



Cohen casts Trump as racist, liar, cheat

President's former lawyer testifies before House oversight committee

BY MARY CLARE JALONICK, ERIC TUCKER AND MICHAEL R. SISAK
 Associated Press

WASHINGTON — In a damning depiction of Donald Trump, the president's former lawyer on Wednesday cast him as a racist and a con man who used his inner circle to cover up politically damaging allegations about sex, and lied throughout the

2016 election campaign about his business interests in Russia.

Michael Cohen, who previously pleaded guilty to lying to Congress, told lawmakers that Trump had advance knowledge and embraced news that emails damaging to Hillary Clinton would be released during the campaign. But he also said he had no "direct evidence" that Trump or his

aides colluded with Russia to get him elected — the primary question of special counsel Robert Mueller's investigation.

Cohen, shaking off criticism from Republicans anxious to paint him as a felon and liar, became the first Trump insider to pull back the curtain on a version of the inner workings of Trump's political and business operations. He likened the president to a "mobster" who demanded blind loyalty from underlings and expected them to lie on his

behalf to conceal information and protect him, even if it meant breaking the law.

"I am not protecting Mr. Trump anymore," Cohen declared.

His matter-of-fact testimony about secret payments and lies unfolded as Trump met with North Korean leader Kim Jong Un, offering stark TV counter-programming to the president's official duties.

In testimony that cut to the heart of federal investi-



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Michael Cohen testifies on Capitol Hill before the House Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

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ELECTION 2019



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Mayoral candidates Lori Lightfoot, top, and Toni Preckwinkle quickly moved to burnish their standing as progressives.

Which one is the more progressive candidate?

Hours after election, Lightfoot, Preckwinkle tangle over mantle

BY BILL RUTHHART AND JOHN BYRNE
 Chicago Tribune

Just hours after they made history by advancing to a head-to-head runoff to become Chicago's next mayor, Lori Lightfoot and Toni Preckwinkle showed up at a pair of busy "L" stations Wednesday morning to thank voters — and to start distinguishing themselves

from each other before a horde of cameras and reporters.

The Preckwinkle-Lightfoot matchup guarantees Chicago will elect its first African-American female mayor April 2, but any nostalgia wore off fast Wednesday morning.

Lightfoot was quick to continue her monthslong narrative that she remains the true reform candidate in the race while Preckwinkle, the Cook

County Board president, would represent more of the same, seeking to walk out of her fifth-floor county office and down the hall to the mayor's office at City Hall.

"I am an independent reform candidate. I do not represent the past. I am not tied to the broken political machine, and I did not aspire to climb the

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Last word on finalists? For some, it's 'finally.'

Lightfoot, Preckwinkle choice draws praise from black, LGBTQ communities

BY KATHERINE ROSENBERG-DOUGLAS AND ELVIA MALAGAN
 Chicago Tribune

When people outside Chicago talk about the city's politics, it's usually to decry the long history of corruption, the influence of the Chicago Outfit or the Democratic machine. But after Tuesday's election winnowed a field of 14 mayoral candidates to two African-American women, one of them openly gay, both Chicago voters and national political groups are focusing instead on how the city's politics are set to change.

Former federal prosecutor Lori Lightfoot and Cook County Board President Toni Preckwinkle brand themselves as reformers. And as Chicago voters awoke Wednesday looking forward to at least one historic first, national black and LGBTQ groups hailed the election results.

Equity Illinois, a group with 40,000 members, is the state's oldest and largest organization advocating for LGBTQ people. It tweeted its support for Lightfoot's mayoral run, writing: "This is a significant milestone in Chicago and Illinois history. Representation matters!"

The Victory Fund, a national LGBTQ organization, announced it would back Lightfoot as she tries to make history as mayor of the largest city ever led by a member of the LGBTQ community. Former Houston Mayor Annise Parker — the LGBTQ community member who holds the record for representing the largest U.S. city — now is the CEO of the Victory Fund and is putting her full

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Supporters at Bill Daley's election night reception grumbled about Jerry Joyce, calling him a spoiler. The wards Joyce won cut significantly into a historical constituency of the Daley family. **Page 5**
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Trump, Kim optimistic over talks

Leaders hoping for 'great results' at nuclear summit

BY JONATHAN LEMIRE, FOSTER KLUG AND DEB RIECHMANN
 Associated Press

HANOI, Vietnam — President Donald Trump and North Korean leader Kim Jong Un projected optimism Wednesday as

they opened high-stakes talks about curbing Pyongyang's pursuit of nuclear weapons, a problem that has bedeviled generations of leaders.

The second summit between Trump and Kim came against the backdrop of the American president's domestic troubles. As the leaders feasted on shrimp cocktail, grilled sirloin and chocolate lava cake, Trump's former personal

attorney Michael Cohen was reading explosive congressional testimony claiming the president is a "con man" who lied about his business interests with Russia.

The turmoil in Washington has escalated concerns that Trump, eager for an agreement, would give Kim too much and get too little in return. The leaders' first

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North Korean leader Kim Jong Un and President Donald Trump sit for dinner Wednesday in Hanoi, Vietnam.

Bears to 'explore every avenue' to find a kicker

Since last month's playoff loss, that hunt has become Chicago's offseason obsession. **Chicago Sports**

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Lori Lightfoot is the new wave of politics, but she'll need help to reach out to constituencies that feel threatened by her.



JOHN KASS

What change will look like: Mayor Lightfoot

Lori Lightfoot must be considered the favorite in April's Chicago mayoral election over Toni Preckwinkle.

Book it. Mayor Lori Lightfoot.

Yes, I like Lightfoot. That should be evident to anyone who has read my columns about her or listened to Lightfoot being interviewed on my podcast, "The Chicago Way."

She's got guts and a mischievous sense of humor. We both like tweed jackets. She doesn't like corruption. She likes Ald. Scott Waguespack, and so do I.

But election postmortems have nothing to do with likes or dislikes.

They do have something to do with ruthlessness, which is often underrated. And I do respect Preckwinkle's ruthlessness. She has great experience in running big government. Lightfoot has none.

But Lightfoot is about change. Preckwinkle is about status quo. The rest is dialogue.

"This is what change looks like," Lightfoot said in her victory speech Tuesday night. "It's true that not every day a little black girl in a low-income family from a segregated steel town makes the runoff to be the mayor of the third-largest city in America."

True, but the only large American city that is losing population. A city with a sickeningly high rate of violent crime, high taxes and a steady stream of taxpayers on the way out.

Lightfoot will need help addressing all that, particularly the fiscal issues, which are not her strong suit. She may consider reaching out to another reform candidate, Paul Vallas, who has the necessary financial chops and the respect of the oligarchs.

Or, she could screw this up and listen to the downtown law firms, the same crowd that counseled the oligarchs to go with Daley.

If I were still smoking, I'd enjoy one right now, and ponder the blunders of the C-suite types who backed Daley and not Vallas.

They're now masters of a city ruled by the hard political left in what could be called San Francisco East. And in political terms, April is just minutes away. Either establishment Chicago does nothing and waits for Preckwinkle and her public-sector unions to

take control of Chicago and Cook County, or they go with Lightfoot.

She'll set the terms for those negotiations.

Lightfoot is writing a new chapter of the Chicago Way, and her story is a historic mayoral campaign with no one named Daley in sight.

The two African-American survivors in the April runoff come from the same left wing of the Democratic Party, but they provide ample contrast.

Lightfoot is part of the new wave of politics. She's lesbian and a savvy former federal prosecutor. Preckwinkle is competent, ruthless and elderly. She's president of the Cook County Board and boss of the Cook County Democratic Party.

New vs. old. The national media and the national Democratic Party will feel pressure to support Lightfoot. How can feminists and liberal Beltway media not support her?

And how could liberal pundits not punish Chicago Democrats, particularly African-American Christian ministers, if any of them dare make Lightfoot's sexual orientation an issue?

African-American voters are socially conservative, particularly the churchgoers, a secret that most Democratic Party hierarchs and many in the national media are loath to mention.

Some black clergy will be compelled to speak out. And how local and national media respond will form another story arc.

And we will witness the Democrats, the party of identity politics, hoisted with its own petard.

Preckwinkle is exasperated. She understands identity politics and doesn't want to be on the wrong end of things. And so, she went out in her Tuesday victory speech to cement her liberal bona fides.

"I remember when 'progressive' wasn't a positive," Preckwinkle said, hoarsely. "It was at best a euphemism for 'unelectable.' Those of us who proudly claimed it had to fight to transform the political landscape."

Yeah, Toni, you did such a great job that those Bernie Bros in fuzzy pink hats and fleece jackets drinking cafe Americanos are now with with Lori

Lightfoot.

Preckwinkle is so desperate that she played the grandma card against Lightfoot on election night. Yes, the grandma card.

"When it finally comes down to it, I'm doing this for my grandkids," Preckwinkle said. "I want to make sure they have real access to education. ... As your mayor, I can do something to make hope a reality. ... This race isn't about me. ... It's about all of us."

No, it is about you, Toni. This is a change election and it's a referendum on the status quo.

Can Preckwinkle reverse all this and survive to become mayor?

Of course, she could. She knows what to do. But she has serious problems.

Preckwinkle is boss of what's left of the Democratic organization, but what's left of it really doesn't like her. She'll carry the baggage of the federal target, Ald. Edward Burke, who raised all that political cash for her. And Lightfoot won't let that go.

Preckwinkle is also haunted by that disastrous sugar tax she pushed, that hated pop tax that earned her the name Toni Taxwinkle.

Lightfoot will need some political help to reach out to those constituencies that feel threatened by her. She needs somebody who can teach her how she can stay ethically clean while parcelling out perks and contracts.

To be successful, Chicago mayors must learn to divide by two.

Lightfoot needs help reaching firefighters and police. The cops loathe Preckwinkle, because they consider her protegee, Cook County State's Attorney Kim Foxx, as being lenient on violent criminals.

Can Lightfoot make inroads among cops? Yes. She must in order to win. Will Preckwinkle try to stop her? Yes, and she'll also seek to deny Lightfoot access to the black church groups.

It's a brutal business. As Harold Washington used to say, politics ain't beanbag.

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Voters made history, but who voted tells a story



DAHLEEN GLANTON

Something historic happened in Chicago on Tuesday. By now, most people have heard that two African-American women emerged from a crowded field of mayoral candidates to land coveted runoff positions.

That means Chicago will elect its first African-American female mayor on April 2. Regardless of who wins, both women will have accomplished a remarkable feat.

As an African-American woman, I am particularly proud that our city will finally have a black woman at its helm. Of the 14 candidates in the race, Lori Lightfoot, a former federal prosecutor, and Toni Preckwinkle, the longtime president of the Cook County Board of Commissioners, were the cream of the crop.

Both women are smart, politically astute and undeniably competent. I voted for one of them but at this point, it doesn't matter which. Either would make an excellent mayor.

So on Wednesday, each will begin renewed campaigns to convince voters that she is the best person for the job.

There is no doubt that both candidates will garner the support of a large number of white voters. Their greatest challenge, however, could be with African-Americans.

What makes this mayoral race so unique is that neither of the black women heading to the runoff was the first choice of voters in wards where the majority of the city's African-Americans live.

Preckwinkle won only four of the city's predominantly black wards, according to unofficial results. Though she emerged as the front-runner, Lightfoot didn't win any.

Voters on the South and West sides overwhelmingly supported Willie Wilson, a black self-made millionaire who never had a real chance of winning citywide support. But Wilson won 14 predominantly African-American wards.

Here's the bottom line: In a race that drew only 34 percent of the registered voters to the polls, white people in Chicago decided that it was time to have an African-American female mayor. That has never happened in our city.

Lightfoot's and Preckwinkle's victories are extraordinary because that they beat some well-known white males. Former U.S. Commerce Secretary Bill Daley, the son of a former Chicago boss and the brother of another former mayor, came in third. Paul Vallas, the former CEO of Chicago Public Schools, and former Chicago police Superintendent Garry McCarthy barely made a dent.

That's definitely progress for whites in



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Martha Fragozo takes a photo with Chicago mayoral candidate Lori Lightfoot inside the CTA station at the Thompson Center on Wednesday in Chicago.



JOSE M. OSORIO/CHICAGO TRIBUNE

Mayoral candidate Toni Preckwinkle thanks voters at the CTA 95th Street Red Line station in Chicago on Wednesday, a day after advancing to a runoff with Lori Lightfoot.

the liberal city of Chicago. But for African-Americans, it should also be a little scary. In this election, the black vote, for the most part, was marginalized.

A lot of it had to do with low voter turnout overall. Nearly 539,000 Chicagoans determined the outcome of the election. It was almost a record low, barely inching past the 33 percent mark set in 2007, when Richard M. Daley won his sixth and last

term.

What happened Tuesday was unusual in another way, too. In contrast to Mayor Harold Washington's election in 1983, there was no consensus candidate among African-Americans. Neither of the two top vote-getters managed to build a diverse coalition of supporters, bringing Hispanics and African-Americans together in one gigantic melting pot, the way Washington

To outsiders, our city probably seems pretty cool right now. But we aren't there. Not yet, anyway. This time, African-American residents were lucky.

did. In those days, that's what it took for an African-American to win.

That clearly isn't the case anymore. Lightfoot won with the help of affluent white voters on Chicago's North Side lakefront. Though Preckwinkle pulled voters from across the city, her base proved to be in neighborhoods around Hyde Park, where she once served as alderman.

In a field that included six African-Americans, Lightfoot emerged with 17.5 percent of the vote, while Preckwinkle garnered 16 percent, both substantially below the more than 50 percent threshold needed to avert a runoff. Lightfoot came in a distant third in the majority of African-American wards. Preckwinkle fared better, coming in a close second behind Wilson in many of them, according to unofficial results.

If this outcome proves anything, it is that African-Americans cannot afford to be apathetic about voting. With the city's black population rapidly declining, African-Americans are going to have to be more diligent at the polls than ever.

Having two African-American women in a runoff for mayor makes Chicago seem like a city that has figured out how to bridge its social and racial gaps. To outsiders, our city probably seems pretty cool right now.

But we aren't there. Not yet, anyway.

This time, African-American residents were lucky. White voters chose two candidates that would be a great asset to the entire city. With Lightfoot and Preckwinkle, there is a chance that the leadership will look at the city through a more diverse lens. And neighborhoods where voters did not choose them will have a chance to thrive along with the rest of Chicago.

In order to win the title of mayor, Lightfoot and Preckwinkle will need to convince those Wilson voters that they will lead the city forward. They must convince residents who have lost the most faith in Chicago that they will be heard.

Most importantly, they must prove that they care as much about African-Americans on the South and West sides as they do about the white residents who put them in the runoff.

Believe me. That's not going to be easy.

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Ald. Ricardo Munoz, 22nd, leaves the Cook County Circuit Court after an appearance for his domestic violence charge.

Munoz, wife to reconcile despite alleged attack

Judge approves return home, still faces battery charge

BY ROSEMARY SOBOL
Chicago Tribune

A Cook County judge on Wednesday allowed Ald. Ricardo Munoz to return home after his wife announced she wants to reconcile with him despite the misdemeanor charge he physically attacked her on New Year's Eve.

Judge Callie Lynn Baird amended an order of protection so Munoz can have physical contact with his wife, but the longtime 22nd Ward alderman still faces the domestic battery charge.

"He's a really good man," Betty Torres Munoz said after the brief hearing at the domestic violence court in the South Loop. "(Alcohol) addiction has taken the best of him."

Before the hearing started, she handed him cards for his belated birthday and Valentine's Day.

Munoz, sporting a scruffy beard, blue jeans ripped in the knee and an untucked dress shirt under a black long-sleeved top, declined to reveal his plans to reporters but indicated

he understood the judge meant he could return home "as long as I'm not intoxicated."

"I'm going back to Carol Stream to work on my sobriety," said Munoz, who indicated he's been living with his sister in the west suburb while attending alcoholism therapy for four hours a day in Elgin.

In filing for an order of protection on Jan. 2, Torres

workplace — 118 N. Clark St. — the same government building where Munoz works.

Munoz, who was appointed to his seat by Mayor Richard M. Daley in 1993, is the city's longest-tenured Hispanic alderman, but he announced in July that he would not seek re-election. At the time he said he was retiring because he was "having fun

on charges of unlawful use of weapons and controlled substances. Daley hailed Munoz, who rose to become then-Ald. Jesus "Chuy" Garcia's chief of staff, as a positive role model for youths.

In 2010, six months before the City Council election, Munoz said he was an alcoholic, admitting he drank excessively after work but not in the mornings and afternoons. He was re-elected twice after that.

As part of a 2013 story on Cook County judges sealing divorce records for an array of powerful and connected people, the Tribune reported that a judge had impounded a divorce case filed by Munoz's wife in 2009.

At the time of the story, Munoz told the Tribune he had sought to seal the divorce records because "it dealt with some very embarrassing drinking issues." Munoz said then that he had reconciled with his wife.

"I'm a public figure and the court has rules, and I played by those rules," he said of the sealed divorce records. "I didn't ask for any special treatment!"

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"I'm going back to Carol Stream to work on my sobriety."

— Ald. Ricardo Munoz

Munoz alleged her husband "forcibly" grabbed and pushed her during a heated argument two nights earlier, causing her to fall and hit her back and head, as well as twist her left arm.

"Ricardo had been drinking all day + was drunk," she wrote in the filing. She said she feared "for my well-being."

In issuing the order of protection, Judge Megan Goldish told the alderman to not only stay away from his wife but also from their home, a dog named Rambo and his wife's downtown

writing the next chapter of my life."

A native of Monterrey, Mexico, Munoz has faced other controversies over the years. He acknowledged that he intervened to help a relative get into a prestigious city high school in 2009.

And in 2008, his estranged father was sentenced to four years in prison for taking part in a fake ID ring.

The alderman also previously disclosed that as a teenager he had been affiliated with a Little Village gang and had been arrested

After shooting by police, pleas to see shot son

Chicago police critically wounded South Shore man

BY HANNAH LEONE
Chicago Tribune

A man was shot and critically wounded by Chicago police Tuesday evening after an "armed confrontation" in the South Shore neighborhood, according to authorities who released few other details of the incident.

Investigators with the Civilian Office of Police Accountability were on scene after the shooting about 7:30 p.m. Tuesday in the 7400 block of South Bennett Avenue. So was the 38-year-old man's mother, Danetta Bush, 58.

Bush stood at the intersection of Bennett and 74th Street for about an hour before someone told her where her son had been taken. Then she waited at the University of Chicago Medical Center for about three more hours, but was never allowed to see him, she said.

She had been at a North Side apartment building where she works as a doorperson when she got the call.

"I am a mother that was called at work, left work worried about her son," Bush said. "I've been crying all day. I need to see my son, I need to see him, be able to lay my eyes on him."

Before the shooting, officers on the block saw someone who appeared to be armed with a handgun, according to Sgt. Rocco Alioto, a police spokesman.

"They pursued that subject on foot to the rear yards," Alioto told reporters at the scene. "They had an armed confrontation with the individual. The officers discharged their weapons, striking that individual."

Police spokesman Anthony Guglielmi tweeted that the man was shot after "an exchange of gunfire" with police but released no other details.

The man was taken to U. of C. Medical Center in critical condition with several gunshot wounds, Alioto said.

Bush said she was told she couldn't be with her son

because he was in police custody. As she waited at the hospital in hopes of seeing him, Bush said a chaplain relayed messages to her.

Bush's son was living near 74th and Bennett and had just left the house to see one of his young daughters, she said. Bush said she didn't have a clear picture of why he was shot, and planned to go to the police station Wednesday to see if she could get a copy of the report.

"He was a guy that worked every day, trying to do better," Bush said. "I'm just so confused."

Her son was on parole from the Illinois Department of Corrections for a conviction related to illegal gun possession in 2012, records show.

The officers involved in the shooting will be placed on 30 days of administrative duties, in accordance with department policy, police said. Alioto said preliminary info indicates four or five officers were involved.

COPA spokesman Ephraim Eaddy said he could not share additional information Wednesday morning.

A neighbor said she had been lying down when she heard the gunshots from her home on the northwest corner of 74th and Bennett. She said a few shots were fired and there was a pause. She turned over and heard more gunshots: "Pop-pop-pop-pop-pop-pop-pop."

When police came to the door, she and her husband learned someone had been wounded in the gunfire. The couple checked their security cameras, but they hadn't captured the shooting.

The woman, who did not want to be named because of privacy concerns, said she has lived in the neighborhood for about four years. She said she remembered the July police shooting of South Shore barber Harith Augustus, which took place "just around the corner," on 71st Street.

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Two more buildings hit Chicago's endangered list



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The James R. Thompson Center, historic Jackson Park and a circular building at O'Hare International Airport are the marquee names on a Chicago preservation group's annual list of endangered buildings, but there are also some little-known gems, like an Art Deco bank building on the city's West Side.

The group, Preservation Chicago, released its list at a Wednesday news conference, citing nine endangered buildings instead of its usual seven.

"This year's threats were so extensive, we had to add a +2," Ward Miller, the group's executive director, said in a news release.

On the list are:

Jackson Park, the South Shore Cultural Center and the Midway Plaisance: A week after a federal judge allowed a lawsuit contesting the location of the Obama Presidential Center in Jackson

Park to proceed, Preservation Chicago said the center and a proposed Tiger Woods-designed golf course in Jackson Park "will significantly and adversely impact the historic features and the overall design, quality, appearance and the spirit of these world-renowned parks."

The park, which hosted the 1893 World's Columbian Exposition, was originally designed by landscape architects Frederick Law Olmsted and Calvert Vaux. They also designed the adjoining Midway and nearby Washington Park.

The group suggests that the center be built in another location, like vacant land west of Washington Park.

The James R. Thompson Center: With new Gov. J.B. Pritzker signaling that he backs legislation that calls for the state of Illinois to sell the 34-year-old Helmut Jahn-designed postmodern building, Preservation Chicago has put the controversial building on the endangered list for the third time.

The group fears that a developer could buy the building and tear it down to make way for new high-rises. "The scale of the Thompson Center and its vast, open plaza and public

interior atrium spaces add to Chicagoans' quality of life by allowing light and air into a dense section of the Loop," the group said. "If sold to the highest bidder, these benefits are almost certain to be lost."

Rotunda Building at O'Hare International Airport: The circular 1962 building, designed by architect Gertrude Lempp Kerbis for C.F. Murphy Associates and located between terminals 2 and 3, features a thin concrete roof suspended by steel cables from a central steel ring. It was once home to the Seven Continents restaurant.

The structurally innovative building could be adversely affected by the planned demolition of Terminal 2, which Chicago will replace with a new global terminal, Preservation Chicago said.

However, the five architectural teams vying for the global terminal project have all proposed saving the rotunda building.

Laramie State Bank of Chicago: The 1929 bank, designed by Meyer & Cook architects and located at 5200 W. Chicago Ave. in the Austin neighborhood, is a showcase of multicolored



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The Laramie State Bank building in the Austin neighborhood appears on Preservation Chicago's annual list of endangered buildings.

terra cotta decoration and has been named an official Chicago landmark.

But Preservation Chicago said the building is boarded up and suffering from deferred maintenance. Part of the roof collapsed last year, the group said.

It is urging city officials to use funds from Chicago's Adopt-a-Landmark program to fix the roof and stabilize the building.

Also on the list are: ■ The Loretto Academy, a vacant 1905 Flemish Revival structure in the Woodlawn neighborhood at 1447 E. 65th St. Vandals have removed some of the building's decoration, Preservation Chicago said. The architect was William P.

Doerr.

■ The Crawford Power Station in Little Village, located at 35th Street and Pulaski Avenue. The 1926 "Industrial Gothic" building, designed by Graham, Anderson, Probst & White, faces demolition to make way for a trucking facility, Preservation Chicago said.

■ The Second Church of Christ, Scientist, by Solon S. Beman, at 2700 N. Pine Grove Ave. in Lincoln Park. The classical revival church, built in 1899, has been put up for sale by its congregation and could be demolished by a developer, the group said.

■ The Hammer/Palmer Mansion in Bronzeville, a deteriorating Queen Anne

home at 3654-3656 S. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Drive. The vacant 1885 structure "faces the threat of demolition by neglect," Preservation Chicago said.

■ Roman Catholic churches throughout the city threatened by closure and consolidation. "The communities that built and worshipped in these churches should be given every opportunity to keep these sacred buildings open as houses of worship or returned to the community," the group said.

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Vrdolyak's pal pleads guilty to tax evasion

Co-defendant was charged in tobacco settlement scheme

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A lawyer and longtime friend of former Chicago Ald. Edward Vrdolyak pleaded guilty Wednesday to a federal tax charge stemming from millions of dollars in secret payments he and Vrdolyak allegedly received from the state's massive settlement with tobacco companies in the 1990s.

Daniel Soso entered his plea to one count of income tax evasion in a hearing before U.S. District Judge Robert Dow.

Soso's 18-page plea agreement with prosecutors does not require him to cooperate against Vrdolyak.

Vrdolyak, 81, has pleaded not guilty to charges filed in 2016 alleging he obstructed the IRS investigation into the tobacco deal by hiding payments to and from Soso. Known as "Fast Eddie" for his knack for backroom negotiations, Vrdolyak is scheduled to go on trial before a federal jury on April 15.

Under preliminary sentencing guidelines, Soso, 67, faces up to three years in prison at his scheduled sentencing June 25. Under the terms of his plea agreement, Soso must also pay \$1.8 million in restitution to the Internal Revenue Service.

During Soso's 20-minute plea hearing Wednesday,

his lawyer, Kimberly Seymour, asked the judge to withhold entering the official judgment of guilt until after Soso is sentenced, saying he had loose ends to tie up with legal clients before losing his ability to practice law.

"I don't think anyone has ever asked me that one before," Dow said.

After consulting with prosecutors, the judge agreed to give Soso a month before entering the judgment on the docket.

Prosecutors have alleged in court filings that Soso and Vrdolyak received at least \$10 million in fees stemming from the historic \$9.2 billion tobacco settlement in the 1990s even though they weren't authorized to perform any legal work for the state of Illinois and, in fact, did no work.

As part of the controversial settlement, then-Attorney General Jim Ryan negotiated a contingency arrangement promising 10 percent of the payout to four law firms that handled the litigation. That figure was dramatically reduced after years of court arbitration, but in the end, Ryan agreed to pay a total of \$188.5 million to several law firms.

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



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Attorney Daniel Soso pleaded guilty to illegally sharing legal fees from a multibillion-dollar tobacco settlement.

and tobacco companies, the charges alleged.

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

The exact amount collected by Vrdolyak has never been publicly revealed. However, at his sentencing hearing on a separate fraud scheme in 2010, a probation report was discussed that stated the former alderman had a "guaranteed revenue stream" of \$260,000 a year through 2023 from the settlement.

In a failed bid to get the charges dismissed, Vrdolyak's attorneys argued that not only was Vrdolyak's cut of the settlement not a secret, it also was blessed by key players, including Ryan.

Vrdolyak's lawyers argued that the 20-year delay in bringing the indictment unfairly hindered his ability to call witnesses who could confirm the above-board nature of his involvement.

According to Soso's plea agreement, Vrdolyak paid Soso nearly \$2 million for his portion of the fees from

2000 to 2005 alone. In all, Soso admitted evading paying income taxes on the windfall for 18 years ending in 2013. He also failed to file income tax returns from 2008 and 2012, according to the filing.

In 2005, the IRS learned that Soso had been receiving large payments from Vrdolyak and failed to report the income. With his finances under scrutiny, Soso tried to hide the payments he was getting by having them deposited into bank accounts held in the name of his mother and girlfriend, according to his plea agreement.

The IRS then served Vrdolyak with a levy notice requiring him to pay the IRS instead of Soso because of all the back taxes owed. That November, Vrdolyak sent a fax to an IRS investigator claiming that he was no longer paying Soso and, therefore, didn't owe any more in taxes. The fax stated that if there were any payments made in the future, he "intended to honor the 2005 levy served on him" and remit the funds to the IRS, according to the charges.

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Did Jerry Joyce spoil Bill Daley's mayoral bid?

Whispers of schism revived after 2 men vied for same votes

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Well before Bill Daley conceded defeat Tuesday in the first round of the mayor's race, supporters at his election night reception were grumbling about candidate Jerry Joyce, calling him a spoiler.

As the night wore on and Daley struggled to break into the top two, his supporters began checking their phones and looking to see how many Southwest Side precincts had yet to be counted. The myriad cops, firefighters and other city workers who call the area home had supported Daley's father, Richard J., and brother, Richard M., who ruled City Hall for a combined 43 years.

But Beverly's Joyce prevailed in those areas, with a particularly strong showing in his family's vote-rich 19th Ward. It was then clear that Daley would come in third behind finalists Lori Lightfoot and Toni Preckwinkle.

"Jerry Joyce (screwed) us," one supporter said loudly. No one around him disagreed.

The four wards Joyce won — the 13th, 19th and 23rd on the Southwest Side, and the 41st on the Northwest Side — cut significantly into a historic constituency of the Daley family. Had Joyce not been on the ballot, Daley possibly could have made up the difference of about 7,000 votes that separated him from Preckwinkle — and even the 14,400 votes that separated him from Lightfoot.

That schism between the Daley and Joyce camps represented a broken alliance between two politically powerful clans that set aside divisions between Irish power bases in the Bridgeport and Beverly neighborhoods to unite behind the second Mayor Daley.

It was an alliance born of a friendship between Richard M. Daley and Jeremiah Joyce, the mayoral candidate's father. The elder Joyce was a former alderman and state senator who served as a Daley confidant, adviser and political strategist.

Tensions between the families surfaced in 2006, after federal authorities prosecuting illegal patronage hiring at City Hall named Jeremiah Joyce as a person who referred campaign workers for city jobs. The following year, a group running the O'Hare International Airport duty-free shops that counted Joyce as an investor lost some of its business.

Then, just before Daley left office in 2011, his Avia-

tion Department recommended Joyce's group, Chicago Aviation Partners, lose the rest of its O'Hare business. The final decision was left to Mayor Rahm Emanuel, who got the City Council to hand the contract to another concessionaire — over Jeremiah Joyce's public protests.

Fast-forward to early 2018, when Emanuel appeared politically vulnerable, and the younger Joyce, a former prosecutor who has been mentioned as a potential future candidate for Cook County state's attorney, was contemplating a run for mayor.

There was talk then of a renewed Daley-Joyce alliance. The Daleys were tired of Emanuel blaming the city's fiscal woes on his predecessor, even if he didn't mention Daley by name.

Then in September, Emanuel shocked the city's body politic when he announced he would not seek a third term. Before the month was out, Bill Daley, a former U.S. commerce secretary and presidential chief of staff, announced he would enter the race.

Joyce stayed in, however, and the war was on.

Joyce went so far as to challenge Daley's nominating petitions, alleging a "widespread pattern of forgery and fraud." He later dropped the challenge, but the animosity had grown deeper — and the two were left fighting for votes in some of the city's more conservative wards.

In addition to Joyce battling for the same voters, Daley may have caused some consternation among city workers by saying he would consider backing an amendment to the Illinois Constitution aimed at lowering pension benefits for government workers.

Through a spokesman, Daley declined to respond to a question about whether he viewed Joyce as a spoiler in the contest.

The Joyce campaign dismissed the spoiler talk as "silly." The campaign issued a statement noting the comments did not come from Daley himself, calling them "the whispers of frustrated political supporters."

Ald. Matthew O'Shea, 19th, who's been a friend of the younger Joyce since grade school and backed him for mayor, said Joyce was not in the race to thwart Daley. He said Joyce began mulling a run early last year, well before Emanuel was out and Daley was in.

"Jerry Joyce was in this race because he felt he could make a difference," O'Shea said. "He felt he could make positive change in Chicago. He was not a spoiler. He was in this thing to win it."

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Joyce

Witness recalls underage sex trafficking victim

By JASON MEISNER
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Desiree Robinson told the other girls allegedly being pimped by Joseph Hazley that she was 18, but it was obvious she was lying.

"I knew she was young... the way she laughed and giggled about everything," one of Hazley's alleged victims told a rapt jury Wednesday at the outset of Hazley's federal sex trafficking trial. "I thought she was 15 or 16."

Robinson, who was indeed 16, was slain on Christmas Eve 2016, allegedly by a man who'd answered a sex ad posted by Hazley on the now-shuttered site backpage.com, prosecutors have alleged.

Hazley had driven Robinson to the appointment in south suburban Markham and waited in the car. When she didn't return, he went looking and found her body. She'd been beaten, strangled and had her throat slit, according to prosecutors. Robinson's alleged killer is awaiting trial on state murder charges.

Hazley, though, is not charged with Robinson's killing. He is standing trial on a seven-count indictment accusing him of sex trafficking conspiracy, sex

trafficking a minor and transporting victims of sex trafficking across state lines. He faces up to life in prison if convicted of the most serious counts.

To avoid unfairly tainting the jury in Hazley's trial, U.S. District Judge Sharon Johnson Coleman has limited what prosecutors can say about Robinson's slaying.

On Wednesday, Assistant U.S. Attorney Christopher Parente read a short statement to jurors detailing when Robinson was born and died.

In court filings, prosecutors have said that Hazley trafficked Robinson — who had recently run away from home — for a month before her slaying, arranging multiple dates for commercial sex each day and keeping the money for himself.

On Wednesday, another alleged victim of Hazley's sex trafficking operation, a 20-year-old woman from Ohio, testified that she worked for him for about four months in 2016, going on as many as six "dates" a day at Chicago-area hotels and other locations. Hazley drove her to the appointments and usually stayed outside, waiting for a text

from her "to make sure I was still alive," she said.

The woman, testifying under only her first name, Shiane, said Hazley also took her on a trip to Indianapolis for the sole purpose of meeting men for paid sex.

"He was my pimp," Shiane said in a matter-of-fact tone, wearing a bright pink bow in her hair. "I called him 'Daddy.'"

Shiane grew emotional when her testimony turned to Robinson, whom she met in December 2016 when Hazley brought Robinson to live with them in his South Side home that served as the operation's headquarters.

Shiane testified that Hazley immediately started posting ads for sex with Robinson under the name "Niki."

"Special all night," read one of the ads shown by prosecutors in court. "Satisfaction guaranteed."

Shiane broke down when prosecutors displayed photos of Desiree smiling at a school function.

"Can I have a minute, your honor?" she sobbed as she reached for a box of tissues on the witness stand. After Coleman called a



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Rep. Garcia's endorsements don't all pan out

Stumbles in bid to unseat aldermen in key races

BY GREGORY PRATT
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U.S. Rep. Jesus "Chuy" Garcia came into Tuesday's election hoping his organization would build on a series of electoral victories across the city, but stumbled in his bid to unseat aldermen in key races.

Garcia most notably supported civil engineer Tanya Patino in her unsuccessful campaign to defeat embattled 14th Ward Ald. Edward Burke on the Southwest Side. But he also backed community organizer Hilario Dominguez's losing effort to replace Ald. Danny Solis — who secretly wore a recording device while cooperating with the FBI — in the Pilsen-centered 25th Ward.

Both wards are considered a bastion of strength for Garcia's political organization.

"Did I want to win? Badly," Garcia reflected

Wednesday. "Did we have challenges fighting on so many fronts? Absolutely."

Noting that he endorsed in 15 races, Garcia said the results weren't all bad across the city: six wins, seven runoff and two losses. But the two outright defeats came in high-profile contests, particularly the battle against Burke, leading some analysts to call Garcia one of the losers in Tuesday's election.

Tom Bowen, a former adviser to Mayor Rahm Emanuel, said the loss to Burke is "a huge embarrassment" for Garcia.

"He is the progressive congressman who represents that area and he couldn't flip 300 votes?" Bowen said.

The most recent tally from the Board of Election Commissioners on Wednesday showed Burke received 3,759 of 6,987 votes, meaning about 270 votes would have put him in a runoff.

Garcia said his critics aren't "looking at the whole picture." Mike Rodriguez, 22nd; Ald. Sue Sadlowski

Garza, 10th; Ald. Silvana Tabares, 23rd; and Maria Hadden, 49th, won City Council seats outright with his support, Garcia said.

He also endorsed candidates who fell short but appear set for a second-round contest in April. Those candidates include Rafael Yanez, a police officer who got 22 percent of the vote against Ald. Raymond Lopez's 49 percent in the 15th Ward, and former U.S. Rep. Luis Gutierrez's daughter Jessica Washington Gutierrez against incumbent Ald. Ariel Reboyras in the 30th Ward.

Garcia's inability to spur Patino and Dominguez to even a runoff is a contrast from last year's Democratic primaries, when Garcia boosted Aaron Ortiz in his successful quest to unseat Burke's brother, state Rep. Dan Burke. Garcia also supported Alma Anaya in a hotly contested race last year against Angie Sandoval, the daughter of state Sen. Martin Sandoval, to replace Garcia on the county board. Anaya won easily, despite

being outspent.

This year, though, Garcia's endorsement cut both ways. While Patino's campaign literature prominently broadcast her support from Garcia, the area's popular congressman, Burke's other challenger, Pilsen law center attorney Jaime Guzman, made an issue of Garcia's support for Patino, likening it to replacing one political machine with another.

Garcia said Burke won by utilizing his extensive campaign war chest. Burke saturated Spanish television with campaign commercials on Telemundo and Univision. Garcia also accused Burke of "machine-style" dirty tricks, noting that Patino's volunteers were in a predominantly white part of the ward and discovered a pamphlet paid for by Burke's campaign. The literature showed Patino's volunteers — all black or brown — with the phrase, "This is what change looks like," superimposed over them.

"I thought these were the bad old days of the '80s and

Council Wars when he played the race card with respect to appealing to the white ethnic voters," Garcia said.

Burke denied sending the mailer when questioned by reporters outside his ward office after his apparent victory Tuesday night.

"The people that know me know I'm not a racist," Burke said.

Micaela Vargas, Burke's campaign manager, did not return a message seeking comment about the race.

In addition to Burke's money and tactics, Garcia said the poor voter turnout didn't help.

Garcia's efforts in this cycle and others in recent years have led some to compare his organization to a political machine. Lopez, who has been a Burke ally, said Garcia is "high on sanctimony and low on progress," and criticized him for pushing candidates against other officials in races that aren't his own.

"He was involved in a number of races where he was not successful, and it

shows that a machine by any other name is still a machine. But to be a successful machine, you have to win races," Lopez said. "He was not able to do that, including my ward."

Responding to criticism that he is running a political machine, Garcia said, "There is no essence to it."

The 25th Ward race was different than the 14th Ward race, he said, with four of five candidates raising roughly the same amount of money. He also noted that Pilsen has shrunk due to gentrification.

Candidates in that race downplayed the role an endorsement can have. Nurse Alex Acevedo, who made the runoff, said the campaign "wasn't about (Garcia)."

Activist Byron Sigcho-Lopez, who will face Acevedo in the runoff, noted he received Garcia's endorsement four years ago when he fell short in a race against Solis.

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Candidates back transit, but not O'Hare tunnel

BY MARY WISNIEWSKI
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Whoever ends up winning the mayoral runoff election on April 2, Elon Musk's plan to build an underground express transit link from downtown to O'Hare Airport is probably dead.

Former federal prosecutor Lori Lightfoot and Cook County Board President Toni Preckwinkle will face each other in the runoff — but neither has embraced the technology billionaire's proposal.

Mayor Rahm Emanuel has been enthusiastic about Musk's \$1 billion plan to dig a hole from the Loop to O'Hare and run passenger vehicles that go more than 100 mph. The Chicago Infrastructure Trust, the organization charged with negotiating the contract on behalf of the city, has not announced a contract with Musk, who had promised to pay all costs. An Emanuel spokeswoman said Wednesday there were no updates.

Lightfoot has called the idea that the project could be built without public funds "a fiction," and did not include it in her extensive transportation plan for the city.

Preckwinkle also expressed reservations, saying at a candidate forum it was "definitely something I would put on pause." She said if the city was going to make investments in transit, they should be in the CTA and Metra.

Preckwinkle and Lightfoot agree on several transportation issues. Both support the expansion of the CTA Red Line from 95th Street to 130th Street. Both also expressed support for the increased use of the Metra Electric line to increase access to transit on the South Side.

Here's where they stand on some transportation issues:

Safe streets: Both candidates call for creating streets that are safer for pedestrians and bicyclists, and both support building another 100 miles of bike lanes within the city, including at least 50 miles of protected bike lanes.

Lightfoot proposes reallocating \$20 million from existing Chicago Department of Transportation funding to establish a new annual budget line item for building safe streets. This could include funding for better crosswalks and pedestrian refuge islands in the middle of busy intersections.

Preckwinkle said in a statement to the Tribune that she will improve pedestrian safety by creating a local funding source for "complete streets," that are safe for all, modeled after an investment priority program for Cook County. She did not give a dollar amount. She also said she

would focus on completing a continuous trail along the Chicago River on the North Side.

Cabs and ride-sharing: Both candidates criticize the fact that cabs are more heavily regulated than ride-share vehicles, and support the current tax on ride-share to help fund transit. Preckwinkle said she would consider raising fees on ride-share apps to help fund additional transit projects.

Lightfoot said she would increase fees for ride-share trips that begin in the Loop, with the funds collected to be used exclusively for the construction of dedicated bus lanes and the expansion of 24-hour bus and "L" service. To further decrease congestion, she said she would work with the city council to implement a separate fee that applies to ride-share vehicles that operate within the city but are registered at addresses outside of Chicago, and that revenue from this fee would be used exclusively for new bus lanes.

Traffic tickets: Both candidates pointed to the financial burden that traffic violations can pose to low-income residents. Preckwinkle has suggested implementing a sliding scale for fines, and removing red light and speed cameras that exist primarily as a way to get revenue for the city.

Lightfoot said she would convene a panel of independent traffic and legal experts to evaluate how Chicago could improve its network of red light and speed cameras, and order an audit into potential bias in ticketing. She also said that when tickets are issued for compliance problems, such as broken tail lights, people should have a chance to correct the problem instead of being fined.

Bus service: Both candidates support growing the bus rapid transit network to improve CTA bus service, which has lost customers in recent years. Lightfoot's goal is to create a system where every Chicagoan lives with an 15-minute walk of reliable 24-hour transit service. She also wants the CTA to have an electric bus fleet by 2030.

Transit-oriented development: Under Emanuel, the city has seen an increase in the number of transit-oriented development projects near "L" stations. These projects offer high-rise living, with reduced parking, and are intended to reduce reliance on cars. But some projects have been criticized for high rents.

Lightfoot wants to increase the percentage of affordable housing units in transit-oriented development units to 15 percent from 10 percent.

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Chicago Board of Elections workers process ballots from Chicago's 46th Ward in a warehouse on Pershing Road.

The winners, the losers and what's next in election

BY MORGAN GREENE
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Chicago Tribune

Round one of Chicago's historic election came to a close Tuesday with voters guaranteeing the city will see its first black woman mayor.

But the second bout is only beginning.

The 14 candidates who jumped into the mayoral race marked the largest field in Chicago's 181-year history. Now, two candidates, both African-American women, are headed to an April runoff election. A few aldermen lost their seats and a number of others face their own runoff elections against fresh faces.

But after dismal voter turnout, it's unclear how many Chicagoans will return to the ballot box to cast their votes April 2. Only about 33.5 percent of registered voters cast ballots, according to the latest summary of election results from the Chicago Board of Election Commissioners, making the total turnout for Tuesday's election one of the lowest ever for city elections.

Here's part one of the Chicago election by the numbers: The winners, the losers, the surprises and what's up next.

2 candidates for mayor

Because no candidate collected more than 50 percent of the vote, former federal prosecutor Lori Lightfoot and Cook County Board President Toni Preckwinkle will move on to an April 2 runoff election, only the second runoff campaign for mayor in the city's history.

Unofficial results showed Lightfoot with 17.5 percent of the vote and Preckwinkle with 16.1 percent, with 98 percent of precincts counted. And while Lori Lightfoot won 11 wards, dominating the North Side, Preckwinkle won five of the city's 50 wards, with her base centered in predominantly black wards on the South Side and the Northwest Side's 26th Ward.

Although Bill Daley didn't make it into the top two spots after raising \$8.3 million, he won eight wards, including in the Loop and his 11th Ward home base. Jerry Joyce, who was blamed by Daley's supporters for costing Daley votes, came away with four mostly white wards on the Northwest and South-west sides. Lightfoot trailed Daley in all but one of the wards he won.

Winning the most wards was Willie Wilson, who won 14 majority-black wards on the South and West sides. Preckwinkle finished second in all of them.

10 aldermen now head to runoffs

At least 10 aldermen who failed to win 50 percent of the vote will face runoff elections, including 40th Ward Ald. Pat O'Connor, the second-longest serving alderman, who is likely to face Andre Vasquez.

Ald. James Cappleman, 46th, who faced multiple challengers from the left, will likely face off against Marianne Lalonde.

In the 15th Ward, Ald. Raymond Lopez, could face Rafael "Rafa" Yanez. And in the 16th, Ald. Toni Foulkes will be up against Democratic Committee-

man Stephanie Coleman, who was up by more than 12 percentage points, with 94.4 percent of precincts counted.

In the 33rd Ward, Ald. Deb Mell, daughter of the Mell Chicago political dynasty, will face Rossana Rodriguez Sanchez, who came out on top by less than one percentage point. In another close race, Ald. Ariel Reboyras, 30th, will likely face Jessica Gutierrez, the daughter of former U.S. Rep. Luis Gutierrez.

Also likely facing runoffs will be: Ald. Leslie Hairston, 5th, and William Calloway; Ald. Howard Brookins, 21st, and Marvin McNeil; Ald. Milagros "Milly" Santiago, 31st, and Felix Cardona; Ald. Michele Smith, 43rd, and Derek Lindblom.

3 aldermen are unseated

Daniel La Spata won 61 percent of the vote and unseated Northwest Side Ald. Proco "Joe" Moreno, 1st, who won 38.9 percent.

Moreno faced a series of scandals while campaigning, including a false police report about the alleged theft of his car. But La Spata also came under scrutiny — for a photo that showed him in a banana costume with friends wearing monkey masks and African-American kids.

On the Far North Side's 49th Ward, after progressive activists rallied for change, Ald. Joe Moore won only 36.2 percent of the vote with nearly 97 percent of precincts counted. Maria Hadden, who was backed by the Chicago Teachers Union, garnered 63.8 percent of the vote against Moore, the third-longest tenured

council member.

Northwest Side Ald. John Arena, 45th, won 35.9 percent of the vote after lending his support to a controversial development with affordable housing in Jefferson Park. Arena conceded defeat to James "Jim" Gardiner, a Chicago firefighter and emergency medical technician who won about 51.4 percent of the vote.

Not unseated was the council's longest-tenured member Ald. Ed Burke, who was charged by federal authorities in January with attempted extortion but won 53.8 percent of the vote in the 14th Ward.

1 month left to Round 2

State Rep. Melissa Conyears-Ervin and 47th Ward Ald. Ameya Pawar will also face off in a second round for city treasurer. Conyears-Ervin won 44.6 percent of the vote, while Pawar had 41.4 percent with 98 percent of precincts counted.

Election officials will continue to count ballots postmarked on or before Tuesday until March 12.

Veteran aldermen Ald. Roderick Sawyer, 6th; Ald. George Cardenas, 12th; and Ald. Roberto Maldonado, 26th, were just above the 50 percent mark Wednesday afternoon. But even if some close races tip, voters will have to choose between Lightfoot and Preckwinkle on April 2.

"We may not yet be at the finish line, but we should acknowledge that history is being made," Preckwinkle told supporters Tuesday in Hyde Park.

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Mayoral candidates tout progressive bona fides

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ranks of the Cook County Democratic Party to be the party boss," Lightfoot said when asked the difference between her campaign and Preckwinkle's. "I'm not affiliated with Ed Burke, Joe Berrios or anyone else who represents the old, corrupt Chicago way. I am offering voters a complete break from that past and pushing us forward in a way that brings people together and makes government more inclusive."

While thanking voters at the Clark and Lake "L" stop in the Loop Wednesday morning, Lightfoot made it known she wasn't pleased with Preckwinkle's decision to take a shot at her during her victory speech the night before.

Preckwinkle attempted to take what has been a political weakness — her ties to party establishment amid strong calls for change at City Hall — and turn it on its head by noting that Mayor Rahm Emanuel and former Mayor Richard M. Daley had appointed Lightfoot to positions.

"While my opponent was taking multiple appointments in the Daley and Emanuel administrations, I fought the power elite who have been trying to hold this city back," Preckwinkle said during her election night speech.

Lightfoot worked as a top staffer in the city's Office of Emergency Management and Communications and at a police investigative agency under Daley. Emanuel appointed her president of the Police Board and co-chair of a police reform task force. Lightfoot, who also was a partner at the Mayer Brown law firm, ultimately used both positions to criticize Emanuel for not taking strong enough measures on police reform.

"I really, frankly, thought it was unfortunate that the president didn't take the opportunity to show a little grace and humility and to really focus on talking to the voters, but that's OK," Lightfoot said of the election night slight. "We will show a very stark contrast between me and what I stand for and what she stands for. I'm really looking forward to having that discussion."

About 12 miles south, Preckwinkle was greeted by a scrum of reporters as she thanked voters at the 95th Street Red Line station.

Asked about Lightfoot's attempts to portray her as the political insider, Preckwinkle repeatedly touted her progressive history, which started with a 19-year tenure as the 4th Ward alderman in Hyde Park. She pointed to her efforts to build affordable housing, provide more access to health care at the county level and her reduction of the county jail population as evidence of her progressive bona fides.

"I think I have the strongest progressive record of any of the candidates who were running, and that's still true," Preck-



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Mayoral candidate Toni Preckwinkle speaks to the media at the CTA 95th Street Red Line station in Chicago on Wednesday.



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Chicago mayoral candidate Lori Lightfoot speaks with the media inside the Clark and Lake CTA station at the Thompson Center on Wednesday.

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— Cook County Board President Toni Preckwinkle in her election night speech

winkle said. "I'm the most progressive candidate in this race."

In the run-up to Tuesday's election, Lightfoot had criticized Preckwinkle regularly for her ties to Burke, the 50-year incumbent alderman charged last month with attempted extortion, and her long-standing defense of Berrios, the former county party chairman who was voted out of office last year after a Chicago Tribune/Pro Publica Illinois investigation showed his office's property tax assessments had favored the wealthy at the expense of the poor.

The fact that Burke

managed to win re-election Tuesday without a runoff may only heighten the attention on the federal corruption investigation that led the FBI to raid his offices and resulted in longtime Ald. Danny Solis wearing a wire on his colleagues while facing alleged misconduct of his own. That's not beneficial to Preckwinkle, who the Tribune has reported was the recipient of a \$10,000 campaign contribution that federal authorities say Burke illegally solicited as part of a shakedown scheme. The Tribune also reported that Preckwinkle hired Burke's son into a six-figure job with the county while he faced sexual harassment allegations tied to his work for the Cook County sheriff.

"It's a little ironic for the head of the Cook County Democratic Party to say she's the independent and not somehow tied to the machine. I don't think people are going to buy that at all," Lightfoot said in an interview Wednesday. "I think over the course of the race to date, people see her for what she is, and I feel very confident that we're going to be able to make the contrast. We're as different as night and day, and that's going to be very, very clear to people. I think it's clear to people already, and any airbrushing of facts is not going to work."

In the first round, Preck-

winkle raised \$4.6 million to Lightfoot's \$1.5 million, thanks to heavy contributions from the Service Employees International Union and the Chicago Teachers Union and its national parent union. Preckwinkle also was thought to have the stronger ground game thanks to the union support, but Lightfoot won more votes.

Still, with Preckwinkle's deep ties to unions and long history in Chicago politics, Lightfoot acknowledged she's likely the underdog heading into the April 2 runoff, even though she finished first Tuesday night.

"We wipe the slate clean and start anew. I'm looking forward to making the case to voters for the opportunity we have for real change," Lightfoot said. "So, if that makes me the underdog, so be it. But we're going to keep pushing and articulating that message. We have to break from the machine past, there is no question about it, and I think that people all over the city are hungry for the opportunity."

Asked whether she considered Lightfoot the underdog, Preckwinkle offered a trademark short response: "This is a race between the two of us. I look forward to April 2."

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It's good news when our leaders aren't all white men



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Balancing Act

Chicago woke up Wednesday to history being made.

The city will elect its first African-American female mayor in April's runoff election — Toni Preckwinkle or Lori Lightfoot.

One of them will become Chicago's second female mayor (Jane Byrne held the position from 1979 to 1983). If Lightfoot wins, she'll be the city's first openly gay mayor. We

haven't elected a black mayor since Harold Washington, who served from 1983 to 1987.

You don't have to be one of the 90,000-some people who voted for Lori Lightfoot to celebrate.

You don't have to be one of the 82,000-some people who voted for Toni Preckwinkle to celebrate.

You don't even have to have voted in Chicago's mayoral election to celebrate. (Although if you live here, seriously, where were most of you?)

Low turnout aside, the outcome is good news.

It's good news for this city, this county, this state, this country, when its leaders aren't all white men. And it's not playing identity politics to say as

much.

It's acknowledging that people bring their lived experiences to work with them.

It's acknowledging that your lived experiences shape the lens through which you see the world, particularly the tiny part of the world you inhabit.

It's acknowledging that we need as many different eyes, perspectives, ideas and, yes, lived experiences trained on solving the challenges that face our city, our state, our nation, as possible.

We can differ on how best to solve those challenges. We can differ on a particular candidate's qualification or ability to solve those challenges. We can differ, even, on what

those challenges are.

But representative government, to be effective, needs to represent more than just white guys. Chicago is 33 percent black. It's 51 percent female. It has elected 45 mayors. One has been female. One has been black.

One way or the other, that will change April 2.

It's not identity politics to cheer for that news. It's acknowledging that we need to set a bigger table, that we are, indeed, setting a bigger table. And the seats of power are, finally, being filled with people who look and live like all of America.

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Historic choice left by voters is cheered

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support behind Lightfoot.

Parker "is happy to be usurped by Lori, absolutely," said Sean Meloy, the Victory Fund's senior political director.

"We're really excited because history has been made. And not only is Lori the first (LGBTQ) person to qualify for the ballot for mayor, she's now in the runoff and she has the possibility of being the mayor of the third-largest city in the United States," Meloy added.

Sandra Finley, president and CEO of the League of Black Women, said she's felt unbridled joy since election results showed the next mayor will be an African-American woman. Tuesday's results are part of an ongoing movement of women not only seeking leadership positions but also winning elections, she said.

"You all are getting ready to see us," Finley said of African-American women. "We are not going to be hidden anymore."

Longtime Chicagoan and former presidential candidate the Rev. Jesse Jackson said in a Facebook post that he "could not be prouder" of Chicago.

"For the first time in history, the next mayor of Chicago will be a black woman," Jackson said. "Two progressive African-American women will square off in the April 2 mayoral runoff. I could not be prouder of my beloved city."

It's a sentiment echoed by Maria Hadden, who was elected alderman in the 49th Ward, ousting 28-year incumbent Joe Moore. She'll be the first openly gay woman of color to represent a Chicago ward. She said she also is only the second woman ever chosen to represent the Rogers Park neighborhood and the first black woman to represent a North Side ward.

"I think what's really speaking to folks is a message coming from candidates that it's not about the identity of who we are, but about the work that we want to do and the change that we want to see — that's what really resonated with folks here in the 49th Ward," Hadden said.

Meloy said the election of President Donald Trump has made diversity in politics more important than ever, while Hadden said the 2016 election was the catalyst for her deciding to launch her candidacy.

"LGBTQ people are under constant attack, and then that's multiplied if you're a person of color — what we need is some great representation," Meloy said. "I think it is pretty apparent from Maria's race and the mayor's race that the people of Chicago are ready for some change."

Hadden said the fact that more people who identify as LGBTQ are being elected is "an added bonus" in terms of representation of the city's diversity.

"I can tell you I'm thrilled with the results that we got. What I didn't want to see was another Daley looking at the possibility of becoming mayor," she said.

But Barbara Ransby, a professor of African-American studies at the University of Illinois at Chicago, said the historic runoff comes as people are rethinking what representation means and what it looks like. At one point, when segregation was powerfully entrenched in society, it felt like representation meant having a candidate from a marginalized group was enough, Ransby said.

"The other issue is that many of us who are activists have sort of seen both the potential and the limits of just electing a black candidate," Ransby said. "The fact that they are black is not enough." She said today's black voters are savvy and ready to hold elected officials accountable.

The fact that both mayoral candidates are the same race means voters will focus more on the issues, Ransby said.

In the Loop, Earnest Davis, 49, was spending the morning after Election Day

trying to decide between Lightfoot and Preckwinkle. Davis, who is black, looked at two campaign pamphlets on his work podium while keeping guard over the Loop Pedway.

"I feel good about it," Davis said about the runoff election. "It'd be nice to see who wins, history being made."

Before Tuesday's election, the Galewood neighborhood resident had narrowed his choices for mayor to Preckwinkle, Lightfoot and Amara Enyia.

"I'd like to see more women in charge," Davis said.

Ronald Hearn was feeling Wednesday the kind of hope he had when the city elected its first black mayor, Harold Washington, in 1983.

"I think Chicago is potentially ready to turn the corner," said Hearn, 56, of the Beverly neighborhood.

The low voter turnout — just 34 percent — illustrated how tired people are of the "old political ways," Hearn said. But he thinks either candidate can bring about change in the city and said that's a good thing, particularly if it means less segregation in Chicago.

"You hope that walls will fall and people will work together," he said.

But Remedy Hill, 17, wasn't as hopeful.

Hill isn't interested in politics, but she doesn't think Lightfoot or Preckwinkle will last as mayor. Citing the racism during Barack Obama's presidential years, Hill said she couldn't imagine what the public would put an African-American woman mayor through.

"It's getting too old, the racism is played out," Hill said.

Cathy Baker thinks the runoff between Preckwinkle and Lightfoot is the best result that could have come out of a crowded race.

"I think we are ready for it, the city is ready for it," Baker said while sitting at a restaurant at Block 37 in the Loop.

Baker, 59, lives in suburban Northbrook but had been keeping close tabs on Chicago's municipal elections.

The city having its first mayor who is an African-American woman could mean often-neglected parts of the city getting more resources, Baker said.

Shai Campbell, 22, was shocked, then happy to see that the mayoral runoff election includes candidates who look like her. "It's not every day you see two African-American women going head-to-head to be mayor of Chicago," Campbell said. "I was pretty happy someone like me (will) be head of the city." Campbell supported Amara Enyia for mayor and doesn't agree with positions Preckwinkle and Lightfoot have taken. Still, she plans to root for them. "I'm just glad to see black women winning," Campbell said while eating at the Thompson Center.

But Carolyn Kelly, 64, who is African-American, was disappointed about Tuesday's results and doesn't plan to vote in the runoff election. Kelly doesn't support Preckwinkle because of some of her past policies, such as the controversial county pop tax, and she said her Christian faith doesn't allow her to support Lightfoot.

"I don't like either one," she said. Whoever wins, Shaneeka Boston thinks the new mayor will be under a lot of pressure. Boston, 36, of the Chicago Lawn neighborhood, didn't think a woman would become mayor because of how people continue to view them. "It'll be interesting to see a woman become mayor," she said. "It's exciting."

Lightfoot herself took to Twitter to celebrate the historic election. In a tweet that also congratulated her opponent she said no matter which of the candidates wins in the runoff, history will be made April 2.

"It's long overdue," Lightfoot tweeted.

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House OKs bill on background checks

First of 2 gun bills face uphill battle in Senate hearings

BY MATTHEW DALY
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WASHINGTON — The Democratic-controlled House on Wednesday approved a measure requiring federal background checks for all firearms sales and transfers, the first major gun control legislation considered by Congress in nearly 25 years.

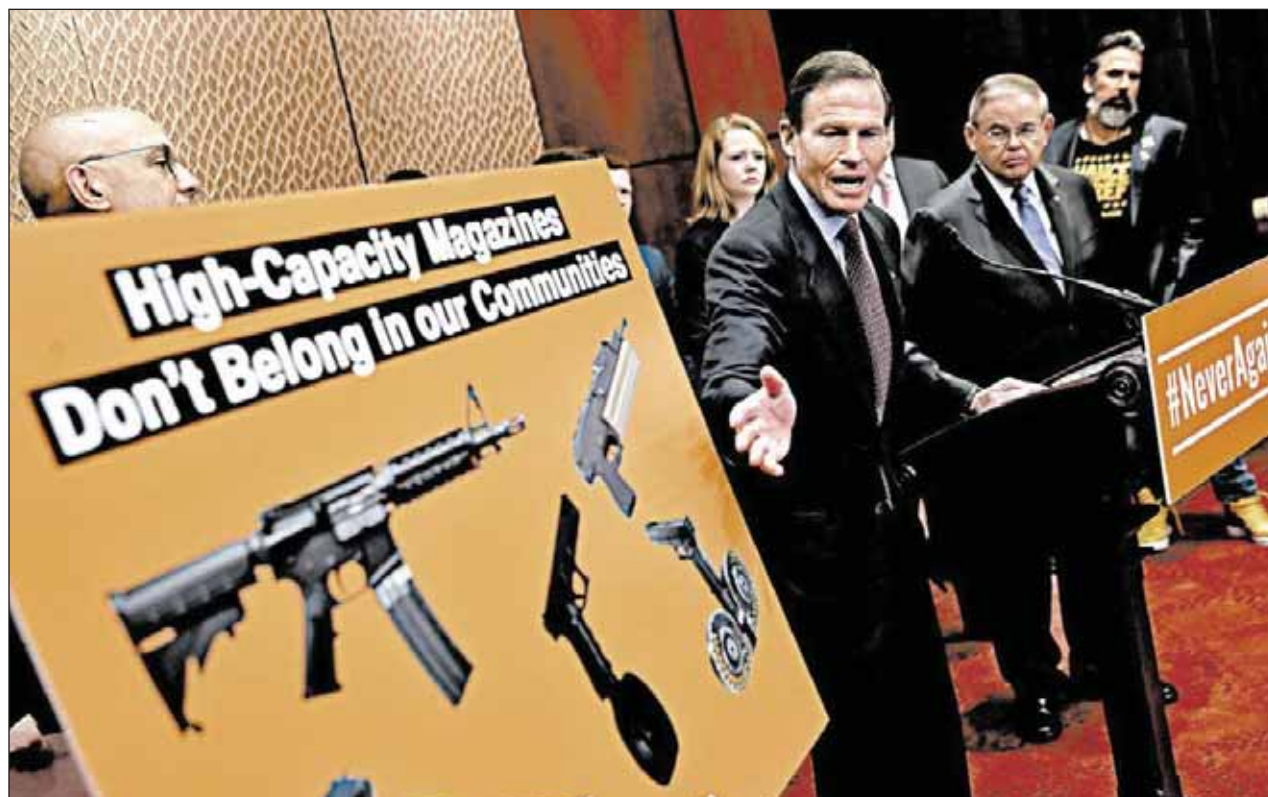
Democrats called the 240-190 vote a major step to end the gun lobby's grip on Washington and begin to address an epidemic of gun violence, including 17 people who were killed at a Florida high school last year.

The bill is the first of two that Democrats are bringing to the House floor this week as part of an effort to tighten gun laws following eight years of Republican control. The other bill would extend the review period for background checks from three to 10 days.

Both bills face dim prospects in the Republican-controlled Senate and veto threats from President Donald Trump, who said they would impose unreasonable requirements on gun owners.

The White House said in a veto message that the background-checks bill could block someone from borrowing a firearm for self-defense or allowing a neighbor to take care of a gun while the owner is away from home.

Democrats called those arguments misleading and said gun owners have a responsibility to ensure



Sen. Richard Blumenthal and others re-introduced gun legislation earlier this month.



ALEX BRANDON/AP

"Today, we're here to tell you it's a new day. With this (Democratic) majority, we have made a commitment to address the issue of gun violence."

—Rep. Mike Thompson, D-Calif.

firearms are properly handled. The bill includes exceptions allowing temporary transfers to prevent imminent harm or for use at a target range.

The long-delayed bill would merely close loopholes to ensure that background checks are extended to private and online sales that often go undetected, Democrats said.

"People who are felons or are dangerously mentally ill shouldn't have guns," regardless of whether they buy them from a federally licensed dealer or their next-door neighbor, said Rep. Mike Thompson, D-Calif., a key sponsor who has pushed for expanded background checks since the 2012 killing of 20 elementary school students in

Newtown, Conn.

"For six-and-a-half years, we had no cooperation from the past majority" in the House, Thompson said. "We couldn't get a hearing on the bill. We couldn't get a vote. Today, we're here to tell you it's a new day. With this (Democratic) majority, we have made a commitment to address the issue of gun violence."

To demonstrate their support for the bill, Thompson and other Democrats wore orange ties, while others wore orange scarves, the color used by the movement against gun violence.

Rep. Madeleine Dean, D-Pa., said she hopes the symbolism will soon become obsolete.

"I long for the day when orange scarves are a fashion statement, not a cry for help," said Dean, who was wearing a bright orange scarf.

House Majority Whip Steve Scalise, R-La., who was wounded in a 2017 shooting at a congressional baseball practice, said stricter background checks would not have prevented his shooting or others.

"What it would do is make criminals out of law-abiding citizens," Scalise said. "If you go hunting with a friend and your friend wants to borrow your rifle, you better bring your attorney with you because depending on what you do with that gun, you may be a felon if you loan it to him."

Democrats said the bill includes exceptions allowing temporary transfers for anyone who feels threatened by a domestic partner or other person. The bill also allows a gun owner to loan their weapon for use at a target range.

The bill includes a Republican amendment requiring that gun sellers notify Immigration and Customs Enforcement when an illegal immigrant tries to buy a gun. Twenty-six Democrats joined with Republicans to support the amendment, offered by Rep. Doug Collins, R-Ga.

Collins, the top Republican on the House Judiciary Committee, opposed the overall bill, saying it "foolishly presumes criminals who flout existing laws will suddenly submit themselves to background checks."

Democrats and other bill supporters are "delusional" if they think "a criminal trading cocaine to another criminal for a firearm will reconsider due to" the background checks bill, Collins said.

But Kris Brown, president of Brady, a gun control group formerly known as the Brady Campaign to Prevent Gun Violence, said the bill will save lives.

Brown called the House vote "a monumental step forward for gun violence prevention in our country."



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A worker passes slabs of a wall prototype during demolition Wednesday in San Diego.

Crews tear down prototypes of Trump's walls along border

BY ELLIOT SPAGAT
Associated Press

SAN DIEGO — The government is demolishing eight prototypes of Donald Trump's prized border wall that instantly became powerful symbols of his presidency when they were built nine months after he took office.

The Trump administration says elements of the prototypes have been melded into current border fence designs and they have served their purpose.

The four concrete and four steel panels, spaced closely together steps from an existing barrier separating San Diego and Tijuana, Mexico, were one of Trump's top priorities, and he visited the location a year ago to see the installations.

For Trump's allies, the towering models were a show of his commitment to border security and fulfilling a core campaign promise. For detractors, they were monuments to wasted taxpayer dollars and a misguided display of aggression toward Mexico and immigrants seeking a new home in the United States.

Less than two hours after crews began Wednes-

day, seven of the barriers were destroyed. A large hydraulic jackhammer attached to an excavator pounded the walls repeatedly as slabs fell into small clouds of dust. A panel made of steel poles was also dismantled.

Their removal makes way to extend a second layer of barrier with steel bollards, similar to slats, topped by a metal plate rising 30 feet from the ground, the same design being used elsewhere on the border.

The nearly \$3 billion that Congress has provided for barriers during the first half of Trump's term requires that money be spent on designs that were in place before May 2017, effectively prohibiting the prototypes from being used and denying Trump bragging rights to say he built his wall. It's unclear if the restriction would apply to the billions of dollars that Trump wants to spend by declaring a national emergency on the nation's southern border.

The eight prototypes cost \$300,000 to \$500,000 each to build.

The government tested the designs and, according to a summary from the Government Accountabil-

ity Office, found that the concrete walls posed "extensive" construction challenges and the others posed "substantial" or "moderate" challenges. Six of the eight would require extensive changes to accommodate drainage.

Border Patrol spokesman Ross Wilkin said testing also exposed several design flaws.

The appeal to private industry for ideas provided many lessons to guide construction, he said. That includes learning that certain materials were unsuitable for quick repairs and that combining different surfaces, like bollards topped by plates, were more effective.

The new barrier replaces a steel-mesh fence that runs more than 12 miles from the Pacific Ocean, which worked like a fortress when it was built a decade ago but is now regularly breached with powerful battery-operated saws recently made available in home improvement stores. It will then extend another mile or so over the prototype site.

SLSCO Ltd. of Galveston, Texas, won the \$101 million contract in December and started work last week.

Justices appear ready to protect Md. Peace Cross

In separate issue, high court rules in Ala. dementia case

BY DAVID G. SAVAGE
Los Angeles Times

WASHINGTON — The Supreme Court with new Justice Brett Kavanaugh faced its first church-state dispute Wednesday and sounded ready to keep in place a nearly century-old cross that honors soldiers who died in World War I.

The justices, both liberal and conservative, said the so-called Peace Cross should not be torn down or moved. The 40-foot cross sits at a busy intersection in suburban Maryland.

Justice Elena Kagan said the history of the era shows why the cross should be able to stand. She said the "rows and rows of white crosses" near the battlefields of World War I made the cross the "pre-eminent symbol" of sacrifice in America in the decade after the war.

But Kagan and most of the justices said they would be reluctant to uphold a city's decision to erect a cross today as a dominant symbol on public property.

Deputy Solicitor General Jeffrey Wall, representing the Trump administration, said the Bladensburg, Md., cross should be allowed because it is a war memorial, but he said it would be "problematic" if a city today said it wanted to erect a "naked, unadorned" cross on public property. That would be harder to defend, he said.

However, the justices conceded they are still struggling with how to devise a legal rule that clarifies when public displays of religion go too far and violate the First Amendment's ban on an "establishment of religion."

While the Peace Cross was built with private funds in the 1920s to honor



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The World War I cross in Bladensburg, Md., has been maintained with public funds since 1961.

49 dead local soldiers, it has been maintained on public land and with public funds since 1961.

Several residents sued along with the American Humanist Association, and they won a ruling from the 4th Circuit Court in Richmond, Va. In a 2-1 decision, the appeals court ruled that because the cross was the core symbol of Christianity, its prominent display on public property was an unconstitutional "endorsement" of religion.

In mid-October, just as Kavanaugh joined the court, the justices agreed to hear an appeal from the American Legion, which helped build the cross, and from the Maryland park commission that maintains it.

The principle of church-state separation has waxed and waned in recent decades. Conservative groups are urging a broad ruling that would sweep aside past restrictions and allow towns and school districts to display religious symbols. In a separate line of cases, they seek to give conservative Christians a religious liberty right to refuse to serve same-sex

couples or to refuse to provide contraceptives for female employees.

In another case Wednesday, the justices ruled an inmate suffering from dementia may not be executed if his disease is so severe that he is not able to rationally understand the reason for his punishment.

Chief Justice John Roberts joined the court's four liberals in saying Alabama death row inmate Vernon Madison deserves another chance to prove that a series of strokes and worsening vascular dementia means that he can no longer remember his crime or why the state wants to execute him.

The court previously has ruled that the Eighth Amendment's prohibition on cruel and unusual punishment means those who suffer from pervasive delusions associated with schizophrenia and psychosis may not be put to death. Kagan, delivering the opinion for the majority in the 5-3 ruling, said the same logic applies to those who cannot understand the link between their crimes and punishment because of dementia.

The court had taken the case to decide a second issue: whether Madison cannot remember committing his crime meant that he could not be executed. The court ruled that, on its own, it did not.

Besides Roberts, she was joined in the opinion by Justices Ruth Bader Ginsburg, Stephen Breyer and Sonia Sotomayor.

The court's ruling does not automatically spare Madison from execution. It said the case has to go back to a lower court to determine the extent of Madison's dementia; it said there was reason to believe the lower court had not performed that task.

The Washington Post contributed.



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Indian soldiers and Kashmiri onlookers observe wreckage from an Indian jet Wednesday.

Pakistan captures Indian pilot after downing fighter

PM Khan urges talks to 'settle this' amid rising tensions

BY PAMELA CONSTABLE AND JOANNA SLATER
The Washington Post



PAKISTAN ARMED FORCES

A video image shows a man who identified himself as an Indian fighter pilot.

NEW DEHLI — In the most ominous military confrontation between India and Pakistan since both tested nuclear weapons two decades ago, Pakistan said it shot down two Indian military aircraft over its territory Wednesday and launched strikes in Indian-controlled Kashmir, while India claimed it shot down a Pakistani fighter jet in the "aerial encounter."

An especially volatile aspect of the confrontation was Pakistan's capture of an Indian fighter pilot. Pakistani military officials posted a photo of him on Twitter sitting in a room, and they said he was being treated "as per norms of military ethics."

But Pakistani television showed a video of the pilot, blindfolded and apparently with blood on his face. India's Foreign Ministry said it "strongly objected to Pakistan's vulgar display of an injured personnel" and expected "his immediate and safe return."

While experts warned that the clash could easily escalate out of control, Pakistani Prime Minister Im-

ran Khan told his nation Wednesday that he wanted to avoid war with India and urged, "Let's settle this with talks." There was no public statement by Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi.

"Our action was only intended to convey that if you can come into our country, we can do the same," Khan said, referring to airstrikes by India on Tuesday and Pakistan's response on Wednesday. Addressing India, he said, "With the weapons you have and the weapons we have, can we really afford a miscalculation?"

The two days of tit-for-tat airstrikes and Wednesday's aerial dogfight, the first since 1971, were triggered by a Feb. 14 terrorist bombing in Indian-controlled Kashmir that killed 40 Indian security personnel. The bombing, claimed by a Pakistan-based militant group called Jaish-e-Mohammad, was the dead-

liest single attack in 30 years of protests and conflict over the disputed Himalayan region, which is claimed in its entirety by both nations.

Indian and Pakistani officials gave conflicting accounts of the events.

India claimed it had bombed a militant camp inside Pakistan on Tuesday, killing scores, but Pakistan said the bombs had fallen on an uninhabited forested area.

Pakistan also denied India's claims that a Pakistani F-16 fighter jet was shot down.

The clash drew expressions of alarm from foreign governments and regional analysts, who noted that India and Pakistan have previously fought three conventional wars, two of them over Kashmir. They also engaged in a brief high-altitude fight in the Kargil mountains of Kashmir in 1999, shortly after both countries tested nuclear weapons.

Moeed Yusuf, a Pakistan expert at the United States Institute for Peace in Washington, said he feared the conflict could escalate dangerously, in large part because neither Khan, who has been in office only a few months, nor Modi, who is seeking re-election this spring, may be able to back down without losing domestic political stature.

Feds fine TikTok owners \$5.7M over data collection

BY CRAIG TIMBERG AND TONY ROMM
The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — Federal regulators fined social media app Musical.ly — now known as TikTok — \$5.7 million for illegally collecting the names, email addresses, pictures and locations of kids under 13, a record penalty for violations of the nation's child privacy law.

The fine is the result of a settlement between the Federal Trade Commission and TikTok, which merged with California-based Musical.ly in 2018, over allegations of illegal data collection of children.

The TikTok app, like Musical.ly before it, allows users to make videos of themselves lip-syncing to millions of songs, including from children's movies, and is popular among adults and children. TikTok is owned by a Chinese company.

The FTC said TikTok had 65 million users registered in the United States, and is the fourth and 25th most popular free app on Google and Apple devices, respectively. The illegal data collection alleged by the FTC predates the merger with Musical.ly and, according to TikTok officials, is no longer in practice.

"The operators of Musical.ly knew many children were using the app but they still failed to seek parental consent before collecting names, email addresses, and other personal information from users under the age of 13," said FTC Chairman Joe Simons in a news release Wednesday. "This record penalty should be a reminder to all online services and websites that target children."

The 1998 law, called Children's Online Privacy Protection Act, limits the collection of personal data of online users under the age of 13, but regulators in



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The app Musical.ly merged with TikTok last year. The FTC said TikTok has 65 million users registered in the country.

the past have been unsure of how to apply the law to general-interest sites, as opposed to ones specifically directed at children. The law forbids online services from collecting data on children, unless their parents give explicit permission, but it covers only services directed at children or ones that have "actual knowledge" that children are using them.

Musical.ly debuted in 2014 and, when counting its successor TikTok, has been downloaded more than 200 million times. The original Musical.ly app required users provide their names, email addresses and phone numbers, and post a profile picture. Until October 2016, the app also collected the locations of users and allowed others to view which users were within a 50-mile radius of them, the FTC said.

The FTC noted in its filing that many TikTok users list their ages in short bios they post with their accounts, meaning that the app has "actual knowledge" that they are under 13. The FTC also reported receiving thousands of complaints from parents of young children using the app.

TikTok said Wednesday that it would require new users to verify their age,

while prompting existing users to verify how old they are. Users under age 13 would only be able to access a "limited, separate app experience" that meets U.S. restrictions on children's privacy, the company said in a blog post.

The company has agreed to delete data it collected on children.

"We care deeply about the safety and privacy of our users," TikTok continued. "This is an ongoing commitment, and we are continuing to expand and evolve our protective measures in support of this."

While the FTC voted 5-0 to accept the settlement with TikTok, the commission's two Democrats said in a joint statement that the FTC should have held company executives personally accountable.


Democratic Commissioners Rohit Chopra and Rebecca Slaughter called the fine a "big win" to protect children online.

"As we continue to pursue violations of law, we should prioritize uncovering the role of corporate officers and directors and hold accountable everyone who broke the law," they said.

The TikTok case began with a referral from the Better Business Bureau's Children's Advertising Review Unit.

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Trump, Kim express optimism over talks

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meeting last June was heavy with historic pageantry but light on any enforceable agreements for North Korea to give up its nuclear arsenal. Still, both offered optimistic words before dinner.

"A lot of things are going to be solved I hope," Trump said as dinner began. "I think it will lead to a wonderful, really a wonderful situation long-term."

Kim said his country had long been "misunderstood" and viewed with "distrust."

"There have been efforts, whether out of hostility or not, to block the path that we intend to take," he said. "But we have overcome all these and walked toward each other again and we've now reached Hanoi after 261 days" since their first meeting in Singapore.

"We have met again here and I am confident that we can achieve great results that everyone welcomes," he added.

Formal talks continue Thursday.

Possible outcomes could include a peace declaration for the Korean War that the North could use to eventually push for the reduction of U.S. troops in South Korea, or sanctions relief that could allow Pyongyang to pursue lucrative economic projects with the South.

Skeptics say such agreements would leave in place a significant portion of North Korea's nuclear-tipped missiles while robbing the United States of its negotiating leverage going forward.

Asked if this summit would yield a political declaration to end the Korean War, Trump told reporters: "We'll see."

Trump's schedule for Thursday promised a "joint agreement signing ceremony" after their meetings conclude.

The two leaders were joined for dinner by Secretary of State Mike Pompeo, acting White House chief of staff Mick Mulvaney, Kim Yong Chol, a former military spy chief and Kim's point man in negotiations, and North Korean Foreign Affairs Minister Ri Yong Ho. Interpreters for each side also attended.

Trump did not answer a question from a reporter about Cohen's congressional testimony. Shortly after, White House press secretary Sarah Huckabee Sanders excluded some U.S. reporters, including the reporter from The Associated Press who asked the president about Cohen, from covering Trump and Kim's dinner. Other reporters excluded were from Bloomberg News, the Los Angeles Times and Reuters.

Trump's exchanges with Kim were being covered by the standard 13-member traveling White House press pool, but ahead of the dinner Sanders sought to exclude all reporters from the pool and permit only the photographers and televi-



Children wave U.S. and Vietnamese flags before President Donald Trump's arrival Wednesday at the Presidential Palace in Hanoi, the capital.

Who knows what is said when world leaders talk one-on-one?

BY DEB RIECHMANN AND FOSTER KLUG
Associated Press

HANOI, Vietnam — Only four other ears on the planet heard what President Donald Trump and North Korean leader Kim Jong Un said to each other Wednesday during a one-on-one chat that began their second nuclear summit.

The two leaders' interpreters were the only others privy to their conversation, raising concerns about why Trump would risk meeting Kim, who has threatened the U.S. with nuclear strikes and has a dismal human rights record, without staff to take notes.

Absent a detailed historical record and corroborating wit-

nesses, the leaders could potentially leave a meeting and misrepresent what transpired, prompting a kind of he said-he said showdown of words.

More one-on-one talks between Trump and Kim are scheduled for Thursday, when the two dig into the meat of their nuclear talks.

Trump has had private confabs with world leaders before that have raised red flags.

Early in his presidency, he met Russian President Vladimir Putin in Germany with only a Kremlin interpreter present. Last year, after Trump spent more than two hours talking with Putin in Helsinki, Finland, Democrats tried to subpoena Trump's translator to testify in Congress about what was said.

Republicans blocked it. The White House has never provided information on what Putin and Trump talked about.

"It is utterly amazing, utterly amazing, that no one knows what was said," Senate Democratic leader Chuck Schumer said at the time.

Trump's translator in Wednesday's private chat was Yun-hyang Lee, the U.S. State Department's division chief for interpreting services, who also translated for the president at his first meeting with Kim last year in Singapore. The White House identified Kim's translator as Sin Hye Yong.

Some experts on past U.S.-North Korean diplomatic efforts worry the private sit-downs give Kim an opportunity to win concessions from Trump that work-

ing-level officials would have advised him not to offer.

Others think there's nothing wrong with the president's penchant for one-on-one meetings with world leaders.

"I don't find that they're nefarious," said retired Army Lt. Col. Daniel Davis with the Defense Priorities think tank. "I think he's just more comfortable doing it that way."

Davis pointed to President Richard Nixon's many private confabs with Chinese leaders when he reopened relations with China in the 1970s.

And former President Barack Obama was known to hold impromptu chats with leaders on the sidelines of major global summits with only their interpreters at their sides.

sion crew, citing "sensitivities over shouted questions in the previous sprays."

After loud pushback, including from photojournalists who protested, Sanders allowed a single reporter in the pool for the dinner: Vivian Salama of The Wall Street Journal, who was serving as the print pooler and did not ask a question at the dinner. In addition, at least two members of the North Korean media contingent, a photographer and cameraman, were seen covering the dinner.

"Due to the sensitive nature of the meetings we have limited the pool for the dinner to a smaller group," she said in a statement.

Journalists in the pool asked Sanders repeatedly whether North Korea was

responsible for the White House's decision to curb access, but she declined to give a direct answer. "I wouldn't say that," she said, according to two people present for the discussions.

Still, Trump was unable to ignore the drama playing out in Washington, tweeting that Cohen "did bad things unrelated to Trump" and "is lying in order to reduce his prison time."

Cohen has been sentenced to three years in prison for lying to Congress.

Anticipation for what could be accomplished at the summit ran high in Hanoi, and there were cheers and gasps as Trump's motorcade barreled through this bustling city. Crowds three or four deep lined the streets and

jockeyed to capture his procession with their mobile phones.

The carnival-like atmosphere in the Vietnamese capital, with street artists painting likenesses of the leaders and vendors hawk-ing T-shirts showing Kim waving and Trump giving a thumbs-up, contrasted with the serious items on their agenda: North Korea's nuclear weapons program and peace on the Korean Peninsula.

Trump has been trying to convince Kim that his nation could thrive economically like the host country, Vietnam, if he would end his nuclear weapons program.

"I think that your country has tremendous economic potential — unbeliev-

able, unlimited," Trump said. "I think that you will have a tremendous future with your country — a great leader — and I look forward to watching it happen and helping it to happen."

The summit venue, the colonial and neoclassical Sofitel Legend Metropole in the old part of Hanoi, came with its own dose of history: Trump was trying to talk Kim into giving up his nuclear arsenal at a hotel with a bomb shelter that protected actress Jane Fonda and singer Joan Baez from American air raids during the Vietnam War.

After their first summit, where Trump and Kim signed a statement agreeing to work toward a denuclearized Korean Peninsula, the president prematurely de-

clared victory, tweeting that "There is no longer a Nuclear Threat from North Korea." The facts did not support that claim.

North Korea has spent decades, at great economic sacrifice, building its nuclear program, and there are doubts it will give away that program without getting something substantial from the U.S.

The Korean conflict ended in 1953 with an armistice, essentially a cease-fire signed by North Korea, China and the 17-nation, U.S.-led United Nations Command. A peace declaration would amount to a political statement, ostensibly teeing up talks for a formal peace treaty that would involve other nations.

Climate change doubter is leading effort to advise Trump

White House eyes panel that would be led by denier

BY KEVIN FREKING AND SETH BORENSTEIN
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The Trump administration is exploring the idea of forming a special committee to look at climate change and security risks, with the effort being coordinated by a physicist who rejects mainstream climate science.

A "discussion paper" obtained by The Associated Press asks federal officials from an array of government agencies to weigh in on a proposed executive order that President Donald Trump would sign establishing the "Presidential Committee on Climate Security."

A memo to those federal officials asks them to direct any questions to William Happer, 79, a member of Trump's National Security Council and a well-known critic of mainstream climate science findings.

"Happer would be a fringe figure even for climate skeptics," said retired



JABIN BOTSFORD/THE WASHINGTON POST

The proposed Presidential Committee on Climate Security is being spearheaded by William Happer.

U.S. Navy Rear Adm. David Titley, now a professor of meteorology at Penn State University.

Several climate scientists agreed with Titley, including Georgia Tech's Kim Cobb, who said Happer's "false, unscientific notions about climate change represent a danger to the American people."

Harvard science historian Naomi Oreskes, who wrote the book "Merchants of Doubt" on climate denial, pointed to instances when Happer has claimed that

carbon dioxide, the main heat-trapping gas from the burning of coal, oil and gas, is good for humans and that carbon emissions have been demonized like "the poor Jews under Hitler."

Happer's bio at Princeton University, where he previously taught, describes him as a pioneer in the field of optically polarized atoms. It notes that he served in the administration of President George H.W. Bush as the director of energy research at the Department of Energy, where he oversaw a

basic research budget of roughly \$3 billion.

The National Security Council advises the president on security and foreign policy issues. According to the discussion paper, the council would fund and oversee the committee. Among the committee's responsibilities would be to "address existing United States Government reports on climate for scientific accuracy and advise on the national security implications of climate change."

The committee would be composed of 12 members, according to a draft of the executive order. Members would include experts in national security and climate science. The panel would advise the president on how climate "might change in the future under natural and human influences."

A spokesman for the National Security Council declined to comment.

The Washington Post first reported on the proposed executive order establishing the climate security committee.

Trump once tweeted that climate change was a "Chinese hoax." More recently,

he used a cold snap that hit much of the nation last month to again cast doubts. "People can't last outside even for minutes. What the hell is going on with Global Warming (sic)? Please come back fast, we need you!" he tweeted.

Both the Pentagon and the president's intelligence team have mentioned climate change as a national security threat, and a 2018 National Climate Assessment detailed drastic effects of global warming.

Over about a dozen years, government scientists, military leaders and intelligence experts have repeatedly highlighted climate change as a major national security risk, said Titley.

Titley said these studies have come to the same conclusions. He said there are "a surprising number of documents from the Pentagon and intelligence community after January 2017 (when Trump took office) that talk about climate and security risk."

"For the Pentagon, it's about readiness," Titley said. "For the intelligence community, it's about risks. We see the risks are accelerating."

Climate change can "push a marginally stable area into chaos," Titley said, mentioning Syria, which suffered a record drought at the same time as a civil war that triggered a migration of a million people.

Francesco "Frank" Femia, chief executive of a think tank that reviews systemic risk to national and international security, expressed concern that the panel was meant to poke holes in future government reports and studies.

"I would welcome a serious study commissioned by the White House on the security implications of climate change that include climate scientists and national security experts, but this is not that," said Femia, the CEO of The Council on Strategic Risks.

A place like the National Academy of Sciences was set up just for that type of study, said Zeke Hausfather, a climate scientist at Berkeley Earth, which monitors global temperatures.

"The ice doesn't care what this administration thinks," Titley said. "It's just going to keep melting and obeying the laws of physics, whatever Will Happer wants."

2020 hopefuls embrace new meaning of reparations

Some Dems propose subsidies, tax credits for legacy of slavery

BY ERRIN HAINES
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Associated Press

Several Democratic presidential candidates are embracing reparations for the descendants of slaves — but not in the traditional sense.

Sen. Kamala Harris of California, Sen. Elizabeth Warren of Massachusetts and former Housing and Urban Development Secretary Julian Castro spoke of the need for the U.S. government to reckon with and make up for centuries of stolen labor and legal oppression.

But instead of backing the direct compensation of African-Americans for the legacy of slavery, the Democratic candidates are talking about using tax credits and other subsidies.

Long defined as some type of direct payment to former slaves and their descendants, the shifting definition of reparations comes as White House hopefuls seek to solidify their ties



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Elizabeth Warren: The U.S. needs to confront its "ugly history of racism."

with African-Americans whose support will be crucial to winning the Democratic nomination. But it risks prompting criticism from Republicans and a shrug from black voters and activists if the proposals are seen as an empty gesture that simply renames existing policy ideas as reparations.

Montague Simmons of the Movement for Black Lives, which has pushed for reparations, said the debate is "not just cash payments."

But "unless we're talking about something that has to be systemic and transfers



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Julian Castro: The U.S. "would be better off" if it addressed the issue.

power to the community, it's not likely going to be what we would consider reparations," he said.

For now, that's not how most Democratic presidential contenders are talking about reparations.

Harris has proposed monthly payments to qualified citizens of any race in the form of a tax credit. Warren has called for universal child care that would guarantee the benefit from birth until a child enters school. Families with income less than 200 percent of the poverty line would get free access and others



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Kamala Harris: People "have not had equal opportunities to success."

would pay no more than 7 percent of their income.

Those benefits would likely have a disproportionate impact on African-Americans.

But except for long-shot candidate Marianne Williamson, no Democratic White House hopeful has called for financial remuneration for blacks.

Harris told reporters in Iowa that "we have to all acknowledge that people have not started out on the same base and have not had equal opportunities to success."

Castro told The Root, a

black online news site, that America "would be better off" if the government addressed the issue of reparations, which he said he would explore if elected.

And in New Hampshire, Warren said the U.S. needs to confront its "ugly history of racism" and "talk about the right way to address it."

In terms of a direct payment, reparations could be a tough political sell. In a Point Taken-Marist poll conducted in 2016, 68 percent of Americans said the country should not pay cash reparations to African-American descendants of slaves. About 8 in 10 white Americans said they were opposed to reparations, while about 6 in 10 black Americans said they were in favor.

Republican strategist Whit Ayres said the issue of reparations is "symptomatic of the fundamental debate that is roiling the Democratic Party today."

"There is no doubt that issues of race have been and remain critically important in American society," he said. "But the idea that you resolve those issues by taking money from white people and giving it to black

people will make race relations worse, not better."

When Barack Obama ran to become the nation's first African-American president, he opposed reparations. But in the final days of his presidency, he didn't question the legitimacy of the concept.

"Theoretically, you can make, obviously, a powerful argument that centuries of slavery, Jim Crow, discrimination are the primary cause for all those gaps," Obama said, referencing the racial disparities faced by black Americans today.

"That those were wrong done to the black community as a whole, and black families specifically, and that in order to close that gap, a society has a moral obligation to make a large, aggressive investment, even if it's not in the form of reparations checks, but in the form of a Marshall Plan, in order to close those gaps," Obama said, referring to the American initiative to provide economic assistance to Western Europe after World War II.

Still, he said it was politically difficult to achieve such a goal.

Cohen slams former boss

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gations encircling the White House, Cohen said he arranged hush money payments to women on Trump's behalf and lied about them to the public and the first lady at the president's behest. He agreed to say Trump was "not knowledgeable" about the transactions even though the president directly reimbursed him, and said he was left with the unmistakable impression Trump wanted him to lie to Congress about a Moscow real estate project, even if the president never directly told him so.

In one revelation, Cohen said prosecutors in New York were investigating conversations Trump or his advisers had with him after his office and hotel room were raided by the FBI last April. Cohen said he could not discuss that conversation — the last contact he said he had with the president or anyone acting on his behalf — because it remains under investigation.

The appearance marked the latest step in Cohen's evolution from legal fixer for the president to a foe who has implicated him in federal campaign finance violations. The hearing proceeded along parallel tracks, with Democrats focusing on allegations against Trump while Republicans sought to undermine Cohen's credibility and the proceeding itself.

As Republicans blasted him as a convicted liar, a mostly unrattled Cohen sought to blunt the attacks by repeatedly acknowledging his own failings. He called himself a "fool," warned lawmakers of the perils of blind loyalty to a leader undeserving of it, and pronounced himself ashamed of what he'd done to protect Trump.

"You make mistakes in life, and I've owned them, and I've taken responsibility for them, and I'm paying a huge price, as is my family,"



ALEX BRANDON/AP

Michael Cohen is flanked by news media as he arrives to testify before the House Committee on Oversight and Government Reform on Wednesday.



MATT MCCLAIN/WASHINGTON POST

Rep. Peter Welch, D-Vt., speaks with Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez, D-N.Y., as Michael Cohen testifies.

Cohen said during testimony that spanned roughly seven hours.

Cohen will soon report to prison for a three-year sentence. At the same time, he is seen as a vital witness for federal prosecutors because of his proximity to the president during key episodes under investigation and their decade-long professional relationship.

The first of six Trump aides charged in the

of the Vietnam War and denigrated blacks as "too stupid" to vote for him.

"He never expected to win the primary. He never expected to win the general election," Cohen said. "The campaign, for him, was always a marketing opportunity."

Cohen gave lawmakers his first-person account of how he arranged to buy the silence of a porn actress and a Playboy model who said they had sex with Trump. He described a February 2017 conversation with Trump in the Oval Office in which the president reassured him that reimbursement checks sent through Federal Express were coming but would take some time to get through the White House system.

He said the president called him a year later to discuss the public messaging around the payments, and had even once put his wife, Melania, on the phone so that he could disavow knowledge.

"Lying to the first lady is one of my biggest regrets,"

Cohen said. "She is a kind, good person. I respect her greatly, and she did not deserve that."

In an allegation relating to Mueller's probe, Cohen said he overheard Trump confidant Roger Stone telling the candidate in the summer of 2016 that WikiLeaks would dump damaging information about Clinton.

Trump put Stone on speaker and Stone told him that he had communicated with WikiLeaks founder Julian Assange and that "within a couple of days, there would be a massive dump of emails that would damage Hillary Clinton's campaign," according to Cohen. Damaging emails that U.S. officials say were hacked by Russia were later released by WikiLeaks.

Trump responded by saying "wouldn't that be great," Cohen said.

Stone disputed that account Wednesday. Cohen also suggested Trump implicitly told him to lie about a Moscow real estate project. Cohen has

admitted lying about the project, which he says Trump knew about as Cohen was negotiating with Russia during the campaign. Cohen said Trump did not directly tell him to lie, but "he would look me in the eye and tell me 'there's no business in Russia' and then go out and lie to the American people by saying the same thing."

On the matter of racism, Cohen said the president made comments "disparaging African-Americans, saying at one point that black people would never vote for him because they were 'too stupid.'"

He said that Trump once confided to him that, despite his public explanation of a medical deferment from the Vietnam War, he never had any intention of fighting there.

"You think I'm stupid, I wasn't going to Vietnam," Cohen quoted Trump as saying.

"I find it ironic, President Trump, that you are in Vietnam right now," Cohen said.

Coast Guard officer accused of drafting hit list indicted

BY MICHAEL KUNZELMAN
Associated Press

COLLEGE PARK, Md. — A Coast Guard officer accused of being a white supremacist who compiled a hit list of prominent Democrats was indicted Wednesday on firearms and drug charges.

A federal grand jury in Maryland indicted Lt. Christopher Paul Hasson, 49, on charges of illegal possession of firearm silencers; possession of fire-

arms by a drug addict and unlawful user; and possession of a controlled substance. Hasson has been detained since federal agents arrested him on related charges Feb. 15.

In a court filing, prosecutors said Hasson has espoused extremist views for years and drafted an email in which he said he was "dreaming of a way to kill almost every last person on the earth."

Prosecutors also claim Hasson drew up what appeared to be a computer-

spreadsheet hit list that included House Speaker Nancy Pelosi, Senate Democratic Leader Chuck Schumer, presidential hopefuls Sens. Kirsten Gillibrand, Elizabeth Warren, Cory Booker and Kamala Harris. Several network TV journalists — MSNBC's Chris Hayes and Joe Scarborough and CNN's Chris Cuomo and Van Jones — also were mentioned.

Investigators found 15 firearms, including seven rifles, and more than 1,000 rounds of ammunition

when they searched Hasson's basement apartment in Silver Spring, Md., according to prosecutors. The indictment also accuses Hasson of illegal possession of tramadol, an opioid painkiller.

U.S. Attorney Robert Hur said in a statement Wednesday that authorities are still gathering evidence.

Hasson's arraignment wasn't immediately scheduled.

Elizabeth Genevieve Oyer, a public defender assigned to represent Hasson,

didn't immediately respond to a phone call or email seeking comment.

During a hearing last Thursday, U.S. Magistrate Judge Charles Day agreed to keep Hasson behind bars but said he was willing to revisit his decision in 14 days if prosecutors haven't brought more serious charges by then.

Hasson, a former Marine, worked at Coast Guard headquarters in Washington on a program to acquire advanced new cutters for the agency.



U.S. DISTRICT COURT

Investigators found 15 firearms in Lt. Christopher Paul Hasson's apartment, according to prosecutors.

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Political operative arrested in North Carolina ballot scandal

RALEIGH, N.C. — The political operative at the center of an election fraud scandal that has engulfed a North Carolina congressional race was arrested Wednesday on charges of illegal ballot handling and conspiracy. Four people working for him were also charged.

Leslie Dowless, 63, was accused of directing workers to collect and mail in other people's absentee ballots during the 2018 Republican congressional

primary and the 2016 general election. It is against the law in North Carolina for anyone other than the voter or a close relative to handle a mail-in ballot, a measure aimed at guarding against manipulation.

Prosecutors are still investigating evidence of ballot tampering by Dowless and others working on behalf of GOP candidate Mark Harris during last fall's election in the 9th District. A do-over election has been ordered.

Floodwaters leave California towns only reachable by boat

GUERNEVILLE, Calif. — Two California communities north of San Francisco were accessible only by boat Wednesday after a rain-swollen river overflowed its banks and inundated low-lying areas around them overnight, authorities said.

One of them, the small city of Guerneville, "is officially an island," the Sonoma County Sheriff's Office announced in a statement.

A short time later, an official said the nearby town of Monte Rio was also isolated by floodwaters with all roads leading to it swamped.

The swollen Russian River was forecast to rise more throughout the day, engorged by days of rain from western U.S. storms that has also dumped heavy snow in the Sierra Nevada, throughout the Pacific Northwest and into Montana.

Judge orders venue change in Texas school shooting trial

GALVESTON, Texas — A judge has ordered the trial of a teenager accused of fatally shooting 10 people at a Texas high school be moved to another county.

State District Judge John Ellisor granted Dimitrios Pagourtzis' request for a venue change Wednesday. The 18-year-old is charged with capital murder for the deadly shooting at Santa Fe High School that also wounded

13 people last May.

Pagourtzis' lawyers argued that the case needed to be moved out of Galveston County to ensure an objective jury pool, noting that venue changes have been allowed in other high-profile cases. Prosecutors contended an impartial jury could be selected in the county courthouse, which is 20 miles east of Santa Fe.

Ellisor will select a new venue for the trial later.



SETH WENIG/AP

Railroad personnel work at the scene Wednesday in Westbury, N.Y., where two trains on opposite tracks collided with a car Tuesday night. Witnesses said the car's driver went around lowered gates while fleeing an earlier crash. All three people in the car were killed.

U.K. lawmakers vote to hold May to her Brexit promises

LONDON — Prime Minister Theresa May insisted Wednesday that Britain will leave the European Union on schedule next month, amid signs that her promise to give Parliament a vote on delaying Brexit was boosting support for her unpopular EU divorce deal.

May has bowed to pressure from within her Conservative government and given Parliament the chance to delay Britain's scheduled March 29 departure if lawmakers fail to approve her divorce agreement with the bloc.

The change of course

was welcomed by pro-EU members of Britain's divided Parliament, who sought further guarantees the government would not try to renege on May's commitment. Lawmakers in the House of Commons voted 502-20 in favor of a symbolic motion underscoring May's promise.

Some pro-Brexit lawmakers, who fear delaying Brexit day could be used to try to stop Britain's withdrawal altogether, abstained from the vote.

On Tuesday, May gave Parliament a greater say over Brexit to forestall a rebellion by pro-EU mem-

bers of her government, who threatened to quit and vote with the opposition in order to rule out a disruptive "no-deal" Brexit. She said Parliament will get to vote again on her deal with the EU by March 12. If it is rejected, lawmakers will then vote on whether to leave the EU without a deal or seek to postpone Brexit by up to three months.

May stressed that she personally opposes extending the Brexit deadline, and said "the United Kingdom remains on course to leave the European Union with a deal" if lawmakers "hold their nerve."

Lawsuit: Professor stole, sold student's research

KANSAS CITY, Mo. — The University of Missouri is accusing a pharmacy professor of stealing and selling a student's research that the school says could become a billion-dollar drug.

The Kansas City Star reports that the university filed a federal lawsuit Tues-

day alleging that Ashim Mitra improperly made \$1.5 million from selling former graduate student Kishore Cholkar's research. The lawsuit says Mitra could earn \$10 million more in royalties over the next five years.

Cholkar developed a more effective way to deliv-

er drugs to the eye using nanotechnology.

The lawsuit says the money belongs to the university because Cholkar conducted his research while employed as a graduate research assistant at the Kansas City campus.

Mitra denies the accusations.

Australian Cardinal Pell spends 1st night in prison

MELBOURNE, Australia — The most senior Catholic cleric ever convicted of child sex abuse was sent to prison Wednesday and will wait two weeks to learn his sentence for molesting two choirboys in a Melbourne cathedral two decades ago.

During a sentencing hearing, the judge revoked the bail of Cardinal George Pell, 77, who could face 50 years in prison. Pell showed no expression as he walked from the dock with a cane escorted by three court security officers and a prison guard.

He was taken from the court to the Melbourne Assessment Prison, a maximum security facility where inmates new to the state penal system are assessed. All prisoners are strip-searched on arrival and Pell, like all pedophiles, will be kept in protective custody.

In Missouri: Lawmakers on Wednesday took steps to outlaw most abortions in the state should the U.S. Supreme Court overturn *Roe v. Wade*. The legislation approved by the House includes other measures that don't need a trigger to take effect such as a ban on most abortions after a fetal heartbeat is detected.

In Michigan: A judge cleared the way for the release of the state's oldest and longest-serving prisoner with a life sentence for murder as a teen. Sheldry Topp, 74, who has been in prison since 1962, was resentenced Tuesday to 40 years to 60 years. He probably will be freed Thursday because of good-behavior credits.

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EDITORIALS

THE SHOWDOWN FOR MAYOR

Thanks, Bill Daley,
 for stressing jobs.
 Lori Lightfoot and
 Toni Preckwinkle:
 How would you
 build Chicago?

The Tribune Editorial Board did not endorse Bill Daley because we had a closetful of “Daley for Mayor” bumper stickers and T-shirts to show off. The board had no interest in recrowning a Chicago dynasty. If anything, we endorsed Bill Daley in spite of the fact that, not because, he is the son of Richard J. Daley (mayor from 1955-76) and brother of Richard M. Daley (mayor from 1989-2011).

We endorsed Bill Daley because his perspective on the present and future of Chicago most closely aligned with ours. Chicagoans saw this mayoral election differently, sending Lori Lightfoot and Toni Preckwinkle on to the April 2 runoff. Congratulations to both candidates on their success Tuesday. Look for the editorial board to make an endorsement choice as we continue our mission of speaking out on the issues of the day on behalf of the city we call home. One criterion we’ll consider:

Daley brought to the mayoral race a deep understanding that job creation and economic growth — in both downtown and the neighborhoods — means everything to Chicago’s future.

As we like to remind our elected officials, jobs provide opportunity. Jobs generate tax revenue. Jobs give people a reason to live in Chicago, or a reason to join the exodus if job prospects are better elsewhere. Poor job growth in Chicago means a poorer future for every Chicagoan.

As a candidate, Daley embraced the notion that making Chicago a better place in which to do business was a starting point for addressing the myriad challenges the city faces.

Making Chicago attractive for employers is not the only thing that matters, but as Daley said while campaigning: *If we don’t move forward with economic growth, all those good things we want to do for those who are not as fortunate as we are — we will have a hard time accomplishing them.*

We reiterate these words not to relive a highlight of his failed campaign but to express our hope that Lightfoot and Preckwinkle will carry that thought forward as they compete to succeed Mayor Rahm Emanuel.

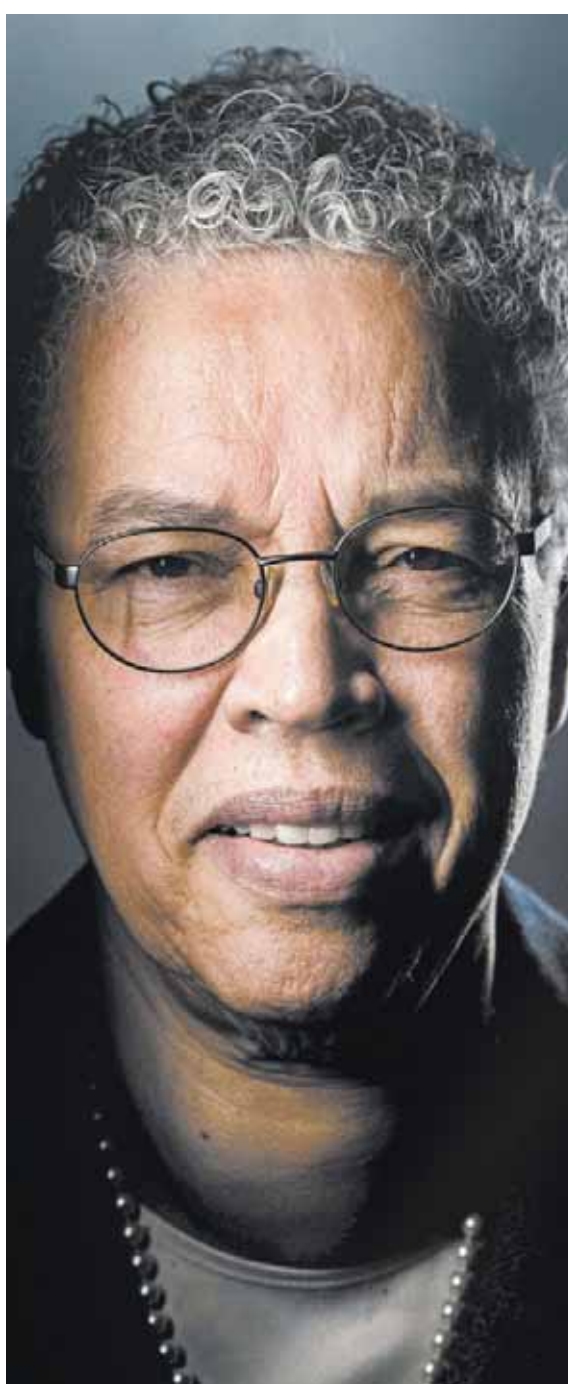
Chicago must tame its gun violence. It must right-size and improve its public school system. It must manage its way through a financial crisis that will require the next mayor to quickly find \$270 million to make a required extra payment to Chicago’s pension system.

Meeting those needs either becomes more manageable or nearly impossible, depending on whether Chicago retains its place as a growing center for global business ... or slides backward.

Going into Tuesday, Daley gave us the most confidence that he’d pull off the difficult balancing act required of a Chicago mayor. We also recognized that many voters might have trouble signing up for another hitch with his family. And that’s likely why Daley finished third. We thank him for the effort.

Now it’s on to the runoff. The city’s problems are there to be tamed. The opportunities are there to make this a better city than it’s ever been.

Which candidate will make a compelling case that she can build Chicago? The city’s future is wide-open, and so is the mayoral race.



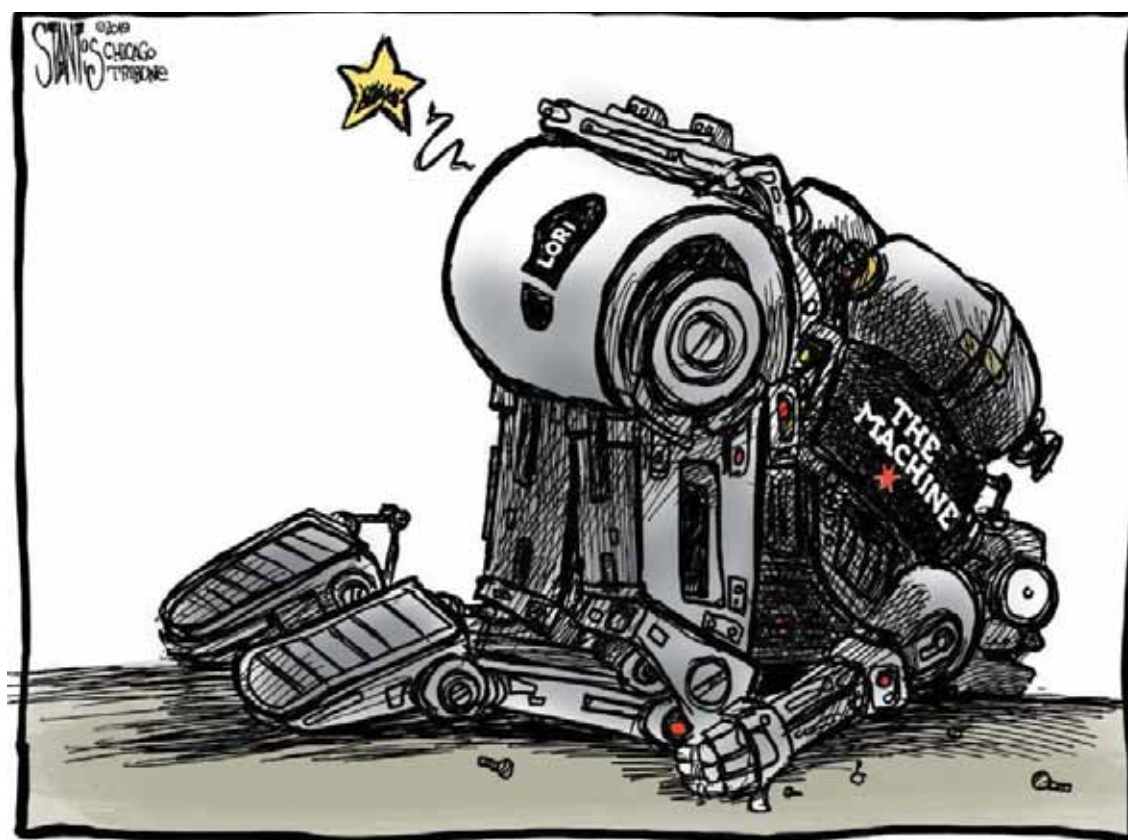
Toni Preckwinkle



Lori Lightfoot

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NOT-SO-LIGHTFOOT

WHAT OTHERS ARE SAYING

Michael Cohen has been throwing himself upon the mercy of The Resistance ever since it became clear that he would face criminal charges related to his personal misconduct. To avoid an excessive sentence, Cohen had to share with federal prosecutors all he knew about the president.

But in turning on his former employer and the party he leads, Cohen sacrificed his relationships on the right. He needed a new set of friends, to say nothing of donors to his legal defense fund. And so Trump’s attorney has embarked on a nakedly cynical campaign of emotional manipulation stimulating all the anti-Trump left’s pleasure centers.

Taken at face value, Cohen emerged from his plea agreement with federal prosecutors born again. With the convert’s zeal, he immediately began to preach not just

against the sins of his former employer but in support of all things Democratic.

Cohen heaped praise upon Michelle Obama during her book tour, advising his fellow Americans to “pray that her words bring back unity to our country.”

The former deputy finance chairman of the Republican National Committee re-registered as a Democrat and urged voters to turn out in 2018 to vote Republicans out of office. ...

Cohen’s testimony before Congress on Wednesday — a text that he admitted was composed following consultations with Democratic members of Congress and what he called “the party” — contained even more scene-chewing efforts to flatter the anti-Trump left. ... Under a federal prosecutor’s interrogation lamps, Cohen has seen the light.

Noah Rothman, Commentary

Lightfoot cracks the machine, setting up this historic finale. Chicago’s next mayor will be an African-American woman.

No one could have predicted when Lori Lightfoot announced her plans to run for mayor in May 2018 that she would emerge as a front-runner on election night. Cook County Board President Toni Preckwinkle? Probably. William “Bill” Daley? Likely. Susana Mendoza? Maybe. Willie Wilson? Possibly.

Instead, the corruption-busting, anti-machine candidate who got on television late, who ran a shoe-string campaign, who got in front of as many voters as possible — the outsider who ran against the Chicago political establishment — beat it on Tuesday. Now she faces Preckwinkle, the runner-up, in the April 2 runoff election. Lightfoot won with 17.5 percent of the vote to Preckwinkle’s 16.1 percent. Which candidate will shore up the rest of Chicago?

Lightfoot didn’t have heavy union backing. She didn’t have corporate support. She didn’t follow a Rose Garden strategy. She didn’t have high-priced consultants or media production teams or experienced staffers.

Yet she bubbled to the top.

She surged. Chicago voters across the city searched until they found her name on that long list of candidates on the ballot — she was listed No. 12 out of 14 — and propelled her into a showdown with Preckwinkle. Two black women. Two progressives. Two powerful voices. A historic matchup.

Preckwinkle brings her own moxie to the rumble. She has executive experience managing thousands of employees, overseeing a budget, negotiating labor agreements and, as chairman of the Cook County Democratic Party, flexing political muscle. She heads into the runoff with two important labor endorsements, from the Chicago Teachers Union and Service Employees International Union, organizations with formidable ground games.

Lightfoot will have to step up hers. When she kicked off her campaign, she expected to face Mayor Rahm Emanuel. She framed Emanuel’s leadership style as “us vs. them.” Divisive. Off-putting. Aloof. It’s why she got into the race in the first place. Then Emanuel decided not to run. Another twist that made this race unpredictable.

Lightfoot is a former federal prosecutor, later assigned to investigate Chicago police misconduct cases and oversee a task force to overhaul the Chicago Police Department. She gave voters a clean option. She suffered no taint from connections to Ald. Edward Burke, 14th, who faces a federal charge of attempted extortion. That scandal continues to plague Preckwinkle; it dragged on the campaigns of Mendoza and Gery Chico and others who have ties to Burke.

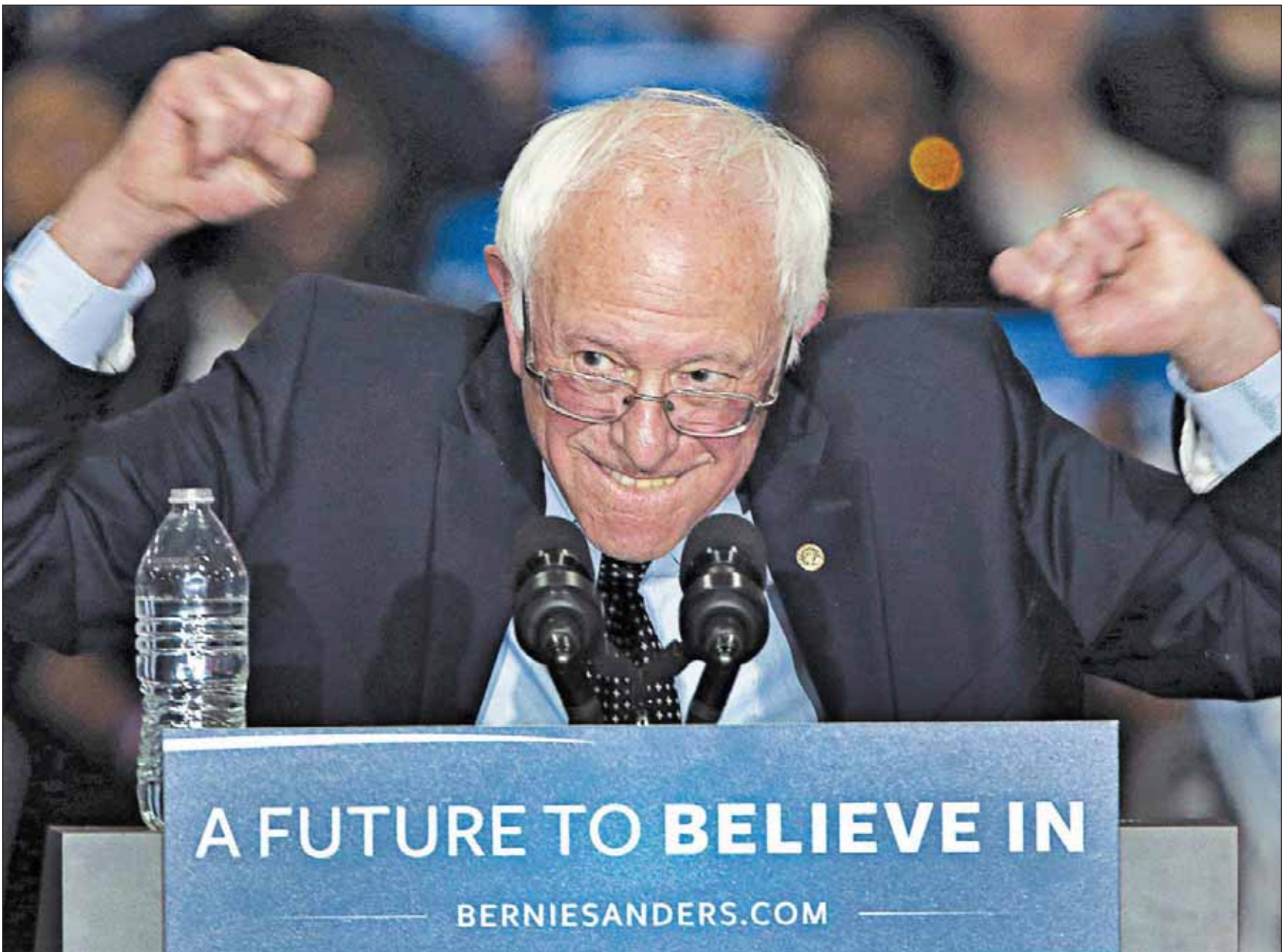
If Lightfoot cracked the machine Tuesday, so did Chicago voters — at least with their choice of the top vote-getting semifinalist in the race for mayor.

But Lightfoot and Preckwinkle now

have to court a wider base of Chicagoans in order to succeed in April. Lightfoot won lakefront wards and dominated the North Side; Preckwinkle cleaned up in her Hyde Park base and a few surrounding wards. Up for grabs are voters on the far Northwest and Southwest sides heavily populated with teachers, police officers and firefighters who backed Jerry Joyce. Voters in roughly a dozen South Side wards supported Wilson and Chico.

What will Lightfoot and Preckwinkle do to win those hearts and minds? The overture starts now.

Chicago Tribune PERSPECTIVE



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Sen. Bernie Sanders, shown on the presidential campaign trail in Illinois in 2016, is making another run at the Democratic nomination.

The case against Sanders



STEVE CHAPMAN

For Bernie Sanders, 2020 is a whole new ballgame. This time, he doesn't face a heavily favored, lavishly funded foe in the primaries. He can appeal to a party that has moved left. His signature issue, "Medicare-for-all," is virtually liberal orthodoxy. He has even more donors, who have showered his campaign with contributions.

Here's what hasn't changed: Bernie Sanders. He is still the same overbearing ideologue he has always been, a self-righteous scold who ignores the achievements of capitalism and the failures of socialism while offering voters a rich menu of wild promises.

Not that I can't find a few redeeming positions. Sanders opposed the Iraq War. He has supported legal status for immigrants brought here illegally as children. He opposed the surveillance of domestic phone records under George W. Bush and Barack Obama. He regards the idea of intervening militarily in Venezuela as insane.

But his flaws are deep and irreparable. Sanders is a staunch leftist who demonstrated his affinity for Marxism

during the Cold War, when he extolled the public transportation and cultural programs produced by Soviet communism, gushed that Fidel Castro had "totally transformed the society" of Cuba and excused the thuggish tactics of the Marxist-Leninist Sandinista regime in Nicaragua.

His economic policies betray his crude image of capitalism — which may have generated great inequality but has also produced a vast increase in living standards, even for the poor. A wiser student of history would notice that in the U.S., it was largely private enterprise, not central planning, that "totally transformed the society."

The reason social democracies in Europe can redistribute wealth is that their largely capitalist systems have created so much of it. Sanders takes a hostile view of America's reliance on free markets, but countries such as Germany, Britain, Canada and Denmark enjoy roughly as much economic freedom as the U.S. does.

On specific policies, Sanders is habitually in a tug of war with reality. His "Medicare-for-all" plan, despite the name, would be far more generous in its coverage — and far more expensive per patient — than the existing Medicare program. It would also provide more benefits than the single-payer Canadian system that enchants American progressives.

"Even by Sanders' own estimate his plan would require a larger increase in federal taxes than the United States has ever had in peacetime," notes Princeton scholar Paul Starr in the left-of-center American Prospect magazine.

Sanders claims it would reduce the nation's health care spending through cost controls and administrative savings. An analysis by the liberal Urban Institute, however, found that it would actually raise total health outlays by \$6.6 trillion over a decade.

When it comes to international trade, there is not much daylight between him and Donald Trump. The president had words of praise after Sanders announced his candidacy: "I am being very tough on trade. He is tough on trade." Sanders' views are consistently removed from reality. In 2016, economists Christina Romer (who chaired Obama's Council of Economic Advisers) and David Romer concluded that the effects Sanders predicted from his overall economic program were "not just implausibly large but literally incredible" and that the real impact would be "likely small and possibly negative." The resemblance to Trump's blue-sky promises is hard to miss.

When it comes to global warming, Sanders is willing to take strong action to curb carbon emissions. But he sabotages that worthy goal by vowing to

eliminate nuclear power — which provides a fifth of our electricity and emits no greenhouse gases.

Policy is not everything. Trump has reminded Americans that in the Oval Office, qualities such as restraint, moderation, good humor and flexibility are indispensable. These are not traits generally attributed to Sanders. He brings to mind Winston Churchill's description of Secretary of State John Foster Dulles as a bull who carries his own china shop around with him.

Sanders is no Trump, but his humorless dogmatism bodes ill both for how he would formulate policy and for how he would try to achieve it. Early in Sanders' time in Congress, the famously liberal Rep. Barney Frank accused him of a "holier-than-thou attitude" that "really undercuts his effectiveness." In 2016, Frank said, "Bernie Sanders has been in Congress for 25 years with little to show for it."

In the Democratic primaries, liberals and progressives will be able to vote for a host of candidates who have shown sensible judgment, pragmatic skills and the ability to appeal beyond the hardcore faithful. Or they could choose Sanders.

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THE GREEN NEW DEAL BY JOE "IT'S NOT EASY BEING GREEN" FOURNIER



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Martin Adams fills out a ballot Tuesday at Providence of God Church in East Pilsen.

Maybe voters weren't lazy, maybe they were simply overwhelmed



ERIC ZORN

More than apathy may explain the dismal voter turnout Tuesday in Chicago — an estimated near record low of 33.5 percent.

With 14 mayoral hopefuls on the ballot — diverse in age, gender and ethnicity, and featuring political insiders and outsiders — you'd think there would have been a candidate to motivate nearly everyone to get out and vote.

But you would be wrong.

Social scientists have long recognized that giving people too many options tends to cause them to throw up their hands, turn away and not make a decision.

It's called "choice overload" — that feeling of being overwhelmed, confused, anxious and nearly paralyzed by having too many similar opportunities for action.

"With too many options to choose from, people find it very difficult to choose at all," said Swarthmore College psychologist Barry Schwartz in a TED talk based on his 2004 book "The Paradox of Choice: Why More Is Less."

Schwartz cited a study of the retirement investment decisions made by approximately 1 million employees in about 2,000 workplaces. "For every 10 mutual funds the employer offered, the rate of participation went down 2 percent," he said.

"Why? Because ... it's so damn hard to decide which fund to choose that you just put it off until tomorrow, and then tomorrow, and then tomorrow, and then tomorrow, and, of course tomorrow never comes ...

"Making this decision is so hard that they pass up significant matching money from the employer," Schwartz said. "Adding options to people's lives can't help but increase the expectations people have

about how good those options will be."

Think of the hesitation and dread you may have felt in choosing a cable or mobile phone provider, an insurance company, a new car, a college or a life partner. Or think about even the twinge of aversion you might have felt when trying to pick from a vast retail display a bottle of wine, a salad dressing, a jar of jelly or a style of Special K.

Numerous studies have replicated the deleterious effect of such overload. The "paradox" in the title of Schwartz's book is that most of us intuitively think of choice as liberating when, in fact, too much of it can be oppressive.

The number of undecided voters in pre-election polling here was startlingly high — roughly 20 percent — and it's not a stretch to assume that a significant portion of the ditherers ultimately froze up and decided to wait for the April 2 runoff when the choice for mayor will be a simple either-or between Toni Preckwinkle and Lori Lightfoot.

In the only analogous recent Chicago election, 34 percent of registered voters turned out for the February 2015 contest that pitted Mayor Rahm Emanuel against four challengers, but 41.1 percent turned out in April of that year for Emanuel's one-on-one runoff against Jesus "Chuy" Garcia.

I have no excuse for the other 58.9 percent.

Preckwinkle throws down the gloves!

It was unconventionally churlish of Preckwinkle to take a direct shot Tuesday night at Lightfoot.

"While my opponent was taking multiple appointments in the Daley and Emanuel administrations, I fought the power elite who have been trying to hold this city back," Preckwinkle said during her speech to supporters and TV cameras.

The tradition after what amounts to primary election victories is for such remarks to be gracious, celebratory and limited to self-flattering bromides and

promises of victory.

And while this particular race is a five-week sprint with little time for cordiality, it was odd that Preckwinkle chose to commence the hostilities with a dubious claim to being an enemy of the "power elite."

This is the same Toni Preckwinkle who stood loyally by former Cook County Assessor Joe Berrios — one of the more arrogant members of the power elite, an official who proudly hired his relatives and stubbornly refused to reveal exactly how his office calculated the value of property — when Berrios was being roundly criticized for overseeing an assessment system that disadvantaged low-income people.

The same Toni Preckwinkle who, as chair of the Cook County Democratic Party and president of the Cook County Board, endorsed Berrios' losing re-election effort last spring and then honored him in October with a lifetime achievement award from the Cook County Regular Democratic Organization.

Lightfoot's record of service under Mayors Richard M. Daley and Rahm Emanuel — she was chief administrator of the Chicago Police Department Office of Professional Standards, chair of the Chicago Police Accountability Task Force and president of the Chicago Police Board, among other positions — will certainly be fair game. Indeed it will be a major factor in how voters weigh her ability to be mayor.

But Preckwinkle should take care not to drench us all in irony right away.

Stay classy, McCarthy

The spit-take moment of Tuesday night was former Chicago police Superintendent Garry McCarthy's unspecific warning in his concession speech that some of his rivals are "really bad people."

Most losing candidates probably think this. Few are so unfiltered as to say it.

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Lori Lightfoot's rise inspiring

It's thrilling to see Lori Lightfoot moving toward the possibility of becoming the first black woman to serve as mayor of Chicago. I am no longer a resident of Chicago, and I am not black, but I lived in Chicago when Harold Washington became mayor. I witnessed the obstructionism toward him from the City Council (otherwise known as "Council Wars"). It was amazing that he won — only for his efforts to be crippled by the powers-that-be in the council — Aldermen Edward Burke and Edward Vrdolyak. Both are now under criminal investigation. My husband worked for a company there that refitted all of Washington's house windows with bulletproof plastic. So it is very cool to see this woman come out in front. I'm impressed just by the fact that she rose against the machine politics without much in the way of typical political help. Go, Lori Lightfoot!

— Maggie Melville, Cedarburg, Wis., formerly of Chicago

We'll perish without business

Neither of the runoff candidates for Chicago mayor is known for being friendly to the currently vibrant business community. Prior to Mayor Rahm Emanuel's administration, Chicago's finances were mismanaged. Since Emanuel became mayor, successful developers, hoteliers, restaurateurs, merchants and other business icons have poured risk capital into developing Chicago. In reality, our financial problems can be improved only by businesspeople investing in our city. Big businesses are major employers and reliable taxpayers.

Toni Preckwinkle and Lori Lightfoot are devoted to lifting up the working class and underserved. Those needs may only be met by a vibrant business community that continues to make Chicago attractive for those who visit, conduct business and live here. If the next mayor believes commerce is not crucial to our future, Chicago will be known as the Windy City for the disturbance in the air of business leaders fleeing and taking tax revenue and jobs with them.

— Sheldon I. Saitlin, Chicago

Business deals alone won't save us

In "Thanks, Bill Daley, for stressing jobs. Lori Lightfoot and Toni Preckwinkle: How would you build Chicago?" (Feb. 26), the Tribune Editorial Board claims that Chicago's ability to solve its most pressing problems depends on "whether Chicago retains its place as a global business center." They've got that equation reversed.

Global businesses are attracted to cities that have strong workforces. Cities build strong workforces by offering excellent schools, affordable housing, low crime, amenities that appeal to workers and stable city budgets that support all of them.

We can't solve our problems with business deals. Look at the last eight years. Hundreds of millions of dollars in corporate attraction efforts haven't made real headway on improving schools, lowering crime, increasing affordable housing, fixing the city's budget or narrowing the huge gap between Chicago's haves and have-nots. We've lost tens of thousands of residents from South and West Side neighborhoods. The economic benefits of business attraction have not trickled down.

Chicago doesn't have a business problem. It has a crisis of values and a failure to question long-held beliefs.

Yes, we need jobs. We need jobs for the people who need them the most. Those jobs will not be provided by the global business deals the Tribune advocates. And yes, the city needs money. To get both, Chicago should join the growing ranks of cities such as Pittsburgh, Minneapolis and Newark, N.J., that are looking less at global business saviors and more toward growing their economies strong from within — supporting local businesses and local entrepreneurship first and then welcoming outside businesses that fill niches and provide economic activity in communities that need it.

Those cities are also keeping their eyes on the prize: building equity and quality of life for all. If Chicago shares that goal, then we must focus all of our efforts on measures proved to get us there, and stop wasting time and money on those that don't.

— Ellen Shepard, Chicago

Not voting aids the status quo

What a disappointing and discouraging voter turnout by my fellow Chicagoans — and a hugely missed opportunity. Surely out of an unprecedented 14 candidates, a voter could find a reason to back one of the candidates. How is anything supposed to change if people don't even bother to vote? If you're not voting, then you are part of the "status quo" problem. As John Kass has been saying, "Wake up, Chicago!"

— Lisa Graessle, Chicago

Cohen's testimony reveals as much about the GOP as it does about Trump

BY JENNIFER RUBIN

Michael Cohen's testimony is as unprecedented as it is stunning: A direct witness to the actions of the president of the United States presented specific evidence of the president's decades-old pattern of lying, financial fraud, intimidation and betrayal of his country for personal gain.

We'll get to that in a moment. First, Cohen is also indicting the Republican Party, whose House Oversight Committee members, even in the face of mountains of evidence of Trump's mendacity, attack his critics, try to disguise the truth and convey their belief that their voters are too stupid to notice they've become henchmen for Trump. The telling moment came when Cohen chastised Republicans: "I did the same thing you're doing now. I protected Mr. Trump for 10 years." If nothing else came through Wednesday, voters should come away convinced that Republicans have abandoned any pretense of serving the country. They're in essence little Michael Cohens waiting for the hammer to drop.

As for the substance of Cohen's testimony, we got plenty of juicy nuggets: Cohen said he briefed Trump and his children 10 times about the Moscow deal during the campaign (yes, his children were allegedly complicit in the hoax that Trump had "no business" with Russia);

Cohen understood Trump's tweets in advance of his testimony to be threats; Trump had other "catch and kill" stories extending back before 2007 when Cohen went to work for him; the hush-money payments were discussed in the context of the campaign and included Trump Organization CFO Allen Weisselberg, who together with Cohen worked out the details after speaking with Trump; Trump knew about the WikiLeaks documents in advance, and Cohen believes prosecutors have corroborating evidence of Trump's discussions with Roger Stone.

What does all this mean?

■ As Democrats allege, when the House Oversight Committee was in Republican hands, there was essentially no effort to investigate possible illegality. To the contrary, they decided to go after the FBI and Justice Department. This is the most shameful chapter in the party's history and reminds us that the most consequential action in the Trump presidency was the voters' decision to turn the House over to Democrats. We still would have no idea about any of these matters had that not happened.

■ Let's not get hung up on impeachment or prosecution for the moment. What fair-minded person would say Trump deserves the endorsement of his party and another four years? That they cannot bring themselves to contemplate an equally Trumpian candidate who hasn't

engaged in the pattern of deceit to the extent we know Trump did, tells us how cowardly and weak Republican elected officials are and how thoroughly corrupt (intellectually) are the right-wing media who spin for him every day.

■ We should also recognize how completely inept and clueless Republicans are. They believe that if they simply smear Cohen they'll have accomplished their mission. But what about all the other witnesses, all the other evidence including financial documents? They cannot seem to grasp the extent of incriminating information out there and, if they allow themselves to consider it for just a moment, they seem utterly unconcerned they will be looked upon as stooges for a corrupt president. You ask what world they live in? The Fox News bubble where facts are unimportant. Their other standard is: Can we get the dim voters to buy this?

Cohen has given all of the information and more to prosecutors. Trump and the GOP are living on borrowed time. If not by legal or congressional action, Trump's organization has been revealed for what it is: A sort of mob-like entity ruled by a pathological liar for whom laws and truth are irrelevant.

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SALT limits will hit 11 million taxpayers

Unredacted report adds controversy around GOP tax bill

BY JIM PUZZANGHERA
Los Angeles Times

WASHINGTON — The new limit on the state and local tax deduction will hit nearly 11 million taxpayers nationwide this year, according to a report by a Treasury Department inspector general.

It is the government's first estimate of the effect of capping the popular deduction at \$10,000, a key and controversial provision in the Republican tax bill championed by President Trump.

An unredacted version of the report released Wednesday also showed that Treasury Secretary Steven Mnuchin and other officials last year prioritized halting efforts by California and other states to help residents circumvent the cap.

Deductions for state and local taxes, known as SALT, were unlimited before the Republican tax bill took effect last year. Because of the new \$10,000 limit on single and joint filers, Americans will be unable to deduct about \$323 billion in state and local taxes that

exceed the limit, according to the report by the Treasury inspector general for tax administration.

Many of the 10.9 million filers who will be affected by the cap are in California, New York, Illinois and other states that tend to vote Democratic. They have higher state income taxes, property values and real estate taxes, all of which fall under the SALT limit.

"The cap on state and local tax deductions was one of the most harmful pieces of the Republican tax overhaul," said Rep. Richard Neal, D-Mass., who requested the

Treasury report.

A Treasury spokesman did not respond to a request for comment.

There was no state-by-state breakdown in the Treasury report. But an analysis by the conservative Tax Foundation found that the deduction allowed Californians to reduce their combined taxable income by \$101 billion in 2014 — one fifth of the total value of the deduction nationwide.

The wealthy reap the most benefits from the state and local tax deduction. But many of the people affected by the cap in California and other high-cost

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Steven Mnuchin and other officials prioritized halting efforts by states to help residents circumvent the tax cap.



BEN MARGOT/AP

Leo Wang packs a suitcase at his home in San Jose, Calif., before returning to his native China. His H-1B visa was denied.

'BEST AND BRIGHTEST' GETTING THE BOOT

As Trump immigration crackdown widens, worker visas in jeopardy

BY MATT SEDENSKY
Associated Press

NEW YORK — Immigrants with specialized skills are being denied work visas or seeing their applications get caught up in lengthy bureaucratic tangles under federal changes that some

consider a contradiction to President Donald Trump's promise of a continued pathway to the U.S. for the most talented foreigners.

Though getting what's known as an H-1B visa has never been a sure thing, immigration attorneys and employers who hire such workers say they've seen unprec-

edented disruptions in the approval process since Trump took office in 2017.

"You see all these arguments that we want the best and the brightest coming here," said John Goslow, an immigration attorney in Ann Arbor, Mich. "Yet we're seeing a full-frontal assault on

just all aspects of immigration."

For American businesses, it has a bottom-line impact.

Link Wilson, an architect who co-founded a firm in Bloomington, Minn., said finding enough qualified workers within the U.S. has been a problem for years. He said employers who turn to

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Sinclair expects to get \$50M per year from Cubs network

BY ROBERT CHANNICK
Chicago Tribune

Sinclair Broadcast Group said Tuesday it expects to generate significant cash — up to \$50 million annually — from the Chicago Cubs regional sports network it will launch in 2020.

Chris Ripley, Sinclair's president and chief executive officer, said the Maryland-based broadcaster is looking at the Cubs TV network, announced earlier this month, as a boon to the bottom line and a model to partner with other teams.

"We expect (the Cubs network) to contribute about \$40 (million) to \$50 million of free cash flow," Ripley said during Sinclair's 2018 earnings call.

The Marquee Sports Network, as it will be called, will become the exclusive TV home of the Cubs, ending 70 years of local over-the-air broadcasts and

moving all of the games to cable and satellite. It will air the full regular season schedule, expanded pregame and postgame coverage, classic broadcasts and other local sports programming.

The current Cubs local TV schedule is split between WGN-Ch.9, WLS-Ch.7 and NBC Sports Chicago, the regional sports network formed in 2004.

Sinclair, the country's largest TV station group, owns 191 TV stations and the Tennis Channel. The Cubs represent Sinclair's first foray in a regional sports network. Sinclair also is looking to buy some or all of the Fox-owned regional sports networks, which must be sold as a requirement of its pending merger with Disney.

"(Marquee) is a model for other partnerships going forward," Ripley said. "We certainly will be looking for other opportunities and there will be some coming up."

Chicago jury convicts investment manager

A Chicago federal jury has convicted an investment manager of defrauding clients and lenders out of more than \$10 million over more than a decade.

Federal prosecutors say 53-year-old Shawn Baldwin was convicted Tuesday of seven counts of wire fraud. Authorities say he swindled 15 investors and corporate lenders when he operated investment firms in Chicago. Prosecutors allege he told victims their cash would be placed in the stock market and

used in other investments, but that he instead pocketed the money for personal use. Prosecutors say he sent investors bogus account statements.

Investigators say Baldwin's deceptive practices included lying about working with compliance officers and professional advisers, and minimizing actions regulators took against him. Prosecutors say the scheme last from 2006 to 2017.

— Associated Press



RICH PEDRONCELLI/AP

Under a rule finalized by the Trump administration last week, Title X money will only be allowed to go toward supporting family planning services and related preventative care, not abortions.

New rule could cost Planned Parenthood

Local branch doesn't anticipate cutting back abortion services despite the prospect of losing millions of dollars in funding

BY LISA SCHENCKER
Chicago Tribune

Days after the Trump administration issued a rule barring many health centers from providing abortion referrals, Planned Parenthood of Illinois said that it expects to continue offering such services despite the prospect of losing millions of dollars in funding.

Under the new rule, finalized by the Trump administration last week, health providers such as Planned Parenthood will no longer be allowed to directly refer patients for abortions if they accept Title X

family planning services and related preventative care, especially for low-income patients.

Providers who accept those dollars will also have to make sure that if they do perform abortions, those are financially and physically separated from services supported by Title X money. And they will no longer, as the current rules stipulate, be required discuss abortion as an option when counseling pregnant patients.

In response, Planned Parenthood of Illinois has said that it will not participate in the Title X program if the new rule

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Court to hear claims Ulta reused makeup

Illinois women, others sued after ex-staffer's allegation

BY LAUREN ZUMBACH
Chicago Tribune

Ulta Beauty customers who claim the cosmetics retailer resold used makeup as if it were new will get to have their day in court.

A federal court judge in Chicago ruled Tuesday that a lawsuit seeking class-action status on behalf of consumers in 18 states, including Illinois, can proceed, according to court filings.

Allegations that Bolingbrook-based Ulta put returned cosmetics back on shelves to be sold at full price arose in January 2018, when a person claiming to be a former employee described repackaging products in a Twitter post that quickly went viral.

A California woman filed the lawsuit, which seeks unspecified damages, later that month, and 21 more Ulta customers have since joined, including two from Illinois.

Judge Jorge Alonso dismissed Ulta's argument that the consumers' claims were too vague and based on allegations from a just a handful of employees and social media posts, saying consumers can't be expected to know the details of the company's practices.

Ulta said it was pleased with the ruling because it narrowed the plaintiffs' claims.

"We remain confident in the company's position on the remaining claims, which we continue to believe are without merit," Ulta spokeswoman Karen Twigg May said in an emailed statement.

Alonso agreed with Ulta that consumers can't claim harm if they purchased products that were new and unused, since "there was no defect or risk of harm in the products they purchased, and therefore no overpayment or injury," according to the Tuesday court filing.

The judge also limited the case to consumers from the 18 states represented by plaintiffs named in the lawsuit.

In March, Ulta CEO Mary Dillon denied allegations the company sold used, damaged or expired products during a call discussing the company's financial results.

Dillon said Ulta was reinforcing appropriate procedures for handling returns and had seen no indication that the publicity around the claims had hurt the company's brand. That remains the case, Twigg May said.

Sales at stores open at least 14 months rose 7.8 percent during the three months ending Nov. 3, down from a 10.3 percent increase during the same period the year before, Ulta said in December.

But growth in the U.S. beauty industry overall has slowed after several years of rising spending, Stephanie Wissink, managing director at consumer products analyst at Jefferies, said in an email. That has "far more impact" on Ulta's results than factors like the lawsuit, she wrote.

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Worker visas in jeopardy

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international applicants do so as a last resort, putting up with legal fees and ever-expanding visa approval times because they have no other choice.

"We're just at the point where there's no one else to hire," said Wilson, who estimates his firm turned away about \$1 million in projects last year because it didn't have enough staff to handle them.

Three months after taking office, Trump issued his "Buy American and Hire American" executive order, calling for H-1B changes to promote the hiring of Americans for jobs that might otherwise go to immigrants.

Subsequent memos have allowed for greater discretion in denying applications without first requesting additional information from an applicant, tossed the deference given to people seeking to renew their H-1Bs, and raised concern that the government would revoke work permits for the spouses of H-1B holders. One order restricted companies' ability to use H-1B workers off-site at a customer's place of business, while another temporarily rescinded the option of paying for faster application processing.

Attorneys who handle these applications say one of the biggest shifts is an increase in "requests for evidence," or RFEs, from U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services. An RFE can delay a visa for months or longer as applicants and employers are forced to submit additional documentation over things such as the applicability of a college degree to a prospective job or whether the wage being offered is appropriate. If the responses are unsatisfactory, a visa may be denied.



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President Donald Trump holds up the "Buy American and Hire American" executive order he signed in 2017.

"They're just blocking the avenues so that employers will get frustrated and they won't employ foreign nationals," said Dakshini Sen, an immigration lawyer in Houston whose caseload is mostly H-1B applications. "We have to write and write and write and explain and explain and explain each and every point."

USCIS data released last week shows an increase in the number of completed H-1B applications receiving an RFE, from about 21 percent in the 2016 fiscal year to 38 percent last fiscal year. The number continued to rise in the first quarter of this fiscal year, to 60 percent.

A growing number of applications with such requests were ultimately denied, while the approval rate among all applicants has fallen. Approvals also dipped in two other visa programs for foreign workers, including one for individuals with extraordinary abilities in areas such as science, sports and the arts.

USCIS spokeswoman Jessica Collins linked the changes to the president's executive order, saying the goal was to reduce "frivolous" petitions and that "it is incumbent upon the petitioner, not the government" to prove eligibility.

Some employers note traditional three-year renewable terms of H-1Bs have also been changing; one lawsuit by an organization representing information technology companies claims some visas were

valid for only a few days or had expired before they were even received.

Trump has vacillated between criticizing H-1Bs as "substituting for American workers at lower pay" to expressing support, as he did last month, when he said he wanted to "encourage talented and highly skilled people to pursue career options in the U.S."

Caught in the crosshairs are workers like Leo Wang.

Wang, 32, got into the University of Southern California, interned at a major venture capital firm and wasted no time after finishing his master's before starting on another degree. His dream of a six-figure Silicon Valley job came true but disappeared quickly.

Wang was working at Seagate Technology under an immigration provision known as Optional Practical Training, which gives those on student visas permission to work. But that expired last year, and because his H-1B application was in flux, he was forced to take a leave from Seagate and withdraw from the master's program he was pursuing at Berkeley.

He says he and his company responded to an RFE, compiling examples of his work at Seagate. But on Jan. 11, Wang got a final answer: He was denied an H-1B.

This month, he returned to his native China.

"I still believe in the American dream," he says. "It's just that I personally have to pursue it somewhere else."

Title X versus abortion

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goes into effect in two months.

"We will not violate our own medical ethics, and because of what the gag rule does, which blocks patients from getting accurate information about their care, we won't accept the money," said Julie Lynn, a spokeswoman for Planned Parenthood of Illinois.

Lynn noted, however, that "we're going to continue to do everything we can to make sure patients are able to get the care they need," saying that the organization has anticipated changes since President Donald Trump took office.

Planned Parenthood of Illinois received nearly \$2.5 million in Title X funding for September 2018 through March 2019 - more than 40 percent of the total amount awarded across the state, according to the federal government.

Across Illinois, more than 70 centers received Title X funding, as of November 2018. About 112,000 people used family planning services at Illinois centers re-

ceiving Title X money in 2017, according to government data.

Several other health centers in Illinois that accept Title X money either declined to comment or did not respond.

Critics of the rule say it is largely targeted at Planned Parenthood, though the American Medical Association and American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists, among others, have also come out against the rule.

The rule's supporters, however, say it's an improvement on requirements surrounding Title X funding, which already cannot be used to pay for abortion. They say it could allow more providers who are opposed to abortion to accept the money because they would no longer be required make abortion referrals or discuss abortion as an option.

The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services said in a news release Friday that the rule "makes notable improvements designed to increase the number of patients served and

improve the quality of their care."

The changes will "ensure greater compliance with current federal and state laws, safeguard vulnerable and abused women and children, and help protect freedom of conscience for health care workers," said Denise Burke, senior counsel for the Alliance Defending Freedom, an advocacy group, in a news release Friday.

But the rule is sure to face challenges in court. The attorney general of Washington state, for example, has already said he will sue over the rule, which could delay its implementation.

Illinois Gov. J.B. Pritzker was among a group of nine Democratic governors who wrote a letter to the head of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services on Tuesday, urging the administration to rescind the rule. The governors said in the letter that if the rule is not pulled back they will explore legal options to block its implementation.

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SALT limits will hit 11 million taxpayers

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high-tax states are middle-income earners.

The limit is highly unpopular in states where it hits hard and is a reason why Internal Revenue Service figures show tax refunds are down 16.7 percent so far this year compared to last year, although Treasury changes to withholding tables to put more money into workers' paychecks after the tax bill took effect is the main reason.

Bill Forsythe, 57, a hospital radiology technologist in San Jose, said he and his wife were unable to deduct all the \$14,000 in property taxes on their home and their state income taxes from their federal return this year. That helped lead

to a \$9,000 combined state and federal tax bill this year after they had received a \$6,000 refund last year.

Not all of the 11 million taxpayers affected by the cap will pay higher taxes, because the law also increased some other deductions along with lowering marginal rates across the board.

But the cap was always viewed as a money-raiser by Republicans, who argued that the deduction disproportionately benefited the wealthy. Democrats said the decision was political, noting that Trump carried only three of the top 10 states for SALT deductions in the 2016 election.

Establishing the cap was a key way to raise additional revenue as part of the Re-

publican tax overhaul, which official government estimates said would increase the federal budget deficit by \$1.5 trillion over a decade because of the money lost by slashing rates for businesses and individuals.

The cap will raise about \$673 billion over a decade, according to the Tax Foundation.

The details about the efforts to stop the state workarounds were redacted from the version of the report released Tuesday, which Neal alleged was "clearly in an effort to conceal the process" that the IRS notice "went through and those involved in that process." He said the involvement of top Treasury officials in a review of such a notice was unusual.

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'Much still needs to be done' on trade deal

BY CHRISTOPHER RUGABER AND PAUL WISEMAN
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — A U.S.-China trade agreement is far from completion and will require much more work, particularly on enforcement, the U.S. official negotiating the pact told a House panel Wednesday. "Much still needs to be done before an agreement can be reached," U.S. Trade Representative Robert Lighthizer said. "If we can

complete this effort, and again I say if, and can reach a satisfactory solution to the issue of enforceability we might have an agreement that turns the corner in our economic relationship with China."

President Donald Trump held out hope earlier this week that an agreement could be reached when he said "substantial progress" had been made after negotiations that went through the weekend. Trump also announced that he would postpone a scheduled

March 2 increase in tariffs on \$200 billion of Chinese imports, from 10 percent to 25 percent.

But Lighthizer's testimony suggested the two sides are still far apart. The trade representative also said the administration is pushing for structural changes in China, including an end to cybertheft of U.S. commercial secrets, limits on state support for Chinese companies, and an end to the forced transfer of technology from U.S. companies as a condition of accessing

China's markets.

At stake, Lighthizer said, is whether the United States or China will dominate the industries of the future. "The U.S. has the best technology in the world," he said. "It's probably our single biggest competitive advantage and why we'll be No. 1 for a long time if we protect our intellectual property."

China, he said, "knows full well that it's the key. Technology is what's going to determine who rules the future."



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Senior U.S. and Chinese officials met last week in Washington to resume trade negotiations.



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Carlos Ghosn, second right, has been jailed for three months on charges of filing a false statement on deferred income.

Ghosn case's chilling effect

Foreign executives are getting spooked about jobs in Japan

BY BRUCE EINHORN, LISA DU AND MA JIE
Bloomberg News

The stunning arrest, indictments and long incarceration of former Nissan Chief Executive Carlos Ghosn have given pause to foreign executives considering taking on senior jobs at Japanese companies.

As Ghosn enters his fourth month in jail and awaits a trial still several months away, the imprisonment of the Japanese business world's most high-profile foreigner may stymie the nation's efforts to diversify its corporate ranks with overseas talent, according to management experts. Foreign executives may think twice about accepting positions until they see how his case plays out and whether it leads to stricter compliance rules.

"It's having a chilling effect," said Yumiko Ohta, a partner in Tokyo with the law firm Orrick Herrington & Sutcliffe who advises clients on corporate governance. "It's going to be much more difficult to recruit foreign executives into Japan."

The inability of such a prominent business leader to win his release while awaiting trial could scare some foreigners — no matter how law-abiding — from accepting Japan postings and also make international

companies more reluctant to post them there, said Johan Uittenbogaard, managing partner with recruiting company Odgers Berndtson in Tokyo.

"There's another layer of risk," he said. "You start thinking about it: Even if you haven't done anything wrong, you can get put in jail for three months."

Even Ghosn's defense lawyer, Junichiro Hironaka, raised the issue during a press conference last week in which he said his client is the victim of a conspiracy by his Nissan underlings. Ghosn hired Hironaka this month after his previous legal team twice failed to win bail.

"It's bizarre to me how this became such an incident," Hironaka said.

Ghosn, 64, remains in a Tokyo jail, accused of aggravated breach of trust and filing false statements to regulators regarding \$80 million in deferred income. He was arrested Nov. 19 and faces as many as 10 years in prison if convicted. He denies all charges, calling the accusations "merit-less and unsubstantiated" during a courtroom appearance last month.

"This will become a big problem for Japan and its business," Hironaka said. "Nissan should have solved this problem internally."

Japan has a limited history with foreign CEOs. The most high-profile in recent years include Ghosn, Howard Stringer at Sony Corp., Christophe Weber at

Takeda Pharmaceutical Co. and Sarah Casanova at McDonald's Holdings Co. Japan.

A study published in 2015 found only about a dozen examples of foreign CEOs in Japan, said co-author Sheela Pandey, an assistant professor of management at the Pennsylvania State University Harrisburg.

Those "extremely rare" executives typically encounter culture clashes and opposition from Japanese subordinates, and the handling of Ghosn's case throws up another red flag, she said.

"Foreign CEOs will be reluctant to work in Japan," Pandey said in an email. "This does not help with becoming more international."

To be sure, there are still many foreigners who want to work in Japan and won't be deterred by Ghosn's case, said Anne Raphael, Paris-based managing partner at Boyden France who helps luxury-goods companies do executive searches.

"Personal tastes play an important part in foreign executives choosing to work in Japan," she said.

Still, the concern triggered by Ghosn's arrest is hindering efforts to hire executives from abroad, said Casey Abel, managing director in Tokyo at recruiter HCCR K.K., which works with clients in the auto industry.

Recently, two foreign candidates for executive positions decided to wait

and see how the Ghosn case plays out before accepting offers, Abel said. He wouldn't disclose the companies or any details about the clients except to say they were vice president-level engineering experts.

"It's creating trepidation," Abel said. "I've got, right now, 15 people that we're talking to at an executive level for automotive clients in Japan, and I'll say two-thirds of them have very pragmatically, directly brought this up as a concern."

Ghosn's case also comes at a time of increased demand at many Japanese companies for foreigners to join their boards of directors, said Nobuyuki Tsuji, who manages the Tokyo office for recruitment firm Spencer Stuart. His responsibilities include working with technology, media and industrial companies.

The Tokyo Stock Exchange last year revised its corporate governance code, calling on members to improve the diversity of their boards in terms of "gender and international experience."

Japanese companies already faced significant obstacles trying to recruit outsiders. Japan ranked 29th out of 63 economies — behind Cyprus and Estonia — in terms of its ability to attract and develop talent, according to a survey published in November by IMD World Competitiveness Center in Lausanne, Switzerland.

Brazil's surging crude output might give OPEC a headache

BY SABRINA VALLE AND JAVIER BLAS
Bloomberg News

When the giant P-67 floating oil production vessel lit its flare tower in February, it marked the start of a Brazilian supply boom that's poised to challenge OPEC's efforts to balance the global market.

The mammoth facility — long and wide enough to fit an American football field — is the first of four similar platforms that will begin pumping crude this year, lifting Brazilian output by roughly 365,000 barrels a day, its largest annual increase in at least 20 years, according to the International Energy Agency.

The Brazilian surge, combined with more oil from shale fields from

Texas to North Dakota, is set to create a headache for the Organization of the Petroleum Exporting Countries. In the worst-case scenario, it may force Saudi Arabia and Russia to roll their production cuts over into the second half of the year, testing the strength of the Riyadh-Moscow oil relationship.

"Brazil is on the verge of major supply growth," said Francisco Blanch, head of commodities research at Bank of America Corp. in New York. "U.S. shale is not the only driver of increased volumes."

Brazil has disappointed in the past, with output growth coming far below expectations because of maintenance issues, declines in mature fields, and delays installing new vessels for oil production and storage. The Tartaruga Verde field, which should have come online back in late 2017, didn't start until June 2018. The P-67 itself was delayed several months.

Still, oil traders and executives believe this year Brazil will make good on its promises. The P-67 vessel, about 162 miles from Rio de Janeiro, will pump about 150,000 barrels a day in the next few months, when it reaches its plateau.

Owned by a consortium including Brazilian state-controlled oil giant Petroleo Brasileiro, or Petrobras, and Royal Dutch Shell, the vessel will be joined through this year

by another three as big: P-76, P-68 and P-77. And between 2020 and 2023, Petrobras aims to install another ten big vessels.

"Brazil is reaching a new level of production and that is a fact," said Decio Oddone, head of the country's oil regulator, the National Petroleum Agency. "2019 will be critical."

OPEC itself is keeping tabs on Brazil, noting that the nation will boast the second-largest increase in annual output oil growth within the non-OPEC camp, only behind the U.S. shale. Brazil produced almost 2.7 million barrels a day of oil in December, putting the Latin America's nation production roughly in line with OPEC members Kuwait and Iran.

"Oil production could rise substantially in 2019" if the delayed floating storage and production vessels and other scheduled facilities start this year, OPEC said about Brazil in its last monthly report. The cartel forecast Brazilian growth of 360,000 barrels a day.

The so-called pre-salt fields, reserves located deep in the Atlantic Ocean under a thick layer of salt, are poised to beat production estimates made when the oil blocks were discovered more than a decade ago. The Lula field, where the P-67 is located, will likely breach 1 million barrels a day output this year, making it one of the world's largest offshore oilfields, behind only Safaniyah in Saudi Arabia.

The country is also rapidly becoming less dependent on its state-controlled oil company Petrobras, which generated a massive 93 percent of Brazil's total production in 2010.

The Brazilian surge comes at the right time as the world's oil market is hungry for the kind of oil that the pre-salt fields pump: medium-heavy crude, ideal for refining into diesel. The production cuts in OPEC and Canada, coupled with American sanctions on Iran and Venezuela, have significantly reduced the availability of medium-heavy crude, pushing its price higher relative to the global benchmark.

Report: '18 market meltdown cost billionaires nearly \$1T

BY ELAINE KURTENBACH
Associated Press

BANGKOK — The stock market meltdowns in 2018 obliterated nearly \$1 trillion of the fortunes of the world's richest individuals, according to a list by wealth compiler Hurun Report.

The report, China's version of the Forbes rich list, showed Chinese billionaires still outnumbered those from any other country as of Jan. 31, at 658. Several newly minted ones amassed wealth through big share offerings, while 212 Chinese tycoons lost their dollar billionaire status.

The U.S. had 584 billionaires, followed by Germany with 117.

The biggest gains in wealth last year came in the areas of technology, media and telecoms, followed by

real estate and other investments, manufacturing and retailing.

The wealthiest Chinese was e-commerce giant Alibaba's founder Jack Ma, the world's 22nd wealthiest person, with \$39 billion. But Pony Ma Huateng of Internet giant Tencent Holdings, with \$38 billion and Xu Jiayin of property developer Evergrande, with \$37 billion, were close behind.

Though Chinese and other Asians are steadily gaining in wealth, Amazon founder Jeff Bezos topped the global chart for the second year running, with wealth estimated by the Hurun Global rich list at \$147 billion. Bill Gates ranked second with \$96 billion and Warren Buffett was third with \$88 billion.

Gates' fortune rose \$6 billion in 2018, said Hurun Report CEO Rupert

Hoogewerf, despite his enthusiasm for philanthropy.

President Donald Trump's wealth fell by \$500 million last year, the report said, to \$3 billion, or 793rd.

The only Asian among the top 10 richest in the world was Mukesh Ambani of Indian conglomerate Reliance Industries, ranked 8th with wealth estimated at \$54 billion.

Overall, the report said there are 2,470 billionaires in the world by Hurun's reckoning, down 224 from last year. Their total overall wealth fell by \$950 billion from the year before to \$9.6 trillion thanks to stock market gyrations and a strong U.S. dollar, it said.

Hurun's CEO Rupert Hoogewerf said he believes the world's billionaires may number over 6,000 people, since many seek to hide the extent of their wealth, especially in the Middle East.

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Savings Update

CD, time deposit, share certificate... What's the difference?

If you shop for certificates of deposit in the newspaper or online, venturing beyond just your local bank, you'll likely encounter some names for CDs that leave you wondering if you're considering apples to apples.

CDs are what the banking industry calls "time deposits", or sometimes "term deposits". Those names signify that your deposit is made with an agreement that you will keep it at the bank for an established time period or term. This is different than checking, savings or money market accounts, where you can generally deposit and withdraw funds at any time of your choosing.

But while "certificate of deposit" and "CD" are fairly ubiquitous terms, not every U.S. financial institution uses those names, and shopping for the best CDs in the country will occasionally put a product in front of you that certainly looks like a CD but goes by some other name.

This most often happens at credit unions or community banks. Instead of CDs on their product menu, you might simply see "time deposits" or "term deposits", such as "3-Year Time Deposit". And at credit unions, where customers are members who hold a share in the credit union, you might see "share certificates" instead of CDs.

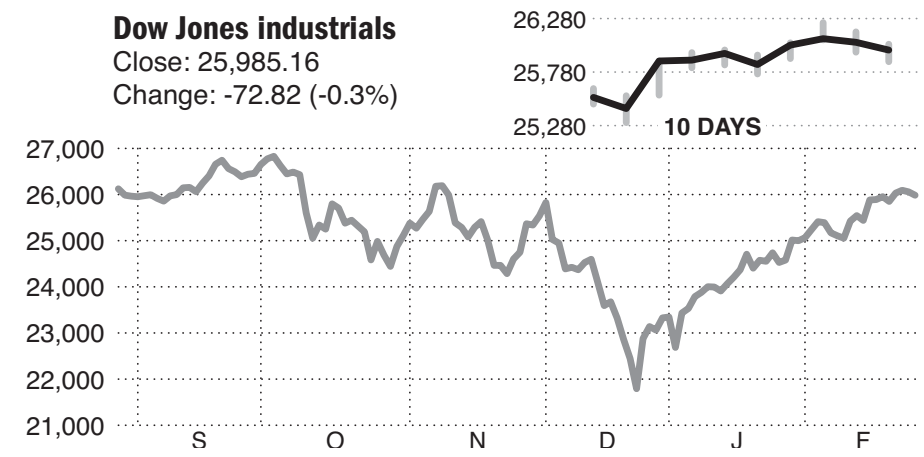
Does this matter? Essentially no. While some wonky banking rules specify minor differences in these products, they do not come into play for the vast majority of consumers. Whether it's called a CD or a time deposit or a share certificate, it's the same product: Deposit X dollars for a period of Y months or years and we'll pay you Z percent interest.

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OBITUARIES

HARRISON STEANS 1935-2019

Philanthropist sold group of banks to NBD

BY BOB GOLDSBOROUGH
Chicago Tribune

Harrison I. Steans was an entrepreneurial banker who bought Hyde Park Bank & Trust and five other banks and eventually sold the group to NBD Bancorp, becoming chairman of NBD's Illinois operation.

Steans also was known for his embrace of charitable causes, including the Ravinia Festival in Highland Park, where he established 60 annual fully funded fellowships for young musicians to participate in the festival's on-campus summer conservatory.

"He was an incredible intellect," said George P. Bauer, a former colleague at IBM who later was involved with Steans in banking. "He was a motivator of women and men, and he was probably one of the best businessmen I knew. He was a win-win negotiator."

Steans, 83, died of congestive heart failure on Feb. 26 at the Lincoln Park home of his daughter Jennifer. He had been a longtime resident of north suburban Bannockburn.

Born in Chicago, Steans grew up in Springfield, where he attended high school for his first two years. His family then moved to Lake Bluff, and he spent his final two years at Lake Forest High School. He earned a bachelor's degree in economics in 1957 from Princeton University, and after that served for three years in the Navy.

Steans' first job was working at IBM, where he became the administrative assistant to IBM's chairman and CEO, Tom Watson. In 1967, he left IBM to buy Hyde Park Bank & Trust Co. in Chicago, using a bank holding company to carry out the deal.

Through that same holding company structure, Steans and other investors then acquired the First National Bank of Highland Park and later acquired banks in Chicago's Marina City, in Elk Grove Village, in Schaumburg and in Park Ridge.

Steans and his investors in 1973 entered into a complex deal to acquire LaSalle National Bank from General American Transportation Corp. The group ultimately



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Harrison Steans was a longtime resident of north suburban Bannockburn.

bought a 16 percent stake in the bank before selling it to ABN in 1978.

In 1987, Steans sold his six-bank holding company, known as USAmericans, for \$250 million to NBD Bancorp, which later merged with the First National Bank of Chicago and now is part of JPMorgan Chase. Steans stayed on for a time as the chairman of NBD's Illinois operation before stepping down at the end of 1987.

"I do like to be in an environment where you can display individual initiative," Steans told the Tribune's Laurie Cohen in 1988. "It's easier to do that in a small organization than a larger one."

After leaving NBD, Steans spent several years looking at deals — he was a "deal junkie," his daughter quipped — before setting up a new company, Financial Investments Corp., in 1994 with his daughter to make private equity investments and also to serve as the family office. He remained working there until his death.

In the spring of 1987, he set up an "I Have a Dream" program, modeled on a project that began in New York City in 1981, for students in two North Side elementary school classes. Steans pledged about \$400,000 to the 38-student, sixth-grade class at Schneider Elementary School, 2957 N. Hoyne Ave. Most of the class' 38 students were African-American or Hispanic and lived in the CHA's Lathrop Homes.

A July 1993 postmortem of the program by the Tribune showed that ultimately a significantly larger number of students from the

class that Steans funded went to college.

Steans was proud of having been the only male member of the Ravinia Women's Board. Steans endowed an institute at Ravinia Festival in honor of his wife, called the Steans Music Institute. Each year, the endowment provides fully funded fellowships for 60 of the best young professional musicians from around the world to take part in Ravinia's on-campus summer conservatory.

"It was the one missing component of what Ravinia is all about," Steans told the Tribune in 1998.

Steans also was the driving force behind his family foundation's investments in Chicago's North Lawndale neighborhood. His foundation provided small grants for beautification projects like gardens and murals, counseling for teenage parents, expansion of health services and new housing. Steans also helped found the North Lawndale College Prep High School, a charter school that opened in 1998.

"He did some good things for the community," recalled longtime friend and former NICOR and Jewel chairman and CEO Richard G. Cline, who first met Steans in 1957, when both were in the Navy. "That charter school (in North Lawndale) became very, very successful in terms of the graduation rate of its students, despite its location in one of the most difficult neighborhoods of Chicago."

Steans also served on the Civic Committee of the Commercial Club and the boards of the Chicago Botanic Garden and the Ounce of Prevention Fund, and he was a life trustee of Highland Park Hospital and DePaul University.

Steans also is survived by his wife of 61 years, Lois; two other daughters, Illinois state Sen. Heather Steans, D-Chicago, and Advance Illinois President Robin Steans; and seven grandchildren.

A memorial service will take place at 10 a.m. March 9 at the Martin Theater at Ravinia, 418 Sheridan Road, Highland Park.

Goldsborough is a freelance reporter.

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Bakker, John

John Bakker, age 91, U.S. Army Veteran. Beloved husband for 62 years to the late Lorraine, nee Medema (2012). Loving father of John (Diane), LeAnn (Larry) Kooyenga, David, Brenda (Gary) Harger and Sharon (Henry) Boss. Cherished grandfather of 17. Dearest great-grandfather of 24. Dear brother of Phyllis Bakker and the late Jacob Bakker, Pearl (late Clarence) Zaagman and Sadie Van Dyken. Fond brother-in-law of the late Roger Medema, Neil (late Winnie) Medema, Clarence (late Bea) Medema, John (late Edythe) Medema, and Kenneth (Donna) Medema. Dear uncle of many nieces and nephews. Visitation Sunday from 3-8 p.m. Funeral Service Monday 10:00 a.m. at Colonial Chapel, 15525 S. 73rd Ave. (155th/Wheeler Dr. & Harlem) Orland Park, IL. Interment Chapel Hill Gardens South. Memorials to Providence Life Services preferred. Express your thoughts and condolences at colonialchapel.com 708-532-5400



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Benson, Raymond L.

Raymond L. Benson, 94, beloved husband of 71 years to June, loving father of Viveca Miller, Deborah (Larry) Lawrence, Roger (Kathy) Benson, Roy (Susan) Benson, Eric (Stephanie) Benson, Jon (Michelle) Benson, Kirk (Tara) Benson, and the late Linda Susan Benson, dear grandfather of 26, and proud great-grandfather of 16. Son of the late Ragnar and Elsa Benson.



Former owner of Ragnar Benson Inc. and longtime resident of Itasca. Visitation Friday, March 1, from 4:00 until 7:00 p.m. at Hultgren Funeral Home, 304 N. Main St., Wheaton. Funeral Saturday, March 2, at 10:00 at Holy Cross Lutheran Church. Private interment at Mt. Emblem Cemetery in Elmhurst. In lieu of flowers, memorial gifts may be directed to Lutheran Social Services of Illinois, lssl.org. Info and guest book at hultgrenfh.com or 630-668-0027.

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Cerasi, Eugenio "Geno"

Beloved husband of Laura (nee caccamo-Sarfino) Loving father of the late Frankie Cherished Step father of Anthony (Maryann), Bianca, and Christopher Devoted son of the late Francesco and Vita Cerasi PaPa G of Sophia Dear brother of Attilio (Luci), Carmen, Malvino and Maria Proud uncle to many nieces and nephews Memorial Mass Saturday 3/2/2019 at 12:00 pm at St. Philip the Apostle Church Addison, IL. Interment Private Arrangements entrusted to Severino Family Funeral Directors, for info: www.severinofd.com

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Chojnacki, Dennis

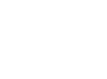
Dennis Gage Chojnacki age 27 of Geneva. Beloved son of Jennifer and Geoff Olsen; loving brother of Maxwell and Elizabeth Olsen; dear grandson of Dennis and Jan Chojnacki and Don and Carol Olsen; fond nephew of Devin Chojnacki and Dave (Denise) Olsen. Visitation, Friday March 1, 2019 4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at Donnellan Family Funeral Home 10045 Skokie Boulevard at Old Orchard Road Skokie, IL 60077. Funeral Mass, Saturday March 2, 2019 10:00 a.m. at Saint Joseph Church, 1747 Lake Avenue, Wilmette, IL 60091. Interment private. In lieu of flowers memorials may be made to Solstice Recovery Foundation, 100 Box Canyon Road Wimberley, Texas 78676 or solsticerecovery.com. Info: www.donnellanfuneral.com or (847) 675-1990.



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Derby, Mary C. "Katy"

Mary C. "Katy" Derby, 79, of the north side of Chicago. Cherished friend and ex-wife of the late Robert F. Mansfield, Sr. Loving mother of Robert F., Jr. (CFD (Colleen) Mansfield, and Jennifer (Jeff) Henderson. Proud grandmother of Robert, Brian, Carly, Meghan, Brendan and Aidan. Great grandmother of Ellie. Dear sister of Larry (Amy) Derby, the late John Gerlach and the late Patrick Derby. Fond aunt of many nieces and a nephew. Visitation Saturday, March 2, 2019 at St. Juliana Church, 7201 N. Oketo (at Touhy) from 10:30 AM until time of funeral Mass 11:30 AM. Interment private. Arrangements entrusted to M J Suerth Funeral Home, Peter T. Heneghan, director. 773-631-1240 or www.suerth.com



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Farnan, Helen J.

Helen Jean Farnan, nee Nolan, of Plainfield, formerly of Riverside, age 84. Beloved wife of the late John "Jack"; loving mother of Mary Helen (Frank) Strutyński, Karyn McCarthy, John (Susan), Joe (Kathy), Jim (Maggie) and Regina Farnan; proud grandmother of Matthew, Adam, Katie (Jared), Megan, Katelyn (Douglas), Emily (Jacob), Mary Claire, Nolan, Bridget, Jimmy, John, Bobby, Danny and Patrick; great-grandmother of Harper, Kaylee, Daylon and William; dear sister of the late Dolores (late Jack) Lenahan, late James (Holly) Nolan and the late Thomas (late Julianne). Visitation Saturday, March 2, 2019 at St. Francis Xavier Church, 124 N. Spring Ave., La Grange from 12:00 noon until time of funeral mass 1:00 p.m. Interment private. In lieu of flowers, memorials to The Chicago Lighthouse (www.chicagolighthouse.org) appreciated. For further info 708-F-U-N-E-R-A-L.

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Fujii, Yaho Y

Yaho Y. Fujii, 102, at rest February 24, 2019. Beloved wife of the late Robert Fujii, and adored sister of the late Atsuno Yamaguchi. A memorial service will be held on March 1, 2019 at 10:30am at Lakeside Church of Chicago 3939 Howard Street, Skokie, IL 60076. For information www.lakeviewfuneralhome.com 773.472.6300.

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Gorek, Cynthia

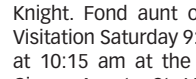
Cynthia Gorek, nee Miller. Beloved wife of Vince. Loving daughter of Robert and the late Patricia. Dear sister of Michelle (Mark) Tracy and sister in law of Carol (the late Mike) Anderson. Kind daughter in law of Clara Gorek. Fond aunt of Patricia, Taylor and Chad Tracy, Christina (Matt) Bultas and Michelle Anderson. Proud owner of furry friends Duke and Coco. In lieu of flowers memorials to National Multiple Sclerosis Society <https://www.nationalmssociety.org/> Memorial Visitation Saturday 11:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. at Beverly Ridge Funeral Home; 10415 S. Kedzie Ave. Interment Private. 773-779-4411

Beverly Ridge Funeral Home

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Griffin, Ella Mae

Ella Mae Griffin nee Kemmer. Beloved wife of Francis for 73 years. Loving mother of Daniel (Joyce), Lawrence (Denise), Kathryn (Les) Lamping, Tom (Jennifer), Mary (Greg Baker), and the late Dolly (Ed) Hudgins. Proud grandmother of 14 and great grandmother of 13. Dear sister of Katherine (the late John) Podlesak, Ruth (the late Ray) Walsh, and Patty (Art)



Knight. Fond aunt of many nieces and nephews. Visitation Saturday 9:00 am until the time of prayers at 10:15 am at the Jaeger Funeral Home 3526 N. Cicero Ave to St. Viator Church 11:00 AM mass Cremation Private. In lieu of flowers donations to the American Cancer Society would be appreciated. Info (773) 545-1320

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Hodges, Loretta

Loretta C. Peltier Hodges (nee Nessinger) age 92. Beloved wife of the late Roy E. Hodges and the late John H. Peltier. Devoted mother of Mary Peltier, Lauretta (Spero) Speropoulos, the late John P. (Catherine) Peltier and stepmother of Donna, Sandy and Judy. Loving grandmother of 14 and great grandmother of 26. Dear sister of the late Margaret, Henry, Marie and Phillip. Visitation Saturday 9-11 AM at the Palos-Gaidas Funeral Home, 11028 Southwest Hwy. (7700W) Palos Hills. Funeral Saturday, 11 AM from the funeral home to Sacred Heart Church for 11:30 AM Mass. Interment St. Mary Cemetery. Express your thoughts and memories in the online Guest Book at www.palosgaidasfh.com

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Holcomb, Shirley R.

Shirley R. Holcomb nee Kellerman, 94. Beloved wife of the late Sam D. Holcomb. Devoted mother of Adie (Fred) Gitles, Susan (Dr. Howard) Katz and Judy (Leigh) Rosenberg. Proud grandmother of Megan (David) Bossov, Amy (Dr. Adam) Kessler, Jessica (Rabbi Jeremy) Fine, Jordan (Jennifer) Katz, Adam Katz, Lois (Alan) Mellovitz, David, Carl, Natalie and Claire Rosenberg and the late Molly Louise Rosenberg. Adoring great grandmother of Jonny and Zach Bossov, Annie and Trudy Fine, Maddy and Sloane Katz, Eli, Lola and Gabriel Kessler and the late Gideon Kessler. Dear sister of the late Paula (the late Irwin) Freedkin. Service Sunday 2PM at Chicago Jewish Funerals Chapel, 195 N. Buffalo Grove Road (one block north of Lake Cook Road), Buffalo Grove. Interment Shalom. Memorials in her memory to Friends of the Israel Defense Forces, 29 E. Madison St., Chicago, IL 60602, www.fidf.org would be appreciated. Arrangements by Chicago Jewish Funerals - Buffalo Grove Chapel 847.229.8822, www.cjinfo.com

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Kaplan, Dr. Benjamin M.

Dr. Benjamin M. Kaplan, 95, a prominent cardiologist in Chicago for 60 years, died February 26, 2019 at his home in Wilmette, IL. Kaplan is survived by his wife, Miriam, and their children James (Laurie) and Tamara (Kenneth Danford); four grandchildren, Anna, Alexander, Samuel, and Claudia, and numerous nephews and nieces. A funeral service will be held Friday, March 1, 2019 at 11:00 am at Congregation Sukkat Shalom, 1001 Central Ave., Wilmette. Interment Memorial Park. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the American Heart Association or Planned Parenthood. For info: 847-256-5700, www.weinsteinandpiserfuneralhome.com



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Kerrigan, James Bruce

James Bruce Kerrigan, February 21, 2019, age 78. Late of Homewood. Loving father of Maridyth (Deen) Smith and the late James Bernard (JB) Kerrigan. Cherished grandfather of Cameron and Callie Smith. Dear cousin of Christena Rath-Swartz and Chrissy Swartz. Former husband of Joyce Kerrigan. Fond brother in law, uncle and friend to many. Memorial visitation at the Tews-Ryan Funeral Home, 18230 S. Dixie Hwy., Saturday, March 2, 2019 from 1:00 p.m. until the time of service at 3:00 p.m. Memorials to Corinne Jennine Schillings Foundation, 10645 Nebraska St., Frankfort, IL 60423-2223 would be appreciated. www.cjsfoundation.org. www.tews-ryanfh.com or 708 798-5300.

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ON FEBRUARY 28 ...

In 1784 John Wesley signed a declaration formalizing the establishment of the Wesleyan faith, or Methodism.

In 1827 the first U.S. railroad chartered to carry passengers and freight, the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad Co., was incorporated.

In 1844 a 12-inch gun aboard the USS Princeton exploded, killing Secretary of State Abel Upshur, Navy Secretary Thomas Gilmer and several others.

In 1849 the ship California arrived at San Francisco, carrying the first of the gold-seekers.

In 1854 about 50 slavery opponents met in Ripon, Wis., to call for creation of a new political group, which

became the Republican Party.

In 1861 the Territory of Colorado was organized.

In 1917 The Associated Press reported the United States had intercepted a German communication. The Zimmerman note proposed a German alliance with Mexico and Japan should the United States enter World War I.

In 1940 the first televised college basketball games were broadcast by New York City station W2XBS, as Pittsburgh defeated Fordham, 57-37, and New York University beat Georgetown, 50-27, at Madison Square Garden. Also in 1940 race-car driver Mario Andretti was born in Montona, Italy.

In 1953 scientists James

Watson and Francis Crick discovered the double-helix structure of DNA, the nucleic acid that contains genetic instructions for all known living things.

In 1966 astronauts Elliot See Jr. and Charles Bassett II were killed when their jet trainer crashed into an aerospace plant in St. Louis.

In 1974 the United States and Egypt re-established diplomatic relations after a seven-year break.

In 1975 more than 40 people were killed in London's Underground when a subway train smashed into the end of a tunnel.

In 1983 the final episode of "M*A*S*H" aired on CBS; it was the most-watched television program in history for nearly 27 years, until being supplanted by Super Bowl XLIV in 2010.

In 1987 Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev announced the Kremlin was ready for a separate accord with the United States to rid Europe of medium-range nuclear missiles.

In 2003 NASA released video taken aboard Columbia that had miraculously survived the fiery destruction of the space shuttle with the loss of all seven astronauts; in the footage, four of the crew members can be seen doing routine chores and admiring the view outside the cockpit.

WINNING LOTTERY NUMBERS

ILLINOIS
Feb. 27
Powerball 21 31 42 49 59 / 23
Powerball jackpot: \$322M
Lotto jackpot: \$11.25M
Pick 3 midday 086 / 6
Pick 4 midday 8665 / 5
Lucky Day Lotto midday 06 24 30 32 37
Pick 3 evening 800 / 5
Pick 4 evening 0601 / 4
Lucky Day Lotto evening 05 09 16 33 41

March 1 Mega Millions: \$267M
WISCONSIN
Feb. 27
Megabucks 03 09 22 28 31 46
Pick 3 196
Pick 4 7372
Badger 5 06 15 17 24 31
SuperCash 04 11 26 28 35 36

INDIANA
Feb. 27
Lotto 09 18 27 38 42 46
Daily 3 midday 175 / 7
Daily 4 midday 2933 / 7
Daily 3 evening 994 / 7
Daily 4 evening 7255 / 7
Cash 5 04 11 25 34 39

MICHIGAN
Feb. 27
Lotto 03 13 21 23 29 44
Daily 3 midday 245
Daily 4 midday 3975
Daily 3 evening 014
Daily 4 evening 2416
Fantasy 5 27 29 34 36 38
Keno 05 10 20 24 25 28
31 38 41 42 50 55 57 59
61 62 64 66 69 70 72 75

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Korienek, Mary T.

Mary T. Korienek, age 94, nee Poncek. Beloved wife of the late John. Dear mother of Diane (Mark) Bateman and Bob (Maggie) Korienek. Loving grandmother of Lisa, David Bateman and Brian (Brittany), Patrick and Matthew Korienek and great grandmother of Cameron and Vivian. Dear sister of Margie Boyd, Angie (Tom) Culbertson, John (Geri) Poncek, Julie Kampa and the late Nellie, Annie, Bernice, Joseph, Betty and Sophie. Fond aunt of many nieces and nephews. Mary enjoyed sitting in the backyard with her caregiver, Janina, looking over her flowers and garden and spending time with her family and friends. The family would also like to thank L.C.M. Hospice for their compassionate care. Funeral Saturday 10:15 a.m. from **Beverly Ridge Funeral Home**; 10415 S. Kedzie Ave. to St. Christina Church Mass 11:00 a.m. Interment Holy Sepulchre Cemetery. Visitation Friday 3 - 9 p.m. 773-779-4411

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Funeral Home*Sign Guestbook at chicagotribune.com/obituaries**Kosary, Walter E.**

Walter E. Kosary age 93; loving husband of Linda K. nee Rodgers - DeBartolo; cherished father of Elizabeth Kosary (David) Graca, Christopher (Jodi), the late Kenneth, late Debra and the late Edward Kosary; proud grandfather of Mark (Sarah) and John Martinovich; fond brother of Dwight, the late Alois (Juanita), late Ronald (late Lois) and the late Julius (late Janella) Kosary; dear uncle of many nieces and nephews; also survived by his wonderful caregivers, many relatives and friends. Walter was a licensed funeral director, embalmer and business owner since 1948; WW II Navy Veteran. Visitation Thursday and Friday February 21 & 22, 2019; 3 pm to 8 pm at Kosary Funeral Home 9837 S. Kedzie, Evergreen Park where Funeral Service will be held Saturday February 23rd at 10:30 am Interment Bethania Cemetery (708) 499-3223 or www.kosaryfuneralhome.com

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Kozakowski, Theodore J. 'Ted'

Theodore J. "Ted" Kozakowski, Devoted husband of Eileen, nee Cameron; Loving father and stepfather of Donald (Elizabeth), Ronald, Kristin (Troy) Horbach, Samantha (William) Guess, and Kelly (Nicholas) Del Priore; Proud Papa of Isabelle, Francesca, Alec, Ryan, Elise, Aubrey, Mackenna, William, Jack, Vivian, and Evelina; Dear friend of many; In lieu of flowers donations to Salvation Army, www.salvationarmyusa.org would be appreciated; Visitation Friday 3:00 to 9:00 p.m. Funeral Saturday, 9:00 a.m. from **Curley Funeral Home**, 6116 W. 111th St. Chicago Ridge to St. Patricia Church, 9050 S. 86th Ave, Hickory Hills; Mass 10:00 a.m. Interment Holy Sepulchre Cemetery. For Funeral info 708-422-2700 or www.curleyfuneralhome.com

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Eugenia "Jean" Leontios; Cherished daughter of the late Andrew and Olive (nee Politakis) Leontios; Loving sister of Athena (the late Michael) Jameson, Christine Xerogianes, Betty Leontios, the late Francynne Diedrich and the late Mary Ellen Leontios; Beloved aunt of John Jameson who took such good care of her. And many other nieces and nephews; Fond cousin and friend to many and her dear caregiver for many years Fran Crowley. Jean graduated from Indiana University school of music and was an accomplished pianist. Jean retired from Cicero Schools after many years of teaching. Jean was the first woman elected as President of the Parish Council of Assumption Church. Visitation Friday morning, March 1, 2019, from 9:30 a.m. until time of Funeral service 10:30 a.m. at Assumption Greek Orthodox Church 601 S. Central Ave. Chicago. Interment will follow to Elmwood cemetery. Arrangements by **NICHOLAS M. PISHOS FUNERAL DIRECTOR, LTD.**, Info: 847-581-0536 or www.colonialfuneral.com

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Florence F. Lojutz, 93, nee Tyszk - Beloved wife of the late Leo; loving mother of Gregory, Daniel, Deborah (Mark) Eckert, late William (Karen) (Late Ala), Loretta (Dale) Johnson and the late John; cherished grandmother of Adam, Michael (Elisa), Paul (Katelyn), Kristin (Jeff), Eric, Nicholas, Johnathon and April; great grandmother of Amelia, Jade, Eva, Ian, Layla and Maria; Fond Aunt and friend of Many; member of Golden Diners.

Visitation Friday, March 1, 2019 from 3:00 - 9:00 p.m. at **COLONIAL-WOJCIECHOWSKI FUNERAL HOME** 6250 N. Milwaukee Ave., Chicago. Funeral services Saturday, March 2 starting with prayers at 9:30 a.m. from the funeral home, proceeding to St. Adalbert Catholic Church, 1650 W. 17th Street, Chicago, IL 60608 for 10:30 a.m. Mass. Interment will follow at Resurrection Cemetery in Justice. Info 773-774-0366 or www.colonialfuneral.com

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Edward S. Madejczyk, age 78. Loving husband of Joyce for 55 blissful years. Beloved father of Kenneth (Mary Ann) and Lori (Joseph) Meyer. Cherished grandfather of Nicholas (fiancé Christy) and Melissa Madejczyk, Christopher and Jessica Meyer. Dear brother of Diana (the late James) Murray and brother-in-law of Audrey (the late Bud) Marquette. Fond uncle, friend and neighbor of many. Proud retired employee of Procter and Gamble. Ed enjoyed traveling, singing in the church choir, and gardening, but he most enjoyed spending time with his family. Ed will be missed by all the lives he touched. Visitation Sunday, March 3rd, 3:00 - 8:00 P.M. at **Friedrichs Funeral Home**, 320 W. Central Rd. at Northwest Highway, Mt. Prospect. Visitation Monday, March 4th, 10:00 A.M. until Funeral Mass 11:00 A.M. at Our Lady of the Wayside Church, 434 W Park St, Arlington Heights, IL 60005. Entombment Maryhill Cemetery. Funeral information call 847-255-7800 or www.friedrichsfn.com

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William John Marshall Jr. M.D., age 92, of Plainfield formerly of Flossmoor and the South Shore Area. Navy Veteran of WWII. Beloved husband of Mary Marshall nee McCarthy. Loving father of the late William Marshall III, Mary Lenore Marshall, late Joseph Anthony Marshall and Geraldine Ann Marshall. Cherished grandfather of William John Marshall IV, Ashley Lenore Marshall, Charles Ellis Marshall III, Michelle Marie Marshall, Matthew McCarthy Marshall, Sarah Jane Marshall, Katie Marie Marshall, Nicole Mary Bodie and Bridget Marie Bodie. Great grandfather of David Alan Mukenschnable and Seamus Joseph Daly. Devoted and loving companion of Barbara Linsner. Dear brother of the late Patricia Hickey. Brother-in-law, uncle, colleague and friend to many. Graduate of Mt. Carmel High School and Notre Dame University and the Loyola Stritch School of Medicine. Dr. Marshall was an intern and served his residency at Cook County Hospital then was a member of the Medical Staff at South Shore Hospital, Ingalls Memorial Hospital, St. James Hospital, Mercy Hospital and Morris Hospital. Visitation and Funeral Mass will be held on Saturday from 10 am until the time of Mass at 11 am at the Infant Jesus of Prague Church, 1330 Douglas Ave. in Flossmoor. Interment Holy Sepulchre Cemetery in Alsip. In Lieu of flowers memorials to the Jennifer S. Fallick Cancer Support Center in Homewood. For additional information contact 708-798-5300 or tews-ryanfh.com.

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Visitation for Beverly Ann May will be held at Ahlgrim Family Funeral Home, 201 N. Northwest Highway, Palatine, IL, on Saturday, March 2, 2019, from 12:00pm to 4:00pm. A memorial service will be held May 18, 2019 at her church. Beverly Ann May of Hoffman Estates, IL, died February 22, 2019, under hospice care at Symphony of Hanover Park. She was born on October 15, 1934, in Kansas City, MO, to Ted and Maude Phillips. She lived a full and beautiful life. She was a professional dancer and an accomplished pianist at a very young age, and music would always be a big part of her life. She received her B. Mus. and M. Mus. in piano performance from the University of Kansas where she also met Rex May. They were married in 1957 in Olympia, WA, where he was in the army. They moved around quite a bit, mostly in the Midwest. They had two children, Douglas and Linda. She taught piano lessons and music history. Later in life, she learned to play the organ, harpsichord, and hand bells while she a member of The First Presbyterian Church in Deerfield. She had a strong faith, loved studying the Bible, and was involved many years with Bible Study Fellowship. She was an avid reader, working at the Palatine Public Library and serving as an integral part of her church library. She adored and was extremely proud of her three granddaughters. Bev's sense of humor, her smile, and her laughter will be missed by all who knew and loved her. She was preceded in death by Rex, her parents, and her sister, Doris Dorman. She is survived by her children, Douglas (Donna) May and Linda (John) Baumgart, granddaughters Christina May, Stephanie Baumgart, and Alexandra Baumgart, and her brother, Robert Phillips, as well as cousins, nieces, and nephews. Many thanks to her caregivers at Symphony and those from Seasons Hospice. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to The Presbyterian Church of Palatine, 800 E. Palatine Rd., Palatine, IL 60074. For info. 847-358-7411 or www.ahlgrimffs.com.

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John F. McGrory, age 76, late of Orland Park. Native of Derry City, Northern Ireland. Beloved husband of the late Judith A. McGrory (née May); devoted father of Daniel (Cathy) McGrory, Nancy (Bill) Grabs, and the late Jack McGrory; proud grandfather of Daniel, Tyler, and Caitlyn McGrory, and James, Anthony, and Jack Grabs; loving brother of Anna, Joan, Madeline, Carmel, Marie, Daniel, Loretta, Michael, Sharon, the late Dolores, Helen, Pauline and Patricia. Memorial Mass Saturday 10:45 a.m. at St. Michael Church, 14327 Highland Ave., Orland Park. Inurnment Holy Sepulchre Cemetery. Please omit flowers. Arrangements entrusted to **Thornridge Funeral Home (Janusz Family Funeral Service)** 708-460-2300 or thornridgefuneralhomes.com

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Maryann Mondrus, nee Wickowski, age 71, of Skokie. Longtime librarian, Skokie Public Library; member of Chicago Israeli Folk Dancing and Skokie Concert Choir. Loving mother of Becka (Karen Giocondi) Shipp; dear sister of Rev. Leroy Wickowski and the late Albert Jr., Anthony (Marianne), and Valerie; fond aunt of George Wickowski. Visitation, Friday, March 1, 2019, from 3 to 8 p.m., at **HABEN Funeral Home & Crematory**, 8057 Niles Center Rd., Skokie. Family and friends will meet for Funeral Mass, Saturday, March 2, at 10 a.m., at St. Lambert Catholic Church, 8148 Karlov Av., Skokie. Private interment, Resurrection Catholic Cemetery, Justice. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to The Lupus Foundation of America, 2121 K St., N.W., Suite 200, Washington, DC, 20037. Funeral info: 847.673.6111 or www.habenfuneral.com.

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James Richard Navta, 70, of Westmont, was born 06 Jul 1948 in East Chicago, Ind. and passed away 22 Feb 2019. Jim was a graduate of Valparaiso University and Lutheran School of Theology / Semineer and served as an ELCA pastor. He was the devoted partner of Lyn Mallman; loving father of Christopher (Hilary Swanson) Navta and Sarah (Christine Hunsicker) Navta; cherished grandfather of Joseph, Laurel, and Barry. Jim was preceded in death by his parents, Joseph and Mildred (nee Hus) Navta. Visitation Saturday at 1:30 p.m. with funeral services at 2:00 p.m. at Saint James Episcopal Church, 516 Washington Street, West Dundee. Arrangements were entrusted to **Toon Funeral Home**, Downers Grove, 630-968-0408

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Peterson, Jr., Carl W.

Carl W. Peterson, Jr., loving brother of Marilyn (Don) Krumin; beloved uncle of Mark, Eric (Reisa), and David (Dorothy) Krumin; cherished grand uncle of seven; dear son of the late Helen and Carl Peterson. Visitation Friday March 1st from 4-8 PM at **Smith-Corcoran Funeral Home** 6150 N. Cicero Ave. Chicago, IL 60646. Funeral service Saturday March 2nd, 10 AM at the funeral home followed by interment at Memorial Park Cemetery. Info 773-736-3833 or www.smithcorcoran.com

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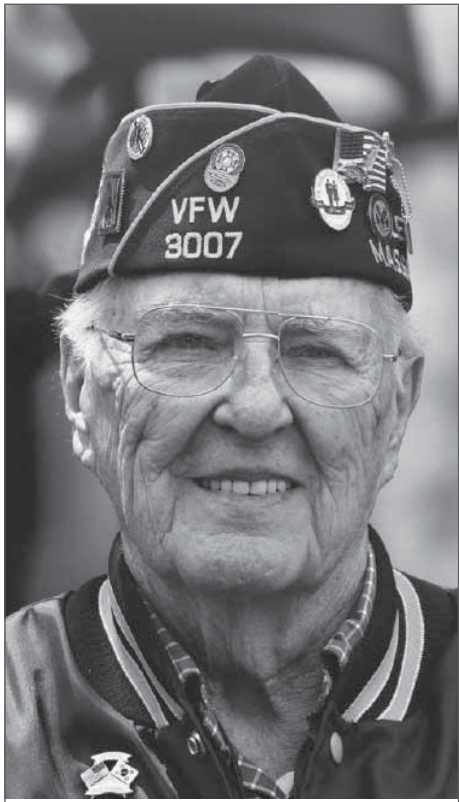
Sally Phillips, age 87. Dearest sister of Jim (the late Lorraine), Ernie (the late Maryann); Andy (Judy), the late Vickee (the late Kosta), the late Tulla (the late Constant) Piccionelli, the late George (the late Ann), the late Nick (the late Josie), the late Gus Phillips and the late John Phillips; fond aunt of many nieces and nephews. We will miss her smile, her generosity, her stubbornness, her sassy and quick wit and candid unfiltered comments and her unique sheet folding methods. May your memory be eternal. Visitation Saturday, March 2, 2019 from 10:00 a.m. until time of service at noon at GL Hills Funeral Home 745 Graceland Avenue, Des Plaines, IL 60016. Interment at Elmwood Cemetery, River Grove, IL. For information 847.699.9003 or gllhillsfuneralhome.com.

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Constance Marie Rosenthal, age 55, a long-time resident of Naperville, passed away on Sunday, February 24, 2019, with her family by her side. She was born on April 19, 1963, in Chicago to Ronald and Virginia (Pocius) Becvar. Growing up in Orland Park, Connie graduated from Andrew HS. She earned a degree in Electrical Engineering from the University of Illinois and an MBA from the University of Chicago. Connie is the beloved wife of Richard Rosenthal, loving mother of Karen (fiancé Clayton Brzezinski) and Michael Beatty, adored sister of Jeanine (Len) Pawelczyk, Ken (Cathy) Becvar, and Scott (Colleen) Becvar, and wonderful aunt to numerous nieces and nephews. Family and friends were touched by her perpetual kindness, generosity, and thoughtfulness. She enjoyed golfing at Naperville Country Club, baking, and volunteering. Visitation will be held on Friday, March 1, from 2-8 pm at **Beidelman-Kunsch Funeral Homes & Crematory**, 516 S. Washington St., Naperville. Prayers at 8:45 am on Saturday, March 2, from the funeral home to Holy Spirit Catholic Community, 2003 Hassert Blvd., Naperville, for mass at 10:00 am. A luncheon will follow. In lieu of flowers, donations in memory of Connie may be made to Breast Cancer Research Foundation, Dominican Literacy Center, or My Joyful Heart. For more information, www.beidelmankunschfh.com (630) 355-0264.

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William (Bill) T. Snyder, age 89, passed away peacefully Monday, February 25, 2019. He was born February 25, 1930 to David and Eula (Hopson) Snyder, Wyandotte, MI. He was proud Veteran of US Naval Reserve. Bill is survived by his wife, Shirley (Waddell), of 68 years, their 3 children Cindy (Doug) Swindells, Laurie (Jerry) Zibton, and Craig (Debbie) Snyder, 7 grandchildren Jon, Scott (Karen), Daniel, Nicole (Greg), Kyle, Kelly (Clint), and Ashley (Mike) and 5 great-grandchildren. He is preceded in death by his parents, sister Betty Unik, and granddaughter Loren Snyder. A Memorial Service will take place at 11:00 on Saturday, March 2, 2019 in the Chapel of Trinity Episcopal Church, 130 N. West St., Wheaton, IL followed by reception at church. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to chadscoalition.org.

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Stanula, Patsy Mae

Patsy Mae Stanula (nee Roozee) of Crown Point, IN Formerly of South Holland, IL passed away on Wednesday, February 27, 2019 at age 84. Proceeded in death by her husband Edward. Pat was the loving mother of 4 children: Michael (Caroline) Stanula of Beecher IL, Steven (Alicia) Stanula of Milford OH, Laura (Chuck) Vekemans of Effingham IL, Karen (Mont) Wickham of Clarendon Hills IL; enjoyed her 10 grandchildren and 5 great grandchildren. Pat will be fondly remembered for her "Mary Poppins" outlook on life. She lit up a room with her presence, and brought joy to everyone she met. Over the years, Pat was an active member of St. Jude the Apostle parish in South Holland. Later moving to Lakes of the Four Season IN, where she organized social events. We were truly blessed with her life. Friends and family may visit with the family on Friday, March 1 at **Skyline Chapel** 24800 S. Governors HWY Monee, IL 60449 from 6pm to 9 pm. Funeral services will be held on Saturday March 2, 2019 @ St. Liborius Church, 71 W. 35th St. Steger, IL at 10:00am

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(1935-2019)
Harrison I. Stears was born on July 3, 1935 in Chicago and passed away peacefully with his family around him on February 26, 2019. Harrison spent his childhood in Lake Bluff and Springfield, Illinois. His early years were marked by the energy, intellect and achievement that would characterize his entire life. In high school he was state Latin champion, and he partnered with his father in bridge tournaments around the region, often winning, despite being the youngest to compete.

Harrison graduated cum laude from Princeton University in 1957 with a B.A. in economics. Having attended on an NROTC scholarship, Harrison married Lois M. Morrison and joined the navy within weeks of graduating. He was stationed in Pearl Harbor and resigned his commission as a Lieutenant. Harrison went to work as an assistant to the legendary Tom Watson at IBM. After several invigorating years, he left IBM in 1967 to form Illinois' first single-bank holding company to purchase the Hyde Park Bank & Trust. During his tenure as Chairman, the organization grew from a single \$40 million bank to a six-bank holding company with assets exceeding \$1.8 billion. In 1987, the bank holding company was sold to NBD Corporation, now part of the J.P. Morgan Chase organization. (Harrison would want to note it was the first time a bank sold for more than three times tangible book value.)

From 1973 through 1978, Harrison served as Chairman of LaSalle National Bank, where he handled the bank's sale to ABN.

In 1994, with his daughter Jennifer, Harrison formed Financial Investments Corporation (FIC) to make private equity investments and to serve as the Stears family office.

Harrison believed strongly in giving back. He served on too many non-profit boards to mention, including the Civic Committee of the Commercial Club, the Chicago Humanities Festival, the Chicago Botanic Garden, and The Ounce of Prevention Fund. Harrison also served as Life Trustee of DePaul University, Highland Park Hospital, and Ravinia Festival. Having enjoyed being a part of the Ravinia family for many decades, Harrison took particular pride in being named the only male member of the Ravinia Women's Board.

In 1988, Harrison started the Stears Family Foundation with his wife Lois and three daughters, Jennifer, Heather and Robin. For nearly thirty years, the foundation has worked hand in hand with the North Lawndale community to promote stronger education, employment, health and safety for residents.

Harrison was awarded an honorary doctorate by DePaul University and the Order of Lincoln, and too many business and civic awards to list. He will be remembered by all who knew him for his entrepreneurial spirit, business acumen, booming laugh, unflinching sense of humor, keen intellect, and his caring interest in all around him. His family will remember his love of tennis, games of all sorts, clever word play, as well as his outsized personality and boundless love and enthusiasm.

Harrison is survived by his sister, Adeline Morrison, his wife of 61 years, Lois, his three daughters, Jennifer (Jim Kastenholz), Heather (Leo Smith), and Robin (Leonard Gail), seven grandchildren, Ryan, Sam, Abby, Jessica, Leah, Sydney, and Nick, and many beloved nieces and grand-nephews and grand-nieces. He will be remembered by all who knew him not just for his many and significant accomplishments, but for his personal integrity, sense of social justice, and his warmth and playful sense of humor.

A memorial service will be held in the Martin Theater at Ravinia on March 9 at 10:00 a.m., 418 Sheridan Road, Highland Park.

Contributions in Harrison's memories can be made to North Lawndale College Prep Charter High School (c/o Suellen Wolk, 1315 South Sacramento Drive, Chicago, IL 60623), or to Ravinia Festival (c/o Marie Roth, Ravinia Tribute Fund, 418 Sheridan Road, Highland Park, IL 60035).

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Charles Bennett "Ben" Stephens Jr., 81, passed away on February 25, 2019 in Lake Forest, IL. He was born on April 10, 1937 in Springfield, Illinois. A visitation will be held from 5 p.m. - 8 p.m. on Friday, March 1, 2019 at Wenban Funeral Home, 320 Vine Avenue, Lake Forest, IL. A memorial service will be at 10 a.m. on Saturday, March 2, 2019 at First Presbyterian Church of Lake Forest, 700 N. Sheridan Road, Lake Forest, IL.

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Margaret E. Summers, nee Deetz, 89 years. Beloved wife of the late Richard J. Devoted mother of Richard, Candace Brandenburg, Kevin (Deborah), Craig (Audrey), James (Lisa), Brian (Dawn), Joseph (Joan), and Jerry (Helen). Loving grandmother of 17 and great-grandmother of 10. Visitation Friday 4-9 P.M. Funeral Saturday 10:30 A.M. from the **Becvar & Son Funeral Home**, 5539 W. 127th Street, Crestwood, to Incarnation Church for an 11 A.M. Mass. Interment St. Mary Cemetery. (708) 824-9000 or www.becvarfuneralhome.com

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Talsma, William F. 'Bill'

William F. "Bill" Talsma, age 47, a resident of Chicago, IL, formerly of Dolton, IL, passed away suddenly and unexpectedly on Monday, February 25, 2019. He was born September 23, 1971 in Evergreen Park, IL. Arrangements by **Friedrich-Jones Funeral Home & Cremation Services, Naperville, IL**. For service times and a complete obituary, please visit www.friedrich-jones.com or call (630) 355-0213 for more information.

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Umgelder, Mary Ellen

Mary Ellen Umgelder (nee O'Toole) beloved wife of the late Richard J. Umgelder; loving mother of the late Nicholas Umgelder; devoted sister of Margaret (Jim) Maloblocki, Kathleen O'Toole, Eileen O'Toole, Kerri O'Toole and the late Michael O'Toole; dear sister-in-law of Terri O'Toole; cherished adopted grandmother of Kyle Gill; dearest aunt of many nieces and nephews; fond sister-in-law and aunt of many Umgelders. Visitation Friday 3-9 P.M. Funeral Service Saturday 10:30 A.M. at Lawn Funeral Home, 17909 S. 94th Ave. Tinley Park, IL 60487. Interment Private. Funeral info (708) 532-3100.

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Weisman, Lila Estelle

Lila Estelle Weisman nee Cutler, 88. Loving wife of the late Herb C. Weisman. Cherished mother of Dr. Robert (Hilary) Weisman, Beverly (Douglas) Harmer and Michael (Jeanne Century) Weisman. Adored grandmother of Greg (Tami) Weisman, Carrie (Brandon) Glick, Jay Weisman, Molly (Brendan Bonham) Weisman, Kenan Slade and Reuben Slade. Great-grandmother of Claire, Daphne, Layla and Carter. Dear sister of Phyllis (the late James) Herzog and the late Dr. Alan (Helen) Cutler. Fond companion of Joe Sarott. Services Friday, 9:00 am at Chicago Jewish Funerals Chapel 195 N. Buffalo Grove Road, (One block north of Lake Cook Road) Buffalo Grove. Interment Westlawn Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, memorials in her memory to American Cancer Society, 100 Tri-State International, Suite 125, Lincolnshire, IL 60069 www.cancer.org would be appreciated. Arrangements by Chicago Jewish Funerals - Buffalo Grove Chapel, 847.229.8822, www.cjinfo.com

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Whitver, Michael L.

Michael L. Whitver, Age 54, after a courageous battle with cancer for 4 months. Beloved husband and best friend of Debbie. Loving father of Michael and Jake Whitver. Devoted son of Suzanne (Tom) Heniff and Leslie (Phyllis) Whitver. Dear brother of Amy Crowe. Loving son-in-law of Crystal Zimmerman. Dear uncle, cousin and friend to many. Funeral Saturday 10:15 A.M. from The **Brady-Gill Funeral Home** 16600 S. Oak Park Ave. Tinley Park to St. Joseph Church. Mass 11:00 A.M. Visitation 8:30 - 10:00 A.M. Saturday Morning only. 33 year employee of SMS Group Mokena Division. 708-614-9900 or www.bradygill.com

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Zehner, Paul Lawrence

Paul Lawrence Zehner, age 81, peacefully at rest on Tuesday, February 26, 2019 at Presence Saint Joseph Medical Center surrounded by his loving family. He was born January 29, 1938 in Chicago, IL to the late George and Grace (nee Seborg) Zehner. He retired in 2004 from Southern Wine & Spirits as a delivery driver after many years of service. Paul proudly served his country in the United States Army. He enjoyed keeping a close eye on the stock market, doing crossword puzzles, and traveling to places like Florida, Las Vegas, the Wisconsin Dells, and Tennessee. He especially loved spending time with his family and grandchildren, who meant the world to him.

Paul is survived by his loving wife of 52 years, Diane J. (nee Wyszynski (Wise)) Zehner; three children, Darrell (Kathleen), Laura (Richard) Regelbrugge, and Lisa (Todd) Worthley; grandchildren, Ethan Zehner, Brianna Worthley, Abby Zehner, Alexa Worthley, Blake Regelbrugge; siblings, George (the late Astrid) Zehner, Jr. and Patricia (Thomas) Tafel.

Visitation for Paul L. Zehner will be held Friday, March 1, 2019 from 4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at the Fred C. Dames Funeral Home, 3200 Black at Essington Rds, Joliet. Funeral Services will be held Saturday, March 2, 2019 at 9:30 a.m. at the funeral home. Interment will follow at Risen Lord Cemetery in Oswego where military honors will be conducted under the auspices of the United States Army. In lieu of flowers, memorials in his name to the American Alzheimer's Association would be appreciated. For more information, please call 815-741-5500 or visit his Memorial Tribute at www.fredcdames.com

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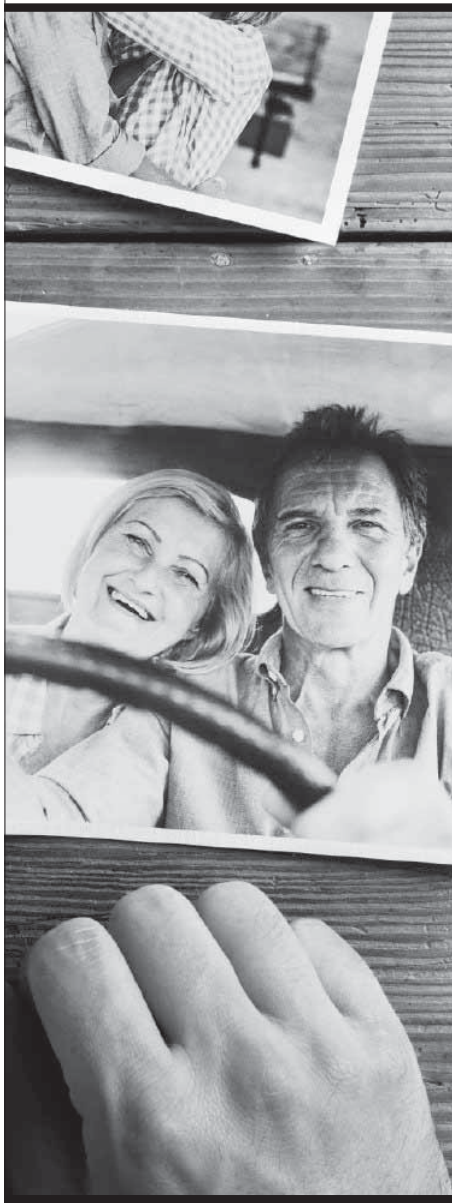
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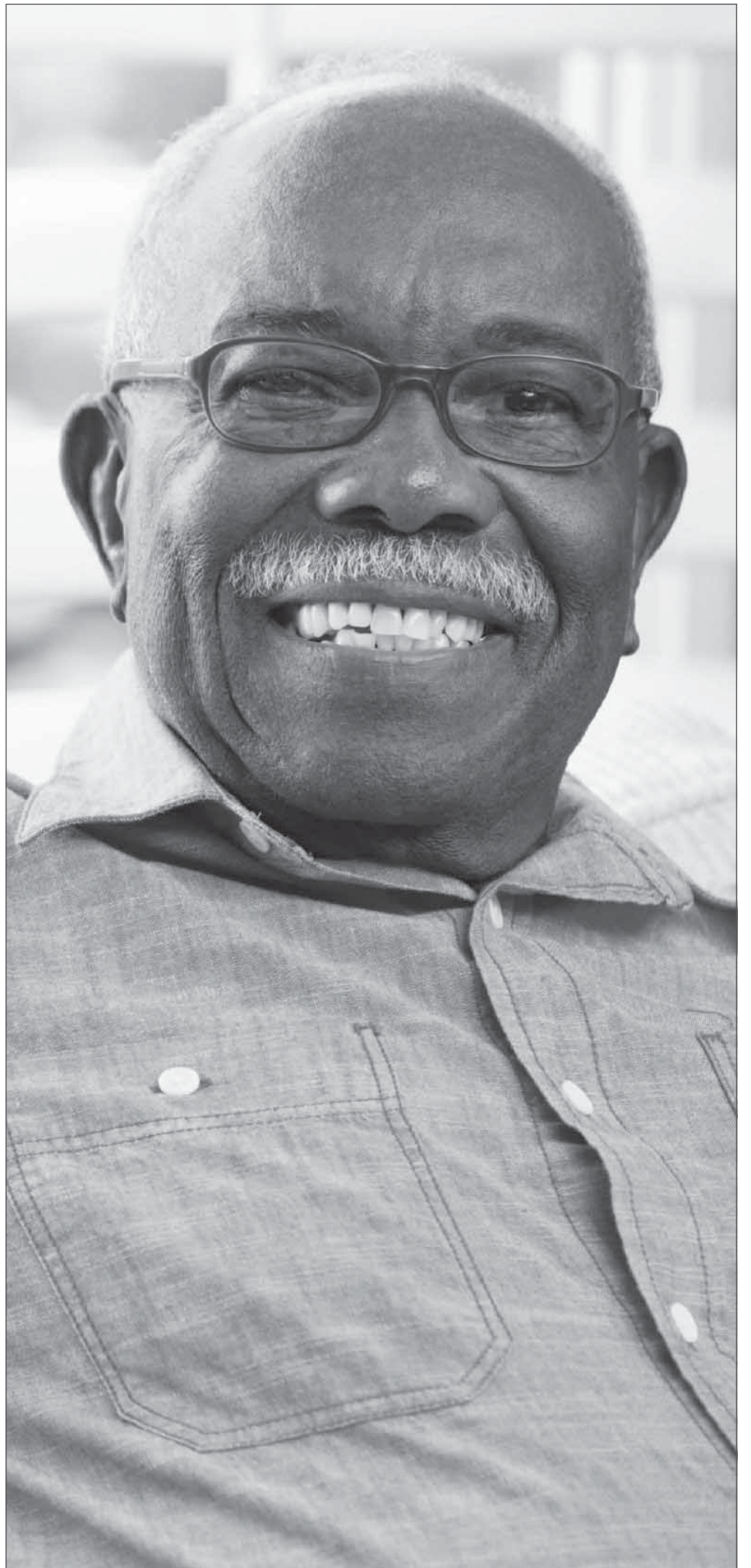
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS JUVENILE JUSTICE AND CHILD PROTECTION DEPARTMENT CHILD PROTECTION DIVISION

IN THE INTEREST OF Asia Battie MINOR(S) CHILD(REN) OF Felicia Dunn (Mother) JUVENILE NO.: 18JA00174

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

NOTICE IS GIVEN YOU, Unknown (Father), respondents, and to All Whom It May Concern, that on February 23, 2019, a petition was filed under the Juvenile Court Act by KIM FOXK in this court and that in the courtroom of Judge John Huff in the Cook County Juvenile Court Building, 1100 So. Hamilton Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, ON 03/21/2019, at 11:00 AM in CALENDAR 14 COURTROOM N, or as soon thereafter as this case may be heard, an adjudicatory hearing will be held upon the petition to have the minor declared to be a ward of the court and for other relief under the Act.

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DOROTHY BROWN, CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS February 28, 2019

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS JUVENILE JUSTICE AND CHILD PROTECTION DEPARTMENT CHILD PROTECTION DIVISION

IN THE INTEREST OF Charles Banks MINOR(S) CHILD(REN) OF Lori Hoskins (Mother) JUVENILE NO.: 18JA01143

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

NOTICE IS GIVEN YOU, Lori Hoskins (Mother) and Unknown (Father), respondents, and to All Whom It May Concern, that on December 5, 2018, a petition was filed under the Juvenile Court Act by KIM FOXK in this court and that in the courtroom of Judge Kimberly Lewis in the Cook County Juvenile Court Building, 1100 So. Hamilton Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, ON 03/14/2019, at 9:30 AM in CALENDAR 8 COURTROOM H, or as soon thereafter as this case may be heard, an adjudicatory hearing will be held upon the petition to have the minor declared to be a ward of the court and for other relief under the Act.

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IN THE INTEREST OF Danny Maldonado MINOR(S) CHILD(REN) OF Lydia Maldonado (Mother) JUVENILE NO.: 18JA01015

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

NOTICE IS GIVEN YOU, Danny Martinez (Father), respondents, and to All Whom It May Concern, that on October 18, 2018, a petition was filed under the Juvenile Court Act by KIM FOXK in this court and that in the courtroom of Judge Patrick Murphy in the Cook County Juvenile Court Building, 1100 So. Hamilton Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, ON 03/14/2019, at 10:00 AM in CALENDAR 1 COURTROOM A, or as soon thereafter as this case may be heard, an adjudicatory hearing will be held upon the petition to have the minor declared to be a ward of the court and for other relief under the Act.

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS JUVENILE JUSTICE AND CHILD PROTECTION DEPARTMENT CHILD PROTECTION DIVISION

IN THE INTEREST OF Dexter Davis MINOR(S) CHILD(REN) OF Ramona Stewart (Mother) JUVENILE NO.: 19JA00011

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

NOTICE IS GIVEN YOU, Ramona Stewart (Mother) and Darell Alexander (Father), respondents, and to All Whom It May Concern, that on January 9, 2019, a petition was filed under the Juvenile Court Act by KIM FOXK in this court and that in the courtroom of Judge Patrick Murphy in the Cook County Juvenile Court Building, 1100 So. Hamilton Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, ON 03/21/2019, at 9:15 AM in CALENDAR 1 COURTROOM A, or as soon thereafter as this case may be heard, an adjudicatory hearing will be held upon the petition to have the minor declared to be a ward of the court and for other relief under the Act.

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS JUVENILE JUSTICE AND CHILD PROTECTION DEPARTMENT CHILD PROTECTION DIVISION

IN THE INTEREST OF Gianna Phares MINOR(S) CHILD(REN) OF Catherine Phares JUVENILE NO.: 18JA00984

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

NOTICE IS GIVEN YOU, "Knuckles" (Father), AKA "Notches", respondents, and to All Whom It May Concern, that on October 2, 2018, a petition was filed under the Juvenile Court Act by KIM FOXK in this court and that in the courtroom of Judge John Huff in the Cook County Juvenile Court Building, 1100 So. Hamilton Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, ON 03/14/2019, at 9:30 AM in CALENDAR 14 COURTROOM N, or as soon thereafter as this case may be heard, an adjudicatory hearing will be held upon the petition to have the minor declared to be a ward of the court and for other relief under the Act.

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IN THE INTEREST OF Mariah Goodall Timothy Butler MINOR(S) CHILD(REN) OF Sade Goodall (Mother) JUVENILE NO.: 16JA00947 17JA00052

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Fill speed ahead

As the NFL scouting combine kicks off, Bears GM **Ryan Pace** will 'explore every avenue' to add the right face — and leg



DAN WIEDERER
On the Bears

INDIANAPOLIS — On a frigid and blustery Friday last month, Ryan Pace held an invitation-only gathering at Halas Hall. The guest list was short with one important prerequisite. You had to have a strong leg.

For a few hours, Pace and the Bears held a kicking audition indoors, eager to find a potential replacement for Cody Parkey.

Parkey, of course, was a replacement for Mike Nugent. Who was a late-season emergency replacement in 2017 for Cairo Santos. Who was a replacement for Connor Barth. Who was the replacement for Robbie Gould, the franchise's all-time leading scorer.

And the revolving door is still spinning. So what exactly was Pace looking for during that January tryout in Lake Forest?

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MORE BEARS

Forget kicker. The Bears need to lock up a nickel cornerback. Brad Biggs, **Page 3**
 ■ Five takeaways from Ryan Pace's news conference, and five from Matt Nagy's. **Page 3**

The Bears' head man puts finding a replacement for Cody Parkey at the top of his to-do list.

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BLACKHAWKS AT DUCKS

Crawford back in action after missing 28 games

BY JIMMY GREENFIELD
Chicago Tribune

ANAHEIM, Calif. — The cat was unofficially out of the bag that Corey Crawford would make his first start in more than two months when he left the Blackhawks' morning skate before Cam Ward on Wednesday at the Honda Center.

Hawks coach Jeremy Colliton made it official a few minutes later.

"Corey," he declared to reporters before adding, "We done?"

Colliton got a laugh, but he wasn't quite correct that there would be no more interest in talking to him. He was, however, right that everything else he said would pale in comparison to Crawford's return from his second

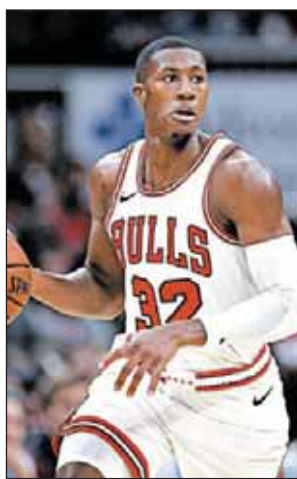
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major concussion in less than a year.

The Hawks announced Tuesday that Crawford would play on the three-game road trip, it just wasn't certain which game that would be. It did make sense that it would come against a Ducks team that is last in the NHL in goals scored and shots per game.

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BULLS

Dunn restarts the journey

"I don't let the outside noise bother me," the point guard says before returning from a migraine. **Page 4**

■ Grizzlies' Noah hasn't given up just yet. **Page 4**

Arenado's \$260M deal bodes well for Bryant



PAUL SULLIVAN
On the Cubs

SCOTTSDALE, Ariz. — In a span of nine days here in the Valley of Sun, baseball owners handed out two record-setting contracts.

First came Manny Machado's 10-year, \$300 million deal with the Padres on Feb. 19, the biggest free-agent contract in the history of American sports. On Wednesday in Scottsdale,

the Rockies officially handed Nolan Arenado an eight-year, \$260 million extension, the largest contract based on average annual value — \$32.5 million — for a position player in major-league history.

Meanwhile, a few other players agreed to extensions before hitting free agency, including the Yankees' Aaron Hicks for seven years and \$70 million and the Cardinals' Mike Mikolas for four years and \$68 million.

After a long, uneventful offseason, suddenly it was raining money. And we still have the biggest fish, Bryce Harper, waiting to sign his record-setting deal.

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WHITE SOX | Jose Abreu and Yonder Alonso are battling for playing time at first base — but they're on the same team, too. **Page 8**

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PHIL ROSENTHAL

All eyes on NFL combine

So many important things in the world today are reduced to entertainment.

Then there's the National Invitational Camp, better known as the NFL scouting combine.

The combine is something unimportant that has been elevated to entertainment.

What began almost 40 years ago as a private evaluation of a potential NFL draftee is now a full-blown televised spectacle in Indianapolis, where invited athletes have been arriving in recent days and will clear out by early next week.

Think of it as the Westminster Dog Show for humans, a prelude to the NFL draft, which is the gold standard for creating a major event out of business procedure.

The combine is a multiday job interview for 300 or so athletes, much of it out in the open.

It's part Army induction, part gym class and affords every team the chance to evaluate the physical, mental and medical condition of the participants and every fan an opportunity to pretend he or she is a league general manager evaluating talent.

The combine also is a league convention of sorts, as all NFL teams and major media operations show up, much like at the Super Bowl and draft.

Many of the stats and "insiders say" quotes that fill the wall-to-wall draft coverage come from notebooks filled at the combine.

It became fodder for television because cable's NFL Network launched in 2003 and, looking for programming in early '04, brought some of its annual examination of draft-eligible players to TV.

Fans are encouraged to keep tabs via TV or online.

Others, with a curious sense of how to best make use of vacation time in winter, travel to Indianapolis for the in-person thrill of seeing men in their skivvies weigh in, a showcase that has led some to dub the event the Underwear Olympics.

Such is the growing fascination with the event — or at least ESPN/ABC parent Walt Disney Co.'s interest in solidifying its relationship with the league — that this year the combine has not limited its live coverage of drills on NFL Network beginning Friday through Monday.

There also will be a live, two-hour ABC special featuring quarterback and wide receiver workouts Saturday in addition to combine-oriented programming.



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The annual NFL scouting combine will be televised on NFL Network and ABC.

The invited athletes will be measured in many ways beyond height, weight and physical size. Some will be on-camera and some off, all to see what wasn't readily apparent in game clips or corroborate that what teams saw is what they'll get.

The participants also will be given the Wonderlic test for aptitude, Cybex test for physical movement, an injury assessment and a drug test. They will be clocked and eyed in the 40-yard dash, the three-cone drill and the 60-yard and 20-yard shuttle runs. They'll be asked to bench press 225 pounds as many times as they can. Their vertical and broad jumps will be recorded.

Reality shows have been based on less. So have stock shows crowning a grand-champion steer.

Because this sort of thing is expensive, teams banded together, and eventually three camps merged into one in 1985. The first big blowout was in Phoenix, the second in New Orleans before settling in Indianapolis in 1987.

Among this year's invitees, national champion Clemson and runner-up Alabama, not surprisingly, lead the pack with 11 apiece, followed by Big Ten champion Ohio State with 10.

As conferences go, again, no one will be stunned to learn the SEC blows away everyone else with 90 players, far outpacing the second-place Big Ten's 53.

With the Bears not scheduled to draft this year until the 87th slot, any possible insight into hidden value cannot be overlooked, whether it's found in the logic tests of the Wonderlic exam, the three-cone agility drill or a face-to-face interview.

In many respects, though, it's not a test of players so much as of teams to see which ones know what to make of what they're seeing. For all the running and leaping going on, it's the GMs, coaches and scouts who wind up jumping through hoops.

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FOOTBALL

Manziel draws ban from CFL



The Canadian Football League ended its relationship with **Johnny Manziel** on Wednesday, with the league saying the quarterback

"contravened the agreement which made him eligible to play in the league."

The Montreal Alouettes released Manziel, 26, and the CFL told its teams it would not approve another contract for the embattled quarterback.

"We are disappointed by this turn of events. Johnny was provided a great deal of support by our organization, in collaboration with the CFL, but he has been unable to abide by the terms of his agreement," Alouettes general manager Kavis Reed said in a statement. "We worked with the league and presented alternatives to Johnny, who was unwilling to proceed."

The CFL's move again leaves Manziel with an uncertain football future. The Browns selected the former Heisman Trophy winner with the 22nd pick in the 2014 NFL draft. He started eight games in two years, but his play was inconsistent and he was often in trouble with the team for his off-field exploits. The Browns released him shortly after the end of the 2015 season.

Manziel wrote on Twitter on Wednesday that his time in Canada "re-established my love for the game of football and the work that goes into it" and that he is looking forward "to exploring new options within the United States."

Manziel spent much of 2017 negotiating with the CFL's Hamilton Tiger-Cats, who held his rights, and was cleared by the league in late 2017. Manziel eventually signed to play for the developmental Spring League in 2018, and then signed a two-year deal with Hamilton in May.

"I believe this is the best opportunity for me moving forward and I'm eager for what the future holds," he said at the time.

But he never started a game for Hamilton before being traded.

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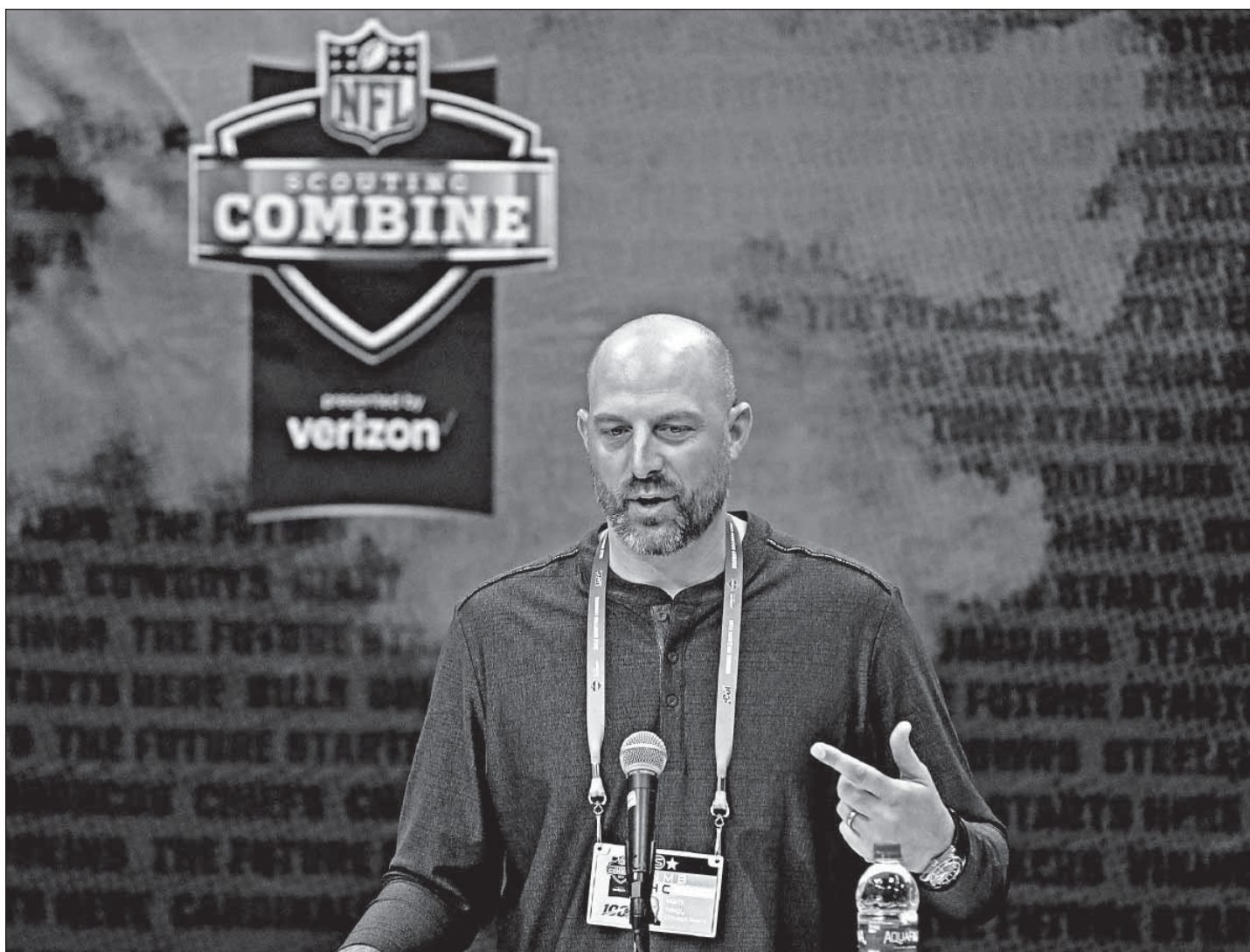
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Bears coach Matt Nagy speaks during a news conference at the NFL scouting combine Wednesday in Indianapolis.

TAKEAWAYS FROM BEARS COACH MATT NAGY'S NEWS CONFERENCE

Ground game status: More strides to make

BY RICH CAMPBELL | Chicago Tribune

INDIANAPOLIS — Bears coach Matt Nagy spoke to reporters Wednesday at the NFL scouting combine in Indianapolis. Here are five takeaways from his media session.

1. The Bears believe they can build on how their running game improved at the end of last season.

As the new coaching staff familiarized itself with what players were good at, the Bears solidified their identity in the run game, Nagy said. However, they still ranked 27th in the NFL in yards per carry, a disappointment that fuels this offseason's narrative about needing improvements.

That push encompasses lead running back Jordan Howard, who averaged a career-low 3.7 yards per carry.

"It's just not an offense where you're going to get 25-30 carries all the time or every game where he can expect that," Nagy said. "For any running back, whoever you are, when you get those opportunities, you're going to get more chances to make plays happen. We were all figuring out together, including Jordan, how we're going to make this thing go. And he wasn't the only one."

"Our other running backs, too, you guys could see that as we went. That's going to be, again, a point of emphasis of how do we get comfortable with everybody? And then you look at the passing game. We were actually better in the run game than the pass game, so we'll put it all together. That's the fun and the challenge as a coach."

As part of that, the Bears have established continuity on the offensive line, with all five starters under contract. Nagy credited line coach Harry Hiestand with improving players' blocking technique as the season progressed.

2. Nagy has his eyes trained on running backs at the combine.

The Bears don't pick until the third round in April's draft, but the middle rounds should offer the Bears a valuable opportunity to add a running back.

"When you're dealing with running backs, for us in this offense, you want to be able to have a guy that has really good vision that can make guys miss," Nagy said. "And at the same time, there's that balance of being a hybrid, being able to make things happen in the pass game, too, but yet to where you're not one-dimensional. That's not easy."

"There are a lot of backs in this draft that are one-dimensional. There are some that are hybrids, and there are some that are really just scat guys."

3. While Mitch Trubisky's challenge is to master reading defenses before the snap, Nagy is OK with his foundation.

When Nagy said Jan. 14 that Trubisky's greatest objective next season is to master reading defenses before the snap, it was notable because Trubisky gained experience doing that in 12 starts as a rookie. That was one department in which he wasn't starting over when Nagy became the coach in 2018 and installed a new offense. Did that experience fail to carry over?

"You've got to end up looking at what we do on offense and the amount of stuff that we threw at him within the offense, right wrong or indifferent — we challenged him, probably over the top a little bit."

"Now he has those games he started this year. He's now seen those, and it's still not a lot. So we have to continue to keep that thing growing. And now, instead of showing some things the Chiefs did last year, now we get to watch ourselves. And we get to see how can get better with our feet. How can we be better with our vision. Are we looking at the same thing on the defensive side?"

4. Nagy believes defensive coordinator Chuck Pagano is capable of building a rapport with players similar to the synergy with which the defense thrived under Vic Fangio.

"Chuck, he's got tons of experience, and we had that with Vic, right?" Nagy said. "What Vic did with this defense, who knows if you'll see that again. Hopefully you will next year with us. But I give a lot of credit to Vic. He has been in it for a long time, and he also built that relationship with those players over time."

"Chuck is going to come in and, No. 1, what you're going to see now is a people guy. He's a guy the players are going to absolutely love. They're going to respect him because of his knowledge and the players he has been around and how he does things. He has an aggressive mentality, which you know I like. But you've got to be smart with it, and that's going to be the fun."

"So just like we were starting out in training camp and OTAs last year with some newer terminology, the defense will be doing that."

5. Nagy's criteria for a kicker is quite simple: make kicks.

Nagy strips down his kicker evaluations in the same way coaches are evaluated. Win or lose. Good or no good.

Nagy said Cody Parkey understood that evaluation when the Bears informed him of his impending release.

"It's not easy," Nagy said. "There's no exact science to it, but we're going to do everything we can to exhaust every avenue possible, whatever that means, and I don't know if I have that answer yet. But I promise you this: We're going to give it all we've got."

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TAKEAWAYS FROM BEARS GM RYAN PACE'S NEWS CONFERENCE

Massie extension promotes continuity on O-line

BY COLLEEN KANE | Chicago Tribune

INDIANAPOLIS — Bears general manager Ryan Pace met with the media Wednesday at the NFL scouting combine to talk not only about the draft but a wide range of topics regarding the 2019 Bears. Here are four things we learned.

1. In addressing right tackle Bobby Massie's four-year contract extension, Pace said he believes continuity on the Bears offensive line is "critical, and especially with the offensive tackles."

Massie's extension means the Bears will bring back their entire starting offensive line — left tackle Charles Leno, left guard James Daniels, center Cody Whitehair, right guard Kyle Long and Massie.

"Bobby's done nothing but get better and better with each year, and especially under (offensive line coach) Harry Hiestand's guidance," Pace said. "So we're encouraged to have him back and just have continuity on our offensive line."

Pace also restructured Long's contract to free up cap space. He wouldn't go into details, but ESPN and NFL Network reported the new deal frees up \$2.9 million in cap space. Long agreed to take a pay cut in his base salary but could make a significant portion back through incentives.

"It's really a credit to Kyle, a testament to him, the person he is, the player he is," Pace said. "He speaks to our culture, and we're happy to have Kyle long term."



BRIAN CASSELLA/CHICAGO TRIBUNE

Bears GM Ryan Pace on right tackle Bobby Massie (70): He's "done nothing but get better and better with each year."

2. Pace said the Bears' discussions about signing running back Kareem Hunt never became serious.

The Chiefs cut Hunt in November after video surfaced of him pushing and kicking a woman.

Bears coach Matt Nagy reached out to Hunt to see how he was doing after the Bears' season ended, and Pace didn't shut the door on the possibility of the Bears signing him. Instead, Hunt ended up signing with the Browns.

"We'd do our team a disservice if we didn't discuss every scenario," Pace said. "You guys see all the rumors flying around the combine right now. You explore everything. We owe that to ourselves. But for a variety of reasons it never got serious."

3. Pace said there are "ongoing discussions" about whether the Bears will bring back safety Adrian Amos and nickel cornerback Bryce Callahan, who are about to hit free agency.

He said it's not necessarily an "either/or" situation in which the Bears would only be able to sign one of the two.

Pace said he believed Amos "played well" in his fourth season in Chicago.

"He played solid, and the ball production increased as the season went on," Pace said. "He was comfortable in the defense. He's an example of a player that we drafted and developed and he's gotten better. He's a great teammate and a good Bear."

Weighing Callahan's production versus his durability is one challenge, Pace said. Callahan has battled injuries at various points in his four seasons and ended 2018 with a broken left foot.

"There are so many things that factor into a player's contract," he said. "Those are all factors in Bryce's contract and we're working through that."

4. Receiver Anthony Miller had surgery on his left shoulder when the season ended and is "doing well," Pace said.

Pace did not give a timeline for Miller's return but said he could be limited during offseason activities.

"We'll be smart with him," Pace said.

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Pressing need: Nickel cornerback

Callahan has developed, but free agent's durability issue



BRAD BIGGS
On the Bears

INDIANAPOLIS — When Bears general manager Ryan Pace met with reporters Wednesday morning, it was his first such conference since Jan. 14.

That was more than a week after the Bears' season ended

with a thud. Or more accurately, two thuds, when Cody Parkey's partially deflected 43-yard field-goal attempt clanked off the left upright and then the crossbar. The ball came to rest in the north end zone at Soldier Field as the Eagles celebrated their 16-15 win in the wild-card round of the NFC playoffs.

On this day, Pace spoke for a little more than 20 minutes and fielded 61 questions — 19 of which were about kickers. He said Parkey will be designated as a post-June 1 cut, which cannot happen until after the start of the new league year on March 13. He said Redford Jones "crushed" his tryout in January and admitted a competition could eventually involve more than two kickers, whom he's willing to acquire in any possible manner. That's the summarized version of the kicker probe.

More important to the success of the 2019 Bears will be re-signing nickel cornerback Bryce Callahan or finding a solid replacement. The Bears need a competent kicker. However, if you don't have one of the three or four best or one of the three or four worst (see Parkey here), they're a dime a dozen. On the other hand, it will be difficult for new coordinator Chuck Pagano to maintain an elite defense without a really good slot corner.

Free agency will offer a weak group of cornerbacks, while Callahan is probably the best nickel candidate along with Justin Coleman of the Seahawks. The knock, of course, is Callahan is a smaller guy at 5-foot-9, 190 pounds and hasn't been able to make it through an entire season. He suffered a broken bone in his left foot during the Dec. 9 win over the Rams. It led to minor surgery and he's expected to be fine, but he missed three games in 2018, four in 2017 and five in 2016.

Pace said the club has had "ongoing discussions" regarding Callahan and strong safety Adrian Amos and wouldn't rule out perhaps re-signing both even with the club's snug cap situation.

"We can still accomplish our offseason goals, and we have a plan in action for that," Pace said.

Callahan, 27, quickly emerged as a gem of a find for Pace's scouting staff as an undrafted free agent from Rice in 2015 and has improved every year. He excelled in the slot last season, when he had two interceptions, two sacks and six passes defended while playing what is no longer a part-time position. The nickel cornerback is considered a starter these days because defenses are remaining in sub packages. Through the first 12 games, Callahan was on the field for 81.8 percent of the Bears' defensive snaps.

"It's such an important position with so much being played right now and these four-down fronts," Bears coach Matt Nagy said. "You've got to be able to have a guy that can play in that slot, that can cover a wide receiver that's a good route runner, that can do things underneath, but he's got to be a tackler coming off the edge to be able to blitz and make different tackles."

"The market is going up for those type of guys. It's a hybrid position. When there's not a lot, the supply and demand drives that up. It will be interesting to see how that goes."

Last week, the Ravens extended nickelback Tavon Young with a three-year contract that makes him the highest paid at the position in the league. The deal reportedly has a base value of \$25.8 million.

Callahan may have a difficult time challenging that when factoring in his durability issues.

"That's part of the task and challenge that we have," Pace said. "There are so many things that factor into a player's contract. Those are all factors in Bryce's contract, and we're working through that."

But Callahan has been very good when on the field, and with such an underwhelming crop of cornerbacks on the market, he'll be in a good spot. It would be surprising if Callahan agreed to a deal before the start of the new league year. He's represented by veteran agent Todd France, with whom the Bears have done plenty of business in recent years.

The nickel cornerback is a difficult position to play because there is so much going on in the middle of the field. It's unusual to find rookies who can excel playing in the slot.

The Bears can't avoid scrutiny as they seek another kicker. But they will be hard-pressed to again lead the NFL in opponents' passer rating — their 72.9 in 2018 was far ahead of the rest of the league — without a top-quality nickel cornerback.

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BEARS

Bears out kicking tires for right leg

Bears, from Page 1

"A good kicker," the Bears GM cracked Wednesday in the hallway of a JW Marriott in Indianapolis.

Obviously. But that really is the basic starting point for Pace in an offseason when he's pushing to turn a division championship team into a Super Bowl favorite. The Bears need a good kicker. Desperately.

Still, Pace added this about last month's tryout: "Sometimes you literally can almost turn your back and hear the way the ball is coming off their foot and feel the power and the pop. So you look for leg strength. You look for consistency. You look for trajectory and all their mechanics."

Pace is looking — and listening — for all those things. Everywhere he can.

On the free-agent market. In the draft class. Heck, if he found a custodian kicking cans with authority around the Indiana Convention Center this week, he might hand over a business card and request a longer look.

"Whatever's best for the Bears, we'll consider," Pace said.

Added coach Matt Nagy: "It's not easy. There's no exact science to it, but we're going to do everything we can to exhaust every avenue possible, whatever that means."

Since last month's stomach-turning playoff loss, the kicker hunt has become Chicago's offseason obsession. As proof, Pace fielded 19 kicker-related questions Wednesday before he was asked about his starting quarterback, Mitch Trubisky. To repeat: the general manager of the Bears had to answer 19 kicker questions. At the combine. Nineteen!

Mixed into that barrage was a brief interrogation on how, in retrospect, Pace self-evaluates the decision to cut Gould just before the 2016 regular season began, a miscalculation he's still paying for.

In the three seasons since, Bears kickers have converted 57 of 75 field-goal attempts, a 76 percent rate, while their opponents have made 87 of 93 (93.5 percent). Gould meanwhile, has made 82 of 85 (96.5 percent) in that span.

"Since then, hey, we've been battling to get that position right," Pace admitted. "Our goal this offseason is to correct that. And we will."

Any hopes of a reunion with Gould went out the window this week when the 49ers announced their decision to put the franchise tag on him. Niners coach Kyle Shanahan said Wednesday there wasn't a long, drawn-out discussion about making that move.

"We put the tag on Robbie because he's a great kicker and we don't want to lose him," Shanahan said.

So now Pace and his staff face a greater challenge in finding the Bears' next kicker, a process that in the NFL can be a needle-in-a-haystack mission.

Gould became a Bear early in the 2005 season, after he had been cut by the Patriots as an undrafted rookie, after he had gone to work temporarily doing construction in Pennsylvania.

Adam Vinatieri, the NFL's all-time leading scorer, has been as solid as they come for 23 seasons. In 1996, Vinatieri came out of Division II South Dakota State as an unknown. Not only was he not drafted, his first professional gig came with the Amsterdam Admirals of the World League of American Football.

Ravens All-Pro Justin Tucker went undrafted out of Texas in 2012. He wasn't even invited to the combine. But he landed in Baltimore as a college free agent, beat out veteran Billy Cundiff for the job and has been stellar for the past seven seasons. So much so that his coach, John Harbaugh, praised him Wednesday as "the best in the history of the game."

You get the point. "A lot of it has to do with mental makeup," Harbaugh said. "It's a tough job. It's tough to make that putt on Sunday at the Masters. That's what those guys do every Sunday for us."

Now Pace needs to find his diamond in the rough. The good ones, he said, often "come out of nowhere." Which is why the Bears have to search everywhere.

Last month at that Halas Hall tryout, Redford Jones most caught the Bears' eye, enough to earn a reserve-futures contract and a ticket into the competition.

"He crushed that workout," Pace said. "It was impressive. So he's on our team."

Still, Jones won't be the only kicker at training camp in July. Ideally, Pace would like to have a battle between two kickers.

"But," he said, "we wouldn't be opposed to having more."

Yep. The Bears could potentially roll into camp with a three-kicker reality show. That's the level of urgency. Pace wants a kicker with confidence and obvious mental toughness. He emphasized Wednesday that leg strength has to be a high priority. "Especially in Chicago. You've got to knife through the wind."

The combine's kicker menu is small, featuring only three: LSU's Cole Tracy, Utah's Matt Gay and Oklahoma's Austin Seibert. Their on-field workouts will be Friday. The Bears will do their off-field due diligence as well.

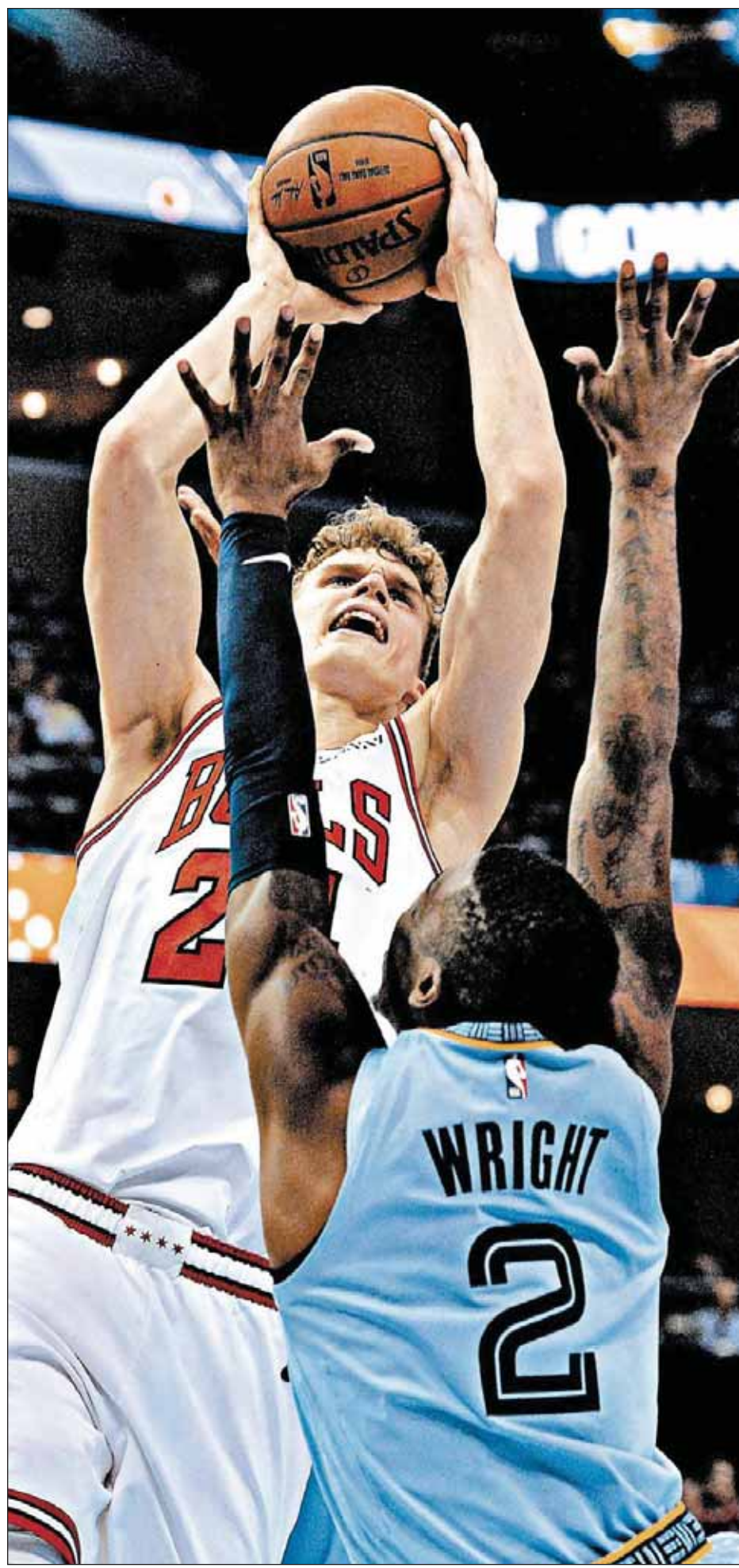
Then they'll stack the kickers on their free-agent board. Then they'll continue combing the college ranks.

"I promise we'll explore every avenue," Pace said.

Of that, there is no doubt. The stakes are high and clear. Now the Bears GM has to make the right decision.

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BULLS



Lauri Markkanen goes up for a bucket during the Bulls' 109-107 victory over the Grizzlies on Wednesday night in Memphis. It was the Bulls' fourth win in their last five games.

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BULLS 109, GRIZZLIES 107

Despite changes, Dunn 'receptive'

Point guard adjusting game; plays all of 4th in victory

BY K.C. JOHNSON | Chicago Tribune

MEMPHIS, Tenn. — Kris Dunn didn't just return to action for the Bulls' 109-107 victory over the Grizzlies on Wednesday, he played the entire fourth quarter in what coach Jim Boylen called Dunn's best half of the season.

Dunn did so after missing Monday's game with a migraine that he called "probably top two" in severity over the course of the four years he has been experiencing them.

And Dunn did so two games after Boylen opted to close a victory against the Celtics with unheralded Ryan Arcidiacono over the former lottery pick, a move that only heightened scrutiny on Dunn's future.

But like the lights and TV he avoided as he battled his migraine, Dunn draws the blinds and finds earmuffs when it comes to questions about his consistency.

"I don't let outside noise bother me," he said. "Just keep doing what I do."

But therein lies the rub. Many of Dunn's strong stretches last season centered on his ability in pick-and-roll situations. And with Boylen utilizing a multiple ballhandler system more frequently offensively, Dunn is playing off the ball more.

"He's in pick-and-roll less and he's in transition more off the ball, running to the corner or the slot," Boylen said. "That's an adjustment for him, as for all of our guys."

Dunn shoots just 31.7 percent from 3-point range on a mere 1.8 attempts per game. He gets to the line only 1.5 times per game.

"The system has changed. I think everybody has noticed that. We got multiple ballhandlers, which kind of deters from what I do," Dunn said. "But it's my job to figure out how I can still impact the game. Bring my defensive push and try to stay aggressive on the offensive end."

"I'm playing off the ball more. That's deterring from what I did last year. But it's definitely working for us. Lauri (Markkanen), Zach (LaVine), when they bring the ball up, they're allowed to be even more aggressive. It's my job to figure out how to stay impactful."

To Dunn's credit, Boylen said he hasn't

complained, calling him a "yes sir, no sir guy." The two watch film together often.

"He's receptive to coaching. He takes ownership of his play. He's trying to do whatever he can to help the team win. His heart is really good that way," Boylen said. "I know he would like to be more consistent. And we would like him to be more consistent. But it's not from lack of care factor or not for trying."

Twice Wednesday, Boylen talked about chemistry Dunn formed with reserve center Cristiano Felicio in the victory over the Celtics. And while there are no plans for Dunn to move into a reserve role, it's clear Boylen might try to stagger his minutes some to where he's playing with reserves.

"I think there are moments when he can play with that second group," Boylen said. "And it gives us a different dynamic with Felicio being a forceful (rim) roller and Kris creating out of pick-and-roll."

While that may spin as positive — giving Dunn an opportunity to play primary ballhandler in pick-and-roll situations — it also could be read as a trial balloon for next season. It's widely assumed the Bulls will look to upgrade the point guard position this offseason, either via the draft or free agency.

Again, Dunn isn't paying attention to such talk.

"I haven't got any feedback (from management)," he said. "The coaches are telling me to keep playing my game. Just bring energy and try to make an impact at both ends. This year, I'm trying to gamble less defensively. That's how I get a lot of steals is by gambling. I'm trying to be more fundamentally sound."

Otto Porter Jr. also returned to the lineup after missing the last six quarters with a leg strain, scoring 20 points.

LaVine's 30 points and Markkanen's 10th straight game with at least 20 points and nine rebounds — he had 22 and 10 for his fourth straight double-double — powered the Bulls.

Dunn posted three steals and helped hound Mike Conley into 7-for-21 shooting.

"Be that dawg," Dunn said of his approach. "I feel I'm a top defender in the league for sure."

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BULLS NOTES

Noah thanks Gibson for resurgence

BY K.C. JOHNSON | Chicago Tribune

MEMPHIS, Tenn. — When Joakim Noah visited the United Center with the Grizzlies on Feb. 13, he admitted his disastrous Knicks stint forced him to contemplate retirement.

Many factors fueled him past that point, including his pride and drive that are so familiar to Bulls fans.

But another familiar factor played a part — Taj Gibson.

"There was a time when I just didn't really want to be about basketball. I had been injured. I was a little bit embarrassed with everything that happened in New York. I had been away from the game for a while. Taj brought that edge back, that routine of going to the gym every day and being around hoopers and being in that environment every day," Noah said. "Taj is someone who brings it every day, whether it's playoffs or regular season or offseason. His work is pro. He's somebody I always loved to grind with, one of my favorite teammates. Even though we're not on the same team, for him to be there for me is something I'll remember always."

Waived by the Knicks during the preseason with the stretch provision and signed to a prorated veteran's minimum deal in December by the Grizzlies, Noah isn't just saying he's finally healthy after knee and shoulder surgeries. He's playing like it.

Entering Wednesday, he's averaging 12.6 points, 7.9 rebounds, 3.1 assists and 1.1 blocks in 22.8 reserve minutes in February. He celebrated his 34th birthday on Monday by taking a critical charge from old nemesis LeBron James late in a home victory over the Lakers.

"You like that one?" he said with a cat-eat-the-canary grin.

Simply put, Noah is playing himself into another contract this summer. But now in his 12th season, he refuses to say how much longer he wants to play.

"I'm not even thinking about that. I'm just trying to stay in the moment and enjoying myself," Noah said. "I'm healthy. It's been awhile. New York in terms of basketball was frustrating. When you go through adversity like that, it makes you appreciate everything."

"I'm in a good place just enjoying it for what it is. I know it can be taken away from you at any time. It's not about how much longer I want to play. It's about cherishing every day."

Front and center: Otto Porter Jr. has joined the Bulls' leadership committee, which coach Jim Boylen established in the wake of the tumultuous Dec. 9 in which player unrest led to two hours of team meetings.

Zach LaVine, who is on the committee along with Lauri Markkanen and Robin Lopez, said the main function of the practice, which is mostly used in football, is to occasionally relay the coach's message.

"We haven't really had to do a lot," LaVine said. "I think it's just something to where he's trying to boost the head of the snakes on the team, things like that."

Layups: The Bulls recalled two-way signee Brandon Sampson from Windy City of the G League. ... Chandler Hutchison continued to increase his on-court activity, but there's still no timetable for his return from sesamoid fracture in his right foot.

NBA

Kings, Bucks have reason to team up

Associated Press

Nearly a year after police fatally shot an unarmed black man in Sacramento and a series of protests ensued in California's capital, the Kings and Bucks collaborated on a daylong summit Wednesday to address social injustice.

The event held ahead of the Bucks-Kings game came nearly a year after the March 18, 2018, fatal shooting of 22-year-old Stephon Clark. Clark's death ignited protests that included protesters blocking entrances to the Kings' arena as owner Vivek Ranadive pledged his support.

"I made a commitment that we would work hard to have an impact and do better," Ranadive said Wednesday.

Ranadive was joined by Bucks co-owner Marc Lasry for a panel discussion along with Mark Thomsen, the attorney for Bucks guard Sterling Brown. The Bucks were rocked last year when Brown was Tased by police. He later filed a lawsuit saying the officers used excessive force and targeted him because he is black.

Both owners hope further awareness might encourage more teams and communities to get on board to have a dialogue about issues and create positive change.

Ranadive said the efforts remain a work in progress and he is striving for every kid in the community "to have a voice."

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COLLEGES

BASKETBALL ROUNDUP

Illini go cold, suffer 3rd straight loss

Associated Press

Carsen Edwards broke out of a shooting slump to score 23 points, and No. 14 Purdue earned its fourth straight victory, 73-56 over Illinois on Wednesday night in West Lafayette, Ind.

Ayo Dosunu and Andres Feliz led cold-shooting Illinois (10-18, 6-11 Big Ten) with nine points apiece in its third straight loss. The Illini shot 32.8 percent overall and 27.6 percent from 3-point range.

Illinois led the back-and-forth game 33-32 at halftime and rallied to tie it 48-48 with 9 minutes, 43 seconds remaining. Then Edwards and Haarms took over as the Boilermakers scored 12 straight points. Illinois got no closer than nine points the rest of the way.

Edwards went 8 of 14 from the field for the Boilermakers (21-7, 14-3), who moved into a tie atop the conference with No. 6 Michigan State. The All-American guard had made 7 of his 40 attempts in the previous two games.

Matt Haarms had 21 points on 8-of-8 shooting, 10 rebounds and five blocks for Purdue. The Boilermakers held a 36-27 advantage on the boards.

Illinois showed some depth, with 26 bench points to Purdue's two.

Georgetown 82, DePaul 73: Jessie Govan had 26 points for the Hoyas in Washington as the Blue Demons suffered their fourth consecutive loss.

Max Strus had 25 points for DePaul (13-13, 5-10 Big East). Paul Reed added 16 points and 12 rebounds.

Mac McClung had 15 points for Georgetown (17-11, 7-8).

Penn State 78, No. 17 Maryland 61: Lamar Stevens scored 16 of his 24 points in the second half, and Penn State had an easy time in State College, Pa.

Myles Dread had 17 points and Myreon Jones added 10 for the Nittany Lions (12-16, 5-12 Big Ten), who led for all but 51 seconds to win their third in a row and fourth of five. Penn State led by 29 at one point in the second half.

Anthony Cowan Jr. led Maryland (21-8, 12-6) with 15 points.

No. 2 Virginia 81, Georgia Tech 51: Ty Jerome scored 19 points, DeAndre Hunter had 18 and the Cavaliers (25-2, 13-2 ACC) took command with a 25-4 first-half run in Charlottesville, Va.

No. 7 Tennessee 73, Mississippi 71: Grant Williams scored 21 points, including the go-ahead basket with four seconds left in Oxford, Miss.

Tennessee (25-3, 13-2 SEC) bounced back from a tough loss to LSU on Saturday with a hard-fought victory. The Vols remain in a three-way tie atop the SEC with LSU and Kentucky.

BLACKHAWKS



JOHN J. KIM/CHICAGO TRIBUNE

Hawks goaltender Corey Crawford played Wednesday night for the first time since Dec. 16.

Crawford back in net after missing 28 games

Blackhawks, from Page 1

Colliton didn't actually see Crawford's face when he was given the news on Tuesday — that was Hawks goalie coach Jimmy Waite's honor — but he has a pretty good idea what it would have looked like.

"Probably he had the same look on his face as he usually does," Colliton said. "Just no big deal, ready to go."

The last time Crawford appeared in an NHL game was Dec. 16, when the Sharks' Evander Kane accidentally pushed Dylan Strome into Crawford. The back of Crawford's head struck a goal post and he immediately left the game.

When Crawford got hurt, it was in his 23rd start since returning from the 2017 concussion that sidelined him from mid-December through the first five games of this season. The Hawks didn't have adequate backups last season and were derailed by his absence.

This season, Ward and rookie Collin Delia played capably during Crawford's 28-game absence. They each won some big games and played well in stretches but over the last seven games combined to go 3-4 with an .864 save percentage. If the Hawks have any hope of keeping their fading

playoff hopes alive, they need Crawford to return to form immediately.

Colliton doesn't want him to try to be a savior, though.

"Just be himself," Colliton said. "We're not looking for anything more than that. It's gonna be a boost for the guys, and everyone feels good about having him in and his experience and his demeanor and obviously his ability to stop pucks. That's all we want, just be himself."

Getting Crawford back will help on the ice, no doubt. It's already helped in the locker room.

"He's a great goaltender and the guys love having him in the room," captain Jonathan Toews said. "He's always been one of those guys you just love having around. It's been tough to see him go through something similar to last season again this year missing a lot of games. But we all trust he's been doing everything he can to get back in and get himself healthy."

"He's got the opportunity to get back in and play some hockey, and that's what we all want for him. We're excited to have him back for sure."

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PRESS BOX

IN BRIEF

FOOTBALL: The CFL terminated 2012 Heisman Trophy winner Johnny Manziel's contract with the Montreal Alouettes and informed the eight other teams that it wouldn't register a contract for Manziel if any tried to sign him. "We advised Montreal that Johnny had violated one of the conditions we had set for him to be in our league. And Montreal announced his release today," CFL Commissioner Randy Ambrosie said. "We didn't release the terms of those conditions then and we're not going to do that now."

NFL: Eagles general manager Howie Roseman told reporters the team will not use the franchise tag on quarterback Nick Foles, making him a free agent. Roseman said the Eagles agreed to make the move after Foles expressed his desire to lead a team as the starter during a recent meeting. With Carson Wentz the established starter in Philadelphia, Foles understood it meant he would have to find a new team. ... Former Bengals cornerback Adam "Pacman" Jones was arrested and jailed after an incident at a southeastern Indiana casino. The Indiana Gaming Commission said Jones was arrested for disorderly conduct, public intoxication, intimidation, and resisting arrest at the Rising Star Casino in Rising Sun, Ind., about 25 miles southwest of Cincinnati. The commission said its agents were called to the casino "to investigate a patron for possible cheating at a table game." It said Jones, 35, "immediately became verbally combative and disorderly with agents and casino staff." Jones was incarcerated at the Dearborn County Jail in Lawrenceburg.

SOCCER: Maurizio Sarri reasserted his authority on the sideline, and so did Chelsea on the field. With Kepa Arrizabalaga dropped for refusing to be substituted in the League Cup final, replacement goalkeeper Willy Caballero did not even have a shot on target to save as Chelsea beat Tottenham 2-0 in the Premier League. While Chelsea remains sixth, the win over its third-place London rival rouses a team and a manager seemingly in turmoil a week ago after being knocked out of the FA Cup by Manchester United. ... With three second-half goals, Barcelona beat Real Madrid 3-0 at Santiago Bernabeu Stadium to reach the Copa del Rey final for the sixth straight time. Luis Suarez scored twice as Barcelona advanced 4-1 on aggregate after being held to a 1-1 draw at Camp Nou three weeks ago. The Catalan club also benefited from an own goal by Madrid defender Raphael Varane. Barcelona will be trying to win an unprecedented fifth straight Copa title in the May 25 final in Seville.

TENNIS: Roger Federer maintained his perfect record against Fernando Verdasco to reach the Dubai Championships quarterfinals in Dubai, United Arab Emirates. It was win No. 50 for Federer in Dubai. He has won the tournament seven times.

— Edited from news services

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			@LAG 7 FS1				

THURSDAY ON TV/RADIO

MLB			
Noon	Orioles at Phillies		MLB Network
7 p.m.	76ers at Thunder		TNT
9:30 p.m.	Jazz at Nuggets		TNT
MEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL			
5 p.m.	Robert Morris at Sacred Heart		CBSN
5:30 p.m.	Xavier at St. John's		FS1
6 p.m.	Nebraska at Michigan		ESPN
6 p.m.	UConn at Wichita State		ESPN2
6 p.m.	Winthrop at Hampton		ESPNNews
7 p.m.	Old Dominion at Texas-San Antonio		CBSN
8 p.m.	Minnesota at Northwestern		ESPN2, WGN-AM 720
8 p.m.	Jacksonville St. at Eastern Illinois		ESPNNews
8 p.m.	USC at UCLA		ESPN
8 p.m.	Tulane at Tulsa		ESPN
8 p.m.	Arizona at Oregon State		FS1
10 p.m.	Gonzaga at Pacific		ESPN2
10 p.m.	UC Irvine at UC Davis		ESPN
10 p.m.	Washington at California		FS1
WOMEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL			
5:30 p.m.	Minnesota at Rutgers		BTN
7:30 p.m.	Ohio State at Wisconsin		BTN
GOLF			
1 p.m.	Honda Classic		Golf Channel
9:30 p.m.	HSBC World Championship		Golf Channel
4 a.m.	Oman Open		Golf Channel
(Fri.)			
NHL			
6:30 p.m.	Lightning at Bruins		NBCSN
TENNIS			
3 p.m.	Acapulco-ATP/WTA		Tennis Channel

COLLEGE BASKETBALL

HOW THE MEN'S AP TOP 25 FARED WEDNESDAY

- Gonzaga (27-2) did not play. Next: at Pacific, Thursday.
- Duke (24-4) did not play. Next: vs. Miami, Saturday.
- Virginia (25-2) beat Georgia Tech 81-51. Next: vs. Pittsburgh, Saturday.
- Kentucky (24-4) did not play. Next: at No. 7 Tennessee, Saturday.
- North Carolina (23-5) did not play. Next: at Clemson, Saturday.
- Michigan State (23-5) did not play. Next: at Indiana, Saturday.
- Tennessee (25-3) beat Mississippi 73-71. Next: vs. No. 4 Kentucky, Saturday.
- Houston (27-1) beat East Carolina 99-65. Next: vs. UCF, Saturday.
- Michigan (24-4) did not play. Next: vs. Nebraska, Thursday.
- Marquette (23-4) did not play. Next: vs. Creighton, Thursday.
- Texas Tech (23-5) beat Oklahoma State 84-80. OT. Next: at TCU, Saturday.
- Nevada (26-2) beat UNLV 89-73. Next: at Utah State, Saturday.
- LSU (23-5) did not play. Next: at Alabama, Saturday.
- Purdue (21-7) beat Illinois 73-56. Next: vs. Rutgers, Saturday.
- Kansas (21-7) did not play. Next: at Oklahoma State, Saturday.
- Kansas State (21-7) did not play. Next: vs. Baylor, Saturday.
- Maryland (21-8) lost to Penn State 78-61. Next: vs. No. 9 Michigan, Sunday.
- Florida State (21-6) did not play. Next: vs. N.C. State, Saturday.
- Wisconsin (19-9) did not play. Next: vs. Penn State, Saturday.
- Virginia Tech (22-6) did not play. Next: at No. 18 Florida State, Tuesday.
- Buffalo (25-3) did not play. Next: at Miami (Ohio), Friday.
- Iowa (21-7) did not play. Next: vs. Ohio State, Saturday.
- Cincinnati (24-4) beat SMU 52-49. Next: vs. Memphis, Saturday.
- Wofford (24-4) did not play. Next: at Chattanooga, Thursday.
- Washington (22-5) did not play. Next: at California, Thursday.

HOW THE WOMEN'S AP TOP 25 FARED WEDNESDAY

- Baylor (26-1) did not play. Next: vs. Oklahoma State, Saturday.
- UConn (26-2) did not play. Next: vs. Houston, Saturday.
- Louisiana (25-2) did not play. Next: vs. No. 10 N.C. State, Thursday.
- Notre Dame (26-3) did not play. Next: vs. Virginia, Sunday.
- Mississippi State (25-2) did not play. Next: vs. LSU, Thursday.
- Oregon (25-3) did not play. Next: at Arizona, Friday.
- Stanford (23-4) did not play. Next: at Washington State, Friday.
- Maryland (25-3) did not play. Next: vs. Illinois, Saturday.
- Oregon State (23-5) did not play. Next: at No. 21 Arizona State, Friday.
- N.C. State (23-4) did not play. Next: at No. 3 Louisville, Thursday.
- Kentucky (23-5) did not play. Next: vs. No. 19 Texas A&M, Thursday.
- Iowa (22-6) did not play. Next: vs. Northwestern, Sunday.
- Marquette (23-5) did not play. Next: at Creighton, Friday.
- South Carolina (20-7) did not play. Next: at Auburn, Thursday.
- Miami (23-6) did not play. Next: vs. Georgia Tech, Thursday.
- Gonzaga (25-3) did not play. Next: vs. Pepperdine, Thursday.
- Syracuse (20-7) did not play. Next: at No. 22 Florida State, Thursday.
- Texas (21-7) did not play. Next: vs. No. 20 Syracuse, Thursday.
- Texas A&M (21-6) did not play. Next: at No. 11 Kentucky, Thursday.
- Iowa State (21-7) did not play. Next: at No. 18 Texas, Saturday.
- Arizona State (18-8) did not play. Next: vs. No. 9 Oregon State, Friday.
- Florida State (21-6) did not play. Next: vs. No. 17 Syracuse, Thursday.
- Drake (21-5) did not play. Next: at Southern Illinois, Friday.
- Rice (23-4) did not play. Next: vs. Louisiana Tech, Saturday.
- UCLA (17-11) did not play. Next: vs. Utah, Friday.

WEDNESDAY'S RESULTS

MIDWEST	Bradley 67, Valparaiso 42 Drake 80, Indiana State 68 Mississippi State 25-2 did not play. Next: vs. No. 10 N.C. State, Thursday. Loyola 56, N. Iowa 55 S. Illinois 98, Evansville 61
EAST	Army 79, Loyola (Md.) 69 Boston U. 84, Lafayette 82 Clemson 62, Presbyterian 48 Colgate 79, Holy Cross 59 Georgetown 82, DePaul 73 La Salle 79, Davidson 69 Lehigh 80, American U. 66 Mass.-Lowell 70, Maine 61 Navy 64, Bucknell 53 New Hampshire 62, Albany (NY) 58 Niagara 86, Canisius 84 St. Bonaventure 68, Duquesne 47
SOUTH	Campbell 85, SC-Upstate 73 Charleston S. 77, UNC-Asheville 48 Gardner-Webb 78, Presbyterian 70 George Mason 77, Richmond 63 North Carolina 84, Nichols 75 Northwestern St. 68, Incarnate Word 60 Radford 72, High Point 54 Sam Houston St. 71, New Orleans 60 South Florida 59, Houston 49
SOUTHWEST	Lamar 110, Houston Baptist 75

TRANSACTIONS

BASEBALL							
NATIONAL LEAGUE							
St. Louis: Agreed to terms with C Matt Wieters on a minor league contract.							
FRONTIER LEAGUE							
Gateway: Signed RHPs Chris Carden and Carlos Polanco.							
Lake Erie: Signed INF Nick Michals.							
Washington: Signed INF Kevin Rivera.							
FOOTBALL							
NATIONAL FOOTBALL LEAGUE							
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AHL							
WESTERN CONFERENCE							
CENTRAL	W	L	OL	SOL	PT	GF	GA
WOLVES	32	17	5	1	70	187	152
G. Rapids	31	17	4	0	165	156	
Iowa	28	17	5	6	182	164	
Rockford	26	23	6	6	139	150	
Texas	27	23	3	6	107	173	167
Manitoba	23	22	11	1	58	152	140
Milwaukee	26	25	3	2	57	143	170
San Antonio	25	26	5	0	55	146	170
WEDNESDAY'S RESULTS							
Manitoba 3, Toronto 2							
Hershey 4, Hartford 2							
Rochester 3, Utica 1							
Texas 4, Milwaukee 2							
Colorado 6, San Antonio 0							
THURSDAY'S SCHEDULE							
Laval at Cleveland, 6							

from Milwaukee (AHL) to Atlanta (ECHL). Signed FS Adam Helewka and Laurin Dauphin to one-year, two-way contracts.							
New Jersey: Recalled FS Nick Lappin and Blake Pietila from Birmingham (IHL). Activated D Sami Vatanen from injured reserve.							
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SOCCER

CONCACAF CHAMPIONS LEAGUE	
Home teams listed first	
First Round	
Second Leg	
WEDNESDAY'S RESULTS	
N.Y. Red Bulls (U.S.A.) 3, Atletico Pantoja (Dom. Rep.) 0.	
Red Bulls advance 5-0 aggregate.	
Santos Laguna (Mexico) 5, Marathon Honduras 0.	
Santos Laguna advances 11-2 aggregate.	
Monterrey (Mex.), Alianza (El Salvador) 0, Monterrey advances 1-0 aggregate.	
THURSDAY'S SCHEDULE	
Atlanta United (United States) vs. Herediano (Costa Rica), 7	
Toluca FC (Mexico) vs. Sporting Kansas City (United States), 9	
QUARTERFINALS	
WP: De La Cruz, Umpires: Home, Nick Mahryk; First, Alan Porter; Second, Jordan Baker; Third, Gabe Morales.	
Time: 2:31. A: 4,782	

NBA

EASTERN CONFERENCE									
ATLANTIC	W	L	PCT	GB	L10	STK	HOME	AWAY	CONF
Toronto	45	17	.726	—	8-2	W-1	26-6	19-11	28-11
Philadelphia	39	22	.639	5½	6-4	W-1	24-8	15-14	22-15
Boston	37	25	.597	8	4-6	L-4	23-9	14-16	27-13
Brooklyn	32	31	.508	13½	4-6	L-1	18-15	14-16	22-18
New York	13	48	.213	31½	3-7	W-2	6-24	7-24	8-34
SOUTHEAST	W	L	PCT	GB	L10	STK	HOME	AWAY	CONF
Charlotte	28	33	.459	—	3-7	L-3	20-12	8-21	21-18
Orlando	28	34	.452	½	7-3	L-1	16-16	12-18	20-17
Miami	27	33	.450	½	3-7	W-1	12-18	15-15	14-21
Washington	25	36	.410	3	3-7	W-1	17-12	8-24	18-25
Atlanta	21	41	.339	7½	4-6	W-1	11-18	10-23	12-28
CENTRAL	W	L	PCT	GB	L10	STK	HOME	AWAY	CONF
Milwaukee	47	14	.770	—	9-1	W-6	25-5	22-9	32-8
Indiana	40	22	.645	7½	7-3	L-2	23-8	17-14	28-12
Detroit	29	31	.483	17½	7-3	L-1	18-13	11-18	20-19
Chicago	17	45	.274	30½	5-5	W-1	7-24	10-21	12-26
Cleveland	14	47	.230	33	4-6	L-1	9-23	5-24	10-29
WESTERN CONFERENCE									
SOUTHWEST	W	L	PCT	GB	L10	STK	HOME	AWAY	CONF
Houston	36	25	.590	—	7-3	W-3	21-9	15-16	22-17
San Antonio	34	29	.540	3	3-7	W-	23-7	11-22	24-19
Dallas	27	34	.443	9	4-6	W-1	21-10	6-24	14-23
New Orleans	27	36	.429	10	4-6	L-2	18-12	9-24	17-22
Memphis	24	39	.381	13	4-6	L-1	15-17	9-22	16-22
NORTHWEST	W	L	PCT	GB	L10	STK	HOME	AWAY	CONF
Denver	42	18	.700	—	7-3	W-5	27-4	15-14	27-10
Oklahoma City	38	22	.633	4	6-4	W-1	21-8	17-12	22-17
Portland	38	23	.623	4½	7-3	W-5	24-8	14-15	20-19
Utah	34	26	.567	8	6-4	W-2	20-10	14-16	21-17
Minnesota	29	32	.475	13½	4-6	L-1	20-10	9-22	18-22
PACIFIC	W	L	PCT	GB	L10	STK	HOME	AWAY	CONF
Golden State	43	18	.705	—	7-3	L-1	23-8	20-10	26-12
L.A. Clippers	34	29	.540	4	5-5	L-1	21-8	17-12	22-17
Sacramento	31	30	.508	12	5-5	W-	19-12	12-18	17-23
L.A. Lakers	30	31	.492	13	4-6	W-1	18-12	12-19	21-20
Phoenix	12	50	.194	31½	1-9	W-1	7-22	5-28	7-31

LATEST LINE

NBA				
pregame.com				
at Indiana	4	Minnesota		
Golden State	6	at Orlando		
at New York	3	Cleveland		
at Houston	9	Miami		
at Denver	6	Utah		
at Okla. City	8	Philadelphia		
				

CUBS & WHITE SOX



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WHITE SOX TAKEAWAYS

Alonso, Abreu aren't in competition

BY TEDDY GREENSTEIN
Chicago Tribune

GLENDALE, Ariz. — Three takeaways from White Sox spring training Wednesday:

1. Jose Abreu and Yonder Alonso say they're not in competition.

Both would rather play first base than DH, but both are also team-first guys, not whiners.

Abreu said of Alonso, whom the Sox acquired from the Indians: "I really like his presence. I really like all the things he brings to this team. We've known each other for a very long time and for us there's not any kind of competition. If you are confident in yourself, you don't have any reason to feel scared about any competition."

Alonso will balance the Sox's lineup with his big lefty bat. He hit a massive home run to the back of the right-field berm Tuesday and hit another blast Wednesday off the Reds' Tanner Roark, this time to left.

Alonso sounded unimpressed with his yardwork, saying: "Numbers here, you don't take them with you. As long as the work is a positive work and your at-bats are positive ... for me it doesn't matter if I hit three homers or strike out three times. How am I getting prepared? How many pitches am I seeing? I was able to run the bases (Tuesday), turn a key double play. I look at those things as more important than the actual result in spring training."

Then he concluded that speech with this: "No question, it's always a lot better than sucking."

Alonso supports Abreu, saying his only foes are those in the other dugout, including his former teammates in Cleveland.

"I'm friends with everybody," he said. "But once 7 o'clock or 1 o'clock hits, no friends. My guys are on my side. And we're ready to win."

2. Reynaldo Lopez was relieved when the top of the first finally ended.

Not even a 20-second pitch clock or pickoff of Yasiel Puig could prevent it from lasting forever. Or to be precise, 20 minutes.

"It was a very strange and weird inning," Reynaldo Lopez said after making his 2019 Cactus League debut Wednesday.

Lopez gave up a leadoff double to Scott Schebler and then a solid single to Joey Votto. He struck out Matt Kemp but gave up bloop singles to Eugenio Suarez and Puig.

That's four hits in five at-bats, but the Reds scored only once as Suarez was thrown out at third and Lopez picked Puig off second.

"He was moving too much and messing around," Lopez said, imitating Puig's dance. "He likes to do crazy things."

Lopez's second inning was far more quiet — one single, three conventional outs.

And most important, the 25-year-old right-hander felt good, delivering effective curveballs and fastballs between 94-97 mph.

"Physically, mentally, I feel good," he said through interpreter Billy Russo. "It was a very positive outing. This is not the time of the year where you have to be concerned with your results. This is the time of the year to be concerned with how you take care of your business."

3. The Sox razed Nick Madrigal.

The bouncy second-base prospect was all over the action Tuesday, singling twice, getting thrown out on the bases twice and attempting to initiate a sneaky double play. With a runner on first, the Royals' Brett Phillips hit a soft liner to second. Madrigal pretended to drop it, hoping to turn two.

The umpire was not having it. "He was screaming that it was intentional that I dropped it, and you can't do that," Madrigal said. "I wanted to try it out."

Catcher Zack Collins was among those amused in the dugout, referencing Madrigal's recently completed career at Oregon State.

"Typical college play," Collins said. "We were giving him crap for it. It was funny. I get it if it was maybe a higher pop-up, but the guy was running to first. Either way we got one out."

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Swinging for fences

With Harper still on the market, Bryant goes on the offensive

BY MARK GONZALES
Chicago Tribune

MESA, Ariz. — Kris Bryant doesn't seem worried what baseball's financial future has in store for him, especially after fellow third baseman Nolan Arenado agreed to an eight-year, \$260 million contract with the Rockies.

But as the Cubs' player representative, Bryant will be in a listening mode Thursday morning when officials from the Major League Baseball Players Association make their annual spring visit. There is much to discuss after another strange offseason with several free agents signing late or, in the case of All-Star outfielder Bryce Harper, remaining unsigned. "Everybody has money," Bryant said Wednesday. "We're not stupid. You see the price of tickets, the price of memorabilia. There are TV deals, a lot of money in this game."

As an example, Bryant pointed to Manny Machado's 10-year, \$300 million contract with the small-market Padres.

"Nobody expected the Padres to do this, but they did. I heard they're still talking about Bryce."

Many Cubs have expressed their bewilderment over the tedious pace of the free-agent market.

Many players are still waiting to sign, while others have settled for minor-league contracts. Cubs left-hander Brian Duensing, who needs 117 days to become fully vested in the pension plan, has witnessed his share of drama since reaching the majors with the Twins in 2009.



CHRIS CARLSON/AP

The Rockies recently signed Nolan Arenado to eight-year, \$260 million contract. The Cubs' Kris Bryant could eventually land a similar deal.

"I know there's been issues before, but I feel like baseball is in a good place where we can figure stuff out," Duensing said. "But there are a lot of things to discuss."

Harper, the biggest name among the dozens of unsigned free agents, reportedly has been offered more than \$300 million. He and Bryant share the same agent, Scott Boras.

Bryant, unlike Arenado, has a National League Most Valuable Player award on his resume with three years left before he becomes a free agent. Bryant said there haven't been any meetings with Cubs President Theo Epstein or general manager Jed Hoyer regarding an extension.

"I've said I would listen to anything they've had to say," said Bryant, reminding reporters he has made these comments in past seasons. "I'd be dumb not to hear anything they have to offer. But right now it seems like they're not

willing to do that because we haven't gotten anyone new. So that's OK too."

Bryant said Arenado's contract, which has an opt-out after the third season, according to reports, is "basically a free-agent deal."

"But you look at Bryce, he's going to break whatever Nolan got, and obviously that's why he's still waiting. It just depends on the person you are. If you want to wait, you wait. If you don't, you don't. That's what it comes down to."

Bryant, 27, will earn \$12.9 million this season with three seasons left under the Cubs' control. He admits he looks at what other third basemen earn, and "and you compare yourself accordingly."

"Obviously Nolan is a great player and has been doing it for a long time," Bryant said. "He's super consistent with tons of passion playing the game. So it's

"Everybody has money. We're not stupid."

— Kris Bryant

nice to see another third baseman sign for that much."

Perhaps no Cubs player has more at stake than Bryant, who was upset that his delayed major-league debut in April of 2015 pushed his free agency back a full year.

That's one of the reasons Bryant has taken an active role with the union.

"We obviously see what's happening," Bryant said. "We get texts, emails and calls from the (MLBPA) throughout the year. But it's nice to see them in person where we can all break down what's going on and see what we're going to be doing to fix the problems on both sides, working with MLB and listening to what they have to say because there's a lot we've got to get done by the next time the CBA is up."

Duensing is encouraged that young players such as Bryant are becoming more involved.

"When you get the new wave of players, it's important they understand what has happened before them and sacrifices players have made for these guys coming up."

"This stuff is important. It affects everybody. You've got to figure out what the best is for the greater good and hopefully teach these young guys what it takes or what to look at or what to think about when it's their turn to take over the reins."

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CUBS TAKEAWAYS

Hamels expects to keep pitching past '19 season

BY MARK GONZALES
Chicago Tribune

SURPRISE, Ariz. — Here are five takeaways Wednesday from Cubs spring training:

1. Cole Hamels is motivated to pitch past 2019.

Left-hander Cole Hamels scoffs at any suggestion that this will be his last season, and he's revamped his offseason program to achieve his goal.

"I really love what Justin Verlander had to say," Hamels said, referring to the 36-year-old Verlander's goal of pitching until he's 45. "I played with Jamie Moyer. He was the epitome of a guy who played and took it

seriously in a sense when you're 35, 40, 45, you're not down and out. That's my motivation."

"I never want to stop short. I don't think anyone wants to stop short of the finish line. You always want to push."

Hamels, 35, also remains motivated by rough 2017, when he posted a 4.24 ERA in only 24 starts with the Rangers because of an oblique injury. A rough start to 2018 prior to being traded to the Cubs on July 27 convinced Hamels to hire a trainer and posture specialist to enhance his effectiveness and longevity.

"A lot of things that were in play that I just had to make those choices," Hamels said. "I still have a lot to offer."

2. Yu Darvish is making an effort to work faster.

The Cubs are trying to get Yu Darvish to work at a quicker tempo to help keep his defenders alert.

"Sometimes he will get caught in the moment and revert and get into a little slower pace between pitches," manager Joe Maddon said. "I'd love to see him speed things up. He knows that. I think more time between pitches, the more time you have to overthink something. I'd rather him get the ball and throw it. And that's it."

Maddon was impressed with Darvish's velocity Tuesday, which topped out at 96 mph but was offset by four walks in a 36-pitch outing.

3. Jesse Chavez cites loyalty in his decision to return to the Rangers.

Reliever Jesse Chavez said the loyalty displayed by general manager Jon Daniels played a large role in his decision to accept a two-year, \$8 million offer from the Rangers on Nov. 27 instead of waiting for an offer from the Cubs.

"The big thing I can say is loyalty," said Chavez, who said after his two-month stint with the Cubs that his preference was to re-sign with them or possibly retire. "And that's one thing JD is about. It took a while to get that lump out of my throat that I had at the end of last year. Because at the end everyone knows how much I wanted to be back."

— eNEWSPAPER BONUS COVERAGE —

Braves count on young stars to stay atop NL East

Atlanta's collection of pitchers has it optimistic for 2019

By **DAVE SHEININ**
The Washington Post

LAKE BUENA VISTA, Fla. — Three weeks ago, on a stretch of bullpen mounds, in a distant corner of the Atlanta Braves' spring training complex, in the shadow of the Magic Kingdom, on a warm morning in mid-February, Kevin Gausman saw his baseball mortality flash before his eyes.

Having arrived at the ESPN Wide World of Sports complex a few days before the opening of camp to get in some early work, ahead of his first full season for the defending National League East division champions, Gausman, generally listed at 6-foot-3, 190 pounds, took note of the large, youthful humans surrounding him on those mounds — “They were some massive specimens,” he recalled.

And then those young pitching prospects began to throw.

“I actually called my wife that first day,” Gausman, 28, said, “and I was like, ‘Baby, I’m going to have to clean my [stuff] up or I’m not going to be around here much longer.’ I swear to God, I told her that. It’s the honest truth.”

It’s only a slight stretch to say the Braves have staked their entire empire on that collection of young pitchers, both the ones that arrived before and during their surprise march to the division title last summer, and the ones still on the way. The entire winter came and went, and now a good chunk of spring as well, without the team making a single significant addition to a pitching staff that ranked fifth in the NL with a 3.75 ERA last season. They even allowed veteran stalwart Anibal Sanchez, their Game 2 starter against the Los Angeles Dodgers in the Division Series, to walk away via free agency.

The Braves’ entire offseason checklist, in fact, was more or less completed during a single afternoon in late November, when they signed third baseman Josh Donaldson (\$23 million) and catcher Brian McCann (\$2 million) to one-year contracts. Their only other significant move was to re-sign veteran right fielder Nick Markakis to a one-year, \$6 million deal.

All of this offseason accounting, of course, must come with a caveat — “at least so far” — because two elite pitchers remain available on the free agent market at this late date, in lefty starter Dallas Keuchel and former Braves closer Craig Kimbrel, and both would be perfect fits with the Braves, at least from a personnel standpoint, if not a financial one.

“We had a target list, and there were very few players we felt strongly about, that we really wanted to have,” Braves general manager Alex Anthopoulos said, declining to speak specifically about the still-available free agents. “Josh Donaldson was a player we really wanted to acquire, and we wanted to get that done early. It was a big [salary]. And it was going to take up a good chunk of our payroll, so it would give us clarity for the remainder of the winter. So there was value in doing that early.”

Barring a late signing or two, the Braves are likely to open 2019 with a smaller payroll (\$109.6 million, 19th-highest in the majors, according to Spotrac) than the one they finished 2018 with (\$130.6 million). It is a decidedly curious direction for the defending champs to take, particularly in a division in which three dangerous rivals — the Washington Nationals, Philadelphia Phillies and New York Mets — all made significant (and expensive) moves to get better.

The Braves could still target the July 31 trade deadline to make additions — as they did in 2018 when they added Gausman (Orioles), reliever Brad Brach (Orioles) and outfielder Adam Duvall. “The winter to us is certainly valuable,” Chairman Terence



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Atlanta's Kevin Gausman will bolster a lineup of talented young pitchers that led the Braves to an unexpected NL East title last season.



JOE ROBBINS/GETTY

Atlanta's Ronald Acuna Jr. was named National League rookie of the year last season after hitting 26 home runs and leading the Braves to the NL East title.

McGuirk told The Athletic. “But the psychological value when you add to the team at the trade deadline is appreciable. We build that into the budget now.”

Still, by largely standing pat this winter, as their strongest division rivals made significant on-paper gains, the Braves are showing extraordinary faith in a collection of young talent to not only repeat their 2018 performances, but improve on them.

“We’ve got the ingredients here to win a championship,” said McCann, 35, who has been to the playoffs six times this decade with the Braves (2010, 2012, 2013), Yankees (2015) and Astros (2017, 2018). “This team got better because all those young players who emerged in 2018 got a year older, and got another year of experience.”

It is indisputable that the Braves’ collection of young talent

is the envy of the game. It includes not only left fielder Ronald Acuna Jr., who won the NL rookie of the year award at the age of 20, but 17 other rookies who played for the team during 2018, including 15 pitchers. Four of the five youngest players to debut in 2018 were Braves.

And more are on the way, as MLB Pipeline lists eight Braves among the top 100 prospects in the game, a number exceeded only

by the San Diego Padres. Among those eight, three — pitchers Mike Soroka, Touki Toussaint and Bryse Wilson — got a taste of the majors in 2018.

“I’d heard [the Braves’ farm system] was good, but I didn’t know it was this good,” McCann said. “I knew they had prospects. But I didn’t know how deep it was, and how good these kids are. There’s waves of ‘em. There’s the wave that’s at the big leagues now, the wave that’s knocking at the door, and the wave that’s in Double-A.”

Gausman, who came to Atlanta in a trade from the Baltimore Orioles last July, concurred: “No disrespect to the Orioles, but I’ve never seen a spring training like this, with just the amount of young, quality arms they have. They don’t just throw hard — they have quality [secondary] pitches to go with them. And they all seem pretty advanced for their age.”

All along, the Braves figured 2019 was the year their collection of young future stars would put it all together, and the fact they arrived a year early — in a year when the NL East was down, allowing the Braves to win the division title with 90 wins — did not change that assessment. This is still the target year — except they are trying to defend a title rather than win one.

“We had a whole team full of guys [last year] who, really, I don’t know if they knew the fight they were in for,” said Manager Brian Snitker, to whom the Braves gave a two-year contract extension after the 2018 season. “We’re a year older. We’ve gained experience. We made some good additions also. But as a young team, we’re still developing. I told the players, ‘We’re not a finished product yet. We still have to work. We’re not where we want to be yet.’”

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Brian McCann, Braves catcher

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Tony Finau got a shot back after hitting the ball into the trees at the Mexico Championship last weekend.

STRANGE SEQUENCE FOR FINAU

An odd situation leads to a rare score change at Mexico Championship

By DOUG FERGUSON
Associated Press

MEXICO CITY — One ruling in the Mexico Championship that didn't get much attention involved Tony Finau, and the outcome was unlike anything he has ever experienced. He signed for a 74 in the first round. The next day, it became a 73.

"That's never happened to me before," Finau said after his final round to tie for 25th.

It started with his first shot of the tournament on the par-4 first hole, high and left and into the trees. Finau was lucky to find the ball some 10 feet up in a tree, which was in the middle of a fenced area that had been established as a temporary immovable obstruction.

He called for an official, and when Gary Young of the PGA Tour showed up, Finau said he was going to declare it unplayable. Young said he first had to identify it to make sure it was his, and Finau — helped by being 6-foot-4 with alignment shafts in his bag — was able to swat it down. Young proceeded to give him a free drop outside the fenced area, without making clear to Finau that it was a TIO and he was allowed relief no matter the lie of his ball.

"I told the scorer he was hitting his second shot," Young said.

Finau still had in his head that he was taking a penalty drop, and after making par, signed for a 5.

"He didn't understand all day why the score on the sign was different than he thought," Young said.

The next morning, Finau bumped into Young and thanked him for his help. Young asked him how the hole turned out, and Finau told him he made 5 with the penalty. That's when Young realized there was a problem.

"I took it to the committee and they were torn," Young said. "I felt strongly there should be no penalty based on my miscommunication. We called the USGA, gave them all the details and they agreed it was a committee error."

The score on Finau's first hole of the tournament was changed after 36 holes.

"I told him it was my fault and not being more clear," Young said. "Ultimately, it had the right ending."

Dustin's wins: Golf research specialist Tom Ierubino noted one aspect of Dustin Johnson's 20th career PGA Tour victory that



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Dustin Johnson earned only his second PGA Tour victory with Tiger Woods in the field when he won at the Mexico Championship. It was Johnson's 20th career victory.

illustrates how his game didn't fully develop until Tiger Woods began missing big chunks of time later in his career.

The Mexico Championship was only the second time Johnson had won with Woods in the field.

The other was the 2010 BMW Championship at Cog Hill.

Johnson has won against some of the strongest fields in golf, with 13 of those 20 victories awarding at least 56 world ranking points to the winner. That includes one major, six World Golf Championships and four FedEx Cup playoff events. The other two were the Genesis Open at Riviera, typically the strongest field of the West Coast Swing, and the winners-only field at Kapalua.

Because of time off, which led to a drop in his world ranking, Woods has played in only 15 of the 37 World Golf Championships with Johnson in the field dating to 2009.

The flagstick: R&A chief executive Martin Slumbers says the first few months of the new Rules of Golf have not gone as smoothly as he would have liked, though he concedes some of that was to be expected given the six years it

took for a complete overhaul.

His one surprise is how players are choosing to leave in the flagstick for putts on the green.

Slumbers says the intent was save time, and it was mainly for the recreational players. Anecdotal evidence suggests it has had an effect on the amateur game, where players often don't have caddies. He also thinks it helps the television viewer when players leave it in for long putts because they have a better idea where the hole is.

"I have been surprised by the number of professionals who are leaving the flagstick in for short putts," Slumbers said Tuesday. "I think on long putts, I think it helps pace of play. But it wasn't intended as a performance option. We'll see how it develops."

"It's certainly not completely clear that it's a performance advantage. Otherwise, all the players would be doing it," he said. "So they each have their own view, and I'm sure that there will come an instance where a ball will get knocked out of the hole by the flagstick on a short putt, and that might make people think."

Right score, wrong course: Paul Casey was 3 under for his

opening three holes of the third round at the Mexico Championship when he was trying to work out the yardage on the par-3 13th. His caddie, John McLaren, told him he needed to land the shot 17 paces from the front of the green, which Casey found odd because the pin was supposed to be 13 paces on.

That's when they discovered one small problem.

"He suddenly looked in his book and he realized he had written down in his book every single pin that was wrong, and he couldn't figure out why," Casey said.

The hole locations McLaren took from the internet were for the Puerto Rico Open.

"And for the only time in his life, he didn't double-check them in the morning sitting in the breakfast room," he said.

McLaren heard plenty from his peers, courtesy of a major boost from Lee Westwood, who tweeted his blunder.

No one was laughing as hard as Casey. Besides, it wasn't a big deal. Casey played to a position on the green regardless of the flag on No. 10 (par), and he could see where the flag was on the par-5 11th (eagle). Ditto for the par-4 12th,

where several players hit driver near the green and it was easy to see from there.

For the final round, McLaren had the pin sheet from Mexico, not Puerto Rico.

"And we start off with three straight birdies," Casey said. "It was brilliant."

Open qualifying: A more compact PGA Tour schedule means changes to U.S. Open qualifying.

The majority of 36-hole qualifying will be the Monday (June 3) before U.S. Open week. Because the Canadian Open now precedes the U.S. Open (instead of the FedEx St. Jude Classic in Memphis, Tennessee), that qualifier moves to Rattlesnake Point Golf Club about 30 miles from Toronto.

The first qualifier will be two weeks earlier on Monday, May 20, on two courses in the Dallas area. That's the week of Colonial, and it's the Monday after the PGA Championship in New York.

The qualifier expected to have the most PGA Tour players remains Columbus, Ohio, the Monday after the Memorial.

Divots: Lee Elder is the first black to receive the Bob Jones Award, the highest honor presented by the USGA. Elder, who in 1975 became the first black to play in the Masters, will be honored the week of the U.S. Open at Pebble Beach. ... The R&A says Women's British Open champion Georgia Hall will become one of its ambassadors to play a key role in promoting girls and women in golf. Hall joins Padraig Harrington and Suzann Pettersen as R&A ambassadors. The 22-year-old Hall is the first ambassador to win all its championships at every age level — Girls' Amateur, Women's Amateur and Women's Open. ... Minjee Lee's runner-up finish in Thailand moved her to a career-best No. 3 in the world. The 22-year-old Aussie has 25 top 10s in her last 56 tournaments.

Stat of the week: Next week will be the fourth time Dustin Johnson has reached No. 1 in the world. Tiger Woods and Greg Norman each got there 11 times.

Final word: "This is not the time for knee-jerk reactions. This is the biggest change for 35 years, and it needs sensible, calm thinking as we watch what's happening." — R&A chief executive Martin Slumbers on the new Rules of Golf.

Grants aim to address critical social ills

MacArthur Foundation to hold second contest

By **STEVE JOHNSON**
 Chicago Tribune

Chicago's MacArthur Foundation will conduct a second round of its innovative \$100 million grant competition 100&Change, the organization announced Thursday.

From April 30 to August 6, the charity will accept online proposals at www.100andchange.org from organizations that can identify a critical social problem anywhere in the world and propose a lasting solution to it.

"The first 100&Change elicited such enthusiasm and excitement from both organizations engaged in social change and from the philanthropic community that we're doing it again," said Cecilia Conrad, the MacArthur managing director who leads 100&Change.

MacArthur will work with a new nonprofit it is starting, Lever for Change, to winnow the proposals down to a group of semifinalists that will present their ideas publicly.

The process drew comparisons to a reality show when the first 100&Change was launched three years ago, but in a good way. MacArthur executives were struck by the format's effectiveness: in forcing organizations to hone their message and to think bigger, and in drawing attention to ideas that deserved funding even if they didn't win it from MacArthur.

"We heard this was a unique opportunity for them to craft a solution. They described it as a liberating experience," said Conrad, who will be CEO of Lever for Change.

Lever for Change is drawing its seed money from MacArthur and LinkedIn founder Reid Hoffman. It was formed partly in response to the number of worthy projects, from amid more than 1900 initial proposals, that the original 100&Change identified, officials said.

"The new separate organization is actually a response to the convergence of two things," said MacArthur president Julia Stasch, who is scheduled to step down from MacArthur this year but will stay on as chair of the Lever for Change board. "The excitement by other funders and the pipeline that was being created, and the body of research that has shown there is an enormous amount of resources on the sidelines."

Lever for Change, for instance, would be able to connect potential

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Artist Laurie Simmons showcases photographs, sculptures and films that Simmons produced over more than four decades.

Dolls & dummies

At MCA Chicago, Laurie Simmons' photos have always toyed with gender and identity, decades ahead of the internet

By **STEVE JOHNSON**
 Chicago Tribune

The images bring both pleasure and a sense of dislocation. A housewife at her counter, holding it together. Cowboys riding through a meadow, seeking that happy trail. Doe-eyed young women in bright colors against winter landscapes.

Each of these photos, and most of the other scores of images in "Big Camera, Little Camera," the new Laurie Simmons retrospective that fills the fourth-floor galleries at MCA Chicago, is not what it first appears to be.

The cowboys and the housewife are dolls, looking natural in their roles but at the same time a little trapped. The young

women are part of *animegao kigurumi*, a Japanese subculture of people dressing as dolls, seeking to alter their own humanity.

And collectively — and with a sly but barbed sense of humor — they challenge you to think about what, if anything, is real: in our gender roles, in our cultural assumptions, in our perceptions of others.

This is a late-career retrospective for the 69-year-old New York artist, and we can see that almost from the beginning of her work in the 1970s she has been applying filters. Even the very recent series *Some New* looks at first like something Simmons has rarely done: unflinching portraits of human beings. But still — in, for instance, her children Lena Dunham dressed as Audrey Hepburn and Grace Dunham as Rudolph Valentino, both of

them not in clothes but in body paint — there are layers of remove.

"She is always, you know, shooting mannequins as people or people as mannequins," said Naomi Beckwith, the MCA senior curator who has helped guide the show into being. (It appeared first at the Modern Art Museum of Fort Worth and was curated by Andrea Karnes, of that institution.) "For her photography is just a tool by which she records these actions and this kind of play that she does in her studio. And in that sense, I would say the set building that she does and the body painting that she does, it's just as much the art practice, almost a performative art practice, as the snapping of the photo."

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Co-owners Rob Katz, left, and Kevin Boehm of the Boka Restaurant Group are back on the ballot in the Outstanding Restaurateur category.

Chicago scores 25 semifinalists for the 2019 James Beard Awards

By **PHIL VETTEL** | Chicago Tribune


Sarah Grueneberg of Monteverde leads a pack of 25 Chicago chefs and restaurants named semifinalists in the 2019 James Beard Foundation Awards on Wednesday.

Grueneberg, winner of the Best Chef: Great Lakes award in 2017, is back on the ballot for Outstanding Chef, a national award. Previous Outstanding Chef winners in Chicago include Rick Bayless, Paul Kahan, Grant Achatz and Charlie Trotter.

In other national awards, North Pond is a semifinalist for the Outstanding Restaurant award, Meg Galus of Boka is up for Outstanding Pastry Chef (she was a finalist in this category in 2016 and 2018) and Alisha Elenz of mfk is a semifinalist for Rising Star Chef.

Kevin Boehm and Rob Katz of the Boka Restaurant Group are back on the ballot in the Outstanding Restaurateur category; Boehm and Katz have been


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REMBRANDT PORTRAITS

OPENS MARCH 3

Rembrandt Harmenszoon van Rijn. *Self-Portrait* (detail), about 1636-38. The Norton Simon Foundation, Pasadena, California.



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Bradley Cooper and Lady Gaga onstage during the 91st Academy Awards in Los Angeles on Sunday.

Gaga aims to clarify Cooper relationship

After Lady Gaga and Bradley Cooper's intensely romantic Oscars performance got fans wondering if they're truly, madly, deeply in love, the singer sought to dispel such talk by calling her "A Star Is Born" co-star and director "a true friend" and an "artistic genius." The singer tweeted: "Nothing could be more special than sharing this moment at the Oscars with a true friend and artistic genius."

In front of a global audience at the Dolby Theatre, Lady Gaga and Cooper displayed undeniable chemistry and engaged in some really intense eye contact while sitting together, embracing, at the piano. Twitter chatter erupted Sunday about the true nature of Lady Gaga and Cooper's relationship.

That chatter was probably in part fueled by news last week that Lady Gaga had ended her engagement to talent agent Christian Carino. It turns out that Irina Shayk, who is the mother of Cooper's 2-year-old daughter, reportedly wasn't bothered by Lady Gaga and Cooper's display.

"Irina knows that Bradley and Gaga are artists," a source told Us Weekly. "It's a non-issue for her. They were in character putting on an Oscar performance."

Apparently, that's the message Lady Gaga wanted to send with her tweet: It was just a performance; she and Cooper are just friends; nothing scandalous here.

— Tribune News Service



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Jackson to launch Vegas residency: Janet Jackson is heading to Las Vegas. The pop icon announced Tuesday that she's launching a residency in Sin City later this year. Jackson will have 15 shows in May, July and August at the Park Theater at Park MGM resort. Tickets for the residency, called Metamorphosis, go on sale Saturday.

Grande passes Gomez on Instagram: Ariana Grande has a whole bunch of Instagram followers. The pop star passed Selena Gomez to become the most-followed woman on the photo-sharing website. The 25-year-old Grande currently has more than 146.4 million followers, giving her a narrow edge over Gomez's 146.3 million. Only soccer superstar Cristiano Ronaldo currently boasts more followers than Grande, with over 155 million.

'Star Is Born' gets encore: Warner Bros. is bringing a special encore version of "A Star Is Born" back to the big screen Friday with nearly 12 additional minutes of footage. The studio said Wednesday that the new edition will feature extended performances of songs sung by Lady Gaga like "Alibi," and an a cappella "Shallow," which won the Oscar Sunday for best original song. It will also feature brand new scenes between the leads Ally and Jack.

Feb. 28 birthdays: Actress Bernadette Peters is 71. Comedian Gilbert Gottfried is 64. Singer Pat Monahan is 50. Actress Ali Larter is 43. Country singer Jason Aldean is 42.



ASK AMY

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Phone distractions test relationships

Dear Readers: I've briefly stepped away from my column to work on a new writing project. This week, I'm rerunning topical Q&A's from 10 years ago. Today's topic: our relationship with our cellphones.

Dear Amy: I have a good friend who is very nice, very thoughtful and very dependable. Whenever anyone needs to reach her, my friend is just one text message away. But that is just what seems to be the problem — she is always reachable, and her phone is always there, ringing with text messages.

I recently spent time with her, and we hardly talked for the few hours we were together, because of her receiving and sending messages. She was texting at least three times every five minutes. I appreciate that whenever anyone needs to text her, she answers promptly, but it is annoying to witness.

I feel as though when I hang out with her that I am really hanging out with her phone. How should I approach her about this?

— Annoyed with Texting

Dear Annoyed: I don't get it. Unless your friend is a paramedic on duty or perhaps a renowned heart surgeon waiting for the delivery of an organ to transplant, why is it necessary for her to be in constant contact with her circle of connections?

I agree with you that it is annoying to watch someone read and respond to texts. It also is exceedingly rude of the person to do this with abandon when she's with you.

Perhaps the next time you're together, you should

send your pal a text, telling her how this habit affects you: "Dear friend, your constant texting while we're together is driving me nuts. Let's both put down our phones while we're together. I'll start." (This message measures exactly 140 characters — in case your friend is also addicted to Twitter.)

After sending your text, turn off your phone and toss it on the cafe table. Dare her to do the same. (July 2009)

Dear Amy: One of my oldest friends keeps his cellphone on when we get together. I have commented many times that it is rude to inflict private phone conversations on others. He insists that because I never had children, I don't understand. (His kids are all adults).

His favorite recent excuse is that the sales orders he writes for the factory he works for keep many people employed. He says I am unreasonable because I am an only child. (We're both 62.)

The last time I saw him, I exploded after the fifth call. It was a business emergency, but in my opinion the call could have waited. The fact that the last time was an emergency isn't an excuse, from my perspective. The only alternative may be to take separate cars when we plan activities, or just not get together. I think this person shows little consideration for others.

I don't think there is room for compromise — it's his way or the highway. I am ready to take the highway. What is the etiquette here?

— Denis

Dear Denis: Etiquette is all about consideration and respect, and this highway runs in both directions.

Cellphones permit people to conduct business while at a ballgame or on a fishing trip. They also let family members notify one another in emergencies. Unfortunately, they also let people be in constant touch and report in real time what they are eating (or thinking about eating) for dinner. This constant reportage is obnoxious and boring to witness.

Of course, there is room for compromise. If you and your friend are together during work hours, then he should take work calls, within reason. It isn't for you to decide what is or isn't a legitimate work call.

Your friend should not take personal calls while you are together. You two can work this out by agreeing to some basic ground rules. Your intractability and his slings about your personal situation aren't helping. (August 2009)

Dear Readers: Are you curious about my background and life outside of this space? Read my two memoirs, "The Mighty Queens of Freeville: A Mother, a Daughter, and the Town that Raised Them" and "Strangers Tend to Tell Me Things," available wherever books are sold or borrowed. You can also follow me on Twitter or Instagram: @AskingAmy; on Facebook at Facebook.com/ADickinsondaily.

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COMMENTARY

Thompson to Skydance: Why I can't work for Lasseter

By MARY McNAMARA

Los Angeles Times

When Skydance Media Chief Executive David Ellison announced this year that he was hiring John Lasseter to head Skydance Animation, many in and outside the company were shocked and deeply unhappy. Only months earlier, Lasseter had ended his relationship with Pixar — where he had worked since the early '80s — and parent company Disney after multiple allegations of inappropriate behavior and the creation of a frat house-like work environment. Lasseter had admitted to inappropriate hugging and "other missteps."

After announcing the hire, Ellison sent a long email to staff, noting that Lasseter was contractually obligated to behave professionally, and convened a series of town halls in which Lasseter apologized for past behavior and asked to be given the chance to prove himself to his new staff. Meanwhile, Mireille Soria, president of Paramount Pictures Animation, with which Skydance has a distribution deal, took the highly unusual step of meeting with female employees to tell them that they could decline to work with Lasseter.

But it was Emma Thompson, the politically outspoken newly anointed dame commander of the British Empire who made the first real definitive statement on Lasseter, and one of the most significant decisions in post-#MeToo Hollywood.

In mid-February, it was reported that the two-time Oscar winner had pulled out of Skydance's highly touted animation feature "Luck," citing her concerns about Lasseter's hiring. According to her representatives, from the moment the hire was announced, Thompson began conversations about extricating herself from the



JONATHAN BRADY/AP; VALERIE MACON/GETTY-AFP

Emma Thompson pulled out of a project at Skydance Animation after the studio hired John Lasseter.

project; she officially withdrew Jan. 20.

In a letter she sent to Skydance management three days later, she acknowledged the complications caused by a star withdrawing from a project, including the effect her decision would have on the director, the rest of the cast and the crew. But in the end, she wrote, the questions raised by the Lasseter hire made it impossible for her to remain in the film.

Thompson declined to comment on her decision, but she made the letter available to The Times. (When contacted, Skydance representatives had no comment.) Here it is, in full:

As you know, I have pulled out of the production of "Luck" — to be directed by the very wonderful Alessandro Carloni. It feels very odd to me that you and your company would consider hiring someone with Mr.

Lasseter's pattern of misconduct given the present climate in which people with the kind of power that you have can reasonably be expected to step up to the plate.

I realise that the situation — involving as it does many human beings — is complicated. However these are the questions I would like to ask: ■ If a man has been touching women inappropriately for decades, why would a woman want to work for him if the only reason he's not touching them inappropriately now is that it says in his contract that he must behave "professionally"?

■ If a man has made women at his companies feel undervalued and disrespected for decades, why should the women at his new company think that any respect he shows them is anything other than an act that he's required to perform by his coach, his therapist and his employment agreement? The message seems to

be, "I am learning to feel respect for women so please be patient while I work on it. It's not easy."

■ Much has been said about giving John Lasseter a "second chance." But he is presumably being paid millions of dollars to receive that second chance. How much money are the employees at Skydance being paid to GIVE him that second chance?

■ If John Lasseter started his own company, then every employee would have been given the opportunity to choose whether or not to give him a second chance. But any Skydance employees who don't want to give him a second chance have to stay and be uncomfortable or lose their jobs. Shouldn't it be John Lasseter who has to lose HIS job if the employees don't want to give him a second chance?

■ Skydance has revealed that no women received settlements from Pixar or Disney as a result of being

harassed by John Lasseter. But given all the abuse that's been heaped on women who have come forward to make accusations against powerful men, do we really think that no settlements means that there was no harassment or no hostile work environment? Are we supposed to feel comforted that women who feel that their careers were derailed by working for Lasseter DIDN'T receive money?

I hope these queries make the level of my discomfort understandable. I regret having to step away because I love Alessandro so much and think he is an incredibly creative director. But I can only do what feels right during these difficult times of transition and collective consciousness raising.

I am well aware that centuries of entitlement to women's bodies whether they like it or not is not going to change overnight. Or in a year. But I am also aware that if people who have

spoken out — like me — do not take this sort of a stand then things are very unlikely to change at anything like the pace required to protect my daughter's generation.

Yours most sincerely,
Emma Thompson

These are issues raised by many after news of Lasseter's hiring broke, and as other men who stepped down or were fired from high profile jobs after being accused of inappropriate behavior have attempted to return to their industries. They are, perhaps, described more succinctly by Thompson — she did win one of those Oscars for screenwriting — but far more important is that they are literally parting words.

Thompson wanted to do and a director with whom she wanted to work because "no" means "no," and it needed to be said in terms that Hollywood can understand.

BOOK REVIEW

Anti-semitism rises, from right and left

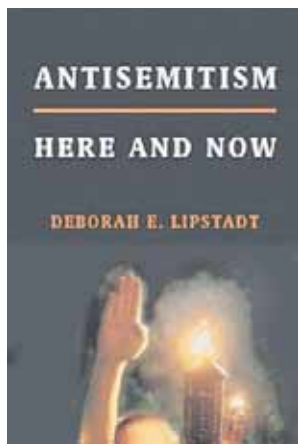
Deborah Lipstadt has prescient take on troubling turn

By **RANDY ROSENTHAL**
Special to The Washington Post

Completed in May 2018, Deborah E. Lipstadt's book "Antisemitism: Here and Now" was prescient. "By the time this book appears," Lipstadt wrote in its opening, "there will have been new examples of anti-Semitism." Five months later, a white supremacist shot and killed 11 people at Tree of Life synagogue in Pittsburgh, the deadliest attack on the Jewish community in the United States. The incident makes Lipstadt's book all the more crucial for understanding the dismaying resurgence of anti-Semitism — on both the right and the left.

Written as a series of letters to two fictional people — Abigail and Joe, composites of students and colleagues Lipstadt has worked with as a professor at Emory University — "Antisemitism: Here and Now" addresses questions many people began asking after the white-nationalist rally in Charlottesville in August 2017. Is today's anti-Semitism different from what we've seen before? Where is it coming from? What exactly is anti-Semitism, anyway?

Anti-Semitism is difficult to define, Lipstadt writes: "It is hard, if not impossible, to explain something that is essentially irrational, delusional, and absurd." At its heart, she explains, anti-Semitism is a conspiracy theory, and in its most extreme case, it manifests in the belief that Jews are responsible for the evil in the world. Persisting through millennia, in different cultures and regions, the belief that "Jews are not an enemy but



'Antisemitism'

By Deborah E. Lipstadt, Schocken, 288 pages, \$25.95

the ultimate enemy" is what makes anti-Semitism different from other prejudices.

More commonly, anti-Semitism persists in the notion that Jews control the banks and the media, or that Jews are pushy, cheap, rich or simply good with money. It also reveals itself in more subtle ways — as in the "dinner party anti-Semite" (a polite person who casually makes anti-Semitic statements but claims not to be anti-Semitic because of Jewish friends) and the "clueless anti-Semite" ("an otherwise nice and well-meaning person who is completely unaware that she has internalized anti-Semitic stereotypes and is perpetuating them" by making statements such as "Jews are bargain shoppers").

These ideas aren't new, especially to Lipstadt, author of numerous books on the subject and herself the subject of anti-Semitic attacks, especially for her

confrontation of Holocaust deniers.

What is new is the unabashed public anti-Semitism that's been unleashed since 2016. During that year's election, for example, anti-Semites on social media began placing a triple parentheses echo symbol around the surnames of Jewish journalists. Jewish journalists critical of Trump began receiving messages that they "should be gassed" and images of their faces superimposed on those of Auschwitz prisoners. Trump, Lipstadt argues, is an enabler, not an extremist; he didn't create white-supremacist groups, but he "let these reprehensible geniuses out of the bottle."

Anti-Semitism is not just a product of right-wing extremism. And it's here that the conversation gets more complicated. In the interest of social justice, Lipstadt writes, some progressives reveal subconscious anti-Semitism by making "blanket statements about Jews in their exhortation of wealthy capitalists who oppress and exploit the poor, who imply that Jews exert undue influence on the media, who deny that Jews can be the victims of race-based hatred in the same way that people of color are, and who include offensive, hate-filled Jewish stereotyping in their criticism of Israel government policies regarding Palestinians."

While Lipstadt emphasizes that criticizing the policies of the Israeli government is not necessarily an act of anti-Semitism, several sections of her book look at how the anti-Zionist discourse often "relies on anti-Semitic motifs or is



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Deborah Lipstadt lays out anti-Semitism from across the political spectrum.

simply a cover for anti-Semitism." After elucidating such anti-Semitic rhetoric in Britain's Labour Party, the book turns to the attacks on Jewish students and speakers by the anti-Israel Boycott, Divestment and Sanctions Movement, and meanders into the muddy debate of free speech now raging on college campuses. Lipstadt's "Abigail" is a progressive student who says she has been silenced at social justice meetings because she is a Jew. People assume she is pro-Israel and therefore condemn her for supporting white supremacy — a notion oblivious to the existence of Mizrahi and Sephardic Jews, not to mention how actual white supremacists believe, as the Pittsburgh shooter did, that "Jews are the enemy of white people."

One of the book's most disheartening bits details how three leaders of the 2017 Women's March — Linda Sarsour, Tamika D.

Mallory and Carmen Perez — publicly supported anti-Semitic statements made by Nation of Islam leader Louis Farrakhan and even made anti-Semitic statements themselves. Similarly, two freshman Democrats in Congress — Reps. Ilhan Omar and Rashida Tlaib — have recently criticized Israel and the American Israel Public Affairs Committee by expressing anti-Semitic rhetoric, reinforcing stereotypical tropes about Jews and money. Omar has since apologized. Even so, it is deeply discouraging that many on the left exhibit prejudice similar to what they condemn on the right.

Lipstadt lays out a convincing case for being concerned about the recent explosion of anti-Semitism, but she also wants readers to appreciate how much America has changed. No longer do elite universities have quotas on Jewish students, for example. And anti-Semitic violence is still

much more prevalent in Europe, where Jews are encouraged to cover their yarmulke and most synagogues are protected by police officers. At least we're not there yet.

The way to avoid getting there is for people on all sides of the political spectrum to examine their potential blind spots regarding anti-Semitism, Lipstadt argues, and "call out both friends and foes." As Lipstadt writes, "The existence of prejudice in any of its forms is a threat to all those who value an inclusive, democratic, and multicultural society." And so if we think ourselves to be liberal, or progressive, or simply decent, "we must insist that anti-Semitism be treated with the same seriousness as racism, sexism, homophobia, and Islamophobia." How we do that is up to each of us, but this is a good place to start.

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BOOK REVIEW

'American Spy' breaks new ground in suspense fiction

By **MAUREEN CORRIGAN**
Special to The Washington Post

In 1995, mystery writer Paula L. Woods brought out a groundbreaking anthology of black suspense fiction called "Spooks, Spies, and Private Eyes." It was a clever title, but truth to tell, there were many more private eyes featured in the collection than spies or spooks. Indeed, only one novel that Woods mentioned fit squarely within the classic espionage tradition: "The Spook Who Sat by the Door," by Sam Greenlee, which was published in 1969 and made into a movie in 1973. Greenlee was one of the first black officers to serve in the U.S. Information Agency, and his novel features an African-American CIA agent who uses his agency training to foment a black guerrilla movement in the United States.

All these years later, the espionage genre remains one of the least diverse branches of suspense fiction. Lauren Wilkinson's new novel, "American Spy," is extraordinary in a lot of ways — most obviously because it places a female African-American intelligence officer, Marie Mitchell, at the center of a Cold War tale of political espionage. But also striking is the novel's deeper recognition that, to some extent, rudimentary tradecraft is something all of her African-American characters have learned as an everyday survival skill. As Marie's father tells her on the day of her graduation from the FBI Academy at Quantico, "I've been a spy in this country for as long as I can remember."

"American Spy" jumps around in time and place, from the early 1960s to the early 1990s. At the heart of the story is Marie's (ini-



'American Spy'

By Lauren Wilkinson, Random House, 292 pages, \$27

tially calculated) romantic encounter, while working as a contractor for the CIA, with the actual historical figure Thomas Sankara, the revolutionary young president of Burkina Faso who is known as "Africa's Che Guevara." Of necessity, Wilkinson has to supply a lot of political context here, which sometimes weighs down the suspense narrative. But Wilkinson begins with a tense opening that assures readers that "American Spy" will try its best to deliver action along with edification.

The scene is late at night at Marie's house in rural Connecticut. She tells us she was up late working on a translation, while her twin 4-year-old sons (by Sankara, who was assassinated in 1987) are sound asleep. All is quiet, until Marie hears a floorboard creak in the hall.

"I unlocked the safe beneath my desk, grabbed my old service automatic, and crept toward my bedroom doorway, stealthy until I was brought to grief by a Lego Duplo that stung the sole of my foot. I hobbled the rest of the way to the door and crouched

behind it."

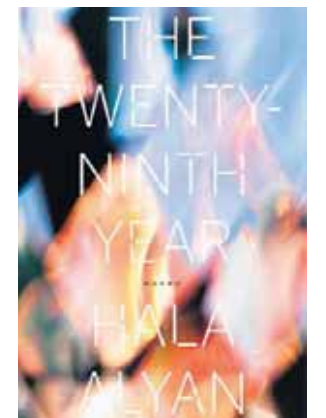
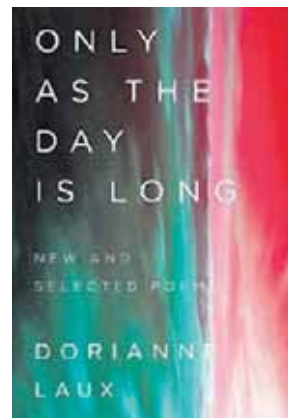
She proceeds to shoot and kill the assassin who shortly enters her bedroom. Afterward, Marie digs out some false passports she's kept at the ready and whisks her sons off to their grandmother's home in Martinique. There she sits down to write a letter to them about her life and their heritage, "just in case I'm not around to tell you." That retrospective missive becomes this novel.

While Marie's assignment in Burkina Faso is filled with intrigue, seduction and double and triple crosses, the most absorbing parts of her story lie closer to home. Marie flashes back to her middle-class childhood in Queens and to her time in the 1980s as a special agent (and the only woman of color) in the New York field office.

Ultimately, Marie becomes so disenchanted with the insular culture of the bureau that she accepts that assignment from the CIA, which requires her to romantically entrap the married Sankara and, thus, undermine his Marxist rule over Burkina Faso. The fact that Marie takes on the assignment — despite her admiration for Sankara — speaks to the hard realities of her situation. Her first loyalty must be to herself and, later, to her sons.

"American Spy" is a morally nuanced and atmospheric political thriller. The climax is set in Burkina Faso, which means "Land of Incorruptible People," but as Marie's adventures attest, no one and nothing is ever quite that pure.

Maureen Corrigan, who teaches literature at Georgetown University, is the book critic for the NPR program "Fresh Air."



Poetry roundup: 4 new collections reviewed

By **ELIZABETH LUND**
The Washington Post

'Only as the Day Is Long' by Dorianne Laux, Norton, 128 pages, \$26.95

For nearly 30 years, Dorianne Laux has written about love and violence, survival and grief, in poems that are clear, compelling and insightful. In "Only as the Day Is Long: New and Selected Poems" she begins with memories of her abusive father and her complex, challenging mother, then moves through her early adulthood and relationships to more recent days, when she cared for her elderly mother and mourned her passing. Laux, a finalist for the National Book Critics Circle Award for her 1994 book "What We Carry," shows us how to endure hardships without losing humanity and compassion. This timely, beautifully crafted collection wonderfully balances light and dark.

'Loves You' by Sarah Gambito, Persea, 96 pages, \$15.95

Sarah Gambito's "Loves You" combines poems and recipes to convey the complex and sometimes difficult experience of Filipinos living in America. The recipes show how food fosters a sense of community and continuity, as in the recipe bibingka malagkit,

which notes that "You're going to have a very certain regard for the people that you make this for as the rice gets very heavy as it cooks and you cannot stop stirring." The book is divided into five sections, each one named for the five basic tastes — umami, sour, salty, bitter, sweet — and the writing reflects a range of emotions, from hope and humor to shame and anger about the way Filipinos and other Asians are often misunderstood and demeaned. In this distinctive, highly anticipated third book, Gambito challenges readers to consider what sustains and nurtures them.

'The Twenty-Ninth Year' by Hala Alyan, Mariner, 96 pages, \$15.99

"The Twenty-Ninth Year," the fourth collection by Palestinian-American poet and psychologist Hala Alyan, considers the people, places and experiences that have shaped her past and present. Among those memories are her family emigrating from the tumult of the Middle East to Oklahoma; various lovers and excesses; and her journey out of alcoholism and into a stable marriage. The writing is bold and unrepentant, as in "A Love Letter to My Panic/A Love Letter to My Husband": "I don't get off / on pain anymore. I

understand now why the one coast / ripped in two; sometimes what's left of a good house / is its locked door." Along the way, Alyan questions religion, examines various versions of herself, and balances the sacred and the profane in writing that is forceful and vigorous.

'Oculus' by Sally Wen Mao, Graywolf, 96 pages, \$16

In the fascinating collection "Oculus," Sally Wen Mao considers exile as a result of time, distance — and modern technology. The title piece reflects on a girl in Shanghai who committed suicide online while "awaiting a hand to hold, / eyes to behold her as the lights clicked on / and she posed for her picture, long eyelashes / all wet, legs tapered, bright as thorns." A series of poems about the first Chinese-American movie star, Anna May Wong, shows her traveling through the past and then to the future of film in a time machine. By telling Wong's story, and those of other women of color who have been defined by images in popular culture, the work explores the ramifications of being seen and objectified but never truly known.

Elizabeth Lund writes about poetry each month for The Washington Post.

Rush, Johnson to headline Blues Fest

BY HOWARD REICH
Chicago Tribune

Bobby Rush, the Jimmy Johnson Blues Band and Bettye LaVette will headline the 36th annual Chicago Blues Festival, running June 7-9 on several stages in Millennium Park.

The lineup will include:

June 7: Rush, Johnson Blues Band celebrating Johnson's 90th birthday and Charlie Musselwhite with Billy Boy Arnold.

June 8: LaVette, Don Bryant and Latimore.

June 9: Ruthie Foster, and The Connection with Mike Welch and Friends. Among other festivals

presented by the city's Department of Cultural Affairs and Special Events:

The 4th annual Chicago House Music Conference and Festival will run May 23-25. Activities will include:

■ A Chicago House Music Conference from 6-9 p.m. May 23 at the Chicago Cultural Center, 78 E. Washington St.

■ Orbert Davis' Chicago Jazz Philharmonic featuring Marshall Jefferson, 6:30 p.m. May 24 at the Pritzker Pavilion in Millennium Park.

■ Reel People, May 25 at the Pritzker Pavilion.

The 34th Chicago

Gospel Music Festival will run May 31 to June 1, with performances at the Chicago Cultural Center and Millennium Park.

The 41st annual Chicago Jazz Festival will run Aug. 23 to Sept. 1, with performances neighborhood venues, the Chicago Cultural Center and Millennium Park.

For more information, visit www.chicagobluesfestival.us and www.chicago-jazzfestival.us.

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Bettye LaVette will headline the 36th annual Chicago Blues Festival.

Dolls

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Simmons may be best known outside of the art world as Lena Dunham's mother (and a star of and inspiration for "Tiny Furniture," the indie film that brought Dunham to the public eye). But she and her husband, the painter Carroll Dunham, have been central to the New York art world for decades.

"She's very much part of my art historical education," Beckwith said. "She was part of two things for me that were really important. She was part of this new explosion of an understanding of what photography is and does, especially in the late '70s and '80s, when you have the growth of the conceptual art movements and when ideas began to separate from the objects and the artist feels more freedom to play with the medium -- also when pop culture becomes a big part of art practice. And then secondly, she also was part of this group of women that just came into the art world at that time, almost en masse, and started to set the tone and conversations around what the voices of women were going to be in art history."

Indeed, one of the things that's most striking throughout "Big Camera, Little Camera" is how much its concerns, teased out from the 1970s onward, seem of the present moment. It's a notion that struck Simmons, too, as she helped put together the retrospective.

"I think from the very moment that I picked up a camera, you know, after art school when I first got to New York in the '70s, I knew I was an artist and I knew that I wasn't a street photographer. I knew people who were working out in the street who were waiting for 'the decisive moment,' all of the stuff that



Two of the photographs from Simmons' Walking and Lying Objects (1987-91) series are seen in the foreground at the Museum of Contemporary Art.



A selection of the props that Simmons used in her earlier work is on display as part of Big Camera, Little Camera.

we know about," Simmons said in a phone interview before the exhibition opened here. "But I knew that that wasn't me, and I was afraid to go out on the street with my camera. I was way too self-conscious. And when I picked up a camera -- it doesn't sound so radical now -- but I thought only about its potential to lie because it had been always, since its incep-

tion, touted as this tool that could tell the truth.

"I thought, 'This is such a great tool for lying.' And, you know, all of the things that I was interested in that the camera could do, I only needed to wait like 40 years and the internet could do it all," she said. "I didn't know that I was a person tapping my toe, waiting for internet culture, waiting for all kinds of crafty ways to lie about your own identity and the way you look and who you are and scale and place. If I had discovered the Japanese cosplayers, the *kigurumi* kids who dress up like dolls, if I discovered them in the '70s, I probably would've stopped working then because I was looking for them all along."

She kept working, of course -- she calls herself a

"worker bee" -- through one series after another: the cowboy dolls; models in thrift-store fashion shot to look like magazine ads; images clipped from porn and placed into domestic settings; various takes on doll houses; ventriloquists' dummies posed in chairs, as sculptures. (Lined up on a wall, these are a particularly effective moment in "Big Camera, Little Camera.")

There's also a photographic series of male dolls with mostly lascivious thought balloons. Those photos weren't well received at the time, but have been more positively reinterpreted in the #MeToo movement, Simmons said.

Having a famous and not particularly reticent daughter has helped change her philosophy on explaining

her work, the artist said.

"We used to be a really private family, but I guess that's over. Because my daughter Lena has had so many health issues and so many things have happened publicly, and so much positive, so much negative, I think that our family really knows how to circle the wagons and protect each other," she said. "My husband and I are a little bit old-school in the sense that we always had this idea that the work will speak for itself. And I have adapted more to you, you know, I really love talking about my work. It's really important for an artist's legacy to leave your own information about the work. So I've really changed about that. ... When you have a millennial kid who's an oversharer, you're going

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to have to get used to, um, some changes."

For instance: Early on, she photographed dolls in pristine kitchen settings, photos that have been frequently interpreted as commentary on the constriction of societal roles for women. But in her own mind, that is not what Simmons was aiming at.

"When I made my first pictures of women in doll house interiors, right out of the gate they were construed as a critique of the housewife in the kitchen," she said. "They were about a kind of look back and are quite tender. They were a look back at life in the '50s, the way I grew up, and it was much more about appearances and the way that post-World War II America had a very seamless relationship with the surface of things. Meaning that your house was supposed to look like pictures in a magazine, like ads in a magazine. ... So even in my 20s, when I looked back at my own past, I had a hard time separating my lunch from a Campbell's soup ad.

"I don't know if I had the language to call it 'consumer culture,' but it was a lot about the facade. It was a lot about my experience growing up in post-World War II suburbia and how everything seem to be about appearances. And of course as a child, if you're perceptive, you know that if you scratch the surface, things are not perfect. So I would say it was a lot about kind of chasing perfection in a certain way and trying to understand why it was so important for everyone to have to look a certain way."

This has led to a kind of ongoing misperception and a double bristling at a term regularly applied to her, "feminist photographer."

"I never started out my work as a critique of the, you know, American women being held hostage in the home. And my idea of being a feminist artist is that every woman who is an artist is a feminist artist, but it was never solely my subject. That's one way I feel like

I've always been misunderstood: that yes, there is a feminist through-line through everything I do because I'm a woman artist, but it is not the only subject. I feel like an artist because I make sculpture, photographs, films. So, you know, when I get upset is when I see 'Laurie Simmons, feminist photographer.' I'm like, 'Ouch, that's not what it is.'"

But in looking at the retrospective, she does see a through line, she said.

"It's been some iteration of 'woman and interior space.' And I feel like that's true for me whether the figure is female or male, whether it is literally an interior space or not. That's the thought, that's the ghostly thought. That's the subject that runs through everything. And maybe the interior space is in my own mind or whatever, but they all feel connected by that one simple phrase. If this is a really long movie, that would be my tagline: 'Woman and interior space.'"

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"Better Things" (9 p.m., 10:20 p.m., 12:57 a.m., FX): Pamela Adlon's funny and wise comedy about a single mom and her daughters has earned heaps of critical love, plus a Peabody Award, one of the industry's most prestigious honors. The show underwent a major upheaval during its recent hiatus, however, as Adlon's co-creator, writing partner and longtime BFF Louis C.K. saw his career crash and burn in a lurid sexual impropriety scandal.

"Grey's Anatomy" (7 p.m., ABC): Now in its 15th season, "Grey's Anatomy" hits another milestone with its 332nd episode, "We Didn't Start the Fire," which makes this Shonda Rhimes blockbuster the longest-running medical drama in television history. The story finds Jackson (Jesse Williams) throwing a party to celebrate Catherine's (guest star Debbie Allen) surgery and thank everyone who helped save her, but virtually nothing goes according to his plan.

"Legacies" (8 p.m., CW): When the urn goes missing, Alaric and Hope (Matthew Davis, Danielle Rose Russell) hit the road with Josie and Lizzie (Kaylee Bryant, Jenny Boyd), among others, in a desperate rush to find the artifact before the next creature from Malivore arrives at the school in the new episode "There's a Mummy on Main Street." Meanwhile, Lizzie bitterly resents all the past spring breaks Hope has ruined.

"Million Dollar Listing Los Angeles" (8:01 p.m., 10:31 p.m., 1:32 a.m., Bravo): As he tries to sell a villa that has sat on the market for a year, Josh Altman decides to exploit his own polarizing personality by renting a dunk tank to attract prospective buyers who might love to see him get drenched in the new episode "Hell or High Water."

"Fam" (8:30 p.m., CBS): When MC DJ JoJo (guest star Peter Sudarso), Shannon's (Odessa Adlon) bad-to-the-bone ex-boyfriend, re-enters her life, Clem (Nina Dobrev) is deeply concerned that all her sister's positive changes will be swept away by old behavior. Clem and Nick (Tone Bell) decide to mount a campaign of reverse psychology in a bid to get the former lovebirds to break up again.

"The Other Two" (9:30 p.m., Comedy Central): Chase (Case Walker) shoots a new music video that pushes the envelope a bit more than Pat (Molly Shannon) might like. In fact, some might describe it as borderline disgusting. As for his older siblings, Cary (Drew Tarver) decides to take a big risk and tries out a somewhat radical new look that he hopes will advance his career.

TALK SHOWS

"Conan" (10 p.m. 11:30 p.m., TBS): The cast and creators of "Pen15," Maya Erskine and Anna Konkle.*

"The Tonight Show Starring Jimmy Fallon" (10:34 p.m., NBC): Jimmy Fallon brings A-list guests, signature comedy bits and chart-topping music to late night.*

"The Late Show With Stephen Colbert" (10:35 p.m., CBS): Actor Matthew McConaughey; Better Oblivion Community Center performs.*

"Jimmy Kimmel Live" (10:35 p.m., ABC): Actress Ellen Pompeo; professional soccer player Zlatan Ibrahimović; half-alive performs.*

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David Miliband from Sesame Workshop and the International Rescue Committee presents the grant-winning education project to an audience on Dec. 11, 2017.

Grant

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philanthropists who want to put their money to good use but "lack the apparatus to do that," Stasch said.

After a careful narrowing process, the first \$100 million grant winner was Sesame Workshop and the International Rescue Committee for a plan to educate

young children displaced by the conflict in the Syria region. The winners included a Muppet in their onstage presentation in a Chicago hotel ballroom in December 2017, and pledged theirs would be "the largest early childhood intervention in the history of humanitarian response."

That project is going well, Conrad said, and it was exciting when the Lego Foundation in December

accepted MacArthur's challenge and awarded another \$100 million to Sesame Workshop and partners to "ensure that young children affected by the Rohingya and Syrian crises have opportunities to learn through play and develop the skills needed for the future," Lego said in a news release.

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Awards

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finalists for this award for three straight years.

Birrieria Zaragoza and Gibsons Bar & Steakhouse are semifinalists for Outstanding Service; Kyoten and Passerotto were named among the Best New Restaurant candidates; and Lost Lake is Chicago's sole representative on the Outstanding Bar Program ballot.

Outstanding Baker semifinalists include Greg Wade of Publican Quality Bread (a finalist the last two years) and first-time semifinalist Stephanie Hart of Brown Sugar Bakery. Semifinalists in the Outstanding Wine Program award include Spaggiaria and Income Tax.

In the Best Chef: Great Lakes category (which honors chefs in Illinois, Indiana, Michigan and Ohio), Chicago semifinalists are Thai and Danielle



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Thai and Danielle Dang, chef and general manager of HaiSous, are semifinalists for Best Chef: Great Lakes.

Dang of HaiSous, Diana Davila of Mi Tocaya Antojeria, Paul Fehribach of Big Jones, Jason Hammel of Lula Cafe, Brian Jupiter of Frontier, Beverly Kim and Johnny Clark of Parachute, Ethan Pikas of Cellar Door Provisions, David and Anna Posey of Elske, Iliana Regan of Kitsune, Noah Sandoval of Oriole, and Lee Wolen of Boka. Kim/Clark and Wolen have been finalists

previously.

Finalists for the James Beard Foundation Awards will be announced March 27. The winners will be announced at the James Beard Awards Gala on May 6 in Chicago.

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	H&I 26.4	Star Trek ©	Star Trek: Next		Star Trek: Deep Space 9	Star Trek ▶	
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	FOX 32	Gotham: "Nothing's Shocking." (N) ©	The Orville: "Identity, Part 2." (N) ©			Fox 32 News at Nine (N)	Modern Family ©
	Ion 38	Chicago P.D. ©	Chicago P.D. ©			Chicago P.D. ©	Chicago ▶
	Telem 44	Exatlon EE. UU. (N)	Betty en NY (N) ©			El barón (N) ©	Chicago (N)
	CW 50	Charmed ©	Legacies (N) ©			The Good Wife ©	Chicago ▶
	UniMas 60	Tres Milagros ©	Atrapada ©			Rosario Tijeras ©	Tiro de ▶
WJYS 62	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Joyce Meyer	Robison	Christian	Dn. Carson	
Univ 66	Jesus	Mi marido tiene familia			Amar a muerte	Noticias (N)	
CABLE	AE	The First 48 (N) ©	The First 48 (N) ©		(9:01) 60 Days In (N) ©	First 48 ▶	
	AMC	Cast Away (PG-13, '00) ***	Tom Hanks, Helen Hunt. ©			Bronx Tale ▶	
	ANIM	River	River	River (N)	River (N)	River Monsters: "American Killers." *	
	BBCA	Planet Earth: S. Pacific	Planet Earth: S. Pacific			Planet Earth: S. Pacific	Premier (N)
	BET	Big Mommas: Like Father	Creed (PG-13, '15) ***	Michael B. Jordan, Sylvester Stallone. ▶			
	BIGTEN	Basketball Women's College Basketball: Buckeyes at Badgers (N)	Campus	Basketball			
	BRAVO	Top Chef (N) ©	Million Dollar LA (N)	(9:01) Backyard Envy (N)		Watch (N) ▶	
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	CNBC	Shark Tank ©	Shark Tank ©			Shark Tank ©	Shark ▶
	CNN	Anderson Cooper 360 (N)	Cuomo Prime Time (N)			CNN Tonight (N)	Tonight (N) ▶
	COM	The Office	The Office	The Office	The Office	Broad City	Other Two
	DISC	Building Off the Grid ©	Building Off the Grid ©			Building Off the Grid ©	Off Grid ▶
	DISN	Sydney-Max	Coop	Raven	Raven	Sydney-Max	Coop
	E!	Hollywood Medium (N)	Hollywood Medium			Hollywood Medium	Busy
	ESPN	College Basketball (N)	College Basketball: Teams TBA. (N) (Live)			TBA. (N) (Live)	SportCtr (N)
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	FNC	Tucker Carlson (N)	Hannity (N) ©			The Ingraham Angle (N)	Fox News
	FOOD	Chopped: "Lamb Slam."	Chopped ©			Beat Flay (N) Beat Bobby	Beat Bobby
	FREE	Siren: "Distress Call." (N)	Shrek (PG, '01) ***	Voices of Mike Myers. © (SAP)			700 Club ▶
	FX	Bad Moms (R, '16) **	Mila Kunis, Kristen Bell. ©	Better	Better	Better	Better
	HALL	Love, Once and Always (NR, '18)	Amanda Schull. ©	Love at Sea (NR, '18)	Alexa PenaVega. ▶		
	HGTV	Flip or Flop	Flip or Flop	Flip-Flop (N) Flip or Flop		Hunters (N) Hunt Intl (N)	Hunters
	HISTV	Swamp People ©	Swamp People (N)			Truck Night (N)	Swamp ▶
	HLN	Forensic	Forensic	Forensic	Forensic	Forensic	Forensic
	IFC	Fast Times at Ridgemont	Trading Places (R, '83) ***	Dan Aykroyd, Eddie Murphy. ©			
	LIFE	Bring It! (N) ©	Bring It! (N) ©			(9:03) The Rap Game (N)	Rap Game
	MSNBC	All In With (N)	Rachel Maddow Show (N)			The Last Word (N)	11th Hour ▶
	MTV	Ex on the Beach (N) ©	Game of Clones ©			Ex on the Beach ©	Clones ▶
	NBCSCH	Premier League Soccer: Blues vs Spurs (Tape)				Elite Amateur Fight League (N)	
	NICK	SpongeBob	SpongeBob	Ice Age: Dawn of the Dinosaurs (PG, '09) **			Friends ©
	OVATION	National Lampoon's European Vacation ('85) **	Captain Cook (N)			Pacific (N) ▶	
	OWN	20/20 on OWN ©	20/20 on OWN ©	20/20 on OWN ©		20/20 ▶	
ODY	Chicago P.D. ©	Chicago P.D. ©			Chicago P.D. ©	Chicago ▶	
PARMT	Friends ©	Friends ©	Lip Sync (N) Lip Sync		Ace Ventura: Pet Detective ('94) ***		
SYFY	Priest **	47 Ronin (PG-13, '13) **	Keanu Reeves, Hiroyuki Sanada. ©			Deadly ▶	
TBS	Seinfeld	Seinfeld	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	
TCM	The Great White Hope (PG-13, '70) ***				Somebody Up There Likes Me ***		
TLC	Dr. Pimple Popper	Dr. Pimple Popper (N)			Untold Stories of the E.R.	Stories ER ▶	
TLN	IMPACT	Wretched	Unchained-Trauma		Life Today	Like You	
TNT	NBA Basketball: 76ers at Thunder (N Subject to Blackout)					Basketball (N Subject to)	
TOON	Samur. Jack Amer. Dad	Amer. Dad	Burgers	Burgers	Family Guy	Family Guy	
TRAV	The Dead Files ©	The Dead Files (N) ©			Kindred Spirits (N) ©	Dead Files ▶	
TVL	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	Two Men	Two Men	
USA	NCIS: "Hereafter."	NCIS: "Detour." ©			NCIS: "Prime Suspect."	NCIS ▶	
VH1	The Family That Preys **	RuPaul's Drag Race (N) ©				Love ▶	
WE	Growing Up Hip Hop ©	Growing Up Hip Hop (N)			Marriage- Stars (N)	Hip Hop ▶	
WGN America	Last Man	Last Man	Last Man	Last Man	Last Man	Last Man	
PREMIUM	HBO	Geostorm (PG-13, '17) *	Gerard Butler. ©		Crashing	True Detective © ▶	
	HBO2	O.G. (NR, '18)	Jeffrey Wright. ©		Last Week	(9:20) 2 Dope Queens	
	MAX	Natural Born Killers (R, '94) ***	Woody Harrelson.			Kingsman: The Golden Circle ('17) ***	
	SHO	(7:15) Pulp Fiction (R, '94) ***	John Travolta, Samuel L. Jackson. ©			Desus (N)	
	STARZ	(6:01) Superfly ('18) **	How Do You Know (PG-13, '10) **	Reese Witherspoon.		Children ▶	
STZNC	(6:14) Life (R, '17) **	Howard the Duck (PG, '86) **	Lea Thompson.		Airheads ▶		

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Horoscopes



Today's birthday (Feb. 28): Profits rise with your professional influence this year. Work with respected players. Unexpected plot twists make news. Romance and fun blossom this summer. Your shared venture reaps satisfying results next winter, before a new passion phase develops. Weave with heart.

Aries (March 21-April 19): Today is a 7. Your career rises with focus and attention. Keep building toward your long-term vision. If you don't have one, think about it and write something down.

Taurus (April 20-May 20): 8. Plan a vacation or trip. Your wandering feet miss the road. Long distance adventures begin with one step. Learn, explore and discover the world.

Gemini (May 21-June 20): 8. Discuss shared finances. Moves you make now can have long-term benefit. Keep building your future fund. Disciplined efforts succeed. Work together for shared gain.

Cancer (June 21-July 22): 8. Collaborate for mutual support. Shared interests deserve your attention. Keep your promises, and make new ones. You're building something great together.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22): 8. Discipline with your health and fitness practices provides long-term benefits. Balance work, exercise and rest. Feed your energy with good food.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): 8. Lend a helping hand. Provide emotional and physical support to someone you love. Stand together. Listen, and bear witness. Keep showing up.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): 8. Pour your creativity into making long-desired changes at home. Play with color, texture and lighting. Remove what doesn't fit. A few upgrades make a big difference.

Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): 8. Write, edit and publish. Your muses have an open connection. Communications reach a wider audience. Share what you're learning. Reach out to your network.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): 9. Push for a lucrative goal. Disciplined efforts succeed. Reinforce foundational supports. There's extra income available if you're willing to go for it.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): 9. Self-discipline is your secret power. Keep things simple and frugal. Personal matters have your attention. Dress for success, and smile for the camera.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): 6. Listen to your intuition. Consider what's ahead, and review plans behind closed doors. Contemplate different options and potential consequences.

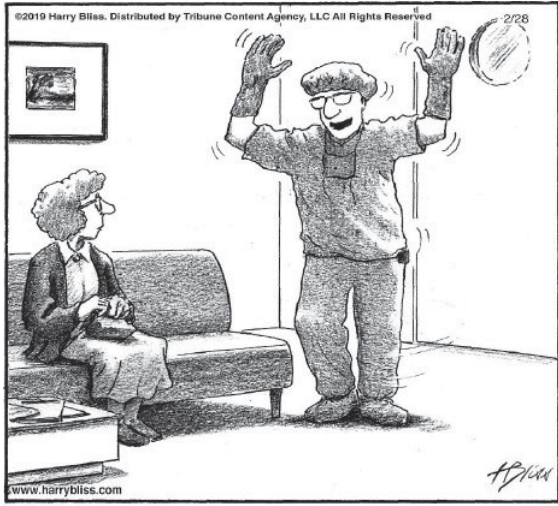
Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20): 8. Huddle with your team. Solutions arise naturally when you work together. Others admire your fancy footwork. Share tricks and techniques.

— Nancy Black, Tribune Content Agency

The Argyle Sweater



Bliss By Harry Bliss



"I saved him! All me — who's awesome? Total winner, right here, whoop-whoop! That's it. Just take it all in."

Bridge

Both vulnerable, North deals

North		East	
♠ A Q 10 9 8 2	♥ 8	♠ K J 6 5 4 3	♥ J 10
♦ 10 8 5	♣ A 10 7	♦ J 6	♣ J 9 5
South		West	
♠ 7	♥ A Q 7 5 2	♠ 4	♥ 9 6 4
♦ A Q 9	♣ K Q 4 2	♦ 4	♣ 8 6 3

Plenty of points for game, but with no good fit, three no trump is often a struggle. Should the clubs behave, a successful finesse in either major will provide nine tricks.

The opening diamond lead went to the 10, jack and king. Intending to take the spade finesse, South led his spade

The bidding:

North	East	South	West
1♠	Pass	2♥	Pass
2♠	Pass	3NT	All pass

Opening lead: Three of ♦

toward dummy, but he went up with the ace when West discarded a club. A heart to the queen lost to the king, and West continued with the ace and another diamond. South won with his queen as East pitched a spade. Declarer cashed his ace of hearts, and when East followed with the jack, after playing the 10 on the first heart, it looked like East started with 6-2-2-3 distribution. South cashed the king and queen of clubs, and then led a low club to dummy's ace. This was the position:

North		East	
♠ Q 10 9 8	♥ Void	♠ K J 6 5	♥ Void
♦ Void	♣ Void	♦ Void	♣ Void
South		West	
♠ Void	♥ 7 5 2	♠ 4	♥ 9 6 4
♦ Void	♣ 4	♦ 4	♣ 8 6 3

South had cut himself off from the long club, but the spade suit would produce two more winners to get his total up to nine. Well done!

— Bob Jones
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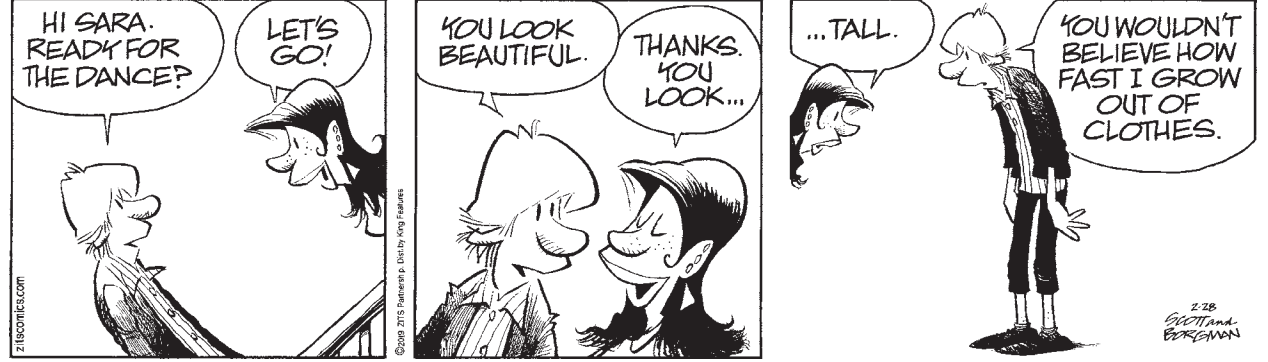
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Baby Blues



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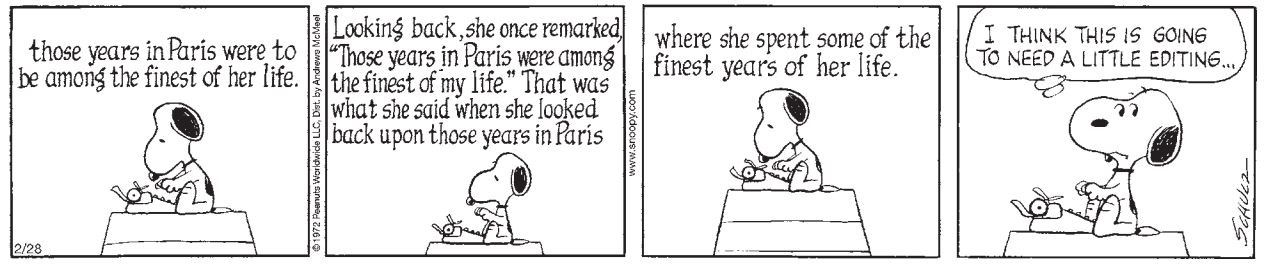
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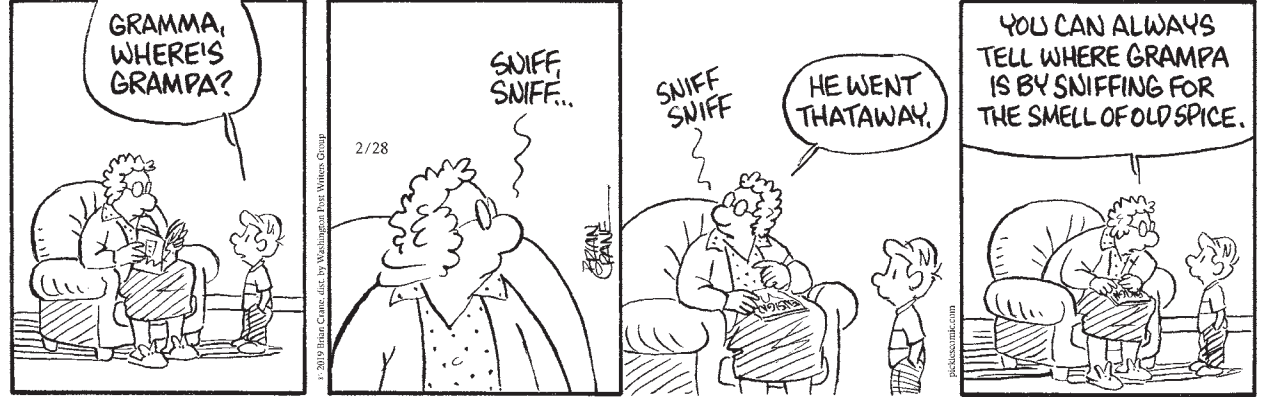
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Classic Peanuts



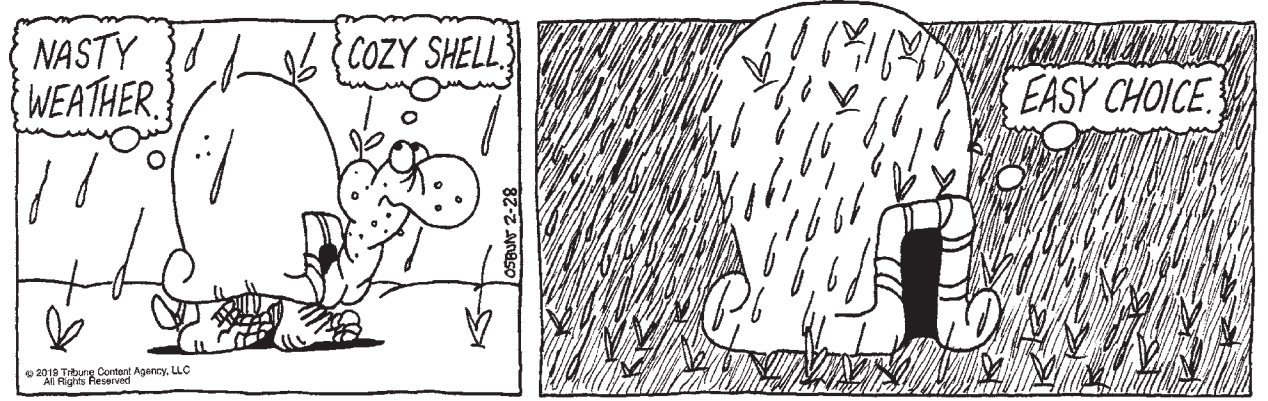
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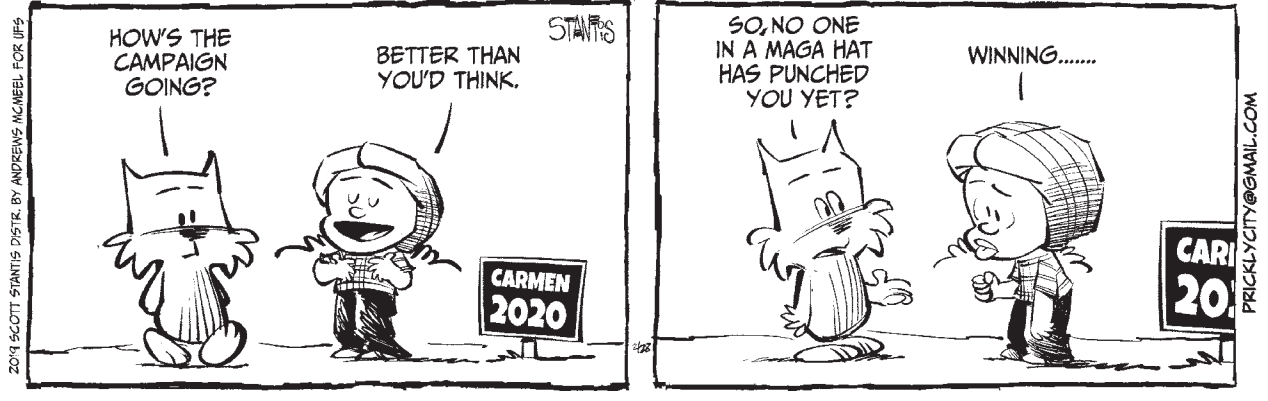
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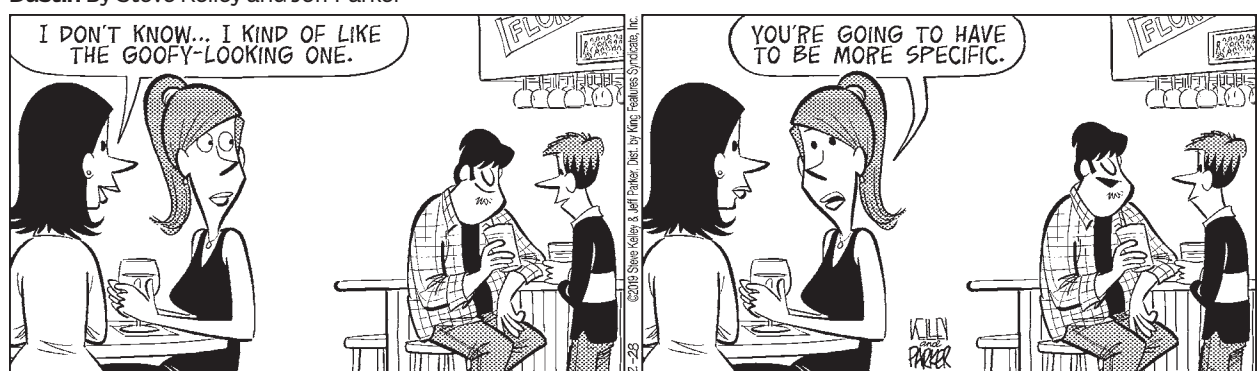
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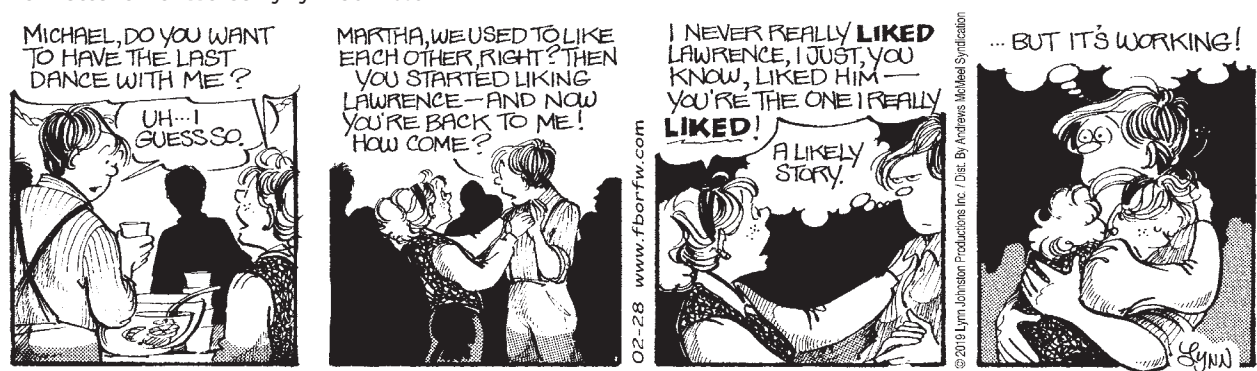
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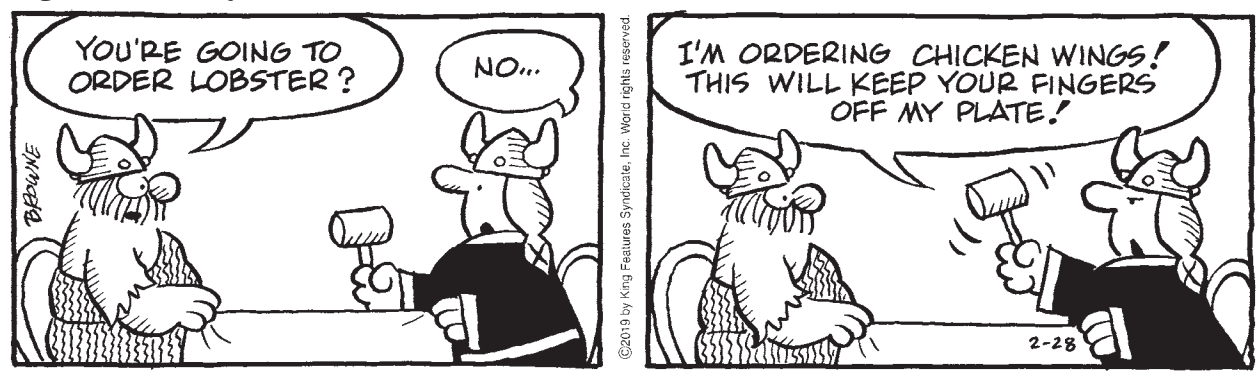
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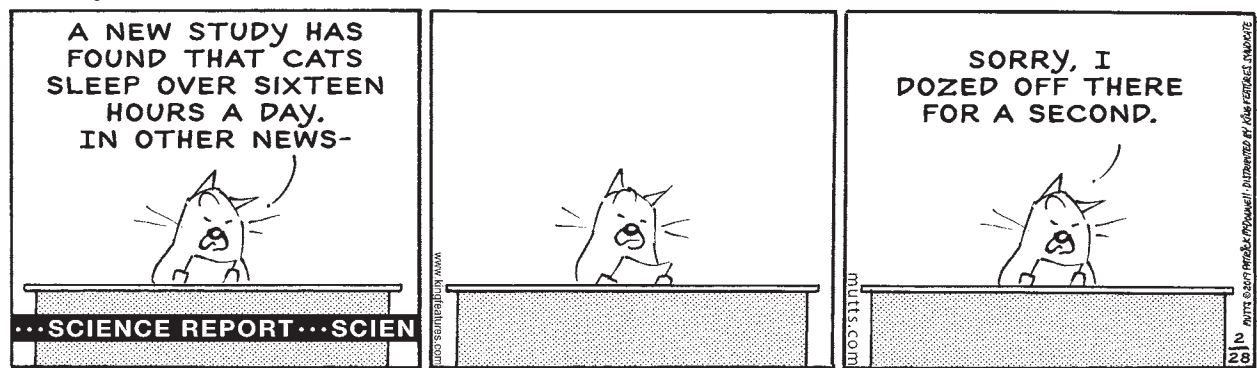
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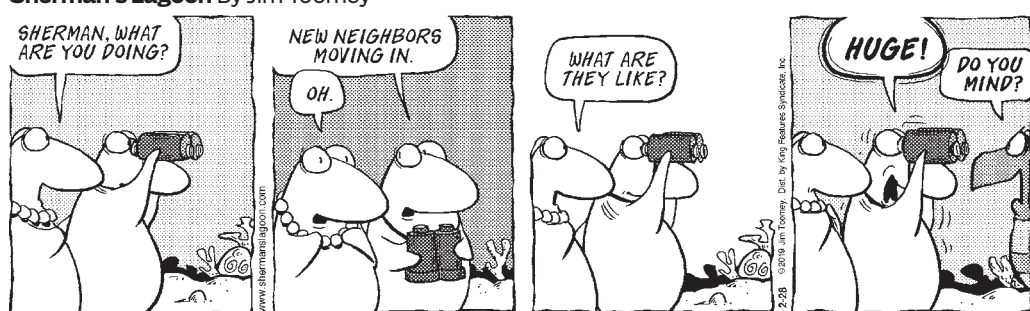
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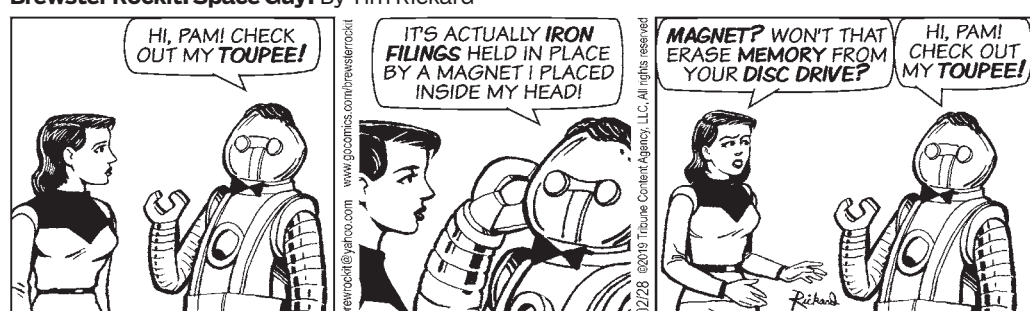
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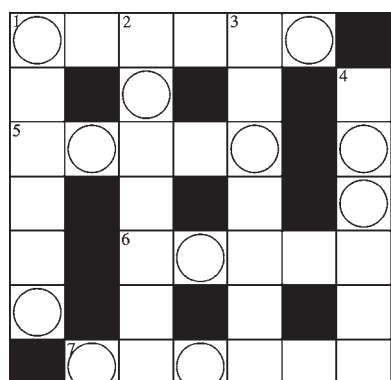


Trivia Bits

Which variety of cheese accounts for the biggest percentage of total production by U.S. cheesemakers?
 A) Cheddar
 B) Cream cheese
 C) Mozzarella
 D) Swiss

Wednesday's answer: Nigeria is the largest country by population in Africa — and the seventh-largest in the world.

Jumble Crossword



- CLUE ACROSS**
- Be unfaithful
 - Keyed in
 - Surpass
 - Parched, arid, sterile
- CLUE DOWN**
- ___ knife
 - It's made from cassava
 - Type of examiner
 - Dark, brownish-red
- ANSWER**
- ACROSS: 1. RBEYAT, 2. EDYTP, 3. TOUOD, 4. RANRBE
 DOWN: 1. TRETBU, 2. IOATAPC, 3. ORIUDAT, 4. RNMOA

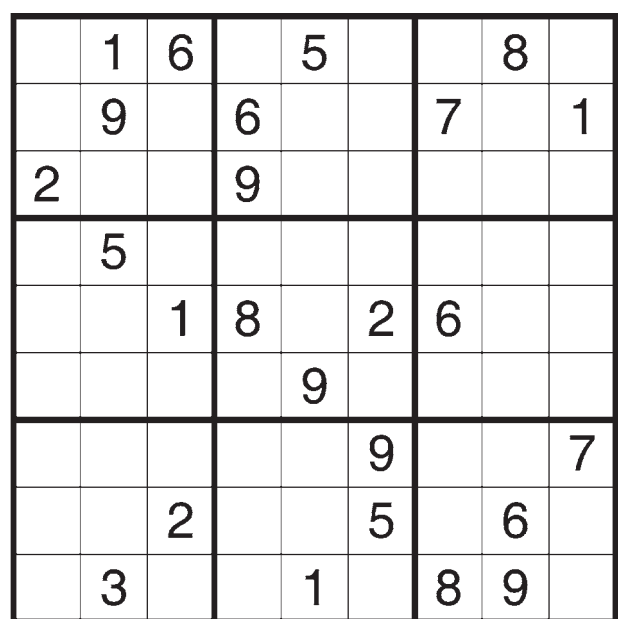
How to play - Complete the crossword puzzle by looking at the clues and unscrambling the answers. When the puzzle is complete, unscramble the circled letters to solve the BONUS.

BONUS ○○○○ ○○○○○○○○○

ANSWERS: 1-A-Berary 5-A-Typed 6-A-Whore 7-A-Whore 8-A-Whore 9-A-Whore 10-A-Whore 11-A-Whore 12-A-Whore 13-A-Whore 14-A-Whore 15-A-Whore 16-A-Whore 17-A-Whore 18-A-Whore 19-A-Whore 20-A-Whore 21-A-Whore 22-A-Whore 23-A-Whore 24-A-Whore 25-A-Whore 26-A-Whore 27-A-Whore 28-A-Whore 29-A-Whore 30-A-Whore 31-A-Whore 32-A-Whore 33-A-Whore 34-A-Whore 35-A-Whore 36-A-Whore 37-A-Whore 38-A-Whore 39-A-Whore 40-A-Whore 41-A-Whore 42-A-Whore 43-A-Whore 44-A-Whore 45-A-Whore 46-A-Whore 47-A-Whore 48-A-Whore 49-A-Whore 50-A-Whore 51-A-Whore 52-A-Whore 53-A-Whore 54-A-Whore 55-A-Whore 56-A-Whore 57-A-Whore 58-A-Whore 59-A-Whore 60-A-Whore 61-A-Whore 62-A-Whore 63-A-Whore 64-A-Whore 65-A-Whore

Sudoku 1 2 3 4

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7	5	2	9	3	8	4	1	6
9	4	5	3	8	2	6	7	1
3	8	7	1	9	6	5	2	4
1	2	6	7	5	4	8	3	9
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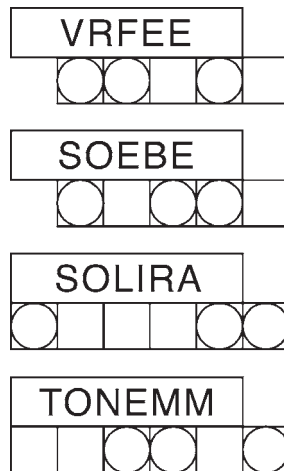
Complete the grid so each row, column and 3-by-3 box in bold borders contains every digit 1 to 9.

Wednesday's solutions

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Jumble

Unscramble the four Jumbles, one letter per square, to form four words. Then arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by this cartoon.



Answer here



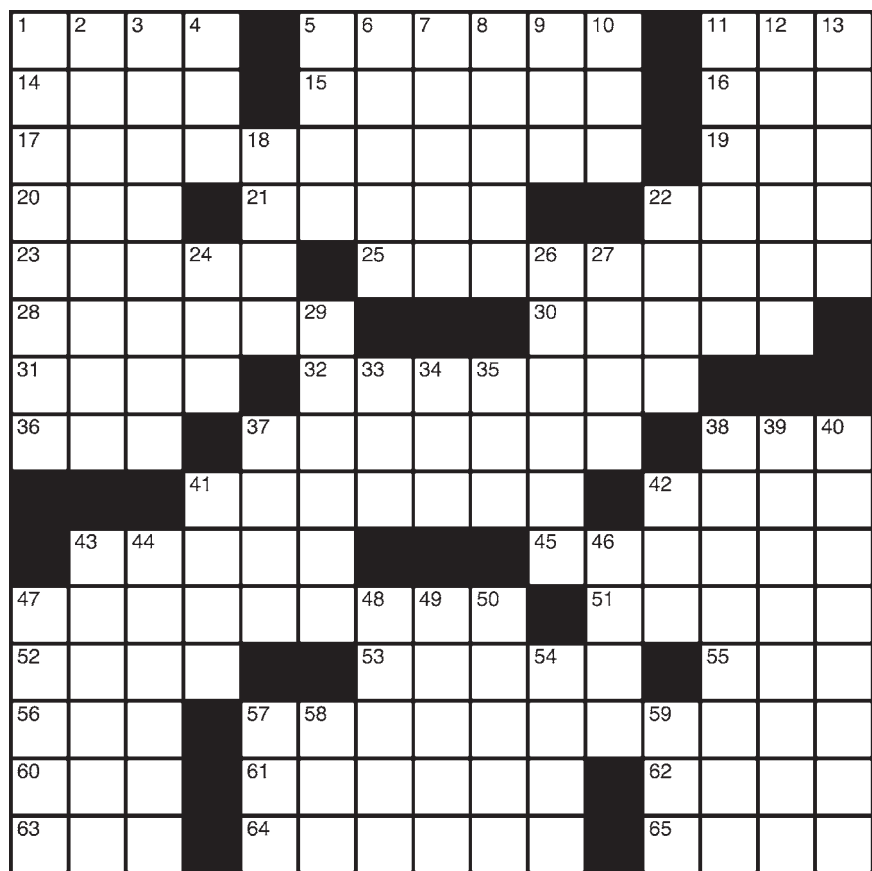
Wednesday's answers

Jumbles: DIRTY SKIMP EXTENT HECTIC
 Answer: Her husband smelled horrible after his sweaty workout, so she gave him the — STINK EYE

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Crossword

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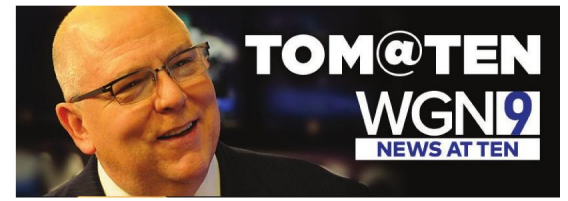


- Across**
- Hornet and Matador
 - Tech-savvy school gp.
 - Higher ed. test
 - Fail to save one's skin?
 - Bring back to the firm
 - 35-state Western org.
 - Spot to spread out a ship's map, maybe?
 - "The Racer's Edge"
 - "American Gods" actor McShane
 - Shell material
 - Milk by-product
 - Yale's Mr. Yale
 - Sailors dealing with a ship's cargo?
 - Most warm
 - Barbershop staple
 - Industry mogul
 - Seedy abode
 - Sushi choice
 - Awesome things near the front of a ship?
 - Sweetie, in slang
 - Snore
 - Numerous
 - Gave one's word
 - Often recyclable tech products
 - Backwards glance on a ship?
 - Adams who shot El Capitan
 - Tiny parasites
 - Secluded valleys
 - ___ Lanka
 - Imaginepeace.com artist
 - Strength measure of the ship cook's spirits?
 - Ref's call
 - "Her cheeks are rosy, she looks a little nosey" girl in a 1962 #1 hit
 - Like crazy
 - Sun, in Ibiza
 - Use a combine
 - Soccer followers?
 - Not for kids
 - 2018 awards event hosted by Danica Patrick
 - African herd
 - GPS navigation app
 - QE2 designation
 - Drift off
 - Dutch artist Frans
 - Gardening tool
 - Punching tool
 - With 42-Down, like some bobsleds
 - Harley Davidson's NYSE symbol
 - Stable environment?
 - Jazz improv highlight
 - Waiting area
 - Some cosmetic procedures
 - Hot under the collar
 - See 34-Down
 - Hammered
 - "No hard feelings, dude"
 - Winged stinger
 - Vegas attraction
 - Rubberneck
 - Stan's slapstick pal
 - Naval bases?
 - Gloating word usually repeated
 - Setting at 0 degrees long.
 - "This is so relaxing!"
 - West Coast athlete
- Wednesday's solution**
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THURSDAY, FEB. 28 NORMAL HIGH: 40° NORMAL LOW: 24° RECORD HIGH: 62° (2016) RECORD LOW: -10° (2015)

In meteorological spring, wintry temps coming

LOCAL FORECAST

HIGH 28 **LOW** 17

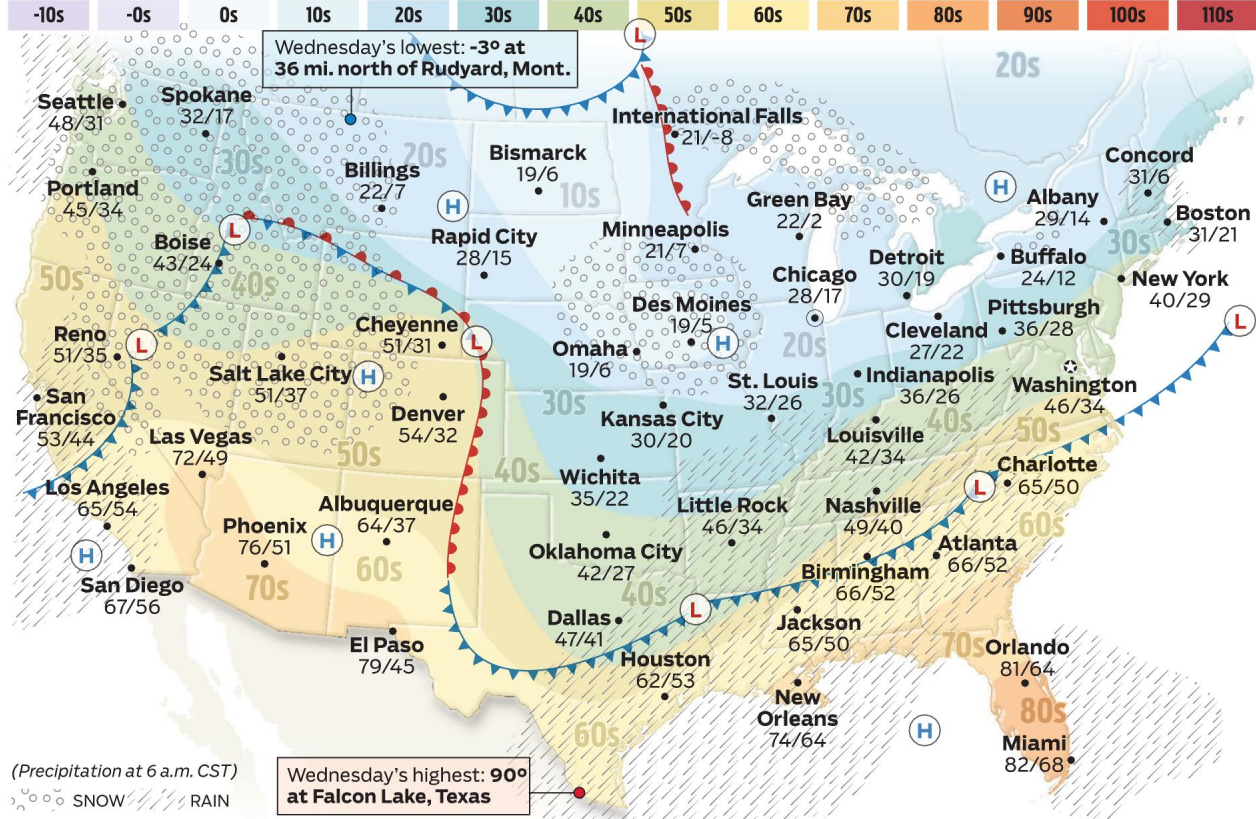
■ Mostly cloudy and chilly. High in the upper 20s, well below the normal high of 40. Afternoon flurries possible.

■ North-northeast wind turn north-northwest 6 to 10 mph.

■ Some flurries possible in the early evening then partial clearing. Low in the upper teens but colder inland.

■ Winds diminish to 3-6 mph at night and turn back to the north-northwest.

NATIONAL FORECAST



A cold end to February today will be followed by a cold beginning to meteorological spring. Meteorological spring begins March 1 and ends at the end of May. Friday and Saturday will start the month of March with below normal temperatures and a chance for snow Friday night and again Saturday night into Sunday. Bitter cold moves in Sunday and continues into the work week. A single digit high Monday could be followed Tuesday morning by a chance to break the record low of zero for March 5, which was set in 1978.

Sunday, March 3 through Tuesday, March 5 could be the coldest for that 3-day period since 1873 and could break the record for those 3 days. The forecast high temperatures for March 3 through 5 will likely be the coldest recorded for those three consecutive dates.

FRIDAY, MARCH 1

HIGH 35 **LOW** 19

Clouds mixed with sun. Below normal temperatures continue with a high in the mid-30s. Light east winds. Becoming overcast in the evening with light snow showers and flurries possible overnight. Low near 20.

SATURDAY, MARCH 2

HIGH 31 **LOW** 16

Mostly cloudy, breezy, chilly. High of 32. A few flurries could fall early. N/NW wind 8-11 mph gusting to 15 mph. Mostly cloudy overnight with a chance for light snow. North winds 7-10 mph gusting to 15 mph at night.

SUNDAY, MARCH 3

HIGH 17 **LOW** -3

Early March bitter cold begins. Cloudy with a chance of snow or flurries, especially early, then clearing. High in the mid-teens. Brisk north winds 8-11 mph with gusts to 16 mph. Overnight clearing helps temp drop below zero.

MONDAY, MARCH 4

HIGH 9 **LOW** -1

Mostly sunny and a single digit high. Breezy west winds 10-13 mph gusting to 18, dropping the wind chill to the negative teens. Partly cloudy skies at night, breezy and very cold. Low near the record low of 0 by Tuesday morning.

TUESDAY, MARCH 5

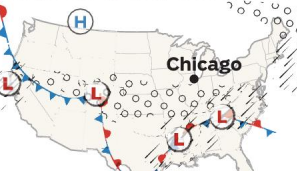
HIGH 11 **LOW** 3

Partly cloudy and extreme cold with a high temp near 10, more than 30 degrees below normal. Strong west wind 9-12 mph with gusts to 18 mph enhance the cold. Clear and very cold overnight, low in the low single digits.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 6

HIGH 20 **LOW** 11

Warmer but still very cold under sunny skies. A high near 20 will be more than 20° below the normal high of 43. West winds of 8-12 mph. Increasing clouds overnight and continued cold. West winds at night.



NOTE: Predicted high/low temps on Tribune weather page are chronological—the "high" refers to maximum reading expected during day and "low" is the minimum reading expected the following night.

ASK TOM

Dear Tom,
Would you explain what millibars are? How is 923 millibars assigned in a hurricane?
—Margaret Robertson, Chicago

Dear Margaret,
A millibar is a measure of pressure. The Earth's atmosphere exerts a pressure of 14.7 pounds on every square inch at sea level, or 1,013.25 millibars (and progressively lesser pressures at higher elevations). Millibars are units of pressure in the centimeter-gram-second system of measurement in which centimeters are the measure of length, grams the measure of weight and seconds of time.

An atmospheric pressure of 923 millibars equals 27.26 inches of mercury — a very low reading found in only the most intense hurricanes, like Hugo, which had a central pressure of 27.11 inches on Sept. 15, 1985, in the Caribbean Sea.

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Weekend snow possible; arctic chill rides in on strong winds

CHICAGO SNOW PROBABILITY—TWO PERIODS OF SNOW INDICATED

FRIDAY	FRI. NIGHT	SATURDAY	SAT. NIGHT	SUNDAY	SUN. NIGHT
70%	30%	6%	20%	50%	30%

SNOW SHOWERS (Friday, Saturday)
SNOW POSSIBLE—PRODUCED BY STORM PASSING SOUTH OF CHICAGO (Sunday, Sun. Night)

LATER SATURDAY, SUNDAY, MONDAY AND TUESDAY
Arctic chill rides strong 'NW' wins into the area
Projected O'Hare high temperatures

SATURDAY MARCH 2	SUNDAY MARCH 3	MONDAY MARCH 4	TUESDAY MARCH 5	WEDNESDAY MARCH 6
31°	17°	9°	11°	20°

10° BELOW NORMAL (Sat)
24° BELOW NORMAL (Sun)
33° BELOW NORMAL (Mon)
32° BELOW NORMAL (Tue)
23° BELOW NORMAL (Wed)

MORNING LOW 16° (Sat)
MORNING LOW 16° (Sun)
MORNING LOW -3° (Mon)
MORNING LOW -1° (Tue)
MORNING LOW 3° (Wed)

WIND CHILL: 0° (Sat)
WIND CHILL: -15° (Mon)
WIND CHILL: -16° (Tue)
WIND CHILL: -5° (Wed)

SOURCES: Frank Wachowski, National Weather Service archives

CHICAGO COULD SEE SOME SNOW SATURDAY NIGHT INTO SUNDAY
Disturbance track will be critical
A more northerly track could bring Chicago more snow

CHICAGO'S COLD MARCH OPENS
Coldest March 1-5 temperatures
March 1-5, 1873

DATE	MAX	MIN
3/1	34°	10°
3/2	35°	11°
3/3	8°	-6°
3/4	23°	-12°
3/5	31°	0°

Coldest first 5 days of March (MEAN AVERAGE)

DATE	AVERAGE
March 1-5, 1873	13.4°
March 1-5, 1890	13.7°
March 1-5, 2014	15.5°
March 1-5, 1978	15.7°

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CHICAGO DIGEST

WEDNESDAY TEMPERATURES

LOCATION	HI	LO	LOCATION	HI	LO
Aurora	28	22	Midway	32	24
Gary	34	26	O'Hare	30	23
Kankakee	32	27	Romeoville	32	23
Lakefront	30	24	Valparaiso	34	25
Lansing	32	25	Waukegan	28	19

CHICAGO SNOWFALL

PERIOD	2019	NORMAL
Wed. (through 4 p.m.)	Trace	0.08"
February to date	2.81"	1.71"
Year to date	4.77"	3.44"

LAKE MICHIGAN CONDITIONS

THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Wind N 3-9 kts.	ENE 3-11 kts.
Waves 1 foot	1 foot
Wed. shore/crib water temps	34°/32°

U.S. SNOW COVER

FEB. 27	2019	2018
Area covered by snow	44.8%	36.4%
Average snow depth	7.7"	5.3"

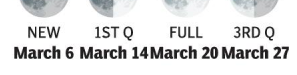
TRACKING THE COLD

SINCE OCT. 15	O'HARE	MIDWAY
Sub-32° highs	33 days	29 days
Subzero lows	6 days	6 days

CHICAGO AIR QUALITY
Wednesday's reading Moderate
Thursday's forecast Moderate
Critical pollutant Particulates

THURSDAY RISE/SET TIMES

Sun	6:28 a.m.	5:40 p.m.
Moon	2:46 a.m.	12:19 p.m.



THURSDAY PLANET WATCH

PLANET	RISE	SET
Mercury	7:01 a.m.	7:12 p.m.
Venus	4:31 a.m.	2:10 p.m.
Mars	8:46 a.m.	10:46 p.m.
Jupiter	2:07 a.m.	11:18 a.m.
Saturn	3:56 a.m.	1:13 p.m.

BEST VIEWING TIME

PLANET	DIRECTION
Mercury	6:30 p.m. 7.5° SE
Venus	5:30 a.m. 9° SE
Mars	7:15 p.m. 38° WSW
Jupiter	5:15 a.m. 22.5° SSE
Saturn	5:15 a.m. 11.5° SE

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Top smart home trends

BY DAN DICLERICO
HomeAdvisor

Still haven't installed your first smart home product? You could soon be the last home on the block. Nearly 30 million smart home products will be sold in 2019, according to the Consumer Technology Association. That's a 23 percent increase from last year, signaling a real tipping point for the industry.

HomeAdvisor sent a team to the recent Consumer Electronics Show to check out the latest innovations. Here are five ways technology will affect the American home in 2019.

Cameras will see more than ever: Advances in artificial intelligence are making for seriously smart cameras. One of the best examples at CES was an app called Smoke Detective, which turns camera-enabled devices like smartphones and baby monitors into smoke detectors. The app uses AI-enhanced algorithms to detect smoke even faster than conventional smoke detectors. Given the fact that alarms fail to sound in nearly half of all house fires, this app could help save countless lives and prevent billions of dollars in property damage.

Other AI-enhanced camera technologies of note include "smart imagining," which allows cameras to recognize specific people, and "food recognition," which enables ovens to set cooking times and temperatures for specific dishes.

Fewer packages will go missing: Thirty

percent of Americans have experienced package theft, according to an industry report. Video doorbells help catch so-called porch pirates in the act. But a new partnership between Amazon and Chamberlain Group, a manufacturer of automatic garage door openers, offers a more foolproof solution: in-garage delivery, known as Key for Garage. Amazon already offers in-home delivery, but many homeowners aren't comfortable with delivery people entering their home. With Key for Garage, you install a device to your garage door opener that allows the delivery person access to your garage and notifies you along the way.

Kitchens will go very high-tech: The kitchen has always been the heart of the home. And it's poised to become the brains as smart home technology takes over. For example, GE's new Kitchen Hub is an over-the-range vent hood with a 27-inch smart touch screen that serves as the home's central control center. It allows users to search the internet, create shopping lists and access thousands of recipes. It also has live video chat functionality and an overhead cooktop-facing camera for checking dishes as they cook. And with it, you can control other connected devices in the home like your thermostat, lights and door locks.

Homeowners will breathe more easily: Indoor air quality is one of the next big targets of smart home tech. Aura Air, an all-in-one air purification system, starts by monitoring the air in your home for things



DREAMSTIME

New smart trends in the kitchen include food recognition technology, and GE is introducing a range vent hood with a smart touch screen and a camera.

like smoke, allergens and volatile organic compounds. It then uses a five-stage purification process to remove those toxins. Its on-board voice assistant also alerts you to serious issues, such as carbon monoxide, and gives instructions on what to do.

Smart lighting will be as easy as screwing in a lightbulb: It's easier than ever to install smart lighting, and homeowners can now set different modes in the

home (cleaning, entertaining, sleep, etc.) by voice.

GE Lighting's latest line of smart bulbs, C by GE, eliminates the need for an extra hub and operates via Google Assistant. Simply screw in a bulb and wait for it to appear in the Google Home app. From there, you can use your voice to control the lights. C by GE smart switches bring the same seamless experience to existing bulbs in the home.

FINDS

Gourmia takes pressure out of cooking

BY GREGG ELLMAN
Tribune News Service

It doesn't charge, it's really portable and doesn't have a USB port. That all seems kind of crazy for the electronic world but I still put the Gourmia 13-in-1 pressure cooker on my highly recommended electronic gadgets list.

My wife and I had never used a pressure cooker but heard friends talk about them. So today is our turn and the tabletop Gourmia did everything as advertised in lighting fast time to cook us an awesome meal.

This unit takes pressure-cooker safety,

speed, convenience and control very seriously. It's built with an adjustable timer and a secure lock lid ensuring stress-free and safe opening when the internal pressure reaches appropriate levels. While it's cooking, an auto-stir function moves the food, all with the lid on tight. A cookbook is supplied with a few choices and searching for recipes online produced endless choices. We chose Caribbean chicken with rice from the Food Network.

It didn't take long to chop the vegetables; we used the saute setting for the garlic and peppers for three minutes. Then inside the six-quart pot, we added rice and water. The

supplied rack went over the rice to hold the chicken above that. The lid then locks in place and we set it to high pressure for one minute and the pot heats up, cooks and depressurizes. The whole process was about 15 minutes of cooking with just one of those minutes for high pressure cooking.

Final results: super easy and really good. The chicken was moist and the rice was cooked to perfection.

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Coffee station a big part of morning sanctuary

Order important as locations vary

BY JURA KONCIUS
The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — Tricia Huntley says coffee is a priority for her, but there is no way she could start her day at a chaotic Starbucks.

Her morning Zen moment begins at the charming coffee station she created in her Washington home. The ritual starts with grinding Peet's French Roast beans, brewing the blend and drinking it either from a Wedgwood teacup or a hand-painted mug. Everything she needs — including sweeteners in vintage bowls, spoons and a spoon rest — is arranged on a tray in a niche in her kitchen.

"Coffee is the one thing you can depend on for starting your day," says Huntley, an interior designer. "Normally I like my counters clear, but coffee is a priority, and I created a special corner for it next to the refrigerator and under a cabinet."

A bit of order is important in the morning, says Clea Shearer, co-founder of the Home Edit organizing company — "just as important as a cup of caffeine." Shearer and her co-founder, Joanna Teplin, have written a book, "The Home Edit: A Guide to Organizing and Realizing Your House Goals," coming out in March, which features organized coffee and tea setups with white mugs stacked in rows and tea boxes lined up by color.

"What's better than your own beverage station?" Teplin says. "It's like your own little restaurant."

These stations can be as simple or as fancy as you want; the point is to have everything in one place. Rustic bowls, dainty tea cups and mix-and-match teaspoons add personal style. Shelves, trays and drawers keep things organized. Instagram is sprinkled with photos of pretty little coffee pods nestled in glossy wooden drawers fitted with dividers or tea bags arranged by color.



THE NEAT METHOD

Closets are among the many locations used for coffee stations. Tricia Huntley uses a special corner in the kitchen of her Washington home for her morning coffee setup.

A drink drawer contains accessories and sweetener.

THE HOME EDIT



You'll see these setups in sleek trophy kitchens, on wooden farmhouse tables and in urban apartment nooks. In a chaotic world, these well-ordered spots seem to spark good feelings. "It's a tiny little space in your life that matters. Making a cup of coffee makes me feel good," says Ashley Murphy, co-founder of the Neat Method.

Decorators, designers and organizers all get involved in creating and accessorizing these stations, which can look ultramodern, traditionally charming or just plain cute. But "anyone can do it," Teplin says. "It's such a little amount of work for the satisfaction and practicality."

Designer Barry Dixon says he doesn't lay out a kitchen for clients without analyzing their morning routines and then specifying a spot for coffee, tea, espresso or latte. "It's a byproduct

of the Starbucks-ization of our homes," Dixon says.

Dixon's own warm, yellow kitchen at his 1907 country house has a station stocked with ceramic mugs in black, celadon green, mustard yellow and burgundy. He has 40 varieties of tea stacked in a cabinet and a drawer for Keurig pods. If he has guests, he lays out a tea towel, a cup of tiny silver spoons with elephants on them that belonged to his parents, and his grandmother's cow-shaped creamer.

Some homeowners prefer to keep supplies behind closed doors. Julia Walter, showroom manager of Boffi Georgetown, a high-end Italian kitchen and bath company, says more customers are asking for coffee and breakfast stations, often with doors for uncluttered counters. She describes them as a "modernized form of the appliance garage."



THE HOME EDIT

A beverage station can be as simple or as fancy as you want. One goal is to have everything you need in the same area, including coffee maker, tea, coffee and cups.

Richard Anuszkiewicz, a kitchen designer at Alt Breeding Associates in Annapolis, Md., likes to design beverage stations so guests can help themselves. "A kitchen is much more of the living room these days where everyone is hanging out, so we want everything properly stored," he says. For one Annapolis family, he placed coffee makers and breakfast appliances on shelves on either side of a range. Then he installed marble panel doors on either side that can be lifted or lowered with the push of a button to keep the stations out of sight when not in use.

A common mistake people make is setting up a kitchen with coffee-making elements scattered throughout, organizers say. The machine may be at one end of the counter, the bean grinder somewhere else and sweeteners in a pantry.

Murphy also sees out-of-control amounts of cups. "Even if they have sentimental value, we believe that no one will ever need 40 coffee mugs and you are taking over valuable real estate if you have this many." She suggests keeping 12, and her preference is for matching mugs for a calmer look.

For any setup, Murphy positions the area as close to the sink and refrigerator as possible. Use labeled canisters to hold coffee and filters and acrylic drawer dividers to line up pods, sweetener packets, honey and other essentials. Mugs can be hung from hooks for easy access.

"If something picks up the aesthetic and tonal quality of your house and represents your style, you are more likely to maintain it," Shearer says. "A coffee station starts your morning off on the right foot."



CHICAGO BOTANIC GARDEN

The Chicago Botanic Garden is in zone 5b on the USDA Plant Hardiness Zone Map.

Consider hardiness zones, then look at other factors

BY TIM JOHNSON
Chicago Tribune

How accurate are the hardiness zones that I see listed for plants that I would like to try in my garden? I would like to try some plants that are listed as zone 6.

— Samantha Wells,
Highwood

Choosing plants that are appropriate to grow in your garden is an important first step in having a successful garden. A good place to start as you are researching plants to purchase this winter is to consider the zones where the plant will perform best.

When I evaluate new plants for my garden, I always consider its hardiness zone. On occasion, I have seen plants for sale locally that are not hardy in this region but are mixed in with plants that are hardy.

The USDA Plant Hardiness Zone Map (updated in 2012) is a system for rating the cold-hardiness of plants and is issued by the U.S. Department of Agriculture. The map is available as an interactive GIS-based map, for which a fast internet connection works best, and as static images for those with slower inter-

net access. Most gardening catalogs that use hardiness zones in plant descriptions use this USDA map.

This ranking system divides the United States into 11 zones that are based on the average minimum temperatures in the winter. Each growing zone is 10 degrees warmer or colder in an average winter than the adjacent zone. Two new zones, 12 and 13, were added to this version for regions with average minimum winter temperatures above 50 degrees and 60 degrees Fahrenheit and only appear on the maps for Hawaii and Puerto Rico. This information may also help you decide when to bring in any tropical plants that you are growing in containers based on their cold sensitivity.

Plants will often have a range of hardiness zones noted such as 4 to 6. You can expect this plant to be hardy and suitable for zones 4, 5 and 6. The hardiness zone for a particular plant is not necessarily a fail-safe method for determining how hardy it will be in your particular garden, though. Variables such as sun, shade, wind, humidity, elevation and rainfall can affect how hardy the plant is and how

well it performs. The plant must also tolerate year-round conditions such as summer heat in your area.

Then there can be microclimates in a garden, such as a sheltered corner near a brick wall in a garden along Lake Michigan or in the city of Chicago that will allow gardeners to push the zone hardiness some.

The zones are further divided into “a” for the lower temperature of a zone and “b” for the higher temperature. A gardener in zone 5b, like the Chicago Botanic Garden, might be tempted to experiment with zone 6a plants.

The weather will vary from year to year, and one may lose the plants during a cold winter. Go ahead and experiment with a zone 6 plant for fun, although I would plant limited numbers and avoid expensive plants.

Other significant weather extremes before plants have hardened off can heavily damage or kill some plants that are known to be zone hardy.

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When choosing new plants, look for best-suited cultivar

BY BETH BOTTS
Chicago Tribune

As you make plans for the gardening season, you likely will be picking out plants. That often means not just choosing a plant species, but choosing the right version of that species: a cultivar.

The word cultivar is derived from the words cultivated and variety. It's the term used in horticulture and gardening for plant varieties that people have developed for ornamental or food purposes, according to Matt Lobdell, curator of living collections at the Morton Arboretum in Lisle.

Each cultivar is distinguished by a name added to the species' botanical name. For example, Legacy is a cultivar of highbush blueberry that yields large crops. Its full cultivar name is *Vaccinium corymbosum* 'Legacy.' “The cultivar name is the unique, official name of the plant,” Lobdell said.

A cultivar is usually selected and introduced to the plant market because it has some especially useful or attractive characteristic, he said.

A tree cultivar may be selected because it is narrower than the species and fits better in parkways, or it may be more resistant to a common disease or insect. A coneflower cultivar may be shorter than the native tallgrass prairie species so it doesn't flop in a garden bed.

Many cultivars are developed for flowers. Perhaps the plant has more flowers or bigger ones. They may have a different color or a novel shape, or they may open earlier or last longer.

Some cultivars are naturally occurring variants. Here's one instance: Smooth hydrangea (*Hydrangea arborescens*) is a native shrub that grows



MORTON ARBORETUM

Butterflies magnolia is a cultivar, or cultivated variety, that was developed by cross-breeding Asian and American species of magnolia trees.

widely in the eastern United States. The popular Annabelle cultivar (*Hydrangea arborescens* 'Annabelle') originated from a single plant spotted in 1910 in the woods near Anna, Ill., that happened to have much larger white flower clusters than most plants of the species.

Other cultivars are hybrids, developed by cross-breeding two or more species to capture desirable characteristics from each. For example, most garden-size magnolia cultivars are hybrids of Asian species, Lobdell said, but yellow-flowering ones also include genes from the American cucumber-tree magnolia, which evolved yellow blooms long ago.

Lobdell is the official registrar for new cultivars of magnolia worldwide. He checks to make sure each is truly different and that the proposed name has not been used for any other magnolia cultivar.

To preserve the genetic characteristics that make each cultivar special, most cultivars are propagated by cloning. New plants are grown from cuttings or small samples of tissue, so they remain genetically the same as the original plant. Reproducing sexually, through seeds, would shift the plants' assortment of genes and might change their characteristics.

Besides their official names, cultivars often have aliases. Some have trademarks or brand names that are devised for marketing purposes. For example, the cultivar *Betula nigra* 'Little King' was introduced under the trademark Fox Valley River Birch by the Chicagoland Grows plant introduction program, in which the Arboretum is a partner. Brand names, such as Knock Out or Easy Elegance for roses, may be used to market multiple cultivars that are not necessarily closely related.

Gardeners often know plants by traditional common names, such as tickseed or snow-on-the-mountain. These can be tricky, too, because one common name can refer to several different plants and not all gardeners know a plant by the same common name.

By contrast, “the scientific cultivar name may look daunting on a plant label, but it actually can help to avoid confusion because it's unique to that plant,” Lobdell said.

For tree and plant advice, contact the Arboretum's Plant Clinic (630-719-2424 or plantclinic@mortonarb.org).

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Great ways to organize your tools

BY TIM CARTER
Tribune Content Agency

Q: I lost it last weekend. After I cooled down, I realized I had no one to blame but myself. I spent two hours looking for a hand tool I know was somewhere in my garage, basement or shed. I finally found it in my truck. Anyway, I've got a mound of tools that are covering my workbench. Everything is scattered. If you've ever struggled with hand tool organization, how in the world did you solve the problem? How do you store your hand tools?

A: I've got no problem baring my soul. I used to have the same problem. Here's how I finally stopped going on adventures trying to find my own hand tools.

While I was still a full-time builder I had the most wonderful truck. It had a pickup-truck cab but a utility body sat on the chassis. Truck utility bodies have large rectangular cabinets on each side of the body that make use of the void space otherwise wasted by the normal pickup truck bed body.

Plumbers, heavy construction crews and electric utility companies love utility bodies. The cabinets contain shelves and I had all my hand tools organized so I could find them blindfolded. But I realize you'll probably never have a truck

with this handy setup.

About 20 years ago I was at the National Hardware Show and I saw the most innovative pegboard. It was made from metal and it had unique clips of every size, shape and design to hold any imaginable hand tool. The metal panels and clips could be had in different colors, and everything was powder-coated for durability.

I got some of this equipment and covered one wall in my garage with it. Within a few hours, I had my most-needed hand tools up in plain sight. Fortunately, I was already in the habit of returning the tool to its holder after using it. If you don't do this religiously, you'll still have blood pressure and anger management problems.

The metal pegboard couldn't hold all my tools, and I still had some confusion. Believe it or not, it took many more years until I finally solved all my hand tool woes. Just last year I took possession of a rolling double-decker tool cabinet that has 21 storage drawers and compartments.

Auto mechanics have used these cabinets for years, and now I know why. They are so very handy and well-designed. The height and width of the drawers match exactly the size of the most common hand tools. If you put the right tools in the right drawers, there's virtually no wasted

space.

I took the time to set up my cabinet, so the most-used hand tools are in the drawers that are the easiest to access. I urge you to shop around and give the metal pegboard and rolling tool cabinets a serious look. You'll never regret having both.

Q: I've decided to install some interlocking laminate floor in a small getaway room for myself. I've never attempted a project like this, but I'm quite good at following instructions. What can you share about laminate flooring so I'm sitting sipping tea in my new room as soon as possible?

A: I'm honored when anyone asks for help so they can do a job they've never tried before. There's something magical about standing back looking at a completed job and reflecting how you did it with your hands and intellect. I still do that to this day, and my wife just shakes her head watching me stare at my work.

The most important things to do when installing a laminate floor are to read the instructions and to follow them. A friend of mine and her boyfriend installed some in a small house one weekend in a rush.

They thought they knew how to do it. A month later she called me begging for



TIM CARTER PHOTO

A rolling double-decker tool cabinet provides great storage space for hand tools. Metal pegboard also can help.

help. She wanted to know how to get rid of the clicking sound the floor made as they walked across it. They had installed the laminate on an uneven floor. I lightly scolded her, told her how to fix it, and she's never called me again.

Laminate floors need to be installed on flat surfaces with no humps or dips. Flat

doesn't mean level, although a flat and level floor would be best! Maintain the spacing the instructions call out when you put the new floor next to the current baseboard. Laminate needs room to expand. Don't skip the foam underlayment many laminates require. This simple product is there for a reason.

Remember that when you cut a piece to end a row, there's a good chance the cutoff piece can be used to start the next row. This means there's very little waste. I can't wait for you to send me a photo of you relaxing in a chair sitting on your new floor. I love the oak laminate floor in my man cave.

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NEW HOMES MARKETPLACE



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Master bedrooms and luxury baths are important to the comfort of today's homebuyers. Two master bedrooms of the same size offered in ranch plans is also an emerging trend.

Mastering choices | Builders adjust as master bedroom/bath priorities change

While kitchens and baths are top priorities for today's homebuyers, they also have expectations for every room in their new homes.

"The size and opulence of master suites varies by the amount of square footage in the home," says Ashley Newberg, Design Consultant for Toll Brothers, a national luxury home builder. "Many of our home designs have master suites with sitting room areas where residents can set up a coffee bar and watch the morning news before transitioning into busy days or relax with a cocktail after work. Ceiling fans, decorative chandeliers and can lights are all popular ways of accenting tray and coffered ceilings.

"Wall accents, such as shiplap and decorative trims, give bedrooms a personalized look. Most buyers prefer carpeting in bedrooms for a comfortable, warm and cozy atmosphere, although those with allergies and pets may prefer wood flooring. Everyone wants large walk-in closet, and his and hers closets are popular," Newberg says.

Freestanding tubs are an exciting new trend that offers a more streamlined, easy

to maintain look but the most popular feature for baths is the spa shower, Newberg says.

"Spa showers with multiple shower heads and drying areas are in demand along with shower entries without doors," Newberg says. "Built-in linen cabinets and the use of new porcelain tiles that have a luxurious marble look provide many design options."

Toll Brothers offers three new home communities, Bowes Creek Country Club in Elgin, Tanglewood Hills in Batavia and The Woods of South Barrington.

West Point Builders is offering a neighborhood of semi-custom single-family homes at Ashcroft Place, a master-planned community in Oswego. Both single-family homes and The Townes at Ashcroft Walk are available.

"Decorative ceilings with chandeliers or can lighting are popular and there is a great emphasis on baths," says Pat Curran, president of West Point Builders. "In addition, many buyers are looking for a first-floor bedroom and bath for visiting relatives.

"Compartmented baths with separate tubs and showers are preferred, as are

double vanities with a center make-up area. Specialty showers with rain heads and decorative tile for a spa experience are much in demand, and buyers can add comfort with heated floors and sun lamps," he says.

West Point Builders has its roots in custom building so buyers can take advantage of more personalization choices than are usually available.

A trend in recent years is the choice to have main-floor master bedrooms in ranch plans, second-floor master bedrooms in two-story homes, and two-story designs with first-floor master bedrooms.

Shodeen Homes, long recognized for quality homes in the Fox River Valley and beyond as well as southern Wisconsin in the Lake Geneva area, offers all of these floor plans in its several new home communities.

"Buyers today are practical, and they want to concentrate their square footage in the rooms that are most important to them," says Jeremy Lund, sales director. "Master bedrooms and baths are among the rooms where buyers want practical luxury with high-end features that are easy to maintain and have long-lasting durability

and value. These features include dramatic tray ceilings in bedrooms and durable quartz for counters, decorative tiles for spa baths and other personalizing touches."

Shodeen Homes is expanding its choices for buyers by introducing the Everleigh, an open concept ranch design at the Elburn Station community with two master bedrooms.

"The Everleigh is a 1,547-square-foot ranch with three bedrooms, two full baths and a full basement," Lund says. "Recently, we have had requests from our buyers who are downsizing for a two-bedroom variation on this popular ranch. We are now offering two large master bedrooms of the same size instead of a master bedroom and two smaller bedrooms.

"The first master bedroom has a private full bath, while the second master bedroom has a bath right outside the door and is intended to be a flexible multi-use room if desired. This home reflects buyers' priority for flexible spaces that can accommodate guests, returning college students or other uses as needed," he says.

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NEW HOMES MARKETPLACE

Open-concept ranch with scenic lake brings couple to Norton Lake

Debbie and Jerry Hansberger spent 34 years raising their family in a two-story home in Barrington.

A few years ago, with the kids grown and on their own, the couple started thinking about streamlining to a single-level lifestyle but didn't want to give up the private backyard they'd come to appreciate while living in Barrington.

"We spent several years looking at ranch homes throughout the suburbs — it became a hobby," says Debbie Hansberger. "We no longer needed a large two-story home and wanted the ease of one level living but wanted the same open space we enjoyed in Barrington. Many of the homes that offered privacy were larger, high maintenance home sites. We'd seen an ad for Norton Lake in the newspaper and decided to visit. Shodeen had the open concept ranch plan we were looking for and we back to a lake giving us the privacy we wanted."

Norton Lake is a Shodeen Homes' community just west of Randall Road in Campton Hills and served by top-ranked St. Charles District 303 schools. A 10-acre lake surrounded by walking paths serves as the focal point of the community. A collection of ranch, two-story homes and first-floor master plans ranging from 2,373 to 3,339 are offered on sites of one-third acre to half acre with prices starting from the \$440s.

"We chose the Abigail ranch plan that Shodeen offers at Norton Lake," Debbie says. "In addition to the open kitchen and family room it had a nice-size dining room. Shodeen also worked with us to customize the kitchen opening it up even more and allowing me to create a large pantry. They finished our basement, which includes a bedroom, full bath, exercise room and large family room. When my son visits from out of town with our grandchildren, the basement gives them a private place to stay, which is nice."

The Abigail is a 2,735-square-foot ranch plan with three bedrooms, 2½ baths and a two-car garage with storage as standard, however, buyers may choose to add a three-car or side-load garage to the plan. A charming covered porch welcomes guests and leads to the elegant foyer. The formal dining area is to one side with a study on the other side of the foyer. The heart-of-the-home consists of the large island kitchen with dinette area open to the spacious family room. The master bedroom with large



Debbie and Jerry Hansberger built the Abigail ranch plan with Shodeen Homes at Norton Lake where they back to the scenic 10-acre lake and walking paths.

walk-in closet and private luxury bath is secluded from the two additional bedrooms served by a full hall bath on the other side of the home.

"Jerry and I went to West Chicago High School so we were thrilled to come back to the Fox Valley area," Debbie says. "We love downtown Geneva and St. Charles and we are close to family and friends in the area. We're big walkers so the walking path around the lake is a big plus for us."

Shodeen offers distinct benefits when building a new home that go beyond the aesthetics. Features such as LP Smartside® siding and trim, energy-efficient products, safety features and a 1-, 5- and 10-year warranty program give buyers peace-of-mind.

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The Norton Lake model and sales center are located at 0N435 Norton Glen Blvd. in Campton Hills. Sales center hours are 1 to 5 p.m. Monday, by appointment Tuesday and Wednesday and 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Thursday through Sunday. For more information, call 630-232-8181 or visit shodeenhomes.com.

NEW HOMES MARKETPLACE

Ashcroft Place buyer happy with customized changes by West Point

Debbie Petschow was looking for a ranch-style home that would be suitable for her mother, who lives with her and has had some medical issues.

As the owner of Montgomery-based Brian and Sons, Inc., a full service heating and air conditioning company, she has extensive industry experience and had designed her previous home.

"I knew exactly what I wanted when I began my home search, and I knew that I would make some structural changes to the design," she says. "I had drawn a ranch design that would have bedrooms separated by the living area so Mom and I could have our privacy. I wanted to include volume ceilings, a three-season room and a setting that would overlook water.

"Many builders do not want to make structural changes so I was delighted to find Ashcroft Place and the Cedarcrest ranch which was well-suited to our needs. In our discussions, I found that West Point Builders would willingly make the changes I outlined," she says.

The Cedarcrest ranch includes three bedrooms and a study, two full baths, open concept living area with a spacious family room, kitchen with peninsula overlooking the family room and breakfast room. The home also includes a covered porch, spacious foyer, formal dining room and study.

The master bedroom is on one side of the home and includes a large walk-in closet and private bath, while on the other side of the living area are two bedrooms, large bath and laundry room.

"I opted to turn the covered back porch to a three-season room overlooking a pond, and French doors with decorative arches lead from the family room and master bedroom," Petschow says. "In addition, I selected volume ceilings with can lighting, a half wall instead of a full wall to further open up the staircase to the full basement, wood floors throughout, 8-inch granite backsplashes to complement the granite counters and 15-foot counter in the kitchen, wider doors and handicapped shower to accommodate Mom's needs, sink and cabinet in the laundry room, hot tub pad plus wiring, drain and other preparation for exterior lighting and irrigation. The final design was beautiful and ideally captured my vision."

The building experience was heightened by the rapport established with the West



Debbie Petschow made customized changes to her new home built by West Point Builders at Ashcroft Place in Oswego.

Point Builders staff.

"I was impressed by the quality craftsmanship and the construction team put into the home, Petschow says. "Everything was done right by people who care. The sales staff was great to work with, and no change that I asked for was a problem. Their attitude was 'we can do that' with every change. I feel that the staff members have become friends."

West Point Builders is developing two neighborhoods at Ashcroft. Ashcroft Place includes semi-custom single-family homes while The Townes at Ashcroft Walk feature townhomes with full basement. Both neighborhoods include both ranch and two-story plans. Prices start at \$339,990 for the single-family homes and from \$219,990 for townhomes.

A family-friendly community, Ashcroft Place offers a quiet country environment with a monument entry, ponds and open space. The community is served by the highly rated Oswego School District 308.

Award-winning West Point Builders is a family-owned and operated business based in Hinsdale. West Point Builders was established in 1957 as a custom building firm, and has received numerous industry awards and international attention for innovative land planning and architecture. Homebuyers appreciate the personalized customer service.

Ashcroft Place is located at Plainfield and Wooley roads in Oswego. The sales center is at 137 Dorset Ave., with sales center hours 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Saturday and 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday. For more information, call 331-999-3330 or visit westpointbuilders.com.

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Usually when we buy insurance, we're protecting ourselves against an otherwise devastating financial loss, such as the cost to replace a home or vehicle, or the cost of medical bills should we become seriously ill or injured. But for homeowners buying private mortgage insurance, it's not about protecting yourself.

Often called PMI, private mortgage insurance is actually an insurance policy for mortgage lenders, even though homeowners pay the premium. It financially protects the lender from losing money should the homeowner default on their mortgage. And for certain homebuyers, it's not optional.

Any buyer who takes out a conventional mortgage with a down payment of less than 20 percent is required to hold PMI. That's because mortgage statistics show that the less equity a homeowner has in their property, the higher their risk of default. Once equity surpasses 20 percent, the risk of foreclosure drops significantly.

Private mortgage insurance is most commonly handled as a monthly premium bundled with the mortgage payment. However, some lenders offer an option to pay for PMI in one lump sum at closing, or in a combination of upfront and monthly payments.

PMI costs vary based on two main factors: the borrower's credit rating and the amount of their down payment. Costs typically range from 0.5% to 1.0% of the original loan amount per year. So for a \$200,000 mortgage, PMI would likely cost \$1,000 to \$2,000 annually, or \$83.33 to \$166.66 a month.

To avoid this monthly add-on, some homebuyers will save longer before buying so they can swing a 20 percent down payment, while others opt for FHA or other non-conventional mortgages that don't require PMI. But these mortgages can carry higher rates, and waiting to purchase isn't always desirable. So PMI offers homebuyers an option that they can weigh against the alternatives.

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