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## Trump digs in against scrutiny

Dems ratchet up probes in wake of Mueller report

BY JONATHAN LEMIRE AND ERIC TUCKER  
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — As House Democrats ramp up their investigations into President Donald Trump, his strategy for responding is simple: Resist on every legal front.

The administration is digging in to hold off congressional investigators, including their efforts to obtain the president's tax returns, his business' financial records and testimony from former senior aides.

"We're fighting all the subpoenas," Trump declared Wednesday. And if House members go all the way and try to impeach him, he said he would "head to the Supreme Court" for help.

Portraying himself as unjustly persecuted in the aftermath of special counsel Robert Mueller's probe, Trump said his White House would refuse to cooperate with further congressional investigation.

"I thought after two years we'd be finished with it. No, now the House goes and starts subpoenaing," Trump told reporters on the White House lawn, asserting the probes have been commissioned solely for political advantage.

"Look, these aren't, like, impartial people," he said. "The Democrats are trying to win 2020."

Washington has spent a week sifting through the aftermath of Mueller's report, which did not find a criminal conspiracy between the Trump campaign

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JOHN J. KIM/CHICAGO TRIBUNE

Mourners view a memorial outside the Crystal Lake home of Andrew "AJ" Freund, whose body was found in woods near Woodstock on Wednesday.

## Parents charged with murder of missing boy

### 5-year-old Crystal Lake child's body found in shallow grave

BY AMANDA MARRAZZO, ROBERT MCCOPPIN AND JOHN KEILMAN | Chicago Tribune

The parents of 5-year-old Andrew "AJ" Freund were charged with murder Wednesday, hours after authorities say they found what they believe is the body of the Crystal Lake boy wrapped in plastic in a shallow grave near Woodstock.

JoAnn Cunningham, 36, and Andrew Freund, 60, both face multiple charges

in the death of the boy, who was reported missing by his father a week ago.

At a news conference Wednesday announcing the charges, Crystal Lake police Chief James Black said both parents provided information that helped close the case. Black spoke directly to the child after announcing the charges.

"To AJ," Black said, "we



Andrew Freund



JoAnn Cunningham

know you are at peace playing in heaven's playground and are happy you no longer have to suffer."

Freund and Cunningham were charged with first-degree murder, aggravated battery, aggravated domestic battery and failure to report a

missing child or child death. Freund was also charged with concealment of a homicidal death.

Police said both parents gave authorities information about the whereabouts of the boy's body after officers analyzed cellphone records and confronted them with that information.

Black, who did not take questions from the media, was joined at the news conference by Jeffrey Sallet, special agent in charge of the FBI in Chicago, which had joined the case in recent days.

Sallet said his investigators have been out on the case around the clock since AJ's disappearance was reported.

"Nobody was going to sleep and nobody will sleep until justice is brought for AJ," Sallet said, telling reporters the investigation will continue. The cause of the boy's death was unknown pending an autopsy tentatively scheduled for Thursday.

Police have focused on the family's dilapidated Crystal Lake home from

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## Controlling city feral cats is dogged work

As 'kitten' season starts, a volunteer army rolls out

BY JOHN KEILMAN  
Chicago Tribune

The front line in Chicago's battle to control its stray cat population runs across Alicia Mendoza's front porch.

Every morning, as she sets out paper plates laden with kibble, her colony stirs. Some poke their heads out of straw-layered plastic tubs that serve as shelters. Others materialize from the vacant lot on one side of her house, or from the abandoned home on the other.

Each of the dozen or so cats displays the clipped left ear that shows it has been spayed or neutered. Mendoza trapped them herself, and now that they're fixed, she treats them as quasi-pets even though they have the run of her Englewood block.

New ones, however, show up all the time.

"I truly believe there are pets that have been released that the owners couldn't take care of," said Mendoza, who has had more than 150 cats spayed or neutered over the last four years. "They didn't have them fixed, so they're out in the street trying to

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Laurie Maxwell, left, and Cecilia Ocampo-Solis, from PAWS, remove a cat from a West Englewood home.

## Life goes on after loss for Preckwinkle

Cook Co. Board leader feels no lesser for losing

BY GREGORY PRATT  
Chicago Tribune

By this time in April, Toni Preckwinkle had hoped to be bringing her brand of progressive politics to City Hall, where she would usher in a new era as Chicago mayor.

But more than three weeks after losing the mayoral election to first-time candidate Lori Lightfoot, the Cook County Board President and Democratic Party Chair is back at the county to oversee her first board

meeting since the defeat. Though Lightfoot prevailed by nearly 50 percentage points, Preckwinkle said she doesn't feel politically diminished by the loss.

"Of course not. I'm president of the county. This is the second largest county in the country," Preckwinkle told the Tribune. "We've got a very ambitious agenda (to pursue)."

In the short term, Preckwinkle said the county plans to spend \$2 million for outreach and communication around the upcoming U.S. census, a key issue as Illinois is

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### Don't tell Trump, Nielsen warned

A White House official told the ex-Homeland Security secretary not to bring up election security with President Donald Trump. **Nation & World**, Page 10

### Defense explores self-defense tack

An attorney for the man charged in the killing of Cmdr. Paul Bauer said he is exploring an argument that Bauer was shot in self-defense. **Chicagoland**, Page 4

### Draft to begin without the Bears

The NFL draft's first round is Thursday. The Bears will be sitting out, and celebrating the reason they have no early picks — Khalil Mack. **Chicago Sports**



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■ The Savage Truth column Monday incorrectly stated income limits for contributions to Roth IRAs. The 2019 Roth income limits are \$122,000 for single filers and \$193,000 for married filing a joint return. The Tribune regrets the error.

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## JOHN KASS

# Rage rooms needed for beleaguered politicians

We keep hearing about the hordes of taxpayers being forced to flee Illinois on account of what the politicians have done to them.

But what about those who are left behind amid this exodus of taxpayers overwhelmed with bitterness and rage?

What of our poor politicians? They're chock-full of bitterness and rage too, bless their hearts. And they're stuck here.

"Illinois politicians need a rage room to work off their rage," said a sarcastic taxpayer named Adam, who up until then had been talking with me about a favorite subject: slow roasting whole lambs on spits over coals for Easter.

But he mentioned the rage room and Cook County State's Attorney Kim Foxx, notorious star-chaser and savior of TV actor Jussie Smollett.

He threw in Gov. J.B. Pritzker for the toilet thing.

And I threw in notorious Chicago Ald. Edward Burke for the rule of three.

And I never did get to ask him where he gets dried grapevines to burn under his roasting lamb.

"Just imagine what Kim Foxx would spend in a rage room these days," said Adam. "She'd spend a fortune smashing everything. And she'd probably scream too."

Who wouldn't? People scream in rage rooms, don't they?

Foxx has already waged a successful campaign to smash what's left of her reputation.

And Gov. J.B. "The Plumber's Helper" Pritzker? He's got his porcelain game of thrones.

You knew it would come back to the toilets, didn't you? Just take one look behind Pritzker's laugh — that "Hey, I'm rich and I'm governor and I can buy liberals and I'm having so much fun being Mike Madigan's butler" laugh.

He might genuinely be a happy person who is jolly all the time because his grandfather put his billions in offshore accounts, though he plans on raising Illinois taxes.

But I think the toilets bother him.

And that issue runs furtively, darkly, like some feral alien carnivore just underneath Pritzker's ostenta-

tiously happy face.

Burke has already been charged with one federal extortion count and may be indicted next week. City Hall is nervous. The transcripts of his many conversations are expected to be so hot that others may burn. Alive.

If Foxx, Burke and Pritzker don't safely release their rage, they're liable to hurt the few remaining taxpayers who are left.

So what would they smash?

Old TVs, computer monitors, cheap plastic toys, crystal glasses, various Chia heads, plates, broken lava lamps, electronics, and political dreams and Pritzker's toilets, which were once valued at over \$300,000 but are now priceless.

I've seen a few idiotic TV news feature stories about rage rooms — they're one step removed from stories on water-skiing squirrels and town hall meetings involving "real talk about race in Chicago" — and those rage rooms are impressive indeed.

Angry people put on heavy coveralls, and plastic face shields to protect their eyes from flying objects, and heavy gloves. Then they start swinging hammers and golf clubs and screaming bloody murder.

So what would Kim Foxx really smash?

Anything.

After she cut "Empire" star Smollett loose from charges that he phoned up a racial hate crime, charges that her office approved, and received national criticism for being a prosecutorial lightweight and star-chaser, she's capable of smashing lots of stuff.

When Pritzker and his wife, M.K., and their phalanx of criminal defense attorneys go into the Illinois Taxpayer Rage Room to smash stuff, it just has to be toilets.

WBEZ-FM reported — quoting one law enforcement source — that a federal investigation has been launched over the toilets and the Pritzkers' bid for a property tax break.

One law enforcement source? Just one?

But that didn't stop the entire Chicago media from jumping on the story, as Pritzker must have expected.

Pritzker, his wife and his brother-in-law, Thomas Muenster, were part

of the federal inquiry, according to WBEZ.

"Let me be clear that I'm very confident that any review of this matter will show that all the rules were followed," said Pritzker.

Of course you're confident, J.B. What are you supposed to say, something like: "I'm screwed. Oh, my God, I'm screwed. This is the end of my governorship?"

No, don't say that, unless you really mean it.

But here's the thing. Illinois governors have gone to prison. But no Chicago mayor has ever been indicted. You should have bought the mayor's office instead.

Either way, taxpayers know about that toilet caper.

The Pritzkers bought a mansion on Astor Street next to their main mansion. They removed the toilets in the new mansion so the property would be listed as "uninhabitable." And they received \$330,000 in property tax breaks from Cook County.

Last year, Cook County Inspector General Patrick Blanchard found it was a "scheme to defraud" taxpayers. Pritzker got elected anyway. This is a blue state.

The governor courageously let his wife and brother-in-law take the fall, but now it appears their personal assistant, Christine Lovely, is being fitted for the jacket.

Smash some toilets in the rage room, J.B. If you can lift a sledge hammer. Otherwise just sit there and talk to your attorney.

But not on the phone. That's Burke's problem. He was on the phone, all the time.

And so, what would Ald. Burke smash in the rage room?

I can imagine his wife, Illinois Supreme Court Justice Anne Burke, giving him sound legal advice and a ball-peen hammer.

"The phone, Ed. Smash the phone. The phone, the phone, the phone."

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# Andrew 'AJ' Freund became a child of all of us



REX W. HUPPKE

Andrew "AJ" Freund, a 5-year-old boy missing from his Crystal Lake home for the past week, became a child of all of us.

We worried about him as news of his case spread from his hometown of Crystal Lake in McHenry County to every home and tavern, every cubicle and dinner table and street corner in the greater Chicago area. Stories about the case led nightly newscasts, and daily updates hovered among the most-viewed stories on the Chicago Tribune's website.

We talked about AJ, wrote thoughts about him in Facebook posts, aired our worry. We shook our heads and tensed up at the thought of a 5-year-old gone missing that long — vanished. We saw our own children in AJ. We saw our siblings, our nieces and nephews. We saw our worst fears.

And now those fears have been realized. The little boy's body was apparently found early Wednesday wrapped in plastic in a shallow grave along a stretch of farmland near Woodstock. Amplifying the horror of this news, AJ's parents, Andrew Freund and JoAnn Cunningham, have each been charged with five counts of first-degree murder.

As a community, we stood this past week, precariously, on the thin line between tragedy and a happy ending, hoping our silent prayers or loving thoughts might help. But the darker sides of human behavior are often stubbornly resistant to prayers and positive energy.

It seems that as we absorbed AJ's story and mentally embraced him as our own, the child's fate was already sealed.

From the start, the details of his disappearance have confounded, and they only became partially clearer as police gathered to explain Wednesday's bitter discovery.

His parents told police they last saw AJ when he went to bed last Wednesday night. The story was that they awoke Thursday and couldn't find him, so the father reported him missing.



JOHN J. KIM/CHICAGO TRIBUNE

A woman and child hug near a memorial outside the home of 5-year-old Andrew "AJ" Freund on Wednesday in Crystal Lake.

**We saw our own children in AJ. We saw our siblings, our nieces and nephews. We saw our worst fears. And now those fears have been realized.**

The father told police the blond-haired, 70-pound boy was wearing black sweatpants and a Mario sweatshirt.

Investigators searched hundreds of acres and used sonar to search nearby lakes. But there was no sign of AJ.

Fear his parents might be involved grew after we learned police dogs "only picked up Andrew's scent within the residence" and the investigation was focused on AJ's home, with nothing to suggest he was abducted.

There had been a number of contacts between the Illinois Department of Children and Family Services and AJ's family, dating to his birth in 2013. He was born with opiates in his system. His younger brother was placed in DCFS care after AJ disappeared.

My colleague Robert McCoppin reported Tuesday that police records based on visits to the family's Crystal Lake home "describe a site of filthy living conditions, physical confrontations and possible drug use," including one visit last December that found "dog feces and urine were on the floor all over the house, that there were broken and open windows,

and that living conditions were not acceptable."

It was heartbreaking, all of it, and certainly fodder for speculation.

But before the truth came out Wednesday, what struck me was how, as details of AJ's home life trickled out and suspicions grew, the focus in the minds of people watching the story unfold remained on AJ. The innocent child at the center of this always rose above the chaos. We knew the circumstances surrounding his disappearance would become important, and that judgment would inevitably be cast, but what we worried about was AJ.

We brought the boy into our hearts because we wanted to protect him, or at least protect the idea of him.

He's gone now, and our worry turns to grief as our fears turn to anger at the thought of what

might have happened to this child.

The charges against the parents make AJ's death difficult to imagine. How could any human do such a thing?

I wrote a version of this column before we learned AJ's fate. It ended like this:

"Say prayers, light candles, send positive thoughts into the night sky.

Godspeed, little boy."

When the news broke later in the day Wednesday, I went through the grim process of re-writing the column, extracting the hope that AJ might be found alive.

But I'm keeping the ending. Say prayers, light candles, send positive thoughts into the night sky.

Godspeed, little boy.

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## R. Kelly loses sex abuse suit after failing to appear in court

BY MEGAN CREPEAU  
Chicago Tribune

Singer R. Kelly has lost a civil lawsuit by default after he failed to show up in Cook County Circuit Court to answer allegations he sexually abused an underage girl in the late 1990s.

The alleged victim, now 36, claimed in the suit filed in February that Kelly had repeated sexual contact with her beginning in June 1998, when she was just 16.

Records show Kelly was served a court summons last month while locked up in Cook County Jail for failing to pay back child support, but he never filed an appearance

in the lawsuit, according to court filings by the woman's attorneys.

Judge Moira Johnson granted the attorneys' request Tuesday to enter a judgment against Kelly. That could still be reversed if Kelly got an attorney involved in the suit.

If that doesn't happen, Kelly could be ordered to pay damages as soon as next month when the alleged victim is expected to testify about her allegations against the singer.

The woman's attorney, Jeffrey Deutschman, said her testimony will likely be conducted in Johnson's chambers.

Kelly's accuser in the suit is one

of the alleged victims at the center of pending criminal charges against the singer, her attorney confirmed to the Tribune earlier this year. The woman is identified in criminal court documents as H.W.

Kelly faces 10 counts of aggravated criminal sexual abuse involving four separate alleged victims, three of whom were underage at the time.

Cook County prosecutors have alleged that Kelly's manager approached the girl as she celebrated her 16th birthday at a restaurant, gave her Kelly's card and told her to contact him.

Her mother intercepted the

card, but H.W. later found it in the mom's purse and began to have sexual encounters with the singer about once a month, prosecutors said.

The suit filed by H.W. said that Kelly drove up to talk to the girl as she walked outside in May 1998 and that later that day one of his associates met her at a restaurant, told her that Kelly wanted to speak with her and invited her to his studio.

She was "star struck" and thought she would get a role in a music video, the suit said.

Instead, the two had regular sexual contact during which Kelly "represented to (H.W.) that this

behavior was appropriate," the suit said.

It was only years later that H.W., then an adult, realized from therapy that her "great shame, guilt, self-blame, confusion, depression" and other emotional distress had resulted from Kelly's sexual abuse, the suit said.

"Prior to that time, (H.W.) was unable to link in her mind the acts of childhood sexual abuse by the defendant to her fragile emotional and mental state and her problems stemming from that abuse," the suit said.

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Gov. J.B. Pritzker says he has no concerns following a report that he is being investigated over a tax break he received in 2015.

## Pritzker pooh-poohs report feds probing toilets removal

Governor says rules were followed in property tax issue aired in campaign

BY DAN PETRELLA AND RICK PEARSON  
Chicago Tribune

Democratic Gov. J.B. Pritzker's removal of toilets from an Astor Street mansion to gain a property tax break, a move that gained notoriety during his recent election campaign, is under review by federal prosecutors, WBEZ-FM 91.5 reported Wednesday.

The report, attributed to an unnamed "law enforcement source," said Pritzker, his wife, M.K., and his brother-in-law, Thomas Muenster, were part of the federal review. The station reported that the review began last October and said there were no signs that any charges were imminent.

A spokesman for the U.S. attorney's office in Chicago would not confirm or deny any investigation of Pritzker.

At an unrelated Chicago news conference, Pritzker said he and his wife had not been contacted by law enforcement and were unaware of any review until WBEZ aired its report.

"Let me be clear that I'm very confident that any review of this matter will show that all the rules were followed," said Pritzker, who in the past contended the property tax situation was largely a political issue raised by then-Republican Gov. Bruce Rauner's re-election campaign.

Asked if he was concerned about the matter, Pritzker said: "No concerns at all. As I say ... any review of this will show that all the rules were followed."

A report from Cook County Inspector General Patrick Blanchard made public in October contended Pritzker's Astor Street property was improperly classified as uninhabitable in part due to the removal of toilets at the mansion. Blanchard called it a "scheme to defraud" taxpayers.

Blanchard concluded that Pritzker's wife asked a contractor in 2015 to remove the mansion's five toilets to make the home uninhabitable so it could be reassessed at a lower value. M.K. Pritzker's brother and her personal assistant, Christine Lovely, later made "false representations" in sworn affidavits to the assessor about the mansion's condition and when the toilets were removed, Blanchard said.

Following Blanchard's report, Pritzker repaid the county treasurer's office more than \$330,000 for the value of tax refunds and tax breaks on the property. Pritzker said the repayment was not an acknowledgment of anything improper, but was made to get past an issue he considered distracting to the governor's campaign.

Pritzker at the time said that "there was nothing new in this report" and that he "abided by the rules" for seeking a reduction



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Toilets inside J.B. Pritzker's home on North Astor Street during its rehab.

in his property assessment.

But Rauner contended Pritzker made the repayment to the county "because you got caught" and said the Democrat had committed "white-collar crime." Rauner spent millions of dollars in TV ads to attack Pritzker's character on the issue. One ad declared Pritzker the "porcelain prince of tax avoidance."

In his report, issued five weeks before the general election in which Pritzker defeated Rauner, Blanchard included references to the state perjury law and the federal conspiracy and mail fraud statutes, but he stopped short of saying whether he referred the matter to law enforcement. Cook County State's Attorney Kim Foxx's office in October said a special investigations unit was reviewing Blanchard's report. A Foxx spokeswoman on Wednesday said the office "cannot confirm or deny an investigation."

After the release of Blanchard's report, Illinois' Republican U.S. House members called for a federal investigation of Pritzker's tax break. The scope of any federal review was unclear. Pritzker's campaign had paid the Perkins Coie law firm a total of \$1.5 million since he launched his bid for governor, including \$465,456 since Jan. 1, state campaign finance records show. In a statement, Marc Elias, a Perkins Coie partner who represents the Pritzkers, echoed the governor's comments.

"Neither the Governor nor the First Lady have been contacted by law enforcement regarding the property tax appeal," Elias' statement read. "We are confident that any further review of the matter will show that the appropriate rules were followed."

Cook County Assessor Fritz Kaegi and his predecessor, Joe Berrios, both said Wednesday they had no knowledge of any federal review.

The WBEZ report comes as Pritzker served his 100th day in office and at a crucial time for the first-term governor's agenda in Springfield, where lawmakers are scheduled to adjourn at the end of May.

Pritzker is seeking legislative passage of a state constitutional amendment that would ask voters in 2020 to get rid of the state's flat-rate income tax in favor of a graduated-

rate income tax that levies a higher tax on higher incomes.

The tax plan was the theme of Pritzker's overall agenda as he seeks shorter-term legislative victories by legalizing recreational use of marijuana and sports betting to help balance his proposed budget. He's also seeking a comprehensive public works improvement plan, which remains under negotiations.

How a potential federal review of Pritzker's property tax issue would affect efforts in Springfield is uncertain. Democrats have strong veto-proof majorities over Republicans in the state House and Senate, but adverse news about Pritzker could diminish his leverage with more experienced and savvy politicians like veteran House Speaker Michael Madigan.

Republicans, who oppose Pritzker's income-tax plan, were quick to pounce. A group opposing the graduated-tax plan, Illinois Ideas, urged Pritzker to abandon his proposal. The group is headed by Greg Baise, the former president and CEO of the Illinois Manufacturers' Association.

Illinois House Republican leader Jim Durkin used the report to criticize Pritzker's push to change the income tax structure.

"It was concerning last fall when the inspector general from Cook County made his findings. It's even more concerning right now. But my humble advice to the governor is that before he asks for more taxes upon Illinois families and employers, he should get his own taxes in order," Durkin told reporters after speaking to the City Club of Chicago.

"It is concerning as a member of the legislature, particularly in the last month that we have a lot of big issues, and this may get involved with some of the issues that we have to get solved," he said. "But getting back to my original point, this is not a time to start talking about tax increases, particularly when this issue is looming over the governor."

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## Self-defense claim eyed by alleged cop killer

Lawyer for suspect in Cmdr. Bauer death weighs defense

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An attorney for a four-time felon charged in the killing of Chicago police Cmdr. Paul Bauer said in court Wednesday that he is exploring an argument that Bauer was shot in self-defense — a tactic that would surely prove controversial in the high-profile case.

Attorney Scott Kamin, representing Shomari Legghette, requested access to Bauer's disciplinary and training records in preparing his defense.

Cook County Judge Erica Reddick said she would review the records in private before deciding if they would be relevant to the defense.

In raising the need for the records, Kamin noted that Bauer and Legghette were alone together at the bottom of a stairwell outside the Thompson Center at the time of the shooting, so "there is a question of self-defense," he said.

The disciplinary records could shed light on "what judgment did (Bauer) use?" Kamin told the judge. "... Does he have a penchant for excessive force or unreasonable chases?"

The comment earned murmurs of disdain from police officers and civilians who routinely pack the courtroom for hearings for Legghette at the Leighton Criminal Court Building. The group remains standing for the duration of each hearing as a show of support for the slain commander.

Assistant State's Attorney John Maher acknowledged there would be a "factual question" about what precisely happened at the bottom of the stairwell but noted that Legghette emerged without any injuries. Bauer, who was shot multiple times, was acting in his office as a police commander, he noted.

Pursuing such a strategy would likely be fraught with risk for the defense — including that Legghette himself would presumably need to testify about what happened on the bottom of the stairwell, exposing him to a harsh cross-examination.



Legghette

The tactic could easily backfire with jurors.

In an interview with Chicago Magazine last year, Legghette appeared to hint that he acted in self-defense, comparing himself to Trayvon Martin, the unarmed black teenager fatally shot in Florida by George Zimmerman, a neighborhood watch volunteer.

"Would Trayvon Martin have been guilty with George Zimmerman if it had went the other way?" Legghette was quoted as saying in the story.

Under Illinois law, a defendant claiming self-defense can attempt to introduce evidence of the victim's history or tendencies toward violence, even if the defendant could not have known about that history at the time of the incident. The practice has been criticized as a way to unfairly smear crime victims.

It was unclear if the records to be reviewed by the judge would include a 2003 pursuit involving Bauer, then a sergeant, through the busy downtown area.

As he followed a car of thieves who had stolen a wallet from a River North restaurant, the suspects' Dodge ran a red light and struck an SUV, which in turn hit and killed a 25-year-old pregnant woman who was waiting to cross the street on pedestrian-choked West Madison Street. A lawsuit brought by the woman's husband was settled for \$12 million and helped prompt wholesale changes in how police pursuits are handled.

Bauer was the highest-ranking officer killed on the job in decades. The chain of events leading to his February 2018 death began when officers patrolling Lower Wacker Drive because of a recent shooting and drug sales approached Legghette, but he took off running, authorities said.

Bauer, downtown for a meeting with aldermen after attending training for handling mass shootings earlier in the day, heard a radio call of a fleeing suspect and spotted Legghette running nearby moments later, authorities said.

Bauer chased Legghette to the top of a stairwell outside the Thompson Center and attempted to detain him, authorities said. The two struggled and ended up on a landing below.

Legghette, who was wearing body armor, drew a handgun and fired seven shots, fatally wounding Bauer, prosecutors have said.

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## Tool helps you locate neighborhood construction projects

It's spring at last, which means Chicago-area residents will be seeing more orange construction cones, along with robins and daffodils.

A city data tool, which became public on Tuesday, allows residents to see the location of current and proposed road repair and utility projects in every neighborhood.

ChiStreetWork, at <https://chistreetwork.chicago.gov/map>, offers a Google Maps interface to see projects. If you type in an address, zip code, ward, neighborhood or intersection, you can see street projects, infrastructure upgrades and



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paving information nearby, according to the city.

When a user clicks on an active project

or event, it will display the permit from the Chicago Department of Transportation, which will include details such as work hours and the name of the company doing the work.

The web-based system was initially developed internally for planning purposes so that CDOT could do a better job of coordinating construction, said CDOT spokesman Michael Claffey. The information had previously been available only to CDOT staff, aldermanic offices and utility companies, the city said.

— Mary Wisniewski

# A casual Kim Foxx opens up on talk show

Discusses all the criticism over Smollett fallout

By MEGAN CREPEAU  
Chicago Tribune

Moments into a talk show billed as “Kim Foxx Fights Back,” co-host and Block Club Chicago journalist Jen Sabella brought up the issue that recently put Foxx in the crosshairs of countless critics: her office’s handling of the Jussie Smollett prosecution.

Foxx jokingly took a long sip of her drink and looked directly at a Tribune reporter in the audience.

“I cannot talk about the case,” she said loudly to laughs.

Foxx has pledged not to speak publicly about the substance of the Smollett case as the county inspector general’s office conducts a review of her office’s sudden dismissal of charges alleging the “Empire” actor staged an attack on himself.

But in a loose, casual and at times emotional appearance Tuesday night at the “Girl Talk” show, she talked about the extraordinary level of attention and criticism directed at her and her office in the month since the stunning turnabout by prosecutors.

“I get it,” she said. “We are proud people in Chicago. ... This is a city that is already laboring under (reputation) issues related



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Cook County State's Attorney Kim Foxx speaks at the City Club of Chicago on Jan. 24.

to violence.”

Assuring regular Chicagoans about the legitimacy of the criminal justice system has long been a priority during her tenure, said Foxx, who styled herself as a reform candidate in winning office in 2016.

“For many folks, the ending (of the Smollett case), the way it went, we’ll talk about it and learn from

that,” she said. “I don’t think it’s unreasonable to question ... if you think there’s two levels of justice.”

Foxx has faced blistering criticism to better explain why the office dropped the 16-count indictment against Smollett just weeks after bringing the charges. After formal requests that a special prosecutor be appointed to look into the

office’s handling of the prosecution, the county inspector general agreed to take on the review at Foxx’s urging.

In the meantime, lawyers for two brothers who allegedly helped Smollett stage the January attack on himself filed a defamation lawsuit Tuesday against attorneys for the actor. Earlier, the city sued Smollett to try

to collect more than \$130,000 in unpaid overtime expenses for the intensive police investigation.

While relatively little of the hourlong interview dealt directly with Smollett, the issue hung over much of the conversation, from Foxx’s relationship with Chicago police to her status as Cook County’s first black female state’s attorney.

At mention of the Chicago Fraternal Order of Police — the union representing rank-and-file Chicago police officers that has called for Foxx’s resignation over the Smollett decision — Foxx took another exaggerated sip of her drink, to the delight of the supportive audience.

The Smollett-related criticism has not changed her office’s productive working relationship with Chicago police officers, she said, but the union is a different story.

When asked whether she would be facing similar criticism if she were a white man, Foxx called for a more nuanced conversation about race and gender.

“I have never accused anyone of doing anything because of my race. I’ve said we should have a conversation,” she said. “It’s sensational to say, ‘She’s race-baiting.’ I’m not.”

Foxx said that the few other non-white female elected prosecutors around the country have also faced intense — and at times racist

— pushback.

If people automatically become defensive when those issues are pointed out, it is “a disservice to people who want that job who don’t look like the people who have historically had that job,” she said. “You put them in boxes where you can’t speak your truth. I’m a tad emotional about it.”

Most difficult, she said, has been explaining the massive social-media outcry to the four teenage girls living at her home — two daughters and two others for whom Foxx and her husband have taken legal guardianship.

“They’re social-media creatures, and this thing is crazy,” said Foxx, some emotion showing in her voice. “The hardest part has been sitting with my daughters and dispelling rumors. ... It’s like where’s the responsibility? So it’s been hard for them, harder for them than for me. Do not feel bad for me. I signed up for this. But we have to have a responsibility for truth, always.”

Living with four teenage girls has toughened her up more than any outside criticism could, she said with a smile in her voice.

“The thing is you think people are talking about me?” she said. “Go home with me. You can’t have an ego.”

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## Judge grants delay in case after Foxx clears way for special prosecutor

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A Cook County judge ordered a delay in the misdemeanor battery case against activist Jeddiah Brown to allow a special prosecutor to get involved.

The move by Judge Clarence Burch came a day after another judge allowed State’s Attorney Kim Foxx to recuse herself from Brown’s prosecution.

Eight Chicago police officers filed a petition last week asking that the special prosecutor be appointed in part because Foxx posed for photos with Brown following a news conference April 6 at Rainbow/PUSH headquarters.

At Wednesday’s hearing, Brown’s attorney, Michael Oppenheimer, objected to the stay in the case sought by prosecutors from Foxx’s office.

“That does not stop Mr. Brown’s rights,” said Oppenheimer, noting that Brown has a constitutional right to a fair and speedy trial.

Burch granted the stay, saying, “Actually there’s no one prosecuting this case right now. ... There’s no rush.”

Brown was arrested after police said he and others blocked traffic during a protest over the police killing in July 2018 of Harith Augustus, a barber.

shaking his head no.

Clutching a baseball cap in his hand, Brown said little else besides “good morning” to the judge during the brief hearing at Domestic Violence Court at 555 W. Harrison St.

Outside the courthouse, Brown, gathered with about 10 supporters including his mother, told reporters he doesn’t have a relationship with Foxx.

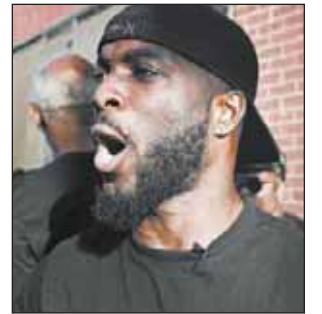
“Nah ... no,” he said,

shaking his head no.

Oppenheimer jumped in and added that Brown has a right to speak out and called the appointment of a special prosecutor a “game,” as two representatives from the Chicago Fraternal Order of Police looked on.

“This is a ploy for the FOP to attack Kim Foxx and my client,” Oppenheimer said.

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Jeddiah Brown speaks during a vigil for Harith Augustus on July 18. Augustus, a barber, was fatally shot by police.

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# Jailhouse informants can testify to confession

They say inmate told them he killed Skokie teen in '92

By **BRIAN L. COX**  
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Two jailhouse informants will be allowed to testify that a fellow inmate confessed to them that he killed a Skokie teenager 27 years ago.

Robert Serritella, 76, formerly of Park Ridge, is charged with first-degree murder in the 1992 killing of 15-year-old David Chereck, whose strangled body was found in a forest preserve in Morton Grove after he failed to return home from

visiting a bowling alley with friends.

Though Serritella was long suspected, the case was cold until his arrest in Los Angeles in 2014, and he is finally scheduled to stand trial in Cook County on May 20.

The suspect has been jailed without bail since his arrest and, in recent weeks, three other jail inmates have testified that Serritella admitted to them that he killed the teenager.

Last year, Illinois lawmakers put into place stricter limits on testimony from jailhouse snitches, typically other inmates who say a suspect confessed to them or they overheard incrimi-

nating statements.

But on Monday, Judge Lauren Gottainer Edidin ruled that two of the three informants' testimony was "credible" and that they can testify for the state during Serritella's upcoming trial. She ruled that the third informant's testimony was not credible, so his statements won't be submitted as evidence.

Serritella was in court for the pretrial hearings but showed no emotion as the three informants testified that he confessed to killing Chereck.

Authorities say Chereck, a Niles West High School student, was found on Jan. 2, 1992, with his dark-col-

ored scarf around his neck.

When Serritella was arrested 22 years later, authorities said he was a predator and a convicted sex offender. Prosecutors allege he lured Chereck into his vehicle then killed him but that, when first questioned by investigators, Serritella told them he thought Chereck accepted a ride from someone, that they drove to the forest preserve and smoked marijuana, that the killer "posed a question" to Chereck, and that is when things "got out of hand."

Earlier this month, Serritella's onetime cellmate said in court that Serritella told him that he had befriended Chereck and had

been buying him candy in an attempt to "court" and "groom" him for sex. The inmate said Serritella also told him that he walked through the forest preserve with Chereck, and that when Chereck refused to perform a sex act on Serritella, the two started fighting.

According to the fellow inmate, Serritella said he wrapped Chereck's scarf around his neck and started strangling him, and described the boy as having a look on his as if to ask, "Why are you doing this?"

The informant said Serritella told him that when Chereck stopped breathing, he panicked and ran away. In addition, the inmate said

that Serritella told him he was depressed when he saw Chereck's mother in court during pretrial hearings and "wanted to ask her for forgiveness."

"He felt comfortable talking to me," the informant told the court. He also said he told authorities about Serritella's confession because he was upset that Serritella had "killed a kid."

Edidin ruled that testimony is credible and will be allowed during trial, and that similar testimony from another jailhouse informant given April 22 will also be permitted at trial.

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expected to lose at least one congressional seat due to population loss.

Preckwinkle also said she will continue her work on criminal justice reform and supporting the county hospital system. Preckwinkle also said she will focus on economic development, particularly in the region's south suburbs, which haven't recovered from the loss of manufacturing jobs.

"Surely running for mayor is an indication that I'm willing to take on tough challenges," Preckwinkle said.

That optimistic talk belies a contradictory political reality for Preckwinkle going forward. Even though she's a bold-face name in Illinois government, Preckwinkle lost the Chicago mayoral election by the sort of lopsided margin usually reserved for political nobodies.

That type of defeat signals weakness and often invites political attacks from aspiring usurpers.

But at the county, where Preckwinkle presides over 17 commissioners, it seems almost as if the election never happened.

John Daley, the board's finance chairman, said he doesn't think Preckwinkle was "weakened to the degree that people are expecting."

"Was it a defeat? Yeah. Was she surprised? I'm sure she was," said Daley, a Chicago Democrat whose brother Bill Daley also ran for mayor but lost in the first round. "I don't think it's an end to her political tenure at all."

Commissioner Larry Suffredin, an Evanston Democrat, said Preckwinkle may be more formidable today than she was before entering the mayor's race last September.

Four Preckwinkle rivals on the board — Richard Boykin, Tim Schneider, John Fritchey and Gregg Goslin — lost their re-election campaigns last year, Suffredin noted.

"I think within the board she's stronger," said Suffredin, 13th.

Commissioner Sean Morrison, one of only two Republicans remaining on the board, echoed Suffredin.

"From a purely County Board perspective, I would say it probably almost is like the election had not occurred," said Morrison, 17th. "President Preckwinkle has (support) for a lot of her agenda ideas and policy ideas, more so on the social policy type things."

But Morrison said much of Preckwinkle's political weakness stemmed from the county's now-repealed soda tax and she's weakened when it comes to financial issues.

"I think if (it involves) big spending, it won't be so easy to get through, but I guess you never know," Morrison said.

Asked whether she agrees with Suffredin about her standing with the board, Preckwinkle noted new members who replaced her rivals.

Those include Brandon Johnson, a Chicago Teachers Union leader who defeated Boykin, an outspoken Democrat; Scott Britton, who defeated Goslin; Kevin Morrison, who defeated Illinois Republican Party chairman Tim Schneider; and Bridget Degnen, who unseated Fritchey.

She also highlighted commissioners Donna



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"Surely running for mayor is an indication that I'm willing to take on tough challenges," says Cook County Board President Toni Preckwinkle.

## Fate of Burke contributions now 'to be determined'

Preckwinkle says she hasn't decided if she'll keep undeposited cash

By **GREGORY PRATT**  
Chicago Tribune

Cook County Board President Toni Preckwinkle said it's "to be determined" whether she will keep some of the \$116,000 raised during a political fundraiser at Ald. Edward Burke's home, contradicting her frequent campaign declaration that she returned all the money.

During the mayoral campaign, Preckwinkle said she gave back \$116,000 raised during a January 2018 fundraiser at Burke's home, at one point saying, "We've returned every single dollar that was raised at the Burke event."

Campaign finance reports filed with the state last week, however, showed Preckwinkle's campaign returned more than 30 contributions originally logged on Feb. 27, 2018, a date the campaign has previously not disputed as being connected to the fundraiser held at Burke's home. In the filing, \$43,750 was listed as returned among contributions identified by the Tribune as being linked to the Burke fundraiser, but that left about \$72,000 still to be officially accounted for.

Explaining the gap, Preckwinkle's campaign said all donations



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Toni Preckwinkle's ties to Ald. Edward Burke received much scrutiny during the campaign.

were returned but some contributors hadn't cashed their checks. During an interview Wednesday, the Tribune asked Preckwinkle whether she'll keep the money that isn't deposited by the donors or if she'll donate those contributions to charity.

"To be determined. We have to contact people first and see where they are," Preckwinkle said. "But you know, look. The irony is that, I was more scrutinized than even Ald. Burke over the course of this campaign around this issue. We still have some work to do to clean it up."

Asked what she'll do if donors from the Burke fundraiser say she can keep the money, Preckwinkle replied, "To be determined."

During the campaign, Preckwinkle donated more than

\$12,000 she received from Burke's political committees to charity. Initially, Preckwinkle resisted calls to return the money raised at Burke's home. She later said she would after federal prosecutors charged Burke with attempted extortion.

Preckwinkle's ties to Burke received much scrutiny during the campaign, especially after the federal government brought a criminal case against him.

The alderman met with a fast-food franchisee he allegedly was trying to extort for property tax appeals business and asked the businessmen to attend a campaign fundraiser for another politician, according to a federal criminal complaint filed in early January. Authorities have said a \$10,000 contribution was made, and the Tribune has reported that it was intended for Preckwinkle.

The Tribune also reported in January that Preckwinkle hired Ald. Burke's son, Edward Burke Jr., in late 2014 as a training and exercise manager for the county homeland security department, and that she did so after meeting with the alderman.

"He shared with me that his son was looking for a new opportunity," Preckwinkle said in January. At the time of the hiring, Burke Jr. was the subject of a misconduct investigation over allegations he made inappropriate comments to co-workers while

working for the sheriff's office. Preckwinkle has said her administration was unaware of his issues.

Nearly three years later, in November 2017, the Preckwinkle administration pushed through a revised budget with a heavy round of layoffs following the County Board's repeal of a pop tax. Burke's job was moved onto a federal grant while two women whose salaries were being paid partly with that grant were laid off.

As the Burke scandal hobbled her Chicago mayoral campaign, Preckwinkle sought to minimize her ties to him. She said she would return campaign contributions from Burke's political funds and the controversial fundraiser, called on him to resign from the City Council and removed him as chair of the county Democratic Party judicial slating committee.

Preckwinkle said she is profoundly troubled by the case and had "little contact and no relationship with the alderman," though a more complicated picture emerged in a Tribune review of county personnel records, campaign contributions to Preckwinkle at the time of the Burke fundraiser and her official calendars as County Board president.

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**"Was it a defeat? Yeah. Was she surprised? I'm sure she was. (But) I don't think it's an end to her political tenure at all."**

— John Daley, Cook County Board finance chairman

Miller and Bill Lowry, who is a longtime friend.

But she laughed off the notion that it's almost as though the election never happened.

"It surely isn't like it never happened," Preckwinkle quipped, before adding that she's proud of the mayoral campaign she ran.

Although Preckwinkle previously said this would be her last term, she backed off the idea, saying she's thinking about running for re-election in 2022.

"I think there's a lot to

do," she said, "and in particular, frankly, we've got to do something about what's happening in the south suburbs."

She also said she wants to work with the city of Chicago, though she hasn't spoken with Lightfoot since the day after the election.

Asked when they'll talk again, Preckwinkle responded, "when she gets back from Key West or wherever she is," on vacation.

Though there's been much public attention paid

to what her relationship will be with Lightfoot, not everybody thinks it's a big deal for Preckwinkle going forward.

"She spent the past four years ignoring Rahm Emanuel," Suffredin said. "I don't think her relationship, whatever it is, with Lori Lightfoot will create any issues."

Commissioner Bridget Gainer, who considered a mayoral run of her own before abandoning the idea last summer, said she doesn't see anyone on the board emerging as a rival to Preckwinkle, but time will tell.

"Right now, I think everyone is in the mode of let's roll up our sleeves and get things done," said Gainer, 10th, who has not always been aligned with Preckwinkle but who was a high-profile supporter of her

mayoral campaign.

Degnen said she respects Preckwinkle and noted she's got more than three years left as president, so it will be awhile before anybody challenges her.

"Nobody in their right mind would do it now," Degnen, 12th, said, adding that she is not interested.

Commissioner Alma Anaya, who succeeded now-U.S. Rep. Jesus "Chuy" Garcia, said Preckwinkle "still carries respect" and is looked to for leadership.

"We're all kind of just hoping for the best. I see a lot of positive attitude," said Anaya, 7th. "That can change just depending on the political climate and what happens next, but at the end of the day nobody can deny the advances and some of the achievements and goals she has achieved as Cook County Board pres-

ident."

Johnson, 1st, praised Preckwinkle's leadership, particularly on issues that affect working people and minorities.

"As long as President Preckwinkle is committed to the type of investment that's required in our communities, who's going to want to reject that?" he said.

Morrison, 15th, the Democrat who represents northwest suburbs, said he hopes the election is a non-issue and that there isn't "a future of great tension on the County Board."

"Just from knowing my counterparts on the board and knowing Toni herself, we're going to continue what we're doing, which is good work for the county," Morrison said.

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# IG speculates charters underreport abuse

CPS watchdog cites stats far lower than district-run schools

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Dozens of Chicago Public Schools workers are barred from classrooms, face criminal charges or termination for alleged sexual misconduct against students — but a top district investigator fears city charter schools might fall short on reporting allegations against adults on their campuses.

CPS Inspector General Nicholas Schuler said charters reported 15 cases of alleged sexual misconduct to his office between October and March 31. That's a far lower than expected rate for an independently operated but taxpayer-funded system that educates some 60,000 students, Schuler told the Chicago Board of

Education on Wednesday.

As Schuler hires new staff to keep up with hundreds of adult misconduct investigations, the IG is also trying to answer whether charter schools follow CPS policies sparked by a 2018 Tribune investigation of broad lapses in the district's response to sexual misconduct allegations.

Those new procedures require the IG to investigate allegations of adult misconduct against students. But district-run schools report allegations at upward of three times the rate of charter schools, Schuler said.

"It suggests that there is underreporting," Schuler said to board members. "That's a pretty big number, and I think it would be hard to explain away. We would expect to see similar problems."

"Do (charters) think they don't need to be reporting this, do they think they're

doing their own investigations? We want to make sure that they're reporting these and they're being investigated by us. I don't have answers to those questions, I think those are questions that need to be asked as we pay attention to this."

Board members raised sharp questions about how and whether CPS pushes charters to fall in line.

Charters agree to comply with new district policies when they renew their CPS agreements, officials said. Board member Mark Furlong dismissed that step as "incredibly inadequate."

"This says they're reporting half of what we would expect they would be reporting," Furlong said of Schuler's concerns. "That says 'failure.' We don't need to go another 90 days to prove that we have failure of reporting going on."

A CPS spokeswoman said the district is devel-

oping additional training for charters, and that officials "will not hesitate to take additional measures" to ensure those schools follow policy.

"There is no distinction between your authority with district schools and charter schools. Zero," board President Frank Clark said to Schuler. "We won't accept a charter school not cooperating with you fully, as every district school must."

A spokeswoman for the Illinois Network of Charter Schools, in a statement, said: "Charter public schools are CPS district schools and remain committed to working with Chicago's inspector general in reporting suspected abuse, Title IX training of teachers and staff and compliance with other policies and procedures designed to ensure the safety of every public school student."

Also Wednesday, new

statistics on misconduct investigations were released showing 14 CPS workers have been fired, eight have retired or resigned, and 10 substitute teachers blocked from teaching.

Seventy-six additional adults are barred from working in schools pending the outcome of their investigations, Schuler said. That figure includes 34 teachers, 13 security guards, five special education classroom assistants and four custodial workers.

Schools are also beginning to confront another phenomenon: Five employees have been reinstated to their posts after being removed from schools but then cleared after investigations into their conduct, Schuler said.

While Schuler's office has taken charge of investigating adult-on-student misconduct, a new CPS Office of Student Protections and Title IX fields and

investigates allegations of student-on-student misconduct.

Title IX investigators fielded 2,048 reports between September and the end of March, most of them involving allegations of student misconduct.

Inappropriate touching, sexual harassment, inappropriate electronic communications involving students and sexual violence constituted the bulk of those reports.

Close to 65 percent of the 344 cases investigated by the student protection office since September were substantiated, officials said.

"Greater awareness among our staff, students and parents has led to increased vigilance and greater reporting, and that is exactly what we want to see," said Camie Pratt, the district's Title IX officer.

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After police announced murder charges against the parents of the missing Andrew "AJ" Freund, mourners and well-wishers gathered outside their Crystal Lake home on Wednesday.

## Murder

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the start, telling reporters there was no evidence AJ had been abducted. They said canine teams that "only picked up Andrew's scent within the residence indicated that Andrew had not walked away on foot."

The body was found near Gayle Drive on farmland south of Woodstock bounded by woods and a small stream. A neighbor who watches the property for the owner said McHenry County sheriff's deputies knocked on his door early Wednesday and said they were going to begin a search. Other agencies, including the FBI, aided in the search.

Luis Maldonado described the area as fairly isolated.

"It's very quiet," he said. "If they found a body here, I don't know how they found this place."

Stephanie Diaz crouched in a grassy embankment off the road Wednesday and placed a small bouquet of pink and purple flowers on the ground.

The 26-year-old Woodstock resident drives through the area every day to go to Elgin Community College. On her drive to school Wednesday, she saw a large group of police officers spread across the farmland adjacent to Dean Street.

Later in the day, she heard the news that AJ's body was found yards from her route to school. She stopped on her way home to buy the flowers.

Diaz has a son just one month younger than AJ.

"How could you?" Diaz said with tears in her eyes as she got back into her car.

Earlier Wednesday,



McHenry County Coroner investigators on Wednesday load what authorities believe is the body of 5-year-old Andrew "AJ" Freund into a minivan in an isolated area near Woodstock.

around 6 a.m., Cunningham and her lawyer, George Kililis, were at the Crystal Lake police station. About two hours later, Kililis walked out by himself and drove away.

Around the same time, an evidence technician and other officers went to the family home and were seen removing a large tub, paper bags, a shovel and a small mattress. Handlers took a dog out of the house. A neighbor said it was Lucy, the family's brown boxer.

Blue ribbons remained tied on poles in the neighborhood in support of the missing boy and a sign hung at a neighboring house said, "Pray for A.J."

A neighbor who lives across the street from the Freunds' house, Janelle Butler, said she first met the family when the boy and his mom came to her door on Halloween in 2017.

AJ had bandages on his face and arm. She thought he was dressed as a mummy, but his mother said he had grabbed a pot of

boiling water that day, was burned and went to the hospital for treatment.

The boy seemed OK, Butler said, but, "That'll haunt me now forever that I did not call police."

Back at the Freunds' house, two women kneeled at a makeshift front lawn memorial laden with toys and teddy bears. In back of the house were piles of garbage and a discarded infant car seat.

"I came here to bring a flower and pray for that little boy," said Kelly Backer, 38, who lives with her three children nearby.

"It's too close to home," she said. "To do this to a child is totally wrong."

Arriana Reynolds, 20, of Crystal Lake, said she was there as the sister of 31-year-old Allania Yarber and 16-year-old Annyah Reynolds, who were murdered in Crystal Lake in 2017 in an alleged domestic shooting. She left her younger sister's teddy bear at the memorial.



Andrew "AJ" Freund

"I know the feeling of losing a child," she said. "The only responsible thing is to show your support. Crystal Lake supported us during our hard time. It's such a supportive community."

Andrew Freund and Cunningham reported AJ missing on April 18. They told police AJ was last seen at bedtime — about 9 p.m. — on April 17. When they woke up the following day, they said, they could not find him and called 911.

In a recording of Freund's call, he speaks calmly as he tells police he returned home from a doctor's appointment early Thursday morning and found his son missing after he went to check on him.

Before calling police, he said he searched the neighborhood, a local gas station "where we sometimes take him to buy treats" and a nearby school, where he talked to the principal. He also said he searched "ev-

erywhere" inside the family home.

An attorney for Cunningham said over the weekend that Cunningham had cooperated with police and "willingly submitted" to a complete body search. Later, however, her attorneys acknowledged they had urged her to stop communication with police when it appeared to them she had become a suspect.

Police called Cunningham "uncooperative" while noting that the boy's father did speak with detectives.

State records show Freund and Cunningham became engaged after he represented her as her attorney in a 2012 divorce case, though her attorney said they never married.

Freund is authorized by the state to practice law, but he is on probation from a 2015 suspension by the Illinois Supreme Court, according to the Attorney Registration and Disciplinary Commission.

The discipline stemmed from Cunningham's divorce case, when she was known as JoAnn Summerkamp. She and Freund were found guilty of indirect civil contempt of court for the removal of property from her marital home, in violation of a judge's order. He was sentenced to two weeks in jail, and she to 30 days.

Freund was diagnosed with opioid and cocaine abuse disorders, and was ordered to abstain and to continue treatment and participate in a 12-step program, with regular progress reports.

The Illinois Department of Children and Family Services has had involvement with AJ and his family since he was born with opiates in his system in 2013, and the contact continued on and off through

**"It's too close to home. To do this to a child is totally wrong."**

— Kelly Backer, 38, who lives near the home AJ shared with his family

the end of 2018. Until last week, the last contact between DCFS child protection staff and AJ's family was in December 2018.

Police reports related to that episode said an officer found dog feces and urine on the floors, as well as several broken and open windows, broken and jagged flooring in the kitchen, and water damage on the ceiling. The officer called the living conditions unacceptable, but DCFS said allegations of child neglect were unsubstantiated.

AJ's younger brother was placed in the care of DCFS last week after AJ was reported missing.

DCFS Acting Director Marc Smith said in a statement that the news of AJ's death was "heartbreaking," and that the agency's priority is the care and safety of AJ's brother.

"The department is committed to conducting a comprehensive review of the entirety of our work with Andrew's family to understand our shortcomings and to be fully transparent with the public on any steps we are taking to address the issues," he said.

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# Van Dyke's psychological report is unsealed

Dozens of files related to teen's slaying now public

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"Time froze" for Jason Van Dyke as he fired 16 shots at Laquan McDonald, the then-Chicago police officer told a psychologist in 2016 as he prepared for his murder trial.

Van Dyke told Dr. Laurence Miller that he was "not that good a shot with the handgun" and thought the shots may have been missing the teen as he walked down Pulaski Road holding a small knife.

"He (recalled) thinking, 'Why isn't he (McDonald) falling, why isn't he stopping?'" according to a report from Miller made public Wednesday as part of the public release of almost 90

documents long sealed by the Cook County judge who presided over the hot-button case.

The report offers a window into Van Dyke's thinking — or at least what he was willing to share with a psychologist — in the moments surrounding the shooting that night in October 2014 and in what he referred to as the "shell-shocked" days afterward.

Following a historic trial, Van Dyke was convicted in October of second-degree murder and 16 counts of aggravated battery — one count for each bullet that struck McDonald.

Not featured in Miller's report was a key moment from the trial when, on cross-examination by prosecutors, the psychologist recounted that shortly before arriving at the scene Van Dyke told his partner, "Oh my God, we are going to

have to shoot the guy." That was the first public indication that Van Dyke mulled over shooting the teen even before arriving and perhaps explained why he opened fire within just six seconds of exiting his squad car as McDonald walked away from police.

Miller was hired by the defense to testify about how the intense stress of a police-involved shooting can affect an officer's perception. The Florida-based psychologist interviewed Van Dyke via Skype in April 2016.

According to the report, Van Dyke recalled firing his weapon but had no sense at the time of how many times he pulled the trigger.

Asked what other officers at the scene were doing during the encounter, Van Dyke described to Miller a sort of tunnel vision.

"There was nobody else

around, all I could see was McDonald," he said.

Van Dyke told Miller he saw McDonald move the knife back and forth across his chest two or three times, "but later learned that the knife-blade gesture was only done once."

By the time he got home the next morning, Van Dyke showered and "collapsed" in bed until his wife came home. She had learned of the incident from Facebook, he told Miller, and he could tell she had been crying. That "broke me up," he said.

Van Dyke didn't feel like himself when he returned to work a few days later, he told Miller, and when colleagues approached to shake his hand, "I just felt shell-shocked."

Not long afterward, Van Dyke and his partner were at the same 7-Eleven store where they initially got the call for assistance on

McDonald. When a similar call came in about chasing a suspect with a gun, Van Dyke remembered having "a death grip on the passenger-side door" and thinking "I don't want to go to this," the report said.

"His partner ran after the suspect while Van Dyke stood by the car, 'pretending to be looking,'" the report said.

At trial, Van Dyke took the witness stand on his own behalf on the same day as Miller. He repeated much of what he had told the doctor more than two years before, saying he feared for his life as he shot an expressionless McDonald.

Some jurors later told the Tribune they found Van Dyke's testimony rehearsed and said he should have found another way to handle the incident.

Van Dyke, 41, was sentenced in January to 6 3/4

years in prison. With both credit for time served while awaiting sentencing and expected day-for-day credit for good behavior, he is slated for release in February 2022, records show.

Due to apparent security concerns, he was moved from the Illinois prison system and is currently at a federal prison in New York.

The evidence against Van Dyke centered on a police dashboard camera video of the shooting in October 2014. The court-ordered release of the graphic images more than a year later sparked political upheaval and led to a sprawling federal civil rights probe into the systemic mistreatment of citizens by Chicago police, particularly in the city's minority communities.

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## Cats

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fight for themselves. And they, of course, will reproduce."

Chicago is home to an estimated 200,000 feral cats, and since 2007, the primary duty for managing that population has fallen to people like Mendoza. Under a Cook County ordinance, "colony caretakers" are encouraged to trap strays and get them fixed; after that, the cats can be adopted or released back into their neighborhoods, a process known as "trap, neuter, release," or TNR.

Though the program's impact isn't crystal clear — you try counting skittish, streetwise cats throughout the city's 234 square miles — there's some reason to believe it's making a difference.

The number of strays coming into the city's animal shelter has fallen dramatically. Some caretakers say their colonies are shrinking. And a research paper that looked at a decade-long TNR effort in Humboldt Park concluded it cut the neighborhood's feral cat population by 82 percent.

"We will look back in five or 10 years and say maybe we're already past the tipping point," said Peter Wolf of the Best Friends Animal Society, the paper's co-author. "People have seen enough success in these programs that we're unlikely to go back."

### New philosophy

For decades, stray cats were not much of a municipal concern. Danielle Bays, community cats program manager for the Humane Society of the United States, said animal control officers rounded them up only after a complaint, a practice that typically ended in euthanasia.

It was an ineffective system, Bays said. Many colonies went untouched by animal control, and cats that were taken off the street were swiftly replaced: Females can have litters every 63 days.

Starting in the 1990s, a new philosophy took hold. Instead of euthanizing a handful of feral cats, volunteers tried to spay, neuter, vaccinate and release as many as they could, reasoning it would be a more humane and effective way to control the population.

The most famous test case came in Newburyport, Mass., a tourist town where hundreds of stray cats hung out along the waterfront, dining on Dumpster scraps. Volunteers set out humane traps, and eventually managed to get every cat sterilized.

The population steadily dropped. In 2009, Zorro, reportedly the last feral waterfront cat, died at the age of 16.

"The work eventually eliminated that colony," Bays said.

TNR spread across the country, and in 2007, Cook County adopted an ordinance encouraging it. The measure allows residents to feed feral cats, providing they also have them fixed and vaccinated.

Some have objected to the program, saying outdoor cats are a menace to



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Alicia Mendoza, 63, is an official "colony caretaker," a designation that allows her to feed feral cats around her Englewood home without getting a ticket.



Feral cats laze on a driveway at 109th and Wallace streets as workers with PAWS, the animal welfare organization, trap strays to be spayed or neutered and then returned.

birds and other wildlife: A 2013 study estimated that free-ranging cats kill upward of 4 billion birds and 22 billion small mammals annually.

Bird advocacy groups and some conservationists say the benefits of TNR are unproven and the potential harms understated. Judy Pollock of the Chicago Audubon Society said migratory birds are at particular risk; she has awakened some mornings to find her birdbath full of blood, she said.

"There's a fallacy you can have a no-kill option by leaving the cat outside," she said. "You're killing many, many more animals by taking that route."

Officials in suburban Bridgeview were also not fans of the ordinance. They adopted a measure prohibiting residents from operating stray cat colonies, threatening to fine violators \$500 a day.

"These feral cats are all over the place," village attorney Gary Perlman told the Tribune in 2010. "The village doesn't want feral cat colonies within its boundaries."

Cook County sued, saying its ordinance was meant to prevent the spread of rabies. Dr. Donna Alexander, a veterinarian who



Dianna Hudson, 18, of Englewood, holds her cat Lucky before PAWS workers pick it up to be spayed or neutered.

headed the county's animal and rabies control department at the time, noted that feral cats do not respect political boundaries.

The county won after appellate court judges ruled that its TNR ordinance took priority over the village's measure. Bridgeview officials did not return calls for comment.

### Making a difference

More than 40,000 feral cats have been sterilized through the county's TNR program since 2008, including 10,000 last year. Though it's difficult to pin down the exact effects on the street, some say the practice ap-

pears to be working.

The number of strays coming into Chicago Animal Care and Control has plunged in recent years. Executive Director Kelley Gandurski said animal control officers are trained to look for a clipped ear if they encounter a feral cat, and generally refer calls about colonies to outside groups that do TNR.

One of those groups, Tree House Humane Society, covers the city's North Side, with 1,200 volunteers taking care of 4,000 cats.

"We have seen the total number of cats diminish," said director of operations Darlene Duggan. "To us, that definitely suggests the program is working. We're

getting the friendly cats off the street and putting them into homes, and neutering and spaying is reducing the population."

Autumn Ganza runs a smaller group called Castle Blackpaw, caring for strays on the South Side. When she got started a few years ago, she said, "there were some blocks you would go and open a can, and there would legit be a dozen cats on you in 15 seconds."

After she got more than 300 sterilized, she said, the situation has stabilized in some neighborhoods.

"There are fewer new faces," she said. "They're not fighting over mates or food sources. They're not dying from preventable diseases."

Cook County does not fund private groups that perform TNR, leaving them to pay the expenses out of their own budgets. Collette Walker of Triple R Pets, which operates in the suburbs, said it costs them \$55 to \$150 to get a cat fixed and vaccinated.

Volunteers who feed cats that are sterilized and returned to the street also can bear considerable costs. Mendoza, a retiree, said she recently paid \$100 for a two-week supply of cat food. Georgie Black of ChicagoTNR said she knows people who have accumulated thousands of dollars of debt.

"We need more support," she said. "This is grassroots."

Asked if grants or other financial aid has been considered, a spokeswoman said the county "regularly assesses the administration of its program and would certainly evaluate the feasibility of such a proposal."

### On the hunt

PAWS Chicago, which does TNR on the South Side, tries to assist its volunteers with a pet food pantry. It also fixes cats at no cost to low-income residents.

On a mild morning in April, the time of year when "kitten season" begins,

staffers Laurie Maxwell and Cecilia Ocampo-Solis were on the hunt. They stopped by a Pentecostal church in Back of the Yards where Jeannette Landeros cares for a handful of strays, and took a shot at trapping a newcomer.

They placed food inside a wire cage, hoping the cat would walk inside and trigger the door. The cat was too wary to take the bait, so they left the trap and told Landeros to call should it finally wander inside.

They next stopped by James McChriston's house in West Englewood, picking up a young cat he had taken in when a neighbor moved out and abandoned her. He was hoping the cat, which he had named Gizmo, could find a permanent home (PAWS adopts out more than 500 strays a year).

Then, after a few fruitless side trips through alleys and backyards, they came to a house in Roseland where half a dozen cats lazed on the driveway, some fixed, some not. Maxwell and Ocampo-Solis set out their traps, and after several minutes of suspicious circling, a fluffy cat the homeowner dubbed Orange Jr. finally stepped inside.

Ocampo-Solis placed a shroud over the cage to calm Orange Jr., who was thrashing angrily. He was bound for PAWS' clinic, where he would get surgery before being returned to his Roseland stomping grounds.

Maxwell said sterilizing even a single feral cat can make a huge difference in controlling the overall population, and can even improve a neighborhood's vibe.

"It is going to mean healthier cats," she said. "No more kittens running in the street, no howling in the middle of the night, no fighting, and ultimately happiness and peace of mind for the people who care for them and love them."

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# Nielsen was warned: Don't tell Trump

Former DHS head took up 2020 election security despite White House aversion

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WASHINGTON — A top White House official told Kirstjen Nielsen, then Homeland Security secretary, not to bring up election security with President Donald Trump, steering her away from discussing a critical national security threat with a president who bristles at suggestions that Russian interference contributed to his 2016 victory, according to two people familiar with the matter.

One official said the guidance from acting chief of staff Mick Mulvaney wasn't related to the sensitivity of the election interference issue, but to keep the White House meetings concentrated on border security, the most visible part of Nielsen's sprawling portfolio and the top item on Trump's political agenda.

But it suggests a lack of White House focus on preventing cyberattacks, which Nielsen described during her tenure as a bigger terrorism threat to the United States than planes or bombs.

The potential for foreign cyberattacks to shape U.S. elections has been in the spotlight as special counsel Robert Mueller's report outlined efforts made by Russia to steal thousands of emails and internal documents from the Democratic Party and the Clinton campaign in 2016.

Despite the lack of White House coordination, Nielsen continued to work on election and cybersecurity with other adminis-

tration officials, according to people familiar with the matter, who spoke on condition of anonymity.

The New York Times was the first to report that Nielsen had been told not to talk about the topic.

Mulvaney said in a statement he did not recall any meetings in which he told Nielsen not to bring up election security, and stressed the topic was very important. Trump signed an executive order last fall authorizing sanctions against foreigners who meddle in U.S. elections and requested \$17.6 billion for federal cybersecurity efforts next year in his budget. Mulvaney added that federal, state and local governments are now sharing intelligence and federal authorities are conducting security breach training drills.

"The Trump administration will not tolerate foreign interference in our elections, and we've already taken many steps to prevent it in the future," he said.

Still, Trump and his aides have said Russia's 2016 interference was exaggerated. Jared Kushner, the president's son-in-law and senior adviser, on Tuesday during an interview at the Time 100 Summit in New York minimized Russia's involvement by describing it as "buying some Facebook ads to try to sow dissent."

"But I think the investigations, and all of the speculation that's happened for the last two years, has had a much harsher impact on our democracy than a couple of Facebook ads," he said.



ALEX BRANDON/AP

Cybersecurity was a top priority for former Homeland Security Secretary Kirstjen Nielsen.

Nielsen resigned April 7 after a rocky 16-month tenure and amid a staff shake-up at her department orchestrated by the White House frustrated by the surging number of Central American migrants crossing the U.S.-Mexico border. Trump named as acting secretary Kevin McAleenan, the head of U.S. Customs and Border Protection, who has little cyber experience.

He has since attended meetings on cybersecurity and is working to get up to speed on the topic, aides said.

Nielsen, in meetings with Trump, would attempt to explain to the president that her department was responsible for much more

than immigration, according to two people familiar with the matter. But Trump's staff, dealing with a president with a short attention span and a focus on border security, would push her to stay on topic.

Another person said Nielsen took the issue up herself, convening classified meetings with agency heads and Cabinet secretaries, and cross-government strategy sessions with FBI, Justice Department and intelligence officials to chart a path forward on cybersecurity and election security.

Garrett Marquis, spokesman for the White House's National Security Council, said any suggestion that the administration is giving less than a "full-throated effort

to secure America's elections" was patently false.

"National Security Council staff leads the regular and continuous coordination of the whole-of-government approach to addressing foreign malign influence and ensuing election security," he said.

The 2018 midterm elections passed with no major disruptions to election infrastructure, though thousands of emails were stolen from aides to the National Republican Congressional Committee by an "unknown entity," federal officials said.

And intelligence agencies constantly warn about the potential for foreign interference.

Chris Krebs, the head of

cybersecurity and infrastructure security agency at Homeland Security, has said he thought it possible that the 2018 elections were largely spared in part so foreign agents could save their gunpowder for 2020. Speaking to the Atlantic Council's International Conference on Tuesday, Krebs said the most active cyber threats come from Russia and China, while on the lower end are Iran, North Korea and "then the extremists pace."

He said the U.S. has made progress, especially on information sharing, but that's the "minimum bar."

"We have to get beyond information sharing to operationalizing information security," he said.

## Sri Lanka president shakes up top security posts after blasts

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COLOMBO, Sri Lanka — President Maithripala Sirisena demanded the resignations of two top security officials Wednesday as new details emerged about the nine suicide bombers who carried out the devastating attacks that killed 359 people on Easter Sunday.

Sirisena asked the country's police chief and defense secretary to step down amid a growing furor surrounding the government's failure to act on intelligence warning of possible attacks on churches by an obscure Islamist extremist group.

Nine suicide bombers, including a married couple, carried out the attack, authorities said. Eight of those attackers have been identified, said police spokesman Ruwan Gunasekera. The group included two brothers and a woman, who blew herself up Sunday when police closed in on a house in the capital, Colombo.

Ruwan Wijewardene, the state minister for defense, told reporters the bombers used two safe houses in Colombo and Negombo. They came from middle-class and upper-class back-



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Minister of defense Ruwan Wijewardene said attacks on mosques in New Zealand motivated Sunday's attackers.

grounds, he said, and some were "quite well-educated people."

One of them had studied in Australia and Britain.

Sixty people have been arrested in connection with the attacks on churches and hotels, including Mohamed Ibrahim, a wealthy businessman who imported spices and owned the home in Colombo where the police conducted a raid Sunday.

Two of his sons were suicide bombers, and it was his daughter-in-law who detonated explosives when police officers came to the house, killing three of them and herself.

Wijewardene said the bombers had split from the

National Thowheed Jamaath, an obscure Islamist extremist group based in the eastern part of the country. The leader of the splinter group, a man known as Zaharn Hashim, carried out the suicide attack on Colombo's Shangri-La hotel.

The Islamic State claimed responsibility for Sunday's attacks, but Sri Lankan authorities said its role remains unclear. Wijewardene said there was a connection to the Islamic State "through ideology and maybe funding" but the latter is still under investigation.

Wijewardene said Sri Lanka's intelligence agencies assessed that deadly



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A Sri Lankan woman mourns at the grave of a family member killed Sunday in Negombo.

attacks last month on mosques in Christchurch, New Zealand, "motivated these people to carry it out on Easter Sunday." He declined to provide any further details on how that assessment was reached.

A top police official warned in an April 11 intelligence report that a radical group could be plotting suicide attacks on popular churches in Sri Lanka. The report named the National Thowheed Jamaath and Hashim.

Hilmy Ahamed, vice president of the Sri Lanka Muslim Council, said his organization alerted intelli-

gence officials three times that Hashim was inciting hatred through online sermons, most recently in February of this year. Ahamed said that Hashim was believed to be in his 40s.

Police also revealed how efforts by pastors at the Zion Church in the coastal city of Batticaloa saved lives. The bomber had originally targeted St. Mary's Cathedral there but left when he realized Mass was over, according to the senior police superintendent of Batticaloa, Nuwan Mendi.

Instead the bomber, carrying a backpack and another bag, headed for the

nearby Zion Church and attempted to enter the congregation area where some 500 people were gathered. He was stopped by pastors who were suspicious of him and ended up detonating his explosives in the courtyard, where some children were eating breakfast, killing at least 28 people.

The country remained on edge Wednesday, and authorities carried out controlled explosions in downtown Colombo.

Wijewardene urged citizens to remain vigilant.

"Within a couple of days, we can have total control of this situation," he said.

## U.S. has record cases of measles since disease was eliminated in 2000

BY LENA H. SUN  
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Measles cases in the United States have now exceeded the highest number on record in a single year since the disease was eliminated in 2000.

Nationwide, at least 673 cases have been reported in 22 states in 2019, according to a tally by The Washington Post of state and local health department data on Wednesday. That's more than the 667 cases reported in 2014, when one large

outbreak primarily among unvaccinated people in Amish communities in Ohio accounted for more than half of the total that year.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention will provide an official update Monday. The agency is "currently receiving, reviewing, and validating reports of measles cases from state and local health departments," spokesman Jason McDonald said.

CDC's last update was 626 cases from 22 states on April 22.

This year, as in the past, the majority of people who have fallen ill were unvaccinated, officials have said. In some communities, anti-immunization activists have spread false claims about the measles, mumps and rubella vaccine, causing concern among parents about inoculating their children. When many people in a community have not been vaccinated, the disease can spread quickly. It is one of the most contagious diseases in the world and can cause serious complications

among all age groups, especially young children, adults with weakened immune systems and the elderly.

The states that have reported cases to CDC this year are: Arizona, California, Colorado, Connecticut, Florida, Georgia, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kentucky, Maryland, Massachusetts, Michigan, Missouri, Nevada, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York, Oregon, Texas, Tennessee and Washington.

The outbreaks are linked to travelers who brought

measles back from countries such as Israel, Ukraine and the Philippines, where large measles outbreaks are occurring.

The CDC defines an outbreak as three or more cases. In addition to New York City, there are measles outbreaks in California; Rockland County, N.Y.; New Jersey; and Michigan.

The largest outbreak is in New York City, centered in a predominantly Orthodox Jewish community in Brooklyn. There have been 334 cases this year, includ-

ing 31 in just the past week, according to data posted Wednesday.

Measles, considered eliminated from the United States in 2000, leads not only to a fever and a rash, it also can cause pneumonia, encephalitis, an inflammation of the brain that can have long-term consequences, and death.

Measles spreads by direct contact with infectious droplets or through the air when an infected person breathes, coughs or sneezes.



JULIE JACOBSON/AP

Former Trump lawyer Michael Cohen is set to begin a three-year prison sentence May 6.

## Cohen complains he pleaded guilty to crimes he did not do

By MICHAEL R. SISAK  
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NEW YORK — President Donald Trump's prison-bound former lawyer told actor Tom Arnold last month that he pleaded guilty to some crimes he didn't commit so his wife wouldn't "get dragged into the mud of this crap."

Michael Cohen told Arnold "they had me on campaign finance" for arranging hush-money payments to two women — Stephanie Clifford, known as Stormy Daniels, and Karen McDougal — who claimed to have had affairs with Trump, but denied committing tax evasion and called a crime related to a home equity line of credit "a lie."

He also complained in the March 25 call that he felt abandoned and tossed aside — like "a man all alone" — after giving more than 100 hours of interviews and testimony to federal investigators and congressional committees.

Arnold said he recorded the 36-minute call without Cohen's knowledge because Cohen was known to record conversations and that he wanted to remember what they discussed. Arnold provided a copy to The Wall Street Journal,

which reported on it and posted audio excerpts on its website Wednesday.

It's unclear where Arnold was when he made the recording.

If he was in California, he could face legal scrutiny because the state requires consent from both parties on the call. If he was in New York, he's in the clear. That state only requires one party's consent.

Cohen met Arnold in June 2018 in what he described as a "chance, public encounter" in the lobby of a Manhattan hotel where Cohen was staying while his apartment was being repaired. Cohen said that Arnold asked to take a selfie.

The meeting happened about two months after the FBI raided Cohen's hotel room and home and about two weeks before he publicly declared he was splitting from Trump, telling ABC's George Stephanopoulos: "I will not be a punching bag as part of anyone's defense strategy."

Arnold, who hosted a Viceland series last year in which he investigated rumored recordings of Trump, told the Journal he made the recent call to Cohen to follow up on their meeting and to offer him moral support.

Cohen is scheduled to begin a three-year sentence May 6 at a federal prison about 70 miles northwest of New York City. His lawyers recently asked House Democrats to intercede to get a reduced or delayed sentence, but they've been reticent to do so.

According to the Journal, Cohen told Arnold he pleaded guilty to the charges he now disputes because federal prosecutors were looking at his wife, Laura Shusterman, because her name was on a bank account where he deposited \$2.4 million in loan proceeds.

"I love this woman ...," Cohen said, according to the Journal. "And I never thought the judge was going to throw a three-year fricking sentence."

Cohen's concerns about the tax evasion and bank fraud charges appeared to echo some of what his former lawyer, Guy Petrillo, wrote in a sentencing memorandum submitted to the court in December.

Petrillo argued that Cohen's tax evasion was "unsophisticated" and warranted less punishment than elaborate schemes. He argued that the bank fraud charge was the result of sloppiness in paperwork.

## Parkland suspect to inherit \$400k; public defender to withdraw

By TONYA ALANEZ  
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South Florida Sun Sentinel

FORT LAUDERDALE, Fla. — The Broward County public defender's office has asked to withdraw from confessed Parkland shooter Nikolas Cruz's death penalty case, court records show.

The teen is entitled to half of a nearly \$865,000 life insurance policy as of April 23, the court filing shows.

Gordon Weekes, assistant public defender, said, "We have to withdraw."

The move will throw the criminal case off track. The judge had hoped to begin trial in January.

Weekes said the public defender's office just got new information that Cruz and his brother are to share in the life insurance policy, presumably for their mother, who died unexpectedly of a flu-like illness in November 2017.

The court will have to determine who his new counsel will be, Weekes said.

The public defender's office is appointed in cases in which people are indigent. Someone with \$400,000 is not indigent.

**"He was unaware of this money. We were unaware of this."**

— Gordon Weekes, assistant public defender

"I'm sure it will require some time for counsel to get up to speed, but I want to be 100% clear — this delay should not be attributed to the defense or to Nikolas Cruz. He was unaware of this money. We were unaware of this," Weekes said.

It's unclear when or how Cruz, 20, who is locked up in the Broward jail, will get the money.

Weekes said the public defender's office is prohibited from helping him.

Cruz had previously said he wanted any money he was due to go to the victims, Weekes noted.

Weekes said his office will share certain material with the new defense attorney, but it will be up to the new lawyers to determine their strategy for Cruz's defense.

Cruz has pleaded not

guilty to the murders of 17 students and staff at Marjory Stoneman Douglas High on Valentine's Day 2018.

Cruz had offered to plead guilty to the crimes if the state attorney's office would take the death penalty off the table and instead agree to life in prison without the possibility of parole. Prosecutors declined to do that.

Weekes said there are over 1 million documents in the case and 4 million pieces of paper, in addition to other digital evidence that needs to be put together and transferred to a new lawyer.

It's unclear who Cruz could hire to represent him in a death penalty case for a mere \$400,000.

"The problem becomes how is he going to facilitate retaining counsel," Weekes said. "He has no family members here and he has no outside individuals to help him in that. We cannot help him to identify new counsel or make decisions on what to do with his money. We're informing the court, we believe he's no longer indigent and as a result we cannot continue our representation."

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and Russia to help him win the 2016 election but reached no conclusion on whether he obstructed justice. Attorney General William Barr later said the president was not guilty of obstruction.

Trump and his allies have railed against Mueller's report, even resorting to public profanity in dismissing it, but have also embraced it, claiming exoneration and painting any other attempt as partisan overreach.

But Democrats have ratcheted up their own probes. The White House, in turn, has moved to stop them, laying the groundwork for what could be months of legal and political battles.

Over the past few days, the White House has thrown up a series of stop signs.

■ The Trump Organization filed a lawsuit against the chairman of the House Oversight Committee to stop his efforts to obtain the company's financial records.

■ Treasury Secretary Steven Mnuchin ignored Tuesday's House deadline to turn over the president's tax returns, instead asserting that he will decide next month.

■ The White House instructed its former personnel security director, Carl Kline, not to testify before Congress over how some West Wing aides, including Jared Kushner and Ivanka Trump, obtained security clearances, leading the House to consider holding Kline in contempt.

■ The White House asserted it will fight any congressional subpoena, including one for former White House Counsel Don McGahn, a key figure in the Mueller investigation, to appear and provide docu-



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President Trump said Wednesday the White House would refuse to cooperate with further congressional probes.

ments.

"We're going to fight everything; we already gave them every document and witness we have," said Rudy Giuliani, another of Trump's attorneys.

The administration has considered asserting executive privilege over witnesses, even some who previously cooperated with Mueller.

While the White House probably won't have legal standing to block the subpoena issued to McGahn, the administration could try to assert executive privilege over testimony it believes would infringe on private presidential conversations, according to Washington defense lawyer Andrew Herman, who represents clients in congressional investigations.

Democrats have argued that the law is on their side, including an Internal Revenue Code section that gives the House Ways and Means Committee chairman authority to obtain tax returns. But Herman contended that the White House has reality on its side, with few options for the House to enforce its requests.

The House could sue. Or it could make a referral to prosecutors over a contempt finding, but such Justice Department prosecutions are rare.

House Democrats are

hardly surprised by Trump's stance.

An internal debate has erupted over whether to pursue impeachment, a course that Speaker Nancy Pelosi has counseled against. But her party's lawmakers have already signaled they will vote to hold reluctant witnesses in contempt of Congress and are preparing to eventually go to court to force testimony and cooperation. Democrats also argue that by refusing to cooperate with Congress, Trump is obstructing additional investigations.

If the White House forces McGahn to defy the subpoena to appear before the House Judiciary Committee, Chairman Jerrold Nadler says it will "represent one more act of obstruction by an administration desperate to prevent the public from talking about the president's behavior."

Trump's strategy for fighting impeachment at the Supreme Court could run into a roadblock: The high court said in 1993 that the framers of the Constitution didn't intend for the courts to have the power to review impeachment proceedings. The Supreme Court ruled that impeachment and removal from office is Congress' duty alone.

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# Rare Hitler images pried from negative

Pics by dictator's own photographer being digitized

BY MICHAEL E. RUANE  
The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — Richard Schneider carefully spread the broken pieces of the glass photo negative on the light table at the National Archives and, wearing green rubber gloves, put them together like the parts of a puzzle.

A ghostly image emerged that Schneider recognized. "The face, and the mustache, and those eyes," he said. It was Adolf Hitler, sitting stiffly in an upholstered arm chair, his German shepherd at his side.

He wore pinstriped pants, a dark suit coat and a tiny swastika lapel pin. His hair was combed back, and he looked as if he was headed to the opera. A piano sat in the background, and light illuminated one side of his blank face.

It was an eerie likeness, apparently dating to 1923, when Hitler was 34, that could be one of the earliest ever published of the infamous Nazi dictator in public life.

And it is one of 1,270 images that Schneider has just digitized from a trove of 41,000 glass negatives created by Hitler's personal photographer and key propagandist, Heinrich Hoffmann.

Most have probably never been seen before with this clarity, he said.

"What makes this digitization project special is that the ensuing image has been reproduced from the original negative, rather than it being a copy or copy of a copy," Schneider said in an email. "This results in unmatched quality."

Plans are to make the photographs available online soon, according to Billy Wade, a supervisory archivist.

Many of the fragile glass



NATIONAL ARCHIVES AND RECORDS ADMINISTRATION PHOTOS

Adolph Hitler, seated at right, is pictured with admirers in an early example of Nazi propaganda by his photographer.



Hitler speaking at a rally. Many of the fragile glass negative plates were broken.

plates were broken and had to be reassembled. "There were more shattered plates of (Hitler) than perhaps any other subject," Schneider said. "I don't know if that was purposeful or coincidental."

Putting them back together "was a little scary, as

if I could hear him say, 'Danke [thank you] for making me whole again,'" he said.

Schneider, an Archives special projects preservationist, began studying and digitizing the glass negatives last summer and finished last month.

Hoffmann, in whose Munich studio many of the portraits were made, took thousands of Nazi photographs, starting in the 1920s.

His pictures helped craft the image of Hitler as the benevolent and heroic savior of Germany who was

loved and admired by millions.

"He single-handedly shaped the personal side of Hitler's 'Führer Image,'" the German historian Heike B. Gortemaker wrote.

It helped that he had exclusive access to the Nazi inner circle.

In crowded beer halls, concert halls, jammed auditoriums, inside offices, outside buildings, Nazis in all their livery assembled before Hoffmann's camera.

Hitler posed, too. In a business suit. In uniform. In a trench coat. In lederhosen. In jack boots.

Hoffmann was a seasoned photographer when he joined the Nazi party in 1920 — membership card #427 — and made most of his early pictures using the old-fashioned glass negatives.

He had photographed German social, legal and religious figures, as well as actors, painters and musicians.

After the war, his negatives were confiscated by the Army and went to the National Archives in 1962, according to Wade.

The photographs are frightening examples of early Nazi propaganda — of carefully staged group pictures, portraits and scenes at political rallies as Hitler campaigned for election and the halls were hung with Nazi banners.

"Germany Shall Live," the banners say, "Don't Buy from Jews," and "Jews are our Misfortune."

Hoffmann and his assistants later photographed the 1936 Berlin Olympics, taking thousands of pictures, he wrote in his 1955 memoir, "Hitler Was My Friend."

He went with Hitler to Poland when the Nazis invaded in 1939. And he chronicled the surrender of France near Compiegne in 1940, in the same railway car where Germany capitulated in 1918, ending World War I.

"Now it's our turn," Hoffmann said an exultant Hitler told him.

Hoffmann claimed in his memoir that Hitler eluded photographers in the early days and destroyed one of Hoffmann's negatives after the photographer staked him out.

Later, Hoffmann, by then an intimate friend and part of Hitler's traveling retinue, agreed not to publish any pictures of him until he got Hitler's OK.

But at an outdoor rally in September 1923, another German photographer, Georg Pahl, took a picture of Hitler and disappeared into the crowd.

Hitler then summoned Hoffmann and agreed to come to Hoffmann's Munich studio. "The time has now come, and ... you shall take your photographs," Hoffmann said Hitler told him.

The 1923 negative that Schneider reassembled could be one from that sit-down.

## Is coffee key to survival? Swiss say no.

Government: Stockpiling of beans to end

BY RICK NOACK  
The Washington Post

BERLIN — Peacefully tucked away in the European Alps, Switzerland isn't the kind of country you would associate with the end of the world.

But deep beneath the about 700,000 bell-clanging milk cows chewing soft grass, drinking from clean glacier rivers and staring at snowy mountains, lies a hidden, far more disturbing reality: 300,000 shelters, designed to withstand nuclear attacks or other threats to humankind.

Unlike the world they're supposed to protect against, the Swiss and their nuclear shelters have peacefully co-existed for decades.

But to some, it may have taken until this month to realize what a war those shelters were built for would really mean, when Swiss authorities said they were planning to categorize coffee as nonessential for human survival. Once implemented, coffee would

not be treated as a priority in times of war or crisis and stockpiled.

"Coffee has almost no calories and subsequently does not contribute, from the physiological perspective, to safeguarding nutrition," the Swiss government's unsparing assessment concluded.

Few nations in the world consume more coffee per capita than the Swiss, which may be why authorities emphasized it was a purely "physiological" conclusion, rather than an assessment of the psychological toll.

Almost certain to trigger resistance among heavy consumers of the beverage, the decision has very practical implications for Swiss authorities: after 2022, they may no longer have to force coffee companies around the country to stockpile thousands of tons of coffee beans to be prepared for the apocalypse, or some other less terminal scenario.

This means Switzerland would run out of coffee



TOM MCCORKLE/FOR THE WASHINGTON POST

earlier than previously planned, should war or a natural catastrophe ever cut off its supply routes. With current stockpiles, the Swiss can continue sipping for three to six more months, regardless of the dire state of the world around them.

Since World War I, the country has stockpiled various goods such as animal food, rice or sugar with such doomsday scenarios in mind. Western Europe hasn't seen a major war on its soil since the end of World War II and until recently there was no sign that this would change anytime soon.

But Russia's annexation of Crimea in 2014 has Eu-

rope on high alert, just as concerns have been on the rise over an escalation of tensions between North Korea and the United States. Both conflicts do not appear to pose imminent threats to western Europe at this point.

Being outside of the military alliance NATO — just like Switzerland — Sweden recently distributed a 20-page leaflet that urges citizens to stockpile food and drinks. The recommendations, which also feature motivational slogans ("If Sweden is attacked by another country, we will never give up"), are a continuation of a Cold War-era strategy that relies on all citizens resisting an invasion even

once their military may already have been defeated.

In 2016, the German government spearheaded Europe's stockpiling movement, when it urged citizens to store piles of water bottles and food, too. It was the first time such advice had been issued since the end of the Cold War, reflecting growing concerns over a geopolitically volatile situation in many parts of the world, including in Eastern Europe. Germans mostly ridiculed the recommendations, accusing the government of scaremongering.

On Twitter, the hashtag "panic buying" (in German: "Hamsterkäufe") trended soon thereafter.

But Britain's subsequent

efforts to leave the European Union appeared to prove the German concerns correct that no nation is fully safe from supply shortages — even in the absence of war. Amid concerns of a no-deal Brexit that would have resulted in the reintroduction of tariffs and tougher customs checks, the British government drew up emergency plans and even ran out of storage space to stockpile medicines and food. Some Brits took matters into their own hands and headed to supermarkets in droves, even though their worst fears did not (yet) materialize: Brexit is now delayed until Halloween, unless a deal is signed earlier.

In Britain, more so than in other countries, stockpiling has become a new societal fault line between those in panic and those who have maintained some optimism.

After one man went on a drunk and panicked pre-Brexit shopping spree in March — spending more than \$800 on 144 rolls of toilet paper and other purchases — one British woman took her frustration to social media, tweeting out photos of her husband's "mad" and unilateral stockpiling mission.

Switzerland still has until November to prevent similar scenes: that's the deadline for the country's final decision on the meaning of coffee for human (well, actually mainly Swiss) survival.

## Russia poll finds rise in support for Stalin

BY ILYA ARKHIPOV  
Bloomberg News

MOSCOW — Respect among Russians for Josef Stalin has surged to the highest level of President Vladimir Putin's era, with 70% saying his rule had been good for the country, according to a poll.

A record 51% viewed Stalin positively in March, up from 40% a year earlier, the survey published by the Moscow-based Levada Center showed. The proportion regarding him with admiration, respect or sym-

pathy was the highest since it began the survey in April 2001, Levada said on its website.

"Nostalgia over the collapse of the Soviet Union is at a peak this year. In addition, Stalin is seen as a figure who ensured social justice," something Russians are increasingly seeking amid discontent with falling living standards and a government reform of pensions, said Karina Pipia, an analyst at Levada.

Even so, the people who admired Stalin "don't really want to go back to those

times," she said.

Russians were more willing to defend the mass killings and political persecutions that accompanied Stalin's 31-year rule until his death in 1953, according to the survey.

Some 46% agreed that repressions were "definitely" or "in some way" justified by the results achieved under Stalin, up from 36% in 2017 and the highest level since the question was first posed in 2008. Another 45% said progress under Stalin didn't justify the repressions.

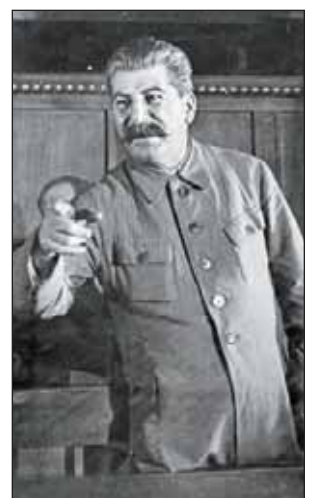
The rise in Stalin's standing follows Kremlin efforts to play down his tyranny in school history books and recast him as a modernizer who transformed the Soviet Union into a superpower through rapid industrialization and victory in World War II. It comes amid deepening disenchantment among Russians with Putin, the longest-serving Kremlin ruler since Stalin, following the unpopular increase in the pension age last year.

The March 21-27 survey of 1,600 people had a margin of error no greater than

3.4 percentage points.

An increase of 12 percentage points in the proportion expressing respect for Stalin explained the jump in his ratings this year, while there's been a gradual decline in the number of Russians with indifferent or negative attitudes toward him, according to Levada.

An "irrational romanticization of the Soviet past and of the figure of Stalin" was expressed not only by older people in the poll but also by those aged under 25 who didn't live in the communist era, Pipia said.



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Kremlin efforts have played down Josef Stalin's tyranny in school history books.

# Is Paris fire a wake-up call to world?

Historic treasures in need of constant maintenance, funds

By **RAF CASERT**  
Associated Press

PARIS — It's a thin line where the patina of age on Europe's countless monuments gives way to the onset of neglect. Like with so many loved ones, all is assumed to be fine, until suddenly it's not.

In the wake of the fire April 15 that gutted Notre Dame, questions are being raised about the state of thousands of other cathedrals, palaces and village spires that have turned France — as well as Britain, Italy and Spain — into open air museums of Western civilization.

If even an iconic building like Notre Dame could not be protected from devastation, if such a potent symbol of France had to scramble for maintenance funds, that lays bare a culture of apathy that can undermine a shared history as well as the multibillion-dollar tourism industry upon which much of Europe depends.

"We are so used to our outstanding cultural heritage in Europe that we tend to forget that it needs constant care and attention," said Tibor Navracscs, the European Union's top culture official.

Some say the wake-up call, not just for Europe but the world, rang in Paris.

Sneska Quaedvlieg-Mihailovicis, head of the Europa Nostra heritage foundation, said it was "as if Notre Dame decided to set itself on fire to ring the alarm bell. As if she wanted to sacrifice herself for the cause."

Devastating fires have robbed mankind of its knowledge, art and treasures since the famed library of Alexandria in northern Egypt burned down in ancient times.

Before Notre Dame, the last global warning came when Brazil's Museu Na-



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Private donors have picked up the tab at sites in Italy. Above, a clothing firm backed work at the Rialto bridge in Venice.

cional in Rio de Janeiro, one of the most important cultural institutions in South America, burned down in September.

"Unfortunately, the fire in Notre Dame is just one of many examples," Navracscs said.

Experts look at the near-endless list of fires at historical sites in Europe and wonder why officials so often don't learn before it's too late. Data on such fires is limited, because monuments are so varied. Some were accidents, others arson.

"There are no exact statistics," said Didier Rykner of France's La Tribune de l'Art, but added that France sees "several fires every year in historic buildings, which is already way too much."

A 2015 study by the German engineering giant Siemens showed that Scotland had about 10 damaging fires a year, while England

lost at least a dozen listed buildings a year. Germany has seen 70 such buildings destroyed since 2000.

"Every year, there's lightning or something else that destroys a tower or a roof," said Juan Antonio Herraiez, who is in charge of preventive conservation at Spain's Cultural Heritage institute.

In 1985, the tower of Luxembourg's main cathedral caught fire and burned down.

In 2004, a fire in the Duchess Anna Amalia library in Weimar, Germany, caused an estimated \$90 million in damage.

In Italy, the historic La Fenice opera house in Venice was destroyed by fire in 1996, and a year later, that happened at Turin's Sindone Chapel of the Holy Shroud.

And all too often, fires happen during restoration work.

The Glasgow School of

Art's Mackintosh Building was gutted by fire last year for the second time in four years as it neared the end of a multimillion-dollar restoration project.

In Spain, the Gran Teatre del Liceu — Barcelona's opera house — was destroyed almost entirely in 1994 by a fire caused by a spark that fell on a curtain during routine repair work.

Experts say what's lacking is the constant attention and regular maintenance that could help avoid the need for major restoration work, but that costs money.

The problem has been exacerbated by the austerity budgets many European nations adopted after the 2008 financial crisis and during Europe's subsequent debt crisis. After austerity cuts, Rykner said, "you need some drastic restorations that either you don't do, or you do them badly or cheaply. And it can lead to

fires."

Herraiez wants officials to shift their focus to prevention instead of only reacting to building disasters.

"Reparation or restoration should be seen as the failure in conservation," he said. "We would be spending money in maintenance but we will be minimizing potential future damages."

Navracscs echoed that thought.

"We should never forget that there's also a cost to non-action, a lack of maintenance or a lack of prevention," he said.

The problem is that prevention is practically invisible but grand restorations can be a boon for the politicians cutting the ribbons.

The fire at Notre Dame had barely been doused when two of France's richest men, rival billionaires, stepped up with flashy, competing donations of

hundreds of millions of dollars to rebuild the Paris cathedral.

Notre Dame donations now stand at more than \$1.12 billion — or about three years of France's national restoration budget.

This outpouring of donations grates on those who have begged for years for a few thousand dollars to restore a local but valuable monument.

"You have seen that, now, the money is not the problem," Quaedvlieg-Mihailovicis said. "There is a lesson. Could we not invest smaller amounts, and not just for the biggest and the most iconic monuments?"

The EU itself has allotted \$5.28 billion for restorations in the 2014-2020 financial budget on top of what individual nations do.

As state funding dries up, governments are increasingly looking for private donors to renovate major monuments.

In Italy in recent years, Tod's luxury shoes sponsored the Colosseum face-lift, while the Fendi fashion house helped the Trevi Fountain in Rome and the clothing company Diesel, best known for its jeans, backed improvements to the Rialto bridge in Venice.

"We do need to invest more, but this is a shared responsibility for governments, businesses and citizens across Europe," Navracscs said.

Nations will reap the benefits of such spending for years to come.

Tourism in Britain and France alone amounts to about 7% of their gross domestic product, good for around \$170 billion and \$190 billion a year.

Some say world-renowned monuments like Notre Dame are the driving force behind such tourism and deserve more respect.

"Cultural heritage is a gold mine. You cannot exploit it and then just leave the mine and go to another one. It is something you really have to cherish," Quaedvlieg-Mihailovicis said.

## U.N.: Afghan forces, allies kill more civilians than militants

By **KATHY GANNON**  
Associated Press

KABUL, Afghanistan — Afghan and international forces were responsible for more civilian deaths in the first three months of 2019 than the Taliban and other militants, a U.N. report said Wednesday. It marks the first time in recent years that civilian deaths attributed to government forces and their allies exceeded those blamed on their enemies.

The statistics reflect what many say is a growing problem in Afghanistan's war, in which civilians die not only in suicide bombings and insurgent attacks but also in the crossfire as Afghan forces and international allies pursue militants.

The U.N. Assistance Mission in Afghanistan reported Wednesday that 581 civilians were killed Jan. 1 to March 31, with Afghan forces and their allies responsible for 305 of those deaths.

The insurgents were responsible for wounding more civilians than the coalition forces, the report said.

Nearly half of the civilian deaths attributed to Afghan forces and their allies occurred during airstrikes, while some of the other civilians were killed during searches and raids of militant hideouts. U.S. forces carry out airstrikes when called to assist Afghan forces.

More than 50% of the civilians killed were women and children, said Richard Bennett, UNAMA's human rights director.

"These tactics have resulted in a high proportion of deaths of civilians," raising U.N. concerns, he said, referring to airstrikes and search operations. "Every death, every injury is a tragedy for civilians."

Afghan President Ashraf Ghani earlier this year urged his ground forces to



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Richard Bennett, UNAMA's human rights director, said more than 50% of civilians killed were women and kids.

take greater care to protect civilian lives while conducting search operations.

The Taliban, who now control nearly half the country, have also asked their fighters to avoid civilian casualties in their near-daily attacks on government forces.

U.S. military spokesman Col. Dave Butler said a cease-fire would be the "best way to end the suffering of noncombatants."

But the Taliban have refused to negotiate directly with Ghani's government, even as they hold talks with a U.S. peace envoy. Talks that were to start last week in Qatar with the Taliban and an array of prominent Afghans were scuttled after a falling-out between the two sides over who should attend.

Butler said U.S. forces also are concerned over the civilian deaths.

"We hold ourselves to the highest standards of accuracy and accountability," he said.

Last year's U.N. report was the first to show a dramatic hike in civilian deaths by pro-government forces, including more than 1,000 civilian casualties from airstrikes, the highest since the U.N. began keep-

ing track 10 years ago.

In September, Masih Rahman's family of 12 — his wife, four daughters, three sons and four nephews — were killed when a bomb flattened their home in the Taliban-controlled Mullah Hafiz village in central Maidan Wardak province.

"It's not just my family, there are dozens of families just like mine who have been lost in bombings," Rahman said this week. "The people have no power. We are the ones who are dying."

Rahman, who was working in Iran at the time of the airstrike, blamed both pro-government forces and the Taliban, saying a Taliban-run prison was nearly 450 yards from his home.

He has since sought redress from the U.N. and has also taken his case to Afghanistan's Independent Human Rights Commission, which put out its own report on civilian casualties Tuesday.

The commission said 11,212 civilians were killed or wounded between March 31, 2018, and March 31 of this year.

In the last 10 years of Afghanistan's 17-year war, the commission said 75,316 Afghan civilians had died.

## U.S. eases effects of sanctions on Iran's Revolutionary Guard

By **MATTHEW LEE**  
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The Trump administration Wednesday granted important exemptions to new sanctions on Iran's Revolutionary Guard, watering down the effects of the measures while also eliminating an aspect that would have complicated U.S. foreign policy efforts.

Foreign governments and businesses that have dealings with the Revolutionary Guard and its affiliates will not be subject to a ban on U.S. travel under waivers outlined by Secretary of State Mike Pompeo in two notices published in the Federal Register.

That weakens the effect of the measures and will frustrate members of Congress backing tough measures against Iran who are already concerned that the administration won't fully enforce sanctions on Iranian oil. But it lifts the threat that those who work with the U.S. in Iraq and Lebanon, where the Guard's subsidiaries are active, will face U.S. penalties.

The waivers leave intact sanctions that apply directly to Iran's Revolutionary Guard and its proxies, the first agencies of a foreign government that have ever been designated a foreign terrorist organization by the United States. The designation, which took effect April 15, is part of a broader administration effort to increase pressure on Tehran.

Iranian Foreign Minister Mohammad Javad Zarif, speaking Wednesday in New York, said the administration is creating dangerous conditions with its campaign against Tehran. "Iranians are allergic to pressure," he said, adding he believes the conflict can be resolved diplomatically.

Under U.S. immigration law, foreigners found to have provided designated foreign terrorist organiza-



RICHARD DREW/AP

Foreign Minister Mohammad Javad Zarif said he believes the U.S.-Iranian dispute can be resolved diplomatically.

tions with "material support" can be banned from the United States.

When it was announced this month, the designation raised fears that U.S. diplomats and troops might have to end contacts with officials in countries that have ties with Iran or elements of the Guard, a paramilitary organization formed in the wake of Iran's 1979 Islamic Revolution to defend its clerically overseen government.

Lebanon, where Iran and the Guard are active in their support of the militant Hezbollah movement, and Iraq, where they back Shiite militias and have close ties to the government, are two such countries where the U.S. is heavily engaged on military and diplomatic fronts.

Pompeo said he decided to waive the travel bans in U.S. foreign policy and national security interests.

In one notice, he said the sanctions "shall not apply to any ministry, department, agency, division, or other group or subgroup within any foreign government" unless that entity is covered by existing U.S. sanctions.

In the second notice, he said the sanctions won't apply "to any business, organization, or group, whether public or private, solely based on its provi-

sion of material support to any foreign government sub-entity that has been designated as a foreign terrorist organization."

"At first glance, it looks like a wise carve-out," said Daniel Fried, a former sanctions coordinator for the State Department who is now with The Atlantic Council. "One of the rules of sanctions is that you need to account for unintended consequences and have wide licensing and waiver authority. Otherwise, if there are unintended consequences you find yourself unable to act."

The notices were published two days after the administration announced it would not renew sanctions waivers for countries that import Iranian oil. Those waivers, which primarily affect China, India, Japan, South Korea and Turkey — expire May 2. The action sparked a spike in world oil prices.

The State Department declined to comment on the possibility that Iranian oil imports might continue without sanctions. President Donald Trump has said the goal is to cut Iranian oil exports to zero to choke off the \$50 billion a year it provided before sanctions were reinstated in November after the U.S. withdrawal from the 2015 Iran nuclear deal.

# NEWS BRIEFING

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## Trump threatens more troops to south border after incident

WASHINGTON — President Donald Trump renewed his threat Wednesday to send more troops to the U.S.-Mexico border following an incident in which Mexican soldiers confronted U.S. personnel. Mexico blamed the incident on confusion, and said it was not looking for confrontation with the U.S.

In morning tweets, Trump said, "Mexico's Soldiers recently pulled guns on our National

Guard Soldiers," claiming, without evidence, that it was done "probably as a diversionary tactic for drug smugglers on the Border."

"Better not happen again!" he added. "We are now sending ARMED SOLDIERS to the Border."

Earlier this month, two U.S. soldiers in a remote area of Texas were confronted by Mexican soldiers who thought the Americans had crossed into Mexico.

## Avowed racist executed for '98 dragging death of black man

HUNTSVILLE, Texas — An avowed racist who orchestrated one of the most gruesome hate crimes in U.S. history was executed Wednesday in Texas for the dragging death of a black man.

John William King, who was white, received lethal injection for the slaying nearly 21 years ago of James Byrd Jr., who was chained to the back of a truck and dragged for nearly 3 miles along a

secluded road in the piney woods outside Jasper, Texas. The 49-year-old Byrd was alive for at least 2 miles before his body was ripped to pieces in the early morning hours of June 7, 1998.

King kept his eyes closed as witnesses arrived and never turned his head toward relatives of his victim. Asked by Warden Bill Lewis if he had a final statement, King replied: "No."

## Motorist who hit pedestrians is Iraq vet, has PTSD, mom says

SUNNYVALE, Calif. — A California man who authorities said drove into a crosswalk in a quiet Silicon Valley suburb, injuring eight people, is an Iraqi war veteran who suffers from post-traumatic stress disorder, his mother said Wednesday.

Sunnyvale Police Department said the suspect is Isaiah Peoples, 34, of Sunnyvale. He was arrested Tuesday night after speeding through an inter-

section and crashing his car into a tree. The conditions of the injured were not disclosed.

Peoples' mother, Leevell Peoples, said Wednesday she couldn't fathom why her son would deliberately crash into people, other than something related to PTSD he experienced after serving as an Army sharpshooter in Iraq. Peoples received inpatient treatment for PTSD in 2015.



**A Fort Worth** Fire Department emergency vehicle burns at the scene where a train of tanker cars carrying ethanol derailed and caught fire in a residential area of the city early Wednesday. Authorities said no one was injured in the accident.

## Ex-aide blames Chris Christie for N.J. Bridgegate scandal

WASHINGTON — An ex-aide to Chris Christie convicted of helping cause massive traffic delays on the nation's busiest bridge to punish a political adversary criticized the former New Jersey governor ahead of her sentencing Wednesday, alleging in an interview that Christie knew in advance there would be lane closures, because she had told him.

"I'm angry," Bridget Kelly, Christie's former deputy chief of staff for legislative and intergovernmental affairs, told The Washington Post before a judge sentenced her to 13

months in prison. "I think that he knew that I would be an easy target, and I'm wildly disappointed. I'm so angry at myself for trusting these people. I'm so angry at myself for not asking more questions."

The 2013 episode known as Bridgegate led to hours-long delays for many commuters in the New York metropolitan region.

Federal prosecutors have asserted lane closures on the George Washington Bridge connecting northwestern New Jersey and Manhattan, were meant to create a traffic jam. It was retaliation against Fort Lee,

N.J., Mayor Mark Sokolich for not supporting Christie's re-election bid, prosecutors said.

Kelly and another Christie ally, William Baroni, at the time a top official with the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey, were convicted in 2016 of conspiring to misuse Port Authority property. David Wildstein, another former Port Authority executive, pleaded guilty in the case.

Christie was never charged, though Kelly testified — and prosecutors asserted — that he knew of the plan. Christie continues to deny involvement.

## WHO suggests screen time limits for kids under 5

LONDON — The World Health Organization has issued its first-ever guidance for how much screen time children under 5 should get: not very much, and none at all for those under 1.

The U.N. health agency said Wednesday that kids under 5 should not spend

more than one hour watching screens every day — and that less is better.

The American Academy of Pediatrics recommends children younger than 18 months should avoid screens other than video chats.

Some groups said WHO's screen time guide-

lines failed to consider the potential benefits.

WHO's screen time advice "overly focuses on quantity of screen time and fails to consider the content and context of use," said Andrew Przybylski, director of research at the Oxford Internet Institute at the University of Oxford.

## France wants to speed up Notre Dame reconstruction

PARIS — France's government has presented a bill aimed at speeding up the reconstruction of Notre Dame Cathedral and providing transparency on how huge amounts of donation money for the restoration will be spent.

The bill detailed Wednesday in a weekly Cabinet meeting will allow the government to pass emergency orders regarding Notre Dame and to skip some ordinary renovation procedures. France has very strict, long processes when it comes to renovations of historic monuments.

Still, the measure is sensitive, as some architects and heritage experts have expressed concerns about the quality of the work to be done. President Emmanuel Macron set a goal of rebuilding the cathedral damaged by fire in five years — which some experts consider impossible to reach.

**NRA vs. LA :** The National Rifle Association filed a lawsuit Wednesday challenging a new Los Angeles law requiring companies that seek contracts with the city to disclose whether they have ties to the gun rights group.

The suit was filed in federal court on behalf of the NRA, including a John Doe, who is described in court documents as an NRA member and business operator with several L.A. city contracts.

"Plaintiff Doe ... reasonably fears retribution from the city and the potential loss of lucrative contracts should Doe's identity be known," the lawsuit says. Supporters of the law say residents deserve to know if taxpayer funds are being spent on contractors with ties to the NRA.

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## EDITORIALS

# Why the state secrets? Speaker Madigan, give the people of Illinois a robust IG

Somewhere in Springfield — whether stashed in a desk drawer or tossed in the trash, we don't know — is an unreleased investigative report by a state government watchdog alleging that a member of the General Assembly engaged in wrongdoing of some kind.

We'd sure like to see that report to learn the details about alleged wrongdoing by a public servant. And guess what? The legislative watchdog responsible for that report, Julie Porter, wanted to release her findings publicly. Because that's how good government operates: with a dose of independent oversight and transparency leading to accountability when warranted.

Instead, Porter ran into the Springfield buzz saw, where ethical best practices get chopped to bits by lawmakers who don't like excessive scrutiny.

**Here's what happened, says Porter**, former acting Illinois legislative inspector general: She conducted an investigation, found wrongdoing by a legislator and then requested permission, as required, from the Legislative Ethics Commission to re-



Porter

lease the report. The commission, which consists of members of the General Assembly, denied permission. Release of report: scotched. Porter isn't allowed to discuss any details of the case. "When I agreed to serve as acting legislative inspector general in 2017, I knew that there were structural problems, but never for a minute did I believe that the commission would take any action to thwart my independence," Porter wrote in a Tribune commentary this week. "I certainly did not think that the commission would refuse to publish one of my founded summary reports. I was wrong."

We're grateful to Porter for raising the troubling issue of being a stymied IG, which she notes accurately is "not new."

**Where to begin in assessing the ethics-challenged culture of Springfield?** How about 2014 when the Tribune re-

ported on an investigation of House Speaker Michael Madigan by then-Legislative Inspector General Thomas Homer.

Homer's report, critical of Madigan, found that in "proximity" to his discussions with Metra about its legislative agenda, he pushed the transit agency to help his friends get jobs or promotions with Metra. Madigan reported that Homer found no violation of any law. But Madigan's clouting of cronies was shady and unfair to other job seekers. Madigan's actions stayed secret until the Tribune's revelations.

That same year, Homer retired and the General Assembly failed to name a permanent replacement. The position remained vacant for about three years until the #Me-Too sexual harassment movement landed on Springfield's doorstep. The legislature brought in Porter and adopted some reforms, but in the larger sense, the General Assembly remains ethics-challenged. The laws are weak and the culture is weaker. As Porter told the Tribune's Dan Petrella and Ray Long, the legislative inspector general's only real power of accountability is to share its reports with the public. To which

lawmakers reply: *Whoa, let's not be hasty.*

In her op-ed, Porter offers some common-sense reforms to give her successor, Carol Pope, the independence required to be effective. Among the proposals: Have citizens other than lawmakers serve on the Legislative Ethics Commission to avoid these egregious conflicts of interest. But allow the inspector general to open investigations, serve subpoenas and publish reports without that committee's preapproval. As House speaker, Madigan has the power to make these changes happen. Will he?

**There's a pattern among Illinois elected officials** of viewing inspectors general as meddlers and troublemakers, rather than partners in governance. Exhibit A is Porter and her travails. The idea that an inspector general can identify alleged wrongdoing by a legislator but the lawmaker's colleagues can keep those allegations under wraps is absurd.

The General Assembly should have an independent inspector general. And the public should be able to see that report.

# The search for 'AJ' ends in heartbreak. How could this happen?

Two kinds of missing persons cases make news. There are those that linger unresolved, sometimes for decades, leaving terrible loss and a tinge of hope. And those that reach a conclusion fairly quickly, sometimes a tragic one.

The story of 5-year-old Andrew "AJ" Freund joined the latter category Wednesday. A body believed to be his was found in a shallow grave and his parents were each charged with murder, six days after his father reported him missing from their home in northwest suburban Crystal Lake.

A report of a lost or missing child rightly commands attention with its urgency. Could another hour of searching, one more public appeal, save a life — in this case, the life of a boy standing 3-foot-5 and last seen wearing a cartoon sweatshirt?

It was not to be.

We don't know yet exactly what happened to AJ. We do know — as does the Illinois Department of Children and Family Services — there were many signs of potential concern related to AJ's upbringing.

AJ was born with opiates in his system. DCFS had contact with the family since then, most recently in December. Police reports depict a home unsafe for small children: filthy with dog feces and in poor repair, with hazards like exposed and jagged subflooring and broken windows letting in winter air. AJ's 3-year-old brother was placed in DCFS care after AJ was reported missing.

DCFS, which has had six leaders since 2015, is under scrutiny after the recent deaths of two toddlers, in separate cases, where it had previous contact with fam-



STACEY WESCOTT/CHICAGO TRIBUNE

Law enforcement officials recovered a body they believe is Andrew "AJ" Freund, 5, near Woodstock on Wednesday.

ilies. Less than two weeks ago, we asked for stronger action by DCFS caseworkers and accountability on leadership as we mourned Ja'hir Gibbon, 2. He was beaten to death, allegedly by his mother's boyfriend, two days after a social worker had visited the home. DCFS had had re-

peated contact with the family.

We now await what will surely be disturbing answers to the question of how AJ died. Along with the sorrow, there will be an investigation, time to reflect and to apportion blame.

The fact that alarms were sounded

about possible abuse and neglect of the Freund boys, in a household unfit for living, should be of great concern to Gov. J.B. Pritzker and newly appointed DCFS Director Marc D. Smith.

Tragedies happen to children. But some are more preventable than others.

### WHAT OTHERS ARE SAYING

It was announced this week that both the New York Yankees and the Philadelphia Flyers would stop using their traditional recorded version of Kate Smith singing "God Bless America" during their games. This happened after it surfaced that Smith had performed songs now considered racist during her heyday in the 1930s. ...

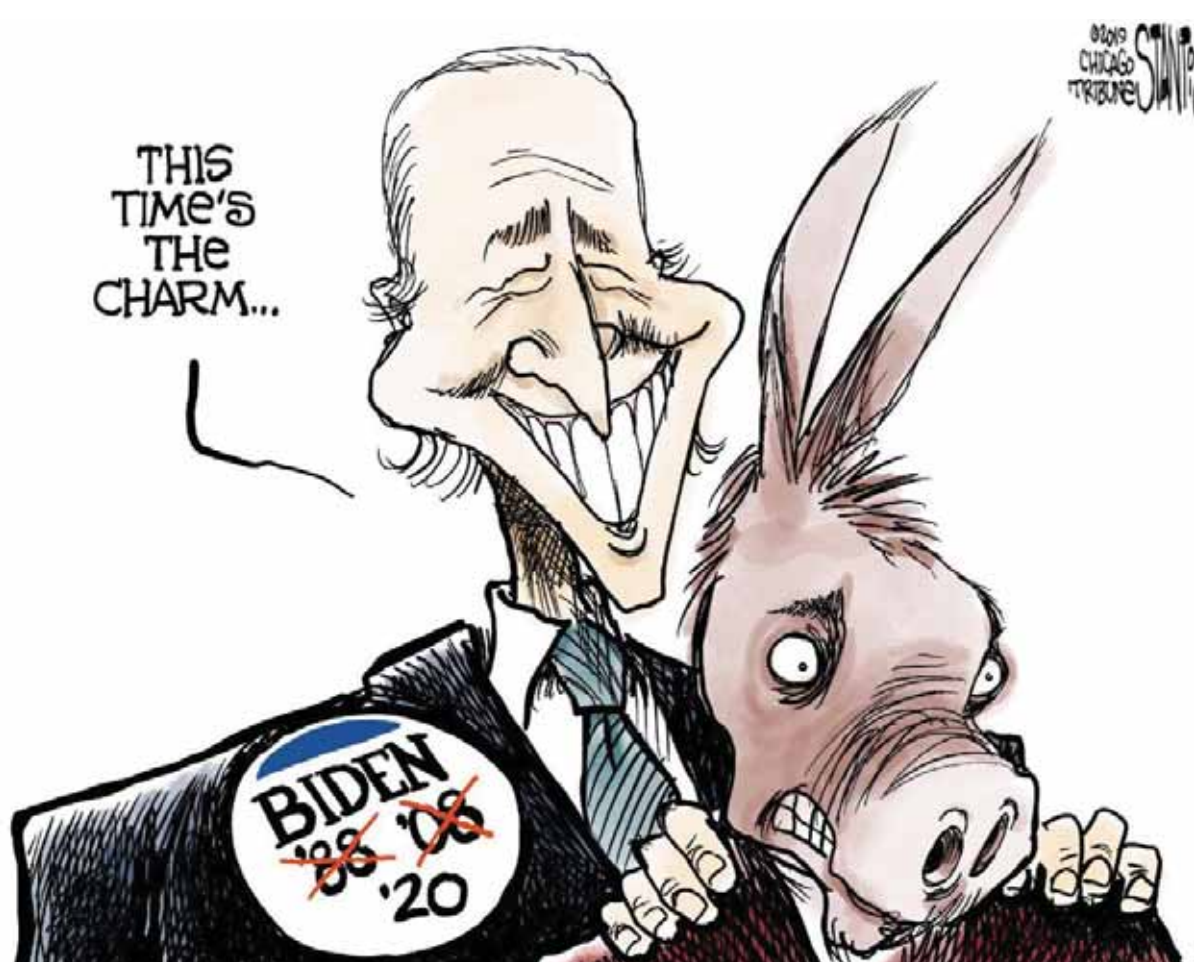
Smith sang a silly song. The Yankees systematically denied qualified black baseball players the right to make a good living for more than half a century. So why is Smith being exiled while the Bronx Bombers go along like nothing happened? The answer is that throwing Smith under the bus more than 40 years after her death costs nothing. It is the empty virtue signaling that corporate America prefers to reflecting on their actions.

If we must lose Smith — if her statues must be taken down, if her songs must be silenced — then how do we justify allowing modern players, including black players, to wear the uniform of a team that denied black Americans agency and personhood?

The only fair and just thing to do here is for the New York Yankees franchise to fold, along with all but the expansion Major League Baseball franchises that came into being after integration. We can replace them quickly with new teams, teams that never denied black people the right to play. If Kate Smith is being canceled for her actions 80 years ago, then so must the New York Yankees be.

David Marcus, *The Federalist*

### SCOTT STANTIS



# Chicago Tribune PERSPECTIVE



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A woman buries her husband, two children and three siblings, all victims of Easter Sunday's bomb blast in Negombo, Sri Lanka, on Wednesday.

## Sri Lanka attack shows Islamic State — driven from Syria and Iraq — still a global threat

BY ROBERT A. PAPE

We now have definitive proof that Islamic State was the prime force behind the Easter Sunday suicide attacks in Sri Lanka that killed at least 359 people. Although many had hoped that the elimination of Islamic State as a territorial entity in Iraq and Syria ended the threat from the group, the facts show otherwise.

To make sense of terrorist campaigns, I lead a research team at the University of Chicago to compile data on suicide attacks and online videos and messages by Islamic State, also known as ISIS, and other terrorist groups around the world. We have detailed information on more than 6,300 suicide attacks since the early 1980s when the phenomenon began and analysis of the content of more than 5,000 militant videos, many seeking to inspire and recruit fighters.

On Tuesday, ISIS released on the online platform Telegram a photograph of the Sri Lankan suicide bombers, standing in front of the ISIS flag, clearly ready to carry out their deadly strikes. ISIS also released a one-minute video of the bombers pledging allegiance to Abu Bakr al-Baghdadi, the leader of ISIS. For decades, suicide terrorist groups have routinely released martyr videos — the last video testimonials of individuals who carry out suicide attacks for the group. ISIS has just done this and it stands as

direct evidence that ISIS was behind the suicide attacks in Sri Lanka.

Most important, the facts show that ISIS's attacks are not simply a spasm of violence against Christians, but focused on a simple strategic goal: to punish the United States, its Western allies and Russia for their role in rolling back ISIS as a territorial entity in Iraq and Syria.

How, exactly, did Islamic State drive the attacks in Sri Lanka? Is ISIS more dangerous as a virtual entity than as a territorial actor?

The answer is that ISIS is playing a role as both a territorial actor and an online entity. For years, the Islamic State controlled territory larger than the size of Great Britain in Iraq and Syria — essentially the largest terrorist training camp in the world. Tens of thousands of Iraqis and Syrians fought for the group. Crucially, thousands of “foreign fighters” from countries around the world also flocked to join ISIS in Iraq and Syria. Most of these fighters were trained and hardened in the cauldron of battle after battle as the international coalition and its local partners systematically dismantled ISIS areas of control.

Today, there are thousands of dedicated Islamic State fighters moving around and fleeing Iraq and Syria, many of them seeking to return to their home countries. This “reverse diaspora” can serve as trained fighters and also serve to develop associations

**ISIS is playing a role as both a territorial actor and an online entity.**

with local terrorist groups, amplifying their power.

That's why, even as ISIS was virtually eliminated as a territorial entity, ISIS attacks in the West and around the world have continued. Since January 2018 — when ISIS lost nearly all of its territory in Iraq and Syria — the group has been involved via coordination or inspiration in over 25 terrorist attacks around the world, many of them suicide attacks, killing over 850 people.

The Easter Sunday suicide attacks against Westerners and churches strongly fits the signature attacks of Islamic State's ongoing international campaign of terrorism.

Further, on April 8, Islamic State announced a new “Campaign of Vengeance for the blessed al-Sham Province,” threatening to attack in Iraq, Syria, Egypt, Somalia, Libya, Russia and the West. Over a dozen of these attacks have already occurred, and ISIS has been proud to claim responsibility for many of these. The Easter Sunday suicide attacks were simply the next step of this campaign of vengeance.

ISIS is not the first international terrorist group to continue posing a threat after its main base of operations was disrupted. This also happened with al-Qaida.

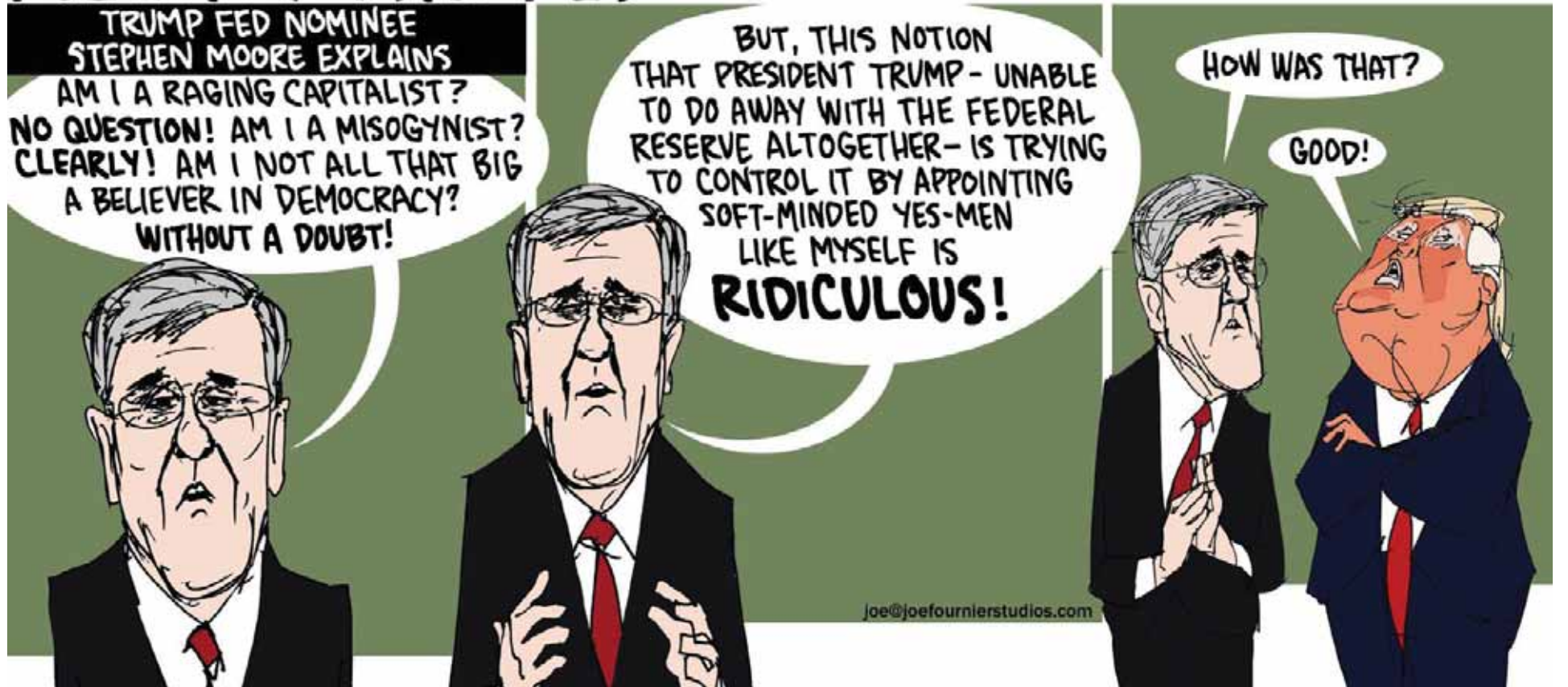
In 2001, the United States and its allies destroyed al-Qaida's terrorist training camps in Afghanistan and many thought that the group was done for good. However, from 2002 to 2004, al-Qaida operatives who fled Afghanistan coordinated or inspired 15 suicide attacks in many different countries around the world — for instance, killing at least 200 in Bali in October 2002 and nearly 200 in Madrid in March 2004, focusing on Westerners and churches as revenge for its losses.

Today, Islamic State has thousands of foreign fighters who came to fight in Iraq and Syria who are now heading back home. As we go forward, it is crucial to avoid the two extreme reactions of complacency or fear mongering. Both of these extremes play into the hands of ISIS. Instead, we need to realize that a moderate threat from ISIS and its affiliates is likely to continue for years to come, and so it is important to deal with the underlying political and social roots of terrorism as our best long-term security strategy.

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# PERSPECTIVE



President Donald Trump speaks to the nation from the Oval Office on Jan. 8.

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## Why Democrats should resist impeachment



STEVE CHAPMAN

By doing their jobs thoroughly and fairly, Robert Mueller and his team produced mass frustration. Those who hoped the report would dispel every cloud over Donald Trump, leaving clear skies for the remainder of his term, were disappointed. Those who wished for a steamer trunk full of smoking guns, which would cause Republicans to abandon him, were left to wander around baggage claim.

Democrats now have to grapple with the question that has loomed over Trump for most of his presidency: impeachment. Speaker Nancy Pelosi has a special hose she uses to blast cold water on the idea, and Sen. Amy Klobuchar, who is running for president, has chosen to model “Minnesota nice.” At a CNN town hall Monday, she said, “I’m the jury here, so I am not going to predispose things.”

But the sentiment in the House to impeach Trump is building. Some Democrats running for president have signed on, including Sen. Kamala Harris, Sen. Elizabeth Warren and Julian Castro.

I will be relieved if public outrage at Trump’s character and conduct grows so broad that Congress has to remove him from office. House hearings could help bring that about, as could the U.S. attorney for the Southern District of New York. But the arguments made so far for impeachment only make it clear how far we are from there.

Warren offered her rationale in a CNN town hall Monday, rejecting fears of a

voter backlash. “There is no political inconvenience exception to the United States Constitution,” she asserted. If other senators choose to accept what Trump has done, “then they should have to take that vote and live with it for the rest of their lives.”

The idea that Republicans would be shamed by voting to keep Trump in office is charming but absurd. Mitch McConnell’s conscience will not be troubled if he enables vile behavior by a Republican president. If anything, it will cause him to swell with pride whenever he thinks of it.

Other progressives, however, are equally ready to dispense with caution. “Doing nothing when we are seeing blatant disregard of the United States Constitution, to our ethical norms, is dangerous,” said Rep. Rashida Tlaib, D-Mich. Billionaire activist Tom Steyer, who is running pro-impeachment TV ads, argues that anything less would be “a terrible precedent, undermining our constitutional system, and leaving it vulnerable to deeper damage.”

They have a point. Trump’s bacchanal of sleaze is a threat to the Constitution, American democracy and the rule of law. But responding to his misdeeds is an overwhelming task requiring ruthless discipline.

Democrats are in the position of combat medics at the scene of a horrific battle. They have to resort to triage, focusing on the highest priorities.

The very highest is defeating Trump in 2020. If Democrats in the House and Senate spend months trying to rally support for removing him, voters disgusted by partisan wars and gridlock could very well respond negatively — as they did to Bill Clinton’s impeachment.

If the effort fails, as it is almost certain to do, it would let the president make a

more convincing claim of exoneration and give his re-election campaign a lift. An acquittal in the Senate would look like a victory for Trump because it would be a victory for Trump.

Progressives insist that impeachment would not be a distraction from matters of greater importance to most people. They say Democrats can push for it while putting forth legislation on health care, student debt, racial and economic inequity, climate change and immigration.

But the question is not whether Democrats have the bandwidth to process it all; it’s whether the electorate does. Impeachment proceedings inevitably would monopolize public attention at the expense of crowd-pleasing policy plans.

As a matter of principle, impeachment is the right remedy for presidential deception, corruption and obstruction. But the political graveyards are full of elected officials who neglected to balance principle against public opinion.

While Trump has a high disapproval rating, Congress has a higher one. The people who would pursue impeachment don’t start with the benefit of the doubt. Clinton survived his impeachment. The Republican House speaker, Newt Gingrich, did not.

For now, the House should uncover as much evidence as possible to expose Trump’s dishonesty and malevolence. Maybe then his removal would be a genuine possibility instead of a dream. But nothing should get in the way of ensuring that next year, voters put an end to our national nightmare.

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### VOICE OF THE PEOPLE

#### Removal of school mural

Regarding Oak Park Elementary School District 97 officials’ decision to remove a mural from Percy Julian Middle School: The mural, “Child and Sports — Winter,” was painted in 1937 through the federal Works Progress Administration. It depicts white adults and children at play at a frozen pond.

The mural was removed from Julian earlier this month. It had hung in Julian for 17 years, and prior to that, in another Oak Park school.

The decision to remove the work was flawed. It was stated the piece “did not reflect or represent” the current diversity of the community or school. But of course it didn’t, having been painted in 1937. A representative from the New Deal Art Registry stated that just because there were few people of color in Oak Park at that time does not render the mural worthless. David Sokol, retired professor of American art, worries about the precedent-setting action, calling it tragic and, in effect, censorship.

Additionally, the school principal is the wrong person to make this kind of decision, because he or she is uniquely exposed to job loss if in disagreement with complaining parent groups. Also, the mural’s removal was executed with no community input.

The irony of this act of reverse discrimination is that Oak Park is a national model of successful community diversity, having enacted its initial fair housing ordinance in 1968.

Its history museum is showing a remarkable display on the history of fair housing in the community, which should be seen by all. The removal to storage of the 1937 mural is not a typical open-minds and open-arms step taken by Oak Park as it has traveled the road to achieving a model integrated community.

— Thomas Lynch, Oak Park

#### Teach, don’t censor

The mural at Oak Park’s Julian Middle School is the subject of controversy. But a nonprofit in Washington, D.C., is using its school’s story as an opportunity for student-driven research and discussion that leads to understanding.

“The Story of Our Schools” involves students in creating museum-quality exhibits telling “the story of their school.”

In one case, the very name of the school, Logan, honors a Civil War general from Illinois who was once ardently pro-slavery. A team of students researched the name, the development of the neighborhood, and the construction and changes to the school building. They met with alumni who graduated from the school decades earlier to present their questions and record the oral histories.

Watching the confident, informed kids taking a crowd of community visitors through the opening of Logan exhibit was awe-inspiring. More, it was just plain the right way to talk about the issues.

Isn’t this research-and-discovery approach a better example for students of how to approach an issue?

— Sandra Sarsha Petroskius, Lake Forest

#### Support fair housing

This week, the Cook County Board of Commissioners will have the chance to expand access to stable housing for people with arrest and conviction records. This is a critical opportunity to help people re-entering society the chance to rebuild from a strong foundation, reduce recidivism and strengthen our communities.

People with arrest or conviction records, like everyone else, deserve a place to call home. But it can be almost impossible for them to find an apartment or house to rent. According to The Sentencing Project, 1 in 3 Americans have an arrest record before age 25. In Cook County alone, that translates to more than 1 million residents with a record that can be a barrier to finding a stable home. This affects their families and our communities; the Illinois Department of Corrections reports that 62 percent of people in prison in our state are parents to minor children.

The “just housing” amendment, sponsored by Commissioner Brandon Johnson, aims to reduce unfair housing discrimination by limiting the types of criminal history that landlords can consider, such as arrests, juvenile records and expunged/sealed records. Housing providers would be required to conduct an individualized assessment of an applicant with a conviction and consider factors such as the nature of the offense and how long ago it occurred.

The Cook County Board of Commissioners should vote Thursday to pass this amendment without hesitation. With the just housing amendment in place, Cook County will take a serious step forward on the path toward meaningful criminal justice reform.

— Gianna Baker, outreach manager, Housing Action Illinois, Chicago

## Moral clarity? Kate Smith’s ‘God Bless America’ vs. Woody Guthrie’s ‘This Land Is Your Land’

BY CORY FRANKLIN

The New York Yankees and the Philadelphia Flyers both recently announced they would stop using their traditional recorded versions of Kate Smith singing “God Bless America” during games.

In a particularly totalitarian touch, the Flyers removed a statue of Smith from the Philadelphia sports complex and destroyed the statue’s base thereby assuring the specter of Kate Smith will no more haunt the City of Brotherly Love. The ostensible reason for all of this is to assure moral clarity — that being the coin of the realm these days when we disappear people and destroy statues while confronting our past.

In this particular contretemps, to better assure moral clarity, an examination of some of the principal players, and tangential ones, is in order.

There is no direct evidence that Smith was personally a racist. Her crime was singing two songs she was assigned to sing that had racist overtones in musical productions of the 1930’s. One particular song, “That’s Why Darkies Were Born,” is likely a satiric jab on racism on the order of Jonathan Swift’s “A Modest Proposal.”

A contemporary of Smith, Paul Robeson, the noted black activist, also recorded a popular version of “That’s Why Darkies Were Born.” Robeson constantly fought against injustice, racial and otherwise — except for his abiding passion for communism and the Soviet Union. He was a regular visitor to Moscow, and in 1952 accepted the Soviet Union’s highest distinction, the Stalin Prize, long after it was common knowledge Josef Stalin had a long history of torturing and murdering millions, disappearing people and operating some extremely nasty gulags.

Unwilling to offend their affluent white fan base, the New York Yankees were

notoriously slow to integrate, not putting a black player on the team until nearly a decade after Jackie Robinson broke in with Brooklyn. The Yankees’ first black player was Elston Howard, a strong-armed, good-hitting, albeit slow-footed outfielder turned catcher. When Yankee manager Casey Stengel first saw him, he said, “They finally get me a (black player), and I get the only one who can’t run.” Stengel may not have used the term “black.”

The Philadelphia Flyers have had fewer than a dozen black players in their 52-year history.

Irving Berlin, the author of “God Bless America”, was born Israel Isidore Baline. He fled the anti-Semitism of czarist Russia as a boy and grew up in the New York City tenements, one of the poorest neighborhoods in America. Berlin became arguably America’s greatest songwriter, and his openly patriotic “God Bless America”, written at the end of World War I, was reintroduced on Armistice Day 1938 as a response to the rise of Adolf Hitler. Through his songwriting, Berlin realized the American dream, and he expressed his gratitude during World War II by donating all the royalties from “God Bless America” to the Boy Scouts and Girls Scouts of America. In one day alone, Kate Smith’s version of the song earned over \$100 million in war bonds to fight the Nazis.

Woody Guthrie, the son of a middle-class Oklahoma real estate developer, wrote “This Land Is Your Land” as a protest response to “God Bless America.” As Guthrie traveled from California to New York, he grew sick of hearing Smith’s version of “God Bless America” on radios everywhere, so he wrote “This Land Is Your Land” not, as commonly believed, as a patriotic anthem but as a protest song to the song’s glorification of America. The

song may not even be Guthrie’s — its melody is remarkably close to a Southern Baptist gospel hymn.

Guthrie never became a member of the Communist Party, but he was an enthusiastic “fellow traveler.” He supported its efforts in the United States by writing articles for the party’s house organ, The Daily Worker, and performing at party rallies. In a letter to his wife, Guthrie once wrote, “The big rich landlords, gambling lords, rulers and owners are cussing the communists loud and long these days. The communists always have been the hardest fighters for the trade unions, good wages, short hours, nursery schools, cleaner workshops and the equal rights of every person of every color. Communists have the only answer to the whole mess. That is, we all ought to own and run every mine, factory, timber track ...”

Guthrie wrote “This Land Is Your Land” in 1940, when Hitler’s Nazi Germany and Stalin’s communist Soviet Union had a friendship pact. Presumably at that point, his guitar that famously read “This machine kills fascists” was killing only American fascists — like Irving Berlin.

This land may belong to you and me, but as of now “This Land is Your Land” does not. The corporation that charges licensing fees for use of the song, backed by Guthrie’s daughter, is fighting ferociously in an ongoing legal proceeding to keep the song out of the public domain and in private hands. Ironic, considering the rarely sung verses of “This Land Is Your Land” are a thinly veiled attack on private property.

Exactly where is the moral clarity in all of this?

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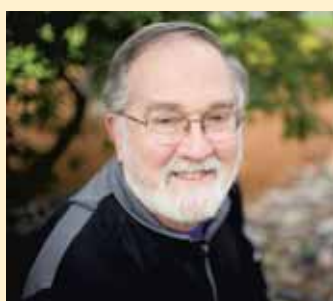
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# Chicago Tribune BUSINESS

## Can Rivian electric truck be norm in downstate Normal?

Ford is putting up \$500M to get in on the action

BY ROBERT CHANNICK  
Chicago Tribune

Electric truck startup Rivian, which is opening its factory in downstate Normal, announced a \$500 million investment Wednesday from Ford that will help the Big Three automaker develop its own next-generation electric vehicles.

It is the second big vote of confidence this year in the startup. In February, Rivian announced a \$700 million investment round led by Amazon, in addition to \$450 million raised from investors in previous funding.

Ford will become a minority partner in Rivian, which will remain an independent company. Rivian recently unveiled a new

electric pickup truck and an SUV that will go on sale late next year.

"As we continue in our transformation of Ford with new forms of intelligent vehicles and propulsion, this partnership with Rivian brings a fresh approach to both," Jim Hackett, Ford president and CEO, said in a news release. "At the same time, we believe Rivian can benefit from Ford's industrial expertise and resources."

Ford intends to develop a new vehicle using Rivian's flexible "skateboard" platform, in addition to previously announced plans to build a portfolio of battery electric vehicles, the company said. Joe Hinrichs, Ford's president of automotive, will join Rivian's seven-member board.

"This strategic partnership marks another key milestone in our drive to accelerate the transition to sustainable mobility," RJ Scaringe, Rivian founder and CEO, said in the release.

Founded in 2009, Rivian is gaining momentum in its mission

to become the Tesla of trucks, drawing investors and consumer interest long before the first vehicles roll off the line at a former Mitsubishi plant currently undergoing renovations.

Rivian employs about 800 people at its Michigan headquarters, California technology and engineering operations and the 2.6 million-square-foot plant in Normal, which the company bought for \$16 million in cash from a liquidation firm in January 2017. About 70 employees are based in Normal, the company said Wednesday.

The company unveiled sleek prototypes of its electric pickup truck and SUV models in November at the Los Angeles Auto Show, winning praise for their innovative design and performance capability. The company says the high-end model of its pickup, the R1T, will be able to go from zero to 60 mph in about 3 seconds and travel up to 400 miles on a single charge.

The company has set an annual target of 20,000 to 25,000 vehicles over the first two years of production, with the ambitious goal of eventually producing 250,000 vehicles per year.

In addition to \$4 million in local incentives, Rivian is set to receive \$49.2 million in state tax credits over 15 years if it meets employment and investment targets for the Normal facility. Those goals include creating 1,000 new jobs by 2024.

The Ford investment — the first from an automaker — brings more than capital to the startup electric truck manufacturer, adding a major client to the mix as Rivian seeks to gain traction.

"Rivian will become a significant supplier of technology to other automakers while also being an automaker itself," Rivian spokesman Michael McHale said Wednesday.

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## United is giving its planes a makeover

Company shows off new design at event at O'Hare International

BY LAUREN ZUMBACH  
Chicago Tribune

United Airlines is giving its aircraft a makeover for the first time in nearly a decade.

Chicago-based United teased the announcement with a video on Twitter on Tuesday night, showing workers stripping the paint from an aircraft before applying the new design, which was unveiled at an event at O'Hare International Airport on Wednesday.

Mark Krolick, United's vice president of marketing, described it as a modernization of the design United adopted after its 2010 merger with Continental Airlines, which paired the United name with Continental's globe logo.

"We wanted something that paid respect to the heritage of the company but was also very forward-looking," he said.

That globe will still be featured on each aircraft's tail, but in sky blue rather than gold. The tail itself will incorporate three different shades of blue. Engines and wingtips will also be blue, as will the formerly gold line running across the aircraft's main body. The line will also have more of a swoop than the current design — meant to signify a "more nimble, flexible company," Krolick said. The swooping line already appears on United's Boeing 787 Dreamliner aircraft.

United's name will also be in bigger, bolder letters on the plane's main body and the phrase

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Adidas x Game of Thrones Ultra Boosts is a shoe line inspired by HBO's drama "Game of Thrones."

HBO

## Merchandise is coming

When you sell the 'Game of Thrones,' you're likely to win

BY GARY GERARD HAMILTON  
Associated Press

NEW YORK — From wine to clothing to tours, HBO and retailers have cashed in through the years with "Game of Thrones" merchandise. "Thrones" is not only a huge international show but also a massive business, with all sides hoping to pad the bank during the show's eighth and final season.

"It's thousands of products, just a lot of stuff all around the world," said Jeff Peters, HBO's vice president of licensing and retail. "We're so busy we don't stop and count."

Products include makeup, beer, toy collectibles and even high fashion collaborations.

But while the show itself is a TV phenomenon, that doesn't guarantee fans will flock to stores.

"It's certainly good to be lucky. But you don't get to where the merchandising programs are with HBO and what they've done with 'Game of Thrones' unless you have a true, point-by-point marketing and merchandising and retail strategy," said product and licensing expert Tony Lisanti.

"This is a global property, and every country may resonate a little different," he said.

California-based Vintage Wine Estates has been making the official "Game of Thrones" wine for three years now, said Pat Roney, the company's CEO.



Costumes of the characters Joffrey Baratheon and Margaery Tyrell are on display as part of the "Game of Thrones Touring Exhibition" in Belfast, Northern Ireland.

AP

"Just the excitement all over the world with the calls that we get from almost 40 different countries to sell wine — it's just amazing," he said.

Popular tours of "Game of Thrones" filming locations in Croatia and Ireland have boosted small, local economies there, according to TripAdvisor's Andrew Aley.

"Some really positive examples like Northern Ireland, for

example, where it's not somewhere that's always been on every tourist's radar and it's now become one of the major pillars of tourism in that local economy," he said. "But it's one of those factors that's then driving tourism to other attractions as well, like at Belfast Titanic or Giant's Causeway."

It wasn't always this easy for HBO to find retailing partners for "Game of Thrones," Peters

said. "At the beginning, nobody really knew what it was," he said. "So, we were the ones making phone calls and we were saying, 'Hey, you got to get in on this. We think there's a great opportunity.' As the show got established and got big, then all the calls came to us and people were just throwing ide-

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## Boeing: 737 Max fix will cost \$1B

CEO says company making steady gains on software update

BY DAVID KOENIG  
Associated Press

Boeing estimates it will spend \$1 billion to fix the 737 Max and has pulled its forecast of 2019 earnings because of uncertainty surrounding the jetliner, which remains grounded after two crashes that killed 346 people.

The estimate was disclosed Wednesday in a presentation for investors as Boeing released first-quarter financial results, which missed Wall Street expectations. A spokesman said the estimate covered higher production costs over the next several years.

Boeing did not go into great detail on the costs of fixing flight-control software that played a role in the crashes or the additional training for pilots. Still, the disclosures gave the clearest picture yet of the financial damage that the accidents are causing to the aerospace giant.

Boeing CEO Dennis Muilenburg repeated that the company is making progress on updating the Max's software and convincing

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### LOVE YOUR JOB? NOMINATE IT AS A TOP WORKPLACE

The Chicago Tribune is seeking nominations for our annual Top Workplaces special report, in which we explore how organizations create and sustain a positive and productive culture. We'll also compile a list of this year's top workplaces in Chicago.

This is the 10th year that the Tribune has produced this report, and every year we hear about novel ways in which companies and their managers are engaging, motivating and rewarding employees.

A lot has changed in 10 years, and

the discussion of what makes a top workplace has particular relevance today. The economy is strong, unemployment is low and more than ever, employees are looking for a better job if they don't like the one they have. Consider this: The number of people who voluntarily left their jobs has been on the upswing for years, and last year 40.1 million workers quit, according to the Labor Department. That's 2.4 million more people who quit than the year before.

A top workplace can be described

this way: It's an organization that is successful because its employees enjoy their work, embrace their mission and feel like valued teammates. Compensation and perks are factors, but the more important components include opportunities for professional growth and being treated with respect.

To qualify, a workplace must have at least 100 employees in the Chicago area. Nominations are open to all employers, including nonprofits. Nominated companies that agree to

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participate will distribute to employees between April and July an easy-to-complete, confidential survey developed by the Tribune's research partner, Energage, which will calculate the list of top workplaces.

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To nominate a company, go to [www.chicagotribune.com/nominate](http://www.chicagotribune.com/nominate) or call 312-878-7356. The deadline is May 10.

# McDonald's planning to import global menu items to U.S.

By MAURA JUDKIS  
The Washington Post

The quintessential American fast-food chain is about to introduce some international flavors. Business Insider obtained internal documents indicating that McDonald's is preparing to bring special menu items from its restaurants in other countries to the United States.

Diners will get to try the Grand McExtreme Bacon Burger from Spain, the Stroopwafel McFlurry from the Netherlands, the tomato-mozzarella chicken sandwich from Canada and the cheesy bacon fries from Australia. When asked for comment by Business Insider, the brand responded "Geen commentaar" or "No comment" in Dutch.

The new menu offerings are a taste of global flavors, but filtered through an American fast-food lens.

■ The Grand McExtreme is a "a fresh-beef Quarter Pounder topped with McBacon sauce, bacon, Gouda cheese, and slivered onions."

■ A Stroopwafel McFlurry is mixed with chunks of the popular Dutch caramel waf-



E. JASON WAMBSGANS/CHICAGO TRIBUNE

Cheese- and bacon-loaded fries from Australia are seen Wednesday at the McDonald's restaurant in Chicago's Fulton Market district.

fle cookie and caramel sauce.

■ The Canadian tomato-mozzarella chicken sandwich has onions, lettuce, tomato, mozzarella and a tomato-and-herb sauce.

■ The cheesy bacon fries are pretty self-explanatory. In fact, McDonald's has already been testing them nationwide.

McDonald's menus in other countries have long been a source of fascination for American fast-food fans. Partly out of jealousy — hey, why can't we have that? — and partly because of what the menu items tell us about America, foreign taste preferences, globalism and how the world views American food culture.

What does it mean, for example, that you can get fried wedges of brie at McDonald's in Russia, and McSpaghetti in the Philippines? Or that Chilean McDonald's locations sell a "McPollo Italiano," with chicken, mayonnaise, tomato and decidedly non-Italian guacamole? (The sandwich is the color of the Italian flag, so that counts for something.) What were they thinking when the company introduced the German-Mexican mash-up "Los Beefos", a side order of

deep-fried meatballs dipped in salsa, in Germany? What is the meaning of a McCountry, a sausage sandwich served with a side of fried shrimp, in the Czech Republic?

There are endless permutations of foreign McDonald's menu items. In France, menus have featured a sandwich of ham, cheese and hash browns on a baguette. You can get fried paneer wraps in India, fried salmon wraps in Norway, McKebab in Israel, and fries flavored with mayonnaise and seasoned cod roe in Japan. Wouldn't the British and Australian Cadbury egg McFlurry do well in the United States, where the Easter candy is also popular? Doesn't the Chicken Maharaja Mac, from India, look tasty?

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# Writings magnify scrutiny of Fed choice

By CHRISTOPHER RUGABER  
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Additional provocative commentaries about women written by Stephen Moore, President Donald Trump's pick for the Federal Reserve Board, emerged Tuesday, a day after a second White House Fed choice withdrew from consideration.

In a column for the Washington Times, Moore wrote in 2000 that "Colleges are places for rabble-rousing. For men to lose their boyhood innocence. To stay out way too late drinking. And the women seemed to survive just fine. If they were so oppressed and offended by drunken, lustful frat boys, why is it that on Friday nights they showed up in droves in tight skirts to the key parties?"

The column, reported earlier by The New York

Times, followed the emergence Monday of articles Moore had written complaining about the suitability of female referees and commentators in basketball.

Also on Tuesday, The Associated Press unearthed a column from April 2005 that Moore wrote for the National Review in which he agonized over the fact that his alma mater, University of Illinois, lost the NCAA championship basketball game to the University of North Carolina.

Moore wrote: "My wife has groused all year that I love this team more than her, but I was always the good husband. I would pat her on the head whenever she felt underappreciated and remind her that I loved them both the same."

Moore has previously downplayed some of his comments about women as "jokes" and "a spoof." Still, the newly surfaced com-

mentaries come one day after Herman Cain, a former CEO of Godfather pizza, withdrew his name from consideration for a second Fed board position. In 2012, Cain had dropped out of that year's presidential race after allegations of sexual harassment and infidelity arose — issues that resurfaced after Trump said earlier this month that he planned to nominate Cain for the Fed.

On Tuesday, Hogan Gidley, a White House spokesman, was asked whether Trump had spoken with Moore and whether the president still had confidence in him for an influential position on the Fed. Gidley's response stopped well short of a full endorsement.

"I don't know that he's spoken with him, but we don't have any announcement yet on that front," Gidley said.

Moore has been a well-known conservative commentator for more than two decades, including for The Wall Street Journal editorial page, and is now a visiting fellow at the Heritage Foundation. He also was an adviser to the Trump presidential campaign and helped design the 2017 tax cuts. He later co-authored "Trumponomics," a book touting the president's policies.

Many critics have argued that Moore is far too politicized a figure to serve on the Fed's board and in any case lacks the necessary qualifications.

Several other controversies have also dogged Moore. A lien of more than \$75,000 was filed against him in January 2018 for unpaid taxes. Reports have also indicated that he has fallen behind on alimony and child support payments to his ex-wife.



BRIAN CASSELLA/CHICAGO TRIBUNE

United Airlines unveils a new design for its planes Wednesday at O'Hare International Airport.

# United

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"Connecting people. Uniting the world." will be painted near each aircraft's door.

United CEO Oscar Munoz said the new design "symbolizes what the news spirit of United is all about." It follows investments in the service, company culture and network of destinations meant to make United "the airline people choose to fly," he said.

Early reaction to the new design on Twitter was mixed.

Comments included "I already miss the old one," and "Booooooring. Going back to sleep now," as well as more positive takes, such as: "Haters are wrong. It looks sharp."

One element that doesn't appear to be included is United's pre-merger logo, a red, white and blue stylized "U" known as the tulip, created

in the 1970s by designer Saul Bass.

The tulip still has fans: a "Save the United Airlines Tulip" Facebook group has more than 5,100 members, who speculated about the new design in the days leading up to United's announcement.

Krolick said there was no talk of bringing the tulip back. "Our intention was to take what we have, modernize it for the future and really lean into the globe," he said. "The globe has really become an icon representing our global network and mission of connecting people and uniting the world."

One Boeing 737-800 has been repainted. Getting to the rest of the more than 1,300 planes in the airline's fleet is expected to take a couple of years.

A Boeing 777 that carries more than 266 passengers is more work than a 70-seat regional jet, but a single aircraft can take four or five days to paint, said Krolick, who declined to say how

much the process is expected to cost. United said planes are repainted every seven years, on average. The work is getting done by a vendor, and not in Chicago.

Designs emphasizing motion have been trendy in recent years, with carriers adopting curving lines as well as more complex patterns, said Patrick Smith, who flies a Boeing 767 and writes a column called "Ask the Pilot."

They can be attractive but "all begin to look the same," said Smith, who hadn't yet seen United's new design.

"An effective corporate brand isn't about cleverness or some abstract meaning," he said.

While United has kept the look of its fleet relatively consistent, it occasionally shakes things up with one-off specialty designs.

Some involve a partnership with another brand, like a Star Wars-themed aircraft that will begin fly-

ing this fall, before the release of the latest film in the franchise.

United declined to say how much a brand would pay to paint its logo on a plane.

The deals usually involve more than just financial compensation, Krolick said. The airline hasn't announced any details about its plans with Disney around the upcoming Star Wars movie. But partnerships with movie studios could involve access to on-screen talent or content like films customers can stream in-flight, he said.

Other special paint jobs are in-house projects. United is running a contest that will select two women artists to have their designs featured on aircraft — one each representing the New York and California regions. Others have promoted the airline's green initiatives or re-created old-school aircraft designs.

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# Evers: Foxconn raised idea of renegotiating deal

Project could yield company more than \$4B in tax credits

By SCOTT BAUER  
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MADISON, WIS. — Wisconsin Gov. Tony Evers said in a letter his office released Tuesday that Foxconn Technology Group approached the state last month about wanting to renegotiate its contract for a project that could yield the global electronics giant more than \$4 billion in state and local tax credits.

Evers said for the first time last week that the state was renegotiating the deal with Foxconn. That led Republican legislative leaders to accuse Evers, a critic of the project near Racine, of attempting to undermine it.

But in a letter to Foxconn executive Louis Woo, Evers said it was Woo who first raised the idea of renegotiating the contract during a meeting in March. Evers wrote that he wanted to clarify their conversation.

"You indicated that Foxconn intends to suggest several changes to the existing agreement to better align the terms with the evolving project and global marketplace," Evers wrote. "To my knowledge, this was the first time either Foxconn or the State of Wisconsin had mentioned amending or changing the agreement approved in 2017."

Evers also wrote that Woo had briefed Republican Senate Majority Leader Scott Fitzgerald and Assembly Speaker Robin Vos on his intention to seek changes to the deal. Both Vos and Fitzgerald last week said Evers was trying to undermine the deal, but neither of them said anything about a conversation with Woo.

"I met with Louis Woo for 30 minutes and there was no discussion about opening up the contract for renegotiation, just general discussion about Foxconn's expansion and growth," Fitzgerald said.

Vos said he's proud of the contract that the Wisconsin Economic Development Corp. and Walker administration negotiated with

Foxconn and accused Evers of playing to his liberal base.

"If Evers wants to change it, the taxpayer protections need to remain," Vos said. "Credits should be earned and not given away."

Foxconn spokeswoman Myranda Tanck didn't immediately reply to requests for comment.

Evers said in the letter that the state was identifying areas where there could be "greater flexibility and transparency as the project continues to evolve." Evers has not offered details and did not spell out any in the letter.

Earlier Tuesday, Wisconsin Economic Development Corp. Secretary and CEO Mark Hogan defended the original agreement, calling it a "solid contract with the company." He spoke with reporters following a state Senate committee hearing during which he declined to answer a question from a lawmaker about contract renegotiations.

Under the original deal, Foxconn can receive about \$3 billion in state tax credits if it employs 13,000 people and spends about \$9 billion on a display screen manufacturing campus near Racine, in southeastern Wisconsin. With local incentives, the value of the deal to Foxconn exceeds \$4 billion, the largest government subsidy to a foreign corporation in U.S. history.

President Donald Trump has heralded the project as the "eighth wonder of the world" and came to Wisconsin last summer for the groundbreaking.

But Foxconn missed its hiring minimum to receive job tax credits in 2018 and has scaled back the size of the factory it plans to build. Evers, a Democrat, campaigned against Republican Gov. Scott Walker as a critic of the Foxconn deal, saying taxpayers were on the hook for too much money and the deal needed to be renegotiated.

Evers said last week that it was unrealistic to think Foxconn would employ 13,000 people as it originally promised, given that the size of the factory had been reduced, and that the contract may have to be updated to reflect the smaller scale of the project.

# Boeing

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regulators to let the plane fly again.

Chicago-based Boeing Co. said its previously issued full-year guidance didn't account for 737 Max impacts. It plans to issue a new guidance at a future date.

The company also said it is suspending stock buybacks. Boeing reported first-quarter net earnings of \$2.15 billion, down \$328 million or 13% from a year earlier. Revenue slid \$465 million or 2%, to \$22.92, on fewer deliveries of 737s.

Profit adjusted to exclude non-repeating items was \$3.16 per share. Analysts surveyed by FactSet expected \$3.19 per share on revenue of \$22.94 billion, and both of those forecasts had been reduced considerably in the past month.

Investors and consumers have been keeping a closer eye on Boeing since Max jets crashed in October and March. The accidents have damaged the company's reputation for safety, caused the worldwide grounding of about 370 Max jets and raised questions about the U.S. government's approval of the plane in 2017.

The company said it is making steady progress on the path to final certification for a software update for the 737 Max, having conducted more than 135 test flights involving the retooled software, which limits the plane's ability to automatically force the nose down in some circumstances.

Preliminary reports indicate that faulty sensor readings caused the software to push the noses of the planes down in both the Oct. 29

crash of a Lion Air jet off the coast of Indonesia and the March 10 crash of an Ethiopian Airlines Max. Boeing began working on a software update to the system immediately after the Lion Air accident.

When the market closed Tuesday, Boeing Co. shares stood 4% higher than before the first crash. After a slump, the shares skyrocketed from late December until early March when the second crash occurred.

Analysts had treated the Lion Air crash off the coast of Indonesia as a one-time event and noted that Boeing was working on a fix.

Even with a mild sell-off since the March crash, the shares began Wednesday up 16% in 2019, barely trailing the 17% gain in the Standard and Poor's 500. The shares rose \$1.44, or 0.39 percent, to close at \$375.46 Wednesday.

Investors believe the market for jetliners will remain strong for many years and airlines don't have much choice for big planes — Boeing and Airbus form a duopoly.

Last week, an expert panel of the Federal Aviation Administration judged that a software fix to the Max would be "operationally suitable," and that airline pilots familiar with previous versions of the 737 won't need additional time in flight simulators to learn about the new software that is unique to the Max.

Jim Corridore, an airline analyst for CFRA Research, said that while Boeing has much work to do, the FAA panel's determination "shows that the return of the plane to flying is now a when' question rather than if' we remain firm in our view that Boeing will survive this with its order book largely intact."

# Farmers, tech take on weather

Firms offer precise data, crop conditions

BY LYDIA MULVANY AND BRIAN K. SULLIVAN  
Bloomberg News

When surprise hailstorms hit the 6,000 acres of peas, wheat, canola and lentils that Trevor Scherman plants each year, his first move isn't to his truck to assess the damage. These days, it's to his iPad.

Nine mini weather stations from the Canadian firm Farmer's Edge, along with daily satellite imagery from San Francisco-based Planet, provide Scherman with an intimate and easily accessible assessment for each of his fields. The stations, which include a soil probe, measure moisture and temperature in the air and in the root zone, wind speed and direction, and even dew point.

The companies are part of a wave of emerging high-tech firms helping farmers fight a historic foe — bad weather, which is getting wilder and more erratic. At the same time, seed sellers Bayer, Syngenta and DowDuPont are scouring the Earth for more crop genes that will let them further develop plants to thrive in bad weather. Already, there's been progress.

"We see right now a new paradigm in the production of corn and soybeans," said Al Dutcher, an extension agricultural climatologist with the state climatologist's office in Lincoln, Neb. "Technological advances are outpacing the problems."

Investments in agriculture technology companies are growing, hitting \$6.7 billion in the last five years, and the number of venture capital deals are increasing, according to Finistere Ventures, a San Diego-based venture capital firm.



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Technology is bringing more tools to farmers to help them cope with erratic and damaging weather.

Through October 2018, there were 28 deals globally for companies making sensors and smart farm equipment, and 19 for imagery companies.

Valuations seem to be increasing as well, with Ceres Imaging Inc., which uses multiple sensors in farm flyovers, raising a \$25 million Series B investment, according to Finistere. At the same time, traditional seed companies are searching for more ways to protect plants from climate change's new weather patterns. They're exploring the genetics of African corn varieties that can go weeks without water as well as Southeast Asia crops that have natural guards against diseases that warmer, more humid weather encourage.

Genes that help Mexican corn flourish in high heat have already been bred for wider use by Bayer. Originally meant for farms in the U.S. South, they're now

used as far north as Minnesota.

To deal with the weather changes, no advantage is too small. When corn is water-starved, for instance, the leaves curl, reducing photosynthesis and hurting yield. Delaying curling by even a few days can help, said Nathan Fields, vice president of production and sustainability at the National Corn Growers Association. "Growers, really their biggest risk factor is the weather, and it always has been," Fields said. "It's getting more dramatic, but they've adapted in the past. They're used to it. It's more intense, but the seed produced today, the germplasm, is producing incredible plants that can withstand a lot of this."

Bayer and BASF are working on developing seeds that limit plant height, with the aim to improve their ability to survive high winds without

snapping or being uprooted, said Bob Reiter, Bayer's head of research and development.

It isn't an easy battle. Farmers are seeing more intensely erratic weather than they ever have. Two farms a hundred miles apart might see floods in one, and drought in the other.

Herb Thomasson, a farmer in Melville, La., knows about extreme weather. Right now, he has a wary eye on the nearby Atchafalaya River, which — along with the Mississippi River — has been high for months, raising worry from Iowa to the Gulf of Mexico.

With melting snow up north and weeks of unrelenting rain, the fields are still too wet to plant, he said. At one point over the past few years, the fields close to the river drowned under the Atchafalaya, Thomasson said, while those protected by a levee across the street from his house with-

mont-Doherty Earth Observatory in Palisades, N.Y. "The 100th meridian is the psychological dividing line between the arid West and the humid East and it is that arid-humid divide that moves east," Seager said.

Companies such as Reaktor Space Lab in Helsinki, Finland, are betting that data of all kinds are going to help farmers cope with the changes. In November, the firm launched its "Hello World" cube satellite, which orbits the Earth every 95 minutes.

The satellite, which is in its proof-of-concept phase, includes an onboard imager that detects the full spectrum of light. That means it can analyze soil nutrients, moisture content and chlorophyll levels in plants. While big government satellites can carry \$300 million price tags, and are costly to rent time on, the lunchbox-sized satellites will cost only \$1 million to \$2 million, lowering the cost of satellite images.

The daily satellite imagery used by Scherman at his farm outside of Battleford, Saskatchewan, lets farmers see their fields at a resolution of 3 to 5 meters per pixel. "You get a situational awareness of your fields within the day," said Zara Khan, Planet's product marketing lead for agriculture, which allows farmers to respond quickly to weather.

The push to bring such high-tech solutions to individual farmers is increasingly important, said Jim Block, chief meteorological officer at DTN, a Minnesota-based analytics firm that serves a wide variety of industries.

Rains recorded at a nearby government weather station can be 20 percent more or less than what a farmer's field gets, Block said, a disparity that can have significant consequences on daily decisions about applying fertilizers or chemicals to crops.

## Thrones

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as and pitches."

Some of those ideas resulted in fashion collaborations with companies such as Adidas, who created the now hard-to-find "Adidas x Game of Thrones Ultra Boosts" shoes, as well as a collection with men's fashion designer John Varvatos.

"The one thing that always stands out in my mind from the first season was all the textures, all the way the leathers are finished, the artisan fabrics, and it's a lot of what we do," Varvatos said. "But I also didn't want to make 'Game of Thrones' (clothes) where someone felt like they were wearing a costume around town. So what you wanted to do is take that inspiration with a lot of the great details from the wardrobe from the show and put that into product that people actually could wear."

There are also

"Thrones"-themed board games like "Monopoly," "CLUE" and "Risk"; Danielle Nicole's "Game of Thrones" handbags; and beer made by upstate New York's Brewery Ommegang.

Just how much money is being made? No one really knows except HBO. And the number's difficult to estimate, for a reason.

"HBO wants to get as high a licensing fee as possible. It will not want the companies that license 'Game of Thrones' to know what deals HBO is striking so that those companies seek to obtain a lower fee," wrote Larry Chiagouris, professor of marketing at Pace University, in an email.

His broad guess of how much HBO is bringing in: "It's a lot."

Aside from the chance to make money, there have been other benefits to retailers joining forces with HBO. Take Urban Decay's new makeup collection, for example.

"A couple of these products didn't even exist in

line before. So the lipsticks were re-imagined and have new casings and everything else," said Wende Zomnir, founding partner and chief creative officer of Urban Decay (the company previously worked with HBO on the show "Vinyl").

There's been a push to get new "Thrones" products out in time for the last season, but Lisanti thinks that even when the show ends, the products will stay in demand thanks to streaming and planned spinoffs.

"As long as there's new content, then the franchise will continue to be popular. And that content doesn't have to be another series," said Lisanti. It could be events such as a "traveling exhibition, concerts series, and events in cities and around the world."

HBO isn't worried. "We're striking right now while the iron is hot," Peters said. "But we're pretty confident that there will be interest in 'Game of Thrones' for a long time."

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	NA	0	2,000	2,000	2,000	2,000	2,000	2,000	2,000		

### Savings Update

#### Can you invest IRA funds in a CD? And should you?

Certificates of deposit can be a great tool for saving toward a short-term goal, like building up a house down payment or stashing money for a big project or dream vacation. But what about retirement? Do CDs have a place in saving for your golden years?

The first question is whether CDs are an allowable retirement investment, and the answer is yes. When you open an Individual Retirement Account, or IRA, that account is simply a container, which can hold most types of investments, from bank deposits like CDs to stocks and bonds.

Opening an IRA CD is hardly different than opening a regular CD. At most banks and credit unions, all the CDs in their regular menu are equally available in an IRA. The difference isn't usually in the CD itself, but simply in the account where you hold it.

Occasionally, however, an institution will promote a specific IRA CD offer. These are often longer-term

certificates, which typically come with a more favorable rate.

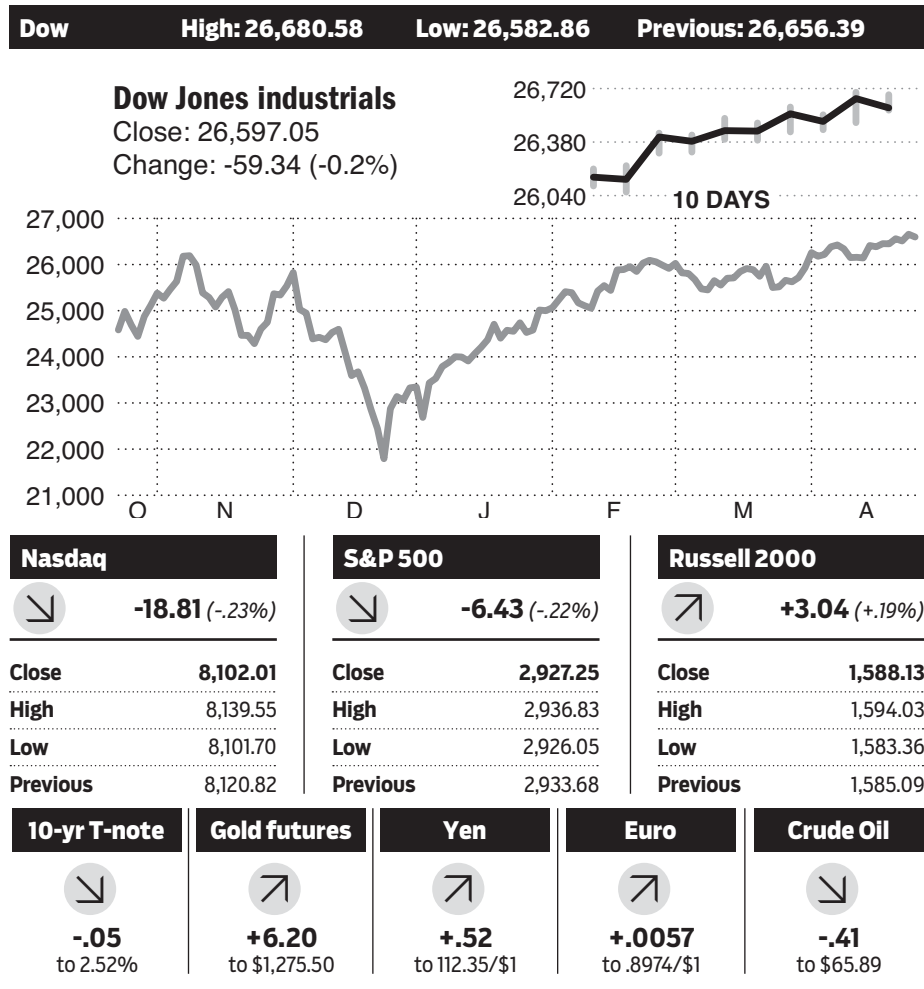
But are retirement CDs a good idea? It's true that CDs are extremely safe and entirely predictable, so they're well-suited well to savers who have almost no risk tolerance or a strong aversion to investing in stocks and bonds.

But since a CD's fixed rate of return generally lags these other investments over the long term — and usually significantly — investing your IRA funds in a CD will earn you far less over time. And in order to grow your nest egg sufficiently to fund your retirement years, the more substantial gains earned in the stock market are likely to be necessary.

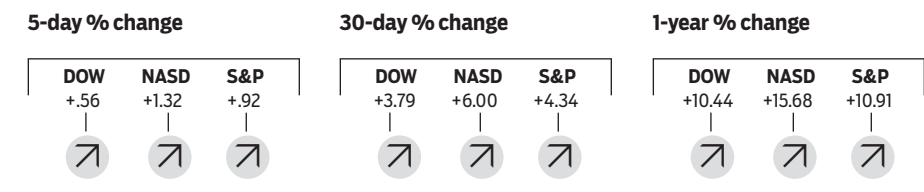
That said, for savers who are very close to retirement, or who wish to hold a portion of their retirement savings outside the stock market, IRA CDs are indeed safe and reliable.

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MARKET ROUNDUP



Major market growth and decline



**FUTURES**

COMMODITY	AMOUNT-PRICE	MO.	OPEN	HIGH	LOW	SETTLE	CHG.
WHEAT (CBOT)	5,000 bu minimum- cents per bushel	May 19	438	439.50	429.75	432.25	-6.50
CORN (CBOT)	5,000 bu minimum- cents per bushel	May 19	351	352.50	345.50	346.75	-4.50
SOYBEANS (CBOT)	5,000 bu minimum- cents per bushel	May 19	862	865.25	854.50	855.25	-6.75
SOYBEAN OIL (CBOT)	60,000 lbs- cents per lb	May 19	28.12	28.24	27.88	27.92	-1.4
SOYBEAN MEAL (CBOT)	100 tons- dollars per ton	May 19	300.70	302.20	300.00	300.40	-6.0
LIGHT SWEET CRUDE (NYMX)	1,000 bbl.- dollars per bbl.	Jul 19	66.17	66.43	65.66	65.89	-4.1
NATURAL GAS (NYMX)	10,000 mm btu's, \$ per mm btu	May 19	2.453	2.487	2.450	2.462	+0.007
NY HARBOR GAS BLEND (NYMX)	42,000 gallons- dollars per gallon	May 19	2.1132	2.1332	2.1015	2.1285	-0.0031

Source: The Associated Press

LOCAL STOCKS

Stocks listed may change due to daily fluctuations in market capitalization. Exchange key: N=NYSE, O=NASDAQ

STOCK	XCHG.	CLOSE	CHG.	STOCK	XCHG.	CLOSE	CHG.
Abbott Labs	N	76.75	+65	Equity Commonwh	N	32.04	+23
AbbVie Inc	N	78.67	+01	Equity Lifesty Prop	N	115.23	+13
Allstate Corp	N	96.41	-88	Equity Residential	N	75.47	+51
Aptargroup Inc	N	109.94	-12	Exelon Corp	N	50.07	+33
Arch Dan Mid	N	42.78	+08	First Indl RT	N	35.22	+17
Baxter Intl	N	76.28	-06	Fortune Brds Hm&Sec	N	49.85	+49
Boeing Co	N	375.46	+144	Gallagher AJ	N	82.06	+48
Brunswick Corp	N	54.48	+105	Grainger WW	N	294.36	+117
CBOE Global Markets	N	101.35	+23	GrubHub Inc	N	69.23	+127
CDK Global Inc	O	61.88	-12	Hill-Rom Hldgs	N	96.26	+30
CDW Corp	O	106.38	+28	IDEX Corp	N	156.71	+52
CF Industries	N	44.55	-02	ITW	N	156.81	-112
CME Group	O	176.21	+142	Ingredion Inc	N	94.29	-46
CNA Financial	N	44.44	+06	Jones Lang LaSalle	N	156.06	+10
Cabot Microelect	O	127.18	+05	Kemper Corp	N	86.48	+83
Caterpillar Inc	N	137.73	-430	Kraft Heinz Co	O	32.76	-34
ConAgra Brands Inc	N	31.28	+39	LKQ Corporation	O	31.44	+10
Deere Co	N	165.31	-245	Littelfuse Inc	O	204.45	+262
Discover Fin Svcs	N	77.02	-18	McDonalds Corp	N	197.63	+237
Dover Corp	N	97.26	-33	Middleby Corp	O	135.17	+175
				Mondelez Intl	O	50.38	+02
				Morningstar Inc	O	143.04	+2.64
				Motorola Solutions	N	146.99	+92
				NISource Inc	N	27.51	+21
				Nthn Truist Cp	O	97.73	+1.79
				Old Republic	N	21.20	+29
				Packaging Corp Am	N	98.81	+29
				Paylocity Hldg	O	92.73	-197
				Stericycle Inc	O	57.75	+59
				TransUnion	N	68.33	-41
				TreeHouse Foods	N	64.40	+16
				Tribune Media Co A	N	46.17	+01
				US Foods Holding	N	36.09	-19
				USG Corp	N	43.48	...
				Ultra Salon Cosmetics	O	355.84	+4.21
				United Contl Hldgs	O	88.03	+06
				Ventas Inc	N	59.52	+1.13
				Walgreen Boots Alli	O	53.47	+25
				Wintrust Financial	O	76.29	-49
				Zebra Tech	O	235.44	+2.00

MOST ACTIVE STOCKS

**NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE**

STOCK	CLOSE	CHG.
Snap Inc A	11.26	-73
AT&T Inc	30.79	-1.31
Anadarko Petrol	71.40	+7.41
Bank of America	30.02	-05
Ford Motor	9.57	+07
Chesapck Engy	3.07	-10
EnCana Corp	7.53	-09
Freoport McMoRan	13.58	+12
Twitter Inc	39.29	-48
Gen Electric	9.32	-01
Occid Petl	62.00	-36
Vale SA	12.56	-61
Nokia Corp	5.79	-01
Chevron Corp	118.28	-374
Sprint Corp	5.62	-09
Ambev S.A.	4.45	-05
Denbury Res	2.42	-20
Pfizer Inc	39.37	-05
Boston Scientific	35.44	-45
Regions FncI	15.38	+01
Wells Fargo & Co	47.48	+13
PG&E Corp	22.93	+140
Petrobras	15.34	-46
Sthwstn Energy	4.16	+01

LARGEST COMPANIES

Based on market capitalization

STOCK	CLOSE	CHG.
Alibaba Group Hldg	185.67	-1.62
Alphabet Inc C	1256.00	-8.55
Alphabet Inc A	1260.05	-10.54
Amazon.com Inc	1901.75	-22.02
Apple Inc	207.16	-32
Bank of America	30.02	-05
Berkshire Hath B	210.57	-1.04
Exxon Mobil Corp	81.76	-1.62
Facebook Inc	182.58	-1.20
HSBC Holdings prA	26.00	-0.26
Intel Corp	58.72	-06
JPMorgan Chase	113.55	-19
Johnson & Johnson	139.20	-70
Microsoft Corp	125.01	-43
Procter & Gamble	103.69	+53
Royal Dutch Shell B	64.85	-1.59
Royal Dutch Shell A	63.46	-1.54
Visa Inc	161.49	-17
WalMart Strs	103.53	+46

LARGEST MUTUAL FUNDS

Based on total assets

FUND	NAV	CHG	1-YR %RTN
American Funds AMCPA m	32.35	-12	+9.5
American Funds AmrnBAlA m	27.22	-03	+8.2
American Funds CptWldGrInCA	m48.95	-30	+2.1
American Funds CptlncBlDrA m	61.00	-20	+4.5
American Funds FdmTlInvsA m	60.36	-26	+9.0
American Funds GrfAmrCA m	50.21	-25	+10.3
American Funds IncAmrCA m	22.44	-03	+6.0
American Funds InvCAMrCA m	38.71	-15	+8.4
American Funds NwPrsptvA m	44.19	-20	+8.4
American Funds WAMtInvsA m	46.44	-11	+10.9
DFA EMktCorEq	21.21	-24	-6.1
DFA IntlCorEqIn	13.19	-14	-7.4
Dodge & Cox Inc	13.70	+03	+5.4
Dodge & Cox IntlStk	42.14	...	-6.4
Dodge & Cox Stk	190.36	+22	+6.7
DoubleLine TtRetBdl	10.52	+02	+4.9
Fidelity 500IdxInsrPrrm	101.76	-22	+13.3
Fidelity Contrafund	12.93	-05	+12.3
Fidelity TlMktIdxInsrPrrm	82.85	-14	+12.3
Fidelity USBldIdxInsrPrrm	11.49	+03	+5.5
Franklin Templeton IncA1 m	2.34	...	+7.2
Metropolitan West TtRetBdl	10.61	+03	+5.7
PIMCO IncInslT	12.05	...	+5.4
PIMCO TtRetIn	10.10	+02	+4.9
Schwab SP500Idx	45.01	-09	+13.3
T. Rowe Price BCGr	114.40	-45	+15.1
T. Rowe Price GrStk	68.28	-24	+14.2
Vanguard 500IdxAdmrl	270.40	-60	+13.3
Vanguard DivGrIn	28.48	-01	+17.3
Vanguard EqInAdmrl	74.97	-18	+10.1
Vanguard GrIdAdmrl	83.94	-14	+17.8
Vanguard HCAdmrl	78.18	-27	+5.4
Vanguard InTrTEAdmrl	14.17	+02	+5.5
Vanguard InslIdxIn	265.04	-58	+13.3
Vanguard InslIdxInsrPlus	265.05	-58	+13.3
Vanguard InslMlInPls	63.24	-10	+12.5
Vanguard IntlGrAdmrl	94.27	-80	+1.7
Vanguard MlCpIdxAdmrl	206.12	+07	+10.1
Vanguard PrrmCpAdmrl	138.37	-41	+11.3
Vanguard STInvmGrdAdmrl	10.59	+01	+4.2
Vanguard SmCpIdxAdmrl	75.77	+18	+8.3
Vanguard TrgtRtr2020Inv	31.32	-04	+5.6
Vanguard TrgtRtr2025Inv	18.82	-04	+5.7
Vanguard TrgtRtr2030Inv	34.41	-08	+5.8
Vanguard TrgtRtr2035Inv	21.19	-06	+5.8
Vanguard TtBMDIdxAdmrl	10.64	+02	+5.4
Vanguard TtBMDIdxIn	10.64	+02	+5.4
Vanguard TtInBIdxAdmrl	22.29	+06	+5.6
Vanguard TtInBIdxIn	33.45	+10	+5.6
Vanguard TtInBIdxInsr	11.15	+03	+5.6
Vanguard TtInSIdxAdmrl	28.46	-26	-3.7
Vanguard TtInSIdxIn	113.82	-104	-3.7
Vanguard TtInSIdxInsrPlus	113.85	-103	-3.7
Vanguard TtInSIdxInsr	17.02	-15	-3.7
Vanguard TtSMIdxAdmrl	72.79	-12	+12.4
Vanguard TtSMIdxIn	72.80	-12	+12.4
Vanguard TtSMIdxInsr	72.76	-12	+12.3
Vanguard WlmgntAdmrl	70.46	-10	+8.9
Vanguard WlsgInAdmrl	63.16	+05	+8.2
Vanguard WndsrllAdmrl	63.90	-20	+7.8

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DURATION	CLOSE	PREV.
3-month disc	2.38	2.38
6-month disc	2.37	2.38
2-year	2.32	2.36
10-year	2.52	2.57
30-year	2.94	2.98

SPOT METALS

	CLOSE	PREV.
Gold	\$1275.50	\$1229.30
Silver	\$14.898	\$14.773
Platinum	\$883.90	\$889.10

INTEREST RATES

Prime Rate	5.50
Discount Rate Primary	3.00
Fed Funds Target	2.25-2.50
Money Mkt Overnight Avg.	0.65

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Argentina (Peso)	43.9406
Australia (Dollar)	1.4273
Brazil (Real)	3.9925
Britain (Pound)	.7748
Canada (Dollar)	1.3493
China (Yuan)	6.7218
Euro	.8974
India (Rupee)	70.065
Israel (Shekel)	3.6184
Japan (Yen)	112.35
Mexico (Peso)	19.0809
Poland (Zloty)	3.85
So. Korea (Won)	1157.82
Taiwan (Dollar)	30.92
Thailand (Baht)	32.07

FOREIGN MARKETS

INDEX	CLOSE	CHG./%
Shanghai	3201.61	+3.0/+1
Stox600	390.98	-4/-1
Nikkei	22200.00	-59.7/-3
MSCI-EAFE	1915.62	-6.5/-3
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FTSE 100	7471.75	-51.3/-7
CAC-40	5576.06	-15.6/-3

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## OBITUARIES

HENRY BLOCH 1922-2019

## H&amp;R Block founder was public face for 20 years

BY MEGAN McDONOUGH  
The Washington Post

After returning from military service in World War II, 24-year-old Henry Bloch started a two-man bookkeeping shop in his home town of Kansas City, Missouri, that offered tax preparation as a sideline.

He spent years building the business and placed a help-wanted newspaper advertisement seeking a full-time accountant. The only one to respond was his mother, who recommended that he keep the business in the family by hiring his younger brother, Richard.

The business would become H&R Block, the world's largest tax-services provider. Henry Bloch, died April 23 at 96 in Kansas City. The company confirmed the death in a statement but did not provide further details.

The business boomed in the mid-1950s as the Internal Revenue Service began discontinuing its free tax-preparation services, and the Bloch brothers began advertising their discount tax service in a local paper. The company became known by the brothers' initials, substituting the last letter in Bloch to "K" out of fear that customers might mispronounce or misspell the name.

Richard Bloch once said he was worried that customers might say the firm had "blotched" their taxes. Their family name was, in fact, pronounced "block."

Henry Bloch served as the company's chief executive and Richard was chairman. In its first tax season, H&R Block prepared about 2,700 income tax returns and brought in \$20,000. The following year, revenue tripled.

H&R Block, which went public in 1962, expanded rapidly and eventually had hundreds of offices nationally and a presence internationally. To meet demand, the Bloch brothers created income tax schools to train tax preparers.

Starting in 1972, Henry Bloch began appearing in TV ads for his company - a rare step for a chief executive at the time. "They thought that would have more of an effect on customers than an announcer saying, 'Go to H&R Block,'" Bloch told USA Today in 2005.

Bloch, who conveyed a

trustworthy Midwestern persona, spent 20 years as the public face of the company in those commercials, touting 17 reasons why taxpayers should trust H&R Block with their taxes. The ads typically ending with the catchphrase, "What can we find for you?"

The tax-preparation ads were parodied on comedy shows such as "Saturday Night Live," which featured John Belushi in a skit as "H.R. Rock," a slippery tax adviser who asked prospective clients questions such as, "About how many children do you have?"

Bloch's commercials proved so effective that other businesses hired him to star in their commercials. He hawked cars, airlines and hotels; he once jumped out of a suitcase in an ad for the Comfort Inn hotel chain, according to Investor's Business Daily.

Richard Bloch, who survived a cancer scare, left the company in 1982 to focus his energies on cancer research advocacy. He died in 2004. Henry Bloch stepped down as chief executive in 1992 and retired as chairman in 2000.

Since its inception, H&R Block has prepared more than 625 million tax returns and now prepares one in every seven U.S. taxpayers' returns, according to the company's web site. The company's charitable H&R Block Foundation, founded in 1974, has donated millions of dollars to education and health grant-making.

Bloch once told The Washington Post that he constantly searched for ways to make topics such as tax reform relatable and understandable to the general public during interviews and lectures. "I feel a little like Elizabeth Taylor's 10th husband," he quipped. "He knew what he was supposed to do, but he didn't know how to make it interesting."

Henry Wollman Bloch was born July 30, 1922, in Kansas City, where his father was a lawyer. Both parents encouraged their three sons - Henry was the second-born - to be entrepreneurial and go into business with each another. Their great aunt, philanthropist Kate Wollman, staked them \$5,000 to start the tax business.

After graduating in 1944 with a mathematics degree

from the University of Michigan, Bloch served in the Army Air Forces as a navigator during World War II and flew more than 30 combat missions over Europe. His military decorations include four awards of the Air Medal.

On the G.I. Bill, he did graduate work in statistical control at Harvard Business School.

In retirement, Bloch was active in charitable work in Kansas City. He contributed millions of dollars to St. Luke's Hospital and developed the Henry W. Bloch School of Management at the University of Missouri at Kansas City.

He also donated an extensive art collection - including many 19th-century French impressionist paintings and a portrait of his wife, Marion, by Andy Warhol - to the Nelson-Atkins Museum of Art. The museum's Bloch Building, named in his honor and designed by Steven Holl Architects, was cited in 2007 by Time magazine as the world's top new "architectural marvel."

In 1990, Bloch made headlines after he was denied membership in the Kansas City Country Club, ostensibly because he was Jewish. Professional golfer Tom Watson quit the club in what he called a protest of its discriminatory policies.

After Watson's resignation and the negative press that followed, the club invited Bloch to re-apply. He did and was offered membership, which he accepted. Watson later rejoined the club.

Despite the controversy, Bloch refused to speak ill of the club and even managed to display a sense of humor.

"I got questionnaires from newspapers all over the world because of Tom Watson," Bloch told the Kansas City Star in 2012. "They said can you give us a quote on that. I said I'll be glad to. . . I said, 'It's the first time I ever made the sports page.'"

His wife of 62 years, Marion Helzberg Bloch, died in 2013. Survivors include four children, Thomas Bloch, Robert Bloch, Mary Jo Brown and Elizabeth Uhlmann; 12 grandchildren; and 19 great-grandchildren.

Thomas Bloch wrote a 2011 biography of his father, called "Many Happy Returns."

sands of gay rights activists and their supporters marched in Washington, demanding equal rights and freedom from discrimination.

In 1996, a day after the PLO annulled clauses calling for Israel's destruction, Israel's governing Labor Party abandoned its long-standing opposition to a Palestinian state. Also in 1996 Ford Motor Co. announced a recall of about 8 million cars, minivans and pickups because of an ignition switch fire hazard.

In 2000 assailants shot and killed Zika Petrovic, an ally of Yugoslav President Slobodan Milosevic.

In 2002 the House voted 405-9 to abolish the Immigration and Naturalization Service.

In 2005 the CIA's top weapons hunter in Iraq, Charles Duelfer, said his search for weapons of mass destruction had been "exhausted" without finding any.

In 2006, in a rare video posted on the Internet, Al Qaeda in Iraq leader Abu Musab al-Zarqawi swore allegiance to Osama bin Laden and said any government formed in Iraq would be merely a "stooge."

In 2013 President Barack Obama joined former Presidents George H.W. Bush, George W. Bush, Jimmy Carter and Bill Clinton at the dedication ceremony for the George W. Bush Presidential Library in Dallas.

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## Berzinski, Chester

Chester Berzinski age 96 of Mt. Prospect. Beloved husband for 65 years to the late Adeline Berzinski; loving father of Christine Berzinski and Richard (Alison) Brzezinski; cherished grandfather of Rachel (Michael) Kozak, Madeleine (Kevin) Abels and Clayton Brzezinski (fiancé Karen Beatty); great grandfather of Nolan and Vivian Kozak; dear sister of Barbara (Tony) Patricelli. Visitation Friday April 26, 4:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. at Friedrichs Funeral Home, 320 W. Central Rd., (at Northwest Highway) Mt. Prospect, IL 60056. Prayers Saturday April 27, 9:30 a.m. from Friedrichs Funeral Home to St. Emily Church, 1400 E. Central Rd., Mt. Prospect, IL 60056. Funeral Mass 10:00 a.m. Entombment All Saints Mausoleum. In lieu of flowers memorials may be made to Fisher House Foundation, 12300 Twinbrook Parkway, Suite 410, Rockville, MD 20852. Funeral information (847) 255-7800 or www.friedrichsfh.com. **Sign Guestbook at chicagotribune.com/obituaries**

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See Michael Friedman notice.

## Christmann, Iva B.

Iva B. Christmann, nee Montgomery, age 89, of Northbrook. Beloved wife of the late Arthur A.; dear mother of Lynn, Susan (Brian) Edwards, and Arthur E. (Marilyn); loving grandmother of Brian Edwards, Kathleen (David) Walters, Meghan (fiance, Andrew Kindelin) Edwards, Jennifer (Daniel) May, Jack Christmann, Elizabeth (Christopher) Gluck, and Daniel (Melissa) Christmann; cherished great-grandmother of Thomas Walters and Isla Christmann; fond sister of Dorothy McBrien and the late Harry, Earl, John, George, Charles, William, and Aaron Montgomery, Evelyn Darby, Ellen Taylor, and Margaret. Visitation, Thursday, April 25, 2019, from 9:30 a.m. until time of Funeral Mass to celebrate her life, 10:30 a.m., at St. Peter Catholic Church, 8100 Niles Center Rd., Skokie. Private Inurnment, All Saints Catholic Cemetery Mausoleum. Funeral info: 847.673.6111 or www.habenfuneral.com to sign guestbook.



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## Conners, Shirley

Shirley Conners (nee Flanagan) 94, April 20, 2019. Beloved wife of the late Richard R. "Rick" Conners. Loving mother of Richard (the late Sandra), William and Daniel Conners. Dear grandmother of Cara (Tony) Zeller, Joseph (Emily), Guy, Harrison (Michelle) and Sean Conners. Great-grandmother of Aiyia, William and Nadia Zeller. Sister of Joan (Don) Butzen, the late Helen Mary (the late Robert) Shea and the late Evelyn (the late George) Horne. Aunt of many nieces and nephews. Visitation Saturday at St. Thomas More Church (81st. Street at California Ave.) Chicago from 9:30 a.m. until time of Requiem Mass 10:00 a.m. Int. Mt. Olivet Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to The Arts of Life 2010 W. Carroll St. Chicago, IL. 60612. Arrangements entrusted to **Donnellan Funeral Home** Info (773) 238-0075 or sign guestbook at www.donnellanfuneralhome.com.



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## Crowley, June I.

June I. Crowley, 88, April 24, 2019, lifetime resident of the southwest side of Chicago of Clearing neighborhood, beloved wife of the late Robert "Bud" Crowley; devoted mother of Sharon Margaret Crowley; dear daughter of the late John T. "Jack" Sorfleet, Sr. and Isabelle Ann Meyer Sorfleet; fond sister of Grace E. (late A.J. "Dom") Cantone, the late John T. (late Eleanor) Sorfleet, Jr., the late William E. (late Frances) Sorfleet, and the late Ruth "Irene" Sorfleet; loving godmother of Robert A. Cantone and Thomas V. Sorfleet; aunt and great aunt of many; avid lover of dogs, survived by her cherished, Candy. Lifetime member of Lake Michigan Beach Property Owners Association and longtime Judge of Elections, 13th Ward Democratic Organization. Services at CENTRAL CHAPEL, 6158 S. Central Ave., Chicago, where family and friends will gather on Friday, April 26, from 10 a.m. until time of Funeral Service at 12 Noon. Burial St. Mary Cemetery. Please visit JUNE CROWLEY BOOK OF MEMORIES. To express your thoughts or memories in the online guest book, visit www.chapelc.com or www.facebook.com/central-chapel. For information call 773-581-9000.



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## Friedman, Michael

Michael Friedman, 60, of Barrington. Son of Marcia Friedman and the late Lawrence Dearly Beloved husband of Christine Nee Boulahanis. Loving father of Alexandra, Jared and Gianna. Loving brother in law, uncle and friend of many. A generous, smart man of specific tastes--a character who played a special and unique part in many lives. He will be deeply missed by all who loved him and especially remembered when The Beatles, Earth, Wind and Fire or Neil Diamond plays. Visitation Saturday, April 27, 11 until 12 P.M. followed by a memorial service at 12 noon at CARBONARA FUNERAL HOME 1515 No. 25th Ave. Melrose Park. Int. Elmwood Cemetery. Please omit flowers. 708-343-6161



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## Fritz, Barbara A.

Barbara A. Fritz, nee Beardmore, 84, formerly of Park Ridge. Beloved wife of the late Donald C. Fritz. Loving mother of John A. Fritz, Cynthia D. Fritz and the late Robert E. Fritz. Visitation Friday April 26, 2019 from 5 until 9pm at the M.J. Suerth Funeral Home, 6754 N. Northwest Hwy., Chicago. Funeral service Saturday 12:00 noon at the funeral home. Memorials to Esse Day Services, c/o Faith Lutheran Church, 41 N. Park Blvd., Glen Ellyn, IL. 60139 appreciated. Interment Private at Town of Maine, For more information call 773 631 1240 or www.suerth.com.



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## Jedlicka, Lorraine J. 'Vanis'

Lorraine J. Jedlicka nee Vanis age 91 of Palos Heights. Beloved Wife to the Late George A. Loving Mother of David ( Kandy ), Debbie Hladiek, the late Dan ( Nancy ) & Dr. Dianne ( John ) Jedlicka-Kriz. Grandmother of Elizabeth Fasbender, Kassi Jedlicka, Jason Hladiek, Corin Halvax, Damion Jedlicka & Alexander Jedlicka-Kriz. Great Grandmother of Anna & Jack Jedlicka, Peyton Jo & Parker John Fasbender, Lucas & soon-to-be Lincoln Halvax. Sister of Janet ( Ronn ) Maratea of Virginia Beach, Virginia. Dear Daughter of the late Jim & Sophie Vanis. Visitation Friday, April 26th from 2:00 pm until 8:00 pm. Chapel Prayers Saturday, April 27th 9:30 a.m. at the Kerry Funeral Home & Cremation Care Center, 7020 W. 127th Street, Palos Heights. Proceeding to St. Alexander Church Mass 10:00 am. Interment Holy Sepulchre Cemetery. Member of Palos Heights Woman's Club, Woman's Golf Club, League of Woman's Voters & St. Alexander Alter & Rosaries Society, and Palos Newcomers Club. In Lieu of Flowers memorials to: the St. Alexander Church & School, St. Jude's Children's Hospital, and Father Flannigan's Boys Town would be appreciated. www.kerryfh.com - (708) 361.4235 - ww.facebook.com/kerryfuneral

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## Kardasz, John R.

Died in peace on March 24, 2019. Beloved husband of Patricia (nee Sobolewski), proud and loving father of Jordan Elizabeth (Ben Fairbank), John Jacob, and Joseph Daniel. John was a master carpenter and avid golfer.

Visitation at St. Hedwig Church, 2226 North Hoyne Avenue, Chicago, Saturday, April 27, 2019, at 11 a.m. followed by Mass of the Resurrection at 1 p.m. Interment private. www.pietrykafh.com, 773-889-0115

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## Kramer, Dorothy J.

Dorothy J. Kramer, nee Baker, age 64, of Downers Grove; beloved wife of Henry F. Kramer; loving mother of Peter (Stephanie), Kurt (Sharon), and Grant (Katherine) Kramer; dear grandmother of Casey, Elsa, Eli, Royce, Julianna, Taylor, and Henry; fond sister of Wayne (Sue) Baker, Charlie Baker, Chad Loomis, and the late Carolyn (Tim) Love; step-daughter of Joanie Baker. Memorial Visitation Friday, April 26th, 3:00 p.m. until time of service, 7:00 p.m. at **Adams-Winterfield and Sullivan Funeral Home** (1 Blk. So. of Ogden Avenue), Downers Grove, Illinois 60515. Interment private. In lieu of flowers, memorials to the Carcinoid Cancer Foundation, www.carcinoid.org, appreciated. 630-968-1000 or www.adamswinterfieldsullivan.com.



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## Martello (-Laurie), Joyce

Joyce Martello (-Laurie), 72, of Tinley Park, IL, passed away peacefully at home on Friday, April 5, 2019. She was born September 15, 1946 in Chicago Heights IL, the daughter of John and Irene (Wylat) Martello. Joyce married James "Buster" Laurie in Homewood, IL in 2006.



She attended Culver-Stockton College in MO, and IU, and later became Assistant Dean of Students. She lived and worked in Indianapolis for years, as CEO of BMA, as Executive Director of state and national associations, and as Executive Administrator for Light of the World Church. After reconnecting with, and marrying high school sweetheart, "Buster," she relocated to Colorado, working as Executive Director of the Colorado Chiropractic Association. After Buster's death, she returned to the Chicago area.

Joyce enjoyed golf, work, mentoring, and hosting parties. She never failed to acknowledge loved ones' birthdays, special occasions, and accomplishments. She championed equal rights, and supported animal shelters throughout her life. She opened her home to over a dozen rescue animals.

Joyce is survived by her brother, Frank Martello (Gillian) of Tinley Park IL, and sister-in-law, Kathy Wisinski (Larry) of Los Alamitos CA, eight nieces and nephews, and many friends and family.

A Memorial Service will take place Saturday, April 27, 2019, 10:30 AM at Kerr-Parzygnot Funeral Home, 540 Dixie Hwy, Chicago Heights, IL 60411. Immediately following, a "Celebration of Life" luncheon at Balagio Restaurant, 17501 Dixie Hwy, Homewood, IL 60430. In Lieu of flowers, memorials in Joyce's name can be made to "Can Do Multiple Sclerosis" https://donate.cando-ms.org or ASPCA https://secure.aspc.org/donate/memorial **Sign Guestbook at chicagotribune.com/obituaries**

## Martini, John Nicholas Sr.

John Nicholas Martini, Sr., 94 of Grayslake. Beloved husband of Mary (nee Meehan); loving father of Jay (Debbie), Rick (Michele), Phil (Mike) and Steve (Daisy); proud grandfather of Annie, Madeline, Andrew & Nicole (Jordan); proud great-grandpa of Lila; dear brother of the late Clara (the late Gene), the late Ralph (the late Evelyn), Eleanor (the late Ed) and Patricia (the late Donald). Visitation from 10:00 am until time of funeral service at 11:00 am, Monday, at the Glueckert Funeral Home Ltd., 1520 North Arlington Heights Road, Arlington Heights, Illinois. Interment Ft. Sheridan Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be given to Manduria (Italy) Park Tree Dedication for 450th Veterans Group, Anna Rita Morleo, Via C. Demitri, N. 42, 74024 Manduria Tananto Italy. Funeral information and condolences www.GlueckertFH.com or (847) 253-0168.



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## Masco Sr., Louis

Age 91, beloved father of Louis Jr, Pamela, and Michelle; dear companion of Patricia Hrankaj; loving grandfather of Lauren and Tristan. Visitation Saturday April 27, 2019, 9:00am-12:00pm with Memorial Service starting at 12:00pm at THE ORIGINAL RAGO BROTHERS FUNERAL HOME, Jack LaRocco, Director, 7751 W. Irving Park Rd., Chicago. For info 773-276-7800 or ragobrothersfuneralhome.com

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In 1792, highwayman Nicolas Jacques Pelletier became the first person under French law to be executed by the guillotine.

In 1859 ground was broken for the Suez Canal.

In 1898 the United States formally declared war on Spain.

In 1901 New York became the first state to require automobile license plates; the fee was \$1.

In 1915, during World War I, Allied soldiers invaded the Gallipoli Peninsula in an unsuccessful attempt to take the Ottoman Turkish Empire out of the war.

In 1945, during World War II, U.S. and Soviet forces linked up on the Elbe River, a meeting that dramatized

the collapse of Nazi Germany's defenses. Also in 1945 delegates from some 50 countries met in San Francisco to organize the United Nations.

In 1959 the St. Lawrence Seaway opened to shipping.

In 1988, to the cheers of spectators, a judge in Jerusalem sentenced John Demjanjuk to death after the retired Ohio autoworker was convicted of being "Ivan the Terrible," a Nazi death camp guard who had killed tens of thousands of people.

In 1990 Violeta Barrios de Chamorro was inaugurated as president of Nicaragua, ending 11 years of leftist Sandinista rule. Also in 1990 the Hubble Space Telescope was deployed from the space shuttle Discovery.

In 1993 hundreds of thou-

## WINNING LOTTERY NUMBERS

**ILLINOIS**  
April 24  
Powerball ..... 06 32 35 36 65 / 4  
Powerball jackpot: \$150M  
Lotto jackpot: \$3.25M  
Pick 3 midday ..... 361 / 8  
Pick 4 midday ..... 0068 / 2  
Lucky Day Lotto midday ..... 11 18 21 26 33  
Pick 3 evening ..... 817 / 4  
Pick 4 evening ..... 2179 / 3  
Lucky Day Lotto evening ..... 01 07 20 28 43

April 26 Mega Millions: \$212M

**WISCONSIN**  
April 24  
Megabucks ..... 08 09 15 17 33 40  
Pick 3 ..... 090  
Pick 4 ..... 0202  
Badger 5 ..... 07 11 24 29 31  
SuperCash ..... 03 12 15 18 24 34

**INDIANA**  
April 24  
Lotto ..... 11 20 21 29 36 46  
Daily 3 midday ..... 563 / 8  
Daily 4 midday ..... 7692 / 8  
Daily 3 evening ..... 405 / 3  
Daily 4 evening ..... 6762 / 3  
Cash 5 ..... 13 16 20 25 35

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### Matisi, Douglas Michael 'Doug'

Douglas Michael Matisi, age 55, passed away unexpectedly, but peacefully in his sleep April 19, 2019. Born June 16, 1963 in Chicago, Illinois. Resided in DesPlaines, Illinois. Cherished fiancé of Marcy Milstein Flynn. Beloved son of the late Vincent Anthony and Judith Margaret (Stone) Matisi. Dear brother of Vincent Anthony Jr., Danna Margaret (Charles F.) Wood, Hollis Stephen (Denise), Randall Frederick (Terry), and James Ervin (Theresa). Fond uncle of many nieces and nephews. Loving friend to many. Fierce patriot of America, and generous soul to all. Cremation handled by **Tulip Cremation Services** (844-265-0470). Memorial gathering Saturday, May 18, from 12 noon to 4 p.m. at Northgate Crossing Clubhouse, 200 Hudson Ct., Wheeling, Illinois. For more information, go to [morganflynn223@yahoo.com](mailto:morganflynn223@yahoo.com)

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### McDonald, Robert J

Bob McDonald of Oak Lawn and Chicago, born April 25, 1920, passed away April 15, 2019. Beloved husband of the late Helen Marie McDonald; loving father of Donna (George) Van Liere and Robert (Joan) McDonald; adored grandfather of Lisa (Scott) Schwartz, Mark Van Liere, Sean and Casey McDonald, and proud great-grandfather of Kate (Eric) Lostrascio, Samantha, and Parker Van Liere; great-great-grandfather of Quinn and Hudson Lostrascio. He proudly served in the Army during WWII. Bob was a lifelong Bears fan and South Side Cubs fan. His memory and recall were legendary. Described as a "great guy" by anyone that met him, he was the epitome of a kind gentleman. A celebration of his life will be held Saturday, May 11th, 1 to 3 PM at The Scott 211 W. Scott Chicago, IL. Interment 10:30 AM May 11th, St. Mary's Cemetery, Evergreen Park. Special thanks to everyone at Lexington of Wheeling. In lieu of flowers, donations would be appreciated to [Miseriordia/miseriordia.com](http://Miseriordia/miseriordia.com) or St. Ignatius College Prep/[ignatius.org](http://ignatius.org)

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### McGuire, Delia C.

nee Taylor, Age 85, native of Bellavary County Mayo Ireland; Dear wife of Thomas McGuire; Loving mother of John (Carmel), Mike (Kelly), Pat, Ann Marie Koch, Tom (Gidget), and Kevin (Cherie) McGuire; Cherished Grandmother (Dee Dee) of 15; Proud Great Grandmother of 4; Beloved sister, sister-in-law and aunt. Visitation Friday, 3:00 to 8:00 p.m.; Funeral Saturday, 10:00 a.m. from **Curley Funeral Home**, 6116 W. 111th Street, Chicago Ridge to Incarnation Church, 5757 W. 127th St, Crestwood, IL 60418. Mass 11:00 a.m.; Interment Holy Sepulchre Cemetery; For Funeral info 708-422-2700, or [www.curleyfuneralhome.com](http://www.curleyfuneralhome.com)



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### Meyer, Janice

Janice L. Meyer, age 67; died of injuries from an auto accident; beloved daughter of the late Fred, Jr. and Lucille Meyer; dear sister of Fred III "Bill" (Judith) Meyer; loving aunt of Sarah and Rachel; also survived by many cousins and friends. visitation Fri., Apr.26, 2019, 3-9 PM at Matz Funeral Home, 410 E. Rand Rd, Mt. Prospect. Funeral Sat. 10 AM. Entombment Memory Gardens. 847/394-2336.

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### Morvay, Frank

Frank J. Morvay, age 86, of Niles, beloved husband of Gloria nee Nied; Memorial gathering Saturday 11:30 am until Mass 12:00 noon at St John Brebeuf Church. 8307 N. Harlem Ave. Niles. View Full death notice at [www.skajafuneralhomes.com](http://www.skajafuneralhomes.com)



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### Muto, Joseph H.

Joseph Harold Muto, age 91, of Wilmette. Beloved husband of the late Lois Muto nee DuMong; loving father of Diane (the late Al) Anderson, Susan (the late Mike) Catallo, Don (Melinda) Muto, Linda (Gene) Mitchell; proud grandfather of Lisa (Dushan) Radakovic, Kevin (Jason) Anderson-Garrity; Paul Catallo; Matthew (Kitty) Muto, Stephanie (Nicolay) Bell, Timothy Muto, Patrick Muto, Katie Muto, Jennifer Mitchell; great-grandfather of Joey and James Muto; Carter and Adalyn Radakovic; devoted brother of Edie (the late Wally) Johnson and Ken (the late Pat) Muto. Visitation Saturday, April 27, 2019, 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. Funeral 11:00 a.m. from **Donnellan Family Funeral Home**, 10045 Skokie Boulevard at Old Orchard Road, Skokie, IL 60077 to Saint Joseph Catholic Church, 1747 Lake Avenue & Ridge Road, Wilmette, IL 60091, Mass 11:30 a.m. Interment Memorial Park Cemetery, Skokie, IL. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to National Multiple Sclerosis Society, Greater Illinois Chapter 525 West Monroe Street. Suite 900, Chicago, IL 60661. Info: [www.donnellanfuneral.com](http://www.donnellanfuneral.com) or (847)675-1990



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### Rinaldi, Rose

Rose was 94 years old. Formerly from Chicago but resided in San Diego the last 16 years. She died Monday April 22nd. She was the devoted wife of the late Eraldo. She is survived by her son Paul (Carole) Rinaldi & daughter Donna (Bob) Coduti. Proud grandmother of Lori (Mike) Bucaro, Paul (Katie) Rinaldi, Tony (Kami), Joe & Rob Coduti. She was great grandmother of 7. Her final resting place is in San Diego.

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### Skowronski, Jan

Jan Skowronski age 86. Beloved husband of the late Jadwiga. Loving father of Bozena Jozwiak, Wieslaw, Jean (John) Cikowski, Jadwiga Mieczkowski and Chris. Dearest grandfather of 11 and great-grandfather of 3. Cherished uncle, cousin and friend of many. Funeral Saturday April 27, 2019 at 9:15 am from Matz Funeral Home 3440 N. Central Ave to St. Stanislaus Bishop & Martyr Church 5352 W. Belden Ave for 10:00 am Mass. Interment St. Adalbert Cemetery. Visitation Friday 4 to 9 pm. Info 773-545-5420 or [www.matzfuneralhome.com](http://www.matzfuneralhome.com)

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### Sr. Julita Jelen, SSND.

Sister Julita Jelen, SSND, 102. Born in Chicago, IL on April 27, 1916. Died April 18, 2019 at Presence Resurrection Life Center in Chicago, IL. Member of the School Sisters of Notre Dame for 84 years. Served in Illinois, Wisconsin and Michigan as Primary Teacher, Principal, Pastoral Minister, School Volunteer and Minister of Prayer and Presence at Resurrection Life Center for a total of 84 years. Beloved Daughter of the late Thomas Jelen and the late Julia (nee Handzel). Dear Sister of Marion (Mary) Jelen, Theresa (the late Edward) Stachulski, the late Adolph (the late Alice) Jelen, the late Joseph (the late Loretta) Jelen, and the late Andzi (the late Al) Kozlowski. Loving Aunt to 13 nieces and nephews, Great Aunt and Great-Great Aunt to many. Faithful, loving and loyal friend to countless people. Visitation Friday, April 26th, at Presence Resurrection Life Center 7370 W. Talcott, Chicago from 1:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m. and at Mater Christi Church 2401 S. 10th. Ave. North Riverside, IL. from 3:30 p.m. until time of Wake Service 6:30 p.m. followed by Mass of Christian Burial at 7:00 p.m. Interment Saturday 10:30 a.m. April 27th. at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery Alsip, IL. In lieu of flowers, Memorials may be made to the SSND Retirement Fund 345 Belden Hill Rd, Wilton, CT, 06897. Arrangements entrusted to O'Donnell-Bartz-Schultz Funeral Home Ltd. (773) 233-0551. Sign guestbook at [www.donnellanfuneralhome.com](http://www.donnellanfuneralhome.com)

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### Stewart, Graham D.

Graham D. Stewart, age 79, of Elk Grove Village, died April 24, 2019. Veteran, U.S. Army, 1961 to 1967. Retired from Alexian Brothers Medical Center. Beloved companion of the late Judie Valley; dearest friend of Carol Hojnacki, Sharon Jozwiak, and the Raef and Firth families. Services are private. Info: 847.673.6111 or [www.habenfuneral.com](http://www.habenfuneral.com) to sign guestbook.



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### Swearingen, Diane M.

Diane M. Swearingen, nee Alfano, April 22, 2019, Age 59. Late of Lockport, formerly of Dolton and Glenwood. Beloved wife of Christopher Swearingen. Dear mother of Christa (Ryan Wright) Swearingen and Eric Swearingen. Loving sister of Rosemarie (the late Louis) Durnavich, Paula Wishba, Paul Alfano and the late Leonard Alfano. Long time friend of Roberta (Mike) Lawson. Resting at the **Tews-Ryan Funeral Home**, 18230 S. Dixie Hwy. Homewood Sunday, April 28, 2019 from 12:00 p.m. until time of service at 3:00 p.m. Memorials to the Joliet Area Community Hospice or American Cancer Society would be appreciated. [www.tews-ryanfh.com](http://www.tews-ryanfh.com) or 708-798-5300.



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### Tupa, Thomas H.

Thomas H. Tupa, Psy.D., Army Vietnam War Veteran; Bronze Star Recipient; beloved husband of Aline (nee Dziadosz). Loving father of Jason (Amanda Rapacz, Psy.D.) and Marcus. Future grandpa of twin boys. Devoted brother of Diane (Bob) Armony and the late Jerry (the late Bernie) LaPlante. Brother-in-law of Janice and the late Kenneth Nicklos. Uncle to many nieces and nephews. Memorial Mass Saturday 12Noon at St. Francis of Assisi Church, 15050 S. Wolf Road, Orland Park. 708-301-3595 or [rjmodellfh.com](http://rjmodellfh.com).

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### Weber, Mary Beth

Mary Beth Weber, age 61, passed away peacefully on Wednesday, April 24, 2019, at Presence St. Francis Hospital in Chicago. She was born March 1, 1958 in Chicago, to Donald and Mercedes (Quinn) Weber of Oak Park, Illinois. She was a 35-year resident of Misericordia Heart of Mercy Home, Chicago's finest community-of-care for persons with intellectual and developmental disabilities. Mary Beth dearly loved the facility and staff. She is preceded in passing by her father, Donald, and brother, Tom. She is survived by her mother, Mercedes (Quinn) and siblings Mark (Grace), Mercedes (Bob) Blake, Jim (Diane), Donna (Jim) Butzen and John (Patti). Mary Beth had 17 nieces and nephews, plus spouses. She had 7 grandnieces and nephews. A memorial service will be announced at a later date. In lieu of flowers, the family requests memorials be made in Mary Beth's name to Misericordia.

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### Winchel, Thresa M.

Thresa M. Winchel nee DiCrispino; loving mother of Sarah (David) Schabes; sweetest grandmother of Tim, Andrea (fiancée Ryan) and Emily. Thresa worked for decades in the food industry, but her greatest accomplishment was as a grandmother. Her love for faith, family, friends, food and fun made her joyful presence a blessing. Funeral services were private. In lieu of flowers, donations to St. Thomas Hospice are appreciated. Funeral arrangements entrusted to **Modell Funeral Home**, 630-852-3595 or [www.modelldarien.com](http://www.modelldarien.com).

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IFB Document: The IFB document is available for download at <https://legacy.cookcountyl.gov/purchasing/bids/listAllBids.php>

Contact Person: If you are not able to download the IFB or if you have other questions, please contact Carolyn Jones, Contract Negotiator, at (312) 603-1322 or **carolyn.jones@cookcountyl.gov**.

Non-Mandatory Pre-Proposal Conference Date, Time, and Location: None

Questions: Questions can be submitted in writing to the contact person above until 5:00 P.M. Wednesday, May 1, 2019 (CST)

Proposal Due Date, Time, and Location: Friday, May 10, 2019 at 10:00 A.M. PM (CST) Office of the Chief Procurement Officer Cook County Building 118 N. Clark Street, Room 1018 Chicago, Illinois 60602

Toni Preckwinkle President, Cook County Board of Commissioners

Raffi Sarrafian Chief Procurement Officer

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### IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS JUVENILE JUSTICE AND CHILD PROTECTION DEPARTMENT CHILD PROTECTION DIVISION

**IN THE INTEREST OF Aiden Williams**  
MINOR(S) CHILD(REN) OF Kiana Smith (Mother)

JUVENILE NO.: 19JA00220

### NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

NOTICE IS GIVEN YOU, **Rayshun Williams (Father)**, respondents, and to **All Whom It May Concern**, that on **March 12, 2019**, a petition was filed under the Juvenile Court Act by **KIM FOX** in this court and that in the courtroom of Judge **Demetrius Kottaras** in the Cook County Juvenile Court Building, 1100 So. Hamilton Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, ON **05/15/2019**, at **10:00 AM** in CALENDAR 7 COURTROOM G, 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.

UNLESS YOU appear at the hearing and show cause against the petition, the allegations of the petition may stand admitted as against you and each of you, and an order or judgment entered.

**DOROTHY BROWN, CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS**  
April 25, 2019

### LEGAL ADVERTISEMENT THE HOUSING AUTHORITY OF THE COUNTY OF COOK DEPARTMENT OF PROCUREMENT SERVICES

Proposals will be received by the Housing Authority of Cook County (HACC) on the date and time (Central Standard Time) stated for the specific Request for Proposal (RFP) listed below at 175 West Jackson Boulevard, Suite 350, Chicago, Illinois, 60604:

Project Name: **C o l l e c t i o n Services - Re-Bid**  
Specification Number: **2019-100-016**  
Questions Deadline: **May 1, 2019**  
Time: **2:00 P.M.**

Proposal Due Date: **May 15, 2019**  
Time: **2:00 P.M.**

Contact Person: **D e b o r a h O'Donnell**  
Telephone Number: **(312) 542-4725**  
E-mail Address: **dodonnell@thehacc.org**

The RFP Package, specifications and architectural drawings may be downloaded by registering on the website which lists a complete list of all current bid opportunities with the HACC: **www.thehacc.org/e-procurement-services**

Proposals that are not properly submitted will be considered non-responsive and be disqualified from consideration. Proposals submitted late will not be accepted. The Authority reserves the right to reject any or all Proposals if deemed in the best interest of the Housing Authority of Cook County.

**Richard Monocchio,** Executive Director **6239715/4/18, 4/25/2019**

### IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS JUVENILE JUSTICE AND CHILD PROTECTION DEPARTMENT JUVENILE JUSTICE DIVISION

**IN THE INTEREST OF Eric Thurman**  
A MINOR NO. **2019JD00444**

### NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

Notice is given YOU, **John Cooley (Father)**, respondents, and to **ALL WHOM IT MAY CONCERN**, that on **March 24, 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 **Terrance Sharkey** in the Cook County Juvenile Court Building located at 1100 South Hamilton, Chicago, Illinois on **05/08/2019** at **9:00 AM** IN CALENDAR **63** COURTROOM **13**.

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 25, 2019

ASSISTANT STATE'S ATTORNEY: **A. Brannon, J. Ruggiero**  
ATTORNEY FOR: THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS ADDRESS: 1100 South Hamilton CITY/STATE: Chicago, Illinois 60612 TELEPHONE NUMBER: (312) 433-7000 ATTORNEY NO.: 33182

CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT, COOK COUNTY OF ILLINOIS

**DATE ADVERTISED: THURSDAY, APRIL 25, 2019 COUNTY OF COOK OFFICE OF THE CHIEF PROCUREMENT OFFICER FOR THE COOK COUNTY PUBLIC DEFENDER'S OFFICE INVITATION FOR BID (IFB) FOR STORAGE BOXES IFB NO.: 1901-17638**

IFB Document: The IFB document is available for download at <https://legacy.cookcountyl.gov/purchasing/bids/listAllBids.php>

Contact Person: If you are not able to download the IFB or if you have other questions, please contact Carolyn Jones, Contract Negotiator, at (312) 603-1322 or **carolyn.jones@cookcountyl.gov**.

Non-Mandatory Pre-Proposal Conference Date, Time, and Location: None

Questions: Questions can be submitted in writing to the contact person above until 5:00 P.M. Wednesday, May 1, 2019 (CST)

Proposal Due Date, Time, and Location: Friday, May 10, 2019 at 10:00 A.M. PM (CST) Office of the Chief Procurement Officer Cook County Building 118 N. Clark Street, Room 1018 Chicago, Illinois 60602

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Late Proposals Will Not Be Accepted **6252409/04/25/2019**

### LEGAL NOTICES GOVERNMENT/EDUCATION

**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS JUVENILE JUSTICE AND CHILD PROTECTION DEPARTMENT CHILD PROTECTION DIVISION**

**IN THE INTEREST OF Jamaris Scarbrough**  
MINOR(S) CHILD(REN) OF Christina Gilbert (Mother)

JUVENILE NO.: 19JA00265

### NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

NOTICE IS GIVEN YOU, **Jamar Scarbrough (Father)** Any And All Unknown Fathers Any , respondents, and to **All Whom It May Concern**, that on **March 20, 2019**, a petition was filed under the Juvenile Court Act by **KIM FOX** in this court and that in the courtroom of Judge **Peter Vitek** in the Cook County Juvenile Court Building, 1100 So. Hamilton Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, ON **05/15/2019** at **9:30 AM** in CALENDAR **13** COURTROOM M, or as soon thereafter as this case may be heard, an adjudicatory hearing will be held upon the petition to have the minor declared to be a ward of the court and for other relief under the Act.

THE COURT HAS AUTHORITY IN THIS CASE TO TAKE FROM YOU THE CUSTODY AND GUARDIANSHIP OF THE MINOR, TO TERMINATE YOUR PARENTAL RIGHTS AND TO APPOINT A GUARDIAN WITH POWER TO CONSENT TO ADOPTION. YOU MAY LOSE ALL PARENTAL RIGHTS TO YOUR CHILD. IF THE PETITION REQUESTS THE TERMINATION OF YOUR PARENTAL RIGHTS AND APPOINTMENT OF A GUARDIAN WITH POWER TO CONSENT TO ADOPTION, YOU MAY LOSE ALL PARENTAL RIGHTS TO THE CHILD.

UNLESS YOU appear at the hearing and show cause against the petition, the allegations of the petition may stand admitted as against you and each of you, and an order or judgment entered.

**DOROTHY BROWN, CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS**  
April 25, 2019

### IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS JUVENILE JUSTICE AND CHILD PROTECTION DEPARTMENT CHILD PROTECTION DIVISION

**IN THE INTEREST OF Joseph Thomas**  
MINOR(S) CHILD(REN) OF Janet Thomas (Mother)

JUVENILE NO.: 16JA00868

### NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

NOTICE IS GIVEN YOU, **Michael Lockhart (Father)** and **Matthew Weinstein (Father)**, respondents, and to **All Whom It May Concern**, that on **February 25, 2019**, a petition was filed under the Juvenile Court Act by **KIM FOX** in this court and that in the courtroom of Judge **Patrick Murphy** in the Cook County Juvenile Court Building, 1100 So. Hamilton Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, ON **05/15/2019**, at **9:00 AM** in CALENDAR **1** COURTROOM A, 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.

THE COURT HAS AUTHORITY IN THIS CASE TO TAKE FROM YOU THE CUSTODY AND GUARDIANSHIP OF THE MINOR, TO TERMINATE YOUR PARENTAL RIGHTS AND TO APPOINT A GUARDIAN WITH POWER TO CONSENT TO ADOPTION. YOU MAY LOSE ALL PARENTAL RIGHTS TO YOUR CHILD. IF THE PETITION REQUESTS THE TERMINATION OF YOUR PARENTAL RIGHTS AND APPOINTMENT OF A GUARDIAN WITH POWER TO CONSENT TO ADOPTION, YOU MAY LOSE ALL PARENTAL RIGHTS TO THE CHILD.

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**DOROTHY BROWN, CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS**  
April 25, 2019

### NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING

On **May 30, 2019** at **10:00 am**, a meeting conducted by **Norridge School District 80** will take place at **John V. Leigh School, 8151 W. Lawrence Ave., Norridge, IL 60706**. The purpose of the meeting will be to discuss the district's plans for providing special education services to students with disabilities who attend private schools and home schools within the district for the 2019-20 school year. If you are a parent of a home-schooled student who has been or may be identified with a disability and you reside within the boundaries of Norridge School District 80, you are urged to attend. If you have further questions pertaining to this meeting, please contact **Kimberly Hanson, Director of Special Education** at **708-456-8848**. **6251465/4/25/2019**

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**DOROTHY BROWN, CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS**  
April 25, 2019

### LEGAL NOTICES GOVERNMENT/EDUCATION

**CITY OF EVANSTON NOTICE TO PROPOSERS**

Sealed proposals will be received by the Purchasing Office in Room 4200, Lorraine H. Morton Civic Center, 2100 Ridge Avenue, Evanston, Illinois 60201, until 2:00 P.M. local time on June 4, 2019. Proposals shall close the following:

Engineering Design Services for Emergency Generators at Police/Fire Headquarters and Fire Stations No. 1 and 2  
RFP Number: 19-30

The City of Evanston's Public Works Agency is seeking proposals from experienced firms to perform electrical engineering services to replace emergency generators at two City facilities: the Police Fire Headquarters and Fire Station #2. Additional engineering services are requested for consultation on an existing generator at Fire Station #1.

There will be a mandatory pre-proposal meeting on **Thursday, May 2, 2019**, at **11:00 A.M.** NO ADMITTANCE AFTER **11:15 A.M.**, at **Fire Station No. 2, 702 Madison Street, Evanston, Illinois 60202**. A tour of all project related facilities will take place after the pre-proposal meeting. All firms intending to submit a proposal for this project are required to attend to discuss the proposed work and receive answers to questions related to the project.

The above item shall conform to the RFP on file in the Purchasing Office. The document will be available in the Purchasing Office on **April 25, 2019**. Parties interested in submitting a proposal should contact the Purchasing Office to receive a copy of the RFP or see the City's website at: **www.cityofevanston.org/business/bids-proposals/** or Demandstar at **www.demandstar.com**.

The City (the City of Evanston) in accordance with the laws of the State of Illinois, hereby notifies all firms that it will affirmatively ensure that the contract(s) entered into pursuant to this notice will be awarded to the successful firm without discrimination on the grounds of race, color, religion, sex, age, sexual orientation marital status, disability, to attend status, or national origin. The City of Evanston reserves the right to reject any or all submittals or to accept the submittal(s) deemed most advantageous to the City.

The Evanston City Council also reserves the right to award the contract to an Evanston firm if that firm's bid is within 5% of the low bid.

Each Proposer shall be required to submit with his/her proposal a Disclosure of Ownership Interest in Statement Form in accordance with Section 1-18-1 et seq. of the City Code. Failure to submit such information may result in the disqualification of such proposal.

**Linda Thomas** Purchasing Specialist **6247765/04/25/2019**

### IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS JUVENILE JUSTICE AND CHILD PROTECTION DEPARTMENT CHILD PROTECTION DIVISION

**IN THE INTEREST OF Scott Selby**  
MINOR(S) CHILD(REN) OF Kristin Pitak (Mother)

JUVENILE NO.: 17JA00951

### NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

NOTICE IS GIVEN YOU, **Kristin Pitak (Mother)**, 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 **Demetrius Kottaras** in the Cook County Juvenile Court Building, 1100 So. Hamilton Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, ON **05/15/2019**, at **1:30 PM** in CALENDAR **7** COURTROOM G, 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.

THE COURT HAS AUTHORITY IN THIS CASE TO TAKE FROM YOU THE CUSTODY AND GUARDIANSHIP OF THE MINOR, TO TERMINATE YOUR PARENTAL RIGHTS AND TO APPOINT A GUARDIAN WITH POWER TO CONSENT TO ADOPTION. YOU MAY LOSE ALL PARENTAL RIGHTS TO YOUR CHILD. IF THE PETITION REQUESTS THE TERMINATION OF YOUR PARENTAL RIGHTS AND APPOINTMENT OF A GUARDIAN WITH POWER TO CONSENT TO ADOPTION, YOU MAY LOSE ALL PARENTAL RIGHTS TO THE CHILD.

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**DOROTHY BROWN, CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS**  
April 25, 2019

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NFL DRAFT

# Is he the ONE?

The wait to find out if Oklahoma's **Kyler Murray** will be selected first overall ends Thursday night. But the Bears will be sitting out, and celebrating the reason they have no first round pick — Khalil Mack.

By **RICH CAMPBELL** | Chicago Tribune

**R**yan Pace has a plan for Thursday night when the first round of the NFL draft reaches the No. 24 pick. The draft board screen in the Bears' new, state-of-the-art war room will be ready.

"Khalil Mack highlights will come on instantly," Pace said Tuesday, not joking even a little bit.

Yes, while the Raiders use the Bears' pick, scouts, coaches and executives at Halas Hall will celebrate the reason it doesn't belong to them. The trade for Mack instantly produced results, and it keeps on giving.

But just because the Bears don't have a pick in the first round doesn't mean fans should tune out Thursday.

This is the NFL draft, the sweet spot where the collegiate and professional versions of America's favorite sport collide. It's where hype meets action to produce an intoxicating mix of anticipation, speculation and optimism.

**MORE COVERAGE**

- Five storylines to follow while the Bears sit out the first round. **Page 3**
- Brad Biggs' third and final mock draft, with Kyler Murray still at the top. **Page 3**
- Our Bears reporters fill in the blanks on four questions heading into the draft. **Back Page**

**NFL DRAFT** | Nashville, Tenn.  
**Round 1:** 7 p.m. Thursday  
**Rounds 2-3:** 6 p.m. Friday  
**Rounds 6-7:** 11 a.m. Saturday  
**TV:** ABC-7; NFLN (all rounds); ESPN (Thursday and Saturday); ESPN2 (Friday)  
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**Round 3** (No. 87 overall)  
**Round 4** (126)  
**Round 5** (162)  
**Round 7** (222 and 238)



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Trading for prized pass rusher Khalil Mack last year is the reason the Bears don't have a first-round pick in the draft.

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CUBS 7, DODGERS 6

## Maddon dares to buck current pitching trend

Cubs starters will stay in games when things are going good

By **MARK GONZALES**  
Chicago Tribune

Starter Jon Lester's expected return is certain to fortify a Cubs rotation that has sparked the team's recent renaissance with its ability to pitch deep into games and ease the workload of a once-struggling bullpen.

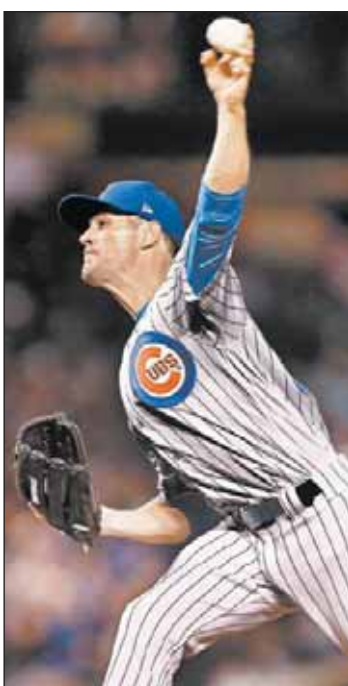
In the Cubs' last 10 games entering Wednesday night, the starters have averaged 6.4 innings per start. That includes Yu Darvish, who has failed to pitch six innings in any of his five starts.

It also validates the traditional method of allowing starting pitchers to remain in the game as long as they're effective and steering clear of the current trend of not allowing a starter to face a lineup for the third time or even employing an "opener" to pitch only the first inning.

"I'm sure there's some statistical background to that (using an opener), maybe based on a pedestrian start, maybe a pedestrian starter," Cubs manager Joe Maddon said. "When the (starter) is good and the (starter) is rolling, you're doing the other team a favor by getting the guy out most of the time."

Not allowing a starter to face a

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CHRIS SWEDA/CHICAGO TRIBUNE

Cole Hamels delivers a pitch in the second inning Wednesday night against the Dodgers.

## Maddon not afraid to put his name out there

Off-field endeavors grow despite uncertain future

After Joe Maddon introduced a new lager Tuesday afternoon at a West Loop establishment, his Try Not to Suck beer received a rave review from Tribune critic Josh Noel.

"A soft body rife with grain character, kissed with light sweetness and finished with mild hop bitterness," Noel wrote. "It's an easy-drinking, backyard barbecue beer."

The obvious question, aside from how one studies to become a beer critic, is why Maddon is starting so many ventures — including the beer, a family pasta sauce and a soon-to-open restaurant with his name attached —



**PAUL SULLIVAN**  
On the Cubs

without knowing whether he'll be managing in Chicago after this season.

Maddon is a celebrity manager, and he's using that status to help fund his charitable foundation, Respect 90 — a laudable effort, to be sure. But will Chicagoans drink Maddon's beer, buy his pasta sauce and eat at his restaurant if he's managing the Phillies or Giants next year?

Maddon said he wants to return but doesn't think it should matter if he's here or not. A good product is a good product, no matter where he's managing in

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# TOP OF THE SECOND



PHIL ROSENTHAL

## Pomp and circumstance

The NFL draft was a better TV show when it was less of a TV show, a better production when it was less produced, more interesting when sports media didn't spend months trying to fuel and feed off interest in it.

Today, with a glut of glitz, pomp and ceremony, it's like watching an Olympics with no events — just a succession of medal ceremonies, analysis and features.

Die-hard fans will put up with anything to get through it, no matter how padded and schlocky. But for the casual fan, there's either too much football info or too little to sustain interest.

If Bears fans haven't noticed there's too little to show and too much show business to this point, they likely will this year when the Bears have a dearth of picks.

The proceedings are stretched out to allow for all the foofaraw, so things move at a pace far more glacial than any baseball game.

The puffed-up extravaganza from Nashville, Tenn., begins Thursday on NFL Network, ABC, ESPN, ESPN Deportes, ESPN.com, NFL.com and an array of radio outlets, including SiriusXM. But barring a trade, the Bears won't have a pick until the third round late Friday.

Some have compared watching the draft to having a root canal, but root canal at least offers the benefit of improved dental health.

Even the NFL seems to know it's programming a clunker, and is desperately trying to jazz things up in the late rounds.

By the time Saturday rolls around, with the start of the fourth round, teams will be announcing picks from places of their choosing — around the country and around the world — rather than Nashville.

Anything to take the spotlight off the recitation of lesser-known names, assigning negotiating rights to each team, which is the actual point of the procedural exercise.

Among the distractions: The Cardinals will be staking out the O.K. Corral in Tombstone, Ariz.; the Browns are trotting out former players at the /Rock & Roll Hall of Fame; the Lions will set up shop at the Henry Ford Museum; the Chargers have chosen Mexico City; the Jets plan to employ Black Knights parachuting into West Point; and the Raiders and Rams will do their thing from the construction sites of their respective future stadiums.



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The NFL draft has transitioned to a made-for-TV extravaganza on multiple networks.

Jerry Lewis' old Labor Day Telethon didn't lay it on this thick.

Pity we're never going back to the early days of ESPN's live draft coverage in the 1980s, when the decidedly unpolished coverage tended to feel like eavesdropping on the proceedings in a Manhattan hotel ballroom with some kibitzers off to the side.

It had an authenticity in its simplicity today's big show can't match.

Teams manned tables equipped with phones they actually used to conduct business. A card would be filled out with the pick. A waiting league official would take it, walk to the podium and hand it over for the official announcement.

No parachutes were needed. Sometimes ESPN missed the picks live because of a commercial or off-site segment that ran long, requiring the announcement to be shown on tape delay.

Players? Top picks weren't hanging out in bespoke suits, posting selfies while waiting to strut out and accept a jersey and hat you, too, can buy on the team's website.

They were with friends and family at home, at school, at their agent's draft-day party awaiting a phone call with news they'd been selected, and then maybe a call from ESPN for an interview.

It was all very low-tech, and therein lay its charm.

When ESPN's George Grande asked Sports Illustrated's Paul Zimmerman in 1983 asked what the Baltimore Colts planned to do with the No. 1 pick because Stanford's John Elway had said he didn't

want to play for coach Frank Kush, Zimmerman stared off in the distance rather than look at Grande or the camera.

"I've got my eye on that Baltimore table right now and (the Colts rep is) on the phone, but I don't see him writing anything," Zimmerman said, correctly inferring there was no imminent deal despite much pre-draft chatter.

The Colts did indeed draft Elway, who announced he would play baseball for George Steinbrenner's Yankees. A deal eventually was made with the Broncos, obviously.

There wasn't the wealth of pre-draft data available on the players and far less groupthink about prospects.

There also were fewer analysts, meaning everything wasn't hashed over so much ahead of time that the actual picks become anticlimactic.

So when the Dolphins used the penultimate choice in 1983's first round to select Dan Marino, the sixth quarterback in the opening go-round, there was genuine dismissive shock among the on-screen contingent.

That was fun then. It was even funnier when Marino started to play and proved them all wrong.

There's no way to turn back the clock on draft TV coverage.

It is possible, however, to turn one's back on it, no matter how many channels it's on.

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### ASK THE REPORTER

MARK GONZALES

**Whom do you see as the odd man out if Addison Russell is brought back to the 25-man roster?** *Steven M. Mark Zagunis.* He has done little to play himself off the roster. They asked him to be a backup outfielder and pinch-hit on occasion, and he performed sufficiently well. David Bote has options, but he has been too valuable to send to the minors and Ben Zobrist can play more frequently in right and left field.

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## NFL DRAFT



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All eyes will be on Oklahoma quarterback Kyler Murray in the first round of the NFL draft Thursday.

## FIRST ROUND STORYLINES

## Wait 'n' watch

As Bears fans bide their time, they can focus on 5 questions

BY RICH CAMPBELL | Chicago Tribune

Here are five NFL draft storylines to follow on Thursday night while the Bears sit out the first round.

#### 1. Will the Cardinals draft Oklahoma quarterback Kyler Murray first overall?

Murray, the reigning Heisman Trophy winner, is an electrifying talent who will challenge conventional thinking about whether a 5-foot-10 quarterback can succeed in the NFL. His combination of athleticism, arm strength and throwing savvy would benefit at least a half-dozen quarterback-needy teams.

But that's just it: The Cardinals don't need a quarterback after trading up in the first round last year to select UCLA's Josh Rosen at No. 10. Rosen endured typical rookie struggles while playing behind a bad offensive line and with an undermanned group of skill position players. He threw 14 interceptions compared with 11 touchdowns and completed only 55 percent of his passes. The Cardinals went 3-13 and fired coach Steve Wilks after only one season.

The arrival of new coach Kliff Kingsbury from Texas Tech ignited the possibility the Cardinals would double down on first-round quarterbacks. Kingsbury was the offensive coordinator at Texas A&M in 2012 when he began recruiting Murray as a high school sophomore.

Now Kingsbury has a chance to handpick the quarterback he has coveted all this time. If he does, the Cardinals could trade Rosen for picks that would aid their rebuilding project.

Or the Cardinals could stick with Rosen and trade out of No. 1, selling it for a bounty of picks to a team that covets Murray.

"Kyler can make every single throw," said Daniel Jeremiah, NFL Network draft analyst and former NFL scout. "He can drive the ball. Those hole shots against Cover-2 on the sideline between the corner and the safety, that's a big-boy throw; he makes those effortlessly. So he's got plenty of arm strength. And then the X-factor is just when he takes off, it's electric. Kyler has that extra element with what he can do athletically."

#### 2. What will the Bears' NFC North rivals do?

While the Bears are watching Khalil Mack highlights, the Lions, Vikings and Packers can close the gap a bit, at least on paper. The Lions pick eighth, followed by the Packers at 12, the Vikings at 18 and the Packers again at 30.

Iowa tight end T.J. Hockenson is a candidate for the Lions, who have missed on a pair of first-round tight ends in the last decade (Eric Ebron, 2014; Brandon Pettigrew, 2009).

"Hockenson is a complete tight end, not just a great athlete who will catch the ball," ESPN draft analyst Mel Kiper Jr. said. "He will do that because he is a gifted athlete, but he'll also block. He's a quarterback's best friend."

The Vikings need offensive line help and could benefit from Alabama guard/tackle Jonah Williams if he's still on the board.

The Packers in free agency committed approximately \$150 million to their defense, which gives them some flexibility in the draft. They need offensive line help and another safety to play next to former Bears fifth-rounder Adrian Amos.

#### 3. How does the overall game of quarterback musical chairs play out?

While this is the Bears' second straight draft removed from the quarterback hunt, the position always drives movement in the first round.

This year, Ohio State's Dwayne Haskins, Missouri's Drew Lock and Duke's Daniel Jones could be first-round picks. As usual, demand exceeds supply. The Jets (third pick), Giants (sixth and 17th), Broncos (10th), Dolphins (13th) and Redskins (15th) each need a quarterback.

Haskins is widely regarded as a top-10 pick despite a relative lack of mobility and starting only one year in college.

"Sometimes (his) eyes are quick," Jeremiah said. "He's moving his eyes through the progression and getting there with his eyes, but sometimes his feet are a little bit late to catch up. But what I like about him, he's a firm, sturdy guy. I think he'll be able to hold up physically the way he's built. He can drive the ball. He can layer the ball."

"You look at the progression of him from the beginning of the year to the end of the year, it's a clear trend line that he's going in the right direction. And I would even add on to that the pro day, which was outstanding. He moved around a little bit better in that pro day than I anticipated, so that helps him. It's just a matter of finding a home for him."



BROOKE LAVALLEY/COLUMBUS DISPATCH

Iowa tight end T.J. Hockenson could be the Lions' target at No. 8. He can catch and is a good blocker.



MIKE COMER/GETTY

Could Duke's Daniel Jones be selected over bigger names in the first-round game of QB musical chairs?

#### 4. Will the Raiders brain trust of coach Jon Gruden and GM Mike Mayock shake up the first round?

This is Mayock's first draft as GM following 15 years as a draft analyst for NFL Network. Jumping from media to the team side is rare, but if anyone can help Mayock, it's Gruden, who left coaching for nine years to serve as an analyst for ESPN, only to return to coaching in 2018.

The Raiders have three first-round picks, Nos. 4, 24 and 27. Mayock and Gruden were so paranoid that their draft plans would be leaked by the scouting staff Mayock inherited that they reportedly sent scouts home the week before the draft.

They have a wide range of positional needs and must jump-start their post-Mack rebuild with these first-round picks.

"You talk about a fascinating player in Kyler Murray? The most fascinating team in this draft is the Oakland Raiders," Kiper said.

#### 5. How might the first round dictate what the Bears do when they finally pick Friday in the third round?

As Pace said Tuesday, not picking until No. 87 leaves too many variables preventing a comfortable prediction about which players will be available when the Bears go on the clock. Also, there's enough of a disparity between first- and third-round player grades that the Bears won't get a sense for position depth at 87 until the second round is well underway.

That said, they can monitor the teams that pick right before them from 83-86 — Steelers, Seahawks, Ravens, Texans — to see what needs they meet and whether they might have to trade up ahead of them.

If the Texans, for example, address their secondary with the 23rd pick, perhaps the Bears can feel confident the Texans won't steal a cornerback or safety from them when they pick consecutively in the third round. The hope, of course, is that teams use first-round picks (high investments) on positions the Bears need, so the Bears can have more third-round-caliber players to choose from when it's their turn.

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## NFL mock draft 3.0

BY BRAD BIGGS | Chicago Tribune

The NFL draft is Thursday-Saturday in Nashville, Tenn.



#### 1. Cardinals: Kyler Murray, QB, Oklahoma

The latest whispers have the Cardinals going in a different direction, but that doesn't make sense because they have been stringing along Josh Rosen all offseason.



#### 2. 49ers: Nick Bosa, DE, Ohio State

Bosa has been viewed as one of the best defensive players in this draft since last spring. Scouts I've talked with believe he's going to be a better pro than his brother, Joey.



#### 3. Jets: Quinnen Williams, DT, Alabama

The offense was retooled in free agency. The Jets either target a pass rusher or an anchor for the middle of the line, and Williams can pressure the quarterback too.



#### 4. Raiders: Josh Allen, edge rusher, Kentucky

The Raiders created a need for a pass rusher when they shipped Khalil Mack to the Bears, and Allen can fill the void for Jon Gruden and new GM Mike Mayock.



#### 5. Buccaneers: Devin White, LB, LSU

It's unusual to see inside linebackers go in the top 10, but Roquan Smith did last year, and White is a similarly skilled athlete who would be an upgrade over Kwon Alexander.



#### 6. Giants: Ed Oliver, DT, Houston

Yes, the Giants have to get a quarterback. But Dave Gettleman is realizing he has needs on both lines. He can get a disruptive force here.



#### 7. Jaguars: Jawaan Taylor, OT, Florida

The Jaguars have to address wide receiver, but Tom Coughlin knows he needs help protecting Nick Foles, even if Taylor projects better as a right tackle.



#### 8. Lions: T.J. Hockenson, TE, Iowa

The Lions' focus in free agency was on upgrading the defense. Time to help Matthew Stafford with a multidimensional tight end.



#### 9. Bills: Jonah Williams, OL, Alabama

The Bills can use help on both lines, and wide receiver looms as a pressing need. But protecting Josh Allen has to be the top priority for GM Brandon Beane.



#### 10. Broncos: Devin Bush, LB, Michigan

Vic Fangio inherited a defense with book end pass rushers but needs a rock in the middle. That would help him win this season more than taking a quarterback here.



#### 11. Bengals: Brian Burns, edge rusher, Florida State

The Bengals' greatest need is for an interior linebacker, but with White and Bush off the board, they can boost the pass rush with Burns.



#### 12. Packers: Noah Fant, TE, Iowa

In my original mock, I had Fant to the Packers, citing their revolving door at the position. Pair him with Jimmy Graham for a season let him be a playmaker.



#### 13. Dolphins: Dwayne Haskins, QB, Ohio State

The Dolphins need a quarterback for first-year coach Brian Flores to rebuild around. They could trade for Rosen, wait until next year or grab Haskins.



#### 14. Falcons: Christian Wilkins, DT, Clemson

They really could use an edge rusher, but pairing Wilkins with veteran Grady Jarrett would stabilize the interior of Dan Quinn's defense.



#### 15. Redskins: Rashaan Gary, edge rusher, Michigan

The Redskins have to do something at quarterback. Figure they trade for Rosen if they can't land Haskins. They still need to find targets and boost the pass rush.



#### 16. Panthers: Andre Dillard, OT, Washington State

The Panthers need to do a better job of protecting Cam Newton and creating holes for Christian McCaffrey. Dillard can start from Day 1.



#### 17. Giants (Browns): Daniel Jones, QB, Duke

It's worth wondering if the Giants will have to trade up from this spot to get a quarterback they like. Eli Manning can't play forever.



#### 18. Vikings: Cody Ford, OT, Oklahoma

They need to come out of the draft with more than one candidate to start on the offensive line. Ford will play as a rookie.



#### 19. Titans: Clelin Ferrell, edge rusher, Clemson

Wide receiver might be their top need, but figure Mike Vrabel lobbies for a player to bolster the front seven.



#### 20. Steelers: Rock Ya-Sin, CB, Temple

Combine Ya-Sin's size, strength and aggressive nature, and he's an ideal fit even if he comes with only one year of FBS experience.



#### 21. Seahawks: Byron Murphy, CB, Washington

He doesn't have great speed but projects as a very good zone cornerback who will be aggressive in run support.



#### 22. Ravens: Marquise Brown, WR, Oklahoma

The offense is going to be heavily based on the running game, but the Ravens need a threat to take the top off the defense. Brown provides that in a big way.



#### 23. Texans: Greg Little, OT, Mississippi

The Texans have to do a better job of protecting Deshaun Watson. Little is an athletic performer whom some have compared to Duane Brown.



#### 24. Raiders (Bears): Drew Lock, QB, Missouri

Lock figures to go in Round 1 and could be gone by this pick. The question is where, and the Rosen trade situation looms as a factor in Lock's landing spot.



#### 25. Eagles: Jerry Tillery, DT, Notre Dame

Tillery has the ability to take over games but can disappear at times. If the Eagles can harness his immense talent, he would be good value here.



#### 26. Colts: Montez Sweat, edge rusher, Mississippi St.

Sweat has freaky athletic talent and was productive in the SEC, but some wonder if a heart condition will scare teams away.



#### 27. Raiders (Cowboys): Josh Jacobs, RB, Alabama

Some interesting running backs will come off the board in the second and third rounds, but Jacobs is the best of the bunch.



#### 28. Chargers: Dalton Risner, OT, Kansas State

The Chargers need to keep the pocket clean for Philip Rivers, and Risner would be a good building block for the future.



#### 29. Seahawks (Chiefs): Johnathan Abram, S, Miss. St.

A cornerback might make sense, but Abram is a sturdy safety who can help a secondary in need. GM John Schneider loves to trade in Round 1, so keep an eye out.



#### 30. Packers (Saints): Jeffery Simmons, DT, Miss. St.

Simmons is a powerful and athletic player who can set the tone for a defense. His ACL tear in February is a slight concern, but he's too talented to fall out of Round 1.



#### 31. Rams: Garrett Bradbury, C, North Carolina State

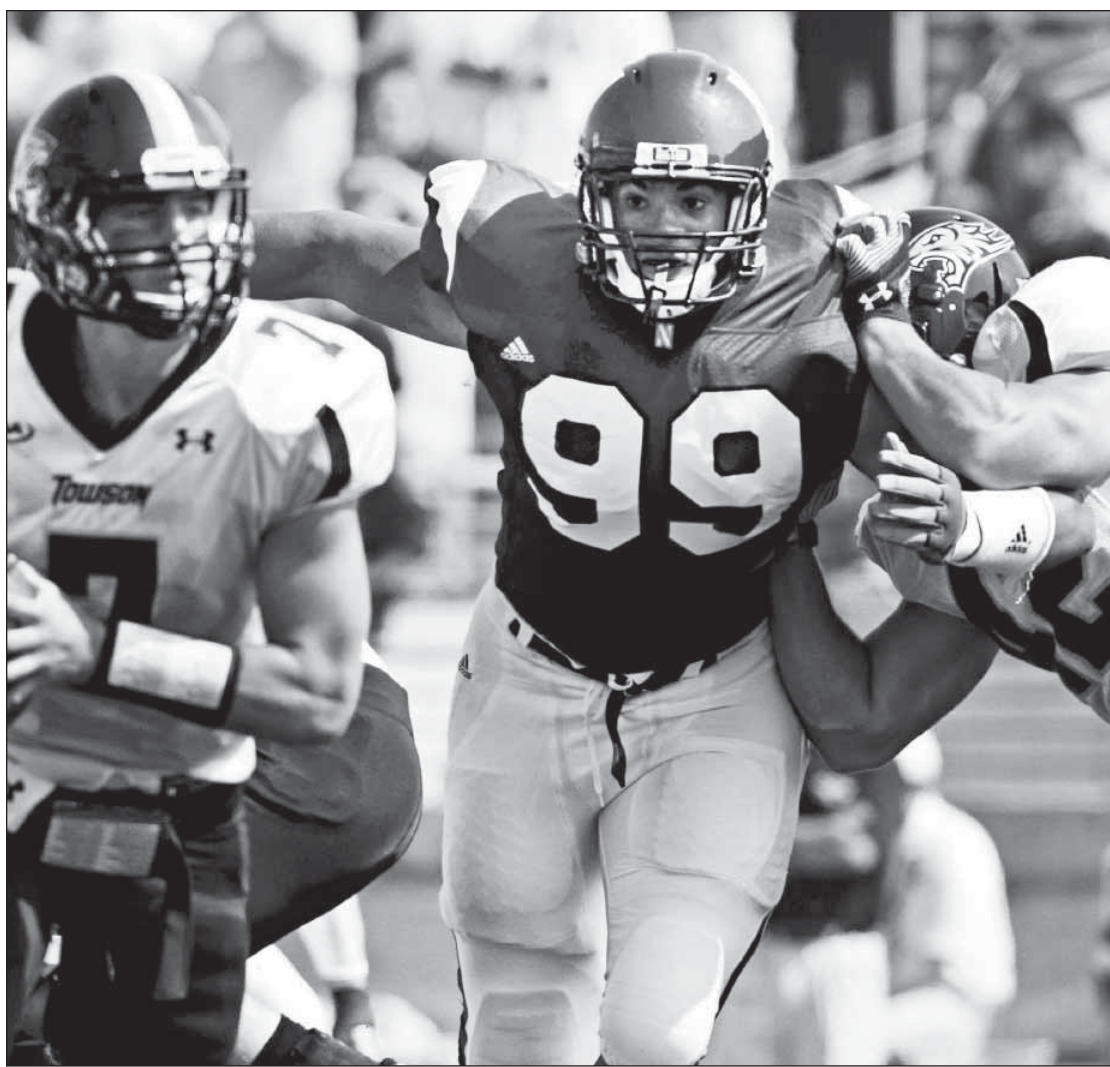
Bradbury would start immediately to fill a hole after the Rams did not re-sign John Sullivan.



#### 32. Patriots: Dexter Lawrence, DT, Clemson

An explosive interior player, Lawrence fits what the Patriots do and would help them immediately.

## COLLEGE FOOTBALL



CHUCK CHERNEY/ASSOCIATED PRESS

Corey Wootton doubts allegations that Northwestern players accepted money from a financial adviser.

## NORTHWESTERN FOOTBALL

# Wootton insists Cats didn't take free way

Former DL refutes cash claims made by financial adviser

BY TEDDY GREENSTEIN  
Chicago Tribune

Corey Wootton and teammates would sometimes feast at Lou Malnati's after Northwestern football games.

"Some people would recognize us and say, 'Great game!'" Wootton told the Tribune on Wednesday. "We'd get offered free lemonade, but we'd say, 'Hey, we can't take it. We'd have water instead. Even for something that small, it can come back to bite you.'"

Given that, Wootton doubts the veracity of the news that broke Tuesday: Marty Blazer, a Pittsburgh-area financial adviser and government witness, testified that from 2000 to 2014 he gave cash to football players from seven schools, including Northwestern and Notre Dame. Blazer's goal was to become their financial adviser once they turned pro.

"Had that been going on, we would have talked about it in the locker room," said Wootton, now a college football analyst and TV personality on Big Ten Network and FOX-32. "I never heard any talk about that."

"I do think that happens at the big-time schools. I've heard people talk about (offers of) cars and different stuff. Think about a 20-year-old kid who doesn't come from anything — it would be hard (to that turn down). Shame on people like that for preying on kids."

Northwestern produced first-round draft picks in 2002 (linebacker Napoleon Harris) and 2005 (defensive lineman Luis Castillo). Wootton, a 6-foot-6, 270-pound defensive end, also looked and played the part, earning first-team All-Big Ten honors in 2008.

He peaked in that season's Alamo Bowl, sacking Missouri quarterback Chase Daniel and intercepting a pass. Had he not blown out his right knee in the final minutes of regulation, Wootton likely would have turned pro.

"You've got to go when you're hot," he said. "I honestly think I could have gone in the first round with a good combine."

He opted to return for a fifth season and, at that point, would have been ripe for an opportunistic agent or financial adviser.

"Honestly I was probably the highest-profile guy at Northwestern since Luis Castillo, and I never got offered anything," Wootton said.

Wootton's knee injury limited his explosiveness in 2009. The Bears took him in the fourth round of the 2010 draft.

"People at Northwestern did a great job of keeping us prepared for stuff that goes on," he said. "They don't want us to be naive."

"At other schools, people are scared to talk to the coach; there was an open door with (Pat Fitzgerald). That's one of the things that separates Northwestern. They told us what we can and can't do — even if it's not accepting lemonade at Lou Malnati's."

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# NCAA's decisions don't make sense

Denial of 2 requests for waivers seems illogical and rather heartless



SHANNON RYAN  
On Illinois football

When it comes to being unpredictable, nothing tops Chicago weather, moody teenagers and the NCAA.

The NCAA especially seems to operate on nonsensical whims when it comes to college athletes who want to transfer and play immediately at their new schools.

There have been some glaring examples during this football offseason as the NCAA granted wishes like a fairy godmother to quarterbacks who appeared to transfer for more playing time, then shooed away pleas like a dismissive king from players who have ailing family members and moved to colleges closer to their homes.

The NCAA doesn't typically reveal why it grants some waivers of the mandatory "year in residence" for transfers and denies others. Illinois tight end Luke Ford is one player left wondering why his waiver request was denied.

Ford — the top-rated recruit in Illinois in the Class of 2018 — transferred from Georgia to Illinois in January, citing his grandparents' failing health and his desire to play closer to home. He's from Carterville, Ill., which is about 190 miles south of Champaign, and Illinois is one of the closest major football programs to his hometown.

The NCAA in 2012 established a distance limit of 100 miles in cases such as Ford's.

An Illinois spokesman said in a statement Wednesday that the program is disappointed in the decision to deny Ford's waiver request and plans to help him appeal.

"My Waiver got denied," Ford tweeted Wednesday. "Thanks for all your support. It's all in the Lord's timing."

Apparently, it's also up to the NCAA's whims.

The NCAA also this week

denied a waiver for immediate eligibility for offensive lineman Brock Hoffman, who transferred from Coastal Carolina to Virginia Tech to be closer to his mother. She had surgery in 2017 to remove a brain tumor and now struggles with facial paralysis and hearing and eyesight loss, but Hoffman said on Twitter that the NCAA denied his request because his hometown is 5 miles outside the 100-mile radius and because it said his mother's condition is improving.

"Don't let the NCAA take football away from me this season when others get a free pass for playing time issues!" Hoffman tweeted along with photos of his mom with stitches in her head.

Earlier this offseason, the NCAA granted waivers to quarterbacks Justin Fields, who transferred from Georgia to Ohio State, and Tate Martell, who transferred from Ohio State to Miami. Both appeared to switch schools in search of more playing time.

There's a good argument that the NCAA should allow players to do that without limitations. After all, when is the last time a coach had to sit out a year for switching schools?

But when it denies players such as Ford and Hoffman, the NCAA reminds everyone of its clandestine ways. The lack of consistency and transparency adds to its reputation as an organization that exploits unpaid labor.

The NCAA last week approved logical rule changes that make transferring fairer to players.

Incoming freshmen who enrolled in summer school and received financial aid will be allowed to transfer and play immediately if their head coach leaves before fall classes begin. Walk-ons can transfer without waivers and play immediately. The new transfer portal helps players switch schools more easily without their former school being able to block them.

All of those are good steps. But then decisions like the ones on Hoffman and Ford deserve a forehead smack.

The NCAA just needs to get out of its own way. Granting waivers to Hoffman and Ford would be a logical place to start.

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Illinois tight end Luke Ford, a transfer from Georgia, was seeking an NCAA waiver for immediate eligibility.

## Q&amp;A WITH JOEL KLATT

# Talking golf, QB prospects

BY TEDDY GREENSTEIN  
Chicago Tribune

Most college coaches want their quarterbacks buried in the playbook. But while at Colorado, Gary Barnett advised Joel Klatt to take up golf.

"He basically said: 'You need to pick up the sport. It will be good for you not only personally but professionally for the rest of your life,'" Klatt recalled.

Wise move. Klatt never made the NFL despite setting 19 school records in his first season as a starter. But he's putting that golf knowledge to work.

Fox Sports will use Klatt, its lead college football game analyst, during its coverage of the U.S. Open, Women's U.S. Open and U.S. Senior Open, the latter coming to the Warren Course in South Bend, Ind., on June 27-30. Klatt's main responsibility will be conducting post-round interviews.

The Tribune caught up with him for a Q&A.

### True you've never been to the Masters? What gives?

Two things. My boys are 7, 5 and 2, and I travel enough (for football). It's hard to say, "Hey, babe, I'm gonna leave just for fun." Two, last year I planned to go. I'm decent buddies with Brendan Steele. I was thinking I'll just go next year, but then he didn't get in. It will happen at some point.

### I saw your tweet about Tiger Woods. You legit cried?

I did, yes. Not ashamed of it. Keep in mind now: If you were to put on highlights of the Broncos' Super Bowl XXXII win and show John Elway jumping in the

air, I'm still going to cry. I cry at exhilarating sporting events. It's how I'm built. Also it was really the first sporting event where my sons were cheering. And Tiger was hugging his son. That was more of it.

### Ever come close to crying in the booth?

A couple of times, which is why I'm glad I work with Gus (Johnson). I'll hit mute and say: He's got this. The one time I actually said I need to take a break was when we stayed live at Iowa last year during the Wisconsin game and showed the wave. When they turned toward the children's hospital, I was basically weeping in the booth.

### Are you friends with anyone on tour other than Brendan Steele?

I'm acquaintances more. Being out at the last four U.S. Opens has helped tremendously. Every time they see me, they start talking college football. When I see Zach Johnson, it's all about Iowa football. Or Billy Horschel, it's the (Florida) Gators. Or Horschel will give me crap on Twitter about my opinions about the SEC. I am their avenue to not talking about golf.

### Sticking with football, I'm seeing mock drafts where Ohio State's Dwayne Haskins is slipping and I'm surprised.

We say he's slipping, but none of that is official. There definitely has been a lot of rumors. When you get down to it, people get nervous about his lack of experience. Dwayne was a one-year starter. When you study every quarterback that has won a Super

Bowl, you see they started about 33 (college) games and attempted over 1,100 passes. Having said that, I don't think you're drafting him to be your out-of-the-gate Day 1 starter. He is a developmental quarterback with a really high ceiling. If you're in a position where you can develop him, it's a no-brainer selection.

### How about Northwestern's Clayton Thorson?

I would call him a three-day prospect. It won't be about quarterback need at that point. The Patriots have shown a propensity to draft guys on the third day at the quarterback position. He is a ready-made backup with the potential to start down the road. He is very smart, more athletic than you would think and accurate with a strong arm. But he has to develop his anticipatory skills. I don't know if he will be a top-line starter, but I think he can have a long career.

### You don't see Penn State's Trace McSorley as an NFL quarterback, do you?

Not necessarily, but he possesses value as a really competitive athlete. You can put him at wildcat; he provides a lot of different options as an offensive threat.

### Every year we say the same thing: If Jim Harbaugh can't beat Ohio State this year, he never will. Well, next year it's really true, considering Ohio State won't have Urban Meyer or Haskins and the game is in Ann Arbor.

The "no Urban" aspect presents some serious challenges for Jim. If he doesn't beat Ryan Day, guh, this will be a tough one.

## NYCFC 1, FIRE 0

# NYCFC ends Fire's win streak

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Valentin Castellanos scored in the ninth minute to help New York City FC beat the Fire 1-0 on Wednesday night.

NYC (2-1-5) won its second straight game after opening the season with a six-match winless streak. The Fire (2-3-3) had a four-game unbeaten stretch end. They have never won at Yankee Stadium.

Heber dribbled the ball along the left sideline on a counter attack and sent a cross in front of the goal for a sliding finish by Castellanos. Heber made his first MLS start last week and had a goal and an assist in a 2-0 victory over D.C. United.

Fire goalkeeper David Ousted got a hand on Maximiliano Moralez's breakaway shot in the 58th minute to deflect it off the crossbar, and Ousted denied a penalty kick in second-half stoppage time.

Fire coach Veljko Paunovic was ejected in the 79th minute.

NYC posted its third shutout in four home games this season.

## WOLVES 5, GRIFFINS 2

# Wolves tie series with road win

Chicago Tribune staff

The Wolves forced a decisive Game 5 in their first-round Calder Cup playoff series with a 5-2 victory over the Griffins on Wednesday night in Grand Rapids, Mich.

After the Griffins struck first 7:02 into the second period, the Wolves got goals from Nic Hague and T.J. Tynan in the second and Cody Glass 1:03 into the third to take a 3-1 lead. They were up 3-2 before Tye McGinn and Keegan Kolesar added empty-net goals in the last two minutes.

McGinn finished with a goal and two assists, and Hague had a goal and an assist. Oscar Dansk made 29 saves.

Game 5 is at 3 p.m. Sunday at Allstate Arena.

**Hawks make a change:** The Blackhawks announced assistant coach Don Granato will not return next season, paving the way for Jeremy Colliton to add an assistant. Granato, a former Wolves head coach, was hired by the Hawks before the 2017-18 season.

## CUBS &amp; WHITE SOX

## CUBS NOTES

## Baez could be best for Maddon

By MARK GONZALES  
Chicago Tribune

Cubs manager Joe Maddon paused for a few seconds before answering whether Javier Baez is the best player he has ever managed.

"Back then (in 2015), he was a mental mistake waiting to happen, just based on energy and youth," Maddon said Wednesday. "He's under control a bit."

As of now, Maddon said Baez meets all the prerequisites to be considered the best player he's managed in 14 seasons with the Rays and Cubs.

"Not just hit, not just play defense," said Maddon, who covered a spectrum of skills ranging from running, defense, hitting to the opposite field with power and "all the magical things he does on the awkward players on the bases. That guy is really few and far between: the guy who is able to impact the game with all the different tools like he's able to (do) consistently."

Maddon marvels over the evolution of Baez as a complete player from his first spring with the Cubs in 2015.

"From the first time I saw him in 2015, I said to the guys, 'We're a better team when Javy is on the field,'" Maddon said. "He was still pretty raw at that point."

From a scout's perspective, Maddon said an evaluation on Baez's tools were like a "novella."

"You'll write all kinds of things," Maddon said. "You're going to write some negative stuff. Different things you think will get better over time, like four years, has really improved."

**Bote returns:** Infielder David Bote reported that he arrived at a Denver-area hospital in plenty of time to witness the birth of his third child, a boy named Sullivan.

"It was a special day," said Bote, who collected the game-winning hit Sunday and rushed to O'Hare Airport after taking a quick shower.

"(Sullivan) was born at 10 a.m. Monday, and I got to the hospital Sunday at 10 p.m."

Bote said his last at-bat in batting practice serves as preparation for a potential game-winning at-bat. Bote is a career .370 hitter (10-for-27) with three home runs and 11 RBIs in 30 plate appearances in the ninth inning or later.

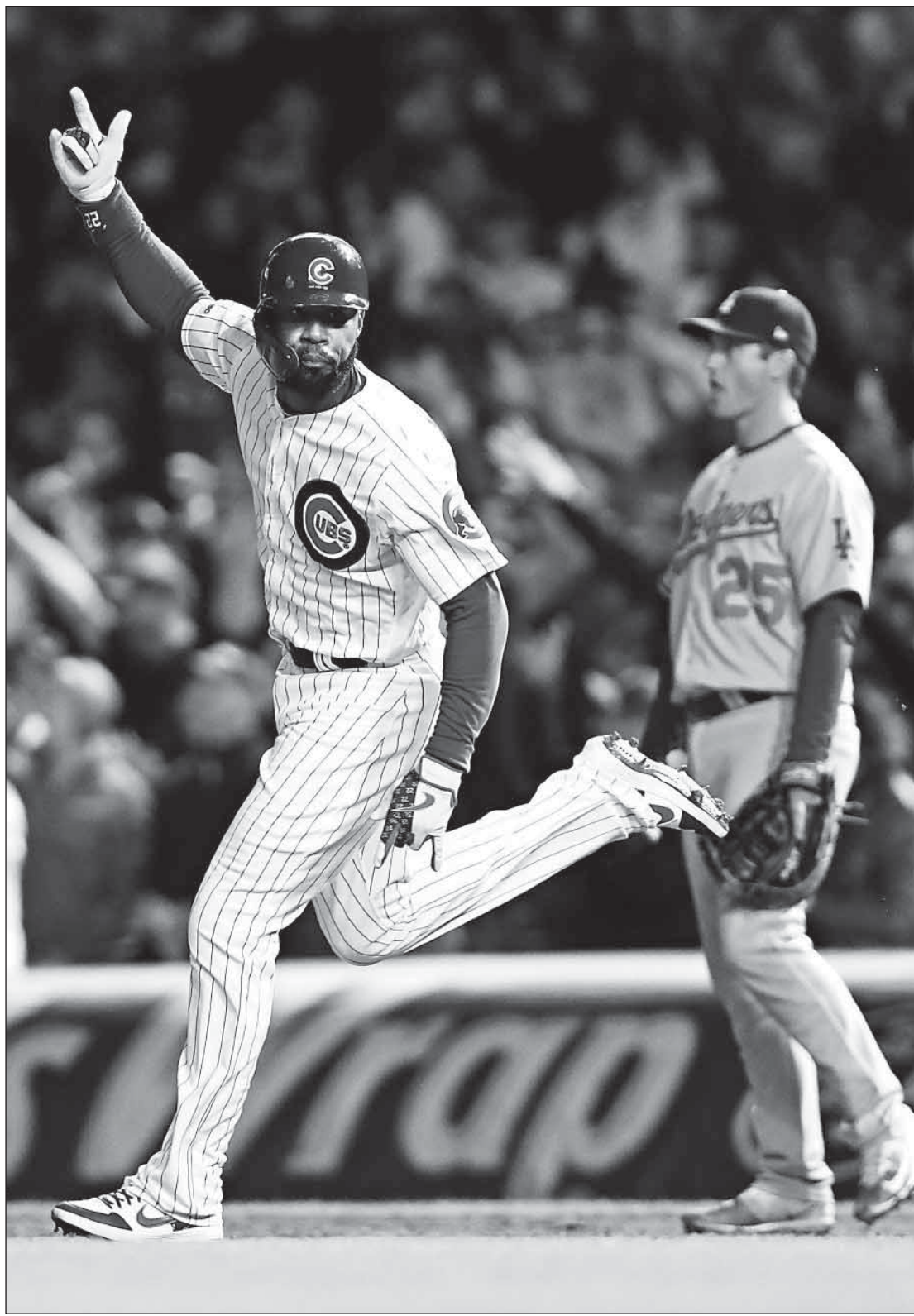
"It's the mental side of calming yourself, making sure you do what you want to do," Bote said.

Pitcher Alec Mills was optioned to Triple-A Iowa to make room for Bote, who was reinstated off the paternity list.

**Caratini remains in shape:** Backup catcher Victor Caratini has remained in shape with running and throwing as he recovers from a fractured left hamate bone. He's expected to be out for up to four more weeks.

"It feels fairly normal, except the stitches are still there," said Caratini, whose hand was wrapped. "I'm able to move it. The only difference is there are stitches."

Caratini is scheduled for another examination on Tuesday.



CHRIS SWEDA/CHICAGO TRIBUNE

## CUBS RECAP

Javier Baez and Jason Heyward (above) hit three-run home runs in the sixth inning and the Cubs held on for a 7-6 victory over the Dodgers on Wednesday, their seventh win in eight games. The Cubs added a run in the seventh on an Anthony Rizzo double that loomed large when Alex Verdugo's three-run homer off Steve Cishek in the eighth cut the lead to one. Pedro Strop earned the save despite a leadoff walk in the ninth. Cubs starter Cole Hamels, who hadn't walked a batter in his previous 21 innings, issued six walks in 5 2/3 innings. For more, go to [chicagotribune.com/sports](http://chicagotribune.com/sports)

## Starters stay in

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lineup a third time around was a hot topic after Game 2 of the 2017 World Series, when Dodgers left-hander Rich Hill was pulled despite allowing only one run on three hits while striking out seven in four innings in a 7-6 loss to the Astros.

But Maddon has steered away from pulling his starters in important situations, such as Tuesday's 7-2 win over the Dodgers in which he allowed left-hander Jose Quintana to face pinch hitter Max Muncy with the bases loaded and a four-run lead in the seventh inning despite exceeding 100 pitches.

Maddon was rewarded when Quintana fooled Muncy on a called third strike on his 114th pitch, the most by a Cubs starter this season.

"That was a tough moment

with leaving Q in," Maddon said. "Not because I didn't have faith in him. I just didn't know how tired he was."

"That's a tough part to try to determine: Where is this guy at against a really good hitter with a lot of power? But if Q is making his pitches because he's not fatigued, I'm not worried about the hitter. I'm worried about Q. If he's not fatigued, let him go. I'm not worried about the third time through (the batting order)."

"If he is fatigued, it's a different story. That's the eyeball test."

Maddon understands the theory of using an opener, followed by a starter because it prevents the lineup from facing the starter one less time.

But the Cubs have four starters — Lester, Cole Hamels, Kyle Hendricks and Quintana — with a history of being able to pitch deep in games.

Using an opener is "more the necessity being the mother of invention," Maddon said. "If you don't have something like that, you got to do something differently. A glut of extremely good relief pitchers and you don't have starters that you like, it makes sense."

"So I like the tried-and-true method. I still feel it's the best way to go. However, you have to be flexible always if things break down. But you have to have stern, sturdy bullpen arms to make it work."

If Lester labors early, Tyler Chatwood is in line to relieve him. Maddon said the Cubs will monitor Lester's agility.

"If he hits a double, how hard does he have to run to second?" Maddon joked.

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## Future unsure, but Maddon active off field

Sullivan, from Page 1

2020. Maddon's Tampa, Fla., restaurant, Ava, continues to be a financial and critical success five years after he left the Rays for the Cubs, but it doesn't have his name on it.

Maddon doesn't worry about any of this. When the Cubs started the season 2-7, he said he had "zero" concerns about having to turn things around quickly because of his lame-duck status. Last winter he compared himself to a free agent — like Manny Machado or Bryce Harper — in an interview with the Tampa Bay Times.

"Why would I feel any different as a manager than a good player does, a Machado or a Harper?" he said. "You could say 'lame duck' or you could use 'free agent.' They are the same term."

Of all the free-agent signings team President Theo Epstein made since he came to Chicago, perhaps only Jon Lester's deal has paid dividends like Maddon's five-year, \$25 million contract. Maddon helped change the culture and end an infamous drought while providing a lot of laughs along the way.

The Cubs seemingly have shrugged off their poor start and

played up to expectations the last two weeks. But certainly they will have more bumps in the road during the long season, and perhaps more questions will arise about whether Maddon will be here next year and beyond.

No one knows Maddon like Dodgers President Andrew Friedman, who hired Maddon to manage the Rays after the 2005 season. Together they transformed the Rays organization, which remains one of the more forward-thinking franchises long after Friedman and Maddon departed for more money in larger markets.

Is Friedman surprised Maddon doesn't have a contract extension after the success he has had in Chicago?

"It's hard for me to comment on, not being mired in the day to day and knowing the specifics," Friedman said Tuesday before the opener of a three-game series at Wrigley Field. "But I'd be shocked if Joe wasn't here long term."

Friedman signed his manager, Dave Roberts, to a four-year extension in December. Roberts' salary was not announced, though the Orange County Register speculated it likely was comparable to the four-year, \$12 mil-

lion deal Astros manager A.J. Hinch received in 2018 after winning the World Series.

The Cubs are paying Maddon \$6 million in 2019, which includes a \$1 million bonus for winning the 2016 World Series. His agent, Alan Nero, criticized the media for making a big deal of Maddon's contract status when Nero and Epstein agreed in November to table contract talks until after the season.

"We actually have 12 months to worry about it, but you guys won't let it go," Nero said. "This will be something that will be discussed once a week for the next 52 weeks, OK? And you won't let it go. There will be all this speculation ... I mean, God, I hate it. 'The press would've never done this 20 years ago, 30 years ago. Now you (reporters) are all competing (for clicks).'"

Maddon should at least get a deal similar to Roberts' — if not for more money.

Maddon and Roberts are kindred spirits who remain popular with fans and enjoy engaging with the media. If they switched jobs, it would be an easy transition for both. Of course, Maddon and Roberts also have endured some heavy criticism despite their success — Maddon for his

handling of Aroldis Chapman in the 2016 World Series and Roberts for lifting Rich Hill with a one-hitter in the seventh inning of the Game 4 loss to the Red Sox in last year's World Series.

Still, it's always entertaining when Maddon and Roberts go head-to-head, much like the Dusty Baker-Tony LaRussa showdowns of 2003-06, albeit without the mutual hate.

Roberts was asked Tuesday if it matters with whom he's playing chess in the opposing dugout.

"It does matter," he said. "There are some managers that are more conservative and manage their roster differently than Joe. I put him more on the aggressive side, and he'll do some unconventional things, so you've got to be prepared."

While fans enjoy this star-filled, early-season series between the Cubs and Dodgers, they now can raise a glass of Try Not to Suck beer and toast an unconventional manager who makes sure things never are dull.

Will Friedman be trying Maddon's new beer?

"Good question," he said. "Depends on how the series goes."

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ORIOLES 4,  
WHITE SOX 3

## Means leads to the end for Sox

Orioles pitcher wins on birthday, gets help from Wilkerson HR

By DAVID GINSBURG  
Associated Press

BALTIMORE — An unusual second-chance home run enabled the Orioles to put a satisfying finish on a home-stand that began with four straight defeats.

Stevie Wilkerson hit his first major-league homer, John Means pitched five effective innings on his birthday and the Orioles beat the White Sox 4-3 on Wednesday night to secure their second winning streak of the season.

After dropping three in a row to the Twins and opening the series against the Sox with a 12-2 loss, the Orioles won the next two to capture their first series since April 1-3 in Toronto. The two straight victories are their most since a four-game run that began March 30 at Yankee Stadium, and they improved to 3-10 at Camden Yards.

"We haven't been playing our best baseball here at home," manager Brandon Hyde said. "I thought we played better on the road, so it's nice to play a couple really good games here."

Wilkerson's solo shot off Ervin Santana (0-2) put the Orioles up 4-1 in the fourth. Earlier in the at-bat, Wilkerson walked to first base after apparently being hit by a pitch, but the Sox challenged the call and it was overturned after a replay review.

Making his third major-league start, Means (3-2) marked his 26th birthday with a career-high six strikeouts. The lefty allowed one run and four hits.

Mychal Givens worked the final two innings for his first save. After allowing an RBI double to Jose Abreu in the ninth, Givens threw a wild pitch before striking out James McCann.

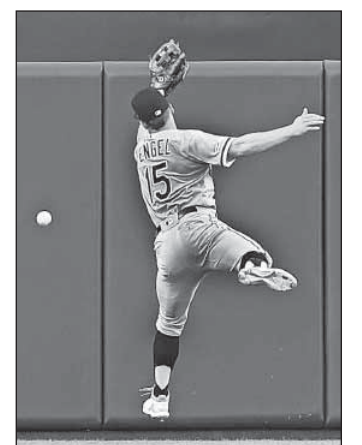
The right-hander then got Yoan Moncada to hit a two-out grounder to shortstop Richie Martin, who made a nice grab moving to his left before throwing to first. Martin had entered as a defensive replacement in the ninth.

"We had a nice run of guys that were going to give us an opportunity," Sox manager Rick Renteria said. "We just fell short. Yoan put a good swing on that pitch."

Still trying to regain the form that enabled him to win 16 games for the Twins in 2017, Santana gave up four runs in 4 2/3 innings. The 36-year-old has a 9.45 ERA in three starts with the Sox after going winless last year during an injury-riddled season with the Twins.

"I'm going to take the positive from that outing to the next one," Santana said. "That's the main key for me. I'm getting there."

**Extra innings:** Sox starter Lucas Giolito (hamstring) will throw from a mound Friday. "As long as he's doing well and we're comfortable, he'll be back sometime soon," Renteria said. ... Outfielder Jon Jay (groin) took batting practice and was throwing Wednesday. There is no timetable for his return. ... The Sox are off Thursday before Carlos Rodon (3-2, 2.89 ERA) starts Friday against the Tigers.



GAIL BURTON/AP

White Sox center fielder Adam Engel is unable to haul in a fly ball hit by the Orioles' Dwight Smith Jr. on Wednesday.

BASEBALL

American League

Table with columns: EAST, CENTRAL, WEST, W, L, PCT, GB, WCGB, L10, STR, HOME, AWAY. Lists standings for Tampa Bay, New York, Toronto, Boston, Baltimore, Minnesota, Cleveland, Detroit, Chicago, Kansas City, Houston, Seattle, Texas, Oakland, Los Angeles.

Late games noted below

THURSDAY'S PROBABLE PITCHERS

Table with columns: NATIONAL LEAGUE, TEAM PITCHER, TIME, W-L, ERA, TR, 2018 VS. OPP., 2019, LAST 3 STARTS. Lists pitchers for Tampa Bay, LA, Chi, Atl, Cin, Mia, Phi, Det, Bos, Cle, Hou, NY, LA, Tex, Sea.

TR: Team's record in games started by today's pitcher.

RESULTS, SCHEDULE

Table with columns: AMERICAN LEAGUE, WEDNESDAY'S RESULTS, FRIDAY'S GAMES, THURSDAY'S RESULTS. Lists game results and schedules for various teams.

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. June 15: International amateur signing period closes. June 19-20: Owners meeting, New York.

BOX SCORES

Table with columns: ROCKIES 9, NATIONALS 5, WASHINGTON, AB, R, H, BI, SO, AVG. Box scores for Washington vs. Rockies and Nationals.

Table with columns: PADRES 1, MARINERS 0, SEATTLE, AB, R, H, BI, SO, AVG. Box scores for Seattle Mariners vs. Padres.

Table with columns: GIANTS 4, BLUE JAYS 0, SAN FRANCISCO, AB, R, H, BI, SO, AVG. Box scores for San Francisco Giants vs. Blue Jays.

Table with columns: TORONTO, AB, R, H, BI, SO, AVG. Box scores for Toronto Blue Jays vs. Oakland Athletics.

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Table with columns: OAKLAND, AB, R, H, BI, SO, AVG. Box scores for Oakland Athletics vs. Toronto Blue Jays.

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National League

Table with columns: EAST, CENTRAL, WEST, W, L, PCT, GB, WCGB, L10, STR, HOME, AWAY. Lists standings for New York, Philadelphia, Atlanta, Washington, Miami, St. Louis, Chicago, Pittsburgh, Milwaukee, Cincinnati, Los Angeles, Arizona, San Diego, Colorado, San Francisco.



Cardinals starter Adam Wainwright and pitching coach Mike Maddux talk Wednesday.

CARDINALS 5, BREWERS 2

Wainwright earns 150th win

Associated Press. ST. LOUIS — One Cardinals pitcher reached a career milestone, while another added to his growing reputation as one of the league's toughest relievers. Adam Wainwright was warm enough on a cool day, allowing one run in six innings for his 150th career win.

Wainwright (2-2) matched his season low in runs allowed. "You look at the Mount Rushmore of the pitchers in this organization, which is pretty impressive, he's carving out a spot," Cards manager Mike Shildt said.

Hicks, known for his 100-mph-plus fastball, only threw one heater out of his five pitches to Yelich, the only batter he faced. He got the strikeout on a 91-mph changeup, earning his seventh save in eight chances.

Table with columns: ROYALS 10, RAYS 2, KANSAS CITY, AB, R, H, BI, SO, AVG. Box scores for Kansas City Royals vs. Tampa Bay Rays.

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AROUND THE HORN

Blue Jays: Manager Charlie Montoyo announced that top prospect Vladimir Guerrero Jr. will be promoted before Friday's game against the A's.

Angels: Shohei Ohtani faced live pitching to begin the probable final step in the two-way player's return from Tommy John surgery.

Brewers: LHP Gio Gonzalez and the Brewers agreed to a one-year contract worth \$2 million, according to reports.

Padres: Rookie RHP Chris Paddock earned his first victory, holding the Mariners to one hit in seven innings and retiring his final 19, nine by strikeout.

A's: Chad Pinder's second RBI single in the ninth lifted the A's to a 6-5 victory over the Rangers in Oakland, Calif.

Royals, Rays: Rays ace and 2018 AL Cy Young winner Blake Snell lasted one out into the fourth in his return from a broken toe as Royals beat the Rays 10-2 in St. Petersburg, Fla.

Extra innings: INF Joey Wendle fractured his right wrist after being hit by a pitch during the Rays' loss to the Royals.

Orioles 4, White Sox 3: Garcia lf-cf 4 1 2 0 1 .278. Anderson ss 5 1 1 0 1 .383. Abreu 1b 4 0 2 2 1 .231.

## SCOREBOARD

## NBA PLAYOFFS

## WEST FIRST ROUND

**Golden State 3, L.A. Clippers 2**  
April 13: Golden State 121-104  
April 15: L.A. Clippers 135-131  
April 18: Golden State 132-105  
April 21: Golden State 113-105  
Wednesday: L.A. Clippers 129-121  
x-Friday: at L.A. Clippers, 9 p.m.  
x-Sunday: at Golden State, 2:30 p.m.

**Denver 3, San Antonio 2**  
April 13: San Antonio 101-96  
April 16: Denver 114-105  
April 18: San Antonio 118-108  
April 20: Denver 117-103  
April 23: Denver 108-90  
Thursday: at San Antonio, 7 p.m.  
x-Saturday: at Denver, 9 p.m.

**Houston 4, Utah 1**  
April 14: Houston 122-90  
April 17: Houston 118-98  
April 20: Houston 104-101  
April 22: Utah 107-91  
Wednesday: Houston 100-93

## EAST SEMIFINALS

**Milwaukee vs. Boston**  
Sunday: at Milwaukee, noon  
Tuesday: at Milwaukee, TBD  
May 3: at Boston, TBD  
May 6: at Boston, TBD  
x-May 8: at Milwaukee, TBD  
x-May 10: at Boston, TBD  
x-May 13: at Milwaukee, TBD

**Toronto vs. Philadelphia**  
Saturday: at Toronto, 6:30/7 p.m.  
Monday: at Toronto, TBD  
May 2: at Philadelphia, 7 p.m.  
May 5: at Philadelphia, 2:30 p.m.  
x-May 7: at Toronto, TBD  
x-May 9: at Philadelphia, 2:30 p.m.  
x-May 12: at Toronto, TBD  
(Best-of-7; x-if necessary)

## CLIPPERS 129, WARRIORS 121

**GOLDEN STATE:** Gilgeous-Alexander 2-3 2-2 6, Gallinari 9-22 5-6 26, J.Green 5-9 2-2 15, Beverley 6-13 0-0 17, Shamet 1-4 3-3 6, Harrell 11-14 2-2 24, Robinson 0-1 0-0 0, Williams 12-19 8-9 33, Temple 0-0 2-2 2. Totals 46-85 24-26 129.  
**LA CLIPPERS:** Durant 14-26 12-12 45, D.Green 3-7 1-2 7, Bogut 3-5 0-0 6, Curry 7-15 6-6 24, Thompson 9-20 0-0 22, McKinnie 3-6 0-0 7, Looney 2-8 1-2 5, Livingston 1-2 0-0 2, Igouadala 1-7 0-0 3. Totals 43-96 20-22 121.

**L.A. Clippers 37 34 33 25 -129**  
**Golden State 41 22 31 27 -121**

**3-Point Goals**—L.A. Clippers 13-34 (Beverley 5-11, J.Green 3-6, Gallinari 3-11, Williams 1-2, Shamet 1-3, Gilgeous-Alexander 0-1), GS 15-39 (Durant 5-12, Curry 4-5, Thompson 4-11, McKinnie 1-4, Igouadala 1-5, D.Green 0-2). **Fouled Out**—J.Green. **Rebounds**—L.A. Clippers 42 (Beverley 14), GS 39 (Looney, D.Green 7). **Assists**—L.A. Clippers 29 (Williams 10), GS 31 (Igouadala 8). **A**—19,596 (19,596).

## GOLF

## LPGA ROLEX RANKINGS

GOLFER	COUNTRY	AVG
Jin-Young Ko	S. Korea	7.25
Sung Hyun Park	S. Korea	6.72
Ariya Jutanugarn	Thailand	6.23
Minjee Lee	Australia	5.84
Nasas Hataoka	Japan	5.46
Lexi Thompson	U.S.	5.06
Brooke M. Henderson	Canada	5.05
Inbee Park	S. Korea	4.98
Charlota Ciganda	Spain	4.81
Nelly Korda	U.S.	4.77
So Yeon Ryu	S. Korea	4.76
Jessica Korda	U.S.	4.44
Danielle Kang	U.S.	4.10
Eun-Hee Ji	S. Korea	4.02
Amy Yang	S. Korea	3.92
Liydia Ko	N. Zealand	3.75
Georgia Hall	England	3.72
Jeongeun Lee	S. Korea	3.50
I.K. Kim	S. Korea	3.48
Moriya Jutanugarn	Thailand	3.43
Jiyai Shin	S. Korea	3.41
Shanshan Feng	China	3.41
Sei Young Kim	S. Korea	3.39
In Gee Chun	S. Korea	3.05
Charley Hull	England	2.99
Ai Suzuki	Japan	2.81
Sun Ju Ahn	S. Korea	2.80
Hye Jin Choi	S. Korea	2.79
Lizette Salas	U.S.	2.69
Marina Alex	U.S.	2.64
Hyo-Joo Kim	S. Korea	2.61
Mi Hyang Lee	S. Korea	2.59
Austin Ernst	U.S.	2.49
Azahara Munoz	Spain	2.43
Angela Stanford	U.S.	2.31
Cristie Kerr	U.S.	2.30
Anna Nordqvist	Sweden	2.24
Brittany Lincicome	U.S.	2.22
Seon Woo-Bae	S. Korea	2.18
Angel Yin	U.S.	2.18
Michelle Wie	U.S.	2.11
Amy Olson	U.S.	2.06
Mamiko Higa	Japan	2.03
Ji Hyun Oh	S. Korea	1.94
Brittany Altomare	U.S.	1.90
Jenny Shin	S. Korea	1.89
Yu Liu	China	1.88

## TENNIS

## ATP BARCELONA OPEN

## BANC SABADELL

**R2 at Real Club de Tennis Barcelona 1899; Barcelona, Spain; outdoor-clay**

#1 Rafael Nadal d. Leonardo Mayer, 6-7 (7), 6-4, 6-2.  
Guido Pella d. #6 Karen Khachanov, 6-2, 7-6 (4).

#7 Daniil Medvedev d. Albert Ramos-Vinolas, 6-3, 2-6, 6-1.  
Christian Garin d.

#9 Denis Shapovalov, 7-5, 6-2.  
Mackenzie McDonald d. #11 Gilles Simon, 6-3, 6-2.

#12 Pierre-Hugues Herbert d. #12 Pablo Carreno Busta, 6-4, 6-7 (9), 6-1.  
#13 Grigor Dimitrov d.

Fernando Verdasco, 6-2, 6-7 (4), 6-3.  
David Ferrer d. #15 Lucas Pouille, 6-3, 6-1.

#16 Felix Auger-Aliassime d. Malek Jaziri, 6-3, 7-6 (7).  
Roberto Carballes Baena d.

Nicola Pietrangeli, 6-7 (4), 6-4, 6-2.

## ATP HUNGARIAN OPEN

## R2 at Sport11 Sport and Event Center; Budapest, Hungary; outdoor-clay

Attila Balazs d. #6 John Millman, 6-4, 2-6, 6-2.  
Pierre-Hugues Herbert d.

Matthias Bachinger, 7-5, 6-2.

## FIRST ROUND SINGLES

Pablo Cuevas d. Yannick Maden, 6-3, 3-6, 6-4.  
Jannik Sinner d. Mate Valkusz, 6-2, 0-6, 6-4.

## WTA PORSCHE GRAND PRIX

## R2 at Porsche Arena; Stuttgart, Germany; indoor-clay

#3 Petra Kvitová d. Greet Minnen, 6-1, 6-4.

#8 Anett Kontaveit d. Caroline Garcia, 6-4, 6-3.  
Belinda Bencic d. Mandy Minella, 6-2, 6-4.

Donna Vekic d. Giulia Gatto-Monticone, 6-1, 7-5.  
Victoria Azarenka d. Vera Zvonareva, 7-5, 6-4.

Hsieh Su-wei d. Wang Qiang, 4-6, 6-3, 6-4.  
Anastasia Pavlyuchenkova d.

Julia Goerges, 4-6, 6-2, 4-0 retired.

## WTA TEB BNP PARIBAS

## ISTANBUL CUP

**R2 at Garanti Koza Arena Istanbul; outdoor-hard**

Margarita Gasparian d. #2 Mihaela Buzarnescu, 1-6, 6-4, 7-5.  
Barbora Strýcová d. Sorana Cirstea, 6-2, 1-6, 6-3.

Lara Arruabarrena d. Rebecca Peterson, 6-3, 6-2.  
Elena Rybakina d. Pauline Parmentier, 6-0, 6-4.

#4 Dayana Yastremska, 6-3, 6-4.  
Marketa Vondrousova d.

#5 Ajla Tomljanovic, 6-3, 6-3.  
Ana Bogdan d. Kirsten Flipkens, 6-1, 1-0 retired.

Katerina Kozlova d. Anastasia Potapova, 6-3, 1-0 retired.

## NHL PLAYOFFS

## EAST FIRST ROUND

**Carolina 4, Washington 3**  
April 11: Washington 4-2  
April 13: Washington 4-3 (OT)  
April 15: Carolina 5-0  
April 18: Carolina 2-1  
April 20: Washington 6-0  
April 22: Carolina 5-2  
Wednesday: Carolina 4-3 (2OT)

## EAST SEMIFINALS

**Columbus vs. Boston**  
Thursday: at Boston, 6 p.m.  
Saturday: at Boston, 7 p.m.  
Tuesday: at Columbus, 6 p.m.  
May 2: at Columbus, 6:30 p.m.  
x-May 4: at Boston, 6:15 p.m.  
x-May 6: at Columbus, TBA  
x-May 8: at Boston, TBA

**N.Y. Islanders vs. Carolina**  
Friday: at N.Y. Islanders, 6 p.m.  
Sunday: at N.Y. Islanders, 2 p.m.  
May 1: at Carolina, 6 p.m.  
May 3: at Carolina, 6 p.m.  
x-May 5: at N.Y. Islanders, TBA  
x-May 7: at Carolina, TBA  
x-May 8: at N.Y. Islanders, TBA

## WESTERN SEMIFINALS

**Dallas vs. St. Louis**  
Thursday: at St. Louis, 8:30 p.m.  
Saturday: at St. Louis, 2 p.m.  
Monday: at Dallas, 7 p.m.  
May 1: at Dallas, 8:30 p.m.  
x-May 3: at St. Louis, 8:30 p.m.  
x-May 5: at Dallas, TBA  
x-May 7: at St. Louis, TBA

**San Jose vs. Colorado**  
Friday: at San Jose, 9 p.m.  
Sunday: at San Jose, 6:30 p.m.  
Tuesday: at Colorado, 9 p.m.  
May 2: at Colorado, 9 p.m.  
x-May 4: at San Jose, TBA  
x-May 6: at Colorado, TBA  
x-May 8: at San Jose, TBA  
(Best-of-7; x-if necessary)

## HURRICANES 4, CAPITALS 3 (2OT)

**Carolina 0 2 1 0 1-4**  
**Washington 2 1 0 0 0-3**

**FIRST PERIOD:**  
1, Washington, Burakovsky 1, 2:13.  
2, Washington, Wilson 3 (Orlov, Ovechkin), 6:23.  
**Penalties:** McKegg, CAR, (hooking), 13:39, Backstrom, WSH, (interference), 16:58.

**SECOND PERIOD:**  
3, Carolina, Aho 2 (Pesce, Slavin), 9:51 (sh).  
4, Washington, Kuznetsov 1 (Hagelin), 13:22.  
5, Carolina, Teravainen 3 (McGinn, Peseo), 16:37.  
**Penalty:** Martinoak, CAR, (trip), 8:35

**THIRD PERIOD:** 6, Carolina, Staal 3 (Slavin), 2:56. **Penalties:** None.  
**FIRST OT** No scoring. **Penalties:** None.  
**SECOND OT** 7, Carolina, McGinn 2 (Williams, Slavin), 11:05. **Penalties:** Maenalanen, CAR, (delay of game), 2:02.

**SHOTS ON GOAL:** Carolina 10-9-5-11-7-42. Washington 10-9-12-4-2-37.  
**POWER PLAYS:** Carolina 0-of-1, Washington 0-of-3.  
**GOALIES:** Carolina, Mrazek 4-3 (37 shots-34 sv). Washington, Holtby 3-4 (42-38). **A:** 18,506.

## ODDS

**MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL**  
**NATIONAL LEAGUE THURSDAY**  
at Pittsburgh -116 Arizona +106  
at Chi Cubs Off LA Dodgers Off  
at Cincinnati -136 Atlanta +126  
at Philadelphia -192 Miami +177

**AMERICAN LEAGUE THURSDAY**  
at Boston -185 Detroit +170  
at Houston Off Cleveland Off  
NY Yankees -119 at LA Angels +109  
at Seattle -164 Texas +154

**NBA PLAYOFFS**  
pregame.com THURSDAY  
at San Antonio 2½ Denver

**ODDS TO WIN SERIES**  
Denver -500 San Antonio +375  
Toronto -230 Philadelphia +185  
Milwaukee -260 Boston +220

**NHL PLAYOFFS**  
**THURSDAY**  
at St. Louis -150 Dallas +140  
at Boston -150 Columbus +140

**FRIDAY**  
at San Jose -141 Colorado +131

**ODDS TO WIN SERIES**  
Boston -160 Columbus +140  
St. Louis -160 Dallas +140  
San Jose -140 Colorado +140

## NFL DRAFT

**No. 1 overall pick**  
Kyler Murray, QB, Oklahoma -350  
Nick Bosa, DE, Ohio State +280  
Quinnen Williams, DE, Alabama +800  
Josh Allen, LB, Kentucky +3300

**No. 2 overall pick**  
Nick Bosa, DE, Ohio State -265  
Quinnen Williams, DE, Alabama +350  
Kyler Murray, QB, Oklahoma +650  
Dwayne Haskins, QB, Ohio State +1400

## SOCCER

## MAJOR LEAGUE SOCCER

**EASTERN W L T PT GF GA**  
D.C. United 5 2 2 17 13 9  
Montreal 4 3 2 14 11 14  
Toronto FC 4 1 1 13 18 11  
Philadelphia 4 3 1 13 12 9  
Columbus 4 1 1 13 8 9  
Orlando City 3 3 2 11 12 13  
N.Y. City FC 2 1 5 11 10 11  
Chicago 2 3 9 12 12  
Cincinnati 2 4 2 8 8 13  
New England 2 6 1 7 6 15  
N.Y. Red Bulls 1 4 2 5 8 9  
Atlanta 1 3 2 5 5 8

**WESTERN W L T PT GF GA**  
Los Angeles FC 7 1 1 22 25 7  
LA Galaxy 6 1 1 19 13 7  
Seattle 5 1 2 17 17 11  
FC Dallas 5 2 1 16 14 9  
Houston 4 1 1 13 13 8  
Minnesota 3 2 1 11 17 15  
Real Salt Lake 3 4 1 10 14 14  
Sporting KC 2 2 3 9 15 11  
San Jose 2 5 1 7 12 19  
Vancouver 1 5 2 5 6 11  
Portland 1 5 1 4 9 18  
Colorado 0 6 2 2 12 23

3 points for victory, 1 point for tie.

**WEDNESDAY'S RESULTS**  
New York City FC 1, Chicago 0  
D.C. United 1, Columbus 0  
Montreal 3, New England 0  
LA Galaxy 0, Minnesota 0  
San Jose 2, Seattle 2

**SATURDAY'S GAMES**  
Orlando City at N.Y. City FC, noon  
Portland at Toronto FC, 2 p.m.  
San Jose at FC Dallas, 2:30  
Philadelphia at Vancouver, 4 p.m.  
Colorado at Atlanta, 5 p.m.  
Cincinnati at N.Y. Red Bulls, 6 p.m.  
Columbus at Houston, 7:30  
New England at Sporting KC, 7:30

**SUNDAY'S GAMES**  
Chicago at Montreal, 11:30  
D.C. United at Minnesota, 12:30  
Los Angeles FC at Seattle, 2:30  
Real Salt Lake at LA Galaxy, 7 p.m.

**NWSL TEAM W L T PT GF GA**  
North Carolina 1 0 1 4 6 1  
Portland 1 0 1 4 6 4  
Houston 1 0 1 4 2 1  
Utah 1 0 0 3 1 0  
Washington 1 0 0 3 2 1  
Chicago 0 0 2 2 5 2  
Reign FC 0 0 2 2 2 2  
Sky Blue FC 0 0 0 0 0 3  
Orlando 2 2 1 1 8

**SATURDAY'S GAMES**  
Utah at Orlando, 6:30  
Reign FC at Chicago, 7 p.m.

**SUNDAY'S GAMES**  
Portland at Sky Blue FC, 5 p.m.  
North Carolina at Houston, 5 p.m.

## CONCACAF CHAMPIONS LEAGUE

**FINALS**  
**APRIL 23; LEG 1**  
Monterrey 1, Tigres 0  
**LEG 2, MAY 1**  
Monterrey vs. Tigres, 9 p.m.



PATRICK SMITH/GETTY

Brock McGinn celebrates after scoring the Hurricanes' series-clinching win Wednesday.

## STANLEY CUP PLAYOFFS

## Champs are finished

## Hurricanes end Caps' reign with win in 2nd OT

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Jordan Staal tied it in the third period, Brock McGinn scored in the second overtime and the Hurricanes stormed back to stun the Capitals 4-3 in Game 7 on Wednesday night to eliminate the defending Stanley Cup champions.

McGinn dived to prevent a goal in the final minutes of regulation and then scored 11:05 into the second extra period, and Petr Mrazek made 34 saves to continue an upset-heavy first round of the NHL playoffs. The Hurricanes had the first nine shots of the first OT and 11 of 15 total, with coach Rod Brind'Amour's group showing it had plenty left in the tank.

The Hurricanes showed the same never-quit attitude that helped it end the NHL's longest playoff drought after a decade by

forcing a deciding seventh game and erasing a 3-1 deficit in it. Top-line forwards Sebastian Aho and Teuvo Teravainen beat surprisingly shaky Capitals goaltender Braden Holtby, who allowed four goals on 42 shots.

"Time and time again we've just manned up," said Hurricanes captain Justin Williams, who had an assist on McGinn's winner. "It would have been easy to fold up, especially against a team like that. ... Our guys really fought."

The Hurricanes' surge back in the series without concussed winger Andrei Svechnikov and injured winger Micheal Ferland made it the first time in league history that all four division champions were knocked out in the first round. Game 7 losses by the Golden Knights and Capitals on back-to-back nights eliminated the two teams from last year's Cup final in succession.

In one of the strangest first rounds in recent history, the Hurricanes beating the Capitals doesn't

even rank at the top of unlikely outcomes after the Blue Jackets swept the Presidents' Trophy winning Lightning and the Avalanche closed out the Western Conference top seed Flames in five. With all four wild-card teams winning, the Hurricanes now faces former Capitals coach Barry Trotz and the Islanders in the second round starting Friday in New York.

It looked after a lopsided Game 5 and a couple of two-goal leads by the Capitals in Game 7 that they were poised to move on. But the Hurricanes closed the gap in the second period, tied the score on Staal's third goal of the series 2:56 into the third, forced overtime and celebrated on the Capitals' home ice.

Williams — "Mr. Game 7" with an NHL-record 15 points in the deciding games — and the Hurricanes celebrated their first series victory since 2009, while the Capitals lost in the first round for the first time since 2013.

## NBA PLAYOFFS

## Rockets outlast Jazz, advance

News services

James Harden scored 26 points and the Rockets outlasted the Jazz 100-93 on Wednesday night in Houston to win their first-round playoff series 4-1.

The Rockets advanced to the Western Conference semifinals for the third straight season and will face the winner of the Clippers-Warriors series.

Ricky Rubio cut the Rockets' lead to 94-93 on a jump shot with about a minute left. P.J. Tucker missed two free throws, but grabbed a loose ball seconds later and was fouled again. This time he made both shots to make it 96-93.

Harden blocked a shot by Ruby Gobert on Jazz's next possession and he made two free throws to

score in the first quarter. But after missing his first seven shots and 11 of his first 12 attempts, he finally found a rhythm.

Donovan Mitchell, who was just 4 of 22, missed a 3-pointer after that and Chris Paul added two more free throws to secure the victory.

The Rockets were helped by a solid game from Clint Capela, who had 16 points and 10 rebounds. He acknowledged that he was having trouble breathing in the Game 4 loss because of an upper respiratory infection and was held to just four points.

After scoring 31 points to lead the Jazz to the victory in Game 4, Mitchell managed just 12 points on a night he missed all nine of his 3-point attempts.

Harden struggled to get going early and didn't

score in the first quarter. But after missing his first seven shots and 11 of his first 12 attempts, he finally found a rhythm.

**Lowry 'fine':** Guard Kyle Lowry injured the ring finger on his right hand during the Raptors' 115-96 series-clinching win over the Magic on Tuesday.

He missed some time before the half, but started the second half and finished the game with 14 points, nine assists and four rebounds in 26 minutes.

Lowry, who was wearing a splint on the finger during the postgame news conference, said it was "fine," and he expects it to be better by the Raptors' Eastern Conference semifinals opener against the 76ers on Saturday.

## NFL NOTES

## Big Ben, Steelers agree to extension

Pro Bowl QB lands deal worth \$80M through '21 season

News services

The Steelers and the two-time Super Bowl winner agreed to terms on a contract extension Wednesday that will keep Roethlisberger in Pittsburgh through the 2021 season. Roethlisberger had been set to enter the final year of a contract he signed in 2015.

Financial terms of the deal weren't disclosed, but ESPN reported that the deal is worth \$68 million and includes a \$37.5 million signing bonus and a \$30 million injury guarantee. Roethlisberger had one year at \$12 million left, meaning he will make \$80 million total over the next three seasons.

Roethlisberger, who turned 37 last month, is coming off the finest statistical season of his 15-year career. His 5,129 yards passing led the NFL and his 34 touchdown passes broke his own franchise mark, but the Steelers missed the playoffs for the first time since 2013.

**Record deal for Tucker:** The Ravens signed two-time Pro Bowler Justin Tucker to a four-year, \$20.45 million contract extension, ESPN reported.

Tucker, 29, the most accurate kicker in league history, now will be the highest-paid kicker in league history. The deal includes \$12.5 million fully guaranteed in the first two years and an \$8 million signing bonus. It runs through the 2023 season.

**Lynch retires again:** Marshawn Lynch is calling it a career — again.

ESPN reported that Lynch, who turned 33 on Monday, doesn't plan to play football again.

The Super Bowl champ and five-time Pro Bowler first retired after the 2015 season, only to return with his hometown Raiders in 2017.

**Hill won't be charged:** A Kansas district attorney declined to charge Chiefs wide receiver Tyreek Hill with a crime in a domestic incident that involved his fiancée and their 3-year-old child.

Johnson County District Attorney Steve Howe said "we believe a crime has occurred, however, the evidence does not conclusively establish who committed this crime."

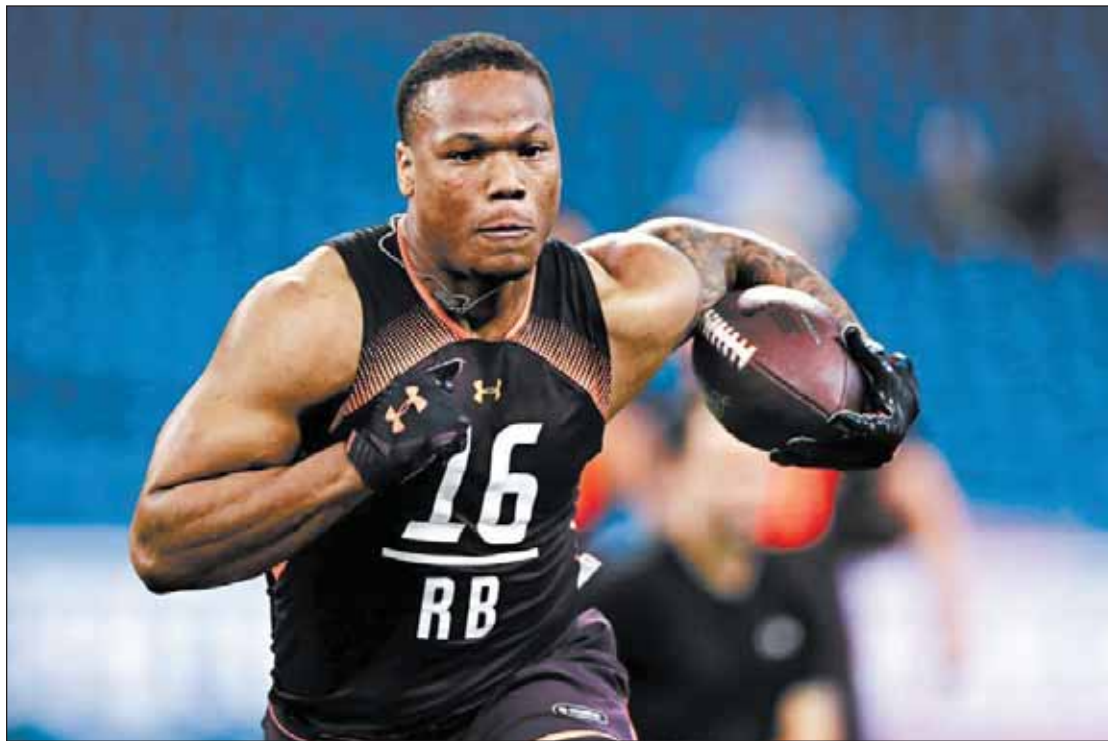
Police were called to the home of Hill and Crystal Espinal twice last month, and the investigators said their child had been injured.

## BEARS

## FILL IN THE BLANKS

## Things worth considering

The Bears enter this week's NFL draft with no picks in the first or second round. Our team of Bears writers — Brad Biggs, Rich Campbell, Colleen Kane and Dan Wiederer — weighs in on four draft-related topics.



MICHAEL CONROY/AP

Iowa State running back David Montgomery could be a good fit for the Bears offense if he is available.



MITCHELL LEFF/GETTY

Temple running back Ryquell Armstead, left, proved capable of grinding out tough yards for the Owls.



MARK ZALESKI/AP

Running back Darrell Henderson rushed for more than 3,000 yards at Memphis over the last two seasons.

## An intriguing running back for the Bears to consider is \_\_\_\_\_.

**Biggs:** Iowa State's David Montgomery. His name is the first one I heard from scouts in January when I started making calls to see what kind of back the team could add in the middle rounds. Multiple people mentioned he might be the back who profiles most like Kareem Hunt on the field, a factor to consider as you project what would fit best in Matt Nagy's offense. There's a chance Montgomery will be available when the Bears pick in Round 3 at No. 87.

Montgomery doesn't possess timed speed that is going to impress, but he has good short-area quickness, change of direction and balance. He runs with power between the tackles and can catch the ball. He was very productive with the Cyclones, rushing for 2,362 yards over the last two seasons, and would give the Bears a variety of skill sets and options in a backfield with Mike Davis and Tarik Cohen. Sure, general manager Ryan Pace mentioned former undrafted free agent Ryan Nall as a possibility to compete for a role this season, but adding Montgomery would be an upgrade for the offense and provide an eventual starter.

**Campbell:** Temple's Ryquell Armstead on Day 3. It's clear that any of the four second-tier backs could help them. But let's say Penn State's Miles Sanders, Iowa State's David Montgomery, Memphis' Darrell Henderson and Alabama's Damien Harris are off the board by the Bears' pick at No. 87. That scenario wouldn't be surprising, and remember, Pace has hit on running backs Jordan Howard (2016, fifth round) and Cohen (2017, fourth) on Day 3. Armstead is a super-aggressive runner who could help the Bears grind out tough yards, filling the void created when Howard was traded to the Eagles. I'd be intrigued if the Bears drafted him

because that would indicate they see three-down upside in him.

"He's not going to be a guy you get a lot of diversity from in the passing game," said Jim Nagy, Senior Bowl executive director and longtime NFL scout. "But in terms of screen game, check downs, he can do that. You feel good about the pass-pro part of it because of the toughness and the size. You should be able to train him pretty easily."

**Kane:** Iowa State's David Montgomery. Penn State's Sanders is a nice idea, but NFL Network and NFL.com draft analyst Daniel Jeremiah said he believes "there's too much juice" from teams about Sanders that he might not even last into the late second round. Montgomery also could be off the board by No. 87, but if he's not, Jeremiah lauded the instincts, patience and vision. Montgomery is not the speediest running back prospect, but he has solid pass-catching skills that could also make him a fit in Nagy's offense in the post-Howard era.

**Wiederer:** Memphis' Darrell Henderson. The pie-in-the-sky hope is that somehow the Bears wind up with Sanders, but that's not going to happen. Sanders will be off the board well before the 87th pick. The same is probably true for Montgomery. And while I recently highlighted the potential for Oklahoma State's Justice Hill to become a solid playmaker in Nagy's offense, I'll take this opening to also acknowledge Henderson, a back with speed, versatility and plenty of big-play juice.

Henderson, who ran for more than 3,000 yards and averaged 8.9 yards per carry over the last two seasons at Memphis, should be on the board when the Bears make their third-round pick. He might be available when they pick in Round 4 at No. 126.

## Other than running back, the Bears' biggest draft need is \_\_\_\_\_.

**Biggs:** Well, I don't know if running back is the greatest "draft need," but it certainly would make sense for the Bears to add competition at the position. The Bears are very high on Davis, and another team I spoke with believes he'll be a successful starter for them. But there's still a bit of projection involved for a guy who hasn't been a lead back in the NFL. Tight end also looms as a position at which competition would be welcomed. The Bears remain hopeful Adam Shaheen blossoms in Year 3, and staying on the field is paramount. But adding a player to the position room is a good idea. The Bears could find a nice middle-round fit such as San Diego State's Kahale Warring, Washington's Drew Sample or San Jose State's Josh Oliver. Don't be surprised if the third-round pick is a tight end.

**Campbell:** Cornerback. Fortunately for the Bears, this year's class of defensive backs is widely regarded as deep. In fact, it wouldn't be surprising if the Bears drafted a defensive back at No. 87 and waited until Day 3 to take a running back. For now, the Bears' top reserve outside cornerback is Kevin Toliver. Toliver has great size — 6-foot-2, 192 pounds — and pedigree coming from LSU, but his ball production did not stand out there or in his 135 snaps last season as a rookie. Odds are the Bears' depth will be tested this season to an extent it

wasn't during last year's run of great collective health. Yes, the quality of the front seven helps the secondary, but the Bears need a stronger crop of players to develop back there.

**Kane:** Depth on defense. The Bears have most of their starting positions set, aside from running back and kicker. However, they could use additional backups at cornerback, outside linebacker and safety. They might feel better about weathering future injuries if they can add an outside cornerback to compete with Toliver, who backed up Prince Amukamara and Kyle Fuller last year, or if they can add an outside linebacker to join Aaron Lynch, Isaiah Irving and Kylie Pitts.

The Bears brought in veteran safety Ha Ha Clinton-Dix on a one-year deal, so they very well could look to add a rookie who might learn under him and Eddie Jackson in 2019.

**Wiederer:** Tight end. For as much as Pace has invested in the position in recent years — drafting Shaheen in the second round in 2017 and spending big money on Trey Burton in free agency last year — the Bears could use more talent and depth at the position. Nagy's offense needs to take a huge leap forward in 2019 if Super Bowl talk is to be more than a hope-filled fantasy. And as it stands, tight end is the biggest need on that side of the ball.

## The Bears should feel good about their draft if \_\_\_\_\_.

**Biggs:** They come away with two or three players who can make an impact in 2019. Pace and his staff have done a really nice job of capitalizing in the middle and late rounds with players such as Jackson, Cohen, Bilal Nichols and even Howard, among others. The roster is stronger than it has been in a long time, so there aren't any glaring holes, but you're always looking to improve.

Don't forget about undrafted free agents. Pace and his group have done a very good job in this area, and with only five draft picks the Bears have been particularly focused on players who likely will go unpicked. They're looking to sign 15 or more UDFA's, with the hope two or three push for a role.

**Campbell:** They get two starters from it. Usually, three starters are required to make a draft class great, but we can grade the Bears on a curve this year, given that they already have spent their picks in the first two rounds. We won't know for years if these picks become quality contributors, but they have a better chance if they play positions of need. Any cornerback and safety would have a solid opportunity to get on the field.

Offensively, the Bears could benefit from more speed outside and more reliable blocking inside. A tight end might check both of those boxes, especially in this year's relatively deep class.

**Kane:** Pace can channel the instincts that have helped him to mid-round success in recent drafts. Since 2015, Pace has found Jackson and Cohen in the fourth round and Adrian Amos, Howard and Nichols in the fifth. Earlier this offseason, Pace talked about how zeroing in on instincts and vision can help teams find capable running backs and safeties in the middle rounds. If he can do that again and emerge with gems at both of those positions, the Bears will be able to feel pretty good about their weekend, even without a first- or second-round pick.

**Wiederer:** Pace works some Day 3 magic like he has before. Yes, the draft's hype peaks Thursday night and the buzz continues into the early parts of Friday. But Saturday afternoon the Bears will again have an opportunity to find players who can emerge as key pieces in their championship chase.

In 2015, Pace scooped up Amos in Round 5, and the safety went on to make 56 starts. In 2016, the Bears picked Howard in the fifth round, and the rugged back wound up rushing for more yards in his first two seasons than any player in franchise history. In 2017, over a 19-minute stretch on a Saturday afternoon, Pace selected Jackson and Cohen, and both players became All-Pro's in their second season. Just because the Bears will be spectators for most of the first two days doesn't mean damage can't be done.

## I'd like to see Kyler Murray \_\_\_\_\_.

**Biggs:** Play in Kliff Kingsbury's offense. If Murray is the ideal quarterback for Kingsbury, let's see what it looks like. The Cardinals don't have a lot around the quarterback on offense and really need some help on defense too. But Murray is an electric talent, even if he played in the Big 12, in which defense is optional. Let them go to work and see what they can create.

**Campbell:** Either get drafted by a team that trades up for him or not be the first quarterback picked. I'm drawn to the storyline of the 5-foot-10 Murray overcoming conventional thinking about a quarterback's height. Either of those scenarios would amplify that going forward. I love the idea of an offensive coordinator tailoring his offense to exploit Murray's athleticism and throwing savvy while minimizing any difficulty he might have in the pocket. Murray is an electric talent who can thrive as a pocket passer and as a dual threat. I'd like to see as much juice in his challenges as possible. Goodness knows he could help at least a half-dozen teams.

**Kane:** Put to bed all of the questions about whether he really is

more passionate about football than baseball with an intriguing rookie season, whether the Cardinals take him at No. 1 or another team scoops him up soon after. Murray has some mystery to his story, and it will be fascinating to watch how he answers those who wonder about his size and durability, his commitment to football over baseball and his leadership skills. Pair that with his potential on the field and he could be a fun player to watch all season.

**Wiederer:** Period. I'd just like to see Kyler Murray. In the NFL. As a starter. With a chance to turn all the pre-draft debate about his skill set and football acumen into on-field evidence of what he is — or isn't — as a franchise quarterback. I'm intrigued by his athleticism and confidence and most of all by his knack for making big plays. Sure, at 5-10 and about 200 pounds, his size is a legitimate concern, but let's be real. Just about every quarterback comes to the NFL with some sort of legitimate concern. So why make that height issue a much bigger deal than Murray's natural poise, elusiveness, arm strength and undeniable electricity? I'm eager to see Murray get his shot.

# eNEWSPAPER BONUS COVERAGE



JOHN LOCHER/AP

The Oilers' Connor McDavid is one of the NHL's bright, young stars. The league is making a concerted effort to build up personalities and players' brands to become more popular.

## Name on the back matters

### NHL now marketing stars

BY STEPHEN WHYNO | Associated Press

Connor McDavid is eager to shrug off personal stats, awards and achievements and put the focus on his team in Edmonton.

Yet there he is on the cover of a video game or in a commercial for a bank.

Auston Matthews is the face of the franchise in Toronto. But he also got razzed by his Maple Leafs teammates for doing a stylish fashion photo shoot for GQ magazine.

"It was a lot of fun," Matthews said. "Kind of something that definitely got you out of your comfort zone."

The rink for long decades has been the comfort zone for so many hockey players who put their full energy into the sport and are indoctrinated from a young age that the logo on the front of the jersey matters more than the name on the back.

That team-oriented part of hockey culture remains entrenched, but the NHL is finally beginning to market its stars as the NFL and NBA have done with great success.

As dynamic players like McDavid, Matthews and Calgary's Johnny Gaudreau settled in Canadian markets and star power spread to smaller cities without much hockey tradition, marketing players and not just teams is essential to growing the NHL's fan base. For a sport that generally sees its TV ratings drawn from fans of the two teams playing — and where the Stanley Cup Final doesn't pull in nearly as much as the Super Bowl or NBA Finals — it's a concerted effort to build up personalities and players' brands to become more popular.

"It is a changing landscape," said Judd Moldaver, Matthews' agent and senior vice president of Wasserman Orr Hockey. "Hockey players are such fantastic athletes and fantastic people that I believe the hybrid of playing for the logo on the front but also being able to optimize your individual situation. I think the two can coexist."

Matthews, McDavid, Nashville's P.K. Subban and other stars are sharing more personality than players of previous eras like Mario Lemieux and even Wayne

Gretzky. No longer is it seen as selfish for Subban to host a late-night talk show or for Matthews to shoot a cellphone commercial.

"Why not try? Just because the person next to me doesn't think that they can host their own show doesn't mean that I can't," Subban said. "What people have to understand is we're at the rink three hours a day. We have a lot of time. We have days off, we have travel days and obviously there's certain points in the schedule where you can't do anything but hockey because of the way the schedule's set up and the travel. But outside of hockey, a lot of times I don't go home. I have meetings, I have different things that I'm doing. I have all these other interests."

Showcasing those interests is part of the NHL's shift. The league this season debuted a "Skates Off" series of vignettes with a player from all 31 teams to show what they are like off the ice, including Jack Eichel being a guest DJ at a Buffalo classic rock radio station, Victor Hedman sharing his love of flying planes and Seth Jones showing his cooking talent.

"It's nice to see those personalities come out," said Nick Foligno, a teammate of Jones' in Columbus. "That's how you grow the game. You look in other sports and the personalities come out, and that's what fans are drawn to."

NHL chief content officer and executive vice president Steve Mayer knows this. Since joining the league in late 2015 after 20 years at talent and sports giant IMG, he has helped lead the charge to put more focus on star players whose abilities and personalities could play a role in attracting younger fans who are attached to social media in the digital age.

"Other leagues do this, and we really don't do it as well — we want to get better at it," Mayer said. "Other leagues it doesn't really matter sometimes: You just tune in to watch the guy play. And we need to do that even more. I want to be able to have fans even in (another) town (who) cannot wait to see Connor McDavid come to town because we have marketed him as one of our greatest players. I don't know whether that hap-



NATHAN DENETTE/AP

Maple Leafs center Auston Matthews on doing a fashion shoot for GQ: "It was a lot of fun. Kind of something that definitely got you out of your comfort zone."

pens enough."

The NHL, Mayer said, has no interest in abandoning the team culture of hockey. But after a 2016 Magna Global study showed the average age of NHL fans rose 16 years over a span of 16 years — essentially stagnant — experts praised the league for trying to create more buzz among millennials and Generation Z.

"They recognize this, and they're in a cultural shift, a cultural transformation within hockey," said Stephanie Tryce, assistant professor of sports marketing at Saint Joseph's University in Philadelphia. "Generation Z is about a lifestyle. They're interested in things like social responsibility and they celebrate more of their identities than in the past, so that's going to force hockey to continue to make inroads into other markets like the Hispanic/Latino market. It's a market that you can't ignore, but it's also a market that historically hasn't been in hockey. So you have to grow that."

Matthews is at the center of that. His father is from California, his mother is from Mexico and he grew up in a nontraditional

American hockey market in Arizona. Moldaver works closely with Matthews' parents to chart a course for off-ice endeavors, from commercials and endorsement deals to philanthropic efforts, all of which continue to grow for the 21-year-old.

McDavid's star began at an even earlier age, and the 2017 NHL MVP who has arguably surpassed Sidney Crosby as the greatest player in the world is finding his voice off the ice, too. When NFL Canada asked Rams and Patriots players at the Super Bowl who McDavid was, several thought maybe the prime minister or an actor. Work is ongoing to make him more recognizable outside hockey.

Hockey is such a team sport that individualism has for decades been frowned upon. Adidas senior director Dan Near said it's a delicate balance to try to sell personalities but not stray too far from the team.

"I think there's a fine line between doing it to promote yourself a little bit and being cocky, and I think we've got a lot of guys that do a great job of treading

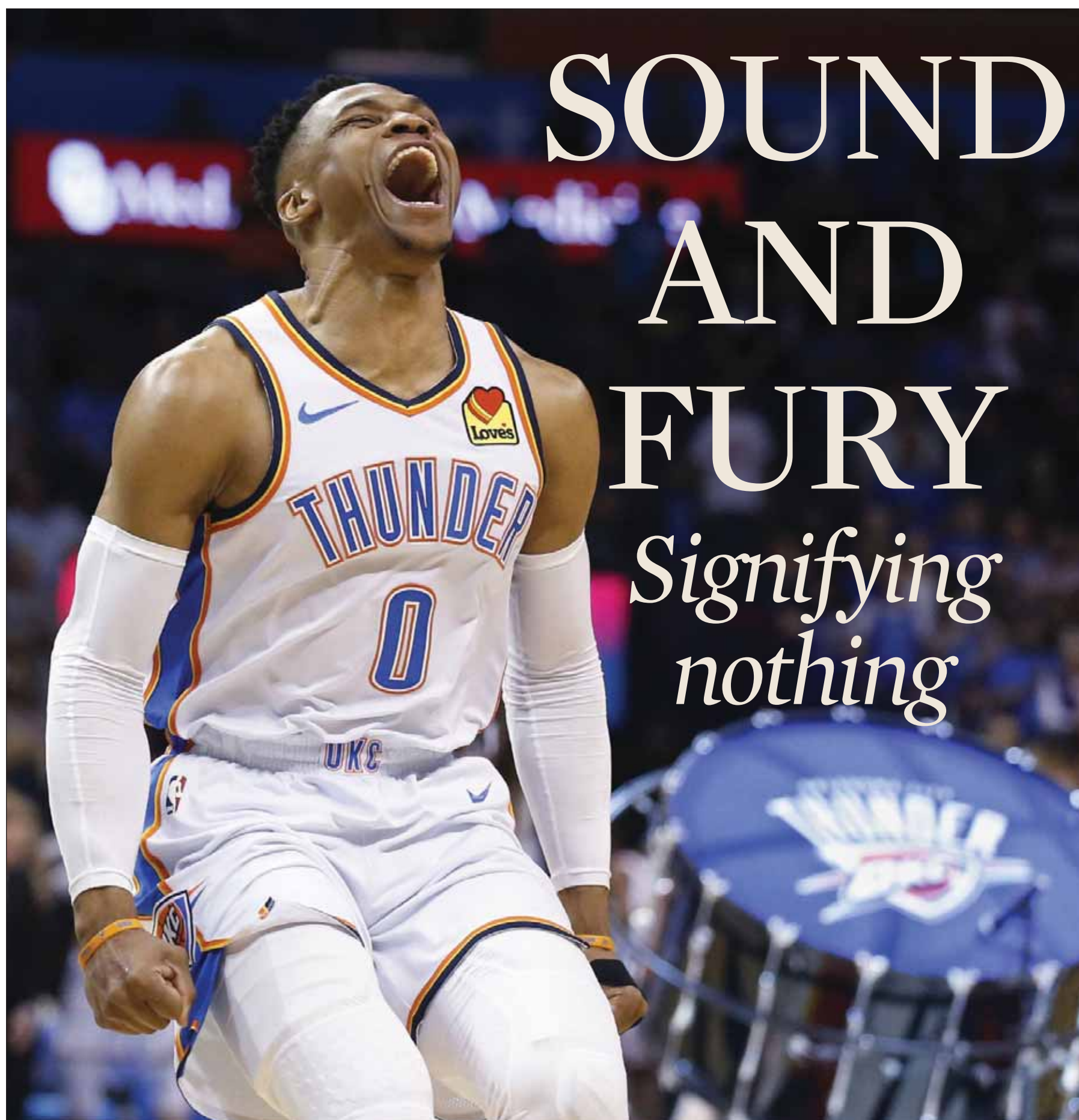
that line," Ottawa's Bobby Ryan said. "You're starting to see guys be promoted a little more, and it's nice because then you get to see some individual personalities come out, and in a sport where you're so often wearing helmets and gear, people don't get to relate to you face-to-face."

Teams have been reluctant to some of the league's efforts sometimes until they see the final product. Mayer recalls showing owners and general managers clips of potential ideas and seeing the hesitancy for propping one player up before they understand the wide-ranging plan to give the NHL more exposure.

Initiatives like "Stanley Cup Confidential" where a player from each of the league's 16 playoff teams shoots a daily cellphone video is another baby step.

"We are not here to break the culture. We're just here to show that certain players are dynamic and have personality," Mayer said. "Players are starting gradually to see, you know what, it's OK. I'm not disrupting the locker room and it's OK to show personality and have some fun and smile."

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# SOUND AND FURY

## *Signifying nothing*

It's fair to ask if Russell Westbrook can take the Oklahoma City Thunder past the first round as the undisputed star of the team.

## Where do the Thunder go from here after another early playoff exit?

BY BEN GOLLIVER  
The Washington Post

While the picture of Russell Westbrook and Paul George puffing cigars to celebrate their continued union said 1,000 words, the Instagram caption added two more: "Unfinished business."

Last July, when George decided to re-sign with the Oklahoma City Thunder on a four-year max deal, he was committing to both a franchise and to a superstar partnership. The all-star forward could have requested a shorter, more flexible contract, or he could have pursued other destinations, such as playing with LeBron James and the Los Angeles Lakers. Instead, he ostensibly turned over the rest of his prime to Westbrook months after losing to the Utah Jazz in the first round.

It was a curious choice then, and an even more curious choice now. The two men share a close friendship and productive on-court chemistry, and they seem to enjoy their lives as big fish in one of the NBA's smallest ponds. But their business remains as unfinished as ever, and their latest postseason failure casts doubt on whether it will ever actually get done.

The Portland Trail Blazers eliminated the Thunder with a heartbreaking 118-115 victory in Game 5 on Tuesday, sending Westbrook and the Thunder home in the first round for the third straight season. Oklahoma City was done in by a late-game collapse and an all-time great shot from Blazers star Damian Lillard. Both Thunder stars acquitted themselves well in their season finale, with Westbrook posting a 29-point triple-double and George finishing with 36 points and nine rebounds.

Still, Oklahoma City lost because its franchise point guard was less efficient, less focused and less reliable than Lillard, and because George was limited by a shoulder injury. No matter how aggressively Westbrook played or as stubbornly as he spoke during news confer-



Oklahoma City's Russell Westbrook blocks a shot by Portland's Damian Lillard during Game 4 of their series against the Blazers. Lillard got the last laugh.

ences, facts were facts: his Thunder were soundly beaten by the Blazers, who entered the series as underdogs due to center Jusuf Nurkic's season-ending leg injury.

The Thunder's season was not a total loss: Westbrook made history by averaging a triple-double for the third straight year, including one 20-20-20 tribute to slain rapper and activist Nipsey Hussle, and George enjoyed a career year in which he was spent months regarded as a top-three MVP candidate. Yet they exit early amid disappointing circumstances while other star-studded duos, like those of the Golden State Warriors and Houston Rockets, play on.

"Identity crisis" is used too casually and too often in sports, but it applies to the Thunder. The 30-year-old Westbrook and 28-year-old George are both relatively young, and they made a combined \$66 million this season. Oklahoma City had one of the league's top-five payrolls and has already committed to spending more money in 2019-20 than any other NBA team. Together, just four of its players — Westbrook, George, center Steven Adams and guard Den-

nis Schroder — will combine to earn more than the NBA's projected \$109 million salary cap.

In short, the Thunder is spending as if the team is in the middle of a championship window, but it isn't good enough to win big now and it has little flexibility to improve its short-term positioning.

Westbrook must shoulder much of the blame. While his age and box score stats might suggest that he's still in his prime, a closer look tells a more pessimistic story. Behind his gaudy averages of 22.9 points, 11.1 rebounds and 10.7 assists are numerous advanced stats that reveal a player whose dominance and effectiveness have waned.

This year, Westbrook posted his lowest player efficiency rating and his worst true shooting percentage since 2009-10, plus his fewest win shares since an injury-plagued 2013-14 season. After ranking 10th in real plus-minus in 2016-17, a metric that seeks to quantify a player's impact on his team's offense and defense, Westbrook fell to 39th in 2018-19. Two years after he was named MVP, Westbrook was no longer the best player on

his team. It wasn't particularly close, either.

While Westbrook led the league in assists for the second straight year, his individual distribution ability hasn't translated to team-wide success. Oklahoma City's offense ranked 17th despite the presence of two all-stars and its assist rate ranked in the bottom five. The perpetual flow that has become so central to success in the modern NBA continues to be absent in Oklahoma City, where Westbrook's frantic energy often gets in the way and where George was too often asked to step in to save the day.

There are no quick fixes available to Thunder general manager Sam Presti, whose path to building a title contender starts with Westbrook transforming into a lethal shooter or a more dependable pass-first engine of the offense. Good luck with that.

A Westbrook trade might sound appealing to outsiders, but it's almost certainly out of the question given his immense local popularity, his loyalty following Kevin Durant's 2016 departure, his central role in recruiting George and the four remaining years on his five-

year, \$205 million contract. Even considering a trade involving George, after swinging big to acquire him from the Indiana Pacers and spending the last two seasons investing in him, would be sheer lunacy.

Firing coach Billy Donovan, who has accumulated a 199-129 record in four years, will be a popular suggestion this week, but it wouldn't represent a real solution.

Ownership is already paying through the nose for its roster, Donovan's contract option for 2019-20 was picked up back in December, and he's established a functional bond with Westbrook and George.

One source close to the Thunder described Donovan as a "good partner" — a phrase that speaks to both the internal respect he commands and his deferential role within a star-driven organization.

Even if Presti did conclude that Donovan was lacking, Oklahoma City's next coach would be stuck managing Westbrook's same fundamental flaws.

That puts Presti back where he's been each summer since before Durant's exit: trying to shuffle the deck chairs around his stars. His options this year aren't particularly appetizing, and his hands are tied.

Presti could try to trade Adams, a gritty center whose offensive rebounding and interior defensive presence have made him a strong fit alongside Westbrook and George. But there are complicating factors of all kinds. Oklahoma City relies heavily on Adams, as its front line is perilously thin and he has proven to be one of the most dependable starting centers in the league. At the same time, he didn't play particularly well against the Blazers and is owed more than \$50 million over the next two seasons.

The central question has become: If Westbrook is going to miss 64 percent of his shots and lose his matchup in the playoffs, where will any of this lead? How many minor wins on the margins are necessary if the center cannot hold?

'AVENGERS: ENDGAME' ★★★

# RE-VENGEERS

Iron Man, Captain Marvel and company return for final chapter

BY MICHAEL PHILLIPS | Chicago Tribune

"You should've gone for the head." So uttered Josh Brolin as Thanos last year, in "Avengers: Infinity War," just before he snapped his gloved fingers and cut the population of the known universe in half.

Even if you knew, logically, the scene was a lie waiting for a do-over, that sucker-punch ending became the water cooler moment of 2018 — even for people who didn't work within 500 yards of an actual water cooler. The cries went out across the globe: A YEAR? We can't wait a year to see how it turns out! That's sadism on top of sadism!

Well, a year has come and gone. And now we have the extravagant — and mostly very gratifying — final chapter of this particular chunk of your filmgoing life.

The Marvels behind "Avengers: Endgame" apparently misheard Thanos' one-liner. The new film goes straight for the heart, not the head. It dwells at considerable length in tearful reunions and farewells. And in a notable exception to the Marvel Cinematic Universe's liberal nobody-really-dies storytelling policy, things wrap up with a goodbye-for-real denouement involving a majorly major character.

More crucially, I think, the movie also goes for a surprising number of laughs. This is strategic, and effective, given the ashen, leaden seriousness of "Infinity War." "Endgame" is easily the funniest Marvel movie outside "Thor: Ragnarok" and the "Ant-Man" movies. And with three hours and one minute of movie to fill, that humor's crucial.

My favorite is a Mark Ruffalo moment. At one point Bruce Banner, now a newly formulated and relatively peaceable bio-combination of Banner and Hulk, (the Hulk looks slick in glasses, for the record), attempts to reconnect with some old-style pure-Hulk rage. It doesn't come easily. The resulting sight gags, just a few seconds worth, result in a priceless halfhearted display of aggression.

Quick recap: At the close of "Infinity War," Thanos secured all six Infinity Stones, placing them in the glove of doom, thereby rendering him all-powerful. "Endgame" picks up the post-apocalypse action a few



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Robert Downey Jr., left, dons the Iron Man suit as Tony Stark and Josh Brolin is Thanos in "Avengers: Endgame."

weeks later, with the surviving Avengers. Robert Downey Jr./Iron Man finds himself floating in space, running out of oxygen, while back on what's left of Earth, there's Chris Evans/Captain America, Ruffalo/Hulk, Chris Hemsworth/Thor, Scarlett Johansson/Black Widow, Jeremy Renner/Hawkeye, Paul Rudd/Ant-Man, Don Cheadle/War Machine, Bradley Cooper/Rocket and a handful of others.

Most of the picture unfolds five years after that initial prologue, but because it's all about time travel, essentially, "Endgame" flits all over the place, from 1970 New Jersey to 2014 planet Morag. The character roster's hilariously long. Early on the surviving Avengers confront Thanos for what appears to be a decisive rematch, though not a happy one, since half of the earthly population remains AWOL. From there, "Endgame" follows a simple, well-worn set of narrative solutions involving stone retrieval and lessons of collective responsibility. The movie neither scrambles like a maniac nor plods like "Infinity War."

Screenwriters Christopher Markus and Stephen McFeely return, along with the brotherly directing team of Anthony and Joe Russo. Some characters ride in for a few lines, just to remind us who they are and why we miss them, such as Tessa Thompson's Valkyrie, and then out again. There's a rousing moment in a battle scene when things look bleak for a subset of familiar characters. Then the Marvel Comics equivalent of the U.S. Cavalry swoops in, in waves.

Scenes such as these whip up waves of love, sloshing back and forth between the people in the crowd and the crowd on the screen.

Their commercial instincts are fabulous, but the chief limitation with "Endgame" relates directly to how the Russo brothers approach the staging and composition of pure action. They're just medium-good visual stylists, alternating fake-documentary handheld camerawork with generic glide-ins, back

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Chris Hemsworth plays Thor in "Avengers: Endgame."

## Suburban man's amazing find: Letters from Hitler's bunker

U.S. Holocaust Museum is final resting place for Goebbels' last writings

BY STEVE JOHNSON  
 Chicago Tribune

In his home in a wooded neighborhood in north suburban Lincolnshire, Mitch Work spreads out some of the extraordinary artifacts of his late father's life.

Framed on the wall is a painting of a lakeside villa in rural Austria where his father interrogated two of the last people to come out of Hitler's bunker. On the dining room table, Work has placed a book about Hanna Reitsch, the German pilot his father questioned, a copy of the report he wrote about the interrogation, and photocopies of two key documents Reitsch carried out of the bunker, the last letters of Joseph and Magda Goebbels.

The documents are copies because Work, 72, and his young-



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Mitch Work shows copies of the final letters from Hitler's bunker written by Nazi propaganda minister Joseph Goebbels.

er brother recently donated the originals to the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum.

It wasn't a hard decision, he says: "We wanted to find a good home for these. We didn't want to

sell them. We didn't want to go that route. We wanted to donate them to the right place."

A core of the holocaust

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## Morrison performance defied age, genre, rules

Veteran singer, band excelled during set at Chicago Theatre

BY BOB GENDRON  
 Chicago Tribune

Van Morrison's deft singing and resonant voice defied age, genre and rules Tuesday at the Chicago Theatre.

Playing the first of a sold-out three-night stand, the Northern Ireland legend treated the relatively intimate venue like a private club at which he can call all the shots and make changes at a moment's notice without any questions asked. Nattily adorned

in frosted sunglasses, a fedora and pinstripe suit, he also looked the part of an old-school musician — ready to assume control and refusing to accept no for an answer.

Yet the singer's command, disposition and rich catalog weren't the only reasons the 100-minute set doubled as a clinic in the art of expressive performance. Morrison's spectacular backing band, and each member's largely wordless dialogue with colleagues and the headliner, went beyond the aural faculties of the songs. Their interactions provided behind-the-scenes looks at not only the architecture of the arrangements, but made visible the seemingly divergent blend of cooperative looseness and intense focus required for such in-the-now creativity to thrive.



Morrison

Long known for his reputation as a demanding bandleader, and currently in the midst of a recording outburst that has seen him release four albums within the past two years, Morrison

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Britney Spears is taking time "to deal," she told fans.

### Spears: 'All is well ... I'm doing what's best'

The pervasive Britney Spears rumor — that she's being held against her will at a mental health institution — and the related campaign to "save" her prompted the pop singer to reassure her fans that "all is well."

As #freebritney mania spread from social media to the streets in West Hollywood, Spears surfaced on Instagram to "promise I'm doing what's best at this moment."

"My family has been going through a lot of stress and anxiety lately, so I just needed time to deal," she said in a video late Tuesday. "But don't worry — I'll be back very soon."

Spears announced in January that she was stepping away from the stage, explaining on Instagram that she would not be performing her new show "Domination" in Las Vegas, alluding to her father's health crisis. Jamie Spears had been experiencing some health problems since a life-threatening colon rupture late last year.

Then earlier this month, the pop star posted a meme about self-care. It read: "Fall in love with taking care of yourself. Mind. Body. Spirit."

People reported April 4 that a source, who was not named, said Spears checked herself into a wellness center. But less than two weeks later, some people were debating whether it was her decision at all.

Amid the commotion, Spears took to social media for the first time in 20 days to try to dispel the rumors.

"I wanted to say hi, because things that are being said have just gotten out of control!!! Wow!!!!" she wrote Tuesday on Instagram. "There's rumors, death threats to my family and my team, and just so many things crazy things being said."

"Don't believe everything you read and hear."

— The Washington Post



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### 'Beautiful' covergirl:

Jennifer Garner graces the front of this year's "Beautiful Issue" of People magazine with a cover story that cheers the way she balances Hollywood, business and motherhood. On the cover, Garner, 47, is shown sitting on the hood of a car along with the quote, "I'm grateful every day." The actress is co-founder of a baby food company, acts as an artist-ambassador for Save The Children, and is mother to three kids with ex-husband Ben Affleck.

**Diagnosis:** In a New York magazine interview, "Deadwood" scribe and "NYPD Blue" co-creator David Milch, 74, says he was diagnosed with Alzheimer's disease about a year ago. "As best I understand it, I have a deterioration in the organization of my brain," he said. "And it's progressive. And in some ways discouraging... in every way I can think of." The revelation comes just before the May 31 premiere of HBO's "Deadwood" film, Milch's long-promised continuation of the Old West story.

**Spinoff:** Scott Disick is spinning off and flipping out of the Kardashian family bubble with his own E! show. The father of Kourtney Kardashian's three children and a frequent face on "Keeping Up With the Kardashians" will star in "Flip It Like Disick," which will follow him as he remodels and sells celebrity real estate.

**April 25 birthdays:** Actor Al Pacino is 79. Singer Bjorn Ulvaeus is 74. Actor Hank Azaria is 55. Guitarist Rory Feek is 54. Actress Gina Torres is 50. Actress Renee Zellweger is 50. Actor Jason Lee is 49. Singer Jacob Underwood is 39. Actress Jayden Rey is 10.



## ASK AMY

By AMY DICKINSON

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### Sexy senior singleton seeks same

**Dear Amy:** After 25 years, my marriage reached a dead end, and I took the leap into singledom at age 63. I am now a vibrant, attractive divorced woman with a lot to offer. I look forward to spending the next chapter of my life with a special man.

In the last year I've dated two men — loving, age-appropriate companions — who claimed to want a long-term relationship. In both cases, their interest level was high at first but fell apart later.

In processing these failures, one issue stands out: I am blessed (or cursed) with a high libido. I've bought into the idea that men are eager to get naked. Imagine my shock at finding the tables turned! Many times, I've been in a state of anticipation, only to be told, "Sorry, I'm not in the mood," triggering rejection, crushing self-doubt and frustration.

Expressing these feelings can backfire horribly; likewise, suggestions to help him "get in the mood."

Older guys apparently are extremely sensitive about sexual performance. I've been told devastating things like, "I feel oppressed by your neediness" and "Maybe you should find yourself a young stud."

Amy, I want an equal partner. In any case, younger guys want women even younger than they are. Now I fear that the next time I get close to someone, I'll need to tamp myself down, but I hate the idea. I believe that sexuality is one of life's greatest gifts, meant to be shared.

Am I unusual, or have I just not yet found the right partner?

— On Fire in California

**Dear On Fire:** Sexual compatibility is as important at your stage in life as it was when you were younger. There may be fewer compatible men available, but they are out there. For instance, sexually transmitted diseases among your age group are high and rising; seniors are sexually active. (I hope you always practice safe sex.)

It is possible that men in your age group are especially sensitive, but you should also take stock of how you express your wants and needs, in order to decode how you are communicating. It might be better for you to be candid early on, versus perhaps waiting to develop an emotional connection before a sexual one.

You don't say how you are meeting men, but there are online matching sites that might be better suited to someone with a higher sex drive. And a younger man might be the hot ticket for you.

**Dear Amy:** I'm a romantically inexperienced girl. I've never had a real kiss or been on a date. At 16, I know I don't "need" a partner, but I want one. I've tried being shy and sweet. I've said, "Fork this" and asked people out, but they've all refused.

I can be pretty. I'm somewhat ambitious, and I'm smart. I don't think I'm horrible. And yet I have no idea how to catch the interest of anyone who's my type (outgoing and confident). I feel helpless because they don't want me and creepy because what if I'm making them uncomfortable?

I am home-schooled but have made many efforts to

meet other people my age. Do you have any tips? I'm tired of feeling desperate and creepy.

— Plain Eponine

**Dear Plain:** I was a lot like you when I was your age. Your impulses are not weird or creepy. They are normal.

My main suggestion is that you should embrace your smart and quirky side and become a joiner.

Home schooling may have kept you from having some important social opportunities — those friendship-building experiences that most high schoolers are exposed to. Get involved in theater. Join your local high school's theater program as one of your extracurricular activities. Research theater programs and camps for this summer.

Romance often blooms from friendship.

**Dear Amy:** "Just a Grandma" was upset because younger family members posted their important news on social media before notifying family members. She described to a T why I have rejected social media. Tell these morons to log off their "virtual life" and get an actual life.

— IRL

**Dear IRL:** To me, renouncing social media altogether seems like my Victorian grandparents refusing to use the telephone.

It is a tool. Everything depends on how you use it.

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## BROADWAY REVIEW

# Read all about it: 'Ink' mostly reports facts

What's your verdict on Murdoch? You'll have fun deciding

By CHRIS JONES  
Chicago Tribune

NEW YORK — So how will history judge Rupert Murdoch, of Fox News and New York Post fame?

As a devil from Down Under who trashed august journalistic institutions, made a mockery of the phrase "fair and balanced," unleashed the kind of wild and reckless populism that elected Donald J. Trump, built the Brexit torture chamber, and might just kill intelligent democracy?

Or as a populist mastermind who could see the cracks in the walls of the liberal elite's country clubs, who realized great story-

telling always requires distinct heroes and villains, who knew one guy's fact always is another guy's fiction, and who figured out long before the other dumb media titans that user-generated content and "Five Hot Things!" was far more profitable than the tortured copy and long sentences favored by pontificating columnists and critics.

Well, as they like to say at Fox News, the new Broadway play "Ink" mostly reports the facts. You decide, dear reader, you decide.

At least you will have fun doing the deciding. (Note to bosses: this business used to be fun.)

"Ink," penned by James Graham, directed by Rupert Gould and now on Broadway following a

successful stand in London, tells the juicy story of Murdoch's takeover of the notorious British tabloid known as The Sun. For young callow males in the early 1970s, The Sun was a guilty and sexist pleasure, with its racy copy, cash-money contests, cacophonous headlines that could swallow an entire page, football for days, and its endless features on crime, sex and lingerie, followed hard by features on lingerie, sex and crime. Most notoriously, of course, The Sun featured the so-called "Page Three Girls," topless glamor shots that blurred the line between news and soft porn.

"Ink" focuses entirely on The Sun — the paper that represented Murdoch's first triumph in Britain and the precursor of his State-



JOAN MARCUS PHOTO

Bertie Carvel, Bill Buell, Jonny Lee Miller, Robert Stanton and Eden Marrayshow perform in "Ink" on Broadway at the Samuel J. Friedman Theatre.

side ambitions at the Post, the Chicago Sun-Times and, of course, Fox. It begins with the purchase of the paper by Murdoch (the deliciously Machiavellian Bertie Carvel) and the hiring of a new editor, Larry Lamb (Jonny Lee Miller), a working-class northerner with a chunky chip on his shoulder.

Lamb's assignment? Beat the circ of the best-selling Daily Mirror, which at that point sold a whopping 4 million copies. The play follows the ascent of both Lamb and The Sun, telling the story of the reinvention of a newspaper with the kind of humorous relish that typified Ben Hecht's "The Front Page." For today's battered journo, assaulted by newsroom cutbacks, diminished paychecks, no-fun-allowed venture capitalist bosses and head-spinning competition from every two-bit website and Facebook opinionater, "Ink" is gloriously nostalgic catnip for a vanished era of newsprint and reckless behavior, of a time when a half-decent writer

could expect to be poached with a hefty new contract from a rival pub, and a juicy scoop meant the competitish could do nothing but stew in anger for 24 hours.

Much of the appeal of "Ink," directed with palpable if unobtrusive joy by Gould on a cheerily chaotic Bunny Christie setting, centers on that evocation of circa 1970, and on the colorful, boozy characters then found in tabloid newsrooms, fabulously evoked by the likes of Bill Buell, Tara Summers and Robert Stanton. But Graham also wants to explore what Murdoch meant and it's not a wholly unsympathetic portrait. "Ink" sets his disruptive innovations — essentially, give the people what they actually want — against the stultifying, creaking moralism of the old order, the "noble calling" crowd who were blind to their own myopia.

Ultimately, "Ink," which is a lot more entertaining than its headier 1985 predecessor, Howard Brenton and David Hare's "Pravda," is saying that Murdoch saw

the future. And it is very convincing.

Did he go too far? Gresham makes the historically accurate point that Murdoch was a bit of paradoxical prude who actually didn't like the cheap content that he encouraged his editors to propagate. He also points out that it took time for an initially apolitical businessman to go right-wing. Yet, in the end, "Ink" is a bit of a morality play as Miller's Lamb becomes an Icarus flying too close to the sun, exposing a woman in the name of attracting prurient male readers ... to what, exactly?

Nothing helpful to democracy, that's for darn sure. But good for Murdoch's business.

"Ink" plays at the Manhattan Theatre Club's Samuel J. Friedman Theatre, 261 West 47th St., New York; 212-239-6200 and www.inkbroadway.com

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## Letters

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museum's mission is to collect artifacts such as the Goebbels letters, hard evidence of what the Nazis were and what they did, says Steven Luckert, senior program curator at the Washington, D.C., institution.

"Having these letters in the museum's outstanding collection will allow us to educate future generations about the truth of the Holocaust and counter the hateful messages that Goebbels and the Nazis promoted," Luckert says.

Those letters are significant because of their centrality to the Nazi mission, he says, but World War II-era documents regularly find their way to the museum. The museum recently opened a state-of-the-art archives facility expressly to house its widening stores of such material.

How the Goebbels' final missives ended up among the family papers of a north suburban health-care consultant is a remarkable story of post-war forgetting and historical preservation almost by accident.

Because the interrogation report of then Air Corps Capt. Robert Work, titled "Last Letters from Hitler's Air Raid Shelter," was thorough and widely distributed, historians have long known the contents of the letters. They were written in what looks like pencil on graph paper, Mitch Work says, in Hitler's Berlin bunker days before the couple killed their six young children and themselves.

Couched as letters to Magda's adult son, the words are more accurately final rallying cries for Naziism from the Third Reich's minister of propaganda and his wife.

"That Goebbels would use his final letter to his stepson for propagandistic purposes is not surprising,"



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Mitch Work, whose family donated the final letters from Hitler's bunker written by Nazi propaganda minister Joseph Goebbels, sits at his home on Friday in Lincolnshire.

Luckert explains. "Even his private diaries, which have become indispensable to scholars of Nazi Germany and the Holocaust, were ultimately designed for publication."

Goebbels' aim in the letters was "to leave his contemporaries and posterity with a flattering portrait of himself and to promote National Socialism," adds Luckert. "Reading them in 2019, when Holocaust distortion, outright denial and antisemitism are being peddled on the Internet and social media and promoted by powerful actors around the world, is frightening."

The letters spent the post-war years in a filing cabinet in the suburban San Jose home of Robert Work. It wasn't until his father was going through his papers almost 50 years after the war that they resurfaced, says Mitch Work.

"Basically my dad had

forgotten about them, and he uncovered them," says Work. "He was excited to show them. He was: 'Here they are! I told you about these. Now here they are in the flesh.'"

Work, too, was excited. He was briefly after college a history teacher, and he knew the significance of such things.

"He had told me all these stories, but here was something that actually had legs and had documentation and had backup," he says. "And I was blown away by it — because it took it from just being a story about the war to: Here it is, here's the report about it, and here's what happened and when."

The letters themselves were kind of forgotten, the family thinks, because Robert Work's interrogation report includes the original German text of them, English translations and the story of how they came out

of the bunker.

Hanna Reitsch, who was a famed test pilot and a favorite of the Reich, left the bunker in late April, 1945, along with Ritter von Greim, the recently appointed head of the German air force, and "was given letters to take out by various of the occupants who were to remain in the shelter to die with Hitler," Robert Work wrote.

These included the Goebbels letters, as well as one from Eva Braun, Hitler's lover, and a couple of messages to German officers in the field. Reitsch and Von Greim destroyed the military messages because Nazi forces had collapsed, and the Braun one because they "both felt that the text was so glaringly theatrical and in such poor adolescent taste that only odious reactions would result should the letter ever fall into German hands,"

Work said in his report dated Nov. 1, 1945.

"This is what Washington, D.C., wanted to know, this report and the context," Mitch Work says. "I asked my dad, 'Why did you end up with the letters?' He said, 'Nobody ever asked me for them, and I kind of forgot about them.'"

It was fortunate for their preservation that his father lived in a dry climate, Work thinks. After discovering the letters, Robert Work invited someone from Stanford University's Hoover Institution to come take a look but was told the think tank didn't really have the capacity to care for such things, Work says.

He and his brother put them into plastic sleeves, and they went back into a filing cabinet and were sort of forgotten again until their father passed away several years ago. That's when the brothers got serious about

finding them a home.

They talked to several museums, says Work, but quickly settled on the Holocaust Museum as the right choice, a judgment that was only underscored by the letters' content in light of recent historical events.

"We sit locked in the Fuehrer's shelter in the Reichschancellery, fighting for our lives and our honor," begins Goebbels' letter. Later, he adds that someday, "The truth will again triumph. The hour will come when we will stand pure and undefiled above the world, as pure and undefiled as our beliefs and aims have always been."

"Always be proud to have belonged to a family that even in the face of disaster remained true to the Fuehrer to the very last and true to his pure and holy cause," Goebbels counseled his stepson, Harald Quandt, who was an allied POW at the time and would go on to become one of Germany's leading industrialists.

Magda Goebbels' letter is in a similar, unrepentant vein and adds the chilling plan the couple had to kill their children, who were "too precious for the life that will come after." The six kids were poisoned in the bunker.

"Rather than just being documents of historical lore, it's important to read what they say about how Nazi socialism and propaganda can be so, so powerful," says Work. "And while I was negotiating with the museum about giving this donation last October, it was when the synagogue shootings occurred in Pittsburgh, 11 dead, six wounded."

"This is not something historical. It's still something that's going on right now. We say it can never happen here? Well, there are symptoms out there right now."

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Don Cheadle, left, stars as War Machine/James Rhodes and Jeremy Renner portrays Hawkeye/Clint Barton in "Avengers: Endgame."

## Avengers

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and forth, forth and back. They get the job done. But with so much of "Endgame" taken up with two- or three-character conversations, things occasionally become stilted because the camera doesn't interact with the actors in any fluid or striking ways. (Also, the Alan Silvestri score pours it on, generically.)

It's the time travel conceit that keeps "Endgame" hopping, and the trial-and-error sequences recall some of the best parts of the first "Iron Man." I have

**MPAA rating:** PG-13 (for sequences of sci-fi violence and action, and some language)

**Running time:** 3:01

no way of telling if folks wholly or largely new to Marvel World will give a rip about any of "Endgame." But it's nice that the studio, coming off the \$2 billion-grossing "Infinity War," may top that figure with a considerably better hunk of escapism.

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## Best time for viewers of 'Avengers: Endgame' to answer nature's call

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"Avengers: Endgame" runs for 3 hours, 1 minute, which makes one nervous about taking bathroom breaks at the worst possible time.

So we did that for you (with as few spoilers as possible):

■ If need be, the first 17 minutes of the film can be missed (there is a rehashing of Thanos' handiwork from the previous film) before its title is revealed.

■ As soon as the posse mentions getting the team together (around the 65-minute mark), feel free to make a run for it. And remember the team has to be gathered from around the globe, so you have about a solid 12 minutes.

■ While a moment between Rocket and Thor is motivational, if nature calls, feel free to answer. (That's about 1 hour, 35 minutes in).

■ As for the last hour? Stick it out. Happy endings, less-than-happy ones and



MARVEL

Karen Gillan, left, and Don Cheadle are just two of the many actors who play superheroes in Marvel Studios' "Avengers: Endgame."

so many feels happen.

Dr. Stephanie Kielb, associate professor of Urology, Medical Education and Obstetrics and Gynecology at Northwestern University's Feinberg School of Medicine said pace yourself, stay hydrated, and there's no such thing as "breaking the seal." "People say that a lot

when drinking alcohol, but that's not a physiological effect — it's not like once you pee, you have to pee more," Kielb said. "Empty your bladder before the movie starts. A short time holding your bladder once or twice is not a big deal. It's not harmful. (But) if you drink a giant Diet Coke right be-

fore going into the movie, or during the movie, that's going to make your bladder fill up faster. Caffeine is also a bladder irritant, so it's also going to make you need to go.

"That might not be the best of ideas."

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## Morrison

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projected an authoritative demeanor from the moment he stepped out on stage.

He communicated by way of subtle hand gestures, severe arm motions, obvious stares and snapped fingers. If he wanted an unscripted solo, he pointed at the chosen instrumentalist. When a passage lacked the pace he desired, he turned and signaled for the drummer to switch up the beat, nodding his head once everything fell into place. He even cracked a smile on occasion.

Able to sense what should happen in a song before it does, the 73-year-old proved as much a conductor as singer, a conduit for ideas as much as a saxophonist. The restless jukebox blaring inside Morrison's head meant band members could never take



MARK ZALESKI/AP

Van Morrison, shown performing in 2017 during the Americana Honors and Awards show, appeared Tuesday at the Chicago Theatre in the first of three sold-out shows.

their eyes off one another or think a particular structure would remain unaltered from start to finish.

Morrison continually tinkered and refined, bringing up certain elements — such as the rub-

bery thrum of an upright bass or soft metallic sustain of a vibraphone — and dialing back others. And he

got what he requested — shifting jazz- and R&B-based platforms for mystical exploration and spiritual adventure.

Primarily singing in a low-to-medium register, Morrison was parts velvety crooner, street-corner busker, blue-eyed soul belter, blues growler and fluid scat singer. He let emotion and spontaneity guide him. His phrasing — the effortless manners in which he articulated syllables, offered hesitations, stretched spaces, contrasted legato and staccato deliveries — caused nearly every song to blossom with melodic surprise and meditative awareness.

Recast as a spry work unmoored from its balladic roots, "Have I Told You Lately" maintained its sincerity while displaying a newfound stride. A haunting version of "Saint James Infirmary" trekked to New Orleans, with Morrison's sax duetting with a trumpet to send out the funereal

standard with a decided swagger.

Ever mindful of history and place, the singer also paid homage to Chicago blues without merely aping the style.

A rendition of "Rollin' and Tumblin'" and medley of "Baby, Please Don't Go/Got My Mojo Working/Playhouse" paired sharp rhythms against swampy grooves. Similarly, even a few well-worn hits — "Moondance" and "Wild Night" included — sounded invigorated by way of reimagined swing, on-the-fly improvisation and Morrison's trombone-like vocals.

"I want to know / Did you get the feeling?" the singer wondered on "Did You Get Healed."

On this evening, he needn't harbor any doubt.

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## BOOK REVIEW

# Adventurous android part of the picture

McEwan explores complex triangle

BY RON CHARLES  
The Washington Post

Half a century ago, Philip K. Dick asked, “Do Androids Dream of Electric Sheep?” and now Ian McEwan is sure those androids are pulling the wool over our eyes.

His new novel, “Machines Like Me,” takes place in England in the 1980s, but it’s an uncanny variation of the past we remember. Just the slightest fluctuations have altered the vectors of history. England lost the Falklands War. Unemployment is at Depression-era levels. Perhaps most significantly, in McEwan’s retelling, Alan Turing didn’t commit suicide after the British government convicted him of gross indecency. Instead, the brilliant mathematician rejected the offer of chemical castration and went to prison, where, in blissful solitude, he laid down the theoretical principles that have enabled the creation of remarkably humanlike robots.

“It was religious yearning granted hope, it was the holy grail of science,” the novel begins. “Our ambitions ran high and low — for a creation myth made real, for a monstrous act of self-love. As soon as it was feasible, we had no choice but to follow our desires and hang the consequences.”

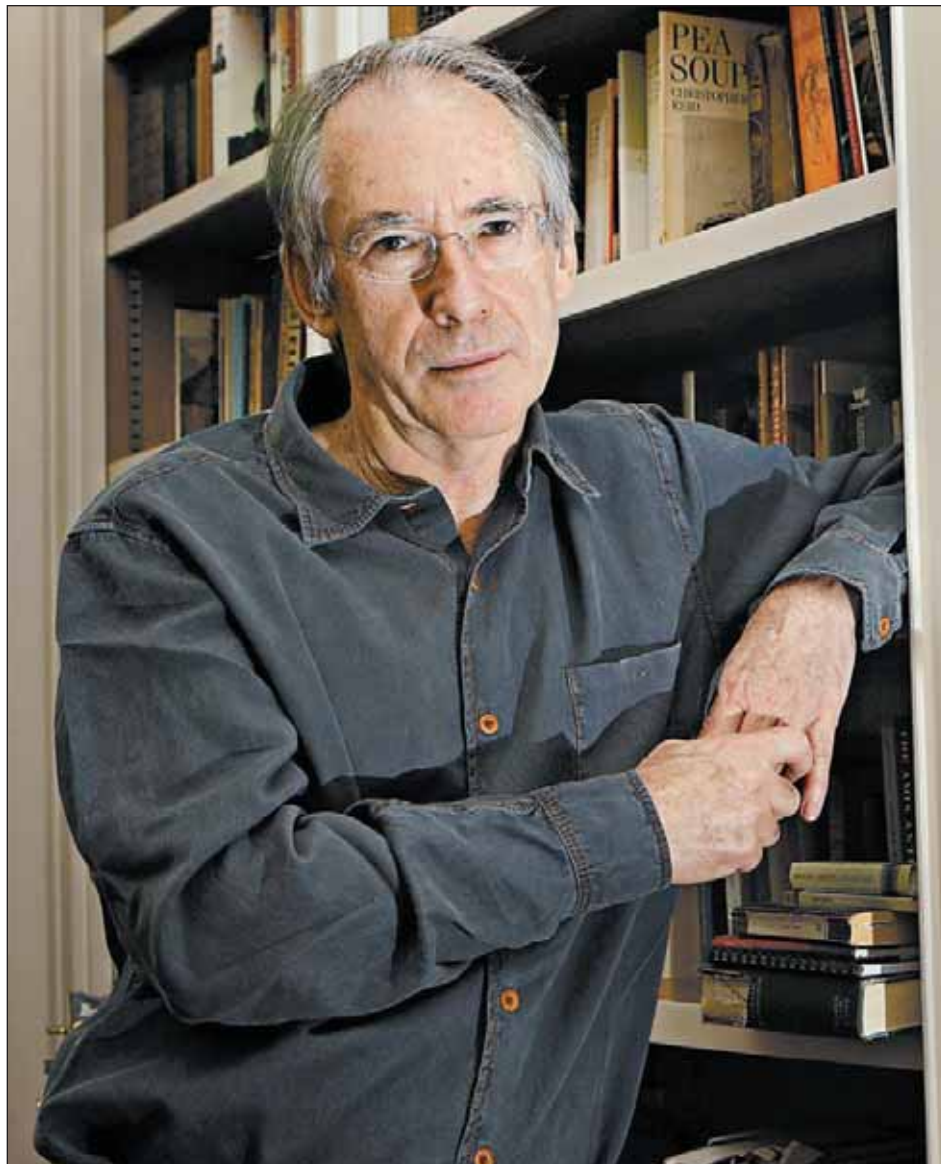
That narrator is Charlie Friend, a lazy day-trader in London who vacillates between bouts of grandiosity and worthlessness. The ultimate early adopter, Charlie uses a recent in-

heritance to buy “the first truly viable manufactured human with plausible intelligence and looks, believable motion and shifts of expression.” The robot’s name is Adam, which suggests what the creators must think of themselves. He — it? — is one of 25 androids sold around the world in a variety of ethnicities, 12 male and 13 female versions. Adam’s affect may be slightly odd (he doesn’t blink quite right), but to the casual observer, he’s a handsome, muscular man — “fairly well endowed.” Charlie admits while hastening to add, “Adam was not a sex toy.”

But sex is certainly central to this carefully constructed comedy of terrors. As the novel opens, Charlie is wooing Miranda, a somewhat unresponsive younger woman who lives in his apartment building. He hopes that they can program Adam’s personality together, as a kind of bonding experience.

“He would be like our child,” Charlie says. “What we were separately would be merged in him. Miranda would be drawn into the adventure. We would be partners, and Adam would be our joint concern, our creation. We would be a family. There was nothing underhand in my plan. I was sure to see more of her. We’d have fun.”

Charlie gets an inkling of the complications ahead, though, when he spends an evening listening to Adam loudly making love to Miranda in the upstairs apartment. It’s grim satisfaction



JOEL RYAN/AP 2010

British author Ian McEwan’s latest novel is set in the 1980s and features a man and his robot companion competing for the same woman.

to realize he’s the “first to be cuckolded by an artefact.” What man could compete with that stamina, those hydraulics? Crawling into Miranda’s bed several days later, he imagines he can still detect “the scent of warm electronics on her sheets.”

McEwan, who won the 1998 Booker Prize for “Amsterdam,” is a master at cerebral silliness. He knows just how to explore the most complex issues in the confines of the most ridiculous situations.

Trapped in an apartment-size version of “Westworld,” Charlie and Adam debate the essential nature of consciousness while vying for Miranda’s affections. Charlie is sure that

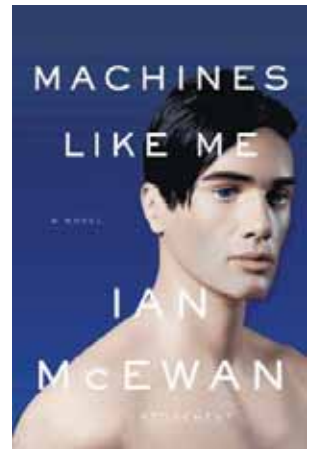
his android cares for Miranda only “as a dishwasher cares for its dishes,” but Adam, who has perfect command of the world’s religious and philosophical writings, claims, “I’ve a very powerful sense of self and I’m certain that it’s real.” He’s earnest and lovesick, but he’s charged by a crystal-clear sense of righteousness that may not integrate well with the ethical morass of human experience.

How exactly would you dismantle Adam’s claim to consciousness? As countless fiction and nonfiction writers have pointed out, we have little understanding of what our own consciousness is; we’re in no position to deny it to a

perfect simulacrum.

McEwan is incapable of writing a dull line, but his AI conundrums feel as fresh as a game of Pong. Fellow Trekkers will remember “Requiem for Methuselah,” in which Captain Kirk falls in love with a gorgeous robot named Rayna.

But our fascination with artificially created humans reaches much further back than that — at least to Pygmalion in Greek mythology. Mary Shelley explored the existential agony of a manufactured being in the early 19th century. By the time Czech writer Karel Capek coined the term “robot” in 1920, we were already well acquainted with the promise and peril



## ‘Machines Like Me’

By Ian McEwan, Nan A. Talese, 352 pages, \$26.95

of being replaced by our own machines. Isaac Asimov’s Three Laws of Robotics — starting with “A robot may not injure a human being” — feel more naive with each passing wave of layoffs.

McEwan’s special contribution is not to articulate the challenge of robots but to cleverly embed that challenge in the lives of two people trying to find a way to exist with purpose. That human drama makes “Machines Like Me” strikingly relevant. “Everything was rising,” Charlie notes, “hopes and despair, misery, boredom and opportunity.” Amid rampant inflation and permanent unemployment, Charlie notes, “We could become slaves of time without purpose.” Adam cheerily observes, “From a certain point of view, the only solution to suffering would be the complete extinction of humankind.”

But such nihilism is anathema to McEwan. He is not only one of the most elegant writers alive, he is one of the most astute at crafting moral dilemmas within the drama of everyday life. True, contending with an attractive synthetic rival is a problem most of us won’t have to deal with anytime soon, but figuring out how to do some good in the world — that’s a problem no robot will ever solve for us.

## BOOK REVIEW

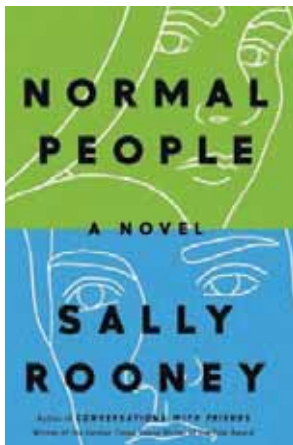
# Sally Rooney: Believe the hype

BY LAUREN SARAZEN  
The Washington Post

When an author garners as much press as Sally Rooney, approaching their work with a touch of apprehension is understandable. Articles are quick to hail the 28-year-old author the leading voice of her generation. Rooney’s sophomore novel was longlisted for the 2018 Booker Prize, and she is translating the story into a television series. But “Normal People,” like “Conversations with Friends” before it, is just as absorbing as the buzz would lead you to believe.

Enter Marianne and Connell, an unlikely pair slipping in and out of friendship and romance as they make the transition from their final year of high school in quaint Carricklea to Dublin’s Trinity College. In Carricklea, Connell enjoys peak popularity as a top soccer player, while Marianne is a social pariah known for committing the crime of taking off her blouse in the girl’s bathroom to wash out a stain. They meet on more intimate terms in Marianne’s kitchen where Connell’s mother, Lorraine, works as a cleaning woman and spend their afternoons quietly having sex upstairs in Marianne’s bedroom. Outside that large, chilly house, they pretend they aren’t even on nodding terms. Yet once at Trinity, it’s Marianne who has the upper hand and Connell cast as the outsider. Whether in Dublin or Carricklea, intimacy and power prove inseparable, and Rooney makes the most of this seemingly contradictory link.

Rooney’s choice to anchor the plot so firmly to the rhythms of university life gives “Normal People” a sense of containment that feels incredibly safe in contrast with “Conversations With Friends,” in which the connection to



## ‘Normal People’

By Sally Rooney, Hogarth, 288 pages, \$26

university only seemed to serve as plausible cover for her characters’ vast amounts of free time. Yet by adopting a collegiate setting, Rooney reveals the ways in which we allow established ways of thinking to guide and limit our growth into adulthood.

Arriving in Dublin, Connell discovers that Trinity’s social hierarchy is drawn along different lines. He notes the way his “classmates have identical accents and carry the same size MacBook.” Despite the tendency of his peers to launch into passionate and impromptu debates, “he did gradually start to wonder why all their classroom discussions were so abstract and lacking in textual detail, and eventually he realized that most people were not actually doing the reading.” Entitlement, confidence and financial security propel the social machinery, and despite doing the intellectual work, Connell is greeted with amused condescension when he admits to coming from the west of Ireland, and only gains tentative social acceptance through his connection to Marianne.

The narrative arc can be distilled into a will-they-won’t-they dynamic be-

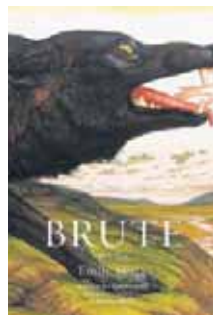
tween the two, and Rooney makes much of nonchalant cruelties. “Normal People” also reveals how wealth and class lines permeate character. For Marianne, who spent her senior lunches reading Proust in the cafeteria, it’s a given that she will attend Trinity. She belongs to a world in which people’s actions are primarily directed by their desires, and university scholarships are a matter of pride rather than necessity. But for Connell, who never knew his father and is supported by a single working mother, the prospect of Dublin represents a different kind of life entirely: “He would start going to dinner parties and having conversations about the Greek bailout. He could (sleep with) some weird-looking girls who turn out to be bisexual.”

But Rooney’s main appeal lies in her observations on young love. Even as technological advances have made it easier to communicate, so much remains unspoken. Misunderstandings that be easily cleared up with a straightforward conversation are rendered into emotional stalemates — and major events on which the plot hinges. Maintaining a close third person point of view, Rooney shifts between Connell and Marianne, offering readers windows into the things they keep from one another.

Rooney’s ability to dive deep into the minute details of her characters’ emotional lives, while maintaining the cool detached exterior of the Instagram age, reflects our current preoccupation with appearance over vulnerability. Here, youth, love and cowardice are unavoidably intertwined, distilled into a novel that demands to be read compulsively, in one sitting.

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## BOOK REVIEWS



# Poets dig into the past, pain, promise and war

BY ELIZABETH LUND  
The Washington Post

## ‘The Tradition’ by Jericho Brown, Copper Canyon, 110 pages, \$17

In his searing “The Tradition,” Jericho Brown illustrates how racism and violence have shaped the past and the present, our national identity and the individual experiences of those who have been harmed by entrenched, insidious wrongs. As Brown confronts history and family dynamics, the fears and beliefs handed down through generations, he raises important questions about trauma and how people endure when injustice touches nearly every aspect of life. He also challenges stereotypes about blackness, desire and queerness — and finds moments of joy. The collection, his third, is compelling and forceful, because it wonderfully balances the dark demands of memory and indomitable strength. As the poem “Duplex” notes: “None of the beaten end up how we began./ A poem is a gesture toward home.”

## ‘Brute’ by Emily Skaja, Graywolf, 72 pages, \$16

Emily Skaja also faces down the past in her debut, “Brute,” winner of the 2018 Walt Whitman Award from the Academy of American Poets. Here the anguish comes from an emotionally abusive lover and the abrupt end of a

relationship. As the speaker excavates her grief and disbelief, she slowly moves from self-condemnation to a fiery insistence that she can overcome her boyfriend’s damaging assessments of her worth and reclaim the power she once had. In the poem “Brute Strength,” for example, she initially describes herself as a “soldier for a lost cause, brute, mute woman/written out of my own story.” Several lines later, though, she draws strength from a recollection of her younger self, a “witch girl/unafraid of anything.” The speaker’s brutal honesty and emotional transformation offer an engrossing guide for anyone dealing with a devastating loss.

## ‘The Year of the Blue Water’ by Yanyi, Yale, 96 pages, \$20

Yanyi examines the dichotomy between the self he knows and the one his family and society expected of him. Early in this quietly contemplative debut, winner of the 2018 Yale Series of Younger Poets, Yanyi considers the possibilities of a new year and explains that “Definitions are not static. They are where we begin. For what?/ By whom? Beginning is not an origin. It is the arbitrary place/ from which we start one life, when that becomes this.” As the work — almost entirely comprising prose poems — unfolds, the

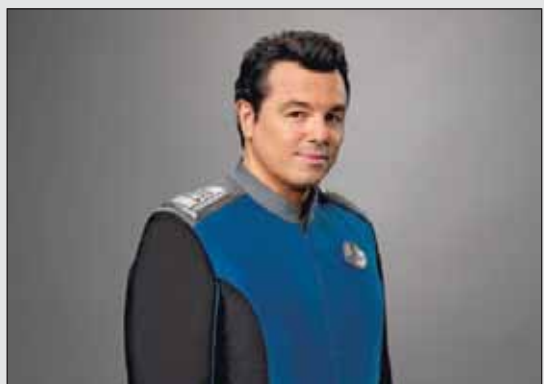
speaker explores various aspects of his identity, including gender and queerness, mental illness and his experience as a Chinese immigrant.

## ‘The Tiny Journalist’ by Naomi Shihab Nye, BOA, 128 pages, \$24

Naomi Shihab Nye presents some of her best work in years in “The Tiny Journalist.” The collection opens with a powerful poem about Janna Jihad Ayyad, a Palestinian girl who began using her mother’s cellphone at the age of 7 to record anti-occupation protests on the West Bank after two members of her family were killed. Nye writes in Janna’s voice in many poems, drawing on material from Janna’s Facebook posts. The poet also recalls her own experience of living between Jerusalem and Ramallah as a teenager. Even the moon is grieved, as these lines from “Moon Over Gaza” depict: “I who have been staring down so long/ see no reason for the sorrows humans make./ I dislike the scuffle of bombs blasting/ very much. It blocks my view./ A landscape of grieving feels different afterwards./ Different seen from a simple desert, rubble of walls, silent children who once said/ my name like a prayer.”

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## WATCH THIS: THURSDAY



Seth MacFarlane

**"The Orville"** (8 p.m., FOX): As of this writing, Fox has yet to officially renew Seth MacFarlane's somewhat polarizing sci-fi dramedy, but in some respects the show seems to have found itself creatively during this second season, which has seen some cast shakeups — including the welcome addition of actress Jessica Szohr as a new crew member — and a raising of dramatic stakes in its writing.

**"Gotham"** (7 p.m., FOX): The series finale of this atmospheric comic book-inspired crime drama is called "The Beginning..." but it actually flashes forward 10 years into the future, as Bruce Wayne (David Mazouz) returns to his home turf for the opening of the new Wayne Tower. As he investigates a recent series of crimes, Gordon (Ben McKenzie) suspects Penguin and The Riddler (Robin Lord Taylor, Cory Michael Smith) are up to their old tricks.

**"Supernatural"** (7 p.m., CW): Longtime fans of "Supernatural" by now pretty much expect all hell to break loose — usually literally — as this series closes out another season, and the Season 14 finale, "Moriah," is no exception. Sam, Dean and Castiel (Jared Padalecki, Jensen Ackles, Misha Collins) all are swept up in another epic battle, while Jack (Alexander Calvert) feels overwhelmed by the conviction that everyone is lying to him. Meanwhile, an old friend reappears.

**"Marvel's Cloak & Dagger"** (7 p.m., FREE): In a new episode called "Alignment Chart," Tyrone (Aubrey Joseph) wrestles with a nearly impossible decision when a source presents him with an opportunity to clear his name. Elsewhere, Tandy (Olivia Holt) continues to let her hair-trigger anger get the better of her when her frustration mounts as it looks like her investigation is reaching a dead end.

**"I Was a Child Bride: The Untold Story"** (8 p.m., 12:03 a.m., AE): Elizabeth Vargas sits down for in-depth interviews with women who were mere children when they were forced into marriage and, subsequently, had children of their own while other kids were just growing up in this new two-hour documentary. Since they were under 18, they had no legal rights, including a means of escape, in most cases.

**"Little Women: Atlanta"** (8 p.m., 12:01 a.m., Lifetime): Juicy has a trick or two up her sleeve when she and Minnie start hustling to get their artists officially under contract, eyeing album sales and touring revenue that's at stake, in the new episode "On the Dotted Line." Meanwhile, the Twinz clash as they realize how hard it is to sustain their music career while wrestling with the logistics of a double wedding.

## TALK SHOWS

**"Conan"** (10 p.m. 11:30 p.m., TBS): Actor Jon Rudnitsky.\*

**"The Tonight Show Starring Jimmy Fallon"** (10:34 p.m., NBC): Actor Paul Rudd; actress Diane Guerrero; actor Leonard Ouizts.\*

**"The Late Show With Stephen Colbert"** (10:35 p.m., CBS): Sports analyst Charles Barkley; actress Tig Notaro.\*

**"Jimmy Kimmel Live"** (11:05 p.m., ABC): Actor Robert Downey Jr.; actress Scarlett Johansson; actor Paul Rudd; actor Chris Hemsworth; 2 Chainz performs.\*

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## Striking CSO musicians push to restart negotiations

By **HOWARD REICH**  
Chicago Tribune

As the Chicago Symphony Orchestra strike stretched into its seventh week, musicians held a news conference in front of Symphony Center on Wednesday morning asking management to return to the bargaining table.

The Chicago Symphony Orchestra Association, which operates the institution, last week rejected the musicians' most recent proposal for a new contract. That rejection came after CSO management had presented what it called its "last, best and final offer."

"We call on the association to resume negotiations," Stephen Lester, chair of the musicians' negotiating committee, said in an interview before the news conference.

"Especially in light of the fact that we have two weeks with maestro (Riccardo) Muti coming up, and we want to preserve those, if we can."

CSO music director Muti is scheduled to return to the podium for subscription concerts starting May 2. To date, all Symphony Center concerts have been canceled through April 30. Also canceled: a May 3 jazz concert featuring Chick Corea and Bela Fleck (those musicians have moved their May 3 performances to the Old Town School of Folk Music).

"It is unfortunate that the Chicago Federation of Musicians (CFM) did not contact the Chicago Symphony Orchestra Association (CSOA) to resume scheduling negotiating sessions prior to their publicity event this morning," the CSOA said in a statement. "There is an agreed upon scheduling process through either the federal mediator or the attorneys directly, and the CSOA has not been con-



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Chicago Symphony Orchestra musicians watch speakers at a news conference outside of Symphony Center on March 19, nine days after the beginning of their strike.

tacted since our last negotiating session on April 16.

"Negotiations and meeting scheduling do not occur at a press conference," continued the CSOA statement. "The union's suggestion that the Association is unwilling to negotiate is false. The Association has been and remains open to return to the negotiating table. This is where both parties can consider genuine proposals to respectfully reach consensus on a new contract."

The same issues that emerged when the strike began March 10 remain at the heart of the dispute: CSOA's proposal to switch the musicians from a traditional, defined benefit plan to a defined contribution plan, and salary.

As for the CSO musicians' latest proposal, "Basically, what it amounts to is this," said Lester. "If you take our pension plan as it is and give it a 2 percent increase — which is like cost-of-living — every year for 10 years, it will cost \$11 million less than their plan to convert us to a direct contribution plan. "And that's not a surprise. Most of the time, when these conversions are done, it is more expensive. This is so much more expensive that there would be plenty of money to adequately fund the pension, give us adequate

cost-of-living increases, plus deal with the other economic issues in the contract, such as salary."

Lester referred to figures comparing the cost of the current, defined benefit plan, which would total \$36.5 million by 2028, to the proposed defined contribution plan, which would cost \$47.5 million by that date.

The CSOA attributes the increase to the expense of converting from one plan to the next. Management said the shift reduces the risk of potentially unaffordable pension payouts (depending on interest rates, inflation and other factors that cannot be predicted or controlled).

"It minimizes the risk by shifting all of the risk onto the musicians," said Lester. "And we're not willing to do that. We're willing to share the risk. But we're not willing to assume 100 percent of the risk in investment returns and economic vitality."

Regarding salary, CSO musicians are urging parity with orchestras in Los Angeles and San Francisco, while CSOA cites the higher cost of living on the West Coast.

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## THURSDAY EVENING, APR. 25

	PM	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	
BROADCAST	<b>CBS</b> 2	Big Bang Theory (N)	Young Sheldon (N)	(8:01) Mom (N) ©	Life in Pieces (N)	S.W.A.T.: "Rocket Fuel." (N) ©	News (N) ♦		
	<b>NBC</b> 5	Superstore (N) ©	A.P. Bio (N) ©	Brooklyn Nine (N)	Abby's: "Mail Bin." (N) ©	Law & Order: Special Victims Unit: "Exchange." (N)	NBC 5 News (N) ♦		
	<b>ABC</b> 7	2019 NFL Draft First-round coverage of the 2019 NFL Draft. (N) (Live) ©							
	<b>WGN</b> 9	blackish: "Stuff." ©	blackish: "Old Digger." ©	Last Man Standing ©	Last Man Standing ©	WGN News at Nine (N) (Live) ©	WGN News at Ten (N)		
	<b>Antenna</b> 9.2	Alice ©	Alice ©	B. Miller	B. Miller	Johnny Carson ©	3's Comp.		
	<b>This TV</b> 9.3	Revenge of the Pink Panther (PG,78) ** ©				The Pink Panther (NR,63) *** © ♦			
	<b>PBS</b> 11	Chicago Tonight (N)				The Best King We Never Had (N) ©			
	<b>The U</b> 26.1	7 Eyewitness News (N)		The Game Gomer Pyle	Engagement WKRP Cinci.	Broke Girl Hogan Hero	Broke Girl Hogan Hero	Seinfeld © C. Burnett	
	<b>MeTV</b> 26.3	Andy Griffith   Andy Griffith		Star Trek: Next		Star Trek: Deep Space 9			
	<b>H&amp;I</b> 26.4	Star Trek ©		Star Trek: Next		Star Trek: Deep Space 9			
CABLE	<b>Bounce</b> 26.5	The Game	The Game	Mann & Doña Flor y sus dos	In the Cut	The Man (PG-13,05) ** © ♦			
	<b>FOX</b> 32	Gotham: "The Beginning..." (Series Finale) (N) ©		The Orville: "The Road Not Taken." (Season Finale) (N) ©		Fox 32 News at Nine (N)			
	<b>Ion</b> 38	Chicago P.D. ©		Chicago P.D. ©		Chicago P.D. ©			
	<b>TeleM</b> 44	Premios Billboard de la Música Latina 2019 (N) ©							
	<b>CW</b> 50	Supernatural: "Moriah." (Season Finale) (N)		In the Dark (N) ©		The Good Wife ©			
	<b>UniMas</b> 60	Snitch (PG-13,13) ** Dwayne Johnson, Barry Pepper.				Simón dice   Simón dice			
	<b>WJYS</b> 62	Paid Prog.		Joyce Meyer		Robison Christian		Dn. Carson	
	<b>Univ</b> 66	Jesus		Doña Flor y sus dos		Por amar sin ley		Noticias (N)	
	<b>AE</b>	The First 48 (N) ©		I Was a Child Bride: The Untold Story (N) ©				First 48 ♦	
	<b>AMC</b>	The Expendables 2 (R,12) ** Sylvester Stallone. ©		The Expendables 3 (PG-13,14) ***				Monsters ♦	
<b>ANIM</b>	Fish or Die		Jeremy Wade (N)		River Monsters ©				
<b>BBCA</b>	*(5:28) Gran Torino ***		Top Gear (Season Premiere) (N) ©		Premier (N Tape)				
<b>BET</b>	*(5) White Chicks ('04) **		Love Don't Cost a Thing (PG-13,03) ** Nick Cannon. ♦						
<b>BIGTEN</b>	Ten's Best		Campus		BTN Football in 60 ©		Purdue Football Classic		
<b>BRAVO</b>	*(6:30) Project Runway		Project Runway (N) ©		Don't--Tardy				
<b>CLTV</b>	News at 7		News (N)		News at 8		News (N)		
<b>CNBC</b>	Shark Tank ©		Shark Tank ©		Shark Tank ©				
<b>CNN</b>	Anderson Cooper 360 (N)		Cuomo Prime Time (N)		CNN Tonight (N)				
<b>COM</b>	The Office		The Office		The Office		The Office		
<b>DISC</b>	Naked and Afraid Pop-Up		Naked and Afraid (N)		Naked and Afraid (N)				
<b>DISN</b>	Sydney-Max		Coop		Jessie ©		Jessie ©		
<b>DISN</b>	Sydney-Max		Coop		Sydney-Max		Coop		
<b>DI</b>	Hollywood Medium		Hollywood Medium		Hollywood Medium				
<b>ESPN</b>	2019 NFL Draft The top athletes available are chosen. From Nashville, Tenn. (N) (Live) ©								
<b>ESPN2</b>	UFC Unleashed (N)		UFC Unleashed		UFC Main Event		Unleash ♦		
<b>FNC</b>	Tucker Carlson (N)		Hannity (N) ©		The Ingraham Angle (N)		Fox News		
<b>FOOD</b>	Family Food (N)		Chopped: "Squab Goals."		Beat Flay (N)		Beat Bobby		
<b>FREE</b>	Cloak & Dagger (N)		(8:01) Shrek Forever After (PG,10) ** © (SAP)		700 Club ♦				
<b>FX</b>	*(6:30) The Girl on the Train (R,16) ** Emily Blunt.		Better (N)		Better		Better		
<b>HALL</b>	The Perfect Bride (NR,17) Pascale Hutton. ©		Golden Girls		Golden Girls		Golden Girls		
<b>HGTV</b>	Flip/Flop		Flip/Flop		Hunters		Hunt Intl (N)		
<b>HIST</b>	*(6) To be announced		The American Farm (N)					TBA ♦	
<b>HLN</b>	Forensic		Forensic		Forensic		Forensic		
<b>IFC</b>	*(5:30) Green Lantern **		National Lampoon's Christmas Vacation ('89) ***				Nat. Lamp ♦		
<b>LIFE</b>	Little Women: Atlanta (N)		Little Women: Atlanta (N)		Little Women: LA (N) ©				
<b>MSNBC</b>	All In With (N)		Rachel Maddow Show (N)		The Last Word (N)		11th Hour (N)		
<b>MTV</b>	Double Shot at Love (N)		Double Shot at Love		Catfish: The TV Show ©				
<b>NBCSCH</b>	MLB Baseball: Los Angeles Dodgers at Chicago Cubs. ©								
<b>NICK</b>	Alvin and the Chipmunks: Chipwrecked (G,11) *		Friends ©		Friends ©		Friends ♦		
<b>OVATION</b>	*(6) Angels & Demons (PG-13,09) ** Tom Hanks.		Amazing Hotels: Life (N)					Amazing (N)	
<b>OWN</b>	20/20 on OWN ©		20/20 on OWN ©		20/20 on OWN		20/20 ♦		
<b>OXY</b>	Snapped: "Kelly Cochran."		Snapped ©		Snapped ©		Snapped ♦		
<b>PARMT</b>	*(6) Forgetting Sarah Marshall		Wife Swap (N) ©		Wife Swap ©		Sarah M ♦		
<b>SYFY</b>	*(10:00) B.C.		Ant-Man (PG-13,15) *** Paul Rudd, Michael Douglas. ©					Happy! © ♦	
<b>TBS</b>	Seinfeld		Seinfeld		Big Bang		Big Bang		
<b>TCM</b>	Brief Encounter (NR,45) **** ©		(8:45) The Shop Around the Corner (NR,40) ****						
<b>TLC</b>	My 600-Lb. Life: "Supersized: LaShanta's Story." (N)		Dr. Pimple Popper ©		Stories ER ♦				
<b>TLN</b>	Humanit		Wretched		The Jesus Film		Life Today		
<b>TNT</b>	*(7:15) BlackKlansman (R,18) *** John David Washington.		Gentleman Jack ©		Gentleman Jack ©				
<b>TOON</b>	Samur. Jack   Amer. Dad		Amer. Dad		Burgers		Burgers		
<b>TRAV</b>	The Dead Files ©		The Dead Files (N) ©		Ghost Bait		Ghost Bait		
<b>TVL</b>	Raymond		Raymond		Raymond		Raymond		
<b>USA</b>	*(6) NHL Hockey: Conference Quarterfinal: Teams TBA.		Mod Fam		Mod Fam		Mod Fam		
<b>VH1</b>	RuPaul's Drag Race ©		RuPaul's Drag Race (N) ©						
<b>WE</b>	Braxton Family Values		Braxton Family Values (N)		Hustle & Soul (N) ©		Braxton ♦		
<b>WGN America</b>	Last Man		Last Man		Last Man		Last Man		
PREMIUM	<b>HBO</b>	(7:15) BlackKlansman (R,18) *** John David Washington.		Gentleman Jack ©		Gentleman Jack ©			
	<b>HBO2</b>	Barry ©		Wyatt Cenac (8:05) Gentleman Jack		(9:05) Veep		(9:40) 50 First Dates ♦	
	<b>MAX</b>	The Fourth Kind (PG-13,09) *		(8:40) The Abyss (PG-13,789) *** Ed Harris. ♦					
	<b>SHO</b>	Our House (PG-13,18) Thomas Mann.		The Dark Tower (PG-13,17) **		The Chi ♦			
	<b>STARZ</b>	*(6) Phone Booth   Apocalypse		(7:56) The Equalizer 2 (R,18) ** ©		Now ♦			
<b>STZNC</b>	The White Queen ©		(8:01) The White Queen		(9:03) Charlie St. Cloud ('10) *** © ♦				

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### Horoscopes



**Today's birthday** (April 25): Benefits flow through shared accounts this year. Careful planning saves time and money. Discover a new enthusiasm. Launch a creative project this summer, leading to changing travel plans. Expand your boundaries next winter, inspiring a shift in your artistic direction.

**Aries** (March 21-April 19): Today is an 8. Keep practicing. Discipline with your work builds the infrastructure for a successful career. Plan and do the homework. Take new territory.

**Taurus** (April 20-May 20): 7. Anticipate an educational change. The completion of a project opens time for something more fun. Reinforce foundational structures. Learn the rules before attempting to break them.

**Gemini** (May 21-June 20): 8. Financial discipline pays off. Collaborate for a shared venture. Contribute what you can. Review budgets and plans together. Put your money where your heart is.

**Cancer** (June 21-July 22): 9. Coordinate efforts with your partner. Keep your side of the bargain. Go above and beyond. Take care of practical priorities and then celebrate the results together.

**Leo** (July 23-Aug. 22): 9. Practice with mental as well as physical discipline. Build and strengthen foundational basics before advancing to more difficult moves.

**Virgo** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): 8. Experience is the best teacher. Listen to elders and young people. Investigate your passion for deeper understanding. Learn about love.

**Libra** (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): 7. Take care of domestic chores and responsibilities. Take out the trash, and do the dishes. Clean bathrooms and floors. Plan the upgrades you'd love.

**Scorpio** (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): 7. The dynamics of a conversation change. Context is decisive. Keep your word, and stay respectful. Communicate and exchange resources with friends and allies.

**Sagittarius** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): 8. Stick to tested and reliable suppliers, methods and partners. Profit through providing excellent service. Keep your financial agreements.

**Capricorn** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): 9. Rely on your own talents and efforts. Take charge, and do what it takes. Use best quality materials. Self-discipline serves you well. You're growing stronger.

**Aquarius** (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): 5. You're especially sensitive. Take quiet time for yourself. Recharge and rest. Consider where you've been and where you're going.

**Pisces** (Feb. 19-March 20): 8. Your team's discipline is admirable. Together, you're formidable. Keep your promises rigorously. Integrity provides optimal workability.

— Nancy Black, Tribune Content Agency

### The Argyle Sweater



### Bliss



"I see a horse, a puppy ... and that one looks like a Rauschenberg installation!"

### Bridge

East-West vulnerable, West deals

<b>North</b>				<b>East</b>			
♠	8	♠	10 7				
♥	J 8 2	♥	A 10 9 3				
♦	A K 8 7 2	♦	10 6 5 4				
♣	A K 9 7	♣	J 10 3				
<b>West</b>				<b>South</b>			
♠	Q J 9 6 5 3	♠	A K 4 2				
♥	7 6 4	♥	K O 5				
♦	J	♦	Q 9 3				
♣	6 5 4	♣	Q 8 2				

North-South, after a mysterious auction, ended up in a slam that needed only for the diamond suit to produce five winners. That would be routine if the suit split 3-2, as expected, but there was a problem here.

The opening heart lead went to East's ace, and East shifted to the 10 of spades. South won with his ace and led a diamond to dummy's ace, noting the fall of the jack from West. Before committing himself to his next diamond play, South set out to learn as much about the distribution as possible. He cashed two hearts, followed by the queen of clubs and a club to dummy's ace. West, presumed to have six spades from the auction, had shown up with three hearts, a diamond, and two clubs. South decided that West's only unknown card was not likely to be the 10 of diamonds, so he led a diamond to his nine and brought home his slam. Well played!

**The bidding:**

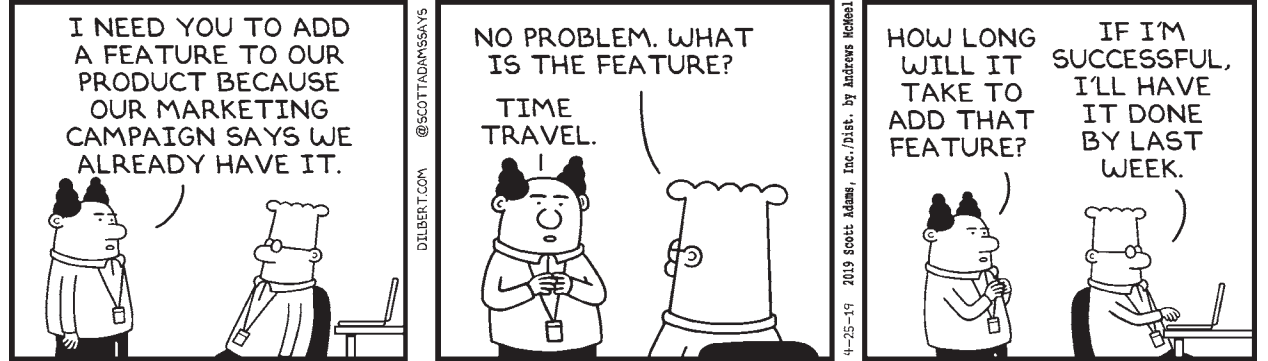
West	North	East	South
2♠	Db1	Pass	4NT
Pass	5♦	Pass	6NT

All pass  
Opening lead: Six of ♥

This was the last hand of the rubber. North-South, delighted with their result on this deal, left the club without answering any questions. What was the four no trump bid? Was it an attempt to show extra values? Why five diamonds from North with two aces? Did he think four no trump asked for his best minor? Just as well that North-South had left. They shouldn't have to answer tough questions after a wonderful result, right?

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### Dilbert



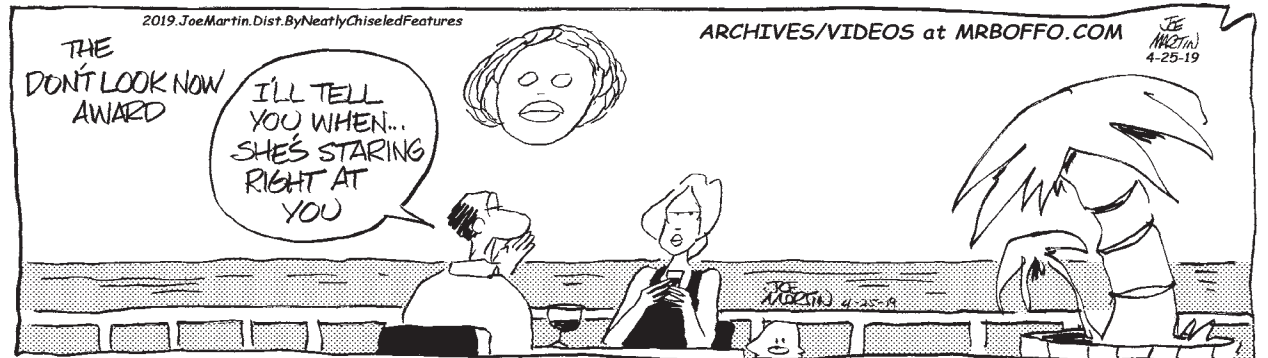
### Baby Blues



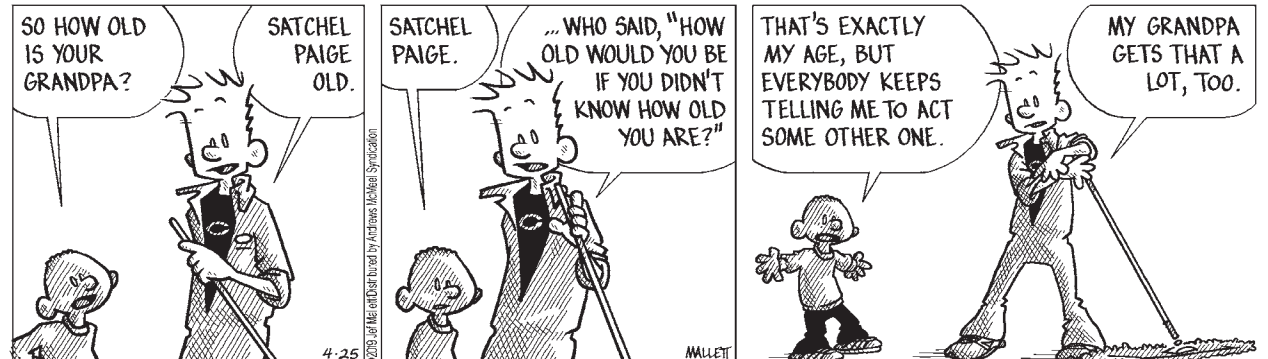
### Zits



### Mr. Boffo



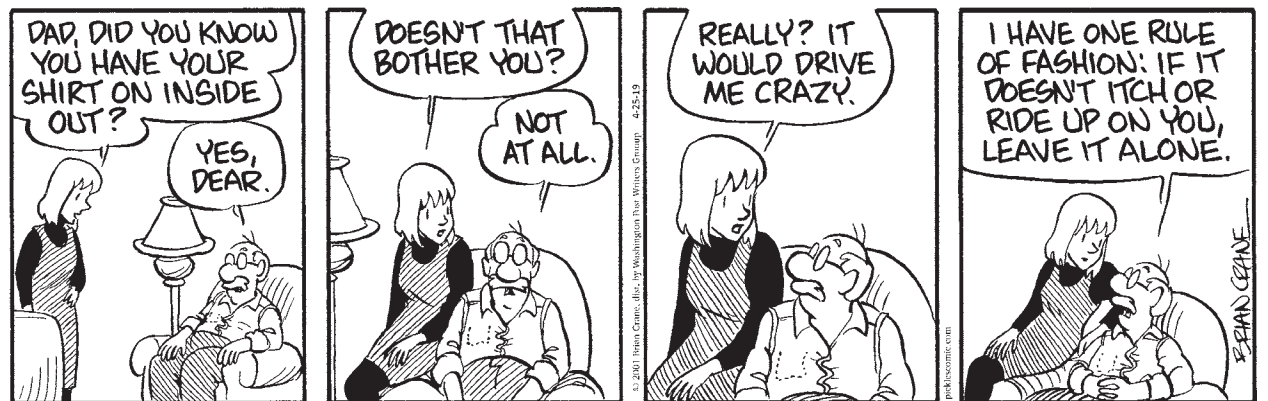
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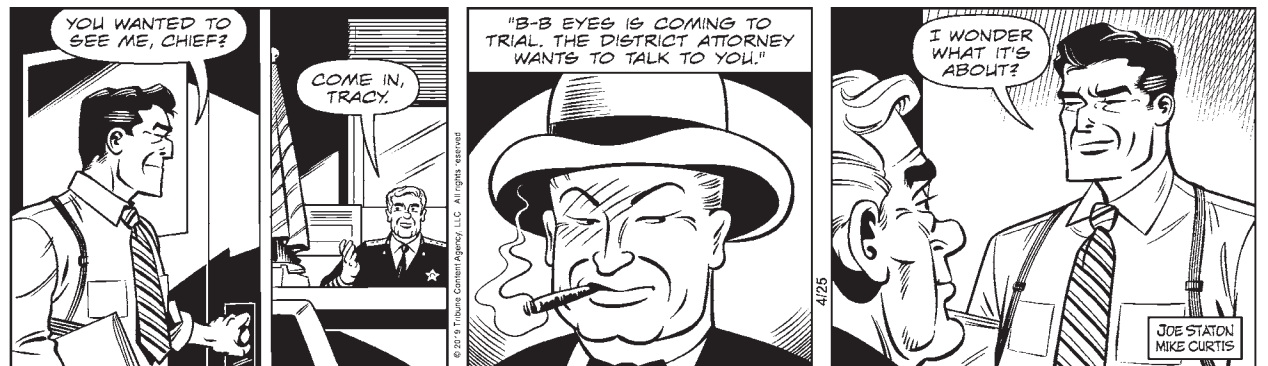
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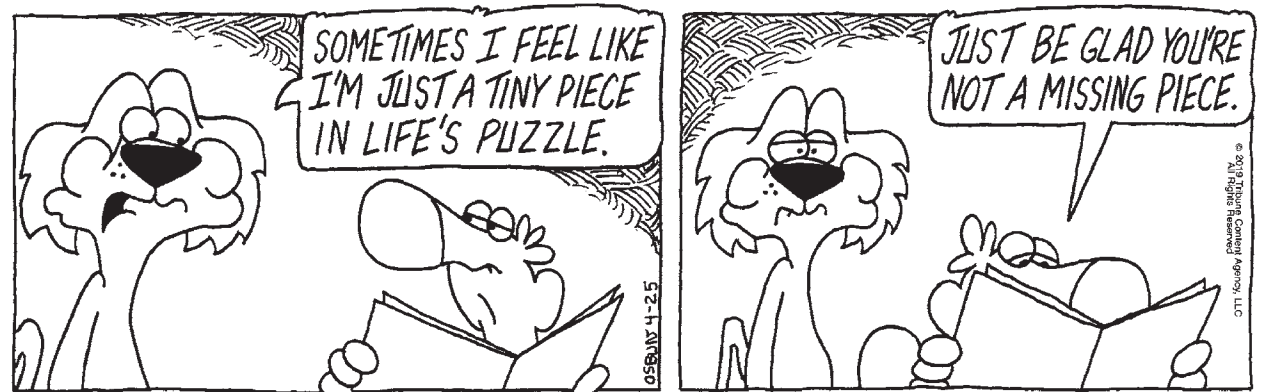
Pickles is on vacation until April 29. Please enjoy this strip from 2001.



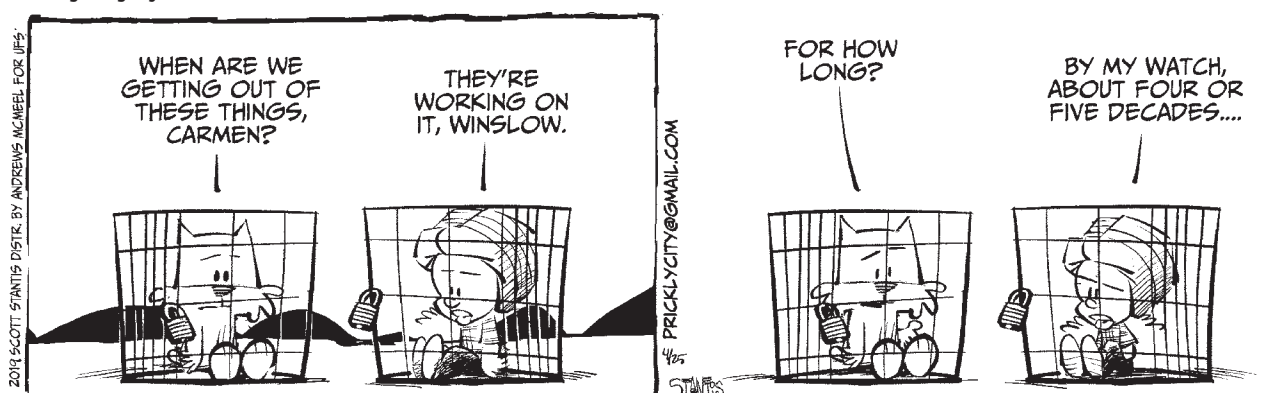
### Dick Tracy



### Animal Crackers



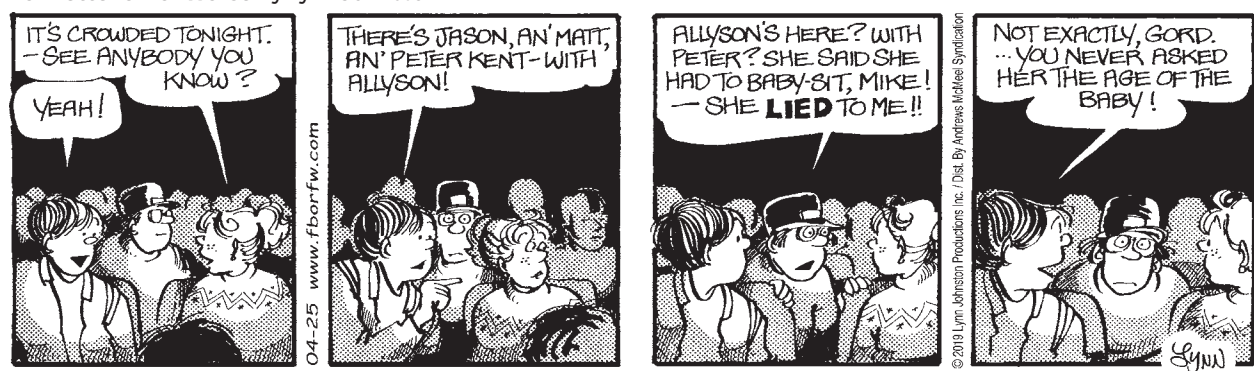
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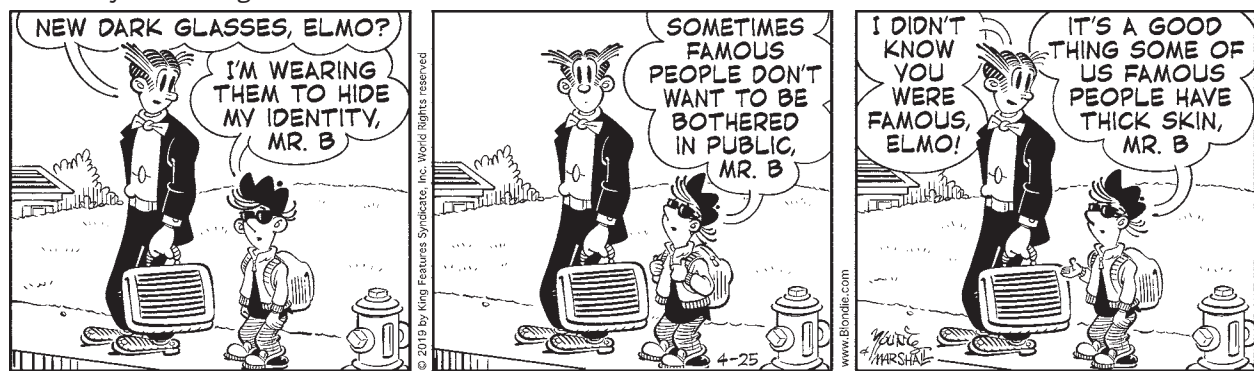
**Dustin** By Steve Kelley and Jeff Parker



**For Better or for Worse** By Lynn Johnston



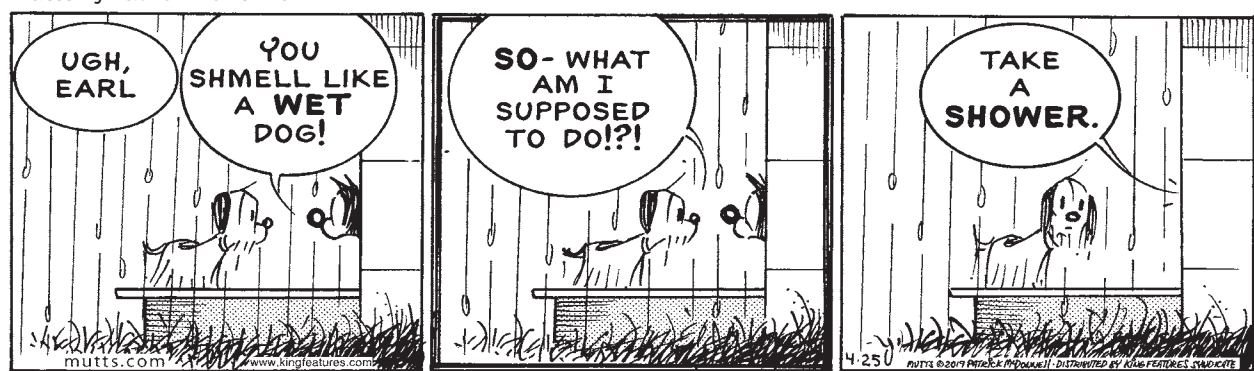
**Blondie** By Dean Young and John Marshall



**Hägar the Horrible** By Chris Browne



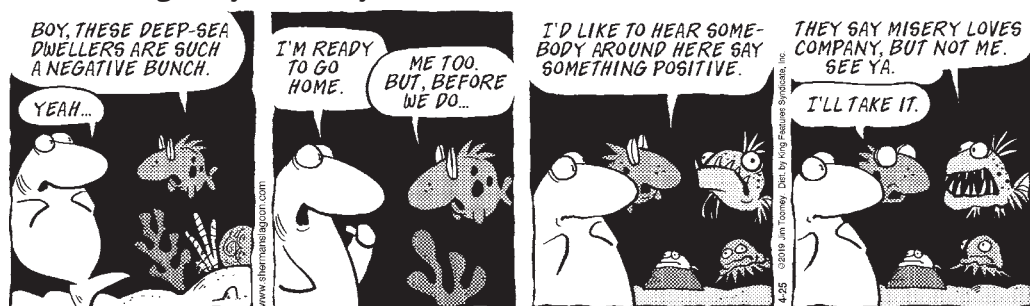
**Mutts** By Patrick McDonnell



**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**

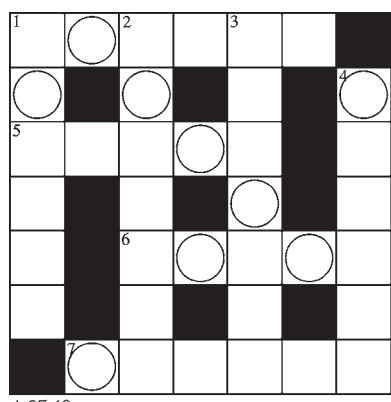
The finals of the Australian Open are held in an arena named for which tennis star?

- A) Evonne Goolagong Cawley
- B) Rod Laver
- C) John Newcombe
- D) Ken Rosewall

Wednesday's answer: Electricity takes its name from the classical Greek word for amber.

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**Jumble Crossword**



CLUE: This is home to more cows than people.

BONUS

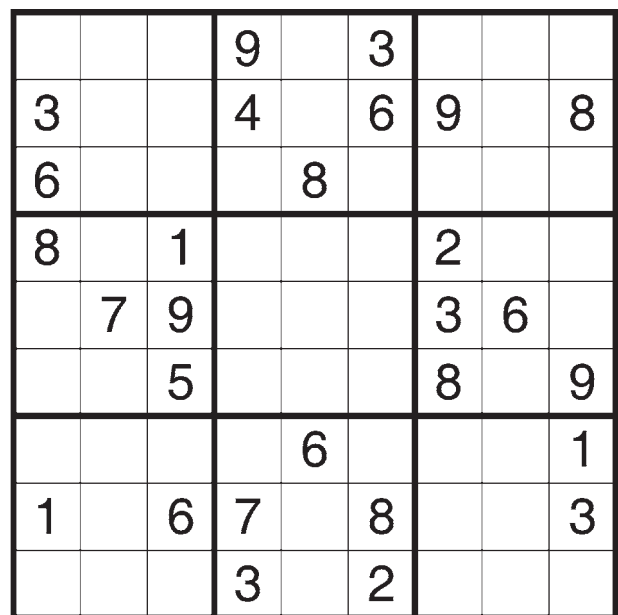
- ACROSS**
- 1. Lapse
  - 5. Canadian
  - 6. Single
  - 7. Sri Lanka, formerly
- DOWN**
- 1. Badge
  - 2. Window
  - 3. Urban
  - 4. Game

How to play - Complete the crossword puzzle by looking at the clues and unscrambling the answers. When the puzzle is complete, unscramble the circled letters to solve the BONUS.

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**Sudoku** 1 2 3 4

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5	2	9	1	8	3	7	6	4
8	6	3	4	7	5	1	9	2
1	4	7	2	6	9	8	5	3
6	9	1	5	3	7	4	2	8
7	8	2	6	9	4	5	3	1
3	5	4	8	1	2	6	7	9
4	7	6	9	2	8	3	1	5
9	3	8	7	5	1	2	4	6
2	1	5	3	4	6	9	8	7

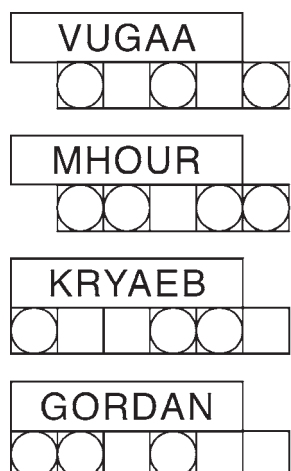
Complete the grid so each row, column and 3-by-3 box in bold borders contains every digit 1 to 9.

**Wednesday's solutions**

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**Jumble**

Unscramble the four Jumbles, one letter per square, to form four words. Then arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by this cartoon.



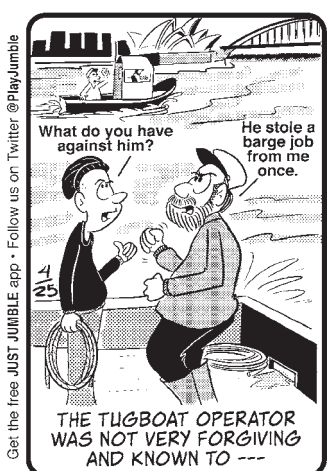
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**Wednesday's answers**

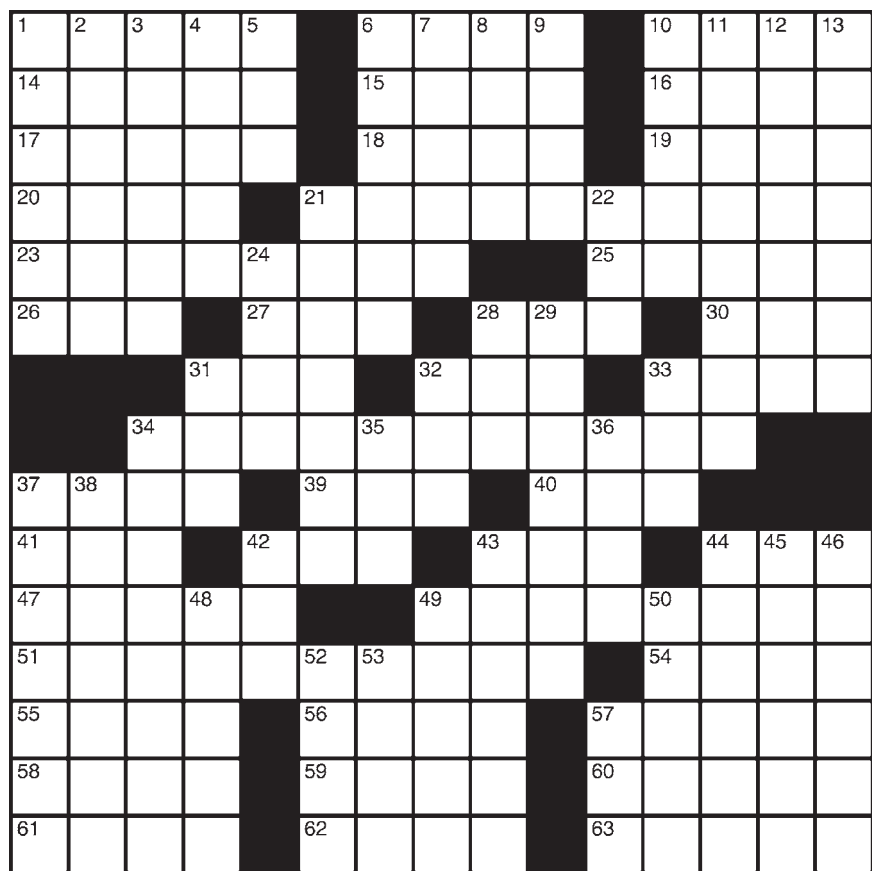
Jumbles: INEPT WITTY MELLOW LATELY  
Answer: Who is going to be the magazine's next "Person of the Year"? - TIME WILL TELL

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**Crossword**

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- Across**
- 1 Color in a darkroom
  - 6 "May I say something?"
  - 10 Flat for an artist
  - 14 Lake named for a tribe
  - 15 Folk hero Crockett
  - 16 Song for one
  - 17 Olympics infrastructure project
  - 18 One not found on a violin
  - 19 Communist icon
  - 20 Former U.N. leader Annan
  - 21 "Dude, nice triatomic molecule!"
  - 23 "Dude, nice metered text!"
  - 25 Free bakery treat?
  - 26 Letters after T?
  - 27 Get a lot of this
  - 28 Muddy home
  - 30 Scabbers, in the Potterverse
  - 31 Nonprofit URL ending
- Down**
- 6 Like some subscription-based sites
  - 7 Word from Arabic for "sacred, inviolable place"
  - 8 Party times, often 9 Bit of folklore
  - 10 2018 Pulitzer Prize for Music winner Kendrick
  - 11 "Messiah," e.g.
  - 12 Relief pitcher, in baseball lingo
  - 13 IRS table column
  - 21 Fake
  - 22 Method
  - 24 Opening on a sweater?
  - 28 \_-mo replay
  - 29 Parlor pictures
  - 31 Hermes, in the Potterverse
  - 32 Handy program
  - 33 NBA stats
  - 34 Place to pull over
  - 35 Rare NFL result
  - 36 Genesis casualty
  - 37 Office position
  - 38 Accomplish
  - 42 \_-out a living
  - 43 Playground retort
  - 44 Insect midsection
  - 45 Redness-removing brand
  - 46 Appeals (to)
  - 48 Director Eastwood
  - 49 They're beside the point
  - 50 Pod member
  - 52 Bring in
  - 53 Study, with "up"
  - 57 Indy 500 stat
- Wednesday's solution**
- CHESTS SAG LETS  
REWORK ANA EDIE  
ARABIA KGBAGENT  
BANE TRILLIONTH  
RHEA BEELS  
ABASE BEERG EARS  
REV DIAL ROTGUT  
UTE DATEBAR ANO  
BEDLAM GYMS VIP  
ALAI LAYS OMENS  
THEM EENY  
HEPTAGONAL HALO  
ADULTERY ALEGUP  
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# CHICAGO WEATHER CENTER

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THURSDAY, APRIL 25 NORMAL HIGH: 63° NORMAL LOW: 42° RECORD HIGH: 87° (1990) RECORD LOW: 27° (1887)

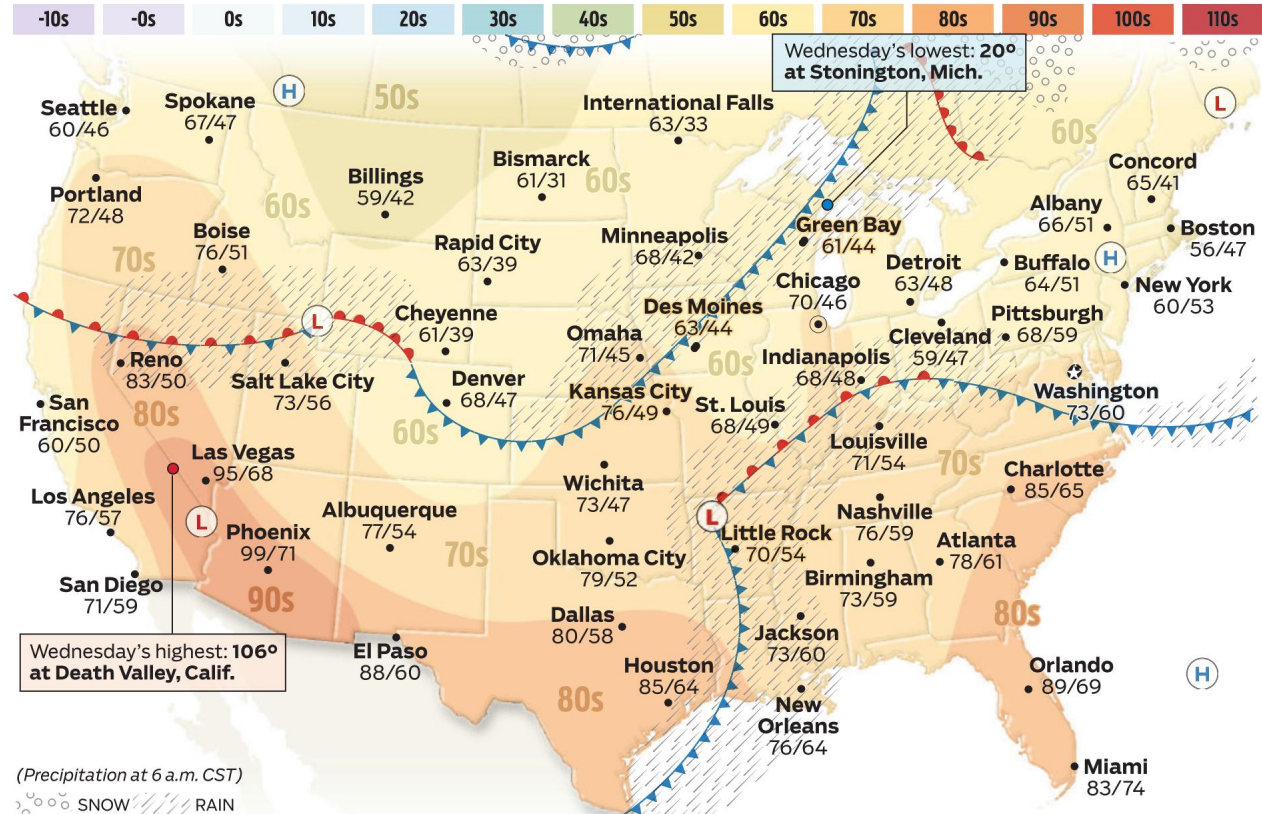
## Mild April weather to go on a weekend hiatus

### LOCAL FORECAST

**HIGH** 70 **LOW** 46

- Mild temps return for a day, but cold front arrives late.
- Partly sunny in the morning. Daybreak temps range mainly in the mid-upper 40s
- Light winds become SE-E at 5-10 mph.
- Temps peak around 70° midday, then lower into the 60s. Readings hold in the 50s along the lake.
- Clouds thicken, leading to scattered showers by mid-late afternoon.
- Brisk N winds of 15-25 mph develop during the evening.
- Partial clearing and colder overnight.

### NATIONAL FORECAST



Despite considerable cloudiness and spotty showers, the high temperature at O'Hare on Wednesday reached 64 degrees. This marked the fourth straight day to post a temperature surplus. April has averaged about 2.5 degrees above normal.

More mild air is slated for Thursday, with much of the metro area expected to top the 70-degree mark. The exception will be near Lake Michigan, where developing onshore winds are to hold readings in the 50s. Offshore water temperatures still hover around 39 degrees, so it is likely there will be a spread of some 20 degrees from the inland suburbs, to the lakefront Thursday afternoon. The closing weekend of April is to feature a downturn in temperatures arewide due to a combination of clouds, rain, and brisk north to northeast winds that are to lock in Saturday evening.

### FRIDAY, APRIL 26

**HIGH** 64 **LOW** 45

Brisk NW winds of 15-25 mph slowly diminish as low pressure pulls away from the region. Ample sunshine boosts temps to seasonable, mid-60 degree readings. Clouds arrive during the night.

### SATURDAY, APRIL 27

**HIGH** 54 **LOW** 38

Some filtered sun early, then clouds thicken to a solid overcast. Rain overspreads the area by midday. Thunder possible. Temps rise to the mid-upper 50s by evening. Clearing, colder after midnight.

### SUNDAY, APRIL 28

**HIGH** 57 **LOW** 42

Weather improves as high pressure builds across the Midwest. Partly, to mostly sunny skies help temps rebound to near 60 degrees far W-S, but readings hold around 50 lakeside. N winds turn NE 10 mph.

### MONDAY, APRIL 29

**HIGH** 55 **LOW** 44

Gray skies signal a turn toward damp, raw conditions. Rain spreads into the area during the morning, limiting daytime warming. Temps slowly climb to the mid 50s, lower near the lake. E winds 15-20 mph.

### TUESDAY, APRIL 30

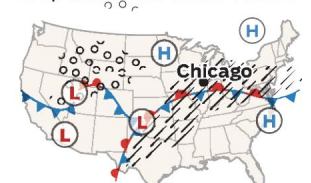
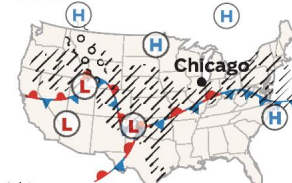
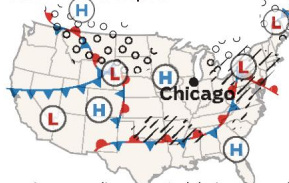
**HIGH** 58 **LOW** 49

April closes damp and chilly. Milder air overrides cool E-NE surface winds producing widespread rain and embedded t-storms. High temps range from low 60s S to mid-upper 40s N Shore.

### WEDNESDAY, MAY 1

**HIGH** 62 **LOW** 46

Lingering rain or drizzle ends, giving way to decreasing cloudiness. Emergent sunshine helps temps reach the low-mid 60s in land, but persistent N-NE winds of 10-15 mph keep lakeshore areas cooler.



NOTE: Predicted high/low temps on Tribune weather page are chronological—the "high" refers to maximum reading expected during day and "low" is the minimum reading expected the following night.

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I always wonder about the accuracy of Chicago's temperature records from the late 1800s whenever I hear of a temperature record from say, 1880, being broken. Was the equipment sound back then?

John Tolley

Dear John,  
Thermometers in the late 1800s provided more accurate readings than the measuring equipment in use today. However, thermometers back then were housed in wooden boxes about 5 feet high, and the boxes could warm as much as a few degrees above actual air temperatures in sunny, light-wind conditions. The National Weather Service currently does not use conventional mercury-in-glass thermometers. Its temperature measuring system has a platinum wire resistive device whose electrical resistance varies with temperature. It's accurate, but requires maintenance for correct readings.

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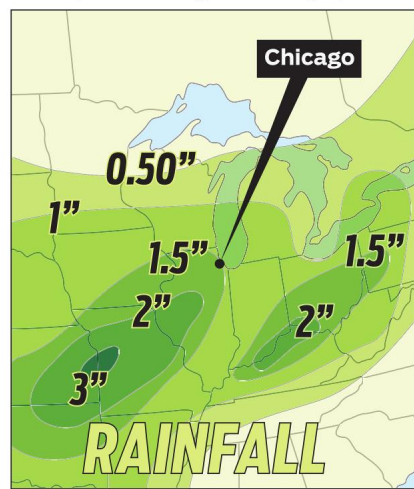
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## Closing days of April to feature multiple rain-makers

**RAINFALL OUTLOOK**  
Midwestern weather to turn wetter in coming days, bulk of our rainfall in expected early next week

THU. April 25 through WED. May 1 forecast



SOURCES: Frank Wachowski, National Weather Service archives

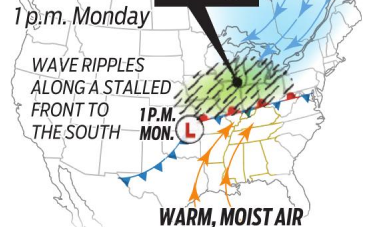
**SYSTEM #1**  
Low pressure tracks just south of the metro area making for a chilly, damp Saturday

FORECAST storm track



**SYSTEM #2**  
Warm moist air aloft overrides cool low-level air creating periods of rain and t-storms Monday

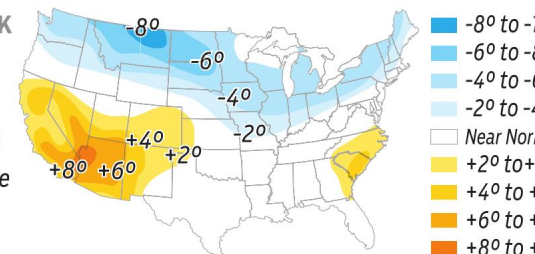
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### U.S. TEMP OUTLOOK

Cool air to settle across northern states through the upcoming weekend

Forecast temperature departures from normal (April 25-29)



### MIDWEST CITIES

THURS./FRI.	FC	HI	LO	FC	HI	LO
Illinois	rn	66	50	su	72	48
Carbondale	sh	71	47	pc	66	42
Champaign	sh	69	46	pc	66	44
Decatur	sh	71	46	pc	65	47
Moline	sh	71	46	pc	65	45
Peoria	sh	73	46	pc	68	50
Quincy	sh	70	45	pc	63	39
Rockford	sh	71	46	pc	66	45
Springfield	sh	71	46	pc	66	45
Sterling	sh	70	44	su	63	42

### OTHER U.S. CITIES

THURS./FRI.	FC	HI	LO	FC	HI	LO
Abilene	su	83	54	su	77	61
Albany	pc	66	51	rn	59	45
Albuquerque	su	77	54	pc	80	55
Amarillo	pc	75	47	pc	80	55
Anchorage	pc	49	31	pc	49	31
Asheville	sh	78	57	rn	51	44
Aspen	pc	63	40	pc	60	38
Atlanta	sh	78	61	pc	72	51
Atlantic City	sh	58	53	rn	63	50
Austin	su	86	61	su	82	60
Baltimore	sh	67	58	rn	71	51
Billings	pc	59	42	rn	53	41
Birmingham	sh	73	59	sh	73	49
Bismarck	pc	61	31	sh	59	36
Boise	pc	76	51	pc	66	42
Boston	pc	56	47	rn	51	49
Brownsville	pc	90	64	pc	90	64
Buffalo	sh	64	51	rn	54	37
Burlington	pc	59	45	rn	56	43
Charlotte	sh	85	65	ts	71	51
Charlottesville	pc	81	67	ts	75	57
Charlottesville WV	ts	76	59	rn	61	42
Chattanooga	rn	79	60	sh	72	47
Cheyenne	pc	61	39	pc	69	40
Cincinnati	rn	71	53	pc	67	42
Cleveland	sh	59	47	rn	52	42
Colo. Spgs	pc	65	43	cl	72	48
Columbia MO	sh	74	47	su	71	53
Columbia SC	sh	88	67	pc	87	65
Columbus	rn	70	54	rn	65	41
Concord	pc	65	41	rn	51	43
Duluth	pc	88	67	pc	87	65
Crps Christi	pc	80	58	su	79	57
Dallas	pc	85	67	pc	83	64
Daytona Bch.	cl	85	67	pc	83	64
Denver	pc	68	47	pc	62	44
Des Moines	sh	63	44	pc	65	48
Dubuque	sh	65	43	pc	62	43
El Paso	su	88	60	su	91	63

### WORLD CITIES

THURS./FRI.	FC	HI	LO	FC	HI	LO
Fairbanks	pc	45	22	su	45	22
Fargo	pc	64	37	pc	57	40
Flagstaff	pc	71	39	pc	74	39
Fort Myers	pc	86	70	su	84	66
Fort Smith	rn	76	51	su	78	55
Fresno	pc	96	65	pc	95	63
Grand Junc.	pc	76	53	sh	75	49
Great Falls	cl	56	41	sh	52	38
Harrisburg	sh	62	54	rn	69	46
Hartford	pc	67	49	pc	57	48
Helena	pc	61	42	pc	54	37
Honolulu	pc	85	71	pc	85	70
Houston	su	85	64	su	87	63
Houston Int'l Falls	pc	63	33	pc	52	28
Jackson	ts	76	60	ts	75	57
Jacksonville	cl	89	69	ts	84	63
Janeau	cl	47	35	sh	51	34
Kansas City	pc	76	49	su	72	57
Knoxville	su	95	68	su	95	69
Lexington	ts	72	56	sh	67	43
Lincoln	sh	72	43	pc	71	53
Little Rock	rn	70	54	su	75	53
Los Angeles	pc	76	57	pc	75	57
Louisville	rn	71	54	sh	70	46
Macon	cl	82	62	sh	77	52
Memphis	ts	71	56	su	73	53
Miami	pc	87	74	pc	87	74
Minneapolis	pc	68	42	pc	59	39
Mobile	ts	75	64	su	82	57
Montgomery	ts	78	62	pc	76	50
Nashville	rn	76	59	pc	74	48
New Orleans	pc	98	82	pc	81	61
New York	cl	60	53	sh	62	51
Norfolk	cl	81	64	ts	76	53
Oklahoma City	pc	79	52	pc	76	59
Omaha	sh	71	45	pc	69	54
Orlando	cl	89	69	ts	82	65

### WORLD CITIES

THURS./FRI.	FC	HI	LO	FC	HI	LO
Palm Beach	pc	84	71	pc	88	69
Palm Springs	pc	102	71	su	101	79
Philadelphia	sh	65	54	ts	72	50
Phoenix	su	99	71	su	100	71
Pittsburgh	rn	68	59	rn	62	42
Portland, ME	pc	51	40	pc	47	42
Portland, OR	cl	72	48	pc	65	44
Providence	pc	65	46	pc	54	50
Raleigh	cl	85	63	ts	75	50
Rapid City	pc	63	39	pc	60	36
Reno	pc	83	50	pc	81	49
Richmond	sh	80	61	ts	73	49
Rochester	pc	63	51	pc	63	38
Sacramento	pc	88	54	pc	88	57
Salem, Ore.	cl	72	46	pc	65	42
Salt Lake City	pc	73	56	ts	73	45
San Antonio	su	88	62	su	86	59
San Diego	pc	71	59	pc	70	59
San Francisco	pc	60	50	pc	65	50
San Juan	pc	86	74	pc	86	75
Santa Fe	pc	70	45	pc	71	46
Savannah	cl	88	67	sh	82	57
Seattle	sh	60	46	pc	63	46
Shreveport	pc	74	59	su	79	55
Sioux Falls	pc	69	39	pc	60	41
Spokane	cl	67	47	pc	64	41
St. Louis	sh	68	49	pc	63	46
Tucson	su	94	62	su	97	61
Syracuse	pc	66	51	pc	63	39
Tallahassee	cl	81	65	pc	83	55
Tampa	cl	85	72	ts	81	66
Topeka	pc	72	45	su	73	45
Tulsa	pc	62	42	pc	57	41
Tulsa	pc	81	52	su	78	58
Washington	sh	73	60	ts	73	52
Washington	pc	73	47	pc	73	57
Wilkes Barre	cl	61	48	rn	60	39
Yuma	su	100	68	su	100	68

### WORLD CITIES

THURSDAY	FC	HI	LO	THURSDAY	FC	HI	LO
Acapulco	pc	84	68	Kingston	pc	85	77
Algiers	pc						

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# MINIMALIST APPROACH

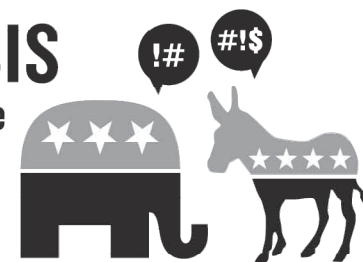
Modern, geometric brick home a perfect fit for historic St. Louis neighborhood **PAGE 4**

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# Get the most out of your home office environment

BY JENNA SCHUSTER  
HomeAdvisor

These days, millions of people have the luxury of working from home. It's convenient and comfortable — and the commute is unbeatable. But telecommuting comes with its own host of challenges. If you're dealing with distractions and a lack of space, it can be difficult to strike a balance between productivity and the creature comforts of home. Consider these tips as you design your home office to make sure you get the most out of your space.

**Choose your space wisely:** Your home office doesn't have to be in an opulent library, a hub of technology or even a room of its own. The most important thing is that its location stays consistent.

Set aside a dedicated area in your home and use it exclusively for work. This could be a small desk in the living room, a table in your bedroom or a zoned-off section of the kitchen counter. Find a spot that



DREAMSTIME

Be sure to consider color, light and external distractions as you design your home office.

works for you and completely give it over to its role as a workspace.

And be sure to avoid

working in high-traffic areas like your kitchen table or living room couch.

Otherwise, you'll find your-

self constantly moving your laptop, papers and other supplies to accommodate guests.

**Cut down on distractions:** Regardless of where you situate your office, it's important to cut down on surrounding distractions where possible. One strategy is to cover visible TVs with trendy barn doors. Once they're installed, you can slide the doors over the screens and remove the temptation to watch.

Another good strategy is soundproofing — especially in offices that take up entire rooms. Curtains, window inserts and acoustic panels are all quick, easy ways to cut down on outside noise so you can focus on the tasks at hand. If you need more extensive soundproofing, consider talking to a professional.

**Reconsider color:** When you last painted your home, you may have chosen colors that would help you unwind at the end of a long day. Whites, beiges, grays and greens are all beautiful choices for a home with relaxation in mind. But those original, calming colors might not be the best choice for a workspace.

Studies show that paint-

ing your office blue improves productivity and increases focus. And orange and yellow are great office accent colors, since they're known to invigorate the senses, inspire creativity and help with innovation. If you don't have the space (or desire) to paint an entire room, consider buying blue and orange picture frames or tchotchkes for your desk.

**Think about light:** Lighting can make a huge difference in your work-from-home space. For example, red-tinted lights are good for sleep and rest, but if you have them in a home office, they can hinder productivity. Instead, opt for blue-tinted bulbs to improve alertness throughout the day.

Or, go for natural light. Move your desk next to a window and open up the shades to increase your wakefulness — and consider a skylight where more light is needed. As far as arrangement, many experts recommend having one large overhead light and one smaller "task light" to help you focus.

## 10 tips for decorating with wood

BY CATHY HOBBS  
Tribune News Service

When it comes to creating character, some may argue there is no substitute for wood. Real wood is unique, no two pieces identical.

These days, many interior designers and homeowners are also looking to wood more than ever as a way to infuse one-of-a-kind or unexpected design elements into a space.

Love the look of wood

but need some ideas? Here are some top tips.

■ Look for an inspiration or conversation piece. A single showstopping wood piece can help make a bold statement in a room.

■ Buy local. This is an opportunity for you to purchase a signature piece and support your community.

■ Consider organic shapes or elements such as live edge. These are design elements in which instead of a saw cutting a straight

line, the natural edge of a piece of wood is shown or enhanced.

■ Protect your wood furniture by using a natural wax or orange oil. Never use chemical cleaners.

■ Attend your local artisan fairs and curated shows. These events provide a prime opportunity for you to look, feel and touch.

■ Don't be afraid to pair different woods together. While it is often best to pair similar tones of wood in a single space, one can mix

different species of wood in a room.

■ Purchase solid wood items as opposed to products that may be veneered. There is nothing quite like the durability and quality that comes with purchasing an item made of solid wood. Alternatively, many items are often made using what is known as a veneer, in which a thin piece of wood is typically glued over particle board.

■ Consider an all-wood dining table. This can serve



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A natural wood slab table adds warmth to a dining space.

as a signature decor element.

■ Look for opportunities to place small, signature wood pieces into a room such as a

stool, side table or bench.

■ Place wood elements into rooms that may feel cold or stark. Wood helps warm up a space.

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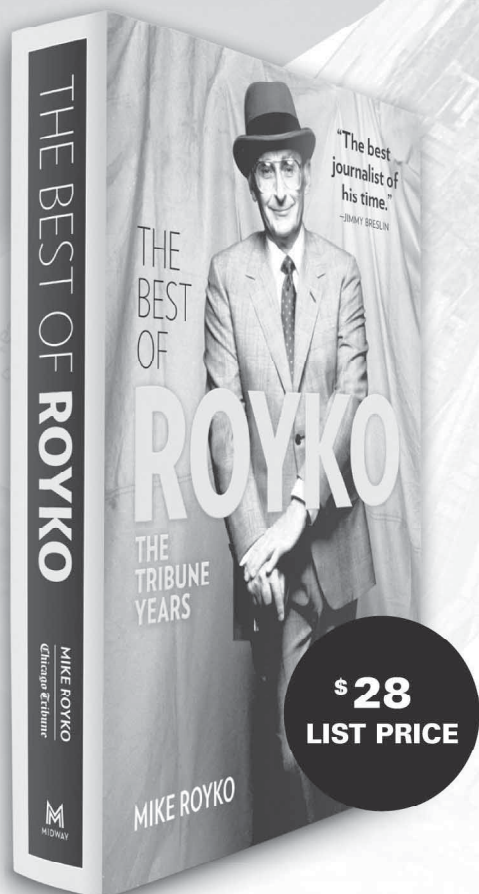
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Perry and Anne Trolard moved into their modern home in the Botanical Heights neighborhood in St. Louis about a year ago.

# Minimalist new build fits into old 'hood

BY AMY BERTRAND  
Tribune News Service

ST. LOUIS — Anne Trolard says she realizes she and her husband, Perry, made the opposite decision many parents do. Two years ago, they were living in a small midcentury house in Kirkwood, Mo., thinking about their son getting ready to start kindergarten. They thought about their drive to work, about their love of city life and made the decision to move from Kirkwood to the city.

“We knew it was the right decision for us,” Anne says. “When it all came down to it, we knew we just wanted to be back in the city.” Though they met at college in Michigan, they moved to St. Louis for work and lived downtown for a time.

So they began looking, especially in the historic Shaw neighborhood and the Botanical Heights neighborhood just north of Shaw. But they weren’t sure they were

ready for the upkeep on a 100-year-old home. Then they saw signs for UIC. Urban Improvement Construction is a develop/design/build firm founded in 2005 by architects based in Botanical Heights.

The Trolards loved UIC’s commitment to the neighborhood. So they began the three- to four-month process of working with the architects to design and plan the house of their dreams.

“It seems they are very intentional about wanting to match the neighborhood,” says Anne, who notes that the brick on her home matches the older homes around her. “We wanted the ease of a new house in the place we wanted to live. They really do walk you through the process of identifying what kind of style you like and what kind of things you do in the house.”

So, what is the Trolards’ style? Perry describes it as “kid-friendly minimalism,



The Trolards went with open shelves instead of upper cabinets in the kitchen.

construction-material modern, upscale IKEA?” Take your pick.

Whatever you call it, the result is a light-filled space full of windows, ceilings that seem taller than their 9 feet and simple designs that lend themselves to simple living.

In designing the house, the Trolards knew they wanted a square house versus a rectangular one like you find in many city homes. They knew they wanted a flat roof, preferring the simple geometric

shape of a box. They made a few adjustments to one of UIC’s plans, such as adding a rooftop deck and a mudroom in the back, perfect for when the kids come home from school on a snowy day.

The centerpiece of the house is the open stairwell in the middle. Rather than finish it, the Trolards chose to keep it unfinished with the exposed two-by-fours that frame it.

“We like the visibility across the first floor,” Anne says. “We can talk to the kids almost anywhere in the

house.”

Of course that means there is some noise too. “So someday we may regret that,” she said.

They moved in about a year ago. So far, they love everything about their kids’ school, their decision to move back to the city and the decision to build the house.

“I like that it feels unfussy,” Perry says. “If we look around our place, plywood, construction lumber and powder-coated steel seem like key materi-

als in our palette. Also, we mostly lack courage with colors.”

Except on the lime green front door and window trim. Anne laughs: “That wasn’t us.” UIC chose those colors. But as you enter the open space with a sitting area to the left, a matching lime chair and magazine rack immediately catch your eye.

Did the Trolards do that to match the front door? “No,” Perry says with a laugh. “I don’t think we even realized it until now.”



MORTON ARBORETUM

Homeowners often plant trees that were grown in large pots, such as these flowering crabapples being prepared for the Morton Arboretum's Arbor Day plant sale.

## Planting a container-grown tree to celebrate Arbor Day

BY BETH BOTTS  
Chicago Tribune

If you have a tree to plant, plan and prepare so you give it the best chance to thrive. Tree planting is a good way to mark Arbor Day, a national day to celebrate trees, on Friday.

"It's not a difficult task if you plan ahead," said Sharon Yiesla, plant knowledge specialist at the Morton Arboretum in Lisle. Start by choosing an appropriate kind of tree for your site, matching the species to the available conditions.

Most often, a homeowner will plant a tree that has been grown in a large pot. Here are some tips from the arboretum's Plant Clinic for planting container-grown trees. Advice about planting larger, balled-and-burlapped trees will come next week.

Know your strength. Soil is heavy and even a potted tree can be hard to handle. Buy a tree you can lift by yourself, or enlist someone to help you haul it and plant it.

Prepare tools and materials. Sharpen the shovel. Make sure the hose will reach or have a bucket handy. You'll also need a

couple of bags of mulch, a sharp knife to cut roots, a tarp and gloves.

Move the tree to the site. To avoid damaging the tree, lift it by the bottom of the pot without grasping the trunk or branches.

Locate the root flare. Find the place where the tree's trunk flares out into its roots. If the flare is buried, you may need to carefully remove a top layer of soil to expose it.

Measure the root ball. The most important measurement is from the root flare to the bottom of the root ball. "This is critical because many trees fail from being planted too deeply, which can smother the roots," Yiesla said. Measure the width too.

Dig a wide, shallow hole. It should be two to three times as wide as the root ball, with sloping sides like a saucer or soup bowl. Make the hole just deep enough so that the tree's root flare will sit at or slightly above the surrounding soil level. Dump the soil you remove onto the spread-out tarp. If the soil is sticky clay, break up clumps with the shovel.

Gently tap the container to free the root ball and

then carefully slide off the pot. Try to keep the root ball intact.

Trim the root ball. With a sharp knife, slice about an inch of soil and roots from around the outside. "That will encourage new roots to grow out into the soil," Yiesla said.

Lift the tree from the bottom and place it in the hole. Make sure the tree is standing straight.

Replace the soil. Use the soil you removed. Smooth out the soil to blend it from the root flare to the surrounding soil level.

Spread mulch. Make an even layer 3 to 4 inches deep in a circle around the tree. Do not pile mulch against the trunk, which can lead to problems.

Water the tree. Pour at least three 5-gallon buckets of water slowly onto the soil around the trunk. Plan to water the tree regularly for at least two years.

*For tree and plant advice, contact the Arboretum's Plant Clinic (630-719-2424 or plantclinic@mortonarb.org).*

*Beth Botts is a staff writer at the Morton Arboretum in Lisle (www.mortonarb.org).*

## Calculating the quantity of gardening materials to buy

BY TIM JOHNSON  
Chicago Tribune

**What is the best way to determine how much mulch and how many plants to buy for my garden? I always seem to end up being short or long with the materials that I purchase.**

— Jason Anderson, Wauconda

To determine the amount of soil, compost, mulch or plants needed for your garden, first calculate the square feet of the bed that you are working with. I generally top-dress perennial beds with about 1 inch of mulch and shrub beds with about 2 inches. Established garden beds generally need very little mulch, so an inch of mulch may suffice for shrubs too.

Use the following calculation to cover a bed that is 15 feet, 6 inches long and 5 feet wide with 2 inches of mulch. All units of measure need to be the same, so convert any measurements that are in inches to feet by dividing by 12 (inches in a foot). Multiply 15.5 feet in bed length by 5 feet in bed width, which equals 77.5 square feet of bed space. Divide 2 inches by 12 inches to convert the depth of mulch or other materials to feet instead of inches (.17 feet of mulch).

Next multiply the depth of the mulch, .17 feet, by 77.5 square feet of bed space, to determine that 13.2 cubic feet of mulch is needed. Mulch is sold in bags containing 2 or 3 cubic feet so purchase either seven 2-cubic foot bags of mulch or four to five 3-cubic foot bags.

Consider buying materials in bulk for larger areas to save money. Bulk mulch, compost and topsoil are sold by the cubic yard, which equals 27 cubic feet. Divide the cubic feet of mulch that you need by 27



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Sod is generally sold in a 10-square-foot roll that is 2 feet wide and 5 feet long.

to determine the number of cubic yards of mulch, soil or compost to order.

If you want to fill this 77.5-square-foot bed with ground covers or annuals, then use the following calculation. The number of plants will depend on the spacing used, which, in turn, will vary, depending on the type of plant used and how quickly you want the bed to fill in.

To fill the bed with pachysandra planted on 8-inch centers, first convert the spacing distance from inches to feet by dividing by 12 (inches per foot), which equals .67 foot centers (8 divided by 12). Calculate the square feet each plant will cover by multiplying .67 feet by .67 feet, which equals .45 square feet per plant.

Divide the square feet of the bed by the square feet each plant will fill to calculate the number of plants to purchase. Divide the 77.5 square feet of bed by .45 square feet per plant for a

total of 172 pachysandra plants. Pachysandra is commonly sold in flats of 24, so you would need seven flats of plants to fill the bed on 8-inch planting centers. Installing the pachysandra on 6-inch centers would require 310 plants or 13 flats of 24 pachysandra.

Sod is generally sold in a 10-square-foot roll that is 2 feet wide and 5 feet long, so you would need to purchase eight rolls for a total of 80 square feet of sod to fill the bed. It is a good idea to increase your sod order some over your square feet calculation, as there will be some unusable pieces after cutting the sod rolls to fit an area.

Beds that have a lot of curves or irregular sections will result in more unusable pieces of sod than in a bed that is square or rectangular.

*Tim Johnson is director of horticulture for the Chicago Botanic Garden in Glencoe.*

# Sticky house wrap a great innovation

BY TIM CARTER  
Tribune Content Agency

**Q: I'm building a new home and the builder wants to apply an exterior house wrap that reminds me of adhesive shelf paper. All the other house wraps I've seen come in large rolls and are nailed to the house. I'm afraid the adhesive house wrap might not stand the test of time. How do you feel about self-adhering house wrap, and what's involved in getting it installed correctly?**

**A:** Whether you're building a new home or having a room addition put onto your home, self-adhering house wraps are a great refinement over the first-generation house wraps that require nails. I would absolutely use a self-adhering house wrap on a new house I'd build for myself, a family member or a customer.

There are several manufacturers of the self-adhering house wraps. All the products are fabulous, and it's quite hard to differentiate them. As with many things in construction, the devil is in the details. You can have a great product and it can be installed incorrectly, thus voiding the warranty and causing nightmares down the road for the homeowner.

I witnessed a builder this past winter who did just that. He decided to use a traditional nail-on house wrap but used a hand tacker tool that pounds hundreds of small staples through the house wrap into the wood wall sheathing. The issue is the staples are an unapproved fastener and they actually create tiny holes around each staple that can leak both water and air.

The newer self-adhered house wraps won't allow liquid water to touch the wood framing, but they



TIM CARTER/TCA

This is a marvelous newer full-adhesion house wrap. If it's installed correctly, you'll discover your heating and cooling bills will be much lower.

allow water vapor in the wall assembly to pass through to the atmosphere. This is exactly what you want.

I'm attracted to the newer house wraps that have the adhesive because they do a superb job of bridging any gaps in the wall sheathing and virtually eliminate air infiltration into a house. Air infiltration is a major cause of higher fuel bills for both heating and air conditioning.

It's very important for you, the homeowner, to read the simple installation instructions for the self-adhering house wrap you decide to use. The instructions are not at all complex. Some products can be installed hori-

zontally or vertically. I'd recommend a horizontal installation starting at the bottom of the structure. Be sure you overlap the next higher piece no less than 2 inches or whatever the instructions say to do.

Most products have great instructions how to deal with pipe and duct penetrations on the outside walls. You also need to follow the instructions about how to apply the overlapping pieces of the house wrap around all windows and doors.

Some of the products require the use of a j-roller that works just like a giant steamroller that compresses asphalt paving on roads and driveways. The j-roller en-

sures the house wrap adhesive is in great contact with the wood wall sheathing.

Pay very close attention in the written instructions or videos about how to flash underneath all windows and doors. You need to inspect these openings to ensure it's been done correctly. If you can't be there, then insist the builder take photos with his smart phone of every window and door and send them to you so you can verify the job was done correctly.

**Q: Last night I came face to face with a squirrel up in my attic. I was astonished at his presence and wondered how**

**he gained entrance. I looked at my roof and saw my ridge vent was higher in one spot. I had the ridge vent put in when I re-roofed the house thinking it would be a benefit to the traditional triangle gable-end vents that have worked well for 50 years. What's the best way to stop the squirrel from becoming a permanent resident in my attic? I'm open to any and all suggestions.**

**A:** Animals of all sorts try to get into house attics. A few years ago I had at my own home an infestation of flying squirrels in my attic. At night the little devils would roll acorns across my bedroom ceiling like they were bowling. It was infuriating. I solved my problem when I re-roofed my home by sealing off the entrances with heavy metal.

My advice is to get rid of the ridge vent. I'd get a 10-inch-wide piece of heavy aluminum coil stock that siding contractors use. This would cover over the cut-out made for the ridge vent. Nail it securely over the shingles at the peak of the roof every 6 inches.

I'd then cover over the aluminum with standard asphalt cap shingles to match the current roofing. Since cap shingles are 12 inches wide, they'll fully cover the aluminum so you'll never see it. The squirrels will have to chew through the shingles only to encounter the thick aluminum. I'm quite sure they'll give up and go to your neighbor's home where it's easier to get into the attic.

I happen to love turbine vents. I'd consider adding two or three on the back of your home up near the peak of the roof. Be sure you can't see the spinning whirlybirds from the front yard or the street. Squirrels don't like the spinning motion of these great wind-powered ventilators, and you should have no issues at all in the future.

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### Builders' excellent customer service key to great overall homebuying experience

Buying a new home can be a thrilling experience, especially with today's open concept floor plans that have captivated buyers.

While home shoppers may be intent on choosing the most suitable home design and options for their needs, once the process is underway, customer service becomes an important part of a satisfying experience.

The Shodeen family connection with many of the Fox River Valley communities in which the company builds drives a strong dedication to outstanding customer service.

"I am very proud of our customer service program at Shodeen Homes," says Jeremy Lund, sales director. "It results in part from family loyalty to the communities we serve, and in part to the professionalism that is part of our company philosophy."

Lund explains that three staff members handle the final walk-throughs with buyers before closing, and each homeowner is

assigned to one person who becomes their point person.

Each owner receives a packet that includes relevant information, including an emergency phone number and a sheet with easy-to-access important information. After 30 days, the point person and the construction manager meet with the homeowner and there is another inspection at 11 months after closing.

"Shodeen Homes offers a one-year limited whole home warranty, a five-year warranty on basement water penetration and a 10-year warranty on structural integrity," says Lund. "Homeowners can call customer service at any time, and staff meetings are held every two weeks to ensure that service calls are returned within 24 hours. Our homeowners tell us that this system works effectively to meet their needs."



Customer service experts help buyers picture what the finished home interior will look like.



Area builders offer advice to help buyers select cabinets, lighting and other essentials.

Toll Brothers provides a 30-day check after closing to handle any outstanding issues, and another check at 11 months. The company provides a 10-year New Home Limited Warranty.

"At Toll Brothers, we are committed to providing open communications, ongoing information and a sincere interest in every homebuyer," says Alison Keifer, senior sales manager. "Technology has been helpful in providing communication with buyers and personal contact is the key to a positive relationship.

"Throughout the process, we provide weekly updates, including photos, which document the progress on construction. In addition, we make sure that questions are answered and any concerns addressed. As a luxury homebuilder, our buyers make many custom changes, so it is extremely important to keep in close contact. After closing, we survey our homebuyers to make sure that we have fulfilled their expectations. We know that referrals by satisfied clients are an important source of future buyers," she says.

West Point Builders, a family-owned and operated homebuilding company with a 60-year history, is known for its high standards of customer service.

Once the buyer has signed the contract for the project, the process begins to finalize both the interior and exterior selections for the new home.

West Point Builders Construction staff

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will work with buyers and review the details of their dream home. It is the first of four meetings the buyer will have throughout the building process. Discussion topics will include the construction timeline.

"With our roots in custom homebuilding, West Point Builders has always believed in giving buyers maximum flexibility in planning homes that are as distinctive and comfortable as they desire," says Pat Curran, president of West Point Builders. "First-time buyers should realize that not all builders offer the same degree of customization. Those buyers who want the flexibility to add distinctive elements to their homes should choose a builder whose offerings match their needs."

Buyers will be asked to attend scheduled construction meetings throughout the building process with a final walkthrough before closing on the new home.

For more information, visit [tollbrothers.com](http://tollbrothers.com), [shodeenhomes.com](http://shodeenhomes.com) and [westpointbuilders.com](http://westpointbuilders.com).

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## NEW HOMES MARKETPLACE



The newest floor plan at popular West Point Builders' Ashcroft Place in Oswego is the Waterford, a semi-custom home with four bedrooms and a loft, 2½ baths, open concept living area and more.

## West Point introduces new semi-custom home design

Spring, the season of renewal, is an ideal time to introduce a new home design, increasing buyer choices at West Point Builders' semi-custom single-family homes at Ashcroft Place.

The Waterford, a two-story design with 2,495 square feet of space, is a classic family-friendly home with four bedrooms and a loft, 2½ baths, and two-car or available three-car garage, priced from \$339,990.

"Abundant space for an active family life is the hallmark of the Waterford," says Pat Curran, president of West Point Builders. "With its open concept informal living area, second-floor loft/family room and first-floor flex space as well as a partial basement, the Waterford provides both privacy and a large gathering area where family and friends can relax. In addition, because West Point Builders has its roots in custom building, buyers may make custom changes to a degree that is unusual in this price range."

Three exterior choices are available for the Waterford, all of which feature a covered porch that provides an inviting sense of arrival to the Waterford. The foyer features a staircase to the second floor and opens to a flex room that can be used as a home office, dining room or sitting room. Also located off the foyer is a powder room and coat closet. To the rear of the home is the light and spacious open concept living area including the kitchen with walk-in pantry, breakfast room with sliding glass doors to the yard and family room with available fireplace.

The second floor includes a large master suite with private master bath and spacious walk-in closet. Three other bedrooms are served by a convenient compartmented hall bath and a generous loft area provides space for a playroom, office, theater room or other needs. The loft separates the master bedroom from the other bedrooms for greater privacy. A second-floor laundry is a step-saver.

With the addition of the Waterford and the Westover, another newly released plan, buyers can choose from six quality-build, semi-custom homes, including two ranch plans. Prices start at \$319,990. The homes range in size from 2,003 to 3,006 square feet, with three bedrooms and two full baths in the ranch plans and four bedrooms and 2½ baths in the two-story homes.

West Point Builders is also offering The Townes at Ashcroft Walk, with five floor plans including a ranch and ranging in size from 1,395 to 1,935 square feet with two bedrooms, two bedrooms and a loft or three bedrooms, 1½ to 2½ baths, full basements, generous yards and two-car attached garages. Base prices range from \$219,990.

Ashcroft Place and The Townes at Ashcroft Walk are located at Plainfield and Wooley Roads in Oswego, and the sales center is located at 137 Dorset Drive. Sales center hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Saturday and 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday. For more information, call 331-999-3330 or visit [westpointbuilders.com](http://westpointbuilders.com).

## NEW HOMES MARKETPLACE



Floor plans with first-floor bedrooms attract buyers at Norton Lake in Campton Hills built by Shodeen Homes.

# Open concept, multigenerational home designs attracting buyers

According to the U.S. Census, one in five Americans lives in a multigenerational household, a trend that has seen a surge in recent years with an increase of nearly 22 million multigenerational households from 2000 to 2016.

Multigenerational households typically consist of children, parents and grandparents all living under the same roof. Responding to the needs of this growing homebuyer segment, Shodeen Homes offers a variety of open concept floor plans with first-floor bedrooms, flex space, finished basements and more at Norton Lake in Campton Hills.

"We've seen a consistent increase in buyers looking for home designs that address the privacy and flexibility needed for harmonious multigenerational living," says Anna Harmon, director of Marketing and Public Relations for Shodeen Homes. "For some buyers, it may address an elderly parent's health or fiscal needs, while for others, it may ease the burden of childcare. Whatever the reason to come together, all parties agree that home plans that carve out privacy and convenience for each generation is key."

An impressive collection of ranch and two-story homes, priced from the low-\$400s, are offered and range from 2,373 to over 3,339 square feet in size with three to five bedrooms, 2½ to 3½ baths, basements and two- or three-car garages.

"The Chickory and Donovan plans are very popular with multigenerational buyers who want the perfect combination of flexibility and privacy," says Harmon. "Both homes offer first-floor bedrooms with ¾ or full baths with the Donovan also including a first-floor owner's suite. In addition, lofts, playrooms and studies as well as optional

finished basements allow buyers to personalize space to best suit their family's needs."

### Highlights of these two home plans are:

- The 2,863-square-foot Chickory includes four bedrooms, 3½ baths, formal dining room, study, island kitchen open to the family room, den or fifth bedroom, master bedroom suite with two walk-in closets and private luxury bath, Jack-and-Jill suite, Princess suite and convenient second-floor laundry.

- The 2,945-square-foot Donovan features four bedrooms, 3½ baths, first-floor master suite with sitting area, large walk-in closet and private luxury bath, living room, den or fifth bedroom, island kitchen open to the two-story great room, Jack-and-Jill suit and loft.

One of the added benefits of building a home with Shodeen Homes is the one-, five- and 10-year warranty. The first year is a comprehensive home warranty. Homeowners are contacted at 30 days and 11 months after move-in to ensure any warranty issues are addressed. The homes are also insured for five years for water penetration in the foundation and for 10 years on major structural elements.

The model and sales center are located at 04N435 Norton Glen Blvd. in Campton Hills. Sales center hours are 1 to 5 p.m. Monday, by appointment Tuesday and Wednesday and 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Thursday through Sunday. To visit, take I-88 or I-90 to Randall Road, proceed to Hwy. 64 (North Avenue), west to Fox Mill Boulevard, south to Carl Sandburg Road, east to Norton Lake. For more information, call 630-232-8181 or visit shodeenhomes.com.

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## Can I get a mortgage without a credit history?

When you apply to a lender for a home mortgage, one of the most important things they consider is your credit score. But what if you don't have a credit history? Can you still get a mortgage?

Your credit report rates your worthiness to receive new credit by scoring the length of your history with credit cards and loans, along with your pattern of on-time vs. delinquent repayment. But for consumers who have shunned credit cards and who have never taken out a car or home loan, there is little or no information to inform their credit score.

If you're in this situation and want to buy a home, your path will be a little trickier, or at least more cumbersome. But it's not impossible to find a mortgage and a lender that will qualify you using nontraditional credit evaluation.

There are two main paths forward for homebuyers without a credit score: apply for an FHA mortgage or find a lender that does "manual

underwriting".

FHA mortgages explicitly allow for applicants who have a thin or non-existent credit file. In lieu of a credit history, FHA underwriting can evaluate your history of paying rent, utility bills, and insurance premiums. It also offers the ability to buy a home with a lower down payment of 5 percent or even less.

But FHA loans come with certain fees in exchange for their easier qualification terms and government backing. So if you have more than a 5 percent down payment available, you may instead want to look for a lender that offers manual underwriting.

These lenders aren't common, but check smaller banks, online lenders, and local credit unions for this option. And be prepared to provide documentation of 12 months' payment history for your rent and your utility, phone, and insurance bills.

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