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'It's a woman. It's not Pulaski.'

New documentary argues Revolutionary War hero was intersex

BY NARA SCHOENBERG
Chicago Tribune

When the skeleton believed to belong to the Revolutionary War hero Casimir Pulaski was first examined by modern scientists in the late 1990s, the results were disappointing.

"You'll just have to shoot me," a forensic anthropologist told the head of the scientific team, according to a new Smithsonian Channel documentary.

"It's a woman. It's not Pulaski." The team soon realized there were at least three possible explanations for the unusual finding: The bones they'd extracted from a well-known monument in Savannah, Ga., may have belonged to someone other than Pulaski. But it was also possible that Pulaski was a biological woman who lived as a man. And it was possible that Pulaski was one of the estimated 1 in 1,500 people who are born intersex, or with bodies that don't fit neatly into the standard definitions of male and female.

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House panel pushes for full Mueller report

BY MARY CLARE JALONICK
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The House Judiciary Committee approved subpoenas Wednesday for special counsel Robert Mueller's full Russia report as Democrats pressure the Justice Department to release the document without redactions.

The committee voted 24-17 to give Judiciary Chairman Jerrold Nadler, D-N.Y., permission to issue subpoenas to the Justice Department for the final report, its exhibits and any underlying evidence or materials prepared for Mueller's investigation.

Nadler has not yet said if he'll send the subpoenas, which would be the first step in a potentially long fight with the Justice Department over the materials.

The Judiciary panel also voted Wednesday to authorize subpoenas related to five of President Donald Trump's former top advisers, stepping up a separate, wide-ranging investigation into Trump and his personal and political dealings.

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Lori Lightfoot and mayoral candidate Toni Preckwinkle pray with the Rev. Jesse Jackson at Rainbow/PUSH Coalition on Wednesday.

'A NEW DAY FOR ALL OF CHICAGO'

Mayor-elect Lightfoot, Preckwinkle unite in prayer at rally

BY JOHN BYRNE
AND BILL RUTHHART
Chicago Tribune

Just 14 hours after her landslide victory to become Chicago's next mayor, Lori Lightfoot held hands Wednesday morning with her vanquished opponent, Toni Preckwinkle, and prayed for the city's future.

"We stand on another mountaintop with mayor-elect, and we pray that you will allow her to govern with fairness, with equity for the South and the West Side and the North Side and all over this city, will be one, even playing field," the

Rev. Marshall Hatch prayed as Lightfoot and Preckwinkle bowed their heads with their eyes closed, "that no longer will ZIP code determine life options for innocent children, that God you will allow justice to roll down like waters and righteousness a mighty stream."

The solemn moment at a post-election unity event brokered by the Rev. Jesse Jackson was part of a whirlwind victory lap for Chicago's mayor-elect, who greeted commuters at a downtown "L" stop and had afternoon meetings with outgoing Mayor Rahm Emanuel

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First steps

Lightfoot campaigned for mayor on a platform of change, but business leaders fear a loss of momentum after eight years of an aggressively pro-business agenda under Emanuel. **Business**

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BRIAN CASSELLA/CHICAGO TRIBUNE

Mourning the fallen

Robert Story, center, the husband of Illinois State Police Trooper Brooke Jones-Story, and family members hold flags during her funeral service on Wednesday in Warren, Ill. Jones-Story was killed by a truck during a traffic stop last week. She was the third trooper to die in similar circumstances this year, and the second in a week. "I will carry the burden of action that our collective grief conveys every day of my administration," Gov. J.B. Pritzker said in remarks at the service. **Chicagoland**, Page 4

White Sox push back home opener to Friday
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Could Ohio teen be an Aurora boy missing since '11?

Police report of child who escaped captors raises hope

BY SARAH FREISHTAT
AND MEGAN JONES
The Beacon-News

A police report surfaced Wednesday that Timothy Pitzen, an Aurora boy who disappeared in 2011, might have escaped two kidnappers who have been holding him hostage for seven years.



Pitzen

Sharonville, Ohio, police said in a report filed Wednesday that dispatchers in Kentucky said a 14-year-old named Timothy Pitzen fled across a bridge near Cincinnati over the Ohio River and into Kentucky.

If the boy is Timothy, it would solve one of the most confounding missing children cases in the Chicago area over the last decade. On Wednesday, Aurora police sent two detectives on the five-hour drive to the Cincinnati area to talk to the boy, Aurora police Sgt. Bill Rowley said.

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Mayor-elect Lori Lightfoot greets and thanks commuters at the CTA station at Lake and State streets on Wednesday.



JOHN KASS

Skip the honeymoon and stop Lincoln Yards deal

After Lori Lightfoot's overwhelming victory in the race for mayor, some have suggested she broke all the rules of politics on the way to the fifth floor of City Hall.

But the reform-minded Mayor-elect Lightfoot cleaved to the most fundamental rule of all:

She identified an enemy and organized her voters around attacking that enemy.

That enemy was Chicago's Mr. Pink himself, the notorious Ald. Edward Burke, of the white hair and pinstripe suits, who has spent 50 years leveraging City Hall power and making himself a wealthy man.

Lightfoot, a former federal prosecutor, tied Burke to the hem of Cook County Board President Toni Preckwinkle's pantsuit. Toni went down, and Tuesday's vote was a landslide of biblical proportions.

And now Lightfoot, a former federal prosecutor, should consider the same tactic to keep the voters on her side while organizing the Chicago City Council, perhaps the most infamous legislative body in the United States.

How can Lightfoot do this? Mr. Pink, meet Mr. Sterling Bay.

Lightfoot should call out the notorious mega real estate development known as Lincoln Yards, pushed by developer Sterling Bay and lame duck Mayor Rahm Emanuel, and demand the City Council delay next week's scheduled vote on a billion-dollar tax break.

It's only fair. Delay the vote until Lightfoot and the new council are sworn in, and let them take a long hard, look at this deal.

Lightfoot's ally, reform Ald. Scott Waguespack, 32nd, chairman of the council's Progressive Caucus, knows that Emanuel has thrown his lot in with the Sterling Bay developers and wants to ram the deal through next week.

And I agree with Waguespack, who is seeking to become the chairman of the Finance Committee, a post that Burke held for decades.

Lincoln Yards "should be left to the Lightfoot administration to review and see if it is in the best interests of

taxpayers, and I would argue that it is not," Waguespack said on my podcast "The Chicago Way" on WGN Plus.

The deal stinks. It smells. Scrambling to put taxpayers on the hook for billion-dollar tax increment finance deals is self-destructive. Why the rush? Why not wait?

Because Emanuel can't wait. Some of the aldermen who'd vote for it next week were themselves voted out of office Tuesday. They need a friend, a powerful friend, and will voters care as they lick Sterling Bay's hand and wag their tails and trot out the door?

The aldermen who weren't re-elected won't care. For them to hastily rush to do this deal, after Lightfoot has asked them not to, means they are without shame.

But there are aldermen on the West and South sides whose wards are being destroyed by street gang violence and a lack of job opportunities. A Lincoln Yards deal protecting Sterling Bay is a carrot that Chicago can't afford.

I asked: How strong do you expect Lightfoot to be?

"I expect her to be pretty strong," Waguespack said. "I hope she will be. I think she can talk to the South Side and West Side aldermen this way: Look, your communities have been neglected. And they need to understand that it will restrict our ability to push funding opportunities and job opportunities out to other parts of the city."

"And what are people going to say as Rahm Emanuel goes out the door, giving mega-TIFs to his friends?" Waguespack said.

Focusing on Lincoln Yards now is a good, sound strategy, prudent and responsible. Back in January Lightfoot asked that the council not act until after the mayoral election.

But she's mayor-elect now. And if she called on aldermen publicly to stop the deal—at least temporarily until her administration could study it—it would send a clear message that she doesn't only talk reform, she means it.

On "The Chicago Way," my colleague Kristen McQueary wondered: Will Sterling Bay stick around if it

doesn't have that big carrot of all those tax dollars?

I'd also like Lightfoot to use the Lincoln Yards issue to herd the crazy cats of the City Council.

I spent years as the Tribune's City Hall beat writer, watching the aldermen, and though many have changed, human nature remains constant. There are the workers and the show ponies.

Waguespack is a worker.

There has been an upheaval among the old guard once led by Burke and Emanuel's floor leader, Ald. Patrick O'Connor, 40th. O'Connor, who was there in the council when I covered it, lost on Tuesday.

Along with the old guard there is the Progressive Caucus led by Waguespack and several new aldermen to the left of Waguespack, the Socialist Democrats.

On the podcast, Waguespack talked in detail of other reform proposals awaiting the aldermen, including top-to-bottom forensic audits of departments where mayors have hidden details of questionable deals, including that parking meter rate hike fiasco.

Chicago will see new ethics legislation aimed at preventing aldermen from profiting from their public work; and a critically important measure to livestream the council committee meetings, where the weasel moves are made.

But Lightfoot needs to at least help the council move where the voters want it to go, in the right reform direction.

Ald. Waguespack as chairman of the Finance Committee would send a clear signal of reform.

And the other would be Mayor-elect Lightfoot rebuking Lincoln Yards just as she rebuked Burke. It would unite the tribes that support her.

If she doesn't organize the council, it will certainly organize her.

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Trump finally recognizes 'noise cancer'

Will GOP health plan cover it?



REX W. HUPPKE

I would like to thank President Donald Trump for having the courage to address one of the more pressing health issues of our time: noise cancer.

Speaking at a Republican fundraising dinner Tuesday night, Trump brought up the issue of wind power and said: "If you have a windmill anywhere near your house, congratulations, your house just went down 75 percent in value. And they say the noise causes cancer?"

The noise cancer part is true, as long as you don't Google it or look it up in a medical book or ask a doctor. Windmills are known killing machines — stealthily reaching skyward with their giant arm-blades to swipe at commercial airlines — and the noise they generate absolutely causes cancer, they say.

But it's not just windmills. There is a wide array of carcinogenic sounds in the modern world, and "woke" people like myself and other members of the Noise Cancer Awareness Consortium of North America are cheering — very, very quietly, of course — the president's decision to share our fears with the world.

While the sound of a windmill turbine is one cause of noise cancer, other potentially deadly sounds include: squeaky grocery cart wheels; any song, at any volume, by Ed Sheeran; calls for the incarceration of former politicians chanted in unison at large political rallies; and the lip smacking that one guy at the office does when he's eating.

For years, we noise-cancer activists have whispered and muttered in the hope that our cause would be acknowledged by the mainstream medical community. To no avail.

Obamacare, which some say is an abomination and provides the worst health care coverage in American history, totally ignores the deadly impact of aural toxins.

But something tells me this is



SUSAN WALSH/AP

President Donald Trump speaks at the National Republican Congressional Committee's annual spring dinner in Washington on Tuesday.

They've been waiting, biding their time, so they could make sure the new plan includes the very best noise-cancer prevention and noise-cancer treatment coverage!

all about to change.

Since his presidential campaign, Trump has been promising that the dreaded Obamacare would be repealed and replaced by the best health care anyone has ever seen.

In February 2017, Trump wrote on Twitter that "the repeal and replacement of Obamacare is moving fast!"

In March 2017, he tweeted: "We are making great progress with healthcare. Obamacare is imploding and will only get worse. Republicans coming together to get job done!"

In May of that same year, Trump tweeted: "Insurance companies are fleeing Obamacare — it is dead. Our healthcare plan will lower premiums & deductibles — and be great healthcare!"

A year later, Americans continued to toil under the yoke of Obamacare, which despite being "dead" was still providing millions of Americans with health insurance.

Then last December, Trump tweeted: "As I predicted all along, Obamacare has been struck down as an UNCONSTITUTIONAL disaster! Now Congress must pass a STRONG law that provides GREAT healthcare and protects pre-existing conditions."

At the end of March, Trump tweeted: "The Republican Party will become the Party of Great HealthCare! Obamacare is a disaster, far too expensive and deductibility ridiculously high — virtually unusable! Moving forward in Courts and Legislatively!"

And on April 1 he wrote: "The

cost of ObamaCare is far too high for our great citizens. The deductibles, in many cases way over \$7000, make it almost worthless or unusable. Good things are going to happen!"

Followed Wednesday morning by this tweet: "I was never planning a vote prior to the 2020 Election on the wonderful HealthCare package that some very talented people are now developing for me & the Republican Party. It will be on full display during the Election as a much better & less expensive alternative to ObamaCare."

Don't you see what's happening? Trump and the Republicans have had a near-perfect and incredibly affordable and wonderful health care plan ready to go for years, but they've been waiting, biding their time, so they could make sure the new plan includes the very best noise-cancer prevention and noise-cancer treatment coverage!

By carefully and responsibly introducing the broader public to the idea of windmill-induced noise cancer, Trump is preparing Americans to embrace the impor-

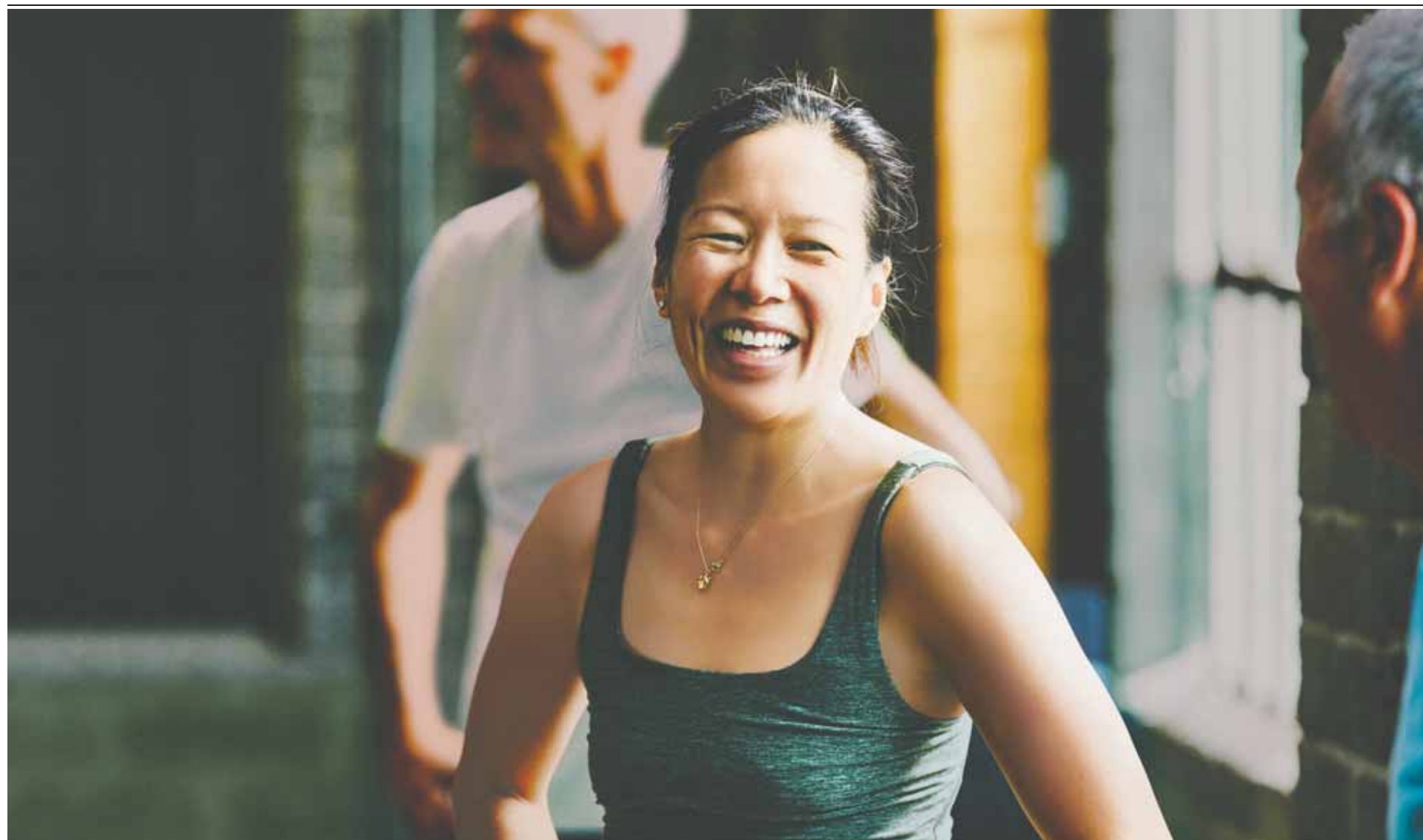
ance of what I assume will be a crucial "noise-cancer coverage clause" in the TrumpCare law. We won't know exactly what the TrumpCare law says until after Trump is re-elected in 2020, which makes sense. It's worth it for Americans to live with the "virtually unusable" and "worthless" and "dead" and "UNCONSTITUTIONAL" Obamacare for another couple of years, because if Trump unveils the GOP's noise-cancer-covering health care law now, liberals will just try to steal it.

It's heartening to know that people exposed to noise-cancer-causing sounds now have an advocate in the White House, one who truly understands this terrible disease and has spent years promising Americans better health care.

I, for one, am sure that promise will be kept. If not, all those tweets and comments from the president would be nothing but noise.

And we all know how deadly that can be.

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CHICAGOLAND

Lightfoot's priority must be to fix financial mess



DAHLEEN GLANTON

Chicago voters sent Lori Lightfoot a clear mandate in her landslide victory on Tuesday: Clean up Chicago's mess now!

The mayor-elect certainly must be honored to have swept every one of the city's 50 wards in her historic win. And though it shows how much we are pulling for her to succeed, the overwhelming win could serve to make the new mayor's job more difficult. Everybody has a different idea about which of Chicago's many problems she should tackle first, and how she should go about doing it.

Money, though, is by far the most pressing challenge that will hit Lightfoot as soon as she walks through the door of City Hall next month. She might have a lot of bright ideas about investing in neighborhoods, addressing the violence and mending relationships between communities and the Police Department, but how is she going to implement them without coming up with additional sources of revenue?

Throughout the campaign, both Lightfoot and her challenger, Toni Preckwinkle, president of the Cook County Board of Commissioners, managed to dance around one of the biggest financial obstacles facing the mayor: How is she going to pay off that looming \$1 billion pension crisis that awaits her at the end of her first term?

When it comes to our pocketbooks, there are a few things on which most Chicagoans typically agree. We want the financial crisis solved quickly. We don't want to be inconvenienced while she's doing it. And most of all, we don't want our taxes raised in the process.

In other words, don't come to us with any more quick fixes. We need our mayor to start thinking outside the box.

As exciting as it must be to take over the helm of one of the largest cities in America, most of us really wouldn't want to be in Lightfoot's shoes right now.

Chicagoans have a low tolerance for politicians who try to squeeze money from them. They are unforgiving when the people they elected to solve our problems turn to residents to bail their cash-strapped government out of a financial dilemma. The vengeance can be brutal.

Let me just say this: Preckwinkle. Soda tax.

Though this can only be backed up anecdotally, one of the things that may have caused Preckwinkle to garner only 26 percent of the vote in Tuesday's runoff is that penny-an-ounce tax on soda pop she tried to stick people in Cook County with back in 2016.

While she was quite honest about her true motive — generating \$224 million a year to help balance the county budget — she tried to sugarcoat it with a lot of talk about the health issues associated with drinking too much pop, lemonade and sports drinks.

The idea was so unpopular that the county ended up getting entangled in a lawsuit that forced the board ultimately to repeal the tax. The public made it clear that they would rather see hundreds of people laid off and a reduction in county services than pay an extra 68 cents for a 2-liter bottle of Coca-Cola.

Lightfoot should keep that in mind as she learns the ropes of Chicago politics over the next four years. Voters may be infatuated with her now, but Chicagoans have a way of turning on even their most beloved politicians once they make a misstep.

If there's any question about that, consider how Mayors Richard M. Daley and Rahm Emanuel made a couple of unforgivable mistakes that turned their names to mud. Both of them lost so much favor with voters that they couldn't seek re-election without a good chance of an embarrassing defeat.

In 2008, in the midst of his final term, Daley gifted us with that horrible parking meter deal that will keep us bound and gagged for 75 years. Some of us still curse his name whenever we have to stick a credit card into the slot of one of those big black boxes.

Daley thought he could quick-fix the city's burgeoning financial crisis by entering into a long-term contract with a private company to line our streets with their parking meters in exchange for \$1.15 billion. Most of the money the city got upfront already had been spent plugging budget gaps before most Chicagoans knew what was going on.

Instead of hitting us in one fell swoop, Emanuel chose to stick it to us gradually, taking as much as he could from our pocketbooks by pushing through record property tax hikes, fees and fines.

As an example of just how expensive — and unpopular — some of the current mayor's ideas have been, let's take a look at the ridiculous cost of a city sticker violation. Everyone who registers an automobile in Chicago is required to spend \$87 every year for a city sticker that basically does nothing but keep you from getting a ticket for not having one. That's been going on for years.

But Emanuel raised the stakes for anyone who misses the deadline. If you fail to get your sticker within 30 days after purchasing a car or moving to the city, or if you miss the 30-day window for renewals, you are hit with a \$60 fine and quite possibly will end up with a \$200 ticket stuck to your windshield.

That definitely hasn't gone over well with Chicagoans, who also have to dole out seven cents for a grocery bag if they happen to forget to bring their own.

Chicagoans didn't hesitate to make it known Tuesday that they are looking for a leader who has some fresh ideas that don't require them going into their wallets. But let's be honest, Lightfoot has never held an elected office.

She is a novice when it comes to Chicago's unique brand of politics. I'm just hoping she can figure out how to feed this looming financial beast quickly, before her impatient constituents can chew her up and spit her out.



JOHN J. KIM/CHICAGO TRIBUNE

A bar patron reaches out to shake Art Johnston's hand, the co-founder of Equality Illinois and co-owner Sidetrack, the Boystown bar, after he was mentioned in Mayor-elect Lori Lightfoot's victory speech.

'More visible and more relevant' hopes for LGBTQ

BY PATRICK M. O'CONNELL
Chicago Tribune

With her victory in Tuesday's runoff election, Lori Lightfoot will become Chicago's first openly gay mayor. She is set to take over at City Hall in May, so what does this win mean for the LGBTQ community?

"I hope this means we become more visible and more relevant," said Mariah Emerson, manager of external affairs and communications at the Center on Halsted, a community center dedicated to securing the health and well-being of LGBTQ people in the Chicago area. Emerson, a self-described queer black woman, said she hopes Lightfoot's election brings attention "not just to our lives, but the quality of our lives."

Members of the LGBTQ community in Chicago said they want a Lightfoot administration to have an increased focus on the violence against the city's transgender women of color, housing affordability and combating the continuing AIDS and HIV epidemic. Also of concern are how the city and police officers respond to hate crimes, the health and safety of LGBTQ youth in schools and job training for both young people and older adults, community leaders said.

Lightfoot's historic victory showed that Chicago can be a model for the nation, electing a city leader who will speak up for historically marginalized communities, said Brian C. Johnson, CEO of Equality Illinois. Thirty years ago, Johnson said, people in Chicago were discriminated against for being openly gay, whether they faced firing from their job, or denial of service at restaurants or of housing opportunities. Now, a gay woman is set to become the city's top political executive.

"We are just thrilled with her victory," Johnson said. "Now to have someone who is openly gay as the mayor of our city, that is just such an inspiration to our community and to all of us."

Johnson hopes Lightfoot is able to help LGBTQ people

receive more respect within the criminal justice system and assist gay youth in having their identities respected at school and within teaching curricula.

"What we want to make sure of, too, is that the LGBTQ community continues to be represented at the table where the decisions are made about our community, and the community at large," Johnson said, whether that is on leadership positions about school policy, law enforcement issues or other city policy. "Having these perspectives makes the city stronger and all communities better."

Art Johnston, a co-founder of Equality Illinois and co-owner of the Boystown bar Sidetrack, was mentioned Tuesday night in Lightfoot's victory speech.

"This is a more unexpected event, unanticipated, than gay marriage. This is just remarkable. Just remarkable," he said.

The moment was decades in the making and the result of a long fight, Johnston said. "Talk about somebody at the right time and the right place. I am an addict for hope. And she brings hope, which we desperately need."

LGBTQ community members and leaders of civic groups cautioned against defining Lightfoot only by her gender, race or sexual identity and said that having a gay mayor does not automatically mean she will understand or even sympathize with all of the issues important to various segments of the gay community. Still, the fact that Lightfoot is an underrepresented member of an underrepresented community (a gay woman who is black) is significant.

"It's important we recognize this doesn't and can't represent everything," said Imani Rupert-Gordon, executive director of Affinity Community Services, a nonprofit social justice organization on South Wabash Avenue that focuses on serving LGBTQ women of color. "No one person can change everything. But this is very reassuring to people."

Rupert-Gordon said that while Lightfoot's victory is sym-

bolic, it is also important because she will bring a fresh perspective to the table of city politics, an elected official who will be able to talk about policies and issues in a different way because of both her identity and her points of view.

"Now we have someone in a position of power who will be able to be thoughtful and inclusive in their approach to serving communities, because someone who is from an underrepresented community often has had to deal with this in their everyday life," Rupert-Gordon said.

Still, the reaction to Lightfoot's win was full of nuance, since there is concern about the former prosecutor's background.

"It's an interesting moment," Jordan "JT" Turner, director of the Gender and Sexuality Center at the University of Illinois at Chicago, said in an emailed response to questions. "We are hearing multiple reactions. Some connect to the symbolism of her being elected as the first Black Lesbian mayor which speaks to the importance of visibility in public service. At the same time there is a concern about police accountability and criminal justice reform. As a center we stay committed to creating space to discuss these complicated issues. There's still much more work to do and the dialogue in many ways is just beginning."

Rupert-Gordon, Emerson and Johnson all identified the issue of violence against transgender women of color as a top priority for an incoming administration. These types of crimes, they said, often are swept under the rug and are not given the attention they deserve from law enforcement. These crimes tend to go unsolved by police, they said, and a spotlight provided by a Lightfoot City Hall would be a welcome change.

"Hopefully that violence is able to be minimized," Emerson said, "but we're still in the real world. You can't just wish it away."

Chicago Tribune's Morgan Greene contributed.

'Hold on tight to those awesome memories'

Friends and family mourn trooper struck and killed during stop

BY JOHN KEILMAN
Chicago Tribune

Mourners remembered Illinois State Police Trooper Brooke Jones-Story as a warm family woman, brave public servant and devoted animal rescuer during her funeral service Wednesday in a packed high school gym.

With row after row of police officers in dress uniforms at Warren High School in northwestern Illinois, the scene was sadly reminiscent of other funerals held this year for officers killed in the line of duty. Two fellow troopers have died, as Jones-Story did, while performing their duties on interstate highways.

Gov. J.B. Pritzker noted that tragic concurrence in his remarks at the service.

"This is the second time since I took office that I've been asked to eulogize a member of the Illinois State Police; before the week is over, I will again speak to the life and death of a third trooper as

well," he said. "And I promise: I will carry the burden of action that our collective grief conveys every day of my administration."

Jones-Story, 34, a 12-year veteran of the force, was killed while conducting a traffic stop Thursday in Freeport, west of Rockford on U.S. Highway 20 near Illinois Route 75, state police said.

She had pulled over a truck and was inspecting it on the shoulder of the road when another semitrailer hit her, along with her squad car and the truck she'd stopped. Both trucks burst into flames.

The driver of the truck that hit Jones-Story was ticketed and taken into custody, and no one else was injured, authorities said.

She was the third trooper to die in similar circumstances this year, and the second in a week. Early Saturday morning, Trooper Gerald Ellis, 36, was traveling home in his squad car on Interstate 94 in Lake County when a wrong-way driver struck him head-on. His funeral is set for Friday in Grayslake.

In January, Trooper Christopher Lambert, 34, was killed while responding to a traffic crash on Interstate 294 in the Northbrook area.

"It has been 22 years since the Illinois State Police lost two troopers in as many days, and 66 years since losing three in one year — and it's only April," said acting state police Director Brendan Kelly.

Other local police officers have also been killed in the first few months of 2019. McHenry County Deputy Jacob Keltner, 35, was shot to death in March by a fugitive he was trying to help capture, and off-duty Chicago police Officer John Rivera, 23, was slain last month by a gunman as Rivera sat in his car. Another crash early Saturday claimed the life of off-duty Cook County sheriff's Officer James G. Koch near his home in suburban Chicago Ridge.

Jones-Story went to high school in Warren, a town of 1,300 on the Wisconsin border. She was a volleyball player there — her framed jerseys adorned the stage at her service — and at the University of Wisconsin at Parkside, where she received a ticket from a campus police officer that set her on a new path.

"She became friends with (the officer) and was inspired by that person to become a police officer and go on to be a trooper," said the



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The Illinois State Police conduct a funeral service for Trooper Brooke Jones-Story on Wednesday in Warren, Ill.

Rev. Dan Herman, a friend of Jones-Story who presided over the service.

Jones-Story entered the Illinois State Police as a cadet in 2007, and later met the man she would marry, Master Sgt. Robert Story, at a crash scene. They lived on a farm where they took in rescue animals, and not just dogs.

"They have now rescued two pot-bellied pigs, four horses, four donkeys and a couple more dogs," said her friend Sharon White. "This is what made Brooke happy. She was dedicated to saving the

animals who needed the most love and attention."

The speakers also noted Jones-Story's love of Disney movies, the Chicago Cubs and CrossFit, as well as her devotion to her family and friends.

"I believe I can speak for all of her friends that we are the ones who are blessed to have had her in our lives, and we must hold on tight to those awesome memories we have of her," White said.

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Shape of City Council still uncertain

Aldermen prepare for arrival of Mayor Lightfoot

BY HAL DARDICK AND JOHN BYRNE
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Races involving three veteran aldermen facing upstart challengers remained undecided Wednesday, leaving uncertain the exact makeup of the legislative body that Mayor-elect Lori Lightfoot will face as she tries to enact her agenda.

The undecided contests were among several City Council uncertainties that emerged the day after Lightfoot's landslide victory, as sitting aldermen started to position themselves for bigger roles in the new regime.

Ald. Gilbert Villegas, 36th, chairman of the Latino Caucus, is proposing the creation of a "Speaker of the Council" position to clarify aldermanic control over committee assignments and leadership posts — tasks they have long ceded to the mayor. That could strip Lightfoot of a decades-old mayoral perk, assigning plum chairmanships to council allies.

And other aldermen debated whether the council's growing number of self-styled progressives would unite or divide along some of the same ideological lines that have caused tension among Democrats in Congress since the midterm elections.

Some seats still undecided

As the last of the ballots from Tuesday's election were still being counted, incumbents in two wards held slim leads.

In Uptown, two-term Ald. James Cappleman, 46th, was 23 votes ahead of scientist Marianne Lalonde, according to the unofficial tally from the Chicago Board of Election Commissioners. Both Cappleman and Lalonde said they were waiting for the count of outstanding mail-in ballots before declaring victory or conceding defeat.

"This is very close, but I have confidence that we will prevail," Cappleman said in a text message.

In the 5th Ward, which includes the University of Chicago, five-term Ald. Leslie Hairston, a member of the Progressive Reform Caucus, was 152 votes ahead of activist William Calloway after the last precinct was counted Wednesday afternoon.

Delmarie Cobb, a spokeswoman for Hairston, said the alderman was waiting to see the results of outstanding mail-in and other late-arriving ballots before deciding whether to declare victory.

Calloway said he would wait for the results to be certified on April 16 before deciding whether to concede. "Over 6,000 people in the 5th Ward have spoken up and said they want change," Calloway said. "I thank them for their support, and we're going to wait until every vote gets counted."

In the North Side 33rd Ward, incumbent Ald. Deb Mell — appointed in 2013 to replace her father, Richard Mell — was 64 votes behind democratic socialist Rossana Rodriguez Sanchez. Both Mell and a spokesman for Sanchez said the candidates were waiting for the remaining ballots to be counted before deciding whether to declare victory or concede defeat.

Jim Allen, spokesman for the elections board, said early Wednesday afternoon that in addition to thousands of mail-in ballots from across the city that have yet to be counted or returned, nearly 1,700 provisional ballots — cast by people whose registration could not be verified at the polls — and hundreds from nursing homes and jail detainees had yet to be counted.

Change coming to council

Tuesday's election — and the first round of voting in February — proved tough on incumbents in an elec-



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Marianne Lalonde is 23 votes behind Ald. James Cappleman, 46th.

tion that became all about change. The change theme was particularly acute after longtime Ald. Edward Burke, 14th, was charged with attempted extortion and it was revealed Ald. Daniel Solis, 25th, wore a wire for the federal government after he was caught on tape allegedly asking a lobbyist for a city contractor for Viagra and sexual interludes at massage parlors.

Those developments gave Lightfoot, and several left-leaning aldermanic challengers, a leg up in their efforts to bring down politicians who were viewed as part of the establishment.

Losers in the first round included Ald. Proco "Joe" Moreno, 1st. He was defeated by Daniel La Spata, who was backed by the Democratic Socialists of America. Ald. Joe Moore, 49th, lost to Maria Hadden, a Chicago Teachers Union candidate who ran to the left of Moore.

Also losing in round one was Ald. John Arena, 45th, a progressive who represented a more conservative Northwest Side area. He lost to Chicago firefighter and emergency medical technician James Gardiner.

On Tuesday, nine-term Ald. Patrick O'Connor, 40th, who was the second longest-serving alderman after Burke, lost to former rapper Andre Vasquez, an AT&T manager backed by the DSA. O'Connor was Mayor Rahm Emanuel's floor leader and chairman of the powerful Finance Committee.

Progressive three-term Ald. Toni Foulkes, 16th, lost to Stephanie Coleman, the daughter of former Ald. Shirley Coleman. And first-term Ald. Milly Santiago, 31st, was defeated by Felix Cardona Jr.

Despite the anti-incumbent sentiment, some veterans prevailed. They included 30th Ward Ald. Ariel Reboyras, who on Tuesday defeated Jessica Gutierrez, daughter of former U.S. Rep. Luis Gutierrez, and Ald. Tom Tunney, 44th, who handily won re-election in February.

By the time Tuesday's elections were over, 11 aldermen were set to be replaced, either because they did not run again, like Solis, or were defeated at the polls.

Mell on Wednesday noted that the charges against Burke, which were leveled in January, changed the dynamic of the elections — although Burke managed to win outright in the first round.

"I think Ald. Burke took everybody out, but he didn't take himself out," said Mell, whose father was a long-time ally of Burke.

Leftward shift or schism?

Overall, the shift of the 50-member council appears to be leftward. Although two members of the 11-member Progressive Reform Caucus lost their re-election efforts and one did not run for another term, seven newcomers who have prevailed so far identify as progressives. That's a gain of four new progressives — five if Sanchez prevails in the 33rd Ward against Mell.

But there's a potential split in the works, with candidates backed by the Democratic Socialists of America — the party of Vermont Sen. Bernie Sanders — planning to form their own caucus. Aldermen sup-

ported by DSA have won five ward races so far, and if Sanchez prevails she would be the sixth.

Ald. Carlos Ramirez-Rosa, 35th, who is the only sitting DSA member, said his new like-minded colleagues also will likely join the existing Progressive Caucus, of which he's now a member. But they will break with other progressives if they don't think their colleagues are going far

enough to reflect the wishes of grassroots organizations to enact more progressive policies, he said.

"I think what this election shows is that we've now reached a critical mass in the consciousness of the city of Chicago, where people want to see bold, progressive legislation that's going to continue to move the conversation to the left," he said.

Those efforts include



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Rossana Rodriguez Sanchez is 64 votes up on 33rd Ward incumbent Deborah Mell.

community oversight of the Police Department, eliminating the city's gang database, enacting rent control and removing exceptions to the city's so-called sanctuary city ordinance that's designed to prevent police from taking an active role in deporting immigrants who entered the country illegally, Ramirez-Rosa said.

Ald. Scott Waguespack, 32nd, who leads the Progressive Caucus, said he's not sure how things will shake out. "I think Carlos Rosa has taken a pretty extreme stance, and he hasn't really been participating in the caucus anyway for quite a few years," Waguespack said.

He noted that Ramirez-Rosa recently lost a committee vote on his long-shot proposal to give an elected board wide-ranging power

over Chicago police, but DSA members continue to push the idea. "They had a vote on it, and it lost," Waguespack said. "I don't think they understand that."

Waguespack said early priorities of his caucus will include giving the inspector general broader power to investigate the City Council and limiting aldermanic conflicts of interest. He pointed to Burke, whose law firm handles property tax appeals cases, forcing him to abstain from dozens of votes every year.

Whatever the hopes for progressive legislation, new aldermen will soon realize they face immediate, pressing issues, including next year's increase of \$276 million in required contributions to the city's four pension funds, Waguespack said.

Some of the newcomers have "no clue that you just don't find that money sitting on the table, and you can't do all these progressive ideas or things ... you can bring that to the City Council, but that doesn't mean anything if there's no money there and there's no way to do your thing."

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3rd man charged in death of off-duty officer

BY MEGAN CREPEAU AND MADELINE BUCKLEY
Chicago Tribune

Minutes before the mistaken-identity slaying of an off-duty Chicago police officer last month in the River North neighborhood, the gunman grew agitated in a nearby hotel room, vowing revenge on those who had beaten up his friend earlier that night, Cook County prosecutors said Wednesday.

The conversation was among new details revealed by prosecutors in court as a third suspect, Jaquan Washington, 22, was ordered held without bond on charges in the murder of Officer John Rivera.

Washington turned himself in to police Tuesday with the same hat on that he

was spotted wearing in surveillance video the night of the slaying, Assistant State's Attorney James Murphy said in court.

Co-defendants Menelik Jackson, 24, of South Holland, and Jovan Battle, 32, of Chicago, were arrested last week and also ordered held without bond while awaiting trial. Prosecutors have identified Jackson as the gunman in a fatal case of mistaken identity that may have been racially motivated.

At the bond hearing Wednesday at the Leighton Criminal Court Building, Murphy said surveillance video shows Jackson and Washington getting into a fight with a group of Latinos outside McDonald's on Ontario Street about 2:25 a.m. on March 23. Washington was punched and knocked

to the ground, he said.

Jackson hurried to his white pickup truck to retrieve a gun, the prosecutor suggested, but police arrived to break up the fight. The Latino group boarded a party bus, and Jackson and Washington walked away together.

In a room at the nearby Hotel Felix, Jackson briefly placed a gun on a table, Murphy said. Washington recounted for three women there how the Latino group punched him, angering Jackson, according to the prosecutor.

"Jackson was getting more upset and seemed to feed off what defendant Washington was saying," Murphy said in court. "Jackson was upset because of the fight ... and defendant Jackson wanted to shoot them."

The two left the room, but Washington returned a short time later looking for a magazine or clip for the gun, Murphy said.

By about 3:20 a.m., Jackson and Washington met up with Battle in an apparent effort to track down the Latinos, according to the prosecutor.

Meanwhile, Rivera and three friends — who were not involved in any fights that night — were sitting in a parked car nearby, Murphy said.

"Where they at?" Murphy quoted Jackson as asking Battle. "Is that them?"

Battle, wielding a bottle, pointed it directly at Rivera's car multiple times, Murphy said. All three suspects approached the car, according to the prosecutor.

As Washington ran

across the street toward the rear of Rivera's car, Jackson pulled out the handgun and aimed directly at the driver's window a few feet away, Murphy said.

Rivera was shot multiple times in the driver's seat and was later pronounced dead. Another man, also 23, was seriously wounded in the shooting. Two other occupants of the car, a woman and another man who was also an off-duty Chicago police officer, were not injured.

Brittany Kimble, Washington's attorney, said in court Wednesday that her client was a victim of a beating that night and that no evidence existed of "any kind of agreement that Mr. Washington was in cahoots with anything that defendant Jackson has done."

Washington did not "in any way aid, abet, solicit, encourage Mr. Jackson (into) doing anything," she told Judge Mary Marubio.

Prosecutors, though, contend that Washington was accountable for the murder under state law by being present with the other two at the shooting scene.

Kimble said Washington has no gang affiliation, does not know Battle and wasn't close with Jackson.

At the time of his arrest, Washington was free on bond awaiting trial on weapons charges. He also has previous felony convictions for attempted burglary and burglary, court records show.

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Tollway could gain control of part of I-80

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A Joliet lawmaker thinks that repairs to a crash-prone portion of Interstate 80, including two bridges ranked among the worst in the state, could be done faster if control were shifted to the Illinois Tollway.

A bill filed by State Rep. Larry Walsh, Jr., a Democrat, would transfer control of a 16-mile stretch of the interstate between I-294 and Route 47 in Morris to the Tollway from the Illinois Department of Transportation.

The stretch is too narrow for the amount of traffic it gets, and saw 37 fatal crashes between 2001 and 2016, according to a report by the Illinois Economic Policy Institute, a think tank.

The two bridges over the Des Plaines River were built in 1965 and reconstructed in 1998. The west-bound section has an overall rating of 6 out of 100, the lowest for an interstate in the Chicago area, according to IDOT records. The eastbound section scores a slightly higher 74. The bridges carry 85,400 vehicles daily, and a shutdown could be economically devastating for the growing region.

"I'm looking to solve the problem, not just put a Band-Aid on it," Walsh said. Total repair costs are estimated at \$1.5 billion, with the bridges alone costing about \$500 million, Walsh said.

Walsh said transferring jurisdiction to the Tollway would put the project on a faster track than if IDOT kept control. The Tollway could use its bonding authority to get the project moving and pay off repair bills through tolls, Walsh added.

"They can get it done in six to seven years versus 10 to 15 years if IDOT were to do it," Walsh said.

The Will County board has asked the Tollway to study I-80 to see if it could come up with some options, and former Illinois Tollway Chairman Bob Schillerstrom said last year that the authority is willing to help implement tolling on I-80, along with I-55 and I-290, if that's what communities want.

The Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning, which sets funding priorities for the region, last year recommended more use of tolling to pay for highway projects, including the possibility of adding tolled lanes on I-80.

Will Evans, the newly appointed Tollway chair, declined comment on the Walsh bill.

IDOT has said that short-term repairs for the bridges are planned for this spring and that the bridges are safe for travel and do not need to be closed.

Joliet Mayor Bob O'Dekirk said he is glad the issue is "on the front burner" in Springfield.

"The road needs to be fixed, one way or another," O'Dekirk said.



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Indiana Dunes National Park deputy superintendent Chris Pergiel speaks about a backlog of maintenance projects that the park hopes to address at the park headquarters.

Dunes maintenance projects piling up

Indiana parks eye chipping away at \$28M to do list

BY AMY LAVALLEY
Post-Tribune

But for some peeling paint and a wasp's nest nestled on a window sill, Bailly Homestead in the Indiana Dunes National Park seems to be holding up against time.

A closer look of the home, a National Historic Landmark built in 1833 by early settler and fur trader Joseph Bailly, reveals rotting windowsills and perhaps more concerning, an obvious lean of the entire structure.

The building, park officials said, has been closed to the public and even park staff for a year and a half because it's structurally unsafe. The roof supports don't connect to the walls and the second floor has no load-bearing capacity.

"It's an amazing building with great history but we can't let people in here," said Chris Pergiel, the park's deputy superintendent. "This is the crown jewel of our historic resources in the park and to have it and not be able to use it at all is just very frustrating."

In all, according to park officials and the office of U.S. Rep. Pete Visclosky, D-Gary, the national park has a maintenance backlog of nearly \$28 million, part of a deferred maintenance backlog for the National Park Service that totals nearly \$11.9 billion.

For the national park here, the total includes Bailly Homestead and four outbuildings, with \$7.8 million in required maintenance, and the Goodfellow Lodge at the Dunes Learning Center, built in the early 1940s and last used around 1975, with repair needs at \$7.7 million.

The figure does not include needed repairs at the Portage Lakefront and Riverwalk, where erosion caused the loss of walkways and the collapse of a viewing deck. Park offi-

cials said they don't have an estimate of the repairs there yet, and Pergiel added they are trying to get emergency funding to stabilize the facility and assess the damage.

Much of the rest of the work, said Pergiel and Eric Ehn, the park's chief of facilities, is in an almost innumerable list of smaller projects, like trail maintenance and painting.

"The problem is probably much greater than we're saying," Pergiel said. "If we got \$28 million, the problem does not go away. It just starts fresh again the next day."

A federal act that was initiated last summer and died and has been reintroduced this year would potentially provide \$1.5 billion for each of five years to tackle the maintenance backlog, Pergiel said, adding while the act has broad bipartisan support the question remains about whether it will pass.

All of the units in the park service would be competing for the funds, making it unlikely the park here would get the \$28 million it needs.

"Would we get any of it? Hopefully," he said.

Ehn said he and his staff do an assessment of the conditions of park structures, basically anything within park boundaries that's man-made, on a five-year cycle.

Part of the challenge is a lack of funding over several years to tackle even routine maintenance issues, which over time build up into more critical problems.

"In a way, it's almost the cause of the list" of deferred maintenance, Ehn said.

Some funds are released for maintenance from the National Park Service's regional office in Omaha, Neb., for various projects, typically around \$1.5 million. Those funds, Ehn said, recently were used for bathroom upgrades at Kemil Beach, Central Avenue Beach, and the Tremont Picnic Area.

The park also will soon bid out repair work for the bathhouse at West Beach in the park service's repair and rehabilitation program, Ehn said.

The various pots of money available to the park here, as well as its base operation budget of \$10 million a year, aren't enough to tackle all of the maintenance matters at the park, Pergiel and Ehn said.

The most expensive projects, like Bailly Homestead, aren't necessarily the park's No. 1 priority, Pergiel said, adding some of them are "all or none deals" because the amount of work they need means they can't be done in a piecemeal fashion.

A small portion of Goodfellow Lodge is used for storage for the Dunes Learning Center, where Ehn said some floor stabilization work has taken place, but the clapboard building needs much more, including a new heating, ventilation and air-conditioning system.

"Any work in here is basically down to the studs and build it back up," Pergiel said.

Water damage is visible along the chimney for the fireplace in the wood-paneled main lodge, which features period hanging light fixtures from the 1940s. In the basement, the ruins of two bowling alley lanes sit in disrepair by the former Bailly Trading Post, a snack bar.

The bottoms of structural posts are rotting out and a shallow puddle pools on the floor.

If funding becomes available for the maintenance backlog, the question, Pergiel said, becomes whether to tackle one large project or several smaller ones.

"These are the big, sexy projects," he said, referring to Bailly Homestead and Goodfellow Lodge, "but they also are the high dollar ones."

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'Home Alone' law age lowered in Ill.

BY DAN PETRELLA
Chicago Tribune

The Illinois House overwhelmingly approved a bill Wednesday that would lower the age at which children could be left home without supervision.

Under current state law, parents can be charged with neglect for leaving children younger than 14 unsupervised "for an unreasonable period of time." Parents can be charged with child abandonment if they leave children under the age of 13 alone for 24 hours or more without supervision by someone over the age of 14.

The bill that passed Wednesday by a vote of 111-1 would lower the threshold, applying to children younger than 12.

The bill's sponsor, Republican state Rep. Joe Sosnowski of Rockford, said lowering the age to 12 would correct the legislature's "overreaction to a terrible situation that happened in which a couple left young children at home on their own for well over a week while they traveled out of the country."

Sosnowski was referring to the case of Kane County couple David and Sharon Schoo, who left their 9- and

4-year-old daughters home at Christmastime in 1992 while they went on a nine-day trip to Mexico.

The law Illinois passed in response to the "Home Alone" case set the highest minimum age in the country for leaving children unsupervised. Only two other states set minimum ages, according to the Children's Bureau of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. The minimum age in Oregon is 10, and it is 8 in Maryland.

The bill would protect parents who let their older children be at home alone after school before they get home from work, for example, Sosnowski said.

"The best thing we can do is eliminate that danger for parents, give some practical assurance to working families and allow them to make that decision whether or not their child is mature enough to be on their own," he said.

The measure also clarifies that neglect does not include allowing children to walk or bike to school or nearby businesses and recreational activities, or to play outside on their own.

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Lombard woman pleads guilty to strangling mom

BY CLIFFORD WARD
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A Lombard woman pleaded guilty Wednesday to the strangulation of her mother, according to DuPage County prosecutors.

Stephanie DeFalco, 29, pleaded guilty to first-degree murder in the death of her mother, Judith DeFalco, prosecutors said. In exchange for her plea, prosecutors agreed to cap their recommendation for a prison sentence at 30 years.

DeFalco is due back in court May 17, and a date for sentencing could be set then by Judge Jeffrey MacKay.

DeFalco faced up to natural life in prison on the nine-count murder indictment handed down against her about one year ago.

She has been in the DuPage County Jail since her arrest on March 21, 2018, a

day after her mother's body was found in her Lombard home in the 100 block of South Grace Street.

Authorities said Stephanie DeFalco had been charged earlier in the month with misdemeanor burglary on allegations she stole some of her mother's jewelry, which was pawned for money to buy drugs.

She was arrested on the charge and after she posted bond, DeFalco went to her mother's home on March 20. An argument between the women ensued, according to prosecutors, and it ended with DeFalco strangling her mother.

The next day she was stopped driving her mother's car and was taken into custody. DeFalco has been held in lieu of \$3 million bail since then.

Clifford Ward is a freelance reporter.

Package found at Lakeview post office not dangerous

BY JESSICA VILLAGOMEZ
Chicago Tribune

A suspicious package reported Wednesday morning at the Lakeview post office brought out emergency crews and blocked nearby streets for several hours.

Authorities were called to the post office, 1343 W. Irving Park Road, near Southport Avenue and Clark Street, about 9:30 a.m., a police spokeswoman said. A female walked into the office and placed a flat envelope with the words "Notify the FBI" on it on the counter, the police spokeswoman said.

The police bomb and

arson unit was sent to the scene, and a hazmat team responded to assess if the situation was dangerous.

The post office was cleared of people for the investigation, said U.S. Postal Inspection Service spokeswoman Julie Kennedy.

The letter was cleared and found not to be "of a serious nature," said Officer Steve Rusanov, a Chicago police spokesman. Police did not have an exact time the situation was resolved.

CTA buses were rerouted in the area for a time, according to the transit agency. Check the CTA's website for updated travel information.

We find the defendant ... missing.

Officials: Man awaiting verdict flees DuPage courthouse and is still at large

BY CLIFFORD WARD
Chicago Tribune

A man facing a guilty verdict for fleeing police at more than 100 mph showed Wednesday that he is also apparently adept at using his feet to make a getaway.

DuPage County authorities have issued a warrant for a Chicago man named Kary Bush who they say walked out of the DuPage County courthouse just as

a jury was poised to find him guilty of leading police on a chase in April 2018.

Bush, 37, of the 6400 block of South Oakley Avenue, failed to return to court to hear the jury verdict in his case, and Judge Robert Miller, who oversaw his trial, issued a warrant for Bush's arrest.

"The allegations that Mr. Bush decided to leave the Courthouse just prior to a jury returning a guilty verdict are outrageous,"

State's Attorney Robert Berlin said in a statement released Wednesday. "His alleged actions, coupled with the fact that Mr. Bush was out on bond while his case was pending demonstrate this defendant's complete disregard for the rule of law."

Berlin said he was confident that Bush would be apprehended and returned to a DuPage County courtroom.

He was on trial on charges stemming from an April 7, 2018, chase on Interstate 88 that involved Illinois State Police.

According to court files, an officer gave Bush a "visible and audible signal" to pull over before he fled, driving away at speeds that hit 120 mph, authorities said.

In addition to the fleeing and eluding charge, Bush was also charged with driving with a suspended license and improper lane usage. The jurors at his trial had deliberated about 30 minutes before reaching a guilty verdict, prosecutors said.

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ALANA ANDERSON

Timothy Pitzen and his mother, Amy Fry-Pitzen, who killed herself in May 2011.

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"We have no idea if this is Timothy Pitzen," Rowley said. "We don't know if it's a hoax. Obviously, everyone's hopeful, but we have to be super judicious."

Timothy, then 6 years old, disappeared sometime after his father dropped him off at Greenman Elementary School in Aurora on May 11, 2011. He was picked up shortly after by his mother, Amy Fry-Pitzen, who took him on a three-day trip to a zoo and water parks before she was found dead by suicide in a Rockford motel room. Notes she left behind stated her son was safe but would never be found.

Her ominous note has held true for nearly eight years.

The boy identified as Timothy in the Ohio police report described his kidnappers as two white men. One had black curly hair, a Mountain Dew shirt, jeans and a spider web tattoo on his neck. The other was short with a snake tattoo on his arms. They were in a Ford SUV with Wisconsin license plates, the report said.

The kidnappers and the boy had been staying at a Red Roof Inn hotel, though the boy was unsure where, the report said.

"(Timothy) is originally from Illinois and was last known to be with his mother, who apparently had killed herself. A note was left stating that (Timothy) was with someone, but safe," the report said.

Sharonville police searched the local Red Roof Inn and nearby motels but found nothing, they said in the report.

A person who answered the phone at Pitzen's grandmother's home in the north suburbs Wednesday said the grandmother did not want to comment until she knew for sure whether the boy near Cincinnati was her grandson.

"We'll have to vet this out," Rowley said. "Now we have a grandmother, dad and aunt wringing their hands, hopeful. We are hoping this isn't a hoax, because just imagine the letdown."

An FBI spokesman in



NATIONAL CENTER FOR MISSING AND EXPLOITED CHILDREN

An age-progression picture shows what Timothy Pitzen might look like today.

Louisville said the agency was working on an investigation with Cincinnati and Newport, Ky., police, the Hamilton County, Ohio, sheriff's office and Aurora police. He declined to elaborate.

Timothy's disappearance made national headlines in 2011 with a segment on "20/20" and a story in People magazine, among other media outlets. Surveillance video released by authorities showed the 4-foot-2, 70-pound kindergarten playing with a truck and walking with his mom at resorts in Wisconsin Dells, Wis., and north suburban Burnee.

Timothy was last seen leaving a Wisconsin water park May 13, 2011. His mother checked in to a Rockford motel that night and was found dead the next day. Authorities examined cell phone records and emails, followed up on reported sightings of the boy, and exhausted thousands of leads, unsure whether they were searching for a body or if Timothy could be still alive.

In the initial days after Timothy's disappearance, the boy's father, James Pitzen, said the search was terrifying but he remained optimistic his son would be found, calling Timothy intelligent and resourceful.

A few years ago, Greenman Elementary School planted a garden in Timothy's memory. School officials have talked often about the pain of his disappearance on staff, students and the community.

Rowley said it could take time to identify the boy in the Cincinnati area.

"This could be the story of a decade," he said. "But if it's not, it'll be a horrible letdown."



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A jogger plies a sidewalk along Adams Street near Dearborn Street in Chicago's Loop on Wednesday.

Warmer weather, April showers on the horizon

BY JAVONTE ANDERSON
Chicago Tribune

Warmer weather mixed with April showers is on the horizon for the Chicago area after cold air passes late in the workweek.

The high temperature forecast for Thursday is 45, with a low of 40, according to the National Weather Service. There will be a 70 percent chance of rain during the day with wind gusts

as high as 25 mph. Because of the lousy weather, the Chicago White Sox home opener scheduled for Thursday was postponed until Friday, when it's expected to be warmer.

After Thursday, temperatures are expected to rise gradually. A high of 58 is forecast for Friday, leading into an even warmer weekend. The high Saturday will reach about 65 and Sunday about 70, according to the

weather service. However, it will be cooler near Lake Michigan, said Amy Seeley, a meteorologist with the National Weather Service in Chicago.

The weather service is predicting a chance of showers and thunderstorms Saturday night heading into Sunday, but there is only a slight chance of thunderstorms Sunday, Seeley said.

If Chicago reaches the

projected high of 70 on Sunday, that would eclipse March's high temperature of 65.

The average high temperature for this time of year is 54 degrees, Seeley said, but the warm weather trend isn't abnormal.

Precipitation is forecast to continue through Monday, according to the weather service.

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Pulaski

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In the documentary — "The General Was Female?" — which premieres next Monday, scientists use skeletal remains and DNA testing to make a case that the skeleton was Pulaski's and that the Polish-born general, widely celebrated in Chicago, was intersex, or what used to be known as a hermaphrodite.

"That's pretty much the only way to explain the combination of features that we see," Virginia Hutton Estabrook, Georgia Southern University assistant professor of anthropology, said in an interview. Estabrook participated in the most recent effort to identify the bones, and she appears in the documentary.

"He was so important as a touchstone" for the Polish community, Estabrook told the Tribune. "And it's kind of cool that in the 21st century, Pulaski can be a touchstone for a different group of people: That, hey, there were intersex people in history, too, and here's this one who had this really amazing life: heroic, resourceful, all of the features in the American narrative that we value and treasure."

The documentary is an episode in the Smithsonian Channel's "America's Hidden Stories" series.

Born in Poland in 1745 to



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Gen. Casimir Pulaski is portrayed in the new Smithsonian Channel documentary "The General Was Female?"

an aristocratic family, Pulaski was a skilled cavalry officer and Polish revolutionary who fought Russian domination in his homeland, eventually fleeing to Paris with a bounty on his head. Pulaski made his way to America, where he joined the revolution here. He probably saved George Washington's life by stalling the British advance at the Battle of Brandywine, according to Maj. Douglas Shores, author of "Kazimierz Pulaski: General of Two Nations," who is quoted in the documentary.

Pulaski was fatally wounded at age 34 while fighting for the American cause in Savannah.

In the late 19th and early 20th centuries, Catholic and Polish Americans embraced Pulaski's story. Chicago, home to a large Polish

community, still celebrates the general. The first Monday of March, which sometimes falls on Pulaski's March 6 birthday, has been an Illinois state holiday since 1986. He's also memorialized with an 18-mile-long street, Pulaski Road, that cuts through all of Chicago from north to south.

The Pulaski skeleton controversy already was raging when Pulaski's remains were moved to the Savannah monument in 1854, according to Estabrook. Some questioned whether the body dug up from a Savannah plantation for reburial at the monument was actually the general's. The first modern scientific team to examine the bones in the 1990s struggled to get DNA evidence and failed, according to the doc-

umentary, but DNA analysis had improved by 2015, when a successor team that included Estabrook took up the cause. The team, which included anthropology student Lisa Powell and Eastern Michigan University associate professor of anthropology Megan Moore, sent the remains to a DNA laboratory in Canada.

The first DNA test, in which the skeletal remains were compared with those of a grand-niece of Pulaski's, found that the two subjects were not related. But the results were puzzling, Estabrook said: They indicated that both Pulaski and the niece were from Asia. Researchers determined that the likely explanation was contamination of the bone samples.

A second test, conducted using other bone samples, found that Pulaski and his grand-niece were a match. The results, derived from mitochondrial DNA, weren't as conclusive as better-known nuclear DNA tests, but the scientist who conducted them said that 99.98 percent of the population would not share the characteristics that these two people shared. Scientists also found that Pulaski's skeleton was between 5 foot 2 and 5 foot 4, in line with accounts of the general's height, that the skeleton showed signs of extensive horseback riding, that the skeleton was in the right age range, and that the skeleton

had a right hand injury consistent with a battle wound Pulaski was known to have suffered.

"It's extremely likely that this is Casimir Pulaski," Estabrook told the Tribune.

The documentary posits that Pulaski had an intersex condition called congenital adrenal hyperplasia, in which a genetic female with XX chromosomes is exposed to high amounts of testosterone in utero and is born with genitals that can look quite masculine. That would explain a document highlighted in the documentary, in which a priest noted that Casimir was baptized at home as a baby due to a "debility" that appears to have precluded a more public baptism.

It would also explain why, despite a markedly female-looking skeleton, Pulaski was raised male and appears to have identified as male all his life.

The pelvis alone will correctly determine a skeleton's sex 95 percent of the time or more, according to Larry Cochard, an associate professor of medical education at Northwestern University Feinberg School of Medicine and the school's anatomy lab director, told the Tribune. Cochard said that if the pelvic bones look very female to expert eyes, sex can be assessed with close to 100 percent certainty.

Estabrook told the Tribune that in addition to a

very female-looking pelvis, the skeleton had a markedly female facial structure and jaw angle.

A report on the scientific team's findings is in the process of being peer reviewed by the Journal of Forensic Anthropology, Estabrook said.

Pulaski, who never married but engaged in a long correspondence with a female friend, joins a short list of historical figures who are known to have been intersex, according to intersex activist Hida Viloria, who appears in the documentary. Viloria could name only one other historical figure, the 19th century French author Herculeine Barbin, who wrote a memoir.

Viloria told the Tribune that the documentary has important long-term implications for the intersex community, sometimes referred to as the "Invisible I" in LGBTQIA.

"I do believe having evidence of an intersex historic figure is going to change the way intersex people are viewed and put us on the map in a way we haven't been," Viloria said. "We're out here, and we're thriving, and we're in every realm of society, so I think this documentary is going to be a very strong reminder of that and help establish that intersex people are a real and ancient community."

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Onlookers wait for Mayor-elect Lori Lightfoot to step out of her vehicle at the CTA station at Lake and State streets.

Unity

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and police Superintendent Eddie Johnson.

"Today is April 3, a new day for all of Chicago," Lightfoot told a packed room of religious and community leaders at the headquarters of Jackson's Rainbow/PUSH Coalition in Kenwood. "And I'm looking forward to the future. I'm looking ahead to hard work in the coming weeks and to collaborating with President Preckwinkle and other elected officials to bring the change that Chicagoans voted for and that we so desperately need."

Lightfoot defeated Preckwinkle in overwhelming fashion, garnering 74 percent of the unofficial vote and sweeping all 50 wards to become both the first African-American woman and openly gay person elected Chicago mayor. Of the city's 2,069 precincts, Lightfoot had won more than 2,000 while Preckwinkle had won roughly 20 centered on her 4th Ward in Hyde Park, unofficial results showed.

In her election night celebratory speech and again Wednesday morning, Lightfoot referred to her lopsided victory as a "mandate" from voters that she would "take full advantage of."

"Mayor Rahm Emanuel's going to be leaving office with a lot of unfinished business, and I think it's going to be really important upon us to deliver on the mandate that we've been given," Lightfoot said. "Honeymoons come and go, and I want to make sure we're doing everything we can to really breathe life into the historic nature of this election with two African-American women running. That is a huge change in our city."

With the change, however, will come the tall order of governing at a City Hall with myriad challenges.

She will preside over a city with a widening gap between the wealth of downtown and the North Side, and the generational poverty that has persisted in many neighborhoods in the predominantly black South and West sides.

She will take over a police department under a federal consent decree that has faced tremendous turmoil in recent years, including the fallout of the Laquan McDonald police shooting, a federal civil rights investigation that found widespread misconduct and use of excessive force, several recent officer suicides and a woefully low rate of solving the city's homicides.

And she will have to come up with more than \$500 million for a budget due in October that will have to close a projected \$252 million deficit and come up with \$276 million in new pension payments required by state law.

Jonathan Jackson, the civil rights leader's son and the national spokesman for Rainbow/PUSH, ticked through the financial challenges facing Lightfoot and Preckwinkle in their respective positions before declaring, "These ladies have mounting issues, and it's unfair that when they get their power, the city is at



Mayor-elect Lori Lightfoot greets and thanks commuters the day after her election victory.

"We've got a lot of hard work ahead to keep our streets safe, to make sure we're bringing great, quality education to every neighborhood, investing in our people. There is a lot on our list."

— Mayor-elect Lori Lightfoot

its lowest."

Lightfoot said she embarks on the office clear-eyed on the tasks ahead.

"We've got a lot of hard work ahead to keep our streets safe, to make sure we're bringing great, quality education to every neighborhood, investing in our people," she said. "There is a lot on our list."

At the unity event, Preckwinkle pledged to work with Lightfoot to pursue criminal justice reform and to drive resources to economically starved neighborhoods on the South and West sides.

"We have some real challenges ahead of us in our county and in our city," Preckwinkle said. "And I look forward to working with Mayor-elect Lightfoot to address those challenges."

A couple of hours later, Lightfoot met with Emanuel in the fifth-floor office at City Hall that she will assume May 20. The mayor greeted his soon-to-be successor with a handshake, providing a convenient photo op for the cameras rolling just outside the glass door.

Afterward, Lightfoot emerged from what she called a "cordial and productive" 45-minute conversation with Emanuel, saying her victory felt "still a little surreal, but good."

"You sit down with the existing mayor and his team, and run through issues of mutual concern and importance," Lightfoot said. "So it was very cordial and very important for me, and I appreciate the generosity. And it will be, as I said, the first of many."

Lightfoot said there was no lingering animosity over her resigning last year from the Police Board post Emanuel had appointed her to in order to run against him. The former federal prosecutor also spent much of the runoff pointing out that unlike Preckwinkle, she had launched her campaign before Emanuel dropped his bid for a third term or, as she often put it, "before Goliath was slayed."

"It was a very, very cordial conversation," Lightfoot

said of her meeting with the outgoing mayor. "He was extremely generous, and I'm grateful."

Emanuel told reporters he had a 250-page transition book to present to Lightfoot at their meeting. Minutes after the meeting, the outgoing and incoming mayors issued a joint statement.

"Today, we had a positive and productive conversation about the challenges and opportunities facing our city," the statement read. "It is abundantly clear that we both share a deep love for this city and a commitment to work together to move all of its communities forward. We've both made it clear to our teams that they should continue working in collaboration to ensure the smoothest possible transition."

From City Hall, Lightfoot was headed to meet with Johnson to discuss the city's policing strategy.

"Obviously, I'm concerned about what the plans are for summer and any other issues that we would need to know walking into office," she said. "We'll, I'm sure, have a very detailed discussion. This is something I know a lot about and care a lot about."

Lightfoot met with Johnson and his command staff to discuss a plan to address summer violence, the consent decree and how to improve trust between officers and the community.

"I look forward to further collaboration with Superintendent Johnson and the command staff as we address the violence in neighborhoods throughout our city to build a safer and more equitable Chicago," Lightfoot said in a statement after the meeting.

As Lightfoot spent much of the day in meetings, her staff worked to begin to put together a transition team, which it has not yet finalized. Several advisers, however, remain in the picture as Lightfoot lays the groundwork for her administration.

The list includes U.S. Rep. Robin Kelly; Ra Joy, an entrepreneur and activist

who ran for lieutenant governor last year on a Democratic ticket with Chris Kennedy; campaign manager Manny Perez; campaign chief of staff and policy consultant Robert Fojtik; consultant Lisa Schneider Fabes, who has advised on operations; Maurice Classen, with whom Lightfoot served on Emanuel's police accountability task force; and activist Ja'Mal Green, who speaks with Lightfoot frequently and serves as a go-between with many of the city's grassroots organizations. Lightfoot also talks regularly with her mentor, Mayer Brown partner Ty Fahner, though they don't delve into politics as the mayor-elect and former Republican attorney general don't see eye to eye much in that department.

Lightfoot started her first day as mayor-elect greeting morning commuters at the Clark and Lake "L" stop in the Thompson Center, stopping to take pictures with many of them. She arrived with a city police detail that escorted her through a throng of cameras on a Lake Street sidewalk.

Lightfoot told reporters she was surprised by the lopsided nature of Tuesday's results.

"We felt very comfortable that we would have a nice margin, based upon our internal polling and what we were hearing from other people across the city," Lightfoot said. "But to sweep all 50 wards with that kind of margin, obviously it's historic and it's very, very gratifying."

The big win sends a message that Chicagoans crave a new direction, said Lightfoot, who took aim at political insiders as she did throughout her insurgent campaign.

"I think what it signals is that people want a break from that broken political past," she said, "and I'm excited about the prospects."

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What if we decide not to hate Flores or Biden after essay?



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Balancing Act

Here's what we know: Former Nevada state representative Lucy Flores, the 2014 Democratic nominee for Nevada lieutenant governor, wrote an essay, published Friday in *New York* magazine, headlined "An Awkward Kiss Changed How I Saw Joe Biden."

She writes about a 2014 political rally, during which she was waiting to give a speech when, she alleges, former Vice President Biden approached and put his hands on her shoulders.

"I felt him get closer to me from behind," she writes. "He leaned further in and inhaled my hair. I was mortified. I thought to myself, 'I didn't wash my hair today and the vice-president of the United States is smelling it. And also, what in the actual (expletive)? Why is the vice-president of the United States smelling my hair?' He proceeded to plant a big slow kiss on the back of my head. My brain couldn't process what was happening. I was embarrassed. I was shocked. I was confused. There is a Spanish saying, 'tragame tierra,' it means, 'earth, swallow me whole.' I couldn't move and I couldn't say anything. I wanted nothing more than to get Biden away from me. My name was called and I was never happier to get on stage in front of an audience."

Here's what we also know:

Biden released a statement Sunday saying, "In my many years on the campaign trail and in public life, I have offered countless handshakes, hugs, expressions of affection, support and comfort. And not once — never — did I believe I acted inappropriately. If it is suggested I did so, I will listen respectfully. But it was never my intention."

And here's what we really know:

This will get ugly. Has already gotten ugly. Will get uglier.

For publishing this essay, for sharing this story, Flores has been called every name under the sun. She's been painted as an opportunist, a liar, disloyal to her party, manipulative and disrespectful to survivors of sexual assault.

She saw all of that coming.

"For years I feared my experience would be dismissed," she writes in the essay. "Biden will be Biden. Boys will be boys. I worried about the doubts, the threats, the insults, and the minimization. 'It's not that big of a deal. He touched her, so what?' The immediate passing of judgement and the questioning of motives. 'Why now? Why so long after? She just wants attention.' Or: 'It's politically motivated! I would be lying if I said I didn't carefully consider all of this before deciding to speak. But hearing Biden's potential candidacy for president discussed without much talk about his troubling past as it relates to women became too much to keep bottled up any longer.'"

I wonder if it has to be this way.

I wonder if we can imagine a scenario, now that we're more than a year into this #MeToo tidal wave, in which we could read an account like Flores' and not default to, "Hmm. Which one of them do I hate now?"

I wonder if we can understand, at some point, that a story doesn't always have a hero and a villain.

I wonder if we can get to a time and place, as a culture, when we read words like Flores' and think, "There's information I didn't have before. That changes how I feel



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Lucy Flores wrote an essay, headlined "An Awkward Kiss Changed How I Saw Joe Biden."

about this guy." Or, "There's information I didn't have before. That doesn't change the way I feel about this guy one bit."

Without the name-calling and character assassination and vitriol along the way.

We're not, after all, debating whether charges should be brought against him. In the essay, Flores writes, "I'm not suggesting that Biden broke any laws."

Some will argue that a story like Flores' can destroy a man's reputation and career, so her words merit a strong reaction. But that's not altogether honest.

President Donald Trump was elected to the presidency after he bragged on tape about grabbing women by their genitals. He's been accused of unwanted kissing and groping by multiple women and remains firmly in power. Trump's Supreme Court nominee Brett Kavanaugh is now a Supreme Court justice, in spite of Christine Blasey Ford accusing him of a long-ago sexual assault.

Women's stories — particularly a lone woman's story — often get discredited or brushed aside. Rarely, however, does the woman telling the story escape public scorn.

Does it have to be this way?

I like Biden. I appreciate his work on the Violence Against Women Act of 1994. I respect his "It's On Us" efforts to end campus sexual assault. I loved the open letter he wrote to the survivor of a horrific rape at Stanford in 2016.

I received Flores' essay as context. Context for the jokes and whispers that have dogged Biden for years — jokes and whispers Flores notes in her essay.

"Had there not been multiple articles written over the years about the exact same thing — calling his creepy behavior an 'open secret' — perhaps it would feel less offensive," she writes. "And yet despite the steady stream of pictures and the occasional article, Biden retained his title of America's Favorite Uncle. On occasion that title was downgraded to America's Creepy Uncle but that in and of itself implied a certain level of acceptance. After all, how many families just tolerate or keep their young children away from the creepy uncle without ever acknowledging that there should be zero tolerance for a man who persistently invades others' personal space and makes people feel uneasy and gross?"

Context for the 2020 presidential race, which no fewer than 15 other Democrats have already entered. (Biden is still said to be weighing a bid.)

Whether this will be a temporary blip on the political landscape or the beginning of a story that drags on for weeks or months or longer.

Regardless, the way Flores is being treated and talked about is likely to stick with her for a lifetime.

I have to believe we can come up with a better way.

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Congress applauds NATO chief

Anniversary speech also praises Trump, slams Russia

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WASHINGTON — NATO Secretary-General Jens Stoltenberg drew bipartisan applause and about 18 standing ovations Wednesday as he made a case to Congress for the survival of the trans-Atlantic alliance that was built out of the ashes of World War II, but his most important audience was not in the room.

Addressing a joint meeting of the House and Senate to commemorate NATO's founding in Washington 70 years ago this week, Stoltenberg aimed much of his approximately 40-minute speech at answering President Donald Trump's skepticism and occasional hostility toward the alliance while throwing in some praise of the president.

The NATO chief thanked the United States for building and sustaining the alliance as it grew from 12 members to 29, and credited Trump for forcing a reckoning among NATO nations with how they fund their joint commitment to military defense.

"NATO allies must spend more on defense. This has been the clear message from President Trump, and this message is having a real impact," Stoltenberg said, prompting Vice President Mike Pence, seated behind him, to leap to his feet. House Speaker Nancy Pelosi, D-Calif., followed a few moments later.



ANDREW HARNIK/AP

NATO Secretary-General Jens Stoltenberg addresses Congress in Washington on Wednesday to bipartisan applause.

The NATO chief spoke at the invitation of Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell, R-Ky., and Pelosi. The rare joint invitation is a mark of Republican distaste for Trump's harsh treatment of NATO allies.

Trump did not invite other NATO leaders for a grand summit to honor the anniversary, and many of those leaders were reluctant to hold such a meeting anyway because of Trump's confrontational behavior at past gatherings.

"We have to be frank," he said. "Questions are being asked on both sides of the

Atlantic about the strength," of NATO.

That was an oblique reference to open speculation among allies about whether Trump's standoff with traditional allies such as Germany poses an existential threat to an alliance built out of the ashes of World War II.

Stoltenberg also nodded at other criticisms of the alliance that go beyond those raised by Trump.

Apparently addressing European pacifist distrust of military spending, Stoltenberg said that "peaceful protest" and "dia-

logue" have not stopped aggressors from Hitler to Stalin to the Islamic State.

"We must invest and act," he said, prompting one standing ovation.

Stoltenberg drew bipartisan applause for lines noting that NATO was founded as a counter to Soviet aggression and that it remains a counter to an aggressive and unpredictable Russia. In addition to conflicts in Georgia and Ukraine, Russia is responsible for "attempts to interfere in democracy itself," Stoltenberg said.

Republicans including

McConnell have broken with Trump over his overtures to Russian President Vladimir Putin and willingness to accept Putin's denial of interference in the 2016 U.S. presidential election.

Many Republicans are also uneasy about Trump's equivocations on NATO obligations, and Stoltenberg drew a standing ovation for his note that the alliance is based on the premise of "all for one and one for all."

Trump has never swayed from his campaign-trail view that European NATO allies ride free on the back of American money and

military power while taking advantage of the U.S. in trade arrangements.

"The United States alone accounts for the vast majority of NATO military spending," Trump said as he met with Stoltenberg at the White House on Tuesday. "And we really cannot rely on one nation to defend all. If you look at it, the disproportionality of what the United States is doing is really too great, but we're working on that."

Stoltenberg is the first NATO chief to address Congress and he drew a crowded but not full house that included Pence and Joint Chiefs of Staff Chairman Gen. Joseph Dunford and several Cabinet members.

Democrats packed one side of the House chamber, but there were about two dozen empty seats on the Republican side.

Trump was not there, and neither was Secretary of State Mike Pompeo, who has echoed Trump's nationalist critiques of international organizations but also called the NATO alliance an "indispensable institution."

Pompeo's calendar showed no conflict during the Stoltenberg address. In response to a question about why he did not attend, a spokesperson noted only that Pompeo was meeting with Stoltenberg separately this week.

Stoltenberg insisted that the differences of opinion, like the differences in NATO members' geography and history, could be an asset.

"Open discussions and different views is not a sign of weakness, it is a sign of strength," he said.

GOP uses 'nuclear option' in Senate over Trump nominees

BY ANDREW TAYLOR
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WASHINGTON — President Donald Trump's Senate GOP allies, frustrated by delays in confirming dozens of lower-profile nominees, rammed through a rules change Wednesday that cuts back debate on most of his picks.

The GOP plan, approved 51-48, indefinitely restored rules in place during the first few years of President Barack Obama's second term. Those rules had lapsed, allowing any senator to force 30 hours of debate on a nominee.

The rules change limits debate on most nominees to two hours instead of 30. White House selections for the Cabinet, Supreme Court and appeals courts would be exempted from the new rules. Every Democrat opposed the maneuver, joined by two Republicans: Susan Collins of Maine and Mike Lee of Utah.

The Senate changed the rules after a partisan debate that featured unusually personal finger-pointing between the chamber's party leaders, Majority Leader Mitch McConnell, R-Ky., and Minority Leader Chuck Schumer, D-N.Y. They have

battled over judicial filibusters since the administration of President George W. Bush.

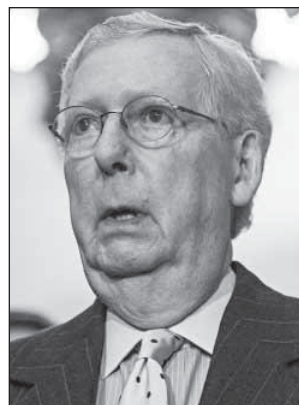
McConnell, no stranger to obstructionist tactics himself, said the situation had gotten out of hand, with the Senate taking 128 votes to end debate on Trump's nominees during his first two years in office, far more than under other presidents.

"The comprehensive campaign by Senate Democrats to delay Senate consideration of presidential nominations is now more than two years old," McConnell said. "It's time for this sorry chapter to end."

Pointing at Schumer repeatedly during a tartly worded speech, McConnell said the battles on presidential nominees date back to Schumer-led filibusters of Bush appeals court picks such as Miguel Estrada, whose nomination stalled after a lobbying campaign by liberal judicial activists.

"He started this whole thing that we've been wrestling with since 2003, cooked it up, convinced his colleagues to do it," McConnell said.

Schumer said McConnell was Machiavellian, cynical and hypocritical, and used



Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell, R-Ky., said Wednesday that "it's time for this sorry chapter" on nominations to end.

his speech to recount a series of GOP power plays.

"This is a very sad day for the Senate. At a time when Leader McConnell brags about confirming more judges than anyone has done in a very long time, he feels the need to invoke the terribly destructive and disproportionate procedure of the 'nuclear option' in order to fast-track even more of President Trump's ultra-conservative nominees to the federal bench," Schumer said.

Schumer, however, supported this step in a 2013 vote orchestrated by then-



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Senate Minority Leader Chuck Schumer, D-N.Y., blasted Republicans over a rules change that slashes debate time on most of President Donald Trump's lower-level nominations.

Majority Leader Harry Reid, D-Nev., that eliminated the filibuster on Cabinet nominees and most judicial appointees. The maneuver allows the majority to change the rules on a party-line vote.

Republicans said at the time that Reid and Democrats would come to regret the change, which has given Trump largely free rein to fill numerous judicial vacancies that have piled up over the years.

"I share some of the responsibility for where we find ourselves today," said Sen. Michael Bennet, D-Colo. He said McConnell

"said at the time that 'you're going to come to regret this decision,' and I will say this about him, he was right. I do."

Many Democrats, who benefited from prior rules changes under Obama, now say the GOP move will enable Trump and future presidents, so long as their party controls the Senate, to run roughshod over the Senate.

They say the hurdles required to win confirmation should be difficult as a way to ensure nominees are ethical, qualified and responsive to requests by senators for information.

"There is no emergency that justifies changing the Senate rules. Sen. McConnell himself admitted the Senate has plenty of time to consider nominees," said Sen. Dick Durbin, D-Ill.

"This is all about avoiding close scrutiny for extreme ideological nominees that Republicans want to pack onto the federal courts for lifetime appointments," he said.

But other Democrats, McConnell said, indicated behind the scenes that they could support the rules change provided that it wouldn't take effect until the next administration.



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This image from a video shows former Vice President Joe Biden explaining his past behavior.

Biden defends past behavior but says he'll change

BY COLBY ITKOWITZ
The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — Former Vice President Joe Biden, in a two-minute video released Wednesday, defended past behavior of close contact with women that has come under recent scrutiny, but also said he's able to change.

The response from Biden, who is laying the groundwork for a potential presidential run, came a day after two more women shared stories of encounters

with him that they alleged were inappropriate. Their comments followed similar complaints from two other women.

"I want to talk about gestures of support that I've made to women and some men that have made them uncomfortable," Biden said, seated on a couch and speaking directly to the camera. "I've always tried to make a human connection that's my responsibility, I think ... it's the way I've always been, it's the way I try to show I care about

them and listening."

Biden continued, saying he is going to be "mindful" of people's boundaries going forward.

"The boundaries of protecting personal space have been reset. I get it, I get it, I hear what they're saying and I understand it," he said. "I'll be much more mindful, that's my responsibility, and I'll meet it."

Biden stopped short of apologizing for his past behavior, instead circling back to his previous defense that politics is about human con-

nection.

Questions about Biden's behavior with women have flared since last Friday when Lucy Flores, a politician in Nevada, shared her first-person account of an alleged incident with Biden at a campaign event when she claims he kissed the back of her head.

Since then, Amy Lappos alleged Biden rubbed noses with her at a fundraiser, and on Tuesday The New York Times published stories of two more women who allege Biden touched them in

ways that they say were not appropriate.

Biden's propensity for being affectionate, once brushed off as "Biden being Biden" is now being viewed through a #MeToo lens, and it could prove problematic for his expected presidential run.

But Biden's defenders point to his work sponsoring the Violence Against Women Act and combating sexual assault on campus as examples of how he's led on these issues throughout his career.

Ex-leader seeks forgiveness from Algerians facing new era

BY AOMAR OUALI
Associated Press

ALGIERS, Algeria — Algeria's Constitutional Council formalized President Abdelaziz Bouteflika's departure Wednesday from the office he held for two decades, as rattled international partners watched closely to see what's next for an energy-rich country that is a key player in fighting terrorism.

Bouteflika asked the Algerians people for forgiveness the day after he stepped down following weeks of protests and the loss of the army's support. He urged citizens in a farewell letter "to stay united, and never divide yourselves."

Algerians faced an uncertain era, after the resignation of a man who had ruled Algeria for 20 years and had been a fixture in the Arab world's political landscape for decades.

Bouteflika ally Abdelkader Bensalah, 77, president of the upper house of the Algerian Parliament, is expected to take over as interim leader while Algeria plans elections. But that might further anger the protesters who drove Bouteflika from power, and who want to overhaul a political system seen as secretive, elitist and corrupt.

"Our session today is related to establishing the vacancy of the post of president of the republic, following the resignation of Mr. Abdelaziz Bouteflika yesterday," said Constitutional Council president Tayeb Belaiz at Wednesday's meeting.

The 12-member body then formally notified Parliament that Algeria no longer has a president. Both chambers of the national legislature are expected to meet to name the president of the upper house as interim leader for 90 days while elections are organized.



ANIS BELGHOUL/AP
A man in Algiers reads a newspaper Wednesday headlining Algerian President Abdelaziz Bouteflika's resignation.

Bouteflika, 82, appeared on images shown on national television Tuesday night handing his resignation letter to the Constitutional Council president. Bouteflika, who hasn't spoken publicly to the nation since a 2013 stroke, appeared pale and weak and wore a traditional robe instead of his habitual suits.

In the public farewell letter released Wednesday by state news agency APS, Bouteflika acknowledged that some of his actions as president were less than successful, writing: "I ask your forgiveness for any failing toward you."

But he also said, "I am leaving the political scene without sadness or fear, for the future of our country." He said he hoped Algeria's new leaders take the nation to "horizons of progress and prosperity."

Women and young people, who led the protest movement that pressured him out of office, are "the beating heart of our nation" and deserve special attention, Bouteflika wrote.

He notably praised those who fought alongside him for Algeria's independence from colonial France and urged Algerians to live up to their example and honor their sacrifices.

Algerian protesters celebrated his departure with songs and flag-waving in

the capital Tuesday night.

New protests are planned for Friday, after six straight Fridays of massive, peaceful gatherings that surprised the entrenched leadership by their strength and persistence.

Bensalah has led the upper house for most of Bouteflika's four terms. A one-time journalist and former ambassador, Bensalah has held senior political positions for the past 25 years but has kept a low profile.

He's known as a politician who works behind the scenes to strike compromises and solve problems, and who avoids controversial debates — and is very much part of the political elite.

The U.S. State Department, which has expressed support for the peaceful protests, said it's now up to Algerians to decide the next steps. Since fighting an Islamist insurgency in the 1990s, Algeria has cooperated closely with the U.S. and Europe against terrorism.

The United Nations offered Algeria support in its transition. The U.N. said Wednesday that Secretary-General Antonio Guterres "salutes the mature and calm nature in which the Algerian people have been expressing their desire for change."

Senate Democrats ask FBI to review security at Mar-a-Lago

BY KAROUN DEMIRJIAN
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The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — Senate Democratic leaders are asking the FBI to determine whether the secure facilities and equipment President Donald Trump uses to access classified information while at his Florida resort are vulnerable to foreign exploitation, after reports that a Chinese national managed to clear security at the Mar-a-Lago Club with a thumb drive of malicious software.

In a Wednesday letter to FBI Director Christopher Wray, Senate Minority Leader Chuck Schumer of New York, Judiciary committee ranking member Sen. Dianne Feinstein of California and intelligence committee vice chairman Sen. Mark Warner of Virginia stressed that the "incident raises very serious questions regarding security vulnerabilities at Mar-a-Lago, which foreign intelligence services have reportedly targeted."

"As the White House Communications Agency and Secret Service coordinate to establish several secure areas at Mar-a-Lago for handling classified information when the President travels there, these potential vulnerabilities have serious national security implications," they wrote.

They also asked Wray what additional steps would be "needed to detect and deter adversary governments or their agents" from conducting electronic surveillance or gaining access to materials at Mar-a-Lago and Trump's other properties.

The Secret Service will brief the leaders of the House Oversight Committee on Thursday morning about the Mar-a-Lago security breach, lawmakers said.

Trump on Wednesday dismissed the incident, say-



JOE RAEDLE/GETTY
Securing President Trump's Mar-a-Lago Resort in Florida presents challenges because it's a club with members.

ing it was "just a fluke situation."

"We have very good control," he told reporters.

According to court documents, Yujing Zhang went to Mar-a-Lago on Saturday, at first claiming to be there to use the swimming pool, but later stating she was there for a meeting of the United Nations Chinese American Association — an event that did not exist.

Due to language barriers and confusion on the part of security officials, who thought she was the relative of a club member, she was able to enter the resort and get past security barriers into an area abutting Trump's private residence.

Upon questioning, Zhang referred to a person named "Charles" as the contact who had invited her to the club.

It is unclear if that was a reference to Charles Lee, an event promoter who sometimes sold tickets to Mar-a-Lago events.

Federal officials were looking into whether Zhang was part of a larger effort to gain access to the president and do potential harm, and were combing through her devices and treating the case as a "credible threat," according to a U.S. official who was not authorized to speak about the ongoing probe and dis-

cussed the matter on condition of anonymity.

With the Atlantic Ocean to the east and Florida's Intracoastal Waterway to the west, Mar-a-Lago sits on the Palm Beach barrier island, a 128-room, 62,500-square foot symbol of opulence and power.

The Secret Service doesn't decide who is invited or welcome at the resort; that responsibility belongs to the club.

Agents do screen guests outside the perimeter before they're screened again inside.

The agency said in a statement that, with the exception of certain facilities that are protected permanently, like the White House, "the practice used at Mar-a-Lago is no different than that long used at any other site temporarily visited by the president."

But Mar-a-Lago is different from other presidential retreats.

Unlike Ronald Reagan's and George W. Bush's ranches or George H.W. Bush's seaside vacation home in Maine, Mar-a-Lago is open to members who pay \$14,000 annual dues after a \$100,000 or \$200,000 initiation fee and they expect access to the facility.

Associated Press contributed.

Researchers: 540M Facebook user records were left exposed

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More than 540 million Facebook records — including users' comments, likes, account names and more — were left exposed on an Amazon cloud-computing server, researchers discovered Wednesday, marking the latest major privacy and security mishap to plague the social-networking giant.

The trove is one of two data sets discovered to be in full public view by the

security firm UpGuard, which also raised alarms with an app developer that mishandled Facebook records that included users' interests and potentially their app passwords.

Facebook said its policies prohibit app developers from "storing information in a public database," adding in a statement Wednesday it has worked with Amazon to take them down.

"We are committed to working with the developers on our platform to protect people's data," Face-

book said.

But the fact that such a vast cache of sensitive personal information could have been accessed by anyone raises fresh questions about Facebook's efforts to protect its users' privacy. The report from UpGuard comes almost a year after revelations that Cambridge Analytica, a political consultancy, improperly accessed the personal data of 87 million Facebook users with the aid of a quiz app.

The exposure of Facebook's data also illustrated a

hard reality: Once accessed or obtained, personal data can live forever.

"All of the data passed from Facebook to literally millions of developers needs to be managed," said Greg Pollock, a vice president at UpGuard. "I don't know that Facebook can clean up the mess they've made. It's an oil spill, that data is out there."

The revelations — first reported by Bloomberg — added to Facebook's mounting privacy woes, which have triggered numerous

investigations around the globe. In recent months, the company also has been faulted for leaving millions of users' Facebook passwords stored in plain text.

At the same time, Facebook chief executive Mark Zuckerberg has embarked on a wholesale re-imagining of the way users interact with each other on the social-networking site — and the data the company collects. On Saturday, he endorsed the broad contours of new regulation targeting the ways that tech

giants tap consumers' personal data.

Before 2015, Facebook made it relatively easy for an outside developer to access the profiles of people who signed up for their services and also their friends — such permissions were abused by the academic developer working with Cambridge Analytica.

After the Cambridge scandal broke in 2018, Facebook further restricted developer access and embarked on a wholesale review of third party apps.

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And in another potential avenue of investigation, a House committee chairman formally requested the IRS provide Trump's personal and business tax returns from 2013 through 2018 as Democrats try to shed light on his complex financial dealings and possible conflicts of interest.

The request Wednesday by Massachusetts Rep. Richard Neal, who heads the tax-writing House Ways and Means Committee, is the first such demand for a sitting president's tax information in 45 years, and is likely to set off a huge legal battle between House Democrats and the Trump administration.

When asked about the request during a meeting with military leaders, the president said he "would not be inclined" to provide his tax returns.

On the Mueller report, House Democrats had given Attorney General William Barr until Tuesday to provide an unredacted version to Congress, along with underlying materials. The Justice Department ignored that deadline, with Barr telling committee chairmen in a letter last week that he was in the process of redacting portions of the almost 400-page report and it would be released by mid-April, "if not sooner."



J. SCOTT APPLEWHITE/AP
House Judiciary Chair Jerrold Nadler, D-N.Y., works Wednesday to pass a resolution to subpoena the full Mueller report.

The vote further escalates the Democrats' battle with the Justice Department over how much of the report they will be able to see, a fight that could eventually head to court if the two sides can't settle their differences through negotiation.

Democrats have said they will not accept redactions and want to see the evidence unfiltered by Barr. In the letter last week, Barr said he is scrubbing the report to avoid disclosing any grand jury information or classified material, in addition to portions of the report that pertain to ongoing investigations or that "would unduly infringe on the personal privacy and

reputational interests of peripheral third parties."

Democrats say they want access to all of that information, even if some of it can't be disclosed to the public. Nadler said he will give Barr time to change his mind on redactions, but if they cannot reach an agreement they will issue the subpoenas "in very short order." He also said he is prepared to go to court to get the grand jury information.

"This committee requires the full report and the underlying materials because it is our job, not the attorney general's, to determine whether or not President Trump has abused his office," Nadler said.

The five former Trump advisers who could receive subpoenas are strategist Steve Bannon, communications director Hope Hicks, chief of staff Reince Priebus, White House counsel Donald McGahn and counsel Ann Donaldson. Donaldson served as McGahn's chief of staff before both left the administration.

The five were witnesses in Mueller's probe of possible obstruction of justice and were sent document requests by the Judiciary panel last month, along with dozens of other people connected to Trump. Nadler said he is concerned about reports that documents relevant to Mueller's

investigation "were sent outside the White House," meaning the panel should have access to them because they may not be covered by executive privilege.

The top Republican on the Judiciary panel, Georgia Rep. Doug Collins, said at the vote that the five subpoenas are misguided because two of the individuals have already provided 3,000 documents to the committee and that the other three have indicated a willingness to cooperate.

Collins said the authorization for all of the subpoenas is "reckless" and that Democrats shouldn't be asking for documents that the Justice Department

can't legally disclose to the public. The committee rejected a GOP amendment that would have blocked the subpoenas from applying to grand jury information.

Trump himself has largely deferred to Barr on the report's release while also saying he wouldn't mind if the full version was made public. Still, he has criticized Democrats for seeking the unredacted information. He tweeted Tuesday that "there is no amount of testimony or document production that can satisfy" Nadler or House intelligence chairman Adam Schiff, who has also called for the full release.

Mueller notified Barr that he had completed the investigation March 22 and sent him the report. In a four-page summary of that report released two days later, Barr wrote that the special counsel did not find that Trump's campaign "conspired or coordinated" with the Russian government to influence the 2016 presidential election. He also said Mueller reached no conclusion on whether Trump obstructed the federal investigation.

Barr himself went further than Mueller in his summary letter, declaring that Mueller's evidence was insufficient to prove in court that Trump had committed obstruction of justice to hamper the probe. Democrats criticized Barr's assessment, saying they instead want to see what Mueller wrote.

Feud for the ages: Mussolini, Carrey

Comedian's sketch riles up granddaughter of fascist dictator

BY ANTONIA NOORI FARZAN
The Washington Post

Alessandra Mussolini, the granddaughter of fascist dictator Benito Mussolini, is engaged in a bitter feud with Jim Carrey, the actor best known for the likes of "Ace Ventura: Pet Detective" and "Dumb and Dumber."

And yes, the internet is to blame.

It all started Saturday, when Carrey, who in recent years has reinvented himself as an anti-Trump political cartoonist, tweeted out a picture of his latest drawing. The graphic sketch showed the elder Mussolini and his mistress, Clara Petacci, being hanged upside down from a metal girder in Milan after their execution in 1945.

"If you're wondering what fascism leads to, just ask Benito Mussolini and his mistress Claretta," Carrey wrote.

More than 115,000 people had liked the sketch as of Wednesday.

Alessandra Mussolini, a former actress and Playboy cover model who is a member of the European Parliament, wasn't one of them.

"You are a bastard," she wrote to Carrey on Sunday.

The far-right politician, who has defended her deceased grandfather and even fought to pass the family name down to her children, didn't stop there. Suggesting that Carrey should instead try his hand at depicting various dark points in American history, she asked if he was familiar with the story of Rosa Parks and sent him a photo of an atomic bomb setting off a mushroom cloud.

When reminded that Carrey was born in Canada, she pointed out, correctly,



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The feud started with Jim Carrey's sketch of Benito Mussolini's 1945 execution.

that he is a naturalized U.S. citizen.

Carrey typically does not engage with critics on social media. But after declaring his drawings to be "dirty paper," Mussolini went on to argue with Twitter users who had criticized her grandfather for several hours Sunday, calling one a "piece of human garbage" and insulting the families of others, in English and Italian. Even after declaring that she had "had enough fun replying to the keyboard antifa," she kept going, using colorful language to dismiss antagonists.

"Do you want applause?" she asked one man who had informed her that his grandfather "fought to liberate Europe from people like your grandfather." Eventually, she concluded her Twitter rampage by announcing that American anti-fascists were even more boring than those in Italy, and certainly much more sensitive and irritable.

The news that Il Duce has a living descendant with a decadeslong career in Italian politics came as a surprise to many Americans who logged onto Twitter just in time to witness the bizarre meltdown. But even before her beef with Carrey, much of Mussolini's life story sounded like the result of a game of Mad Libs.

She's also the niece of actress Sophia Loren, which allowed her to make her movie debut at age 9. (Loren's sister, Maria Scicolone, married Benito Mussolini's third son, the jazz musician Romano Mussolini, in 1962.) Alessandra Mussolini starred in a dozen Italian-language movies between 1972 and 1990 and released a pop album titled "Amore" in Japan in 1982. The following year, she appeared on the cover of both the German and Italian editions of Playboy magazine.

In 1992, after graduating from medical school, she was elected to the Italian Parliament as a member of the neo-fascist Italian Social Movement, which was seen as a successor to her grandfather's National Fascist Party. "Miss Mussolini has said she admires many of her grandfather Benito's policies and hopes to carry on his legacy," The Associated Press noted at the time. Then 29, she declared that he hadn't gotten everything wrong, adding, "It's racism to criticize somebody because their last name is Mussolini."

Considered to be a rising star within the party, she ran for mayor of Naples the following year.

Ultimately, Mussolini's mayoral campaign, which focused on pledging to root out graft, was unsuccessful. But for the next decade, she continued to win re-election to Italy's Parliament, joining the National Alliance Party when it succeeded the Italian Social Movement and telling reporters in 1994 that fascism had been "a very important part of history that can no longer be demonized or canceled out." In 2003, Mussolini left the National Alliance when its leader



MARCO RAVAGLI/AP

Alessandra Mussolini, center, a member of the European Parliament, joins colleagues in 1999 to protest a judge's comment that it is impossible to rape a woman wearing jeans.

denounced her grandfather, which she saw as an attack on her name and her family.

Her politics can be complicated, the Independent noted.

Over the course of her career, she has been an advocate for women's rights, campaigning against workplace sexual harassment, leading a protest against a judge who declared that it was impossible to rape a woman who was wearing jeans and pushing for unmarried couples and their children to have the same benefits as married couples. But she also declared artificial insemination to be "against the dignity of women," used a pejorative term to describe a transgender candidate and called for sex offenders to be chemically castrated. In 2007, three years after she was first elected to the European

Parliament, her coalition collapsed after she declared all Romanians were criminals.

She also famously got in a brawl with Italy's minister for equal opportunities while taping a television talk show, kicking the woman and calling her an "ugly communist" who should "go and live in Cuba."

In 2015, amid a national scandal surrounding an elite prostitution ring, her husband received a one-year jail sentence and a fine for patronizing teenage prostitutes, who he claimed he hadn't realized were underage.

Mussolini has acknowledged that the anti-Semitic laws her grandfather instituted, which prevented Jews from working or attending schools, were wrong. She has also expressed sympathy for the victims of the Holocaust

and deemed his alliance with Adolf Hitler to be a mistake.

But she has displayed pride in her family heritage and lobbied the Italian government to make it easier for mothers to pass their last names along to their children. In 2004, she told the Los Angeles Times that it had taken a year of wrangling with bureaucrats before she was able to give her three children the Mussolini name. Last year, she tweeted that she would inform the authorities and take legal action against anyone who defamed her grandfather online.

Speaking to the Independent in 2004, she shrugged off questions about her family's role in one of the darkest chapters of history.

"I cannot grow up in another family, so for me it is natural," she said.

Alaska honors its native WWII Code Talkers

Five men used their language to fool Japanese

BY RACHEL D'ORO
Associated Press

ANCHORAGE, Alaska — Army veteran Richard Bean Sr. died without anyone knowing that he and four other long-deceased Alaska



Bean

Natives had used their Tlingit language to outsmart the Japanese during World War II.

Now, they are finally being hailed in their home state for their lifesaving efforts as servicemen.

Last month, legislators passed a formal citation honoring the Tlingit Code Talkers. State flags were flown at half-staff and later presented to the men's families.

Bean and the others had been forbidden to speak Tlingit as schoolchildren in their southeast Alaska villages. Later, they used it to provide the military with unbreakable codes, as did their more well-known peers, Navajo Code Talkers.



ALEX MCCARTHY/AP

Relatives of Mark Jacobs Jr. and Harvey Jacobs observe a moment of silence during a ceremony for Tlingit Code Talkers held in Juneau, Alaska.

The language of the Alaska Natives had been suppressed by missionaries and teachers trying to "civilize" them, said Rosita Worl, president of the Sealaska Heritage Institute. The Juneau nonprofit works to preserve and enhance the cultures of southeast Alaska's Tlingit, Haida and Tsimshian people.

Punishments for students who spoke Tlingit included having their mouths washed out with soap and their hands struck with rulers, Worl said.

"We're finally ecstatic that there is this recognition that our people served this country, even served this country that wasn't always good to them," she said.

The men's contributions went undisclosed for decades because the U.S. military had kept the unbroken codes secret in case they were needed in future wars.

"Their orders were not to talk about it," Ozzie Sheakley, an Army veteran and Tlingit leader, said about the five Alaska Natives. "They took those orders

seriously."

Even their closest relatives had no clue about the wartime endeavors of Richard Bean Sr. of Hoonah and Robert "Jeff" David Sr. of Haines; Sitka brothers and Navy men Mark Jacobs Jr. and Harvey Jacobs; and Sitka resident George Lewis Jr., who served in the Army.

Bean's wife died before Congress posthumously recognized the men. His 85-year-old nephew, Ron Williams, never knew either, even though the two were close.

Williams said there was only one hint. His uncle told him a platoon leader had overheard him speaking Tlingit with Jeff David while the two served in the Philippines. They were in the same company but different platoons.

The Army official asked how the men would like to handle communications then gave each a walkie-talkie.

That was all Bean said, and Williams never pushed for more, sensing his uncle didn't want to talk about it. Richard Bean died in 1985.

"Even the guys that knew him all his life, you know, they didn't know what he did either because he never said anything about it," Williams said.

David never said anything about the wartime duties to his son, Jeff David Jr., either.

"He just said he was in special services," the son said.

The military declassified the Navajo Code Talker program in 1968. But it was decades before recognition came to the Tlingit servicemen, after the passage of the Code Talkers Recognition Act of 2008.

Sheakley, commander of the Southeast Alaska Native Veterans, got a call from Department of Defense officials.

They told him the five Alaskans had been identified as Code Talkers from the Tlingit tribe, along with others from 32 Lower-48 tribes.

Soon they would get the recognition long afforded the Navajos, who made up the largest group of Code Talkers.

In 2013, Congress recognized the Code Talkers, who were posthumously awarded silver medals. Sheakley also received a Congressional Gold Medal on behalf of the entire Tlingit tribe.

Alaska state Rep. and Tlingit Vietnam veteran Bill Thomas thought state recognition would soon follow.

"I just waited and waited," Thomas said. "I finally said, 'Hey, it's time to pay tribute to these men.'"

State lawmakers agreed after Thomas and the Sealaska Heritage Institute pushed the idea.

The role the men played in history was a stunning discovery for the family of George Lewis Jr.

His son, Ray Lewis, was born after the war and never knew his father was in the military.

"I'm very proud of it," Ray Lewis said of the new recognition. "My father was instrumental in saving a lot of lives out there."

Remains of WWII bomber crewman identified 75 years after he died

BY CHRIS CAROLA
Associated Press

ALBANY, N.Y. — The remains of a New York airman whose trove of 200-plus wartime letters inspired a California museum's popular World War II exhibit have been identified 75 years after he died in a crash off a Pacific island.

The Pentagon's Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency announced on its website that the remains of Army Air Forces Staff Sgt. Vincent J. Rogers Jr. were accounted for March 21. He was from Snyder, a hamlet



MARCH FIELD AIR MUSEUM
Army Air Forces Staff Sgt. Vincent J. Rogers Jr.

outside Buffalo.

Rogers was a 21-year-old radio operator aboard a B-24 bomber that crashed shortly after taking off from an airfield on the Tarawa

atoll in the Gilbert Islands, now the Republic of Kiribati, on Jan. 21, 1944, the agency said.

Rogers' plane, nicknamed "Miss Bee Haven," had just taken off on a nighttime bombing mission against a Japanese-held island when it crashed into the atoll's lagoon and burst into flames. Seven of the 10 crewmembers were killed, including Rogers.

The remains of the seven were initially buried in a Tarawa cemetery containing the bodies of some of the hundreds of Marines killed during the amphibious as-

sault on the atoll in November 1943. The remains of three crewmembers were later exhumed and sent home for burial.

Rogers' remains and those of the other three crewmembers were lost on TARAWA. Officially listed as MIA, their remains weren't discovered until 2017, when members of History Flight, a private WWII research group, found them along with those of several Marines in graves under a house built after the war.

The other three crewmembers were previously identified and re-

turned to the U.S. for burial. DNA analysis was used to identify Rogers' remains, Pentagon officials said.

Rogers is the focus of an exhibit at March Field Air Museum in Riverside, Calif., where his bomber unit was based before being sent off to war.

According to museum director Jeff Houlihan, several years ago a relative of Rogers' who lived nearby dropped off a cardboard box containing 237 of the airman's handwritten letters. Known to his family as Vince, the airman wrote home from the time of his

induction in 1942 to Jan. 14, 1944, when he said he longed to see snow again, Houlihan said.

The museum created an exhibit based on the letters, which provide accounts of a typical citizen soldier's view of life during WWII, from basic training to combat missions.

The exhibit also includes the Western Union telegram the Pentagon sent to his mother notifying her that her son had been killed.

"Vince takes you through all this stuff and teaches you the cost of war," Houlihan said. "It costs people."

Sacre bleu! How Garfield ended up in France

Cartoon feline's phone mysteriously plagues the coast

BY MEAGAN FLYNN
The Washington Post

For more than 30 years, pieces of Garfield telephones kept washing ashore on the beaches of northwestern France, and no one quite knew why. Where was the lasagna-loving cartoon cat coming from?

His plastic body parts, first appearing in a crevice of the Brittany coast in the mid-1980s, kept returning no matter how many times beach cleaners recovered them. Sometimes they would find only his lazy bulging eyes, or just his smug face, or his entire fat-cat body, always splayed out in the sand in a very Garfield fashion.

From the stray curly wires and the occasional dial pad, it was clear that the pieces came from the once-popular Garfield telephone, made in the early 1980s, several years after Jim Davis first launched the hit comic strip. The phone parts were in remarkable condition, considering they had been belched from the ocean, Claire Simonin-Le Meur, president of the environmental group Ar Viltansoi, told The Washington Post.



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For decades, plastic Garfield phones have washed up on beaches in northwestern France.

She had been searching for the origin of Garfield for years, she said, out of concern for the damage the plastic phones may be doing to the ocean — and in March, after a chance encounter on the beach, she was about to get some answers.

Simonin-Le Meur said the common belief was that the phones came from a wayward shipping container that must have sunk to the bottom of the ocean, leaving environmentalists to fear Garfield's plastic toxicity would continue to pollute the water indefi-

nitely. In 2018 alone, at least 200 pieces of Garfield had been found on beaches in northwestern France, Franceinfo reported.

If they could just salvage the long-lost shipping container, Simonin-Le Meur said, perhaps Garfield would stop coming.

"We asked people who were divers to look for it. We get a lot of submarines in the area too — it's a military area. But they said it was not possible the container could be there and nobody saw it," Simonin-Le Meur said.

This year, however,

something changed. Simonin-Le Meur got a tip from a local farmer named René Morvan.

All of Franceinfo's recent publicity of the bizarre phenomenon and its environmental impact had apparently sparked his memory. One day in February, Simonin-Le Meur said she met Morvan on the beach while cleaning up debris — including a Garfield part.

"Are you looking for Garfield?" the man asked.

Simonin-Le Meur said yes.

"Come with me," the man told her. "I can show you."

When Morvan was 19 or 20 years old in the mid-1980s, he told her, a storm blew through the area — and before residents knew it, Garfield telephones were scattered on the beach, just as Simonin-Le Meur had always been told. He and his brother were curious, Morvan said, and they decided to go exploring, touring the rocky coastline until they found what they were seeking.

Wedge inside a cave, tucked into the seaside cliffs, there it was: a metal shipping container — and a cache of Garfield telephones, Morvan claimed he saw.

The story struck Simonin-Le Meur as too good to be true. The tide was too high to bring her to the cave that day, Morvan realized, and so she would have to wait to find out if he was telling the truth. The shipping container, Morvan told her, was lodged so deep in the cave that it was nearly submerged, making the trip a dangerous expedition.

But finally, last month, it was safe. The tide was low. And Morvan, Simonin-Le Meur said, ultimately was not kidding.

Filming the discovery, a group of journalists and environmentalists, Simonin-Le Meur included, climbed up the rocky shore to the cave's narrow open-

ing, finding snippets of a bright orange phone cord along the way. Garfield was scattered all about, just like on the beach.

But when the group entered the cave, ready for the big reveal, they didn't find what they expected. It was clear the plastic cats had been there, Simonin-Le Meur said, but clearer still that most were already gone.

"Our preoccupation was to understand why we had so many Garfields everywhere. We thought it would be helpful to find the container so we can stop it. But that was unfortunately not the case," Simonin-Le Meur said. "What we found was the remainder of the shipping container. And it was empty."

It seemed the group had solved the mystery, she said, but not the problem.

Simonin-Le Meur said she has tried to use Garfield particularly as a way to interest children in ocean pollution, given its allure compared to pieces of plastic trash. And while the recent purported discovery of Garfield's origins has drawn renewed interest, Simonin-Le Meur said, the discovery didn't change much in her eyes.

"We have found a lot of pieces of Garfield," she said. "Things are just exactly the same."

Offbeat stuff some passengers try to bring on planes

TSA's social media posts offer humor — and dos, don'ts

BY COLLEEN LONG
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — David Johnston stands over a table full of peculiar items confiscated at Dulles International Airport: a glittery clutch with brass knuckles as a clasp. A perfume bottle shaped like a grenade. A rusted circular saw blade. A pocket-size pitchfork.

None of those is quite right. Then Johnston sees it: a guitar shaped like a semi-automatic rifle. Bingo. It will do nicely for the Transportation Security Administration's social media accounts.

Johnston, TSA's social media director, is following in the footsteps of Curtis "Bob" Burns, who created unlikely internet buzz for the not-always-beloved agency by showcasing the weirdest stuff travelers pack in their carry-ons. He died in October at age 48.

Burns' work created a model for other federal agencies. The quirky photos combined with a hefty dose of dad humor helped lure in more than 1 million followers on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram, who would then see important messages about the dos and don'ts of airline travel.

"How are we going to replace Bob? The reality is we can't," Johnston said. "We had a unique situation with him, but we can still be entertaining and help people as we find our way forward without him."



CLIFF OWEN/AP

Items confiscated from passengers by TSA officers displayed last week at Dulles International Airport in Virginia. The TSA often posts such items on social media.

On the blog, Burns shared a weekly count of firearms that TSA officers found at checkpoints nationwide. He did a summary of knives and all matter of other bizarre and sometimes scary items that travelers had stuffed into their bags, pockets, purses or briefcases.

In one Instagram post, someone tried to bring on a glove with razors for fingers and Burns (naturally) made a "Nightmare on Elm Street" joke.

"It's safe to sleep on Elm Street again. Freddy lost his glove at the Hartsfield-Jackson Atlanta International Airport (ATL)."

The agency's Instagram account won three Webby awards last year, including the People's Voice Award for weird social content

marketing. In his acceptance speech, Burns eyed the award, shook it and declared: "This Webby is carry-on approved!"

Johnston, who worked with Burns for about three years, and has been in government jobs for nearly a decade, has tried to keep it up all on his own, but it's been tough.

Johnston sent out a Valentine's Day post that showed off a throwing star, ax and double-edged dagger confiscated from a passenger's carry-on bag. ("Safe travels, you romantic fool!") And it was national puppy day recently, so that was an excuse for a photo of Cole, a big-eyed TSA explosives detection dog.

TSA is growing its social media staff — bringing in three more workers to ex-

pand its social media presence. The staff will continue to use fodder sent in by officers around the country, who seize all manner of unusual items people try to bring on planes. But it's hard to find people who have both the government know-how and a sense of humor that resonates.

Johnston said the thing that made Burns' posts so special was Burns himself.

"When you look at his posts, you're seeing a window into his soul," he said.

Burns' sister-in-law, Candy Creech, said he had a dry sense of humor and a hefty dose of patriotism: He had served in the Gulf War.

Burns had worked in airports before taking over TSA's social media and believed there was public negativity around the agency.

He wanted to change that.

"And I think he felt he could change that by communicating with people in a way that wasn't scolding," she said. "He was one of a kind."

During a TSA Facebook live, "Ask Me Anything" episode last year, Burns said the success of the account was partly due to the shock value.

"People don't come to a government Instagram account and expect to see humor," Burns said. "And they also don't expect to see these crazy things that people are trying to bring on a plane." He had a wife and two daughters.

At Dulles, in the prohibited items section, Johnston sees a few possibilities for TSA's YouTube series called "They Brought What?" including a large snow globe with a big white fairy im-

prisoned in some kind of liquid (It's creepy and it has liquid, so they can highlight the liquid restrictions.)

He passes over four pairs of nunchucks and a handful of pocket knives. He stops at a large bullet from Afghanistan that has been altered to be a cigarette lighter and pen. "The things people think of," he says.

Turning serious for a moment, Johnston notes the importance of showing these items, especially to people who aren't well-traveled and might not understand why something is prohibited if it's not a weapon.

"The bottom line is our social media page makes travelers better informed so they have a better experience and it frees up our officers to do what they need to do — look for the bad actors," he says.

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O'Rourke reports raising \$9.4M for his presidential campaign

WASHINGTON — Beto O'Rourke, the former congressman from Texas, said Wednesday that his campaign raised \$9.4 million during the first quarter of the year, a haul that places him third among Democratic presidential hopefuls who have announced totals.

O'Rourke's campaign emphasized that his total reflected only 18 days in the race, fewer than most contenders, and that he did not take money from

political action committees, lobbyists or corporations.

The first-quarter fundraising numbers must be reported to the Federal Election Commission by April 15.

O'Rourke is among the first Democratic candidates to release first-quarter numbers, joining Sens. Bernie Sanders (\$18.2 million), Kamala Harris (\$12 million) and South Bend, Ind. Mayor Pete Buttigieg (\$7 million).

U.K.'s May holds 'constructive' Brexit talks with Labour Party

LONDON — Britain's Brexit drama went into overtime Wednesday as Prime Minister Theresa May and the country's main opposition sought a compromise deal to prevent an abrupt British departure from the European Union on April 12.

In an about-face that left pro-Brexit members of May's Conservative Party howling with outrage, May sought to forge an agreement with left-

wing Labour Party leader Jeremy Corbyn after failing three times to win Parliament's backing for her Brexit deal.

May also said she would ask the EU for a further delay to Britain's departure date, which has been postponed once already.

Both the government and Labour called the meeting "constructive" and said their teams would hold more in-depth talks Thursday.

1st parent agrees to plead guilty in college bribery scandal

BOSTON — A packaged-food entrepreneur from California became the first of the 33 parents charged in the college bribery scandal to agree to plead guilty, disclosing the deal Wednesday as Hollywood actresses Felicity Huffman and Lori Loughlin appeared in court along with some of the other defendants.

Peter Jan Sartorio, 53, was accused of paying \$15,000 to have someone

correct his daughter's answers on the ACT college entrance exam. The charges to which he would plead were not immediately clear.

The two actresses and Loughlin's fashion designer husband, Mossimo Giannulli, said little during the brief hearing and were not asked to enter a plea. They remain free on bail. Several other parents were given similar hearings of a few minutes each.



JEON HEON-KYUN/EPA

Chinese honor guards carry caskets containing the remains of Chinese soldiers during a handing-over ceremony Wednesday in Incheon, South Korea. The South Korean military repatriated 10 sets of remains of Chinese soldiers killed during the 1950-53 Korean War.

Justice Department condemns Alabama's 'broken' jail system

MONTGOMERY, Ala. — The Justice Department said Wednesday that Alabama is violating the Constitution by failing to protect prison inmates from violence and sexual abuse and housing them in unsafe, overcrowded facilities.

The department gave Alabama 49 days to begin to correct the violations or possibly face another federal lawsuit.

Gov. Kay Ivey responded with a promise to work together on "an Alabama solution."

The scathing report released Wednesday condemns virtually every aspect of prison operations, chronicling a "broken system" beset by poor staff training; an inability to prevent drugs and weapons from entering; and a high level of violence that is too common, cruel, of an unusual nature."

It lays out in stark detail a culture of violence across the state's 13 prisons for men, which together house roughly 16,000 inmates in among the nation's most overcrowded conditions.

The report describes inmates brutally attacking one another with knives and other weapons, and a management system that

undercounts homicides and fails to protect prisoners even when there's been warning of a problem.

Rapes happen day and night in all corners of the prisons — dormitories, cells, showers and recreation areas — the report said.

The prison system documented 24 prisoner homicides between January 2015 and June 2018, but the Justice Department said that high number was an undercount: It identified three more, and said the state sometimes classifies violent deaths as arising from natural causes.

In Senate, bipartisan push to fund wind turbines

WASHINGTON — The morning after President Donald Trump claimed that noise from wind turbines can cause cancer, a bipartisan group of 19 senators announced a push for "robust" funding of federal programs to support the industry, dubbing it an "American success story."

A letter, spearheaded by Sens. Jeff Merkley, D-Ore., and Chuck Grassley, R-Iowa, to an appropriations panel noted that the wind industry employs more than 100,000 U.S. citizens and said funding was needed "to ensure America remains a leader in wind energy technology."

Those who signed the letter, including five announced Democratic presidential candidates, did not mention Trump's comments at a fundraising dinner Tuesday.

Wind energy has become a major industry in Iowa, the nation's first presidential nominating state.

Italy rebuffs ship with 64 migrants rescued at sea

MILAN — Italy's interior minister said Wednesday that he won't offer safe harbor to 64 migrants rescued off Libya by the German humanitarian group Sea Eye.

The people brought to safety from a rubber dinghy off the coast of Zuwarah, west of the Libyan capital of Tripoli, included 10 women, five children and a newborn, the group said. Sea Eye said that its rescue ship, the Alan Kurdi, picked them up after Libyan authorities couldn't be reached.

Italy's anti-migration interior minister, Matteo Salvini, said the vessel, like other private rescue ships, won't be welcome in Italy.

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In Saudi Arabia: The kingdom is nearing completion of its first nuclear reactor, satellite images of the facility show.

The research facility is located in the southwest corner of the King Abdulaziz City for Science and Technology in Riyadh, according to images published by GoogleEarth. They're the first in the public domain to confirm construction is nearing its finish.

The advancement is alarming to arms-control experts because Saudi Arabia has yet to sign the international framework of rules other nuclear powers follow.

Saudi Arabia's Energy Ministry said the facility's purpose is to "engage in strictly peaceful scientific, research, educational and training activities."

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EDITORIALS

How Lightfoot can avoid others' rookie mistakes

On Wednesday, Mayor-elect Lori Lightfoot savored the groundbreaking nature of her Tuesday win. There she was on a morning national news program above the scrolling banner, "Historic First."

We hope she enjoys her spin at rock star status. She's a former federal prosecutor and outsider who won the mayor's race with a commanding 74 percent of the vote. This was a change election and voters saw her as an agent of change.

We also hope she succeeds.

Yet her pledge to shake up and reform City Hall echoes other shakeups and reform movements, not all of them successful. Other rock stars have tumbled from the victory stage to the pot-hole-pocked asphalt. So on the cusp of Lightfoot's takeover — she'll be sworn in May 20 — we offer some advice on avoiding rookie mistakes.

To be an effective policymaker, Lightfoot will need to surround herself with smart people who know city government. While there's a tendency for new administrations — local, state and federal — to sweep out the old guard with an industrial-sized broom, it can be at the expense of critical experience. Lightfoot will need advisers who know how City Hall operates, how the City Council rolls, and how the needs of 50 aldermen vary dramatically. This is a city, after all, where some aldermen spend their discretionary ward funds on geranium gardens and some spend them on the funerals of children felled by gun violence. To be effective, Lightfoot will need top aides who know the nuances of it. All of it.

There were times Mayor Rahm Emanuel could have used more sophisticated street smarts. When he closed nearly 50 schools — mostly in minority neighborhoods — in a necessary response to falling enrollment, his administration seemed caught off guard by the prospect of gang conflicts endangering students walking to and from their new schools. City Hall scrambled to expand its "Safe Passage" program, adding crossing guards and other security measures to make the routes safer.

The takeaway: Mayors can get stuck in ivory towers. Best to include on your team those who know ground zero. A mayoral adviser conversant in the turf wars of the South and West sides would have been a valuable resource for Emanuel.



"WELCOME TO THE FIFTH FLOOR, MADAME MAYOR-ELECT!"

SCOTT STANTIS

Even a lawyer as gifted as Lightfoot will need guidance navigating City Council processes, including how to introduce and pass an ordinance. Yes, the basics. And despite the influx of new aldermen, Lightfoot will need to make friends with the old ones. Knowing the parliamentary maneuvers that can accelerate, or sidetrack, an important initiative will be paramount to her success. She will need to outsmart the council's tacticians. She will need a council insider.

We'd also recommend a cooperative approach with aldermen, at least publicly and initially. One of the most insurmountable mistakes by former Gov. Bruce Rauner, also elected as a reformer, was his dismissive attitude toward legislators in the General Assembly. He lost leverage by shoeing

them off, by not engaging sincerely with them, and by publicly blasting them. Rauner's agenda foundered.

Lightfoot could ask Rod Blagojevich, too, about open combat with the legislative branch. The ex-governor frequently critiqued lawmakers en route to alienating most of them. So when time came for an impeachment vote ...

Lightfoot also can learn from Chicago Mayor Jane Byrne. Elected in 1979, she backed away from campaign pledges to lead a good-government crusade against machine aldermen: Realizing that she couldn't muster a reform council majority, she cozied up to the very insiders she had reviled. They smiled warmly — and resisted her. But by reversing course, she had alienated the coalition of blacks, liberals and women who had made her Chicago's first female mayor.

We aren't suggesting that Lightfoot will renege on her reform agenda or be a pushover.

The culture of City Hall needs a loofah.

But it's possible to clean up city government and tighten the free rein of aldermen while also accepting and even appreciating constructive pushback.

This city and state have had too many elected officials consumed by ego and unable to navigate even mild opposition. We hope Lightfoot will be the exception.

As a chief executive, though, Lori Lightfoot is untested. Her legacy as mayor is a whiteboard. But look at the enormous challenges. We hope she'll accept all the well-intentioned advice she gets, these encouragements included.

To Chicago's new council: Turn jobs deserts to jobs oases

Chicago's new City Council will have progressives and "machine" factions that could co-exist or devolve into chaos — depending on how well Mayor-elect Lori Lightfoot herds cats. At this writing, with three aldermanic outcomes in doubt, at least 36 incumbents will return to the council, joined by 11 newcomers. All signs point to the council's Progressive Caucus beefing up from its current roster of 11 aldermen to as many as 18. Though an old liberal Democratic guard remains, the council shapes up to be even more left-leaning.

Labels, though, don't mean as much to voters as readiness to govern — the capacity to take on what matters most in the neighborhoods. And in so many parts of Chicago, what exactly is that? The dearth of jobs.

The caravan of outbound U-Hauls

hasn't waned, and a big reason why is that the city still struggles to find ways to seed job growth and economic development, particularly in neighborhoods that have suffered decades of disinvestment and neglect.

Weak job growth, or no job growth, has a ripple effect that decimates neighborhoods. Without a hope of employment, youths



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turn to crime. Violence, in turn, dissuades businesses from investing, and leads families to pull up roots. The destructive cycle continues, pockmarking block after block with abandoned buildings and vacant lots.

We like the way Jeanette B. Taylor, who won the runoff race for the South Side's 20th Ward, summed it up: "When jobs go up, crime goes down. When people see

economic opportunity and a hopeful future for themselves, they do not turn to a life of crime."

Those are words of advice that Taylor can give to her new council colleagues. During the campaign, some of her soon-to-be-fellow aldermen pitched ways to jack up taxes, or create new ones. A tax on financial transactions, for example. Or a

city income tax. Or a commuter tax on suburbanites who work in the city.

Beware, newcomers and incumbents. Chicagoans are fed up with rising taxation. That includes employers who'll leave if they feel taxes have gotten too onerous. Similarly, companies thinking about investing in Chicago likely will look elsewhere if they see that City Hall's answer for every challenge is to find something new to tax.

The mantra for the next council should be to turn Chicago's neighborhoods from jobs deserts to jobs oases. For some newcomers, that means untethering from their tax-and-spend campaign platforms. But Chicago is and always will be a City of Neighborhoods, and those neighborhoods thrive when new businesses regularly open up shop, when streets bustle with restaurant and retail traffic. That's something every member of the new council, incumbent and newcomer, should be voting to encourage.

The new council faces a pension crisis. Gun violence. Underperforming schools. Public corruption. Tackling them all is vital to Chicago's health and future. But without economic growth — that is, without more taxpayers — some of those challenges will go unsolved. Stoking growth is a paramount priority. An urgent one too.

WHAT OTHERS ARE SAYING

The recent arrests in Operation Varsity Blues put the entire college admissions structure under well-deserved scrutiny. ... Even in such a badly broken system, however, there is one component that does not need to be fixed. It just needs to be scrapped completely. I am talking about the dread personal essay, which is too easy to falsify, and mostly worthless even when it hasn't been faked. ...

In other words, the essay section of the application virtually invites all sorts of covert assistance, and some-

times outright cheating. High school grades and test scores can be boosted by expensive tutors, but they ultimately reflect the students' own effort. No matter how rich they are — and barring parental chicanery — the kids have to submit their real grades and take their own tests. The essays, however, can too easily be the product of co-authorship, with no way to distinguish between the contributions of the student and the coach.

Making things even worse, some elite colleges appar-

ently give inordinate weight to the essays. Writing in *The New York Times*, one consultant called the essay "the purest part of the application" because it can show whether the student is kind, resilient, curious, creative or fun.

Even a prize-winning novelist would be hard-pressed to convey just one of those qualities in a 500-word character sketch, and the chances of getting an accurate picture from a 17-year-old novice are essentially nil.

Steven Lubet, *The Daily Beast*

Chicago Tribune PERSPECTIVE



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Mayor-elect Lori Lightfoot greets commuters at the CTA station at Lake and State streets Wednesday, the day after her runaway electoral victory.

What Chicago's mayoral election reveals about the 2020 presidential race



STEVE CHAPMAN

On Tuesday, Chicagoans did something that no one imagined a year ago, voting by a mammoth margin to entrust the mayor's office to an uncharismatic gay black woman who has never held elective office. Lori Lightfoot was the most surprising election winner since — well, since Donald Trump.

Chicago is not a cross section of America, but developments and tendencies seen in America's third-largest city often reflect the general pattern of the nation's political evolution. And those on display Tuesday yielded some clues about how the 2020 presidential election may go.

One conclusion to be drawn from the mayoral race is that large fields make for unpredictable outcomes. There were 14 candidates on the ballot in Chicago's Feb. 26 election, including some formidable figures who enjoyed big advantages in name recognition, proven vote-getting prowess and fundraising. But given such a wide range of options, voters are unlikely to coalesce rapidly behind any of them — even those who start out looking like

winners.

For a candidate, assembling a majority is not the first priority; building a small base of supporters can be enough, at least in early contests. Lightfoot, today's landslide winner, got just 17.5 percent in the first round, and that was enough to put her in first place. Toni Preckwinkle made the runoff with only 16 percent. The candidates who didn't survive captured 2 out of every 3 votes.

We already knew about this phenomenon from the last presidential election. No one gave Trump a chance of winning early on. But he won the New Hampshire primary with 35 percent of the vote, and he was able to win several more primaries with far less than a majority. One key to his success was a surfeit of rivals who managed only to kill each other off until he had a commanding lead.

In the mayoral race, we found that being well-known at the start is not an indispensable attribute. A long and crowded campaign gives obscure candidates a chance to gain attention. Lightfoot's victory should be taken as encouraging by such Democratic presidential contenders as Pete Buttigieg, Jay Inslee, John Hickenlooper and even Marianne Williamson and Andrew Yang.

What is plain from this election is something that was also apparent in

2016: Voters don't place immense importance on experience in elective office, of which Lightfoot has none. Neither did J.B. Pritzker before he was elected governor of Illinois, and neither did his predecessor, Bruce Rauner. Nor, of course, did Trump. These examples are not hopeful indicators for Joe Biden, Bernie Sanders, Amy Klobuchar or Cory Booker.

The public's attitude stems from the performance of elected officials and government institutions over the past two decades. Nationally, those include the 9/11 attacks, the Iraq War, the financial crisis of 2008, the Great Recession and the slow recovery that followed.

In Chicago, they include the sharp increase in murders in 2016, the 2014 killing of 17-year-old Laquan McDonald by a Chicago cop and the ensuing cover-up, chronic corruption, the crushing public pension debt and repeated tax increases.

Looking at the debacles produced by veteran leaders who were supposed to know what they were doing, people find themselves more willing to take a chance on inexperienced newcomers. Trump's many blunders and inability to learn from them may eventually curb this popular impulse, but not just yet.

Fresh faces seem to have considerably more appeal than before. Light-

foot benefited from being a conspicuous departure from the straight white men, Rahm Emanuel and Richard M. Daley, who preceded her. In a runoff featuring two African-American women, Preckwinkle was better connected and more establishment-oriented, and those hard-earned traits turned out to be liabilities.

Why did Americans elect Barack Obama and then Trump, who had almost nothing in common? Because each candidate represented something very different from what came before. Hillary Clinton's stature and expertise were a mixed blessing when she ran against Obama in 2008 and Trump in 2016.

The days when George W. Bush could succeed largely because he came from a famous political family are over. Ask Jeb. Or ask Bill Daley, son of one Chicago mayor and brother of another, who failed to make the runoff.

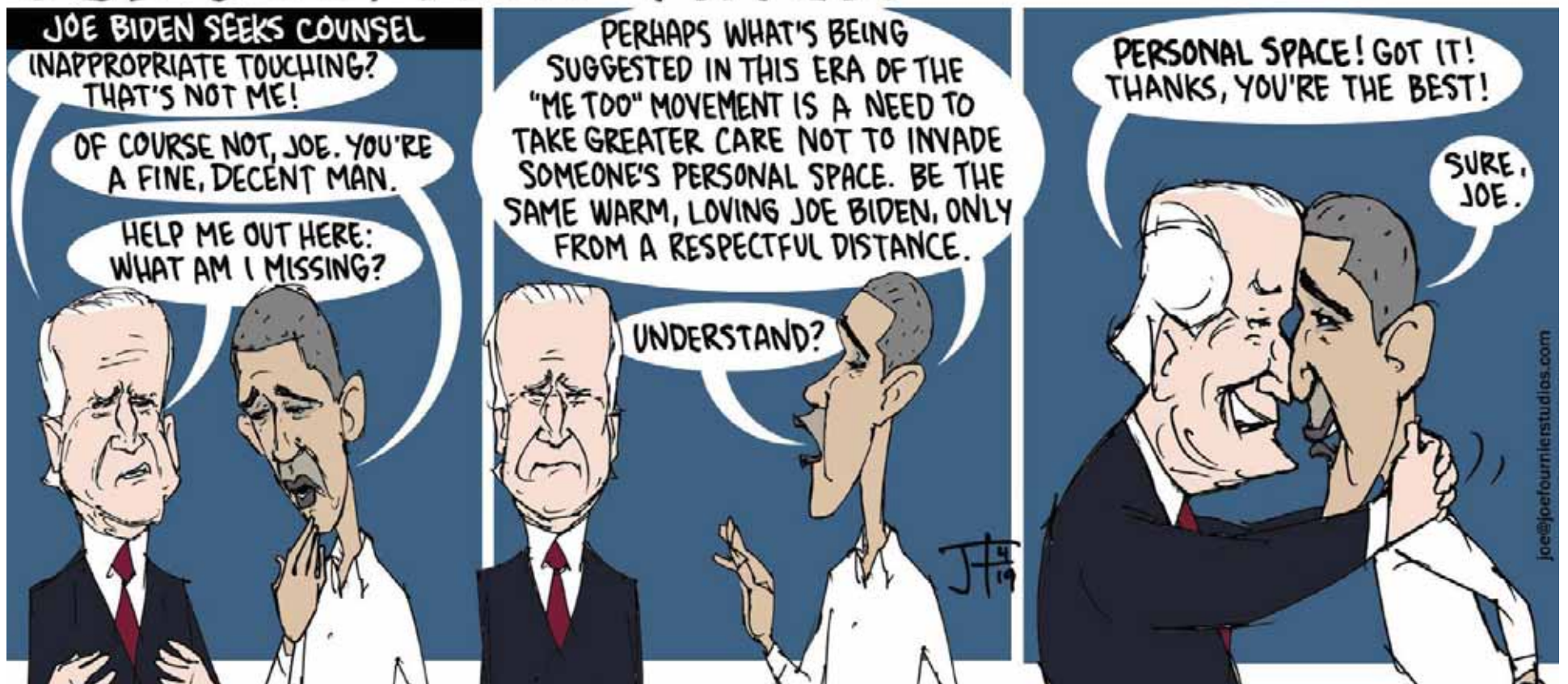
But the race is not always to the swift; time and chance happen to them all. Come election night 2020, the only surprising outcome would be an unsurprising outcome.

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PERSPECTIVE

Lightfoot's landslide case for delaying Lincoln Yards vote



ERIC ZORN

Chicago's Mayor-elect Lori Lightfoot claimed a "mandate for change" Tuesday night in her victory speech after her stunningly lopsided victory over Cook County Board President Toni Preckwinkle.

No question about it.

Lightfoot will come to office next month with the support of nearly 74 percent of voters behind her — she won all 50 wards — and she'll preside over a City Council with up to 14 new aldermen. The old guard has been grievously wounded.

Implicit in that rebuke to the status quo is stern instruction from voters to the lame-duck City Council to stand down, to take no further significant action. And no other issue facing the City Council seems more in need of that instruction than Lincoln Yards, the \$6 billion mega-development planned for 55 acres of former industrial property between Bucktown and Lincoln Park.

The controversial, high-density project will transform the Near Northwest Side. It will bring jobs, congestion, displacement and a looming new skyline, and residents of neighboring communities have been dismayed by the haste with which aldermen have been advancing the biggest legacy project of outgoing Mayor Rahm Emanuel.

By a 33-14 vote on March 13, the council approved the necessary zoning changes. The final step before groundbreaking will be to OK the creation of a tax subsidy of up to \$1.3 billion paid with tax increment financing. Those votes are now set to take place before the new council is sworn in.

Put simply, in a TIF district a portion of future property tax receipts goes to help fund projects that are intended to improve an area. In this case, the money will reimburse developer Sterling Bay for the needed infrastructure buildouts — new roads, bridges, intersections and transit facilities.

Mayor-elect Lightfoot has long been clear that she wants the City Council to slow its roll here.

"The Lincoln Yards development should be a decision for the next mayor and the next City Council," she said in a Jan. 11 news release. "And it should be a decision made with community input and a full understanding of the impact on population density, schools, traffic and other factors. All of these questions remain open at this time, and until they are answered to the satisfaction of the community, the development should not move forward."

In March, Lightfoot tweeted that the project lacked sufficient affordable housing units. "We must #DelayTheTIF and evaluate the impact the development will have on transportation, infrastructure and local schools."

Using the same hashtag, Lightfoot also tweeted, "When we spend hundreds of millions of taxpayer dollars on new developments, we need to use these investments as opportunities for community engagement and equitable economic growth."

After all, the original purpose of TIF financing was to assist blighted areas shunned by developers, investors and entrepreneurs, not to boost swank projects on highly desirable real estate.

If Sterling Bay doesn't want to pay the full cost of transforming this ripe area into a commercial and residential center that will no doubt generate significant profits for the company, surely some other developer will. The Lincoln Yards land, with its proximity to the Chicago River, the Kennedy Expressway and downtown, won't become a lifeless tundra.

Lightfoot's landslide emphatically underscored the imperative to put the TIF approval process on hold until we have regime change in late May. To move forward on this or any other major initiatives after such a resounding rejection of the status quo would be disrespectful to voters.

Ald. Brian Hopkins, 2nd, whose ward is home to Lincoln Yards, was re-elected in February and is a supporter of the project. He told me Wednesday he believes public financial support for the development is necessary but that he's "open to a discussion with the mayor-elect" about moving to defer the TIF question until after she takes office. "I'm willing to listen to her suggestions and her input," he said.

Being open is good. Listening is good.

But Chicago is all but officially Lori Lightfoot's city now. And when she holds up the stop sign, ladies and gentlemen of the City Council, whether you're staying or going, it's time to mash on the brakes.

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Chicago Democratic Socialists of America member Andre Vasquez declared victory over Ald. Patrick O'Connor, 40th.

Democratic socialists: No more business as usual

BY LUCIE MACIAS AND LEONARD PIERCE

Chicago has long been known as a Democratic city. After Tuesday's aldermanic elections, it should also be known as a democratic socialist city: Chicago will soon have more socialist City Council members than any major U.S. city in modern history.

As co-chairs of the Chicago Democratic Socialists of America, we're overjoyed with Tuesday's aldermanic results. Three of the four DSA members running won their races outright: Andre Vasquez in the 40th Ward, Jeanette Taylor in the 20th and Byron Sigcho-Lopez in the 25th. The fourth, Rossana Rodriguez in the 33rd Ward, is still too close to call yet, but with 100 percent of precincts reporting, she is up by 64 votes.

And in the first round of elections on Feb. 26, Ald. Carlos Rosa, 35th, an incumbent DSA member on the council, trounced his opponent by nearly 20 percentage points. And DSA member Daniel La Spata beat incumbent Ald. Joe Moreno by an even larger margin in the 1st Ward.

How did these candidates win? Simple: by running multiracial, grassroots campaigns made up of huge numbers of neighborhood activists; against corporate greed, budget cuts and gentrification; and for Chicago's working class. Their message clearly resonated with Chicagoans all over the city.

With at least five and as many as six socialist aldermen, Chicago's politicians and the ultra-wealthy, from the mayor's office to corporate boardrooms, need to understand that business isn't going to continue as usual in this city.

The new socialist aldermen are going to fight for an agenda of expanding affordable housing, protecting immigrant rights, fully funding public schools, expanding public services and more. That agenda will be paid for not by raising taxes on working people, but by taxing the rich.

Our victorious socialist candidates are discussing the formation of a Socialist

Caucus on the City Council to help carry out that agenda.

We didn't win these elections alone, of course. We worked alongside progressive groups such as United Working Families, which also endorsed many of our candidates — and won quite a few electoral victories of their own, including the overwhelming victory of progressive challenger Maria Hadden in the 49th Ward in the first round of elections. And Reclaim Chicago threw its weight behind candidates who are also DSA members, including Vasquez in the 40th Ward and La Spata in the 1st Ward.

Chicago DSA's wins are part of a rise in socialism nationwide. Since the 2016 presidential campaign of Sen. Bernie Sanders, I-Vt., DSA's national membership has exploded from 8,000 to more than 60,000, making us the largest socialist organization in America in more than half a century. Rep. Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez, another democratic socialist, has stormed the political stage in the U.S. House of Representatives. And we're winning in state and local races around the country.

Beyond the ballot box, socialists are playing key roles in a wide range of movements: union struggles, the fight for "Medicare for All," the local campaign to lift the ban on rent control in Illinois, the demand for a "Green New Deal" and more.

For too long, Chicago has been governed by Democrats who have been happy to give the city away to wealthy real estate developers and other corporations while gentrifying neighborhoods, privatizing public services and carrying out a brutal agenda of austerity.

Tuesday's election results show that it's a new day in this city. Chicago's new democratic socialist and progressive aldermen are ready to fight that austerity agenda tooth and nail, to win a city for the many — not the few.

Lucie Macias and Leonard Pierce are co-chairs of the Chicago Democratic Socialists of America.

VOICE OF THE PEOPLE

Mayoral voting needs change

It seems the turnout for Chicago's runoff election was as anemic as that in February. But I think we are losing sight of something that nobody has talked about.

Lori Lightfoot and Toni Preckwinkle each got fewer than 1 of 5 votes in the first election. That means at least 4 of 5 voters didn't vote for them. We don't know if that means that they weren't the voters' first choice, or if the voters didn't like them at all.

The city does well by having an electoral system that gives voters an abundance of candidates. And it is right to have a runoff to ensure that the winner gets more than 50 percent of the votes.

What the city did not do well in this case was to ensure it had candidates in the runoff who truly reflected the will of the people. When there are more than three candidates running for the same office, you would need to have a system of ranked voting to accurately determine the relative strength of each candidate apart from having multiple runoffs.

I applaud Lightfoot on her victory, but to be honest we don't really know the extent of her support among voters. She certainly has more support than Preckwinkle, but

we cannot assume that she would have had more support than Bill Daley, Susana Mendoza, Willie Wilson or any of the other candidates. The current electoral process doesn't give us that information.

— Larry Craig, Wilmette

Did candidates really lose?

Job well done, Mayor-elect Lori Lightfoot. I think the Chicago Tribune needs to follow the losing runoff candidates for the next six months. Will we find them working for the city, county, state or federal government? Will any of the individuals who ran for office really be losers or will they be taken care of by the party?

— Jerome C. Malon, Chicago

Biden's behavior versus Trump's

Former Vice President Joe Biden allegedly rubbed noses with one woman and placed his hands on the shoulders of another woman. We elected a man for presi-

dent who bragged about grabbing the genitals of women and paid hush money to a porn star. And people are complaining about Biden? Get real.

— Bob Barth, Chicago

'Fair tax'? We need reform first

I've lived in Illinois most of my life, raising three young men in Lake Bluff with my wonderful wife. We don't want to leave Illinois, like so many of our friends have, thus contributing to the diaspora of Illinois' economic refugees, tumbling out of this once-great state to more sensible and solvent places.

But now, to add further impetus — or insult to injury — to those on the fence about leaving, we're all faced with Gov. J.B. Pritzker's effort to swap our state's flat tax for something called a "fair tax," which the governor says will fall only on the rich who can well afford it. His argument is specious, and any legislator who votes for it does not understand it or is cavalier about the duty

of care owed to his or her constituents. This debate isn't about partisanship; it's about common fiscal and social sense. Fact: We have an outmigration problem in Illinois. Who's to say the wealthy won't leave too — as soon as this amendment is passed or even becomes a threat to them?

With a shrinking tax base because of departing residents and the resulting revenue shortfall, it's clear that J.B.'s "fair tax" will quickly fall on our middle class — and even more so, since some groups have found the governor's tax revenue projections are at least \$1 billion short. Before our leaders look to any more taxes, they need to at least try to reform the state's largest structural cost drivers. With \$134 billion in unfunded pension liabilities, even progressive income tax dollars don't come close to bridging that gap.

I hope our lawmakers along the North Shore, including Reps. Bob Morgan, Jonathan Carroll, Dan Didech and Mary Edly-Allen, step up for us and reject any and all new taxes without governmental and budget reform. These two measures should go hand in hand. Unless they do, there may be no one left to shoulder the tax burden except those who can't find someone else to buy their homes and let them leave.

— Robert Isham, Lake Bluff

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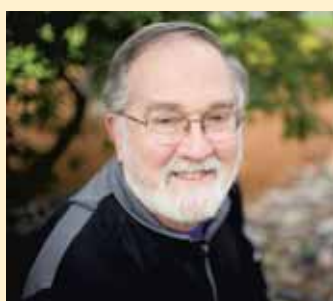
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Rob Metz, of Avery's Beverages in New Britain, Conn., holds a soda with a label protesting Gov. Ned Lamont's proposed tax on sugary drinks.

Soda tax fight renewed

Lawmakers brace for pushback from industry, shoppers

By **SUSAN HAIGH**
Associated Press

HARTFORD, Conn. — Nearly three decades after a U.S. state last imposed a special tax on sugary drinks, Connecticut's governor is pushing for one to help close a budget deficit — and bracing for a fight.

Taxes on soda and other sugar-loaded drinks have taken effect in recent years in several cities around the country, but lobbying from the beverage industry and its allies has been credited with helping to block statewide proposals that emerge annually in state legislatures around the

country.

"The industry lobbying is going to be pretty ferocious. I don't know if the legislature can stand up to it," said Connecticut Gov. Ned Lamont, a Democrat, who included 1.5-cent-per-ounce tax on sugar-sweetened drinks in his budget proposal.

Connecticut is among several states likely to see debate renewed this year over taxes that advocates endorse as a way to reduce consumption of liquid calories blamed for contributing to health problems such as obesity and diabetes. Opponents argue the taxes hurt stores and supermarkets as well as beverage produc-

ers, while inflicting financial harm on consumers.

"The challenge for these taxes, whether it's a state or a city, but typically a state, is they're very unpopular with working families and small, local businesses," said William Dermody Jr., vice president of media and public affairs for the American Beverage Association. "These people are vocal to their representatives that they dislike this tax."

Statewide taxes on sugary drinks were proposed this year in states including California, Massachusetts, New York,

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Lightfoot betting big on small companies

Biz leaders wary of mayor-elect's focus on community investment

By **ROBERT CHANNICK**
Chicago Tribune

Lori Lightfoot swept into office as mayor of Chicago Tuesday, promising to change the way the city does business, focusing more on neighborhood investment and small companies than previous administrations.

But after eight years of Mayor Rahm Emanuel's aggressively pro-business agenda that included a soaring skyline, a growing tech sector and high-profile corporate relocations, Chicago's business community had a decidedly mixed reaction to Lightfoot's victory.

"We've been the top city for six years now for these corporate relocations," said Howard Tullman, the former CEO of 1871, the influential tech hub. "The thought that all of that momentum would slow down or not be a priority is pretty scary in terms of my sectors — business and technology."

A former federal prosecutor and political novice, Lightfoot handily won a runoff against Cook County Board President Toni Preckwinkle, becoming the first African-American woman and openly gay candidate elected mayor of Chicago.

Her grassroots campaign was built on a platform of change and reform, a message that resonated with voters weary of the so-called Chicago way.

Her economic plan reflected the same themes, essentially characterizing Emanuel's policies as a "false choice" between investing in the downtown business district or in Chicago's neighborhoods. She pledged to continue the development downtown, but work "even harder" to bring investment to struggling neighborhoods on the west and south sides by fostering small business growth.

But business leaders including Tullman questioned whether the city can

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Firm moves forward with plans

Developer finalizes purchase of former Purple Hotel site

By **PHIL ROCKROHR**
Pioneer Press

A Highland Park developer has acquired the former purple hotel in Lincolnwood as plans for the District 1860 development move forward. Rich Tucker, chief executive officer of Tucker Development, confirmed Monday that his company completed the purchase of the 8.47-acre site on March 21.

Tucker declined to say how much the firm paid.

The property, home of the former Lincolnwood Hotel, known by its exterior as the purple hotel, is slated for 85,000 square feet of retail and restaurants, a 220-room hotel, and 300 luxury apartments, said Charles Meyer, assistant village manager.

"The development, which is expected to create a new, dynamic commercial hub for Lincolnwood, has received its preliminary development approvals and is anticipated



TUCKER DEVELOPMENT

Tucker Development aims to begin work this year on a residential, retail, commercial and hotel development at the northwest corner of Lincoln and Touhy avenues in Lincolnwood.

to undergo final development approval this summer," Meyer said.

The property is an ideal location for such a project, Tucker said.

"We've looked over the site multiple

times," he said. "I credit the community, village president and board for understanding this is the type of environment that

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Walgreens' CEO loses \$1.2B in one day

Beset by competition, changing economics and consolidation among rivals, drugstore chain saw its shares fall 13 percent

By **ROBERT LANGRETH**
AND **SOPHIE ALEXANDER**
Bloomberg News

Walgreens Boots Alliance is facing a reckoning and it's hitting the drugstore chain's billionaire chief executive, Stefano Pessina, in the wallet.

Beset by bruising retail competition, changing drug-price economics and consolidation among its rivals, the company saw its shares fall Tuesday by the most since August 2014, sinking 13 percent to close at \$55.36. The plunge came after the chain posted lower second-quarter profits and cut its guidance for the fiscal year.

Pessina, a multibillionaire who owns 15.4 percent of the company, saw his net worth decline by \$1.18 billion, from \$11.35 billion

to \$10.17 billion, according to the Bloomberg Billionaires Index.

There were few bright spots for Walgreens in the past three months, a period Pessina said was the toughest in his tenure as CEO. At its pharmacy counters, the source of two-thirds of its U.S. sales, Walgreens filled more prescriptions but was hurt by smaller reimbursements from insurers. Meanwhile, same-store retail sales fell 3.8 percent in the quarter as shoppers picked up fewer cold remedies and tobacco products.

Makers of brand-name drugs, under pressure from politicians, haven't been raising prices as rapidly, limiting a source of growth for drugstores like Walgreens. On top of that, wholesale prices for generic medicines aren't dropping as fast as they



Pessina

were a year or two ago, depriving the company of significant markups.

Walgreens' U.S. business is "under siege,"

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5G cell service is now live in Chicago

Plan for Verizon customers costs extra and requires a special snap-on module

By **SCOTT MORITZ**
Bloomberg News

Chicago, 5G is here. Verizon Communications, in a tight race with AT&T and Sprint, has claimed bragging rights as the first U.S. carrier to offer fifth-generation mobile phone service.

Starting Wednesday, Verizon customers with unlimited data plans in parts of Minneapolis and Chicago can get speeds of up to 1 gigabit per second on a limited number of phones for an extra \$10 a month. The initial launch is part of a 30-city goal for 5G service this year.

Carriers are in a rush to sign up early adopters of the next-generation wireless technology. They eventually hope to hook consumers and businesses on a vast trove of new services, including home-TV service, connected appliances and self-driving cars, generating billions in new revenue.

The race has had some awkward moments. Lacking actual 5G phones, Verizon is able to offer the service only to customers who own a Motorola Z3 handset and pay \$50 extra for a snap-on 5G module.

Similarly, AT&T's first 5G service was to hot-spot devices called pucks. And to confuse the issue, AT&T is calling its upgraded 4G service "5G E." That claim was challenged in court by Sprint, which called it fake and deceptive.

Manufacturers including Motorola and Samsung Electronics are expected to deliver more 5G phones later this year. Apple is sitting out the race this year and is expected to hold off on introducing a 5G iPhone until at least 2020.

The development of 5G has also been framed as a global battle for tech supremacy. President Donald Trump has viewed 5G expansion as a key technology arms race with China.

"Verizon customers will be the first in the world to have the power of 5G in their hands," Chief Executive Officer Hans Vestberg said in a statement.

Google to require benefits and minimum wage for contractors

BY RACHEL LERMAN
Associated Press

SAN FRANCISCO — Google said Tuesday it will require staffing companies it works with to pay workers at least \$15 an hour and give them health benefits.

The company has faced pushback from employees and contract workers for paying contractors less than full-time employees.

Google did not say how many contractors and temporary workers it has, but reports say it is many thousands of people. Staffing companies will have until January 2020 to implement the minimum wage



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Google's logo is seen in 2016 at the company's headquarters in Mountain View, Calif.

requirement, and January 2022 for the health care requirement.

Google's new rules will require contractors, who

are usually employed by third-party companies, to also get 12 weeks of paid parental leave and a \$5,000 tuition reimbursement

each year for classes to learn new skills.

Contract workforces are common in the tech industry and often get paid less and have fewer perks than full-time employees working for tech giants. Microsoft also implemented a requirement for contractors to get paid parental leave last year.

Many Google employees have banded together in the past year and demanded the company change various policies, prompting Google to examine issues from its handling of sexual misconduct claims to a military contract.



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Boeing technicians work on the Starliner spacecraft inside Boeing's production facility at the Kennedy Space Center.

More delays for Boeing's new space capsule

Associated Press

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. — Boeing's new space capsule for astronauts faces more launch delays.

The Starliner capsule was supposed to make its debut this month, after a series of postponements. But the first test flight is now off until August. And the second test flight, with astronauts, won't occur until late in the year.

NASA announced the revised lineup Wednesday. At the same time, officials said the first Starliner crew will remain at the International Space Station longer than the few weeks originally anticipated. The mission length will be decided later.

SpaceX, NASA's other commercial crew provider, successfully flew its new Dragon capsule without a crew to the ISS last month. The first flight with astronauts could be as early as this summer, but the schedule is under review.

Boeing said the last major milestones have been cleared and the cap-

sule is almost finished. But scheduling conflicts with an early summer Air Force launch helped push the Starliner's debut into August.

The Starliner will fly on United Launch Alliance's Atlas V rocket, the same kind of rocket needed for the Air Force's critical mission in late June, from the same pad.

While the first SpaceX astronauts will visit the space station for a few weeks at most, the Starliner's three-person crew will move into the orbiting complex for an extended period. The typical station stay is about six months.

NASA wants to reduce its reliance on Russian Soyuz capsules as soon as possible, and so the Boeing test flight will double as a taxi mission for station residents. NASA astronauts have been stuck riding Russian rockets since the end of the space shuttle program.

SpaceX Dragons and Boeing Starliners will return human launches to Florida, following the eight-year hiatus.

Max pilots initially followed Boeing's steps

Report hints system cutoff effort made in fatal Ethiopian crash

BY DOMINIC GATES
Seattle Times

SEATTLE — The pilots of the Ethiopian Airlines 737 Max that crashed last month appear to have followed the emergency procedure laid out by both Boeing and the Federal Aviation Authority — cutting off the suspect flight-control system — but could not regain control and avert the plunge that killed all 157 on board.

The Wall Street Journal, citing people briefed on the crash investigation's preliminary findings, reported Tuesday night that the pilots hit the system cutoff switches as Boeing had instructed after October's Lion Air Max crash, but couldn't get the plane's nose back up. They then turned the system back on before the plane nose-dived into the ground.

If the preliminary investigation confirms that the Ethiopian pilots did cut off the automatic flight-control system, this is a nightmarish outcome for Boeing and the FAA.

It would suggest emergency procedures that Boeing laid out for pilots worldwide after the Lion Air crash, and that the FAA alerted airlines to the next day, is inadequate, missing vital information that was in Boeing pilot manuals nearly 40 years ago but isn't any longer.

That old 737 pilot manual lays out a scenario where a much more elaborate pilot response is required than the one Boeing outlined in November and has reiterated ever since, accord-



MULUGETA AYENE/AP

The Ethiopian Airlines 737 Max crash killed all 157 aboard March 10 near Bishoftu, Ethiopia.

ing to former Boeing flight-control engineer Peter Lemme.

Just a week after the Oct. 29 Lion Air crash, Boeing sent out an urgent bulletin to all 737 Max operators across the world cautioning them that a sensor failure could cause a new Max flight-control system to automatically swivel upward the horizontal tail — also called the stabilizer — and push the jet's nose down.

Boeing's bulletin laid out a seemingly simple response: Hit a pair of cutoff switches to turn off the automatic system — known as the Maneuvering Characteristics Augmentation System, or MCAS — and then swivel the tail down by manually turning a large stabilizer trim wheel next to the pilot's seat that connects mechanically to the tail via

cables.

Boeing has publicly contended for five months that this simple procedure was all that was needed to save the airplane if MCAS was inadvertently activated.

In a November interview on the Fox Business Network, Boeing CEO Dennis Muilenburg, when asked if information had been withheld from pilots, cited the procedure as "part of the training manual" and said Boeing's bulletin to airlines "pointed to that existing flight procedure."

But Lemme said the Ethiopian pilots most likely were unable to carry out that last instruction in the Boeing emergency procedure — because they simply couldn't physically move that wheel against the heavy forces acting on the tail.

"The forces on the tail

could have been too great," Lemme said. "They couldn't turn the manual trim wheel."

More detailed instructions that conceivably could have saved the plane are provided in the 1982 pilot manual for the old 737. They require the pilot to do something counterintuitive: to let go of the control column for a moment.

As Lemme explains, this "will make the nose drop a bit," but it will relax the force on the elevator and on the jackscrew, allowing the pilot to crank the stabilizer trim wheel. The instructions in the old manual say that the pilot should repeatedly do this: Release the control column and crank the stabilizer wheel, release and crank, until the stabilizer is swiveled back to where it should be.

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said Evercore ISI analyst Ross Muken in a note to clients, saying the results were worse than even pessimistic investors imagined. Pessina said on a conference call with analysts that Walgreens management saw the trends coming but execs weren't quick enough in putting countermeasures in place.

Pessina, who resides in Monaco, has made and lost billions from his Walgreens holdings. He first received a stake in Walgreens in 2012

when the company bought 45 percent of Alliance Boots, the British drugstore chain he then chaired. After Walgreens acquired the remaining 55 percent of Alliance Boots at the end of 2014, Pessina's net worth was almost \$11.7 billion. His wealth peaked at \$15.3 billion in July 2015.

A spokesman for Walgreens declined to comment on the change in Pessina's wealth.

Walgreens is less diversified than its biggest rival, CVS Health Corp. CVS, which already owned drug-benefit manager Caremark, bought insurer Aetna last year. But Walgreens' 2015

plan to acquire drugstore rival Rite Aid Corp. — which would have vaulted it past CVS in store count — fizzled after regulators objected. Walgreens ended up buying 1,932 Rite Aid stores but not the company itself.

Those purchases, completed last year, have brought Walgreens to a total of 9,560 U.S. stores. Walgreens said Tuesday it would close 750 U.S. stores, up from a previously announced 600. And it boosted its cost-cutting target to more than \$1.5 billion a year by fiscal 2022, from more than \$1 billion.

Most recently, Walgreens has focused on partner-

ships. The company announced a retail partnership with grocer Kroger Co., a drug-delivery agreement with FedEx Corp., and a digital-health effort with Microsoft Corp. But those haven't yet made a difference in the bottom line.

On the conference call, Pessina promised things would eventually turn around.

"We still believe in this market. We still believe that this market is a market for the future, a big market with continuous growth," Pessina said, emphasizing that he wouldn't use cash to overpay for a big acquisition.

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would work well for this type of development. The location is fantastic — the demographics, the traffic pattern."

Tucker Development needs only to receive its final permits for construction and hopes to begin construction by the end of 2019, Tucker said. Construction will take about 18 months, he said.

Meyer estimated the com-

pany will break ground in early 2020 and host its grand opening in fall 2021.

"We hope to beat that but yes," Tucker said. "Realistically, based on the schedule, it will probably be spring or summer of '21."

Meyer said the firm plans to spend \$170 million on the project, which sits at a "key intersection at the heart of Lincolnwood." Tucker declined to confirm the amount of the investment.

"They can estimate. We just don't talk about num-

bers," he said. "I'm not saying it's wrong either."

In February, the Village Board approved a massive tax increment financing package of \$25 million in tax exempt notes, \$5 million in subordinate notes to the retail developer, and \$1 million in subordinate notes and a rebate of a portion of the village's hotel tax to the hotel developer.

First Hospitality Group is developing the hotel, Tucker said.

Village President Barry

Bass said Tucker's purchase of the property is a "major hurdle that has been cleared."

"The village has long sought out the right combination of an experienced developer and a plan that reflects Lincolnwood's values and character to be able to support development of this critically important corner," Bass said in a prepared statement.

Phil Rockrohr is a freelance reporter for the Pioneer Press.

Tax

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Rhode Island and Vermont, but the last state to impose any such tax was Arkansas, which adopted an excise tax on soft drinks in 1992. Three other states have had sugary drink taxes on their books for decades — Tennessee, Virginia, and West Virginia, according to the National Conference of State Legislatures. Dozens of other states apply sales tax on at least some soda purchases.

Revenue from the taxes is used for purposes ranging from a medical school in West Virginia to litter and recycling programs in Virginia and Tennessee. Revenue from Connecticut's proposed tax would go to the state's main spending account but Lamont said he hopes the tax also will ultimately reduce health care costs.

Last week, the American Academy of Pediatrics and the American Heart Association called for education campaigns and raising prices through taxes to reduce consumption of sugary drinks by young people.

Advocates on either side have cited studies with different conclusions on the effectiveness of taxes for public health.

A 2017 report from Healthy Food America said sugary drink sales in Mexico dropped 9 percent two years after that country imposed a tax, while they dropped 10 percent one year after Berkeley, California, adopted such a tax.

But the American Beverage Association says other research, including a 2017 study of Philadelphia's soda tax commissioned by the industry and conducted by Oxford Economics, challenges that argument. It notes consumers shifted grocery buying trips outside the city to avoid the tax, or purchased untaxed substitute items, such as drink mixes.

In Connecticut, which is facing a two-year budget deficit of about \$3.7 billion, Lamont's office estimated the tax on sugary drinks would generate \$163 mil-

lion in new annual revenue.

One Connecticut soda company that dates back to 1904, Avery's Beverages in New Britain, has printed its opposition to Lamont's proposal on its labels. The company has produced a limited edition "Don't Tax Me Ned!" soda brand, which has been selling fast.

General Manager Rob Metz said many of his customers buy cases of soda, choosing from more than 50 flavors ranging from sarsaparilla to kiwi.

He said this tax will increase the retail price of a case from \$16 to more than \$21, and he's fearful it will also apply to his wholesale customers, increasing the pallet price by \$250.

Cities have had more success passing taxes.

Municipal taxes on sugary drinks were implemented in four California cities as well as Philadelphia, Seattle, Boulder, Colo., and the Navajo Nation, according to Healthy Food America. The most recent are San Francisco and Seattle, which took effect in January 2018. A penny-per-ounce tax in Cook County, Ill., was repealed in 2017 following lawsuits, a warning that millions in federal food stamp benefits could be lost and complaints by store owners about plummeting sales.

The beverage industry has tried to slow the expansion of local soda taxes by supporting efforts at the state level to ban local taxes.

Arizona, California, Michigan and Washington each passed legislation or referendums that banned local taxes on drinks. In Washington, the Yes to Affordable Groceries campaign, funded almost entirely by the soda industry, raised more than \$20 million to pass a measure last year prohibiting new local taxes on soda or groceries.

In California, a group of lawmakers recently unveiled a "rethink your drink" campaign. Besides a tax on sugary drinks, the legislative package calls for barring restaurants from selling soda in cups larger than 16 ounces and banning soda discount coupons.

Cashless retail short-changes poor

Lack of banking access leaves many on outside, looking in

BY OLGA KHARIF
AND KRISTA GMELICH
Bloomberg News

Rebecca Esparza works with homeless people and, having once lived in a shelter herself, knows what it's like to navigate the U.S. economy if you don't have much money. For most of her clients, cash is king because they lack access to the financial tools many Americans take for granted — checking accounts, debit cards, payment apps.

Esparza worries that the growing number of cashless stores and restaurants around the country will further marginalize low-income people at a time when inequality is already the highest in more than half a century.

"We just forget just how poor the poor can actually be in this country," says Esparza, who works at the Lawrence, Kan., affiliate of the nonprofit Family Promise and once sold her blood to support herself and her five children. "I could totally be part of that cashless system today, but it would totally discriminate."

Legislators around the country agree with Esparza and are taking steps to halt or slow the steady march toward a cashless society.

Last month, New Jersey passed legislation banning many kinds of cashless stores, joining Massachusetts, which has a 1978 law prohibiting discrimination against customers opting to use cash, and Philadelphia, which adopted a similar law in February.

San Francisco has proposed a ban on stores like Amazon Go and Nestle-owned Blue Bottle coffee shops, which don't accept cash.

Ritchie Torres of the New York City Council is leading efforts to ban cashless retail there, and law-



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A turnstile entrance to an Amazon Go store in Seattle. Advocates for the homeless say the trend toward cashless stores hurts poor people.

makers in Chicago and Washington, D.C., have considered similar proposals in recent years.

Proponents of cashless stores tout various benefits. Electronic payments save employees the time it takes to collect, store and transport cash. Theft is less likely. Customers typically move faster through checkout lines because they don't need to count out their cash and wait for change.

Some argue that technology, having helped usher in cashless payments, can provide a solution. Companies like Square Inc. and PayPal Holdings Inc. offer payment services that don't require a bank account; they're gaining some traction with the working poor and could eventually provide an alternative to banning cashless stores outright.

The vast majority of U.S. retailers and restaurants currently accept cash. But those that don't often cater to wealthier customers. The

best-known example is Amazon Go, a chain of cashierless convenience stores that carry upscale fare like artisanal cheeses and locally made chocolates. Amazon.com Inc. operates only 10 Go stores in three cities, but eventually could open as many as 3,000, according to people familiar with the matter.

The fear is that if cashless shopping catches on, more and more retailers will follow suit. Many local restaurants are no longer accepting hard currency because handling cash can add as much as 10 percent to overhead costs, says Richard Crone, chief executive of payments expert Crone Consulting LLC. In five years, he says, a third of all retail will be cashless, up from about 17 percent today. About 10 percent of brick-and-mortar stores will be cashless, up from less than 1 percent today, he says.

"A trillion-dollar behemoth like Amazon has the

ability to spread widely throughout the country," says Torres, the New York City councilor. "So a trend that might start at the margin can proliferate overnight."

In 2017, 6.5 percent of U.S. households were "unbanked" and lacked a checking or savings account, according to the Federal Deposit Insurance Corp.'s latest available national survey. An additional 18.7 percent fell into the broad "underbanked" category, meaning they had a bank account but used at least one alternative service like money orders, check cashing or payday loans.

There are a variety of reasons Americans use cash. Even with a steady income, people living paycheck-to-paycheck may not have enough money to keep in an account. Some don't want to pay the fees; others don't trust banks.

The homeless are especially vulnerable. If they

lose their documents, they often have trouble getting them again. Michelle Jones, 37, who arrived in Seattle in 2001 as a homeless youth, lost her social security card three times and says it was stolen once.

"Even just to get a bank account, of course you need to have an ID," says Jones, who now works for the Metropolitan Improvement District, a nonprofit helping the homeless population in Seattle's downtown. "Getting an ID can take months. And during that time they can't get any work at all. And at that point they are falling more into the pattern of listlessness."

Another barrier to opening a bank account lack of steady income. Some only receive cash from panhandling, and don't have enough money to put in a bank account anyway. Plus many banks require secondary proofs of identity, such as a utility bill and a

credit-card statement, which homeless people don't have.

For technologists, a cashless society is a cherished dream, one that's already becoming a reality in other countries — even ones with large populations of low-income people. Almost half of Chinese already use mobile phones for cashless payments, according to eMarketer. The Indian government is promoting digital payments in an effort to stamp out endemic corruption.

In Sweden, often described as the most cashless society on Earth, just 25 percent of Swedes paid in cash at least once a week in 2017. Now local authorities wonder if money is disappearing too quickly and could hurt people, such as the elderly, who haven't yet joined the digital age. Swedish legislators are expected to adopt a proposal forcing banks to keep offering cash.

Business

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afford to take its foot off the accelerator when it comes to recruiting major companies and encouraging development downtown.

Tullman said that if Lightfoot is any less aggressive than Emanuel has been at wooing tech companies to Chicago, Atlanta and other cities will be waiting in the wings to scoop them up.

"We've got Facebook, Salesforce, LinkedIn and five or 10 other companies talking about expanding and growing their businesses in Chicago," Tullman said. "The tech community and the business community don't really wait at all."

Lightfoot, though, said that the gains can be more widely shared throughout the city. Last month, she spoke at the startup hub TechNexus in the Loop about the importance of getting resources to entrepreneurs wherever they are in the city.

"We need to create incubators for businesses in our neighborhoods so we can add this kind of vibrancy, peer to peer contact, mentorship, all the good things that come from incubators, we have got to do them out in the neighborhoods, particularly south of Roosevelt and west of Ashland," she said.

Lightfoot also discussed getting rid of the aldermanic prerogative that has made entrepreneurs feel as if they must "kiss the ring of some alderman to do anything" in the city. She said that system has stifled growth and innovation, and discouraged people from staying in Chicago to do business.

Chicago's diverse economy has helped it through "a lot of ups and downs" in the past, Lightfoot said. But it's critical to understand where the economy is going and create a pipeline of talent to fuel it. Lightfoot's office did not respond to a request for comment on Wednesday.

When Emanuel was elected for his first term as mayor in February 2011, the former congressman and White House chief of staff under President Barack

Obama was a savvy political veteran with deep ties to the city's business community.

Throughout his tenure as mayor, he promoted Chicago and his recruitment efforts tirelessly, convincing big-name businesses like McDonald's and Conagra to relocate their headquarters to Chicago, while missing on Amazon.

High-profile events such as the NFL Draft showcased the city on a national stage, while Choose Chicago, Emanuel's revamped tourism bureau, helped push annual visitors past the 57 million mark last year.

But beyond the gleaming downtown was an economic dichotomy, where violence and poverty persisted in neighborhoods on the south and west sides.

"The economic impact has and continues to be devastating," Lightfoot said in her economic plan.

That plan, which was published online, focuses on small business growth in Chicago neighborhoods by streamlining access to capital, eliminating red tape, decentralizing city agencies and other mechanisms designed to encourage development in distressed communities.

Allen Sanderson, a University of Chicago economics professor who criticized the city for giving away too much to lure the NFL Draft, expressed some reservations over Lightfoot's focus on small business development.

"There's nothing inherently good or bad about big or small business," Sanderson said. "It's about which one can produce better results."

Sanderson said big businesses tend to be more efficient than small businesses, which improves the likelihood of success, job creation and retention.

"Small businesses create a lot of jobs, but (they) also go out of business at a much higher rate," he said. "There are some strong advantages to being larger."

While Sanderson acknowledged the inequality of income across Chicago's neighborhoods, he questioned whether allocating resources from the city center to encourage peripheral development is the answer.

Juliana Kerr, director of

the global cities program for the Chicago Council on Global Affairs, said the groundwork laid by Lightfoot's predecessors will enable her to focus more on neighborhood development.

"She now has an opportunity to be able to focus on the neighborhoods because the Riverwalk has been rebuilt, because of Millennium Park, because of all those great initiatives that have helped make the downtown core a thriving ecosystem for the city at large," Kerr said.

Jack Lavin, president and CEO of the Chicagoland Chamber of Commerce, believes Lightfoot will find the right balance between downtown and neighborhood development, and supports her emphasis on small business.

The Chamber of Commerce joined a long list of civic institutions that endorsed Lightfoot over Preckwinkle during the runoff election.

"It's very important to talk about small and mid-sized businesses," Lavin said. "That's where the jobs are being created in the economy right now."

Nowhere is the pro-business environment under Emanuel more evident than the skyscrapers and large-scale developments that have sprouted up in downtown Chicago and its environs during his eight years in office. Most recently, Emanuel helped win zoning approval for Sterling Bay's massive \$6 billion Lincoln Yards development planned for the North Side.

Chicago developer Related Midwest also has a number of ambitious projects in the pipeline, most notably The 78 — a planned residential, retail and commercial development on a vacant South Loop site. A proposed centerpiece is the Discovery Partners Institute, a public-private technology research center envisioned as a way to train and retain top talent by encouraging businesses to locate nearby.

"We're in the planning stages," Related Midwest President Curt Bailey said Wednesday. "We could be one announcement away from beginning some buildings there."

Bailey said that while



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Lori Lightfoot will succeed Mayor Rahm Emanuel, under whose tenure construction has surged downtown.

downtown development "may change course a little bit" under the new administration, he is confident growth will continue. If development moves out to the neighborhoods, Related Midwest would be ready to take part.

"We are not only focused on large projects like The 78 and market-rate developments, but we are extremely focused on affordable housing," Bailey said. "I think that this administration can lead us to a renaissance of

affordable housing development that we would like to be an enormous part of."

The 78 was also one of about 10 Chicago sites offered up as a potential home for Amazon's second headquarters. In November, Amazon announced it would split its second headquarters between New York's Long Island City and Arlington in northern Virginia, bypassing Chicago's bid.

New York offered Amazon \$3 billion in tax and other incentives, enthusiastically

backed by Mayor Bill de Blasio, who, like Lightfoot, succeeded a pro-business mayor in 2014 on a progressive platform focused on alleviating economic inequality and developing affordable housing.

In February, Amazon pulled the plug on its proposed New York headquarters amid local political backlash over the incentive package.

Tullman, who is now executive director of the Ed Kaplan Family Institute for Innovation and Tech Entrepreneurship at the Illinois Institute of Technology, said the shifting political winds in New York are a cautionary tale for Chicago.

"Look at New York," Tullman said. "You got a few crazy politicians and Amazon walked. That was 25,000 jobs and who knows how many hundreds of millions of dollars of benefit."

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Savings Update

Should I open a no-penalty CD?

Certificates of deposit are often touted as a way to earn money on your savings with virtually no risk. In terms of your principal staying intact, that's generally true. But CDs do carry the risk of forfeiting some earnings should you cash out early. So why not invest in no-penalty CDs instead?

If you're thinking that something that sounds too good to be true probably isn't, you're on the right track. No-penalty CDs aren't a swindle, though. They're legitimate products, offered by many reputable institutions. But though they might be smart for a particular type of saver, for most of us they leave too much money on the table.

No-penalty CDs are exactly what their name suggests: a certificate that imposes no early withdrawal penalty if you cash the CD out before its maturity date.

However, that withdrawal flexibility comes at the ex-

pense of a much lower interest rate. It's as simple as this: If you want to maximize your earnings, you'll need to commit to a full term, or pay the penalty if you break the contract. But if you opt to avoid penalties, the bank will pay you less interest.

The lower rate can be significant, too, to the point that you can generally find an online savings account that pays as much or more, with almost no withdrawal restrictions. So for most, it's smarter to open a high-yield savings account if you can't commit to a full CD term.

One scenario where a no-penalty CD can make good sense is for savers who feel they lack the discipline to keep their savings untouched. Though a no-penalty CD still allows access, it's not as simple or quick as draining a savings account. And that added procedural obstacle might be just enough to keep them from tapping their savings.

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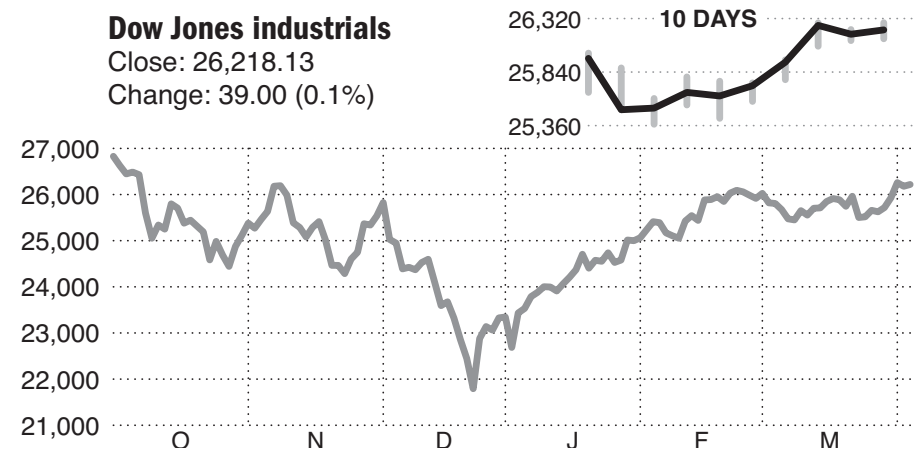


Table showing Nasdaq (+46.86), S&P 500 (+6.16), and Russell 2000 (+7.59) performance metrics including close, high, low, and previous values.

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OBITUARIES

HELEN MILLER 1936-2019

Union leader fought to get wage hikes for home care workers

By GRAYDON MEGAN
Chicago Tribune

Helen Miller came to Chicago from a small town in Mississippi as part of the Great Migration of African-Americans from the rural south and went on to help lead the Service Employees International Union Local 880 as it grew from seven members in the early 1980s to 70,000 when she retired as president in 2007.



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Helen Miller at a news conference to urge legislators to raise the state minimum wage.

Colored High School. She came to Chicago in the mid-1950s, seeking greater opportunity.

In the early 1980s, she was a home care worker when the state of Illinois was paying people in that job \$1 an hour, since they were considered independent contractors who didn't qualify for the minimum wage at that time of \$3.35 an hour. She joined others, including some labor allies, to march on Springfield, calling on legislators to pay at least minimum wage.

When it was her turn to speak, she said later, she called on lawmakers to "listen with their hearts." Many did, raising the pay of Miller and others to \$3.50. It was the start of Miller's long effort to improve pay and conditions for low wage workers.

"She was one of those unknown historical figures who helped spark a movement," said Keith Kelleher, a former president of what is now SEIU Healthcare Illinois Indiana Missouri & Kansas.

Miller, 82, died of complications from stomach cancer March 5 in her hometown of Louisville, Miss., according to her nephew Tony Berry. After living for years on Chicago's South Side, she returned to her hometown a few years after her retirement.

She was born Helen Ashford in 1936 and grew up helping her parents with the hard work of a small farm. Segregation was still the rule and she graduated from what was then Louisville

2007. Miller's efforts have led to continuing gains in wages — now \$13 an hour — training and health care coverage for more than 23,000 workers.

Miller's work also helped home child care providers make similar gains and fueled growth of the union to about 70,000 members by 2007, when she retired from both her home care work and her presidency of the local. All her work for the local was as a volunteer as she became treasurer in 1986, vice president in 1989 and president in 1999.

"We were all home care workers," Miller told the Tribune in 2018. "We were all trying to get a living wage for ourselves and for our co-workers."

Miller was as generous and caring for her family as she was for her co-workers and the many people she cared for in their homes. Berry, his two brothers and his mother lived with Miller and her late husband, Collin, for about 10 years in a four-bedroom, one-bathroom apartment near 51st Street and Indiana Avenue.

"That was a pretty loving place," Berry said. "They were a very open and loving couple."

Berry said Miller's fortitude, vision and determination to help others was amazing, especially given her roots in rural Mississippi.

"She didn't have a lot, but she still managed to save, managed to invest and managed to help other people," he said. "She was just a remarkable woman."

Survivors also include four sisters, Brenda Thomas, Paulette Cooks, Cookie Hoskin and Johnnie Wells; and two brothers, Hayward Ashford and Jerome Hoskin.

Services were held.

Graydon Megan is a freelance reporter

Chicago Daily Tribune

ON APRIL 4 ...

In 1818 Congress decided the flag of the United States would consist of 13 red and white stripes and 20 stars, with a new star to be added for every new state of the Union.

In 1841 President William Henry Harrison succumbed to pneumonia one month after his inaugural, becoming the first U.S. chief executive to die in office.

In 1850 the city of Los Angeles was incorporated.

In 1887 Susanna Medora Salter became the first woman elected mayor of an American community — Argonia, Kan.

In 1902 British financier Cecil Rhodes left \$10 million in his will to provide scholarships for Americans at Oxford University.

In 1945, during World War II, U.S. troops on Okinawa encountered the first significant resistance from Japanese forces. Also in 1945 U.S. forces liberated the Nazi prison camp Ohrdruf in Germany.

In 1949, 12 nations, including the United States, signed the North Atlantic Treaty.

In 1968 civil rights leader Martin Luther King Jr., 39, was assassinated in Memphis, Tenn.

In 1969 CBS canceled "The Smothers Brothers Comedy Hour" because of its controversial political humor.

In 1975 more than 130 people, most of them children, were killed when a U.S. Air Force transport plane evacuating Vietnamese orphans crashed shortly after take-off from Saigon.

In 1979 Zulfikar Ali Bhutto, the deposed prime minister of Pakistan, was hanged after he was convicted of conspiring to murder a political opponent.

In 1981 Henry Cisneros became the first Mexican-American elected mayor of a major U.S. city — San Antonio.

In 1983 the space shuttle Challenger roared into orbit on its maiden voyage.

In 1985 Gary Dotson, who served six years of a prison sentence for rape, was freed on bail from Joliet Correctional Center after his accuser, Cathleen Crowell Webb, testified that the attack had never occurred.

In 1989 Richard M. Daley

won his first Chicago mayoral election, to a 2-year term that completed the term of the late Harold Washington.

In 1995 Francisco Martin Duran, who had raked the White House with semiautomatic rifle fire in October 1994, was convicted in Washington of trying to assassinate President Bill Clinton.

In 1996 President Bill Clinton signed legislation severing the link between crop prices and government subsidies. Also in 1996 the former general manager of Daiwa Bank's New York branch pleaded guilty to aiding a \$1.1 billion cover-up.

In 2000, in a volatile day on the U.S. stock market, the Nasdaq composite index and the Dow Jones industrial average each plunged more than 500 points before reversing course as buyers flooded back into the market.

In 2001 Hideo Nomo became the fourth pitcher in major league history to throw a no-hitter in both leagues with Boston's 3-0 victory over Baltimore.

In 2003 U.S. forces seized Saddam International Airport outside Baghdad. Also in 2003 Sammy Sosa of the Cubs became the 18th player to hit 500 career homers, connecting for a solo shot in a 10-9 loss to Cincinnati.

In 2008 Texas authorities started removing the first of more than 400 girls from a compound built by a polygamist sect. Also in 2008 pirates seized the French luxury yacht Le Ponant and its 30 crew members off the coast of Somalia.

In 2017 at least 86 people in the northwestern Syrian town of Khan Sheikhoun were killed in a chemical attack ordered by President Bashar Assad that left hundreds choking or foaming at the mouth; two days later President Donald Trump retaliated with a missile barrage on a Syrian air base.

Chicago Tribune Death Notices
Chicago Tribune extends our condolences to the families and loved ones of those who have passed.
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Death Notices

Allegrucci, Renee L.

Age 66, a resident of Joliet, formerly of Roseland and Frankfort, passed away on Tuesday, April 2, 2019. Loving sister of Valerie (Rick) Moore; devoted life partner of Mark Lace; cherished cousin of Dennis Torelli, Janice Torelli, James (Laura) Torelli, and David (Donna) Torelli; dear friend of Mary Kay (James) Grace. She was preceded in death by her parents Rudolph "Rudy" and Marie Allegrucci (Torelli). She worked for American Clinical Society of Psychologists for 28 years, and previously worked for Sherwin Williams for 25 years. Renee was an avid traveler. She was an excellent cook, and enjoyed hosting parties for family and friends. The family will receive friends at Kurtz Memorial Chapel, 65 Old Frankfort Way, Frankfort, IL60423 on Sunday, April 7, 2019 from 2-7 PM. Funeral service, Monday, April 8, 2019 with chapel prayers at 9:30 AM to St. Anthony Catholic Church, 7659 W. Sauk Trail, Frankfort, IL 60423 for a 10:00 AM Mass of Christian Burial. Interment HolySepulchreCemetery, Worth, IL. In lieu of flowers, donations to Joliet Area Community Hospice, 250 Waterstone Circle, Joliet, IL60435 or Will County Humane Society, 24109 Seil Rd., Shorewood, IL60404 would be appreciated. Info www.kurtzmemorialchapel.com or 815-806-2225.

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Becker, Eliot

Dr. Eliot Becker, 78, beloved husband of the late Marion, nee Rotman; loving father of Jill (Chris) Kelly, Lauren (Steve) Cote, David (Stacey) Becker, Nancy (Dan) Velasco and Jennifer (Gary) Dumrauf; dear step father of Robert (Linda) Rotman; cherished grandfather of 14; treasured brother of Elaine Littman. Eliot was an accomplished dentist and a good friend to many. Memorial service Friday 11AM at Congregation Or Shalom, 21 W. Hawthorn Parkway, Vernon Hills. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Lupus Foundation (www.lupus.org), Autism Speaks (www.autismspeaks.org) or Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation (www.jdrf.org). For information 847-255-3520 or www.shalom2.com



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Catrambone, Thelma M.

Thelma M. Catrambone age 87, beloved wife of the late Joseph Anthony; loving mother of Nicola, Christina Hill, Catherine (Greg) Trexler, Dawn (Joseph) Smyka, Christopher, Laura (Peter) Kowalski, Mary (Paul) Seal, Arthur (Jennifer), Theresa (Jack) Gerace, Noel (Evaleen), Eugene (Mindy) and the late Joseph Jr.; cherished memere of 33; proud grandmom of 6; dear sister of the late Dawn Lacadie. Will be missed by many nieces, nephews and friends. Visitation Thursday, from 4 to 9 P.M. at The Elms Funeral Home 7600 W. Grand Ave. Elmwood Park, lying in state Friday, 10 A.M. at St. Celestine Church 3020 N. 76th Ct. Elmwood Park, until time of Mass 11 A.M. Interment St. Joseph Cemetery. For info www.elmsfh.com or (708) 453-1234.



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Costello, Robert H.

Age 85, Veteran Korean Conflict, Army, ret Sgt. CPD. Beloved husband of Dolores J. nee Paxton. Loving father of Debra A. Cummins, Cherie J. (James III, MD) Hunter, Robin L. and the late Robert W. Fond grandfather of 8 and great-grandfather of 5. Dear brother of the late Thomas, William (late Evelyn), Betty (late Charles) Creaney, Eugene (late Laverne), Mary (late Tom) Spellman, James, Patricia (late Jack) Spellman and Edward (Audrey). Uncle and great-uncle of many nieces and nephews. Funeral Service Saturday, April 6, 11:00 a.m. at Parkside Chapels & Cremation Services, 5948 Archer Ave (2 Blks West of Central Ave at Major), Chicago, Visitation Saturday 9:00 a.m. until time of funeral service. Entombment Queen of Heaven, Christ the King Mausoleum. In lieu of flowers memorials to the American Cancer Society, 225 Michigan Avenue #1200, Chicago, IL 60601. Info. 773-767-9788. Online tributes www.parksidechapels.com



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Cwitkovits, Otto J.

Otto J. Cwitkovits, 90 years, Korean War Army Veteran. Beloved husband of the late Evelyn Jean nee Harcar. Loving father of Donna (Marty) Flaherty, Gary (Sue) Cwik, Joanne (Ray) Thompson & Alan (Donal Schmitt) Cwitkovits. Cherished grandfather of Gary, Brian, David, Michael, Kevin & Lindsey & great grandfather of Miliano. Devoted son of the late Alexander & Elizabeth Cwitkovits. Dear brother of the late Al & Angie Sander. Fond uncle of many nieces & nephews. Funeral Saturday 8:30 am from Thompson & Kuenster Funeral Home, 5570 W. 95th St., Oak Lawn to St. Patricia Church, Hickory Hills, for Mass at 9:30 am. Interment St. Mary Cemetery. Visitation Friday from 4:00 pm until 9:00 pm. In lieu of flowers, memorials to the Alzheimer's Association, 8430 W. Bryn Mawr, Suite 800, Chicago, IL 60631 would be greatly appreciated. thompsonkuensterfuneralhome.com 708-425-0500

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Diks, Irene A.

Irene A. Diks nee Koleski, age 98. Devoted wife of the late Irvin; beloved mother of Diane Diks and Michael Diks; loving grandmother of Mal Kling and Dexter Kling; dear sister of the late Olga Maring and the late Richard Koleski. Visitation Saturday, April 6, 2019 from 10:00 a.m. until 11:30 a.m. at Cumberland Chapels, 8300 W. Lawrence Ave., Norridge, IL 60706. Funeral Mass to follow at St. Eugene Church in Chicago at 12:00 noon. Interment Elmwood Cemetery. In lieu of flowers donations to Rainbow Hospice and Palliative Care — Foundation, P.O. Box 74008824, Chicago, IL 60674-8824, www.rainbowhospice.org would be appreciated. Info 708-456-8300 or www.cumberlandchapels.com.



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Ferstel, Mary Alyce

Mary Alyce Ferstel (nee Greenan), age 91, went Home to Our Lord Saturday, March 30, 2019 from her home in Lakewood Ranch, FL. Born in Chicago Oct 30, 1927 to Patrick Greenan & May (McKeever) Greenan. Granddaughter of John Greenan & Maria (McCormick) Greenan of County Down, Ireland. Beloved wife of 55 years to the late James L. Ferstel of Wilmette, IL.

A graduate of St. Thomas the Apostle high school & Rosary College (now Dominican University), she met her husband while working as a DOD civilian employee in Osaka, Japan during the Korean War. After raising a loving family of 6 children, she enjoyed a career as a corporate travel counselor with American Express until retirement in 1993. A 61 year resident of Immaculate Conception Parish in Chicago, she had a special devotion to St. Jude & Padre Pio. She moved to Lakewood Ranch, FL. in 2017.

Dear mother of Julie Ann (Greg) Moon of Long Beach, CA, Claire Marie (Mario) Cappelletti of Castellina in Chianti, Italy, James Patrick of Lakewood Ranch, FL, Mary Beth (Bill) Strotman of Deerfield, IL, Mark William (Molly) of Park Ridge, IL, Stephen Eric of Parish, FL., & the late Mark Edward & Miles Joseph. Grandmother to Colleen Funck, Kate Moon, Marcella & Nicole Cappelletti, Hannah, Miles & Emma Ferstel, & Jack, Mark, Luke & Matthias Strotman. Great grandmother to Ken-Geo & Furio Tamashiro-Cappelletti.

Fond sister of the late Patricia "Patsy" (the late John) Lissner, the late John (the late Marg), the late Kathleen "Betty", the late Arthur "Bud" (Kathy), Cyril "Tom" (Denise), Robert (the late Vi), & Eileen (the late Chris) Demos.

Visitation 9:30 – 10:30AM Tuesday, April 16, 2019 at Immaculate Conception Church, 7211 W. Talcott Ave., Chicago. Funeral Mass 10:30AM. Entombment immediately following at All Saints Cemetery & Mausoleum, Des Plaines. In lieu of flowers, gifts may be made to the Passionist Missionaries.

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Fritzsche, Donald E.

Donald E. Fritzsche, age 86. Lifelong Chicago Heights resident. Bloom High School Graduate Class of 1950. Received his B.S. in Mechanical Engineering from Michigan Tech and MBA from Loyola University. A Mechanical Engineer, Don retired in 1997 from the Gas Research Institute. Prior to that, he was with General Electric in the Commercial

Cooking Equipment Division. Husband for 64 years of Evelyn nee Chudy. Father of Sue (Robert) O'Meara, Donna Fritzsche, Mary (Michael) Ward, and Robert (Colleen) Fritzsche. Grandfather of Robert (Kate) O'Meara, Meghan (Mike) Dobler, Cristen O'Meara, Joseph Ward, Brenna, Connor and Kevin Fritzsche. Proud "G Pop" to his great grandchildren Isaih, Kevin and Emily. Brother of the late Evelyn (late Charles) Meyers, Barbara (late Donald) Bamford and baby Robert Fritzsche. Loving uncle and dear friend to many. Resting at Panozzo Bros. Funeral Home, 530 W. 14th St. (U.S. Rt. 30, 3 blks E. of Western Ave.), Chicago Heights on Saturday April 6th from 9:00 AM until time of funeral service at 12:00 noon. Burial Calvary Cemetery, Steger. 708-481-9230 or panozzobros.com.

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Gottlieb, Elizabeth Grace

Elizabeth Grace Gottlieb, soprano, of River Forest, formerly of Oak Park, dedicated her life to family and friends, and to the arts, in particular music. Born in Chicago, raised in LaGrange, graduated from Hinsdale Central and the College Wooster, she received a master's in music from the University of Illinois. Liz sang in the Chicago Symphony Chorus, the Grant Park Symphony Chorus, and Music of the Baroque. She taught voice at Lane Tech and at Oak Park-River Forest high schools, Lake Forest College, and DePaul University, and gave private lessons to dozens of students. At the Congregational Summer Assembly in Michigan, she played leading roles in dozens of operettas, directed performances, and composed music and lyrics for children's operettas. Passions included painting, weaving, gardening, and cooking. Wife of Martin Nieman; mother of Sarah; sister of John (Ruth) Gottlieb, Margaret (Pierce) White, & Laurie (David) Spurr; preceded in death by parents Reynold & Jennette Gottlieb; aunt, cousin, & friend of many. Memorial visitation Friday, April 5, from 3 to 9 p.m. at Hallowell & James Funeral Home, 1025 W. 55th St., Countryside. Family & friends will meet at First Presbyterian Church of LaGrange, 150 S. Ashland, LaGrange, on Saturday, April 6 for 10 a.m. memorial service. Interment private. Summer memorial celebration at CSA to be determined. Info: (708) 352-6500 or hjfunerals.com

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Hall, Rita Marie

Rita Marie Hall nee Peterson age 85 of Glenview. Beloved wife for 53 years to the late Allen "Al" Hall; loving mother of Karen Hall; dear sister of Jack and Gene Peterson and the late Jim (Mary) Peterson; best friend to Millie. Visitation Sunday April 7, 2019 2:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. at Donnellan Family Funeral Home, 10045 Skokie Boulevard at Old Orchard Road Skokie, IL 60077. Funeral Mass Monday April 8, 2019 at 10:00 a.m. Saint Joseph Church, 1747 Lake Avenue Wilmette, IL 60091. Interment Memorial Park Cemetery, Skokie. In lieu of flowers memorials may be made to NorthShore Kellogg Cancer Center, 1033 University Place, Suite 450 Evanston, IL 60201 or Saint Joseph Church. Info: www.donnellanfuneral.com or (847) 675-1990.



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Heller, Anton George 'Tony'

Anton George "Tony" Heller, 87, of Plymouth Place, LaGrange Park, formerly of Riverside. Beloved husband of Dawn. Loving brother of the late Margaret (late Clarence, Jr.) Novak. Devoted aunt of Greta (Stephen) Disette, Sandra Petersen and Clarence Novak. Tony was right offensive tackle at Riverside-Brookfield High School, where he also played basketball and baseball. He also played sports at Miami of Ohio for one year, and at Carleton College, where he also was a proctor. He then attended the American Academy of Fine Arts, where he earned a degree in Fine Arts. Tony also loved cats! There will be Celebration of Friendship and Family at 10am on Saturday, April 13, 2019 at Plymouth Place (Dole Hall), LaGrange Park. Arrangements entrusted to Hallowell & James Funeral Home at 708/352-6500 or www.hjfunerals.com

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ILLINOIS
April 3
Powerball 16 19 25 32 49 / 18
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Lotto jackpot: \$15M
Pick 3 midday 619 / 9
Pick 4 midday 9497 / 3
Lucky Day Lotto midday
07 15 19 25 35
Pick 3 evening 574 / 5
Pick 4 evening 4752 / 4
Lucky Day Lotto evening
07 15 21 33 35
April 5 Mega Millions: \$104M

WISCONSIN
April 3
Megabucks 06 15 27 33 36 42
Pick 3 259
Pick 4 2952
Badger 5 13 15 19 28 29
SuperCash 10 13 15 20 23 36

INDIANA
April 3
Lotto 05 06 15 18 23 37
Daily 3 midday 216 / 3
Daily 4 midday 1763 / 3
Daily 3 evening 425 / 8
Daily 4 evening 0507 / 8
Cash 5 13 20 23 30 40

MICHIGAN
April 3
Lotto 04 16 17 30 39 42
Daily 3 midday 493
Daily 4 midday 8641
Daily 3 evening 546
Daily 4 evening 1334
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Hoekstra, Richard E.

Richard E. Hoekstra, beloved husband of the late Ida nee Moro; loving father of William (Anita), Maria (Mike) Hutchins, Linda (James) Derrig and Gina (Terry) Bengie; cherished grandfather of Chris (Amanda), Carlie (Zach), Kendall (Ben), Colin, Megan, Richard, Mariano, John, Maria, Matt, Ellie, Libby, and Jack; great-grandfather of Jack, Emma and Brady Hoekstra; preceded in death by 8 siblings. Visitation Friday 10:00 A.M. until time of service at 1:00 P.M. at **Modell Funeral Home**, 7710 S. Cass Ave., Darien. Ent. Clarendon Hills Cemetery. For funeral info: (630)-852-3595 or www.modelldarien.com

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Iwanowski, Stanley W.

Loving father of Mark (Karen) Iwanowski; loving uncle of many nieces and nephews. Preceded in death by his parents, the late John and Francis Iwanowski, and his siblings, the late John (Helen) Iwanowski, Bruno (Alice) Iwanowski, Chester (Ruby) Iwanowski, and Richard (Anne) Iwanowski. Stanley was a WWII United States Army veteran. He was a resident of Garfield Ridge for 60 years. Funeral Services will be held on Saturday, April 6th, at 8:30am from Ridge Funeral Home, 6620 West Archer Avenue, Chicago, Illinois 60638, to St. Daniel the Prophet Catholic Church for funeral mass at 9:00am. Interment St. Casimir Catholic Cemetery. Visitation will be held on Friday, April 5th, from 3:00pm to 8:00pm. For more information, please call 773-586-7900 or visit www.ridgefh.com

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Krupa, Stephen

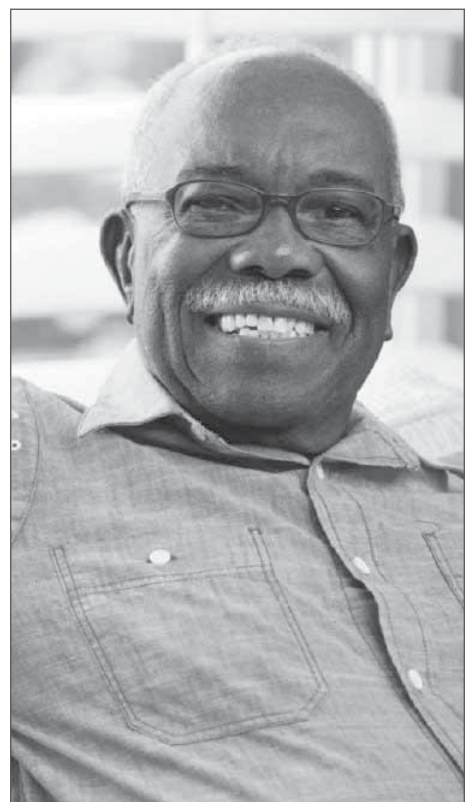
Stephen Krupa, U.S. Navy Veteran. Beloved husband of Lorraine nee Luka for 67 years. Loving father of Lynn (Paul) Wojcik & Wayne (Geri). Cherished grandfather of Stephanie & Michelle Wojcik. Devoted son of the late Stanley & Mary Krupa. Dear brother of the late Chester & Ann Krupa, Herman & Diane Krupa, John & Dolores Krupa, Joe (Irene) & the late Connie Krupa, & Helen Stec. Fond brother in law of Les (Sabina) Luka, & Eugene (Ellen) Luka. Proud uncle of many wonderful nieces & nephews and spouses and many thanks to friends & neighbors who always extended their support. Funeral Mass Saturday 12:00 pm noon at St. Linus Church, 10300 S. Lawler in Oak Lawn. Entombment Resurrection Cemetery. Visitation Friday from 4:00 pm until 8:00 pm at **Thompson & Kuenster Funeral Home**, 5570 W. 95th St. in Oak Lawn. Stephen was an active Naval Reservist for 39 years, an Industrial Engineer at International Harvester. He was a dedicated Boy & Sea Scout Leader, a Board Member of Tilden Tech Alumni Association and Board Member of Foxwoods Townhome Association. Stephen loved his Navy Work and playing golf and excelled in repairing household items and cars. Please omit flowers. thompsonkuensterfuneralhome.com 708-425-0500

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Kumler, Jeanette

Jeanette V. Kumler (nee Zompetta)—Beloved mother of Laura (Robert) Maniaci, Tony (Patty), and Jeff (Amy); proud and cherished grandmother of Ryan, Gina, Cara, Christian, and Sophia; great-grandmother of Ariella, Sienna, and Enzo; dear sister of the late Philomena Kindhart and Matilda Zompetta; dear friend of Nancy Dobosz. Visitation will be held Friday from 3:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m. at Cooney Funeral Home located at 625 Busse Hwy in Park Ridge. Funeral Saturday, service at 11:00 a.m. at Cooney Funeral Home. Interment Maryhill Cemetery. For information please call 847-685-1002 or visit www.cooneyfuneralhome.com

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Lee Jr., Paul H.

Paul H. Lee Jr. died peacefully on March 17th in Evanston, IL surrounded by his loving family. He was 87 years old. In his lifetime Paul distinguished himself as an indefatigable businessman, dedicated community leader, avid athlete and fan, but most importantly as a devoted husband to his wife, inspiring father to his five children and doting "Grampaul" to his 10

grandchildren. Born in Lafayette, Indiana, the only child of Paul Sr. (Hank) and Sue Lee, he spent the bulk of his childhood in Chicago, where he skipped kindergarten. Unbeknownst to many, Paul gave up a fledgling career as a child actor performing on radio, for the lure of sports at the local school yard due to his devotion to the Cubs and Bears. Always determined, he went out for his freshman high school basketball team at 5"2. A few years later and many inches taller, he captained the basketball team at North Park Academy and graduated at age 16. It was on to DePaul University where he became President of Sigma Chi, a football quarterback, and President of the Student Body. Paul topped his graduation year off by marrying his "Sweetheart of Sigma Chi", Suzanne Sturges, who had caught his eye in Freshman typing class.

Settling in Chicago, events happened quickly. Paul was awarded a scholarship and earned his MBA from Northwestern University. This was the beginning of his long-time allegiance to the university and their athletic teams. During this time his first two daughters Celia and Lora were born in rapid succession, and he began his career in the printing business, working in sales with his father Paul Sr. His clients included Kraft Foods, Morton Salt, Johnson Products, and Alberto Culver. Over the years the Paul Lee Co. continued to grow and flourish until his retirement at age 79.

In 1959, Paul, Suzy and their ever-growing family moved to Winnetka where he embarked on 50 years of active leadership with The Winnetka Community House, Winnetka Park District Board and Skokie Country Club. He was a fixture at the A.C. Nielsen Tennis Center as part of a dominating doubles team, and on numerous sports fields where he coached his sons Tom and Craig and youngest daughter Marcia in just about every sport imaginable. He even coached boys' hockey, running up and down the ice in his tennis shoes, since he really did not know how to skate!

Paul also indulged his love of life, spending many gorgeous summers with his large, extended family and friends at Crystal Lake, Michigan. Once again, he was part of a legendary men's tennis doubles team at the Congregational Summer Assembly and enjoyed playing golf at Crystal Downs CC where served as both Club President and Chair of the Membership Committee. He was beloved by the community, including the friends of his children who nicknamed him "Jose". He could be seen every morning at 7am biking his six miles along the lake. His most hidden talent was his writing which he shared in many ways. He wrote hilarious skits for the Winnetka Women's Club talent shows. He would send his children engaging travelogues of the many trips he and Suzy took from China, Ireland, France, Italy, Israel, to the Rhine River. He wrote memorable letters to friends and family. His "masterpiece" was his memoirs; funny, poignant, surprising, heartfelt and revealing, offering an affecting accounting of one man's life (with the right amount of social commentary). His family enjoyed reading the remembrances with him in his later years. The memoirs will be treasured for generations.

Paul is survived by his wife Suzanne of 67 years, his five children Celia Lee and husband, Michael Bofshever, of Santa Monica, CA, Lora Lee and partner Rusty Rodes, of Santa Monica CA, Thomas Lee and wife, Robin of Hinsdale, IL, Craig Lee of Sag Harbor, NY, Marcia Lee of Santa Monica, CA and 10 grandchildren as well as multiple nieces and nephews. He is preceded in death by his parents Paul and Sue Lee, Sr. and his daughter-in law, Sarah Stanton Lee.

A memorial service and celebration of his life will be held on Saturday, April 6th at 2:30pm at the Winnetka Congregational Church, 725 Pine St, Winnetka, IL 60093. In lieu of flowers, donations may be sent to Munson Healthcare Paul Oliver Memorial Hospital Foundation, 1150 Medical Campus Drive, Traverse City MI 49684 or Geneva Foundation, 8707 Skokie Blvd., Suite 400, Skokie, IL 60077.

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Lorenz, Elaine M.

Elaine M. Lorenz, nee Williams, age 76. Beloved wife of Francis S. Lorenz, Jr. Mother to Amy Lorenz, Mary (Mike) Donohue, Anne (Gerald) Szybist, Candace (Larry) Swihart, Laura Lorenz, Frank III (Riley) Lorenz, John (Kathleen) Lorenz and Grandmother to 13. Born in Chicago, IL Daughter to the late Stanley and Violet Williams (Wilinski). Sister to Richard Wilinski and Robert Williams. Bachelors Degree in Art Education from Clarke College and Masters in Art Education from the University of Illinois. Member of the Sauganash Woman's Club, Sauganash Garden Club, Chicago Pastel Painters. Volunteer and Participant with many other organizations. Visitation Friday Apr 5 from 3-8pm at **Smith-Corcoran Funeral Home** 6150 N. Cicero Ave, Chicago. Funeral Mass Saturday Apr 6 at 10am at Queen of All Saints Basilica - 6280 N. Sauganash Ave, Chicago. Interment at Maryhill Cemetery, Niles, IL immediately following. In lieu of flowers please consider donating to Catholic charities www.catholiccharities.net. Info 773-736-3833 or www.smithcorcoran.com

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Maier, Joseph S.

Joseph S. Maier, of Glen Ellyn, IL, passed away peacefully surrounded by his loving family on March 30, 2019. Joe is survived by his devoted wife of 55 years, Colleen (Coyle) and loving children, Julie Maier (Tom Johnstone), Carrie DeMarco (Joe), Steve Maier (Jennie), and David Maier (Tami) and grandchildren Megan, Abby, Max, Eli, Lily, Aaron and Anna

and his beloved sister, Susan Schemmel. He will also be missed by his nieces, nephews, friends, and countless children who knew him as Santa Claus. Born on July 28, 1937 he was raised in Oak Park, attending St. Edmund's and Fenwick High School. He graduated from the University of Notre Dame (1959) and University of Chicago, MBA Program (1968). Joe worked as an advertising executive before "retiring" when he taught for Franklin University in Lugano, Switzerland, traveled throughout Europe and the United States with his wife, and acted in local theater.

Visitation will be held at **Leonard Memorial Funeral Home** in Glen Ellyn on Sunday April 7, 3 - 7 PM and a Funeral Mass will be at St. Petronille in Glen Ellyn at 12 PM on Monday, April 8 followed by a private burial.

In lieu of flowers donations can be made to Northwestern Medicine Home Health and Hospice or Mercy Home for Boys and Girls.

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Malloy, Richard J.

Richard J. Malloy, Retired CPD. Loving father of Laura (Doug) Wattles and Cathy Malloy; dear grandfather of Samantha; fond brother of Sharon (John) Lennon; dear nephew of Teresa Hays. Visitation Saturday, April 6, 2019 from 8:30am until time of closing prayers 9:30am at Matz Funeral Home 410 E. Rand Rd., Mt. Prospect proceeding to St. Thomas Becket Church 1321 N. Burning Bush Ln., Mt. Prospect for a 10am Mass. Interment All Saints. In lieu of flowers, donations to St. Jude Children's Hospital appreciated. Info: 847-394-2336

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Merrill, Lisi Yvonne "Lee"

Lisi "Lee" Yvonne Merrill died on Wednesday, March 27, 2019. She was born on March 3, 1931. She was preceded in death by parents, James and Bessie Snyder. She is survived by her husband of 66 years, Richard "Dick" Merrill of Naples, FL; her sons, Bill (Jenny) Merrill of Las Vegas, NV, Jim Merrill of Reading, PA, and Steve (Kimberly) Merrill of Knoxville, TN.; her sisters, Jackie Landreth of Naples, FL and Gail Jefferies of Greensboro, NC; grandchildren Andy (Meagan) Merrill and Kristina (Derek) Gasiorek, step-grandchildren Lisa and Diane Cheung and great-grandchildren Logan and Nolan Merrill and Jayce Gasiorek. Her oldest sister Vida "Vicki" Tubiolo died in 2017. Lee was born and raised in the High Point/Greensboro, North Carolina area. After graduating from High Point High School, she joined the Air Force, and was stationed at Westover Massachusetts Air Force Base where she met her future husband, Dick. They were married on the base in 1952. Following their Air Force service, they moved to the Chicago Suburbs, where Lee stayed home raising their three sons and also being a very supportive and loving wife as Dick built a successful career with Commerce Clearing House (CCH). Upon Dick's retirement from CCH in 1991, they moved to Naples and were very happy members of Wyndemere Country Club for the next 23 years. Lee and Dick then moved to Barrington Terrace of Naples where they received such great care for the next five years until her death. Lee enjoyed the companionship of her husband and three boys. She was a wonderful person, very selfless, kind, sincere and generous. She also had a great passion for tennis, playing well into her 70s. She was loved very much by her family and will be greatly missed. Services and interment will be held privately with family members. Arrangements by **Brian Powell Funeral Directors of Hinsdale**. For information: 630-703-9131 or www.powellfuneraldirectors.com

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Mieszala, Lorraine

Mieszala, Lorraine—Beloved wife of 53 years to the late Edmund; loving mother of James (Darlene), and Karen (Kenneth) Dort; proud and cherished grandmother of Jacquelyn (Sean) Zasche, Elizabeth, Madeline, and Michael; great-grandmother of Avery and Addison; dear friend of Shirley Oscarson. Visitation Friday from 8:30 a.m.-9:30 a.m. at Cooney Funeral Home located at 625 Busse Hwy in Park Ridge. Prayers immediately to follow, to St. Paul of the Cross Church for Mass at 10:00 a.m. Interment private. In lieu of flowers, donations to The Alzheimer's Association or Rainbow Hospice are appreciated. For information please call 847-685-1002 or visit www.cooneyfuneralhome.com

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Miska, Bernice

Bernice Miska, nee Sklare, age 96. Beloved wife of the late William, cherished mother of Marilyn (David) Samson, Roberta (the late Arnie) Balonick and Douglas (Sima) Miska, loving grandmother of Phillip Samson (Martha Sperry), Ken (Jeannette) Samson, Eric Miska, Kira Miska, Zachary Balonick, Hannah Balonick (fiance Antoine Tardos) and Jairo Lemus; and great-grandchildren Emma, Stephen, Ben, Nic and Maxine, dear sister of the late Harry (survived by Lois) Sklare and the late Dolores (Herbert) Roth, fond aunt and great-aunt of many nieces and nephews. Bernice lived a long and happy life. Service Friday, 2 PM at Shalom Memorial Park Beth She'arim Mausoleum, Wilke Rd, just North of Rand Rd in Arlington Heights. Info **Mitzvah Memorial Funerals**, 630-MITZVAH (630-648-9824) or www.mitzvahfunerals.com

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Mlinarcik, Anne M.

Anne M. Mlinarcik nee Gomulka. Beloved wife of the late John Paul Mlinarcik Sr. Loving mother of Paulette (Lawrence) Cwik, John P. (the late Kathleen) Mlinarcik, Susan (Gary) Howard, Richard (Karen) Mlinarcik & James (Laura) Mlinarcik. Cherished grandmother of Melissa (Todd) Ernst, Scott Cwik, Amanda, Megan (Clay) Holland, Tracy, Keith Howard, Eric Cwik, Joseph (Maura), John III (Amanda) Mlinarcik, Vito, Matthew, Jillian (Jeremy), Jeffrey (Mary) Mlinarcik, Ricky & Andrew Mlinarcik. Proud great grandmother of Lilianna, Gabriel, Bennett, Eva, Juliet, Carter, Daxton, and Evan. Fond sister of Frank (Lori) Gomulka and the late Reverend Henry, Henrietta, Edward, Eleanor, Adele, John, Theodore and Albert. Cherished aunt of many nieces and nephews. Memorial Mass, 11:00 am Saturday, April 6, at St. Linus Church, 10300 S. Lawler Ave. in Oak Lawn. Arrangements entrusted to **Thompson & Kuenster Funeral Home**. thompsonkuensterfuneralhome.com 708-425-0500

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Pappas, William Charles 'Bill'

William Charles Pappas "Bill" of Mt. Prospect, IL passed away April 2, 2019 at home surrounded by his family. He was the beloved husband of Sonia Pappas for 35 years. Loving father of Phil and Eddie Pappas. Dear son of the late Alexander and Dorothy Pappas. Fond brother of Leslie Pappas. Uncle of Christopher, Bianca, and Jake. Cousin of Debbie, Tommy, Heidi, Amy, and Kyle. Son in law of Ada Medrano. In lieu of flowers, donations to St. Jude Children's Hospital - stjude.org. Memorial gathering will be Friday, April 5th from 5:00 p.m. until time of Service at 7:00 p.m. at **G.L. Hills Funeral Home** 745 Graceland Ave, Des Plaines, IL. For information 847.699.9003 or gllhillsfuneralhome.com.

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Powers, Lois Kilroy

Lois Kilroy Powers of Glenview, IL
Born: November 15, 1928
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Lois Kilroy Powers, age 90, of Glenview. Beloved wife of the late Edward "Ted" Powers; loving mother of Mary Ann (Dave) Ligon, Kathy (Chris) Rintz, Jeannie (Marty) Van Hoesen, Edward "Teddy" Jr. (Chris) Powers, Tom (Betsy) Powers, Lois (Brian) Rosinski,

Eileen (Mike) Molitor, Maureen (Bob) Nemmer, Sheila (Al) Hurley, Peggy (Steve) Molitor, and the late Ann and John Powers; fond grandmother to 38 grandchildren and 33 great grandchildren; caring aunt to many nieces and nephews. Visitation 11:15am to 12:00pm Saturday April 6, 2019. Our Lady of Perpetual Help, 1775 Grove Street, Glenview, IL 60025
Memorial Mass 12:00pm Saturday, April 6, 2019. Our Lady of Perpetual Help, 1775 Grove Street, Glenview, IL 60025

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Radz, Catherine A.

Catherine A. Radz, nee Palermo. Beloved wife of the late Alfred J. Dear mother of Alfred Jr. (Carol), Russell (Cheryl), Roger, Catherine (James) Amedeo, Daniel (Karen), Elaine Murphy, Christopher (Leslie), Richard (Julie) and the late Stuart. Loving grandmother of Adam, Marcus, Brian, Krystle, Thomas, Sam, Joe, Jim, Kaitlyn, Dan, Danielle, Katie, Kelly, Shannon, Casey, Kylie, Ricky, Emily, Bridget, Matthew, Stuart, Michael, AJ, Juliann and Ally and great-grandmother of Jacob, Addison, Noah, Eli, Allana, Sammy and Joey. Fond aunt of many nieces and nephews. Visitation Friday 10:00 a.m. at St. Terrence Church; 4300 W. 119th St., Alsip, IL until time of Mass 11:00 a.m. Interment St. Casimir Cemetery. 773-779-4411

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Ramseyer, Maxine

Maxine Ramseyer, 86, of Morton Grove, beloved wife of the late Rev. Conway; loving mother of Stephen (Elizabeth), Bruce (Lisa), Calvin, and the late Cameron; dear grandmother of 11. Funeral service at The Morton Grove Community Church 8944 Austin Ave. Morton Grove, IL 60053 Saturday at 1:00 p.m. Interment Ridgewood Cemetery. Visitation at **Simkins Funeral Home** 6251 Dempster St. Morton Grove, IL 60053 Friday from 4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. In lieu of flowers, donations to The American Guild of Organists Endowment Fund 475 Riverside Dr. Suite 1260 New York, NY 10115 appreciated. Sign online guest book at www.simkinsfh.com. (847) 965-2500

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Rosen, Irwin G. 'Irv'

Irwin G. Rosen, 85, of Wilmette IL, beloved husband for 61 years of Marlene K. Rosen (nee Kaden); devoted father of Linda (Dr. Richard) Jacobs, Arne Rosen (Dr. Susan Roth), and Amy (Robert) Johnson; proud and loving Zayde of Ryan Jacobs, Dr. Joshua Rosen, Dana Jacobs, and Aaron Rosen; devoted brother of the late Charlene (the late Bernard) Poley, Sherman (Rhoda) Rosen, Sholom (Jane) Rosen, and Saul (Sara) Rosen; loving son of the late Louis and Betty Rosen; cherished uncle of ten nieces and nephews. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Jewish United Fund, www.juf.org, or Hebrew Theological College, www.htc.edu. A graveside service will be held on Thursday, April 4th at 12:00 pm at Westlawn Cemetery, 7801 W. Montrose Ave, Norridge, IL. For information: call **Weinstein & Piser Funeral Home** at 847-256-5700.

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Schultz, Dolores M.

Dolores M. Schultz, nee Chwalisz, 90 yrs. beloved wife of the late Wilbert; loving mother of Carol (Thomas) Lavin and Donna (William Remus) Schultz; loving grandmother of Karen; fond sister, aunt, cousin, and friend of many. Funeral Saturday 10:00 am from Pomierski F.H., 1059 W. 32nd St., to St. Barbara Church for 10:30 mass. INT. Bethania Cemetery. Visitation Friday 3-9:00 pm. (773)927-6424. www.pomierskifuneralhome.com

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Segal, Marlene

Marlene Segal, nee Berger, 84. Beloved wife for 48 years of Max; devoted mother of Debra (Chris) Killion, Jill (David) Nobbe, Larry (Lynne) Schoenbrod, Carin (Jim) Glick, Allen Segal, and the late Mark Segal; caring mother-in-law of Sandee (Sam) Nudelman; cherished grandmother of Aaron and David Killion, Emily (Tim) Cattell, Kevin Nobbe, Matthew, Alix, and Ryan Schoenbrod, Riky (Casey) Williams, Abigail and Alex Segal; proud great-grandmother of Riley, Lennon, and Oliver; treasured sister of Carolyn Berger.

Funeral service Friday, 12 PM, at **Weinstein & Piser Funeral Home**, 111 Skokie Blvd, Wilmette. Interment Westlawn. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to a charity of your choice. For info: 847-256-5700.

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Simon, Elsie E.

Elsie E. Simon (nee DeMuyneck), age 94, a resident of Aurora, IL since 2000, formerly of Racine, WI and Warrenville, IL, passed away on Monday, April 1, 2019 at Edward Hospital in Naperville. She was born August 22, 1924 in Kansasville, WI. Arrangements by **Friedrich-Jones Funeral Home & Cremation Services, Naperville, IL**. For service times and a complete obituary, please visit www.friedrich-jones.com or call (630) 355-0213 for more information.

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Stevens Saldeen, Sheila

Beloved daughter of the late William (retired CPD) and Eileen Stevens (nee Coyne); cherished sister of William (Katie), Thomas (retired CPD) (Nancy), Maureen (Robert) Greco, Kathleen (the late Robert) Corley, Kevin (Marietta), Daniel (Judy), Eileen (James) Priestley, Sean (Mary), Timothy (Mary Fran), Laura (Steven) Kier, and Michael (CPD) (Karen); devoted aunt of Kate (William) Gibbs, Mark, Jennifer, Patrick, Kevin, Claire, Grace, Nora, Maeve, Michael John (Grace), Megan, Kelly, Mollie, Emily, Michael Robert, William, Timothy, Jesse, Kimberly (Marcus) Coe, Angie (Robert) Santella, and Janna; fun great-aunt to Grace, Conor, Luke, Alexis, Adrian, Jordan, Isabella, and Mackenzie. Sheila loved to travel...especially the Amalfi Coast, Ireland and many other wonderful destinations. She loved to be with her nieces, nephews, grand-nieces and nephews. She was the "fun", generous aunt. Her beautiful condo in Lake Point Tower brought her much pride and joy...especially the fireworks! She loved the bright lights and going to plays on Broadway. She will be sorely missed by family and friends alike. "Beannact De Leat." A memorial visitation will be held on Saturday, April 6 at St. Robert Bellarmine Church located at 4646 N. Austin in Chicago from 9:30 a.m. until the time of Mass of the Resurrection at 10:30 a.m. Interment private. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made in Sheila's name to the Ronald McDonald House 211 East Grand Chicago 60611 or Mercy Home for Boys & Girls 1140 W. Jackson Chicago 60607. For information please call 847-685-1002 or visit www.cooneyfuneralhome.com

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Stowick, Ronald

Ronald Stowick age 82 of Des Plaines passed away February 14, 2019. Chapel service will be held Friday, April 12, 2019 at 11:00 a.m. at All Saints Cemetery in Des Plaines, IL. For information 847.699.9003 or glhillsfuneralhome.com. Funeral care provided by G.L. Hills Funeral Home.

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Sukta, Eileen

Eileen Sukta, age 99. Late of Munster, Indiana. Passed away April 2, 2019. Beloved wife of the late Walter Sukta. Loving mother of the late Jimmy Lawson, the late Ricky Lawson, Mary O'Leary, the late Daniel Lawson, and Catherine Lawson. Cherished grandmother of Thomas (Pam) O'Leary, Holly (Clark) St. John, and Jill (Mike) Jaksich. Dearest great grandmother of Bob (Amanda) O'Leary, Dan (Danielle) O'Leary, Brian St. John, Erin Jaksich, Patrick O'Leary, Joey St. John, and Heather O'Leary and great great grandmother of Henry, Charlotte, Logan, Lincoln, Emma, and Beckett. Fond aunt of many nieces and nephews. Preceded in death by her parents and 4 brothers and 4 sisters. Eileen was a retired employee of Metra - Illinois Central Railroad. She was a longtime member of the American Legion Post #220 - Ladies Auxiliary. Eileen was an avid Yahtzee player and was known by many as the "Yahtzee Queen". Visitation Friday, April 5, 2019 3-8 pm at the **Elmwood Funeral Chapel** 11300 W. 97th LN. (1/2 block west of US 41/Wicker Ave. at 97th LN.) St. John. Mass of Christian Burial Saturday, April 6, 2019 at 12:00 noon DIRECTLY at St. Joseph Church 440 Joliet St, Dyer. Interment Holy Sepulchre Cemetery. Please omit flowers. For more information 219-365-3474 or www.elmwoodchapel.com

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Verba, Sophie

Sophie Verba nee Bilik, 109, formerly of Chicago. Beloved wife of the late Louis; loving mother of Richard (Pat) Verba and the late Yolanda Suhajda; cherished grandmother of Yolanda (Tom) VanOost, Arthur (Denise) Suhajda, Victoria (Rich) Windbiel, Valerie (Scott) LaMorte and the late Joe (Carole) Suhajda; proud great grandmother of 11. Sophie was known in her retirement communities as "The Flower Lady". Now she is making her floral arrangements in heaven. Visitation at **Ahlgrim Funeral Home**, 567 S. Spring Rd., Elmhurst from 3:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Sunday, April 7, 2019. Prayers 9:15 a.m. Monday, April 8, 2019 at the funeral home going to St. Charles Borromeo Church, 145 E. Grand Ave., Bensenville. Mass at 11:00 a.m. Interment St. Joseph Cemetery. Info 630-834-3515 or www.ahlgrim.com.

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Vonder Heide, William C.

William C. Vonder Heide. Beloved husband of the late Marie. Dear father of Susan, Jack (Patty), Paul and the late Michael. Loving grandfather of Wayne (Julie), Lauren (Greg) Hanley, Sally (Matt) Belter and Brendan (Samantha) and great grandfather of Ellie, Vivian, Griffin and Harrison. Funeral Saturday 9:15 a.m. from **Beverly Ridge Funeral Home**; 10415 S. Kedzie Ave to St. John Fisher Church Mass 10:00 a.m. Interment Private. Visitation Friday 4:00 - 9:00 p.m. in lieu of flowers memorials to Catholic Charities; 721 N. LaSalle, Chicago, IL 60654. 773-779-4411

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Wallace, Ellen E.

Ellen E. Wallace, nee O'Connor, Native of County Limerick, Ireland; Devoted wife of the late Michael; Loving mother of Michael (Christina), Catherine (David) Bier, John, Frank (Laura), Tim (Teri), and Mary (Michael Rayniak); Proud Nana of Isabella, Daniel, Connor, Erin, Kaitlin, Colin, Katie, Brenden, Ashley, Megan, William, Lauren, Sydney, Ella, and Reagan; Dear sister of the late Timothy (late Peg) O'Connor, and the late Francis O'Connor; Beloved sister-in-law of the late Sr. Mary Jerome Wallace, and Alice Murray; Fond aunt of many nieces and nephews; Visitation Friday 3:00 to 9:00 p.m. Funeral Saturday, 10:00 a.m. from Curley Funeral Home, 6116 W. 111th Street, Chicago Ridge to St. Gerald Church, 9310 S. 55th Court, Oak Lawn; Mass 11:00 a.m.; Interment Holy Sepulchre Cemetery; For Funeral info 708-422-2700, or www.curleyfuneralhome.com

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Warshawsky, Arthur

Arthur Warshawsky, age 55 died suddenly. Beloved son of Lois (Joseph) Litvinsky and the late Leroy Warshawsky. Loving brother of Lindy. Dear nephew of Sharon Kallish and uncle of many. Special companion of Terri. Memorial service Sunday 2PM at **Chicago Jewish Funerals**, 8851 Skokie Blvd. (at Niles Center Road), Skokie. Arrangements by **Chicago Jewish Funerals-Skokie Chapel**, 847.229.8822, www.wcjfinfo.com

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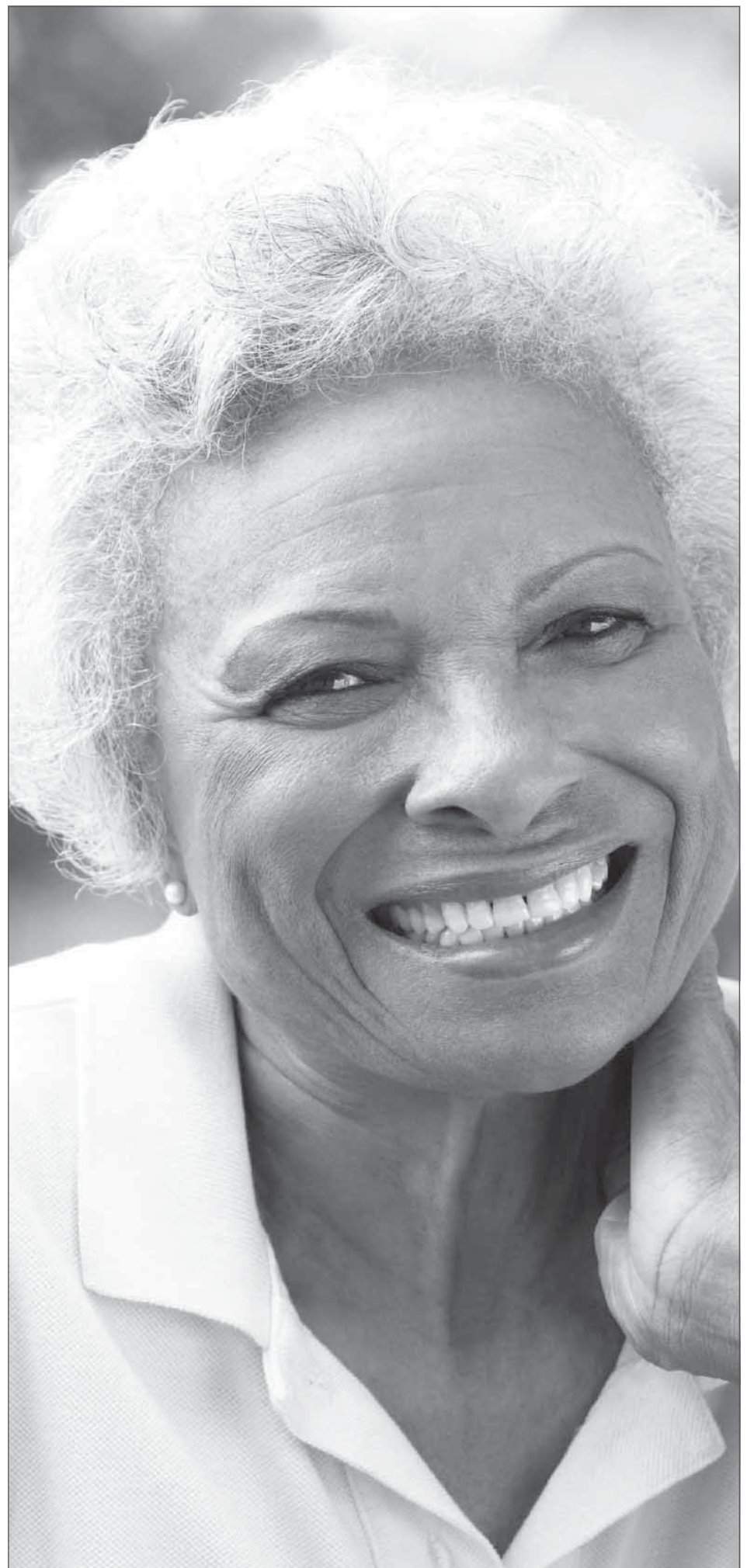
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IN THE INTEREST OF **Ajanae Burr**
 A MINOR
 NO. 2019JD00492

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION
 Notice is given you, **Aicla Burr (Mother)**, respondents, and **TO ALL WHOM IT MAY CONCERN**, that on **March 30, 2019**, a petition was filed under the Juvenile Court Act by **KIM FOX**, STATE'S ATTORNEY OF COOK COUNTY through her assistant State's Attorney in this court and that in the courtroom of Judge **Marianne Jackson** in the Cook County Juvenile Court Building located at 1100 South Hamilton, Chicago, Illinois on **04/15/2019 at 9:00 AM** IN CALENDAR 61 COURTROOM 6 ,

or as soon thereafter as this case may be heard, an adjudicatory hearing will be held upon the petition to have the minor declared to be a ward of the court and for other relief under the Act. The court has authority in this case to take from you the custody and guardianship of the minor.

Unless you appear at the hearing and show cause to the contrary, an order or judgment by default may be entered against you for the relief asked in the petition.

DOROTHY BROWN, CLERK OF COURT
 April 4, 2019

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS JUVENILE JUSTICE AND CHILD PROTECTION DEPARTMENT JUVENILE JUSTICE DIVISION

IN THE INTEREST OF **Julius Jaamaal Jackson AKA Julius Jackson**
 A MINOR
 NO. 2019JD50004

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION
 Notice is given you, **Latanya Swasey (Mother)**, respondents, and **TO ALL WHOM IT MAY CONCERN**, that on **January 28, 2019**, a petition was filed under the Juvenile Court Act by **KIM FOX**, STATE'S ATTORNEY OF COOK COUNTY through her assistant State's Attorney in this court and that in the courtroom of Judge **Kristal Royce Rivers** in the Cook County 5th Municipal Courthouse located at 10220 South 76th Avenue Bridgeview, Illinois on **04/12/2019 at 9:00 AM** IN CALENDAR 75 COURTROOM 030 ,

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS JUVENILE JUSTICE AND CHILD PROTECTION DEPARTMENT JUVENILE JUSTICE DIVISION

IN THE INTEREST OF **Julius Jackson AKA Julius Jackson**
 A MINOR
 NO. 2019JD50002

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION
 Notice is given you, **Rose Jackson (Mother)**, respondents, and **TO ALL WHOM IT MAY CONCERN**, that on **January 25, 2019**, a petition was filed under the Juvenile Court Act by **KIM FOX**, STATE'S ATTORNEY OF COOK COUNTY through her assistant State's Attorney in this court and that in the courtroom of Judge **Kristal Royce Rivers** in the Cook County 5th Municipal Courthouse located at 10220 South 76th Avenue Bridgeview, Illinois on **04/12/2019 at 9:00 AM** IN CALENDAR 75 COURTROOM 030 ,

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IN THE INTEREST OF **Julius Jackson AKA Julius Jackson**
 A MINOR
 NO. 2019JD50003

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IN THE INTEREST OF **Myishia Stephenson**
 MINOR(S) CHILD(REN) OF **Jeannie Stephenson**
 JUVENILE NO.: 15JA00893

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION
 NOTICE IS GIVEN YOU, **Kevin Cartidge (Father) Any And All Unknown Fathers Any**, respondents, and **TO ALL WHOM IT MAY CONCERN**, that on **February 26, 2019**, a petition was filed under the Juvenile Court Act by **KIM FOX** in this court and that in the courtroom of Judge **Andrea Buford** in the Cook County Juvenile Court Building, 1100 So. Hamilton Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, on **04/24/2019 at 9:30 AM** IN CALENDAR 4 COURTROOM D, 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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COUNTY OF COOK OFFICE OF THE CHIEF PROCUREMENT OFFICER FOR THE COOK COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF FACILITIES MANAGEMENT INVITATION FOR BID (IFB) FOR WOOD AND WOOD SUPPLIES IFB NO.: 1845-17623
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IN THE INTEREST OF **Ya'hiness Garrett**
 MINOR(S) CHILD(REN) OF **Sylvia Garrett**
 JUVENILE NO.: 18JA00393

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION
 NOTICE IS GIVEN YOU, **Shonta Cobbs (Father)**, respondents, and **to All Whom It May Concern**, that on **April 25, 2018**, a Petition was filed under the Juvenile Court Act by **KIM FOX** in this court and that in the courtroom of Judge **Bernard Sarley** in the Cook County Juvenile Court Building, 1100 So. Hamilton Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, on **04/24/2019 at 1:30 PM** IN CALENDAR 9 COURTROOM 1, 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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 April 4, 2019

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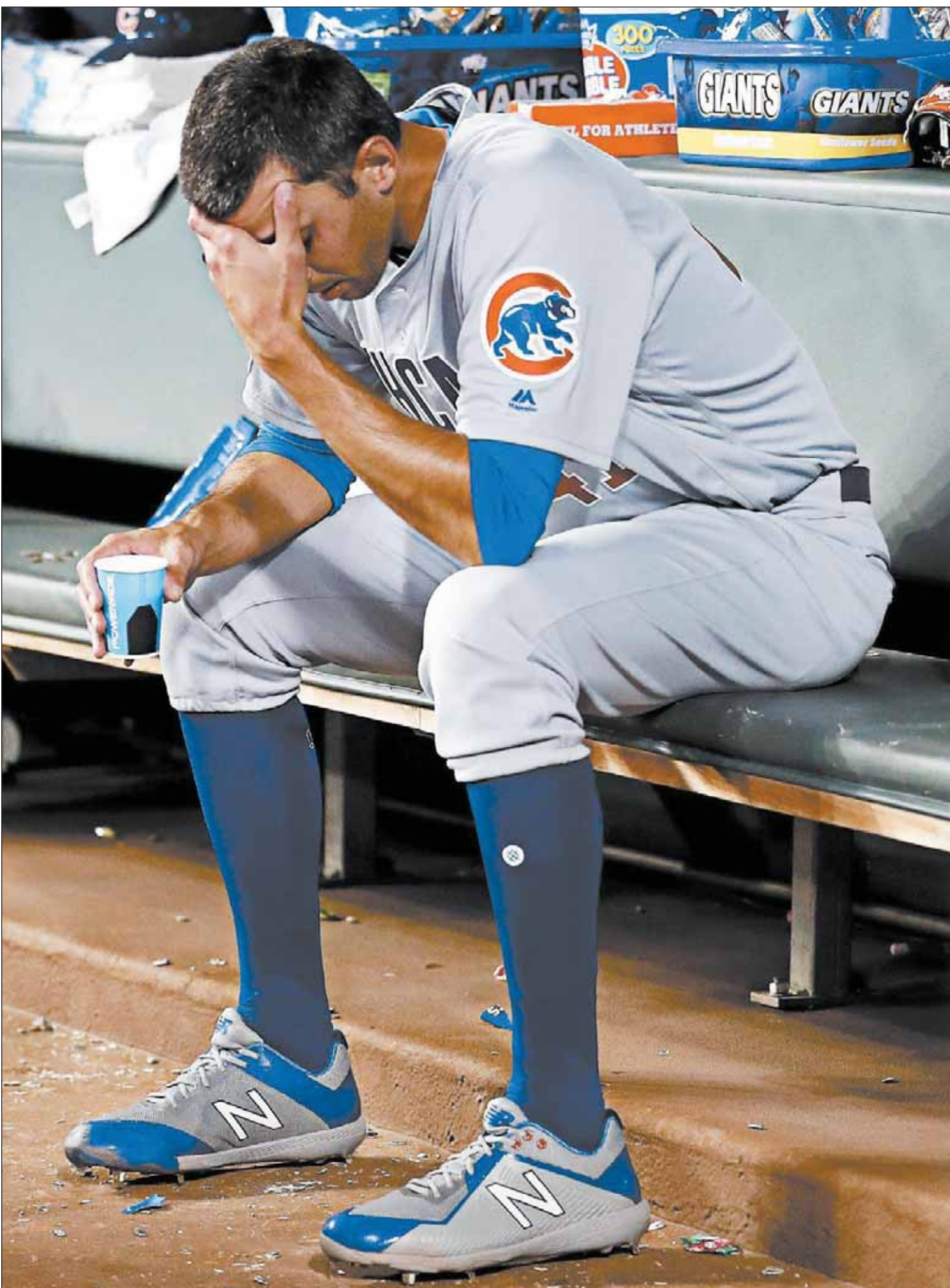
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JOHN BAZEMORE/AP

Cubs relief pitcher Steve Cishek reacts after being pulled from the game in the eighth inning Wednesday night against the Braves.

BRAVES 6, CUBS 4

No panic just yet

Despite another implosion, Epstein won't rush into changes



BRIAN CASSELLA/CHICAGO TRIBUNE
Cubs president Theo Epstein has stressed the need for the team to show urgency at the start.

BY MARK GONZALES
Chicago Tribune

ATLANTA — The minor-league season doesn't start until Thursday, and Cubs President Theo Epstein isn't about to make changes in the wake of the team's rocky start — particularly to a bullpen that failed to hold leads in two consecutive losses last weekend in Texas.

"We're not thinking in those terms," Epstein said Wednesday, reminding reporters repeatedly that the 2019 season is in its infancy. "A number of guys

pitched well. It was just a couple of poorly timed outings by guys in spots that cost us games.

"But we're not thinking about changes or thinking about anybody besides the guys who are here. We're trying to get guys lined up the right way and get them comfortable in roles and have them be effective. Usually right around this time when everyone is calling for changes, they go out and put up some zeros and on to the next storyline. We have to get to that next point."

Instead, the bullpen woes resurfaced Wednesday night

when Steve Cishek walked three consecutive batters to start the eighth, setting up Johan Camargo's bases-clearing double that vaulted the Braves to a 6-4 win and extended the Cubs' losing streak to four games.

Cubs pitchers have issued 35 walks in five games.

"It's a game we should have won," manager Joe Maddon said. "I've said that too many times."

For any fans and media members treating this weekend's National League Central series

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WHITE SOX

Home opener moved to Friday

Sox proactive in postponing game with rain in forecast

Chicago Tribune staff

The White Sox postponed their home opener from Thursday to Friday because of rain in the Thursday forecast, the team announced Wednesday.

The game against the Mariners at Guaranteed Rate Field has been rescheduled for 1:10 p.m. Friday. The Mariners' Yusei Kikuchi (0-0, 2.53 ERA) is scheduled to face Reynaldo Lopez (0-9, 9.00).

"It's still going to be a home opener," Sox manager Rick Renteria told reporters in Cleveland after Wednesday's 8-3 win over the Indians. "It's going to be as enjoyable for everybody I'm sure as we would want it to be. It's a wise decision that the weather is not supposed to be, I guess, very good. It makes better sense if the weather is going to be good the next three days. Why not?"

Rain is expected most of the day Thursday, while Friday's forecast calls for dry weather and temperatures in the 50s.

The Sox said all tickets, mobile or printed, for Thursday's game are good for admission Friday. The same goes for prepaid parking passes, Stadium Club passes and tickets for the patio. Parking lots will open at 10 a.m. and ballpark gates at 11.

Associated Press contributed.

WHITE SOX 8, INDIANS 3: For a change, Sox bats dominated Indians ace Corey Kluber. Jose Abreu drove in three runs and Leury Garcia had four hits.

UP NEXT

 **Mariners at White Sox**
1 p.m. Fri. NBCSCH



TERRENCE ANTONIO JAMES/TRIBUNE

These fans have skin in the game

The White Sox selected 30 fans at random to receive free Sox-themed tattoos from Pilsen artist Ryan Henry of VHI's "Black Ink Crew: Chicago." Phil Thompson collected stories about the designs they chose and their hopes for the team. **Back page**

BLACKHAWKS

Still smarting over missing playoffs

Hawks upset to not be playing hockey 'when it matters the most'

BY JIMMY GREENFIELD
Chicago Tribune

When the Blackhawks left the United Center on Monday night, they were still in a playoff race.

When they returned Wednesday to face the Blues — a day after being eliminated from the playoffs following the Avalanche's victory over the Oilers on Tuesday night — they were living in a brand-new world.

And even though missing the postseason for a second straight year was a bit of a foregone conclusion, the Hawks were hav-

BLACKHAWKS RECAP

Jonathan Toews scored the only goal during the shootout to give the Blackhawks a 4-3 win over the Blues on Wednesday night at the United Center. Cam Ward stopped all three Blues' chances to seal the win. The Blues' Tyler Bozak scored with 38.9 seconds left in regulation to tie it at 3-3 and send the game into overtime.

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ing a hard time accepting it.

"It's good to fight back, but it's still not a very good season," veteran goalie Corey Crawford said. "It's tough to realize that now. Once you finally get eliminated, it's not fun."

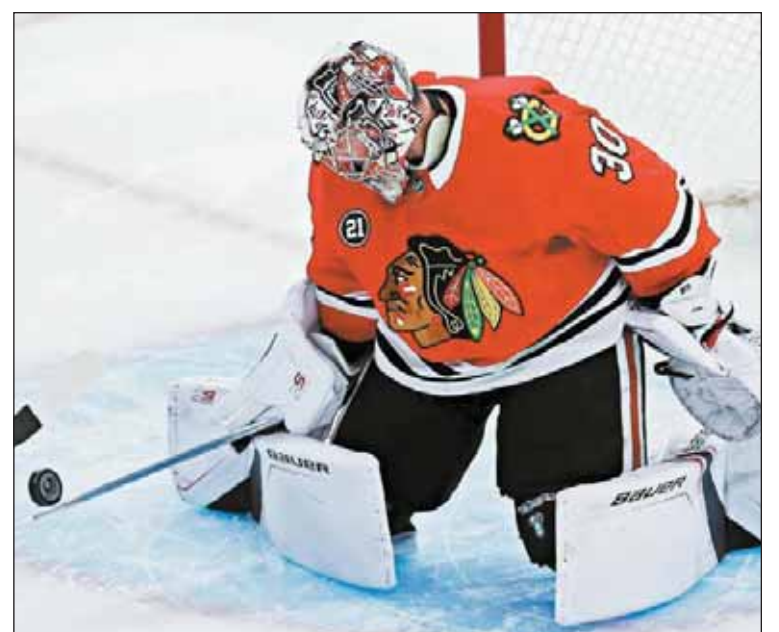
"We want to win. This team is built around winning. It's been a lot of tough (times) the last couple years."

The tough times might not be over. The Hawks have given up

the second-most goals in the league this season, and only the Oilers have received a higher percentage of goals from their three top scorers.

Hawks general manager Stan Bowman clearly has work to do. But before this team goes through some necessary alterations, there's still the matter of playing a few more games and processing

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CHRIS SWEDA/CHICAGO TRIBUNE

Blackhawks goaltender Cam Ward blocks the puck during first-period play against the Blues on Wednesday at the United Center.

TOP OF THE SECOND



PHIL ROSENTHAL

Bigger only better for NCAA

From the rear of Section 348 at U.S. Bank Stadium, several stories above the court and far, far away from the action, college basketball's biggest stage could not look smaller.

More than 70,000 people will attend the men's Final Four on Saturday at the home of the NFL's Vikings, the court at midfield resembling a postage stamp for some who have paid, at minimum, hundreds of dollars to get in.

The fact so many people will pay so much to see so little from so far away is why the NCAA Division I men's basketball semifinals and title game haven't been played in an actual basketball arena since 1996. It's why the best Chicago's United Center (capacity of at least 23,129 with standing room) can hope for is to host the Midwest Region semifinals and final, as it did in 2016 and will again in 2022.

Yes, this year's regional finals — played at Anaheim's Honda Center, Louisville's KFC Yum! Center, Kansas City's Sprint Center and Washington's Capital One Arena — rocked in standard basketball/hockey arenas.

That's just not how the NCAA rolls at Final Four time.

Unless Chicago builds a megadome, the sort of venue it would need to host a Super Bowl, the NCAA isn't going to look up from counting its Final Four money. Meanwhile, the NFL Colts' Lucas Oil Stadium in Indianapolis, home to NCAA headquarters, will be getting the Final Four every five or six years.

"Think how many people are trying to get in just to see it that don't care if they have the greatest view in the world," veteran CBS play-by-play man Jim Nantz said during a conference call this week in response to my question about the new NCAA normal of ginormous venues. "They don't care if they're in the upper-deck corner. They want to be able to say they went to the Final Four, and we haven't lost anything in terms of ambience."

It has been 10 years since the NCAA moved the Final Four's court to the center of these enormodomes. Before that, when the national semifinals and final were played in these sorts of venues, the court essentially was set up in an end zone, often with some seating sections blocked by a curtain, to bring at least some fans something that resembled a normal game expe-



LEILA NAVIDI/STAR TRIBUNE

U.S. Bank Stadium workers install the court for this weekend's Final Four in Minneapolis.

rience.

But it was only an illusion, and beginning in 2009 at Detroit's Ford Field, home of the NFL's Lions, the NCAA figured, why bother? Might as well pack the joint. Fans tired of squinting can always watch the action on the video screens.

"I don't think the crowd noise is lost, for as vast as these buildings are," said Nantz, who said he was initially skeptical about the change. "I mean, you are talking about 70,000 people in attendance.

"So we haven't lost anything in terms of that atmosphere. The biggest complication has been the adjustment to being able to play in a building that's so vast ... for these guys who are trying to get their sightlines down."

The low point, he noted, was probably the 2011 Final Four at Reliant Stadium in Houston, the home of the NFL's Texans. Connecticut beat Butler 53-41 for the title. The Huskies shot 34.5% from the field; the Bulldogs were an even uglier 18.8%.

"For some reason, that's gone away in

recent years," Nantz said. "I don't know what tweaks or adjustments they've made with the baskets or the background or the backdrop."

CBS analyst Bill Raftery, who, like Nantz, sits courtside no matter the venue, said today's college players are "so comfortable at this point in the year" that the basketball-in-a-football-stadium thing isn't a factor.

"I don't think it encumbers them whatsoever," Raftery said. "They'll get a couple of practice days. ... These kids can acclimate themselves easily."

As for the fans, well ... "The NCAA has done a great job in making it as intimate as possible," he said — "as possible" being the critical qualifier. "I know some of those people that sit way up top wouldn't agree with me."

But they're so far away, who would hear them if they complained?

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LET'S PLAY 2

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	Saturday 76ers 7 p.m. WGN-9	Tuesday Knicks 7 p.m. WGN-9
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9 p.m. Rangers at Angels		MLBN
COLLEGE BASEBALL		
6:30 p.m. Arkansas at Auburn		ESPNU
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9:30 p.m. Warriors at Lakers		TNT
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6 p.m. Lipscomb vs. Texas		ESPN
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WOMEN'S COLLEGE LACROSSE		
6 p.m. Ohio St. at Penn St.		BTN
NHL		
7 p.m. Flyers at Blues		NBCSCH+
SOCCER		
8:30 p.m. United States vs. Australia		FS1
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10 a.m. Volvo Car Open		Tennis
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NCAA TOURNAMENT



JAMIE SQUIRE/GETTY

Jared Harper, the undersized point guard who has been the catalyst for Auburn's run to the Final Four, played big against Kentucky.

Auburn's strong point

Harper's clutch performance a key to program's rapid rise

BY JOHN ZENOR | Associated Press

AUBURN, Ala. — Jared Harper might just epitomize this Auburn basketball team: overlooked, undersized and playing about as well as anybody.

The Tigers' 5-foot-11 point guard has been a driving force in their surprising run to their first Final Four. He has supplied clutch plays — especially against Kentucky — blink-and-you-miss-it drives and 3-pointers.

Now, Harper and Auburn face top-seeded Virginia on Saturday in Minneapolis. The diminutive junior is coming off the biggest performance of his career, a 26-point, five-assist, four-rebound, three-steal stat-sheet stuffer against the Wildcats.

"I can only speak for Jared, and just tell you that size does matter, but it's never been a factor for him," Auburn coach Bruce Pearl said. "He uses speed and quickness to be able to define his game. I've seen him in many major moments and the moments haven't been too big for him."

Or for Auburn, so far.

Harper scored the final points of regulation on a scooping layup against Kentucky, then added 12 of Auburn's 17 overtime points en route to a 77-71 upset.

That performance now has a program that ended a 15-year NCAA Tournament drought a year ago only two wins away from a national title — which is pretty much like Harper predicted when the high school teammate of Cleveland Cavaliers guard Collin Sexton arrived at Auburn as the point guard Pearl badly needed.

"When he first came to Auburn, he said he wanted to have an ESPN '30 for 30' story on how he led Auburn to a championship and brought them back," said Patrick

MEN'S FINAL FOUR

U.S. Bank Stadium in Minneapolis



#1 Virginia vs. #5 Auburn
5 p.m. Saturday, CBS



#2 Michigan State vs. #3 Texas Tech
7:30 p.m. Saturday, CBS

Championship: 8 p.m. Monday, CBS

Harper, his father and a high school coach. "I said, 'Yeah, right. We're not that good.'"

"He had that vision. I still remind him that he said it and he believed it. He set the goals high."

Harper has been a centerpiece of Auburn's rebuild, along with sharpshooting guard Bryce Brown and versatile forward Chuma Okeke, who tore the ACL in his left knee in the Sweet 16 against North Carolina. Six-foot-11 center Austin Wiley dealt with injuries this season and mostly comes off the bench for limited minutes.

Harper, meanwhile, has started 103 games over the last three years, and his numbers have climbed across the board every year.

"I wouldn't have thought that they were a Final Four-type team until I realized how good the point guard was," said former Auburn coach and current radio color commentator Sonny Smith.

The NCAA Tournament has thrust Harper — and the Tigers — onto the national stage. His huge game against Kentucky helped Auburn overcome the emotional loss of Okeke.

He demurred on taking too much credit after that game, citing the play of teammates like Samir Doughty and Brown.

"That gives me confidence going into

overtime to be able to make those plays because I have the same confidence in them to make plays," Harper said.

Spoken like a true point guard.

He has more than held his own in three straight games against teams with point guards who were five-star recruits, according to the 247Sports composite ranking of the major recruiting sites.

Kentucky has Ashton Hagans, North Carolina has Coby White and Kansas has Devon Dotson. And Auburn is perfectly happy with Harper, who wasn't quite blue-chip enough to get recruited by any of those blue bloods.

Harper wasn't a finalist for the Bob Cousy Award given to the nation's top point guard, and he wasn't among the eight players SEC coaches picked for the all-conference team. Neither was Brown or Okeke, for that matter.

Pearl doesn't think Harper's play is driven by feeling overlooked or underrated.

"I don't think he does play (ticked) off or with much of an edge," the coach said. "I think it's because he's always played that way. He's always been overlooked. So, he just goes about his business and it'll be like that in the NBA for him."

"There are 30 teams in the league, and most of them won't want an undersized point guard, but there will be a couple that are smart enough that will. He'll make his way onto one of those rosters, and then they'll see the value."

Auburn already understands Harper's value.

He is averaging 15.4 points per game and is tied for the SEC lead with 5.8 assists per game. He also is pretty good at predictions, including one he made the morning of the Kentucky game.

"He said, 'Dad, we're going to win this game and I'm going to have a big game,'" the proud father recalled. "And he delivered."

Mulkey's formula works for Baylor

Top overall seed Lady Bears have chemistry on their side

BY STEPHEN HAWKINS | Associated Press

There are times when Kim Mulkey — an intense, championship-winning point guard who is just as intense as a coach — will be challenging her Baylor players or getting on them about something when one of the young guards suddenly lightens the mood in the locker room.

"In the middle of it, DiDi (Richards) will go, 'You tell 'em, Mulkey.' You know, she's got that little voice," Mulkey said. "She just cracks everybody up."

These Lady Bears certainly know how to win, and they are having fun all the way to their first Final Four since 2012. Baylor (35-1), the No. 1 overall seed, takes a 27-game winning streak into its game against national semifinal first-timer Oregon (33-4) on Friday night in Tampa, Fla.

"This is who they are. They're funny in the heat of the moment. They'll say funny stuff to each other. They relax me," Mulkey said. "They're just easy to coach."

After wearing bracelets all season with #TTT for Together To Tampa, now they have a chance to take the title.

"Everybody has been so focused all year. We're focused on this one goal and we finally got there," said junior 6-foot-4 post Lauren Cox, named most outstanding player of the Greensboro Regional. "Now we're focused on winning the whole thing."

While this is the first Final Four trip for any of the current Baylor players, including standout 6-7 senior post Kalani Brown and graduate transfer point guard Chloe Jack-



CHUCK BURTON/AP

Coach Kim Mulkey, who has Baylor going for its third national championship, gets her point across to Kalani Brown.

son, Mulkey is going for the 14th time — her fourth in 19 seasons as Baylor's head coach.

"For these players that you take, they've never done it," Mulkey said. "It's fun to watch them. ... That's what makes it fun for me now as a coach."

The Lady Bears were coming off a 20-loss season and had never been to the NCAA Tournament when Mulkey arrived in Waco, Texas. They have since made 18 NCAA appearances, been to 11 consecutive Sweet 16s, won 10 Big 12 titles in a row and are now going for their third national championship.

Baylor went into this season with Brown and Cox, the top two scorers and rebounders, but was unsettled in the frontcourt.

WOMEN'S FINAL FOUR

Amalie Arena in Tampa, Fla.



#1 Baylor vs. #2 Oregon
6 p.m. Friday, ESPN2



#1 Notre Dame vs. #2 Connecticut
8:30 p.m. Friday, ESPN2

Championship: 5 p.m. Sunday, ESPN

Point guard Kristy Wallace had finished her career and returning sophomore Alexis Morris was dismissed from the team in September for violating team rules.

Jackson made the transition from shooting guard to the point while junior Juicy Landrum became a reliable shooter, making 40 percent of her 3-pointers. Richards is the defensive stopper.

And they all like each other on and off the court, something Mulkey noticed early in the season.

"What I didn't see is could they sustain it ... having good team chemistry," Mulkey said.

Baylor's only loss this season was at Pac-12 runner-up Stanford in its last game before Christmas. The Lady Bears ended UConn's 126-game winning streak in the regular season in their first game after New Year's, then swept through the Big 12 regular season and conference tournament.

"I feel like our team, and our chemistry is something that, you know, is shown because of how much we have each other's back," Richards said.

Goins has reason for tears of joy

In his final season, senior relishing MSU's journey

BY CHRIS SOLARI | Detroit Free Press

EAST LANSING, Mich. — Kenny Goins flashed back to the start of his second year at Michigan State.

The day Tom Izzo offered the walk-on a scholarship, Goins remembered staying cool and collected. Or at least trying to.

"It wasn't like a huge reveal in front of the team," Goins recalled. "It was just me and our four coaches in Coach Izzo's office. They called me in. I didn't know what it was about, but they told me, 'We're giving you this scholarship, the last one we have.'"

"And I remember kind of remaining calm, (but) I couldn't stop smiling. That was one thing."

The composure didn't last. Goins walked out of the Breslin Center that fall day, took a few steps and broke down, pausing a few feet from Izzo's office windows. Goins' gamble the previous year — giving up a chance to play college basketball for free to chase his dream of playing for his beloved Spartans — had paid off.

"As soon as I got out, it was right outside by the Magic Johnson statue, I just sat down and started crying," Goins said. "Once I regained myself, I called my parents. (They were) the first people I told. And their reaction, my dad's reaction, just seemed like it was relief. It had a full effect on my family, really."

So did Goins' 3-pointer on Sunday with 34.3 seconds left that helped the Spartans defeat Duke 68-67 and sent them back to the Final Four, where they will face Texas Tech on Saturday in Minneapolis.

The 6-foot-7 senior, who delivered the biggest shot of his life over the long reach of Zion Williamson, gave himself and his teammates one more weekend of basketball. Goins is the lone remaining member of the Spartans' 2015 Final Four team, capping the year his parents paid for before he went on scholarship.

"Kenny doesn't have a lot of (Final Four experience) since he didn't play in the game," Izzo said. "But he had a lot because he was just around it."

Goins had 10 points and nine rebounds against Duke, pushing through achy knees to play 38 minutes and forgetting about his shooting struggles — he was 3 of 11 before hitting the game-winner — to make one of the biggest shots in Michigan State history.

"He's locked in," junior point guard Cassius Winston said. "It's different when you know it's your last go-around, your last chance."

ROUNDUP

NU moves to WNIT title game

Chicago Tribune staff

Lindsey Pulliam led five Northwestern players in double figures with 16 points as the Wildcats advanced to the WNIT championship game with a 74-69 semifinal victory over James Madison on Wednesday night in Harrisonburg, Va.

Northwestern (21-14) will play for the title at 2 p.m. Saturday at Arizona, a 59-53 winner over TCU on Wednesday.

The Wildcats got 14 points and six rebounds from center Abi Scheid and 11 points and 11 boards from forward Pallas Kunaiyi-Akpanah, while the backcourt of Veronica Burton and Jordan Hamilton scored 12 apiece and combined for eight assists and eight steals. All five starters played at least 32 minutes.

Jackie Benitez led James Madison (29-6) with 18 points.

DePaul men stay alive: Max Strus scored 20 of his 32 points in the first half to lead DePaul to a 100-96 overtime win over South Florida in the second game of the best-of-three College Basketball Invitational championship series at McGrath-Phillips Arena. Game 3 is at 6 p.m. Friday, also at DePaul.

Paul Reed scored a career-high 28 points and had 16 rebounds and three blocks for the Blue Demons (19-16). Femi Olujobi added 14 points.

Reed sank a 3-pointer to give DePaul an 82-79 lead, but he missed the front end of a one-and-one with 57.4 seconds left in regulation. USF worked the ball around the arc, and Alexis Yetna made a tying 3-pointer with 29.6 seconds to go. After a timeout, Strus dribbled down the clock but nearly turned it over as time expired.

Lyrik Shreiner's contested layup extended DePaul's lead to 94-88 with 1:41 left in overtime, and the Blue Demons made enough free throws down the stretch to hold off the Bulls (23-14).

Laquincy Rideau had a career-high 35 points and eight assists for USF, and Yetna had 26 points and 13 rebounds.

Associated Press contributed.

BULLS



NICK WASS/AP

Bulls guard Walt Lemon Jr. had 24 points and hit the winning free-throws with 1.8 seconds left Wednesday.

BULLS 115, WIZARDS 114

Back at home

Porter appreciative to Washington as he prepares to heal

By K.C. JOHNSON
Chicago Tribune

WASHINGTON — The video tribute aired during a first-quarter timeout, rolling back the years all the way to his rookie season with the Wizards and his college career at Georgetown.

Otto Porter Jr. smiled and waved.

Porter's season ended after he logged 24 minutes on March 17 in Sacramento because of lingering soreness in his right shoulder. In 15 games after the Bulls acquired him for Bobby Portis and Jabari Parker in February, he averaged 17.5 points, shot 48.8 percent from 3-point range and helped his new team to a 7-8 mark.

That's why Wednesday's trip back to where he still owns a home, which included a morning shootaround at his alma mater, wasn't the only reason the veteran small forward was upbeat even before the depleted Bulls snapped a five-game skid with a 115-114 victory over the Wizards.

Walt Lemon Jr. rebounded from his off night in New York on Monday to lead the scoring with 24 points and eight assists on 11-for-16 shooting. He sank the game-winning free-throws with 1.8 seconds left.

"I didn't know what to expect (after the trade) so I went in with an open book and we were able to manifest something good, something positive, uplifting," Porter said. "So hopefully, it will encourage our fans and organization and team."

Porter has yet to play with Wendell Carter Jr., Chandler Hutchison or Denzel Valentine, one starter and two projected rotation players for next season. His shooting ability created spacing for Lauri Markkanen and Zach LaVine. His defensive versatility allowed coach Jim Boylen flexibility.

"It's going to be fun," Porter said. "I can't wait for everybody to get back and be healthy because it's going to be very important to our development this summer and to what we want to accomplish next year."

Along those lines, management met with Porter's trainers to create the optimal offseason plan. Porter has dealt with hip and leg issues during his six-year career.

Porter, who said he still feels "more like a deep soreness" in his shoulder, said he'd split his off-season time between Chicago and Washington. And, yes, that includes workouts at Georgetown.

"I'm never leaving this place. This is always going to be my home, so anytime I can come back to Georgetown or come back to D.C., you know I'm always going to pay my respects," Porter said. "I always come back, see my former coaches and also see the guys. This is my family. This isn't just this is where I went to school. That's how strong this brotherhood of Georgetown is to me."

NBA Hall of Famer Patrick Ewing, who led his alma mater to a 19-14 mark in his second season as coach of the Hoyas, even stopped by the Bulls' morning shootaround.

"He's carrying on the tradition," Porter said. "This university is based on tradition, and

to have one of their prime guys to represent Georgetown from when it was huge — and it's still huge — it means everything."

Hearing Boylen talk, Porter means plenty to his plans when he returns as coach next season.

"I didn't realize he was such a poised, kind of calm guy when things are chaotic. He came in and settled us down a bunch," Boylen said. "That's a knack for a player. When you're a coach and look down the bench to see a guy who can do that, it's just a great feeling."

"I also think his voice resonated as the year went on. He spoke up this morning in our film. We need more of that. I know that sounds like little things. But any time a guy can 'Amen' what you're doing, it's important. And he does that a lot. And I appreciate it."

With seven regular rotation players still out, JaKarr Sampson added 18 points and nine rebounds as seven Bulls reached double figures.

The Bulls overcame falling asleep on a Wizards inbounds play that almost cost them the game. Cristiano Felicio sprinted out late from a timeout to defend, but with only four defenders set, Shaq Harrison fouled Chasson Randle, who sank two free throws with 12.7 seconds left. Jim Boylen said Felicio was asking one of the coaches if Bulls had a foul to give.

Playing his former team, Portis posted his second 20-point, 10-rebound game over his last three in just 24 minutes. Parker sat out the second half with a sprained left knee.

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BLACKHAWKS

NOTES

Caggiula not afraid to show some fight

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The diminutive Drake Caggiula getting into a fight with the enormous Dustin Byfuglien would have been ridiculous at any time.

Factor in that Caggiula was playing just his second game since returning from a concussion that cost him more than a month of his season, and their bout at the tail end of the Blackhawks' loss to the Jets on Monday night was more than a little frightening.

"(I don't) typically try to fight guys that are about 100 pounds heavier than me and about a foot taller," said Caggiula, who is listed at 5-foot-10, 176 pounds.

Caggiula isn't sure what he did to anger the 6-5, 265-pound Byfuglien, who threw Caggiula around like a rag doll and gave him a large red welt on his forehead that was still large and still red two days later. But Caggiula isn't one to step aside from a challenger, even if that challenger could give The Incredible Hulk a run for his money.

"I had no intentions of fighting, especially coming off a concussion," Caggiula said. "(You) kind of prepare yourself as best as you can and try to avoid those situations. But I've always been a fearless player and had to play that solid game, and sometimes it comes with the territory."

"Sometimes you've got to find a way to protect yourself."

Caggiula was checked out by the Hawks' medical staff after the fight and he said he never developed any concussion-like symptoms. Caggiula was in the lineup on Wednesday against the Blues.

"Just a couple bumps and

bruises," he said. "Nothing serious."

Change for the better or worse? One thing that could haunt the Hawks for a while is whether the timing of their coaching change cost them a playoff spot.

While some think Joel Quenneville should have been given more time before getting fired, others believe the Hawks would have been better served by letting Jeremy Colliton take over during the offseason.

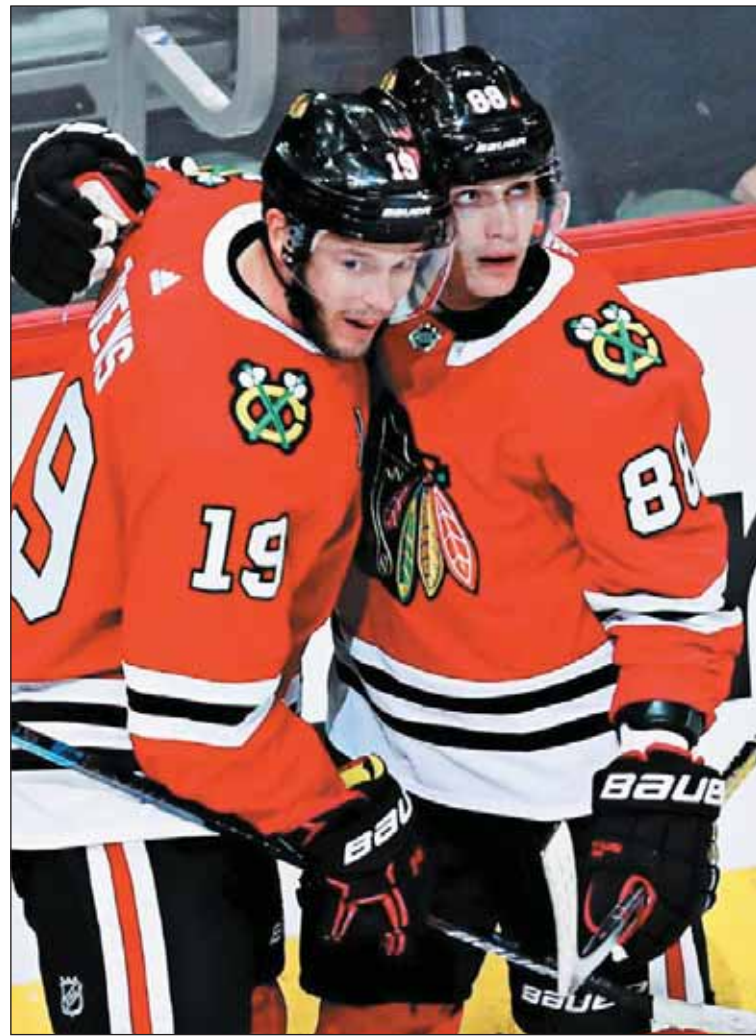
Jonathan Toews praised both his former and current coach when asked if Colliton should have been given the job before the season began.

"I've said it over and over how much respect I have for Joel," Toews said. "I think at some point there's a time for a change, and obviously for us the change has been good. So yeah, it's easy to wonder that."

"There was definitely an adjustment period, even (for) our veteran guys who played for Joel for a long time. We've had certain habits and little things that we had to change that were obviously hurting us in some ways."

"It took some time, and that's time that we lost. It wasn't easy."

One-timers: The Hawks recalled defenseman Dennis Gilbert, their third-round pick in 2015, from Rockford on Wednesday and he made his NHL debut against the Blues. Gilbert, 22, had five goals and nine assists in 59 games for the IceHogs. He wore No. 39. ... Cam Ward was in goal for the first time since March 3 against the Sharks, ending Corey Crawford's run of 13 straight starts.



CHRIS SWEDA/CHICAGO TRIBUNE

Jonathan Toews, left, and Patrick Kane celebrate after Toews scored a first-period goal Wednesday night against the Blues.

Latest playoff absence leaves Hawks smarting

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that this season is coming to an unsatisfying conclusion.

"It's just crazy that our season's going to be over in five days and that's it for another year," Patrick Kane said. "Pretty frustrating, especially when a lot of us feel like we're in our prime and able to contribute and had good seasons. But that's the way it is."

"There's obviously players you can look back at and say you could've done more here or there and had a bigger difference on the game. It's just the way it goes. Pretty disappointing for the second straight year not to play hockey when it matters the most."

A commitment not to repeat last season's debacle led Kane and Jonathan Toews to arrive at training camp in perhaps the best shape of their careers. But most preseason prognosticators still had the Hawks missing the playoffs because of a lack of depth, the uncertainty of Crawford's health and a shaky defense.

All those potential problems reared their heads at various points, none more than the defensive issues Bowman will need to address through free agency, the trade market or both.

"It goes to show there's more to the game than just scoring," Toews said. "I've always understood that. You need guys throughout your lineup that are going to fill different roles."

The Hawks have enough needs that when coach Jeremy Colliton was asked to pick one or two areas in which to improve, he couldn't narrow it down.

One of the hallmarks of Colliton's first few months as an NHL coach has been his ability to speak honestly about his team's shortcomings without coming across as too blunt.

"There's a few areas," Colliton said. "Defensively we're better but not perfect. Special teams still (need improvement)."

"Consistency shift to shift — we have stretches where we're excellent for a long time, but it's not enough. We've got to do it every shift, and I think that's (bitten) us a little bit lately."

It wasn't all doom and gloom, however.

"We're better," Colliton said. "But I think there's a lot we can improve on. That's our focus even now. We're not satisfied, not at all."

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BULLS NOTES

Harrison works to improve his offense

By K.C. JOHNSON
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WASHINGTON — Shaquille Harrison didn't need to record a steal in his 11th straight game, as he did Wednesday night against the Wizards, to continue displaying his defensive prowess. After all, he recorded 20 of them in the previous 10 games and at one point led the NBA in steals per 36 minutes.

It's his offense that the coaching staff has been working with him on, following one simple credo: Look at the rim. And he had the rim clearly in his sights when he made a nasty dunk over the Wizards' Thomas Bryant on Wednesday night.

Harrison, who has perhaps taken greater advantage of his extended opportunity than any other Bull, entered the Wizards game shooting just 42.6 percent. That included a meager 24.7 percent from 3-point range.

Harrison has demonstrated an ability to penetrate consistently. But with teams playing him as a driver and not a scorer, defenses have sagged off and played his kick-out pass.

"The coaches have been telling

me to take what they give me," Harrison said. "And slow down. When I'm going at a good pace and not 100 mph, I think things go well for me. But when I get sped up a little bit or get a little frenzied, things get out of hand. I feel from when I first got here to now, I'm miles ahead of where I was (offensively)."

Back setback: The sliver of hope Kris Dunn created Monday in New York about seeing value in playing even if for one game closed with news that Dunn's sore back didn't respond to his workout. Dunn didn't even participate in the morning shootaround.

And while the team has not officially declared Dunn done for the season, that's an extremely safe assumption.

"I would say it looks that way," coach Jim Boylen said. "He just didn't feel right while he was doing the workout. He didn't feel like the workout got him loose or helped him."

Dunn fielded a question about his offseason plans.

"You gotta take time to let the body heal and just get some rest," he said. "And then once I get

itching to pick up the basketball, I'll do that."

Executive order: Otto Porter Jr. wouldn't comment when asked for thoughts on the Wizards' decision to fire Ernie Grunfeld, the franchise's longtime top executive. Grunfeld, hired two months after the Bulls hired John Paxson in 2003, was one of the league's longest-tenured executives along with Paxson, the Heat's Pat Riley, the Mavericks' Donnie Nelson, the Spurs' R.C. Buford and the Celtics' Danny Ainge.

Under Grunfeld, the Wizards amassed a 568-724 mark and qualified for eight playoffs with four first- and four second-round exits. The Bulls are 661-631 with 11 playoff appearances, one Eastern Conference finals appearance and seven first-round exits under Paxson.

Staff stuff: After officially committing to join Fred Hoiberg's staff at Nebraska, Windy City Bulls coach Charlie Henry is now contemplating taking another college job or remaining with the G League, a source said.

CUBS

CUBS RECAP

The Braves took advantage of five eighth-inning walks by Cubs relievers Steve Cishek and Brad Brach to score four runs and seize a 6-4 win at SunTrust Park. After Cishek walked the first three batters, Johan Camargo ripped a bases-clearing double off Randy Rosario over the head of center fielder Albert Almora Jr. One batter later, Dansby Swanson hit a sacrifice fly against Brach. Willson Contreras' 452-foot two-run homer in the sixth had given the Cubs a 3-2 lead. Jon Lester pitched six innings of six-hit ball, allowing solo homers to Swanson and Ozzie Albies in the third.

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MIKE ZARRILLI/GETTY-AFP

The Cubs' Willson Contreras hits a two-run home run in the sixth inning Wednesday against the Braves.

No panic yet

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against the 6-1 Brewers with a sense of urgency, Epstein clarified the comments he made after last season that the Cubs needed to rediscover that sense.

"Everything that our players and we were talking about this offseason sort of relates to attitude and preparation, and that is really good," Epstein said before the game. "Our guys are showing up wanting to put their best foot forward and wanting to repeat that every night."

"It's still baseball. Nothing we were talking about this offseason will become this narrative that I hope will really die very soon when we get into the flow of the season as it relates to outcome on a particular night."

Epstein stressed that the Cubs will win their share of games when they don't play as well as the final score, while they're unlikely to play worse than they did Monday night, when they committed six errors in an 8-0 humbling by the Braves.

"It's 162 games and things are

going to happen," he said.

Epstein emphasized the importance of being prepared daily because the Cubs lost the NL Central by one game in 2018 and the division "has no soft spots."

"The margin for error is really small," he said. "The team that shows up ready to play and execute on a consistent basis night in and night out ultimately will be rewarded. No team is good enough to show up when they want to or wait until they're in trouble or show up and succeed in this division or this league. Controlling the things we can control — like our attitude and preparation — that's really important. And I give our guys a ton of credit for doing that."

Before the game, Epstein said the high walk total represented an extremely small sample size.

"Every game is not a referendum on the season or the team's play or four games in our ability to throw strikes," Epstein said. "Obviously, throwing strikes is important to any team's success — especially ours — and we recognize that."

"Our bullpen hasn't pitched great so far four games in. You can write your stories. It's yet to be determined how they'll pitch. We have a pretty good track record when it comes to the bullpen, and I expect this year will be no different in the end."

Much of the focus has been on the current roster, although the recent signings of pitcher Kyle Hendricks and infielder David Bote indicate the Cubs are willing to peek at their long-term forecast, especially with more players willing to sacrifice free agency for security.

"We've been on record," Epstein said. "We're open to talking to anyone who is interested in long-term security. We've had a ton of discussions very quietly. Between Hendricks and Bote, we got two on the books."

"We don't have anything going on right now. But I said that to you the other day (after Hendricks signed), and that changed quickly."

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CUBS NOTES

Bote gets five-year, \$15M extension

BY MARK GONZALES
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ATLANTA — The Cubs pounced on the opportunity to secure David Bote's services by signing the infielder to a five-year, \$15 million extension through 2024 with two team options.

Bote, who already was signed for 2019 for \$561,500, said agent Scott Bronstein recently approached him about an extension, and a deal was struck quickly, Cubs President Theo Epstein said Wednesday.

"I'm humbled and grateful and super excited to be a part of the Cubs family for a long time," said Bote, who turns 26 on Sunday.

This marks the second time in nine days the Cubs bought out the remaining years of arbitration with a player, as they reached a four-year, \$55 million extension with pitcher Kyle Hendricks on March 26.

The Cubs have other big-ticket players looming, particularly Kris Bryant and Javier Baez. As for manager Joe Maddon, who is in the final year of his five-year contract, he isn't worried about his uncertain status.

"I'm very confident this is

going to work its way through in due time," said Maddon, who was thrilled that manager Terry Francona received an extension with the Indians. "For me right now, I'm in a pretty good spot. I've been treated more than well. I don't lament or worry about things like that."

Bote was playing at Class A Myrtle Beach as recently as 2016 but finally broke through to the majors last season, long after being selected in the 18th round of the 2012 draft.

Bote made his major-league debut April 21 in Denver. He batted .239 (44-for-184) with six home runs and 33 RBIs in his rookie season.

"It's a cool, crazy long story I'd love to share with people down the road," said Bote, who thanked everyone from the Ricketts ownership group to scout Rick Schroeder, who watched him at Neosho County Community College in Chanute, Kan.

Bote will earn salaries of \$950,000 in 2020, \$1 million in 2021, \$2.5 million in 2022, \$4 million in 2023 and \$5.5 million in 2024. He also will receive a \$50,000 bonus.

The Cubs hold team options of \$7 million (or a \$1 million buy-

out) for 2025 and \$76 million (or a \$500,000 million buyout) for 2026. Bote also can receive an increase in base salaries for 2024 and 2025 based on plate appearances.

"We're happy we have cost certainty on the books and a player who has a chance to really improve beyond the role he's in down the line," Epstein said.

Last season, Bote played third base (56 games), second (13 games), first (two games), shortstop (two games) and left field (one game).

"He's definitely capable of playing every day, no doubt," Maddon said. "If he had the requisite number of at-bats, you'd see him climb very quickly."

Hip action: Yu Darvish believes he has corrected a flaw in his delivery that led to his career-high seven walks Saturday in Texas.

"My (right) pelvis was tilted," Darvish said while displaying his lack of balance.

Darvish will start Thursday night's series finale at SunTrust Park, where he allowed one run on four hits last May 15.

"I feel comfortable in this stadium," Darvish said.

WHITE SOX

WHITE SOX 8, INDIANS 3

Change of pace: Sox club Kluber

BY TOM WITHERS
Associated Press

CLEVELAND — Just the sight of Corey Kluber is normally enough to weaken and wobble the White Sox.

They finally toughened up against him.

Jose Abreu drove in three runs, Leury Garcia had four hits and the Sox knocked around Kluber for a change, beating the Indians and their ace 8-3 on Wednesday.

Abreu's two-run double in the fourth chased Kluber (0-2), who had won nine straight decisions against the Sox dating four seasons. The two-time American League Cy Young Award winner went 4-0 against the Sox last season and is 13-4 against them in his career.

But starting with Garcia's single on the first pitch, Kluber was in trouble, and he lasted only 3 1/3 innings while losing to the Sox for the first time since July 24, 2015.

"He really knows what he's doing," Sox manager Rick Renteria said. "Our guys were able to take advantage of him trying to find his way."

Kluber didn't offer any excuses other than to say his mechanics were off, affecting his delivery.

"I don't think it was much out of the usual way (that) teams attack me," he said. "I guess I didn't make enough good pitches. Too many balls (were) either over the plate or kind of noncompetitive, where they spit on them."

Carlos Rodon (1-1), meanwhile, made plenty of good pitches while limiting the Indians to an unearned run and two hits over six innings. The left-hander settled down after a bumpy first and retired 12 straight and 14 of 15 before Jose Ramirez reached on an error in the sixth — one of three Sox miscues.

Rodon never imagined taking the mound with a 3-0 lead against Kluber.

"I told someone after he came out, 'I feel bad for the next team that has to face him because he's probably going to show up pretty well,'" Rodon said.

Sox third baseman Yoan Moncada hit a two-run homer in the eighth, while the Indians' Hanley Ramirez connected for a two-run shot in the ninth.

At about the same time they were scoring three times off Kluber in the first, the Sox announced Thursday's home opener against the Mariners was being pushed to Friday because of a nasty weather forecast in Chicago.

Things got stormy right away for Kluber, who was down 3-0 after giving up two walks and three hits while throwing 36

A 2nd child for Anderson

The White Sox placed Tim Anderson on the paternity list Wednesday, two days after the shortstop welcomed his second child.

Anderson's wife, Bria, gave birth Monday to a second daughter, Paxton. The team did not announce any other details.

The couple's first child, Peyton, was born during spring training three years ago.

Anderson was scratched from the lineup ahead of Monday's game in Cleveland as Bria went into labor. Jose Rondon filled in at shortstop and went 0-for-4 with a run scored after reaching on a throwing error in the eighth inning of the Sox's 5-3 loss to the Indians.

Corresponding with Anderson's leave, the Sox recalled right-hander Jose Ruiz from Triple-A Charlotte. Anderson, 25, is eligible to come off the paternity list after a day, but he can be on for as many as three.

Anderson is hitting .250 with a double, an RBI and a steal in three games.

Ruiz, 24, appeared in seven spring training games and had a 2.70 ERA with 10 strikeouts.

He also made six appearances with the Sox in September, allowing two earned runs in 4 1/3 innings.

— Phil Thompson

pitches in the first inning, which included an early mound visit by pitching coach Carl Willis. Two innings later, it was manager Terry Francona's turn, and he took the ball from Kluber, who allowed just three runs in 28 innings against the Sox last season.

"First pitch of the game is hit for a base hit and he's pitching out of the stretch," Francona said. "He never found a comfort zone. He scattered a lot of his fastballs, put him in some tough counts. You could tell he was fighting it."

While his teammates had struggled against Kluber, Abreu's success was nothing new. He's batting .340 (18-for-53) with five homers and 15 RBIs in his career against the right-hander.

"Good hitters like him, you leave the ball middle-in, things aren't going to work very well for you," Kluber said.



JASON MILLER/GETTY

Jose Abreu sprints out of the batter's box after hitting a fourth-inning double that chased Indians ace Corey Kluber on Wednesday.

NFL

McCarthy: Dismissal by Packers handled poorly

Associated Press

GREEN BAY — Former Packers coach Mike McCarthy says he was stunned by the timing of his firing in December and believes his dismissal was handled poorly.

McCarthy told ESPN in a story posted Wednesday he knew he might be in trouble if the Packers missed the playoffs. But he was fired with four games left after they lost at home to the Cardinals and dropped to 4-7-1.

"If we missed the playoffs, I expected change might happen," McCarthy said. "But the timing surprised me. It couldn't have been handled any worse."

McCarthy said he was summoned to a meeting with team President Mark Murphy after the loss and was fired during a discussion he said was imper-



McCarthy

sonal and "hard to swallow." McCarthy said he always tried to be gentle when releasing players but didn't get the same treatment.

"Mark said it was an ugly loss and it was time to make (a) change," McCarthy said. "He said something about

the offense and the special teams, and he didn't think it was going to get any better. There was no emotion to it."

Packers spokesman Aaron Popkey declined to comment.

McCarthy was in his 13th season as coach and won the Super Bowl after the 2010 season. He finished his tenure in Green Bay with a 125-77-2 record.

McCarthy said he is taking a year off but working hard to prepare for a possible coaching job in the 2020 season.

BASEBALL

American League

EAST	W	L	PCT	GB	WCGB	L10	STR	HOME	AWAY
Tampa Bay	5	2	.714	—	—	5-2	L-1	5-2	0-0
Baltimore	3	2	.667	½	—	4-2	L-1	0-0	4-2
Toronto	4	4	.429	2	1½	3-4	W-1	3-4	0-0
New York	2	4	.333	2½	2	2-4	L-2	2-4	0-0
Boston	2	5	.286	3	2½	2-5	W-1	0-0	2-5
CENTRAL	W	L	PCT	GB	WCGB	L10	STR	HOME	AWAY
Minnesota	4	1	.800	—	—	4-1	W-3	2-1	2-0
Detroit	4	3	.571	1	½	4-3	W-2	0-0	4-3
Chicago	2	3	.400	2	1½	2-3	W-1	0-0	2-3
Cleveland	2	3	.400	2	1½	2-3	L-1	1-1	1-2
Kansas City	2	3	.400	2	1½	2-3	L-3	2-3	0-0
WEST	W	L	PCT	GB	WCGB	L10	STR	HOME	AWAY
Seattle	7	1	.875	—	—	7-1	W-4	5-1	2-0
Texas	4	2	.667	2	—	4-2	W-2	4-2	0-0
Oakland	5	4	.556	2½	½	5-4	L-1	5-4	0-0
Houston	2	5	.286	4½	2½	2-5	L-2	0-0	2-5
Los Angeles	1	5	.167	5	3	1-5	L-4	0-0	1-5

Late games noted below

THURSDAY'S PROBABLE PITCHERS

PROBABLE PITCHING MATCHUPS

NATIONAL LEAGUE	2019	2018 VS. OPP.	LAST 3 STARTS
TEAM PITCHER	TIME W-L ERA TR	W-L IP ERA	W-L IP ERA
Was Strasburg (R)	0-0 6.00 0-1	0-1 6.0 6.00	0-0 6.0 6.00
NY Syndergaard (R)	12:10p 0-0 6.00 1-0	1-1 12.0 3.00	0-0 6.0 6.00
Cin Mahle (R)	0-0 0.00 0-0	0-2 10.1 9.58	0-0 0.0 0.00
Pit Lyles (R)	6:05p 0-0 0.00 0-0	0-0 4.0 0.00	0-0 0.0 0.00
Chi Darvish (R)	0-0 10.12 0-1	0-1 8.2 5.19	0-0 2.2 10.13
All Fried (L)	6:20p 0-0 0.00 0-0	0-0 0.0 0.00	0-0 0.0 0.00

AMERICAN LEAGUE	2019	2018 VS. OPP.	LAST 3 STARTS
TEAM PITCHER	TIME W-L ERA TR	W-L IP ERA	W-L IP ERA
KC Junis (R)	1-0 4.76 1-0	4-0 37.0 1.95	1-0 5.2 4.76
Det Turnbull (R)	12:10p 0-1 5.40 0-1	0-0 0.0 0.00	0-1 5.0 5.40
NY Paxton (L)	0-1 1.59 0-1	1-0 7.0 2.57	0-1 5.2 1.59
Bal Cobb (R)	2:05p 0-0 0.00 0-0	1-0 12.0 2.25	0-0 0.0 0.00
Bos Rodriguez (L)	1-0 10.39 0-1	0-1 5.0 5.40	0-1 4.1 10.38
Oak Anderson (L)	2:37p 0-1 0.00 0-0	0-0 0.0 0.00	0-1 6.0 0.00
Tor Sanchez (R)	1-0 0.00 1-0	0-0 0.0 0.00	1-0 5.0 0.00
Cle Bauer (R)	5:10p 0-0 1.29 1-0	0-0 0.0 0.00	0-0 7.0 1.29
LA Volquez (R)	0-0 9.00 1-0	0-0 0.0 0.00	0-0 4.0 9.00
Tex Harvey (R)	9:07p 0-0 3.00 1-0	0-0 0.0 0.00	0-0 6.0 3.00

INTERLEAGUE	2019	2018 VS. OPP.	LAST 3 STARTS
TEAM PITCHER	TIME W-L ERA TR	W-L IP ERA	W-L IP ERA
TR	Team's record in games started by today's pitcher.		

RESULTS, SCHEDULE

AMERICAN LEAGUE

WEDNESDAY'S RESULTS
 Chicago White Sox 8, Cleveland 3
 Colorado 1, Tampa Bay 0, (11)
 Minnesota 7, Kansas City 6
 Detroit 2, N.Y. Yankees 1
 Toronto 5, Baltimore 3
 Texas 4, Houston 0
 Boston 6, Oakland 3

FRIDAY'S GAMES

Seattle at Chicago White Sox, 1:10 p.m.
 Tampa Bay at San Francisco, 3:35 p.m.
 Minnesota at Philadelphia, 6:05 p.m.
 Boston at Arizona, 6:10 p.m.
 Toronto at Cleveland, 6:10 p.m.
 Oakland at Houston, 7:10 p.m.
 Texas at L.A. Angels, 9:07 p.m.

CALENDAR

April 13-14: St. Louis vs. Cincinnati at Monterrey, Mexico.
May 4-5: Houston vs. Los Angeles Angels at Monterrey, Mexico.
June 3: Amateur draft starts, Secaucus, N.J.
June 13: Detroit vs. Kansas City at Omaha, Neb.

BOX SCORES

BREWERS 1, REDS 0	MILWAUKEE	AB	R	H	BI	SO	AVG
Gamel cf	3	0	0	0	0	3	.154
a-Cain ph-cf	1	0	1	0	0	0	.320
Yelich rf	2	0	0	0	1	0	.375
Braun lf	4	0	0	0	2	0	.273
a-Shaw 3b	4	0	0	1	0	0	.227
Aguilar 1b	2	1	0	0	0	0	.182
Moustakas 2b	3	0	0	0	0	0	.217
Perez 2b	0	0	0	0	0	0	.259
Castali c	4	0	1	1	0	0	.400
Archie ss	2	0	0	0	0	0	.058
Peralta p	3	0	0	0	0	0	—
Wilson p	0	0	0	0	0	0	.000
TOTALS	28	1	2	10	1	0	.100

CINCINNATI	AB	R	H	BI	SO	AVG
Winker rf	4	0	0	0	1	.222
Votto lf	4	0	0	0	2	.000
Kemp lf	4	0	1	0	1	.083
Suarez 3b	4	0	1	0	1	.235
Schebler cf	3	0	0	0	3	.000
Dietrich 2b	3	0	0	0	1	.111
Castali c	3	1	0	1	0	.400
1-Peraza pr-ss	0	0	0	0	0	.267
Iglesias ss	2	0	0	0	3	.000
b-Puig ph	1	0	0	0	1	.188
Hughes p	0	0	0	0	0	.000
Castillo p	3	1	0	0	1	.400
Garrett p	0	0	0	0	0	—
Barnhart c	0	0	0	0	0	.308
2-Lorenzen pr	0	0	0	0	0	.000
TOTALS	30	0	3	0	12	.083

Milwaukee 010 000 000-1 2 0
 Cincinnati 000 000 000-0 3 0

a-doubled for game in the 8th. b-struck out for Iglesias in the 8th. 1-ran for Casali in the 8th. 2-ran for Barnhart in the 9th. **LOB:** Milwaukee 6, Cincinnati 4. **2B:** Cain (2), Braun; Pinalta (1). **SB:** Yelich (1), Cain (2). **Runners left in scoring position:** Milwaukee 3 (Braun, Shaw, Yelich); Cincinnati 1 (Suarez). **RISP:** Milwaukee 1 for 7; Cincinnati 1 for 1. **LIDP:** Moustakas. **DP:** Cincinnati 1 (Votto).

MILWAUKEE	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Peralta, W, 1-0	8	2	0	0	0	11	3.27
Wilson, S, 1-1	1	1	0	0	1	1	0.00

CINCINNATI	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Castillo, L, 0-1	7	1	1	1	4	9	1.42
Garrett	1	1	0	0	0	1	0.00
Hughes	1	0	0	0	1	0	3.38

BP: Castillo (Moustakas). **Umpires:** H, Tony Randazzo; 1B, Cory Blaser; 2B, Jeff Nelson; 3B, Laz Diaz. **Time:** 2:53. **A:** 13,435 (42,319).

PADRES 4, DIAMONDBACKS 1

ARIZONA	AB	R	H	BI	SO	AVG
Jones rf	4	0	1	0	0	.364
Marte cf	4	0	1	0	0	.290
Peralta lf	1	1	1	1	0	.455
Walker 1b	4	0	0	0	1	.368
Escobar 2b	4	0	0	0	1	.103
Lamb 3b	4	0	2	1	2	.267
2-Weaver pr	0	0	0	0	0	.500
Ahmed ss	4	0	1	0	2	.250
Kelly c	2	0	0	0	1	.222
Andriese p	3	1	0	0	0	.000
Rap p	2	0	0	0	2	.000
Lucchesi p	1	0	0	0	1	.000
a-Mejia ph	1	0	1	0	0	.333
b-Cordero ph	1	0	0	0	1	.273
TOTALS	28	4	5	4	7	.300

SAN DIEGO	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Ryan, L, 0-1	5½	2	2	2	5	3	6.75
Hill, R	2	0	0	0	1	0	0.00
Andriese	2	2	2	2	0	3	4.15

Arizona 000 000 001-1 7 0
 San Diego 000 011 20x-4 5 1

a-doubled for Lucchesi in the 5th. b-struck out for Stammen in the 7th. 1-ran for Reyes in the 6th. 2-ran for Lamb in the 9th. **E:** Meyers (1). **LOB:** Arizona 6, San Diego 6. **2B:** Jones (3), Marte (1), Peralta (2), Lamb (1), Mejia (1). **HR:** Machado (2), off Andriese. **RBI:** Lamb (2), Machado 2 (3), Hosmer (4), Mejia (1). **Runners left in scoring position:** Arizona 5 (Marte, Walker 2, Ahmed, Ray); San Diego 4 (Kinsler 2, Hedges 2). **RISP:** Arizona 1 for 3; San Diego 2 for 6. **GIDP:** Kelly, Reyes. **DP:** Arizona 1 (Escobar, Ahmed, Walker); San Diego 1 (Peralta Jr., Kinsler, Hosmer).

ARIZONA	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Ryan, L, 0-1	5½	2	2	2	5	3	6.75
Hill, R	2	0	0	0	1	0	0.00
Andriese	2	2	2	2	0	3	4.15

SAN DIEGO IP H R ER BB SO ERA
 Lucchesi, W, 2-0 5 4 0 0 1 6 0.00
 Stammen, H, 3 2 1 0 0 0 2 0.00
 Wingerter 1 0 0 0 0 1 2.70
 Yates 1 2 1 1 0 0 2 2.25

Inherited runners-scored: Hirano 2-1. **WP:** Ray. **Umpires:** H, Chris Guccione; 1B, Lance Barrett; 2B, Mike Everitt; 3B, Bill Welke. **Time:** 2:59. **A:** 19,376 (42,445).

NATIONAL LEAGUE

WEDNESDAY'S RESULTS
 Milwaukee 1, Cincinnati 0
 Washington 9, Philadelphia 8
 Colorado 1, Tampa Bay 0, (11)
 San Diego 4, Arizona 1
 N.Y. Mets 6, Miami 4
 St. Louis 5 at Pittsburgh 4
 Atlanta 6, Chicago Cubs 4
 L.A. Dodgers 5, San Francisco 3

FRIDAY'S GAMES

L.A. Dodgers at Colorado, 3:10 p.m.
 San Diego at St. Louis, 3:15 p.m.
 Tampa Bay at San Francisco, 3:35 p.m.
 Cincinnati at Pittsburgh, 6:05 p.m.
 Minnesota at Philadelphia, 6:05 p.m.
 Boston at Arizona, 6:10 p.m.
 Miami at Atlanta, 6:20 p.m.
 Chicago Cubs at Milwaukee, 7:10 p.m.

PHILADELPHIA 9, PHILLIES 8

PHILADELPHIA	AB	R	H	BI	SO	AVG
McCutchen lf	5	1	3	3	2	.250
Secura ss	5	1	2	1	0	.364
Harper rf	2	1	2	0	0	.500
Hoskins 1b	5	0	1	1	0	.188
Reimold c	4	1	1	1	1	.222
Herrera cf	4	2	1	0	0	.263
Hernandez 2b	3	0	1	1	0	.263
b-Knapp ph	1	0	0	0	1	.000
d-Altheier ph	1	0	0	0	0	.000
Francisco 3b	4	1	0	0	0	.400
Nola p	1	0	0	1	0	.000
a-Williams ph	1	0	1	0	0	.200
Kingery 2b	1	1	0	0	1	.000
TOTALS	37	6	10	8	8	.263

WASHINGTON	AB	R	H	BI	SO	AVG
Eaton rf	4	1	1	0	0	.300
Dozier 2b	5	0	1	0	3	.111
Rendon 3b	4	3	3	1	1	.474
Soto lf	4	2	3	3	0	.300
Zimmerman 1b	3	1	1	2	0	.222
1-Niemi c	1	1	1	0	0	.000
c-Stevenson ph	1	1	0	0	0	.000
e-Noll ph	0	0	0	1	0	.000
difo ss	4	0	1	0	0	.286
Sanchez p	2	0	0	2	0	.000
Gomes c	2	1	0	0	0	.500
Robles cf	3	0	0	2	0	.294
TOTALS	35	9	12	8	8	.300

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Washington 303 000 021-9 12 11

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SCOREBOARD

ODDS

MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL		
NATIONAL LEAGUE	THURSDAY	
at New York	-127	Washington +117
at Pittsburgh	-120	Cincinnati +110
at Atlanta	-115	Chicago Cubs +105
AMERICAN LEAGUE		
THURSDAY		
at Detroit	-105	Kansas City -105
New York	-190	at Baltimore +175
Boston	-115	at Oakland +105
at Cleveland	-160	Toronto +150
at LA Angels	-145	Texas +135

pregame.com		
THURSDAY		
at Philadelphia	Off	Milwaukee
at Sacramento	9½	Cleveland
Golden State	13	at LA Lakers

COLLEGE BASKETBALL		
NIT		
Texas	1	Lipscomb
COLLEGEINSIDER		
THURSDAY		
at Marshall	5½	Green Bay
NCAA FINAL FOUR		
SATURDAY		
Michigan St	2½	Texas Tech
Virginia	5½	Auburn

nhl		
THURSDAY		
at Pittsburgh	Off	Detroit
at Buffalo	-185	Ottawa
at Washington	-152	Montreal
Tampa Bay	-111	at Toronto
NY Islanders	-115	at Florida
at Carolina	-270	New Jersey
at Minnesota	Off	Boston
at St. Louis	-200	Philadelphia
at Nashville	-235	Vancouver
San Jose	-143	at Edmonton
at Colorado	-110	Winnipeg
at Vegas	Off	Arizona

COLLEGE BASKETBALL

NATIONAL INVITATION TOURNAMENT

THURSDAY'S CHAMPIONSHIP at Madison Square Garden, New York
Lipscomb (29-7) vs. Texas (20-16), 6 p.m.

COLLEGE BASKETBALL INVITATIONAL

Championship Series / (Best-of-3)
DePAUL (19-16) vs.
SOUTH FLORIDA (23-14)
April 1: South Florida 63-61
Wednesday: DePaul 100, S. Florida 96, OT
Friday: at DePaul, 6 p.m.

COLLEGEINSIDER TOURNAMENT

THURSDAY'S CHAMPIONSHIP
Marshall (22-14) vs. Green Bay (21-16), 6

WOMEN'S NIT

WEDNESDAY'S SEMIFINALS
Northwestern 74, James Madison 69
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Arizona 59, TCU 53
SATURDAY'S CHAMPIONSHIP
Northwestern (21-14) vs.
Arizona (23-13), 2 p.m.

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL INVITATIONAL

WEDNESDAY'S CHAMPIONSHIP
Appalachian State 76, North Texas 59

WBI PAST CHAMPIONS
2018: Yale 54, Central Arkansas 50
2017: Rice 74, UNC Greensboro 62
2016: La-Layette 87, Weber State 85
2015: La-Lafayette 52, Siena 50
2014: Ill-Chicago 73, Stephen F. Austin 64

2013: Detroit 73, McNeese State 62
2012: Minnesota 88, Northern Iowa 74
2011: UAB 68, CS Bakersfield 70
2010: Appalachian State 79, Memphis 71

NCAA CONFERENCE RECORDS

Conference	W	L	Pct.
Atlantic Coast (7)	13	6	.684
Southeastern (7)	12	6	.667
Big Ten (8)	13	7	.650
West Coast (2)	3	2	.600
Big 12 (6)	7	5	.583
Pac-12 (3)	4	3	.571
Ohio Valley (2)	2	2	.500
Atlantic Sun (1)	1	1	.500
Mid West (1)	1	1	.500
Mid-American (1)	1	1	.500
Northeast (1)	1	1	.500
Southern (1)	1	1	.500
Summit League (1)	1	1	.500
American Athletic (4)	3	4	.429
Big East (4)	1	4	.200
America East (1)	0	1	.000
Big Sky (1)	0	1	.000
Big South (1)	0	1	.000
Colonial (1)	0	1	.000
Conference USA (1)	0	1	.000
Horizon (1)	0	1	.000
Ivy League (1)	0	1	.000
Metro Atlantic (1)	0	1	.000
Mid-Eastern Athletic (1)	0	1	.000
Missouri Valley (1)	0	1	.000
Patriot League (1)	0	1	.000
Southland (1)	0	1	.000
Southwestern Athletic (1)	0	1	.000
Sun Belt (1)	0	1	.000
Western Athletic (1)	0	1	.000
Atlantic 10 (2)	2	2	.500
Mountain West (2)	0	2	.000

AUTO RACING

NASCAR MONSTER ENERGY CUP SCHEDULE

Sunday, Feb. 10: x-Advance Auto Parts Clash, Daytona, Fla. (Jimmie Johnson)
Thursday, Feb. 14: x-Duel 1 at Daytona, Daytona Beach, Fla. (Kevin Harvick)
Thursday, Feb. 14: x-Duel 2 at Daytona, Daytona Beach, Fla. (Joe Logano)
Sunday, Feb. 17: Daytona 500, Daytona Beach, Fla. (Denny Hamlin)
Sunday, Feb. 24: Folts of Honor QuikTrip 500, Hampton, Ga. (Brad Keselowski)
Sunday, March 3: Pennzoil 400, Las Vegas (Joey Logano)
Sunday, March 10: TicketGuardian 500, Avondale, Ariz. (Kyle Busch)
Sunday, March 17: Auto Club 400, Fontana, Calif. (Kyle Busch)
Sunday, March 24: STP 500, Martinsville, Va. (Brad Keselowski)
Sunday, March 31: O'Reilly Auto Parts 500, Fort Worth, Texas (Denny Hamlin)
Sunday, April 7: Food City 500, Bristol, Tenn.
Saturday, April 13: Toyota Owners 400, Richmond, Va.
Sunday, April 28: Geico 500, Talladega, Ala.
Sunday, May 5: MENCOS race, Dover, Del.
Saturday, May 11: MENCOS race, Kansas City, Kan.
Saturday, May 18: x-Monster Energy Open, Concord, N.C.
Saturday, May 18: x-Monster Energy All-Star Race, Concord, N.C.
Sunday, May 26: Coca-Cola 600, Concord, N.C.
Sunday, June 2: Pocono 400, Long Pond, Pa.
Sunday, June 9: FireKeepers Casino 400, Brooklyn, Mich.
Sunday, June 23: Toyota/Save Mart 350, Sonoma, Calif.
Sunday, June 30: Camping World 400, Joliet, Ill.
Saturday, July 6: Coke Zero Sugar 400, Daytona Beach, Fla.
Saturday, July 13: Quaker State 400, Sparta, Ky.
Sunday, July 21: Foxwoods Resort Casino 301, Loudon, N.H.
Sunday, July 28: Gander Outdoors 400, Long Pond, Pa.
Sunday, Aug. 4: Go Bowling at The Glen, Watkins Glen, N.Y.
Sunday, Aug. 11: Consumers Energy 400, Brooklyn, Mich.
Saturday, Aug. 17: Bass Pro Shops NRA Night Race, Bristol, Tenn.
Sunday, Sept. 1: Bogangles' Southern 500, Darlington, S.C.
Sunday, Sept. 8: Big Machine Vodka 400 at the Brickyard, Indianapolis
Sunday, Sept. 15: South Point 400, Las Vegas
Saturday, Sept. 21: Federated Auto Parts 400, Richmond, Va.
Sunday, Sept. 29: Bank of American ROVAL 400, Concord, N.C.
Sunday, Oct. 6: MENCOS race, Dover, Del.
Sunday, Oct. 13: 1000Bulbs.com 500, Talladega, Ala.
Sunday, Oct. 20: Hollywood Casino 400, Kansas City, Kan.
Sunday, Oct. 27: First Data 500, Martinsville, Va.
Sunday, Nov. 3: AAA Texas 500, Ft. Worth, Texas
Sunday, Nov. 10: MENCOS, Avondale, Ariz.
Sunday, Nov. 17: Ford EcoBoost 400, Homestead, Fla.

GOLF

LPGA TOUR

ANA INSPIRATION
Site: Rancho Mirage, Calif.
Course: Mission Hills CC (Dinah Shore Tournament). Yardage: 6,763. Par: 72.
Purse: \$3 million. Winner's share: \$450,000.
Television: Thursday-Friday, 11 a.m.-3 p.m., 7-9 p.m. (Golf Channel); Saturday-Sunday, 4-8 p.m. (Golf Channel).
Defending champion: Pernilla Lindberg.
Race to CME Globe leader: Jin Young Ko.
Last week: Nasa Hataoka won the Kia Classic.

Notes: This is the first of five majors on the LPGA Tour. Pernilla Lindberg won last year by outlasting Inbee Park in a playoff that lasted eight holes and stretched into Monday. ... Lindberg became the first European to win the ANA Inspiration since fellow Swede Annika Sorenstam in 2005. ... Nasa Hataoka became the seventh winner in seven events on the LPGA Tour schedule. ... This is the third straight season there were no multiple winners on the LPGA Tour heading into the first major of the year. ... Alcott, Betsy King and Sorenstam are three-time winners of the major. ... The ANA Inspiration has gone to a playoff three of the last four years. This is the 20-year anniversary of Lottie Pepp getting setting the tournament record set at 269.

Next tournament: LOTTE Championship on April 17-20.
Online: www.lpga.com

PGA TOUR

VALERO TEXAS OPEN
Site: San Antonio.
Course: TPC San Antonio (AT&T Oaks).
Yardage: 7,435. Par: 72.
Purse: \$7.5 million. Winner's share: \$1,350,000.

Television: Thursday-Friday, 3-6 p.m. (Golf Channel); Saturday, Noon-2:30 (Golf Channel), 2-5 p.m. (NBC-5); Sunday, Noon-1:30 (Golf Channel), 1:30-5 (NBC-5).
Defending champion: Andrew Landry.
FedEx Cup leader: Matt Kuchar.
Last week: Kevin Kisner won the WGC-Dell Technologies Match Play and Graeme McDowell won the Corales Punta Cana Resort & Club Championship.

Notes: Jordan Spieth is among 15 players in the field who are in the Masters next week. The winner is invited to the Masters if not already eligible. ... The week before the Masters previously was the Houston Open until it was moved to the fall. ... McDowell, who gets a two-year exemption with his win in the Dominican Republic, previously accepted a sponsor's exemption to the Texas Open. ... Two of the semifinalists from the Match Play field are in San Antonio — Matt Kuchar, Lucas Bjerregaard. ... The tournament has been held at the TPC San Antonio since 2010. ... It dates to 1922 at Brackenridge Park. ... The Texas Open has gone 10 years since its last playoff. ... The last four years has seen a player win the week before the Masters to get in the first major of the year.

Next week: The Masters.
Online: www.pgatorn.com

EUROPEAN TOUR

Last week: Stephen Gallacher won the Hero Indian Open and Kevin Kisner won the WGC-Dell Technologies Match Play.
Next week: The Masters.
Race to Dubai leader: Shane Lowry.
Online: www.europeantour.com

PGA TOUR CHAMPIONS

Last week: Kevin Sutherland won the Rapiscan Systems Classic.
Next tournament: Mitsubishi Electric Classic on April 19-21.
Online: www.pgatorn.com/champions

WEB.COM TOUR

Last week: Dan McCarthy won the Savannah Golf Championship.
Next tournament: Robert Trent Jones Golf Trail Championship on April 18-21.
Points leader: Rafael Campos.
Online: www.pgatorn.com/webcom

OTHER TOURS

Augusta National: Augusta National Women's Amateur, Champions Retreat (Wednesday-Thursday) and Augusta National (Saturday), Augusta, Ga. **Defending champion:** New tournament.
Online: www.masters.com
Symet Tour: Windsor Golf Classic, Windsor GC, Windsor, Calif. **Defending champion:** New tournament. **Online:** www.symetratour.com
Challenge Tour, Ladies European Tour and Staysure Tour: Jordan Mixed Open, Ayla GC, Aqaba, Jordan. **Defending champion:** New tournament. **Online:** www.europeantour.com/challenge and www.ladieseuropeantour.com and www.europeantour.com/staysuretour
Asian Tour: Bangabandhu Cup Golf Open, Kurmitola GC, Dhaka, Bangladesh. **Defending champion:** New tournament. **Online:** www.asiantour.com

Sunshine Tour: Zanoaco Masters, Lusaka GC, Lusaka, Zambia. **Defending champion:** J.J. Senekal. **Online:** www.sunshine-tour.com

PGA Tour China: Sanya Championship, Yalong Bay GC, Sanya, China. **Defending champion:** New tournament. **Online:** www.pgatorn.com/china

Korea LPGA: Lotte Rent-a-Car Women's Open, Sky Hill GC, Seongwipo, South Korea. **Defending champion:** Ji Hyun Kim. **Online:** www.klpga.com.kr

Japan LPGA: Yamaha Ladies Open Kat-suragi, Ibaraki GC, Shizuoka, Japan. **Defending champion:** Sun-ju Ahn. **Online:** www.jpiga.or.jp

LPGA PLAYER OF THE YEAR STANDINGS

1. Jin Young Ko, 63
2. Nelly Korda, 56
3. Sung Hyun Park, 42
4. Eun-Hee Ji, 40
5. Azahara Munoz, 32
6. Nasa Hataoka, 30
7. Brooke M. Henderson, 69.444
8. Inbee Park, 69.5
9. Shanshan Feng, 69.5
9. Stacy Lewis, 69.5
12. Jeongeun Lee, 69.563
13. Carlota Ciganda, 69.667
14. Lydia Ko, 69.727
15. Hee Young Park, 69.75

FEDEX CUP STANDINGS

RK.	GOLFER	PTS	EARN
1.	Matt Kuchar	1,590	4,221,308
2.	Rory McIlroy	1,426	4,747,008
3.	Xander Schauffele	1,318	3,612,173
4.	Paul Casey	1,261	3,199,473
5.	Gary Woodland	1,076	2,952,803
6.	Charles Howell III	1,060	2,536,224
7.	Marc Leishman	1,034	2,637,106
8.	Justin Thomas	999	2,519,900
9.	Dustin Johnson	984	3,066,552
10.	Rickie Fowler	957	2,430,167
11.	Brooks Koepka	882	2,667,650
12.	Justin Rose	877	2,431,269
13.	Kevin Kisner	838	2,403,340
14.	Phil Mickelson	833	2,132,980
15.	Francesco Molinari	803	2,623,500
16.	Bryson DeChambeau	784	2,040,429
17.	Keith Mitchell	759	1,976,443
18.	Jim Furyk	757	1,897,070
19.	Sungjae Im	702	1,726,633
20.	Patrick Cantlay	677	1,650,590
21.	Jim Furyk	658	2,124,369
22.	Jon Rahm	654	1,713,838
23.	Kevin Tway	651	1,468,218
24.	Cameron Champ	619	1,515,091
25.	Lucas Glover	607	1,494,133
26.	Tony Finau	590	1,747,382
27.	Adam Scott	577	1,605,959
28.	Adam Long	572	1,307,493
29.	Brand Snedeker	566	1,506,071
30.	Andrew Putnam	562	1,411,844

NBA

EASTERN CONFERENCE

ATLANTIC	W	L	PCT	GB	L10	STK	HOME	AWAY	CONF
y-Toronto	56	23	.709	—	7-3	W-5	31-9	25-14	35-15
x-Philadelphia	49	29	.628	6½	6-4	L-2	30-9	18-22	29-19
x-Boston	47	32	.595	9	5-5	W-2	28-12	19-20	33-16
Brooklyn	39	40	.494	17	3-7	L-2	22-18	17-22	26-23
New York	15	63	.192	40½	2-8	L-1	8-31	7-32	9-40

SOUTHEAST	W	L	PCT	GB	L10	STK	HOME	AWAY	CONF
Orlando	39	40	.494	—	8-2	W-1	24-16	15-24	27-22
Miami	38	40	.487	½	6-4	L-2	18-22	20-18	22-27
Charlotte	36	42	.462	2½	5-5	W-1	24-15	12-27	26-22
Washington	32	47	.405	7	3-7	L-1	22-17	10-20	19-31
Atlanta	29	50	.367	10	5-5	W-1	17-23	12-37	16-33

CENTRAL	W	L	PCT	GB	L10	STK	HOME	AWAY	CONF
y-Milwaukee	58	20	.744	—	7-3	W-1	32-6	26-14	38-11
x-Indiana	47	32	.595	11½	3-7	W-2	29-10	18-22	32-17
Detroit	39	39	.500	19	4-6	L-2	25-14	14-25	26-24
Chicago	22	57	.278	36½	3-7	W-1	9-30	13-27	16-33
Cleveland	19	59	.244	39	2-8	L-6	13-26	6-33	15-36

WESTERN CONFERENCE	W	L	PCT	GB	L10	STK	HOME	AWAY	CONF
y-Houston	51	28	.646	—	8-2	W-4	29-10	22-18	31-19
x-San Antonio	45	34	.570	6	5-5	L-1	31-9	14-25	29-22
New Orleans	32	47	.405	19	2-8	L-2	19-21	13-26	22-27
Memphis	31	47	.397	19½	3-7	L-2	20-19	11-28	22-27
Dallas	31	47	.397	19½	4-6	L-1	23-16	8-31	16-32

NORTHWEST	W	L	PCT	GB	L10	STK	HOME	AWAY	CONF
x-Denver	52	26	.667	—	6-4	W-1	32-7	20-19	32-16
x-Portland	50	28	.641	2	8-2	W-2	30-9	20-19	26-22
x-Utah	48	30	.615	4	9-1	W-6	27-12	21-18	28

WHITE SOX



TERRENCE ANTONIO JAMES/CHICAGO TRIBUNE PHOTOS

Tattoo artist Ryan Henry, left, works on Drew Modjeski, one of 30 White Sox fans randomly chosen to get free team-themed tattoos at 9MAG tattoo studio in Pilsen last week.

Being (I)inked to Sox

30 fans received free team-themed tattoos to show their allegiance

By PHIL THOMPSON
Chicago Tribune

Ryan Henry knows when he's wearing a White Sox hat on VHI's "Black Ink Crew: Chicago," he's not only showcasing his favorite team but also his South Side roots.

"So many people are Cubs fans and so many people stick by the Cubs, but I've always been a die-hard Sox fan," said Henry, who threw out the first pitch at a game at Guaranteed Rate Field last season.

"If I can make that one and the same, about what I represent in Chicago, of course I'm all the way with the Sox."

Last week Henry and his staff at 9Mag in Pilsen inked free Sox-themed tattoos for 30 fans randomly chosen by the team as part of a promotion for opening day. Film crews were on hand to record the event, and the footage most likely will be used for "Black Ink's" season finale, a VHI official said.

The Tribune talked to several Sox fans at 9Mag about their new tattoos, favorite memories and expectations for the season.

Connie Quinones

The 47-year-old sales rep from the Wicker Park/Humboldt Park area is a big fan of Mark Buehrle and "Scotty Pods" (Scott Podsednik), and has stuck with the Sox through lean years.

"I've always liked the underdog," Quinones said. "Everybody talks about them, but they've always been my team."

She saw the opportunity to apply for the tattoo giveaway and thought, "Oh, I'm going to do it. I know I'm not going to win, but I did it." Then I got the email and I'm like, 'Oh, wow.'"

Quinones' relatives, some of them Cubs fans, had a different reaction.

"You're crazy. That's permanent. It's the Sox — they're a losing team," she said. "I said, 'I don't care. It's my team.'"

Russel Achterhof

The 53-year-old from Orland Park knew he was in good hands when the artist he was assigned was nicknamed "Tat Jesus."

"It's a blessing and an honor to tattoo people from home with the love and the pride for the city and the team," said Rahman "Tat Jesus" Morgan, who shouted out his roots at 79th and Vincennes.

It's the second Sox tattoo for Achterhof. Now he has one on each arm.

"I'm a huge Sox fan," he said. "I've been going to opening day for the last 43 years. I'm going for my 44th next week. I've been going since I was 7."

This season he is predicting Eloy Jimenez will win American League Rookie of the Year.

Achterhof's newest artwork is the Sox logo from the late 1970s and '80s. Tat Jesus gives his blessing.

"Classic stuff is always good," Morgan said. "(It's) classic, clean. Good work, man."

Morgan estimates he has done about five or six Sox tattoos but laughed as he admitted he has done some for Cubs fans too.

"I have bills to pay," he said.



Janet Arreola was among 30 White Sox fans chosen to receive a free tattoo.

Janet Arreola

About 1,700 people applied for the Sox tattoo sweepstakes, and Arreola wasn't expecting to beat those odds.

"I watch the (VHI) show and I watch the Sox — it's (the) best of both worlds," the 29-year-old South Sider said. "I never win anything. I kept reading (the email) over and over to make sure I wasn't reading it wrong."

Arreola was looking into having one done anyway. She remembers when her family would go to one game each year.

"It was back when my parents were together (and) now they're separated, so we don't do that anymore," Arreola said. "That's something cool to remember."

She watches the games on TV now and likes Jose Abreu — "I know he's good at home runs" — but she has just two wishes for this season.

"I hope they make it further than they did last time — and they beat the Cubs," Arreola said. "Because I really can't stand the Cubs."

Drew Modjeski

If you're getting your first tattoo, you probably can't beat getting free art of your favorite team from the owner of the shop, who happens to star in a TV series about tattoos.

"I've always wanted to get tattoos," said Modjeski, a Roosevelt University senior from Lakeview. "I've always wanted to get sports tattoos as well."

"I've never really had the time or, unfortunately, the funds to get one. So this opportunity, when I was scrolling through my Facebook feed, I was like, 'This is perfect for me.'"

Modjeski admitted having some nerves before showing up to 9Mag, but he was fine at the moment of truth.

"I thought it would hurt a little more," he said as Henry was inking his pick, the 1976 batsman logo, on his right shoulder blade.

"It hurts sometimes in some parts, but other parts it's not too bad."

His tattoo probably will get a mixed reception: His family is split between Sox and Cubs fans.

He has no regrets about his allegiance. He and one of his brothers, a Cubs fan, got interviewed on TV during a Cubs-Sox game a couple of years ago, and Modjeski has had other cool memories.

"The grand slam (Paul Konerko) hit (during Game 2 of the 2005 World Series) gives me chills any time I watch it," he said.



Jorge Davila displays the Southpaw tattoo he got at 9MAG studio in Chicago.

Jorge Davila

Iraq War veteran. Department of Veterans Affairs police officer. And now owner of a particularly cuddly-looking Southpaw tattoo.

"I previously thought about getting all the other mascots from my favorite teams, like Southpaw, Benny the Bull and Pat Patriot," said Davila, 38, a Cicero resident. "So I was like, 'This is a perfect opportunity to get started on it.'"

Tattoo artist Chelsea "Chella" Dennis, 31, of Fuller Park, did the honors.

"I've seen him before, (but) I didn't know his name," Dennis said of Southpaw. "But when I saw that's what (Davila) wanted to get, I was excited because the detail level's there and it's just something different. I thought it was pretty cool."

Davila remembers being a Sox fan since he was 4. His Little League team walked around the field at old Comiskey Park on opening day, and that sealed the deal.

Davila's favorite memory, though, is how the Sox won the '05 Series right before he got deployed to Iraq.

"It was a great feeling to know that if something happened to me in Iraq, at least I saw a World Series (championship) by the White Sox," he said.

At the time, he was stationed in Japan, so he watched Game 4 in the morning. Davila, then with the Air Force, was headed to Tikrit to detect explosives.

"I was in a legal office — I had just finished my will," he said. "I was the only one from Chicago probably, and I jumped up (when the Sox clinched). I was screaming, 'Yaaaah, the Sox won!'"

Anthony Gutierrez

At SoxFest in January, he saw an employee wearing a jean jacket with a Sox "sugar skull" design and had planned to get it as a tattoo. And then, boom, he gets picked for the Sox freebie.

"It was destiny," said 30-year-old tattoo artist "Stellz," who preferred not to give his real name and who inked the image on his Gutierrez's right forearm.

"It was," said Gutierrez, an Arlington Heights resident who grew up in the Austin neighborhood. "I just wanted it. I was going to save up my money to get it on my own, but this came along."

Gutierrez has rooted for the Sox "since they were on Channel 44 and my dad watched them on a little 13-inch black-and-white TV. I'm 54, so we're talking early '70s."

He also harbors a well-worn percep-



Anthony Gutierrez shows off the Sox "sugar skull" tattoo he got free last week.

tion that Sox fans are more interested in the nuts and bolts of the sport than the city's other fan base.

"People go to the game to watch the White Sox because they love baseball, they love the sport," Gutierrez said. "Nothing against anybody else in the city, but I've been to a game (at Wrigley Field) where they played each other, and people in the back were always just talking about their purses and where they were going shopping. At Comiskey Park, they talk about making sure we root for the team."

Yep, he's one of those old-schoolers who refuses to call the home field anything but Comiskey or "Sox Park."

Justin Svoboda

Svoboda and Greezy hit it off immediately, laughing and "chopping it up about the South Side," as Greezy put it.

Greezy, an Auburn Gresham native who only wanted to be identified by his "artist's name," used to work as a guest service rep for the Sox.

"I got to see a lot of games for free," he said.

Svoboda, a Pilsen native, has been a Sox fan "since birth. You don't really have any other choice when you're from the Southwest Side of the city. You're a White Sox fan and that's it."

Svoboda got the current Sox logo inked on his left arm above one he already had of the red-and-blue Chicago flag.

"(The Sox logo is) kind of iconic," said the 38-year-old retail sales manager, who now lives in Edgewater. "Eazy-E rocked it, Dr. Dre rocked it. It was in a lot of my favorite movies. It's just an iconic, classic look, and that's why I did it."

Svoboda recalled that on July 23, 2009, his birthday, he saw Buehrle throw a perfect game.

"My brother was in town from Minneapolis," Svoboda said. "He had been to two games previously and he was like, 'Nah, I'm not going to go.' I was like, 'C'mon, let's just go.' We went randomly and Mark Buehrle threw the 17th perfect game in Major League Baseball history."

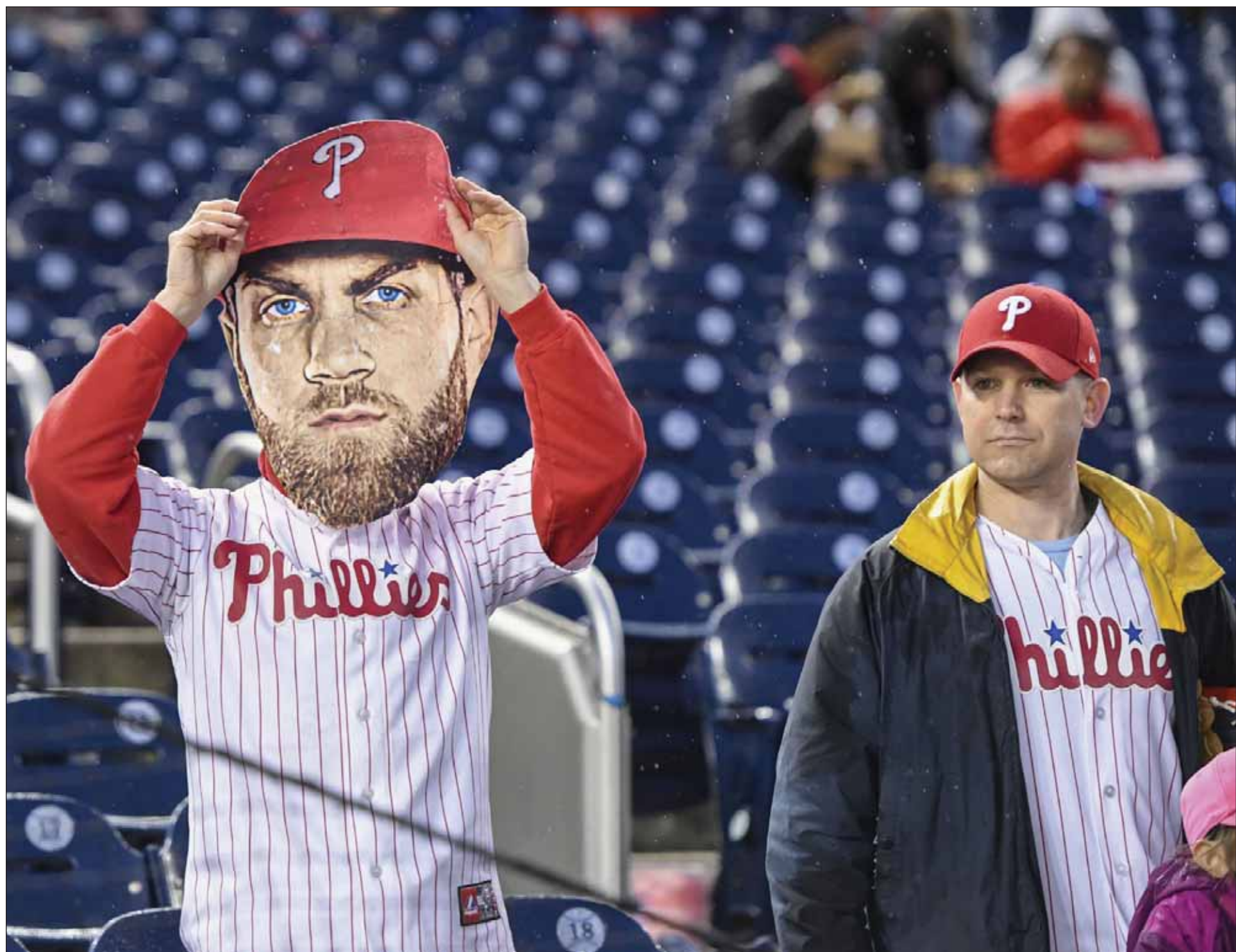
During the game, they got quiet.

"We kept looking at each other throughout the game and we couldn't say anything to my sister-in-law," Svoboda said. "She was like, 'Why are you guys being so weird?' And we were like, 'Look at the scoreboard.' She finally got it, and sure enough Buehrle did it."

"Can't speak (about) it. It's a rule."

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JONATHAN NEWTON/WASHINGTON POST

Phillies fans really made their presence felt at Nationals Park on Tuesday night. About 400 of them traveled down together to support Bryce Harper against his former team.

For 400 Phillies fanatics, it was well worth the trip

BY SAM FORTIER

Washington Post

Listen, Mario Rossi was saying, Washington wouldn't have done all this if the roles were reversed. The 42-year-old, who grew up in far northeast Philadelphia and became a city cop, sat up straight in his seat. A few minutes earlier, a line of boot cut blue jeans had paraded onto the last fan bus chartered by Phans of Philly, a sports tourism group. Now, at 12:11 p.m., Bus 8 glided out of the parking lot across from the Eagles' stadium and headed for southeast Washington.

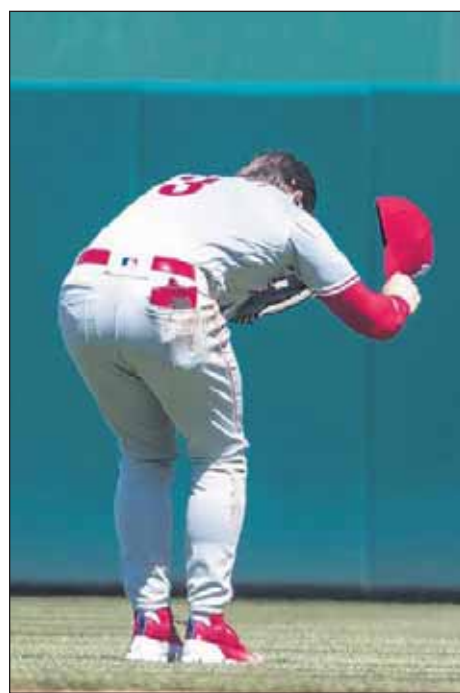
If the Philadelphia Phillies drafted Bryce Harper, nurtured the prodigy into a star and then watched him walk to the Washington Nationals in free agency, Rossi repeated, Nats fans wouldn't have bused up to Philly for him. They wouldn't have been there to drink and cheer and jeer and, for a small few, fight as Harper went 3-for-5 with three RBIs on Tuesday night.

"We're going to have half (of Nationals Park)," Rossi said with a smile, as brash and confident and as Philadelphia as the more than 400 Phillies fans who'd set aside their everyday responsibilities to travel to the ballpark for this, Harper's first visit to his former home as the enemy. All of them — the finance manager and the pool serviceman, the Clover Farms Dairy worker and the seafood distributor at Acme, the electrician and the other electrician — rode the bus nearly three hours down I-95 on a cool Tuesday in April for the same reason.

"It's worth (taking off work) because this is fun," said Todd Murter, a medical supplies delivery driver who'd prefer to be called "Todd from South Philly," his moniker on sports radio WIP. "We weren't excited about signing Bryce because of wins and losses. He's made baseball in Philly fun again. I went to the ballpark last year, 10,000 empty seats when we were in first place."

For many on the bus, this was their first time seeing Harper play in Nationals Park. Phillies fans hadn't come to D.C. much during his career. The team's run of dominance — three deep playoff pushes, five consecutive National League East titles, a World Series they waited "forever and a day" for — ended in 2011, when the best team in franchise history won 102 games but lost a decisive Game 5 in the NL Division Series. Harper debuted the next season and, in a turn as old as the "A Star is Born" narrative, rocketed the Nationals into first place as Philadelphia slipped toward the basement, eventually losing as prolifically as they had once won.

Just outside Wilmington, Delaware, the trash bags tied to the seats started to fill with Coors Light and Pabst Blue Ribbon. The Philly Pretzel Factory box emptied quickly. Some fans reminisced about the tough years, when they hadn't had many



ALEX BRANDON/AP

Outfielder Bryce Harper bows to Phillies fans as he walks to right field in the first inning of his first game at Nationals Park since signing with Philadelphia.

reasons to make this trip. Now, Harper was the reason, the explosive signing to cap what the Phillies felt was already a productive offseason. If the San Diego Padres signing Manny Machado gave their fans hope, the Phillies secured something weightier. They bought expectations.

There exists, for the fans in the bus' carpeted seats, a line between their feelings in 2011 and this season. Harper's career itself has become the bridge between the greatest era in Phillies history and its most ambitious. With a 4-0 start, with the title of "the last undefeated team in baseball" they'd mock if it belonged to anyone else, with the play of Rhys Hoskins and Aaron Nola and Jake Arrieta and Maikel Franco and especially Harper, the Phillies became can't-miss again. Who knows what could happen any given night at the ballpark?

"I lost interest a little bit when they were losing," said Pete Shazes, a SugarHouse Casino dealer who grew up going to Veterans Stadium with his mother. "Now you can feel it again. It's special."

North of Baltimore, bus captain Kyle McGrory led a round of trivia — Who were the last two Phillies to wear No. 3 before Harper? — and handed out hats gifted by the team. Meshech Osbourne, a music engineer, explained the Phillies' success has piggybacked on that of the Eagles and 76ers and only heightened the sports-crazed city's intensity. Patrick Kelleher, a communications repairman from Delaware County, explained the transformation as



ALEX BRANDON/AP

Bryce Harper, left, celebrates his RBI hit while on second base next to Nationals second baseman Brian Dozier during the sixth inning of the Phillies' victory Tuesday night.

crucial in part because of Philly's contrast with Washington, which he saw as a white-collar, transplant town that couldn't understand.

"We're blue-collar, we work Monday through Friday, 50-hour weeks," he said. "We need the Eagles to win on Sunday to start our week right. We need the Phillies to win because Philly sports are what we do outside of hard work. This is our escape and we're passionate about it."

Despite Harper's comments to The Washington Post that he wanted to re-sign with Washington this offseason, Phillies fans asserted it didn't feel as though the glamorous right fielder, one of the most prominent faces in baseball, picked them as a consolation prize. Of course he was happy where his life was, they said, but that doesn't mean you can't also be happy somewhere else.

"When he didn't take the opt out, we weren't even mad about how long it took to sign either," Murter said. "And it was 13 years, not 10."

Harper impressed fans with his comments about local hospitals and schools during his introductory news conference, his decision not to wear No. 34, Roy Halladay's number, even though he could have, and his immediate buy-in. The Phillie Phanatic cleats, the secret handshakes, the crowd interaction all assured them Harper meant it.

At 2:47 p.m., the bus pulled off the Beltway toward a parking lot tailgate about a half-mile from Nationals Park. Five hours and a rain delay later, they finally got what they came for as Harper stepped to the plate. Nationals fans boos drowned out the Phillies fans' cheers, but not their chant of "MVP!"

"Classless," said Mark Such, a lifelong Phillies fan. "Cheer the first at-bat. You have 13 years to boo."

During the game, tensions ran high in the right field bleachers, where the Phillies fans congregated. Red and blue shirts hurled insults and middle fingers back and forth, fans of both teams challenging each other to fight about once every half-inning. Ushers called in other ushers, who called in event staff, who called in police. Staff evicted two Nationals fans from their seats and ejected four Phillies fans, which ended with punches thrown. Phillies fans lamented how a few "bad jawns" always encouraged their fanbase's brutish reputation.

The next inning, the top of the eighth, Phillies fans forgot the incident entirely. Harper smashed a 458-foot home run into the second deck and detonated the swarm of red jerseys just below. They hugged one another, sloshed beers but didn't look twice and pointed at the bleachers as if to say this ground was once again Citizens Bank Park South. When Harper appeared in right field and, for the first time, acknowledged the Phillies fans with a tip of his cap, the fans exploded for a final time and chanted to the disappearing Nationals fans: "WE! GOT! HIM!"

Afterward, Rossi and Murter and McGrory and all the other Phillies fans bounded back onto the buses. It was almost 12 hours after they'd first left Philly, but they didn't care. The game had been a dream, Harper a sensation, and they wanted to bottle this feeling, this happiness, this delirium. They know how bad seasons can get and Phillies fans, as well as any other, understand success is fleeting.

"It was game four (of 162)," Rossi said, climbing back onto the bus. "But it was fun."

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CHUCK BURTON/AP

A referee prepares to start a play using a Precision Time device during the first half of a women's ACC Tournament basketball game in Greensboro, N.C. The Precision Time system created more than two decades ago by former referee Mike Costabile currently is used at nearly every level of the sport.

High-tech tick-tock

Syncing up clock stoppages to refs' whistles has been a game-changer

BY AARON BEARD
Associated Press

The technology used for game clocks has become part of a basketball referee's on-court DNA, something few could see coming considering the system was initially scoffed at by some officials.

The Precision Time system created more than two decades ago by former referee Mike Costabile currently is used at nearly every level of the sport, including the NBA and college basketball's NCAA Tournament. Costabile estimates by stopping the clock automatically on a referee's whistle can save roughly 90 seconds formerly lost to reaction time when timekeepers manually stopped the clock.

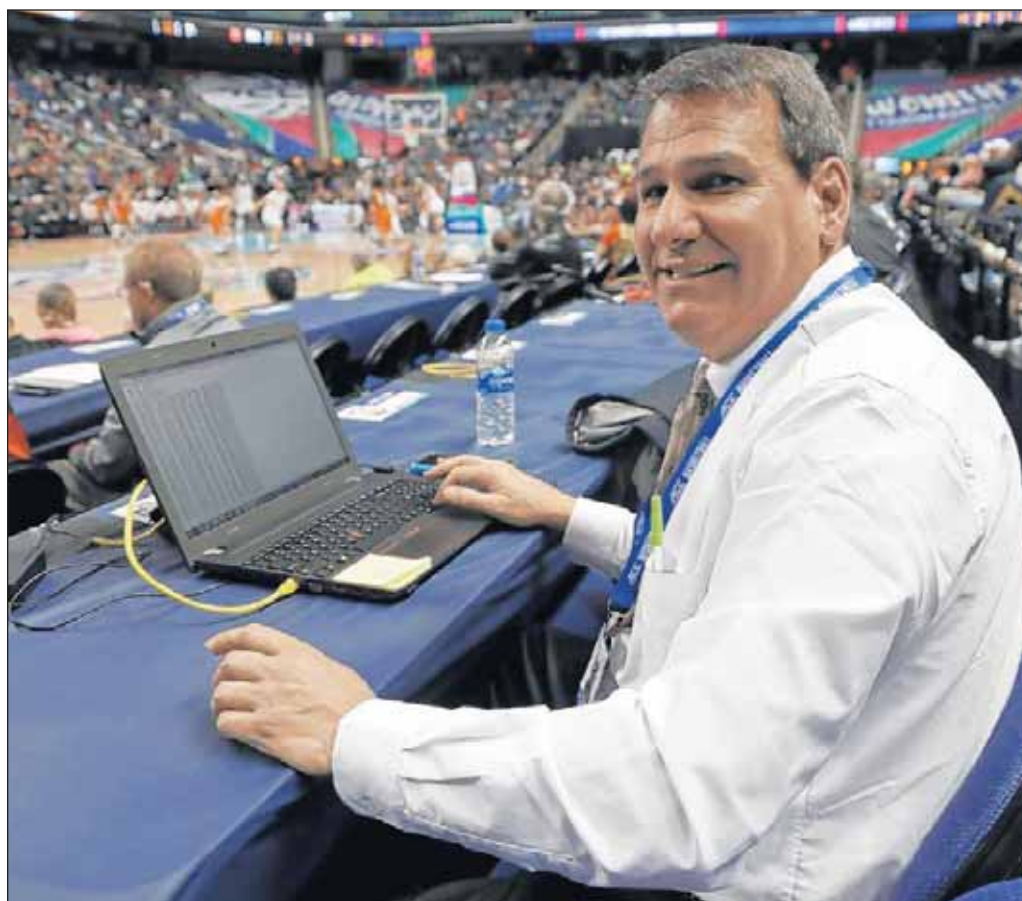
The improved technology also makes the refs' whistle essentially their fingerprints. The system uses a specific type of whistle with calibration precise enough to identify the sound coming from each official. That allows the system to produce an on-demand list of every start and stoppage, and who caused it.

While the data isn't being used to evaluate officials for things such as tournament assignments, Costabile said that "wealth of information" can be used however conferences see fit in the future.

"I think it makes us all better clock officials," said veteran official Mike Eades, who has worked four Final Fours and in numerous major conferences. "I've been doing it a long time, it's kind of second nature. I know it's going to stop it, I know I've got to start it and I know I'm always looking at the clock to make sure it's running when it should be or stops when it shouldn't."

"Any time we're able to catch it when it doesn't do one or the other and fix it right away, it makes us look like, 'Hey, those guys know what they're doing.'"

Officials are so accustomed to having Precision Time that they instinctively check the



CHUCK BURTON/AP

Precision Time inventor Mike Costabile, a former referee, keeps track of a log of the system during the second half of a women's ACC Tournament basketball game in Greensboro, N.C.

clock on each whistle and reach for their beltback button on every stoppage.

"The best example is that like a golf club in a golfer's hand, the officials that use Precision Time, it becomes a part of how they do what they do," said J.D. Collins, the NCAA national coordinator of men's basketball officiating.

"We have signals that we use when we start the clock. Well now, you've got one hand on the box, you've got one hand out, you count time differently. It changes some signaling mechanics, but because it's used so widely, the top officials all know how to use it. And it becomes part of their DNA quite frankly."

Precision Time has long been used in most major conferences for men's and women's college basketball. The NCAA adopted the system for its tournaments in

2015, the same year Collins assumed his job after years of refereeing games using Precision Time.

That wasn't necessarily the goal when Costabile created the system in the 1990s. Back then, it was simply about giving officials the ability to stop the clock on any foul or out-of-bounds call, then control exactly when it restarts.

Now it's a routine part of the game, largely going unnoticed. "It's great technology. It helps our guys," said Atlantic Coast Conference coordinator of men's basketball officiating Bryan Kersey, adding: "It's habitual, it's part of our game and it's here forever."

The system uses a microphone attached near the referee's whistle. A beltback on their waist transmits a clock-stopping radio signal at the whistle and one to restart it when the referee presses the

button on the pack's side. That signal goes to a base station at the scorers' table to start and stop the clock.

That station has a manual control for a timekeeper, though only as a backstop.

"From the time (referees) blow the whistle — which is at the speed of light over to the scorer's table, again we're using radio waves — once it hears the frequency of the whistle, it stops the clock," said Costabile, who lives in North Carolina after a career of officiating high school, college and NBA games. "It's that fast."

Costabile estimates it takes 0.6 to 0.8 seconds, sometimes longer, for a timekeeper to react to a whistle and manually stop the clock. And with roughly 60 to 80 whistles per game for fouls or out-of-bounds calls, those added seconds are invaluable at the end of games when referees often

turn to replay to adjust the clock.

And with college basketball fans around the country counting down the seconds at the Final Four this weekend in Minneapolis, officials will be counting on the system.

It wasn't always that way. Costabile remembers when skeptical leagues needed convincing when it came to adopting his then-new technology.

"Sure, they thought I was crazy," Costabile said. "And then all of a sudden, they finally started seeing that these problems in their game were really there, and they go, 'Well maybe this thing will fix it.' And it did."

Kersey, a former official who used Precision Time for years, recalls Costabile bringing his invention to ACC officials for a demonstration.

"One of the things that we stress in all of our meetings and all of our memos and training videos is clock awareness, so this does give them that," Kersey said. "Because we want them to start it on every live ball, so it makes them hit the button and look at the clock to see that it has started."

"Same thing, we want them to blow the whistle and notice the clock. We want them to know the difference in the game clock and the shot clock. So it makes them better at being clock aware of the whole game."

The system isn't designed to take the human element out of officiating, it just ensures refs are taking full advantage of the technology.

"The only human reaction time we have now is coming from the official," Costabile said, "because they have to visually see the play and then react and call a foul."

"When the referee blows the whistle, the clock stops, on the whistle. And that's what they want, especially when the game's tight," Costabile added. "You want to have that clock stopping, because the team that's fouling (late) wants the time to give them the opportunity to score."

"The only human reaction time we have now is coming from the official."

— Mike Costabile, Precision Time inventor



MICHAEL NAGLE/FOR THE LOS ANGELES TIMES

Suzanne Scott became the chief executive officer of Fox News in May 2018. She has spent the last 23 years at the network.

Shutting out the NOISE

Fox News Chief Executive Suzanne Scott: 'People always want to shoot at the leader'

BY **STEPHEN BATTAGLIO**
Los Angeles Times

In the politically charged environment powered by the Trump White House, Fox News Channel's role in public discourse is more polarizing than ever. Even an error in an on-screen graphic can spark critics to charge the network with misinforming, propagandizing or serving as state TV.

But after 23 years at the network, Fox News Chief Executive Suzanne Scott has

learned how to shut out the noise surrounding her — no easy feat when the channel's No. 1 fan, President Trump, is watching for policy advice and emotional sustenance.

"Of course people are going to pay attention to what we're doing," she said during a recent conversation in her office at Fox News headquarters in midtown Manhattan. "People always want to shoot at the leader. ... But I care about growing our business and keeping us profitable."

The importance of that task has only

increased for Scott. The news network is the centerpiece of Fox Corp., Rupert Murdoch's new company that was spun off after the sale of the 21st Century Fox entertainment assets to Walt Disney Co.

Scott was given the top post in May 2018 following a turbulent period when Fox News was engulfed by a sexual harassment scandal that led to the ouster of its founding chief executive Roger Ailes in 2016 and popular host Bill O'Reilly the

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'Twix dude' a big hit with new banking commercials

Actor Lamorne Morris finds work close to his old home

BY **TRACY SWARTZ**
Chicago Tribune

Besides starring on "New Girl" and in "Game Night," Chicago-area native Lamorne Morris has also acted in a lot of commercials since moving to Los Angeles about a decade ago.

"Even till this day, sometimes when I go out people go, 'Hey, you're the Twix dude.' And I'm like, 'Well, you know I had a TV show for seven years as well, right?' And they're like, 'Oh, I've never seen it, but the Twix commercial, that was fantastic.' So I constantly get recognized for some ads that I've done," Morris told the Tribune by phone.

Now the 35-year-old Morris is the pitchman for a new BMO Harris Bank campaign that emphasizes the Chicago-based bank's commitment to customer service and digital innovation. Morris said this is the first time he's been the spokesperson for a brand and not just an actor reciting lines in a commercial.

The BMO Harris commercial that began airing last week features Morris sitting — or floating, rather — at a help desk in a swimming pool to give BMO Harris customers help wherever, whenever they need it. A second commercial is due out May 6 and a third in September.

Jennifer Carli, vice president for North American brand and enterprise content at BMO Financial Group, said Morris was chosen to represent the brand because of his wit, approachability and authenticity. She called Morris' Chicago roots an "added bonus."

"Casting Lamorne was a really easy decision because we set out to find somebody who would really reflect who BMO is as a bank and the qualities that our employees and that our service embodies, which is trustworthiness and helpfulness and approachability," she told the Tribune.

Morris, who grew up on the South Side before moving to the western suburbs and attending Glenbard South High School and the College of DuPage,

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Lamorne Morris, a native of the Chicago area, takes a break on the set of "New Girl" in Century City, Calif., in 2013. He has acted in several commercials.

IN PERFORMANCE
'Jersey Boys' ★★ 1/2

You're just too cheap to be true

BY **CHRIS JONES**
Chicago Tribune

What's your favorite scene in "Jersey Boys"?

If you saw the show on Broadway or one of its earlier visits to Chicago, dollars to doughnuts it's the moment when the horns come out for "Can't Take My Eyes Off You."

Rick Elice and Marshall Brickman's brilliant book carefully builds excitement for what would become one of the most recorded songs of all time. Some minutes earlier, Frankie Valli has asked his pal Bob Gaudio if they might, hope of all hopes, have some brass on one of their recordings, should things keep going well. Then you get



JOAN MARCUS PHOTO

Eric Chambliss, Jonny Wexler, Corey Greenan, Jonathan Cable and the touring company of "Jersey Boys" are performing through Sunday at the Auditorium Theatre.

a scene where Gaudio, a musical genius, tries to persuade various industry non-believers about the worth of this very unconventional song, part rock, part pop, part

its own thing entirely. The beat starts. And then out they come — a line of musicians, confirming both the rise of the Four Seasons to major American musical artists and cuing

the audience up for a glorious retro experience re-creating what it was like to be a working-class person from New Jersey hearing that song for the first time in 1967.

Since first reviewing "Jersey Boys" in 2005, I've seen scores of jukebox musicals. Some of them have shared the same creative team of Des McAnuff, the director, and Sergio Trujillo, the choreographer. I've never seen one better than "Jersey Boys," still the gold standard of the genre. Why? Here are my reasons honed over many viewings: The show has multiple points of view, whereas its imitators tend to have one; the orchestrations are, at least to the ordinary ear, the original fastidious orchestrations; the book ripples with wit; the songs are fantastic; and the people who controlled the grand rights, mostly notably Valli and Gaudio, but also Tommy DeVito, and the estate of the late Nick Massi, were far-sighted enough not to insist on a hagiography. They allowed their warts and faults, you might now call it their theme relentlessly: The Four Seasons were a group that belonged of the people, and they came with the faults of American males of that era.

They did good, but they could never

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MATT LICARI/INVISION

Che "Rhymefest" Smith plays a homeless man in "The Public," which opens Friday.

Rhymefest doc led to his latest film role

Grammy-winning artist Che "Rhymefest" Smith didn't have plans to become an actor, but that changed when Emilio Estevez's mom saw the songwriter's documentary about reconnecting with his long-lost father, who had been homeless for decades.

She watched Rhymefest's 2015 doc "In My Father's House" around the time her son was working on "The Public," a drama about homeless people who refuse to leave a Cincinnati public library during a brutal winter night.

"Emilio Estevez's mom (said), 'This young guy from Chicago has to be in your movie.' And (Emilio) Facebooked me and said, 'Would you like a role in a movie?'" Rhymefest recalled.

Rhymefest said the organic way he came to play a homeless man in the film taught him a valuable lesson about life: "Everybody's out here chasing a career when we really need to chase our origin story. We really need to chase who we are."

"The Public," opening Friday, was directed and written by Estevez, who also stars in the film. It also features Alec Baldwin, Christian Slater, Jeffrey Wright, Gabrielle Union, Michael K. Williams and Taylor Schilling.

For Rhymefest, 41, "In My Father's House" is the gift that keeps on giving.

"Not even the documentary, (but) mending my relationship with my father has done more for me than the record label has ever done, or a record deal," he said. "It's so interesting — we leave our villages and we leave our tribes to find success outside of our family only to come home."

— Associated Press



TIMOTHY A. CLARY/GETTY-AFF

Vote for Angie? Angelina Jolie is not ruling out running for public office. The 43-year-old actress told People magazine "never say never!" However, Jolie said she's "looking to others for leadership." In her role with the U.N.'s High Commissioner for Refugees, Jolie recently urged nations to deploy more women peacekeepers in order to prevent sexual violence against refugees: "We have to change laws that treat women as second-class citizens."

Insta-hit: When it comes to Instagram, it seems no one can match the allure of a youthful royal couple expecting their first child. Guinness World Records says a new Instagram account opened by Prince Harry and his wife Meghan is the fastest ever to gain 1 million followers. The account, opened Tuesday, reached the 1 million mark in under six hours and has since grown to 2.6 million. Harry and Meghan, the Duchess of Sussex, call their new account "sussexroyal."

Swift crash: A stolen car crashed into the gates of Taylor Swift's beachfront Rhode Island home Tuesday morning after a police chase that started in a neighboring town, police said. It's unclear whether Swift was at home. The 19-year-old driver faces charges including reckless driving and receiving stolen goods.

April 4 birthdays: Actor Craig T. Nelson is 75. Singer Steve Gatlin is 68. Writer-producer David E. Kelley is 63. Actor David Cross is 55. Actor Robert Downey Jr. is 54. Singer Jill Scott is 47. Actress Natasha Lyonne is 40. Actress-singer Jamie Lynn Spears is 28. Singer Austin Mahone is 23.



ASK AMY

By AMY DICKINSON

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Problematic boy disrupts community

Dear Amy: We live in a small, close-knit community. Our family hosts large, fun, family-centered community parties each year.

Some neighborhood friends have three children. Two are amazing, wonderful kids. The eldest child (age 10) has horrible behavioral problems that are unchecked by his parents. These issues are not neurological; they are strictly behavioral. Though the other families in our community dislike this child, they tolerate him in the name of harmony.

At the last party we held, this boy grabbed a girl his age by the neck during a game and screamed, "I'm going to kill you!" The kids who witnessed this were traumatized. I spoke to the parents about the incident and they ran out of the house with their kids.

I can't get over what their son did. My husband has said the boy is not allowed in our house, ever (although his siblings are).

I agree, but I don't know how to handle it without ruining the harmony of the neighborhood. Do I invite the two nonviolent children and specifically not invite the boy? Do I exclude this family?

I'm afraid that no matter how I handle it, it will cost my children the friendships of the two well-adjusted kids. One of them even seeks refuge at our house to avoid his brother. Is there a way to still have the party without the boy and preserve friendships? I am so stressed about this I'm about to cancel all of the parties this year.

— Worried

Dear Worried: I wish you could find a way to some-

how embrace — or at least safely tolerate — this troubled and troublesome child, the way others in your community are trying to do. Social exclusion might be the natural consequence of his actions, but I don't think it's necessarily good for any of you. For instance, the mere thought of this exclusion has sent you into a tailspin.

You don't actually know what is causing this boy's problems. You obviously assume that his behavior is his parents' fault. It doesn't help to speculate, claim expertise or to judge these parents too harshly.

You and your husband are determined to keep this child out of your house, and so you will have to tell the parents: "We are so sorry, but because of Brendan's behavior toward the other kids, we can't have him with us this year. If there is a way for the rest of the family to attend, we'd love to have you with us. However, we completely understand if you can't — or don't want to — attend. We're so sorry this issue is so challenging, but we are trying to make sure all of our guests feel safe and comfortable."

Yes, your friendship with them will definitely take a hit.

Dear Amy: My mother is in a care facility. Thankfully, she has the money for that care. Unfortunately, my sister has no source of income and continues to take around \$3,000 a month from Mom's account.

While I don't need the money, it is our mother's wish to share anything left equally with my sister and me. I'm not sure how to

handle this. Do we deduct what she's currently taking out of her inheritance, or do we split what's left?

I don't see any change ahead, as my sister won't even look for a job and will always need assistance.

— Worried Brother

Dear Worried: Three thousand dollars a month is a substantial sum. Where is this money going? And why does your sister have access to your mother's account?

I think it's important to help to speculate, claim expertise or to judge these parents too harshly.

You should see a lawyer and explore establishing power of attorney (if your mother wants). And yes, the amount your sister is taking should be deducted from her inheritance. If you intend to continue to support your sister well into the future, you may end up needing this money.

Dear Amy: Thank you for emphasizing to "Job-Seeking Guy" the need to network to find a new job.

I was recently a "job-seeking guy." It was so hard to ask my friends for help. But one of my buds ended up giving me a great lead.

— Grateful

Dear Grateful: Making the "ask" is often an act of social bravery. Good for you.

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Chicago Symphony Orchestra strike negotiations to resume

By HOWARD REICH
Chicago Tribune

Contract negotiations between the Chicago Symphony Orchestra Association and the Chicago Federation of Musicians will resume Friday, according to the CSOA.

The musicians went on strike March 10 in a dispute primarily over pensions and salary. CSOA seeks to switch the musicians from a traditional, defined benefit to a defined contribution plan.

"There were some talks between attorneys over the past weekend," said CSO bassist Stephen Lester, chair of the musicians' negotiating committee.

"We met briefly with management on Tuesday to clarify our proposal. As we understand it, they're taking that proposal to the executive committee of the trustees.

"We hope that they will consider the proposal seriously and that it will be presented authentically to the trustees.

"We will then meet on Friday and see what their response is," added Lester.

"We'd like to emphasize that this is a compromise proposal. We think we've gone as far as we can go to (address) the association's need to manage their risk in investing for the pension, but establish a base floor kind of benefit that our members can have.

"We're hoping that the parties will see this as a good-faith compromise and move toward a resolution.

"It's not the only issue. We have salary. So far, there has been no discussion of salary for months. So it remains to be seen if that also is stumbling block to a resolution."

All Symphony Center concerts have been canceled through April 9. For information on ticket exchanges, donations and refunds, visit www.cso.org or phone 312-294-3000.

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Jersey

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escape the old neighborhood. And most everyone who went to see "Jersey Boys" understood what that meant.

Which brings me to Tuesday night at the Auditorium Theatre, where that horn section was AWOL.

I mean, they were standing there — actors from the cast were impersonating the musicians, like kids with toy instruments — but the actual sound was coming from the synthesizers down below. To call it disappointing is a monumental understatement. It's the very essence of what the show always has been about. In fact, there now are no local musicians working on the show. (I checked with the Chicago Federation of Musicians, whose members used to populate an entire orchestra.) There is a small traveling ensemble (guitar, bass, drums and three synths) but all of the original acoustic color in the

score now is an electronic facsimile.

"Jersey Boys" now has closed on Broadway and the show you can see at the Auditorium — which was packed on Tuesday night — is greatly reduced from what has played in Chicago before. The road business is structured this way — by eliminating costs and cutting musicians and having each actor do more, the show can play smaller markets like, say, Youngstown, Ohio, or Danville, Kentucky, where the show now is headed.

But this is Chicago. And the glorious Auditorium — where Jonny Wexler, the excellent young performer playing Frankie Valli, leans with palpable joy into the natural acoustics. There is no disclosure of the changes — and the ticket prices go up to \$115.

All four of the lead performers (Eric Chambliss plays Bob Gaudio, Jonathan Cable is Nick Massi and Cory Greenan is Tommy DeVito) could stand shoulder to shoulder with any of the performers previously in these roles, and Wade

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Dolley, who is both the legendary Bob Crewe and a shifter of furniture, is terrific, too. I felt for him with every shove of a chair.

I especially went for Greenan, truly one of the best Tommys I've seen, and I've seen a few.

But the rest of the show? It looks cheap to me. This is off-Broadway in Chicago at best. But it's not in an off-Broadway sized house. It's at the Auditorium.

Maybe if you've never had the pleasure or can keep your eyes and ears on the vocals, you'll be fine. Otherwise you're better off with your memories.

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Either love her or hate her

Kate Beckinsale is getting a lot of attention these days

By GREG BRAXTON
Los Angeles Times

Kate Beckinsale is sitting high above Wilshire Boulevard in a spacious hotel suite, looking movie-star glamorous as she compares herself to a breakfast toast spread that some say has “the consistency of old engine oil.”

“We have this substance in England called Marmite,” the petite British actress says. “It’s a yeast-based vegetable spread that you really, really like or you really, really don’t.”

Beckinsale, who has had leading roles in projects ranging from Jane Austen stories (“Emma” and “Love & Friendship”) to comedies (“The Last Days of Disco”) to vampire epics (the “Underworld” franchise) continues. “I’m OK with being Marmite. The people who like me really, really like me and would jump in front of trains for me. But if you don’t like me, I don’t care. It really doesn’t affect me.”

Like her or not, plenty of people appear to have strong feelings about Beckinsale these days.

Much of it has to do with her acting. Her new show, “The Widow,” is now on Amazon Prime, and her layered performance is drawing high praise. The series stars Beckinsale as Georgia Wells, a troubled woman whose life is further upended when she suspects that her husband, who she thought had been killed in a plane crash in Africa, may be alive. When she travels to Africa to find him, she encounters danger and betrayal.

There’s also a lot of buzz surrounding her off-screen life, especially her blooming romance with tabloid magnet Pete Davidson of “Saturday Night Live.” Fueling much of the attention is their age difference: Beckinsale is two decades older than the 25-year-old Davidson.

The comedian, who started dating Beckinsale



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Kate Beckinsale, who has a wide-ranging career ranging from vampire films (“Underworld”) to period dramas (“Emma”), is starring in Amazon’s new drama, “The Widow.”

just months after his ill-fated engagement to pop singer Ariana Grande, addressed the hoopla on a recent episode of “SNL.” “Apparently, people have a crazy fascination with our age difference,” he said, “but it doesn’t really bother us.”

Beckinsale spoke excitedly about her affection for social media, which she said allowed her to showcase herself “unfiltered.” Beckinsale also discussed her grueling six-month shoot of “The Widow.” And while she never mentioned Davidson by name, she did address her bewilderment at the attention her dating life has attracted. The following is an edited transcript.

Q: What drew you to “The Widow”? It’s a pretty intense role.

A: Georgia Wells is a really complicated character. I think of her as the unluckiest person in the whole world. She either has

everything bad happen to her or nearly bad happen to her. She has a lot of grief and loss; she’s coming into this situation incredibly damaged. Through the journey of having to be brave about things, she ends up at a different spot at the end than she did in the beginning.

Q: Did you feel a connection with her?

A: I’m pretty fascinated by grief and the different forms of grieving that people take. I feel that almost everyone who has lost someone — especially if they’ve lost someone very suddenly — has this common experience of saying, “I was on the subway and thought I saw my husband or my dad,” and they’re running after this person, and feel like an idiot when it isn’t them.

Q: What was the most challenging part of the experience?

A: It was a very emotionally intense role, a grueling six-month shoot in South Africa. People that you’re working with are seeing you sobbing and suffering hours and hours a day, so that’s a quick route to become close to people. It was hard to be that far from home. And it was really hot. I’ve had a few moments when I’m running around, falling over, getting beat up, but I’ve never done when that it’s passing-out-hot, when people are actually worrying about you and the extras.

Q: In the last few years, you’ve unveiled this wicked sense of humor on your Instagram and social media.

A: I’ve always had that persona. The thing that’s been odd for me over the years is — I think when you’re standing around in skintight rubber trousers, people automatically assume you don’t have much

of a sense of humor. That’s always been an odd schism for me. I just always was me. I did the films I did and then a persona was constructed that didn’t feel at all accurate. I struggled with that for awhile and really didn’t want to become involved in social media.

Then when I did this movie “Love & Friendship,” the filmmakers said, “This is a small movie, we’re really proud of it, we want people to see it, it would be really great if you promoted it on some sort of social media.” I thought, “Oh, God, I don’t know about that.” So I started tentatively doing it. Aside from the talk show appearances, two or three a year, there was never really an area where I was myself, uncensored.

Q: So you were able to really reveal yourself freely?

A: If people dislike that persona, I really don’t care.

It’s actually accurate. I found it incredibly relieving to go, “Oh, this is what my actual sensibility is like.” And whether people respond positively or negatively to that, that is what it is. And that’s been a largely positive experience. If it became oppressive or upsetting, I would be very happy to let go of it. But so far, it’s been rather a nice thing. A lot of fun.

Q: So I have to ask ... there’s been a lot of hubbub about your dating life. Are you surprised by all this attention?

A: I’m surprised by the interest. I’ve never been in this position before — never dated anybody who comes with their own bag of mischief. It’s all quite shocking, and something to get used to. I think if you liked the person less, you would bow out of it. If that were the main thrust of the relationship, there would be a problem. But it’s not.

Fox

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following year.

Ailes, who branded established media outlets as liberal enemies, turned Fox News into a powerful and controversial voice for the political right. A former advisor for Republican candidates, he openly voiced disdain for Democrats, even as the head of a news organization.

In contrast, the even-keeled Scott, 53, is not driven by ideology. Her voter registration in the northern New Jersey town in which she lives with her husband and 13-year-old daughter is not affiliated with a political party. Many colleagues are unaware of her political leanings.

“Suzanne runs Fox News as more of a business than as a political machine,” said Washington attorney Robert Barnett, who represents a number of the network’s personalities. “Roger ran it in a completely different way.”

Fox News has been the most-watched cable network for three consecutive years despite the loss of O’Reilly and Megyn Kelly, who left in early 2017. But there have been other challenges.

Liberal media watchdog groups have successfully driven advertisers away from prime-time commentators Tucker Carlson and Laura Ingraham over inflammatory comments they have made, significantly reducing ad revenues for their shows. Scott said the network is standing by them.

“Our viewers trust our hosts and are loyal, passionate followers,” Scott said. “We just cannot cave to political activists or those kinds of groups. We fully support our talent.”



MICHAEL NAGLE/FOR THE TIMES

Under Suzanne Scott’s leadership, the work environment for women at Fox News has greatly improved.

Such loyalty has been demonstrated in the Nielsen ratings since special counsel Robert Mueller’s investigation determined neither President Trump nor his campaign colluded with the Russians in their efforts to influence the presidential election (although the story is far from over, as Mueller’s full report has yet to be released). Fox News viewing surged in March as prime-time commentators felt vindication for the president they support nightly.

Cable fees still drive income for Fox News, which is expected to generate \$2.95 billion in subscription and advertising revenue in 2019, up 7% from last year. Media analysis firm MoffettNathanson LLC projects that Fox Corp. will have high-single-digit growth from pay-TV revenue over the next five years, largely driven by Fox News, despite the cord-cutting trend.

But Scott is working at expanding Fox News revenue streams by improving its offerings on the web and mobile devices. Fox News Digital had 104 million unique users in February, an increase of 17% from the same month a year ago, according to comScore.

Scott developed Fox Nation, an online streaming service launched in November for dedicated fans who want more unfettered conservative commentary and documentaries. Sign-ups for the service are well ahead of projections, said Scott, who has also expanded the Fox News brand to terrestrial and satellite radio.

Scott has also tried to be an agent of change for the company’s workplace culture. Fox News became ground zero for the #MeToo movement after former anchor Gretchen Carlson filed a harassment lawsuit against Ailes in 2016, which led to his ouster and required a \$20 million settlement.

The company was rocked by more harassment lawsuits and numerous lurid reports describing alleged bad behavior by Ailes, O’Reilly and others.

“I felt devastated for the women who work here,” Scott said. “I wanted to do everything I could to heal this place.”

She had one-on-one meetings with employees about the company’s work environment for women and how to improve it.

“It was often uncomfortable and emotional,” Scott said. “One of the things that was said to me was, ‘How

do I explain to my family that I work at Fox News?’”

In some of those discussions, it was necessary for Scott to tell employees she had no knowledge of Ailes’ behavior even though she was part of his inner circle. Scott had also worked closely with Bill Shine, a longtime Ailes lieutenant who was pushed out of his role as co-president in May 2017 because of his handling of the scandal.

“I had no clue on what was going on in Roger Ailes’ office,” Scott said. “I have never had any issues with any sort of harassment myself.”

Scott has eradicated the memory of Ailes by overseeing a massive renovation of the entire second floor where his corporate lair was located — part of a \$135 million upgrade of facilities and studios. More than 200 of the network’s producers, writers and production assistants have been moved from a bleak basement at 1211 Avenue of the Americas to a bright, airy workspace steps away from where top management is located. Scott and Jay Wallace, president of news, have offices adjacent to Rupert Murdoch and his son Lachlan, who serves as co-chairman of Fox Corp. and has become more involved with the channel.

Women at the company say there is now a process to report inappropriate behavior to human resources, with names and phone numbers of who to reach posted in the restrooms.

“It’s a reminder that you don’t have to hide in there to cry,” said Janice Dean, the longtime meteorologist on “Fox & Friends.”

Dean, who detailed her own uncomfortable encounters with Ailes in her recent memoir “Mostly Sunny,” attested to an improved atmosphere under

Scott.

“I don’t feel fear anymore,” Dean said. “It truly is because of the strong women who work at the company now.”

Scott tries to attend a monthly breakfast held for women who work at Fox News. A mentoring program has been implemented, and there are also companywide meetings where all staffers can air their concerns. Employees previously had scant contact with top management.

“The openness and transparency she has brought to the job has been quite noticeable,” said daytime news anchor Bill Hemmer.

Scott has been at Fox News since it launched in 1996. She joined as an executive assistant to Chet Collier, a veteran producer who gave Ailes his first TV job on “The Mike Douglas Show” in the 1960s.

Collier was a worldly Boston liberal and the political polar opposite of Ailes. But he understood what viewers liked and passed that along to Scott, who spent hours with him watching audition tapes of prospective anchors and reporters for the channel.

“Chet taught me talent puts themselves on the front lines for this place,” she said. “They need to be well managed and taken care of.”

Scott eventually became producer of Greta Van Susteren’s program “On the Record.” The veteran former Fox News host recommended years ago that Scott be elevated to the executive suite and believes she was the right choice to lead the company in the post-Ailes era.

“She’s smart, she works hard and she didn’t do anything wrong,” Van Susteren said.

While Scott made her bones at Fox News by de-

veloping shows for its conservative opinion hosts, Washington anchor Chris Wallace said he is happy with the attention she has given to the journalism side of the operation.

“I feel more supported in being an equal-opportunity inquisitor than I did in the old regime,” said Wallace, who often goes hard at Trump administration officials who appear on “Fox News Sunday.”

Wallace said the news side is being heard when it complains about occasional ethics breaches by the opinion hosts, such as when Sean Hannity appeared on stage with Trump at a rally before the midterm elections in November.

“We made it clear we were ticked off because we felt it hurt our credibility,” said Wallace, who added that Scott’s preference is to handle such matters privately.

Scott quietly scaled the ranks at Fox News without much of a profile outside of its headquarters. She is not a regular New York media-industry parties. On weekends, she serves as a certified YMCA stroke-and-turn official at a New Jersey club where her daughter is a competitive swimmer.

Scott said her steady work ethic came from her parents. Her father ran a trucking business out of the Morristown, N.J., home she grew up. Her 88-year-old mother still works as a real estate agent. It’s why Scott believes she is built for cable’s nonstop news cycle. “My father was incredibly hardworking — up at three in the morning, working Monday through Saturday,” Scott said. “He never complained. He was the happiest guy on the planet.”

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BOOK REVIEW

Tender, witty novel probes faith, naivete

Englander confirms narrative skills

BY RON CHARLES

The Washington Post

Philip Roth died just 10 months ago, and now his friend Nathan Englander has published a book called "kaddish.com." I suspect that's not coincidental. There's nothing derivative about this clever novel, but its tragicomic treatment of death, guilt and Jewish orthodoxy surely pays homage to the late great writer. May his memory be a blessing.

When Englander won the PEN/Malamud Award for short stories in 2000, he was barely 30, by far the youngest recipient of that honor, which typically recognizes a lifetime of achievement. Although he had only published a single collection, "For the Relief of Unbearable Urges," since then he's confirmed the judge's faith in his work. Four of his stories have appeared in "The Best American Short Stories," and in 2012, he published a second collection called "What We Talk About When We Talk About Anne Frank," which was a finalist for a Pulitzer Prize.

"Kaddish.com" is a novel, but its first part serves as another reminder of Englander's extraordinary skill as a short-story writer. Set 20 years before the rest of the book, it describes a contentious family gathering following a patriarch's death. Larry — the black sheep — has come from Brooklyn to stay with his Orthodox sister in Memphis as they sit shiva. Despite hearing the "quiet, muttering stream of well-



'kaddish.com'

By Nathan Englander, Knopf, 224 pages, \$24.95

wishers," he feels harshly appraised. "I want them not to judge me just because I left their stupid world," he hisses at his sister in the kitchen. These two siblings lash out at each other with words sharpened by grief. Larry insists he be allowed to mourn in his own way. His sister upbraids him for thoughtlessly ignoring their traditions. "It's no reason to treat me like a freak," he cries. "They're just stupid rules."

But of course, they're not just stupid rules — not to his sister and not even to Larry. One of the fascinating points Englander explores in "kaddish.com" is the way ardent followers and angry apostates both regard religious tradition with awe — but from different sides. "Sometimes the rejection is a way to let people know that the thing we reject truly matters," Larry says much later. "It is its own



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Nathan Englander, who won the PEN/Malamud Award for short stories in 2000, is the author of "kaddish.com."

kind of faith, even if it's the opposite of faith."

Larry and his sister may lose control, but Englander never does. Their vicious argument, made all the more injurious because they love each other, articulates the confusing interplay of grief, affection and self-righteousness that only death can provoke. As Emerson wrote, "Sorrow makes us all children again."

Before he returns home, Larry endures one last confrontation with his sister about his ongoing obligation to recite the Kaddish, the Jewish prayer for the dead, for their beloved father. "I'm asking about the torch you must carry for this family — our family — for the next eleven months. Tell me you get that the Kaddish is on you," she insists. "You know you can't miss. Not once. Not a single service."

Larry knows he won't perform that duty, but then, after scanning the internet

for porn, he accidentally discovers there's an app for that — or at least a website: kaddish.com. "JDate for the dead," he thinks. For a price, deeply committed students in Jerusalem will say the Mourner's Prayer for Larry's father for the next 11 months. What could be more convenient? As soon as he's typed in his credit card number, secular Larry has passed off his duty to a devout Jew "eager to do the job."

The cringe factor of this transaction is high — raised higher by a Rothian description of Larry pleasuring himself — but Englander has a way of wedding sharp comedy to anguished solemnity. After all, if Larry were as secular as he claims, he wouldn't bother with this secret plan to simultaneously shirk and fulfill his duty. His confidence that a website can carry out his familial and spiritual obligation is a brilliant satire of our mania for replacing actual human

attention with slick, virtual solutions.

When the main part of the novel picks up 20 years later, Englander keeps pushing on these issues with the same fertile wit and tender compassion. Larry, now married with two children and working in a Jewish school, has flipped back to orthodoxy. Using his Hebrew name, Shaul, he's returned to the fold and frequently recites the tale of his rebirth for any gathering of Jews. "I do not share the story to brag, or show off, or even to make excuses for all the years of lost time," he sighs. "I only share it to say, it's never too late to live one's true life."

Larry makes that sound like the happy end of his story, but it's effectively the beginning of Englander's. Unsettled by a seventh-grade boy who refuses to observe his own father's death, Larry finds himself strangely discombobulated. The memory of that web transaction he made so

many years ago returns to trouble him in fresh ways, drawing him down a tortuous path of esoteric concerns that even his most orthodox friends can't follow. But the heart of his dilemma is universal: If, as he's claimed, "it's never too late to live one's true life," what exactly is his true life?

That quest will take him far from home and shatter the contented equilibrium of his life, which provides an element of comic mystery to this plot. It also offers Englander a chance to explore the tension between naivete and faith. Larry's fanatical devotion and his anxiety about fulfilling it might look ridiculous to those who don't feel the vitality of tradition, but the humor of "kaddish.com" is infused with delight rather than mockery.

What a rare blessing to find a smart and witty novel about the unexpected ways religious commitment can fracture a life — and restore it.

BOOK REVIEW

New Mel Brooks biography focuses on director's dark side

BY STEVEN GIMBEL

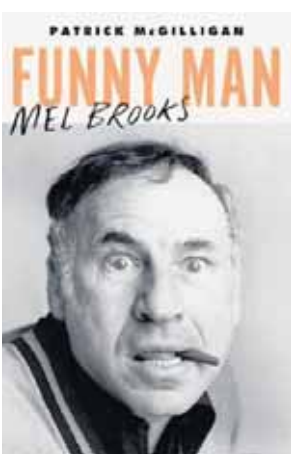
The Washington Post

Patrick McGilligan's new biography, "Funny Man: Mel Brooks," seeks to undermine the cultivated image of the lovable, goofy uber-Jew who has worked in film, television, audio recordings and theater. He has earned an Oscar, four Emmys, three Tonys, three Grammys, a Kennedy Center Honor and a National Medal of the Arts. If one were to hold up these accolades as evidence of Brooks' genius, McGilligan's response might resemble the soundtrack from a certain vulgar scene in "Blazing Saddles."

The book's organizing principle is that Brooks is bifurcated, a Jekyll-and-Hyde-type being, comprising "Good Mel" and "Bad Mel." Good Mel, resembling Yogurt from "Spaceballs" — kindly and ever ready with a pun or an endearingly crude joke — is the public Mel. But Bad Mel — like the nasty, greedy and uncaring President Skroob — is most of Mel.

McGilligan distinguishes three phases in the comedian's life: pre-famous Mel, famous Mel and little old man Mel. Young Melvin Kaminsky was the innocent Good Mel. Making his widowed mother and older brothers laugh as a boy, he grows to idolize the Borscht Belt saxophonist and rising comedy star Sid Caesar as a late teen, becoming Caesar's personal jester, forever at his heel trying to make him laugh to gain validation. Adopting a truncated version of his mother's maiden name, Brookman, he becomes a mixture of vulnerability and tenacity, yearning for Caesar's approval so that he may glow onto his accelerating success.

At the end of the book, as a senior citizen, Good



'Funny Man'

By Patrick McGilligan, Harper, 624 pages, \$40

Mel again resurfaces. He is the cute old Jew who reminisces and makes jokes that come across as innocuous, even in their occasional vulgarity.

But for the vast majority of McGilligan's telling, the Mel of the Mel Brooks brand is Bad Mel. And not just bad, but a new Jewish supervillain, the Incredible Schmuck, who, whenever anyone else receives credit or compensation for creative work, turns green with envy and rages in a destructive, often litigious fury that wrecks anything and anyone who gets in his way, friend or foe.

McGilligan's cataloging of the artistic, financial and personal atrocities of Bad Mel constitutes the main thrust of the telling of Brooks' life story. You do not come away from the book feeling like you have spent time with Mel Brooks. Rather, you feel like you were on a long car ride with Brooks' gossipy, catty accountant. In exploring a prolific figure in show business, we get lots of business and much less show.

Brooks has warts. From his serial womanizing during his first marriage and the shielding of his

wealth during the divorce, to squabbles over on-screen credits and revenue from creative work, there are morally worrisome elements that should complicate our understanding of him. But McGilligan is so enthusiastic about the destructive aspects that the complexity becomes caricature.

The minimal descriptions of his caring thereby seem peculiar. McGilligan describes one such act, when Brooks found a small role in "Spaceballs" for an actor who otherwise would not have met his annual minimum earnings for union-provided health insurance for his family. The actor, Ted Sorel, wrote a letter to the Los Angeles Times saying, "When I mentioned this thoughtfulness to one of Brooks' associates on the movie, he remarked that I was one of many remembered with similar favors."

There is some of what Brooks' fans would hope for in a biography, the sort of behind-the-scenes insights that provide us with background into the bits and characters that have become so beloved.

While devoted Brooks fans may recognize some of these tidbits, there are enough new trivia nuggets that most readers will come away with something they did not know before.

For those who want an in-depth account of Mel Brooks, the ruthless businessman, "Funny Man" is for you. For those who want a genuine funny book about the man, you'll feel more like you were ruthlessly given the business.

Steven Gimbel is the author of "Isn't That Clever: A Philosophy of Humor and Comedy" and a professor of Judaic studies and philosophy at Gettysburg College.

BOOK REVIEWS



BY BETHANNE PATRICK

The Washington Post

Whether you have eclectic tastes or are in search of something specific — a mystery, a juicy novel, a big fat tome — this month's must-read list has something for you. No fooling.

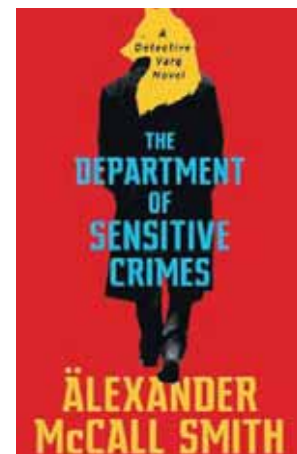
'Greek to Me: Adventures of the Comma Queen' by Mary Norris (out now)

If you haven't read "Between You & Me," Mary Norris' ode to good grammar, buy it together with her new book, and you'll have at least two days of delightful reading. A New Yorker copy editor, Norris this time delivers an appreciation of Greece, plus a look at how that country's language influenced ours.

'The Affairs of the Falcons' by Melissa Rivero (out now)

Some novels about immigrants and immigration focus on the "Wow! America!" factor. However, debut novelist Melissa Rivero goes deeper, showing the price her main characters, Ana and Lucho, have paid in leaving Peru to make a new life. It's a beautiful, serious and life-affirming book.

'Falter: Has the Human



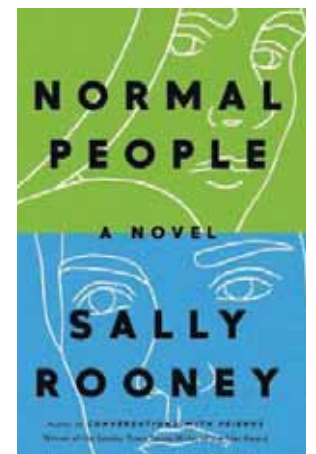
'Game Begun to Play Itself Out?' by Bill McKibben (April 16)

Bill McKibben wrote "The End of Nature" 30 years ago, an early warning about climate change, and his new book is another sobering call to arms. McKibben, whose 350.org aims to demonstrate what people around the world can do to protect Earth, reminds us that as we drain critical resources, we're also moving toward draining our own ties to the planet and to each other. Is there hope? Yes. Well, maybe. If we pay attention.

'Normal People' by Sally Rooney (April 16)

The Irish writer's 2017 "Conversations With Friends" won over American readers with its deadpan wit, following a young woman's attempt to create an artistic life. "Normal People" is another familiar plot — two young lovers meet in high school, diverge at university, meet again as young adults — but Connell and Marianne are fresh, their entanglement so achingly tender that you'll read till the last drop of tea is poured.

'The Department of Sensitive Crimes: A Detective Varg Novel' by Alexander McCall



Smith (April 16)

The celebrated Scottish storyteller Alexander McCall Smith has turned his pen to Scandi-crime, setting his latest series with Detective Ulf "The Wolf" Varg heading up a department of singular characters in the Swedish city of Malmo. It's as if Fox Mulder, Lisbeth Salander's maiden aunt and Kurt Wallander collaborated on a new unit, and it's great fun.

'African Samurai: The True Story of Yasuke, a Legendary Black Warrior in Feudal Japan' by Thomas Lockley and Geoffrey Girard (April 30)

In the late 1500s, an African man arrived in Kyoto. Lord Nobunaga, head of Japan's most powerful clan, appointed him a samurai, naming him Yasuke. The authors, an academic (Thomas Lockley) and a novelist (Geoffrey Girard), don't have a lot of source material, but they've written a readable, compassionate account of an extraordinary life.

Bethanne Patrick is the editor, most recently, of "The Books That Changed My Life: Reflections by 100 Authors, Actors, Musicians and Other Remarkable People."

WATCH THIS: THURSDAY



Perry Mattfeld

"In the Dark" (8 p.m., CW): Perry Mattfeld ("Shameless") stars in this new dramatic thriller as Murphy Mason, a hard-living and harder-drinking 20-something blind woman who lives with her supportive best friend, Jess (Brooke Markham, "Four-some"), and Pretzel, the guide dog Murphy barely tolerates. She also befriends the teenage Tyson (Thamela Mpumwana) after he saves her from a mugging.

"Marvel's Cloak & Dagger" (7 p.m., FREE): This adaptation of a Marvel Comics title about superpowered teenagers enters its sophomore season with a premiere called "Restless Energy," which finds Tyrone and Tandy (Aubrey Joseph, Olivia Holt), aka Cloak and Dagger, leading very different lives. They do share a common goal, however: flying under the radar while continuing to hone their uncanny powers.

"Young Sheldon" (7:31 p.m., CBS): Given his accelerated academic progress, Sheldon (Iain Armitage) knows it won't be that long before he heads off to college. He decides to move in with a reluctant Dr. Sturgis (recurring guest star Wallace Shawn) for a weekend to see what his life in upper academia would be like, without the usual parental supervision. That leaves his lonely mom, Mary (Zoe Perry), reduced to trying to bond with the rest of her family while her golden boy is away.

"Will & Grace" (8 p.m., NBC): Jack and Estefan's (Sean Hayes, Brian Jordan Alvarez) dreams of a romantic wedding in Spain are scuttled when their flight is canceled, forcing them to improvise an airport wedding officiated by their friend and drag superstar Miss Coco (guest star Clinton Leupp) in the season finale, "Jack's Big Gay Wedding."

"Braxton Family Values" (8 p.m., 10 p.m., 12 a.m., 2 a.m., WE): Toni has the whole family guessing about the current status of her relationship with Birdman as this unscripted series returns with new episodes. Elsewhere, Tamar wins a TV reality show competition and is ready for a fresh start now that there's a new man in her life.

"Hustle & Soul" (9 p.m., 11 p.m., 1 a.m., WE): As Season 3 of this unscripted series opens with a premiere called "Sexy Is Sexy, But Trashy Is Trashy," Chef Lawrence Page is readying to open a new restaurant in Miami's trendy South Beach area, where he'll be vying against formidable competition for the local celebrity-heavy clientele.

TALK SHOWS

"Conan" (10 p.m. 11:30 p.m., TBS): Actor Daniel Radcliffe.*

"The Tonight Show Starring Jimmy Fallon" (10:34 p.m., NBC): Actor Kit Harington; actress Elle Fanning; Khalid performs.*

"The Late Show With Stephen Colbert" (10:35 p.m., CBS): Actress Sandra Oh; actor Zachary Levi; Nina Nesbitt performs.*

"Jimmy Kimmel Live" (10:35 p.m., ABC): Actor Seth Rogen; former professional boxer Mike Tyson; Iggy Azalea performs.*

* Subject to change

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BMO HARRIS BANK

"New Girl" alum Lamorne Morris is the new pitchman for BMO Harris Bank. His first commercial began airing in March. Two more commercials are due out later this year.

Morris

Continued from Page 1

said he is not yet a BMO customer because he lives in the Los Angeles area.

Morris said he is getting an account through BMO's new digital banking platform, which makes it possible to bank from anywhere. So will he get to jump the line at a BMO Harris branch now that he is a face of the brand?

"You know, I hope so, but I'm patient. I can wait in line," Morris said.

Here are more excerpts from our interview.

On Morris' upcoming projects

Morris is in "Yesterday," a Beatles film directed by "Slumdog Millionaire" director Danny Boyle. The musical comedy is set to premiere at the Tribeca Film Festival next month. He said he's also in the untitled third "Jumanji" film that's slated to be released in December. And he's in the superhero film "Bloodshot," due out in February 2020.

"I get to play this British scientist weirdo," Morris said.

He said he also recently

finished shooting a pilot for Hulu that's based on the life of the cartoonist Keith Knight.

"It's about the tone of his comics and how they take a shift when his life shifts," Morris said. "His cartoons and inanimate objects start talking to him about his surroundings, so he could be considered a little bit weird, this guy. The show has got a little bit of animation to it, which is great."

On the potential for a sequel to 'The Christmas Chronicles'

Morris played a Chicago police officer in the 2018 Netflix movie, which was filmed in Toronto with some exterior shots taken in Chicago. Kurt Russell played a rock 'n' roll Santa.

"I want to go ahead and say this is Kurt Russell's biggest movie. Don't quote me on that one, but if it is, I want to say I contributed to that," Morris said with a laugh.

"And we should do a part 2. If we do a part 2, I kindly request that we don't shoot it in winter. I request that we shoot it in the summer and then we just fake snow everywhere."

On the Jussie Smollett saga

Morris said he has a "ride-or-die friendship" with Smollett and believes the "Empire" actor's statements about being attacked in the Streeterville neighborhood on Jan. 29.

Cook County prosecutors last week dropped all charges in an indictment accusing Smollett of staging the attack and falsely claiming he was the victim of a hate crime.

"Jussie's a buddy of mine, so I'm sticking with him, whatever he says. I won't turn my back on him ... the last I heard he's been cleared of any wrongdoing, I guess, and he's sticking to his statement. You never know what's really going on. I know it looks weird — one of the more strange cases that I've seen," Morris said.

"I would hate to be in his position, fighting for exoneration or fighting for your career back. But like I said before, I personally know him. So it's such a strange thing because the Jussie that I know is an incredible individual, super talented, one of the nicest people that I've ever met."

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THURSDAY EVENING, APR. 4

		MOVIES						
	PM	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00
BROADCAST	CBS 2	Big Bang Theory (N)	Young Sheldon (N)	(8:01) Mom (N) ©	Fam (N) ©	S.W.A.T.: "Cash Flow." (N) ©		News (N) ♦
	NBC 5	Superstore (N) ©	A.P. Bio (N) ©	Will & Grace (Season Finale) (N) ©	Abby's (N) ©	Law & Order: Special Victims Unit (N) ©		NBC 5 News (N) ♦
	ABC 7	Grey's Anatomy: "The Whole Package." (N) ©		(8:01) Station 19: "When It Rains, It Pours!" (N) ©		For the People: "One Big Happy Family." (N) ©		News at 10pm (N) ♦
	WGN 9	blackish ©	blackish ©	Last Man Standing ©	Last Man Standing ©	WGN News at Nine (N) (Live) ©		WGN News at Ten (N)
	Antenna 9.2	Alice ©	Alice ©	B. Miller	B. Miller	Johnny Carson ©		3's Comp.
	This TV 9.3	Neighbors (R,'81) ♦♦ John Belushi, Dan Aykroyd. ©				1941 (PG,'79) ♦♦ John Belushi. ©		
	PBS 11	Chicago Tonight (N)		Inside Harrods: The World's Most (N)		American Masters: "Itzhak Perlman." ©		
	The U 26.1	7 Eyewitness News (N)		The Game Gomer Pyle	Engagement WKRP Cinci.	Broke Girl Hogan Hero	Broke Girl Hogan Hero	Seinfeld © C. Burnett
	MeTV 26.3	Andy Griffith Andy Griffith						
	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	In the Cut	Bait (R,'00) ♦ Jamie Foxx. ♦		
	FOX 32	Gotham: "Penguin, Our Hero." ©		The Orville: "Identity, Part 2." ©		Fox 32 News at Nine (N)		Modern Family ©
Ion 38	Chicago P.D. ©		Chicago P.D. ©		Chicago P.D. ©		Chicago ♦	
Telem 44	Exatlon EE. UU. (N)		Betty en NY (N) ©		La reina del sur		Chicago (N)	
CW 50	Supernatural (N) ©		In the Dark: "Pilot." (Series Premiere) (N)		The Good Wife: "Home."		Chicago ♦	
UniMas 60	Tres Milagros		Atrapada		Rosario Tijeras		Sebastian ♦	
WJYS 62	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Joyce Meyer	Robison	Christian	Dn. Carson	Monument	
Univ 66	Jesus		Mi marido tiene familia		Por amar sin ley		Noticias (N)	
CABLE	AE	The First 48: "The Fallen Angel." (N) ©						First 48 ♦
	AMC	Men in Black (PG-13,'97) ♦♦♦ Tommy Lee Jones. ©		(9:05) Men in Black II ('02) ♦♦♦				
	ANIM	River Monsters ©	River Monsters ©	River Monsters: Top 10 Catches (N) ♦				
	BBCA	Star Trek	Star Trek II: The Wrath of Khan (PG,'82) ♦♦♦ William Shatner. ©	Premier (N)				
	BET	(5) Baby Boy (R,'01) ♦♦♦ Shaft (R,'00) ♦♦ Samuel L. Jackson, Vanessa L. Williams. ♦						
	BIGTEN	Wm. Lacrosse (N)	BIG Show	BIG Show	BIG Show	BTN Basketball in 60 ©		
	BRAVO	Project Runway (N) ©		Project Runway ©		Watch What		
	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	The Office		Daily (N) ♦
	DISC	Naked and Afraid (N) ©		Naked and Afraid Pop-Up Edition: "Episode 15." (N)				Naked (N) ♦
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	E!	Hollywood Medium (N)		Botched ©		Botched ©		Busy (N)
	ESPN	NIT (N)		College Basketball (N)				SportCtr (N)
	ESPN2	E:60 ©		SEC Storied ©				Basketball
	FNC	Tucker Carlson (N)		Hannity (N) ©		The Ingraham Angle (N)		Fox News
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	FREE	Cloak & Dagger (Season Premiere) (N)		Cloak & Dagger (N)		Pretty Little Liars		700 Club ♦
	FX	(6:30) Jurassic World (PG-13,'15) ♦♦ Chris Pratt. ©		Better (N)	Better	Better		Better
	HALL	Royal Hearts (NR,'18) Cindy Busby, James Brolin. ©		Love to the Rescue (NR,'19) © ♦				
	HGTV	Flip/Flop	Flip/Flop	Flip/Flop (N)	Flip/Flop	Hunters (N)	Hunt Intl (N)	Hunters
	HIST	Swamp People ©		Swamp People (N)		The American Farm (Series Premiere) (N)		Swamp ♦
	HLN	Forensic	Forensic	Forensic	Forensic	Forensic	Forensic	Forensic
	IFC	(6) Summer Rental ♦♦		National Lampoon's European Vacation ('85) ♦♦ ©		Natl Lmpn ♦		Little ♦
	LIFE	Little Women: Atlanta (N)		Little Women: LA (Season Premiere) (N)				Little ♦
	MSNBC	All In With Chris Hayes		Rachel Maddow Show (N)		The Last Word (N)		11th Hour (N)
	MTV	Ex on the Beach (N) ©		Game of Clones (N) ©		Game of Clones (Season Finale) (N) ©		Catfish ♦
	NBCSCH	(6) MLB Baseball: Chicago Cubs at Atlanta Braves. (N)		Postgame	Poker Night			Baseball ♦
	NICK	SpongeBob	SpongeBob	Movie ©				Friends ♦
	OVATION	(6:30) Aloha (PG-13,'15) ♦♦ Bradley Cooper.		Travel (N)	Travel (N)	Grumpy ♦		
	OWN	20/20 on OWN ©		20/20 on OWN ©		20/20 on OWN ©		20/20 ♦
	OXY	Dateline: Secrets		Dateline: Secrets		Dateline: Secrets		Dateline ♦
	PARMT	(5:30) We're the Millers		Wife Swap (Series Premiere) (N) ©		We're the Millers (R,'13) ♦♦ © ♦		
	SYFY	Underworld		Underworld: Awakening (R,'12) ♦♦ Kate Beckinsale.		Happy! © ♦		
TBS	Seinfeld	Seinfeld	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Conan ©	
TCM	Flesh and the Devil (NR,'27) ♦♦♦ Greta Garbo.		(9:15) Love (NR,'27) ♦♦ John Gilbert. ♦					
TLC	My 600-Lb. Life: "Supersized: Milla & Charity." (N) ©		Untold Stories of the E.R.		Stories ER ♦			
TLN	Humanit	Wretched	The Six Miracles of		Life Today	Like You	Humanit	
TNT	NBA Basketball: Bucks at 76ers (N Subject to Blackout)						Basketball (N Subject to	
TOON	Samur. Jack Amer. Dad	Amer. Dad	Burgers	Burgers	Family Guy	Family Guy	Family Guy	
TRAV	The Dead Files ©		The Dead Files (N) ©		Ghost Bait	Ghost Bait	Dead Files ♦	
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USA	NCIS: "Stop the Bleeding."		NCIS ©		NCIS ©		NCIS ♦	
VH1	RuPaul's Drag Race ©		RuPaul's Drag Race (N) ©				Dinner Party	
WE	Braxton Family Values		Braxton Family Values (N)		Hustle & Soul (Season Premiere) (N) ©		Braxton ♦	
WGN America	Last Man	Last Man	Last Man	Last Man	Last Man	Last Man	Last Man	
PREMIUM	HBO	Mamma Mia! Here We Go Again (PG-13,'18) ♦♦ ©		Veep ©		Adnan Syed		
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	MAX	Black Swan (R,'10) ♦♦♦ Natalie Portman. ©				(8:50) Game of Death (R,'79) ♦♦♦		
	SHO	(6:45) Winchester (PG-13,'18) ♦				Scary Movie (R,'00) ♦♦♦ ©		Desus (N)
	STARZ	(5:03) Casino ('95) ♦♦♦		Apocalypse		(8:36) Phone Booth (R,'02) ♦♦		Now ♦
STZNC	(5:55) The Brave One ♦♦		Backdraft (R,'91) ♦♦♦ Kurt Russell, William Baldwin. ©					

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Horoscopes



Today's birthday (April 4): Take off for uncharted frontiers this year. Grow professionally through patient, steady action. Unexpected largesse flows your way. Family joys delight this summer, motivating career changes. By next winter, professional tides are in your favor, as domesticity draws you back in.

Aries (March 21-April 19): Today is a 9. Personal insights and epiphanies can inspire you over the next two weeks. Take your talents, capacities and skills to new levels by practicing basics. **Taurus** (April 20-May 20): 6. You're more productive in peaceful privacy. Make long-term plans. Enjoy rituals, spiritual ceremonies and practices. Let go of old habits that no longer serve.

Gemini (May 21-June 20): 8. Share what you're learning with your friends. A community project flowers over the next few weeks. Strengthen connections with people you admire and respect. **Cancer** (June 21-July 22): 8. Professional opportunities look ripe for the plucking. Listen to your angels. Get advice from a trusted elder. The next few days are good for decisions.

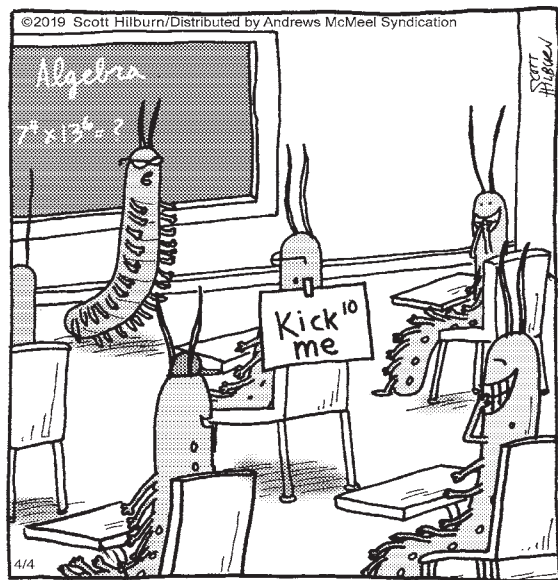
Leo (July 23-Aug. 22): 8. Enjoy a business trip or conference. Classes and seminars offer useful skills and connections. You're learning a whole new perspective. **Virgo** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): 8. Discuss financial goals, objectives and dreams with your partner. Review your plans and budgets. Negotiate bargains and plot your course together. **Libra** (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): 8. A collaborative effort flowers. Strengthen your connection by enjoying time together. Romance kindles easily. Let someone special know your appreciations. Share dreams and ideas.

Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): 9. The excellent work you've been doing reflects you well. Quicken the pace to get your heart beating faster. Physical efforts reap satisfying results. **Sagittarius** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): 8. Share your romantic dreams and visions with someone special. Listen for where your interests connect, and make plans to grow new possibilities together. **Capricorn** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): 7. New beginnings at your house take shape. You may need to tear things down to rebuild them better. Fill your home with delicious flavors and beauty.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): 8. Share the good news! Reach out and connect with your wider network. Provide valuable information to your tribe. **Pisces** (Feb. 19-March 20): 9. Follow the money. Grab a lucrative opportunity, and run with it. Focus on moneymaking to take advantage of a nice break.

— Nancy Black, Tribune Content Agency

The Argyle Sweater



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Bridge

East-West vulnerable, East deals

North
 ♠ Q 4
 ♥ Q J
 ♦ 10 9 7 5 4 3
 ♣ K Q 9

West
 ♠ 10 9 6 2
 ♥ 7 5 3
 ♦ 8 6
 ♣ 6 5 4 3

East
 ♠ K 8 5
 ♥ K 9 8 6 2
 ♦ Q J 2
 ♣ A 10

South
 ♠ A J 7 3
 ♥ A 10 4
 ♦ A K
 ♣ J 8 7 2

Two of the first "rules" we learn about defense are "cover an honor with an honor" and "third hand high." These are not really rules, just guidelines, and we have to be aware of when to break these rules.

At one table, East covered the queen of hearts with the king at trick one, following both rules. South won with the ace, cashed the ace and king of diamonds, and then led a low club to dummy's king. East won with his ace and led a heart to dummy's jack. Declarer led a diamond to East's queen and still had the hearts stopped and an entry to dummy. When the 10 of clubs fell, South didn't even need the spade finesse to take 11 tricks. This wouldn't matter much at rubber bridge, but it was a wonderful match point score — top on the board.

The bidding:

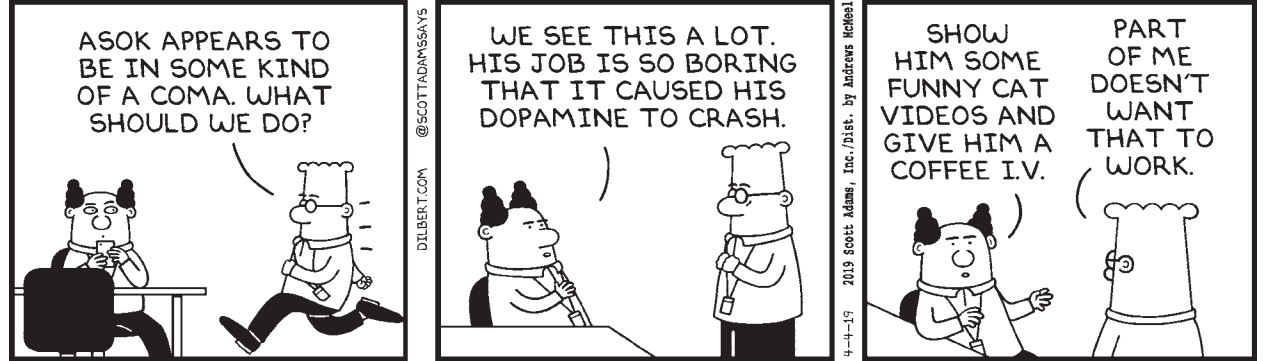
East	South	West	North
1♥	1NT	Pass	3NT

 All pass
Opening lead: Five of ♥

At the next table, East played low at trick one, breaking both rules. Declarer now had an entry to dummy at a time when he didn't need it. South then cashed the ace and king of diamonds and led a club to the king and East's ace. East led the king of hearts to South's ace, pinning dummy's jack, and South had a decision to make. He could lead a low spade to the queen and settle for nine or 10 tricks or try for 11 tricks by leading a club to dummy's nine. That would lead to disaster. On this hand, breaking the rules worked either very well or incredibly well, depending on declarer's decision.

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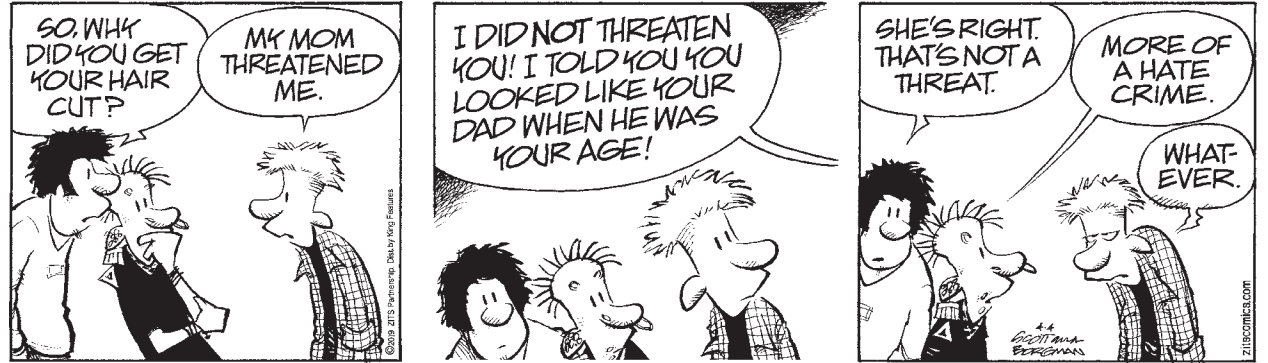
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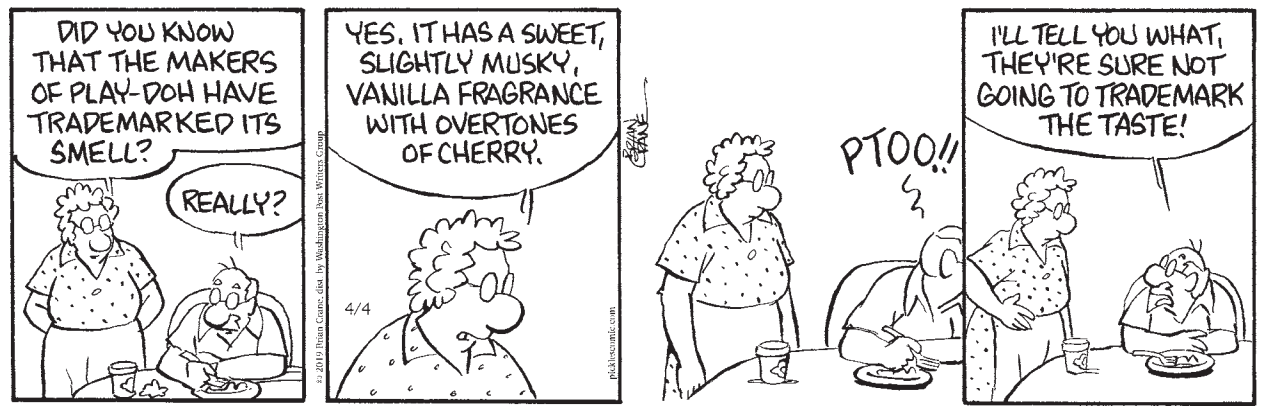
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Classic Peanuts



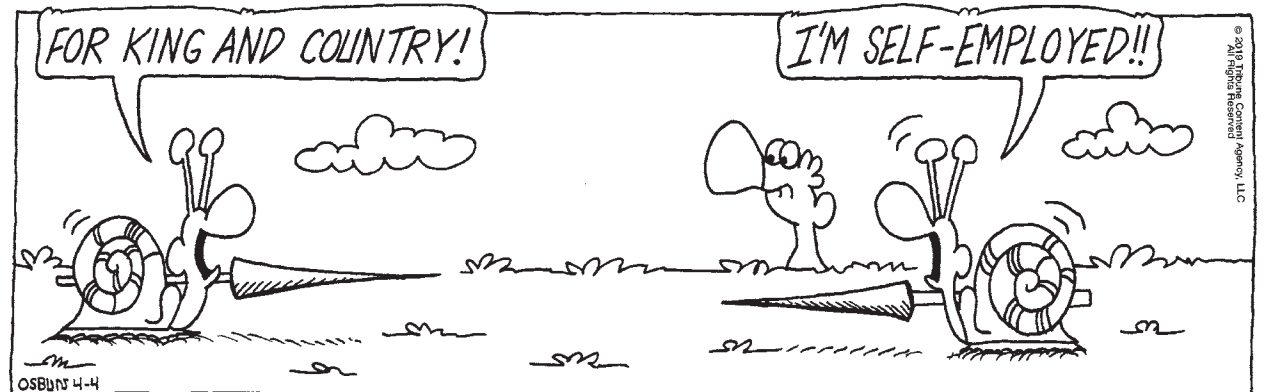
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Dick Tracy



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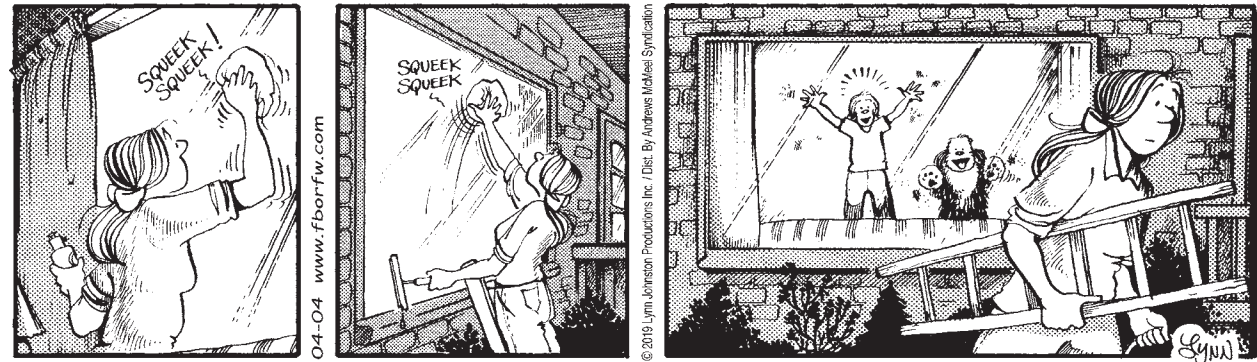
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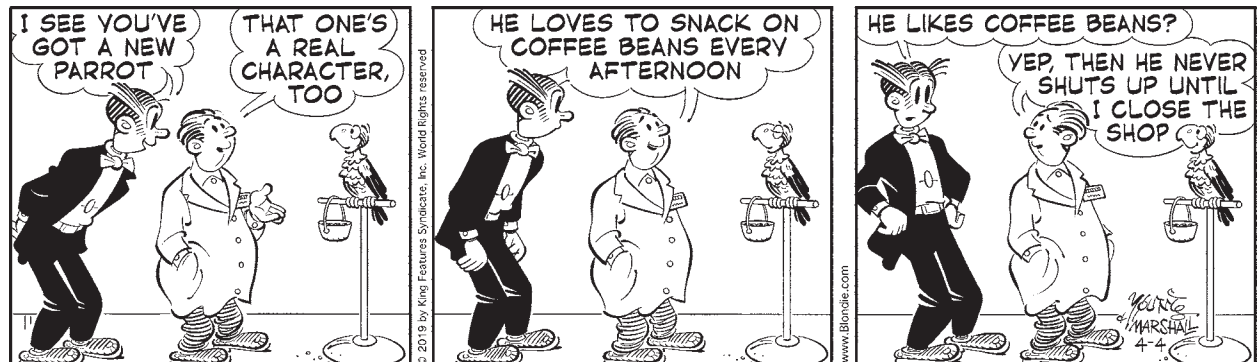
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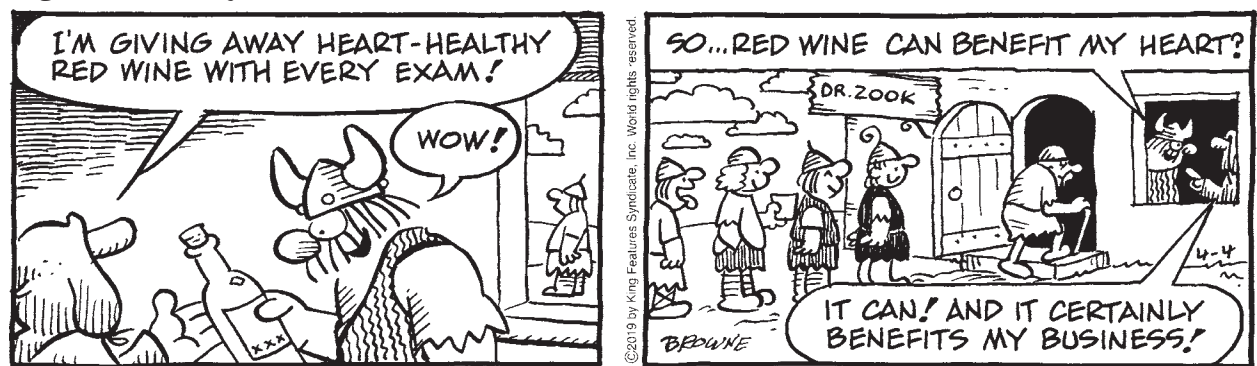
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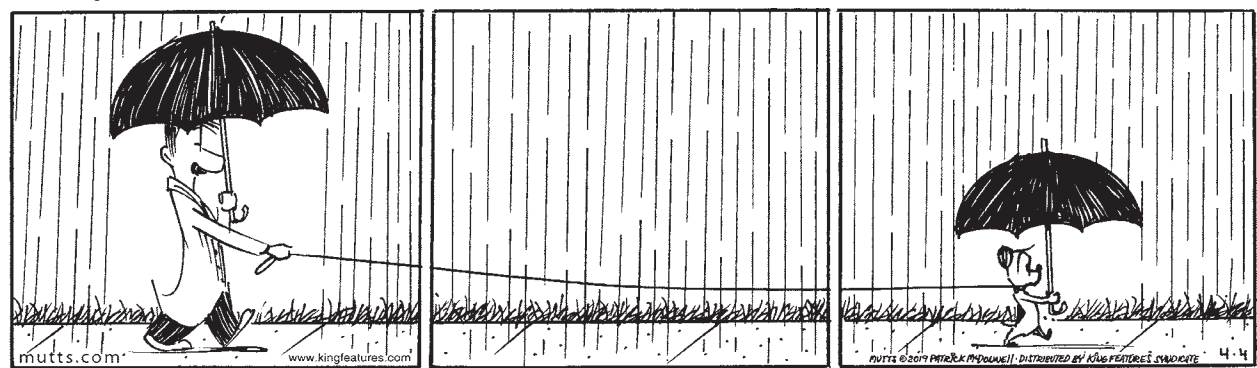
Blondie By Dean Young and John Marshall



Hägar the Horrible By Chris Browne



Mutts By Patrick McDonnell



WuMo By Mikael Wulff and Anders Morgenthaler



Sherman's Lagoon By Jim Toomey



Brewster Rockit: Space Guy! By Tim Rickard



Broom-Hilda By Russell Myers



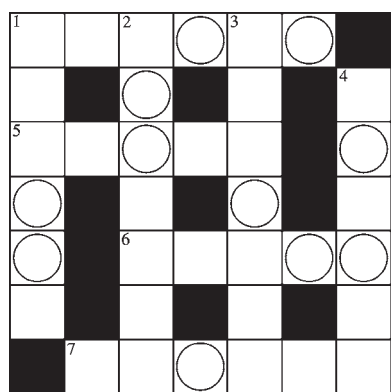
Trivia Bits

Although he is considered the spiritual leader of Tibet, the Dalai Lama currently lives in exile in what country?
 A) Cambodia
 B) China
 C) India
 D) Japan

Wednesday's answer: John Paul Jones' ship Bonhomme Richard was destroyed in battle and had to be abandoned.

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Jumble Crossword



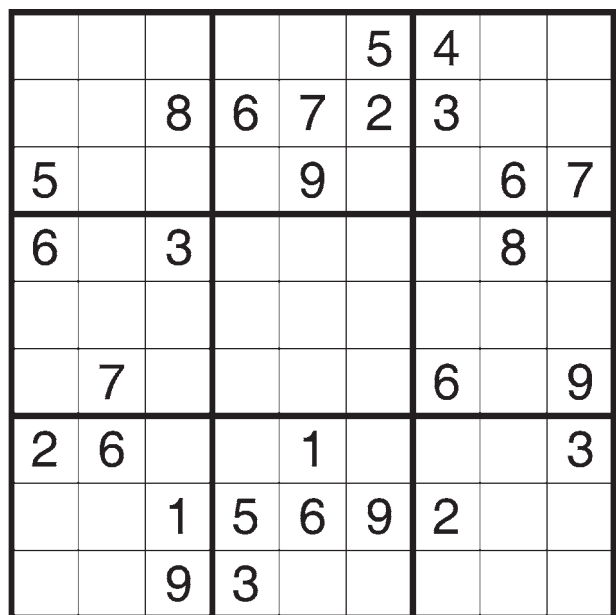
- ACROSS**
- CLUE ANSWER
- ___ room
 - Clark
 - Drenched
 - Teapot
- DOWN**
- CLUE ANSWER
- Shallow bay
 - ___ soup
 - Tasteful, luxurious
 - Sitcom Bunker

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 ○○○○○○ ○○○○○○

Sudoku 1 2 3 4

4/4



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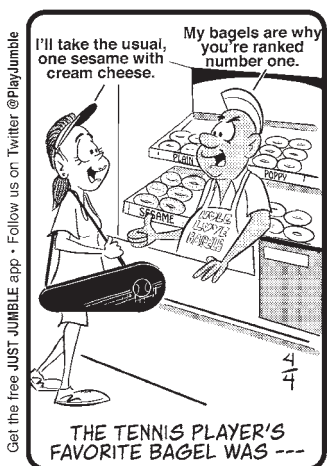
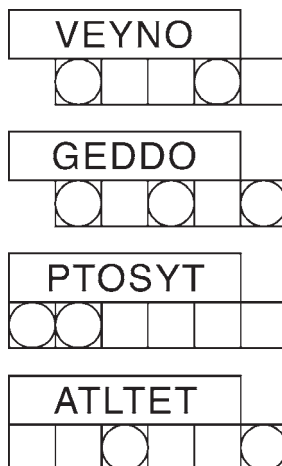
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Wednesday's solutions

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Jumble

Unscramble the four Jumbles, one letter per square, to form four words. Then arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by this cartoon.



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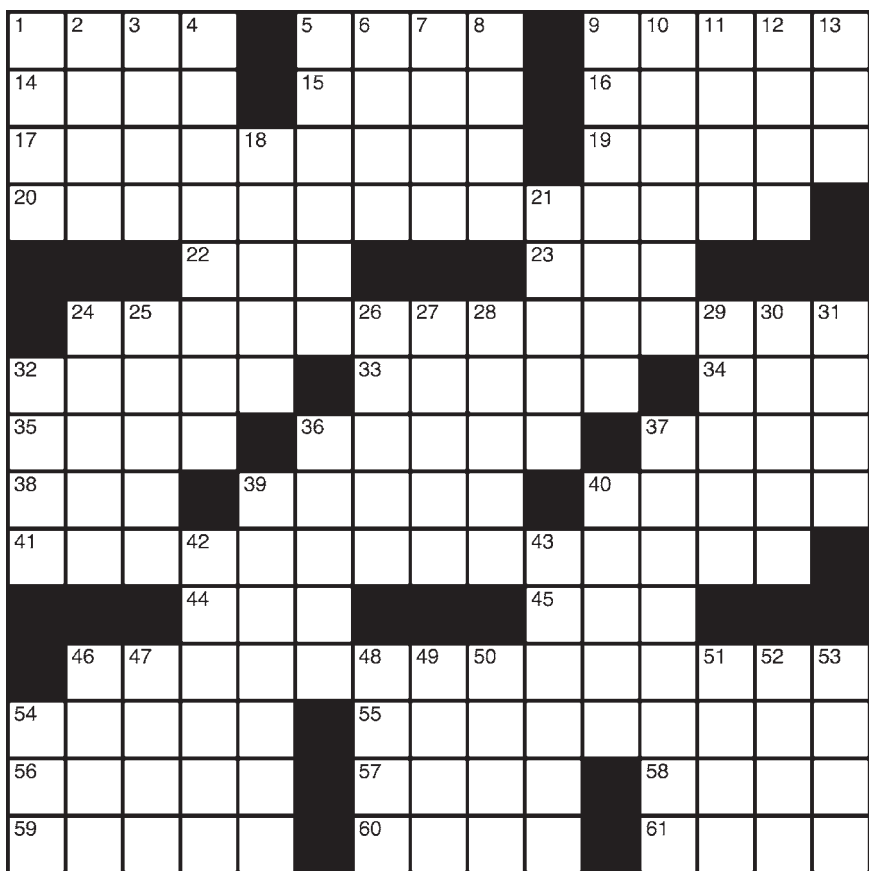
Wednesday's answers

Jumbles: MOGUL FRESH INVENT MELODY
 Answer: Tightrope walkers ran in his family. He came from a — LONG LINE OF THEM

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Crossword

4/4



- Across**
- "High" places?
 - Flag down
 - Caller ID?
 - El __, Texas
 - Actor Idris who plays Heimdall in "Thor" films
 - Mozart wrote a lot of them
 - Dungeness delicacies
 - Omni rival
 - One reviewing challenges
 - Fish eggs
 - Brooding genre
 - One who's got you covered
 - Pig's sniffer
 - Weep for
 - See 27-Down
 - Sch. near the U.S.-Mexico border
 - Law school subject
 - Put on the cloud, say
- Down**
- Influence
 - Ballpark opinions, at times
 - One-__ chance
 - Incessantly
 - "When the moon hits your eye" feeling
 - With 34-Across, Sally Field film
 - More adorable
 - Make blank
 - Piercing site, perhaps
 - Scottish center?
 - Sci-fi navigator
 - Specifically
 - Float fixer
 - Place with a bird's-eye view
 - Went carefully (over)
 - Nickname of golfer Sergio Garcia, who turned pro at age 19
 - Shakers' relatives?
 - "Mom" actor
 - Corddry
 - Treats, as a sprain
 - Surprised greeting
 - They're not on the same page
 - Religious scholar
 - Premiere
 - Simple tie
 - Where Achilles was dipped for invincibility
 - Org. operating full-body scanners
- Wednesday's solution**
- ADHOC TRON BUSH
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THURSDAY, APRIL 4 NORMAL HIGH: 54° NORMAL LOW: 35° RECORD HIGH: 79° (1929) RECORD LOW: 16° (1975)

Before spring temps, bank on a dank Thursday

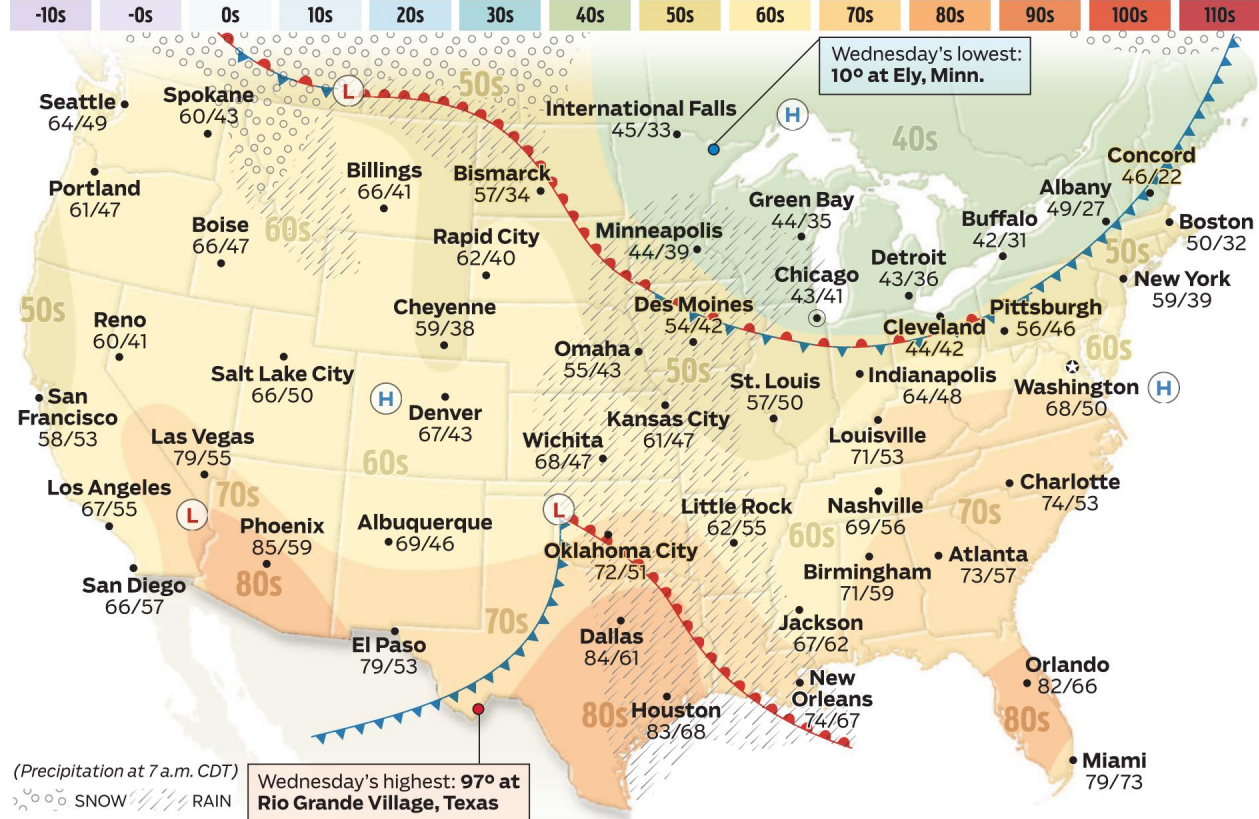
LOCAL FORECAST

HIGH 43 **LOW** 41

Weather system spreads wind-driven rain across the area.

- Occasional rain, likely ongoing at daybreak, becomes widespread and steadier. Early morning temps hover around 40 degrees.
- Becoming windy and raw. Tightening pressure gradient causes NE-E winds to increase to 20-30 mph.
- Temps rise little, peaking in the mid 40s inland, upper 30s at the lakeshore.
- Rainfall totals 1/2 to 3/4 of an inch, then exits the area around midnight. Cloudy, chilly overnight.

NATIONAL FORECAST



On Wednesday, a large cloud shield assembled over the Plains, spreading high clouds eastward into Chicago. In addition, satellite imagery showed moist air streaming northward into Oklahoma, aiding the development of hail-producing thunderstorms. This disturbance is forecast to organize and spread rain across our area much of Thursday. Meanwhile, high pressure building north of the Great Lakes will provide a strengthening fetch of chilly east to northeast winds making for an unpleasant, raw day. By Friday, low pressure is expected to exit the region, allowing for partial sunshine and milder temperatures. More significant warming is forecast for the weekend, with readings generally in the 60s on Saturday. For the first time since early October, 70-degree temps may arrive Sunday.

FRIDAY, APRIL 5	SATURDAY, APRIL 6	SUNDAY, APRIL 7	MONDAY, APRIL 8	TUESDAY, APRIL 9	WEDNESDAY, APRIL 10
HIGH 59 LOW 43	HIGH 65 LOW 54	HIGH 73 LOW 54	HIGH 66 LOW 44	HIGH 52 LOW 38	HIGH 47 LOW 39
Weather improves as morning clouds scatter. Temps respond to emergent sunshine, reaching afternoon highs near 60 degrees, but lower near the lake. N-NE winds 5 to 10 mph.	High pressure shifts E allowing high/mid-level clouds to increase. Mild most areas. Highs near 50 N. Shore-near 70 far W-S suburbs. SE winds build to 15-20 mph. Showers reach the area late at night.	SE-S winds increase to 20-30 mph as a storm system approaches. Mostly cloudy skies bring periodic showers/t-storms. Temps rise to the highest level in nearly 6 months. Highs mid 70s S- 50 N. Shore.	Low pressure departs the Great lakes region leaving skies partly cloudy. Continued mild, though temps dip a bit. Highs mainly low-mid 60s. Winds diminish to light W-SW.	High pressure builds north of lake Superior, sending a cold front through the area. Winds turn NE and increase to 15-25 mph. Temps reach the mid 50s, then slowly fall in the afternoon.	Peeks of sun early, then clouds thicken and lower. Chilly E winds develop, w/rain possible by afternoon. Temps slowly climb to high in the mid-upper 40s.

ASK TOM

Dear Tom,
While vacationing in Perth, Australia, we experienced the Fremantle Doctor. It's the same as Chicago's lake breeze, right?
Dorian Flander, Chicago

Dear Dorian,
The Fremantle Doctor is coastal southwest Australia's name for a sea breeze and is identical to Chicago's lake breeze. It is so named because it appears to come from the coastal town of Fremantle. It usually begins in the early afternoon when inland air temperatures soar, often to 100 degrees or higher, but temperatures over the adjacent Indian Ocean remain much cooler.

It is strongest during the Southern Hemisphere's summer months of December and January, when the temp differential between ocean air and land air is greatest. It blows from the southwest, becoming more southerly by late afternoon.

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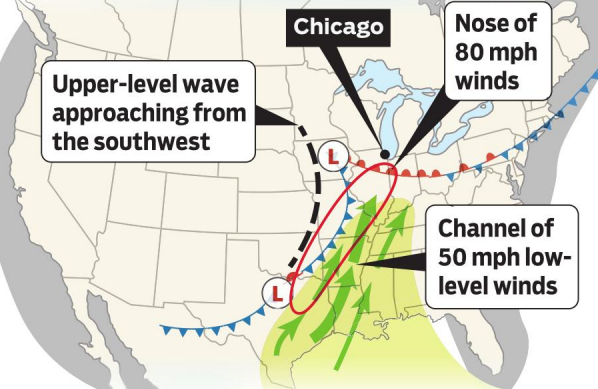
WGN-TV meteorologists Mark Carroll, Steve Kahn, Richard Koeneman, Paul Merzlock and Paul Dailey, plus Bill Snyder, contribute to this page.

Hear Tom Skilling's weather updates weekdays 3 to 6 p.m. on WGN-AM 720 Chicago.

Chilly "ENE" winds Thursday; warm 70+ temps Sunday

THUNDERSTORM CHANCES RISE OVER THE WEEKEND

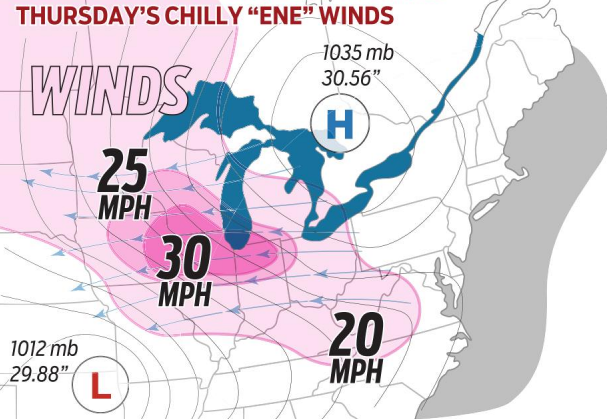
Forecast conditions for 1 p.m. Sunday, April 7, 2019



A MAJORITY OF YEARS HAVE RECORDED 70s IN CHICAGO BY NOW	PERCENT OF YEARS ON RECORD	CHICAGO'S HIGH TEMPERATURES
Warm temps by April 3 —what Chicago weather history tells us	TEMP RANGE ALL OFFICIAL SITES	The last 70+ day in Chicago was in October
	70+° 61% MIDWAY AIRPORT 73% O'HARE AIRPORT 77%	OCTOBER 10, 2018 179 days since the last official 70+ day
	80+° 11% OBSERVATIONS BEGAN (148 years)	SUNDAY'S FORECAST 75°
	1871 1929 1959 (60 years)	73°

SOURCES: Frank Wachowski, National Weather Service archives

LARGE BAROMETRIC PRESSURE DRIVES THURSDAY'S CHILLY "ENE" WINDS



WINDS	CHICAGO'S HIGH TEMPERATURES
25 MPH	The last 70+ day in Chicago was in October
30 MPH	OCTOBER 10, 2018 179 days since the last official 70+ day
20 MPH	SUNDAY'S FORECAST 75°
	73°

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CHICAGO DIGEST

WEDNESDAY TEMPERATURES	LOCATION	HI	LO	LOCATION	HI	LO
Aurora	58	31	Midway	59	37	
Gary	60	39	O'Hare	58	37	
Kankakee	60	32	Romeoville	59	30	
Lakefront	57	40	Valparaiso	60	36	
Lansing	58	32	Waukegan	59	29	

CHICAGO PRECIPITATION	PERIOD	2019	NORMAL
Wed. (through 4 p.m.)	0.00"	0.10"	
April to date	Trace	39.1"	
Year to date	6.86"	6.33"	

CHICAGO SNOWFALL	PERIOD	O'HARE	MIDWAY
Wed. (through 6 p.m.)	0.0"	0.0"	
Season to date	41.6"	39.1"	
Normal to date	35.5"	36.4"	

LAKE MICHIGAN CONDITIONS	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Wind	E 20-30 kts.	NE 10-15 kts.
Waves	4-6 feet	2-3 feet
Wed. shore/creeper water temps	44°/36°	

WEDNESDAY'S PEAK POLLEN LEVEL	POLLEN	LEVEL
Tree		Moderate
Grass		0
Mold		Low
Ragweed		0
Weed		0

SOURCE: The Gottlieb Memorial Hospital Allergy Count, Dr. Joseph Leija

CHICAGO AIR QUALITY	Wednesday's reading	Good
Thursday's forecast	Good	
Critical pollutant	Particulates	

SUNSHINE RISE/SET TIMES	SUN	RISE	SET
	6:29 a.m.	7:19 p.m.	
MOON	RISE	SET	
	6:34 a.m.	6:44 p.m.	

THURSDAY PLANET WATCH	PLANET	RISE	SET
	Mercury	5:35 a.m.	5:01 p.m.
	Venus	5:18 a.m.	4:23 p.m.
	Mars	8:36 a.m.	11:29 p.m.
	Jupiter	1:01 a.m.	10:11 a.m.
	Saturn	2:47 a.m.	12:07 p.m.

BEST VIEWING TIME	DIRECTION
Mercury	Not visible
Venus	6:00 a.m. 7° ESE
Mars	8:30 p.m. 31° W
Jupiter	5:30 a.m. 25.5° S
Saturn	5:30 a.m. 21° SSE

SOURCE: Dan Joyce, Triton College

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HOMES

Fresh outlook

Single mom gives 'ugly' home a colorful makeover that reflects her family's new start **PAGE 4**



Use tourney-style bracket to master your to-do list

BY LAUREN WHITE
HomeAdvisor

Your household tasks can seem overwhelming when you add them all up at once. After all, your list could have as many tasks as the NCAA Tournament has teams. If you're feeling paralyzed by the scope of your to-do list, give your list the bracket treatment at the start of the month or after a big move. This will help you narrow down which projects to tackle first.

Pick your teams: Make a list of all of the home repairs and improvements you want to accomplish, from aerating your lawn to swapping all of your incandescent bulbs for more efficient lighting.

Divide into regions: As you make your list, divide tasks into categories. Perhaps you can sort your projects by area. For example: outdoor areas and exterior; shared spaces such as the kitchen and bathrooms; the lesser-trafficked basement and attic; and private spaces



DREAMSTIME

Using a March Madness bracket to decide on and prioritize home projects can be helpful.

like bedrooms. Or, your categories might break out by project type, such as repairs, cleaning tasks, property improvements and luxury upgrades.

Assign rankings: In the NCAA Tournament, each

region's teams are assigned a ranking, or seed. So, the best team in the region will be No. 1, and the lowest-ranking team will be No. 16. Rank the projects in each category by importance. For a category like kitchen and bathrooms, is it more

important to install more efficient water fixtures or to get rid of that 1990s wallpaper? For home repairs, is it more important to fix your garage door or those squeaky stairs?

Play ball: Now that your

tasks are ranked, it's game time. In each category, pit the most important tasks against the least important tasks that coordinate. For example, if you have 16 projects, pair your No. 1 project with your 16th and choose a winner. Then, pair

your No. 2 project with your 15th and so on. Once you've finished, make a fresh list of the winners for each category. These are your top projects for Round 1.

Lock in your Final Four:

From here, simply continue pitting top-ranked projects against lesser-ranked projects until you have a final winner for each category. It'll seem simple once you're on a roll, but prioritizing with a bracket is a perfect brain exercise to get your list out on paper and get you past your project paralysis. At the end of each category, you should have a winner — and four projects to tackle this month.

Back in the game: Don't

crumple up your bracket once you have your winners. Keep this list as a guide for the rest of the year, and add to it as new projects crop up. Return to the bracket when you've finished all of your current projects for help prioritizing and making decisions for the next round.

Devices help you sleep and print selfies instantly

BY GREGG ELLMAN
Tribune News Service

Sound machines are ideal for a quiet, restful sleep, and Adaptive Sound Technologies Inc. LectroFan Micro2 offers a multifunctional unit built for travel in a compact 2-by-2-inch design.

You get a choice of 11 built-in digital sleep sounds, including two ocean surfs, five digital fans and four variations of white, pink and brown noise sound options.

Using the tiny bedside



ADAPTIVE SOUND

The LectroFan Micro2 is built for travel.

speaker is as easy as any gadget you can find. Inside is a USB rechargeable battery that can last for up to 40 hours in sleep-sound

mode.

The LectroFan takes trial and error for the sound selection and volume, and the pop-up swivel design allows you to direct the speaker's sound.

Bluetooth is also built into the speaker, enabling it to pair with a smartphone and stream music off your device. The battery runs for about six hours in Bluetooth mode.

Info: www.soundofsleep.com; \$34.95; available in color choices of chalk white, charcoal and metallic red.

Imagine a pocket-sized device with a camera that includes a selfie mirror and a built-in printer: It's the Polaroid Mint.

Measuring 4.5-3-by-0.7 inches, it's easy to see the portability with a body mirroring a deck of cards. Inside are the camera and printer, and a rechargeable lithium-ion battery to power it.

The prints are 2-by-3 inches, water- and tear-resistant and smudge-proof.

There is no ink or toner

needed. With the zinc technology, everything you need is in the paper, available in packs of 20, 30 or 50 sheets. Loading the paper is instant and easy; just open up the paper and slide it in.

The 16-megapixel camera can store photos on a built-in microSD memory card.

A selfie mirror is on the front, and the timer helps you jump around to get in a group photo.

Info: www.polaroid.com; \$92.09; available in black, white, blue, red or yellow.



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Not-so-scary modern home renovation

Former Scary Mommy blogger designs house to fit new life stage

By **BRITTANY BRITTO** | Tribune News Service

Sitting in the living room of her new Pikesville, Md., home, best-selling author Jill Smokler glances out the floor-to-ceiling windows at her lush backyard — her personal oasis, complete with a patio, hammock and pool — the part of the home she fell in love with first.

“I had just come from this retreat in Mexico where I spent so much time in a pool and vowed that I had to find some way to be around the water more regularly, and then I saw this pool,” she said. “I didn’t even need to see the house. I just wanted to live there.”

What seems to be a picture-perfect home didn’t come easy for Smokler. It was the culminating new chapter in the life of the best-selling author who, in 2008, begot the popular “Scary Mommy” blog — which she has since sold — about the highs and woes of parenting.

After her divorce from her husband, who revealed he was gay in 2017, Smokler wanted a fresh start. She put what she once believed was her forever home in the Mount Washington area of Baltimore on the market, had an estate sale, and searched for a new home.

“I wanted to find a house that was the polar opposite of anything I ever lived in before, and this was pretty much it,” Smokler said of her one-level midcentury pad. She let go of her need to have multiple levels and traded in the big rooms and grand ceilings.

The new 3,800-square-foot house symbolizes the

next stage of her life, in which she hopes to continue some of the candidness that she’s been known for during the past decade, but this time as a single, dating mother of tweens and a teen.

The writer, who started the blog to chronicle her life as a stay-at-home mom, sold the company, officially leaving in spring 2018, in hopes of creating a cozier platform where she gets to talk about her new experiences as a 40-year-old dating divorcee.

Smokler bought the home on Nov. 1, 2017. Renovations began that December, taking about eight months, which was grueling since Smokler and her children — Evan, 11, Ben, 13, and Lily, 15 — had already moved in.

The home looked like it was straight out of an ’80s film, covered in floral wallpaper that coordinated with toilet seat covers, bedding and pillows. “It was really, really ugly,” Smokler said.

She designed the renovations herself; contractors did the grunt work. There was the stripping of window treatments, curtains, valances and mahogany wood floors, which she had lightened.

The home’s entire electrical system had to be redone. A major load-bearing wall had to be knocked down to open up the kitchen in the way she envisioned, and bathrooms, each with pastel toilet bowls, had to be renovated.

The family was also without a kitchen for four



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Jill Smokler’s son Evan has a bedroom with a dinosaur theme. She admits she may have gone overboard with the decals.



Smokler started her Scary Mommy blog in 2008 to chronicle her life as a stay-at-home mom.

months, which meant many nights of pizza, sandwiches and Kraft Easy Mac.

“In retrospect, I would not recommend gutting a house while living in it, especially with three kids,” said Smokler, adding that it wasn’t her best decision. But the end result was a huge payoff.

Her spacious home has four bedrooms, an office, a kids lounge area, a den and four bathrooms — decorated with a mix of items from consignment shops, HomeGoods and Target.

The children’s game room and living space is primed for fun, with a

vintage “Indiana Jones” pinball machine, baskets filled with Nerf guns and comfy seating.

Their individual rooms are tailored to their tastes. Smokler’s room is the most colorful, with a hot pink wall. Ben’s room features skateboard bedding. Evan has a dinosaur theme, and Lily, a theme of grays and pinks with marbled wallpaper — a scheme Smokler originally wanted for herself.

The office, a neat space with a dark blue wall, features artwork and homages to Smokler’s past life, with a “Scary Mommy” pinboard



Smokler recently completed the renovation to her home, filling the rooms with light and modernizing the decor.

and photos of friends and celebrities.

The living room, with its light hardwood floors, is Smokler’s favorite room. A gray backdrop comes alive with splashes of color from artwork and a corner bar stocked with pretty liquor bottles she picked out for aesthetics alone. A clear spherical chair hangs suspended from the ceiling. It’s reminiscent of Anthropologie, the apparel, furniture and accessories store where Smokler once worked in visual merchandising.

“I sort of looked at the different sections of the

house as little vignettes like how I used to decorate things at the store,” she said.

The decorating process is much different as a single woman, she noted.

“The nice thing about moving into a house that’s all you is you can just do whatever you want. There’s no spouse that you have to plead your case,” she said. “I really loved just decorating how I wanted to decorate, and I think I just gravitated toward sort of serene, but kind of artsy, fun at the same time — at least that was kind of what I wanted to do.”



CHICAGO BOTANIC GARDEN

Core aeration removes small plugs from a lawn, which can help relieve compaction of the soil and increase aeration and nutrient penetration.

Power rake your lawn only if you have excessive thatch

BY TIM JOHNSON
Chicago Tribune

I am a new homeowner and my neighbor has suggested that I power rake my lawn this spring. Is that a good idea? He says he power rakes his lawn every year.

— Beth Robinson, Highland Park

Many homeowners power rake their lawns at this time of year to remove thatch as part of the spring cleanup process. Thatch is the layer of organic material that builds up at the surface of the soil in the lawn. It consists of dead rhizomes, stems and roots. Some thatch is beneficial to lawns as it has nutrients and beneficial microorganisms, but too much of it can block water, air and nutrients from reaching the soil and roots of the grass.

Thatch can build up in lawns that are heavily fertilized or growing in poorly aerated or poorly drained soil. When the layer of thatch gets thicker

than 1/2-inch deep, the roots tend to grow in the thatch instead of the soil. Then the grass can become more prone to heat and drought stress.

The thick layer of thatch can create an uneven surface that is hard to mow and less viable for activity. A lawn with excessive thatch tends to green up later in spring. The thatch can also prolong high humidity around the base of the grass, which can promote disease.

It is unlikely that your lawn needs to be power raked. I seldom see lawns that have excess thatch. On the other hand, you may like the appearance of your lawn after power raking and cleaning up. The power raking process does stress the grass, so keep that in consideration too as you decide on your maintenance program.

Check the depth of thatch in your lawn by using a weeder or trowel gently dig until you see the soil. In many lawns, you can do this with your fin-

gers when there is a thin layer of thatch. You can also use a flat spade to cut and lift a section of lawn to inspect the thatch layer in lawns that are more densely growing. I have never power raked my lawn at home and do aerate it on occasion.

I would suggest that you simply rake your lawn with a leaf rake and core aerate it annually in early spring instead of power raking. Core aeration removes small plugs from a lawn and leaves them on the surface, which helps to relieve compaction from foot traffic and increase aeration and nutrient penetration in the soil. Core aeration also helps reduce thatch over time.

If by chance your lawn does have excessive thatch, power raking this spring is a good plan in addition to core aeration.

Tim Johnson is director of horticulture for the Chicago Botanic Garden in Glencoe.

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Flowering shrubs or trees can help liven up any yard

BY BETH BOTTS
Chicago Tribune

It's easy to develop a case of tree and shrub envy in spring if your neighbors' yards are filling with heart-lifting blooms while your bushes are still bare.

Let it be your inspiration to plant a shrub or tree this year that will gladden your heart next spring and for years to come.

"Do your research now to choose the right plant," said Julie Janoski, Plant Clinic manager at the Morton Arboretum in Lisle. "You can plant trees and shrubs starting in the middle or end of April, once the soil has thawed and drained."

Janoski cautions against choosing a plant for spring bloom alone. "That's a week or two each year," she said. "Think about what the plant will look like the rest of the time. Look for leaves with attractive color or texture, since that's what you see for most of the growing season. Consider fall color, fruit and colorful or textured bark that would be interesting in the winter."

Here are just a few spring-blooming small trees and shrubs that are suitable for Chicago-area yards. Consult the Plant Clinic for many more possibilities.

Vernal witch hazel (*Hamamelis vernalis*). This sprawling small tree or large shrub can sometimes bloom as early as late January, with delicate, fluffy red and yellow flowers and a spicy fragrance. It's native to states south of here, but is still hardy in the Chicago area. The leaves turn yellow in fall. Hybrids of Asian witch hazel species (cultivars of *Hamamelis x intermedia*) also bloom in early spring, with flowers in various shades of yellow, orange and orange-red.

Cornelian-cherry dogwood (*Cornus mas*).



MORTON ARBORETUM

Flowering quince, a species from Asia, blooms in mid-spring and features small fruits and thorns.

Puffs of yellow flowers bloom on this small tree in early spring while its branches are bare. A Eurasian species, Cornelian-cherry dogwood works well in urban gardens because it tolerates clay soil and shade. It can even be sheared as a shrub: A hedge of an upright selection called Golden Glory surrounds the arboretum's entire Hedge Collection.

Forsythia (*Forsythia x intermedia*). The yellow flowers of forsythia are a signature of spring. Many cultivars are available, all hybrids of Asian species. They range from knee-high to 10 feet tall. Forsythia tolerates clay soil and light shade, although it blooms best in full sun. "It's a very vigorous plant," Janoski said. "It needs frequent pruning to maintain a graceful, fountainlike shape. Otherwise it can become a tangle."

Japanese flowering quince (*Chaenomeles japonica*). Scarlet-orange flowers bloom on a small to medium shrub after the glossy dark leaves have begun to emerge. The related common flowering quince (*Chaenomeles speciosa*) is larger. Both species are from Asia and

can handle the alkaline soil common in the Chicago area. Some cultivars may have pink or coral flowers. All have thorns and small edible fruits.

Redbud (*Cercis canadensis*). This small native U.S. tree is a city garden favorite. The tree is a dramatic sight when it blooms in late April or early May because lavender-pink flowers appear all along its branches, tracing their outline, before the leaves open. Redbuds can tolerate part shade but don't do well in poorly drained soil. In fall, their heart-shaped leaves turn bright yellow.

Spicebush (*Lindera benzoin*). Its yellow blooms are less showy than forsythia's, but this large shrub from Midwestern woodlands can grow in part shade. In fall, you may see red berries on female plants if there is also a male spicebush nearby.

For tree and plant advice, contact the Arboretum's Plant Clinic (630-719-2424 or plantclinic@mortonarb.org).

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Business trades: Vocations not jobs

BY TIM CARTER
Tribune Content Agency

Q: I've read your column for years. I'd like you to share your thoughts on encouraging a young person to learn a trade or skill rather than go to college. Can you share what you did when you were young and, more importantly, if you could have a do-over, what would you do differently? In other words, should I encourage my grandchildren to pursue a career doing what you and many others have done?

A: I could write for quite some time about this topic. Grab a chair and a beverage, and sit back for a trip down memory lane.

I'm convinced the tumbler for my dual careers were set at a very early age. I got both home repairs and journalism merit badges in Boy Scouts. I was the editor of my high school newspaper. In college, a very good friend and I worked weekends for a man who bought old houses and fixed them up. My college degree is in geology, with a focus on groundwater and the surface of the Earth. I loved physics and chemistry in school.

If you blend all that together you get a very interesting foundation for my careers as a builder, syndicated columnist and internet video personality.

I feel success in life is rooted in attitude. Another key point is we need to start emphasizing the word "vocation" instead of the word "job."

Many years ago, young people entered into a trade and stuck with it. It was their vocation. They took pride in what they did. I have crisp memories of doing remodeling work on houses and uncovered wall studs and roof rafters signed and dated by the



TIM CARTER PHOTO

A tradesperson who takes the time to do the job right likely will make more money. For instance, there will rarely be any service or warranty calls.

carpenter who installed them. He had that much pride in his work. I always sign my work to this day and often attach a business card as well. I routinely create time capsules for future remodelers to uncover.

I absolutely recommend that young people pursue careers in the trades. We need thousands of carpenters, electricians, plumbers, roofers, masons, etc. We'll always need them. It's never been easier to stay busy as the explosion of social media allows homeowners to rapidly and easily share the contact information of tradespeople that do the job right, not over.

The key to both personal and financial success lies in doing the job right. It's not difficult to achieve this, as there are countless trade associations that publish the best practices on their websites. Manufacturers have the written installation instructions readily available with just a few taps on your smartphone.

A tradesperson who takes the time to do the job right makes more money for a number of reasons. First, there are rarely any service or warranty calls. Those are a giant suck on profits. Service calls also erode homeowner and customer trust. Tradespeople who do the job right are in high

demand and can demand a higher wage and get it. The average homeowner doesn't want problems or callbacks.

I discovered all of this early in my building career. As a result, even though I never spent one dollar on advertising, I routinely had a nine-month backlog of work. My customers and their friends were willing to wait for me to show up because they knew their job would get done right with no problems.

One of my biggest regrets is that I didn't start out with a solid business education. I wish I could go back and substitute business classes for all the silly electives I

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took in college. At the time, I really didn't think I'd own my own business. Business classes are available online, so you don't have to go to college to obtain this knowledge.

Business knowledge teaches young people the importance of risk vs. reward. Not all jobs are worth the trouble. It's important to realize that some jobs should be avoided because they're just too risky.

I also wish I had taken quite a few courses in psychology. When you have a grasp of this science, you can more easily recognize homeowners who might be problematic. The trade journals routinely have articles about these "customers from hell." On the other hand, you'll discover how to identify dream customers. I had many and am still friends with quite a few of my past customers.

I can tell you that several of my best subcontractors are my close friends. Most are simple people who are among the happiest people I've ever met. They don't have scads of money, but they feel good about what they do each day on the job site, and their integrity is the highest.

When you think about it, what is important in life? I can tell you it's not money. It's the satisfaction of doing a job right, having a great family and friends, and having customers who call you back.

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"The National Sales Event is offered nationwide and invites buyers to visit a Toll Brothers' community and share their wish list for building the home of their dreams with one of our sales consultants who will then customize a package for them based on their priorities," said Jennifer Olsen, National Vice President of Sales. "Making the home buying experience personal has always been the guiding principle for Toll Brothers, from our wide selection of homes to our extensive design options, and this event allows buyers to tailor a package and save on what matters most to them in a new home."

Toll Brothers offers several communities in the Greater Chicagoland area.

Tanglewood Hills in Batavia offers acclaimed Batavia District 101 schools with the elementary school located within the community and resort-style living including two outdoor pools, lighted sport courts, and play park. Pricing starts in the upper \$400s. For more information, contact (630) 454-4988 or visit Tanglewood-Hills.com.

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Don't wait for a disaster to take a home inventory

BY LAURA DAILY
The Washington Post

With floods, fires, tornadoes, superstorms and even cranes toppling onto apartment buildings, no home is completely safe from natural or man-made disasters. Although many of us are prepared for disasters, only 44 percent of homeowners have inventoried their belongings.

In the event of a claim, insurers require you to substantiate your loss in as much detail as possible. "As heartbreaking as losing a home to a disaster is trying to re-create a home inventory after the fact," says Carole Walker, executive director of the Rocky Mountain Insurance Information Association.

Before starting your inventory, contact your insurance agent. Ask what sort of documentation is required to file a claim. According to Michael Grimes, a spokesman for State Farm insurance, the likely answer is a detailed inventory list, along with receipts, serial numbers, descriptions and photos. Anything without a specific market value, such as art, jewelry or collectibles, should be independently appraised.

The prospect of cataloging everything you own can be daunting, but technology can help. Check whether your insurer offers software, apps or other tools to help with the process. Allstate and Liberty Mutual have free apps that let you create an inventory of your property. The Allstate Digital Locker even allows you to store your inventory in the cloud. State Farm has a home inventory checklist anyone can download.

Now get organized. Dig out every receipt you can. Locate the make, model and serial numbers for appliances and electronics. If you purchased that



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In the event of a claim, insurers may require receipts, serial numbers, descriptions and photos of possessions.

refrigerator 10 years ago and tossed the receipt, it's OK. Open the door and look inside for a plate with the identifying information. Note the data or snap a picture of it.

Take items out of boxes. Open drawers and cabinets and pull out anything on back shelves. Remove garments from dry cleaning bags. Open blinds and curtains so spaces are well lit for photographing. Don't forget your attic, basement and garage.

Proceed room by room. The quickest method is to make a video. Stand in the center of a room and narrate as you record. Film the entire space, including every wall, ceiling and floor. Describe every item and feature, such as hardwood flooring or that pricey light fixture.

Record the inside of your medicine cabinet and arrange your bed so you can see the various components — box spring, mattress, linens and pillows. Count your dishes and silverware. "You don't have to itemize every piece of clothing, but take a photo of each shelf or section of your closet and count your shoes, ties or purses," says Susan Kousek, a certified professional organizer.

Not Steven Spielberg? Simply create a spreadsheet and supplement it with photos and receipts. Make a folder or page in your spreadsheet for each room — kitchen, bedroom, dining room, etc. Find a friend to help. As you walk the space, describe each item, the purchase date and how much it cost, and have your inventory partner put it on the sheet.

If you're more comfortable with a smartphone, consider using one of the aforementioned home inventory apps. Kousek likes HomeZada (\$59 a year) because it works on your desktop and phone, and comes with an array of features such as the ability to upload multiple items at one time.

Other popular apps include Sortly, Memento Database and Nest Egg. Regardless of which you choose, make sure you can export the data as a spreadsheet or PDF, in case your phone is lost or damaged or the software expires.

Once it's finished, don't let your inventory become part of the loss. Store it in the cloud, iCloud, Dropbox, OneDrive, etc.

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One of the consumer benefits that emerged from the Great Recession was the first-time homebuyer credit. Enacted by the Bush administration in 2008, the program provided a tax credit to Americans buying their first home.

Part of the Housing & Economic Recovery Act, the tax credit was available to first-time buyers who purchased their home in 2008, 2009 or 2010. Although the credit has since been retired, you may still be in luck if you qualified with a home purchase during those years and neglected to file the credit, or you became a first-time buyer later.

If you closed on your first home between April 9, 2008, and September 30, 2010, you could still qualify. A number of variables come into play, so the best way to determine your eligibility is to consult a tax accountant.

You'll want to consider a few things before going down that path, however. For

instance, on first homes purchased during the eligible 2008 dates, the credit is not in fact a true credit, as it requires repaying it with your annual tax return for 15 years after the home's purchase. So someone claiming the maximum \$7,500 credit would repay \$500 per year over 15 tax returns.

In 2009, the Obama administration revised the program slightly, upping the credit to an \$8,000 maximum and forgiving its repayment for those living in the home as their primary residence for at least 3 years after taking the credit. So if you bought during 2009 or 2010, but sold or moved within 3 years, you're out of luck.

For first-timers who bought after the program's 2010 sunset date, you may still have options. Many state and local governments offer their own programs for first-time buyers, so researching what's available in your area could turn up other financial benefits.

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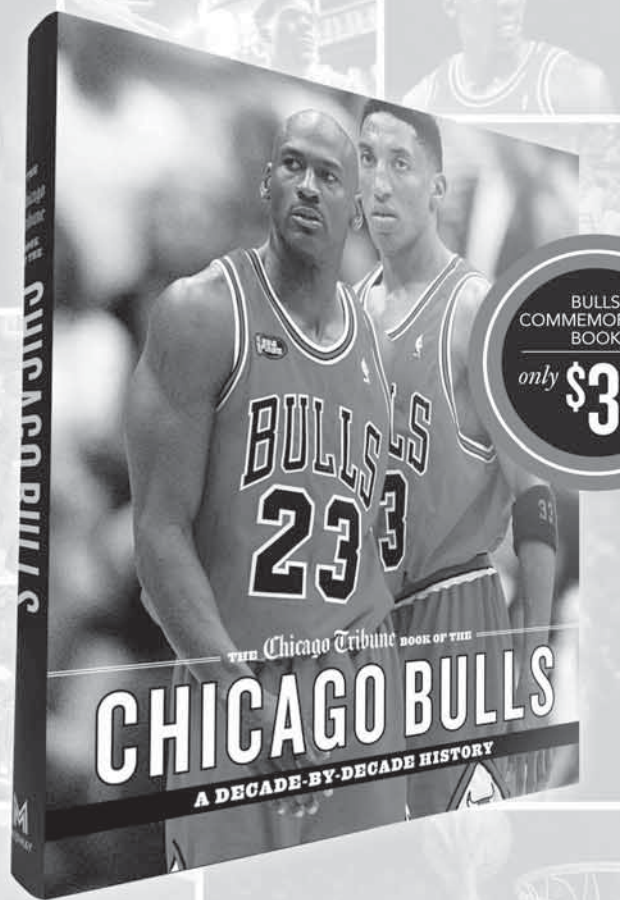
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