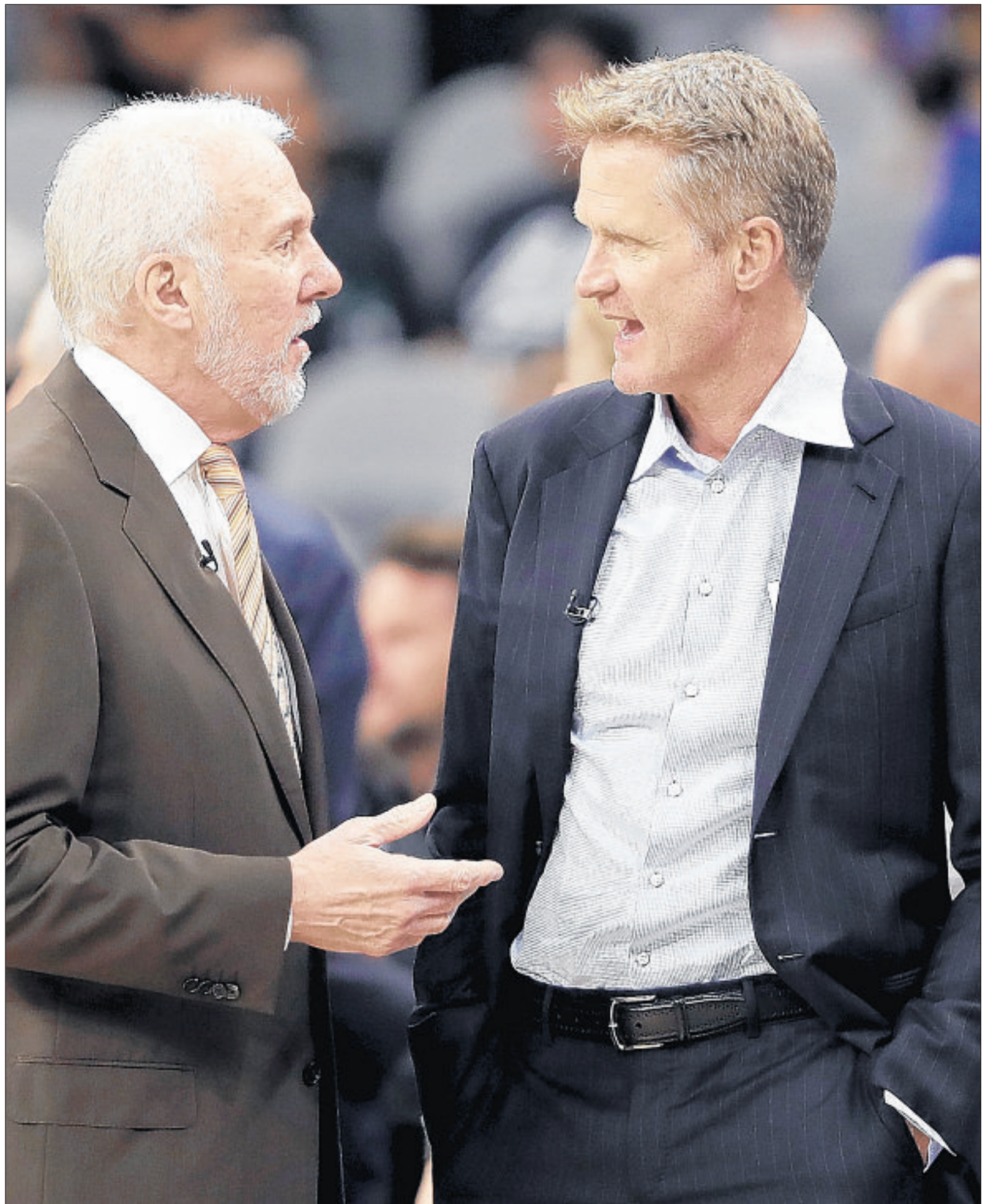
"I just wanted to know that the coach cared about my life and my existence beyond whether I made a shot or not," Kerr said. "That was the first quality that stood out. He wanted to know about my life, my background, my family, my kids."

Kerr had played under some great coaches, including Lute Olson at Arizona and Phil Jackson with the Bulls. But Popovich always did things differently.

Popovich used to divide players into shooting groups based upon their political beliefs. He'd say if you voted for George W. Bush, head to this end of the court. If you voted for Al Gore, head to that end. One time he used the tax increase; those in favor in one group, those opposed in the other. It was always something new, something that encouraged his players to broaden their horizons.

"It was just a good way of making guys think," Kerr said.

Whenever discussions broke out over those issues, Kerr always stood out. He was thoughtful and opin-



ERIC GAY/AP

Spurs coach Gregg Popovich and Warriors coach Steve Kerr have a mutual admiration society. Kerr played for Popovich and both have won NBA titles.

ionated. He'd speak up, ask questions and express his views. It made a big impression on Popovich, a graduate of the Air Force Academy who once had considered a career with the Central Intelligence Agency.

"That's where it started and we just continued from there," Popovich said. "We'll text each other right now when something will happen or something will be said by the current administration that's just mind-blowing and nobody does anything about it. The congressmen are all sitting on their thumbs afraid of him. It always intrigues us."

Popovich and Kerr have emerged as two of the most outspoken critics of President Donald Trump in the sports world. They both use their platforms to speak about social injustices and societal ills, defying the sector of the population that thinks they should just stick to basketball.

Basketball is where it all began, though, and politics is just one of the many areas in which the coaches overlap.

From the outset, Kerr admired how Popovich ran things and marveled at his willingness to scream at his star players. While other coaches would defer to their superstars, Popovich would target them, knowing if they fell in line, everyone else would too.

Kerr respected it and thought that was smart. He also greatly appreciated the fact that Popovich didn't direct any of those tirades at him.

"If he had yelled at me, it might have destroyed me," Kerr said. "Because I wasn't a very confident player. I had struggled coming from Chicago to a new system. I didn't play well. Pop was

very wise. He knew guys like me, we weren't the right target. You've got to know your audience. You've got to know your team."

It's something that left a deep impression on Kerr, so much so that when he was hired by the Warriors as their coach in 2014, the first thing he did was pull aside Stephen Curry and ask him if he could treat him the same way Popovich treated Tim Duncan and David Robinson.

"That's how we started when he first signed onto the team," Curry said. "We had a talk. ... That was something he brought up as setting the culture and identity of establishing himself as a coach. His expectation was that I'd be able to take that. And from 1 through 15, he could keep everybody accountable and not have to worry about hurting people's feelings."

It's one of the many things that Kerr learned from Popovich and now uses with his own team. There's also the importance of work-life balance, resting players and encouraging his guys to have interests outside of the game. And then there are the sayings that can be heard in both gyms, such as "get over yourself" or "have the appropriate fear" or "fill your cup."

Though Kerr was smart enough to incorporate things he learned along the way into his coaching, he was also smart enough to develop his own style. It's one of the reasons Popovich thinks Kerr is so successful.

"To be a coach in this league, one of the most important things in the NBA is to be yourself because players have a magnificent BS antenna," Popovich said. "If you're not real, and you're not who you

are, and you're trying to be this image or you're trying to be somebody else — they know it immediately and it's over. They don't trust you. They don't want to be around you. And they're not going to play hard for you. You got to be real."

"He's taken who he is as an individual, onto the court, onto practice — his sense of humor is huge, his competitiveness is huge, his genuine quality of being aggressive but loving at the same time. Like this is the way we do things, and we're going to stick with it. We're going to persevere. He gets people to want to follow him and he earns their respect."

Popovich and Kerr are effusive in their praise of one another, but they're also not above messing with each other.

When Popovich first started coaching, he had a rule that if he ran into any of his players at a restaurant, he'd pick up their bill. Kerr exploited that arrangement by regularly asking the hotel concierge where Popovich would be dining and then showing up there as if by coincidence.

"It was a symbiotic sort of relationship," Popovich said. "But I was the host."

The teasing goes both ways. Kerr's son, Nick, currently works for the Spurs as an assistant in the film room. Before the Warriors hosted the Spurs in February, Popovich joked that Nick couldn't be trusted and he had to confiscate his cellphone.

Said Kerr: "He calls my son a spy. He said my son could be working for Putin."

Popovich and Kerr talk on the phone every few weeks and text back and forth often. Though they have many similarities, they

also have many differences. David Lee, a two-time All-Star who played for Kerr from 2014-15 and Popovich from 2016-17 before retiring last summer, said the coaches have completely different styles.

"Coach Kerr is a lot more laid back," Lee said. "He'd probably tell you that he's a combination of Popovich and Phil Jackson. So he's a little bit in between. Pop is very much in charge is the kind way to say it. They're both tremendous coaches X's and O's wise. They run a different system, but both incredible coaches. The best two coaches I've played for."

David West, who also played for both coaches (Popovich from 2015-16 and Kerr from 2016-now), said they both understand that basketball is just a game and have a great perspective on life. But, that being said, he added that during games they operate at the same intensity.

"They're both very fiery, not afraid to say what they want to say or what they need to say," West said. "In that regard they're alike. If they've got to fire off on referees, they will."

Even though the Warriors have been to three straight NBA Finals, winning championships in 2015 and 2017, and are expected to make another run at the title this season, Kerr still looks at the Spurs as the paragon of success.

"Looking back now over his 20 years, there's been five different iterations of the Spurs," Kerr said. "That's what's most remarkable about Pop. He's a chameleon. He's brilliant in terms of reading the league, reading his own team, and figuring out how his own

team can be successful and sustaining that success over time. It's unprecedented what they've done."

Popovich and Kerr were put in an interesting position last season when their teams met in the Western Conference finals. The Warriors swept the Spurs out of the series, meaning the former student swiftly and firmly defeated his mentor.

For Kerr, it was a double-edged sword.

"I was happy for our team," Kerr said. "But I felt for Pop. I didn't say much. ... There may have been a phone call afterward or a text. More than anything, there's just a humility and a compassion in victory and in defeat. I always felt that when Pop was my coach. And I've been impacted by that now as a coach. I feel humility and compassion win or lose, whichever side you're on."

One of Popovich's greatest lessons was highlighted in that moment: There are far more important things in life than basketball.

In this case, it was friendship.

"Take what you do seriously, but don't take yourself too seriously," Kerr said. "That's such a great way to live your life. When you're passionate about something, but not obsessive. When you work your tail off, but then you can let it go and enjoy life."

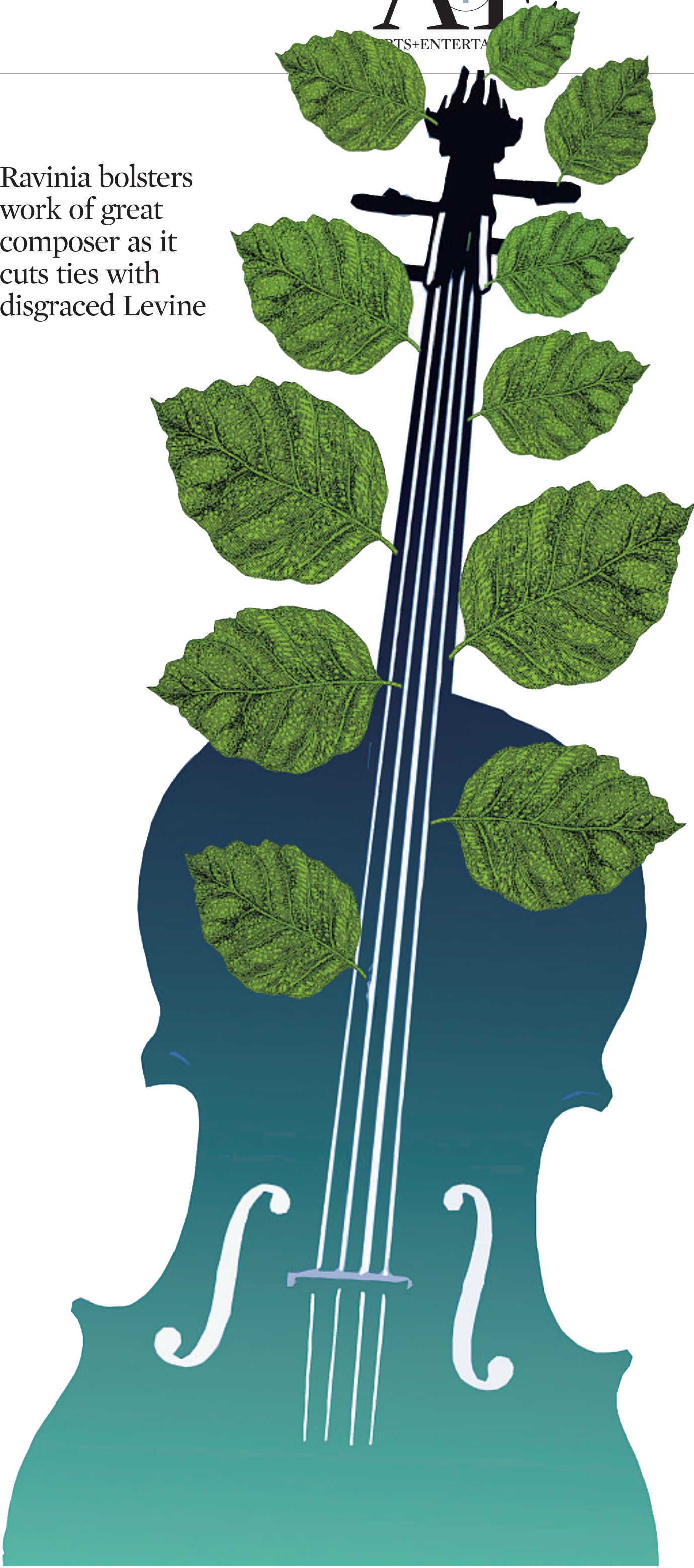
Both Popovich and Kerr are masters of that philosophy.

Their relationship began on the basketball court, but it now extends far, far beyond that.

"We will talk and text long after we're both done coaching," Kerr said. "He will remain one of my best friends."



Ravinia bolsters work of great composer as it cuts ties with disgraced Levine



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MY WORST MOMENT

What now? Orchestra's not playing in my key!

BY NINA METZ  
Chicago Tribune

When Merle Dandridge studied acting as an undergrad at Roosevelt University, "The Oprah Winfrey Show" taped in Chicago just a few miles to the west. Fast-forward and now Dandridge stars on the family drama "Greenleaf," which airs on Winfrey's OWN cable network, alongside Winfrey herself, who plays a recurring character on the show.

If someone had told Dandridge as a Chicago college student that her career would take this path, would she have believed it? "It sounds like a fantastical otherworldly dream," Dandridge said, "and here it is, something that I'm living."

This week Dandridge is in town to receive the first-ever Distinguished Artist Award from her alma mater. "What an honor that is, from a place that first saw me, first gave me a scholarship and believed I could do this. It's humbling and I'm really grateful," she said. "Chicago actors and Chicago theater is some of the most authentic stuff that you will ever encounter, and I'm so proud to have come up from that. It's where I cut my teeth and where I found my passion for this work."

She is currently shooting the third season of "Greenleaf," which centers on the Greenleaf family and their Memphis megachurch. "As we saw at the end of Season 2, the foundation of the family started to crack. And once that happens, how does everyone deal with it? How do

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HOWARD REICH  
My Kind of Jazz

Back Alley Jazz revives a Chicago tradition

Back in the late 1950s, '60s and '70s, Chicagoans on the South Side gathered in alleyways to listen to live music, savor some barbecue and revel in each other's company.

DJs spun records, local and visiting jazz musicians took out their horns and the Sunday afternoon sessions brought neighborhoods together.

"It was a community affair," recalls 87-year-old Chicago saxophonist Jimmy Ellis, a pioneer of that scene. "Children, old folks, grandchildren, everybody — it was very clean and wholesome.

"It showed the love of people, not the love of different classes."

Thanks to a daring new venture, Chicago musicians will rekindle that setting — and build upon it — during one artistically wide-ranging afternoon this summer. They'll collaborate with visual artists, architects, designers, dancers and others in Back Alley Jazz,

Turn to **Back Alley**, Page 2

Bernstein blitz

Even as Ravinia prepares a summer classical season honoring the greatest American conductor of his generation — Leonard Bernstein — it has joined the Metropolitan Opera, Chicago Symphony Orchestra and other major U.S. musical institutions in severing remaining ties with James Levine, the conductor widely hailed as the greatest American conductor after Bernstein, whose long career has ended in disgrace.

Ravinia's announcement of the remaining classical events of its 2018 series on Wednesday came roughly 48 hours after the Met announced it was firing Levine, 74, after a three-month investigation found evidence of sexual abuse and harassment. More than 70 people were interviewed in the course of the investigation, according to a statement issued by the company.



JOHN VON RHEIN  
Heard & Scene

Levine's two decades (1973-93) as music director of the CSO's summer residencies at Ravinia overlapped with his historic 46-year career at the Met, where he made his debut in 1971. He later served as artistic and music director until he stepped down two years ago because of Parkinson's disease. He was serving as music director emeritus and head of the young artists program until the Met, Ravinia and CSO suspended him in December, following published reports of sexual misconduct dating to the 1960s.

His triumphant return to Ravinia as guest conductor in 2016, when he directed Mahler's "Resurrection" Symphony with the CSO and Chicago Symphony Chorus, led to the festival's naming him conductor

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### Horoscopes



**Today's birthday** (March 14): Your investigations bear fruit this year. Broaden your reach by developing friendships and teamwork. Lucrative opportunities appear. Highlight love and family this summer, before a contemplative phase prepares you for growing work and physical demand. Winter highlights family and community. Share and celebrate together.

- Aries** (March 21-April 19): Today is a 7. Keep the conversation on track; your crew may seem easily distracted. Do your part and make the necessary preparations.
- Taurus** (April 20-May 20): 8. Your attention is in demand. Shore up an unstable situation. Get ideas from your team. Quick action pays off. Expand your reach and influence.
- Gemini** (May 21-June 20): 8. Consider all options before choosing. Register and reserve space once you've determined the itinerary. Which way leads in the most interesting, fun and profitable direction?
- Cancer** (June 21-July 22): 8. Consider financial options with a partner to determine how best to proceed. Discuss priorities, plans and long-term dreams and visions.
- Leo** (July 23-Aug. 22): 8. Interesting possibilities arise in conversation with a partner. Long-term benefits could arise from a flexible view and willingness to collaborate.
- Virgo** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): 9. Energize your work with physical exercise and beauty. Nature restores your spirit. Eat healthy, delicious foods in moderation. Share with a partner.
- Libra** (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): 7. Relax with someone you love. Express your heart with artistry and creativity. Collaborate on a passion project. Show your vulnerable side.
- Scorpio** (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): 7. Compromise with family on a domestic project. Learn from the youngest ones. Only upgrade what's needed now. Otherwise, keep making plans.
- Sagittarius** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): 7. Share the latest news. You're especially clever and charming. Invite and motivate participation. Network to help friends make connections and create solutions.
- Capricorn** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): 9. Profits are on the rise. Your optimism supports that. Travel later; keep doing what's working. Fix something before it breaks. Keep bringing home the bacon.
- Aquarius** (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): 9. Ask for what you want, and get it. Forge ahead confidently. Grab an opportunity to realize a personal dream. Things unfold naturally.
- Pisces** (Feb. 19-March 20): 6. Find a peaceful, private thinking spot. Avoid risk or expense and lay low. Consider plans, dreams and visions. Savor satisfying rituals.

— Nancy Black, Tribune Content Agency

### The Argyle Sweater



### Bliss



### Bridge

Neither vulnerable, North deals

**North**  
 ♠ K 9 6 3  
 ♥ Q 3  
 ♦ A K 9  
 ♣ A Q 8 5

**West**  
 ♠ A 7  
 ♥ 10 5  
 ♦ Q 8 3  
 ♣ J 10 9 7 6 4

**East**  
 ♠ J 10 8 5 4 2  
 ♥ A J 6 2  
 ♦ 5 4  
 ♣ K

**South**  
 ♠ Q  
 ♥ K 9 8 7 4  
 ♦ J 10 7 6 2  
 ♣ 3 2

East-West had an opening lead agreement that the lead of the jack denied a higher honor in that suit. Knowing that the king of clubs couldn't possibly be onside, South rose with dummy's ace at trick one and "great was the fall thereon," as the late Edgar Kaplan used to say. That was a good start, but declarer was still nowhere near the nine tricks that he needed.

**The bidding:**

North	East	South	West
1♠	Pass	1NT	Pass
2NT	Pass	3♥	Pass
3NT	All pass		

**Opening lead:** Jack of ♣

tip from our dad: "In no trump, if both sides play the same suit, one of them is wrong." East made the reasonable shift to a low spade. West took South's queen with his ace and continued the suit to dummy's king.

The heart king was still in his hand as an entry to the diamonds, so South played the ace, king, and another diamond, hoping that he wouldn't be buried under a deluge of defensive tricks. West won the queen of diamonds, and with no spade to play, led the 10 of hearts. Declarer happily grabbed this with his king and cashed two diamond tricks, discarding two spades from dummy.

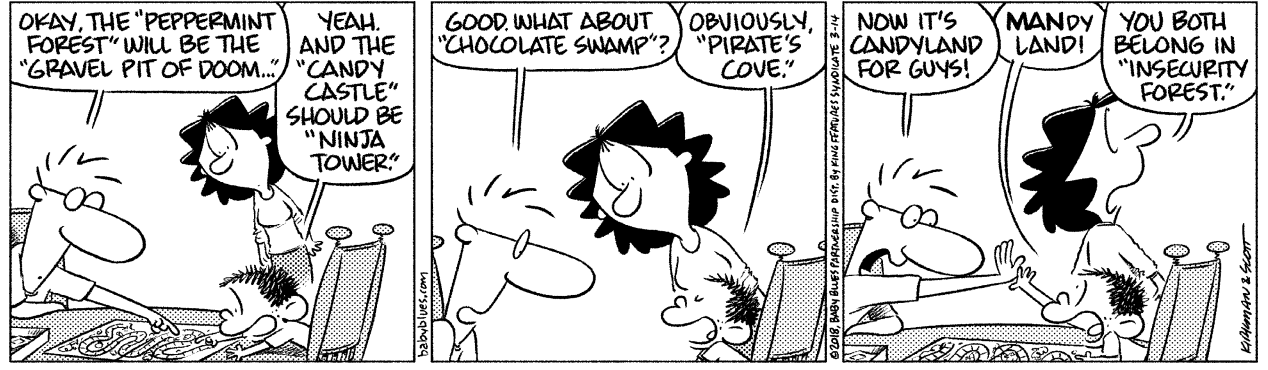
West's original distribution was known at this point, so South led his remaining club and elegantly played low from dummy when West played the nine. South won the last two tricks with dummy's queen-eight of clubs to bring home a remarkable three no trump.

— Bob Jones  
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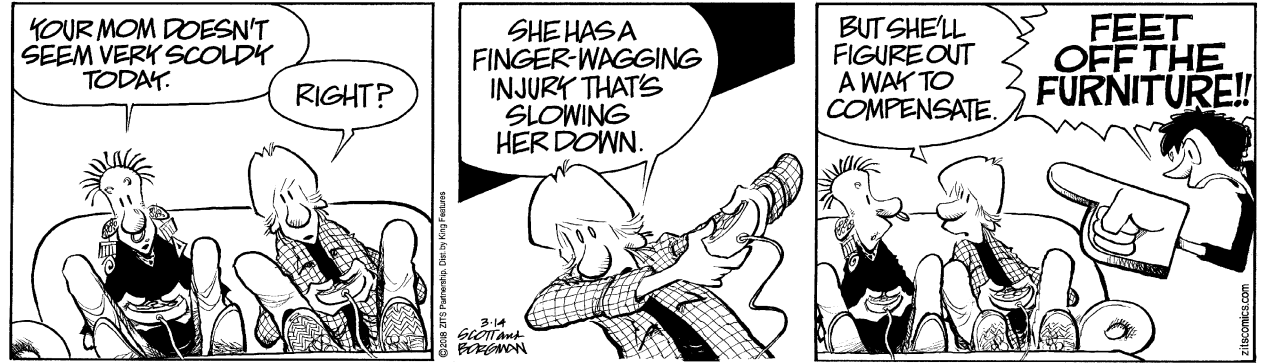
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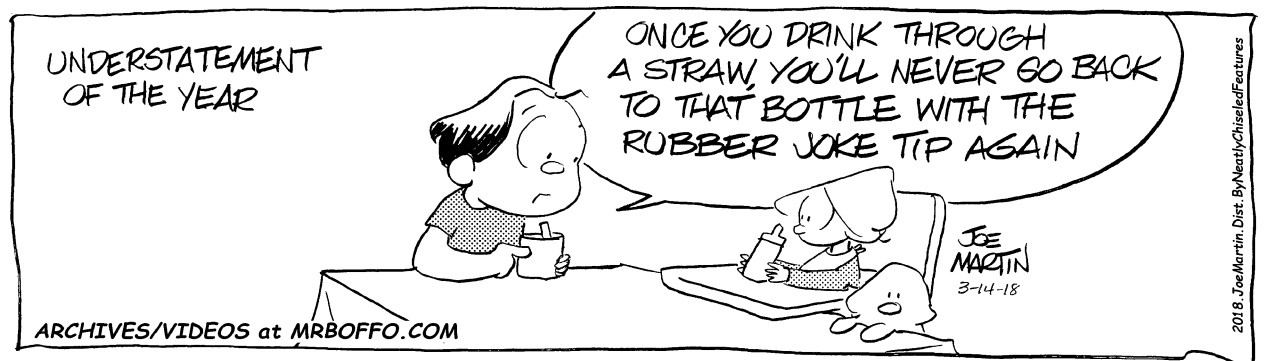
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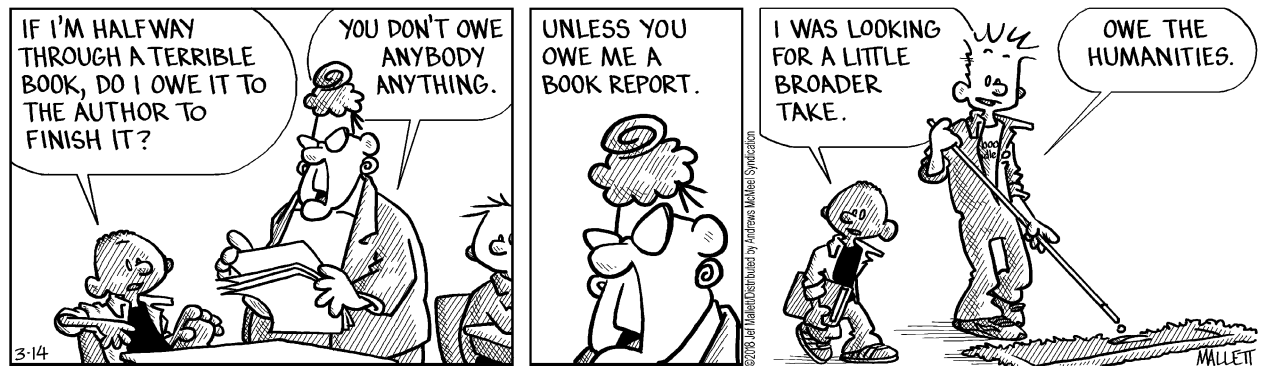
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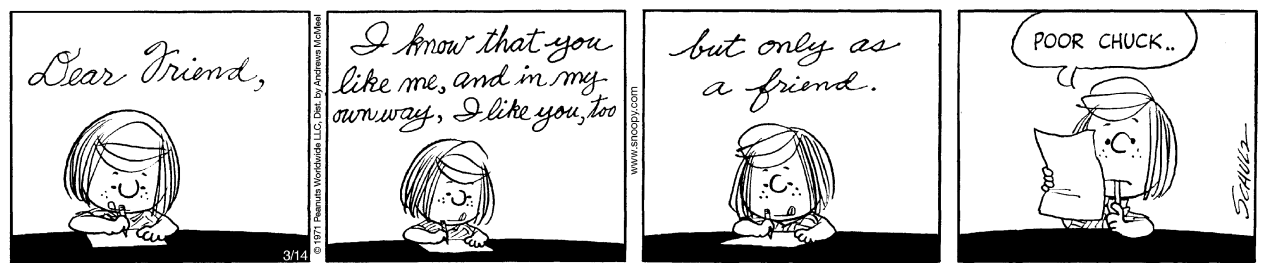
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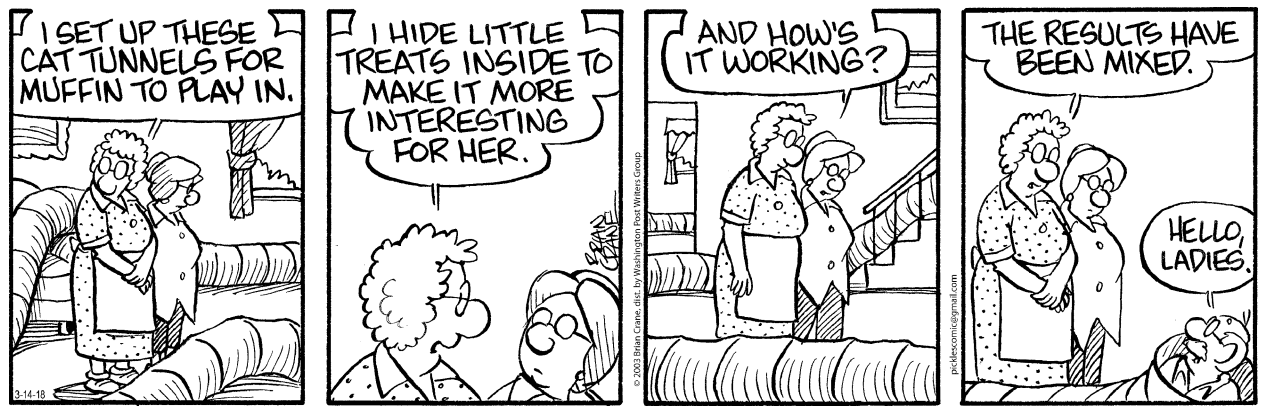
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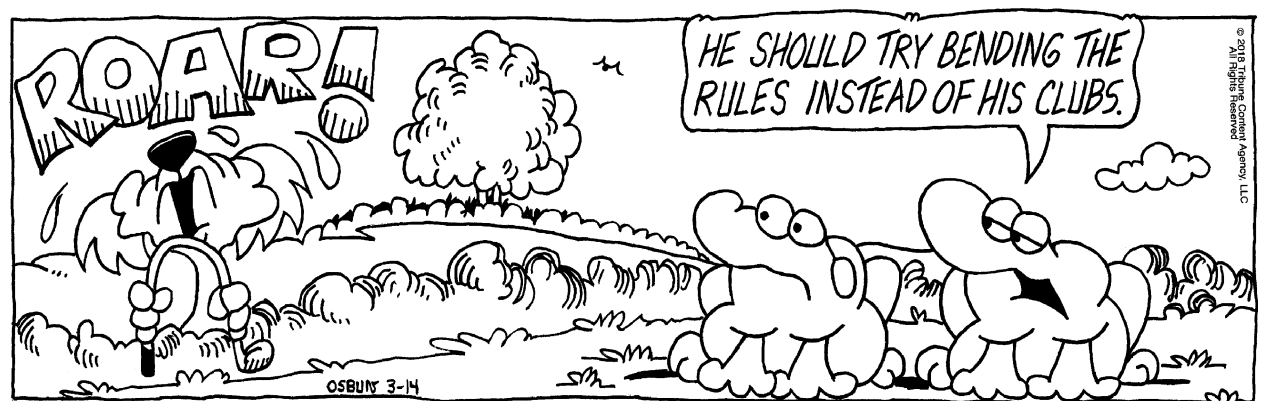
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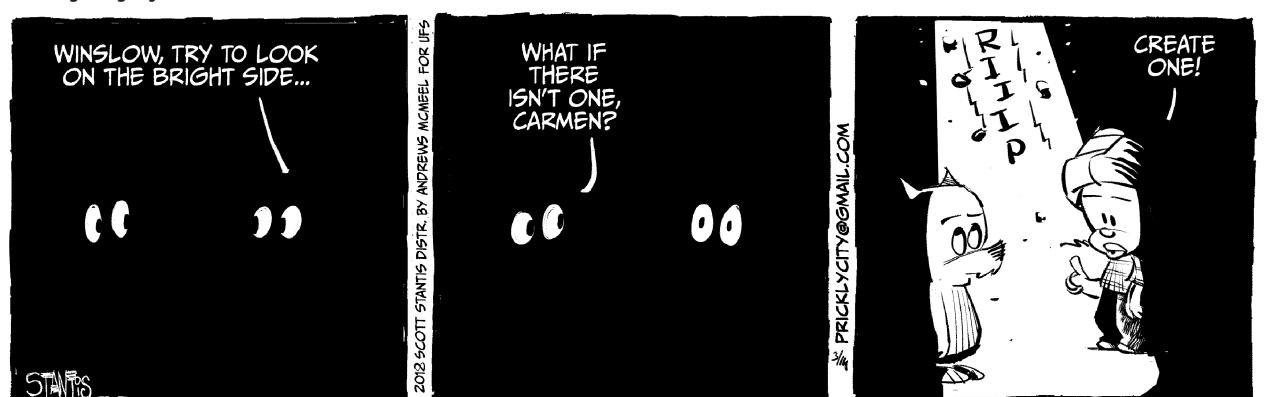
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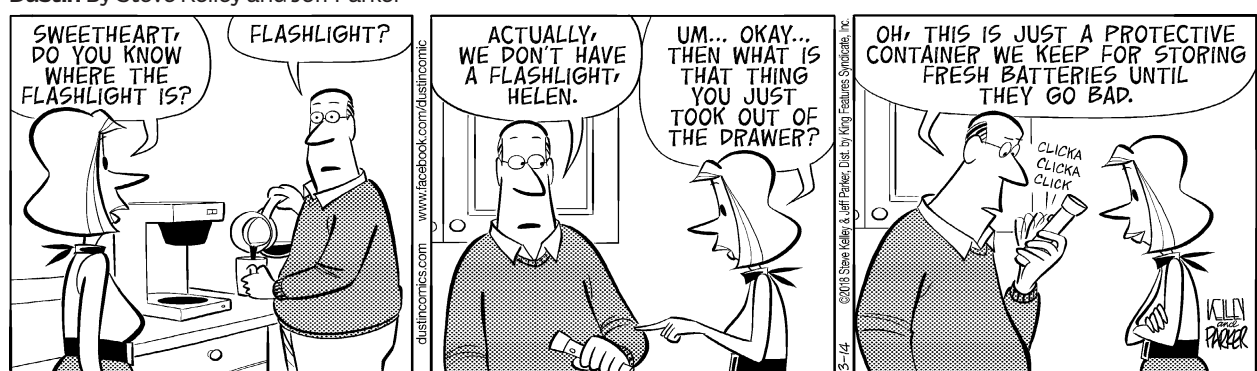
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**For Better or for Worse** By Lynn Johnston



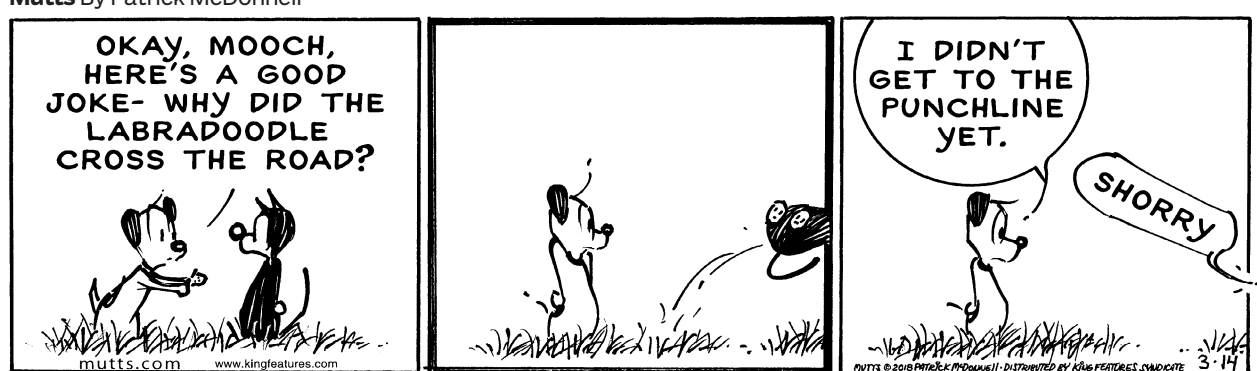
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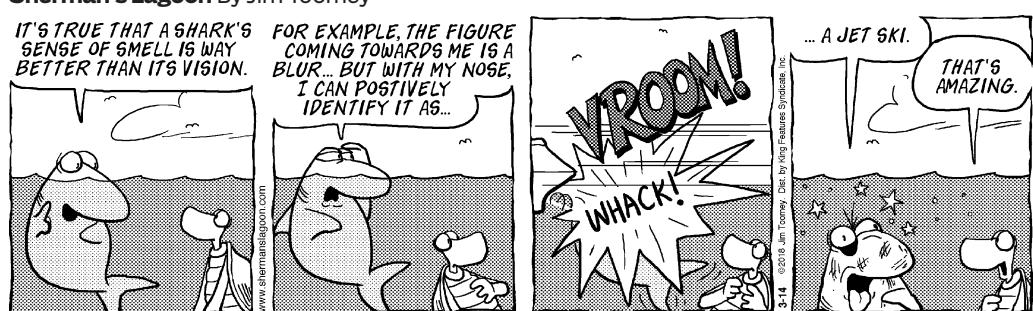
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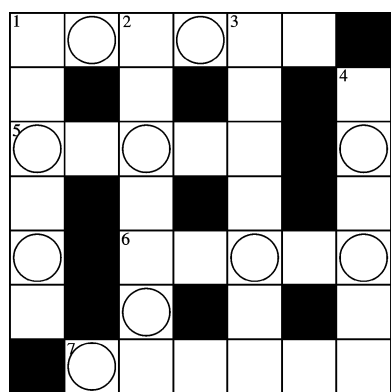
**New Orleans musician Troy Andrews is better known by what stage name?**

- A) Kid Creole
- B) Trombone Shorty
- C) Doctor John
- D) Macklemore

**Tuesday's answer:** From 1952 to today, Chevrolet has won the most NASCAR Manufacturers' Championships.

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**Jumble Crossword**



- CLUE**
- ACROSS**
1. \_\_\_ line
  5. \_\_\_ cords
  6. Live
  7. Tightly
- CLUE**
1. Fish eggs
  2. Dirty
  3. Revealing
  4. Expensive
- ANSWER**
- ACROSS: CNUYTO, CLOAV, XESTI, NGSLYU
- DOWN: VRACIA, ACENNLU, ILGNTEL, LSCTYO

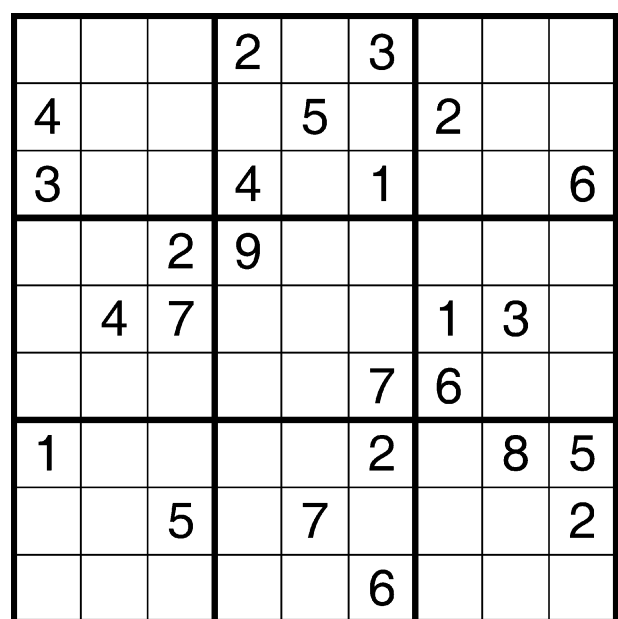
How to play - Complete the crossword puzzle by looking at the clues and unscrambling the answers. When the puzzle is complete, unscramble the circled letters to solve the BONUS.

**BONUS** \_\_\_\_\_ has the fourth-largest film industry in Canada hosting over 100 productions yearly.

ANSWERS: 1-A-Country 5A-Vocal 5B-Vocal 6A-Exert 6B-Exert 7A-Shrug 7B-Exert 7C-Exert 7D-Exert 7E-Exert 7F-Exert 7G-Exert 7H-Exert 7I-Exert 7J-Exert 7K-Exert 7L-Exert 7M-Exert 7N-Exert 7O-Exert 7P-Exert 7Q-Exert 7R-Exert 7S-Exert 7T-Exert 7U-Exert 7V-Exert 7W-Exert 7X-Exert 7Y-Exert 7Z-Exert

**Sudoku** 1 2 3 4

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6	5	8	2	1	3	9	4	7
4	1	9	6	7	8	5	3	2
7	2	3	5	9	4	1	8	6
1	6	7	3	8	9	2	5	4
5	9	4	7	2	1	8	6	3
8	3	2	4	6	5	7	9	1
9	8	6	1	3	2	4	7	5
2	7	5	9	4	6	3	1	8
3	4	1	8	5	7	6	2	9

Complete the grid so each row, column and 3-by-3 box in bold borders contains every digit 1 to 9.

**Tuesday's solutions**

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**Jumble**

Unscramble the four Jumbles, one letter per square, to form four words. Then arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by this cartoon.

- RAHHS
- CRTAT
- FEWLAF
- OPSPEO



Answer here



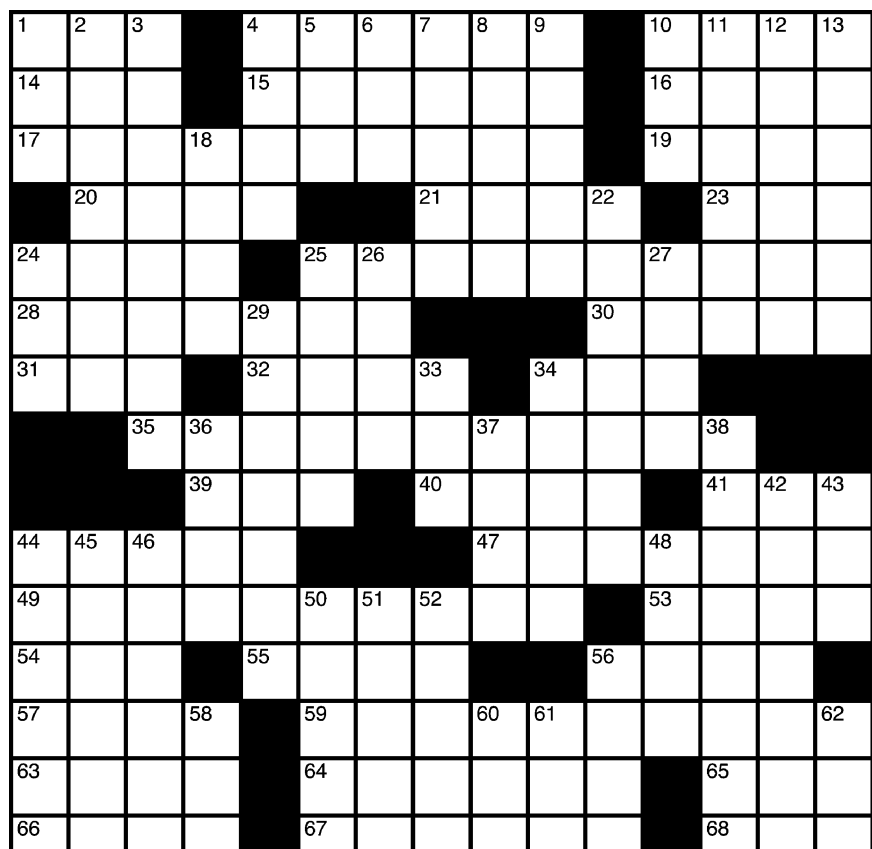
**Tuesday's answers**

Jumbles: NOISY ROYAL GOATEE TARGET  
Answer: The pizza parlor's employee found shredding so much cheese to be — GRATING

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**Crossword**

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- Across**
- 1 Flow back
  - 4 "Get outta here!"
  - 10 Column in a pugilist's record
  - 14 Congressional auditing org.
  - 15 Rhine wine region
  - 16 Stable parent
  - 17 Door-to-door seller's form
  - 19 Very smart
  - 20 Gosling of "Blade Runner 2049"
  - 21 Tupperware sound
  - 23 Jeans label
  - 24 Nightly TV staple
  - 25 Do some bargain-hunting
  - 28 Where K-I-S-S-I-N-G goes on
  - 30 Hold the floor
  - 31 Fabled beast
  - 32 Brad Paisley venue
  - 34 Copycat
  - 35 Text with maps and timelines
  - 39 Org. in Dan Brown's "Digital Fortress"
  - 40 Temps
  - 41 "There's an \_\_\_ for that"
  - 44 Figures on a sports news crawl
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WEDNESDAY, MARCH 14 NORMAL HIGH: 46° NORMAL LOW: 29° RECORD HIGH: 81° (2012) RECORD LOW: 7° (1993)

## Milder air returns, but then another cold front

### LOCAL FORECAST

**HIGH 49 LOW 27**

- High pressure centered to the south will move out of Texas across the southern Gulf Coast states.
- Chicago resting on the northern edge of that high pressure will see wind shift around to the W/SW bringing milder air briefly back into the area.
- A cold front will move south through northern Illinois and NW Indiana Wednesday night, shifting winds north once again.
- Tranquil but seasonably cool. Abundant sun helps temperatures rise to the mid- to upper 40s.
- Colder northerly winds at night.

### NATIONAL FORECAST



With Chicago positioned in the northern portion of high pressure moving from Texas into the Gulf Coast states, sunny skies and southwest winds will briefly push temperatures close to the 50-degree mark Wednesday areawide. This is in sharp contrast to the brisk northeast winds that held temperatures in the mid-30s while bringing snow showers that accumulated up to 3 inches in parts of northeast Illinois and northwest Indiana on Tuesday.

Another cold front will push south through Chicago on Wednesday night, bringing a return to north-easterly winds, which will persist the remainder of the workweek, keeping temperatures along the lakefront in the 30s while inland readings push into the mid-40s each day. Precipitation is not expected until later Sunday night.

### THURSDAY, MARCH 15

**HIGH 44 LOW 25**

Partly sunny with afternoon highs reaching into the middle 40s away from the lake. Northeast winds keep readings in the upper 30s along the lakefront. Partly cloudy at night.

### FRIDAY, MARCH 16

**HIGH 42 LOW 27**

High pressure over upper Great Lakes maintains a brisk east-northeast wind flow. Afternoon temperatures reach the lower-40s inland but hold in the upper 30s near the lake. Clear, chilly at night.

### SATURDAY, MARCH 17

**HIGH 48 LOW 32**

High pressure shifts east allowing for a bright, milder St. Patrick's Day. Clouds over southern portions due to east-moving low pressure passing along the Ohio River Valley. Considerable sun north.

### SUNDAY, MARCH 18

**HIGH 52 LOW 32**

Morning sun fades as clouds increase ahead of a developing weather system. High temperatures 50 to 55-degrees. Thickening clouds overnight with a chance of rain or snow by morning. Southwest winds.

### MONDAY, MARCH 19

**HIGH 39 LOW 29**

Low pressure moves across the mid-Mississippi valley bringing clouds and a likelihood of rain or a rain/wet snow mix. Highs in the upper 30s. Snow likely and colder overnight. Southeast winds shift northwest late.

### TUESDAY, MARCH 20

**HIGH 33 LOW 27**

Mostly cloudy with snow ending from the west during the forenoon. Partly sunny in the afternoon. Cold with highs in the low to mid 30s. Partly cloudy overnight. North winds.

### ASK TOM

Dear Tom,  
On Monday afternoon, it was snowing with temperatures well into the 40s. How can it snow when it's that warm?

— Gwen Biast, Mount Prospect, and Ken Shilt, LaPorte, Ind.

Dear Gwen and Ken,  
Temperatures must be 32 degrees or lower in the clouds where snowflakes form, but because the flakes can fall more than 1,000 feet without melting, they can reach the ground with surface readings well above freezing. Snow has fallen in Chicago with temperatures as high as the mid-40s, though it melted upon impact. In addition to Monday's cloud-layer temperatures below 20, surface dew points were in the teens, adding cooling from evaporation into the dry air that helped keep the flakes from melting. One of the warmest recorded snowfalls was during the 1970s in Jacksonville, Fla., when flakes fell with a temperature of 53.

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## New England winter storm; 20 inches in hardest-hit areas

### WINTER STORM BLASTS NEW ENGLAND TUESDAY

**Blizzard's howling gusts**

East Falmouth	81 mph
Hyannis	79 mph
Barnstable	76 mph
Nantucket	75 mph
Waterfleet	70 mph
Martha's Vineyard	67 mph

### New England snowstorm totals Tuesday

Raymond, N.H.	27.0"
Atkinson, N.H.	26.5"
Haveri, N.H.	24.3"
Bellingham, Mass.	24.0"
North Foster, R.I.	23.6"
Northbridge, Mass.	23.5"
Milford, Mass.	23.5"
Concord, Mass.	22.0"
Sanford, Maine	21.5"
East Killingly, Conn.	20.1"

### CHICAGO AREA SNOWBURST

**Tuesday's snowfall totals**

O'HARE	1.9"
MIDWAY	2.2"
Wheeling	3.1"
Arlington Heights	3.0"
Park Ridge	3.0"
Chicago Heights	3.0"
Riverwoods	2.4"
Morton Grove	2.0"
Downers Grove	1.6"
Peotone	1.1"

**SNOWS TOP 20 INCHES IN HARDEST HIT LOCATIONS**

SOURCES: Frank Wachowski, National Weather Service archives

### What drove Tuesday's intense "snow bursts"?

Beneath the "nose" of jet stream "wind max" air is encouraged to ascend on a large scale

**STRONGEST JET STREAM WINDS**

Snow showers emanated from unusually "tall" clouds

LAKE MICHIGAN

### CHICAGO TEMPERATURE OUTLOOK

Forecast O'Hare highs and departures from normal

Day	High	Normal	Departure
WEDNESDAY	49°	45°	+4°
THURSDAY	46°	46°	0°
FRIDAY	42°	47°	-5°
SATURDAY	48°	47°	+1°
SUNDAY	52°	47°	+5°

COOLER WINDS OFF THE LAKE

BECCA ARNOLD, THOMAS VALLE / WGN-TV

### CHICAGO DIGEST

**TUESDAY TEMPERATURES**

LOCATION	HI	LO	LOCATION	HI	LO
Aurora	38	22	Midway	39	28
Gary	36	30	O'Hare	35	27
Kankakee	37	26	Romeoville	37	24
Lakefront	35	27	Valparaiso	36	26
Lansing	34	27	Waukegan	32	25

**CHICAGO PRECIPITATION**

PERIOD	2018	NORMAL
Tuesday	0.19"	0.07"
Month to date	1.18"	0.99"
Year to date	7.36"	4.51"

**CHICAGO SNOWFALL**

PERIOD	O'HARE	MIDWAY
Tuesday	2.2"	1.9"
Season to date	32.9"	35.3"
Normal to date	32.5"	33.7"

SOURCE: Frank Wachowski

**LAKE MICHIGAN CONDITIONS**

WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY
Wind <b>WSW 12-22 kts.</b>	<b>NNW 15-24 kts.</b>
Waves <b>2-4 feet</b>	<b>3-5 feet</b>
Tues. shore/crib water temps <b>39°/37°</b>	

**MONDAY 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**

Tuesday reading	Good
Wednesday forecast	Good
Critical pollutant	Particulates

**WEDNESDAY RISE/SET TIMES**

Sun	Moon
7:04 a.m.	5:44 a.m.
6:56 p.m.	4:11 p.m.

**WEDNESDAY PLANET WATCH**

PLANET	RISE	SET
Mercury	7:37 a.m.	8:31 p.m.
Venus	7:45 a.m.	8:12 p.m.
Mars	2:42 a.m.	11:46 a.m.
Jupiter	11:46 p.m.	9:44 a.m.
Saturn	3:21 a.m.	12:34 p.m.

**BEST VIEWING TIME DIRECTION**

Planet	Time	Direction
Mercury	7:45 p.m.	8° W
Venus	7:45 p.m.	4.5° W
Mars	6:15 a.m.	24° SSE
Jupiter	4:45 a.m.	31° S
Saturn	6:15 a.m.	22.5° SSE

SOURCE: Dan Joyce, Triton College

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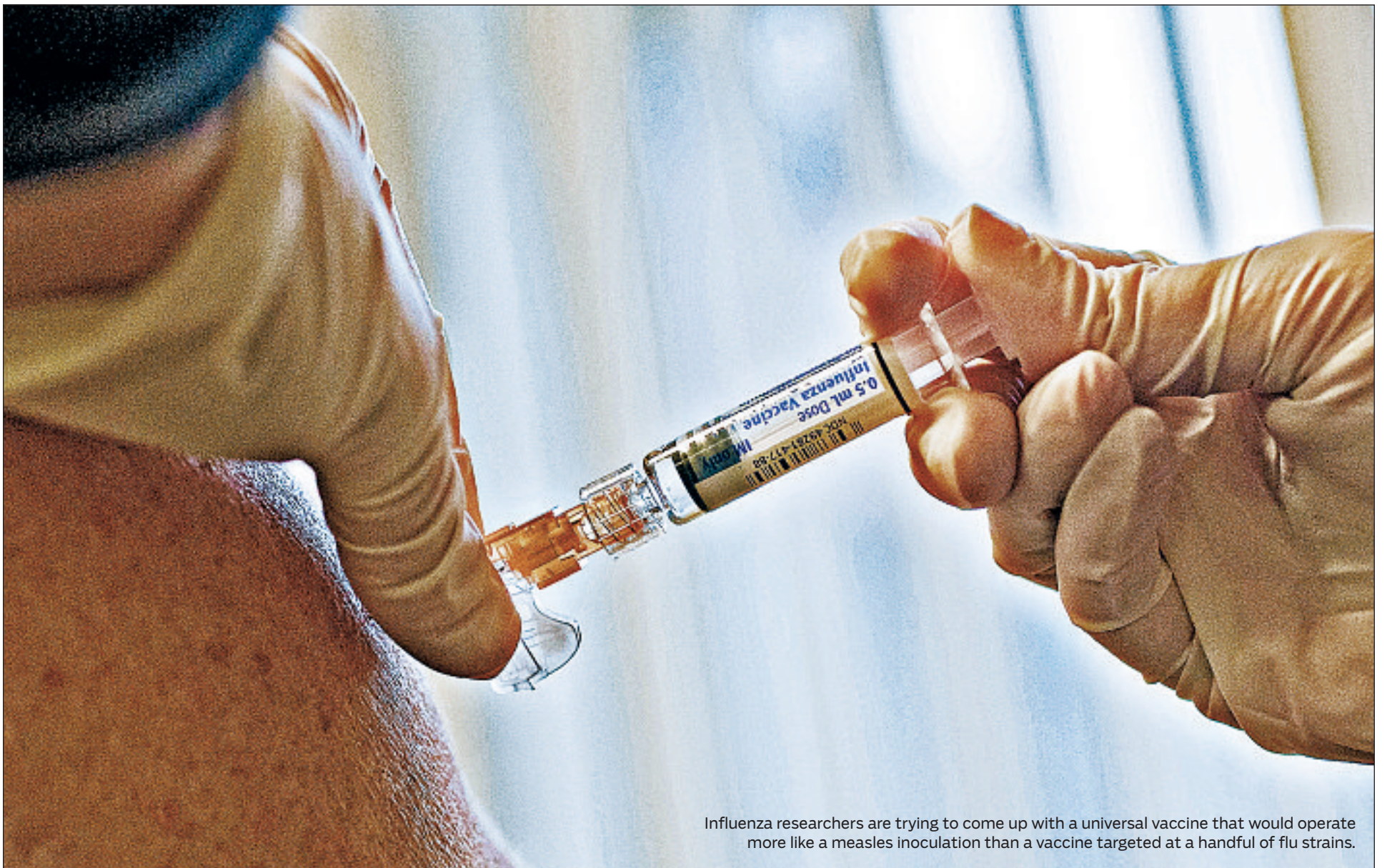
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Influenza researchers are trying to come up with a universal vaccine that would operate more like a measles inoculation than a vaccine targeted at a handful of flu strains.

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# Outsmarting the flu

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Public health experts say the need for a universal vaccine is urgent, and with time and money, they can do better against the virus

The only thing worse than getting the flu is catching it after you've gotten a flu shot.

It's been a terrible year for outbreaks — the worst in almost a decade. Contributing to that is the high failure rate of this year's vaccine. The current shot is just 25 percent effective against the H3N2 virus, the strain that's been most often identified this season by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

The experts say, with enough time and money, they can do a lot better.

"There has to be a wholesale change to how we make the flu vaccine," said Amesh Adalja, senior scholar at Johns Hopkins Center for Health Security. "We're always setting ourselves up for vaccine mismatch and failures and the like because of the lead time in how long it takes the vaccines to be made."

Drug companies and public-health agencies are already grappling with the challenge of next year and beyond. Officials must decide several months ahead of flu season the

makeup of the year's vaccine. Flu shots are typically 40 percent to 60 percent effective in any given season, though this year fell short of that mark. The ultimate goal is a universal vaccine that would operate more like a measles inoculation than a vaccine targeted at a handful of flu strains. The idea is to offer something closer to 90 percent protection against a disease for years — if not for life — with a single vaccine.

It's still early days. And outmaneuvering the stealthy, ever-mutating flu virus is about as tricky as it gets. There are hundreds of different viruses, and seasonal vaccines protect only against the three or four that researchers think will be the most common that season, creating an ever-moving target for public health experts. The current epidemic has provided a new sense of urgency to push ahead. Leading the charge from Big Pharma are drugmaking giants, including GlaxoSmithKline, Sanofi and Johnson & Johnson.

Sanofi, the world's biggest maker of flu vaccines, signed a deal with SK Chemicals Co. in February to advance the development of a universal vaccine. John Shiver, senior vice president of global vaccines research and development at Sanofi Pasteur, says it's hard for the scientific community to move away from the existing technologies to create a new one, in part because those technologies have been relatively successful over the past 70 years.

Recently though, some new research leads have turned up potentially promising approaches. One that Sanofi already uses relies on cell cultures, rather than eggs, to develop vaccines because some viruses do not reproduce as well in eggs. That was a problem, for instance, with this year's vaccine against the H3N2 strain, some experts maintain. Scientists also have developed ways to use what's known as recombinant DNA technology in the production of cell-based vaccines. That allows them to find

individual genes on a virus that are more likely to stimulate an immune response, cut them out, and insert them into the genome of another organism to make a more successful vaccine.

Even using such advanced techniques, a flu vaccine with 90 percent effectiveness may be beyond reach, given the scientific challenges of targeting the virus over time. Shiver imagines that even a universal shot, were it to be successfully developed, would have to be constantly tweaked.

Johnson & Johnson's Janssen research group is also doing pre-clinical work on a universal vaccine. "New innovations for influenza are urgently needed," said Julian Symons, research and development leader of respiratory infections.

GlaxoSmithKline, another leading vaccine developer, is conducting one of the first studies of a universal flu vaccine in humans. The shot is based on research directed in part by Peter Palese, the chair of

microbiology at Mount Sinai's Icahn School of Medicine in New York. Unlike current vaccines that target constantly changing proteins on the surface of the flu virus, Palese's approach targets a part of the virus that remains relatively stable from year to year. Glaxo is lending expertise in boosting the immune response through vaccination, particularly because that region of the virus doesn't typically elicit a big immune response.

Anthony Fauci, director of the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases, says an effective universal flu vaccine would outsell the seasonal one. The annual vaccine brought in \$2.4 billion for Sanofi and GSK in 2017 alone. Vaccines can be big business for pharma companies: Pfizer's Prevnar, which prevents certain forms of pneumonia, was its top-selling product last year, bringing in \$5.6 billion. Other lucrative vaccines include Merck & Co.'s \$2.3 billion-in-sales Gardasil, which protects

against the human papillomavirus, and Sanofi's vaccine against polio and whooping cough, also about a \$2 billion a year business.

To have a crack at those sorts of numbers, some experts say the push for a universal flu vaccine is going to require stepped-up investment.

"If you look at the resources that are now dedicated to the universal influenza vaccine, it's really small across the world, so there certainly needs to be mobilization," said Wayne Koff, chief executive officer and president of the Human Vaccines Project, an organization that seeks to speed up vaccine development.

Koff previously worked at the International AIDS Vaccine Initiative and sees parallels between the two viruses.

When the public stepped up its efforts to fight HIV and AIDS, the research community received much-needed funding to develop the antivirals that have since transformed the way HIV is treated.

Bloomberg News' Karishma Motwani contributed.

## Saluting Wis. candidate who breastfed during ad



HEIDI STEVENS  
Balancing Act

The year is young, but Wisconsin gubernatorial candidate Kelda Roys breastfed her 4-month-old daughter in the middle of her own campaign ad as my favorite part of 2018.

It's like women looked at the current landscape — riddled as it is with pay

disparity, environmental abuse, health care inequity, gun violence, presidential hush payments to a porn actress, rampant sexual harassment across industries — and went: Oh, it's on.

We will march in your streets, America. We will

run for all the offices. We will breastfeed our babies in clear sight of TV cameras and we will not be shamed.

Roys, a Democratic state lawmaker from 2009 to 2013, is pushing for universal paid family and sick leave, a \$15 minimum wage and equal pay for women. If

she wins the Democratic primary in August, she'll face Republican incumbent Scott Walker.

In her commercial, Roys talks about the dangers of bisphenol A, or BPA, an industrial chemical used to line consumer packaging and products, and her

efforts to make Wisconsin one of the first states to ban BPA in baby bottles and sippy cups.

While she's talking, the camera cuts to her husband consoling their crying daughter before he walks

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# Next likely crisis drugs: Xanax, Valium

Overdoses have increased sevenfold from 1999-2015

By DENNIS THOMPSON  
HealthDay

America is well aware of its opioid epidemic, but there's a hidden crisis brewing with prescription sedatives such as Xanax and Valium, a new review warns.

Overdose deaths involving these medications, known as benzodiazepines, have increased exponentially over the past decade, in lockstep with a steady growth in prescriptions for the drugs, the review authors found.

Use of these drugs has become too casual in modern society, said review author Dr. Anna Lembke. She's an associate professor of psychiatry and behavioral sciences with the Stanford University School of Medicine.

"These are highly addictive and potentially lethal drugs, and many people don't know that," Lembke said. "Sadly, most physicians are also unaware of this and blithely prescribe them without educating their patients about the risk of addiction."

Benzodiazepines are prescribed to treat a variety of conditions, including anxiety, insomnia and seizures.

Prescriptions for benzodiazepines increased by 67 percent between 1996 and 2013, from 8.1 million to 13.5 million. The quantities of drugs obtained with these prescriptions more than tripled during that same period, the researchers said.

As a result, more people are becoming addicted to benzodiazepines and falling victim to overdose. Overdoses involving the drugs multiplied sevenfold between 1999 and 2015, increasing from 1,135 to 8,791 deaths.

"Just like with opioids, people overestimate the



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Benzodiazepines are prescription sedatives such as Xanax and Valium, prescribed to treat a variety of conditions, such as insomnia and anxiety.

benefits and underestimate the risks of benzodiazepines," Lembke said. "They are effective for a panic attack or severe insomnia, but when taken daily long-term, people develop tolerance and dependence. They stop working and they can even make anxiety and insomnia worse."

Many overdose deaths involve people taking a benzodiazepine with another substance, such as opioids or alcohol, the review authors added.

Despite this, rates of prescribing benzodiazepine with opioids has nearly doubled, increasing from 9 percent in 2001 to 17 percent in 2013, the study found.

The review was published Feb. 22 in the *New England Journal of Medicine*.

One expert said the

trend is a recipe for trouble.

"It is important to acknowledge the risks involved in the overuse/misuse of benzodiazepines, especially when combined with other medications or alcohol," said Bruce Goldman. He is director of substance abuse services at Zucker Hillside Hospital, in Glen Oaks, N.Y.

"While we have learned that there are more effective treatments for chronic anxiety than the long-term reliance on benzodiazepines, many people have now been dependent upon them for years," Goldman said.

Benzodiazepines are best used intermittently, Lembke said, no more than a couple of times a week. More frequent use should be limited to a very short duration, no more than two to four weeks.

"If you're someone who's relying on benzodiazepine to get through a day, you need to think very seriously about getting off of them," Lembke added.

Other warning signs of addiction include needing increased doses to get the same effect, or resorting to doctor shopping to maintain a steady supply of the drug, she explained.

"Those are very worrisome signs because they indicate you've developed a tolerance and you're investing a lot of time and effort overcoming that tolerance," Lembke said. "Essentially, you're taking it not to help with your sleep or anxiety but to treat the withdrawal from the last pill that you took."

Some users are now buying highly potent synthetic forms of benzodiazepine on the internet, which

also increases overdose risk, she warned.

Lembke believes that regulators and the medical community should restrict benzodiazepine use by employing methods now being used to combat the opioid epidemic.

For example, health care providers should be required to check a prescription database before issuing a scrip for a benzodiazepine, to make sure the patient isn't addicted or misusing the drug in combination with other substances, she suggested.

Doctors also could require urine drug screens to make sure benzodiazepines are being taken as prescribed and not combined with other drugs, Lembke said.

Physicians can also help by clearly laying out the potential dangers of benzo-

diazepine use, said Dr. Karan Johar, a pain management physician at Lenox Hill Hospital in New York City.

"There has to be a level of caution," Johar said. "Myself and other board-certified pain management doctors generally give patients an informed consent agreement for treatment," which outlines the potential for addiction.

Lembke noted that people concerned about their benzodiazepine use should not quit them cold turkey, because they could suffer from withdrawal symptoms.

"Benzodiazepine withdrawal is potentially life-threatening," she said. "If you've been on them for a long time, it's important to work with a medical professional to taper off in a safe way."

Wisconsin Democratic gubernatorial candidate Kelda Roys breastfed her 4-month-old daughter in the middle of her own campaign ad, in which she talks about her efforts to pass a state ban on bisphenol A in baby bottles and sippy cups.



KELDA ROYS FOR GOVERNOR

## Across U.S., at least 80 women running for governor in 2018

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the baby over to Roys, who starts to discreetly breast-feed her on camera.

Roys told "Today" she initially didn't plan to release that part of the video.

"I thought we could re-shoot this part or maybe they will use the audio," she said.

I'm glad she decided otherwise. We keep hearing about the record number of women running for office. The ad is a look at what goes on behind the statistics.

At least 80 women are running for governor in 2018, according to the Center for American Women and Politics at Rutgers University. (The record number of women serving as governor simultaneously in the United States is nine, according to the group's data.)

Emily's List, a political action committee that recruits and trains pro-abortion rights Democratic women, says 26,000 women have contacted it about running for elected office in 2018. During the 2016 election cycle, a total of

920 women ran.

Many of those candidates, like Roys, have young kids.

Alexandra Eidenberg, a Democratic candidate for state representative in Illinois' 17th District, often campaigns wearing Jack, the youngest of her four children, in a sling.

In Massachusetts, Alexandra Chandler, who served for 12 years in naval intelligence, is running for Congress. She told Romper about her two kids:

"Just looking at their faces at night, I couldn't look at myself in the mirror and say, 'You know you have something to give, and yet you're afraid.'"

"I don't have the luxury of being afraid," she said, "because I have a 5-year-old and a 2-year-old, and this is the only country they will ever have. So they really made the decision for me."

A few years ago I heard foreign policy analyst and author Anne-Marie Slaughter speak at a Chicago Foundation for Women luncheon. She encouraged the women in attendance to think of our careers as lifelong endeavors — not

chapters that are limited to specific decades.

Look at Hillary Clinton, Slaughter said. She ran for U.S. Senate twice, served as secretary of state for four years, and ran for president twice, all after her daughter left for college.

There's plenty of time to do it all, Slaughter told us.

I remember taking a lot of comfort in that. I still do. But I'm inspired beyond measure by the women who look around and go, "I'm not waiting another minute to fix this mess."

Even if that means juggling the incredibly complicated demands of mothering young kids. Even if that means long hours on the road and a bunch of nights away from home. Even if that means breast-feeding your baby during a campaign ad.

They're running to change the world for all of us. For all of our kids. For their own families and for ours.

I salute them. And I can't wait to see what happens when they're running this joint.

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## Energized to reach spring



CHRIS ERSKINE  
The Middle Ages

We seem in a funk — post-holidays, post-football — peeking out the window to see whether spring is coming. You can almost imagine the summer scents: sunscreen, sausage on the grill, live bait, baseball. Yet not quite.

Even California finally got a dose of cold, and now rain, and some wet late-winter snow — heavy, high-grade Sierra butter.

The winter sun is still low, and the shards of light come in sideways on the starboard side, showing every speck of dust and the crud coating the patio windows. So what. A little dirt never hurt any house.

It's the dog hair I loathe, and the dogs, both of which joined our household under dubious circumstances. No one came to the inspector general — me — and asked: "Hey, can we raise this beagle? Can we adopt this wolf?"

No. The 300-pound beagle and the wolf (White Fang) just moved in one day, leaving me to feed them at 3 a.m., or let them out at sunup. Obviously, we need a new inspector general. This current one is seriously underperforming.

The dog and wolf feed off my disinterest. They wait by the front door for me, their eager faces in the window. If there's anything I'm a sucker for — and there really are a million things — it's the welcoming face of a dog or wolf who loves you no matter what.

I now write them both off on my taxes, and the IRS has yet to question it.

The other day, I was digging in the yard. Sometimes I just go out there with an ax and a shovel and start swinging for the fences. At one point, the holes and trenches made it



CHRIS ERSKINE/LOS ANGELES TIMES

With this one dish, Rapunzel has re-invented breakfast, as far as her hungry father is concerned.

look as if I were installing a sprinkler system, so I did.

All these mounds of dirt puzzle the neighbors. The wiseguys — and my neighbors are mostly wiseguys — roll down their car windows when they pass.

"How's it going?" they yell.

"You say that," I say, "as if it could possibly be going well."

When you own a home, one thing leads to another. First, I scraped off the old sod, most of it the color of urine, in hopes of installing a new front yard the gophers could be proud of. Then the ancient sprinkler system went sfffffftttttt. It apparently dated to the Bronze Age.

The dogs were very impressed and quick to pitch in. The wolf, who has more digging power than the Corps of Engineers, accomplished the most. She backhoed the one section of PVC that I had finished to create a cool hole in which she could lounge.

This is one of the joys of keeping an undomesticated wolf. White Fang sits there proudly in her muddy nest, watching me work the land. She smiles as I bloody-knuckle the old sprinkler valve, hoping to avoid undermining our suburb's entire water system. That takes time ... the bleeding, the cussing. It's good to have some company.

From inside, the wolf and I can smell toast burning. My family consistently burns toast because everyone sets the dial to something different, then forgets

to turn it back. The house smells of angry yeast.

Or of a dryer about to catch fire.

We are mostly a civil family, yet world wars can erupt over whether someone forgot to transfer wet clothes from the washer to the dryer or who took the last paper towel.

From the yard, I can hear the screaming as they work together to resolve these important issues.

I can also smell the toast. Our honey-haired daughter Rapunzel, who might shed even more than the wolf, does this thing with toast where she smears garlic-avocado spread that she buys at the farmers market, then plops aboard a slice of tomato and a peppery fried egg. Maybe some pesto, whatever pesto is.

It is a splendid mess she creates. I told her the other day that, with this one dish, she had reinvented breakfast, a meal that — much like her old man — hadn't much changed since the Milky Way was born.

She seemed pleased by that. Millennials know how to take a compliment. They accept it with grace and a smile, and the underlying knowledge that they somehow really deserve it.

"Thanks, dude," she cooed.

I asked her: "Ever eat a breakfast, but your mind was elsewhere, and when you were done, you didn't remember eating your breakfast at all?"

"So, you want two breakfasts?" she asks.

Sure, dude.

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# Why the flu makes you feel so miserable

Doctors say most symptoms caused by body's response

BY DENNIS THOMPSON  
HealthDay

If you're unlucky enough to come down with the flu, you can blame your own body for your fever, cough, muscle aches and head-to-toe distress, experts say.

Most of influenza's misery is caused by the human body itself, or more precisely the immune system's response to the virus.

"Many of the things that feel bad are the body's attempts to get rid of the pathogen that's causing the mischief," said Dr. Alan Taege, an infectious disease specialist with the Cleveland Clinic.

When your body has prior experience with a flu virus, it already knows how to send the right antibodies out to fight off the bug, Taege said. In those cases, folks might not even notice they've had a brush with influenza.

But when faced with a new invader, the immune system goes into overdrive.

It floods the body with a host of immune system-stimulating biochemicals called cytokines.

And that helps to explain why this year's flu season has been so severe — many Americans haven't had enough prior exposure to the H3N2 flu strain that's causing such havoc, doctors say.

According to Dr. Gregory Poland, "As a result of fighting off the infection, our body releases an army of chemicals, and those are meant to stimulate the immune system. Think of them as chemicals released into the blood to flog the immune cells of the body to rev up, divide and attack these viral infidels."

Poland is a vaccine expert with the Mayo Clinic in Rochester, Minn.

Cytokines also cause inflammation throughout



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Influenza can kick the immune system into overdrive, flooding the body with biochemicals called cytokines that result in uncomfortable side effects.

the body, and that inflammation leads to many of flu's most wretched symptoms, Poland and Taege said.

For instance, muscle, joint and body aches occur due to cytokine-prompted inflammation in the limbs.

Inflamed air passages produce mucus, causing a runny nose, coughing and sneezing.

Cytokines also cause the body to raise its temperature, resulting in fever.

What's more, the cytokine interferon has been linked to symptoms of headache. It's also possible that blood vessels in the brain dilate in response to fever, creating a headache by increasing pressure inside your head.

Taege likens this inflammation to your skin's re-

sponse to a very hot object. You feel pain, and the place that's been seared will turn red and possibly blister. Over a few days, the burned spot starts to calm down and heal.

"The cytokines produce an inflammatory reaction that doesn't necessarily cause a blister like a thermal burn, but if you look at the throat it can look red. If you look at the airways they can look red," Taege said. "This is inflammation, and how it interacts with the cells and injures the cells goes on to produce symptoms."

Experiments have shown that people exposed to artificial cytokines will develop symptoms of flu infection, even though the virus isn't present, Taege said.

This is not to say the virus can't do damage on its own, Poland added.

"We recently had a young healthy boy die of influenza," Poland said. "Autopsy showed the virus had invaded his heart and he died as a result of that."

Flu virus infecting the lungs can directly cause shortness of breath, fever and pneumonia, Poland added.

But many deaths caused by flu occur due to a "cytokine storm" — an overwhelming flood of immune chemicals prompted by first exposure to a new and dangerous influenza virus, Poland said.

Many of the young and healthy people killed by the flu during the 1918 influenza pandemic are believed to have died due to cytokine

storms.

"The body is so massively activated in an attempt to fight off this virus that it releases too many of these internal chemicals," Poland said.

That's why flu shots are recommended.

The vaccine teaches the body how to produce antibodies to fight off the flu without mounting a full-fledged cytokine defense, Taege and Poland explained.

With flu activity still elevated across much of the United States, Taege said the vaccine can help limit its damage.

"Should you encounter the flu virus, then it can control it much more quickly," Taege said.

People treating flu symptoms most often are treat-

ing the inflammation produced by cytokine release.

That's why nonsteroidal anti-inflammatory drugs, or NSAIDs, like aspirin and ibuprofen (Motrin, Advil) are recommended, Poland said.

You should also rest, drink plenty of fluids and continue to eat, Poland said.

Flu sufferers who remain active are adding to the bodywide inflammation caused by cytokines, Poland said.

And those who stop eating are robbing the body of energy it needs to recover.

"One of the effects of this cytokine release is it really revs up your metabolism," he said. "You actually need more caloric intake to sustain the body."

## PEOPLE'S PHARMACY PRESCRIPTIONS AND HOME REMEDIES

### Is mail-order medicine freezing in your mailbox?

BY JOE GRAEDON  
AND TERESA GRAEDON  
King Features Syndicate

**Q: I experienced a problem with "frozen" medication. Combivent Respimat inhalation spray was shipped to me during an unusually cold spell. I noticed I was not getting the same relief for my breathing, and the relief I did get didn't last the expected six hours.**

**I called Boehringer Ingelheim, the manufacturer. The representative I spoke to instructed me to stop using the inhaled meds immediately. They shipped me a replacement right away. Is it safe to get mail-order medicine in the winter?**

A: You raise a fascinating question. Most medicines are supposed to be maintained within a relatively narrow temperature range (68 to 77 degrees Fahrenheit). For short periods of time, it is generally OK if temperature fluctuates between 59 to 86 F.

During either winter or summer, shipped medications may spend hours outside those parameters. One woman wrote:

"My husband was sent some AndroGel by mail order, but we had to go out of town for a funeral at the last minute. The meds spent eight days riding around in a truck before they could be delivered.

"Routine blood tests revealed that the meds were no good. The manufacturer was so concerned that it tracked down exactly where the drugs had been and at what temperatures. Apparently, they spent too much time in temps over 85 degrees, so the company refunded our money."

**Q: My doctor recom-**



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Medications can be compromised if they're out in the cold (or heat) for too long; that's a mail-order concern.

**mended psyllium for double duty: to lower my cholesterol and to keep me regular. How does this laxative lower cholesterol?**

A: Psyllium is fiber from the plantago plant. The soluble fiber binds to bile acids in the digestive tract, allowing you to eliminate excess cholesterol. While psyllium won't lower total cholesterol as much as statins can, it can lower this blood lipid anywhere from 9-15 points (Journal of Chiropractic Medicine, December 2017). Taking psyllium also may reduce levels of triglycerides and blood sugar.

**Q: I have read that high blood sugar can contribute to erectile dysfunction. My wife died more than two years ago, but I now have a lady friend. I want to be able to perform if called upon.**

**Can you tell me about natural ways to reduce my blood sugar levels? I do use a lot of sugar in my morning coffee, and I drink more soda pop than water.**

A: Elevated blood sugar can affect blood vessels that are essential for erections, just as it affects blood vessels in other parts of the body (Journal of Sexual

Medicine, December 2015). So you are wise to look for ways to control your blood sugar.

If you have been diagnosed with diabetes, we urge you to follow your doctor's advice and take the medications that have been prescribed. If, however, you are trying to keep your blood sugar down though it isn't yet at the level of diabetes, there are several things you can do.

You might want to experiment with stevia instead of sugar to sweeten your morning coffee. Adding some cinnamon to the coffee grounds also could be helpful.

Try to change the ratio of water to soft drinks. Sugar-sweetened beverages provide a lot of empty calories. To get blood sugar down, you'll want to reduce the amount of sugar and refined carbs in your diet. Exercise also is crucial for good blood sugar control. Certain herbs may be helpful: bitter melon, fenugreek or nopal cactus could help you maintain normal blood sugar.

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# Why some yogis get wrist pain

Adjustments, better alignment in exercise can help ease discomfort

BY GABRIELLA BOSTON  
The Washington Post

You know that pain or discomfort in the wrists that you or your fellow yogis might feel in downward dog?

“Wrist pain is one of the most common issues we see in yoga,” says Alyson Shade, yoga instructor and co-owner of Realignment Studio in Washington, D.C. “But it can be addressed with proper modifications and progressions.”

Wrist pain can also occur in exercise like the CrossFit regimen or just by using bad ergonomics at work, says Robert Gillanders, a physical therapist in the Washington area.

“Good alignment applies to everything you do, from riding your bike to how you set up your keyboard,” Gillanders says.

When the wrist is hiked upward, or extended, it puts stress on all the soft tissue, especially tendons, in the wrist. When it comes to typing with hiked wrists, as opposed to the correct position of neutral wrists, the stress is low but frequent; in exercise like yoga or CrossFit, the stress is high but infrequent, he says.

High stress can trigger pain and eventually injury, says Angelo Dacus, an associate professor of orthopedic surgery at the University of Virginia, who specializes in hand and other upper extremity disorders.

“People walk on their

feet, not on their hands,” Dacus says. “So when we load the wrists, it’s important that we allow for a certain adjustment period.”

So if we are using our hands as feet in exercises such as arm balances, planks and downward dog, we need to give them a chance to get stronger gradually — not go from couch to 100 chaturanga (a triceps-focused yoga plank) push-ups in one practice.

The problem is compounded if the core also lacks strength, as the yogi is likely bring the weight forward toward the shoulders and away from the weak core, creating even more extension in the wrists, Gillanders says.

“Now you’re asking your wrists to work in a very strained position,” he says.

Another reason for wrist pain is the position of the fingers, specifically the weight distribution on the fingers. If you roll the weight out toward the pinkie you are more likely to feel wrist pain than if you place more weight into the “L” shape of the hand — the thumb and index finger, Shade says.

“I’ll say during class, ‘Place your hands shoulder-width apart’ — unless someone has very muscular shoulders, then they might need to be a little wider — and then spread your fingers out wide,” she says.

But the issue can also be inflexibility. For example, if you’re doing a downward dog and your hamstrings are very tight, you are likely



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Wrist pain can be a side effect of yoga, but it usually can be prevented with simple modifications.

to lean forward into your shoulders and wrists, and cause a similar type of strained position of the wrists.

Along with alignment, it’s important to progress and modify according to ability and fitness level, all three experts agree.

“Don’t compare yourself to other people in the class. Know your limitations,” Dacus says. “Build your own pose and talk to the instructor for guidance.”

For example, if someone complains about low-level wrist discomfort, Shade might suggest the following modifications:

■ Instead of downward

dog, do dolphin (dolphin is a downward dog done on the forearms.)

■ Instead of doing a wheel pose, you can place blocks at an angle against a wall and place your hands on those blocks.

■ Instead of cobra or upward dog, the modification can be a baby cobra or sphinx (a cobra on the forearms).

■ Instead of doing a plank on your hands, do a plank on your forearms and come down to the knees if the core is too weak to hold up the hips.

If the pain is mild but persistent during yoga, try wrist wraps, Dacus sug-

gests: “They provide compression and support, but they also advise you that you have something to be extra mindful of.”

So what exactly are we being mindful of — carpal tunnel syndrome, tendon inflammation, joint impingement?

It is more likely to be inflammation or an impingement in the wrist joint, Dacus says. Carpal tunnel syndrome is less likely if the pain is felt on the back of the wrist, he says, as the condition usually expresses itself with pain in the palm side of the hand and wrist.

For light to moderate

discomfort, Dacus suggests using these modifications and monitoring the pain. But if the pain lingers and worsens, it’s time for a doctor.

Shade suggests yogis alert their teachers about discomfort and injuries so that the teacher can either suggest modifications or a different level or class, or even just rest.

“Mindfulness has to be part of any practice,” Shade says. “Keep observing your body and don’t let anything go unnoticed. That’s when injuries happen.”

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# Treating menopause issues may aid sleep

HealthDay

Menopause can bring on a host of complaints, including sleep disruptions. Now, researchers say hot flashes and depression are strongly tied to sleep woes.

Treating those problems may help improve sleep for menopausal women, the new study findings suggest.

“Poor sleep is one of the major issues that menopausal women seek treatment for from their doctors,” said study co-author Megan Mahoney, professor of comparative biosciences at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign.

Sleep disruptions are “a huge health care burden, and it’s a huge burden on the women’s quality of life. Investigating what’s underlying this is very important,”



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Mahoney said in a university news release.

For the study, the researchers analyzed data from the Midlife Women’s Health Study, which involved 776 women aged 45 to 54 in the greater Baltimore area.

Yearly surveys and blood samples from the women

helped researchers track sleep disruptions, other menopausal symptoms and hormone levels as the participants transitioned from pre-menopausal to post-menopausal.

Following the women for up to seven years, the investigators found that hot flashes and depression were strongly associated with poor sleep across all stages of menopause.

According to study co-author Rebecca Smith, “It indicates that when dealing with sleep problems, physicians should be asking about other symptoms related to menopause, especially looking for signs of depression and asking about hot flashes.” Smith is a professor of pathobiology at the university.

“Sleep disturbances in menopause are part of a bigger picture that physicians should be looking at,” she added.

Some hopeful news also emerged: Many women with restless sleep and insomnia in menopause did not have sleep problems before or after menopause.

“That’s a hopeful thing for women who feel like their sleep has gone downhill since they hit the menopause transition: It might not be bad forever,” Smith said. “Your sleep does change, but the change may not be permanent.”

The study was published in February in the journal Sleep Medicine.

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Sfince are like cream puffs — but fried instead of baked — that are often stuffed with sweetened ricotta cream and decorated with crushed pistachios and candied fruit.

**CRAVING: FRIED FOODS**

# Heavenly treat

How to make sfince, the beloved fried Sicilian pastry that celebrates St. Joseph's Day

BY DOMENICA MARCHETTI | Chicago Tribune

The Feast of St. Joseph, which falls every year on March 19, is a big deal in Italy. Not only does the holiday commemorate the putative father of Jesus and patron saint of carpenters, it also is a celebration of all fathers — Italy's version of Father's Day — and of spring's long-awaited return.

In Sicily, which claims St. Joseph as its patron saint, the day is met with genuine ardor. There are parades and processions; in churches and in homes, three-tiered altars are assembled and adorned with fruit and ornately decorated loaves of bread.

And there are pastries. Not surprisingly, the region that gave the world cannoli and hand-painted marzipan fruit has a pastry dedicated to the celebration of its patron saint. That pastry is sfince, pronounced "SFEEN-chay." Or, to put it another way: fried cream puffs stuffed

with sweetened ricotta cream and decorated with crushed pistachios and candied fruit.

"Who wouldn't love a fried brioche filled with cannoli cream?" says Anthony Rubino, a third-generation baker whose family owns Sicilian Bakery on North Cumberland Avenue. The bakery expects to turn out about 2,000 sfince and zeppole — the Neapolitan cousin of sfince, sometimes baked, sometimes fried, stuffed with pastry cream and topped with a glaceed cherry — over St. Joseph's weekend. "These are pastries you don't find all that often, so when people see them they want to indulge."

He's right about the world's affection for fried dough. Just about every cuisine features some version: crispy, long-fingered churros in Spain and Latin American countries; lokma or loukoumades — fried puffs

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**REVIEW** Sushi-San ★★

## Sushi-San's draw is chef Kaze Chan affiliation

BY PHIL VETTEL  
Chicago Tribune

Kaze Chan is virtually a one-man history of Chicago's sushi scene. The chef, who came to Chicago in 1995, was the original chef at Mirai, at the time the best sushi destination in the city. In later years, he opened (with his brother, Macku) Heat (Old Town), Kaze (Roscoe Village) and Macku (Clybourn Corridor, which Macku Chan still runs). And he was the head sushi chef at Momotaro when it opened in 2014.

These days, Kaze Chan is the featured attraction at 10-week-old Sushi-San, where the Lettuce Entertain You group is doing for sushi what it did for ramen noodles at nearby Ramen-San nearly four years ago. (Not coincidentally, Amarit Dulyapaibul is

managing partner for both concepts.)

Like its predecessor, Sushi-San embraces a hip minimalism with its black-ceilinged, brick-walled, dimly lit interiors; hard wood seats and tables and a relentless hip-hop soundtrack; a cute and smart beverage program (one cocktail is called La Croix-ing Tiger) and a built-for-speed, compact menu filled with inside jokes (maki rolls are designated Old School, New School or Summer School; sizzling rice dishes are "straight outta' the Jospo oven").

Sushi-San offers four distinct dining experiences. At most tables, you'll peruse the single-page menu and choose among various nigiri, sashimi and charcoal-grilled

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## EAT THIS!

# Horchata pie by Hoosier Mama



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BY GRACE WONG  
Chicago Tribune

If a diner existed near the border of the U.S. and Mexico, it would probably serve an horchata pie. Thankfully, you don't need to travel far to find this unicorn, because Dove's Luncheonette in Wicker Park has one on its menu, made by Hoosier Mama Pie Co.

"One of the reasons horchata goes great with Mexican food is that creaminess is a nice finish to anything with heat and there are so many big flavors," said Paula Haney, owner of Hoosier Mama and the creator of the pie. "At the end of the meal, it's nice to have something cooling and smooth and creamy."

Haney starts by making horchata, which involves soaking rice, water, Ceylon cinnamon and vanilla together overnight. Then, after grinding and straining the mixture, cream, sugar, and more vanilla and cinnamon are added. The whole

shebang is then transformed into a custard.

The result is a sweet, cinnamon-y dream of a pie that is as comforting as a warm, soft blanket. The crust is Hoosier Mama Pie's regular pie dough, flaky, buttery and slightly crunchy, a complement to the soft filling.

This pie is exclusive to Dove's Luncheonette but sometimes makes surprise appearances at Hoosier Mama shops in West Town and Evanston. Haney said she was excited to create this pie because the restaurant uses "great ingredients with great integrity."

The pie company also provides an ever-changing seasonal pie for the diner restaurant.

"We're super in love with (the horchata pie), and it's never going to go away," said Tom Carlin, chef de cuisine at Dove's Luncheonette.

**\$6, Dove's Luncheonette, 1545 N. Damen Ave., 773-645-4060, www.doveschicago.com**

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## DRINK THIS!

# Sawada's Black Camo Latte

BY JOSEPH HERNANDEZ  
Chicago Tribune



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Fans of perennially popular Sawada Coffee are in luck: Hogsalt Hospitality has quietly opened a sister spot in River North, dubbed Sawada Matcha.

The colorful new spot is the latest collaboration with Japanese barista extraordinaire Hiroshi Sawada, with a decidedly more polished vibe than its West Loop counterpart. Whereas the West Loop spot is hip, industrial and spacious, the tinier Sawada Matcha is a modern counter-service spot with a low-slung couch and limited window seating. (Obviously, it will serve as a lounge for Hogsalt's Radio Anaga izakaya, located behind some curtains and set to open any day now.)

While the Instagram-famous, matcha-fueled Military Latte, an artful green tea and espresso drink, is the signature offering, don't miss the Black Camo Latte (\$5.95). Forgoing grassy, vibrant matcha, the Black Camo Latte instead uses hojicha tea, a green tea roasted over charcoal, as the base along with espresso. Whereas the Military Latte is pleasantly

balanced between the grassy tea, earthier espresso and light kiss of vanilla, the Black Camo is nuttier and more aromatic, the tea's scent seductively wafting off the creamy, silky foam.

Elsewhere on the menu, you'll find other tea-driven drinks, like the matcha cortado (\$4) and pour-over teas. If you're looking for a snack, a rotating dozen macarons are available, as are matcha doughnuts from another Hogsalt property, Doughnut Vault.

If you can take a moment of your day to sit and savor a cup of tea-infused java, there's no better place than this tiny spot in the shadow of the Merchandise Mart.

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# Israel's wine is more modern than ever



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The modern, large-scale experiment with wine continues in the country known today as Israel.

Maybe "contemporary" is a better word than "modern." The claim could be made that the Holy Land's modern wine industry began in 1882, when Carmel Winery was founded by Baron Edmond de Rothschild, of the legendary Chateau Lafite Rothschild in the Bordeaux region of France.

The thing that is interesting about Israel is that it has sort of started over where wine is concerned. It began "starting over" roughly 30 years ago, sure (and an influx of talent and investment from California followed). But when you consider that the area once known as Canaan (known today as Israel) has a multi-millennial relationship with wine, it is as if the starting gun for the latest race has just been fired. This is the part of the world where wine was born, and for dozens of centuries, it was reserved for religious ceremony.

But over the last three decades or so — a blink of an eye in Middle East time — Israel has been looking at itself not only as a place that can produce wine to contribute to the glory of God but also as a place capable of producing wine worthy of a spot on the dining table. Wine that appeals to a much larger audience and a much wider range of usage. In other words, it's not just for Pass-over anymore.

Most Israeli wine (not all of it) is kosher, and there is no reason to avoid kosher wine. To find the best Israeli wines, though, you will



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In Israel's higher-altitude, cooler north, Galilee could be considered the country's most prestigious and successful wine region.

probably want to avoid kosher mevushal wines, which traditionally have been boiled or flash-pasteurized to retain their kosher status.

Other than that, think of Israeli wines as you would think of wines from a lot of other places in the world: food-friendly, reasonably priced (not across-the-board cheap but also not overly expensive) and somewhat widely available. More than half of Israeli wine exports land in the United States.

Israeli wine is no longer a novelty, but it is an interesting wine category to explore, if you haven't already. You would not raise any eyebrows among wine aficionados if you were to

pull out a bottle of cabernet sauvignon from Israel.

Now, you may be asking, "Isn't it too hot there?" or "Isn't it all desert?" And the answers to those questions would be, respectively, "It's not too hot at higher elevations, where many of the country's best vineyards are," and, "No, it's not all desert — that's why they call it the Land of Milk and Honey."

In the higher-altitude, cooler north, the Galilee region (which includes Upper Galilee, Lower Galilee and the Golan Heights) could be considered the country's most prestigious and successful wine region. Israel's other four recognized regions are: Shomron (aka Samaria, where Roth-

schild made his first plantings); Shimshon (aka Samson, near Tel Aviv); Judean Hills near Jerusalem; and Negev, the southern, semi-arid desert region where drip irrigation has made grape growing possible.

Today the small country — Israel is a little over 260 miles north to south, and about 70 miles across at its widest point — has about 60 commercial wineries. A handful of large wineries are responsible for the majority of Israel's output, and many of those wineries have had some success in determining what grows well on their vineyard land. Some producers have even enjoyed recognition from the larger wine world for their efforts.

Many smaller, younger wineries, though — wineries whose wine does not leave Israel — are trying to figure out exactly what will work best for them in the long run. That is where the experimentation comes in. So even though 30-plus years have been enough to firmly establish a viable commercial wine industry in Israel, a sense of pioneering discovery still exists to some degree. And that is always intriguing — for producers and consumers alike.

For the most part, the aforementioned cabernet sauvignon has been successful — perhaps the most successful — but, of course, it is also one of the world's most versatile grape varieties

and has the potential to grow well all over the world. Chardonnay also has been a popular grape variety in Israel; other popular grapes include reds cabernet franc and carignano, and sauvignon blanc and gewurztraminer on the white side. The varied selection is getting increasingly better.

In the very first book of the Bible, Genesis, Noah plants a vineyard. He then goes on to overindulge once those grapes are turned into wine, and Lord knows we've all been guilty of that at one point or another.

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Pasta fagioli can be made with the Instant Pot multicooker, but good-quality ingredients are no less important than when cooking on the stovetop.

# SPOT-ON ADVICE

Instant Pot is only as good as the cook who uses it, so here's how to be better

BY LISA FUTTERMAN  
Chicago Tribune

Remember when there were no food processors? My mom, a “gourmet” cook before “foodies” existed, used just a blender and a hand mixer until the mid-1970s, when home cooks started buying this new appliance.

All of a sudden, dishes that had been out of reach to the home cook tumbled into daily meals. Pesto, bread and pastry doughs, emulsified sauces, sorbets — everything became easier — once mom learned how to use it.

In 2015, the multicooker or Instant Pot was introduced, and busy folks (especially those who were not really into cooking) embraced it. Three years later, social media feeds are flooded with Instant Pot tips, tricks, recipes and hacks.

Now that we all have the latest miracle kitchen appliance, how can we maximize its effectiveness and cook tasty food faster?

In his 1976 classic, “New Recipes for the Cuisinart Food Processor,” James Beard told cooks to “review your recipes and then figure out how the processor can act as another person in your kitchen.” We suggest a similar approach to the Instant Pot, a powerful tool with equally powerful limitations.

The pot is only as good as the cook who uses it — as a wise friend told me, “it’s just a pot; you are the master” — and there are a lot of terrifying recipes floating around.

Pay attention to a few guidelines, and your multicooker can become your most beloved sous-chef, as long as you do the chopping.

## Use your instincts

If a recipe doesn’t call for salt or suggests an ingredient you aren’t comfortable with, adjust to your family’s tastes.

Recipes from unfamiliar sources — like the thousands trending on Pinterest and other social media — can be wild cards and should be seen as guidelines for technique.

Stick with the minimum amount of liquid needed (roughly 1 cup for all cooking under pressure) — you can always add more. And trust the timing. After much experimenting, I have learned that I am more likely to overcook than undercook when using the pressure cooker function.

## Set reasonable expectations

While the electric pressure cooker function can make a truly remarkable biryani or a perfect risotto with little effort and in very little time, you still have to follow the basic rules of good cooking.

If your spices are old and dusty, or you’ve bought the wrong type of rice, your Instant Pot may act more like a garbage can.

Remember, you don’t have to convert your whole repertoire to succeed with an electric pot. Old favorites like pasta and veggie

stir-fry, for example, probably don’t benefit from being taken off the stovetop.

## Enjoy your time off

Braising, as my chef friend once said, can be a “sacred ritual.” The Zen of perfectly browning, deglazing and simmering ingredients for a stew can be incredibly therapeutic, and there’s no match for the deep, long-simmered flavors.

Use the Instant Pot to buy you extra downtime, but don’t throw out your Dutch oven and give away your conventional cookbooks.

Kitchen overachievers use the massive amount of hands-off cooking time they win back to make extra treats they don’t usually have time for or to read a new cookbook.

## Be adventurous

Like my mom’s food processor, the Instant Pot brings complicated dishes within reach.

I made paneer (fresh Indian cheese) in minutes, perfectly jiggly flan and a meaty Sunday gravy that tasted as if it had bubbled all day, in under 30 minutes each.

(Pro tip: Let your simmered dishes sit for at least 30 minutes before serving. The multi-cooker will keep them warm, while the flavors blend and meld.)

I visit parts of my supermarket (hello, dried-bean aisle) I’ve never considered before and cook elaborate Indian curries, soups and French classics on a weeknight.

Resolve to try offbeat vegetables like beets, artichokes or squash, or tasty (and inexpensive) cuts of meat (on the bone if you dare) that once seemed difficult to conquer but can be easily taken down with a few beeps of an Instant Pot.

Restored to end:

## Try some hacks

■ I may never boil an egg again now that I have learned to cook them in the electric pressure cooker. The sealed environment allows you to leave them unattended and still be precisely as runny (or not) as you like.

■ A fun and convenient trick I use frequently is stacking, using trivets and/or steamer baskets to steam multiple types of vegetables and proteins (even frozen!) simultaneously.

■ Make stock from the bones of that rotisserie chicken you brought home last night, and use it to make a hearty soup or risotto on a weeknight.

■ Set your oatmeal to be hot and ready when you rise.

■ Invest in (or dig up) an immersion blender to whiz soups and sauces right in the cooker.

■ Use the yogurt function for all types of fermentation that call for a low, steady temperature. Your multi-cooker can become a proofer for yeast waffle or dosa batter, or a safe place to let bread dough rise.

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## One (Instant) Pot pasta fagioli

**Prep:** 20 minutes **Cook:** 60 minutes, plus heating **Makes:** 6 to 8 servings

Many of the Instant Pot recipes we found call for cooking the beans separately, but beans are what the pressure cooker function does best. Cook the pasta directly in the soup to thicken the broth and save time on cleanup.

- 2 tablespoons olive oil
- ¼ pound pancetta or bacon, chopped, optional
- 1 large onion, diced
- 1 rib celery, diced
- 1 carrot, peeled, diced
- 6 cloves garlic, peeled
- 1 can (14 ounces) diced tomatoes or 1 large fresh tomato, chopped
- 2 teaspoons kosher salt, plus more for seasoning
- 2 teaspoons dried oregano
- 2 bay leaves
- 1 pound dried beans (cannellini, Great Northern, pinto, navy, heirloom or a mix)
- 6 to 8 cups water or stock or a combination
- 1 cup small dried pasta (small shells work well)
- Fresh rosemary, basil and/or parsley, roughly chopped
- Freshly grated Parmigiano, Romano or Asiago cheese

**1** Heat the olive oil in the pot on the saute function on medium. Add the pancetta; cook, tossing, until golden. Add the onion, celery and carrot; saute until soft. Add the garlic; saute, 1 minute more. Add tomatoes, salt, oregano and bay leaves; saute, 2 minutes. Add the beans and water (less if you like stewy, more if you like soupy) or stock. Seal the pot and set to pressure cook on high for 45 minutes. It may take up to 20 minutes to come to pressure. Allow pressure to release naturally, about 15 minutes.

**2** Open the lid, and switch the cooker to saute. Once the soup comes to a boil (it will just take a minute), stir in the dried pasta and simmer until cooked, 6 to 8 minutes. Allow to sit for 30 minutes to blend flavors before serving topped with chopped herbs and grated cheese.

**Note:** If you need a quick project while the pot does its work, combine fresh herbs, Parmigiano, a splash of olive oil and some toasted, seasoned breadcrumbs to make a tasty soup topper.

**Nutrition information per serving (for 8 servings):** 179 calories, 4 g fat, 1 g saturated fat, 0 mg cholesterol, 15 g carbohydrates, 3 g sugar, 8 g protein, 612 mg sodium, 2 g fiber



## Chocolate-chartreuse pots de creme

**Prep:** 10 minutes **Cook:** 6 minutes, plus preheating **Makes:** 4 servings

Custards like flans and cheesecakes work very well in the multi-cooker’s moist sealed environment. This version is denser than most due to the high proportion of chocolate.

- 3 ounces good quality semi- or bittersweet chocolate, chopped coarsely
- 1 cup heavy cream
- ½ cup whole milk
- 3 egg yolks
- 2 tablespoons sugar
- Pinch kosher salt
- 2 teaspoons Chartreuse liqueur, optional
- Whipped cream and shaved chocolate

**1** Place the chocolate in a bowl. Heat the cream and milk in a saucepan over medium heat to just below boiling; stir into the chocolate, whisking gently until melted and homogeneous. Whisk in the egg yolks, sugar, salt and Chartreuse, if using.

**2** Place the trivet in the inner pot of the multi-cooker, and add 1 cup water. Place 4 custard cups or mini canning jars on the trivet. Divide the chocolate mixture evenly among the cups.

**3** Seal the pot, and set to pressure cook 6 minutes on high. Allow to release naturally, 10-15 minutes, then carefully remove the cups from the pot. Cool at room temperature, 1 to 2 hours, or in refrigerator 30 minutes. Serve with unsweetened whipped cream sprinkled with shaved chocolate.

**Nutrition information per serving:** 390 calories, 32 g fat, 19 g saturated fat, 209 mg cholesterol, 23 g carbohydrates, 21 g sugar, 6 g protein, 68 mg sodium, 1 g fiber





# Smoke gets in your soup



**JEANMARIE BROWNSON**  
Dinner at Home

In cold weather, I perk up simple suppers with a bit of smoke — that delicious flavor addition we associate with the grilling days of summer. I would happily enjoy smoked or grilled foods every day. Ditto for homemade soup. Melding the two together proves a match.

Here are two soups with subtle smoke flavors from smoked proteins — such as ham, turkey or fish. Sure to beat the cold-weather blues no matter where you live.

In our family, a leftover holiday hambone tucked away in the freezer means a pot of split pea soup later. A smoky bone, with plenty of meat still clinging, transforms the lowly pea into a satisfying one-pot meal that's part soup, part stew. Lacking a hambone, I'll purchase smoked ham hocks from the meat case in large supermarkets or order hocks in advance from the butcher. Smoked turkey drumsticks work well here too. Whatever bone you choose, any meat that clings to them will render soft when nestled in with the peas, broth and vegetables. I dice the tender meat and add it back to the soup before serving.

These days, I usually opt for yellow split peas in my soup rather than green; my audience holds them in higher regard. I think it's a color thing. To underscore the pea's natural sweetness and color, I add carrots and sweet potato.

The second recipe is inspired by a soup I enjoyed at my uncle's French bistro in



Yellow split pea soup with ancho chiles and ham hocks brings smoky flavor. Carrots and sweet potato underscore the sweetness and color.

Connecticut — a classic, creamy cauliflower soup surprisingly topped with a smoked fish toast. Guy, the chef, topped crusty toasted slices of French baguette with whipped cheese and thin curls of smoked salmon. Bites of the toast between spoonfuls of soup took the bite out of a wintry evening.

The soup proves super easy to make — simply combine everything in the pot, and simmer until the cauliflower is soft. Chopping the cauliflower takes a bit of time, but frozen cauliflower florets can stand in if that helps. For a meatless soup, I use a rich

vegetable broth made with lightly roasted onions.

Of course, you can skip the smoked fish toasts and simply serve the soup topped with crunchy croutons and a shower of fresh herbs. Floating a dollop of whipped creme fraiche or plain Greek yogurt and a swirl of fruity olive oil is another way to go.

Part of the pleasure of eating well-made soup is the add-ons that accompany the bowl. At home, I think about swirling in flavorful oil or pesto, chili paste or chopped fresh herbs for another level of flavor. I think about crunch, too, for a textural element.

Not just croutons, but also fried onions, crumbled toasted chiles and roasted nuts.

All good soup starts with good broth. While I do take pleasure in simmering bones and a few vegetables in water, packaged broth in the grocery store saves time. I look for brands with clean labels, no preservatives and that are made with real ingredients. Check the freezer, too, as there are several good options there now. I really like to use the homemade broth sold at the local butcher shop.

We're cooking for winter, but with the subtle flavors of warmer days.

## Smoky yellow split pea soup with crispy anchos

**Prep:** 40 minutes **Cook:** 1 1/4 hours  
**Makes:** 6 servings

- 1 bag (16 ounces) yellow split peas
  - 2 tablespoons olive oil
  - 2 large carrots, peeled, halved lengthwise, sliced into 1/4-inch pieces
  - 1 large sweet potato, about 1 pound, peeled, cut into 1/2-inch pieces
  - 1 celery rib, chopped into 1/4-inch pieces
  - 1 large onion, chopped into 1/4-inch pieces
  - 3 cloves garlic, crushed
  - 2 quarts vegetable broth or low-sodium chicken broth
  - 2 small ham hocks or shanks, about 1 to 1 1/2 pounds (or smoked turkey drumsticks)
  - 2 to 3 cups diced smoked ham or smoked turkey breast, optional
  - Salt, freshly ground black pepper
- Topping:**
- 1/3 cup expeller pressed canola, sunflower or safflower oil
  - 3 dried ancho chiles, cored, seeded, each torn into 4 pieces
  - 2 medium shallots, halved, very thinly sliced
  - 4 cloves garlic, very thinly sliced
  - 1 teaspoon cumin seeds
  - Grated zest of 1 orange
  - Plain Greek yogurt or sour cream, optional
  - Chopped fresh cilantro

**1** Rinse split peas in a colander and check them for stones or pebbles. Heat olive oil in the bottom of a large 4-quart saucepan over medium heat. Add carrots, sweet potato, celery and onion. Cook and stir, 5 minutes. Stir in garlic, rinsed peas and broth. Nestle the ham hocks into the pot. Heat to a simmer and cook, partly covered, stirring often, over medium-low heat, until the peas are tender and falling apart, about 1 hour.

**2** Remove the ham hocks, chop any meat on them (no fat or gristle) and return the meat to the soup. Stir in the optional ham. Taste the soup, and adjust seasonings with salt and pepper.

**3** Meanwhile, for the soup topping, heat canola oil in small heavy-bottomed skillet over medium heat. Use tongs to toast ancho pieces in the oil for just a few seconds, until they change color and start to crisp. Drain on paper toweling. When cool, use your fingers to roughly crumble the chiles into small pieces.

**4** Add shallots to the canola oil. Cook and stir over low heat until shallots are tender, about 2 minutes. Stir in garlic and cumin seeds. Cook another minute or so until fragrant. Remove from heat and cool. Stir in 1/4 teaspoon salt, plenty of black pepper and the orange zest.

**5** Serve the soup in warm bowls with a dollop of the yogurt, some of the shallot-cumin oil and crumbled anchos. Sprinkle with cilantro.

**Nutrition information per serving:** 480 calories, 18 g fat, 2 g saturated fat, 0 mg cholesterol, 64 g carbohydrates, 15 g sugar, 18 protein, 242 mg sodium, 21 g fiber



## Creamy cauliflower soup with smoked fish toasts

**Prep:** 30 minutes **Cook:** 30 minutes **Makes:** 10 cups, 6 servings

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| 2 small or 1 large head (about 3 pounds total) cauliflower, outer leaves removed | 20 Salt, freshly ground pepper to taste             |
| 3 medium (9 ounces total) golden potatoes, peeled, diced                         | 20 Smoked fish toasts: slices (each 1/4-inch thick) |
| 1 large sweet onion, diced   | 2 French baguette, about 6 ounces total             |
| 2 cloves garlic, crushed   | 2 tablespoons olive oil                             |
| 2 quarts low-sodium chicken broth (or vegetable broth)                           | 3 ounces cream cheese, softened                     |
| 1/4 cup whipping cream or creme fraiche  | 2 ounces smoked salmon, crumbled into large pieces  |
| 1/8 teaspoon cayenne pepper  | 2 Chopped fresh chives                              |

**1** Use a large knife to cut cauliflower heads in half. Cut out the tough cores and discard. Roughly chop the florets. Put chopped cauliflower, potatoes, onion and garlic into the bottom of a large (4 or 5-quart) Dutch oven. Add broth. Heat to a boil. Reduce heat to a simmer; cover loosely, and cook until vegetables are fall-apart tender, 20 to 25 minutes.

**2** Use an immersion blender to puree soup. (Or puree soup in small batches in a blender.) Add cream and cayenne; heat soup to a simmer. Season soup with salt and pepper.

**3** While soup simmers, make the toasts: Heat oven to 375 degrees. Brush both sides of the bread slices with oil and place in a single layer on a baking sheet. Bake, turning bread slices over, until golden and crispy, about 10 minutes.

**4** Spread cream cheese over toasts while they are still warm. Top with a few pieces of salmon and a sprinkle of chives.

**5** Serve bowls of soup sprinkled with chives and accompanied by the toasts.

**Nutrition information per serving:** 316 calories, 14 g fat, 6 g saturated fat, 28 mg cholesterol, 37 g carbohydrates, 4 g sugar, 12 protein, 447 mg sodium, 4 g fiber

## BEER OF THE MONTH

# Love Jai Alai IPA? Don't miss brewery's Maduro Brown Ale

By **JOSH NOEL** | Chicago Tribune

**The beer:** Maduro Brown Ale by Cigar City, made in Tampa, Fla.

**What it is:** A fairly faithful take on an English-style brown ale from a well-regarded brewery that began distributing in Chicago in February. Cigar City is known largely for its Jai Alai IPA, but Maduro is not to be missed. It's the first beer the brewery made when launching in 2007, and it remains a core piece of the brewery's identity.

**In the can:** An earthy, sweet aroma of molasses, toffee, chocolate and tobacco is mimicked on the palate, where an upfront

charred bitterness is chased by a rush of malty, lightly nutty sweetness. Maduro Brown isn't flashy; it's easy and approachable drinking for rarefied and mainstream tastes alike. Brown ales are not particularly cool these days, but done well, they remain a beer-drinking bedrock, and Maduro is a fine example, whether beside food — it's a very versatile food beer — or on its own.

**Alcohol:** 5.5 percent

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Sfince are easy to make at home, which means you can enjoy them for St. Joseph's Day (March 19) even if you are nowhere near an Italian bakery.

# Heavenly Sicilian sfince

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drenched in honey — in Turkey and Greece; Jian dui — bean paste-filled fried sesame balls in China; doughnuts and funnel cakes here in the U.S.

Italy offers a prodigious variety of fried treats, from tender rice fritters to crunchy ribbons known as “crostoli” or “chiacchiere” or “sfrappole,” depending on which region you happen to be from. Many of these pastries are consumed, joyfully, during Carnival, the period before Lent in which every street in every village seems to smell like an intoxicating mix of hot oil, fried dough and powdered sugar. In Sicily, it would not be *Carnevale* without cannoli, even though the pastry is now ubiquitous.

But sfince remain tied to the Feast of St. Joseph. The holiday, like many Christian holidays, has pagan roots, says Allison Scola, a New York-based Sicilian-American scholar who leads small-group tours in Sicily.

“Originally, it was a celebration of spring and the vernal equinox,” she says. “The sun has returned, the days are longer. In Sicily at this time of year, everything is in bloom, everything is green. The sheep are giving birth and making milk again, so there is fresh ricotta.”

The word “sfince” (sometimes spelled “sfinci” or “sfingi”) means “sponge” and is believed to have Arab origins, says Rosetta Costantino, author of “Southern Italian Desserts.” Arabs ruled the island for more than a century (before being defeated by the Normans in the 11th century), and they are credited with giving Sicilians their taste for desserts. “They planted pistachio trees in Bronte, at the foot of Mount Etna; they brought cinnamon and almond paste and citrus. And they brought sugar. They covered Sicily with sugar,” Costantino says.

Nuns later learned to cultivate that sweet tooth. Convents turned out all sorts of sumptuous pastries and ornate confections as a way of funding orphanages and other missions. And in the 1800s, Swiss pastry chefs who immigrated to southern Italy opened pastry shops in Naples and Palermo, serving sophisticated desserts made with but-

ter, chocolate and cream. Still, many desserts like sfince continue to reflect the influence of Arabs.

Sfince are easy to make at home, which means you can enjoy them for the holiday even if you are nowhere near an Italian bakery. The batter for the pastry, a mix of butter, water and flour cooked on the stovetop and then enriched with eggs, is, essentially, choux — the same thick paste used to make cream puffs or their savory counterpart, gougeres. You can stir it up by hand, but a food processor or stand mixer makes quick work of it.

If there is a challenge to making sfince, it is in the frying. If the oil is too hot, the pastry will brown on the outside, but the dense batter inside will be undercooked. The key is to keep the frying oil at about 340 degrees and to leave the puffs in for a good 5 to 6 minutes. Starting around the 2-minute mark, they will slowly but surely begin to expand, eventually tripling in size and splitting open a bit as the water in the batter turns to steam. They may even turn over by themselves as they inflate, without the coaxing of a fork or other utensil. Bobbing in the oil, they look a bit like little blowfish; it's mesmerizing to watch.

Like so many fried treats, sfince are best soon after they emerge from their oil bath. Biting into a still-warm sfince rolled in sugar is the best way to savor both its delicate, crispy exterior and its airy, tender, slightly eggy interior. Then again, there is much to be said for the more lavish, stuffed version. Use the freshest ricotta you can find to make the ricotta cream, and make sure it's well drained so that it whips up light and fluffy but still retains some body.

Finally, don't forget a pretty garnish — a strip of candied orange, a glaceed cherry, a shower of crushed pistachios or even shaved chocolate. Now that's a pastry worthy of a celebration.

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## Sfince di San Giuseppe

**Prep:** 2 hours **Chill:** 1 hour

**Cook:** 5 to 6 minutes per batch **Makes:** 15 to 20

There are versions of these sweet, filled cream puffs throughout Italy, each with its own regional touch. In Sicily, the thick beignet batter is fried, rather than baked, into puffs. The puffs are then piped generously with ricotta cream. Bakeries traditionally turn out sfince by the thousands March 19 to celebrate the feast of St. Joseph. But they are easy to make at home and, like many fried sweets, are best when enjoyed fresh.

- $\frac{2}{3}$  cup water
  - 4 tablespoons unsalted butter
  - $\frac{1}{4}$  teaspoon salt
  - 1 cup unbleached all-purpose flour
  - 4 large eggs, at room temperature
  - 1 quart sunflower or other neutral vegetable oil, for frying
  - 1 recipe ricotta cream (recipe follows)
- Optional garnishes: bittersweet chocolate, glaceed cherries, candied orange peel, finely chopped peeled, unsalted pistachios

**1** Combine the water, butter and salt in a medium, heavy-bottomed saucepan, and set over medium heat. Cook, stirring, until the butter is melted, then raise the heat to high, and bring to a boil. Remove the pot from the heat, and dump in the flour all at once. Stir vigorously with a wooden spoon or silicone spatula until the mixture comes together in a rough mass. Return the pot to the heat and cook, stirring constantly, on medium-low for a minute or so, until the mass has formed a smooth, soft, ball of dough the color of almond paste. Transfer the dough into the work bowl of a food processor or stand mixer fitted with the whisk attachment, and let cool, 15 minutes.

**2** Pulse or mix the dough briefly to break it up, then add the eggs, one at a time, and process or mix until smooth. You'll end up with a smooth paste that is somewhere between dough and batter, dense and sticky, like a thick homemade mayonnaise. Scrape the mixture into a bowl. Lightly coat a sheet of plastic wrap with a thin film of sunflower (or vegetable) oil, and place it directly over the batter. Let it rest while you heat the oil.

**3** Have ready a baking sheet or platter lined with paper towels. Heat 2 to 3 inches of oil to medium-hot (330 to 340 degrees) in a medium, high-sided saucepan. The oil should not be too hot; otherwise the sfince will brown on the outside

before they are fully cooked. The depth of the oil is also important, because the dollops of batter will expand greatly as they fry. When the oil is ready, drop two or three walnut-size nuggets of batter into the pot. I use two spoons — one to scoop up the batter and the other to scrape it into the oil. Fry the sfince, turning them every so often with a fork or the edge of a spider, 5 to 6 minutes. It will take them this long to inflate (and, in some cases, partially split) into fully cooked, airy puffs the size of tennis balls. The inside should be nearly hollow. Transfer the sfince to the paper towel-lined baking sheet. Fry the remaining sfince, a few at a time, and drain them on the paper towels.

**4** To fill the sfince, fill a pastry bag fitted with a plain or star tip with the prepared ricotta cream and fill the puffs generously so that a cap of cream overflows. Or use a spoon to fill them and frost the tops. Garnish each pastry with a glaceed cherry or candied orange peel and a little shower of grated chocolate or chopped pistachios.

**Nutrition information per pastry:** 129 calories, 10 g fat, 4 g saturated fat, 63 mg cholesterol, 7 g carbohydrates, 1 g sugar, 3 g protein, 64 mg sodium, 0 g fiber

**Note:** You can also enjoy the sfince plain, without filling. Just roll them in granulated sugar as they come out of the fryer and eat them while they are still warm.

## Ricotta cream

**Makes:** about 4 cups

This rich, sweetened ricotta cream has plenty of uses beyond sfince, and you may have some left over. You can use it to fill cannoli shells or spoon it into cups, garnish with grated chocolate, and serve it as a simple dessert. Choose a good-quality cow's milk ricotta, rather than a mass-produced supermarket brand. For the creamiest consistency, press the drained ricotta through a fine-mesh sieve before whipping it with the other ingredients.

- 3 cups (600 grams) well-drained whole-milk ricotta
- 1 cup chilled heavy cream
- $\frac{3}{4}$  cup powdered sugar
- $\frac{1}{4}$  teaspoon vanilla extract

Combine all the ingredients in a stand mixer fitted with the whisk attachment. (Alternately, beat by hand with a whisk.) Beat, first on low, then on high, until the cream is stiff and fluffy. Transfer to a bowl, cover tightly and refrigerate until ready to use.

## HOW TO PAIR WINE

# Perfect match: Champagne, fried chicken

BY MICHAEL AUSTIN | Chicago Tribune

Fried chicken and sparkling wine go together like any great duo you can think of. They complement each other while also letting their individuality shine through. Here are three bottles of bubbles to reach for — Champagne, prosecco and cava — when you prepare this recipe.

### THE FOOD

**Fried chicken:** Put 1 cut-up chicken in a bowl; pour in buttermilk to cover. Season 2 cups flour with 2 teaspoons salt, plus paprika and oregano to taste. Transfer to a paper bag. Pull chicken from buttermilk, letting excess drip off. Add to the bag. Toss to coat; shake off any excess flour. Heat a cast iron skillet over medium heat. When it's hot, add enough oil to cover the bottom by  $\frac{3}{4}$  inch. When the oil gets hot (350 degrees), add chicken in batches making sure they're not touching. Cook, turning once, until browned outside and cooked through. **Makes:** 4 servings



CHICAGO TRIBUNE PHOTO; RECIPE BY JAMES P. DEWAN

**THE WINE** By sommelier Rachael Lowe of Spiaggia, as told to Michael Austin:

**Pierre Peters Cuvee de Reserve Cotes des Blancs, Champagne, France:** Made of 100 percent chardonnay, this wine is aged in stainless steel, French barrels and concrete, and not released for at least 36 months. Bracing acidity and fine bubbles join aromas of golden apple, green pear and almond skin to cut through the fattiness of the oil.

**Le Vigne di Alice Doro Prosecco, Valdobbiadene, Veneto, Italy:** From a single vineyard site, this is an approachable and balanced wine made entirely from the glera grape variety. Notes of peach pith, damp straw, tangerine and white flower come together on the palate with a zippy lemon rind character that will contrast the richness of the dish perfectly.

**Gramona Imperial Cava, Catalonia, Spain:** A blend of xarel-lo, macabeo and chardonnay, this wine (from a winery that has been producing cava since the early 1800s) offers aromas of lemon tart, bruised orchard fruit, hazelnut and toast. It finishes with a cleansing and bright mouthfeel, with high acidity that will cut through the chicken and bread beautifully.



Sushi-San calls its variation of bibimbap Beef 'n Bop.



A presentation of one of Sushi-San's nigiri platters.



Chiles in the Tako Tacos deliver convincing levels of heat.

# 1 sushi joint, 4 distinct visits

*Sushi, from Page 1*

items. Conspicuous highlights include the Tako Taco, featuring soft octopus, avocado, fried garlic and spicy aioli gathered in "shells" of crispy nori; sprinkled with a bit of fresh lime and topped with sliced Fresno chiles (which deliver convincing levels of heat), these taco-ish treats burst with complementary flavors.

On the other end of the umami spectrum is furikake scallop, a soothing concoction of sliced scallops roasted in furikake butter, with a bright, yuzu-juice finish. Beef 'n Bop, a variation of bibimbap, offers a cast-iron plate loaded with sizzling rice, short-rib meat, caramelized maitake mushrooms, pineapple and crowned with a soft-cooked egg (the rice bits fused to the iron plate add dark flavors and crunchy texture; don't forget to scrape them up). Vietnamese pork, cooked on the robata grill, presents pieces of Berkshire pork neck tossed in a fragrant and moderately spicy mix of Thai chilies, fish sauce, lemongrass and cilantro.



Sushi-San's 12-seat hand-roll bar is available on a first-come basis only and limited to parties of four or fewer.

The edamame at Sushi-San, blistered on the grill, brushed with garlic oil and dusted with togarashi, is how I want to eat edamame from now on.

Another Sushi-San experience starts after 10 p.m., when the crowd skews even younger and the late-night menu offers a togarashi fried-chicken dinner (available only after 10), which also includes salt-and-pepper wings and kimchi cucumbers.

Back to prime time. In a

front corner of the restaurant is the 12-seat hand-roll bar, available on a first-come basis only and limited to parties of four or fewer. Start with an order of three, four or five rolls (\$18, \$22 and \$27, respectively), and move to a la carte if you're craving more (likely, you will; the hand rolls are substantial but addictive). The star roll is the aptly named umami scallop, where scallop, masago, mayo and tempura bits taste the way a warm hug

feels. (Thoughtfully, the umami scallop is included in all three packages.) Best among the a la carte choices is the burnt-avocado roll, a vegetarian concession of fresh avocado, caramelized unagi sauce and tempura crunch.

Finally, there is the omakase (which of course is called the Oma-Kaze here), a reservations-only experience that has exactly four seats, at a counter directly across from Kaze Chan. The \$88 dinner

consists of whatever strikes Chan's fancy that day. "You get the best of everything," Chan promises. "If you're a serious sushi eater, book ahead and enjoy fantastic, super-fresh fish."

Based on my Oma-Kaze, I can't disagree. The feast began with a ponzu-kissed Kumamoto oyster and continued for 17 additional tastes, among them yellow-tail with white soy, pickled plum and seaweed; fan scallop, with a touch of lime zest and salt; golden-eye

## Sushi-San

63 W. Grand Ave.  
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sushisanrestaurant.com

**Tribune rating:** ★★

**Open:** Dinner daily

**Prices:** A la carte items \$6-\$20; nigiri platters \$29-\$98, omakase menu \$88. (No cash accepted)

**Noise:** Conversation-challenged

**Other:** Late-night menu; valet parking

**Ratings key:** ★★★★★ outstanding; ★★★★ excellent; ★★★ very good; ★★ good; ★ no stars, unsatisfactory. The reviewer makes every effort to remain anonymous. Meals are paid for by the Tribune.

snapper with ponzu jelly and minted salt; hokkaido-wrapped uni, a sort of scallop-sea-urchin sandwich; super-sweet ishidai (knife-jaw) and XO-glazed chuturo that Chan briefly torches ("to get a little fat out; otherwise, it's too heavy"). The meal ends with a slice of sweet tomago with a bit of eel in the center, and a sea-salt-topped chocolate square served on a charcoaled piece of wood.

Overall, Sushi-San is a two-star restaurant, depending on one's capacity for high-volume hip-hop music. But the interaction with Chan makes the \$88 option worth an extra star. Oma-Kaze, indeed.

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 1/2 Gallon  
**\$2.39**

**Dutch Farms Cheese**  
 Selected Varieties  
 •Natural Slices 6 Oz.  
 •Bars 8 Oz.  
**\$1.89**

**Dannon Yogurt**  
 Selected Varieties  
 •Activia 4 Pk.  
 •Danimals Drinks 6 Pk.  
**\$2.69**

**Sargento Cheese**  
 Selected Varieties  
 •Natural Deli Slices 6.8 Oz.  
 •Balanced Breaks 11.5 - 4.5 Oz.  
**2/\$7**

**Turkey Hill Fruit Punch Lemonade Tea**  
 Gallon  
**2/\$5**

**Pillsbury Cookies**  
 16 - 16.5 Oz.  
**•Rolled Pie Crusts**  
 14.1 Oz.  
**\$2.99**

**Bailey's Flavored Creamer**  
 Quart  
**\$2.99**

**Dutch Farms Cheese Spread**  
 8 Oz.  
**\$2.19**

**Kraft Philadelphia Soft Cream Cheese**  
 Selected Varieties  
 7.5 - 8 Oz.  
**2/\$6**

**Kraft Trios**  
 1.5 - 2.25 Oz.  
**4/\$5**

**Kraft American Cheese Singles**  
 16 Oz.  
**\$3.49**

**Tropicana Pure Premium Juice Singles**  
 10 - 12 Oz.  
**10/\$10**

Tropicana Pure Premium Orange Juice 6 Pk. 2/\$6

**Simply Potatoes**  
 Selected Varieties  
 20 Oz.  
**\$1.99**

**TruMoo 1% Chocolate Milk**  
 Gallon  
**\$3.99**

**Dutch Farms Whipped Topping**  
 6.5 Oz. Can  
**\$1.69**

**Jell-O Gelatin Pudding**  
 4 Pk.  
**\$1.99**

**Kraft Velveeta Cheese**  
 2 Lb. Loaf  
**\$7.49**

**Dutch Farms Orange Juice**  
 Gallon  
**\$3.99**

# FROZEN

**Hudsonville Premium Ice Cream**  
 48 - 56 Oz.  
**2/\$6**

**Grown In Idaho Potatoes**  
 28 Oz.  
**3/\$5**

**Weight Watchers Smart Ones Entrees**  
 Selected Varieties  
 4.4 - 10.5 Oz.  
**3/\$5**

**Mix or Match!** **SLAM DUNK SAVINGS**  
 With these Fine Products from Schwan's

**Tony's Pizzeria Style Pizza**  
 12 Inch  
**4/\$10**

**Red Baron Multi Packs**  
 8.80 - 12 Oz.  
**2/\$5**

**Edwards Single Serve Cream Pies**  
 5.20 - 6.70 Oz.  
**2/\$3**

**Eggo Family Pack Waffles**  
 •Cinnamon Toast  
 •Buttermilk •Homestyle  
 24 Pk.  
**\$4.99**

**Blue Bunny Premium Ice Cream**  
 46 - 48 Oz.  
**\$3.99**

**Reames Egg Noodles**  
 12 Oz.  
**2/\$4**

**Michelin's Entrees**  
 Selected Varieties  
 7.5 - 8.5 Oz.  
**10/\$10**

**Farm Rich Appetizers**  
 Selected Varieties  
 15.2 - 26 Oz.  
**\$3.99**

**DiGiorno Pizza**  
 12 Inch  
**2/\$10**

**Mr. Dell's "All Natural" Hash Browns**  
 24 - 32 Oz.  
**2/\$5**

**North Star Sundae Cups**  
 6 Pk.  
**\$2.29**

**Your Choice!**

**Gorton's Fish**  
 •Crunchy Sticks or Fillets 15.2 - 15.7 Oz.  
 •Sandwich Fillets 18.3 Oz.  
 •Portions 24.5 Oz.  
 •Beer Battered Fillets 18.2 Oz.  
 •Crunchy Fillets or Sticks 19 Oz.  
 •Sticks 24.5 Oz.  
**\$3.99**

**Banquet Chicken Wyngz**  
 •Jumbo •Boneless  
 25.2 - 48 Oz.  
**\$5.99**

**Home Run Inn Classic Pizza**  
 12 Inch  
**\$6.99**

**Best Choice Whipped Topping**  
 8 Oz.  
**\$1.19**

**Häagen Dazs Premium Ice Cream**  
 •Container 14 Oz.  
 •Bars 3 Pk.  
**\$3.99**

**Louisa Pasta**  
 Selected Varieties  
 17 - 19 Oz.  
**\$3.99**

**Patio Burritos**  
 5 Oz.  
**2/\$1**

**Doreen's Gluten Free Pizza**  
 13.3 - 14.3 Oz.  
**2/\$11**

**Mrs. Smith's Pie**  
 •Apple •Dutch Apple  
 •Peach •Cherry  
 35 - 37 Oz.  
**\$5.99**

**Edy's Grand Ice Cream Yogurt Sherbet**  
 48 Oz.  
**2/\$7**

**Stouffer's Lasagna**  
 •Regular  
 •Italiano  
 90 Oz.  
**\$12.99**

**Super Pretzel Soft Pretzels**  
 Selected Varieties  
 9 - 13 Oz.  
**\$2.99**

**Vito & Nick's Pizza**  
 19.51 - 30.09 Oz.  
**\$7.99**

**Palermo's Thin Crust Pizza**  
 12 Inch  
**4/\$8.88**

**STOCK UP & SAVE!**

Buy Any 4 of These General Mills Items  
 Get 2 Hinckley Springs Water  
 24 Pk. 5 Ltr. Btls.  
**FREE**  
Limit 2 Offers Per Customer Per Visit

**Betty Crocker Fruit Snacks**  
 6 - 10 Ct.  
**2/\$4**

**Pillsbury Toaster Strudel**  
 •Strudel  
 •Scrambles  
 7.2 - 11.7 Oz.  
**2/\$4**

**Totino's Pizza Rolls**  
 •Stuffed Nachos  
 •Pizza Sticks  
 8.8 - 23.7 Oz.  
**2/\$6**

**Yoplait Frige Pack Yogurt**  
 8 Pk.  
**\$4.49**



# GROCERY



Chicken of the Sea  
**Chunk Light Tuna**  
5 Oz.  
**69¢**



Always Save  
**Saltine Crackers**  
16 Oz.  
**89¢**



Cracker Barrel  
Oven Baked  
**Mac & Cheese**  
11.9 - 14 Oz.  
**\$3.99**



Hunt's  
**Ketchup**  
24 Oz.  
**5/\$5**



Hinckley Springs  
**Water**  
24 Pk. .5 Ltr. Btls.  
**\$1.99**  
Limit 3, Add'l. \$2.49 Ea.



Taco Bell  
**Sauce**  
7.5 - 8 Oz.  
Taco Bell  
**Refried Beans**  
16 Oz.  
**5/\$5**



Hunt's  
**Tomato Sauce**  
8 Oz.  
**2/\$1**



Rotel  
**Tomatoes with Chilies**  
10 Oz.  
**4/\$5**



Van Camp's  
**Pork and Beans**  
15 Oz.  
**5/\$3**



Jays  
**Potato Chips**  
10 Oz.  
**\$1.88**



Green River  
**Soda**  
33.8 Oz.  
**5/\$5**



McCann's  
**Instant Irish Oatmeal Cups**  
1.4 - 1.9 Oz.  
**4/\$5**



Beefsteak  
**Rye Bread**  
18 Oz.  
**2/\$5**



Vlasic  
**Sauerkraut**  
32 Oz.  
**\$1.99**



Ocean Spray  
**Cranberry Cocktails**  
64 Oz.  
**100% Juice**  
60 Oz.  
**Craisins**  
6 Oz.  
**\$1.99**



**Rice A Roni**  
**Pasta Roni**  
4.2 - 6.8 Oz.  
**4/\$5**



Barilla  
**Lasagna**  
**Jumbo Shells**  
**Manicotti**  
8 - 16 Oz.  
**2/\$4**



Del Monte  
**Diced Tomatoes**  
14.5 Oz.  
**5/\$5**



Wishbone or Western  
**Salad Dressing**  
15 - 16 Oz.  
**2/\$4**



General Mills  
**Cereals**  
•Honey Nut Cheerios 21.6 Oz.  
•Cinnamon Toast Crunch 20.25 Oz.  
•Lucky Charms 20.5 Oz.  
•Reese's Puffs 22.9 Oz.  
•Cookie Crisp 19.8 Oz.  
•Golden Grahams 23.5 Oz.  
**2/\$7**



Pillsbury  
**Brownies**  
•Fudge  
•Milk Chocolate  
•Dark Chocolate  
18.4 Oz.  
**99¢**



Pam  
**Spray**  
5 - 6 Oz.  
**\$2.99**



Best Choice  
**Oil**  
•Canola  
•Vegetable  
48 Oz.  
**2/\$5**



Pompeian  
**Extra Virgin Olive Oil**  
16 Oz.  
**\$4.99**



Hills Bros.  
**Coffee**  
•High Yield 30.5 Oz.  
•Original 26 Oz.  
•Colombian 24 Oz.  
•Perfect Balance or Decaf 23 Oz.  
**\$5.99**



Quaker  
**Oats**  
18 Oz.  
**2/\$4**



Kellogg's  
**Special K Bars**  
6 - 8 Ct.  
**2/\$5**



Kellogg's  
**Pop Tarts**  
8 Ct.  
**\$1.99**



Kellogg's  
**Cereals**  
•Frosted Flakes 17 Oz.  
•Rice Krispies 18 Oz.  
•Corn Pops 17.2 Oz.  
•Apple Jacks 17 Oz.  
•Froot Loops 17 Oz.  
**\$2.99**



Little Debbie  
**Bagged Mini Donuts**  
8.25 - 10 Oz.  
**2/\$3**



Nabisco  
**Belvita Breakfast Biscuits**  
8.8 Oz.  
**\$2.99**



Nabisco  
**Oreo Cookies**  
7.5 - 15.3 Oz.  
**Newtons**  
10 Oz.  
**Nilla Wafers**  
11 - 12 Oz.  
**\$2.99**



Matt's  
**Cookies**  
Chocolate Chip, Oatmeal Raisin or Peanut Butter 14 Oz.  
**Fig Bars**  
28 Oz.  
**2/\$6**



Alpo  
**Dog Food**  
•Prime Cuts  
•Come & Get It!  
16 Lb.  
**\$8.99**



Purina  
**Tidy Cats Scoop Cat Litter**  
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**Dishwashing Liquid**  
8 Oz.  
**99¢**



•Northern  
**Bath Tissue**  
12 Pk. Double Rolls or 6 Pk. Mega Rolls  
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**Liquid Laundry Detergent**  
•Tide Simply Clean  
•Era  
40 - 50 Oz.  
**\$2.99**

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•Coke Zero Sugar  
•Diet Coke  
•Sprite  
24 Pk. 12 Oz. Cans  
•Monster Energy Drink  
4 Pk. 16 Oz. Cans  
**\$5.99**

•Mtn. Dew  
•Crush  
•Lipton Brisk  
•Mist Twst  
•Schweppes Ginger Ale  
2 Ltr.  
**99¢**

•7Up  
•Dr. Pepper  
•A&W RC  
•Canada Dry  
2 Ltr.  
**99¢**

Vita Ice  
17 Oz.  
**79¢**

Powerade  
32 Oz.  
**79¢**

Best Choice  
•Soda  
•Seltzer Water  
12 Pk. 12 Oz. Cans  
**2/\$5**

•7Up •Dr. Pepper  
•A&W RC •Sumkist  
•Canada Dry  
•Pepsi •Diet Pepsi  
•Mtn. Dew •Crush  
•Schweppes Ginger Ale  
6 Pk. .5 Ltr. Btls. or 6 Pk. 7.5 Oz. Cans  
**4/\$10**

•Pepsi  
•Diet Pepsi  
•Mtn. Dew •Crush  
•Schweppes Ginger Ale  
12 Pk. 12 Oz. Cans  
**3/\$12**

•Bai Bubbles  
11.5 Oz. Can  
•Bodyarmor  
16 Oz.  
**4/\$5**

•Gold Peak Tea  
18.5 Oz.  
•Vitaminwater  
20 Oz.  
**10/\$10**

Drink Mix  
•Crystal Light Powder  
10 - 12 Qt.  
•Kool Aid Liquid  
1.62 Oz.  
**2/\$5**

•Lipton Tea  
6 Pk. 18.5 Oz. Btls. or  
12 Pk. 5 Ltr. Btls.  
•Starbucks  
Frappuccino  
4 Pk.  
**2/\$9**

Ruffles  
Potato Chips  
8.5 - 9.5 Oz.  
**2/\$5**

•Cheetos  
•Fritos  
7 - 9.5 Oz.  
**2/\$5**

Popchips  
5 Oz.  
**2/\$6**

Cousin Willie's  
Popcorn  
3 Pk.  
**5/\$5**

Sunshine  
Cheez-It  
Crackers  
8 - 12.4 Oz.  
**2/\$5**

Keebler  
Cheese &  
Cracker  
Sandwiches  
8 Ct.  
**3/\$5**

Bonne Maman Imported  
Fruit  
Preserves  
•Raspberry  
•Strawberry  
•Blueberry  
13 Oz.  
**2/\$6**

Thomas  
Bagels  
19 - 20 Oz.  
**\$2.99**

Butternut  
•Bread  
White or Italian 20 Oz.  
•Hamburger Buns  
•Hot Dog Buns  
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**3/\$5**

Aunt Millie's  
•Homestyle Bread  
24 Oz.  
•English  
Muffins  
6 Ct.  
**2/\$3**

Koepflinger's  
Bread  
•Italian  
•100% Whole Wheat  
24 Oz.  
**2/\$3**

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Bread  
•Italian  
•Dutch Country  
20 - 24 Oz.  
**\$1.99**

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Herbal Essences  
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Selected Varieties **\$4.99**

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•Plates •Napkins  
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**\$1**

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•Loaf 2 Lb. 6 Ct. •Loaf 1 Lb. 10 Ct.  
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**\$2.49**

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12 Pk. 12 Oz. Btls.  
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•Redd's Apple Ale  
12 Pk. 12 Oz. Btls. or Cans  
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12 Pk. 12 Oz. Btls. or Cans  
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