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Jeanne Gang-led group to design \$8.5 billion terminal expansion

BY LAUREN ZUMBACH
Chicago Tribune

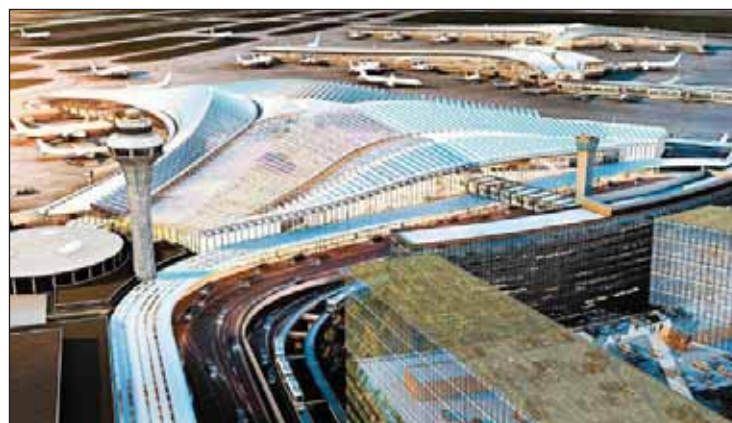
Chicago architect Jeanne Gang, whose city projects have included skyline-changing high-rises, Chicago River boathouses and a college dorm, will lead a team of architects tapped to design the massive \$8.5 billion O'Hare International Airport expansion.

Mayor Rahm Emanuel an-

nounced Wednesday that Studio ORD Joint Venture Partners was selected from among five high-powered, global teams of architects on Chicago's short list, and will enter contract negotiations with the city. The project is expected to break ground in 2023.

Investment in the terminal expansion would "enhance and secure Chicago's place in the world," Emanuel said. "It's the way Chicago goes to the world, and the way the world comes to Chicago."

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CHICAGO DEPARTMENT OF AVIATION

The O'Hare International Airport expansion proposal by Studio ORD.

Foxx defends Smollett decision

She regrets contact with actor's relative early in investigation

BY MEGAN CREPEAU
AND JASON MEISNER
Chicago Tribune

Cook County State's Attorney Kim Foxx, facing intense criticism after her office dropped all charges against Jussie Smollett, stood by the decision but said she regretted dealing with one of Smollett's relatives in the early phases of the investigation.

Foxx said she would never have gotten involved if she knew that Smollett would later be deemed a suspect and not a victim.

"I've never had a victim that turned into a suspect," she told the Tribune on Wednesday. "... In hindsight as we see (how) all of it has played out, you know, is there regret that I engaged with the family member? Absolutely?"

Due to her contact with that family member, Foxx withdrew from involvement in the case when investigators started casting suspicion on Smollett, who had reported to police that he was the victim of a hate crime.

Smollett was later indicted on 16 counts of disorderly conduct on charges he staged the attack on himself, but in a sudden reversal Tuesday, prosecutors dropped all the charges at an unannounced court hearing. The move drew breathless international news coverage and harsh words from police brass and City Hall.

Foxx maintained that she had no role in the dismissal but defended the move, saying her office often handles cases in a similar fashion for defendants with nonviolent backgrounds — an assertion that a number of Chicago attorneys contacted by the Tribune disputed.

"It's frustrating to me that the reliability of the work of the people of this office has been challenged," she said. "What happened with Jussie Smollett and having this type of diversion is something we offer to people who do not have his money or his fame."

Foxx had said she recused herself from the case last month

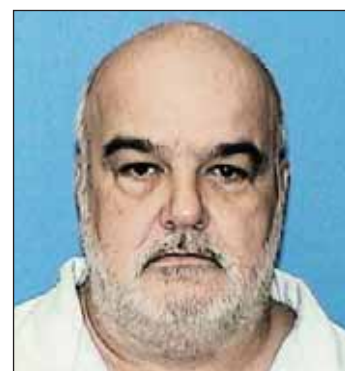
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Member of the sadistic Ripper Crew to go free



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Chicago police carry the beaten and stabbed body of an abducted woman found in the 1200 block of North Lake Shore Drive in 1982.



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Thomas Kokoraleis

Four-man group thought to be responsible in sexually motivated killings of as many as 17 women in early '80s

BY CHRISTY GUTOWSKI
Chicago Tribune

After nearly four decades in prison, one member of a sadistic four-man crew whose sexually motivated crimes were so depraved that authorities compared their acts to a modern-day Jack the Ripper or Charles Manson is expected to

be free Friday.

Based on their own recorded statements and signature style of mutilating their victims, the group known as the Ripper Crew is thought to be responsible for the slayings of as many as 17 women and for an unrelated fatal shooting of a man in the early 1980s. Authorities said they stalked streets in Chicago

and the west and northwest suburbs in a reddish-orange van in search of lone women to abduct.

At 58, Thomas Kokoraleis is likely the only member of the group who will get a chance to rejoin society. He originally received a life sentence for his

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Pritzker picks exec as new director of troubled DCFS

BY DAN PETRELLA
AND ELYSSA CHERNEY
Chicago Tribune

Gov. J.B. Pritzker named an executive from a south suburban child welfare organization on Wednesday to head the beleaguered Illinois Department of Children and Family Services, which is facing renewed scrutiny after the recent deaths of two toddlers whose families were previously investigated by the agency.

Marc D. Smith, executive vice president of foster care and intact services at Olympia Fields-based Aunt Martha's Health & Wellness, will be the 15th person to

lead the child welfare agency since 2003, a number that includes acting and interim directors. His appointment must be confirmed by the state Senate.

Smith will face numerous challenges as he takes charge of an agency that has drawn frequent criticism over the past several decades for repeated failures to protect children in its care. DCFS has operated under federal court oversight since 1991 as part of a settlement with the American Civil Liberties Union of Illinois over a lawsuit alleging the agency



SMITH

provided inadequate services.

A licensed social worker, Smith, 49, was a public service administrator for DCFS from 1993 to 2000. At Aunt Martha's, a nonprofit where he's worked since 2010, Smith oversaw the integration of health care services with other services for children in its care. Aunt Martha's, which has a \$70 million annual budget, has contracts with DCFS and other state agencies totaling nearly \$14.5 million for the current budget

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■ John Kass' column Wednesday incorrectly stated that Jussie Smollett's criminal record had been expunged. While his attorney has requested that the case be expunged, that had not happened at the time the column was written.

■ A story Wednesday about the possibility Chicago could elect its first openly gay mayor in Lori Lightfoot mentioned Ald. Tom Tunney and incorrectly identified the ward he represents in Chicago. Tunney represents the 44th Ward.

■ Steve Chapman's column Wednesday gave an incorrect year for a 77-0 Oklahoma football victory over Texas A&M. It was 2003. The Tribune regrets the errors.

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JOSE M. OSORIO/CHICAGO TRIBUNE

Actor Jussie Smollett leaves the Leighton Criminal Court Building after all charges were dropped in his case on Tuesday.



JOHN KASS

Is the Smollett case really what justice looks like? Maybe in Chicago.

Cook County State's Attorney Kim Foxx used the Jussie Smollett case to let the rest of the world in on a truth about the Chicago Way just days before the election for mayor: Chaos isn't a ladder. Not in Chicago. It's a pit.

And there's no way out for political fools, dilettantes and ambitious amateurs who fall in, like Foxx.

She has also dragged down her political patron, Cook County Democratic Party chair Toni Preckwinkle, who is campaigning for mayor against former federal prosecutor Lori Lightfoot.

If Preckwinkle wasn't toast before, she's toast now. Crispy. No amount of butter or double cream brie can save her. And since Smollett's case was so high profile — followed all around the world — everyone now knows how dysfunctional a town Chicago is, how corrupt and craven it can be.

"I think it (the Smollett case) has opened an opportunity for us to have conversations around what does justice look like," Foxx told WBEZ.

Oh, really? What justice looks like? In Cook County? Kim Foxx, that's so precious. Are you serious?

Since I was born in Chicago, with the smell of the Union Stockyards in my nose, I can't really tell you what justice looks like with Kim Foxx leading the parade.

But I can tell you what desperate politics looks like. And I'm going to tell you some of it today, including a story about the desperate emails sent to Foxx's employees, asking them to come up with examples to support her foolishness with Smollett.

And about Foxx's so-called "recusal" from the case, which wasn't a true recusal. It was a story, the kind Chicago politicians tell to children and journalists.

Foxx's troubles began when she inexplicably compromised herself ethically through inappropriate contacts with Obama Celebrity Friends who wanted her help with the Smollett case.

And then she dropped charges against Smollett — charges approved

by a Cook County grand jury — alleging that the Hollywood star of the TV show "Empire" faked his own hate crime and blamed it on supporters of President Donald Trump.

Smollett's vanity and recklessness could have touched off racial violence. Instead, it just killed Preckwinkle's mayoral ambitions and Foxx's political future in Cook County.

It's a sad story, really, because there are no dreams in that pit for losers.

It's hell down there, man, really, worse than a Hieronymus Bosch painting, with demons armed with long, sharp sticks keeping the chumps down at the bottom, where the mindless screaming and shrieking is at its worst.

Welcome to Kim Foxx's world. It all kills off that Kim Foxx dream I keep hearing about, of her one day becoming a U.S. senator from Illinois, once Dick Durbin is pushed out of the way.

Imagine it, Kim Foxx, celebrity chaser, hanging out with Kamala Harris and the Obamas, taking the oath, showing up on CNN with Van Jones, Foxx putting Smollett in context, Van Jones nodding at her wisdom. Can you imagine it?

No, I can't either, not now. But I can imagine Toni Preckwinkle with a bemused smile on her face, saying, "I could have been mayor."

Yes, Toni, you would have been mayor. If you had run for the office in 2015, you would have defeated Mayor Rahm Emanuel, who was never beloved. But you didn't run then. You were afraid of Rahm. You were so afraid of him, you didn't run for mayor until after he pulled out of the campaign last September.

And timing is everything. Back to Foxx. Remember all that high-minded talk about Foxx having "recused" herself from the Smollett case, on account of Foxx compromising herself with Obama Celebrity Friends who were supporting Smollett? Foxx really didn't recuse herself. Not legally. Not at all. "The State's Attorney did not for-

mally recuse herself or the Office based on any actual conflict of interest," her spokeswoman, Tandra R. Simonton, said Wednesday in an email response to my questions. "As a result, she did not have to seek the appointment of a special prosecutor under (state law)."

Instead, she put her first assistant, Joe Magats, out front to take the beating that would come.

"Although we use the term 'recuse' as it relates to State's Attorney Foxx's involvement in the matter, it was a colloquial use of the term rather in its legal sense," Foxx's office said.

Ah, yes, well, but when you use "recuse" and "recusal," legal-sounding terms, taxpayers might get the idea that it's legal business. But it's not.

And there was nothing to stop Foxx from meeting with Magats or sending him direction, like a puppet, to make a deal to wipe Smollett clean.

And then came that panicky email Foxx's office sent out, asking prosecutors for "examples of cases, felony preferable, where we, in exercising our discretion, have entered into verbal agreements with defense attorneys to dismiss charges against an offender if certain conditions were met, such as the payment of restitution, completion of community service, etc. but the defendant was not placed in a formal diversion program."

In other words: Please help me. I've screwed up, and I need examples to show people that what I did is really not all that unusual.

I asked a Cook County judge about this.

"How stupid is it to put in writing that you're advertising for excuses after the fact?" said the judge.

No further questions, Your Honor.

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In Jussie Smollett case — like the Russia investigation — public isn't getting full story



REX W. HUPPKE

Congratulations to Jussie Smollett on being both fully exonerated and rightfully indicted, all at the same time.

I haven't quite figured out what cross-dimensional trickery is afoot, but I know parallel realities when I see them, and Smollett is definitely inhabiting two separate but similar universes.

On Tuesday, Cook County prosecutors dropped all the charges the "Empire" actor was facing for allegedly casting himself the victim of a fake hate crime. After a rigorous police investigation and a grand jury that brought 16 disorderly conduct charges against Smollett, the decision by the state's attorney's office seemed gobsmackingly odd.

In just two months, Smollett had gone from victim to suspect to defendant to ... well, I don't know quite what to call him now. He said he has been fully exonerated, but lead prosecutor Joseph Magats said his office stands behind the investigation and the decision to charge Smollett, adding that if the actor "feels that we have exonerated him, we have not. I can't make it any clearer than that."

I would argue that Magats could, in fact, make it considerably clearer, given that this outcome is about as clear as a bucket of mud. Is Smollett back to being a victim? Or, if he hasn't been exonerated, is he presumed guilty of concocting the hate crime story? Is he both guilty and innocent? Is he "guiltinnocent"? Is he fully exonerated or rightfully indicted or, perhaps, "full-rightfully exonerated"?

Say we've got two Smolletts, one from our universe and one from a parallel universe, and now we have to figure out which is which. That would be a good bit easier if we knew why the state's attorney's office decided to drop all 16 charges in exchange for



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Actor Jussie Smollett arrives for a news conference on Tuesday at the Leighton Criminal Court Building.

community service and a \$10,000 bond Smollett agreed to forfeit. (Next time I get indicted on 16 counts of disorderly conduct, at least I'll know the cost of a get-out-of-jail-free card.)

The problem with learning more about the agreement the two sides reached is that Smollett's attorneys asked the judge to seal the entire court record and, in keeping with the nothing-makes-sense-at-all nature of this narrative, the prosecution didn't object.

So whatever happened in court Tuesday is locked up tight,

allowing Smollett to say whatever he wants and allowing the lead prosecutor to say things that make no sense, like: "I can't make it any clearer than that." If you've made no attempt to make something clear, you can't turn around and say you're unable to make it any clearer. That's like not vacuuming a dirty floor and then saying further vacuuming is unnecessary because the floor is as clean as it can get.

Even Mayor Rahm Emanuel, about as fond of transparency as a bird that just flew into a window, was caught off-guard.

"This is without a doubt a whitewash of justice and sends a clear message that if you're in a position of influence and power, you'll get treated one way, other people will be treated another way," Emanuel said.

He's right about that. And absent any actual facts about the agreement between the prosecutor's office and Smollett, it's tough to look at what happened and not assume a person with friends in high places just leveraged his influence to get out of charges that would've landed a regular non-connected schmuck

in prison.

There's an odd parallel between the Smollett developments and the decision by U.S. Attorney General William Barr to summarize special counsel Robert Mueller's report on Russian interference in the 2016 election into four pages that basically say: President Donald Trump didn't do anything wrong.

With Smollett, we don't have a full explanation of what happened between him and the Cook County state's attorney's office. With Trump and allegations relating to the Russia investigation, we don't have a full explanation of what happened because we've yet to see the full Mueller report.

I would like nothing more than to come up with a well-informed and reasoned opinion on the resolution of Smollett's case, one that doesn't require assumptions. But thanks to the secrecy demanded by Smollett's attorneys, endorsed by the prosecutors and approved by the judge, we only know what we can see.

I would like nothing more than to come up with a well-informed and reasoned opinion on the resolution of Mueller's investigation, one that doesn't require assumptions. But thanks to Barr's decision to release only a short summary that draws conclusions not backed up by specific evidence, we only know what we can see.

This is why information and transparency are important. This is why facts matter.

What we see with the president is a large amount of questionable behavior that's now being written off by some without a thorough explanation.

And what we see in the Smollett case is a celebrity walking away from alleged crimes without being officially cleared or officially found guilty. He is what he says he is, and he is also what prosecutors say he is — he is two Jussie Smolletts.

And that is, as the mayor said, a whitewash of justice.

There seems to be a lot of that going around these days.

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Hopefuls get in jabs during final TV debate

Lightfoot presses Preckwinkle on patronage hiring

BY JUAN PEREZ JR.
AND GREGORY PRATT
Chicago Tribune

During a largely tepid debate less than a week before Election Day, Chicago mayoral candidates Toni Preckwinkle and Lori Lightfoot took a final blast of parting shots Wednesday night.

They avoided direct attacks for about 48 sedate minutes during the CBS-Ch. 2 event, which was held in an auditorium overlooking City Hall. But in the closing moments of their final joint televised appearance, Preckwinkle, a teacher-turned-politician, and Lightfoot, a former federal prosecutor, reverted to the sharp tone of 2019's mayoral runoff election.

It started with a softball question.

Lightfoot, a former equity partner at Mayer Brown, asked Preckwinkle how she would build hope for the city's youth during her tenure as mayor. Preckwinkle, the Cook County Board president, took a more aggressive approach.

"You are a corporate lawyer. It's something you've said you are proud of," Preckwinkle told Lightfoot,



JOHN J. KIM/CHICAGO TRIBUNE

Mayoral candidates Lori Lightfoot, left, and Toni Preckwinkle take their positions Wednesday for a television debate at an auditorium overlooking City Hall.

noting her opponent's legal work on a class-action racial discrimination lawsuit and legislative map redistricting. "What do you regret most in your professional life?"

"Well, there she goes again," Lightfoot replied to the audience, in shades of Ronald Reagan's famous 1980 debate comment to Jimmy Carter.

"You've made the hallmark of your campaign since Feb. 26 to denigrate me, to challenge me, to portray me as something other than I am," Lightfoot said to Preckwinkle.

"Our children are watching. You talk about your grandchildren all the time. I have to explain to my daughter what it means when adults lie. I have to explain to my daughter

what it means when adults are bullies. I have to explain to my daughter what it means when an adult says something that's not true just to try to score political points."

On a day when Preckwinkle's campaign said it would return to television airwaves with a 30-second ad that attacks Lightfoot's handling of a case that followed a fatal 2004 West Side fire, the political veteran said Lightfoot had no room to complain.

"This is a person who is complaining now about the tenor of the campaign, but in the first debate called me a liar and has repeatedly said I'm a cockroach," Preckwinkle said, referencing a Lightfoot radio interview in January, where the attorney responded to a

federal public corruption charge filed against embattled Ald. Edward Burke. "I think it's a little bit hypocritical for her to complain now about the tenor of the campaign."

Lightfoot, meanwhile, pressed Preckwinkle's ties to machine-style politics and patronage hiring.

A Tribune report published Wednesday concluded that over the last eight years, Preckwinkle reduced the size of the county workforce by 12 percent and convinced a federal judge that anti-patronage hiring oversight was no longer needed.

But the chair of the Cook County Democratic Party still found ways to hire and promote political workers, relatives of fellow politicians and former govern-

ment officials tossed out by the voters, a Tribune examination of county payroll records showed.

Among those already disclosed by the Tribune are Ed Burke Jr., the alderman's son, who was put into a nearly \$100,000 county homeland security job after leaving the sheriff's office while under internal investigation for allegedly making inappropriate sexual comments.

When asked whether her administration's decision to hire Burke Jr. was an example of clout on Wednesday, Preckwinkle twice did not answer the question and said the alderman's son had worked for the county 20 years before she hired him.

Pressed for a yes or no answer, Preckwinkle repeated, "He worked for the county for 20 years. His resume was sent to the Department of Homeland Security and he basically transferred from the sheriff's office to the Department of Homeland Security."

Then she said people in the city care about other issues such as gentrification.

"Of course it was a clout hire," Lightfoot said when asked the same question. "You may well have made a mistake, but just say it was a mistake. If you can't acknowledge that because you have aspired to climb the

ladder of the broken and corrupt machine, that's a problem."

Both women also set out one of their biggest differences: their views on the leadership ranks of Chicago Public Schools.

Preckwinkle argued a district that's seen a revolving cast of CEOs needs stable leadership, as well as new hires, an elected school board and a moratorium on school closings and charter expansion. Lightfoot added to her mixed reviews of CPS CEO Janice Jackson's tenure, on a day where a line of principals testified at Chicago Board of Education headquarters to praise Jackson's leadership.

A sexual misconduct scandal prompted by a Tribune investigation last year marked an "epic failure of leadership by (Mayor) Rahm Emanuel and Janice Jackson," Lightfoot said when asked if she'd keep Jackson aboard.

"That's why I have concerns," Lightfoot said. "That kind of epic leadership fail has to have accountability. That's why I'm willing to hear her out, but she's got to demonstrate to me that she understands that she made a mistake and rectify that with the parents, and the teachers, and the kids."

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State begins issuing Real ID compliant licenses

BY DAN PETRELLA
Chicago Tribune

After years of delays, all Illinois residents will be able to get new driver's licenses and state IDs beginning Monday that comply with post-9/11 federal requirements aimed at making identification cards more secure.

Secretary of State Jesse White's office began issuing cards that comply with the federal Real ID Act in January, and they will be available at all 138 driver services facilities statewide by Monday. Beginning Oct. 1, 2020, Illinois residents will no longer be able to use their current state-issued cards to board domestic flights or enter federal facilities.

But White said Wednesday that residents still have a choice about whether to get a new driver's license or ID. They'll still be able to use a passport instead of a driver's license when traveling by air or accessing federal buildings, and people who don't fly or visit government facilities won't need a new ID or a passport.

"There's no rush for you to apply for the Real ID," White said at a news conference at the Thompson Center in the Loop.

Residents who opt for the new federally compliant card will be required to come to a driver services facility and provide documents proving their identity, Social Security number and written signature, and two documents showing proof of Illinois residency. A full list of eligible documents is available at realid.ilsos.gov.

The process will take time, and White asked applicants for patience.

The new cards — which will be marked with a gold star in the top right corner — will cost the same as the current ones: \$30 for a driver's license and \$20 for a state ID. Unlike the current cards, however, the new ones can't be renewed by mail. The new cards won't be issued at the office's five express facilities in Chicago, Orland Park, Wheaton and Rockford.

The secretary of state's office had to rearrange all its driver services facilities to comply with a federal requirement that an applicant's photograph be taken at the beginning of the process. Issuing the upgraded cards will cost the office about \$3 million more each year, Deputy Secretary of State Tom Benigno said.

Congress passed the Real ID Act in 2005 in response to a recommendation from the 9/11 Commission that the federal government set standards for identification cards. Currently, 39 states, including Illinois, are in compliance with the law.

The Illinois General Assembly originally opposed the law, passing a resolution in 2007 calling on Congress to repeal it. Illinois residents were warned that they'd no longer be able to use their state driver's licenses or IDs to board domestic flights beginning in January 2016, but the federal Department of Homeland Security granted a reprieve.

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Family and friends light candles during a vigil for Chicago police Officer John Rivera on Wednesday at Ping Tom Park in Chinatown.

Training dogs and teaching empathy

Jail program pairs inmates with dogs at risk of being euthanized

BY JESSICA VILLAGOMEZ
Chicago Tribune

Hoffman is a dog eager to please. The 19-month-old white and brown-spotted pit bull took the stage Wednesday at the Tails of Redemption graduation ceremony ready to show off his obedience skills. He walked, sat at the command of his handler and stayed in his designated spot while Cook County Sheriff Tom Dart fastened a collar with a star badge onto his neck.

But Hoffman broke character. He jumped on the sheriff, rolled on his belly and accepted pets, smiling as his brown ears were rubbed.

Hoffman is one of five graduates of Tails of Redemption, a program in the Cook County Jail in partnership with Chicago Animal Care and Control. The program, which began working at the jail late last year, pairs dogs at risk of being euthanized with long-term inmates at Cook County Jail.

Inmates live in their cells with a dog over six to eight weeks and train the dogs to make them more adoptable. The dogs that graduated Wednesday were the second group to finish the program.

All dogs from the last class were adopted. So far, three of the five dogs from Hoffman's graduating class have been adopted or claimed.

The program has been popular with inmates. More inmates have volunteered to host a dog than there are dogs to go around.

Since the dogs need to bond with someone, they must be paired with an inmate who is expected to be in the jail for a long period of time. Only inmates who face a homicide- or sexual assault-related charge are excluded from the program, Dart said.

"This is not easy what they've done," Dart said at the ceremony, "From someone who has two dogs who never listen to him ever, it's amazing what these detainees have done." Dart has two goldendoodles, Calvin, 3, and Rolly, 5.

Dart advocated for the program for 10 years before he was able to bring it to the jail.

"I always thought of it as a program that had the ability to really get to the empathy part of a person's psyche," Dart said. "Almost anybody can teach a person how to mow a lawn, how to deconstruct a building, but to get someone to change mentally so when they leave here they are looking at the world in a different way."

Dart hopes to expand the program. The jail could accommodate 20 cells for inmates with dogs, but that number may not be recommended by animal experts, he said. The next group of five dogs starts its training in two weeks.

Hoffman still exhibits the characteristics of most young puppies. He whines, barks and jumps on those around him, rolling onto his belly for pets and snacking on small bone-shaped dog treats. But his handler, Mark Brooks, said he is a great companion with minimal energetic outbursts.

Brooks, who said he has had five pit bulls over the years, said it took some time to train Hoffman since he was a stray dog. For

the first two weeks, Hoffman was suspicious of strangers but eventually formed a bond with Brooks.

"I learned as I went," Brooks said. "It built on what I knew already, I got him to stay for a while, and he can stay for about fifteen minutes at a time."

Brooks said he's going to miss Hoffman but is happy to know he has been adopted.

Animal Care and Control Chair Cynthia Bathurst said the program helps the department with another way to prevent animals from being euthanized. In 2018, the department had a 91 percent save rate. "The more animals that get out of the better it is," she said. "We can count on the slots, five dogs every 10 weeks is quite a lot of dogs." Bathurst added that after around 60 days, dogs can become sick or stressed in a shelter environment.

Larger dogs that have been at the shelter for a longer period of time, like those selected for the program, are more at risk for developing behavioral issues, said Janice Triptow, Safe Humane Chicago's manager of behavioral training. Those dogs can have kennel difficulties or are not socialized enough to be handled regularly by volunteers.

But, "They are still trainable and certainly workable dogs," she said.

The city pound had 73 dogs available for adoption Wednesday, but other dogs pending evaluation can be added to the online database at petharbor.com/chicago on an hourly basis, an Animal Control representative said.

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Design for a light-filled airport is born in darkness of Chicago Way



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Jeanne Gang is an extraordinary talent who has injected new forms and ideas into Chicago's architectural scene and the world beyond. But her design for the \$8.5 billion expansion of O'Hare International Airport doesn't soar.

In the city's own online survey of more 41,000 Chicago residents, travelers and architecture buffs, Gang's design for a curvaceous, Y-shaped terminal that would replace O'Hare's existing Terminal 2, came in third in a field of five, well behind plans from Zurich-based Santiago Calatrava and London-based Norman Foster, both of whom have far more airport design experience than Gang.

So these questions must be asked: Did Gang and her team of collaborators, who are known as Studio ORD Joint Venture Partners, win this job the Chicago Way?

Most important, what does their selection mean for a traveling public that deserves a break from O'Hare's overcrowded, outdated terminals?

Gang, a winner of a prestigious MacArthur "genius" grant, has worked closely with Emanuel on some of his signature projects, including boathouses along the Chicago River and the landscape design for the Lucas Museum of Narrative Art, which went to Los Angeles after lakefront advocates mounted a court challenge against it.

The mayor and city officials undoubtedly will deny that this long-running relationship gave Gang a leg up on her competitors. But they offer little to prove otherwise. In essence, the city is saying: "Trust us. The plan won because it won."

In announcing the decision for the \$2.2 billion Global Terminal, the city presented the meaningless rationale that Gang's team

achieved the cumulative highest score from a committee of so-called "experts." Nor, citing long-standing procedure, did it identify members of the committee or release the committee's report to the public, though officials said the mayor did not take part in the selection process.

The city's absence of openness stinks to 35,000 feet, especially because it came just a day after Emanuel was all over national TV, blasting Cook County prosecutors for a lack of transparency in dropping charges against "Empire" actor Jussie Smollett.

And the stakes of the O'Hare expansion, especially for millions of travelers, are far higher than the fate of some two-bit actor.

Which doesn't necessarily mean that Gang's design will flop. But it doesn't come close to the structural bravado of the Foster plan, whose dramatic, shell-like roof would have sheltered a flexible interior entirely free of columns. Rejecting it will go down in history as a major lost opportunity.

"A shame we will never see it. What was this committee thinking?" one person wrote on Twitter Wednesday.

Structurally, at least, Gang's plan is far more tame. Yet it does some creative rule-breaking by throwing out the city's template for the Global Terminal, which called for a terminal with a finger-like concourse extending from it. Instead, Gang combines the new terminal and its gates into a single facility. Its three curving facades evoke the confluence of the Chicago River's north and south branches as well as the city's Y-shaped emblem.

In theory, the softly curving paths of this arrangement will allow passengers to intuitively find their way from the Global Terminal's gates to the existing terminals on either side of it. That's important because the new terminal is supposed to ease connections between international and domestic flights.

Another potential plus is the design's sculptural character, which promises to bring the curves of Gang's Aqua Tower to relentlessly right-angled O'Hare.

The terminal's exterior could give the airport a new architectural identity. In addition, its lattice-like roof should emit lots of soft natural light, cutting down on expensive artificial lighting.

Still, I'm not persuaded that the design will be a breeze for the traveling public. Gang's initial design, unveiled in January along with those from the other four architectural teams, called for departing passengers to ascend escalators in order to check in and go through security, then descend to get to their gates.

Her intent in lifting the departure sequence was two-fold: Create memorable overlooks of the terminal's tree-lined atrium and allow arriving passengers to come in at a light-filled ground level, not a dreary basement.

Yet escalators often break down and become bottlenecks. Shouldn't the goal be a seamless trip on one level, not an endless shifting of levels?

Worse, the design's naturalistic touches, especially its ceiling beams and escalators sheathed in wood, seem destined to become, at best, dated, and, at worst, mall-like. They also represent a break with the machine-age modernism of O'Hare's existing terminals.

At least one questionable feature of Gang's original design, patches of grass set into the terminal's floor, will be eliminated, she told me after the plans were unveiled in January. The patches would have been a maintenance nightmare.

At a time when Chicago is about to elect its second woman mayor, it's significant that a woman will be leading the design of the city's leading airport.

Yet Gang, to her credit, has never wanted to be known simply as a woman architect. Fair enough. Having flunked the test of transparency, this project, which is scheduled to break ground in 2023 and open in 2028, will be measured by the quality of its architecture and impact on the traveler.

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Robert Gibbons displays a 2018 Christmas photo of himself with his 2-year-old son, Ja'hir, last week in Waukegan. Gibbons said it was the last time he saw Ja'hir, who was beaten to death March 18.

Agency has its 15th leader in 16 years

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year, according to the state comptroller's office.

Unlike his immediate predecessors, Smith doesn't have experience leading a large state agency, and he is something of an unknown quantity among both lawmakers and longtime child welfare advocates.

The Pritzker administration and Aunt Martha's declined to make Smith available for an interview. Pritzker's Twitter account said his appointee "has spent decades of his career working with and in the department to protect and support vulnerable children and families."

State Sen. Julie Morrison, a Deerfield Democrat who chairs the Senate Human Services Committee, said Smith "comes into a job that is virtually impossible to succeed at immediately."

"The agency is dysfunctional and ... is responsible, I think, in large part for some of the deaths of very innocent children," said Morrison. "DCFS has a huge responsibility for keeping kids safe, and they are failing."

Ricardo Meza, chief strategy officer for Aunt Martha's, praised Smith. "It's going to be a big plus for the state of Illinois and the children of Illinois who are under the care and custody of the Department of Children and Family Services," Meza said.

Charles Golbert, Cook County's acting public guardian, said Smith will inherit a number of problems that have plagued the agency in recent months, including the issue of children remaining in psychiatric hospitals for longer than medically necessary. Golbert and private attorneys filed a federal class-action lawsuit in December seeking an end to the practice.

"That's just a subpart of a larger problem that DCFS does not have enough placements for kids," Golbert said. "The number of placements for children actually went down in recent years, so DCFS has to rebuild and expand their capacity."

Golbert pointed to the recent killing of 2-year-old Ja'hir Gibbons, who was beaten to death March 18 — two days after a contract worker was supposed to check in on him and his 5-year-old brother at their Washington Park home. After his death, the worker revealed that Ja'hir was not present at the time of the inspection. The boy's mother and her boyfriend have been charged in connection with his death.

Ja'hir was killed just over a month after the death of 2-year-old Ta'Naja Barnes of Decatur was reported to DCFS. The agency had twice placed Ta'Naja in foster care after abuse allegations were made against her mother and her mother's boyfriend. Both times, the child was returned to the adults' custody by court order, according to DCFS. Ta'Naja's death was reported to the agency Feb. 11, and the mother and boyfriend have been charged with first-degree murder.

Also on Wednesday, Pritzker announced that he has asked the University of Chicago's Chapin Hall, which provides consulting services to DCFS, "to conduct an independent and comprehensive review" of the unit that is charged with working to keep families intact. The governor has asked for initial recommendations within six weeks.

"The most vulnerable people in Illinois are the children served by DCFS, and we must provide them the best services that our state can offer, which means assessing and implementing the recommendations of child welfare experts," Pritzker said in a statement. "Within six weeks, Chapin Hall will deliver a report to the new DCFS director with strategic recommendations for improving children's safety and the quality of the services the agency is providing."

In order to implement meaningful reforms, Golbert said, the same director needs to remain in place for a longer period of time than previous leaders.

Currently led by interim Director Debra Dyer-Webster, DCFS has had six leaders since 2015. In January of that year, just before Gov. Bruce Rauner took office, acting Director Bobbie Gregg resigned in the wake of a Chicago Tribune investigation that revealed sexual abuse of children in state care and other problems at taxpayer-funded treatment centers.

Rauner named George Sheldon, a former head of Florida's child welfare agency, to head DCFS, but he resigned in June 2017 amid an ethics probe. At the time of Sheldon's resignation, the agency also was facing scrutiny over the April 2017 death of Semaj Crosby, a 17-month-old Joliet Township girl whose household had been the subject of multiple DCFS investigations over two years.

Rauner's next choice, Beverly "BJ" Walker, worked in social services roles under former Gov. Jim Edgar and Chicago Mayor Richard M. Daley. She had led the human services agency in Georgia, which also oversees child welfare. But the Illinois Senate never confirmed her appointment, and Rauner used a procedural maneuver to keep her in the post through the end of his term. Walker resigned in February.

Neil Skene, who served as a special assistant to Walker and also worked under Sheldon, acknowledged it's a tough job. Beyond the complex nature of working on child welfare issues, bureaucratic rules, political interests and public scrutiny can make it difficult to effectively lead the agency, he said.

"This director walks in with the same kind of headlines that the last director walked in with and the director before," Skene said. "The last two directors have been people with national reputations, and both of them blunted their scissors on Illinois DCFS."

Cook County Circuit Judge Patrick Murphy, who presides over cases in the county's Child Protection Division, applauded the decision to select a local candidate who already understands DCFS' strengths and shortcomings.

Murphy, an outspoken critic of DCFS, said he does not know Smith personally but has heard cases involving Aunt Martha's.

"I think bringing someone in from the outside (of Illinois) is always a mistake," said Murphy, who also served as the county's public guardian from 1978 to 2004. "It takes you two or three years to figure out what's going on, and then you're gone."

Some of the best directors, Murphy said, aren't afraid of "rocking the system" and can "hit the ground running."

Though Smith's background includes helping lead one of DCFS' largest contractors, Murphy said the appointee should consider whether DCFS relies too much on private agencies, especially those with poor track records, citing the recent death of Ja'hir Gibbons.

Ben Wolf, legal director of the ACLU of Illinois, said he does not know Smith but noted that Smith's history in both private and public agencies could make him a strong candidate for the job.

"I think it's impossible to know what kind of leader he will be until he's in this high-level job and does this for a while," Wolf said. "He has a background that should give him much of the information he needs. But a lot of what you need running a state agency is to deal with the bureaucratic complications."

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'Starchitect' to lead design team

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But even as Emanuel emphasized the project's importance to O'Hare and Chicago's economy, city officials remained tight-lipped on the details of how they decided to entrust the project with a Chicago "starchitect."

The new O'Hare Global Terminal, at 2.2 million square feet, will more than double the space of Terminal 2 at the airport and will feature additional gates, more space for concessions, lounges, new baggage systems and improved security screening. It will allow travelers to more seamlessly move between domestic and international flights at O'Hare. The city has said the expansion will be funded by airport revenues, not taxpayer dollars.

"We're an aviation capital, an airport capital, and a capital for architecture," Emanuel said. The investment "brings all three strengths together in one endeavor."

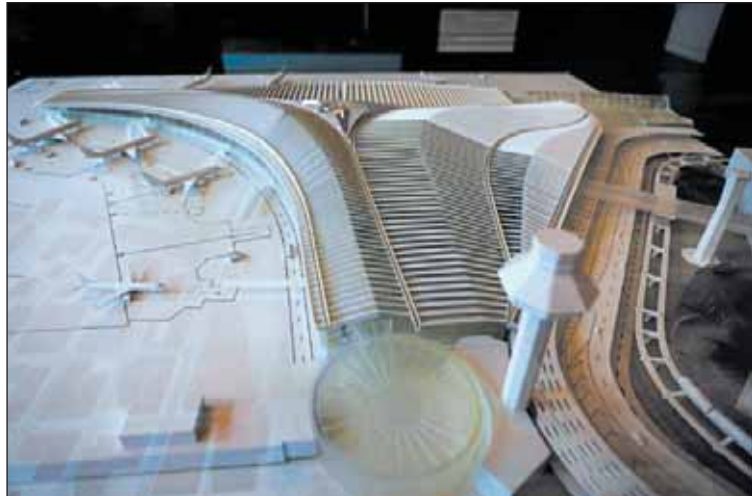
Studio ORD proposed a sculpted, three-part terminal that wraps around a towering sky-lit atrium. Inspired by the airport's original name — Orchard Field, which lives on in its ORD designation — the terminal's interior would include ample greenery and nature-inspired architecture.

City officials said Studio ORD's proposal scored the highest, without identifying specific areas where it outperformed the others. But it did not score highest with the public, according to a survey conducted during a one-week period in January that garnered more than 41,200 responses, including 10,000 from Chicago residents.

The survey asked which of the five proposals provided the best passenger experience and which best fit with O'Hare's current design. In both cases, Studio ORD ranked third, according to a website dedicated to the expansion project.

Henry Harteveltd, travel industry analyst and president of Atmosphere Research Group, said he doesn't put much stock in public surveys, but still thought the city "owes the public far more transparency than it has delivered," considering the project's size. Asked if he liked the winning design, Emanuel said, "if I say my opinion, someone's going to get upset."

"I think we're making an incredible statement of architectural excellence that speaks not only



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Studio ORD displays models of its O'Hare International Airport proposal in January at the Chicago Architecture Foundation.

to our architectural legacy but our architectural future and contributions," he said.

The city announced the five teams of architects that made a short list in November and in January, the five designs were made public. Emanuel had made picking an architect for the project — the largest and most expensive terminal revamp in O'Hare's history — a priority before he leaves office in May.

Just days away from the April 2 election runoff that will determine his successor, Emanuel said Wednesday he didn't consider the project and the selection of an architect as his lasting impact on Chicago. "It's not my legacy, I look at this as Chicago's future," he said.

O'Hare regained the title of the nation's busiest airport in terms of total flights last year, surpassing Atlanta for the first time since 2014, the Federal Aviation Administration reported last month. Atlanta still ranks No. 1 in terms of passenger volume, but the city said O'Hare and Midway Airport's combined 105 million passengers set a new record.

Making it easier for travelers at O'Hare to connect between international and domestic flights, as the new global terminal is intended to do, will help keep O'Hare competitive with other airports, Harteveltd said.

"Travelers don't care what the outside looks like, they care if it's easy to get around without breaking a sweat," he said.

While the architect for the new global terminal has been selected, getting the overhaul started and finished will fall to Emanuel's successor. He declined to address

which mayoral candidate — Toni Preckwinkle or Lori Lightfoot — would be better-suited to carry out the project.

"My own view is (the next mayor) will have their role to play ... They'll put their thumbprint on other things in this effort," Emanuel said.

City officials said the contract negotiated with Studio ORD will not need the Chicago City Council's approval because it is a contract for a professional service. They declined to say whether they expected to get the contract done before Emanuel leaves office.

The other teams that made the short list were Fentress-EXP-Brook-Garza Joint Venture Partners; Foster Epstein Moreno Joint Venture Partners; Santiago Calatrava LLC; and Skidmore, Owings, & Merrill. One of those teams will be selected to design two satellite concourses that will be built west of Terminal 1. The satellite concourses account for about \$1.4 billion of the project's cost and work is expected to begin next year.

Emanuel said he didn't know who came in second.

The selection process has been shrouded in secrecy and continues to be. The city kept under wraps the identities of the committee members making the selection, who include city officials and airline representatives, on the grounds that naming them would subject them to lobbying. Emanuel declined on Wednesday to name the committee members because the selection process was not complete.

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CPD files show behind-the-scenes maneuvers

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A \$3,500 check deposited at a grocery store bank. A red baseball cap purchased at an Uptown shop. A bottle of hot sauce left at the scene of “Empire” actor Jussie Smollett’s purported attack.

Those items are among the evidence detailed in Chicago police investigative records from the Smollett case released Wednesday to the Chicago Tribune under an open-records request.

The release of the documents came a day after Cook County prosecutors abruptly dropped a 16-count indictment accusing Smollett of orchestrating a Jan. 29 racist and homophobic attack on himself to advance his career. In dismissing the case, prosecutors said they had cut a deal with the actor to perform two days of community service and forfeit his \$10,000 bond to the city of Chicago.

The unusual move allowed Smollett’s attorneys to get his criminal case immediately sealed, catching Chicago police brass by surprise and bringing swift condemnation from Mayor Rahm Emanuel, who called it a “whitewash of justice.”

In a statement emailed late Wednesday, Smollett’s lawyer, Patricia Brown Holmes, accused police of waging a continuing “smear campaign” by releasing “one-sided evidence.”

“We are disappointed the local authorities have continued their campaign against Jussie Smollett after the charges against him have been dropped,” Holmes said. “... The case is closed. No public official has the right to violate Mr. Smollett’s due process rights.”

Like just about everything else in the Smollett case, even the fulfilling of a public records request became controversial. Police Department officials said Wednesday that shortly after releasing the materials to the Tribune, they were contacted by the state’s attorney’s office and ordered to stop distributing the documents.

“We received verbal notification from the state’s attorney’s office that the



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Jussie Smollett speaks to media after charges against him were dropped at the Leighton Criminal Court Building on Tuesday.

records are under court order,” police spokesman Anthony Guglielmi said.

Guglielmi said the department has asked for a copy of the court order that is barring the release of the documents.

“In the meantime, we have discontinued fulfilling those requests,” he said.

The 61-page police file — which was redacted to remove witness names and other personal information — lays out in detail the investigative steps taken by a team of detectives to unravel what happened to Smollett on the frigid January night in Streetsville when he claimed he was the victim of a racist and homophobic attack.

While the detective files cover much of what was already publicly known about the investigation, they shed light on the moves that police and prosecutors made behind the scenes to interview witnesses in front of a grand jury amid the media frenzy over the case.

Shortly before Smollett was charged in February, detectives arranged to have two brothers who had allegedly been hired to attack the actor appear before the grand jury at the Leighton Criminal Court Building at 26th Street and California Avenue.



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Mayor Rahm Emanuel and police Superintendent Eddie Johnson talk about Cook County prosecutors’ decision to drop charges against Smollett after a police graduation ceremony at Navy Pier’s Grand Ballroom on Tuesday.

With reporters staking out the grand jury room on the building’s fourth floor, detectives arranged to meet the brothers and their lawyer at the parking lot of Guaranteed Rate Field on West 35th Street and then drive them to the courthouse a few miles away, the records show.

The detective brought them into the courthouse through a secured rear entrance near the Cook County Jail to avoid detection by reporters, according to the detective’s supplemental report.

Smollett, who is African-American and openly gay, has said he was walking from a Subway sandwich

shop to his apartment in the 300 block of East North Water Street about 2 a.m. Jan. 29 when two men walked up, yelled racial and homophobic slurs, hit him and wrapped a noose around his neck. Smollett said they also poured a bleachlike substance on him and yelled, “This is MAGA country,” in reference to President Donald Trump’s campaign slogan, “Make America Great Again.”

Smollett’s allegations made worldwide headlines, but questions arose about his story.

Police initially treated the incident as a hate crime, but their focus

turned to Smollett after the two brothers who were alleged to have been his attackers told police that Smollett had paid them \$3,500 to stage the attack, with a promise of an additional \$500 later.

Police pieced together much of their evidence by reviewing footage from about 55 police and private surveillance cameras showing the brothers’ movements before and after the attack.

Among other evidence discussed in the files was a bottle of El Yucateco brand hot sauce that was found at the scene more than a week after the alleged attack. Detectives showed a photo of the bottle to one of the brothers, who “stated that it appeared to be the bottle he filled with bleach and poured on Smollett,” according to a supplemental report filed earlier this month.

On Feb. 19, another detective interviewed a manager of a TCF Bank branch located in a Jewel grocery store about a \$3,500 check written by Smollett that had been deposited by one of the brothers, the records show. Prosecutors later alleged the check — which indicated in the memo line that it was for physical training — was, in fact, payment for carrying out

the staged attack.

Police also obtained surveillance footage of the brothers purchasing many of the items they allegedly used in the attack at an Uptown beauty store, according to the reports. Among them were a rope, black masks, hats and gloves, the reports showed.

The most recent supplemental report — submitted Tuesday, the day the criminal case against Smollett was dropped — detailed the circumstances of Smollett’s surrender to police after he was charged Feb. 21.

According to the report, Smollett arrived at the Central District police station in the South Loop at 5 a.m. that day “accompanied by his attorney and other associates.” He was led to an interview room and read his rights before declining to speak to police.

Smollett’s attorney then asked detectives if they could release Smollett if he promised “he would show up at bond court” later that day. A sergeant informed the attorney “that would not be possible.”

On the drive to the courthouse, Smollett was offered “breakfast, coffee, or something to drink,” but he declined, according to the report. He was placed in a holding area and kept segregated — for security reasons — from the other detainees awaiting bond hearings.

“At no time while Smollett was in custody ... was he handcuffed, placed in a cell or subjected to the media,” the report said.

Meanwhile, a day after he said he believed the city owed an apology, police Superintendent Eddie Johnson toned down his comments, saying, “it’s time to turn the page and move on.”

“You know, Kim Foxx and I have a great relationship, and I don’t see any reason why that wouldn’t continue,” he said. “... In order for us to prosecute crime thoroughly, you need the Police Department and a state’s attorney’s office to work together. And it’s about as simple as that.”

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Foxx regrets early contact with Smollett’s relative

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after revealing she had contact with Smollett’s representatives early on in the investigation. She declined to provide details at the time, but on Wednesday, her office quibbled over the terminology, saying Foxx did not formally recuse herself “in a legal sense.”

Communications released to the Tribune earlier this month showed Foxx had asked police Superintendent Eddie Johnson to turn over the investigation to the FBI after she was approached by a politically connected lawyer about the case.

Foxx reached out to Johnson after Tina Tchen, former chief of staff to first lady Michelle Obama, emailed Foxx saying the actor’s family had unspecified “concerns about the investigation.” Tchen, a close friend of Mayor Rahm Emanuel’s wife, said she was acting on behalf of the “Empire” actor and his family. A relative later exchanged texts with Foxx. A spokeswoman for the office said at the time that Smollett’s relative was concerned about leaks from Chicago police to the media.

Tchen released a brief emailed statement Wednesday, long after her involvement in the case came to light, saying she approached Foxx as a family friend of the Smolletts. She also noted knowing Foxx from unspecified “prior work together.”

“My sole activity was to put the chief prosecutor in the case in touch with an alleged victim’s family who had concerns about how the investigation was being characterized in public,” the statement read.

In her approximately 20-minute interview Wednesday, Foxx said she suggested to Johnson that turning the

case over to the FBI would clamp down on the leaks and be more efficient. The FBI was already investigating a threatening letter that Smollett had claimed to receive just days before the attack.

During their conversation, Foxx said, Johnson also told her to assure Smollett’s family that the actor was a victim. He also expressed frustration with the leaks, she said.

“Perhaps we could ... kill two birds with one stone, if you will, and let the FBI, who’s already working on this, (take it) over,” she said. “And (Johnson) said he would think about it. ... I asked him later what happened. And he said ... they weren’t interested in it. And I said that’s fine.”

Illinois law allows for a state’s attorney to “file a petition to recuse himself or herself from a cause or proceeding for any other reason he or she deems appropriate.” If the petition is granted, the law calls for the judge to appoint a special prosecutor either through the attorney general’s office, another county prosecutor’s office or a private attorney.

But Foxx, who stepped away from the Smollett case before charges were ever filed, didn’t file a recusal petition or remove her office from the investigation. Instead, she handed the responsibility for the case to her first assistant, Joseph Magats, a 29-year veteran of the office.

After questions arose this week whether she had followed state law, Foxx’s office appeared to back off whether she ever officially recused herself in the first place.

While the term “recusal” was used when it was announced she was stepping away from the Smollett case, a Foxx spokeswoman

said, “it was a colloquial use of the term rather than in its legal sense.”

“The state’s attorney did not formally recuse herself or the office based on any actual conflict of interest,” Tandra Simonton said in a statement. “As a result, she did not have to seek the appointment of a special prosecutor under (state law).”

An internal memo sent on Feb. 13 by Foxx’s chief ethics officer, April Perry, however, did not describe the move as colloquial at all. Instead, Perry sent a two-sentence email informing staff that Foxx “is recused” from the Smollett investigation. It did not say why.

Foxx on Wednesday said that office employees, including Perry, use the word “recusal” internally to describe when the state’s attorney ropes herself off from a case.

“We used the word internally,” she said. “We also use the phrase ‘wall-off’ ... Build a wall, do not talk to the state’s attorney about this case.”

Those precautions were enough to meet ethical standards without withdrawing the entire office from the case, Foxx told the Tribune.

She said she has similarly withdrawn herself from involvement in other cases without recusing the entire office, including one case in which the alleged victim was a distant family member.

In Smollett’s case, Foxx made the informal recusal a week before the charges were filed. At that point, formally recusing the office — or announcing publicly that she was personally withdrawing — would have tipped off Smollett to the fact that he was being considered a suspect, she said.

“Me saying publicly and me moving our office out of

it while the investigation was ongoing would signal that (the) investigation had changed outwardly,” Foxx said.

Prosecutors gave little detail in court Tuesday about why the charges were dismissed and did not discuss the terms of any arrangements. Later that day, Magats told the Tribune that prosecutors at some point in the last month made a verbal agreement with the defense: They would dismiss charges in exchange for Smollett performing community service and giving his bond of \$10,000 to the city of Chicago.

Meanwhile, Smollett’s defense team adamantly denied that any deal was made at all.

The sudden dismissal of charges stunned regulars at the Leighton Criminal Court Building, both defense lawyers and rank-and-file prosecutors. Attorneys grumbled privately that defendants will now expect similar deals, and some joked about getting a “Smolle pros” — a reference to “nolle pros,” the shortened version of the Latin term for dropping charges.

When asked to provide examples of cases that concluded in a similar fashion, a spokeswoman for the prosecutors’ office gave two.

Prosecutors reached an agreement to drop a felony marijuana charge in January after the defendant performed community service, according to the spokeswoman and court records.

The other case involved felony theft charges that were dismissed in October when the defendant paid off restitution he owed, court records show.

Former Cook County Judge Daniel Locallo told the Tribune that prosecutors’ conduct in the Smollett case raised serious

questions, particularly given the lack of public detail about the purported agreement and the little, if any, notice the office appeared to give to police.

“Why the secrecy?” he said. “You believe you have enough evidence to go to the grand jury and you actually indict him, and then without any notice to anybody, you decide to drop the charges?”

“What about other defendants? Why aren’t they afforded the same courtesy?” he said. “The bottom line is that this guy got the biggest break. He walks out of court, no charges. His bond goes to the city of Chicago, and he walks out as if nothing happened.”

The outcome also surprised veteran criminal-defense attorney Dawn Projansky.

“Most people usually have to apologize, pay full restitution, do community service and then maybe their case is dismissed. Maybe. Or it’s reduced to a misdemeanor,” she said. “It’s just too fast and ... it

didn’t follow the proper procedures of any case.”

But Gal Pissetzky, another veteran criminal-defense attorney, said prosecutors and defense attorneys don’t conduct the nuts and bolts of negotiations in public. Besides, there was no reason to brand Smollett a felon, he said.

Pissetzky also said he has reached similar results in similar cases and hopes the high-profile nature of Smollett’s case encourages Foxx’s office to continue resolving cases in that fashion.

“Kim Foxx and her office set a precedent, and with that precedent, hopefully she will continue to work towards crime reform and make this case as an example of how she’s willing to work with the community, not only with people like Smollett to resolve cases amicably.”

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Issues on suburban ballot: Home rule, tax hike proposals

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When they go to the polls Tuesday, voters in several suburban towns, such as Hinsdale, Winnetka and Barrington, will be asked if they want to pay more taxes to fund improvements and building projects at their local schools.

In the village of South Chicago Heights, they'll weigh in on whether to become a home-rule community.

And in Palos Park, they'll decide whether to re-elect the longtime mayor or elect his challenger — a high school senior.

Throughout the suburbs on Election Day, voters will be faced with those and many other decisions, plenty of them just as significant to their towns as the mayoral runoff is to Chicago.

Incumbent mayors and village presidents face re-election challenges in several towns, including Naperville, Elgin, Buffalo Grove and Highland Park. Successors to longtime mayors who are stepping down will be chosen in Harvey, Park Forest and Schaumburg.

And while many issues in school districts seek tax increases, voters in Lisle have the opposite opportunity: a chance to lower funding — and taxes — for their schools. Other issues on the ballot include video gambling and home rule.

Here's a look at some of the more high-profile referendums and races facing voters.

Referendums

Voters in Hinsdale Township High School District 86 will consider a \$140 million proposal that seeks funding for improvements at Hinsdale South and Hinsdale Central high schools. Other spending measures were defeated in November (\$166 million) and April 2017 (\$76 million).

At a meeting in December, the district's board voted to make sweeping cuts to extracurriculars at the two schools, including eliminating football, wrestling, swimming, water polo, cheerleading and marching band, effective next school year. Whether those activities are saved could depend not only on the outcome of the referendum but the future makeup of the board, which has four of seven seats up for election Tuesday.

Many of the projects in the referendum proposal involve basic infrastructure, such as \$11.7 million combined to replace roofs and \$3.9 million to replace ventilation systems at the two schools, and \$1.4 million for new boilers and hot water system at Hinsdale South, which still is using boilers from when the school was built in 1965.

The proposal also includes \$5.6 million for safety and security upgrades. About \$6.6 million at South and \$2.1 million at Central would be spent to renovate and expand engineering, technology and media production classrooms. The proposal also seeks \$24.3 million total to upgrade the swimming pools at each school.

The owner of a house with a market value of \$500,000 would pay about \$283 more in taxes annually.

In Winnetka School District 36, a \$90.6 million bond sale referendum is on the ballot for a plan that will cost a total of about \$100 million. The goal is to keep open neighborhood schools by fixing up several historic buildings. That includes \$39.8 million for facility maintenance and improvements, while another \$58.9 million would be spent on school building additions and renovations. District officials said a resident with a home valued at \$1 million would pay an extra \$276 in taxes toward the district's portion of their property tax bill if the referendum is approved.

Barrington Community Unit School District 220 has a \$185 million referendum proposal on the upcoming ballot. If the measure is approved, \$87.5 million would go toward proposed improvements to Barrington High School, \$61.2 million to the district's elementary schools and \$36.5 million to its two middle schools. Should the proposal pass, the owner of a \$500,000 home will pay about \$100 more a year in property taxes.

A school-related question also will appear on ballots in Lisle, though the proposition doesn't seek to increase taxes. It asks if voters in Lisle School

District 202 want to pay less.

Under a state law signed in 2017, any district that is funded well beyond the minimum set by the state can seek to lower its spending. If the proposal in Lisle is approved, the levy would reduce by about \$2 million. But Superintendent Keith Filipiak said voters should understand they would be reducing educational offerings. Courses such as language, art and music likely will be discontinued and class sizes will get bigger, Filipiak said.

Voters in South Chicago Heights are being asked to approve home rule authority for elected leaders, despite voters rejecting a home rule measure in 2013. Mayor Terry Matthews said home rule would give the community more authority in enforcing crime-free housing ordinances covering rental housing in the village, although real estate groups warn such rules could impose burdensome regulations on landlords. Willowbrook also has a home rule measure on the ballot.

In Campton Hills, voters again will be asked the nonbinding question of whether to allow video gambling within the village. A 2012 initiative was overwhelmingly rejected.

Mayors, village presidents

Naperville is the largest suburb with a contested race for mayor. Incumbent Steve Chirico is being challenged by Richard "Rocky" Caylor. Chirico is seeking his second term after succeeding longtime Mayor George Pradel.

In Elgin, incumbent David Kaptain is being challenged by City Councilwoman Carol Rauschenberger.

In Palos Park, John Mahoney, an attorney who has been mayor since 2007, is being challenged by a high school student. Nicholas Baker, 18, who attends Chicago's St. Ignatius Prep, believes Palos Park is in need of fresh ideas.

Baker, who also serves in the village's police cadet training program, said he was inspired to run after seeing three vape shops, places that sell electronic cigarettes and paraphernalia, open in the southwest suburban town of about 5,000 residents.

"I believe that recent development is incompatible with the community's character," Baker wrote in an email to the Tribune.

Mahoney, who calls himself a public servant, not a politician, has welcomed having an opponent in the race and said he's impressed with what Baker has done.

"He has really put a lot of work into this campaign," Mahoney said. "His entire website and his social media presence — I give the young man a lot of credit for the effort he's put into this."

In Harvey, longtime incumbent Mayor Eric Kellogg cannot run for re-election because of term limits. The two top vote-getters in the primary were Ald. Christopher Clark and Park District President Anthony McCaskill.

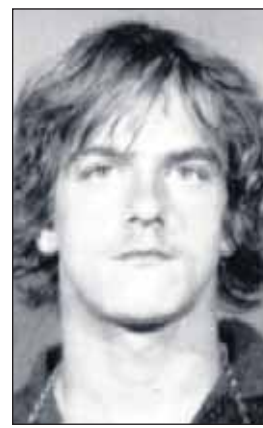
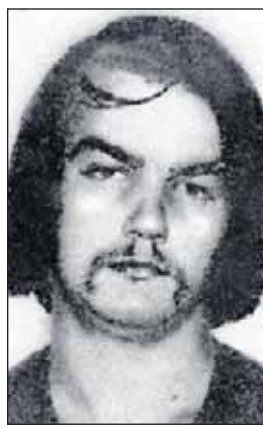
The men have each called for Kellogg to step down amid a federal probe that names as defendants two of Kellogg's brothers, a cousin and a former confidante. Charges have not been brought against Eric Kellogg. However, he is implicated in a criminal complaint filed against his brother Rommel Kellogg and cousin Corey Johnson over their alleged shake-down of a strip club owner.

In Buffalo Grove, incumbent Village President Beverly Sussman is being challenged by former trustee Mike Terson. Highland Park incumbent Mayor Nancy Rotering is running against former store owner Bob Crimo.

Park Forest Mayor John Ostenburg is not seeking a sixth term. Sitting trustees Mae Brandon and Jon Vanderbilt, and former trustee JeRome Brown, are running for the post. In Schaumburg, Village President Al Larsen is stepping down after eight terms, and three people are vying for his seat: Nafees Rahman, Tom Dailly, and Matthew Steward.

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From left: Robin Gecht, Thomas Kokoraleis, Andrew "Andy" Kokoraleis and Edward Spreitzer.

Member of Ripper Crew poised to go free Friday

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role in the murder of a 21-year-old Elmhurst woman who was abducted outside the suburban office where she worked in May 1982, but a series of legal maneuvers and now-defunct sentencing rules allowed for him to go free after serving just half his prison term.

His younger brother Andrew was executed by lethal injection 20 years ago this month at age 35, before Illinois abolished the death penalty. The other two defendants have exhausted their appeals and probably will die in prison, though one will be eligible for parole if he lives to be 89.

It's unclear where Thomas Kokoraleis plans to live. The former DuPage County resident did not respond to written Tribune requests to interview him at the Illinois River Correctional Center, a medium-security facility in Fulton County. He must register his new address with the state within three days of his release from prison, officials said, but he will not have to follow typical parole conditions because he completed his mandatory supervised release period behind bars.

Members of some victims' families were outraged two summers ago when the Tribune first reported his anticipated release. Their efforts helped lead to an 18-month delay in his original parole date, but authorities announced in late 2017 there was nothing else they could do to hold him beyond March 29.

Though still upset, some relatives say they accept the news.

"We've exhausted everything," said Mark Borowski, who was 14 when his sister Lorry Ann was abducted after walking a few short blocks in broad daylight from her Elmhurst apartment to work. "There's nothing else we can do. We fought as hard as we could. I cannot even imagine someone like this could get out."

Those who know Kokoraleis — including psychiatrists and psychologists who in recent years evaluated him as part of a last-ditch effort to block his freedom — say he is not sexually violent. They portray him as a hapless follower with a low IQ who unwittingly inserted himself into the police investigation while trying to help his brother.

But police and prosecutors involved in the infamous case say they have no doubt about his involvement. Kokoraleis admitted in detailed, tape-recorded police interviews in November 1982 to being present during three attacks, including the slaying of Lorry Ann Borowski. At trial later, he denied being present and said police fed him details of the crimes. Authorities argued he wasn't smart enough to memorize such descriptions even if they had.

His brother and a third defendant, Edward Spreitzer, did not mention him in their lengthy confessions. The ringleader, Robin Gecht, an electrical contractor and handyman who once worked for John Wayne Gacy, was the only member of the crew who did not confess. Authorities described the others as "genetic nobodies" whom Gecht easily manipulated while giving them work as laborers.

Lorry Ann Borowski's mother, Lorraine, now 83, said she never imagined she'd see the day Kokoraleis would be a free man. She recalled that during the nearly five months the family searched for her daughter, she would carry a sheet, hoping to use it to cover Lorry Ann's body and give her child dignity in death.

"I thought he was going to be in prison until I died," Lorraine Borowski told the Tribune.

Local authorities in Canton, Ill., where Kokoraleis has been incarcerated, said he is not expected to remain in the area. Before his arrest, he lived in Villa Park, where the family still has elderly relatives. His parents are deceased. Two of his brothers live together in a two-bedroom apartment in the northwest suburbs. One of them, Greg, told the Tribune his landlord has made it clear that the convicted murderer cannot stay with them. He insists his brother is

not dangerous.

"My brother would never hurt no one," he said this week. "He's not that kind of a person that would turn violent. He got mixed up with the wrong people. ... I'm just praying for him so he can find a place to live and doesn't end up sleeping on the street."

Other siblings live out of state.

Kokoraleis was due to be paroled in late September 2017, but his release was delayed because he had not found an approved place to live, which is considered a parole violation. State corrections officials declined to say where Kokoraleis plans to live or even if he has secured housing. But even if he hasn't, officials said, they cannot hold him any longer. The state will provide him few resources beyond transportation from the prison, according to state officials and advocacy groups who have argued that such treatment of longtime inmates is inhumane.

State officials said Kokoraleis' address will be a matter of public record on Illinois' sex offender registry. Though he is not a convicted sex offender, officials said that because he is a murderer whose offense was sexually motivated, state law requires him to register for the rest of his life while living in Illinois. He will not be subject to other rules applying to sex offenders, such as boundary restrictions near parks, schools and day care facilities.

Elmhurst police Chief Michael Ruth said he shares community members' concerns that Kokoraleis may return to the area.

"Human beings are creatures of habit," he said. "If you were incarcerated for 35 years, where would you go? You go back to your old neighborhood, to what you're familiar with."

At the time of his arrest, Thomas Kokoraleis was a 22-year-old painter and high school dropout who admitted using cocaine and marijuana. He did not have a criminal record. A forensic psychiatrist described the former special education student as having a "borderline range of intellect," just above being mentally impaired with an IQ of 75, according to court records.

His former trial attorney, Thomas Swiss, is now retired and said he has not spoken to Kokoraleis in years. He has described his former client as a follower and people pleaser, and a danger only to himself.

A DuPage County jury convicted Thomas Kokoraleis in 1984 of Borowski's rape and murder, and a judge later sentenced him to life in prison after rejecting the prosecution's request for the death penalty. He did not testify during his trial, but during his sentencing hearing he took the stand and denied involvement. In late 1986, a state appeals court reversed his guilty conviction, citing legal errors, and ordered a new trial.

One year later, Kokoraleis pleaded guilty to the Elmhurst murder in exchange for a 70-year prison term. The plea deal allowed for Friday's release, as standard sentencing guidelines back then included day-for-day credit for good behavior. The passage of truth-in-sentencing laws later excluded convicted murderers from such perks.

As part of the plea deal, prosecutors also dropped charges against Kokoraleis involving another woman who is thought to be the men's first victim.

Linda Sutton, 26, was found mutilated outside a Villa Park motel after the men abducted her about a week earlier near Wrigley Field in May 1981.

Her children, Antone and Shavonna, were 9 and 1 at the time of their mother's violent death. Her son still recalls the sight of police detectives arriving at their

home with her earrings to try to identify the woman's remains.

"He served his time. We have to accept it," said Antone Sutton, now a father himself. He said he has thought about what he would say if he ever met his mother's killers. "I guess I just want to look in his eyes and speak to him. I can take it, whatever he says, to know the truth and, I guess, maybe release some inner demons in my mind."

In 2017, authorities explored whether Thomas Kokoraleis could be involuntarily civilly committed as a sexually violent person. But various mental health experts found he did not meet the legal criteria. The law required

proof beyond a reasonable doubt that a person suffers from a mental disorder and that the disorder makes it "substantially probable" he or she will commit further acts of sexual violence.

Besides crimes involving Borowski and Sutton, Kokoraleis admitted in his 1982 tape-recorded police statements to being present during the abduction of 30-year-old Shui Mak of Lombard. She vanished two weeks after Borowski's kidnapping after getting out of a car following an argument with her brother as they drove in the Hanover Park area. Her body was discovered months later in a South Barrington field.

The details of the group's repeated attacks on women were shocking. The men would cut off their victims' breasts, often using piano wire or a knife while the women

were alive, as part of sexual rituals — sometimes involving cannibalism — later performed at a makeshift altar in the ringleader's Chicago home, authorities said.

Exactly how many people they killed likely will never be known, as police were unable to locate all the victims' bodies. Police said the defendants were high on drugs and alcohol during the attacks, and later confused details or couldn't recall where they dumped their victims.

Spreitzer, 58, is ineligible for parole. Convicted of five murders, he was sentenced to death in 1986, but in 2003 then-Gov. George Ryan cleared out death row, commuting to life terms the sentences of all the state's condemned inmates. It was one of Ryan's final acts in office. Illinois abolished the death penalty some eight years later.

The group's leader, Gecht, 65, is eligible for parole in late 2042. If he lives that long, he will be 89. Without a confession or other physical evidence, authorities were unable to obtain a murder conviction against him. Gecht was sentenced to 120 years in prison for the rape and mutilation of an 18-year-old woman working as a prostitute who survived her attack and provided police with crucial details, such as a description of the reddish-orange utility van.

Warren Wilkosz, a former DuPage County sheriff detective whose work helped end the crew's cruel run, described passing out flyers to prostitutes along Cicero Avenue with a description of the van. Chicago police eventually located it, with Spreitzer behind the wheel, which led authorities to the rest of the men. The teenage prostitute identified Gecht as her assailant in a police lineup held in the hospital where she was recovering.

Years later, Wilkosz witnessed Andrew Kokoraleis' execution. Long retired, Wilkosz said he doesn't have strong feelings about Thomas Kokoraleis' release. Gecht, though, would be "a whole different thing," he said.

"He made Manson look like a Boy Scout."

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Lorry Ann Borowski



Shui Mak



Linda Sutton

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PM May: I'll quit if Brexit deal OK'd

British leader offers concession as votes taken on alternatives

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LONDON — British Prime Minister Theresa May offered up her job in exchange for her Brexit deal Wednesday, telling colleagues she would quit within weeks if the agreement was passed and Britain left the European Union.

May's dramatic concession that "there is a desire for a new approach — and new leadership" was a last-ditch effort to bring enough reluctant colleagues on board to push her twice-rejected EU divorce deal over the line.

It looked like it might not be enough, as a key Northern Ireland party said it would not be supporting the deal.

May's announcement came as lawmakers held an inconclusive series of votes on alternatives to her unpopular deal. It was the first step in an attempt by Parliament to break the Brexit deadlock and stop the country from tumbling out of the bloc within weeks with no exit plan in place.

May has been under mounting pressure from pro-Brexit members of her Conservative Party to quit. Many Brexiters accuse her of negotiating a bad divorce deal that leaves Britain too closely tied to the bloc after it leaves.

Several have said they would support the withdrawal deal if another leader took charge of the next stage of negotiations,



JESSICA TAYLOR/AP

Britain's Prime Minister Theresa May stands to talk to lawmakers inside the House of Commons on Wednesday.

which will determine Britain's future relations with the EU.

In a packed meeting of Conservative legislators described by participants as "somber," May finally conceded she would have to go, although she did not set a departure date.

"I am prepared to leave this job earlier than I intended in order to do what is right for our country and our party," she said, according to a transcript released by her office.

Anti-EU lawmaker Jacob Rees-Mogg, who has clashed with May throughout the Brexit process, said she had been "very clear" that if Britain leaves the EU as foreseen on May 22, she will quit soon after.

He said the prime minister had been "very dignified."

"She put her case well, and reiterated that she had done her duty," he said.

It was unclear whether May's offer to resign would be enough to win backing for her deal, which was defeated by 230 votes in January and by 149 votes earlier this month.

High-profile Brexit leader Boris Johnson announced soon after May's statement that he would support the agreement, which he has previously called a "humiliation." Johnson is a likely contender to replace May as prime minister.

But other hard-liners said they would continue to reject the deal, and Northern Ireland's small but influential Democratic Unionist Party refused to budge in its opposition to the deal.

The DUP's support was

seen as key to persuading other Brexiters to back the deal. But the staunchly pro-British party fears a provision designed to keep an open border between EU member Ireland and the U.K.'s Northern Ireland after Brexit would weaken the bonds between Northern Ireland and the rest of the U.K.

"We cannot sign up to something that would damage the Union," DUP leader Arlene Foster told Sky News.

Asked if the party might abstain instead, DUP lawmaker Nigel Dodds tweeted: "The DUP do not abstain on the Union."

Two years ago, Britain triggered a countdown to departure from the EU that was to end Friday, March 29, 2019. With that date approaching and no Brexit

deal approved by Britain, the EU last week granted a delay. It said that if Parliament approves the proposed divorce deal this week, the U.K. will leave the EU on May 22. If not, the government has until April 12 to tell the 27 remaining EU countries what it plans to do: leave without a deal, cancel Brexit or propose a radically new path.

With May clinging to her Plan A — getting her deal approved — lawmakers this week seized control of the parliamentary timetable for debate and votes Wednesday on a range of Brexit alternatives.

The results underscored the divisions in Parliament, and the country, over Brexit. None of the eight plans received a majority of votes. The most popular were a proposal to remain in a

customs union with the bloc, which was defeated 272-264, and a call to hold a public referendum on any divorce deal, which fell by 295 votes to 268. Both ideas got more support than the 242 votes secured by May's deal earlier this month.

A call to leave the EU without a deal was supported by 160 lawmakers and opposed by 400.

The plan is for the most popular ideas to move to a second vote Monday to find an option that can command a majority. Parliament would then instruct the government to negotiate it with the EU.

May has said she will consider the outcome of the votes, although she has refused to be bound by the result.

Brexit Secretary Stephen Barclay urged lawmakers to back May's deal, saying the ambiguous result "demonstrates that there are no easy options here."

Barclay said he had introduced a motion to have Parliament meet Friday if needed for a vote on May's agreement, but it remained unclear whether it would go ahead.

House of Commons Speaker John Bercow said he would not accept another vote on the twice-rejected deal unless substantial changes were made.

Wednesday's votes produced inconclusive results, but could push Britain in the direction of a softer Brexit that keeps Britain closely tied economically to the EU.

That would probably require the U.K. to seek a longer delay, although that would mean participating in May 23-26 European Parliament elections.

GOP leader tried to deter Trump on ACA

House's top Republican advocated to not destroy health care law

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WASHINGTON — House Minority Leader Kevin McCarthy, R-Calif., urged President Donald Trump to hold off on pushing for a court-ordered destruction of the Affordable Care Act, advice the president ultimately ignored, according to a senior Republican official familiar with the conversation.

The unheeded counsel, which McCarthy recounted to fellow lawmakers in recent days, underscores the angst that has set in among Republicans now that Trump is pursuing the politically precarious strategy with no plan in hand to replace President Barack Obama's signature health-care law.

McCarthy has complained privately to donors that the GOP attempt to gut Obamacare — including its most popular provisions, such as protections for pre-existing conditions — was the main reason the party lost at least 40 House seats in last year's midterm elec-

tions. Now, Republicans on both sides of the Capitol are worried that Trump is forcing them to confront a volatile issue, with more potential to undercut the party than bolster it heading in the 2020 elections.

McCarthy's misgivings were first reported by Axios. The official who described his caution to Trump to The Post requested anonymity to share a private conversation.

Trump has put a brave face on the effort, proclaiming that Republicans will become "the party of health care" and promising a replacement that will be well-received by voters.

"If the Supreme Court rules that Obamacare is out, we'll have a plan that is far better than Obamacare," he told reporters Wednesday during an event in the Oval Office.

In a filing Monday in the U.S. Court of Appeals for the 5th Circuit, the Justice Department argued that the ACA should be thrown out in its entirety, including provisions protecting those with pre-existing health conditions and allowing

young adults to stay on their parents' health care plans.

If the case reaches the Supreme Court, it's unclear how it would fare: Five justices who preserved the ACA during a previous case are all still on the court.

But if the law is struck down, Republicans fret that the party will be blamed for more than 20 million people losing their health insurance — and they fear that crafting an alternative would prove unwieldy in a deeply divided Congress.

"We're going to have to double down on the fact that we need to protect people with pre-existing conditions, and we need to find alternatives that work," said Sen. Joni Ernst, R-Iowa.

"It would be really hard," she acknowledged.

During a closed-door lunch on Tuesday, Trump told Senate Republicans that he "owned" the issues of the economy and border security, but the party is vulnerable on health care, according to people familiar with the gathering who requested anonymity to discuss private conversations. The president added that he



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House Minority Leader Kevin McCarthy urged President Trump to hold off on ACA action.

wanted to get a new plan during the election.

Trump's strategy has hardly been universally embraced.

"It's the dumbest thing I have ever heard," said a senior GOP aide, who requested anonymity to speak candidly. "It is the equivalent of punching yourself in the face repeatedly."

Beyond policy concerns, Republicans on both sides of the Capitol were also baffled by Trump's decision to step on a rare news cycle that casts him in a positive light.

"The White House had 24 hours of great news with the (Robert) Mueller stuff, then (Michael) Avenatti getting into legal trouble"

said one senior House Republican official, who requested anonymity to speak more candidly.

Encouraging Trump to scuttle the health care law was Republican Sen. Lindsey Graham, S.C., who pitched Trump on the idea while golfing in Florida with the president last weekend.

The idea, Graham later told reporters, was to find a way to counter Democrats' attacks on that issue in 2020, when Graham is also up for re-election. Graham also counseled the president to work toward a bipartisan deal with House Democrats.

"We talked about it over the weekend, that if there's

a message to be learned from 2018 on policy, it's health care," Graham told reporters.

Graham said he didn't realize Trump was listening until the president walked into the Senate GOP lunch Tuesday and said "let's become the party of health care."

But many of Graham's own colleagues are wary of the strategy.

Sen. Susan Collins, R-Maine, who is crafting a letter to the Trump administration urging the Justice Department to change its position, said the president was right when he said the GOP should be "the party of health care." But this isn't the way to do it, she argued.

Man pleads guilty to kidnapping Jayme Closs, killing parents

BY STEVE KARNOWSKI
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BARRON, Wis. — A Wisconsin man pleaded guilty Wednesday to kidnapping 13-year-old Jayme Closs and killing her parents, in a move that spares the girl held captive in a remote cabin for three months from the possible trauma of having to testify at his trial.

Jake Patterson, 21, sniffled and his voice caught as he pleaded guilty to two counts of intentional homicide and one count of kid-

napping. As part of a plea deal, prosecutors dropped a count of armed burglary. Patterson faces up to life in prison when he is sentenced May 24; Wisconsin does not have the death penalty.

In a bizarre remark, he left the courtroom, Patterson turned back and said "Bye, Jayme." His victim wasn't there.

Patterson had said he would plead guilty in a letter sent this month to a



Patterson

Minneapolis TV station, saying he didn't want the Closs family "to worry about a trial."

Patterson admitted kidnapping Jayme after killing her parents, James and Denise Closs, on Oct. 15 at the family's home near Barron, about 90 miles northeast of Minneapolis.

Jayme escaped in January, after 88 days in Patterson's cabin near the small, isolated town of Gordon, about 60 miles from her

home.

The plea, coupled with an earlier decision by prosecutors not to bring charges in the county where Jayme was held, increases the chances that the details of her time in captivity will remain private.

Patterson stoically answered "yes" and "yeah" to repeated questions from Barron County Judge James Babler about whether he understood what he was doing. Later, as he responded "guilty," to each count, he could be

heard sniffing. He paused for several seconds after the judge asked him about the kidnapping charge before stuttering, "guilty."

Defense attorney Richard Jones told Babler that Patterson "wanted to enter a plea from the day we met him" and brushed off strategies presented to him, including trying to suppress his statements to investigators.

"He rejected all that and has decided this is what he wants to do," Jones said.

Members of the Closs

family and Patterson's father and sister all left the courthouse without commenting.

According to a criminal complaint, Patterson told authorities he decided Jayme "was the girl he was going to take" after he saw her getting on a school bus near her home. He told investigators he plotted carefully, including wearing all-black clothing, putting stolen license plates on his car and taking care to leave no fingerprints on his shotgun.

DeVos defends cutting out Special Olympics

BY COLLIN BINKLEY
Associated Press

Education Secretary Betsy DeVos on Wednesday defended a proposal to eliminate funding for the Special Olympics, pushing back against a storm of criticism from athletes, celebrities and politicians who rallied to support the organization.

DeVos became a target on social media after Democrats slammed her plan to remove the group's funding as part of nearly \$7 billion in budget cuts for next year. The Special Olympics received \$176 million from the Education Department this year, roughly 10 percent of its overall revenue.

In a statement responding to criticism, DeVos said she "loves" the organization's work and has "personally supported its mission." But she also noted that it's a private nonprofit that raises \$100 million a year on its own. Ultimately, she argued, her agency can't afford to continue backing it.

"There are dozens of worthy nonprofits that support students and adults with disabilities that don't get a dime of federal grant money," she said. "Given our current budget realities, the federal government cannot fund every worthy program, particularly ones that enjoy robust support



ANDREW HARNIK/AP

Education Secretary Betsy DeVos said that the Special Olympics is best supported by philanthropy.

from private donations."

Special Olympics Chairman Tim Shriver on Wednesday pushed back against the proposed cut.

"This is not the old Special Olympics, it's not my mom's Special Olympics in some ways," he said on MSNBC. "This is a new Special Olympics. We are actively engaged in the educational purposes that the country has articulated at

the federal level."

The Trump administration tried to eliminate Special Olympics funding in its previous budget proposal, too, but Congress ultimately increased funding for the group. Lawmakers indicated that the latest attempt will also fail.

"Our Department of Education appropriations bill will not cut funding for the program," said Sen. Roy

Blunt, R-Mo., chairman of the Senate subcommittee over the education budget. Blunt said he's a "longtime supporter" and recently attended its World Games.

DeVos is expected to present her budget to Blunt's panel Thursday, just days after being grilled over it in the House. Democrats on a House subcommittee asked DeVos how she could cut Special Olympics funding

while calling for a \$60 million increase in charter school funding.

"Once again, I still can't understand why you would go after disabled children in your budget. You've zeroed that out. It's appalling," Rep. Barbara Lee, D-Calif., said at the hearing.

DeVos told the panel that her department "had to make some difficult decisions," adding that the Spe-

cial Olympics is best supported by philanthropy.

Following the hearing, Twitter was alight with comments from parents, advocates and celebrities who slammed DeVos and urged her to rethink the proposal.

Joe Haden, who plays for the NFL's Pittsburgh Steelers and works as an ambassador for Special Olympics, said he was sickened by the cut. "This is so wrong on so many levels!" he said on Twitter.

Former Ohio Gov. John Kasich, a Republican, called the proposal outrageous. Kasich, who also represented Ohio in the U.S. House, said that when he was on the budget committee, "these types of programs were off limits — for good reason."

Others opposing DeVos included Julie Foudy, former captain of the U.S. women's soccer team, and actress Marlee Matlin, who said the benefits of Special Olympics are "immeasurable."

Some Special Olympics athletes joined in to support the group, including Derek "Tank" Schottle, who posted a video that had been viewed more than 140,000 times by Wednesday.

"Win or lose, we're all winners in our hearts," he said. "What warms peoples' hearts is we're all humans, just like everybody else."

Fake heiress' life of luxury left others footing the big bills

BY MICHAEL R. SISAK
Associated Press

NEW YORK — Anna Sorokin traveled in celebrity circles and tossed \$100 tips — all the more reason to believe she was the German heiress she said she was. But behind the jet-set lifestyle and pricey threads, prosecutors have said, was a fraudster who bilked friends, banks and hotels for a taste of the high life.

Sorokin, 28, lived in luxury New York City hotel rooms she couldn't afford, promised a friend an all-expenses paid trip to Morocco and then stuck her with the \$62,000 bill, and peddled bogus bank statements in a quest for a \$22 million loan, the Manhattan district attorney's office has alleged.

On Wednesday, the one-time darling of the Big Apple social scene went on trial on grand larceny and theft of services charges alleging she swindled various people and businesses out of \$275,000 in a 10-month odyssey that saw her jetting to the Midwest and Marrakesh before landing in a cell at Rikers Island.

"Her overall scheme has been to claim to be a wealthy German heiress with approximately \$60 million in funds being held abroad," prosecutor Catherine McCaw said after Sorokin's October 2017 arrest. "She's born in Russia and has not a cent to her name as far as we can determine."

Sorokin's attorney said she never intended to commit a crime.

Lawyer Todd Spodek told jurors in an opening statement that Sorokin was exploiting a system that was "easily seduced by glamor and glitz" after she saw how the appearance of wealth opened doors. Spodek said she was merely buying time so she could launch a business



RICHARD DREW/AP

Anna Sorokin and her attorney Todd Spodek appear in New York State Supreme Court on Wednesday.

and repay her debts.

"Anna had to fake it until she could make it," Spodek said.

Sorokin, jailed since her arrest, faces deportation to Germany regardless of the outcome of the trial because authorities say she overstayed her visa. Her story, however, may stick around. Shonda Rhimes, the force behind "Grey's Anatomy" and "Scandal," is developing a show about Sorokin for Netflix. Lena Dunham, of "Girls" fame, is working on one for HBO.

Sorokin arrived in the world of champagne wishes and caviar dreams in 2016 with a new name, Anna Delvey, and a wardrobe to match (Celine sunglasses, Gucci sandals and high-end buys from Net-a-Porter and Elyse Walker). She made a show of proving she belonged, passing crisp Benjamins to Uber drivers and hotel concierges, but she gave varying accounts for the source of her wealth, according to people who knew her.

At first, people around Sorokin didn't see a red flag when she asked them to put cabs and plane fares on their credit cards — she sometimes said she had trouble moving her assets from Europe, they said — and they laughed it off as forgetfulness when they had to hound her to pay

them back.

"It was a magic trick," Rachel Williams, the friend from the Morocco trip, wrote in Vanity Fair. "I'm embarrassed to say that I was one of the props, and the audience, too. Anna's was a beautiful dream of New York, like one of those nights that never seems to end. And then the bill arrives."

As she ingratiated herself into the New York party scene, prosecutors said, Sorokin started talking up plans to spend tens of millions of dollars building a private arts club with exhibitions, installations and pop-up shops. She thought about calling it the Anna Delvey Foundation.

Sorokin kept up the heiress ruse as she went looking for a \$22 million loan for the club in November 2016, prosecutors said. She claimed the loan would be secured by a letter of credit from UBS in Switzerland and showed statements purporting to substantiate her assets, according to an outline of the charges.

While seeking the loan, prosecutors said, Sorokin convinced one bank to lend her \$100,000 to cover due diligence costs. She ended up keeping \$55,000 and "frittered away these funds on personal expenses in about one month's time," prosecutors said.

Dems insist Barr release Mueller report quickly

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WASHINGTON — The battle over releasing the special counsel's report intensified Wednesday as Democrats in Congress insisted Attorney General William Barr must quickly release its full findings. Barr said he'll release at least a partial version in April.

Skepticism mounted over Barr's four-page synopsis, which was released Sunday and found no evidence President Donald Trump's campaign "conspired or coordinated" with the Russian government to influence the 2016 presidential election. The longer it takes to release the full findings from special counsel Robert Mueller, the more Democrats, in particular, warn they will question the legitimacy of Barr's actions.

The push came as the House moved ahead with its own oversight of the Trump administration, including an Intelligence Committee hearing scheduled Thursday on Russia's role in the 2016 election.

Rep. Elijah Cummings, D-Md., the chairman of the House Oversight Committee, said he was "disappointed" Barr would take weeks, not days, to release the report.

"The president has now an opportunity for weeks, it sounds like, to do these victory laps," said Cummings, noting that Trump's lawyer, Michael Cohen, is among those headed to jail as a result of the probe. "Cohen goes to jail, the president runs a victory lap."

The attorney general told the chairman of the Senate Judiciary Committee, Sen. Lindsey Graham, R-S.C., that he's combing through Mueller's report and removing classified,



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Democratic leaders in Congress are insisting that Attorney General William Barr release the full Mueller report.

grand jury and other information in hopes of releasing it to Congress.

Graham said Wednesday that he had dinner the previous evening with Barr, who said he is willing to testify before the committee after he sends Congress the report.

Trump also has said he's fine with releasing the findings. "The president said, 'Just let it go,' and that's what's going to happen," Graham said.

What's clear, though, is that Barr will miss the Tuesday deadline set by six House committee chairmen to see the full confidential report and its underlying documents. They have suggested they may eventually need to subpoena it.

Judiciary Committee Chairman Jerry Nadler, D-N.Y., said he was "very concerned" Barr would not provide the material by the time set.

Nadler upped the oversight Wednesday by placing a call to Barr. Over 10 minutes, the chairman asked whether Barr would accede to Congress' demand for the full report by April 2. Barr said no, according to Nadler.

Nadler asked if Barr would release a report to Congress without redactions.

"He wouldn't commit to that," the congressman

said. He also told reporters that Mueller's report was "very substantial" and fewer than 1,000 pages.

Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell, R-Ky., who has urged caution so as not to "throw innocent people who've not been charged under the bus," is blocking legislation to force the disclosure of the Mueller report.

Other Republicans, however, insisted on Congress being able to review it. "I want to see it all," said Sen. Ted Cruz, R-Texas. "I think we should see the entire report."

Beyond Mueller's findings, House Democrats are pursuing multiple investigations into the president's political, business and personal dealings, as they press on with their oversight agenda.

Part of their work is to determine if anyone sought leverage over Trump, his family or associates.

Those probes, including a push to release his tax returns, are not fully dependent on whether the report backs up Barr's conclusion.

The house intelligence Committee chairman, Rep. Adam Schiff, D-Calif., said the Mueller report will "guide us in terms of what has been fully investigated by the special counsel, what has gone uninvestigated."

Trump presents Medal of Honor to family

BY DARLENE
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WASHINGTON — An Army staff sergeant who saved three soldiers from the blast of an Iraqi suicide bomber by turning himself into a human shield was memorialized Wednesday as President Donald Trump presented the service member's family with the Medal of Honor, the nation's highest military award for bravery against an enemy.

Wednesday was the

eight time Trump has presented the honor.

Staff Sgt. Travis Atkins, 31, of Bozeman, Mont., was trying to subdue the suspected insurgent in June 2007 when he realized the man was attempting to detonate a bomb strapped to his body. Atkins then covered the bomber's body with his in a selfless act that officials said spared three soldiers. He was on his second tour of duty in Iraq and overseeing a 15-soldier squad at the time of his death, one month after he

was promoted to staff sergeant.

Atkins' initial award, the Distinguished Service Cross, was upgraded to the Medal of Honor after a Defense Department review.

Atkins' son, Trevor Oliver, 22, accepted the award on behalf of his late father from the president.

"In his final moments on earth, Travis did not run. He didn't know what it was to run," Trump told those in attendance. "He laid down his life to save the lives of his

fellow warriors."

To date, no living service member or veteran had received the Medal of Honor for actions in Iraq. Seventeen Americans have been awarded Medals of Honor for actions in Afghanistan, including four posthumous awards.

The award Atkins received Wednesday was the first Trump has given to a service member who fought in Iraq.

The Washington Post contributed.



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President Donald Trump presents the Medal of Honor to Trevor Oliver, right, son of the late U.S. Army Staff Sgt. Travis Atkins, on Wednesday.

Zika travel warnings eased for women

Disease has waned, but those expecting should be cautious

BY LENA H. SUN
The Washington Post

ATLANTA — U.S. and international health officials are easing warnings against travel to regions with Zika virus because the threat has diminished markedly since the virus began to sweep across the globe four years ago.

The World Health Organization designated Zika a global health emergency in 2016, and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention told women who were pregnant or might become pregnant to stay away from nearly 100 countries or regions. The mosquito-borne virus can cause severe birth defects.

Last month, the CDC quietly downgraded its warning; a spokeswoman said the WHO will soon follow with similar, less-restrictive travel recommendations. Officials said the disease has died down in most of the world — although they think it is still circulating at a lower level.

The new CDC guidelines urge women who are pregnant or thinking about getting pregnant to talk to their health-care providers about potential Zika risks before traveling. But with spring and summer travel season approaching, clinicians say it's not clear how women and their doctors can get the best information.

Until Zika, there had never been a mosquito-borne virus that could cause serious birth defects on such a large scale. Among the most devastating consequences of Zika is microcephaly, a condition in which babies are born with abnormally small heads and underdeveloped brains. The danger to a developing fetus is most severe during the first and second trimesters of preg-



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CDC officials recommend the use of insect repellent by pregnant women visiting any area that has Zika cases.

nancy.

The Zika pandemic in the Americas and the Caribbean exploded in 2015. The virus is believed to have spread from Uganda, traveling eastward across Asia and the South Pacific until it reached South America. It was introduced into a region that was highly infested with mosquitoes capable of transmitting Zika and a population that was “uniformly susceptible since it never experienced the disease,” said Albert Ko, an infectious disease expert at Yale University.

The virus infected hundreds of thousands of people and resulted in about 2,200 babies born with microcephaly, the majority in Brazil, Ko said.

Academic researchers and CDC officials say Zika has waned in most places in the Western hemisphere because so many people became infected — more than 70 percent of the

population in parts of Brazil. After being infected, people are immune to the virus and cannot pass it to other people either directly, via sex and bodily fluids, or through mosquitoes. Women infected well before pregnancy aren't thought to be at increased risk of having a baby with birth defects.

In the continental United States, mosquito control measures helped stop the spread of the virus, and there has been no local transmission since 2018.

There is no vaccine or treatment for Zika. People can protect themselves from mosquito-borne diseases by wearing pants and long-sleeved tops and using insect repellent or by staying in areas that are screened or air-conditioned.

The virus is still circulating in parts of Asia, but large numbers of new infections and Zika-related birth defects are not being reported,

Ko said. The only region reporting an active Zika outbreak is in India's northwestern state of Rajasthan. The new CDC recommendations urge people to avoid travel only to places where there are active Zika outbreaks.

Although public health officials are fairly certain the Zika epidemic has faded overall, they say the virus may be circulating undetected in some areas, making it difficult to assess the risk.

For the 88 countries and regions that have previously reported cases of the virus, and where there is currently no outbreak, “Zika virus has probably fallen below the radar,” said Martin Cetron, director of CDC's Division of Global Migration and Quarantine, which tracks disease outbreaks overseas and in the United States.

The virus has the potential to cause Guillain-Barre syndrome, which occurs when individuals' own

immune system damages their nerve cells, resulting in muscle weakness and sometimes paralysis. However, most Zika virus infections have mild or no symptoms, and many countries either have limited or no systems in place for routine surveillance and detection of the virus. As a result, “we can't tell you exactly what the risk is,” Cetron said.

“Where there are those big outbreaks, we're definitely going to tell you not to go,” Cetron also said. “Where there is a range of possibilities, from no Zika to low-level background Zika, we're going to tell you there's been virus there before; it could still be there. If you're a zero-risk person, don't go. If you're not, you decide.”

The new recommendations have raised concerns among clinicians, who are getting questions from patients.

“I get about four or five calls a week from con-

cerned couples who are thinking of conceiving in the future,” Ko said. Though risk it is much lower than at the height of the epidemic in the Americas, he said, “that's hard to tell a woman or a couple who wants to conceive and who wants to have it be absolutely 100 percent risk-free.”

Much of the onus for assessing risk will now fall on health-care providers, who may have no way to keep up with the level of threat.

“Once you dump this responsibility in the doctor's lap, then (the pregnant woman) is at the mercy of the physician knowing about the topic,” said Laura Riley, chairwoman of obstetrics and gynecology at Weill Cornell Medicine and chief obstetrician at New York Presbyterian Hospital. “The vast majority of doctors will look to see if there isn't any active disease and say it's probably OK to go.” That puts the doctor in a difficult situation for counseling patients.

Getting infected with the Zika virus during the first or second trimesters of pregnancy can lead not only to microcephaly, but a range of defects associated with congenital Zika syndrome. They include brain abnormalities, eye defects, hearing loss and problems moving limbs.

“That's the reason for such conservative concern,” Riley said. The underdeveloped nervous system seen in congenital Zika syndrome is “not like premature babies. We're talking no brain.”

A spokeswoman for the American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists said the group is taking the CDC's updated travel guidance into account as it updates its own clinical guidance to its members.

The World Health Organization ended its designation of Zika as an international health emergency in November 2016.

Spain: FBI offered stolen N. Korean embassy data

BY ARITZ PARRA
Associated Press

MADRID — Spain has issued at least two international arrest warrants for members of a self-proclaimed human rights group who allegedly led a mysterious raid at the North Korean Embassy in Madrid last month and offered the FBI stolen data from the break-in.

A National Court judge who lifted a secrecy order in the case said an investigation of the Feb. 22 attack uncovered evidence that “a criminal organization” shackled and gagged embassy staff members before escaping with computers, hard-drives and documents.

The intruders also urged North Korea's only accredited diplomat in Spain, business envoy So Yun Sok, to defect, Judge Jose de la Mata said in a written report on the Spanish investigation. So refused to do so and was gagged, according to the report.

The assailants identified themselves as “members of an association or movement of human rights for the liberation of North Korea.”

That group is the Cheollima Civil Defense, according to a U.S. official who spoke on condition of ano-

nymity to discuss details of the incident. The shadowy activists have the self-declared mission of helping defectors from North Korea.

De la Mata identified citizens of Mexico, the United States and South Korea as the main suspects being investigated on charges that include causing of injuries, making threats and burglary. He named Adrian Hong Chang, a Mexican citizen living in the United States, as the break-in's leader.

Hong Chang flew to the U.S. on Feb. 23, got in touch with the FBI and offered to share material and videos with federal investigators, according to the court report. The document did not say what type of information the items contained or whether the FBI accepted the offer.

The FBI said in a statement that its standard practice is to neither confirm nor deny the existence of investigations. The agency added that “the FBI enjoys a strong working relationship with our Spanish law enforcement partners.”

An official with Spain's National Police who wasn't authorized to be named in media reports confirmed to The Associated Press that arrest warrants were issued

for Hong Chang and one other suspect. No one had been charged as of Tuesday.

The assailants purchased knives and handgun mock-ups when they visited Madrid in early February and used them during the attack, according to the investigation document.

While in Madrid, Hong Chang also applied for a new passport at the Mexican Embassy, the investigation found, and used the name “Oswaldo Trump” to register in the Uber ride-sharing app.

The North Korean Embassy hasn't pressed charges in Spain, and officials in Pyongyang haven't officially commented.

Spanish police learned about the break-in after the wife of an embassy employee escaped by jumping from a window. When officers went to check on the situation, Hong Chang allegedly greeted them at the door and pretended to be a diplomatic official, the investigation found.

He sent the officers away with assurances everything was fine, paving the way for the invading group to make a getaway in the embassy's cars.

A police investigator with knowledge of the case told the AP that “this attack, whatever it is, would have



BERNAT ARMANGUE/AP

A member of North Korea's embassy tells reporters not to take pictures of the diplomatic building. Authorities are seeking three men in an attack on the compound.

gone unnoticed if it wasn't for the woman who escaped.”

So, the North Korean diplomat, didn't respond to written questions from The Associated Press and declined to talk to reporters during a recent encounter outside the Madrid embassy.

The timing of the incident, which happened less than a week before a high-stakes U.S.-North Korea summit on denuclearization derailed in Hanoi on Feb. 28, led to speculation the incursion was carried out to obtain data related to North Korea's former am-

bassador to Spain.

Kim Hyok Chol, who was expelled from Spain in September 2017 following Pyongyang's sixth round of nuclear tests and missile launches over neighboring Japan, has become North Korea's top nuclear negotiator with the U.S.

Asked Tuesday if Washington had any connection to the embassy break-in, U.S. State Department spokesman Robert Palladino answered, “The United States government had nothing to do with this.”

Palladino said that “regarding the specifics of what's going on, the Span-

ish authorities are investigating. The investigation is still underway. For any details on their investigation, I would have to refer you to Spanish authorities.”

The South Korean Embassy in Madrid said it had no knowledge of the events and couldn't comment.

Others identified as part of the assailants' group were Sam Ryu, from the U.S., and Woo Ran Lee, a South Korean citizen. Their whereabouts and their hometowns weren't immediately known. None of the suspects were thought to be still in Spain, the judge wrote.

U.S. to require women be given breast density info

BY MATTHEW PERRONE
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — All U.S. women getting mammograms would receive information about breast density, which can sometimes make cancer harder to spot, under a government proposal released Wednesday.

The Food and Drug Administration's proposed rules would standardize the information given to millions of women following scans to detect breast can-

cer. Some states already require the notices.

More than half of women over age 40 have dense breasts, with less fatty tissue and more connective and glandular tissue. That tissue appears white on X-rays, the same color as growths in the breast, making mammograms harder to read. Dense breast tissue is one of the factors that can increase a woman's chances of developing cancer.

Under the FDA's proposal, all women would receive

a short summary about their breast density. For those with dense breasts, the letter would note that their tissue “makes it harder to find breast cancer,” and could require additional testing. The letter would also recommend that they speak with a doctor about their “individual situation.”

More than 35 states already require some kind of notification for dense breasts. But the FDA's proposal, if finalized, would apply to all states and set

minimum standards for the information disclosed.

“We set a particular bar — you can't go below that bar — but states can impose more stringent requirements,” said Dr. Jeffrey Shuren, the FDA's director for medical devices.

Regulators will take public comments for three months before finalizing the proposal, a process that can take months or sometimes years.

Professional guidelines don't specify next steps for

women identified with dense breasts, but some physicians may recommend additional forms of scanning, including ultrasound or MRI.

Mammogram reports to doctors have long included information about density. But it wasn't routinely shared with women until some cancer survivors began pushing for disclosure laws.

Congress gave the FDA authority to regulate standards for mammograms in

1992 and recently directed the agency to develop standard summary language.

Regulators said it was the first proposed update to national mammography standards in more than 20 years.

Other proposed regulations would:

■ Allow the FDA to contact patients directly if their mammography provider is not meeting quality standards or disclosing required information.

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Official: Norway cruise ship engines failed from lack of oil

COPENHAGEN, Denmark — A cruise ship that was the focus of a daring rescue operation off Norway's frigid North Sea coast became disabled because its engines didn't have enough lubricating oil, the country's top maritime official said Wednesday.

Lars Alvestad, the acting director general of the Norwegian Maritime Authority, said the amount of oil aboard the Viking Sky was "relatively low" but

still "within set limits."

"The heavy seas probably caused movements in the tanks so large that the supply to the lubricating oil pumps stopped," Alvestad said. "This triggered an alarm indicating a low level of lubrication oil, which in turn, shortly thereafter, caused an automatic shutdown of the engines."

Viking Sky "suffered a power 'blackout' in challenging weather conditions," he said.

Egyptian mediators rush to Gaza Strip as cease-fire holds

JERUSALEM — Egyptian mediators rushed to the Gaza Strip on Wednesday and Hamas' supreme leader emerged from his hideout as an unofficial cease-fire between Israel and the militant group appeared to take hold.

The Egyptian delegation sought to cement the truce that ended two days of heavy fighting between enemies. They face a key test on Saturday, when Hamas is planning a

mass demonstration to mark the anniversary of weekly protests on the Israeli border.

Hamas' supreme leader Ismail Haniyeh urged Palestinians to come out in force to the Saturday demonstration.

Palestinian media reported that the Egyptian mediators would offer Hamas economic incentives in exchange for its commitment to end the protests.

Guilty plea to hate crimes in deadly car attack at rally

CHARLOTTESVILLE, Va. — A self-avowed white supremacist pleaded guilty Wednesday to federal hate crime charges in a deadly attack at a 2017 white nationalist rally in Virginia, admitting that he intentionally plowed his speeding car into a crowd of anti-racism protesters, killing a woman and injuring dozens.

Under a plea agreement, federal prosecutors will not seek the death

penalty against James Alex Fields of Maumee, Ohio. The charges he pleaded guilty to call for life in prison under federal sentencing guidelines.

Fields, 21, was convicted in December in a Virginia court of first-degree murder and other state charges for killing anti-racism activist Heather Heyer and injuring dozens of others who were protesting against the white nationalists.



TONY KARUMBA/GETTY-AFP

Peter Mokaya Tabichi is hailed Wednesday in Nairobi, Kenya, after returning from Dubai. The mathematics and physics teacher bested finalists selected from more than 10,000 nominees in 179 countries to win the Global Teacher's Prize and its \$1 million award.

U.S. will reassign inspectors as illegal border crossings rise

EL PASO, Texas — The Trump administration said Wednesday it will temporarily reassign several hundred border inspectors as beleaguered forces already stationed along the U.S.-Mexico border struggle to keep pace with the growing number of migrant families who are showing up at the border in poor health and turning themselves in to agents to request asylum.

Customs and Border Protection Commissioner Kevin McAleenan said during a news conference in El Paso that the reassignment of 750 border inspectors would mean longer waits at

crossings for pedestrians, passenger vehicles and cargo as the busy Easter holiday nears but that it was necessary to address what he called "an operational crisis."

The reassigned officers will process migrants, provide transportation and perform hospital watches for migrants who require medical attention.

Arrests along the Mexican border jumped to 66,450 in February, up 149 percent from a year earlier, while arrests in the Border Patrol's El Paso sector, which stretches across New Mexico and much of

West Texas, were about eight times higher than they were a year ago.

March is shaping up to be even busier. McAleenan said the agency was on track to make 100,000 arrests or denials of entry during the month, up about 30 percent from February and about double the same period last year. About 55,000 will have arrived as families, including 40,000 children.

The commissioner said the border was at "a breaking point," language that is consistent with the administration's portrayal of a state of crisis.

Barbara Bush blamed Trump for 'angst,' book says

WASHINGTON — Barbara Bush says Donald Trump caused her "angst" during the 2016 election and led her to question whether she was still a Republican.

The late former first lady's thoughts were revealed in excerpts published Wednesday in USA

Today of an upcoming biography, "The Matriarch."

In a February 2018 interview, Bush was asked if she still considered herself a Republican. "I'd probably say 'no' today," she replied. She died in April at age 92.

Bush recalls drafting a funny letter to mail after the election congratulating

Bill Clinton on becoming a presidential spouse. But Bush said when she woke up, she realized "to my horror that Trump had won."

A friend gave Bush a clock that counted down the time remaining in Trump's term that she kept at her bedside.

Ship off Libya reported hijacked by migrants

VALLETTA, Malta — Migrants hijacked a cargo ship in Libyan waters Wednesday and forced the crew to redirect the vessel north to Europe, according to Italian and Maltese authorities.

As the vessel headed in a direction leading to the island nation of Malta and Italy's shores, both countries vowed to keep the hijacked ship out of their territorial waters.

Italian Interior Minister Matteo Salvini identified the ship as the Turkish oil tanker El Hiblu 1 and said the crew had earlier rescued migrants in the Mediterranean Sea. He put the number of migrants on board at around 120 and described what was happening as "the first act of piracy on the high seas with migrants that hijacked" a cargo ship.

There was no immediate word on the condition of El Hiblu 1's crew.

In Saudi Arabia: Nearly a dozen Saudi women's rights activists seated before a three-judge panel in a Riyadh courtroom Wednesday laid out their defense and spoke of physical and sexual abuse they say they were subjected to by masked interrogators, according to people with knowledge of the case.

It marked a significant moment for the 11 women on trial, nearly all of whom were arrested in the Saudi capital 10 months ago just weeks before the kingdom lifted its ban on women driving.

People with knowledge of the cases say the charges relate to the women's promotion of women's rights and having contact with accredited foreign reporters, diplomats and human rights groups.

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EDITORIALS

Mayor Next: How to reform nervous, compliant City Council

If tradition prevails, the Chicago City Council will reward the next mayor with a honeymoon. No, not rose petals sprinkled around City Hall. Rather, a willingness to entertain the mayor's top priorities with less resistance — at first.

Elections usually deliver the sentiment of a fresh start. Best for the incoming mayor, whether it's Cook County Board President Toni Preckwinkle or former federal prosecutor Lori Lightfoot, to take advantage of that goodwill, starting with the council's committee chairmen selection process.

No, it's not headline-grabbing stuff. But appointing council chairmen is more substantive than a matter of housekeeping. The majority of the council's work happens in committee. And for too long, committee chairmen have been hand-picked by the mayor. As such, they advance issues the mayor wants while sitting on proposed ordinances the mayor doesn't want. Chairmen are part of the establishment. They are rewarded with clout, resources and larger staffs. They are legislators subservient to the executive branch.

That snow globe needs a good shake.

The next mayor should get involved in the chairmanship selection process only to advocate on behalf of change agents as committee chairs. Then get out of the way. The council is actually in charge of picking committee chairmen but historically acquiesces to the mayor. Yet taxpayers deserve a structure that acts as a "check" on the administration, not an extension of it. That means more independent committee chairmen, for starters.

One blot that has long stained the council's organizational chart already has begun to clear up. The transfer of the city's workers' compensation program from the Finance Committee to the comptroller's office is underway. Ald. Patrick O'Connor, 40th, who replaced the soon-to-be-indicted Ald. Ed Burke, 14th, as Finance Committee chairman, says the shift to the comptroller opens the workers' comp program to scrutiny by the city's inspector general. Before, the program operated almost entirely in the dark.

In addition to IG oversight, an audit of the program by an outside firm is underway. "They're looking at how the Finance Committee handled workers comp, how doctors are chosen both by the city and the claimant," O'Connor said. "They're looking for glaring holes in how claims are handled ... and making sure the city engages in best practices."

Pushing for change in council leadership is one way the next mayor can overhaul City Hall's culture. Other necessary changes:

Aldermen shouldn't operate as members of an exclusive club. They shouldn't be able to rule over their wards with impunity. They shouldn't receive more than \$1 million in so-called menu money to sprinkle around. They shouldn't be allowed to single-handedly control development in their wards.

They are public servants, yet a few aldermen have drivers to ferry them around town. Burke has had a security detail. What are aldermen, royalty?

As a body, aldermen engage in occasional debate. But it's mostly for show. They're a clique. They hang together. That's why they felt betrayed when they learned that one of their own, Ald. Danny Solis, 25th, wore a wire as part of an ongoing federal investigation. Aldermen were aghast that the feds were attempting to root out corruption in city government. They were insulted that their buddy went along with it.

What was that about taxpayers again? Who?

The next mayor has a unique opportunity to purge the council of its bad habits, from subservient committee chairmen to its culture of corruption. The attempted extortion charge aimed at Burke — and the sense that more indictments are coming — have created new opportunities for change. Aldermen are nervous, maybe compliant. Take advantage, Mayor Next.



The Jussie Smollett fiasco: Kim Foxx digs a deeper hole

Mayor Rahm Emanuel and Chicago police Superintendent Eddie Johnson welled up with outrage over the decision by the Cook County state's attorney's office to drop felony charges against TV actor Jussie Smollett, who had been facing trial for concocting a hate crime to benefit his career. Smollett's penalty: two days of community service and forfeiture of the \$10,000 in bond money he'd put up. And then there was Smollett himself, hands shaking as he insisted he was innocent, that he really was a victim.

But in the first-day tumult, one voice wasn't heard. State's Attorney Kim Foxx, step up. Try to explain the indefensible.

On Wednesday, Foxx tried to explain the indefensible, and failed. Instead she dug herself a deeper hole.

In essence, she said there's public confusion about all this because the public just doesn't understand the intricacies of the legal system.

"Every single day," Foxx told WBEZ, "... there are people who get similar arrangements ... people who get sentences that are probably not what some people would want. Every single day." As if to say: *Trust us. You critics don't understand.*

That doesn't come close to explaining why Foxx's office brought

the case this far, then let a celebrity walk, even though his alleged crimes consumed thousands of police man-hours in a city pummeled by violent crime. Foxx may think she has calmed the storm, but she hasn't.

Three urgent questions remain for the state's attorney:

■ **First, do Chicagoans have the full story of Foxx's conduct in this case?** Foxx's office disclosed that she'd had contact with Smollett's representatives during the early stages of the investigation. That contact included an email from a politically connected lawyer acting on behalf of Smollett and his family. The Tribune has reported that the lawyer told Foxx the family had "concerns about the investigation" and wanted Superintendent Johnson to turn over the investigation to the FBI. Foxx asked Johnson to do exactly that, the Tribune reported. Johnson refused. Foxx also had exchanged texts with a Smollett relative. Foxx's office said that, "out of an abundance of caution ... State's Attorney Foxx decided to remove herself from the decision-making." Is that everything there is to know about these communications between Foxx and Smollett's allies?

■ **Second, what's the rationale for cutting a secret deal without making Smollett reimburse the city for the**

costs his alleged actions inflicted on taxpayers? Without making him take responsibility for those alleged actions? To Chicagoans, to the rest of the country for that matter, it appears there was more to the decision to drop the charges and sandblast Smollett's record than what Foxx's office has disclosed so far.

■ **Third, why the sealed case file?** Specifically, is there any linkage between the answers to the first two questions — between Foxx's stumbles at the start of the case and her office's decision to abandon it? Sealing this file deprives Chicagoans of any insight into what may have led to this bizarre outcome. There occasionally are good reasons to expunge records and seal case files, but shielding prosecutors' actions from public scrutiny isn't one of them.

On Wednesday, the Chicago Police Department released its investigative file in the Smollett case. We appreciate that transparency, and if police have records of all their contacts with prosecutors in the early days of this case — including any efforts by Foxx or her prosecutors to influence the trajectory of the investigation — we hope CPD will release those records too.

Ms. Foxx, CPD's actions should inspire you to be just as transparent — now.

WHAT OTHERS ARE SAYING

Gavin Newsom confirmed that no executions will be performed in California while he is governor. This change, he explained, will be made unilaterally, without reference to either the legislature or the judiciary, by applying his gubernatorial reprieve power on a wholesale basis. There are 737 people on death row in California. Should their execution dates coincide with his tenure, Newsom will automatically grant a commutation. "I cannot," Newsom insisted, "sign off on executing hundreds and hundreds of human beings."

If that is the case, then Newsom should not have run for governor of California, nor should he have sworn an oath to "see that the law is faithfully executed." The reprieve power that Newsom wields is intended to be applied on a case-by-case basis, as a final check against judicial error or egregious injustice. It is not intended to be invoked indiscriminately as a means by which to nullify or thwart well-established laws that the executive happens not to like. ...

The arrogance of his position is remarkable. Californians were asked as

recently as 2016 whether they wanted to abolish capital punishment in the state and not only answered "No" by a margin of 6 points but voted to speed up the appeals process in concert with that refusal. ...

What, by the same token, is the California legislature for? And why convene juries — and guide them in painstaking detail through complex and difficult questions — if their judgment is to be summarily replaced by a single officer in Sacramento?

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Gov. J.B. Pritzker and the legislature should consider a few things before they ask voters to approve a constitutional amendment that replaces our flat income tax.

Illinois should attack government bloat before it enacts a progressive income tax

By **ANDY SHAW**

The biggest canard in the debate over Gov. J.B. Pritzker's progressive income tax plan is that wealthy folks don't want to pay more because they're greedy.

That's unfair and just plain wrong, and I know it from firsthand experience.

When I headed the Better Government Association, a nonprofit watchdog organization, from 2009 to 2018, one of my main responsibilities was to raise enough money to pay the bills and grow the staff.

In the process, I met many of the Chicago area's top philanthropists, who are among our most successful business executives and civic leaders. They're extraordinary individuals who give huge amounts of time and money to our iconic cultural and academic institutions, social welfare agencies and reform groups like the BGA.

But their generous support of good government organizations is tenuous, and for good reason: They're increasingly pessimistic about the possibility of meaningful reform in Illinois after living through years — in some cases, decades — of waste, fraud, corruption and inefficiency in city, suburban, county and state government.

They've watched elected officials — an elite class of "insiders" from both parties — raise one tax or fee after another to support bloated bureaucracies filled with politically connected factotums and contractors,

instead of carrying out efficiencies and best practices aimed at saving tax dollars.

And they've seen an endless parade of public officials marched off to prison for overt corruption.

Given this dystopian reality, many are questioning ongoing support for anti-corruption efforts they view as modern-day versions of Sisyphus pushing the boulder up the hill.

That is deeply troubling, and it's exacerbated by Pritzker's plan. He wants a graduated-rate income tax that he says will raise \$3.4 billion a year by hiking taxes on wealthy individuals and companies, while lowering them for almost everyone else. Wealthy donors see the proposal as another attempt to soak them for more dollars to spend on programs and services rife with the same waste, fraud and inefficiency that has characterized government in the Land of Lincoln for decades.

Can you blame them for their cynicism — or repulsion — and their increasing decampments to low-tax (and warm-weather) states like Florida?

I don't, but some backers of Pritzker's tax plan are unsympathetic. "Good riddance," they say, and I also understand that sentiment. In fact, I do support a progressive tax system. In theory. But not in Illinois as it's currently governed.

So let me suggest a couple of things the governor and the state legislature should consider before they ask Illinois voters to approve a constitutional

amendment that replaces our current flat income tax with an income-based levy:

- Convene a well-respected bipartisan task force to analyze the state budget line by line, agency by agency and department by department, to determine which programs and services the state should and shouldn't be providing, and at what staffing levels and cost. Illinois has never conducted a comprehensive assessment of government's role and capacity, and it's long overdue.

- Equally pressing is a review of the other state taxes, fees, credits, breaks and loopholes to see if there's a revenue mix that's more likely to keep and attract business and residents in a state that's losing both, and facing, at the same time, economic and demographic realities that have changed dramatically over the past few decades.

- It's also time to draft a long-term plan for the elimination of at least a thousand units of government, or individual taxing bodies. Illinois has 7,000 of those governmental entities, 35 percent more than any other state, and that's an expensive, unsustainable aberration.

This may sound wonky, but deep dives in recent years by the Metropolitan Planning Council reached two tangible and startling conclusions:

- The annual cost of administering Illinois' more than 800 school districts is \$3.5 billion more than the national average for school district administration would suggest.

That, in part, stems from the mind-blowing fact that a third of Illinois districts contain only one school.

It's time for a massive consolidation campaign.

- That also applies to the state's 1,600 park, library and sanitation districts, which cost taxpayers \$2 billion more each year than the national average would dictate.

The annual savings from reducing the excessive number of school, park, library and sanitation districts through employee attrition, buyouts, job transfers and office consolidations — I call it "smart streamlining" — could eventually reach more than \$5 billion.

There are obviously other ways to reduce the size and cost of government — I encourage thinkers in the crowd to propose their own ideas — but this much is clear:

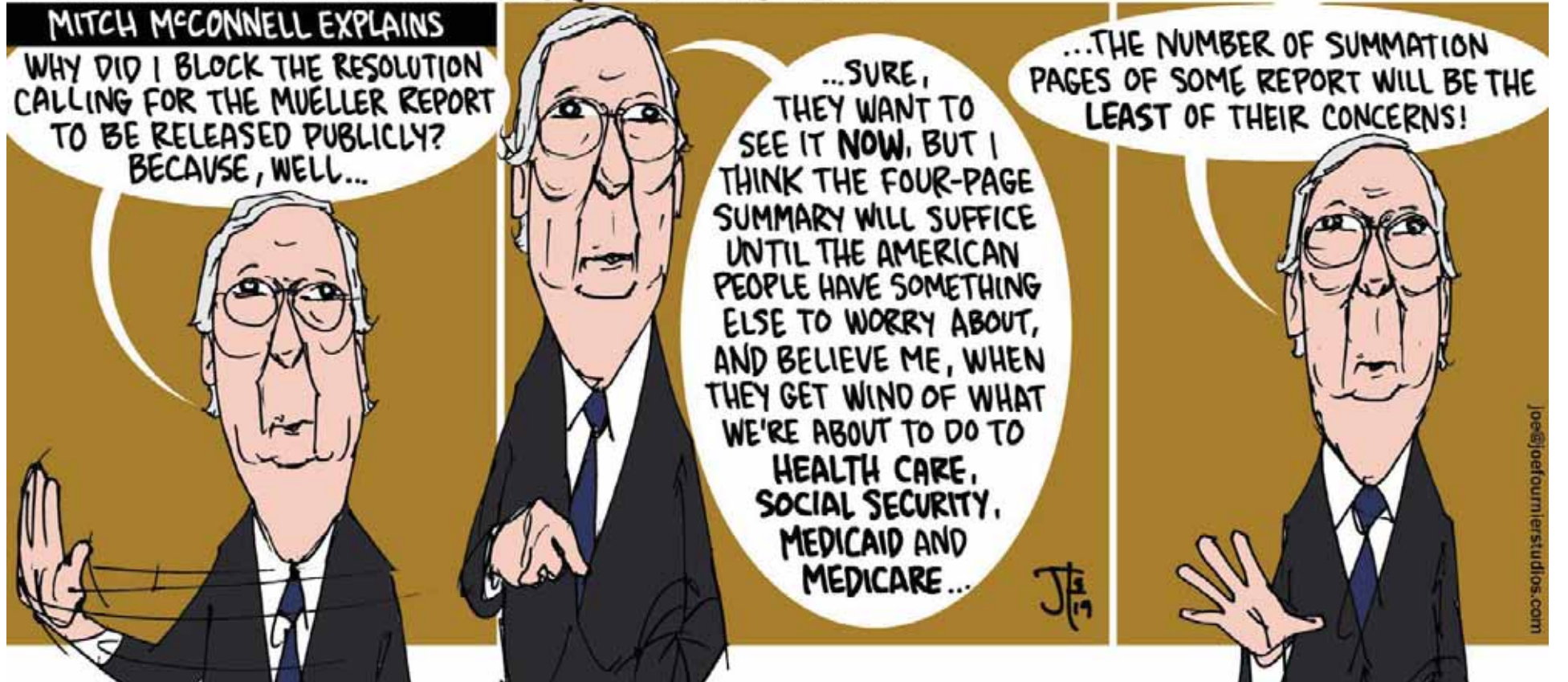
Illinois voters should not be asked to consider a progressive income tax that will cost wealthy individuals and companies more than \$3 billion a year, and further weaken donor support for reform organizations, until Springfield lawmakers do their jobs by demonstrating a real appetite for the responsible budgeting, spending and cost-cutting they've mostly avoided for decades.

Every Illinois taxpayer and watchdog is entitled to that commitment.

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What the political storms over Mueller report and Brexit have in common

BY MEGAN MCARDLE

I am writing this column from Toronto Pearson International Airport, on a layover en route to London. Behind me is the political storm over the long-awaited report from special counsel Robert Mueller, who appears to have found no evidence that Donald Trump's presidential campaign entered a secret election-rigging compact with Russia. Ahead of me is another sort of storm: British Prime Minister Theresa May's frantic scramble to get Parliament to approve some kind of Brexit deal.

Yet from the vantage of an in-between place, sheltered from the gale-force political winds, these two storms have a certain similarity: the impression of a cosmopolitan class eager to overturn the results of a populist vote, but unable to find an airtight excuse for doing so.

For going on two years, Trump's opponents have been waiting on, counting on, praying on the Mueller report. In many minds, the possibility that Trump had secretly collaborated with Russia shaded over into the probability that he had done so. And that probability, in turn, metamorphosed into treating collusion as practically an established fact.

Those who acted as though Trump were already under indictment now look foolish and somewhat desperate, which is hardly the image you want to project when you're trying to convince the public that you're the sane and sensible alternative to Trump. In looking for the most expeditious way to rectify what they viewed as a catastrophic voter error, the #resistance has made things worse.

There's a lesson in that for their counterparts across the Atlantic, who

currently, momentarily, seem to be ascendant. The prime minister has lost control of the House of Commons, which on Monday passed an amendment giving Parliament — rather than May and her Cabinet — the power to explore alternatives to the deal she negotiated with the European Union. The move was not only a challenge to May's leadership but also a striking departure from the normal course of things, in which the government sets policy and the parliament follows. May reportedly said Wednesday that she would step down once a Brexit deal is done.

There's no telling where all this will end up. But some Parliament watchers say there's probably a cross-party majority for a less radical Brexit alternative known as Norway Plus, which would allow free movement of goods, services, capital and people across borders, but that would limit the push of "ever closer union" into other areas, such as the justice system.

The benefit of Norway Plus is that it would minimize disruption, a feat it achieves by not actually changing much. Britain still would have to contribute most of what it does now to the EU budget; it still would have to allow immigration from other EU countries; and it still would be subject to many EU rules, while losing its voice in the European Parliament that makes those rules. The only obvious benefit of this plan is that it can be called "Brexit" and voted for by people who don't actually want Brexit to happen.

There's a case for this Brexit-in-Name-Only, of course. The people who voted for Brexit in June 2016 were voting for a set of vague ideas about Britain's regaining control of its borders and budget. They weren't voting for the specific deal May has negotiated.

That deal is probably the best she could wrest from the EU, which wants to make Britain's departure from the EU as unpleasant as possible *pour encourager les autres*. But it will simultaneously impose heavy costs on Britain's economy, at least in the short term, while leaving open many questions — most notably, what happens to the border between Northern Ireland and the Irish Republic — that Britain must settle before safely charting a separate course.

Legislators with more information than Leave voters had, and more time to study the intricacies of policy, may well be right that this is not what voters really wanted and that the responsible thing to do is either call another referendum or simply pretend to leave without really doing so. Just as the American #resistance makes a decent case that Trump's presidency has been disastrous for the country — and for his own causes.

But that assumes voters were mostly voting for Leave, or for Trump, rather than *against* a political establishment that has for decades responded to voter discontent by saying, "Nanny knows best." If the latter is the case, repeating the phrase louder and more firmly won't make voters any happier. Especially if driving the message home involves contravening the very civic norms and political order that the establishments in Britain and in the United States claim to be trying to preserve.

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VOICE OF THE PEOPLE

Attaboy, Mayor Emanuel

Never have I been more proud to have Rahm Emanuel as mayor. He spoke for thousands of Chicagoans in denouncing the dismissal of charges against actor Jussie Smollett. Justice has not been served here. How does spending 16 hours at Rain-bow/PUSH become "community service"?
— Steven J. Bahnsen, Chicago

Give that altruist a civic award

Is dropping the charges against Jussie Smollett really enough? After all, he stuffed a whole lot of envelopes for Jesse Jackson. Doesn't he deserve some kind of civic award?
— Thomas Keevers, Park Ridge

Smollett should get Emmy

What have we learned? We learned that Jussie Smollett will most likely be nominated for an Emmy. If you saw the performance he put on for the TV cameras when leaving the courthouse, you would have to agree. His lawyer might be up for a supporting role.
— George Richter, Elgin

CSO musicians offer excellence

Inevitably, Howard Reich's excellent writing on the Chicago Symphony Orchestra strike has resulted in reaction from those who would prefer to marginalize the musicians. Dave Shuman ("Striking musicians, consider market," March 27 letter) preposterously compares the CSO musicians to buggy whip manufacturers. Thousands of people pay to hear the CSO. When was the last time thousands of people paid for buggy whips? Former CSO Trustee Richard Thomas points out that only 40 percent of the CSO's budget is paid for with earned revenue. This begs the question as to why the association, which used to regard sustaining the orchestra as its mission, spends less than 40 percent of its budget on the actual orchestra.
— Max Raimi, Violist, Chicago Symphony Orchestra

How about costs of Iraq War?

Chris Tadych in a March 26 letter ("Mueller inquiry a costly farce") criticizes the Democratic Party for the cost of the Mueller investigation and suggests that Democrats should reimburse the country for the estimated \$25 million it cost. I would suggest then that the Republican Party make restitution for the blunder of searching for the nonexistent weapons of mass destruction in Iraq, plus the loss of over 4,000 American lives. That \$25 million pales in comparison to the trillions the war in Iraq has cost. Heck, President Donald Trump could build his wall around the whole country with that much money.
— Harold Plucienik, Chicago Heights

Bills would protect women

Brittany Clingen Carl's commentary ("2 abortion bills proposed in Illinois go too far," March 26) opposing two proposed abortion bills making Illinois possibly the most progressive state for strengthening women's reproductive health, makes clear her singular agenda: reducing safe, legal and cost-effective access to abortion. This is demonstrated by her agonizing over Illinois' status as an abortion "oasis," where thousands of women go "for abortion procedures they cannot access in their home state." Implicit in this concern is that such efforts are bad for Illinois, bad for society and bad for the women. Does it occur to Ms. Carl that each one of the 5,500-plus women who made the trek to Illinois in 2017 had her future saved by this Land of Lincoln abortion oasis? The delay, anguish and cost to make the trip are something no pregnant woman should ever have to endure to get the reproductive care she should have as an absolute right. Does Ms. Carl ponder how many women were unable to gather the wherewithal for the trip, resulting in an unwanted child and a lifetime of personal and family dysfunction? Or how many simply got an unsafe, humiliating and expensive back alley abortion close to home?

None of that real, personal anguish appears in Carl's piece. Every argument she offers boils down to reducing, if not ending abortion, regardless of the personal and family harm such opposition causes. We can be proud Illinois will lead the nation in strengthening women's reproductive health. It will soon set the bar for the other 49 states to emulate.
— Walt Zlotow, Glen Ellyn

Enough about Trump

Regarding Steve Johnson's March 27 column "Late-night critics of Trump regroup after Mueller-report disappointment": Let's face it: Without Donald Trump, the late-night pundits would be on a corner with their hats in hand asking for alms. Innocent or guilty, Donald Trump is our president, and the diatribe has been boring.
— Ken Pittner, Glenview

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'Us' and the new era of horror films that put monsters and terrors in plain sight

BY DANIELLE RYAN

More than any other film genre, horror serves as a pressure valve for society. It has often been reactionary, focusing heavily on the "Other" and capitalizing on our fears of anyone who is different from us. These tropes are so deeply ingrained that they've become the subject of parody, such as in "Tucker and Dale vs. Evil," in which two vacationing hillbillies are mistaken for psycho killers because of the way they look. Horror has a rich history of creating villains of the uneducated, the mentally ill and the otherwise disenfranchised.

But recently, filmmakers of color, female filmmakers and LGBTQ filmmakers have flipped the script. Instead of presenting communism, crime or immigrants as the enemy, these artists, prominent among them "Us" director Jordan Peele, generate horror from the experience of being that formerly monstrous Other. Rather than fearing slashers or ghosts, the protagonists of these movies are menaced by society's prejudices. And instead of abstractions, the monsters they face off against are horrifyingly human.

Horror has always been popular among marginalized people, even when the genre hasn't exactly been tailored for them. In AMC's recent documentary series "Eli Roth's History of Horror," Peele argued that black audiences respond to horror movies differently than white audiences. He suggested that black audiences tend to root for the villain, whether it's "Halloween" killer Michael Myers or cannibal Hannibal Lecter, because the villain is capable and strong. Often, the villain is coded as "Other," and people of color understand all too easily what it is to share that label.

It's that instinct to sympathize with monsters that has made Peele one of the leading forces behind a new wave of hor-

ror that doesn't provide easy answers. His 2017 movie "Get Out," which depicts a young black photographer (Daniel Kalu-uya) who comes to understand that his girlfriend and her family steal black people's bodies to give ailing white people a chance at renewed vigor, was rooted in these dynamics. The results of these monstrous surgeries aren't villains; they're victims with the strength to break through their conditioning and warn our hero to save himself. In addition to scares and a clever concept, "Get Out" gave us "the sunken place," the perfect vocabulary for black audiences to describe being swallowed up by white hegemony.

Peele is hardly alone in finding new ways to highlight the horror of being human.

Feminist horror cinema might seem contradictory, given the genre's history of brutalizing women simply for the thrill of it, but a wave of fiercely female-positive fare crashed into cinemas after Donald Trump was elected president.

Take Coralie Fargeat's "Revenge." In another horror movie, the mistress hunting down her paramour and her friends might have been the monster, a home-wrecker whose moniker becomes all too literal. Instead, Jen (Matilda Lutz) is our hero, a resilient survivor hunting down the men who brutalized her and left her for dead. Jen is flawed, but those flaws make her a more compelling character than the archetypal virginal "final girl" who survives to the end of the movie because of her virtue. Fargeat's gory and glittering revenge film makes misogyny the real monster.

Women aren't the only people addressing this theme. Sam Levinson's "Assassination Nation" features four teenage girls trying to survive when their town turns against them after a vicious hacker reveals their secrets on social media, resulting in a

bloodbath. Given that one of the most acclaimed movies in the horror canon, "The Silence of the Lambs," is notable for its ugly presentation of an apparently transgender character, it's also notable that "Assassination Nation" cast a transgender actress as one of its leads, portraying her as a heroine who can save herself, rather than a monster to be hunted and revealed.

Peele's "Us" takes this theme even further, blurring the lines between monster and survivor. The ostensible monsters of "Us" are the Tethered, doppelgangers who live in underground tunnels and emerge at the direction of their leader, Red (Lupita Nyong'o). Red's topside counterpart, Adelaide, is the film's primary protagonist, alongside the rest of her family. But the film's final minutes suggest that our sense of hero and villain may be misplaced.

Perhaps that's what is so ingenious about Peele's work. While other filmmakers in this renaissance of embracing the Other still have clear antagonists, Peele is muddying the waters. The white liberals of "Get Out" are certainly villainous, but they're part of a much larger, systematic evil. "Us" is more complicated still; there are no clear heroes or villains, only victims of a variety of tragedies. Instead of pointing fingers or trying to turn Othering back on the people who did it first, Peele is asking audiences to look at the underlying roots of our problems.

At a moment when the president starts fights with a dead man, global warming is wreaking havoc on our weather systems and everything seems too scary to be real, audiences can look to this new golden age of horror to guide us through — and to help us recognize when the monster is us.

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Illinois risks losing more than \$18 million in federal funds if it doesn't speed up processing times on food stamp applications.

Delays in processing food stamp applications land DHS in hot water

State has until April 21 to improve timeliness or risk losing more than \$18M in funding

BY ALEXIA ELEJALDE-RUIZ
Chicago Tribune

Illinois risks losing more than \$18 million in federal funds if it doesn't speed up processing times on food stamp applications within the next month, according to a warning letter sent to the state.

The U.S. Department of Agriculture told the Illinois Department of Human Services that it has until April 21 to substantially improve its timeliness or establish a plan for doing so. Timely processing of food stamp applications

has been a longstanding problem in Illinois that got worse as it rolled out a new computer system in late 2017 that was meant to improve efficiency, according to the Friday letter from Trish Solis, acting regional administrator for the USDA's Midwest region.

The USDA, which funds and administers the nation's Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program, or SNAP, requires states to process applications within 30 days, while expedited cases should be completed within seven days. Illinois in January processed

63 percent of food stamp applications on time, and it needs to get that rate to over 95 percent, the federal agency said.

If the state fails to provide evidence that it is in compliance or submit a plan with a timeline for when it will comply, USDA could suspend up to \$18.3 million in federal funds used for state administrative expenses, which is a quarter of the projected cost for administering SNAP.

The state's Department of Human Services, helmed by Gov. J.B. Pritzker's newly appointed Secretary Grace Hou, highlighted that the problems occurred under the previous administration and pledged to fix them.

"The new administration is working quickly to rectify this issue by addressing SNAP application processing issues at our local offices and filling caseworker vacancies," the department said in a statement. "We take our responsibility to ensure Illinoisans have access to reliable food assistance very seriously and we will look for any and all opportunities to provide better service to our customers as we move forward."

Some 1.8 million people in Illinois use SNAP for groceries, most of them children, the elderly or people with disabilities.

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RYAN ORI
On Real Estate

Sterling Bay looks toward Englewood

Lincoln Yards developer plans first South Side project

As it nears final city approval for the \$6 billion Lincoln Yards, one of the most ambitious real estate developments seen north of downtown Chicago, Sterling Bay is drawing up its first plans for the city's South Side.

The company on Wednesday announced the formation of a joint venture with another Chicago-based developer, DL3 Realty, to take on a five-acre development in Englewood.

That vacant land at 67th Street and Wentworth Avenue is a long way, geographically and economically, from parts of the city where Sterling Bay has forged a reputation for big developments in recent years. Completed and ongoing projects are in areas including the hot Fulton Market district, the city's North Side and North Michigan Avenue.

"DL3's work on the South Side has been transformational and we look forward to working with them to create jobs and much-needed economic development in

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Walgreens to start selling CBD items

Chain will offer creams, patches and spray with the cannabis compound

BY LISA SCHENCKER
Chicago Tribune

Walgreens plans to start selling creams, patches and sprays containing CBD — a cannabis compound that doesn't get people high — at stores in Illinois and eight other states, the Deerfield-based retail pharmacy giant said Tuesday.

The news came about a week after Walgreens competitor CVS Health Corp. began selling products with the cannabidiol at stores in eight states, including Illinois.

"After a thorough review and analysis, we will be offering certain products containing Cannabidiol (CBD) in nearly 1,500 Walgreens stores in select states," Walgreens spokesman Brian Faith said in a statement. "This product offering is in line with our efforts to provide a wider range of accessible health and wellbeing products and services to best meet the needs and prefer-

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Supporters of the Fight for \$15 minimum wage campaign hold a rally outside a McDonald's restaurant in Chicago.

Bowing out of the fight

McDonald's will no longer use resources to oppose minimum wage increases

BY ALEXIA ELEJALDE-RUIZ
Chicago Tribune

McDonald's said it will no longer fight proposals to raise the minimum wage, a reversal for the fast food giant after years in the crosshairs of the Fight for \$15 movement.

In a letter Tuesday to the National Restaurant Association, Chicago-based McDonald's wrote that, going forward, the company "will not use our resources, including lobbyists or staff, to oppose minimum wage increases at the federal,

state or local levels, nor will we participate in association advocacy efforts designed expressly to defeat wage increases."

The letter comes as a bill to raise the federal minimum wage to \$15 an hour by 2024, up from \$7.25 currently, approaches a vote on the House floor after clearing a committee earlier this month in the Democrat-controlled chamber. Numerous cities and states have approved or are considering wage hikes, including Illinois, which this year adopted a law to raise the minimum wage to

\$15 by 2025.

McDonald's, which has 14,000 restaurants in the U.S. with 800,000 employees, said in the letter that the conversation about wages is "one we wish to advance, not impede." The average starting wage in corporate owned stores is \$10 an hour and in franchise stores, which represent 90 percent of the chain, it is "likely similar," though those wages are set by independent operators.

"We want employees to choose McDonald's as an employer because they see in us a place that provides valuable and portable skills and a safe, respectful work environment," said the letter signed by Genna

Gent, vice president of government relations at McDonald's. It added that the company plans to engage elected officials on the wage discussion, and that it believes wage hikes should be phased in and that all industries should be treated the same way.

The shift in tone by McDonald's comes as employers struggle to find and keep good workers and as attention to widening income inequality has helped sway public opinion in favor of wage increases. Other large employers also have acquiesced to demands for higher wages, including Ama-

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Boeing rejects calls for broader oversight of safety

Aerospace giant defended 737 Max after global grounding

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Washington Post

RENTON, WASH. — Boeing executives gathered with representatives from every corner of the global aviation industry on Wednesday to defend the safety of its 737 Max commercial jetliner after a global grounding. It also offered more information about its software and training fixes in the aftermath of two deadly crashes.

In its most detailed briefing yet, Boeing executives took a conciliatory tone about the loss of life but rejected calls for a broader investigation of the company's relationship with its regu-

lator, the Federal Aviation Administration.

Officials from the Chicago-based aerospace giant defended the embattled 737 Max as the culmination of 50 years of aircraft development in which safety has been the first priority. They also pushed back on the idea that something is inherently wrong with the aircraft development system Boeing and the FAA have in place, something that is the subject of congressional inquiries, a Department of Transportation panel and a criminal investigation.

In an office park just a few miles from its 737 assembly plant, Mike Sinnott, Boeing vice president of engineering and chief project engineer for the 737 program, said the company had been "deeply affected by the tragic loss of life" in Ethiopia.

"We are going to do everything



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A Boeing 737 Max 8 airplane parked at Boeing Field in Seattle.

we can make sure that accidents like this never happen again," Sinnott told a packed room of 67 media professionals.

The statement echoed one from CEO Douglas Muilenburg in the days after the first Max 8 crash in Indonesia last October.

Sinnott on Wednesday defended the 737 as a tried-and-tested aircraft with safety standards honed through decades of continuous improvement.

"The 737 is a safe airplane,"

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It's a question of who profits

Gilead nets billions on HIV drug; U.S. holds the patent

BY CHRISTOPHER ROWLAND
The Washington Post

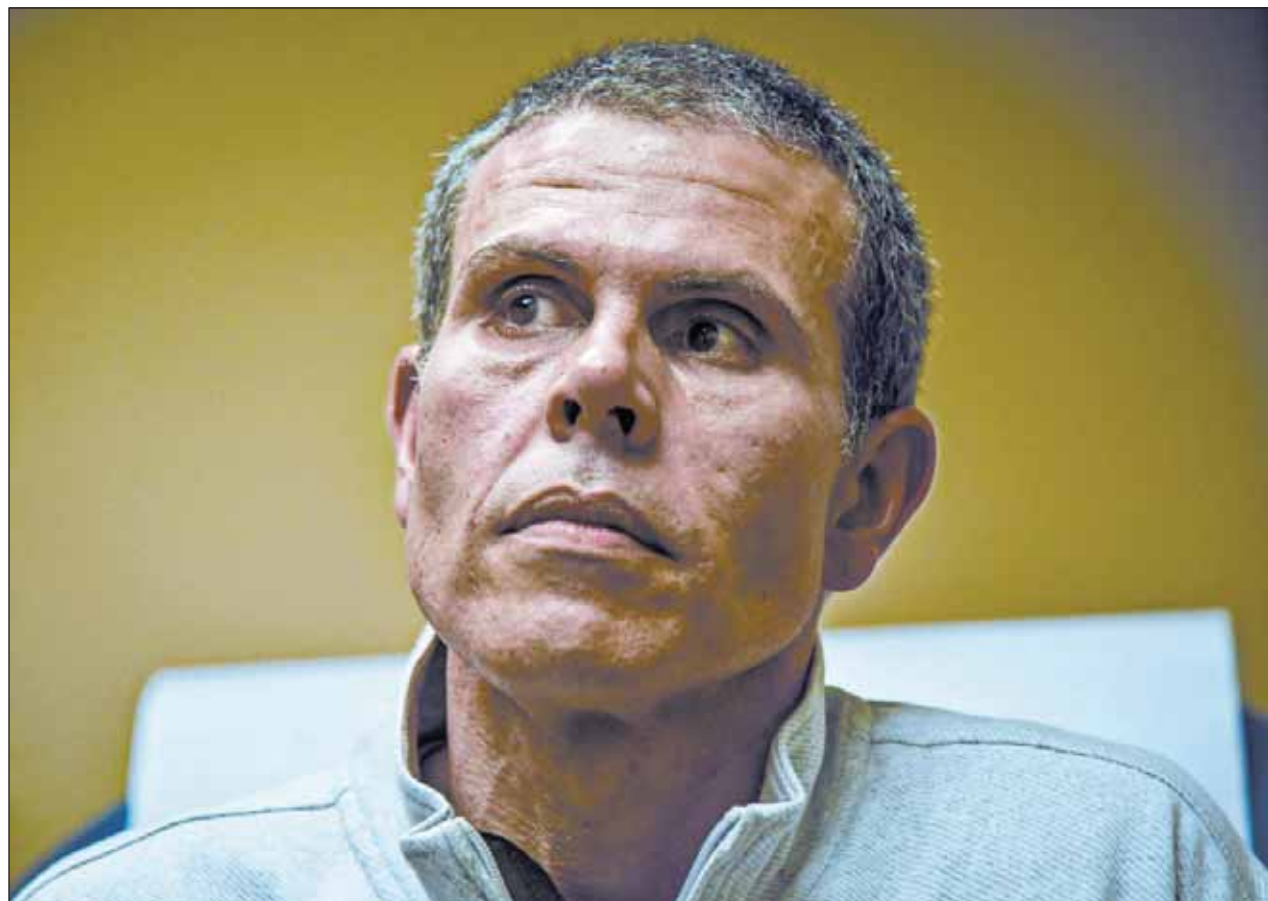
WASHINGTON — Thomas Folks spent years in his U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention lab developing a treatment to block deadly HIV in monkeys. Then, San Francisco AIDS researcher Robert Grant, using \$50 million in federal grants, proved the treatment worked in people who engaged in risky sex.

Their work — almost fully funded by U.S. taxpayers — created a new use for an older prescription drug called Truvada: preventing HIV infection. But the U.S. government, which patented the treatment in 2015, is not receiving a penny for that use of the drug from Gilead Sciences, Truvada's maker, which earned \$3 billion in Truvada sales last year.

Gilead argues that the government's patents for Truvada for PrEP, as the prevention treatment is called, are invalid. And the government has failed to reach a deal for royalties or other concessions from the company — benefits that could be used to distribute the drug more widely.

"With the amount of effort and time and taxpayer money that went into it, for CDC and Gilead not to come to an agreement, so the taxpayer could get some of that money, is really unconscionable," said Folks, who is retired.

The extraordinary standoff between the CDC and a drug company over patent rights raises a big question for the Trump administration: How aggressively should the government attempt to enforce its patents against an industry partner? The Department of



Robert Rowland drives nearly three hours for medicine in Jackson, Miss. Cost of Gilead's HIV drug has drawn criticism.



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Gilead offers discounts that reduce the cost to less than \$5 for a monthly supply.

Health and Human Services, which includes the CDC and the National Institutes of Health, has patented more than 2,500 inventions created with taxpayer dollars since 1976, according to the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office.

It routinely licenses new pharmaceutical compounds to private companies that take those publicly financed discoveries into the marketplace.

Intellectual-property disputes between private companies are common, and they often wind up in court. But it is rare for the government to bring lawsuits over pharmaceutical patents.

Gilead, which has a U.S. monopoly on Truvada, charges between \$1,600 and \$2,000 for a month's supply of a pill that can be manufactured for a fraction of that amount. The number of new HIV infections in the United States has barely budged, meanwhile, and is stuck at about 40,000 a year, according to CDC estimates.

Activists want the government to take a more

aggressive stance against Gilead. Their complaints are part of a broader wave of anger over drug companies reaping hefty financial rewards by capitalizing on taxpayer-funded research.

"The CDC has all these patents and is allowing Gilead to rip off the American people at the expense of public health," said James Krellenstein, an HIV/AIDS activist and co-founder of the PrEP4All Collaboration, who has spent months digging into the government patents. Instead of enforcing its patent, Krellenstein said, the CDC is "twiddling their thumbs."

The fight over PrEP presents a novel challenge to the interdependence of drug companies and government developed over years of collaboration.

The government is not locked in a battle for profits,

like a private company, said Neel Sukhatme, a professor and patent expert at Georgetown University's law school. Rather, NIH and CDC officials see their role as encouraging the commercialization of government-financed discoveries, not placing curbs on them, Sukhatme said. That tends to take patent infringement lawsuits off the table.

"They may not want to be in the position of suing these companies that arguably are producing valuable stuff," he said.

But that stance increasingly is challenged by political anger over high drug prices. Consumer advocates and members of Congress have stepped up demands that the government exercise its rights under existing law to license generic competition or imports during

shortages or unwarranted price spikes; several bills would enhance such "compulsory licensing" provisions.

The case of Gilead and Truvada for PrEP adds a new twist to these debates, with demands that the government be more aggressive in exercising its own patent to ease the cost effects of a monopoly.

Government officials would not discuss aspects of steps it has taken to enforce the CDC patent.

The CDC itself did not respond to requests for comment.

Gilead said it was contacted by the CDC about licensing Truvada for PrEP in 2016.

"Since that time there have been several phone discussions and the exchange of about half a dozen letters addressing the parties' concerns and positions," Gilead said in a written statement in response to questions from The Washington Post. It would not discuss contents of the calls and letters, citing a confidentiality agreement with the CDC.

HIV/AIDS activists have been upset about the price of Truvada for PrEP for years. Even though it is covered by most private and government insurance, the drug's high cost is factored into state Medicaid programs; when state Medicaid programs pay for the drug, that leaves less money for education and distribution efforts, they say.

In response to complaints about its price, Gilead said it offers discount coupons that reduce the cost to less than \$5 for a monthly supply for patients who lack insurance. It says it has spent \$138 million since 2012 on community grant programs to raise awareness and educate at-risk people. Gilead has earned \$36.2 billion on Truvada since 2004, according to its annual reports.

Southwest Airlines sees \$150M revenue hit from grounding of Boeing 737 Max

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Southwest Airlines, the largest operator of Boeing's 737 Max, said the model's grounding amid safety concerns will combine with soft demand from leisure travelers to shave \$150 million off first-quarter revenue.

The amount is on top of a \$60 million reduction from the U.S. government shutdown earlier in the period, Southwest said Wednesday. The Max groundings, bad weather and reduced productivity during contract negotiations will together force the cancellation of 9,800 flights in the three months, it said.

The 737 Max has been grounded worldwide after an Ethiopian Airlines plane crashed on March 10, rais-



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Two people look out at a Southwest Airlines Boeing 737 Max 8 airline that came in from Las Vegas on March 13.

ing concern that the disaster may have been caused by errant software that contributed to the loss of a Lion Air jet that plunged into the Java Sea in October. The incidents killed a total of 346 people.

Southwest, which has 34

Max jets in its 750-strong fleet, said in a statement that it can't predict the financial impact of the grounding beyond this quarter. Gains in unit revenue, a measure of fares, will also be limited to 2 to 3 percent, down from earlier

guidance of up to 4 percent, the discounter said.

Costs for each seat-mile flown will rise 10 percent, up from the previously estimated 6 percent, and capacity growth will slow to 1 percent from the anticipated 3.5 to 4 percent.

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zoned, which last year announced it would pay a starting wage of \$15 an hour and supports the federal legislation to raise the minimum wage.

But McDonald's was long the golden archenemy of the Fight for \$15, an advocacy group funded by the Service Employees International Union that organized protests and strikes of fast food workers, and later other low-wage workers, to clamor minimum wage increases and union rights.

SEIU celebrated McDonald's shift as a win.

"Now, McDonald's needs to use its profits and power to give thousands of cooks and cashiers across the country a real shot at the middle class by raising pay to \$15 an hour and respecting its workers' right to a union," SEIU President Mary Kay Henry said in a

statement. "It needs to follow the lead of companies like Target and Costco who pay \$15 so that workers don't have to stitch together two and three jobs in order to support themselves and their families."

The National Restaurant Association has strongly opposed the proposal to raise the federal minimum wage, saying it would hurt job creation. Asked to respond to the letter from McDonald's, Mollie O'Dell, the group's vice president of communications, said in a statement: "The National Restaurant Association is the largest foodservice trade association in the world, representing every aspect of the industry. Our members are as diverse as the communities they serve, and the economies of every region are different."

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FAA to revamp oversight after Boeing crashes

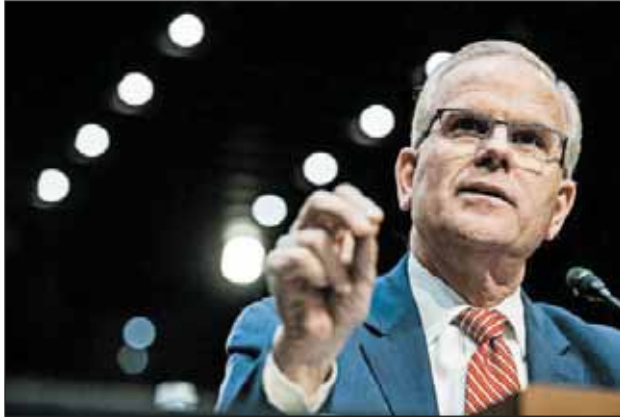
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WASHINGTON — The Federal Aviation Administration plans to revamp oversight of airplane development after the deadly crashes of Boeing's 737 Max raised questions of whether the FAA has gone too far in letting companies regulate themselves, a Transportation Department official said Wednesday.

For decades, the FAA has delegated some authority for certifying new aircraft to the manufacturers themselves, reducing government costs and, defenders say, speeding the rollout of new models.

But in the wake of the air disasters in Ethiopia and Indonesia over less than five months, that practice has been seized on as evidence of an overly cozy relationship between the FAA and the industry.

The self-certifying practice, called Organization Designation Authorization, came under scrutiny Wednesday at a Senate subcommittee hearing.



FAA acting Administrator Daniel Elwell speaks Wednesday at a Senate subcommittee hearing on airline safety.

Transportation Department Inspector General Calvin Scovel said the FAA plans to significantly revamp its oversight of aircraft development by July. He gave few details in his opening statement but said the changes would include new ways to evaluate training and self-audits by aerospace companies.

Under the self-certifying program, employees of aircraft manufacturers perform tests and inspections that their companies need to win safety approvals, with

the FAA overseeing that work.

The FAA and the industry say it is a collaborative approach to safety that is vindicated by the U.S. safety record — one passenger accident death in the last 10 years and millions of flights. Acting FAA Administrator Daniel Elwell said the strategy has “consistently produced safe aircraft designs for decades.”

Elwell said the FAA would need 10,000 more employees and an additional \$1.8 billion a year to do all

the work now done by designated employees of the companies it regulates. Deputizing private employees to do safety-related tasks is “part of the fabric of what we have used to become as safe as we are today,” he said.

In Seattle, Boeing said the process by which it designs, develops and tests planes has led to safer air travel, and it sees no need for an overhaul.

The Max, featuring bigger, more efficient engines and a new automated flight-control system that has now come under suspicion in both air disasters, went into service in 2017.

Transportation Secretary Elaine Chao, who oversees the FAA, has asked Scovel to look into the way the agency certified the 737 Max as airworthy. At the same time, the Justice Department is investigating possible criminal violations involving the airliner's certification.

Sen. Ted Cruz, R-Texas, who chaired the hearing, said the “close relationship between industry and regulators” threatens to erode the confidence of the flying public.

In meeting with aviation leaders, Boeing rejects calls for broader oversight of safety

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Sinnett said. “The 737 family is a safe airplane family, and the 737 Max builds on that history of safety that we have seen for almost 50 years.”

The briefing occurred before the company met with more than 200 pilots, technical leaders, airline representatives and regulators — all of whom have a stake in the 737 Max, which has been forbidden to fly passengers in the United States, Europe and China for almost two weeks.

Boeing was working to drum up support for a flight control system overhaul and a new pilot training regimen that it hopes will allay safety concerns raised by pilot groups and others. It plans to submit the final software fixes to the FAA for review this week, something that could hasten the process of lifting the FAA grounding order.

It is the second such meeting Boeing has held in Renton in the past week.

“This is part of our ongoing effort to share more details about our plan for supporting the safe return of the 737 MAX to commercial service,” a Boeing spokesman said in a statement. “We had a productive session this past Saturday and plan to reach all current and many future MAX operators and their home regulators. At the same time, we continue to work closely with our customers and regulators on software and training updates for the 737 MAX.”

The 737 Max is the subject of a criminal investigation and a congressional inquiry.

While Boeing hosts its meeting, lawmakers in Washington were staging a Senate hearing on aviation safety and oversight on Wednesday afternoon.

Among those expected to offer testimony are Daniel Elwell, acting administrator of the Federal Aviation Administration, and Robert Sumwalt, chairman of the National Transportation Safety Board and Calvin Scovel, the Transportation Department's inspector general.

Boeing will also have to convince a skeptical community of global aviation professionals that the 737 Max will be safe to fly once the flight systems are updated.

Several foreign airlines expecting 737 Max deliveries, including Virgin Australia, the U.A.E.'s flydubai, and India's SpiceJet, said they've sent representatives to Renton.

“Virgin Australia will be sending two of its most senior flight operations team members to Seattle for an information session on the Boeing 737 Max 8 aircraft, and we look forward to hearing what Boeing has to say,” a Virgin Australia spokeswoman said. “We remain firm in our position that we won't receive any new aircraft into our fleet until we are completely satisfied with their safety.”

American Airlines, United and Southwest — the three U.S. carriers that were flying 737 Max 8 or 9 jets at the time they were grounded — also said company officials would be present.

Southwest Airlines “is eager to hear Boeing's update as we await additional guidance from the FAA,” spokeswoman Brandy King said Tuesday.

Safety concerns over the 737 Max emerged around the world after March 10 when a Boeing Max 8 operated by Ethiopian Airlines crashed minutes after takeoff, killing 157. It came just months after another Max 8 crashed off

the coast of Indonesia under similar circumstances, killing 189. The FAA concluded, based on satellite data and evidence from the wreckage, that the two accidents had enough in common that the Max 8 should be grounded.

At issue is a Boeing decision to add a flight control system called the Maneuvering Characteristics Augmentation System, or MCAS, into the 737 Max 8 without detailing it in pilot training. The possibility that MCAS, in combination with faulty data fed in through external sensors, could cause pilots to lose control at a critical moment has shaken the confidence of global regulators. Pilots were concerned that they did not have enough information about how to override MCAS.

Analysts say the financial toll on Boeing and its airline customers could grow as the crisis goes on. Boeing has suspended all future deliveries of the 737 Max 8 and 9 for as long as the grounding order is in place. In a worst-case scenario, analysts estimate the grounding order could cost the company up to \$5 billion.

Those with future orders are waiting on a resolution. WestJet, which has two Max deliveries expected later this year, said it sent pilots to the Renton meeting Wednesday.

“As the duration of the Max grounding is still unknown, if our next delivery is before the grounding is lifted, we will not take the aircraft,” a WestJet spokesman said Tuesday. “However, if the grounding has been lifted and the aircraft is approved for re-entry into service by all relevant regulatory bodies, we will take all deliveries as intended.”

Boeing and the FAA have been working on the software and training fixes for

months, but it is unclear why both organizations waited until after a second crash to publicly commit to them.

A Boeing official speaking on the condition of anonymity to discuss internal deliberations said the company has used lab and flight simulators to test how the new software would work in different scenarios, all of it in close coordination with FAA officials. Boeing flight-tested the software on a Boeing jet on Feb. 7 and again on March 12, the person said.

“Test pilots flew different maneuvers and flight conditions that exercised various aspects of the software update,” the Boeing executive said. The second test came two days after a second Max 8 jet crashed, this time in Ethiopia.

A Boeing spokesman said Saturday that the 737 Max 8's new MCAS system will no longer rely on just one external sensor to measure the plane's angle of attack, a term that measures how the plane's nose meets oncoming wind.

Another change to the software prevents the jet's automated system from pushing the plane's nose too far downward, something that is meant to prevent the plane from responding to bad flight data. The Wall Street Journal separately reported that the new system would include cockpit alerts when MCAS is triggered.

And the company is expected to include new pilot training courses with simulators and instructors, going beyond the hour-long iPad courses that pilots said they were given as training for the Max 8 before the crashes.

Developer plans South Side project

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Englewood,” Sterling Bay's CEO, Andy Gloor, said in news release announcing the joint venture Wednesday.

City officials hope Sterling Bay's project will continue modest but encouraging progress in the South Side neighborhood, following recent developments such as the Whole Foods Market-anchored Englewood Square Shopping Center. DL3 also was involved in that development.

The Englewood project could also bring some goodwill to Sterling Bay, after a contentious past several months in which the firm has faced a litany of criticisms and concerns regarding its ambitious North Side project.

Sterling Bay has been considering plans for the Englewood site since 2017.

The release from Sterling Bay and DL3 did not say what type of development they envision for the site.

It could include some combination of housing, workforce training, retail and offices for small businesses, Sterling Bay spokeswoman Sarah Hamilton said. The developers are also working with 6th Ward Ald. Roderick Sawyer to plan a “community amenity” on the site, Hamilton said.

Specific plans will be unveiled in the coming weeks, the developers said.

The Englewood announcement comes as Sterling Bay nears the final steps to secure zoning for its riverfront Lincoln Yards project on the North Side, as well as up to \$1.3 billion in tax increment financing to help cover new roads, bridges and other infrastructure. Approval for the TIF funds, which still must be voted on by the City Council's Finance Committee as well as the full City Council, is expected as soon as April.

Several aspects of Sterling Bay's plans, including how accessible it will be to people with lower incomes, have been hotly debated. That has brought

Lincoln Yards squarely into the race between mayoral candidates Lori Lightfoot and Toni Preckwinkle. A runoff election next week will determine which of those finalists will replace outgoing Mayor Rahm Emanuel.

Emanuel has backed megadevelopments such as Lincoln Yards, while seeking to use funds from such projects to try to spur development in economically struggling parts of the city such as Englewood.

Lincoln Yards and the planned Englewood project were intertwined when Sterling Bay purchased an 18-acre portion of what will become Lincoln Yards from the city in late 2017 for \$104.7 million.

Funds from that deal were used to build a new Department of Fleet and Facility Management vehicle maintenance site at 69th Street and Wentworth Avenue, which opened in February. As part of Sterling Bay's purchase of the riverfront property, it acquired the Englewood development site near the new vehicle maintenance building.

“This partnership combines the institutional scale of Sterling Bay with the neighborhood revitalization skills of DL3,” Walker, DL3's managing partner, said in the news release. “Together, we can creatively pursue development options that will reinforce and expand the positive ripple effect” made possible by the new vehicle maintenance site and other developments.

Sterling Bay has risen in stature in recent years with several large office developments, including the new McDonald's headquarters and Google's Midwest headquarters in the city's Fulton Market district.

Last week, 42nd Ward Ald. Brendan Reilly informed constituents that Sterling Bay is seeking approval to build a 47-story residential and hotel tower at 300 N. Michigan Ave.

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Walgreens to start selling CBD items

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ences of our customers.”

CBD has become more available in Chicago and across the country, with some users saying that it helps them relax. It's found in a variety of products, including teas, lip balms and bath bombs.

Retailers are allowed to sell CBD products in Illinois and Chicago if the products are derived from hemp and have less than 0.3 percent of the psychoactive cannabis compound THC. The products sold at Walgreens will not contain THC, the company said.

Walgreens will also sell the products at stores in

Oregon, Colorado, New Mexico, Kentucky, Tennessee, Vermont, South Carolina and Indiana. Walgreens will start selling the products in the “near-term,” Faith said, though he said he didn't have an exact date.

Malls are also getting in on the CBD action. Ohio-based cannabis company Green Growth Brands announced plans this year to open shops selling CBD-infused beauty products in eight Chicago-area malls.

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State needs to speed up processing or risk losing federal funding

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tor of the Illinois Hunger Coalition, urged the state to work quickly to fill case-worker vacancies as well as clerical positions, which are partly to blame for processing delays. State staffers have informed her there are 400 vacancies at local benefits offices, she said.

But also problematic has been the state's rocky adoption of an automated system that was intended to streamline the application process but has instead exacerbated the workload, Doherty said. Her organization, which runs a hotline, said SNAP applicants have called to say their applications are taking a month longer than they should or

that their benefits are being cancelled when they shouldn't be.

“They fix one problem and then another one pops up,” Doherty said of the system, which was developed by Deloitte for about \$200 million in mostly federal funds. “With all the money that we've spent on this technology you'd think that there would be better efficiencies.”

The USDA's recent “formal warning” follows up on an “advance warning” it issued to the state in September 2016 that set benchmarks for improving application processing times. Illinois satisfied the first benchmark, achieving a 99 percent timeliness rate between September 2016 and March 2017, but it failed the

second benchmark when its timeliness rate fell to 90 percent over the subsequent six months.

The rate got much worse in October 2017 after the new computer system was phased in. Over the most recent six months the state has averaged a timeliness rate of 64 percent.

Illinois is among the 10 worst states for timeliness rates in the country, according to USDA.

“Our goal is to help IDHS avoid suspension of administrative funding and ensure access to SNAP for eligible households in Illinois as well as the integrity of the program,” the federal agency said in its letter.

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How do today's CD rates compare to the past?

It's been more than three years since the Federal Reserve began pushing up interest rates, and CD rates have inched up accordingly. But exactly how far have they climbed compared to the historical lows of a few years ago?

First, a nutshell history on rates. In December 2008, the Fed dropped the federal funds rate to zero to lift the economy out of the Great Recession, and tethered it there for seven years. As a result, savings, money market and CD interest rates plummeted through 2015.

Since then, the Fed has hiked rates eight times, significantly raising bank deposit rates. The easiest way to compare today's rates to the past is to look at FDIC national weekly averages. But this is important: The averages across every U.S. bank are far below what you can easily find by shopping around. In fact, the top nationally available rate in any term is three to four times the national average.

That said, national averages offer a scale of comparison. For instance, the FDIC national average for 1-year certificates was 0.66 percent last week. That's double the 0.33 percent average of a year ago, and far above the 0.19 percent low between 2013-2016.

But the 1-year average in May 2009 (when the FDIC began weekly tracking) was 1.29 percent, indicating we've only made up about half the ground lost since the financial crisis.

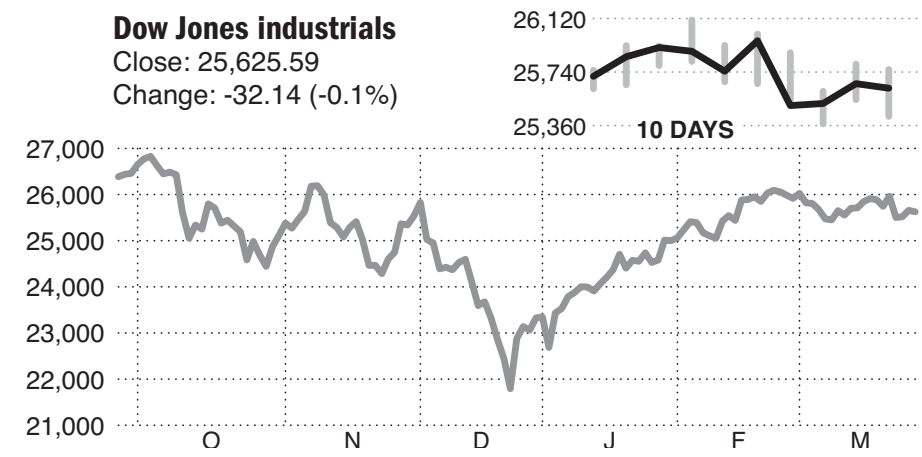
Similarly, last week's national average for 3-year certificates was 0.99 percent, compared to 1.82 percent in 2009. And for 5-year CDs, we reached 1.27 percent last week, while the 2009 average was 2.23 percent.

The steady uptick in CD rates over the last three years has certainly been welcomed by savers everywhere, but clearly the verdict is still out on whether a return to pre-recession rates is on any foreseeable horizon.

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SOYBEANS (CBOT)	5,000 bu minimum- cents per bushel	May 19	900.25	900.75	886	887.50	-13.25
SOYBEAN OIL (CBOT)	60,000 lbs- cents per lb	May 19	28.65	28.84	28.52	28.82	+17
SOYBEAN MEAL (CBOT)	100 tons- dollars per ton	May 19	310.80	310.80	303.60	304.40	-6.60
LIGHT SWEET CRUDE (NYMX)	1,000 bbl- dollars per bbl.	May 19	60.03	60.22	58.81	59.41	-5.3
NATURAL GAS (NYMX)	10,000 mm btu's, \$ per mm btu	Apr 19	2.731	2.732	2.671	2.691	-0.49
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Abbott Labs	N	78.73	-.27	Equity Lifesty Prop	N	113.87	-1.27
AbbVie Inc	N	79.89	-.87	Equity Residential	N	74.98	-1.16
Allstate Corp	N	94.15	+0.05	Exelon Corp	N	50.53	-0.15

MOST ACTIVE STOCKS

STOCK	CLOSE	CHG.
Bank of America	27.03	-18
Gen Electric	9.96	-14
Ambev S.A.	4.20	-18

LARGEST COMPANIES

STOCK	CLOSE	CHG.
Alibaba Group Hldg	177.03	-1.05
Alphabet Inc C	1173.02	-11.60
Alphabet Inc A	1178.01	-11.83

LARGEST MUTUAL FUNDS

FUND	NAV	CHG	1-YR %RTN
American Funds AMCPA m	31.03	-19	+6.2
American Funds AmrnBAlA m	26.60	-08	+6.3
American Funds CptWldGrInca m	47.32	-17	+2.2

NASDAQ STOCK MARKET

STOCK	CLOSE	CHG.
Adv Micro Dev	24.89	-80
VEON Ltd	2.15	-20
AVEO Pharmaceuticals	.83	+26

TREASURY YIELDS

DURATION	CLOSE	PREV.
3-month disc	2.37	2.40
6-month disc	2.38	2.40
2-year	2.19	2.23

SPOT METALS

	CLOSE	PREV.
Gold	\$1309.90	\$1314.30
Silver	\$15.239	\$15.507
Platinum	\$856.50	\$859.80

INTEREST RATES

Prime Rate	5.50
Discount Rate Primary	3.00
Fed Funds Target	2.25-2.50
Money Mkt Overnight Avg.	0.59

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Argentina (Peso)	43.8712
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Brazil (Real)	3.9558
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Canada (Dollar)	1.3403
China (Yuan)	6.7272
Euro	.8879
India (Rupee)	69.023
Israel (Shekel)	3.6346
Japan (Yen)	110.36
Mexico (Peso)	19.3005
Poland (Zloty)	3.81
So. Korea (Won)	1139.11
Taiwan (Dollar)	30.89
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OBITUARIES

CHARLES SCHWARTZ 1927-2019

Champion of Chicago's parks and lakefront

BY GRAYDON MEGAN
Chicago Tribune

Charles Schwartz Jr., a manufacturing executive and civic activist, fought to stop the Chicago Bears from putting what he saw as an unsightly addition on Soldier Field and worked with Friends of the Parks to fend off development along the city's lakefront.

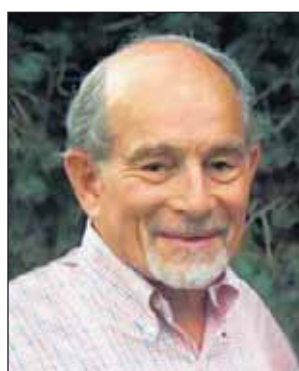
Schwartz, a Harvard-trained lawyer, sued the Chicago Park District in the early 1980s on behalf of eight museums, arguing the district failed to share millions of dollars in interest on a bond issue meant to provide funds to the museums.

"He deeply believed in the mission of Friends of the Parks and the value of an open accessible lakefront and open parks and open space and just the inherent value of those things to the city," said Lauren Moltz, current board chair of the organization.

Schwartz, 91, died of complications of Alzheimer's disease on March 17 in JFK Medical Center in West Palm Beach, Fla., according to his wife of 42 years, Susan. The couple lived on Chicago's Near North Side for the past 25 years after many years spent in Hyde Park, where Schwartz grew up.

Schwartz grew up in a household active in civic affairs. "To his parents, public service was everything," his wife said. He attended University of Chicago Laboratory Schools from nursery school through 10th grade before going on to get his undergraduate degree from the U. of C. in 1945 when he was 18.

He enrolled in the Merchant Marine, serving on North Atlantic routes aboard the U.S.S. John Ericsson, his wife said. He then got a law degree from



FAMILY PHOTO/COURTESY

Charles Schwartz Jr., a Harvard-trained lawyer, was a longtime ally of Friends of the Parks.

Harvard Law School in 1950.

Schwartz worked for some time as an investment banker and later as a self-employed business consultant. In the mid-1970s, his biggest client, Champion Parts Rebuilders, then in Oak Brook, enlisted him as president.

With Champion he became active in what is now the Automotive Parts Remanufacturers Association.

"He was a real advocate for remanufacturing and encouraged/promoted it on a regular basis because it was an environmentally sound industry that created many jobs because it was labor intensive," Bill Gager, who knew him in that capacity, said in an email.

Schwartz stayed with Champion until his retirement in 1993. According to his wife, retirement gave Schwartz more time to spend on what she called "his true vocation, being a civic gadfly."

In the early 1980s, Schwartz discovered about \$16 million in interest earned on an earlier Park District bond issue that he and the museums on park land felt belonged to those institutions.

"Charlie was a really

smart man," said Erma Tranter, former executive director of Friends of the Parks. "He was a financial guy, really into numbers. He found something in the Park District budget."

The district didn't agree with Schwartz's assessment. Eventually a court decided the museums should get \$6 million and, as reported at the time, should partner with the Park District on a new bond issue of \$24 million, with proceeds to eventually go to the museums.

With his expertise and what Tranter called "his passion for public benefit," Schwartz became not only a great resource for Friends of the Parks, but a generous supporter. He chaired the board for several years around 2000.

And he wasn't through with lawsuits in what he saw as the public interest. Moltz said Schwartz was a named plaintiff, along with Friends of the Parks and others, in a suit attempting to stop plans by the Chicago Bears and the Chicago Park District to expand Soldier Field with what has been called the "toilet bowl" addition. The suit went to the Illinois Supreme Court, Moltz said, where the Bears and the district prevailed.

Schwartz also served as vice president of Jane Addams Hull House, as president of the Hyde Park Co-operative Society and as a director of Michael Reese Hospital Medical Research Council.

In addition to his wife, he is survived by daughters Emily Schwartz Greco and Debra; sons Alex and Ned; a sister, Polly Hertz; and eight grandchildren.

Private services are planned.

Graydon Megan is a freelance reporter

Chicago Daily Tribune

ON MARCH 28 ...

In 1797, Nathaniel Briggs of New Hampshire patented a washing machine.

In 1834, the U.S. Senate voted to censure President Andrew Jackson for the removal of federal deposits from the Bank of the United States.

In 1854, during the Crimean War, Britain and France declared war on Russia.

In 1898 the Supreme Court ruled that a child born in the United States to Chinese immigrants was a U.S. citizen.

In 1930 the names of the Turkish cities of Constantinople and Angora were changed to Istanbul and Ankara.

In 1939 the Spanish Civil War ended as Madrid fell to the forces of Francisco Franco.

In 1942, during World War II, British naval forces raided the Nazi-occupied French port of St. Nazaire.

In 1943, four days short of his 70th birthday, composer Sergei Rachmaninoff died in Beverly Hills, Calif.

In 1969 the 34th president

of the United States, Dwight D. Eisenhower, died in Washington; he was 78.

In 1979 America's worst commercial nuclear accident occurred inside the Unit 2 reactor at the Three Mile Island plant near Middletown, Pa.

In 1995, in Japan, Mitsubishi Bank and the Bank of Tokyo agreed to a merger to create what was then the world's largest bank.

In 1996 Congress passed the line-item veto, giving the president power to cut government spending by scrapping specific programs.

In 1999 the Baltimore Orioles beat a Cuban all-star team 3-2 in Havana.

In 2000, in a unanimous ruling, the Supreme Court sharply curtailed police power in relying on anonymous tips to stop and search people.

In 2001 the authors of a book on the Oklahoma City bombing disclosed that during prison interviews, Timothy McVeigh had shown no remorse for what happened and called the 19 children who died "collateral damage."

In 2002 U.S. Air Force Staff Sgt. Timothy Woodland was convicted in a Japanese court and sentenced to nearly 3 years in prison for raping a woman on the southern island of Okinawa.

In 2003 Japan launched its first spy satellites to monitor communist neighbor North Korea's missile development and suspected nuclear weapons programs.

In 2004 French President Jacques Chirac's government suffered stinging defeats in regional elections seen as a vote of censure against painful economic reforms. **Also in 2004** Sir Peter Ustinov, the actor whose 60-year career included Oscar-winning roles in "Spartacus" and "Topkapi," died in Genolier, Switzerland; he was 82.

Also in 2004 game-show host Art James died in Palm Springs, Calif.; he was 74.

In 2005 the Colorado Supreme Court threw out the death penalty in a rape-and-murder case because five of the jurors had consulted the Bible and quoted Scripture during deliberations. **Also in 2005** a major earthquake off the west coast of Indonesia killed up to 1,000 people.

In 2006 former Defense Secretary Caspar Weinberger died in Bangor, Maine; he was 88.

In 2008 Cuba made it legal for its citizens to own cell phones in their own names.

In 2012 Earl Scruggs, whose banjo-picking technique changed the way people play the instrument, died in Nashville, Tenn.; he was 88.

In 2017 the top U.S. general commanding the fight against the Islamic State in Iraq and Syria said that the U.S.-led coalition was probably responsible for a blast that killed more than 200 civilians in west Mosul's Jadidah neighborhood.

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Death Notices

Bulmash, Francine R.

Francine R. Bulmash nee Ornstein, 81, beloved wife of Paul for 55 1/2 years; loving mother of Jodi Holman, Mindy (Fred) Lucas and Gene Bulmash (Emily Kaiser); cherished Nonnie of Isaac, Tommie, Rachel, Sarah, Dave, Yaakov, Aidan and Ben. Chapel service, Thursday, 12:15 PM at **Shalom Memorial Funeral Home**, 1700 W. Rand Road, Arlington Heights. Interment Shalom Memorial Park. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the MDS Foundation. For information or condolences, (847) 255-3520 or www.shalom2.com.



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Carbo, Frank J.

Frank J. Carbo, 87 of Palatine, IL. Born March 31, 1931 in Chicago, IL, passed away March 26, 2019. Beloved husband of the late Dolores. Loving father of Lisa (Paul) Carbo Wendtland and the late Laura Ann Heyden. Proud grandfather of Joseph Paul Wendtland. Dear brother of the late Peter Carbo and the late Lucille Pizzolatto and brother-in-law of James (Carol) Mazzo and the late Betty (Joseph) Lanzarotti. Fond uncle to many. Visitation Friday, March 29, 2019 from 3-8 PM. Funeral Saturday, March 30, 2019, 9:30 AM from Smith-Corcoran Funeral Home, 185 E. Northwest Hwy., Palatine to St. Theresa Church, 455 N. Benton Street, Palatine for Mass at 10 AM. Entombment Queen of Heaven Mausoleum. 847-359-8020 or www.smithcorcoran.com



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Escamilla, Jacqueline

Dearlly Beloved Wife of the late Manuel Jesus Escamilla; Loving Sister, Aunt, Cousin, and Friend of many. Chapel Service Saturday 11am at Carbonara Funeral home 1515 N. 25th Ave Melrose Park, IL. Interment Queen of Heaven Cemetery. Visitation Friday 3-9pm. Please Visit Jacqueline's tribute at Carbonarafuneralhome.net 708-343-6161



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Golab, Carolyn E. 'Skippy'

In her youth a free spirit, she traveled across Mexico in a VW bus, lived in 1960s Old Town and hung out at the Gate of Horn and O'Rourke's Pub. Later she worked for the Legal Assistance Foundation and what became her second family, the law firm Johnson Jones Snelling Gilbert and Davis. She died March 25 of liver cancer in Chicago at age 75. Born in Chicago and a resident of West Ridge, she attended Hyde Park High School and U. of I. Champaign. She loved Salsa music and opera diva Maria Callas. Survivors include sisters Angela (Richard) Cochrane and Elizabeth (James) Ter Haar; brothers Arthur J. "Jon" (Nora Sullivan) Golab and Stanley Golab; nieces Amanda Cicora and Alana and Jane Golab. A gathering of family and friends will be held Tuesday, April 9th from 4 to 9 p.m.(time of remembrance 8 p.m.) at **Drake & Son Funeral Home**, 5303 N. Western Ave., Chicago, IL 60625. Info 773-561-6874 or www.drakeandsonfuneralhome.com

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Groves, Corporal Daniel H.

Corporal Daniel H. Groves, 52 years old of Johnstown, Colorado has passed away following a tragic accident that claimed his life in the line of duty on March 13th 2019. He is survived by his parents Howard and Eileen Groves of Orland Park, his partner Eddie Gomez, his siblings Peggy (Jay Boyle), Jeff (Sharon), Jane (Mickey Smith) & Donna (Ken Parker) and a vast extended family and many close friends. Daniel moved to Colorado in 2007 after joining the Colorado State Patrol achieving the rank of Corporal. He will be remembered fondly as a man of faith and conviction with an endless capacity to love. Mass will be held on Saturday March 30th 2019 starting at 09:30 at St. Stephen Deacon & Martyr 17500 84th Ave, Tinley Park, IL. In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation to the Rocky Mountain Hyperbaric Institute in Louisville Colorado at rockymountainhyperbaricassociation.org/donate/ or the Colorado State Patrol Family Foundation at CSPFF.net/support-us/.

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Jarosz-Ortmann, Dolores

Dolores Jarosz-Ortmann, Age 93, nee Gora. Beloved wife of the late Thaddeus "Ted" Jarosz and the late John Ortmann. Loving mother of Rick (Bonnie), Don (Doreen), Wayne (Michelle), Jim (Helga), Jerry (Shari), Roy (Sue), Bruce (Tracie) and Brian (Cathy). Cherished grandmother of Jenny (Brett), Shelly (Andrew), Sandy (Mike), Derek (Amanda), Danielle (Kyle), Dale (Anne), Jason, Tim (Nina), Laura, Andy, Julie (Marty), Jeremy (Natalie), Justin, Malissa, Amy, Nick, Tommy, Steven, Kevin, Bobby, Kim, Emily, and Melanie. Great Grandmother of Molly, Charlie, Adam, Sam, Dane, Adaline, Lila, Brady, Ronan and Ashlyn. Dear sister of the late Ramona (late George) Ponczek, late Lori Gora, late Lee (late Dan) Yelovich and the late Ron (Maria) Gora. Fond aunt of many. Adored sister in law of Bernice (Matt) Tokarz, Adeline (George) Lewandowski and Ed Jarosz. Visitation Friday March 29 from 3 to 9:00 p.m. at Cumberland Chapels, 8300 W. Lawrence Ave., Norridge. Funeral Saturday 9:00 a.m. from the funeral home to Immaculate Conception Church (Talcott & Harlem) for Mass at 10:00 a.m. Entombment Maryhill Mausoleum. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations can be made to the St. Jude's Children's Hospital, 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis TN 38105. Funeral Info: 708-456-8300 or www.cumberlandchapels.com.



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Keane, Rita Anne

Rita Anne Keane, age 63, beloved daughter of the late Agnes (Frank Kottler) and Martin Keane; cherished sister of Mary Therese (Joseph) Janisch, Robert Martin (Ellen) Keane and the late John Patrick Keane; loving aunt of many nieces and nephews. Family and friends will meet Saturday for a Memorial Visitation at St. Raymond de Penafort Catholic Church, (301 S. I-Oka Ave, Mt. Prospect, IL) from 9:00 AM until time of Memorial Mass at 10:00 AM. Interment family lot. Arrangements by Lawn Funeral Home 708-636-2320



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Kosinski, John J.

John passed away peacefully on his birthday, March 21, after a battle with pneumonia. John is survived by his wife Ise, his son Michael(Deborah) Rosemarie(Deceased) his sister Leona, his grandsons Jeremy, Richard, and Erik along with many nieces and nephews.

John was an Air Force veteran in WWII in Germany as a radio operator in the Berlin Airlift. Please make any donations to the Military Veterans.

There will be a Memorial Service for John on Saturday, March 30, 2019 at 2:00. The service will be held at St. John Catholic Church, 320 S. Depot St., Somonauk, IL. 60522.

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Lang, Philip M.

Philip M. Lang age 92. Beloved husband of the late Esther nee Smatansky. Loving father of Gayle J. Lang and the late Robert. Loving uncle of Sharon (Larry) Eisman and great uncle of Jenny and Laura Eisman.

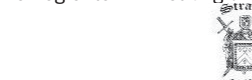
Service Friday 1:30PM at **Chicago Jewish Funerals**, 8851 Skokie Blvd (at Niles Center Road), Skokie. Interment Memorial Park Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the American Heart Association, www.heart.org. Arrangements by **Chicago Jewish Funerals** - Skokie Chapel, 847.229.8822, www.cjinfo.com



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Matayka, Gerald Leo

Gerald Leo Matayka, age 73, a resident of Round Lake, passed away on Monday, March 25, 2019. He was born on May 6, 1945 in Chicago to Edward and Marie Matayka. Gerald was a member of the Military Police during the Vietnam War with the division of Phan Rang 504th. He is survived by his wife, Mary, of 47 years whom he married on October 8, 1972 in Chicago. He is further survived by his children, Caryn M. Stanley of Platteville, WI and Edward S. (Karen G.) Matayka of Bandera, TX; grandchildren, Alissa K. Stanley of Milwaukee, WI, Quinn A. Stanley of Platteville, WI, Alana M. Matayka of Bandera, TX and Ryan D. Matayka of Bandera, TX; brothers, Edward Matayka of Crystal Lake, Robert Matayka of Bridgeview, and Thomas (Sandra) Matayka of Cary. He was preceded in death by his daughter, Kathryn A. Matayka; and his sister, Elizabeth O'Brien. A visitation and funeral service is scheduled for Saturday, March 30, 2019 from 10:00am until 2:00pm with the funeral service commencing at 2:00pm at Strang Funeral Chapel & Crematorium 410 E. Belvidere Rd. Grayslake, IL 60030. Interment will be held privately. Memorial donations may be made to the Wisconsin Fisher House, 5000 National Ave, Milwaukee, WI. For more information please contact (847)223-8122 or log onto www.strangfuneral.org.



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McClintock, Patrick J.

Patrick McClintock, 71, of Chicago, IL and Richmond, VA died March 19, 2019. He was preceded in death by his parents Ivan J. McClintock and Virginia Meeks McClintock and his sister Theresa McClintock Crouse. He is survived by his sisters Mary McClintock Arnold (Charles) and Elizabeth McClintock (Terry Johnson), brother-in-law Stephen Crouse and nieces, a nephew and other family members and friends across the country.

Pat spent his school years in WV and most of his adult life in Chicago working as a library technology consultant. He was much-loved by everyone - a bright, witty, caring person, an accomplished musician with a love for gypsy jazz and a sought-after partner for bridge.

In recent years he was diagnosed with ALS and moved from his beloved Chicago to be with family in Richmond. Memorial celebrations of his life will be held later in both locations. Memorial contributions can be made to the Les Turner ALS Foundation.

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McNamara, Lena R.

Lena R. McNamara nee Abboreno beloved wife of the late Lawrence P. McNamara. Loving mother of Dr. Mary B. McNamara & Lawrence R. (Mary Russo) McNamara. Dear grandmother of Natalie A. Savodje, Nicholas L. & Marisa M. McNamara. Sister of the late Joseph (the late Sarah) Abboreno, the late Ignacio "Nace"(the late Cecelia) Abboreno, Samuel (the late Anna) Abboreno, the late Phillip (the late Dolly) Abboreno. Aunt & great aunt of many. Visitation Friday March 29, 2019 from 4:00-9:00 pm at **COLONIAL-WOJCIECHOWSKI FUNERAL HOME** 6250 N. Milwaukee Ave. Chicago. Funeral services Saturday, March 30, starting with prayers at 9:30 am from the funeral home proceeding to St. Thecla Church for 10:00 am mass. Interment will follow at Maryhill Cemetery in Niles. Retired after 55 yrs. as a crossing guard with with The City of Chicago Police Department. Info 773.774.0366 or www.colonialfuneral.com

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O'Donnell, Nora T.

(nee Deenihan)-Beloved wife of the late Patrick; loving mother of Mary (Scott) Finkle; proud and cherished grandmother of Liam and Patrick Finkle; dearest sister to the late Mary, Eileen, Mos Joe, Catherine, Bridie, Theresa, Michael, Ann, Margaret, and Oliver. Visitation Friday from 3:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m. at **Cooney Funeral Home** located at 625 Busse Hwy. in Park Ridge. Funeral Saturday, prayers at 9:15 a.m. to St. Bartholomew Church located at 3601 N. Laverne Ave. in Chicago for Mass at 10:00 a.m. Interment Queen of Heaven Cemetery. For information please call 847-685-1002 or visit www.cooneyfuneralhome.com

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Platt, J. Alan

J. Alan Platt, age 85, of Glen Ellyn, Illinois, passed away peacefully Wednesday, March 27, 2019. Beloved husband of Yvonne M. Platt; loving father of Sarah (Tom) Dieffenbach; fond grandfather of Christopher Oscarson. Alan was active in the Freemason and Shriners community and served in the US Airforce in the Korean War. Alan was an avid sailor and made a successful career in the travel industry. He will be truly missed by his family and friends. A celebration of life will be held Saturday, March 30, 2019, from 1-5PM, at his daughter, Sarah's home. For more info call 630.293.5200 in lieu of flowers, please send donations to Shriners Children Hospital at <https://www.shrinershospitalforchildren.org/chicago/ways-to-give>

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ILLINOIS
March 27
Powerball 16 20 37 44 62 / 12
Powerball jackpot: \$750M
Lotto jackpot: \$14.25M
Pick 3 midday 851 / 4
Pick 4 midday 0746 / 9
Lucky Day Lotto midday 06 15 18 37 45
Pick 3 evening 813 / 2
Pick 4 evening 3654 / 0
Lucky Day Lotto evening 05 10 18 32 43

March 29 Mega Millions: \$75M

WISCONSIN
March 27
Megabucks 01 08 15 27 30 33
Pick 3 433
Pick 4 5833
Badger 5 10 11 13 19 30
SuperCash 02 09 15 16 18 25

INDIANA
March 27
Lotto 08 13 17 25 37 46
Daily 3 midday 356 / 1
Daily 4 midday 7344 / 1
Daily 3 evening 843 / 7
Daily 4 evening 8174 / 7
Cash 5 Not available

MICHIGAN
March 27
Lotto 10 12 15 25 26 35
Daily 3 midday 500
Daily 4 midday 1465
Daily 3 evening 069
Daily 4 evening 0846
Fantasy 5 04 15 24 31 36
Keno 04 08 13 14 15 16
18 20 21 39 46 48 53 54
56 58 62 65 66 67 69 80

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Rosen, Irwin

Irwin Rosen, age 80, beloved husband of Barbara Snowner Rosen and the late Suzanne Rosen (nee Sims); loving father of Jay and Mark (Grace) Rosen; cherished Poppa of Noah and Rachel Rosen; very loved by his blended family Jeffrey (Lauren) Snowner, Elise (Andrew) Glatz and Scott (Elizabeth) Snowner and grandchildren Sam, Alex, Jake, Daniel and Gabi; Irwin was a treasured and dear friend to many. Chapel service 12:15 PM Friday at **Shalom Memorial Funeral Home**, 1700 W. Rand Road, Arlington Heights. Interment at Shalom Memorial Park. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to The Selfhelp Home or the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society. For information and condolences: 847-255-3520 or www.shalom2.com.



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Sarniak, Harriet T.

Harriet T. Sarniak, 96 1/2 years of age, at rest March 22, 2019. Beloved wife of the late Stanley Sarniak. Loving mother of the late Les (Joyce) Dobrzanski and Anthony (Sabina) Dobrzanski. Best grandmother of 2 and great-grandmother of 4. Dearest daughter of the late Boleslaw and Marianna Wysocki. Fond sister of the late Jane (late Edward) Bigert, Edward (late Eva) and Boleslaw (Janina) Wysocki, and the late Mary (late Frank) Rusinek. Harriet was a supervisor for 20 1/2 years at CNA Insurance Co. in Chicago. She loved knitting, sewing, gardening, painting pictures, crocheting, reading, cooking, and taking care of her grandchildren. Visitation is Friday, March 29, 2019 from 9:00 am until 10:30 am at **Adolf Funeral Home, Ltd.**, 2921 S. Harlem Ave., Berwyn to St. Leonard Church, 33rd & Clarence Ave. in Berwyn. Mass 11:00 am. Interment will be at St. Joseph Cemetery in Florida, New York. Memorials to family. Info at: 708-484-4111 or www.adolfservices.com



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Shulman, Phyllis

Phyllis Shulman, age 92, died peacefully at home on March 23, 2019, surrounded by loving family. She was preceded in death by her beloved husband of 68 years, Bernard. Beloved mother of Mark, Robert (Sarah), and Cynthia. Beloved Grandma Fafa to eight children and four great-grandchildren. Born as Phyllis Mann in Chicago, IL she was raised in Chicago and Oak Park, IL. Her father, Jay, immigrated from Kaunas, Lithuania. Her mother, Rose, immigrated from Lviv, Galicia (now Ukraine). An accomplished student and violinist, Phyllis won a scholarship to attend the Eastman School of Music in Rochester, NY. In her first semester, her talent was recognized by the orchestra conductor who announced during rehearsal, "Will the girl with red hair in the back row of the violins please come up front." She was placed in the first chair of the second violin section and there she remained for four years, graduating with a Bachelor of Music degree in 1948. Phyllis received offers from several major symphony orchestras to play professionally. Instead, she returned to Chicago where she met and married Bernard in 1950. Phyllis and Bernie had a long and beautiful marriage. Initially, Phyllis put her violin aside to raise her young children. Happily, she returned to playing and performed with the Flute and Fiddle Club and the Music Institute of Chicago Community Symphony for many years. Phyllis was an avid golfer and tennis player with numerous awards to show anyone who dared to doubt her. A warm, intelligent, and spirited woman, she will be dearly missed by all who knew her. Donations can be made to North Shore Congregation Israel, Elaine Frank Music Fund, email sarahd@nsci.org. Service Friday 11am in the chapel of Westlawn Cemetery and Mausoleum, 7801 W. Montrose Avenue, Norridge, where interment will follow. Arrangements entrusted to **Lakeshore Jewish Funerals** (773) 625-8621.



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Skarry, Peggy Smith

Peggy Smith Skarry, 85, Chicago, IL, award-winning classical pianist, soprano and teacher, passed away March 24, 2019. Peggy was born in Muskegon, MI. Her musical talent was discovered very young, both by her parents and by a talented neighborhood teacher that had Peggy demanding more lessons. Peggy got her first taste of performing at the age of 3 when she won second prize playing "Largo" by Dvorak at a local talent show. By thirteen, she had a guest performance with The Grand Rapids Symphony. As a teen, she came to Chicago to major in piano at The American Conservatory of Music with voice as a minor. She won the prestigious Young Artists Competition twice, once in piano, once with voice, winning debut recitals for each discipline with excellent notices in all Chicago newspapers. Later she placed second in the Metropolitan Opera Regional Competition, which opened the door for performance opportunities on stage, television and radio. She met her husband, Michael Skarry at the vocal studio where they both studied. They performed together, and they were also professional members in the Chicago Symphony Chorus and The Rockefeller Chapel Choir. They also performed at Tanglewood (the Berkshire Festival). She and her husband remained working musicians in Chicago throughout their careers, and taught music. Peggy had a talent at finding the best in her students' voices, and had a large following of both professional and talented non-professional students. She had something of a second renaissance in her later years, trying her hand at writing books, and wrote five of them after turning 80. For her 80th birthday, Peggy held a house piano concert of over 50 minutes of memorized classical repertoire by Chopin, Schuman, Beethoven, Mozart and others to the delight and awe of her audience. Peggy's husband, Mike pre-deceased her, and they had no children. However, Peggy had a multitude of students and friends of long standing who loved her not only as a musician and teacher, but as a friend with a great and gentle heart and a keen intellect. Peggy will be buried at Rosehill Cemetery in Chicago IL at 2pm, March 29, 2019, followed by a Celebration of Life gathering at Drake and Sons Funeral Home, 5303 N. Western Ave, Chicago, IL from 3pm-7pm. In lieu of flowers, please send memories to be posted at the Celebration of Life, and on her legacy page to peggysmithskarrymemories@gmail.com

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Tellios, Marigo

Marigo Tellios, nee Vasiliades, of Westchester, age 84. Beloved wife of the late John Tellios; loving mother of Tom Tellios and Anna Razes; proud grandmother of Bobby and Cally Razes; preceded in death by her siblings Shulla (late Steve) Gatses, Gus (Late Aspasia) Vasiliades and Billy Vasiliades; dear aunt and friend of many. Family and friends will be received at the Conboy-Westchester Funeral Home, 10501 W. Cermak Rd., Westchester (2 blks West of Mannheim Rd.) on Friday, March 29, 2019 from 3:00 to 9:00 p.m. All to meet Saturday for 10:30 a.m. Funeral Service at Assumption Greek Orthodox Church, 601 S. Central Ave., Chicago, IL 60644. Interment Elmwood Cemetery. Info: 708-F-U-N-E-R-A-L.

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Thompson, Elmer

Thompson, Elmer USAF veteran age 87. Beloved husband of Judy (nee Stachon). Loving father of Kathleen (John) Martinez, dear grandfather of Jeffrey Anton and Isabelle Maren Martinez, dear brother of Kenneth (late Dorothy) Thompson, and the late Jean, Eleanor, Vivian, Marion, Herb, and Donald, dear brother-in-law of Joanne (late Greg) Nash, Lucille (Ray) Prorok, and Bruno (Bonnie) Stachon, dear godfather of Tom Coleman and the late Christine Regas, our dear uncle, great uncle, and great great uncle. Elmer was a member of the American Legion Colin F. Schultz Post #318 of Lake Tomahawk, WI. Funeral services Saturday March 30th 3 pm at the Geils Funeral Home 260 W. Irving Park Rd. Wood Dale. Visitation Saturday 11 am to 3 pm. Services conclude at the funeral home.

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Viverito, Catherine A. 'Kay'

Catherine "Kay" Viverito, nee Lally, age 94; beloved wife of the late Clarence Viverito; loving mother of Mary (Joseph) Watson and William; dearest grandmother of Jared (Jessica) Reid, Jennifer Brown, Claire Watson and Grace Watson; great-grandmother of Christopher Reid, Brendan and Tyler Robson, and Logan Brown; dear sister of Marie Gaffney, Michael (Marie) Lally, Helen (the late James) Horn; sister-in-law of Grace Viverito (the late Joseph) Geary; fond aunt of many nieces and nephews. Visitation, Friday, 9 a.m. until time of Prayers, 10:30 a.m. at **Kolbus-May Funeral Home** 6857 W. Higgins Ave., Chicago to St. Robert Bellarmine Church, Mass 11 a.m. Interment Private. In lieu of flowers, donations to DuPage Care Center in memory of Catherine would be appreciated. For information 773-774-3232 or www.kolbusmayfh.com



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Wanner, Hans Charles

Hans Charles Wanner, 86 of Chicago, died Tuesday in, Arlington Heights, Illinois. Arrangements by **Glueckert Funeral Home, Ltd.** Funeral information, obituary and condolences please visit www.GlueckertFuneralHome.com or (847) 253-0168.



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Warsaw, Pauline C

Pauline C. Warsaw, age 87, of Highland Park, IL passed away on March 20, 2019. Pauline is now reunited with her beloved husband Jerry who passed away in May, 2013. She leaves behind her children, Steve (Leslie) Warsaw, Ed (Gloria) Warsaw, Marlene (Dr. Michael) Novak, and her eight loving grandchildren, Scott (Madison), Amy (Donny), Alex, Stefanie, Bobby, Jennifer, Andrew, and Al. Services private. Arrangements by the Cremation Society of Illinois. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Alzheimer's Foundation.



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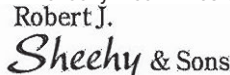
Wolf, Sydel Silverman

Wolf, Sydel Silverman, Ph.D., 85, on March 25, 2019. Noted anthropologist. Beloved wife of the late Mel Silverstein and Dr. Eric R. Wolf. Devoted mother of Eve R. Silverman, Julie Silverman Yorn and Daniel J. Wolf. Cherished mother-in-law of Gene Scaperotta and Kevin Yorn. Adored grandmother of Alexander, Samantha, Libby, Nathaniel (Kim) and Jennifer (Lauren). Sweet sister of Goldie, Mark, Ida and the late Hymie, Hannah and Paul, and sister-in-law of June Finfer. Service Thursday, March 28, 11:30 am at "The Riverside," 76 St. and Amsterdam Ave.

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Zibell, Norman E.

Age 90. Beloved husband of the late Gloria C. (nee Sieg). Loving father of Gregory (Grazyna), Steven (Susan) and Barbara (Ronald Krauch) Zibell. Proud grandfather of Victoria, Emily and Amanda. Visitation Friday 3-8 p.m. at the **Robert J. Sheehy & Sons Funeral Home**, 9000 W. 151st Street, Orland Park, IL. Family and friends to gather Saturday 9:45 a.m. at Evangelical Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd, 7800 S. McCarthy Road, Palos Heights, IL, Service 10:00 a.m. Interment First Lutheran Cemetery. www.sheehyfh.com 708-857-7878



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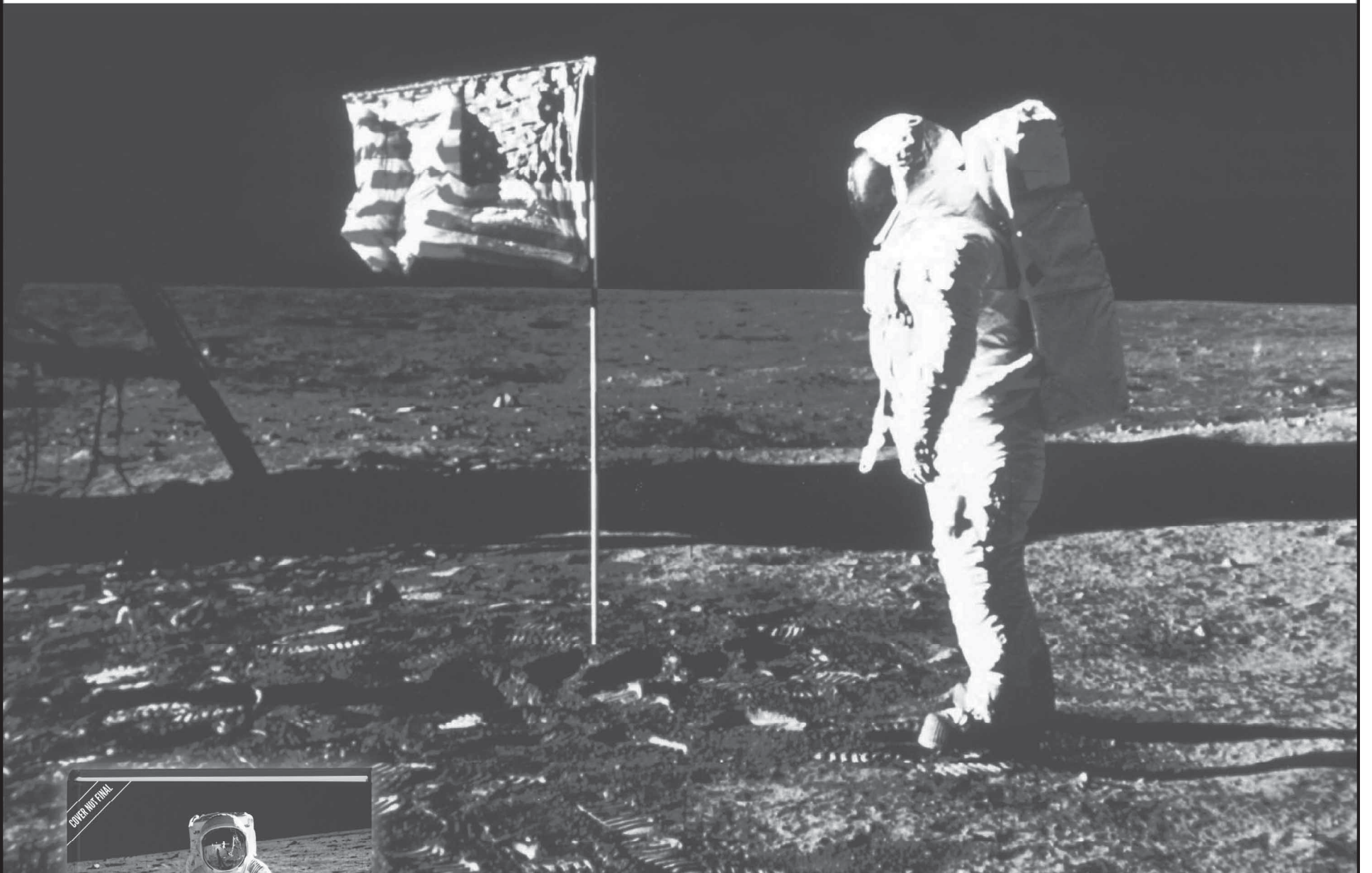
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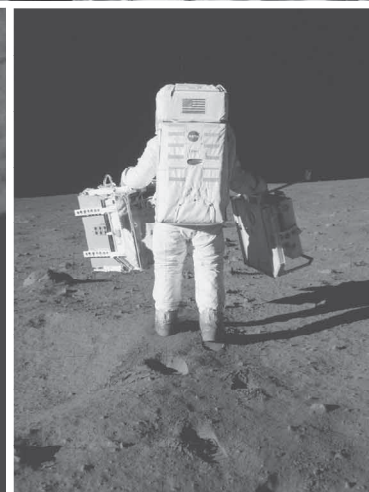
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS JUVENILE JUSTICE AND CHILD PROTECTION DEPARTMENT CHILD PROTECTION DIVISION

IN THE INTEREST OF
Ava Rodriguez-Cain
 MINOR(S) CHILD(REN) OF Jaclyn Rodriguez (Mother)

JUVENILE NO.: **19JA00186**

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

NOTICE IS GIVEN YOU, **Lee Cain (Father)**, respondents, and to **All Whom it May Concern**, that on **February 28, 2019**, a petition was filed under the Juvenile Court Act by **KIM FOXX** 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 **04/15/2019, at 9:30 AM** in CALENDAR & 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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DOROTHY BROWN, CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS
March 28, 2019

LEGAL NOTICES GOVERNMENT/EDUCATION

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS JUVENILE JUSTICE AND CHILD PROTECTION DEPARTMENT CHILD PROTECTION DIVISION

IN THE INTEREST OF
Krizztopher Brown

MINOR(S) CHILD(REN) OF **Sharquita Brown (Mother)**

JUVENILE NO.: **18JA01106**

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

NOTICE IS GIVEN YOU, **La Ron Pringle (Father) Any And All Unknown Fathers Any**, respondents, and to **All Whom it May Concern**, that on **November 19, 2019**, a petition was filed under the Juvenile Court Act by **KIM FOXX** in this court and that in the courtroom of Judge **Peter Vilkelis** in the Cook County Juvenile Court Building, 1100 So. Hamilton Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, ON **04/17/2019, at 10:00 AM** in CALENDAR **13** COURTROOM **M**, or as soon thereafter as this case may be heard, an adjudicatory hearing will be held upon the petition to have the minor declared to be a ward of the court and for other relief under the Act.

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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
Mackenzie Ross

MINOR(S) CHILD(REN) OF **Sierra Ross (Mother)**

JUVENILE NO.: **17JA00685**

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

NOTICE IS GIVEN YOU, **Sierra Ross (Mother)**, respondents, and to **All Whom it May Concern**, that on **November 16, 2018**, a petition was filed under the Juvenile Court Act by **KIM FOXX** 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 **04/11/2019, at 10:00 AM** in CALENDAR **8** COURTROOM **H**, or as soon thereafter as this case may be heard, a hearing will be held upon the petition to terminate your parental rights and appoint a guardian with power to consent to adoption.

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DOROTHY BROWN, CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS
March 28, 2019

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS JUVENILE JUSTICE AND CHILD PROTECTION DEPARTMENT CHILD PROTECTION DIVISION

IN THE INTEREST OF
Ronnice Hope

MINOR(S) CHILD(REN) OF **Marie Hope (Mother)**

JUVENILE NO.: **19JA00104**

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

NOTICE IS GIVEN YOU, **William Clinton Holt (Father)**, respondents, and to **All Whom it May Concern**, that on **February 6, 2019**, a petition was filed under the Juvenile Court Act by **KIM FOXX** in this court and that in the courtroom of Judge **Maxwell Griffin** in the Cook County Juvenile Court Building, 1100 So. Hamilton Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, ON **April 17, 2019, at 9:30 AM** in CALENDAR **10** COURTROOM **J**, 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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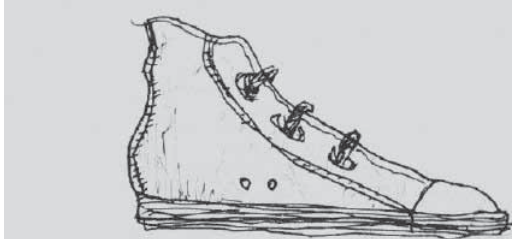
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Application Filing Period: March 15, 2019 through April 12, 2019. **Examination Date:** May 4, 2019. **Location:** To be announced. **Scope of Examination:** Knowledge of desktop engineer practices. **Nature of Position and Duties:** Under supervision, manages and supports desktop enterprise solutions for hardware, operating systems, patch management, anti-virus, software distribution, and mobile device management and contributes to the design and implementation of core end-user technology standards. **Pay:** \$87,792.38 per year

Laborer Foreman (Promotional)

Application Filing Period: March 22, 2019 through April 19, 2019. **Examination Date:** May 4, 2019 at Stickney Water Reclamation Plant (SWRP), 6001 West Pershing, Stickney, IL. **Scope of Examination:** Knowledge of laborer foreman practices. **Nature of Position and Duties:** Under general supervision, has immediate charge of a crew of unskilled laborers working on general cleaning and grounds maintenance at a sewage treatment plant. **Pay:** \$43.25 per hour

Senior Desktop Engineer (Original & Promotional)

Application Filing Period: March 15, 2019 through April 12, 2019. **Examination Date:** May 4, 2019. **Location:** To be announced. **Scope of Examination:** Knowledge of senior desktop engineer practices. **Nature of Position and Duties:** Under direction, plans, manages and supports all desktop enterprise solutions for hardware, operating systems, patch management, antivirus, software distribution, and mobile device management and contributes to the design and implementation of core end-user technology standards. **Pay:** \$109,991.70 per year

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It's time

After six years of losing, the rebuilding White Sox better start to show some progress soon



PAUL SULLIVAN
On the White Sox

KANSAS CITY — This could be the year the White Sox turn the corner in their rebuild, setting the stage for the sustained success management promised when it announced its plan after the 2016 season.

Or this is could be another year of false hope, leaving Sox fans wondering whether they'll ever see the light at the end of the tunnel.

It could go either way, which is why 2019 may be a year to take a more critical look at the progress of the rebuild after two years of giving the Sox

the benefit of the doubt that everything will work out in the end.

It all starts Thursday afternoon at Kauffman Stadium, the same venue where the Sox opened last season. In case you forgot, the now-departed Matt Davidson hit three home runs and Tim Anderson hit two more in a 14-7 rout of the Royals.

The Sox won their first two games here before being snowed out in the series finale, then proceeded to lose 12 of their next 14 to prove their good start was only a mirage.

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WHITE SOX OPENER

Sox (Carlos Rodon) at **Royals** (Brad Keller)
 3:15 p.m. Thursday, NBCSCH



Time is now

The manager who brought the Cubs a World Series championship needs to get his team going — in a hurry

By **MARK GONZALES** | Chicago Tribune

ARLINGTON, Texas — Kris Bryant's primary focus this spring was regaining his stroke after missing 50 games last season with a left shoulder injury.

But the Cubs slugger admits manager Joe Maddon's increased involvement as a hitting instructor drew his attention as well.

"The biggest thing is kind of explaining why he does certain things in certain situations, and I've made a point to stand next to him in spring training," Bryant said. "He's bouncing his ideas off me, and now I'm understanding more of 'why do you hit-and-run with this guy in a certain situation,' and stuff like that.

"That's been good. Sometimes you sit back and don't really realize how hard it is to be a manager. You just make the lineup and assume he's just going to run some pitchers out there.

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CUBS OPENER

Cubs (Jon Lester) at **Rangers** (Mike Minor)
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Never bet against talent in radio and TV. Whatever the format, the best in the business adapt and, given enough time and resources, make it work.

That's why WSCR-AM 670 is smart to carve out a couple of midday hours in its weekday schedule for Laurence Holmes, who launches his new noon-2 p.m. weekday show Thursday, a prelude to the Cubs 3:05 p.m. season opener against the Rangers in Texas.

The challenge for Holmes, a 21-year Score veteran, will be to take what's made him a nighttime standout over the last decade and adapt it to the expectations and demands of daytime sports radio.

Holmes' show and podcasts have shown he knows how to get guests to open up, approach well-trod topics in new ways and hold an audience.

But not all the tools in his considerable arsenal will be of the same use.

The challenge for WSCR management will be to sit back and let him work it out, resisting the urge to make hasty, format tweaks or add a co-host (although that ultimately may not be a bad idea; a woman, perhaps).

Holmes is a shrewd guy. Less in need of a road map than a nudge, he should be able to work it out.

"We're going to try to expand on the things we do well on the (nighttime) show," Holmes said. "I really love interviewing people and I love bringing people in studio. Mitch (Rosen, the station's operations director) and I have discussed that and that's something that's definitely on the table.

"We're going to talk about the biggest stories that are going on in Chicago and we're going to put a real emphasis on getting everyone involved as far as the teams in town," Holmes said. "I want to get as many people inside the tent as possible — Cubs fans, White Sox fans, Bears fans, Hawks fans, Bulls fans. So whatever is hot, that's what we're going to go with."

"Going with what's hot" is a necessary mantra of daytime sports radio, and not always falling prey to that mentality is what made Holmes' show a welcome listen after a long day.

But there's a reason so much Chicago sports talk focuses on the Cubs and Bears, often at the expense of everything else, and it's not just that WSCR is the radio flagship of



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Laurence Holmes will launch his new weekday show Thursday on WSCR-AM 670.

the Cubs and Entercom Communications sister stations WBBM-AM 780 and WCFS-FM 105.9 are home to the Bears.

Those teams, for better or worse, are dominant in this town. The newspapers see it in their internet numbers, TV and radio stations in their ratings.

If and when the Bulls, Sox and Blackhawks become title contenders again, perhaps they'll become hot and break through. Ditto for the local universities. (And everyone in local media will rejoice because it's better to have too many hot topics rather than just a few.)

Until then, straying from those subjects during the much-scrutinized daylight hours is at a host's peril.

One chip Holmes has in his favor is his proven success in podcasting with "The House of L," and, with his move to daytime, he'll be doing another podcast for radio.com that should enable him to deliver value to Entercom.

That platform is more accommodating than daytime radio to the long-form interviews at which Holmes excels. If he chooses, it also can be a radio laboratory for him and producer Tony Gill to fine-tune their broadcast approach.

"Tony's 25, so his perspective's at the younger end of the demo," Holmes, 43, said. "He's extremely valuable to making sure that our show stays relevant and stays hip."

Adding Holmes goes beyond restoring a small measure of diversity to daytime lineup lost a year ago this month when Jason Goff was yanked out during the Score Spring Upheaval of 2018.

That bloodletting resulted in new shows for middays and afternoons, two hosts in new time slots, one host sent to the bullpen, another (Goff) walking away and two former employees rehired as co-hosts.

In carving out a couple of midday hours for Holmes, the Score's daytime schedule of shows now sync with the rival program lineup on ESPN's WMVP-AM 1000.

Dan Bernstein and Connor McKnight had their program reduced to three hours (9 a.m.-noon) and Dan McNeil and Danny Parkins were cut to four (2-6 p.m.).

This will require each set of co-hosts to tighten up its respective shows.

But the best make their situations work, no matter the challenge.

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7 p.m.	Nuggets at Rockets	NBA TV
MEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL		
6 p.m.	Florida St. vs. Gonzaga	CBS-2
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8:30 p.m.	Texas Tech vs. Michigan	CBS-2
8:30 p.m.	Div. II Tournament	CBSSN
8:45 p.m.	Oregon vs. Virginia	TBS
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9:30 a.m.	Corales Puntacana Champ.	Golf
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6 p.m.	Canadiens at Blue Jackets	NHL
9:30 p.m.	Blackhawks at Sharks	NBCSCH WGN-AM 720
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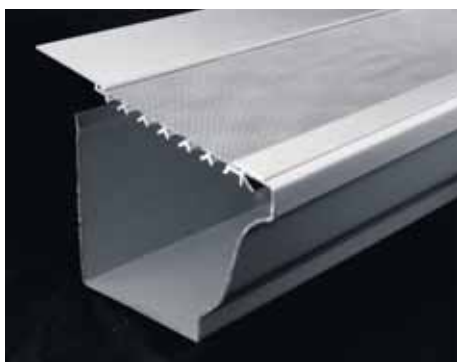


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MEN'S NCAA TOURNAMENT



Houston jamming once again

Cougars haven't looked this promising since 'Dream' years

BY KRISTIE RIEKEN | Associated Press

HOUSTON — When the Houston Cougars were last in the Sweet 16, Hakeem Olajuwon starred and coach Guy V. Lewis stalked the sideline in his trademark plaid jackets.

Thirty-five years later, a new generation of Cougars led by Houston native Galen Robinson Jr., Armoni Brooks and Corey Davis Jr. finally has the team in the round of 16 again after decades of struggles.

"It's wonderful to see the university back on the big stage," Olajuwon said. "It's been a long time."

And while these Cougars are proud to have revived the program, they aren't done yet and are focused on doing something those storied Phi Slama Jama teams couldn't do: win the team's first national championship.

"It's definitely priceless because it's always great to be associated with greatness," Robinson said. "That '83-84 team, that was a great team but we definitely want to make a story of our own and are trying to do something that's never been done before."

Houston reached the round of 16 by beating Ohio State 74-59 on Sunday night for its 33rd victory of the season, which outdid the 1983-84 team for most wins in school history. The third-seeded Cougars (33-3) will play second-seeded Kentucky on Friday night in Kansas City, Mo.

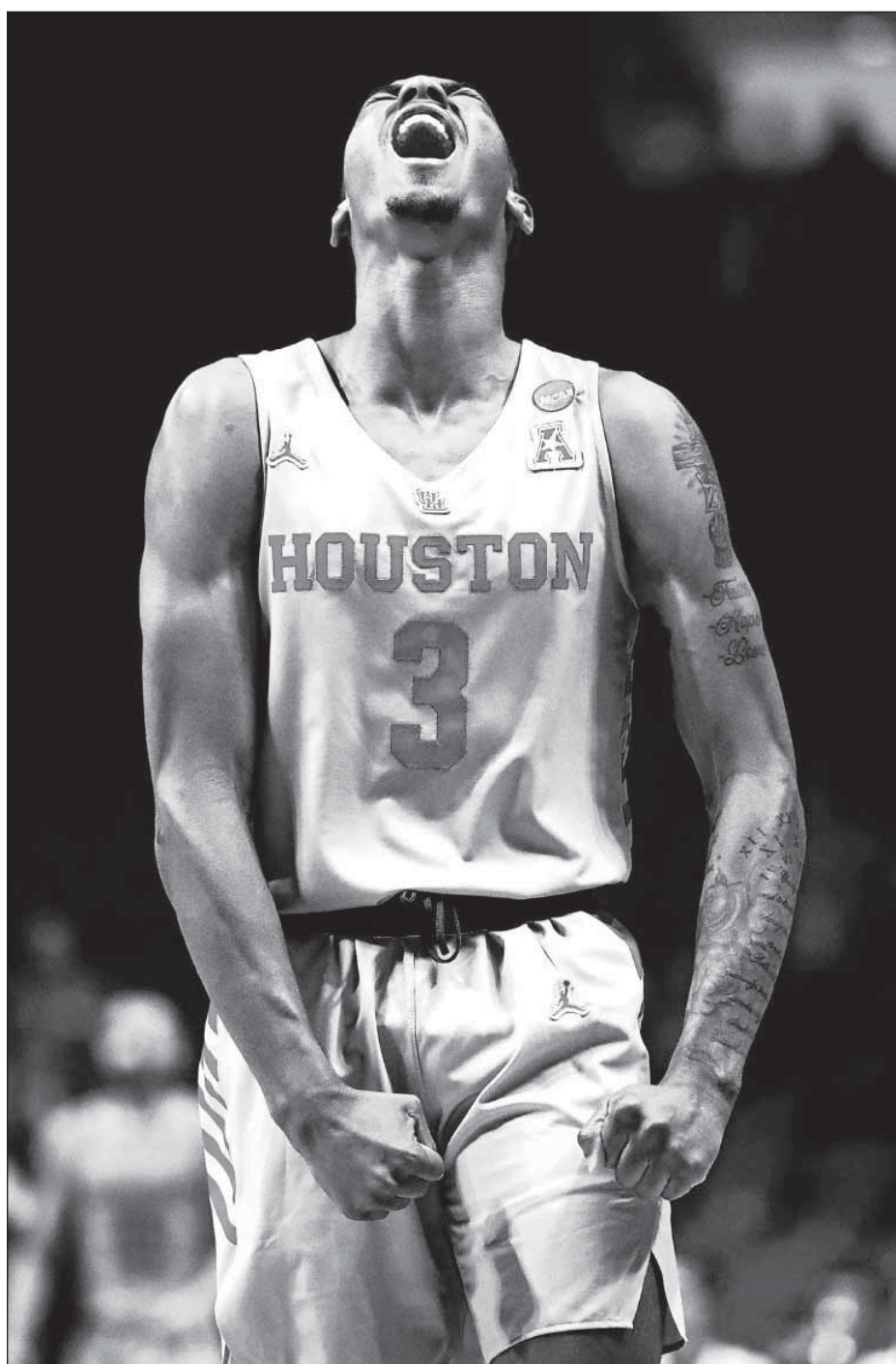
Those Phi Slama Jama teams in the 1980s, which also featured Hall of Famer Clyde Drexler and NBA first-round pick Michael Young, reached the Final Four in three straight seasons from 1982-1984 but never won it all. They reached the championship game in those last two seasons but lost to North Carolina State in 1983 and Georgetown in 1984.

The Cougars try not to look back too much. But it's easy to see that they take great pride in helping the team do something that was last done by Olajuwon, the first overall pick in the 1984 draft, who was inducted into the Hall of Fame in 2008 after an 18-year NBA career.

Bring up The Dream to Armoni Brooks, a junior who ranks second on the team in scoring, and he can't help but smile.

"It's honestly surreal," he said. "He was such a great player here and in the NBA. So being able to even see our names around his name just makes us hungry, but it also humbles us to let us know we're in a great spot right now."

The Cougars are also reveling in the buzz they've created around campus and



Armoni Brooks has been one of the keys to Houston's resurgence as a basketball power.

throughout the city of Houston. Brooks said people rarely bothered him when he first arrived on campus, but now the junior can't go anywhere without fans offering him high-fives or words of encouragement.

"It's nonstop — on Instagram, everywhere," Brooks said. "You're getting love everywhere. And it's just great to be able to put our school back onto national prominence in basketball."

Following the unprecedented success in the early 1980s, there were plenty of lean years. The Cougars only reached the NCAA Tournament three times from 1985 to 2009. The program had fallen on such hard times that the thought of top players in Houston even considering signing with the Cougars was laughable.

Robinson, who is a senior, spent his childhood playing pickup games at a recreation center on the school's campus. He remembers what the older kids would

tell him about the school in those days.

"Crazy thing is, when I used to go play at the rec, they used to all tell me: 'Never come here,'" he said. "Thank God I didn't listen to them."

The Cougars won just 13 games in Sampson's first season, but the following year, which was Robinson's first, they won 22 games for the school's most victories since 2008. They finished with 21 wins in 2017 before taking the next step last season, going 27-8 and making their first tournament appearance in eight years.

For Sampson, who vowed to turn this program around from the day he was hired, it's difficult to appreciate the historical significance of what this team has done.

"I know we've had a magical year. I know that," Sampson said.

"If they can do it," Olajuwon said of the possibility of a national title, "that would be fantastic. We're all rooting for them."

NOTES

Tide turns to Buffalo's Oats

Associated Press

Alabama hired Nate Oats, who led Buffalo to three NCAA Tournaments in four seasons, as its next coach.

Crimson Tide athletic director Greg Byrne announced the hiring Wednesday, three days after parting ways with Avery Johnson.

Oats was the Mid-American Conference coach of the year each of the last two seasons. He went 96-43 and won three MAC Tournament championships.

Buffalo won first-round games in the last two NCAA Tournaments. The Bulls are coming off a 32-4 season that included repeat MAC regular-season and tournament championships.

Other coaching moves: Washington State hired Kyle Smith as coach. A person with knowledge of the hiring said Smith was given a six-year deal. Smith arrives after a successful three-year run as the coach at San Francisco, where he went 63-40. ... UNLV hired South Dakota State's T.J. Otzelberger as its coach. Otzelberger went 70-33 while leading the Jackrabbits to the NCAA Tournament twice in the last three seasons.

Outlaw charged: Virginia Tech's Ty Outlaw was charged with possession of marijuana, potentially jeopardizing his status for the rest of the NCAA Tournament.

The sixth-year senior was charged March 21, the day after he and the Hokies arrived in San Jose, Calif., for the first round, according to records on the Virginia Courts Case Information website. His hearing is set for April 11.

Outlaw started and scored seven points March 23 as the fourth-seeded Hokies beat Saint Louis 66-52 in the first round. He also started the Hokies' second-round game against Liberty, finishing with 11 points and a career-best 11 rebounds in a 67-58 victory.

Virginia Tech plays Friday night against top-seeded Duke in Washington.

Virginia Tech officials did not immediately respond to questions about Outlaw's status going forward.

Bet the under: Second-seeded Michigan (30-6) gave up the second-fewest points in Division I this season. Third-seeded Texas Tech (28-6) gave up the third-fewest. Texas Tech leads the nation in defensive efficiency, giving up 85.5 points for every 100 possessions. Michigan is ranked second (86 per 100). Get the picture? The over-under on this game is 126, meaning the first team to 65 will probably win.

"I knew the defense was going to be intense when I got here," Michigan forward Ignas Brazdeikis said. "I talked to (assistant coach Luke Yaklich) and he said, 'If you're not going to be willing to play defense, you're not going to play.'"

WOMEN'S NCAA TOURNAMENT



CHICAGO REGION
SATURDAY AND MONDAY AT WINTRUST ARENA

Friendly confines

BY SHANNON RYAN AND LAMOND POPE | Chicago Tribune

Defending national champion Notre Dame played the first two games of the women's NCAA Tournament in South Bend, Ind. Now the top-seeded Irish have to drive only about 90 miles west for the Sweet 16. They will highlight the regional Saturday and Monday at Wintrust Arena and be joined by No. 2 seed Stanford, No. 4 Texas A&M and No. 11 Missouri State. Saturday's matchups: Notre Dame vs. Texas A&M and Stanford vs. Missouri State. Here's a look at each team:

No. 1 Notre Dame >

Record: 32-3.
Conference: Atlantic Coast.
How they qualified: Earned an automatic qualifying bid to the NCAA Tournament by beating Louisville 99-79 in the ACC Tournament championship game.
How they got here: Beat No. 16 seed Bethune-Cookman 92-50 in the first round and No. 9 seed Michigan State 91-63 in the second round.
Coach: Muffet McGraw is in her 32nd season with the Irish and going for her third national championship. With an 832-232 career record, she has led the Irish to eight Final Fours and 22 straight NCAA Tournament appearances.
Best player: Arike Ogunbowale, above, a 5-foot-8 senior guard, averages 21.1 points while shooting 34.8 percent on 3-pointers and grabbing 4.8 rebounds per game. Ogunbowale scored 23 points with five assists and no turnovers against Michigan State. She rose to fame in the tournament last season by hitting two buzzer-beaters in the Final Four.
X-factor: Jessica Shepard, a 6-4 senior, notched her 15th double-double of the season and 55th of her career by halftime of the victory against Bethune-Cookman, scoring 22 points and grabbing 13 rebounds. She added 19 points and nine rebounds against Michigan State.

< No. 4 Texas A&M

Record: 26-7.
Conference: Southeastern.
How they qualified: The Aggies earned an at-large bid after finishing third in the ACC and advancing to the conference tournament final.
How they got here: Beat No. 13 seed Wright State 84-61 in the first round and No. 5 Marquette 78-76 in the second round.
Coach: Gary Blair took over the Aggies after seven straight losing seasons. Now in his 16th year, he has guided them to 14 straight NCAA Tournament appearances. With a 357-148 record, he's hoping to take the Aggies to their first championship since 2011, when they beat Notre Dame.
Best player: Chennedy Carter, above, a 5-foot-7 guard, may try to go shot-for-shot with Ogunbowale. The hot-handed sophomore averages 22.9 points. She dropped 30 on Marquette after scoring 27 in the first round.
X-factor: Carter calls Shambria Washington, a junior college transfer, the "backbone of our team." Washington hit the go-ahead 3-pointer against Marquette, finishing with 13 points and six assists.

No. 2 Stanford >

Record: 30-4.
Conference: Pac-12.
How they qualified: Defeated Oregon 64-57 in the Pac-12 Tournament championship game.
How they got here: Defeated No. 15 UC Davis 79-54 in the first round and No. 7 BYU 72-63 in the second.
Coach: Tara VanDerveer has led Stanford to two NCAA titles (1990, 1992) and 12 Final Fours. She is in her 33rd season at Stanford (914-195 record) and 40th overall (1,066-246). VanDerveer is a member of the Naismith Memorial Hall of Fame and the Women's Basketball Hall of Fame.
Best player: Senior forward Alanna Smith, above, leads Stanford in scoring (19.8), rebounding (8.7) and blocks (7.6). Smith, who is from Australia, also has 79 3-pointers. She is one of four players in the last 20 years with career totals of at least 1,600 points, 200 blocks and 150 3-pointers (Maya Moore, Elena Delle Donne and Breanna Stewart are the others).
X-factor: Kiana Williams is a threat from the outside. She leads the Cardinal with 87 3-pointers, which is tied for fifth on the program's single-season list. The sophomore guard is second on the team in scoring with 14.3 points per game and leads in assists at 4.9.

< No. 11 Missouri State

Record: 25-9.
Conference: Missouri Valley.
How they qualified: Beat Drake 94-79 in the Missouri Valley Conference Tournament championship game.
How they got here: Defeated No. 6 DePaul 89-78 in the first round and No. 3 Iowa State 69-60 in the second.
Coach: Kellie Harper, the MVC coach of the year, is in her sixth season at Missouri State, where she has a 118-78 record. Harper played at Tennessee (1995-99) and was a member of three national championship teams.
Best player: Danielle Gitzen, above, is the only senior on Missouri State's roster. Teammate Abby Hipp described the guard as "a great leader on the court and on the bench." Gitzen leads the team in scoring (13 points per game) and assists (3.3). She received first-team All-MVC honors and made the conference's All-Defensive team.
X-factor: Junior Alexa Willard has reached double figures in scoring in each of the last six games. The guard scored a 17 points against Iowa State after being named the MVC Tournament MVP.

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CUBS & WHITE SOX



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Cubs Chairman Tom Ricketts, left, said the club didn't have money to let President Theo Epstein, right, go after big-money free agents.

At core, Cubs know they must produce

BY MARK GONZALES
Chicago Tribune

ARLINGTON, Texas — After a stunningly abrupt end to the 2018 season, Theo Epstein opted to stick with the Cubs' young core instead of chasing big-name, high-priced free agents to fix the team's problems.

It could be the last time the Cubs president pushes his chips to the center of the table with this nucleus.

"It's a big turning point for the team — and for a lot of guys' careers, possibly," pitcher Kyle Hendricks said as the Cubs prepared to open their season Thursday with an interleague series against the Rangers.

"But at the end of the day, the urgency is just on winning. As a group, we just don't want to have that feeling of the letdown and failure of last year and even the year before. We just want to be in that last game of the season, winning it and having that feeling again.

"So having that urgency and knowing it's a turning point for all of us, if we can put our focus there and take care of business, then we know the best outcome will come for all of us."

Manager Joe Maddon, utility man Ben Zobrist, left-hander Cole Hamels and valuable reliever Pedro Strop are entering the final year of their contracts.

A collection of hitters who contributed to the 2016 World Series title — their first since 1908 — slumped horribly in the second half and bowed out to the Rockies in the National League wild-card

"It's on us to come together and grind from today to the first regular-season game to Game 162 to the last out of the last game of the season."

— Cubs first baseman Anthony Rizzo

game, falling well short of the NL Championship Series for the first time in four seasons.

Javier Baez was one of the few exceptions to that struggling group, putting up career highs in average, home runs, RBIs and slugging percentage en route to finishing second in NL MVP voting. But he and slugger Kris Bryant can become free agents after 2021.

All the while, Epstein and the Cubs watched as their biggest NL Central rivals upgraded significantly.

The Cardinals — who haven't made the playoffs since 2015 — acquired six-time All-Star first baseman Paul Goldschmidt, then signed him to a five-year, \$130 million extension through 2024. And they signed free-agent left-hander Andrew Miller, who when healthy is among the best relievers in the majors.

And the Brewers — who erased a five-game deficit, then won Game 163 at Wrigley Field to end the Cubs' two-year reign as Central champions — added catcher Yasmani Grandal and re-signed veteran infielder Mike Moustakas.

Had it not been for a strong second half in 2017, Epstein already might have retooled a roster built for another World Series appearance.

"It's on us to come together

and grind from today to the first regular-season game to Game 162 to the last out of the last game of the season," said Anthony Rizzo, the sturdiest pillar of Epstein's rebuilding program that began in 2012. "It starts with the right mentality, and I think we have the right mentality going forward.

"But so does every other team. It's really about going out and doing it."

The Cubs sent flares last week-end. They optioned the versatile Ian Happ, a 2015 first-round pick who hit 39 home runs in his first two major-league seasons, to Triple-A Iowa to cut down on his alarming strikeout rate. And they designated left-handed reliever Brian Duensing and his \$3.5 million salary for assignment, about six weeks after Chairman Tom Ricketts said the franchise had no money to spend on free agents.

Ricketts' statement came after the Cubs' 2019 payroll was projected to exceed \$200 million — the largest in franchise history.

While Happ, 24, has the opportunity to polish his skills in the minors, the team's youth can no longer be used as an excuse as the drive for success becomes more urgent.

"I don't mind the young part," Rizzo said. "We're experienced, young and old. There are guys

who have a lot of good experience, humbling experiences. If you ask Jon (Lester) and Cole (Hamels), they're still developing as players. Just because they won World Series and most valuable player awards, everyone is still developing.

"The more experience you get, the more you're able to process it and move forward."

The lack of production in back-to-back losses to the Brewers and Rockies to end the season cast a sobering cloud over a franchise once absorbed in exhilaration and optimism following its 2016 World Series title.

Epstein's postseason declaration of seeking production from within over outside talent sent a message to players, even as some were consulted on ways to fix the problems.

For those players, their final say will occur at the plate and on the field.

"We all know what we have in the clubhouse," left fielder Kyle Schwarber said. "It's time for us to go out there and do it."

Despite the flurry of mega-contracts and extensions to prized players late in the off-season, Bryant has remained calm about his future, preferring to focus exclusively on a return to the World Series with the same nucleus.

"It's nice for (the front office) to put it in our hands and go out there and play with the urgency we want to play with this year," he said.

"Whatever we had in the past, it doesn't matter now. This year is all that matters."

Maddon's future is on the line

Cubs, from Page 1

But there's a lot that goes on in his mind, so it's nice for him to open up and talk more, and I think it's been great for this whole team."

With the future direction of the Cubs at stake, Maddon's increased involvement was one of the most eye-opening developments of spring training.

The Cubs need to produce more runs than they did during their second-half slump last year. Yet the person with the most at stake this season isn't Bryant or Javier Baez or Kyle Schwarber.

It's Maddon. The 65-year-old enters the final year of his five-year contract with a prized 2016 World Series title and questions about whether President Theo Epstein sees him as the right leader for the future.

Epstein asked Maddon to spend more time coaching this spring and less time with reporters.

For Maddon, this meant explaining a lot more than the details of the "B" hack that he taught to his pupils as a roving hitting instructor with the Angels in the late 1980s.

It also invigorated Bryant, who is pulling the ball with authority with a now-healthy left shoulder and putting some tips from Maddon into use.

"I think they've all responded very well," said Maddon, who enters his 14th season as a major-league manager and his 45th season in professional baseball. "I do enjoy it. I really do. Part of my lack of doing that (in the past), I so much believe in empowering coaches. If I have a message, I give it to them to give to the player because I want the player to really buy into the coach.

"But this year it's been kind of fun for me. When you go back to your roots like that and feel strongly about something, absolutely, I've had really great energy this camp, and part of it is getting more involved with that."

About 11 days before Bryant returned from his second stint on the disabled list in late August, an animated Maddon worked with Bryant at Comerica Park on a two-handed swing to alleviate some of the strain on his shoulder as then-hitting coach Chili Davis observed.

"You'll see some of that during the season, but I really need to stay out of the coaches' way, and I still need to coach the coaches first," Maddon said. "After that, I will be more hands on with that, more obvious, put it that way. But it is selfish because I do enjoy it. But I don't want to get selfishly involved ... (and) neuter a coach."

Maddon was surrounded this spring by a revamped coaching staff tasked with improving communication with millennial players who struggled last season.

Maddon will continue his tradition of conducting regular meetings with the coaches so everyone is on the same page.

Never has a singular message been more important to Cubs batters, who worked under popular hitting coach John Mallee in 2015-17, then Davis and now Anthony Iapoche — with Maddon's involvement.

"(Iapoche) has been outstanding," Maddon said. "The ego is not too big there. I'm aware of that. I've seen it from both sides. And so I'm overtly aware of it to the point where sometimes I'll go in the other direction to keep me totally out of it."

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It's time for rebuilding Sox to start showing some progress

Sullivan, from Page 1

Many of the same players are back, including regulars Jose Abreu, Anderson and Yoan Moncada, but the attitude seems more upbeat after a productive spring at Camelback Ranch.

"The vibe here is really good," rookie outfielder Eloy Jimenez said. "We're positive and we feel we can make the playoffs."

That may be a stretch, but you can't blame Jimenez for being optimistic. He's the most important person in the Sox rebuild after signing a six-year deal that guaranteed him \$43 million before playing a single major-league game. He already was featured in a WGN-TV commercial promoting Sunday afternoon's telecast.

No one player can turn this 100-loss team into a winner in one season, but Jimenez can at least provide fans with a reason to pay attention while the rest of the team's top prospects — Moncada, Reynaldo Lopez, Dylan Cease,

Luis Robert and Nick Madrigal — continue their development.

It may not be fair to Jimenez, but the 22-year-old has to live up to his hype because of the failure of some others to live up to theirs.

General manager Rick Hahn bought himself time when he began executing his plan with the celebrated trades of Chris Sale and Adam Eaton for a slew of top prospects that included Moncada, Lopez, Michael Kopech, Lucas Giolito and Dane Dunning. But two years later, Kopech and Dunning are out for the season with arm injuries, Moncada and Giolito have yet to hit their stride, and only Lopez has managed to put together a consistent stretch of success.

Hahn added veterans such as Yonder Alonso, Jon Jay, Ivan Nova, Ervin Santana, Kelvin Herrera and Alex Colome to the mix this offseason in an attempt to become more competitive, with the knowledge that he can flip some of them for more prospects at the trade deadline if

they perform well. The unsuccessful free-agent pursuit of Manny Machado also was an indication that the Sox wanted to fast-forward the rebuild to the next phase, though they declined to use the money Machado turned down to go after Bryce Harper or another free agent.

The Sox players seemed to be OK with a Manny-free clubhouse, even Alonso, who is Machado's brother-in-law.

"We're all coming together right now, which is the time to do it," Alonso said. "The future is bright for this year and the following years. We've got some pretty good pitching, good bullpen. We've just got to take care of the baseball and compete every single day at a high level."

Alonso, a left-handed hitting first baseman who figures to deposit some shots into the new Goose Island section of the right-field bleachers at Sox Park, gives manager Rick Renteria the option of using Abreu more at designated hitter. Alonso

obviously is a better defensive first baseman. So how much will ...

"No clue," Alonso replied before the question was finished. "Doesn't really matter. We don't care about that. All we care about is the 25 guys in here, going out and playing as hard as we can for Ricky and everybody else."

That's certainly a nice sentiment, but it does matter, especially if Alonso has to DH often to appease Abreu, whose long-stated preference is to play first. Renteria will have to make the tough decision: defer to your star or do what's in the best interest of the team.

Renteria's job is safe for 2019, and Hahn quietly extended him through at least 2020 last spring without announcing it to the media, later saying that no one asked. But after 95 and 100 losses in his first two seasons, the Sox have to show some improvement, if only to justify his extension.

Let's face it: The first two years of the rebuild have been difficult to watch, and this six-year stretch

of sub-.500 teams under Hahn would spell doom for most GMs.

The Sox haven't finished with a winning record since 2012, and last season they lost 100 games for the first time since going 56-106 in 1970. The pitching staff finished with a 4.84 ERA, its highest since a 4.92 mark in 1999 during yet another Sox rebuild. Offensively speaking, the Sox hit .241 as a team in '18, their lowest batting average since they hit .238 in 1972, the last year before the introduction of the DH in the American League. And their 1,594 strikeouts were the most by any team in major-league history.

The future may indeed be bright for the Sox, but sooner or later they're going to have to evolve from developing to winning.

"The arrow continues to point up around here," Hahn said after the Machado saga ended, repeating his rebuild mantra.

Time to prove it.

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BULLS



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BULLS RECAP
The shorthanded Bulls lost 118-98 to the Trail Blazers. Shaquille Harrison, above, scored a career-high 21 points and posted his second career double-double, while Wayne Selden Jr. added his first career double-double. For the full story, go to chicagotribune.com/sports

TRAIL BLAZERS 118, BULLS 98

Markkanen done

Young standout's season curtailed by rapid heart rate, extreme fatigue

By K.C. JOHNSON
Chicago Tribune

Lauri Markkanen's season ended Wednesday when the Bulls announced after their 118-98 loss to the Trail Blazers that the second-year forward experienced a rapid heart rate and fatigue on Tuesday.

Markkanen spent Tuesday night in Toronto after undergoing medical tests for the episode that sidelined him for the second half of the loss to the Raptors. He returned to Chicago on Wednesday for further testing that also checked out normal.

But given that the episode involved Markkanen's heart, the team plans additional testing over the next 10-14 days. One likely scenario would be Markkanen wearing a heart monitor during supervised workouts over the coming days.

"The long-term health of our players is always our organization's top priority," executive vice president John Paxson said in a statement. "We will continue to monitor Lauri's condition and work with our medical staff and doctors to provide him with everything he may need."

As of Wednesday afternoon,

Markkanen told people he planned to work out individually on Thursday. Whether the Bulls, who have an off day scheduled, will allow that is unknown. Either way, Markkanen will almost certainly wear a heart monitor whenever his next workout occurs.

There's considerable optimism that Markkanen's incident was an isolated episode.

"Everything that he has had done to him in the last 24 hours has come back positive. I think the word is 'unremarkable,'" coach Jim Boylen said. "But speaking with John and Jerry and Michael (Reinsdorf), we just want to do what's best for him. We're going to be as cautious as we can. And we're not going to rush him back."

"Obviously, we're disappointed for him and for us. But we're hopeful he'll be just fine."

In 52 games, Markkanen averaged 18.7 points, 9 rebounds and 1.4 assists while shooting 43 percent overall and 36.1 percent from 3-point range. He missed the first 23 games of the season with a right elbow injury.

Markkanen returned to Chicago on Wednesday with Chip Schaefer, the team's director of performance health, who stayed with him overnight.

"He was in my office at 2 p.m. (Wednesday)," Boylen said. "He'd like to play."

With Markkanen joining — deep breath here — Denzel Valen-

tine, Wendell Carter Jr., Chandler Hutchison, Zach LaVine, Kris Dunn and Otto Porter Jr. in street clothes, the Bulls needed Rawle Alkins and Brandon Sampson to nudge past the league minimum of eight available bodies.

Alkins, who played with Markkanen at Arizona, was in Westchester, N.Y., late Tuesday night. He was thinking about his first playoff game with the Windy City Bulls on Wednesday when the text arrived.

A 7 a.m. Eastern time flight to Chicago. The Bulls need you.

"I didn't sleep much, left (the hotel) about 5:45 a.m. (Eastern time) and got to the airport," Alkins said. "And here I am."

Alkins drew first-quarter reserve action and scored two points in 16 minutes.

Shaquille Harrison scored a career-high 21 points and posted his second career double-double, while Wayne Selden Jr. added his first career double-double. Seth Curry's 20 points led the Blazers.

"I'm happy to be here, but it's definitely disappointing to miss the (G League) playoffs," Alkins said. "I spoke to the players before I left. I told them to still get this one. Those guys are confident and are great players. Coach Charlie (Henry) is still very confident in the team."

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BULLS NOTES

Sympathy for Nurkic's gruesome injury

By K.C. JOHNSON
Chicago Tribune

The Bulls weren't the only team at the United Center dealing with injury on Wednesday.

The Trail Blazers played their first game since losing Jusuf Nurkic to a gruesome leg injury. The starting center fractured his left tibia and fibula in Monday's double-overtime victory over the Nets.

"Our heart goes out to Jusuf," Bulls coach Jim Boylen said. "We watched it again today as a staff. It's a tough, tough thing for him. I coached him in the Basketball Without Borders. He's a great kid and a fun kid. I coached him when he was 18. It's just a gut-wrencher. From the Bulls and from my staff and from our team, we wish him the best and are hoping for a speedy recovery."

Just before meeting reporters for his pregame media session,

Trail Blazers coach Terry Stotts exchanged texts with Nurkic, who already underwent surgery but has no timetable for a return. Paul George, who suffered a similar injury, was sidelined for eight months.

"Obviously, we're still a little down," Stotts said. "We know that the season rolls on. And we have to be prepared."

Stotts interrupted a question about how his group will carry on without Nurkic's 15.6 points and 10.4 rebounds because he was such a big part of the team.

"He still is a big part of our team," Stotts said.

Iron man: With Zach LaVine sitting again, Ryan Arcidiacono clinched the honor of appearing in the most games this season. The second-year guard, who wasn't even guaranteed a roster spot in training camp, has played in all but one game this season and that was

by coach's decision.

"If you had told me I'd be in this position at the start of the season, obviously I would've taken it," Arcidiacono said.

Zach attack? LaVine missed his fourth straight game with his right patellar tendinitis and right thigh contusion. Last week, executive vice president John Paxson said if the tendinitis didn't improve that the Bulls could shut down their leading scorer.

Like a true coach, though, Boylen is operating under the assumption that LaVine will return.

"I do," Boylen said when asked if he thinks LaVine will play again. Then he added the qualifier.

"I hope he does," he continued. "I hope Kris (Dunn) plays again too. Again, every moment this team can be together, that we can get to know each other, play together, see who fits with who is important."

BLACKHAWKS

HAWKS TAKEAWAYS

Awful penalty kill is proving fatal

By JIMMY GREENFIELD
Chicago Tribune

After their 1-0 loss to the Coyotes on Tuesday night in Glendale, Ariz., the Blackhawks were five points out of the final Western Conference wild-card spot with six games to play. The Hawks continue their three-game West Coast swing Thursday against the Sharks in San Jose, Calif.

Here are three takeaways from Tuesday night's loss.

1. The Coyotes' only goal came on the penalty kill, of course.

The Hawks are certain to finish the season with the worst penalty-kill unit in the NHL. If they're not careful, they could finish with the worst of any team in the last 30 seasons.

After the Coyotes scored their only goal on a third-period power play, the Hawks' dropped to a 73.1 percent-kill rate. Only the 1988-89 Maple Leafs (72.7) have been worse.

The goal was set up when Marcus Kruger failed to clear the puck despite easily having enough time and space to do so. Instead, Kruger's backhand hit off the boards just beyond the Hawks' blue line, allowing Oliver Ekman-Larsson to carry it quickly back into the zone.

He worked it to Nick Cousins, whose first attempt was stopped by Corey Crawford. But Cousins grabbed the rebound and sent it in for the only goal of the night.

"We could have used a clear (to) go all the way down," Colliton told reporters after the game. "So we couldn't get a full change. And then, I haven't looked at it, but it got a little scramble and they found a way to get a loose puck in front of our net."

2. Patrick Kane might have lost his spot as a Hart finalist.

When Kane was averaging more than two points per game during a critical 25-game stretch that thrust the Hawks back into the playoff picture, it looked as if he might be able to win his second Hart Trophy as the NHL MVP.

The Hawks would have needed to earn a playoff berth for him to have a chance at beating out the Lightning's Nikita Kucherov. But that ship has sailed.

Now, even Kane's spot as a Hart finalist could be at risk.

Kane hasn't scored a goal in seven games and has just one in his last 12. Since Kane's 20-game point streak ended, he has two goals and seven assists in 14 games and has failed to pick up a point in half of them.

It's not just Kane whose scoring has dried up. Alex DeBrincat has two goals in his last 12 games and has gone scoreless in five straight. Dylan Strome has no goals and four points in his last nine.

You get the picture. The high-flying offense that paved the way for the Hawks to survive a porous defense has dried up.

Connor McDavid is second in the NHL with 112 points — 10 points more than Kane — and the Oilers are tied with the Hawks in the standings. All the work Kane did to build up his MVP case is a distant memory with ballots set to be turned in next week when the season ends.

Kane needs five points to top his career high of 106, set in 2015-16.

3. Top draft pick Adam Boqvist is giving Hawks fans something to cheer about.

Boqvist, 18, might not be with the Hawks next season — that will sort itself out this summer and during training camp.

But the hype surrounding Boqvist, the team's first first-round pick last summer, is starting to pick up after a memorable performance Tuesday night in the first round of the OHL playoffs.

Boqvist scored the first four goals of the game in the Knights' 6-3 victory for a 3-0 lead over the Windsor Spitfires in their first-round series. He had 20 goals and 40 assists in 54 regular-season games.

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The Coyotes' Nick Cousins beats Corey Crawford for a power-play goal, the only score in Tuesday night's 1-0 victory over the Hawks.

BLACKHAWKS NOTES

Restricted free agent Dahlstrom signs deal

By JIMMY GREENFIELD
Chicago Tribune

The Blackhawks signed defenseman Carl Dahlstrom to a two-year contract extension Wednesday, making him the first of six restricted free agents on their roster to agree to terms.

The other RFAs are defensemen Slater Koekoek and Gustav Forsling and forwards David Kampf, Brendan Perlini and Dylan Sikura.

Dahlstrom, 24, the Hawks' second-round draft pick in 2013, made his NHL debut last season, posting three assists in 11 games. He began this season at Rockford but was called up in December. He has no goals and six assists in 35 games this season while averaging 18 minutes, 30 seconds of ice time per game.

Dahlstrom, who had been in a rotation with Koekoek and Forsling over the last two months, was a healthy scratch the previous two games against the Avalanche and Coyotes.

Esposito brothers honored: Legendary Hawks goalie Tony Esposito and his brother Phil, both Hall of Famers, will get "One More Shift" with the

Hawks before the April 3 game against the Blues.

The program honors former Hawks, having them skate in full uniform at the United Center before a game. Previous honorees include Eddie Olczyk, Dennis Hull, Al Secord and Steve Larmer.

Tony Esposito, whose No. 35 was retired in 1988, is the Hawks' all-time leader in wins (418) and shutouts (74).

Phil Esposito, who scored 74 goals during 3½ seasons with the Hawks, was part of one of the most notoriously bad trades in team history. In 1967, he was sent with Ken Hodge and Fred Stanfield to the Bruins for defenseman Gilles Marotte, center Pit Martin and goalie Jack Norris.

Phil went on to score 643 goals in 15 seasons after leaving the Hawks and was elected to the Hockey Hall of Fame in 1984. Tony was enshrined in 1988.

Hot seats: Tickets for the Hawks' 2019-20 pre-season finale in September in Berlin went on sale Wednesday and sold out in 19 minutes, according to the NHL. And only about 10 percent of the tickets remain for the Hawks' season opener against the Flyers on Oct. 4 in Prague.

HIGH SCHOOLS

INTRODUCING MR. BASKETBALL (EJ LIDDELL) AND MS. BASKETBALL (BREA BEAL) OF ILLINOIS

Double shot: Twin landslides

Liddell, Beal swamp field by piling up vote totals as impressive as their stats

By **WILL LARKIN** | Chicago Tribune

It's difficult to get representatives from Illinois' disparate regions to agree on anything, but from Rockton to Marion, from Quincy to Kankakee, the state came together for a consensus.

EJ Liddell and Brea Beal are Illinois' best high school basketball players.

Belleville West's Liddell and Rock Island's Beal were landslide repeat winners as Mr. and Ms. Basketball of Illinois for 2019, as voted by the state's basketball coaches and media and presented by the Chicago Tribune in conjunction with the Illinois Basketball Coaches Association.

Beal's 322 voting points were more than the next four girls finishers combined. Liddell cruised to a historically comfortable victory, with his 506 points more than the combined total of the other 38 players who received votes — the first time in the award's 39-year history that a player has bested every other vote-getter's sum.

Players received five points for a first-place vote, three for second and one for third. Liddell was named on 106 of 114 ballots and received 95 first-place votes. Beal was named on 78 of 99 with 51 first-place votes.

Liddell's repeat as Mr. Basketball and Beal's third consecutive Ms. Basketball honor put them among Illinois royalty.

Beal, who averaged 26 points and 14 rebounds for a 30-2 sectional champion, joins Candace Parker of Naperville Central (2002-04) as the only three-time Ms. Basketball winners.

Liddell, who averaged 20.3 points and 9.3 rebounds for the 34-4 Class 4A state champion Maroons, is the second repeat Mr. Basketball after Simeon's Jabari Parker in 2012-13.

After leading Belleville West to its second consecutive Class 4A state championship with convincing wins over Chicago-area powerhouses Curie and Evanston, the only question was how large Liddell's winning margin would be. The 6-foot-7 Ohio State-bound forward finished well ahead of the 107 points of second-place Terrence Hargrove of Class 3A champion East St. Louis, a Southwest Conference rival of Belleville West. Morgan Park junior Adam Miller finished third with 101 points.



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MR. BASKETBALL VOTING

114 ballots cast, first place votes in parentheses; 5-3-1 vote value

Top 10

- 1. EJ Liddell (Belleville West senior) 506 points (95)
- 2. Terrence Hargrove (East St. Louis senior) 107 (2)
- 3. Adam Miller (Morgan Park junior) 101 (3)
- 4. DaJuan Gordon (Curie senior) 59 (3)
- T5. Marquise Kennedy (Brother Rice senior) 29 (1)
- T5. Rashaun Agee (Bogan senior) 29
- T7. Max Christie (Rolling Meadows sophomore) 17 (1)
- T7. Markese Jacobs (Uplift senior) 17
- 9. Terrion Murdix (Springfield Southeast senior) 15 (2)
- 10. Landon Wolfe (Effingham senior) 12 (2)

Every player who received a vote at chicagotribune.com/sports

MS. BASKETBALL VOTING

99 ballots cast, first place votes in parentheses; 5-3-1 vote value

Top 10

- 1. Brea Beal (Rock Island senior) 322 points (51)
- 2. Anaya Peoples (Danville Schlarman senior) 170 (13)
- 3. Angela Dugalic (Maine West junior) 50 (6)
- 4. Tenley Dowell (Morton senior) 42 (4)
- 5. Rachel Kent (Maine West senior) 34 (3)
- 6. Annie Stritzel (Nazareth senior) 33 (4)
- 7. Jordan King (Rockton Hononegah senior) 31 (2)
- 8. Darrione Rogers (Lake Park junior) 21 (1)
- 9. Sammi Matoush (Hillsboro senior) 14
- T10. Halle Douglass (Lake Forest junior) 11 (2)
- T10. Camryn Taylor (Peoria Richwoods senior) 11

Liddell's winning margin calls to mind other landslide victories. Stevenson's Jalen Brunson in 2015 was the most recent Mr. Basketball to reach 500 voting points, and his total was more than the sum of the next 15 vote-getters. Jabari Parker received 400 points for his first win in 2012, 328 more than second-place Keith Carter of Proviso East and more than the next 27 players combined.

Marty Simmons of Lawrenceville remains the standard for a landslide Mr. Basketball winner. In 1983, the third year of the award, Simmons received a record 2,053 voting points, more than the next 22 finishers combined.

Beal, a 6-foot-1 guard who will play at South Carolina, received 147 more voting points than second-place Anaya Peoples of

back-to-back Class 1A champion Danville Schlarman. Peoples, a Notre Dame-bound guard and, like Beal, a McDonald's All-American, received 175 voting points. Angela Dugalic of undefeated Class 4A champion Maine West was third with 50.

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- 26 Pain-killing drug
- 28 Terrible fright
- 31 Desires
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- 34 Bekins truck
- 36 TV crime drama series
- 37 Gullible saps
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- 39 ___ up; arrange
- 40 Summoned with a beeper
- 41 Bart's mom
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- 44 Said out loud
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- 1 ___ on; report the misdeeds of
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- 5 Rose ___; January 1 event
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- 9 ___ of Galilee; biblical lake
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- 57 Pull hard

GOLF

WGC-MATCH PLAY

Woods wins, Spieth survives

By DOUG FERGUSON | Associated Press

AUSTIN, Texas — Tiger Woods made a successful return to the Dell Technologies Match Play with a victory.

Jordan Spieth found some success with a tie. The most unpredictable tournament in golf began Wednesday with only a few surprises as only four of the top 16 seeds in group play failed to win their opening matches at Austin Country Club.

Woods, a three-time winner of this World Golf Championships event, had not participated since losing in the opening round in 2013. He had a wild time with Aaron Wise until putting him away on the 17th hole.

"The way we were playing today, we're very thankful it's not stroke play," Woods said with a laugh.

Wise gave away the opening two holes with a double bogey and a bogey. Woods went from 2 up to 1 down around the turn, and then he regained control when Wise missed too many short par putts. Woods closed him out, 3 and 1, when Wise three-putted the par-3 17th.

But it was tough on everyone. A sturdy wind through the trees and valleys, along with some pins set along the mounds on the putting surfaces, made mistakes costly.

Justin Thomas at No. 5 was the only player from the top 10 seeds to lose, falling behind to Lucas Bjerregaard of Denmark. It ended on the 16th, when Thomas hit what he thought was a perfect wedge only to see it carom off the flag stick and into the rough.

As usual, there were quick shifts in momentum, and a few big rallies at the end.

One of those belonged to Spieth. He was 3 down after just six holes to Billy Horschel.

Spieth managed to square the match with five holes to play when it seemingly fell apart with a tee shot along the banks of the Colorado River that he chopped out into a footprint in the bunker left by a bird. He lost that hole. And then he turned a chance to tie the match into another loss of a hole when he three-putted from about 20 feet on the 15th.

Horschel helped the cause by missing a 3-foot par putt on the 16th that would have kept him 2 up with two to play. Spieth took it from there. He made a 6-foot birdie to match Horschel and send it to the 18th, and he lofted a wedge to 2 feet for birdie to win.

"To birdie the last two holes is really big for me right now as I'm looking to gain confidence under pressure," Spieth said.

In the group of major champions, Henrik Stenson got the same result against Phil Mickelson as he did at Royal Troon when he won the 2016 British Open. He won on the 17th hole when Mickelson's tee shot went over the green, off the rocks and into a hazard. In the other match, Jim Furyk rallied from 3 down to beat Jason Day on the 18th hole.



WARREN LITTLE/GETTY

Tiger Woods, competing in the WGC-Match Play for the first time since 2013, tees off.

COLLEGES

DEPAUL 92,
COASTAL
CAROLINA 87Demons
move on
to CBI
finals

Chicago Tribune

DePaul will play for the championship of the College Basketball Invitational after defeating Coastal Carolina 92-87 on Wednesday night in a semifinal at McGrath-Phillips Arena.

Max Strus and Paul Reed scored 24 points apiece for the Blue Demons. Jaylen Butz gave DePaul the lead for good when he made two free throws to break a 62-62 tie with 11 minutes, 19 seconds to play. The Demons (18-15) extended the lead to 80-69 on Lyrik Shreiner's three-point play with 6:38 left and held on for the victory.

Femi Olujobi added 18 points and a game-high eight rebounds for DePaul, which had 36 rebounds to the Chanticleers' 24. Strus was 11-for-11 at the free-throw line, part of the Demons' 22-for-23 effort compared with 11-for-15 for Coastal Carolina.

Eli Cain scored 12 points for DePaul, and Butz added 11 off the bench. Zac Cuthbertson led the Chanticleers (17-17) with 21 while making three of their 12 3-pointers on 31 attempts.

The Blue Demons will play the winner of Thursday's semifinal between Loyola Marymount (22-11) and South Florida (21-13) for the CBI title. The tournament championship is decided in a best-of-three series, with the first two games next Monday and Wednesday and Game 3 scheduled for April 5 if necessary.

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Michigan	1½	Texas Tech
FRIDAY		
at South Florida	4	Loyola Marymt
COLLEGEINSIDER		
at NJ Tech	3	Hampton
at La.-Monroe	8	Texas Southern
FRIDAY		
Michigan St	6	LSU
Duke	7	Virginia Tech
Kentucky	3	Houston
N. Carolina	5	Auburn
COLLEGE INSIDER		
at Green Bay	6	CS Bakersfield

NHL

THURSDAY		
at Columbus -153	Montreal	+143
at Carolina -135	Washington	+125
at Buffalo -140	Detroit	+130
Florida	-137	at Ottawa +127
at Winnipeg -149	NY Islanders	+139
Dallas	-112	at Edmonton +102
at Vancouver -138	Los Angeles	+128

COLLEGE BASKETBALL

NATIONAL INVITATION TOURNAMENT

WEDNESDAY'S QUARTERFINALS

Lipscomb 94, N.C. State 93

Texas 68, Colorado 55

TUESDAY'S SEMIFINALS

Madison Square Garden, New York

Whitton State (22-14) vs.

Lipscomb (28-7), 6 or 8:30 p.m.

TCU (23-13) vs.

Texas (19-16), 6 or 8:30 p.m.

COLLEGE BASKETBALL INVITATIONAL

WEDNESDAY'S SEMIFINAL

DePaul 92, Coastal Carolina 87

THURSDAY'S SEMIFINAL

Loyola Marymount (22-11) at

South Florida (21-13), 6

COLLEGEINSIDER TOURNAMENT

TUESDAY'S SECOND ROUND

Hampton 73, Charleston Southern 67

Green Bay 98, FIU 68

TUESDAY'S QUARTERFINAL

Presbyterian 83, Marshall 66

THURSDAY'S QUARTERFINALS

Hampton (18-17)vs. NJIT (22-12), 6

Texas Southern (23-13) vs.

La-Monroe (19-15), 7

FRIDAY'S QUARTERFINAL

CS Bakersfield (18-15) vs.

Green Bay (19-16), 6

WOMEN'S NIT

WEDNESDAY'S THIRD ROUND

Northwestern 56, West Virginia 54

THURSDAY'S THIRD ROUND

W. Kentucky (20-14) at Ohio (29-5), 6

Butler (23-9) at Cincinnati (23-10), 6

Virginia Tech (22-11) at

James Madison (27-5), 6

TCU (22-10) at Arkansas (22-14), 7

Pepperdine (22-11) at

Wyoming (24-8), 7:30

Idaho (22-11) at Arizona (20-13), 8:30

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL INVITATIONAL

SATURDAY'S SEMIFINAL

Campbell (23-12) at

Appalachian State (20-14), 6

FRIDAY'S SEMIFINAL

N. Texas (17-15) vs. N. Alabama (21-8), 7

TENNIS

MIAMI OPEN

Wednesday at Hard Rock Stadium

Miami Gardens, Fla.; hard-outdoor

MEN'S FOURTH-ROUND SINGLES

#4 Roger Federer d.

#13 Daniil Medvedev, 6-4, 6-2.

#7 John Isner d.

#22 Roberto Bautista Agut,

7-6 (1), 7-6 (5).

Felix Auger Aliassime d.

#11 Bornu Coric, 7-6 (3), 6-2.

THURSDAY'S QUARTERFINALS

#20 Denis Shapovalov vs.

#28 Frances Tiafoe

#4 Roger Federer vs.

#6 Kevin Anderson

WOMEN'S QUARTERFINAL SINGLES

#2 Simona Halep d.

#18 Wang Qiang, 6-4, 7-5.

#5 Karolina Pliskova d.

Marketa Vondrousova, 6-3, 6-4.

THURSDAY'S SEMIFINALS

#12 Ashleigh Barty vs.

#21 Anett Kontaveit

AUTO RACING

NASCAR: MONSTER ENERGY CUP SCHEDULE

Sunday: O'Reilly Auto Parts 500, Fort

Worth, Texas

April 7: Food City 500, Bristol, Tenn.

April 13: Toyota Owners 400, Richmond,

Va.

April 28: Geico 500, Talladega, Ala.

May 5: MENC'S race, Dover, Del.

May 11: MENC'S race, Kansas City, Kan.

May 18: x-Monster Energy Open,

Concord, N.C.

May 18: x-Monster Energy All-Star

Race, Concord, N.C.

May 26: Coca-Cola 600, Concord, N.C.

June 2: Pocono 400, Long Pond, Pa.

June 9: FireKeepers Casino 400,

Brooklyn, Mich.

June 23: Toyota/Save Mart 350,

Sonoma, Calif.

June 30: Camping World 400, Joliet, Ill.

July 6: Coke Zero Sugar 400, Daytona

Beach, Fla.

July 13: Quaker State 400, Sparta, Ky.

July 21: Foxwoods Resort Casino 301,

Loudon, N.H.

July 28: Gander Outdoors 400, Long

Pond, Pa.

Aug. 4: Go Bowling at The Glen,

Watkins Glen, N.Y.

Aug. 11: Consumers Energy 400,

Brooklyn, Mich.

Aug. 17: Bass Pro Shops NRA Night

Race, Bristol, Tenn.

Sept. 1: BorgWarner Southern 500,

Darlington, S.C.

Sept. 8: Big Machine Vodka 400 at the

Brickyard, Indianapolis

Sept. 15: South Point 400, Las Vegas

Sept. 21: Federated Auto Parts 400,

Richmond, Va.

Sept. 29: Bank of American ROVAL 400,

Concord, N.C.

x-non-points race

MONSTER ENERGY POINTS LEADERS

1. Kyle Busch, 273

2. Denny Hamlin, 252

3. Kevin Harvick, 248

4. Joey Logano, 245

5. Brad Keselowski, 236

6. Aric Almirola, 215

7. Martin Truex Jr., 207

8. Ryan Blaney, 203

9. Chase Elliott, 186

10. Kurt Busch, 185

11. Kyle Larson, 182

12. Ricky Stenhouse Jr., 158

13. Clint Bowyer, 157

14. Erik Jones, 140

GOLF

WGC DELL TECHNOLOGIES MATCH PLAY

Groups

Wednesday

At Austin Country Club; Austin, Texas

(Seedings in parentheses)

GROUP 1

#1 Dustin Johnson (1) d.

#55 Chez Reavie (55), 4 and 3.

#40 Brendan Grace d.

#24 Hideki Matsuyama, 4 and 3.

Standings

Johnson 1-0-0, Grace 1-0-0, Matsuyama

0-1-0, Reavie 0-1-0.

GROUP 2

#2 Justin Rose d.

#53 Emiliano Grillo, 2 and 1.

#22 Gary Woodland d.

#34 Eddie Pepperell, 2 and 1.

Standings

Rose 1-0-0, Woodland 1-0-0, Pepperell 0-

1-0, Grillo 0-1-0.

GROUP 3

#3 Brooks Koepka halved

with #60 Tom Lewis.

#36 Li Haotong d.

#27 Alex Noren, 5 and 4.

Standings

Li 1-0-0, Koepka 0-0-1, Lewis 0-0-1, Noren

0-1-0.

GROUP 4

Wednesday

#4 Rory McIlroy, d.

#64 Luke List, 5 and 4.

#47 Justin Harding d.

#32 Matt Fitzpatrick, 1 up.

Standings

McIlroy 1-0-0, Harding 1-0-0, Fitzpatrick

0-1-0, List 0-1-0.

GROUP 5

#50 Lucas Bjerggaard d.

#5 Justin Thomas, 3 and 2.

#33 Matthew Wallace d.

#31 Keegan Bradley, 1 up.

Standings

Bjerggaard 1-0-0, Wallace 1-0-0, Thom-

as 0-1-0, Bradley 0-1-0.

GROUP 6

Wednesday

#6 Bryson DeChambeau d.

#59 Russell Knox, 3 and 1.

#17 Marc Leishman d. #39

Kiradech Aphibarnrat, 2 up.

Standings

DeChambeau 1-0-0, Leishman 1-0-0,

Aphibarnrat 0-1-0, Knox 0-1-0.

GROUP 7

#7 Francesco Molinari d.

#63 Satoshi Kodaira, 5 and 4.

#45 Thorbjorn Olesen, d.

#21 Webb Simpson, 2 and 1.

Standings

Molinari 1-0-0, Olesen 1-0-0, Simpson 0-

1-0, Kodaira 0-1-0.

GROUP 8

#8 Jon Rahm d.

#54 Siwoo Kim, 7 and 5.

#23 Matt Kuchar d.

#43 J.B. Holmes, 3 and 1.

Standings

Rahm 1-0-0, Kuchar 1-0-0, Holmes 0-1-0,

Kim 0-1-0.

GROUP 9

#9 Xander Schauffele d.

#62 Lee Westwood, 1 up.

#35 Tyrrell Hatton d.

#29 Rafa Cabrera Bello, 4 and 3.

Standings

Schauffele 1-0-0, Hatton 1-0-0, Cabrera

Bello 0-1-0, Westwood 0-1-0.

GROUP 10

#10 Paul Casey d.

#58 Abraham Ancer, 5 and 3.

#42 Charles Howell III d.

#25 Cameron Smith, 2 and 1.

Standings

Casey 1-0-0, Howell 1-0-0, Smith 0-1-0,

Ancer 0-1-0.

GROUP 11

#11 Tommy Fleetwood d.

#49 Byeong Hun An, 3 and 2.

#41 Kyle Stanley d.

#19 Louis Oosthuizen, 3 and 2.

Standings

Fleetwood 1-0-0, Stanley 1-0-0, Oost-

huizen 0-1-0, An 0-1-0.

GROUP 12

#52 Jim Furyk d.

#12 Jason Day, 2 up.

#37 Henrik Stenson d.

#20 Phil Mickelson, 2 and 1.

Standings

Stenson 1-0-0, Furyk 1-0-0, Day 0-1-0,

Mickelson 0-1-0.

GROUP 13

#13 Tiger Woods d. #61 Aaron Wise, 3

and 1.

#18 Patrick Cantlay halved

#44 with Brandt Snedeker.

Standings

Woods 1-0-0, Cantlay 0-0-1, Snedeker 0-

0-1, Wise 0-1-0.

GROUP 14

#14 Tony Finau d.

#56 Keith Mitchell, 2 and 1.

#30 Ian Poulter d.

#48 Kevin Kisner, 2 up.

Standings

Finau 1-0-0, Poulter 1-0-0, Kisner 0-1-0,

Mitchell 0-1-0.

GROUP 15

#57 Kevin Na d.

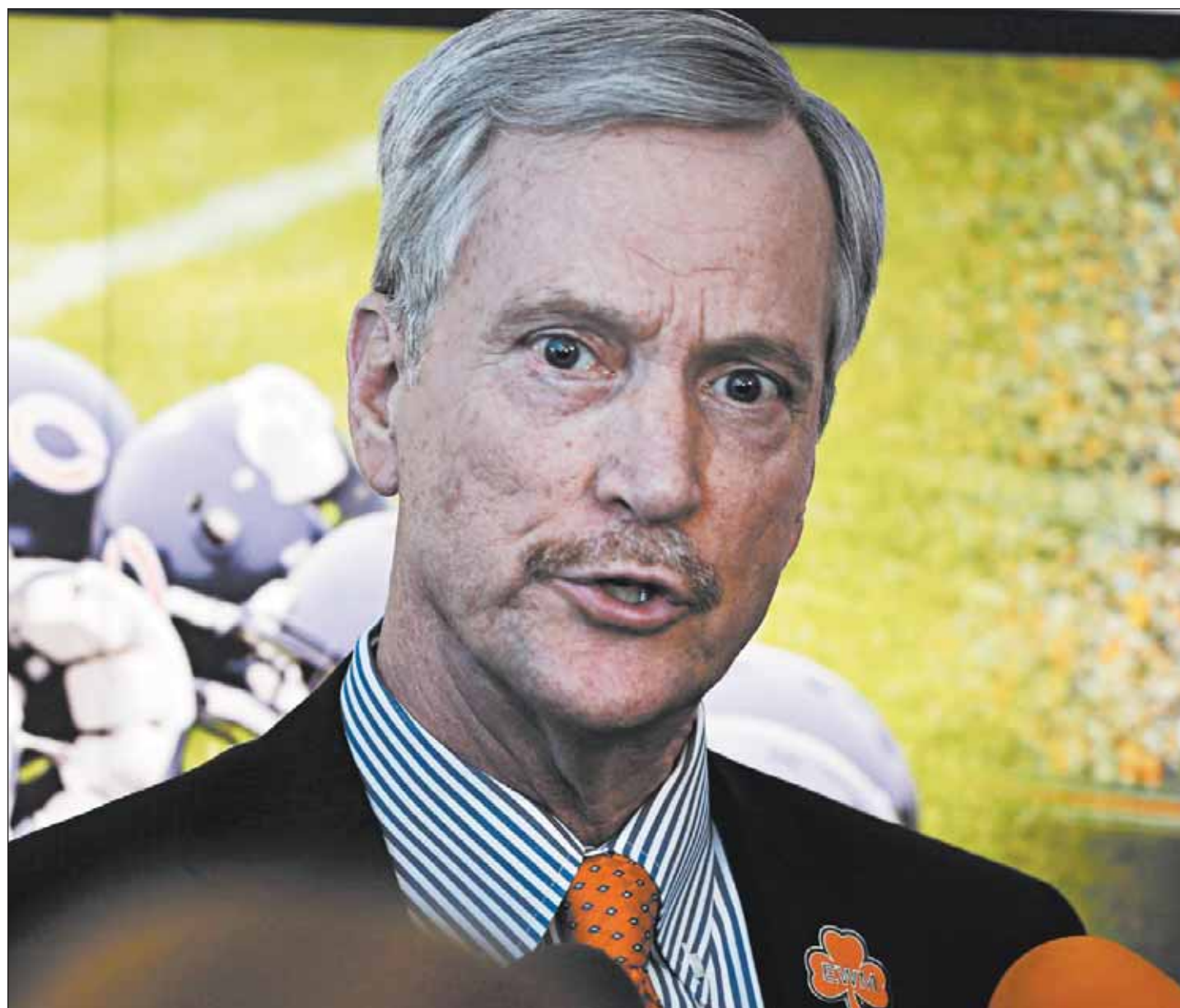
#15 Bubba Watson (15), 1 up.

#28 Jordan Spieth halved

with #38 Billy Horschel.

Standings

BEARS



CHICAGO TRIBUNE

HIGHLIGHTS FROM GEORGE MCCASKEY'S MEDIA SESSION

Straight from the top: Chairman looks ahead

BY RICH CAMPBELL | Chicago Tribune

PHOENIX — George McCaskey considers how the Bears' resurgence under coach Matt Nagy coincides with their 100th season celebration and wonders if the stars are aligned for a Super-special 2019.

When the Bears chairman spoke of the upcoming season at the NFL owners' meetings Tuesday, the optimism and hope in his voice were unmistakable.

"You think about it every year. I mean, that's the goal," McCaskey said. "You saw it with the Eagles (in 2017), a worst-to-first situation, and we got a taste last year of what that can be like."

"But I thought Matt said it very well to the team the day after the playoff loss to the Eagles: You either get better or you get worse. Nobody stays the same. 'So if you think it's just going to happen for us, you're mistaken.'"

"It's going to take a lot of hard work, and the hard work starts in the offseason. You've got to come together, and you've got to be hungry and get after it. So that's what we're counting on. But a tough schedule, some good teams coming into Chicago and Soldier Field, and we're playing some good teams on the road — so we're looking forward to it."

McCaskey addressed a plethora of Bears and NFL topics with reporters. Here are the notable takeaways from his media session.

On any new details he can share about the Bears' 100th season celebration:

"We expect to have a major announcement about the uniform soon. Perhaps as soon as next week. (McCaskey later called it a "classic uniform" but offered no other details.) We're really looking forward to our community All-Pros initiative. We're going to donate a total of \$1 million to charity; \$100,000 for each home game and calling on our fans to be involved to help us decide on who should receive that money. Of course, we've got the celebration weekend — June 7, 8 and 9 at the Rosemont Convention Center."

On whether the Bears will be involved with the new Cubs TV network in any capacity:

"I don't think so. I know they waited a long time to be able to launch it. So we'll be watching with interest and wishing them the best. But we've got a different broadcast situation."

On the Bears kicking off the NFL's and their 100th season at Soldier Field against the Packers on Thursday, Sept. 5:

"The place is going to be rocking. The 199th meeting. We're two behind in the series. This would be a good season to even things up I think."

On what it would take to make his first appearance in Club Dub:

"A Super Bowl victory. But first of all, I have not been invited. And if I were invited, I would decline. To me that's a players and coaches thing. (But) I would go down there for a Super Bowl victory. I wouldn't dance. But I would go down there."

On the Bears' 2019 trip to London to play the Raiders:

"Well, we're undefeated in London, so we're excited about that. It's been since 2011 since we've been there. Matt is all fired up. He says that's what comes with winning. It's another opportunity to be on the world stage."



BRIAN CASSELLA/CHICAGO TRIBUNE

A plaque at Halas Hall dedicated to George Halas, grandfather of Bears Chairman George McCaskey, salutes the achievements and marks the legacy of the franchise founder.

On the collaboration between Nagy and general manager Ryan Pace:

"That's the word I keep coming back to is their collaboration seems very sound, productive, respectful. I think they balance each other out very well. They seem to get along. And I told them from the beginning: You guys don't always need to agree, but the general manager-head coach relationship is as important or more important than the head coach/playcaller-quarterback relationship. They need to have vigorous discussion and the sounding of ideas, and when the discussion is finished and the decision is made, they need to move forward together. I think they do a great job of doing that."

On the movie "A Lifetime of Sundays" the NFL made about four women, including his mother, Virginia, who have lived their whole lives in and around the NFL:

"This movie ... features Virginia McCaskey, Martha Ford (Lions), Patricia Rooney (Steelers) and Norma Hunt (Chiefs). It celebrates their lives in and around football. It's just a very moving and powerful story. They each came to the game via different paths, but their love for the game is pretty profound. It's a very touching story. They were all reluctant to do it. I'm so glad they agreed to do it. Jane Goodell (wife of NFL Commissioner Roger) did a phenomenal job convincing them to participate in the project. I think it was great that as many NFL people saw it (Monday night) as there were because I think it's helpful to have an appreciation for how far this game has come."

On the owners' approval of expanding the replay review system to include calls and no-calls for pass interference:

"I was against that coming down here. But I talked to some people that I respect, and Matt and Ryan and Ted (Phillips, team president) made some persuasive arguments. It was a good discussion in the room. There were a lot of evolutions of the rules proposal. Good comments by the coaches. And hopefully we got something that improves our great game."

On the resolution being reworked and approved during the meetings:

"It kind of reminded me of when you're down big at halftime. The tide kind of turned. The competition committee went back today. And I think they considered what the coaches had to say very carefully and came up with a solution that passed unanimously."

On what he learned about Khalil Mack from Labor Day through January:

"I knew he was a dynamic player. I'm sorry for repeating myself, but Ryan said it was an opportunity to get a premier player at a premier position in the prime of his career. And when you have an opportunity like that, you have to go for it. I think Matt has said this publicly many times: It was what he described as persistence over resistance. He transformed the team on both sides of the ball."

On the most important part about the role of chairman in his eight years in the job:

"Making sure everybody is on the same page. Making sure everybody is pulling in the right direction. And I'm very excited in that regard with the collaboration that I talked about between Ryan and Matt. We've got good communication with Ted. We've got a good structure. With the expanded Halas Hall we're going to have an even better place to work together and be with each other together. I like where we're headed."

On what his grandfather, George Halas, or father, Ed, would think if they saw what the NFL has become and where the Bears are at in 2019:

"I get that question a lot. And I was thinking about that when we were walking around the expanded Halas Hall (facility recently). I think the Bears used to practice in Lincoln Park. I know they practiced at Tam O'Shanter Country Club in Niles. They practiced at Notre Dame (College Prep) in Niles. Soldier Field. Wrigley Field. Wherever they could find a patch of green. And to walk around this (new) facility and look at what he hath wrought, it's kind of mind-boggling. Mom (Virginia McCaskey) was pointing out that when George Halas started the Bears, television hadn't even been invented. It was years away. So I don't know that he could have envisioned the explosive growth of our game. But I'm convinced that he knew that professional football was something that America would come to love. And there's a little plaque in the lobby of Halas Hall, underneath this life-size piece of art of George Halas. And the plaque is written by Bill McGrane, a pretty good writer. There's a line in there something to the effect of, 'By sheer force of his immense will George Halas demanded that Americans pay attention to professional football.' I think that's what has happened."

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BEARS STORYLINES

Bears' plan: Cut through London fog

BY DAN WIEDERER | Chicago Tribune

The NFL owners meetings have wrapped up in Phoenix. With an eye toward the future, here are two Bears-related storylines:

London calling: The Bears will head to London this fall to face the Raiders. Discussions are ongoing within the organization about how to find the best travel plans and logistics to maximize the experience and return with a win.

Four years ago, as Chiefs quarterbacks coach, Nagy made the trip over the pond and helped his team collect a 45-10 win over the Lions. That victory, the Bears coach recalled, came a week after the Chiefs had ended a dispiriting five-game losing streak. And that triumph in London, Nagy fondly remembered, was sparked by a Friday night practice inside a rugby stadium.

"It was like Friday night lights," Nagy said. "We had the music playing, and the guys were a little bit tired. But it sparked us a little bit. They felt like they were in high school again, and everybody had an energy going."

That was the Chiefs' only full practice in London. As an organization, they opted to travel overseas on Thursday, followed that Friday night practice with a Saturday walk-through and came up big on game day.

"There's still time to be able to see things over there and do what you want to do," Nagy said. "But I thought the shorter week was better."

It's too early to say whether the Bears will follow that blueprint this fall on a football-first business trip that Nagy asserted will have "just a sprinkle" of extracurricular activity. But they have multiple approaches to consider.

While in the Saints' front office, Pace traveled to London in 2008 with his organization as the designated home team for a game against the Chargers. That required an earlier arrival, and the Saints actually flew directly from a Week 7 road game against the Panthers to spend an entire week in London. They ultimately emerged with a 37-32 win at Wembley Stadium. But the previous week's 30-7 loss in Charlotte might have been partially a byproduct of shifting too much focus ahead to London too early.

In 2011, the Bears went to Wembley and downed the Bucs 24-18 after landing in London on the Friday before the game, a late arrival that drew plenty of scrutiny. But as McCaskey noted Tuesday: "We're undefeated in London."

(For what it's worth, the 1986 Bears thumped the Cowboys 17-6 in an August exhibition game in London.)

The Bears chairman said he will make sure Nagy and Pace have everything they desire when decisions are made about how to handle this fall's trip.

"Whenever Ryan and Matt say we're going out, that's when we're going out. And whenever they say we're coming back, we're coming back. And hopefully we're coming back with a win."

Business decisions: In an ideal world, the Bears would have loved to keep defensive backs Bryce Callahan and Adrian Amos and retained full continuity on a defense that led the NFL in takeaways and points allowed. But the market forces of free agency pushed things in a different direction. Hence the revolving door that sent Callahan to Denver and Amos to Green Bay while bringing Buster Skrine and Ha Ha Clinton-Dix to Halas Hall as their respective replacements.

Amos received an eye-popping four-year, \$37 million deal from the Packers earlier this month. A few days later, Callahan chose to unite with former Bears defensive assistants Vic Fangio and Ed Donatell with the Broncos, receiving a three-year, \$21 million contract with \$10 million guaranteed.

On Tuesday, Pace wished both players the best as they receive big rewards with their new teams. With Amos specifically, Pace felt a certain pride in helping the safety's career rise. Amos was a fifth-round pick in Pace's first draft class in 2015, became a starter as a rookie and qualifies as an undeniable success story for the organization, even as he leaves.

Callahan also joined the Bears in 2015, as an undrafted free agent, and quickly impressed the coaching staff and front office with his instincts and feel for the game. Durability was always an issue; he missed 19 games over four seasons with the Bears. But last season, he was enjoying a career year as part of a special Bears defense under Fangio before he suffered a season-ending foot injury in December. After rewarding Kyle Fuller and Prince Amukamara with lucrative new deals last offseason, the Bears understood they likely weren't going to be able to spend big on three cornerbacks at once. As free agency approached and Callahan pushed during negotiations to cash in on his success, the Bears gained a sense they might not be able to meet a steep asking price.

Pace and his staff had to find an alternative to fortifying the secondary. They did so by targeting Skrine and extending him \$8.5 million guaranteed on a three-year, \$16.6 million contract.

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— eNEWSPAPER BONUS COVERAGE —



JOE SKIBINSKI/AP

George Steinbrenner IV celebrates after his driver, Colton Herta, won the IndyCar Classic race in Austin, Texas, last weekend. Steinbrenner, the 22-year-old grandson of former New York Yankees owner George Steinbrenner, has decided to own a racing team rather than a baseball team.

Steinbrenner's grandson turns his eye to a career in racing

BY JENNA FRYER
Associated Press

CHARLOTTE, N.C. — Instead of trying to be “the next George Steinbrenner,” George Steinbrenner IV is trying to be “the next Roger Penske.”

He's part of baseball royalty, the grandson of late New York Yankees owner George Steinbrenner, and a slam-dunk applicant for a cushy job in one of the most storied franchises in all of sports. His path instead took a left turn to Indianapolis in pursuit of a career in racing.

“I love baseball, I love racing, and if I wasn't doing one I would be doing the other,” Steinbrenner, 22, said in an interview with The Associated Press.

Steinbrenner IV, just 22 years old, is the youngest owner of an IndyCar team and on Sunday became the newest member of the winner's club. Colton Herta, who turns 19 later this week, snatched victory at Circuit of The Americas in Austin, Texas, to become the youngest winner in IndyCar Series history.

The duo will celebrate the win with the trophy Thursday on opening day at Yankee Stadium.

Neither envisioned a celebration so soon in this new endeavor, and early success for the young Harding Steinbrenner Racing team — in business only 19 months, strengthened by Steinbrenner just last September — is inexplicable. The win came in just the second race of the IndyCar season.

The journey began when



ERIC GAY/AP

Colton Herta steers out of a turn during the IndyCar Classic auto race in Austin, Texas, last weekend. Herta, who drives for George Steinbrenner IV, won the race.

Mike Harding, CEO of an Indianapolis-based asphalt and concrete company, in 2017 started a team that had almost no chance of winning the handful of races it entered. Harding had no racing background yet still went ahead with a full-time program last season under the direction of longtime IndyCar executive Brian Barnhart, but the team was simply not a legitimate contender.

Enter Steinbrenner. He had decided to veer off the family course and pave his own way outside of baseball because Steinbrenner had fallen in love with racing as a youngster even though his generation idolized Derek Jeter, Mariano Rivera and the Yankee lore.

Steinbrenner IV admired

Penske, Michael Andretti and Chip Ganassi.

Rich kids bit by the racing bug usually spend a ton of their parents' money trying to race cars; Steinbrenner wanted to run a team.

“Growing up in my family, the business side of things is what I was exposed to the most often,” Steinbrenner said. His father, Hank, is co-chairman of the Yankees.

“I looked up to Roger Penske, people who personify excellence. Team ownership was always the route that most interested me because an athlete's career span is only so long. Team ownership gives me the opportunity to make a long career out of this.”

Steinbrenner's love of racing comes from his mother's

side of the family. The late Terry Renna, Steinbrenner's favorite driver as a child, was a close family friend. Championship-winning Ganassi engineer Chris Simmons is his uncle, and Steinbrenner IV's stepfather Sean Jones has had various roles in racing including a partnership on a Rallycross team with Herta's father, Bryan.

Steinbrenner and Colton Herta first met in 2012, and Steinbrenner's first job in racing was basically as a gopher around Herta's father's race shop. But he was watching and learning, graduating into bigger roles and after one unfulfilling semester at Stetson University, Florida native Steinbrenner dedicated himself to IndyCar.

He relocated to Indianapolis, teamed with Andretti Autosport in 2017 on an Indy Lights program — IndyCar's version of minor league baseball — and ran Herta in the car. Herta won six races over two years and earned a promotion to the big leagues.

Steinbrenner moved up with him because Harding was willing to take on a partner, and the team had built-in institutional knowledge with Barnhart and Al Unser Jr. that can only help Steinbrenner's on-the-job training. The team this season also partnered with Andretti for technology assistance and has been the talk of the paddock for its speed and Herta's steadiness since it unloaded its first car during February testing.

Herta, on the cusp of becoming IndyCar's next American star, had no hesitation advancing his career with a tiny unproven team now co-owned by a guy Herta first met when he was 12.

“You can see how determined he gets and how knowledgeable he is, he's very humble and eager to learn and he picks up on things very quickly,” Herta told AP. “I had a lot of confidence that even though maybe he didn't know a bunch about team ownership in the beginning, he knows a lot now and he's learning more every day. He knows how to schmooze people, is learning how to put a quick car on track and he surrounds himself with really good people.”

“I looked up to Roger Penske, people who personify excellence.”

— George Steinbrenner IV, racing team owner

— eNEWSPAPER BONUS COVERAGE —



JEFF ROBERSON/AP

Nationals right-hander Max Scherzer, who has won three Cy Young Awards, would love to throw more complete games but sees the value in preserving pitchers' arms when possible.

The way of the dinosaurs

Complete games, shutouts nearly extinct in today's baseball

By HOWARD FENDRICH | Associated Press

WEST PALM BEACH, Fla. — The complete game is nearly completely gone from baseball. Shutouts are vanishing too.

The numbers are striking.

Go back to 1978, and there were more than 1,000 complete games in the majors. Move to 2003, and the total was about 200. In 2018, though, there were only 42 — the lowest total in the sport's history, according to Baseball-Reference.com — and just 19 of those were shutouts, the fewest since the 1870s.

Or to put it a different way: Roughly every other game featured a starter who went the distance 40 years ago, whereas about one in every 55 games did last season. Stars of the 1960s and '70s such as Bob Gibson, Steve Carlton and Jim Palmer would top 20 complete games in a year. In the '90s, Pedro Martinez, Greg Maddux and Randy Johnson would get to 10 or 12.

Last year, no one threw more than two complete games. No one delivered more than one shutout.

"The special, elite guys are still able to achieve it and want to achieve it," Nationals general manager Mike Rizzo said. "I don't think we'll ever see it disappear completely, but it's definitely becoming a rarity."

So what happened? Various factors contributed to the decline of dominant, nine-inning performances on the mound, from injury fears to an increased emphasis on accumulating bullpen arms, from the newfangled "opener" strategy of using a reliever to get things underway to protecting young pitchers in such a way that they never build up an ability to stay in until the end of games.

Still, the basic sense around the sport is that it's not that pitchers are no longer born with shoulders or elbows capable of producing complete games but that their teams simply won't let them even try and generally don't properly prepare them to do so.

"Everyone," Braves right-hander Kevin Gausman summed up, "is obsessed with pitch count now."

It's a trend that seemed to gain steam in the 2000s, not coincidentally as more and more pitchers were getting elbow injuries that required Tommy John surgery.

Don't let most guys throw too hard for too long, the thinking goes.

"There's a general pullback in the industry, because they couldn't comprehend why so many people were getting hurt," Astros righty Gerrit Cole said. "The biggest mass effect you can have is workload. Just overall, clubs are kind of doing a risk analysis. They are trying to be smarter about it and disperse the load a little bit to some other guys."

Merely six starters averaged at least 100 pitches per outing last season, down from 43 in 2011, per TeamRankings.com.

Cole was a member of that

group in 2018, which also included teammate Justin Verlander, NL Cy Young Award winner Jacob deGrom of the Mets and three-time Cy Young recipient Max Scherzer of the Nationals.

"They're really holding starters down to 100 pitches and not letting you go past that," Scherzer said. "If you do, maybe you get 110. But you rarely see guys get to 120 anymore. If an inning takes 15 pitches, you get to 105 after seven and that's about all you get. The data shows that once you get past 105, 110, that's when you do start losing your effectiveness, no matter how good of a starter you are."

In this age of hard-throwing relievers and lefty specialists, a team would rather have someone fresh pitching than a player laboring for hours.

"Everybody's coming in throwing gas," Scherzer said. "Are you really that much better than those guys down there at that point in time? That's where you have to be honest with yourself and your manager and say, 'I've given everything I've got over these 105, 110 pitches.' The decision becomes pretty easy for the manager to say, 'I'm going to go to one of my wipeout bullpen guys.'"

Scherzer has been known to lobby to remain in at key late-game moments. He's as competitive as they come. Yet he says he grasped early in his career that all that truly matters is that his team wins — not how it happens.

His initial complete game arrived in his 179th big-league start. He has 10 over the last five seasons.

"There were opportunities where I could have pitched one sooner," Scherzer said. "But it didn't matter. I could have gone back out there, but we're winning by 10 or 11 runs, so why go pitch the ninth? So I can say that I did it? No, then I'm hurting the team. It would be a selfish accomplishment.



GENE J. PUSKAR/AP

Gerrit Cole, right, celebrates the Pirates' 10-1 win over the Mariners on July 27, 2016. Cole pitched a three-hitter that night in his first career complete game, a phenomenon that is nearly extinct from baseball now.

"There's times where if you can get a rest, take it. You're actually helping the team more by not doing it."

He also pointed to another element: the score.

"The sweet spot to throw a complete game now is being up three or four runs," Scherzer said. "That's the only time where it makes sense to think, 'We still need our best guy in there, and it's not a save situation.'"

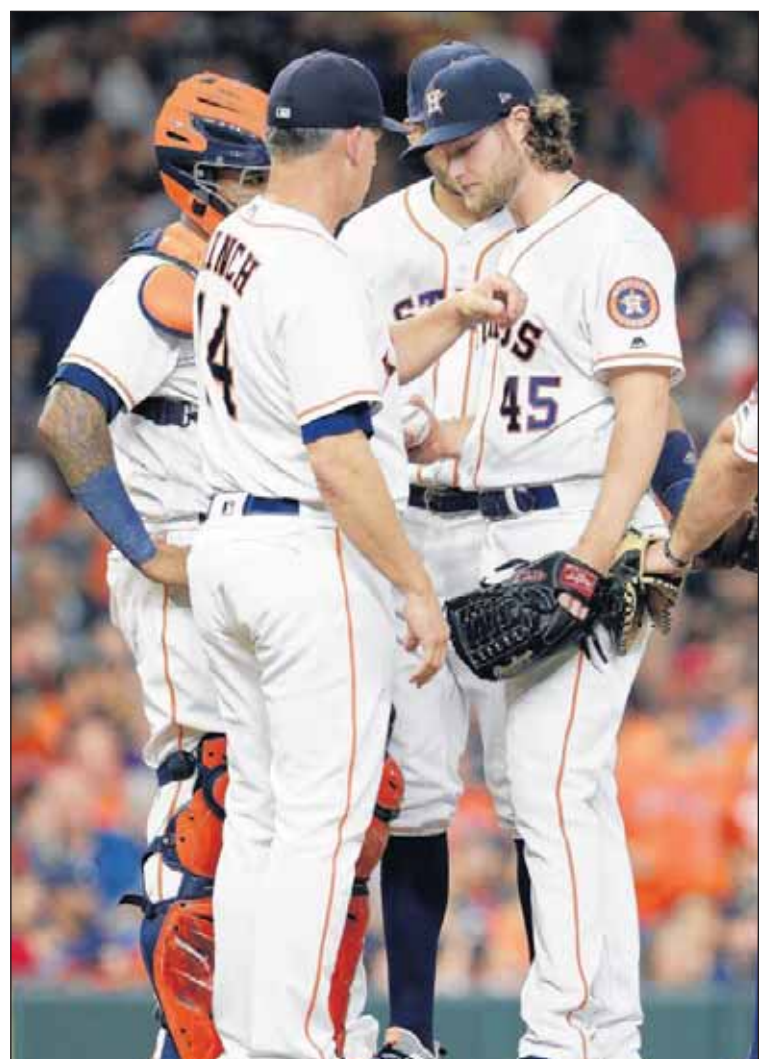
As with everything in professional sports these days, it's all about what the numbers dictate. And there are calculations connected to saving strength for the postseason too. If NBA players sit out entire regular-season games for "load management," why shouldn't a pitcher head to the clubhouse a little early?

Bullpens are built to get the last six or nine outs, and it's OK for a starter to become conditioned to go six or seven innings.

That starts happening in the minors, when pitchers are pulled as soon as they show signs of fatigue.

By the time they get to the majors, they're not used to working through that.

"We have a way of trying to evolve as an industry that's taken out a little of the 'machismo' that goes with the complete game," Astros manager A.J. Hinch said. "I'm not sure if that's good or bad, but it's part of the evolution of analytics being applied at a higher rate across the board."



MICHAEL WYKE/AP

Astros manager AJ Hinch, pulling Gerrit Cole in the sixth on Sept. 2, says fewer complete games has "taken out a little of the 'machismo.'"

CHICAGO LATINO FILM FESTIVAL

What to know before you go

63 titles range from documentaries to romantic spectacles

BY MICHAEL PHILLIPS
 Chicago Tribune

Each year, our city presents a film festival of one kind or another roughly as often as the weather changes.

Look! Another one! It's wonderful, but frustrating. It's frustrating, but wonderful.

The newest/latest on the calendar turns 35 this week. Under the banner of the International Latino Cultural Center of Chicago, the Chicago Latino Film Festival celebrates cinema from Latin America, Spain, Portugal and the U.S. It's an immersion in a wide array of cultures, languages (English-subtitled) and stories of lives unique to those who lived them or imagined them. When the films click, the specific and personal become universal.

The numbers: 63 titles this year. International Latino Cultural Center founder Pepe Vargas and Co. are spotlighting films of the Afro-Latino landscape, but there is a lot of most everything, from documentaries to romantic spectacles. One is making its world premiere in Chicago: from Brazil, "Resistance," a political drama of rebellion set in 1961.

More numbers: Twelve North American premieres. Ten U.S. premieres. Of 63 titles, 10 are directed by women.

One of those 10: Spanish filmmaker Iciar Bollain ("The Olive Tree," "Take My Eyes"). Her latest film opens the festival Thursday evening, and it's another collaboration of Bollain and her screenwriter husband, Paul Laverty.

The opening night screening is sold out, but it repeats at 7 p.m. on Saturday, and I suspect "Yuli"'s flavorsome blend of biography and choreography will appeal to many festivalgoers. Based on the 2007 memoir "No Way Home," Bollain's film embraces the story of Cuban ballet star Carlos Acosta, whose career took him to Royal Ballet acclaim in London and worldwide, far away from his Cuban family.

More on "Yuli": At different stages of his life, Acosta is played by three performers, Acosta among them. The framework finds the adult dancer and choreographer returning home to stage a

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Inventor Richard Browning prepares his jet pack at the Museum of Science and Industry to promote the new "Wired to Wear" exhibit.

WIRED TO WEAR

From jet packs to touchscreen tattoos, the next generation of wearable tech is at MSI

BY STEVE JOHNSON | Chicago Tribune

In the future, we were promised, there will be jet packs. Usually this is said with disappointment because the future is more or less here, and we still get around primarily with early 20th-century technologies and our own two legs.

But on the front steps and lawn of Chicago's Museum of Science and Industry last week, there actually was a working jet suit, and a fellow brave enough to get in and buzz around like some human-fly hybrid borne of a mishap in the radiation lab.

Richard Browning, a British former oil trader, was

showing off his invention to promote the museum's fascinating new exhibition, "Wired to Wear," that features the, essentially, airplane suit made by Browning's Gravity Industries along with scores of other examples of cutting-edge wearable tech: a tattoo that plays music, a headdress that displays mood lighting, a spacesuit that doesn't make the wearer look like a marshmallow company mascot.

And, yes, the mini-jet-engine array strapped to Browning's arms was noisy enough for the assembled crowd to require protective earphones. But it

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ALISTAIR TAYLOR-YOUNG

Band refuses to settle for rehash of its past

Mumford and Sons explore new musical areas

BY DAN HYMAN
 Chicago Tribune

Marcus Mumford knows his band has always been a bit polarizing.

But at this point in Mumford and Sons' accomplished career — which these days finds them consistently headlining at arenas and festivals on the strength of four albums, the most recent being last year's "Delta" — the singer has made peace with the fact that there's only so much one can control.

"We don't think everyone should like our band," Mumford said when calling from South

Carolina, minutes before taking the stage for a duet with tour opener Cat Power.

"Of course we hope people will go with us on the journey and believe in the songs we're writing, but that's not guaranteed because our tastes might change in different ways from other people's. And that's OK. I think we have to just be grateful for the audience we do have. The fact that it's still growing is awesome and something we want to continue to earn."

Such is a new, more-reasoned and mature mode of thinking for

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EVAN AGOSTINI/INVISION

Actress Julia Louis-Dreyfus attends the premiere Tuesday of the final season of HBO's "Veep."

Louis-Dreyfus reveals 'Veep' final storyline

Julia Louis-Dreyfus still had tears to shed as she said farewell to "Veep." Shooting wrapped for the series in December, but those tearful goodbyes were not enough as she and the cast of the HBO comedy series walked the red carpet for the last time Tuesday.

"I suspect there will be more tears this evening. Oh, god, I hope not too many. I didn't bring any Kleenex," Louis-Dreyfus said.

The multiple Emmy Award-winner, who plays politician Selina Meyer, shared what fans can expect from her character in the seventh and last season, which premieres Sunday on HBO.

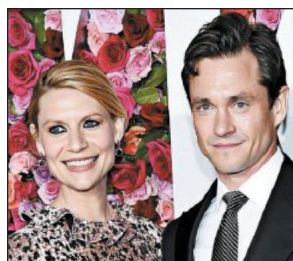
"Selina Meyer is going to try to make a run for the presidency, yet again. She's been veep. She's been the president. She wants to be the president again. But it's extreme this season, and it's going to get pretty raucous," she said.

After the show's sixth season, Louis-Dreyfus announced that she had breast cancer. After a successful round of chemotherapy, she returned to the show. "It was an absolute godsend to come back to the show, and to be able to focus on making really funny stuff with my dear dearest friends. It was all joy, all the time," she said.

When the series premiered in 2012, the political landscape was far tamer. Actors Matt Walsh and Timothy Simons joked about what an episode of "Veep" would be like if something like special counsel Robert Mueller's report was about to be released.

"Can I describe an episode, what that would be like? Selina would try to burn it," Walsh said. "She'd probably disappear and get a facelift to create a distraction."

— Associated Press



EVAN AGOSTINI/INVISION 2018

Dancy-Danes at 'Home':

The final season of Showtime's "Homeland" will be a family project for Claire Danes and Hugh Dancy. The network announced Tuesday that Dancy has signed on as a recurring character in the upcoming eighth season of the series that stars Danes, his wife of eight years. He'll play a political consultant hired by the White House specializing in foreign policy. He's described as an adversary to Mandy Patinkin's character, who serves as national security adviser.

Rosie's 'View':

Rosie O'Donnell and Elisabeth Hasselbeck wound up looking like mortal enemies on "The View," but O'Donnell says in a new book that appearances were deceiving. Even when they were duking it out over the war in Iraq. "There was a little bit of a crush," O'Donnell said in "Ladies Who Punch: The Explosive Inside Story of 'The View,'" a forthcoming book by Ramin Setoodeh about the daytime talk show. "But not that I wanted to kiss her. I wanted to support, raise, elevate her, like she was the freshman star short-stop and I was the captain of the team. ... But it was in no way sexualized."

March 28 birthdays:

Actress Conchata Ferrell is 76. Actress Dianne Wiest is 73. Country singer Reba McEntire is 64. Actress Alexandra Billings is 57. Rapper Salt of Salt-N-Pepa is 53. Country singer Rodney Atkins is 50. Actor Vince Vaughn is 49. Singer-songwriter Matt Nathanson is 46. Actress Julia Stiles is 38. Singer Lady Gaga is 33. Musician Clayton Knight 31.



ASK AMY

By AMY DICKINSON

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Preschool party exclusion is concern

Dear Amy: At preschool pickup today, another parent invited us to a celebratory kids' event next month. That sounds great, but I'm concerned because she made a comment along the lines of "not all of the class" is being invited. The tone of what she said gave the impression that she was inviting almost — but not all — of the 12 kids in the class, but I'm not sure.

I'm uncomfortable with the idea of attending something that one or two kids have been excluded from, but if she really meant it's a much smaller gathering, say two or three invitees, that sounds perfectly understandable to me.

We've never interacted with the other families outside of school, and I welcome the chance to change that and maybe make some new parent friends; we never exchange more than some quick hellos currently.

Am I overreacting and should we just accept the invitation? Any suggestions on how to raise the subject without being rude and preachy, especially to someone I don't know at all?

— Party-Pooper

Dear Party-Pooper:

Many preschools try to counsel parents (or have policies) against the sort of exclusion that leaves one or two children out. Play dates with a few kids are part of normal friendship development, but exclusion should not be part of any wider celebration.

Older children can manage their own celebrations, and older children will likely face exclusion in one form or another, but parents of preschool children

should not pull these strings. If the invite is issued at the school, then all of the children in the class should be invited.

You should ask the parent: "This sounds like fun. I'm wondering if the whole class is being invited?" The parent may say that one or two of the children have conflicts or will be out of town. If she indicates she is deliberately excluding one or two kids, you will have to decide whether you want your child to attend.

The biggest takeaway is for you to decide how you want to celebrate your child's milestones. I hope you will be inclusive when he is younger and encourage him to make similar choices later.

The way to foster parent friendships is to dive in and host play dates with a variety of children.

Dear Amy: I am a 66-year-old woman who has just met my ideal match. I have been divorced for nine years and my ex passed away in 2017. My ex and I were married for 30 years and have two grown children and grandchildren.

I am struggling with how much to reveal about our divorce. Although he divorced me, his reason was completely my fault. I fell in love with another man and had an emotional affair. Although I never would have divorced my husband to be with the other guy, my husband found out about our relationship and divorced me.

Now I am wondering how much of this story I should share with my new boyfriend. We are getting serious. Because my ex is no longer living, there is no one else who knows why

we divorced. How much baggage must I share?

— Reformed Wanderer

Dear Reformed: You don't have to share anything. You certainly don't have to lead this in a relatively new relationship. However, if you fall in love with this man and you two plan to spend your lives together, you will find that you'll want to tell him the whole truth about the most important events in your life. Otherwise, this will become a burdensome secret. (This is already becoming a burden to you.)

It's a given that anyone at your stage in life has had a variety of experiences and has made mistakes along the way. If your guy doesn't accept this very human admission, or if he somehow throws it back at you during times of stress, then he is not the "ideal match" you thought he was.

Dear Amy: "Mistreated Mom" told you that she is basically completely estranged from all of her children. Her question was about where to leave her money when she died.

You gave her good advice. But the best advice you gave was for her to take a long look in the mirror. Total estrangement is rarely without reason.

— Been There

Dear Been There: Every single one of us should occasionally take an honest look at the impact of our choices.

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Illinois legislator proposing Smollett-based punishment

By NINA METZ
Chicago Tribune

As the Tribune reported earlier this week, after criminal charges were dropped against Jussie Smollett, Illinois State Rep. Michael McAuliffe said he intends to file legislation that would withhold state film tax credits from any local production employing the "Empire" actor.

I've written about the state's film incentive a good bit over the years, so that caught my eye. McAuliffe might be grandstanding. I'm certainly curious if this make sense from a legal point of view — legislation that singles out one person by name and bars him from employment?

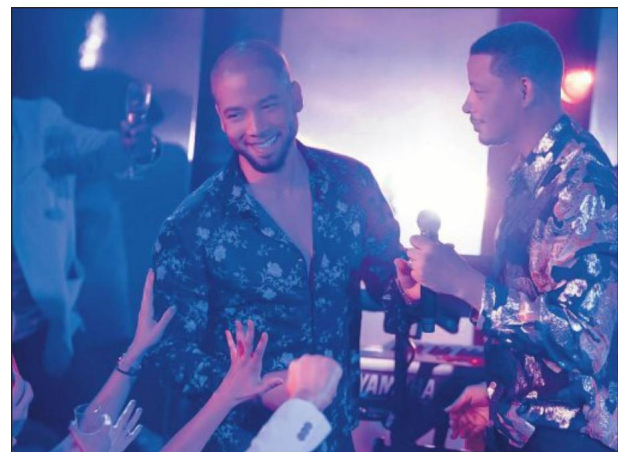
Currently the Illinois Film Services Tax Credit does not include any provisions that gives the state a say in a project's content or its personnel — only that the 30 percent tax credit applies to below-the-line crew who are Illinois residents.

(Above the line is where salaries can get really big — screenwriter, producer, director, cast — but again, that's not covered under the Illinois incentive. Some other states don't have a residency requirement and include above-the-line wages, which makes their incentives more lucrative.)

The Illinois tax credit also applies to any goods and services purchased in-state.

Though set in New York, "Empire" films in Chicago — and certainly one reason for basing it here is the film incentive. Fox has yet to announce if the show has been renewed or whether Smollett still has a job if the show returns. Last month producers said he was being written out of the last two episodes of the current season.

Ilya Zlatkin is a Chicago-based entertainment attorney and I asked what he



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Jussie Smollett, left, has angered one Illinois legislator.

thought about this possible legislation.

"I highly doubt the proposal would be framed in terms of specifically Jussie Smollett," he said. "Focusing legislation on one individual would have limited long-term value and would indeed open up constitutionality questions related to Smollett's right to make a living. Instead, I'm guessing that the legislation would in effect add something akin to a 'morals clause' that would allow the state to deny the tax credit to a production that employs someone who violates whatever standards are set by this morals clause."

Morals clauses are not the norm when it comes to state film incentives, but there was at least one case that got a lot of press a few years back.

The Texas Film Commission decided the 2010 Robert Rodriguez film "Machete," which shot in Austin, was not eligible for the state's film incentive after it had been made. Why? Because it portrayed Texas in a negative light.

The producers said they wouldn't have filmed in Texas had they not received initial approval — the film commission had read the script ahead of time — and they sued. In 2016, a Texas appeals court sided with the film commission.

"I don't think it would go so far as granting the state freewheeling authority to deny the credit arbitrarily or because a production reflects poorly on the state," Zlatkin said of such legislation being proposed here.

But as he points out, so much of what's produced here "is about Chicago corruption, which could be viewed as a poor reflection on the state. And too much discretion for the state would probably spook out-of-state producers considering Illinois."

Zlatkin added that "there's always the court of public opinion. You don't see productions yearning to work with Kevin Spacey or Harvey Weinstein, and that's not due to any changes in tax credits. On the flip side, you don't see legislators running to change tax credits to prohibit any unsuccessful #MeToo litigants from being hired for 'wasting state resources'."

"There's plenty of vagueness around what would constitute 'bad morals,' so any standards would have to be very specific. If I was pushing against any proposal to change the tax credit in this situation, those would be the arguments I'd use."

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was also a borderline superheroic display of personal mobility. Browning whooshed across tarmac as if rewriting physics, then pulled up, still airborne, to pose for photographers and/or the next “Iron Man” poster.

I’ll be honest. When I first heard the South Side science museum’s big new show for spring was going to be about the ways technology is getting into our garments and onto our bodies, I was skeptical.

I’ve got a high-end “smart watch” that so underwhelms me it almost never leaves its charging stand. Even mere Fitbit-style step tallying — probably the most common wearable tech — seems an only marginally meaningful data point for people who already know they are active.

And the clothing we have today comes across as very highly adapted to its purpose and almost perfect technologically. I like the way that pants, for instance, cover my hips and both legs and also have pockets and a zipper, and then when they get dirty, I can wash them. Genius.

But “Wired to Wear,” which opened March 21 and will run through May 2020, is leagues wider than my initial narrow vision of digital garmentry. The museum’s curators have seemingly scoured the globe to assemble a range of devices that will make you wonder whether our capabilities aren’t being curtailed by merely shopping at, you know, Banana Republic.

So there’s a trucker cap that realizes you might be nodding off on the road and jolts you back to alertness. An EKG vest that uses electrodes to monitor your heart. A dress equipped with a lie detector that can jolt you if it senses you aren’t being truthful. Fifteen countries were plumbed for ideas, along with such companies as Google and Microsoft and such universities as MIT and Northwestern.

“It was a lot to wrangle,” said Anthony Vitagliano, vice president of exhibits and engagement.

Three years ago, when the museum started planning the show, might have been too soon, he said. Five years from now, when more of this stuff has filtered into daily existence, might be too late.

But right now, “we’re at the precipice of this exploding into everyday life,” he said. “It’s a little bit like the Wild West,” with all the development going on in so many different realms.

Sports tech, medical tech, science tech and just plain fun tech are all covered here. A highlight is the sparkly lavender Glitter Cannon Prosthetic Arm, developed by a Missouri “tween as an alternative to her more broadly functional standard forelimb substitute.

“I decided that I wanted to make an arm that shot glitter because, why not? You know, glitter is just a



E. JASON WAMBSGANS/CHICAGO TRIBUNE PHOTOS

Inventor Richard Browning demonstrates his jet pack at the Museum of Science and Industry to promote the new “Wired to Wear” exhibit.



Anouk Wipprech's Spider Dress at the new “Wired to Wear” exhibit at the Museum of Science and Industry.

joy,” said the girl Jordan Reeves, now 13, during the exhibit’s opening.

Her invention has sparked travel and demonstrations nationwide and an organization, Born Just Right, aimed at inspiring other kids with disabilities to develop STEM skills and find new solutions to lead “a more enjoyable life.”

But this is the first museum exhibit, and Reeves was enjoying herself, demonstrating the glitter cannon, discovering a hiding place underneath the heart-monitoring vest display and checking out all the other inventions.

“I just think it’s so cool to see all these people’s ideas that they have,” said Reeves. “And I think it’s also cool to think, like, how I could possibly use that sort of technology towards some other design that I can come up with?”

The exhibit, to be sure, is a top-level exploration of its



Jordan Reeves, 13, shows off her prosthetic glitter cannon.

topic that raises as many questions as it answers. In the limited labels devoted to these often complex devices, it’s not always crystal clear what’s on the market now, what’s in development

and what was made expressly for “Wired to Wear.” But the notion isn’t so much to be authoritative as to give visitors a taste of what might be coming and what might be possible.

You want a jacket that barks like a dog as people approach? That can be done. You want a tattoo that plays musical notes? Doable. How about a potentially better football

When: Through May 2020

Where: Museum of Science and Industry Chicago, 57th Street and Lake Shore Drive

Tickets: \$12 over general admission and tickets are timed-entry; 773-684-1414 and www.msichicago.org

helmet that is harder on the inside, softer on the outside, or a collar that measures potentially concussive body blows? Check and check.

And then there is the jet suit, which Browning says is commercially available to folks with lots of income to dispose of (\$443,000 at a London department store last year). His big play for bigger reach, though, is in what he hopes will be a race series, like NASCAR but without those four-wheeled exoskeletons.

“I didn’t build this to build a wearable,” he said, but rather to solve “the age-old challenge of human flight.”

But he is thrilled to be in the exhibit, in part because it underscores the same principles he employed to make his jet suit work: keep refining your idea, keep failing at it, until finally you no longer do.

And then continue: Browning is working on trying to make a battery-powered version that will be quieter to the ear than the current iteration, which ran on diesel for the MSI demonstration and has a decidedly steampunk esthetic.

Yet it is undeniably, as Browning demonstrated, a jet pack. It’s a little late, arriving almost one-fifth of the way into the 21st century. And it’s a lot expensive. But it proves the notion that a kind of outfit can not only serve as adornment but also transportation.

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Mumford

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Mumford. The singer admitted following his folk-rock band’s grinding “Babel” tour — one that saw it play more than 170 dates in a year in support of its second album, which earned the Grammy in 2012 as Album of the Year — that he and his bandmates, keyboardist Ben Lovett, banjo-guitarist Winston Marshall and bassist Ted Dwane, were too exhausted to even appreciate what they’d accomplished.

“Oh yeah, we were a bit burned out, for sure,” Mumford said. “We’d been touring a bit too hard.”

The solution to their reinvigoration, he noted, was nothing less than throwing out the band’s entire playbook. For 2015’s “Wilder Mind,” Mumford and Sons reimagined the entirety of who they were as a band, shocking fans by almost entirely ditching

acoustic instruments for electric ones.

Looking back now, Lovett said the band’s desire to experiment in such a bold fashion is perhaps the only reason it’s still active.

“It feels like we’re constantly chasing and pursuing something better and something different,” the multi-instrumentalist said.

He cited as a prime example the band feeling like “kids in a candy store” when experimenting with rare synthesizers in producer Paul Epworth’s North London studio during the “Delta” recording sessions. This came nearly a decade after the Mumfords broke out on the strength of arena-ready songs such as “Little Lion Man” and “The Cave” off 2009’s “Sigh No More.”

“Honestly, we felt younger in the process of making ‘Delta’ than ever before because we were less experienced on these instruments, and that created a really healthy

and exciting challenge,” Lovett said. “We don’t live in the shadow of our previous releases. It’s more like we’re constantly searching.”

Mumford admitted he feels incredibly fortunate that his band continues selling out arenas so far into its career, adding that in his mind the best way to repay “the debt of gratitude” to longtime fans is by continuing to write new music.

“It really would be a missed opportunity not trying to create music that can replace their favorite songs in our catalog with new and better ones,” he said. “That’s why we wanted these (Delta) songs to be the best ones we’ve ever written. We didn’t want to cruise at a certain altitude and just churn something out.”

To that end, Delta is perhaps the band’s most inventive album yet from both a lyrical and sonic perspective. “Picture You” and “Woman” ride spare, almost hip-hop-indebted

When: 7:30 p.m. Friday

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digital grooves. And on “Forever,” Mumford tries on his Dr. Phil-style, relationship-coach hat: “I’ve known pious women / Who have led such secret lives / Shameless in the dark / So shameful in the light.”

“We did sort of win our love back of being in this band and playing together, and we’re really riding that wave now,” Mumford said.

“We want to always be moving and changing our sound. That doesn’t get old. And if it ever does, frankly we should just quit.”

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concert depicting key events from his past. Some of screenwriter Laverty’s confrontations feel like copies of other confrontations in other biopics about gifted, frequently tormented artists and their families.

But the best of “Yuli” pulls you in and allows the dance to express in full what words can only summarize. Acosta’s relationship with his father (physically abusive one minute, loving and supportive the next) serves as the story’s through-line. The women are somewhat marginalized, but Santiago Alfonso as Pedro Acosta, the family’s deeply flawed, recognizably human patriarch, holds the screen with ease. There’s a good musical score from composer Alberto Iglesias.

When and where is the festival? Now through April 11, AMC River East 21, 322 E. Illinois St., down-



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“Yuli” is the opening-night selection at the 35th Chicago Latino Film Festival.

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BOOK REVIEW

Louisa May Alcott cooler than imagined

Biography focuses on war years

By **LUCINDA ROBB**
The Washington Post

Louisa May Alcott was a runner. Of the many fascinating details that come to life in Samantha Seiple's new book, "Louisa on the Front Lines," this one is particularly telling. More than 100 years before running became a popular sport, Alcott ran for the sheer joy of it, faster than all the boys in her village — and presumably in leather shoes and long, heavy skirts. It is a revealing insight that lets us know there is nothing old-fashioned about the author of "Little Women." Alcott was way ahead of her time.

Somewhat fittingly, "Louisa on the Front Lines" isn't a traditional biography, although it does cover much of her life. Instead it focuses primarily on the pivotal six weeks when Alcott worked as a nurse in Union Hotel Hospital in Washington, an experience that sparked her literary coming of age. Seiple paints a compelling picture of the upbringing and personal traits that drew Alcott to volunteer and the tremendous impact her experience as a nurse had on her later life and work. In a larger sense, it is the story of a woman finding her voice in a society that offered women very constrained and narrow roles.

The first chapters fill in the back story to Alcott's fateful decision — as she would later describe it — to go to war. Despite constantly living on the edge of poverty, Lu (as Alcott was commonly known) crossed

paths with some of the most famous literary and philosophical figures of her day. Her father, Bronson Alcott, was an important transcendentalist thinker and educator whose strict moral principles were easier to admire than to live with. He would not accept wages, only donations, and founded a vegan utopian commune called Fruitlands that failed after six months. When the family's financial straits became so dire that Lu considered selling her beautiful long hair, Ralph Waldo Emerson stepped in to give the family a loan. Nathaniel Hawthorne was their neighbor, and Harriet Tubman used their house as a station on the Underground Railroad. Surrounded by people who were changing the world, when war finally came, Alcott was desperate to do more than make bandages.

Using her connections to Dorothea Dix, a family friend and prominent 19th-century reformer, she secured a position as a nurse. As odd as it sounds today, at the beginning of the Civil War the very idea of a female nurse was considered shocking and utterly inappropriate. Even when the Union Army began the controversial practice of hiring women as nurses, they were paid less than men and were required to be, among other things, at least 30 and plain looking. Actual nursing experience was not required, although given the limited medical knowledge of the day, empathy was often the best treatment available. Sadly, that too was often in short supply.



HULTON ARCHIVE

Louisa May Alcott, circa 1870, was a nurse during the Civil War.

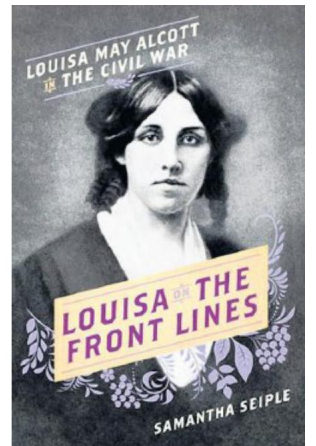
Seeing the conflict through Lu's eyes gives it an immediacy that sweeps you up — so much so you sometimes forget who won the war. At one point, Seiple briefly switches from Alcott's story to that of John Suhre, a courageous young soldier from Pennsylvania, transporting the reader onto the chaotic battlefield of the ill-fated Fredericksburg campaign. When a fresh batch of casualties arrives at the Union Hotel Hospital in December 1862, you know how much they have been through. Alcott's concern for her patients is palpable,

as is her dismay at the wretched conditions the wounded and dying endured. While she strove to present a brave face in her letters home to her family, her journal entries are heartbreaking. Have a box of tissues handy.

The second half of the book follows Alcott's growing success as an author, allowing her for the first time to fully support her family with her earnings. Illness cut short her time at the hospital and sent her home before the end of war. While recovering she wrote "Hospital Sketches," which was hit with a public

desperate for news from the front. She eventually won over the editor of The Atlantic, who had previously dismissed her writing. He published her poem "Thoreau's Flute" and commissioned an original story. More books followed, including a story "for girls" that she wrote at her publisher's request.

Toward the very end Seiple seems to run out of steam, repeating several points almost verbatim and dropping hints that the future is bleak for Alcott. Suddenly the book jumps ahead 10 years with a brief chapter on Alcott's com-



'Louisa on the Front Lines'

By Samantha Seiple, Seal, 243 pages, \$27

mitment to women's suffrage, and then that's all, the story is done. It's almost as if a chapter has been accidentally left out or Seiple ran up against a hard deadline or page limit. But given that the text takes up less than 200 pages, it's hard to make sense of the abrupt stop. No doubt many readers will turn to Google to find out what finally happened to Alcott, filling in the rest of her story.

Even though it ends too soon, "Louisa on the Front Lines" is a rich, enlightening tale. Seiple wisely lets her subject narrate as often as possible, and Alcott's voice shines through in her fresh, clean prose. Drawing from multiple letters, diaries and other sources, many of them previously unmined, the portrait that comes through is of a fearless, hardworking, fun young woman devoted to her family and friends and unafraid to challenge conventions. In our similar age of great social and political division, "Louisa on the Front Lines" is an inspirational story about perseverance and commitment to ideals. If she were alive today we would run her for Congress.

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BOOK REVIEW

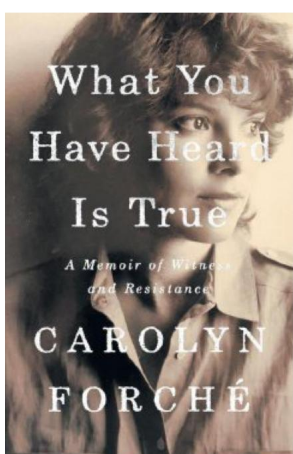
A poet in wartime: Carolyn Forché pens a riveting memoir

By **STEVEN G. KELLMAN**
The Washington Post

The poet Carolyn Forché begins her gripping new memoir with a commission from an imperious, mysterious stranger. Leonel Gomez, the cousin of a friend, has driven all the way from El Salvador to Southern California, to recruit her as a witness to his country's woes. It is the late 1970s, and El Salvador, he insists, is on the brink of a civil war. Describing the situation as "the beginning of another Vietnam," he calls up his listener's memories of gruesome combat stories her former husband told. During the next three days, he gives Forché a crash course in Salvadoran history, economics and politics. He exhorts her to visit the country with eyes wide open in order to tell the people of the United States — which plays a decisive role in his country's plight — what she has seen.

Forché, a one-book poet in her 20s, hesitates. Though Leonel has sought her out because of her literary skills, she asks: "What does this have to do with poetry?" Challenging her notion of vocation, Leonel demands: "Are you going to write poetry about yourself for the rest of your life?" After considerable soul-searching, Forché flies to Central America. A Guggenheim fellowship makes it financially feasible for her to head off by herself for a prolonged stay in a foreign land. "What You Have Heard Is True" recounts how and why its author began to write the kind of poetry in her 1981 book "The Country Between Us," what she calls "the poetry of witness."

Though Leonel is a coffee farmer, champion marksman, motorcycle racer, painter, inventor and scholar, his true identity



'What You Have Heard Is True'

By Carolyn Forché, Penguin, 400 pages, \$28

remains elusive. Leonel refuses to talk about himself and disappears for days at a time. But he is somehow able to gain Forché access to leftist guerrillas, campesinos, clergy, medical volunteers, businessmen, indigenous people, military officers, enlisted men, Salvadoran poets, death squad members, aid workers, even the U.S. ambassador. Her best-known poem, "The Colonel," will draw on a visit with a uniformed butcher who flaunts the ears he collects from his victims.

With 37-year-old Leonel as her Virgil, Forché immerses herself in the inferno that El Salvador has become — with the complicity of the U.S. government and American corporations. She sees peasants forced to work themselves into early graves and observes the operation of a death squad on the streets of the capital. She sees corpses scattered throughout the countryside. Visiting a political prison, she sneaks a peek into a room where men are confined to coffinlike boxes for months. "Tell them on the outside," a prisoner pleads,

"tell them." Through it all echoes Leonel's injunction: "You have to be able to see the world as it is, to see how it is put together, and you have to be able to say what you see."

The young American woman's presence in El Salvador on the eve of full-scale conflict places her in mortal danger. Avoiding the fate of the desaparecidos, those who are abducted and never heard from again, she is nevertheless shot at, as well as hospitalized with dengue fever and dysentery. She conducts an interview with the saintly Archbishop Oscar Romero hours before he is assassinated while celebrating Mass. Forché is spirited back to the U.S. just as the war that Leonel predicted erupts. It would last 12 years and claim more than 75,000 lives. Its failure to resolve fundamental social problems is apparent in the current influx of desperate Salvadorans to the borders of this country.

Forché honors her responsibility to the Salvadoran calamity by writing sparely and precisely. On occasion, recalling the verdant fields and starry nights of Central America, she can wax lyrical. More often, the poet's voice is manifest in a luminous sentence such as: "The weather was white with the coming rains." Much of the book consists of extended conversations between Forché and the varied people she meets.

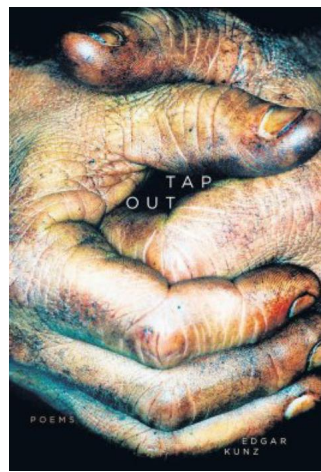
A portrait of the artist as political and poetic ingenue, "What You Have Heard Is True" bears eloquent witness to justice and atrocity and to how observing them shaped a fearless poet.

Steven G. Kellman's latest book is "The Restless Ilan Stavans: Outsider on the Inside."

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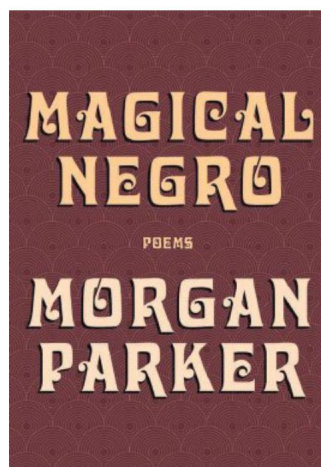
3 poetry collections you should read now

By **ELIZABETH LUND** | The Washington Post



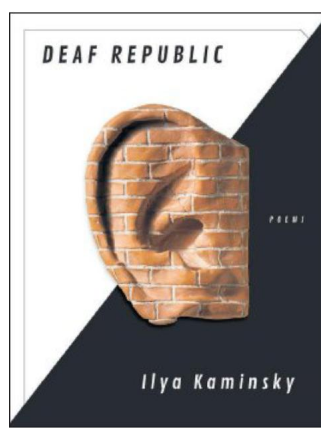
'Tap Out' by Edgar Kunz, Mariner, 112 pages, \$14.99

Many of the people in Edgar Kunz's gritty, insightful debut are in tough spots: men trapped in difficult, physical jobs; teens playing with a gun; young adults battling despair or addiction. Some are able to tap out, or escape, before they are seriously hurt. Others don't, and irreparably damage themselves and their loved ones. At the heart of "Tap Out" is the difficult relationship between Kunz and his abusive, alcoholic father, who was heroic only in his own made-up stories. As the speaker explains in one poem, he has spent years measuring the distance between the past and the memories that haunt him, including "The three thousand miles/ between San Francisco/ and the town where the shadows/ of my brothers grow tall./ The cash I don't wire,/ the numbers I don't dial./ The marriage that didn't survive/ the summer."



'Magical Negro' by Morgan Parker, Tin House, 112 pages, \$15.95

In her third collection, "Magical Negro," Morgan Parker continues to fearlessly explore what it means to be a black woman in the United States today. Like Terrance Hayes, Parker draws on pop culture, current events and history to inform these poems, providing various backdrops and foils that help her challenge stereotypes and define her own complex, nuanced ideas. "I know the world is dangerous/ Everyone tells me sorry," she notes in one poem. In another, "The hunted must be clever. The hunted has two primary/ tools of survival: imagination and hyperbole." Bold and edgy, the writing spotlights the strength and tenacity that enable the speaker to survive grief and inequity. It also gives voice to her disappointments and delights as she claims — and proclaims — agency over her body and her life.



'Deaf Republic' by Ilya Kaminsky, Graywolf, 80 pages, \$16

Ilya Kaminsky's cutting-edge second collection, "Deaf Republic," presents a sweeping drama about a fictional town where residents are oblivious to the military occupation around them. This continues until a deaf boy is murdered, and the people rebel by pretending they can't hear the commands of the soldiers. Kaminsky, who is hard of hearing himself, uses each poem to advance a story that is broken into two parts. Each act focuses on key characters who deal with personal challenges as the occupiers become more threatening. In the poem "Soldiers Aim at Us," for example, a character named Alfonso cradles his wife's body, vowing that "Tonight/ we don't die and don't die." As these stories unfold, they contribute to the larger narrative arc, and they parallel that of Kaminsky's own family, who fled Ukraine in the early 1990s.

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WATCH THIS: THURSDAY



Natalie Morales

"Abby's" (8:30 p.m., NBC): Michael Schur — whose string of critically acclaimed sitcoms include "Parks and Recreation," "Brooklyn Nine-Nine" and "The Good Place" — is an executive producer on this promising new comedy starring "Parks and Rec" alumna Natalie Morales in the title role of a military veteran who opens an unlicensed bar where everybody eventually knows your name, as long as you observe Abby's stringent rules of conduct.

"Legacies" (8 p.m., CW): In the Season 1 finale, "There's Always a Loophole," Hope (Danielle Rose Russell) leads the charge to keep all her friends safe when a veritable horde of unwelcome visitors descends upon the Salvatore School. Elsewhere, MG (Quincy Fouse) comes across a secret about his mother, while Josie (Kaylee Bryant) lands in a dire predicament. Matthew Davis, Jenny Boyd and Peyton Alex Smith also star. The CW has renewed the show for a second season.

"Little Women: Atlanta" (8 p.m., 9:17 p.m., 12:01 a.m., 1:18 a.m., Lifetime): The hit unscripted series returns for Season 5 with "Guess Who's Back," in which the Twinz, having fired their manager, scramble to get their career back on track. Juicy meets with The Street Execs, a group of Atlanta rap moguls, and winds up with a major opportunity. Elsewhere, Monie is shattered by news that could permanently change the lives of her and her family, and a familiar face returns to usher in a heightened level of drama.

"Million Dollar Listing Los Angeles" (8:30 p.m., 12:01 a.m., Bravo): In the season finale, "Indecent Proposal," James and David throw an open house with a flashy Great Gatsby theme, hoping to sell a Bel Air estate under a tight turnaround schedule. Elsewhere, Joshes Flagg and Altman try to pause their long-standing rivalry to work together in pursuit of one of the most sought-after listings in Los Angeles.

"Broad City" (9 p.m., 12:07 a.m., Comedy Central): Amy Poehler's clout as executive producer helped turn a successful but obscure web series into a flagship show for Comedy Central in 2014, but make no mistake, stars Ilana Glazer and Abbi Jacobson became overnight celebrities, at least in the comedy world, through their smarts and talent. For five seasons, they've taken fans along on New York adventures with their TV alter egos, which are largely based on their own lives. Tonight, they say goodbye to this acclaimed show, with a promise of much more to come from both.

TALK SHOWS

"The Tonight Show Starring Jimmy Fallon" (10:34 p.m., NBC): Actor Mark Ruffalo; comic Jim Jefferies; Normani and 6LACK perform.*

"Jimmy Kimmel Live" (10:35 p.m., ABC): Actor Colin Farrell; actor Marsai Martin; Billie Eilish performs.*

"The Late Show With Stephen Colbert" (11:35 p.m., CBS): Actress Regina King; philanthropists Bill and Melinda Gates; comic Jena Friedman.*

"Conan" (12:30 a.m., TBS): Actor Timothy Olyphant.*

* Subject to change

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BOLSHOI BALLET PHOTO

Russia's Bolshoi Ballet is bringing Yuri Grigorovich's "Swan Lake" to the Auditorium in Chicago, the only U.S. stop for the ballet during the company's tour.

Auditorium Theatre announces schedule for 2019-20 season

BY DOUG GEORGE
Chicago Tribune

The Auditorium Theatre has announced its 2019-20 season in Chicago's Loop, including a visit from Russia's Bolshoi Ballet with "Swan Lake" and a live Chicago Sinfonietta presentation of Jordan Peele's movie "Get Out." The announcement of the Auditorium's 130th season was made Wednesday by chief programming officer C.J. Dillon.

International Dance Series (with tickets on sale 9 a.m. Oct. 18, 2019):
 ■ Alvin Ailey American Dance Theater (March 4-8, 2020): Program to be announced.
 ■ American Ballet Theatre (March 19-22, 2020): Presenting Natalia Makarova's restaging of the full-length ballet "La Bayadere."
 ■ Bolshoi Ballet (June 10-14, 2020): Presenting Yuri Grigorovich's "Swan Lake," the only U.S. stop for the ballet during the company's tour.
 ■ American Music Series (with tickets on sale 9 a.m. July 19, 2019):
 ■ "Get Out" with the Chicago Sinfonietta (Sept. 21): A live concert screening

Jordan Peele's movie, conducted by score composer Michael Abels.
 ■ "Disney in Concert: Tim Burton's The Nightmare Before Christmas" by the Chicago Philharmonic (Oct. 31 and Nov. 1, 2019): The classic stop-motion film for Halloween.
 ■ "Chicago Celebrates Sondheim" (Nov. 16): A salute to Sondheim's music, performed by Susan Werner, Robert Sims, Paul Marinaro, Johnny Rodgers, Heidi Kettenring and others. Selections from "Sweeney Todd," "Follies," "Company," "West Side Story." Live music by the Chicago Philharmonic.
 ■ "Too Hot to Handel: The Jazz-Gospel Messiah" (Jan. 18-19, 2020): For Martin Luther King, Jr. Day weekend with soloists Rodrick Dixon, Alfreda Burke, and Karen Marie Richardson; a chamber orchestra, jazz combo, and choir under the baton of Suzanne Mallare Acton.

Made in Chicago Dance Series (with tickets on sale 9 a.m. July 19 and Oct. 18, 2019):
 ■ Ensemble Espanol Spanish Dance Theater and Cerqua Rivera Dance Theatre in a shared concert

(Oct. 4).
 ■ Hedwig Dances presents "SPACE PLAY" (Feb. 26, 2020).
 ■ Trinity Irish Dance Company Saturday (Feb. 29, 2020; two performances).
 ■ Giordano Dance Chicago (June 6, 2020).
National Geographic Live Series (with tickets on sale 9 a.m. July 19 and Oct. 18, 2019):
 ■ "Between River and Rim: Hiking the Grand Canyon" (Sept. 24): By writer Kevin Fedarko and photographer/filmmaker Pete McBride.
 ■ "On the Trail of Big Cats" (Jan. 26, 2020): By National Geographic photographer Steve Winter.
 ■ "Adventures Among Orangutans" (March 10, 2020): By husband-and-wife duo Tim Laman and Cheryl Knott.
 ■ "Ocean Soul" (May 5, 2020): By National Geographic photographer Brian Skerry.

The Auditorium Theatre, 50 E. Ida B. Wells Drive, is part of Roosevelt University in Chicago. Subscription packages are on sale now; www.auditoriumtheatre.org.

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THURSDAY EVENING, MAR. 28

MOVIES

	PM	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00
BROADCAST	CBS 2	♦ (6) 2019 NCAA Basketball Tournament: Regional Semifinal: Teams TBA. (N)		2019 NCAA Basketball Tournament: Regional Semifinal: Teams TBA. (N) (Live) ©				
	NBC 5	Superstore (N) ©	A.P. Bio (N) ©	Will & Grace (N) ©	Abby's: "Pilot." (Series Premiere) (N) ©	Law & Order: Special Victims Unit: "Exile." ©		NBC 5 News (N) ♦
	ABC 7	Grey's Anatomy: "Silent All These Years." (N) ©		(8:01) Station 19: "Baby Boom." (N) ©		For the People: "The Vast, Immovable Object." (N)		News at 10pm (N) ♦
	WGN 9	blackish ©	blackish ©	Last Man Standing ©	Last Man Standing ©	WGN News at Nine (N) ©		WGN News at Ten (N)
	Antenna 9.2	Alice ©	Alice ©	B. Miller	B. Miller	Johnny Carson ©		3's Comp.
	This TV 9.3	Radio Days (PG,'87) ***	Mia Farrow, Seth Green. ©			True Love (R,'89) *** ©		
	PBS 11	Chicago Tonight (N)		Julia Louis-Dreyfus: The Mark Twain Prize ©		'63 Boycott (NR,'16)		Interview Show (N)
	The U 26.1	7 Eyewitness News (N)		The Game	Engagement	Broke Girl	Broke Girl	Seinfeld ©
	MeTV 26.3	Andy Griffith	Andy Griffith	Gomer Pyle	WKRP Cincinnati	Hogan Hero	Hogan Hero	C. Burnett
	H&I 26.4	Star Trek ©		Star Trek: Next		Star Trek: Deep Space 9		Star Trek ♦
	Bounce 26.5	The Game	The Game	Last Call	Family Time	Metro (R,'97) ***	Eddie Murphy. ♦	
	FOX 32	Gotham: "Trespassers." ©		The Orville: "Identity, Part 1." ©				Modern Family ©
	Ion 38	Chicago P.D.: "Captive." ©		Chicago P.D. ©		Chicago P.D.: "Anthem." ©		Chicago ♦
	Telem 44	Exatlon EE. UU. (N)		Betty en NY (N) ©		La reina del sur		Chicago (N)
	CW 50	Supernatural: "Lebanon." ©		Legacies (Season Finale) (N) ©		The Good Wife: "Pilot." ©		Chicago ♦
	UniMas 60	Tres Milagros ©		Atrapada ©		Rosario Tijeras ©		Sebastian ♦
WJYS 62	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Joyce Meyer	Robison	Christian	Dn. Carson	Monument	
Univ 66	Jesús (N)		Mi marido (N)		Por amar sin ley (N)		Noticias (N)	
CABLE	AE	The First 48 (N)		The First 48 (N)		The First 48 (N)		First 48 ♦
	AMC	Mrs. Doubtfire (PG,'93) ***		Robin Williams, Sally Field. ©				16Candle ♦
	ANIM	River Monsters: "Jurassic-Sized Prehistoric Terror." ©				River Monsters: Top 10 Catches (N) ♦		
	BBCA	Apocalypse (R,'06) ***		Rudy Youngblood, Raoul Trujillo. ©				Premier (N)
	BET	♦ (5) Get Rich or Die Tryin' ©		Above the Rim (R,'94) **		Duane Martin, Leon. ♦		
	BIGTEN	Women's College Lacrosse (N)				To be announced ♦		
	BRAVO	Project Runway (N) ©			Million Dollar LA (Season Finale) (N)	Housewives		Watch (N)
	CLTV	News at 7	News (N)	News at 8	News (N)	SportsFeed ©		Politics
	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	Daily (N) ♦
	DISC	Building Off the Grid ©		Building Off the Grid (N)		Alaskan Bush (N)		Off Grid ♦
	DISN	Sydney-Max	Coop	Raven	Raven	Sydney-Max	Coop	Andi Mack
	E!	Hollywood Medium (N)		The Holiday (PG-13,'06) **		Cameron Diaz, Kate Winslet. © ♦		
	ESPN	♦ MLB Baseball: Boston Red Sox at Seattle Mariners. (N)		SportsCenter (N) (Live) ©		SportCtr (N)		
	ESPN2	♦ (6) ATP Tennis: Miami Open: Men's Quarterfinals and Women's Semifinal. (N) (Live)						Pivot (N)
	FNC	Tucker Carlson (N)		Hannity (N) ©		The Ingraham Angle (N)		Fox News
	FOOD	Chopped ©		Chopped: "Pizza Poetry." ©		Beat Flay (N) Beat Bobby		Beat Bobby
	FREE	♦ (4:10) Hook (7:20) The Game Plan (PG,'07) **		Dwayne "The Rock" Johnson.				700 Club ♦
	FX	Grown Ups 2 (PG-13,'13) ♦		Adam Sandler. ©		Better (N)	Better	Better
	HALL	The Sweetest Heart (NR,'18)		Julie Gongzalo. ©		Once Upon a Prince (NR,'18) © ♦		
	HGTV	Flip/Flop	Flip/Flop	Flip/Flop (N)	Flip/Flop	Hunters (N)	Hunt Intl (N)	Hunters
	HIST	Swamp People ©		Swamp People (N)		Truck Night (N)		Truck (N) ♦
	HLN	Forensic	Forensic	Forensic	Forensic	Forensic	Forensic	Forensic
	IFC	♦ The Hangover Part III **		The Wedding Singer (PG-13,'98) ***		Adam Sandler.		Hngover 3 ♦
	LIFE	Little Women: Atlanta (N)		Little Women: Atlanta (Season Premiere) (N)		Little (N)		Little Women: Atlanta ©
	MSNBC	All In With Chris Hayes		Rachel Maddow Show		The Last Word (N)		11th Hour (N)
	MTV	Ex on the Beach (N) ©		Game of Clones (N) ©		Ex on the Beach ©		Clones ♦
	NBCSCH	World Figure Skating Champion (Tape)				Pregame (N) NHL Hockey (N) ♦		
	NICK	SpongeBob	SpongeBob	Ice Age: Dawn of the Dinosaurs (PG,'09) ***	©			Friends ♦
	OVATION	♦ (6:30) The League of Extraordinary Gentlemen **		Travel (N)		Travel (N)		The Wine
	OWN	20/20 on OWN ©		20/20 on OWN ©		20/20 on ID ©		20/20 ♦
OXY	Dateline: Secrets		Dateline: Secrets		Dateline: Secrets		Dateline ©	
PARMT	Bad Boys II (R,'03) **		Martin Lawrence. Two detectives battle a drug kingpin in Miami. ©					
SYFY	Futurama	Futurama	Futurama	Futurama	Futurama	Futurama	Futurama	
TBS	♦ 2019 NCAA Basketball Tournament (N)		2019 NCAA Basketball Tournament (N) ♦					
TCM	The Story of G.I. Joe (NR,'45) ***		Burgess Meredith.		The Year of Living Dangerously *** ♦			
TLC	My 600-Lb. Life: "Supersized: Aaron's Story." (N)				Untold Stories of the E.R.		Stories ER ♦	
TLN	Humanit	Wretched	A Call for Freedom		Life Today	Like You	Humanit	
TNT	Beauty and the Beast (PG,'17) ***		Emma Watson. ©		Blended (PG-13,'14) * ♦			
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	King	
USA	NCIS: "House Divided." ©		NCIS: "Twofer." ©		NCIS: "Skeleton Crew." ©		NCIS ♦	
VH1	RuPaul's Drag Race ©		RuPaul's Drag Race (N) ©				ATL *** ♦	
WE	Marriage- Reality Stars		Braxton Family Values (N)		Marriage- Stars (N)		Braxton ♦	
WGN America	Last Man	Last Man	Last Man	Last Man	Last Man	Last Man	Last Man	
PREMIUM	HBO	Wonder Woman (PG-13,'17) ***		Gal Gadot, Chris Pine. ©		Adnan Syed ♦		
	HBO2	The Meg (PG-13,'18) **		Jason Statham. ©		The First Purge (R,'18) **		Y'lan Noel. ♦
	MAX	12 Rounds 3: Lockdown (R,'15)		Anacondas: Hunt for the Blood Orchid				Strike ©
	SHO	Billions ©		Baby Driver (R,'17) ***		Ansel Elgort. ©		Desus (N)
	STARZ	♦ Searching (7:24) Slender Man (PG-13,'18) * ©		Apocalypse		Apocalypse		Now ♦
STZENC	♦ Roman J. Israel, Esq. **		Inside Man (R,'06) ***		Denzel Washington. ©		Rough ♦	

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Horoscopes



Today's birthday (March 28): Educational opportunities abound this year. Professional doors open with focused determination and practice. Beautify your home this summer, before work concerns require focus and resolution. Your career takes off next winter, leading to a domestic change.

Aries (March 21-April 19): Today is an 8. Discipline with words and actions can help you realize a professional dream. It's easier to clear up misunderstandings, with Mercury in Pisces stationing direct. Communication barriers dissolve.

Taurus (April 20-May 20): 7. Long-distance travels or studies come together with diligent preparation. Make plans and strategies. Make notes, observations and reports.

Gemini (May 21-June 20): 8. A collaborative effort generates income with steady efforts. Build a dream with your partner. Contribute your time and talents. Coordination comes naturally, with Mercury direct.

Cancer (June 21-July 22): 8. Share a dream with your partner. Realize it through teamwork. With Mercury direct now, it's easier to brainstorm, negotiate, collaborate and network.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22): 8. Learn from the competition. Practice your moves and stay light on your feet. Traffic flows better, with Mercury direct. It's easier to travel and launch projects.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): 8. Make promises with someone you love. Build a romantic vision together one step at a time. Money, invoices and payments flow freely, with Mercury direct.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): 7. Domestic misunderstandings resolve easily. Lines of communication clear up, with Mercury direct. It's easier to persuade, compromise and reach consensus. Family conversations generate valuable ideas.

Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): 8. An obstacle or barrier evaporates. It's easier to concentrate and communicate, with Mercury direct for the next three months.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): 9. Creative muses sing to you, with Mercury direct now. Articulate your feelings. Put love into your work and your cash flow velocity increases.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): 9. You can advance a personal dream. Express the future you want to create for your family. Share your visions. Communication channels open, with Mercury direct. Speak up.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): 6. Enjoy soothing routines and rituals. Peace and quiet behind closed doors invites productivity and restoration. It's easier to learn, with Mercury direct.

Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20): 8. Contribute to a team project. Confusion diminishes noticeably, with Mercury direct. Discuss finances, budgets and logistics. You can work faster together.

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The Argyle Sweater



Bliss



Bridge

East-West vulnerable, South deals

North
 ♠ J
 ♥ Void
 ♦ A K 9 8 7 6 5 2
 ♣ J 8 7 2

West
 ♠ K 4 2
 ♥ K Q 10 7
 ♦ J 3
 ♣ K Q 5 3

East
 ♠ Q 8 7 6
 ♥ 9 8 5 4 3 2
 ♦ 4
 ♣ 6 4

South
 ♠ A 10 9 5 3
 ♥ A J 6
 ♦ Q 10
 ♣ A 10 9

Modern players routinely transfer into a five-card or longer major suit. Tournament players also transfer into the minor suits, and that's what happened here. North's four-diamond bid was a mild slam try, promising at least a six-card diamond suit.

The bidding:
 South West North East
 1NT Pass 3♣* Pass
 3♦ Pass 4♦ Pass
 6♦ All pass

*Transfer to diamonds
 Opening lead: King of ♥

of hearts lead, South found a line of play that didn't rely on East's club holding.

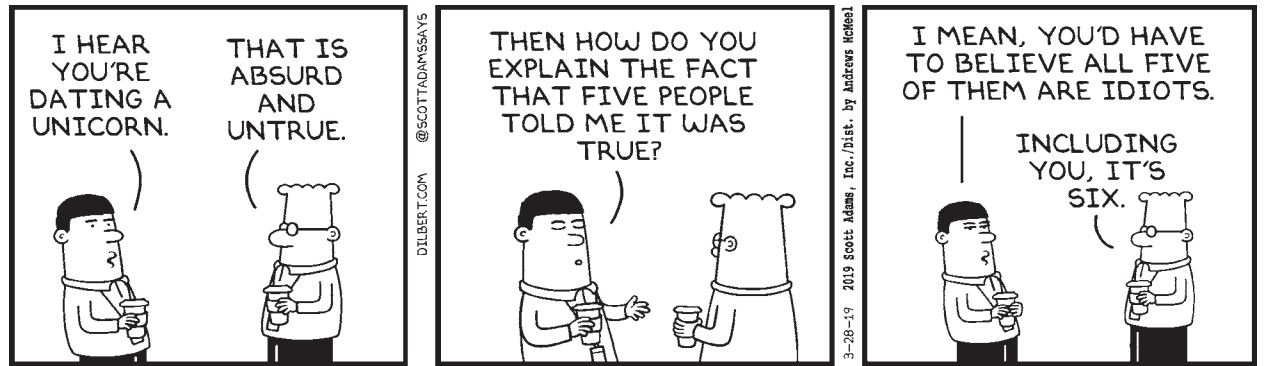
South discarded the jack of spades from dummy while winning the opening heart lead with his ace. He ruffed a spade, cashed the ace of trumps, and led a trump to his queen. South discarded a low club from dummy on the ace of spades and ruffed another spade.

A club to the nine lost to West's queen, leaving West with the unpleasant choice of leading a club back into declarer's ace-10, or leading a heart from his queen. He chose a low heart. South discarded a club from dummy and won with his jack for his twelfth trick. Well done!

Note that if West had another spade, the lead of that spade would be ruffed in dummy and South's long spade would be established as a winner.

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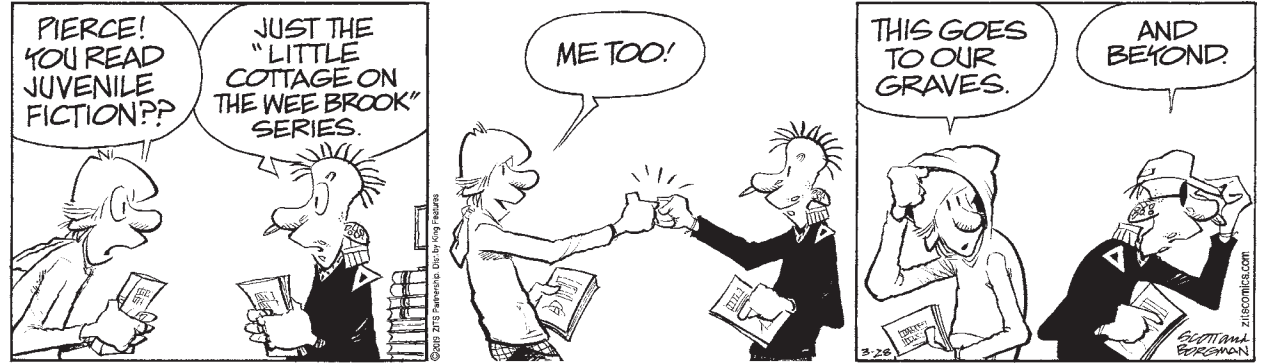
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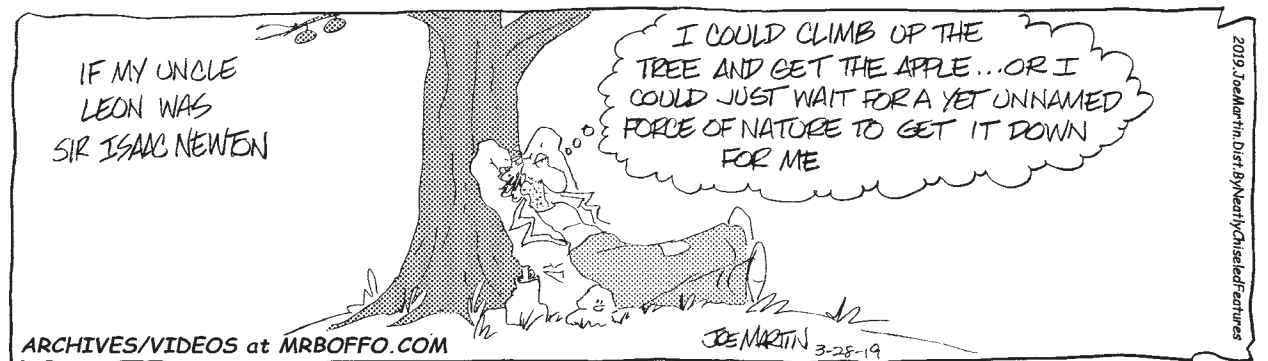
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Mr. Boffo



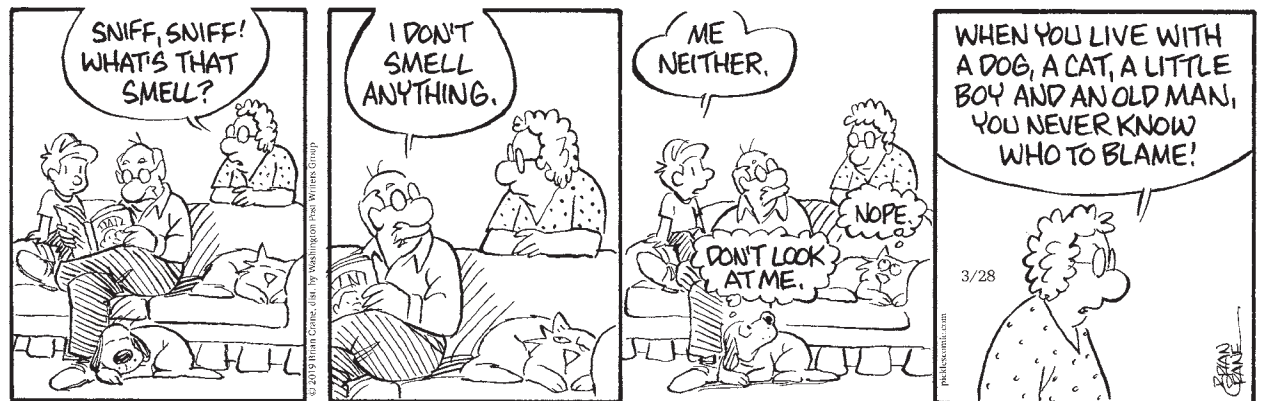
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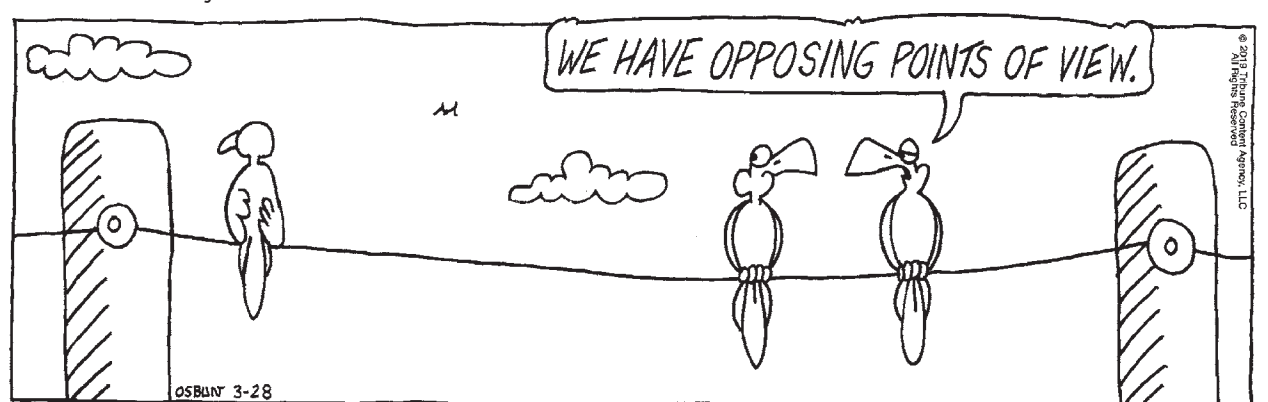
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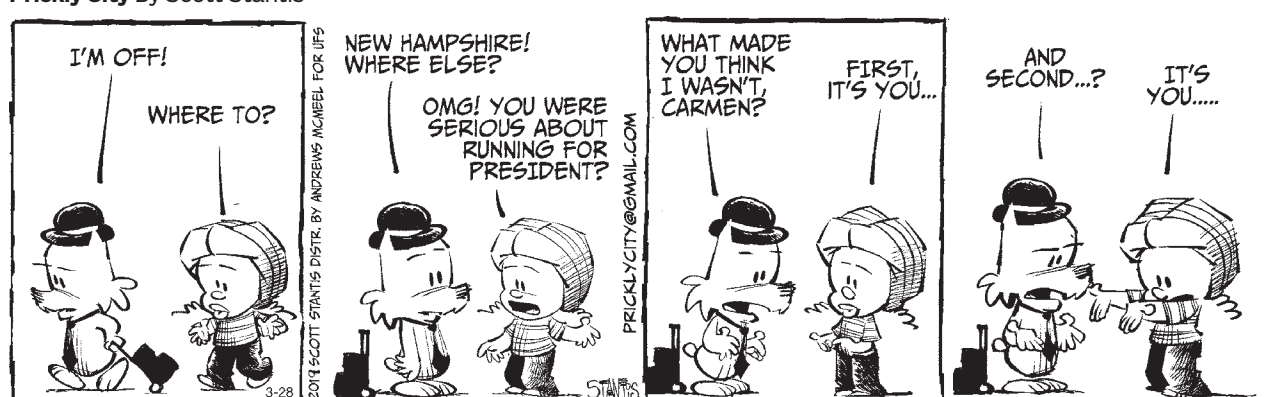
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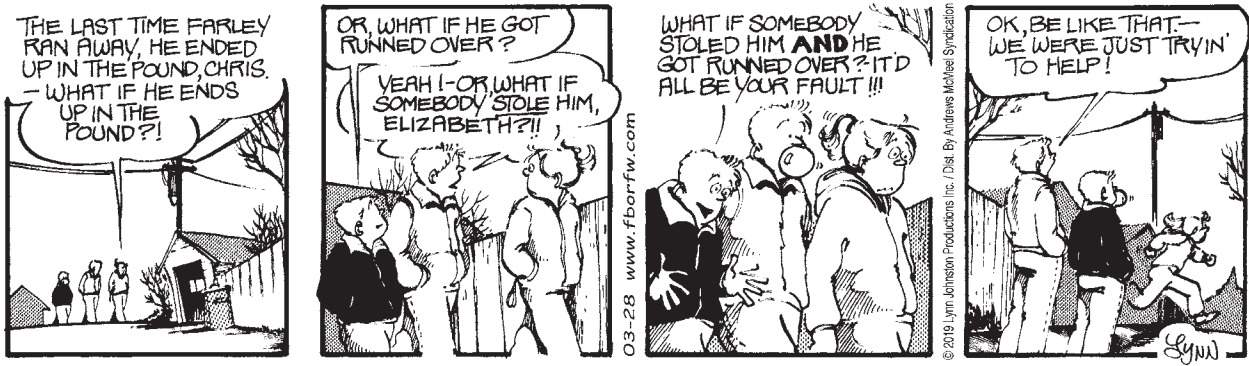
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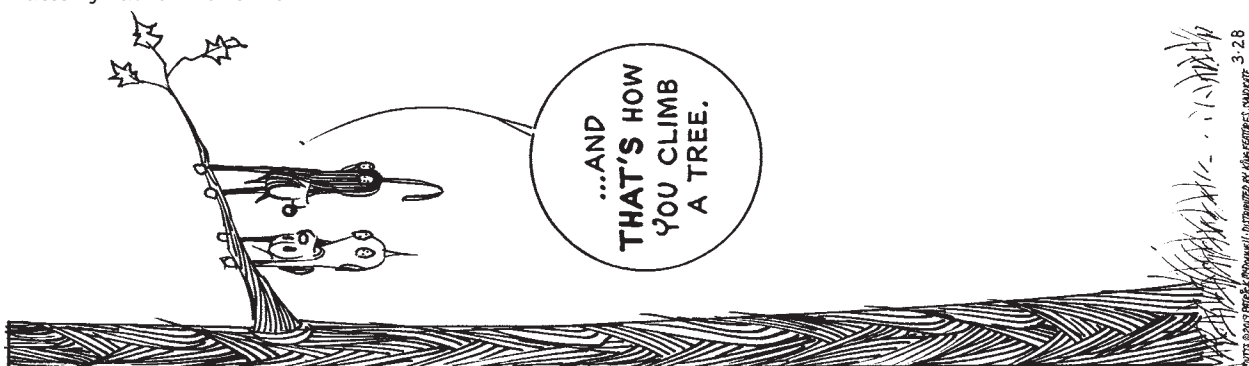
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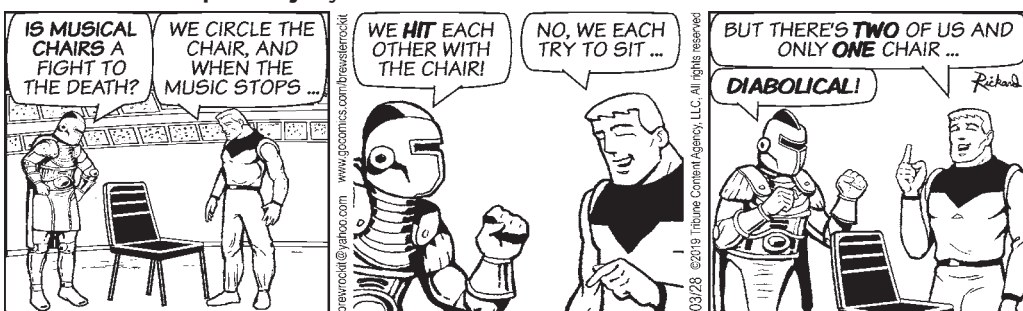
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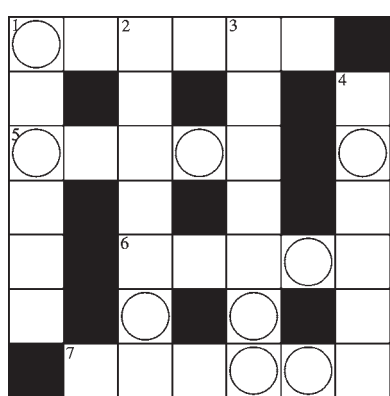
Trivia Bits

What was the name of Jodie Foster's character in "The Silence of the Lambs"?
 A) Anna Crowe
 B) Phoebe Frowfester
 C) Cecily Pigeon
 D) Clarice Starling

Wednesday's answer: Hieronymus "Harry" Bosch is a character in books by Michael Connelly.

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Jumble Crossword



CLUE ACROSS

- Subordinate, younger
- Coffeehouse order
- Live
- Type of drink

CLUE DOWN

- Leaped
- ___ reaction
- Speech
- Food closet

ANSWER

ACROSS: 1. ORNJUI, 2. HAMCO, 3. XESTI, 4. NDBARY
 DOWN: 1. MJUEDP, 2. LENURCA, 3. ARNTIOO, 4. NTPRYA

How to play - Complete the crossword by looking at the clues and unscrambling the answers. When the puzzle is complete, unscramble the circled letters to solve the BONUS.

BONUS [Grid with circled letters] **CLUE:** _____ was 16 years old when he enrolled at Harvard.

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THURSDAY, MARCH 28 NORMAL HIGH: 52° NORMAL LOW: 33° RECORD HIGH: 79° (1986) RECORD LOW: 9° (1887)

Enjoy it while it lasts: Low 60s, then mid-40s

LOCAL FORECAST

HIGH 63 **LOW** 36

■ Cloudy and breezy. Mild through early afternoon. High of 63 but temperature will drop in as a cold front shifts winds SW to NE 8-18 mph in the afternoon.

■ Chance for light rain showers early morning and again in the afternoon.

■ Fog forms, especially near the lake as the cold front passes.

■ Cloudy, blustery and colder overnight with a scattered showers. Low of 36.

NATIONAL FORECAST



Wednesday produced our warmest temperature in 13 days. Thursday should be slightly warmer before a cold front brings a change in wind direction and a temperature drop.

Temperatures will reach the low 60s as strong south winds help temperatures rise. The 60-degree temperatures will last for only a brief time before a cold front drops the temperature to the low to mid-40s before sunset. Sporadic rain Thursday will become steadier as the day progresses Friday, with the heaviest rainfall expected in the late afternoon into early Saturday. Up to an inch of rain may fall through Saturday.

Temperatures will be well below normal from Friday through Sunday. A warmup begins on the first day of April. Above normal temperatures are expected Tuesday and Wednesday.

FRIDAY, MARCH 29

HIGH 42 **LOW** 33

Cloudy, breezy, cool with a high of 42-10° below normal. Rain become steadier in the afternoon. N/NE winds 14-25 gusting to 30. Cloudy and cold overnight. Low in the lower 30's. Winds N 10-15 mph with gusts to 20.

SATURDAY, MARCH 30

HIGH 39 **LOW** 28

Cloudy, windy, colder. Light rain or possibly a wintry mix, especially north. North winds 13-18 mph gusting to 26 mph. Clearing skies overnight help drop low temps to the upper 20's. North winds diminish to 8-12 mph.

SUNDAY, MARCH 31

HIGH 44 **LOW** 35

Mostly sunny but quite cool for the last day of March. North winds 6-10 mph keep temperatures well below normal. Clear and cold at night with a low in the mid 30's. Light north winds turn south overnight.

MONDAY, APRIL 1

HIGH 52 **LOW** 40

April starts with partly cloudy skies and a seasonable high in the low 50s. Light SSW winds help bring warmer temps. Clear and not as cold overnight. Low in the mid 40's with S/SW winds continue at 6-10 mph.

TUESDAY, APRIL 2

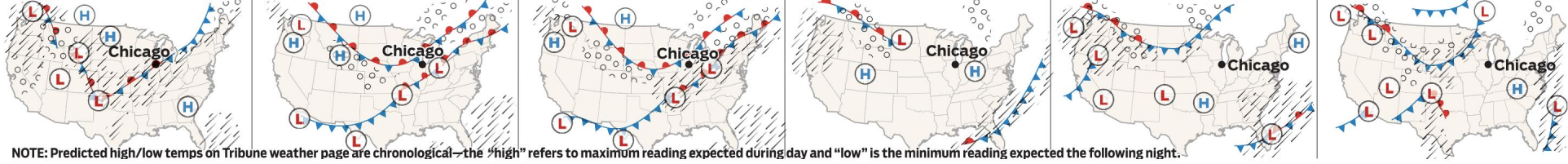
HIGH 58 **LOW** 45

Warmer. Partly cloudy skies. Light south winds 4-6 mph, increasing in the afternoon to 8-12 mph with gusts to 15 mph. Clear, not as cold at night. Lows in the mid 40s, well above the normal low of 34. SSW wind 6-10 mph.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 3

HIGH 61 **LOW** 47

A clear start to the day turns cloudy in the afternoon. Strong south winds help the high temp reach 60. South winds become gusty in the afternoon. Cloudy at night with a chance of rain.



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.

DEAR TOM

Dear Tom,
The year 1816 is known as "The year without a summer." What would cause a global event like that?
Stephen Brown, LaPorte, Ind.

Dear Stephen,
Global temperatures decreased by 0.7 to 1.3 degrees in 1816, the result of an eruption April 5-15, 1815, of Mount Tambora in the Dutch East Indies (now Indonesia). That volcanic eruption was the greatest in 1,300 years and it threw 24 cubic miles of material into the atmosphere. A cloud of stratospheric sulfate affected the Northern Hemisphere, dimming sunlight and causing temperature reductions. It was a "volcanic winter." Reduced summer temperatures resulted in an agricultural disaster across much of the Northern Hemisphere. Food shortages and much higher prices resulted, and starvation was a problem in some areas.

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Hear Tom Skilling's weather updates weekdays 3 to 6 p.m. on WGN-AM 720 Chicago.

Thursday afternoon temps top dive up to 20° in 1-2 hours!

WEDNESDAY'S HIGH TEMPERATURE
Chicago's official high exceeded 50° for only the 4th time this month and 7th time this year

WEDNESDAY'S HIGH TEMP 59°

■ Thursday's forecast high of 63° would be only the second 60+ temp since Oct. 31

MARCH PRECIPITATION
MARCH RAINFALL THROUGH 7 P.M. WEDNESDAY 1.69"

Below normal precipitation could become above normal by Saturday

■ Normal through March 27: 2.13" ■ Normal full-March: 2.50"

CHICAGO PRECIPITATION PROBABILITIES

THURSDAY	THUR. NIGHT	FRIDAY	FRI. NIGHT	SATURDAY	SAT. NIGHT
25%	35%	60%	90%	30%	2%

THURSDAY'S FORECAST CHICAGO HOURLY TEMPS

"Backdoor" Pneumonia front hits, 3-4 p.m. in Chicago

63° 63° 60° 45° 43° 42° 41° 41°

MILD "SW" WINDS COLD "NE" WINDS

SOURCES: Frank Wachowski, National Weather Service archives TOM SKILLING, MARK CARROLL, RYNE JAMES, THOMAS VALLE / WGN-TV

CHICAGO DIGEST

WEDNESDAY TEMPERATURES

LOCATION	HI	LO	LOCATION	HI	LO
Aurora	59	25	Midway	59	31
Gary	59	27	O'Hare	59	29
Kankakee	58	24	Romeoville	59	27
Lakefront	57	33	Valparaiso	58	24
Lansing	56	26	Waukegan	59	23

CHICAGO PRECIPITATION

PERIOD	2019	NORMAL
Wed. (through 4 p.m.)	0.00"	0.09"
March to date	1.69"	2.13"
Year to date	6.46"	5.65"

CHICAGO SNOWFALL

PERIOD	O'HARE	MIDWAY
Wed. (through 4 p.m.)	0.0"	0.0"
Season to date	41.6"	39.1"
Normal to date	34.7"	35.7"

SOURCE: Frank Wachowski

LAKE MICHIGAN CONDITIONS

THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Wind SW turn N 10-20 kts. NE 10-15 kts.	Waves 1-3 feet 2-4 feet
Wed. shore/crib water temps 41°/34°	

U.S. SNOW COVER

MARCH 27	2019	2018
Area covered by snow	19.9%	28.1%
Average snow depth	4.5"	4.4"

TRACKING THE COLD

SINCE OCT. 15	O'HARE	MIDWAY
Sub-32° highs	40 days	35 days
Subzero lows	7 days	7 days

CHICAGO AIR QUALITY

Wednesday's reading Moderate
Thursday's forecast Good
Critical pollutant Particulates

THURSDAY RISE/SET TIMES

Sun 6:41 a.m. 7:12 p.m.
Moon 2:32 a.m. 12:02 p.m.

THURSDAY PLANET WATCH

PLANET	RISE	SET
Mercury	5:51 a.m.	5:20 p.m.
Venus	5:24 a.m.	4:08 p.m.
Mars	8:49 a.m.	11:33 p.m.
Jupiter	1:28 a.m.	10:38 a.m.
Saturn	3:13 a.m.	12:33 p.m.

BEST VIEWING TIME DIRECTION

Mercury	Not visible	
Venus	6:15 a.m.	8.5° ESE
Mars	8:15 p.m.	35° W
Jupiter	5:45 a.m.	25.5° S
Saturn	5:45 a.m.	20° SSE

SOURCE: Dan Joyce, Triton College

MIDWEST CITIES					OTHER U.S. CITIES					WORLD CITIES										
THURS./FRI.	FC	HI	LO	FC HI LO	THURS./FRI.	FC	HI	LO	FC HI LO	THURS./FRI.	FC	HI	LO	FC HI LO						
Illinois	cl	67	53	ts	64	55	Albany	pc	76	61	pc	85	48	Fairbanks	cl	43	25	pc	42	21
Carbondale	cl	62	49	ts	56	43	Albuquerque	pc	55	44	sh	55	45	Fargo	pc	21	pc	11	17	
Champaign	sh	62	49	ts	56	43	Amarillo	pc	78	47	pc	72	40	Flagstaff	pc	60	31	su	57	26
Decatur	sh	66	51	ts	58	44	Anchorage	pc	84	47	pc	74	33	Fort Myers	pc	81	60	pc	82	60
Moline	sh	61	43	ts	53	39	Asheville	pc	66	39	pc	70	46	Fort Smith	sh	75	56	ts	70	53
Peoria	sh	64	44	ts	51	40	Aspen	pc	66	39	pc	70	46	Fresno	su	69	48	su	69	46
Quincy	sh	68	50	ts	54	41	Atlanta	pc	69	45	pc	74	54	Grand Junc.	pc	69	42	pc	53	34
Rockford	sh	59	37	ts	50	36	Atlanta	pc	69	45	pc	74	54	Great Falls	rs	38	29	ss	43	26
Springfield	sh	56	37	ts	58	42	Atlanta	pc	69	45	pc	74	54	Harrisburg	cl	59	46	sh	64	51
Sterling	sh	60	40	ts	52	37	Atlanta	pc	69	45	pc	74	54	Hartford	pc	52	42	sh	61	46
Indiana	sh	63	51	ts	58	53	Atlanta	pc	69	45	pc	74	54	Helena	rs	34	28	ss	38	18
Bloomington	sh	67	52	ts	63	55	Atlanta	pc	69	45	pc	74	54	Honolulu	pc	84	67	sh	80	66
Evansville	cl	67	52	ts	63	55	Atlanta	pc	69	45	pc	74	54	Houston	cl	76	64	ts	77	66
Fort Wayne	sh	55	46	ts	49	43	Atlanta	pc	69	45	pc	74	54	Int'l Falls	pc	36	17	sh	43	14
Indianapolis	sh	60	51	ts	58	53	Atlanta	pc	69	45	pc	74	54	Jackson	pc	75	50	su	73	50
Lafayette	sh	56	48	ts	54	46	Atlanta	pc	69	45	pc	74	54	Jacksonville	pc	72	59	cl	76	59
South Bend	sh	54	39	ts	47	37	Atlanta	pc	69	45	pc	74	54	Janeau	su	55	35	su	52	33
Wisconsin	sh	63	51	ts	58	53	Atlanta	pc	69	45	pc	74	54	Kansas City	ts	68	53	ts	58	40
Green Bay	sh	53	31	cl	49	32	Atlanta	pc	69	45	pc	74	54	Las Vegas	pc	75	50	su	73	50
Kenosha	sh	56	35	ts	44	35	Atlanta	pc	69	45	pc	74	54	Lexington	cl	67	51	sh	61	54
La Crosse	sh	53	30	cl	52	32	Atlanta	pc	69	45	pc	74	54	Lincoln	sh	56	39	sh	45	34
Madison	sh	54	32	sh	51	34	Atlanta	pc	69	45	pc	74	54	Little Rock	cl	75	57	ts	72	59
Milwaukee	sh	55	34	ts	44	35	Atlanta	pc	69	45	pc	74	54	Los Angeles	pc	67	52	pc	72	53
Wausau	sh	49	23	cl	46	27	Atlanta	pc	69	45	pc	74	54	Louisville	cl	68	52	ts	62	55
Michigan	sh	62	48	ts	52	37	Atlanta	pc	69	45	pc	74	54	Louisville	cl	68	52	ts	62	55
Detroit	rs	54	36	ts	46	37	Atlanta	pc	69	45	pc	74	54	Louisville	cl	68	52	ts	62	55
Grand Rapids	sh	54	34	cl	53	34	Atlanta	pc	69	45	pc	74	54	Louisville	cl	68	52	ts	62	55
Marquette	pc	43	25	pc	39	25	Atlanta	pc	69	45	pc	74	54	Louisville	cl	68	52	ts	62	55
St. Ste. Marie	pc	40	21	pc	40	23	Atlanta	pc	69	45	pc	74	54	Louisville	cl	68	52	ts	62	55
Traverse City	sh	48	28	pc	46	31	Atlanta	pc	69	45	pc	74	54	Louisville	cl	68	52	ts	62	55
Iowa	sh	58	37	sh	50	32	Atlanta	pc	69	45	pc	74	54	Louisville	cl	68	52	ts	62	55
Ames	cl	58	37	sh	50	32	Atlanta	pc	69	45	pc	74	54	Louisville	cl	68	52	ts	62	55
Cedar Rapids	cl	58	38	sh	50	34	Atlanta	pc	69	45	pc	74	54	Louisville	cl	68	52	ts	62	55
Des Moines	sh	59	40	sh	50	34	Atlanta	pc	69	45	pc	74	54	Louisville	cl	68	52	ts	62	55
Dubuque	cl	58	36	sh	53	35	Atlanta	pc	69	45	pc	74	54	Louisville	cl	68	52	ts	62	55
El Paso	pc	86	54	su	82	60	Atlanta	pc	69	45	pc	74	54	Louisville	cl	68	52	ts	62	55

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NEW HOMES MARKETPLACE **INSIDE**

Your spring home walk-through

BY LAUREN WHITE
HomeAdvisor

With the change of seasons, it's time to open your windows and let that fresh spring breeze flow through your home. But it's also time to inspect your property for damage, maintenance issues and potential improvements. If you conduct a thorough home walk-through, your spring tests and inspections will fly by — and you'll be on to enjoying the weather in no time.

Test smoke and carbon monoxide detectors to make sure they're working properly, and swap out old batteries for fresh ones.

Check your plumbing for leaks, and hire a plumber if you find any. Test for toilet leaks by dropping food dye in the tank to see if it seeps into the bowl.

Assess your fireplace and hire a chimney sweep if you didn't do so before the winter season. Afterward, give your fireplace surround a thorough scrubbing.

Inspect your HVAC system and replace your



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Spring is the time to inspect and clean windows and screens, among other things.

filters. Hire a pro if you're due for your annual service or an air duct cleaning.

Flush your water heater, or hire a pro to perform the

work for you. Experts recommend flushing annually.

Test your sump pump by slowly pouring water into the sump pit. The pump

should activate and the water should drain.

Inspect caulking and insulation. You may be able to fix caulking on your own,

but for insulation issues, it's best to call a pro.

Flip the switches on your ceiling fans to move the fan blades counterclockwise and send air downward.

Clean your floors and check for stains and damage. You may need minor repairs, a steam cleaning or more significant work like subfloor repairs and hardwood refinishing.

Identify and address dirt and scuffs on your walls. And consider whether or not it's time for a new coat of paint — and a fresh new color!

Inspect and clean your doors, windows and screens — inside and out. This might be the year to upgrade to high-efficiency windows or install new screens.

Assess your home exterior — your foundation, siding and roof — for damage and potential maintenance demands. If you can't assess your roof from the ground, call for a roof inspection.

Check other surfaces on your property — your driveway, walkways, patios or decks — for damage. Call

a pressure washer for grimy concrete.

Inspect wooden features like decks and fences to see if they need to be resealed or stained, and hire a deck pro to fix loose railings and boards.

Check your gutters and downspouts for foliage. Hiring a pro to clear them out is an affordable and safe alternative to doing it yourself.

Assess your lawn, landscaping and trees. Mark problem areas like bald patches and dead trees, branches and shrubs. And note areas where you'd like new landscape features. If you have a lawn service contract, make sure it's valid for the coming months.

Test your irrigation system and inspect it for damage before the watering season.

Look for pools of water on your property. If you find any, hire an expert to find the cause and ensure proper drainage.

Inspect and test your lawn mower, and consider a tuneup for a stall-free summer.

Getting your home staged to sell

BY CATHY HOBBS
Tribune News Service

With the winter thaw comes the red-hot spring selling season. When it comes to properly preparing a property to sell, many experts argue that successful home staging is the key to the most lucrative sale in the shortest amount of time. Stumped as to where to begin to get your home sale ready?

Here are seven expert home-staging selling tips.

Purge: Remove all excess, from extra furniture to clothing. Now is the time to make your home feel as spacious as possible.

Create a basic marketing plan: You may need a real estate agent to help with this one. The goal of this step is to decide who the target buyer is, as in some cases this may influence the staging process.

Depersonalize: When a potential buyer walks into a

property, it is important for them to feel that it could be their home. Everything from personal photos to religious references should be removed.

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Purses by Netherlands accessories designer RommydeBommy decorate a wall between the kitchen and hearth room.



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The Mona Lisa in the McGees' dining room conceals a cabinet holding colorful dishes. At right is a Laura Lloyd sculpture.

Couple's home a whimsical work of art

BY AMY BERTRAND
 Tribune News Service

ST. CHARLES, Mo. — When people walk into her home, Marianne McGee wants them to take it all in and smile — or laugh, “but not too much,” she says with a laugh of her own.

From the outside, Marianne and Ken McGee's house looks just like all the others in their newer St. Charles subdivision. Except the door: It's painted a bright teal with a gold dachshund sculpture mounted on it. That's a hint at what's to come.

Bright aqua walls in the great room ahead signal the treasure trove inside. In the dining room to the left, there's a 7-foot-tall Mona Lisa wearing sunglasses, painted in vibrant colors; the painting hides a secret china cabinet.

Sculptures abound, including, in the entryway, a 4-foot bronze goddess. To the right in the entry, a painting of J. Edgar Hoover



Fun, whimsical and colorful — whether it be furniture, paintings, sculpture or other pieces of pop art — is the theme in the home of Ken and Marianne McGee in St. Charles, Mo.

in women's lingerie, with a 3D ruffle concealing his private parts.

Everywhere you look, bright, fun art.

The McGees' art collection started with a piece in the living room: a flapper-looking blonde with one breast exposed. Sometimes,

when company comes over, “We put a Post-it note over it,” Marianne says.

That painting (along with the Mona Lisa in the dining room) is by St. Louis artist Theresa Disney. The McGees bought it in 1986 after finding Disney's art on birdhouses for sale. Mari-

anne fell in love with Disney's style. “I thought, this person paints like I think. I mean, I like Monet, but I think if he put frogs on those lily pads, it would be so much better.”

The McGees began a relationship with Disney and have bought a number



Keith Haring patterned shoes on the entertainment center in the living room.

of her works over the years. When their jobs forced them to transfer to Huntsville, Ala., in 1997, they took most of their collection with them. But two of the biggest pieces — the Mona Lisa cabinet and Disney's take on “From Here to Eternity,” an 8-foot-long painting — were delivered personally by the artist.

The couple returned to the St. Louis area when they retired in 2007, building a home in St. Charles because it provided easy access to their aging parents.

Collecting pop and

whimsical art is Marianne's hobby in retirement, Ken says. “Suddenly our house is a work of art.”

Indeed it is. It's on every wall and in every nook and cranny. From the flying pig sculpture tucked away in their bedroom to the Keith Haring cutouts on the wall leading to the lower level, there's art everywhere.

Some of the McGees' favorite artists include Picasso, Warhol and Haring. But they also believe in supporting local artists, including Disney. Several pieces by Charles Houska fit right in with the couple's colorful home. The whimsical sculptures of Laura Lloyd fill the shelves. And a sculpture of a dachshund by Steve Jones climbs the walls of the living room.

Marianne even has a few of her own paintings around the house.

“I love art so much that I thought I'd try it, so I took a few classes,” she says. “Then I decided I'd stick to buying art.”



MORTON ARBORETUM

Adult magnolia scale insects are protected against insecticides by a waxy coating, but the juvenile insects are vulnerable to spraying with horticultural oil at the right time.

Spring is the time to target scale insects on magnolias

BY BETH BOTTS
Chicago Tribune

It's time for a sneak attack. Now, while magnolia trees are still dormant, you can take action against scale insects by smothering the juveniles with an oil made for the purpose.

Scale insects spend most of their lives flattened against the bark of trees and shrubs, sucking their sap. In late March, the insects are still so small they are barely visible, according to Sharon Yiesla, plant knowledge specialist at the Morton Arboretum in Lisle. "If you spray the tree with dormant oil while the insects are still tiny, you can suffocate them," she said.

It's important to do this before the magnolia tree begins to open its leaf buds, but when the temperature is predicted to stay above freezing for at least 24 hours. It's also essential to use the right product. A dormant oil is a horticultural oil applied when plants are dormant. The label will tell you whether a particular oil product is effective against scale insects and whether it can

be used as a dormant oil. "Do not use any oil other than horticultural oil," Yiesla said. "The wrong product can damage or kill your tree."

A large infestation of scale insects can stress or even kill a magnolia tree over time. However, there's no need to spray a magnolia unless you have confirmed it's infested with scale. Spraying will not protect a tree from becoming infested.

If the tree has a scale problem, you would have seen the signs last summer. "What most people notice first is an ugly black mold on the branches in June or July," Yiesla said. The mold is not harmful in itself, but it grows on the sticky, sweet honeydew excreted by the insects. That makes the mold a strong indication that you will find scale insects somewhere up above.

The insects appear as half-inch-long bumps lined up along branches. Since adult scale insects never move, they might seem like sitting ducks. But insecticides aren't effective against the adults because they are protected by a

waxy coating. The insects are only vulnerable at two points in their yearly life cycle. In March, dormant oil can smother juveniles that have not yet developed their wax shield. In August, there will be a chance to attack the next generation.

At that time, tiny nymphs or "crawlers" are born and set out to find a place to settle down and suck sap. This late-summer stage is the only time scale insects move, and the only time they are vulnerable to an insecticide.

Before you spray with dormant oil in March or with an insecticide in August, get expert help to confirm that scale insects are the source of your problem and to make sure you use the right product at the right time. "With scale insects, timing is everything," Yiesla said.

For tree and plant advice, contact the Arboretum's Plant Clinic (630-719-2424 or plantclinic@mortonarb.org).

Beth Botts is a staff writer at the Morton Arboretum in Lisle (www.mortonarb.org).

How to select the correct spade and keep it sharp

BY TIM JOHNSON
Chicago Tribune

I need to buy a new spade and would like some advice on the best one to buy.

— Jennifer Anderson, Chicago

A lightweight, flat spade is one of my favorite gardening tools for general planting and garden maintenance. It works very well for edging beds, dividing perennials, transplanting, weeding and planting.

There are many different types of spades available, so choose one that feels good to you. For me, the various styles of spades are dramatically different.

I prefer one with a fiberglass handle for its light weight and feel in my hands. For the most flexibility, choose one that has a flat, smooth blade with a square point so that you can edge beds with it. Any curve in the blade will make it difficult to edge beds, though it will work fine for planting.

Shovel blades with a serrated edge are harder to sharpen, so I avoid buying them. If you have large beds of perennials to plant, then consider buying a floral shovel. Its smaller blade works well for installing perennials in beds with limited working space.

You may also want to purchase a heavy-duty, all-metal flat spade with a square point for garden work, such as digging out stumps of trees and shrubs. This type of spade is strong enough to use significant force to pry out stumps and cut through large roots up to 2 inches in diameter. Its weight will get tiring if you are using it for long periods of time.

A sharp garden spade will make your work much easier to complete. Most home gardeners are working with dull spades. Gen-



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A spade with a flat blade is good for edging, planting and weeding. And a sharp garden spade will make your work much easier to complete.

erally, any new spades that you buy will not be sharp and likely will be very dull and difficult to work with.

Use the angle that is already on your spade, if you can see it, as a sharpening guide. If the blade is too dull to find the original angle, a 45-degree angle should work for your spade and any other shovels. Sharpen the inside edge of the spade as it is a single-beveled tool.

Since your spade is most likely going to be hitting roots and occasional rocks during normal gardening activities, sharpen the spade to provide a more durable edge by sharpening at a steeper angle.

As you sharpen the spade, the metal will become shiny, so work to put the shine in the blade back about a quarter-inch into the blade. A longer and thinner edge produced by a lower angle of sharpening will have a sharper point but be more brittle and quicker to dull.

The sharpening process is noisy and will throw off many sparks, so it is important to wear ear and eye

protection. If you are using a hand grinder, position the spade on the ground with the blade pointed up.

Use your foot to stabilize the spade while sharpening. Move the grinder back and forth across the blade at a steady speed with gentle and even pressure to avoid overheating the metal. Stop occasionally to let the metal cool.

The metal will start to blacken if you are moving the grinder too slowly or pushing too hard. Keep moving the grinder back and forth until the blade is sharp. Move the spade back and forth if you are using a bench grinder.

Focus on holding the grinder when using a hand grinder or holding the shovel when using a bench grinder at the same angle as you are sharpening.

Most hardware stores and some garden centers will sharpen your tools.

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Cracking laminate linked to installation

BY TIM CARTER
Tribune Content Agency

Q: A laminate floor in a friend's house seems to be possessed. Overnight, gaps appear in the floor where one piece butts up against another. With some effort, you can slide them back tight again. When you walk across the floor in places it snaps and makes cracking sounds. What's going on, and can the floor be made to look and sound normal? What's causing the issues in the first place?

A: Lately, I'm getting more and more emails from homeowners who suffer from the same problem. In all cases, the root cause is a failure to follow the written installation instructions provided by the laminate flooring manufacturer. Keep in mind that most laminate floors are floating floors that are meant to expand and contract to changes in humidity and temperature.

I clearly remember when laminate flooring was introduced to the marketplace. As with most products, the first-generation products had a few bugs to work out. The laminate products have matured, and my own office floor is covered with a stunning rustic oak v-grooved laminate floor that almost all visitors think is real wood.

My office floor looks as good as the day it was installed, and it's installed over an electric radiant floor heating mat. Radiant heating can cause gaps to appear, as Roberta's friend is experiencing. It's imperative that you look at the instructions to see the maxi-

mum recommended temperature of the subfloor. One major manufacturer says to never exceed a temperature of 85 degrees F. It's not uncommon for the temperature of the water circulating through radiant floor tubing to be 120 degrees!

Heat causes laminate flooring to expand. This expansion is responsible for the gapping as the individual pieces of flooring start to expand at slightly different rates. When the radiant heat turns off because the room is warm enough, the flooring starts to contract as it cools. This back and forth movement can wreak havoc on a floating floor if it's not installed correctly.

The snapping sounds are almost always traced to an uneven subfloor. Laminate flooring materials don't tolerate humpy and bumpy subfloors. Subfloors need to be quite flat. Flat doesn't necessarily mean level. You can have a nice flat subfloor that's not level. The installation instructions call out how flat a subfloor must be. If a floor has too many humps or depressions, a filling compound needs to be used to get the floor flat.

Laminate flooring will snap and pop as you walk on it if it's bridging across hollow spots under the flooring. Your weight stresses the interlocking tongues and grooves in the flooring causing the noise. It's nearly impossible to stop this noise after a laminate floor is installed. You may have to start over to cure this defect.

Q: I almost had a real mess on my hands yesterday. I

couldn't get a basement toilet to flush correctly and then heard bubbling and gurgling sounds in a shower stall next to the toilet. When I opened the shower door the basin was filled with disgusting colored water! A neighbor had a metal drain-cleaning flexible wire and was able to help me clear the line. I want to know what might have caused this wretched clog and how to prevent them in the future.

A: A year ago, the exact same thing happened at my own home. A year before I had remodeled a basement bathroom and installed a very expensive brand-name toilet.

It turns out this toilet has two flushing settings, depending on how long you hold down the flush handle. If there's just liquid waste in the toilet you don't need as much water for the flush. My son, who was using this bathroom, wasn't holding down the handle long enough for the times when solid waste was in the toilet bowl.

I've been a master plumber since the age of 29. I have a beef with modern toilets as in many cases that small amount of water being released can't always carry the waste and toilet paper all the way to the septic tank or city sewer connection.

Millions of people, including me, don't have a water shortage. I have unlimited water from my private well and each time I use a gallon of water at my home a gallon of water is put right back into my aquifer as it flows out of my septic tank. The same happens in just about every major city as drinking water is extracted



TIM CARTER

Large gaps in laminate floors can often indicate installation issues.

from rivers and the water homeowners use is dumped back into the same river downstream at the sewage treatment plant.

Cooking grease is also a common source of building drain clogs. It's best to save lightly soiled paper towels and use those to sop up liquid grease in cooking pots and pans. Throw those grease-soaked towels in the garbage.

I now prevent unwanted clogs

at my home by rapidly pouring two five-gallon buckets of water down a second-floor toilet once a week. I have a helper and we pour the water into the toilet at the same time, making sure it doesn't overflow the bowl. This massive amount of water creates a huge slug of energy and water in the building drain, forcing solids out into my septic tank. You should do this same thing once a week to avoid clogs.

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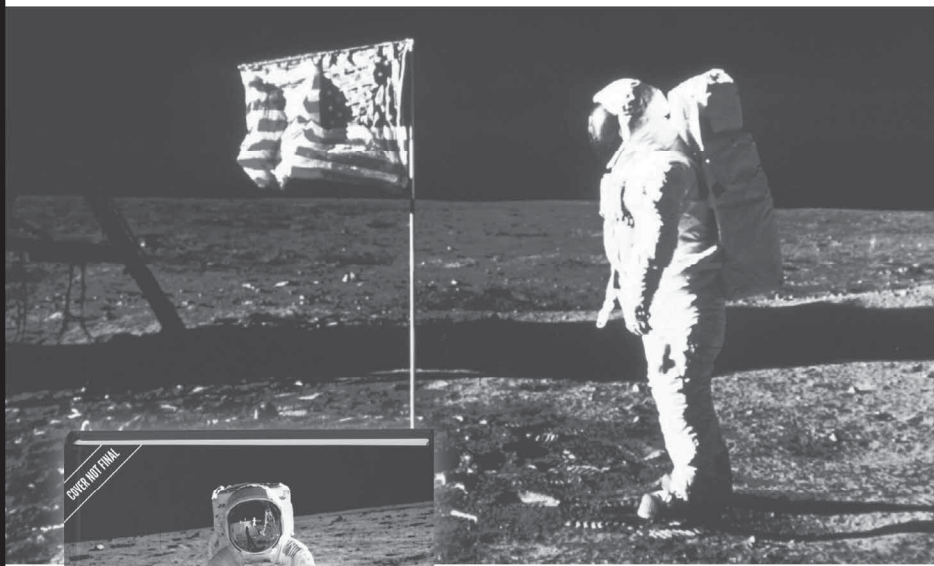


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Planning for your vacation home perfect way to celebrate spring

With spring arriving with its warm breezes and renewed interest in outdoor activities, it is an ideal time to plan for a new vacation home and fresh surroundings. Many exciting opportunities are within an hour or two of the Chicagoland area, while others may lead buyers to desirable destinations around the country.

Lake Geneva area of Wisconsin

Heading northwest from the Chicago area is the scenic Lake Geneva region. Shodeen Homes is offering The Rowhomes of Fontana, low-maintenance luxury townhomes within walking distance of downtown Fontana, Fontana Beach and Municipal Pier, The Abbey Resort and Spa, the Lake Shore Walking Path as well as restaurants and services.

"The Rowhomes at Fontana make ideal vacation homes because they provide an easy upscale lifestyle with low maintenance and easy access to the recreational amenities that make the Lake Geneva area so popular," says Jeremy Lund, sales director for Shodeen Homes. "Only two homes remain available in our third phase, and phase four has just been opened with four homes. These homes are the last that will be built at The Rowhomes of Fontana, so interested buyers are urged to act now."

The Rowhomes feature 2,051 square feet of space on three levels, with three bedrooms, 2½ baths, open concept living areas, deluxe kitchens with large islands, studies, balconies and two-car attached garages, priced from the \$450s.

In addition, an opulent single-family home on Lake Geneva is available for \$1.2 million. Located in South Shore Estates in Delavan, Wisconsin, this home features the popular Donovan design with a first-floor master bedroom.

The home includes 3,881 square feet of living space, and has seven bedrooms, five full baths, two-story great room and three-car sideload garage. An open concept living area is accented with decking and a screened porch to enhance enjoyment of Lake Geneva views. Visit shodeenhomes.com for more information.

Southwest Michigan

For those who appreciate the beauty of the southwest Michigan beach towns with their four-seasons activities, Harbor Shores Resort is an extraordinary waterfront community that combines an array of amenities. One of the most desirable resort destinations in the Midwest, Harbor Shores Resort is near the towns of Benton Harbor and St. Joseph, and attracts many buyers from the Chicagoland area, just 90 minutes away. Sales are currently taking place at Harbor Village, a new neighborhood of 78 single-family homes and townhomes near the marina.

A highlight of the 530-acre community is the Jack Nicklaus Signature Design Golf Course, home site of the KitchenAid Senior PGA Championship. The Inn and Spa at Harbor Shores Resort is a 92-room waterfront hotel. For nautical enthusiasts, Harbor Village is at the point where the Paw Paw and St. Joseph rivers intersect, and where the 60-slip deep water marina on Lake Michigan is found. Many homes overlook the river and sections of the 12 miles of walking trails wind around the community. A clubhouse with pool and fire pit also serves residents.

"Harbor Shores Resort and Harbor Village have been designed with attention to every detail that creates a complete sense of community," says Kerry M. Wright II, director of Real Estate Sales and Marketing for Harbor Shores. "The result is an environment that fosters relaxation with family, friends and neighbors."

A pair of townhomes and two Cottage Court townhomes are available for immediate delivery, featuring the Coastal Shingle Style architecture inspired by nearby historic towns. Model homes are available for viewing, and professional design packages are offered.

The townhomes overlook the golf course



Shodeen Homes offers The Rowhomes of Fontana in the Lake Geneva area of Wisconsin.

and offer 1,700 square feet of space on three floors, three bedrooms, three full baths, large covered decks and two-car rear-entry garages, priced at \$335,000.

The Cottage Court townhomes include 2,400-square-foot designs arranged in groups of five around a landscaped inner courtyard. These homes include three or four bedrooms, 2½ baths, and are priced from \$435,000 to \$445,000. Semi-custom single-family homes are also available at Harbor Village.

The Harbor Shores Discovery Package enables visitors to experience the resort with overnight accommodations for two at The Inn at Harbor Shores, dinner at Plank's Tavern and a choice of activities such as two rounds of golf or a spa experience. This \$349 package is offered free to those interested in the resort. Visit harborshoresresort.com for more information.

Arizona, Florida

Those who prefer sun all year around, Toll Brothers offers a wide array of new home

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In Arizona, buyers can choose from popular locations in Scottsdale, Fountain Hills, Gilbert, Queen Creek, Peoria and Surprise. Many of these are gated upscale communities that include resort amenities such as golf courses, pools, spas and cafes.

"Wherever Toll Brothers offers new home communities, buyers can be assured that they will find outstanding quality in design and construction, along with the amenities that make each community uniquely attractive," says Julia Perreca, Midwest Marketing account manager. "Buyers have wide variety in locations, designs and prices for their vacation homes in the Sun Belt, and they can become familiar with Toll Brothers by visiting our Chicago area communities."

In Florida, Toll Brothers offers 29 different communities in northern and central Florida, including Naples, Orlando, Windemere, Ponte Verde, Boca Raton, Jacksonville and many other locations. For more information, visit tollbrothers.com.

NEW HOMES MARKETPLACE

Cottage Rowhome model at Stafford Place open for tours

Airhart Construction invites you to discover the new Cottage Rowhomes at Stafford Place in Warrenville. Airhart has recently completed a new decorated Rowhome model to tour as well as two for immediate occupancy.

Located in the heart of Warrenville and minutes from parks and preserves, the Stafford Place community features exceptional low-maintenance homes built by Airhart Construction. These single-family residences offer homebuyers incredible value and include the new classically designed Cottage Rowhomes, with base prices starting from the upper \$300s.

No shared wall

The Rowhomes at Stafford Place offer spacious, single-family living with elegant design features and distinctive exteriors. The Rowhomes are not townhomes and there is no shared wall between each home giving homeowners the privacy they desire. Homeowners enjoy their own space complete with welcoming front porch. Choose from a range of exterior styles,



Tours are now available of the Airhart Construction model Cottage Rowhome at Stafford Place.

including Cape Cod, Dutch Colonial and Greek Revival designs. Floor plans vary but can feature two to three bedrooms and 2.5 bathrooms, a lower level family room, upper level laundry, and expansive

kitchen and dining area.

Maintenance-free lifestyle

Today's modern lifestyle often means a daily schedule that's filled from morning

until long after the sun sets. When family time, leisure activities, and professional commitments take priority throughout the day, a maintenance-free home offers many benefits. The Rowhomes at Stafford Place are part of an HOA that includes yard maintenance and snow removal. These two services can save time, hassle, and even cold toes in the winter. The city of Warrenville averages 30-inches of snow each year, but the homeowners at Stafford Place never have to worry about shoveling their walkways.

Because Airhart Construction has served the Chicagoland area for more than 50 years, they understand the importance of location. Stafford Place in Warrenville sits just two blocks off Warrenville Road and a block south of Butterfield Road.

Airhart currently has a decorated Cottage Rowhome model to tour, as well as a selection of homes for immediate occupancy. For additional information about The Rowhomes at Stafford Place other Airhart Construction homes, call 630-293-3000 or visit airhartconstruction.com.



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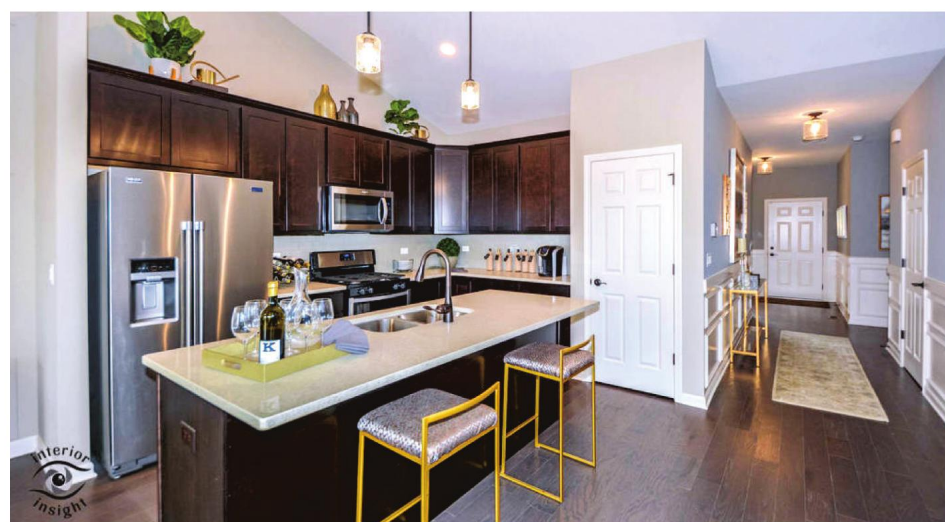


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The Douglas townhome displays some of the specialty trims among the many customizing options at Ashcroft Place single-family homes and The Townes at Ashcroft Walk in Oswego.

West Point Builder offers buyers many custom options

In this age of customization, many buyers want to personalize their homes and are seeking wide choices in options to reflect their own personalities.

These buyers are turning to West Point Builders' semi-custom sister neighborhoods, Ashcroft Place single-family homes and The Townes at Ashcroft Walk in a master-planned community in popular Oswego.

"With our roots in custom homebuilding, West Point Builders has always believed in giving buyers maximum flexibility in planning homes that are as distinctive and comfortable as they desire," says Pat Curran, president of West Point Builders. "First-time buyers should realize that not all builders offer the same degree of customization. Those buyers who want the flexibility to add distinctive elements to their homes should choose a builder whose offerings match their needs.

A sampling of the available options includes full finished basements, crown molding, wainscoting and other specialty trims, specialty cabinet designs and interior features such as Lazy Susans, garden windows, custom shelving, fireplaces with wall or corner locations and wide choices in surrounds, wide choices in flooring and Smart technology options," he says. "In addition, we will consider special requests.

In addition to providing wide choices to personalize the homes, buyers may select from ranch plans or two-story homes in both single-family homes and townhomes. The townhome plans also include a two-

story plan with a first-floor master bedroom, and include full basements. Partial or optional full basements are offered in the single-family plans.

The semi-custom single-family homes include a ranch plan and a pair of two-story homes, base-priced from \$339,990. A model home is open for viewing.

The homes range in size from 2,003 to 3,006 square feet, with three bedrooms and two full baths in the ranch and four bedrooms and 2½ baths in the two-story homes. The homes include two-car attached garages and the largest home has a three-car garage.

Five Townes floor plans are available, ranging in size from 1,395 to 1,935 square feet with two bedrooms, two bedrooms and a loft or three bedrooms, 1½ to 2½ baths, limited-time full basements, generous yard space and two-car attached garages. Base prices range from \$219,990.

A scenic and convenient location blends country-like serenity with nearby services. All levels of schools are within a short walk, and a landscaped brick entry monument and sparkling ponds and fountains provide a welcoming sense of arrival.

Ashcroft Place and The Townes at Ashcroft Walk are located at Plainfield and Wooley Roads in Oswego, and the sales center is located at 193 Dorset Drive. Sales center hours are 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.

NEW HOMES MARKETPLACE



The South Mill Creek Village Homes are coming soon. Buyers have a rare opportunity to purchase a new home at Mill Creek in Geneva offered by Shodeen Homes.

South Mill Creek Village Homes sales set to begin in April

Shodeen Homes, developer of award-winning Mill Creek, is offering home buyers an exciting new opportunity to purchase a home in the coveted master-planned community.

The South Mill Creek Village Homes are a limited-edition offering of the popular maintenance-free homes similar to those at Shodeen Homes' Elburn Station development. Sales will begin on site in April, 2019, and offer five distinct ranch and two-story floor plans, each with four elevations to choose from.

"Mill Creek was awarded the 'Best Overall Community in the Midwest' by the National Association of Home Builders and Professional Builder Magazine," says Anna Harmon, director of Marketing and Public Relations for Shodeen Homes. "The South Mill Creek Village Homes offer an exciting new opportunity to be part of this amazing community.

"Mill Creek has been carefully planned with meticulous attention to detail in its vision, land planning and landscaping, architecture and craftsmanship, and this commitment to quality can be seen in every element of Mill Creek," she says. "Mill Creek spans over 2,100 acres just west of Geneva with over 900 acres of open

space dedicated to outdoor recreation and ecological preservation. Mill Creek includes 2,356 distinctive homes set among 127 acres of preserved wetlands, 195 acres of parks, 17 miles of walking/biking trails, two 18-hole public golf courses, a community center and pool, two on-site community churches and the downtown Village Retail Center. Geneva School District 304, recently named in the top three districts nationally, serves Mill Creek, and two grammar schools are located within the community."

The Village Homes feature both ranch and two-story plans, one with a first-floor master bedroom. The homes range from 1,043 to 2,076 square feet, featuring open concept floor plans, full basements and rear-entry two or 2½-car garages. The homes have covered front porches for an inviting streetscape. Base prices range from the \$280s.

The South Mill Creek Village Homes offer freedom from lawn maintenance and snow shoveling, and they are ideal for dual homeowners, right-sizers and buyers with busy careers.

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HOME REMEDIES

Tips to improve water usage around the house

BY PAUL F. P. POGUE
Angie's List

Water is one of the most important utilities in the home, and one of the easiest to overuse. The Environmental Protection Agency estimates the average home loses 10,000 gallons per year to leaks. The EPA has declared March 18-24 as Fix a Leak Week, but you can improve your home's water usage any time.

Follow these tips to conserve water around the house and save money while doing your part to use water wisely.

Update your appliances: Older appliances are some of the biggest water-wasters around the house. Newer toilets use as little as 1.28 gallons per flush. Older ones, especially those dating before 1992, can waste several gallons with every flush!

Inefficient faucets and showerheads account for as much as 3,000 gallons of loss a year. And older appliances use quite a bit more water than new ones. Look for water-based appliances marked with

the Environmental Protection Agency's WaterSense label or Energy Star designation.

Some municipalities offer free home audits and efficient fixtures free of charge. Check with your local utility company for programs in your area.

Fix leaky pipes and toilets: Pipes losing water behind the wall can be tricky to detect unless there's obvious damage. Pay close attention to your water bill. A jump in water usage from one month to another may indicate a leaky pipe.

If you suspect a leak, check your water meter before and after a two-hour period when no water is being used.

If the meter changes at all, you probably have a leak. Call a plumber for assistance.

Even a small leak in your toilet tank can lose significant amounts of water, and you'll never detect it if you don't know what you're looking for. Put a few drops of food coloring in the tank and let it sit for 10 minutes. If the coloring bleeds into the

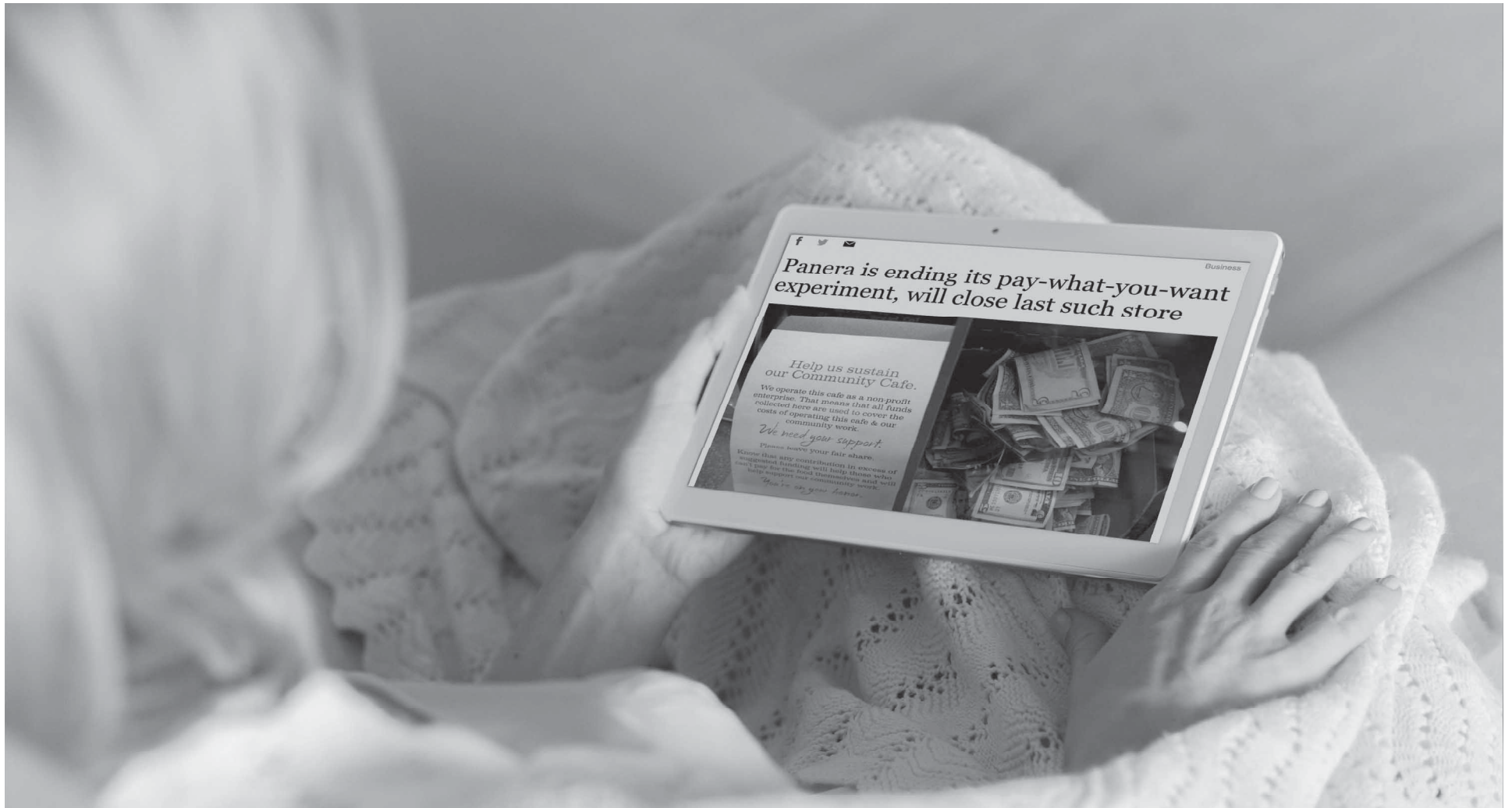
bowl, you know water is leaking from the tank into the bowl. Quite frequently, the culprit is a worn-out rubber flapper that decayed over time. It's a quick and easy fix to replace them with parts from your local hardware store.

Don't overlook leaky faucets either. A faucet that leaks at a rate of one drip per second can waste 3,000 gallons in a year! If you don't feel confident fixing a faucet yourself, hire a plumber to handle the job.

Update your lifestyle: You can waste a lot of water without even realizing it. Turn off the faucet while you brush your teeth or shave, and plug up the sink if you do dishes by hand. Thaw food in the refrigerator overnight rather than use a running tap of hot water.

Make sure you run only full loads in your dishwasher and washing machine, and water your lawn in the morning or evening.

All these swaps can add up. The EPA estimates you can save as much as 38 percent on your water bill by maximizing efficiency!



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SAVINGS UPDATE

What is a rate lock?

Whether you're shopping for a new mortgage or simply refinancing, a rate lock is a useful feature to consider, allowing you to remove some risk and uncertainty from the home loan process.

Because mortgage rates fluctuate daily, the APR you're quoted this week might not be available in three or four weeks when you close your mortgage. If it's lower, lucky you. But what if it's higher, and now your monthly payment has increased? Even worse is when that higher monthly payment means you no longer qualify for the same loan amount.

This is why rate locks exist, to protect homebuyers from market changes by locking in a rate that works for them, and knowing throughout the processing period that there won't be any rate surprises.

Mortgage lenders typically offer locks for 30, 45 or 60 days, so the window for

holding your rate and completing the closing isn't unlimited. This means you won't want to activate a lock too early in your house hunting process. A good time is when you have an accepted offer on a house.

Why not just ask for the longest rate lock possible? Because rate locks aren't free. True, some lenders provide locks without charging a separate fee, but their cost of absorbing the risk is baked into their offered interest rate. Meanwhile, other lenders do charge an explicit fee. In either case, longer locks will cost you more.

So what if rates drop after you lock in? Though some lenders offer the option of a "float down" provision to take advantage of new lower rates, these also aren't free, and can be expensive. It's better to simply lock your rate at a comfortable level, rest easy that you're protected, and not sweat the minor savings you'd have realized with a slightly lower rate.

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