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Joe Swanberg hopes the third season's nine-episode run on Netflix won't be the end.



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House panel votes Barr in contempt

Senate committee subpoenas Trump Jr. for 2nd appearance

BY MARY CLARE JALONICK, LISA MASCARO AND JONATHAN LEMIRE
 Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The House Judiciary Committee voted Wednesday to hold Attorney General William Barr in contempt of Congress, escalating the Democrats' extraordinary legal battle with the Trump administration over access to special counsel Robert Mueller's Trump-Russia report.

Meanwhile, the Senate intelligence committee subpoenaed Donald Trump Jr. on Wednesday, calling him in to answer questions about his 2017 testimony to the panel as part of its probe into Russian election interference.

That's according to two people familiar with the subpoena who discussed it on condition of anonymity. It's the first known subpoena of a member of President Donald Trump's immediate family, and a new sign that the Senate panel is continuing with its own Russia investigation even after the release of Mueller's report.

It's unclear if Trump Jr. will comply with the subpoena. A person close to the president's

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Gas taxes and driver's license fees could spike

Prices set to go up dramatically under state Senate proposal

BY DAN PETRELLA
 Chicago Tribune

The cost of owning and operating a vehicle in Illinois would increase dramatically under a proposal in the state Senate aimed at paying for repairs to crumbling roads and bridges.

The legislation, introduced this week by Democratic Sen. Martin Sandoval of Chicago, would more than double the state's gas tax to 44 cents a gallon, double the driver's license fee to \$60 and raise the vehicle registration fee to \$148. The driver's license fee is now \$30; the vehicle registration fee is \$98.

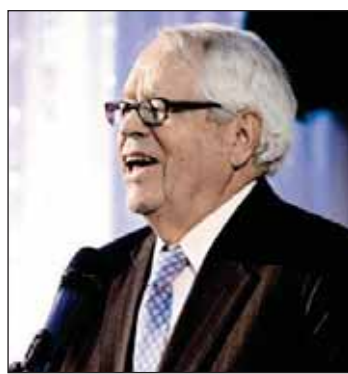
It also would significantly hike the registration fee for electric vehicles, from \$175 to \$1,000. Greater fuel efficiency and an increasing number of electric vehicles on the road has cut into the revenue available to the state to fix transportation infrastructure.

In addition, in an effort to provide a stable source of transportation funding, the gas tax and registration fees could continue to creep up every year under a formula tied to the rate of inflation.

Sandoval said his plan would raise an estimated \$2.4 billion in

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How did a CPS high school get in line for a \$13M gym?



SHAUNA BITTLE/FOR THE TRIBUNE

Martin Koldyke asked for a new gym at Phillips Academy on the South Side. It was later included in CPS' infrastructure budget.

In email obtained by the Tribune, all an Emanuel donor had to do was ask

BY BILL RUTHHART
 Chicago Tribune

Two days after Orr Academy won its second straight state basketball title, the wealthy philanthropist and driving force behind efforts to turn around academic performance at the West Side high school emailed a plan to Mayor Rahm Emanuel.

Former venture capitalist Martin "Mike" Koldyke asked to dump Orr from his nonprofit's portfolio, saying it "has no

prospect for improvement." He requested that Chicago Public Schools spend \$12 million to build a new gym at Phillips Academy on the South Side. In turn, they could persuade Orr's star hoops coach, Lou Adams, to switch schools and help transform Phillips, already a football powerhouse, into the city's mecca for high school sports.

"I urge you to move forward on planning for a new gym at Phillips Academy," Koldyke wrote in a March 2018 email the

Tribune obtained through an open records request. "With this accomplished, Phillips would unquestionably be among the top 3 or 4 high schools that would compete at the elite levels in both football and basketball and feel ripples through all of its other sports programs."

Three months later, the core of Koldyke's request had been granted.

Emanuel put a new \$13.2 million gym for Phillips into the CPS infrastructure budget released last July. That came two weeks after Koldyke contributed

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Fire may make a return to Chicago

Will the Fire be coming back to Chicago? Under a tentative deal, the Major League Soccer team would pay the village of Bridgeview about \$65 million to break their lease at SeatGeek Stadium, above, according to village spokesman Ray Hanania. The Fire reportedly have been seeking a return to Soldier Field, but Hanania said the Fire haven't indicated where they will play in 2020. **Chicago Sports**



JOHN LOCHER/AP

Illinois college athletic directors want college sports excluded from a gambling bill going through the General Assembly.

Odds of being able to bet on local sports slim

Proposal would ban wagers on college games played in-state

BY JOHN KEILMAN
 Chicago Tribune

For any proud alum of an Illinois university awaiting the day when you can place a legal sports wager on your alma mater, consider this scenario:

You've got a hunch the Fighting Illini are finally going to beat mighty Ohio State on the gridiron, or at least lose by fewer points than Las Vegas has predicted. You walk into one of the state's casinos, cash in hand, only

to be turned away at the betting window.

The reason? The Illini are playing at home. Had the game been scheduled for Columbus, your bet would have been accepted.

That's the peculiar compromise a lawmaker is considering to soothe athletic directors worried that legalized college sports betting in Illinois could lead to point shaving, leaks of sensitive information and other corruption.

In a letter sent last month to Gov. J.B. Pritzker and state legislators, the officials said lawmakers

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Women and children walk on West Wabansia Avenue near the scene where a newborn baby was found in an alley.



JOHN KASS

"Death wanted him, but this day God said 'no.'"

The river of violence that flows through Chicago takes not only the dead and the hearts of their loved ones, but it also takes something from those who witness the death day after day: the paramedics and the patrol officers, the detectives, the ER nurses and the doctors.

Death grabs at their souls too and tries to break them.

But not the other day in at Norwegian American Hospital, in the ER, with a baby found abandoned in an alley on top of a garbage can, clinging to life, and a crowd around the baby, begging that little boy to keep fighting and live.

"I was in the middle of it and I didn't have a camera, so I'll describe it for you," Dr. Nida Blankas-Hernaez told me in an interview Wednesday.

It was Blankas-Hernaez who led the resuscitation unit that helped push life back into that boy.

She had multiple teams of professionals around from Norwegian American: the neonatal group, respiratory therapy, anesthesiology, emergency room docs, labor and delivery nurses, pharmacy. Everyone who had to be there was there. But there was an outer ring around the child too.

Chicago Fire Department paramedics and firefighters, from Engine 76 and Truck 35 and Ambulance 3, and Chicago police detectives and officers. They formed a second ring around the infant. Tough men and women. Yelling "Fight, kid! Fight!" and offering advice and biting their lips and bargaining with God.

"The baby was such a fighter. And these are tough people, too, they are fighters," Blankas-Hernaez said. "And I told them, as soon as the baby moved, open-eyed, turning pink, I asked them, 'Come and see, you did a good job guys.' And they have tears you know. Tears."

They cried?
Men and women who've seen too much. And everything they've seen brutalizes them. The indifference, the brutality, the rage. They just don't talk

about it.

"Yes, it bothers them," Blankas-Hernaez said. "And as they cried — and we all did — and prayed and I told them, continue saving people. It's all so emotional you know. I won't forget their faces around the baby, the way these tough guys and women were sobbing, the tears coming, the baby moving. It was a feeling like we really did something, together. We really did. And he's a very lucky little boy."

The newborn was found Tuesday afternoon, abandoned on a dumpster in the Hermosa neighborhood on the Northwest Side of Chicago. A mother and her daughter brought the infant to the nearby firehouse in the 1700 block of North Pulaski.

"It's a good thing they made the right decision and brought the baby to the firehouse," said paramedic fire chief Patrick Fitzmaurice. "It was rush hour. They wouldn't have made it to the hospital in time."

When the baby arrived, firefighters scrambled, administering CPR, trying to warm the infant and coordinating with police to make sure an ambulance could get through traffic.

And at the hospital, Fitzmaurice bargained with God and prayed like so many others before him.

"The woman who found the baby didn't know what to do," said Fitzmaurice. "They were scared. But they cared more about that baby than whether they were getting involved. The umbilical cord was white. There was no blood in it and that's bad. The first fireman didn't find a pulse. The boy was as cold as a stone. So, we started working the baby and let the hospital know we're coming in with infant cardiac arrest. When we got there, well, that's when you ask for help. And that kid was like Jake LaMotta. He just kept fighting."

Fitzmaurice is pugnacious, and a fighter, too, a real one, a boxing aficionado, who can throw a mean left to the body and follow it with a left hook to the head. He's a Cubs fan, which I will forgive. I've known him for years

and he and his wife Marilyn, a noted painter of homegrown tomatoes, have two kids, Brian and Katie.

Years ago, a baby left in the trash would have driven him into a dark rage. I know because I've seen it.

But when he talked to reporters about this the other day at a news conference, I heard the Chicago Fire Department's message of compassion from tough Pat Fitzmaurice.

A message about not judging the young mother, a message asking other young women in a similar situation to bring their infant to a firehouse, instead. And no questions would be asked, and no judgments made.

"You know me, I've got Irish Alzheimer's, I forget everything but a grudge," Fitzmaurice said. "But I've been going back to church. And I was thinking about the young woman, the mom, desperate. We don't know what went on with her. I'm this way now: Let God judge."

The baby was later transferred to Lurie Children's Hospital. Police were investigating information from the family of Marlen Ochoa-Uriostegui, 19, who recently disappeared from her Little Village high school. DNA tests were planned.

When Fitzmaurice was a kid on the job years ago, he answered a call of a woman whose children had died. She'd scalded them both with cauldrons of boiling water.

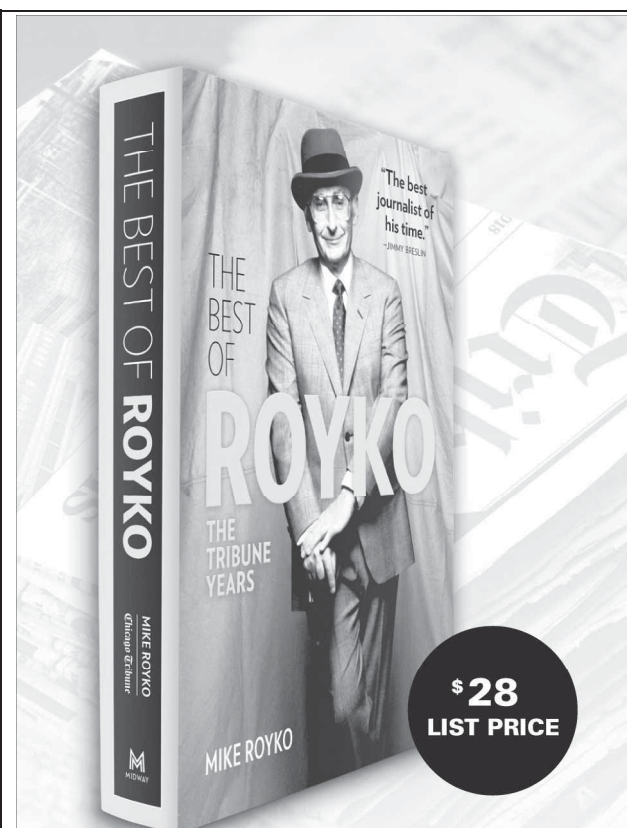
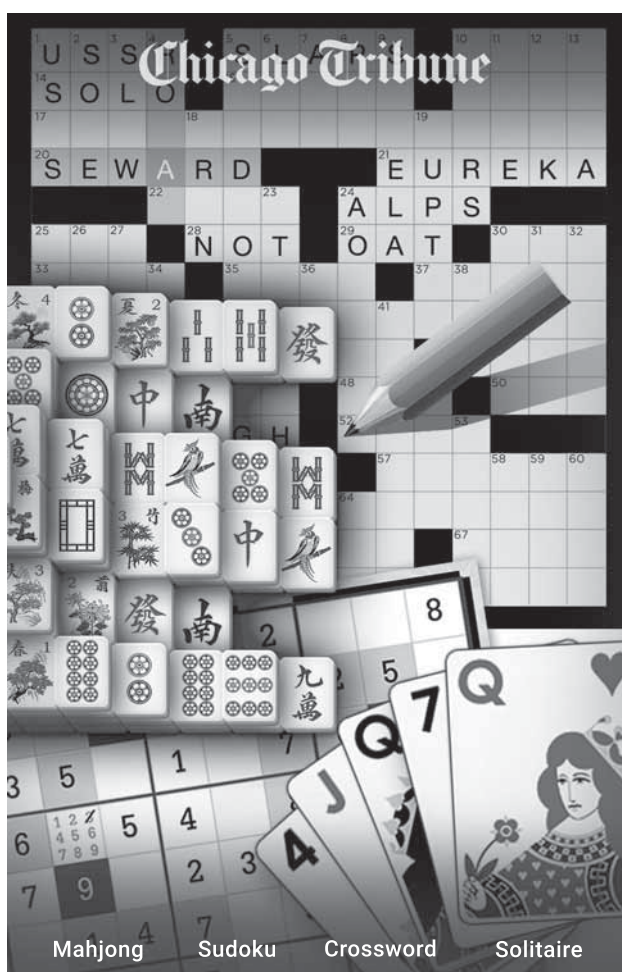
"She had this thousand-yard stare in her eyes. And I thought, God will somebody explain this to me? I almost quit. And the other day, in the ER with the baby, I said 'God, if you don't save this one, I'm done. It'll be my last day.' But he lived. Death wanted him, but this day God said 'no.' He just said no."

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Trump innocently hides Mueller report in Siberia



REX W. HUPPKE

A statement from the (TOTALLY EXONERATED) President of the United States (Donald Trump):

My fellow Americans (except for the losers and haters who don't recognize I am an amazing president, possibly the best in history):

Today I have made the remarkably good decision to assert executive privilege over the entire Mueller report (WITCH HUNT!) because the stupid Democrats want to see the whole thing even though I've already told them it totally exonerates me and there was NO COLLUSION and NO OBSTRUCTION.

The loser Democrats are voting to hold our wonderful attorney general, Bill Barr, who is just so great, truly, probably the best attorney general pick ever, in Contempt. I don't know where Contempt is, but I can't have my attorney general hauled off to some place I've never heard of by a bunch of sore-loser Democrats. I need him here, doing his job, which is protecting your favorite president. That's in the Constitution, folks.

So I have made the bold and very smart decision to deny Democrats access to the full Mueller report and all the underlying — and totally exonerating — evidence. I have also told all my employees to ignore subpoenas from Jerry "Nerd" Nadler and "Shifty" Adam Schiff and Nancy "Nancy" Pelosi and any other dummy who thinks it's their job to ask questions. And I sent my adviser Stephen Miller to stand outside Nadler's house and stare into the window. You've seen that guy's stare, right? So creepy. What a great patriot he is.

Anyway, the reason I am doing all this is because, as the great Sen. Mitch McConnell said Tuesday, when it comes to the Mueller report, it's "CASE CLOSED!" The case is closed. There is no more case and it cannot be reopened again. In fact, I have had the case sent to Russian President Vladimir Putin — who I like very much



CHIP SOMODEVILLA/GETTY

House Judiciary Committee Chairman Jerry Nadler reads news that President Donald Trump will invoke executive privilege regarding the Mueller report.

I hereby assert executive privilege over all the things, and especially over the leftover hamberders in the White House kitchen.

— and he promised he will take it and bury it in Siberia. (I wonder if that's near Contempt?) That's standard procedure for any very innocent person when that person's illegal-witch-hunt case has been closed.

Now of course, I could easily release the unredacted Mueller report and all the evidence to Congress and let anyone involved testify, since I have made it clear that I am totally innocent

and have nothing to hide. But the truth is, there is so much exoneration in the Mueller report that I'm not sure the average person who is not super-above-average like me would be able to handle it.

I mean, not only would the report, and the testimony of my employees Don McGahn and Steve Mnuchin and even Robert Mueller himself, overwhelm people with how much it exonerates me, it might cause Democrats to pass out because they would be so embarrassed to learn that I am totally innocent and they, in fact, are the criminals. It would be like the scene in that Indiana Jones movie where the Nazis' faces melt when they open that ark thing. And I don't mean to say all the people whose faces melted were Nazis — there were very fine people on both sides.

What was I saying? Oh, yeah. The thing the lying liberals don't get is that my defense attorney

Bill Barr already summarized the Mueller report in four pages. And I summarized it in four words: NO COLLUSION, NO OBSTRUCTION! It was TOTAL AND COMPLETE EXONERATION! Nobody needs to bother with all the other exoneratey stuff that's in there. Believe me, it's VERY exoneratey. Probably the most exoneratey special counsel report anyone's ever seen.

It's not the job of Congress to look any further into this issue. They just need to fulfill their constitutional obligation and believe everything I say and stop asking questions, just as they've always done throughout history. There's a word for that: Democracy. Do what you were elected to do and support your president. How difficult is that?

By asserting executive privilege today, it should be clear to all Americans — even the dumb ones — that I have nothing to hide, because everything is now hidden

behind executive privilege. Total transparency!

In fact, in order to protect our great country, which is doing so amazingly well under me as president, I am asserting executive privilege over everything in the whole world. There is no need for anyone to see anything about anything involving me or my administration. Believe me, it's all on the level and it's all going fantastically well.

I hereby assert executive privilege over all the things, and especially over the leftover hamberders in the White House kitchen. Those are all mine now. If Barr tries to eat them, I'll send him to Contempt myself.

Thank you, and may God bless Donald Trump, your president, who is the best.

Please buy more hats.

— DT (Greatest President EVER)

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Singer Robert Kelly, known as R. Kelly, leaves divorce court at the Circuit Court of Cook County on Tuesday, following a child support hearing.

R. Kelly's court fight with ex now ordered open to public

Veil of secrecy Tribune found is often used by Cook Co. rich is lifted

BY MEGAN CREPEAU
Chicago Tribune

A Cook County judge ruled Wednesday that R&B singer R. Kelly's court fight with his ex-wife over child support will be open to the public going forward, reversing a decision by another judge in 2013 that kept the entire case under wraps.

Judge Lori Rosen said she would decide later what documents in the divorce case's 13-year history would be made public, but she held that a blanket order shielding the entire court file from "head to toe" wasn't supported under the law.

"I do believe when a record is sealed in this way ... there's a constant harm to the public," said Rosen, who is assigned to the Domestic Relations Division at the Daley Center.

The judge then held a hearing on the child support fight in open court with Kelly and his former wife, Andrea, present — as well as reporters.

The decision marked a victory for the Chicago Tribune and WBEZ-91.5 FM after attorneys on their behalf intervened to open the divorce proceedings to the public. Since Kelly was indicted in February on 10 counts of

sexual abuse, reporters had attempted to cover the singer's child support fight but were shut out of at least two hearings.

When he missed the March 6 deadline to come up with \$161,663 in overdue payments, Kelly was handcuffed and taken into custody — an event reporters could only peer at through the courtroom's glass doors.

The 52-year-old singer spent three nights in Cook County Jail before an anonymous donor posted the money.

The secrecy goes against a tradition of openness in U.S. courts. But a Tribune investigation in 2013 found that judges in Cook County's Domestic Relations Division had sealed at least 89 cases since 2000 for the rich, well-known and legally savvy. The investigation also found judges had hidden hundreds of cases involving the rich and influential in the Chancery and Law divisions as well.

In a separate courtroom Wednesday at the Daley Center, Judge Moira Johnson reinstated a lawsuit against Kelly by one of the four women he's charged with sexually abusing. The judge had found in the alleged victim's favor after Kelly or an attorney on his behalf failed to make an appearance. An attorney for Kelly explained to the judge Wednesday that Kelly had been notified of the lawsuit while he was in jail and that Kelly didn't respond

because he can't read.

In Rosen's courtroom, lawyers argued for more than an hour on whether the child support fight should be conducted in public.

Kelly's lawyer, Lisa Damico, argued the case should remain sealed. The public only grew interested after Kelly was criminally charged, she said, and making his divorce file public now could interfere with his right to a fair trial in his criminal case.

The divorce file was sealed — by Judge Raul Vega — in 2013 because Kelly and his ex-wife were high-profile celebrities who did not want their sensitive information revealed in the news media, Damico said.

"What they didn't want is TMZ and Perez Hilton and bloggers ... getting ahold of their financial information and private documents," she said.

"You seem to indicate because they're celebrities they should be treated differently," Rosen responded. "We don't seal every single record in its entirety because people want privacy."

Damico disagreed, saying anyone with an attorney "sophisticated enough" could get a divorce case sealed.

Attorney Alison Motta, who is representing Kelly's ex-wife, favored unsealing the case file but only from last December on — a period in which she has been attempting to make Kelly pay

overdue child support.

An attorney designated to represent the Kellys' three children, one of whom is still underage, argued that any documentation on the children should be kept under wraps.

"These are very nice kids who have moved on in relative secrecy," Howard Rosenberg said. "(They) didn't ask to be Kardashians or Stormy Daniels."

Rosen ultimately decided that all filings and hearings from Wednesday on would be public unless attorneys persuaded her of the need to keep certain information under wraps.

She also tasked attorneys with determining which documents should remain sealed before the judge makes that call.

Rosen then presided over a brief public hearing on Kelly's child support obligations. The singer's attorneys handed over a cashier's check for about \$62,500 covering his combined payment for March, April and May, they said. Kelly also plans to pay for June and July in advance, said his attorney, Steven Greenberg.

Motta told reporters after court that she expects Kelly to feel more pressure to keep up with payments now that the proceedings are public.

Associated Press contributed.

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CTA's 31st St. bus to run at least through June 2020

Chinatown, Bridgeport route to add morning rush hour service

BY MARY WISNIEWSKI
Chicago Tribune

The CTA's 31st Street bus through Chinatown and Bridgeport will keep running at least through June of 2020 and will have morning rush hour service starting in September, under a plan approved by the agency's board of directors on Wednesday.

The #31 bus is a pilot program, which will not be made permanent unless it gets enough riders. It was set to expire in June, before the board decided to try it for another year. Community activists have pushed the CTA to add morning hours to the #31's current schedule, which runs from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. weekdays.

North Side residents had blamed inadequate service hours for the failure of the #11 Lincoln bus east of Western Avenue — that pilot ended in 2017. The Chinatown pilot has been running, with extensions, since 2016.

The #31 has seen a bump in evening rush hour ridership, which means people are using it to commute, as well as for shopping and other activities. So the CTA decided to extend service hours into the morning, said spokesman Brian Steele.

Starting in September, the bus will run from 6:30 a.m. to 7 p.m., CTA officials said. The morning service is expected to serve Illinois Institute of Technology students. It also connects with Guaranteed Rate Field and the Lake Meadows Shopping Center.

"We wanted to do what we could to make it succeed," Steele said. The CTA plans to continue to market the bus service in the community to build ridership.

Community members have said the service is needed especially by seniors, who have more trouble using the "L" or walking to parallel bus service at 35th Street. The CTA can face tough choices over bus routes, since it cannot afford to run empty buses, but gets multiple complaints if it discontinues a service.

The more hours a bus route runs, the more riders it needs to make it worth the expense, according to the CTA. The new #31 extended service that starts in September will have a ridership target of 1,107 riders daily, up from the current target of 830 riders daily. In March, ridership on the route was 511, almost doubled from last summer.

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Bus firm sanctioned for mistreating customers abruptly shuts down

BY DAWN RHODES
Chicago Tribune

Suburban Express, a bus company in Urbana-Champaign that recently was sanctioned by the Illinois attorney general for discriminatory and harassing business practices, is shutting down.

Dennis Toeppen, who has owned and operated the company since 1983, announced his intention to cease all operations and take down all websites for Suburban Express and his associated businesses in a Tuesday federal court filing.

Toeppen said the decision was effective immediately and "wind-down accounting" would take place over the next four to eight weeks.

"I stopped enjoying this business around 2001, and I think it's beginning to show," Toeppen wrote. He could not be reached for further comment. His website led to a dead page Wednesday.

The company, which largely served university students, created a firestorm in late 2017 when it distributed an email promoting fares and schedules for the winter holiday season. Listing the reasons passengers should choose Suburban Express, the ad stated:

"Passengers like you. You won't feel like you're in China when you're on our buses."

The comment was referring to the sizable population of Chinese students at University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign.

Criticism swelled when the company then followed with a statement titled "Apology," saying the original email was referring to a competitor that Toeppen claimed mostly served Chinese students. The message took aim at U. of I.'s admissions policies.

"We agree that having a healthy mixture of different cultures and ethnicities is valuable," the message stated. "But we're not comfortable with the idea of selling our university to the highest foreign bidder. In any event, we did not intend to offend half the planet."

The controversy caught the attention of then-Attorney General Lisa Madigan, who launched an investigation into the company for potential civil rights violations. Madigan sued the company in April 2018 in Chicago federal court.

Madigan said her probe revealed "rampant and equally egregious examples of ... illegal conduct," such as encouraging employees not to serve students who weren't native English speakers. Madigan also alleged Toeppen posted a video mocking Asian students at U. of I. and banned customers with billing addresses in Chicago suburbs with sizable Jewish populations.

In one email, Madigan said, Toeppen called a customer "a pushy little Chinese international student with a fragile ego" who "should go back to your country and stay there," according to the lawsuit. In another email he wrote, "Bone up on your English a little so you don't have more problems like

this in my country" the suit stated.

In April, the two sides agreed to a consent decree, requiring Suburban Express to pay \$100,000 for customer refunds, implement new anti-discrimination policies and training for employees, and undergo periodic reviews of operations, ads and complaints filed by customers.

The attorney general's office, now under Kwame Raoul, said Suburban Express would remain under strict compliance monitoring for at least three years. Toeppen remained defiant and likened the deal to extortion.

Within days, Raoul's office returned to federal court to say Toeppen already was violating the terms of the agreement.

The attorney general argued Toeppen "flouted" the requirement that the company not attack and penalize customers "by posting a defamatory web page that penalizes a customer through viciously attacking the customer solely for online comments about Suburban Express," according to an April 17 court filing.

Raoul's office also alleged the company website attacked people of Asian origin, in one case posting an individual's address, phone number and email address.

"On this page, Defendants attack this individual as an 'insane' 'spoiled child,'" the court filing states. "Defendants proceed to attack the individual's father, also of Asian origin, accusing the father of having a business not in good



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Riders board an Illini Shuttle/Suburban Express bus at O'Hare last year. The owner of Suburban Express said he's shutting the company.

standing with the State of Illinois and asserting that '(t)here seems to be something fundamentally wrong with the parenting in' the individual's family."

In April, U.S. District Judge Andrea Wood ruled that Toeppen had one day to bring his business and websites into compliance with the consent decree.

A few more filings were submitted to the court before Toeppen announced his intention to close the business. Toeppen wrote that the company planned to make the required \$100,000 payment to the state around May 15.

"Although Mr. Toeppen has informed the court that Suburban Express has ceased operations, the defendants are still obligated to comply with the consent decree," Annie Thompson, spokeswoman for the attorney general, said in a statement.

Should Suburban Express close, it would mark an unexpected end

to a business that has been controversial for years.

It long drew rebuke for its "Page of Shame," which posted names and personal information of customers accused of skipping out on fares. The company also became known for publicly firing back at dissatisfied customers, something it was ordered to stop doing as the lawsuit proceeded.

Toeppen maintained his defiant stance to the end, signing off with a parting shot.

"We have decided not to facilitate or aid in replacement of Champaign-Urbana service," he wrote. "Instead, we prefer to sit on the sidelines and watch as competitor's fares rise, frequency falls, and passenger injuries and fatalities increase."

"We have never had a passenger injury or fatality in 35 years."

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How newborn baby found in alley beat the odds

Boy was in critical condition when found in Hermosa

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Chicago Tribune

The doctors and nurses had been working for more than half an hour, but it didn't look good for the newborn boy stuck with IVs and breathing tubes in the emergency room at Norwegian American Hospital.

He had been screaming when found in an alley on the Northwest Side minutes earlier Tuesday afternoon but now he couldn't breathe on his own, according to Larry Langford, a spokesman for the Chicago Fire Department. He had a pulse but only because of the machines hooked up to his tiny body.

As moments ticked away, a small crowd started gathering near his bed.

"All the people who were around in the ER were saying, 'Come on kid, come on kid, come on little boy.' They were all pulling for him," Langford said. "They were all just rooting for this



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A newborn baby was found in critical condition on top of a trash can Tuesday in an alley in the Hermosa neighborhood.

little kid."

Some made the sign of the cross and prayed.

"The whole room lined up on a semicircle watching the bed," said paramedic field chief Pat Fitzmaurice, who was with the baby from the firehouse to the hospital. "Like they were watching a boxing match. You kept hearing, 'Come on kid, fight back.'"

Some in the room cried when a doctor told a nurse, "I hate to say it but I don't think there is a good ending."

But then suddenly some-

one announced, "Hey, hey, we got blood-oxygen level!"

The baby "pinked up" as his vital signs improved and he started breathing on his own. Lurie Children's Hospital sent a team to pick up the baby about three hours later and by Wednesday his condition was stabilized.

For now, he has been named Patrick Casey Doe: Patrick after Fitzmaurice and Casey after Kelly Casey, a police officer who cleared traffic for the ambulance to the hospital.

Police said they were still searching for the baby's

mother Wednesday evening. The family of a missing teen, who was pregnant when she disappeared in April, has asked police to conduct DNA tests to determine if the boy is hers.

"If that baby is hers, it's a sign she's alive and is somewhere around here," said Raquel Uriostegui, the mother of Marlen Ochoa-Uriostegui, 19, who disappeared after leaving her Little Village high school on April 23. Her family said she was nine months pregnant when she went missing.

Chicago police said they were working with the family and state child welfare officials on DNA testing. The baby will be placed in a foster home while custody is worked out.

The odds were against the baby boy from the beginning.

Just hours after being born, the boy was left on top of a trash can in an alley in the Hermosa neighborhood around 4:15 p.m. Tucked into a canvas shopping bag, his naked body was covered by a towel and the umbilical cord was still attached.

He was screaming enough that a mother and

daughter found him and walked to a firehouse around the corner at 1747 N. Pulaski Road. "The fireman on watch was trying to figure out what they were talking about and they handed him a shopping bag," Langford said. "He looked inside and was shocked to find a baby."

By this time, the baby was not moving.

The firefighter immediately alerted the rest of his crew and an ambulance was called. "They all started working on the child," Langford said.

When the ambulance arrived, "the baby was cold as concrete," Fitzmaurice said. "I wasn't too optimistic, but like I said to the lieutenant, I wasn't ready to lose this one today, and neither were they and they worked very hard."

While still at the firehouse, the crew started warming the baby. "Immediately they tied off the umbilical cord. . . . The baby had lost some blood. They clamped (the cord) off right away," Fitzmaurice said. As the ambulance took the baby away, firefighters kept telling him, "Don't quit. Keep fighting kid."

At the hospital, doctors and nurses "had like three or four minutes maybe to get ready for a pediatric cardiac arrest and they got a neonatologist (Dr. Nida Blankas-Hernaiz) in there. . . . Everyone in the ER was laser focused. It was amazing."

"She was transfixed," he said of the neonatologist. "Her face never cracked. She wouldn't even smile."

Fitzmaurice said he took a peek after the baby was placed in an incubator. He was about 7 pounds and had reddish hair. "His eyes were open and he was moving around. He was still fighting," he said. "At one point his hands were above his head, by his ears and I said to the nurse, 'He just said, I ain't done man.'"

He talked about naming him Rocky, but decided "it was too corny." Maybe another fighter, like Jake LaMotta.

Fitzmaurice noticed the neonatologist had finally relaxed. "That was the first time she breathed," he said. "Her eyes were red."

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Lightfoot answers questions, gets advice on D.C. tour

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On her second day in Washington, D.C., Chicago Mayor-elect Lori Lightfoot returned to the White House, spoke about Chicago's crime problems with the Congressional Black Caucus and pitched a top congressional leader on Chicago's infrastructure needs. Lightfoot also encouraged the CBC's members during a closed-door meeting to visit Chicago during next year's Democratic National Convention in Milwaukee.

"Once I take office, my responsibility is to be the chief ambassador for our great city and make sure that people really know the true nature of what's happening in Chicago and not just screaming headlines that may be tweeted out by a certain someone," Lightfoot said at an evening news conference, making a clear reference to President Donald Trump.

Lightfoot sidestepped questions about U.S. Rep. Bobby Rush, who wasn't present for her talk before the black caucus and who has been critical of her in the past.

The mayor-elect's second day in the nation's capital featured less high-profile meetings than her first, when she sat down with Ivanka Trump and Speaker Nancy Pelosi. Much of Lightfoot's schedule focused on infrastructure issues, as she sat down with the Department of

Transportation's under secretary and U.S. Rep. Peter DeFazio, who is chairman of the House transportation committee.

"Chicago's an important city in the national landscape," Lightfoot said after the meeting. "People here in the White House understand that."

A White House release said officials "had a fruitful meeting at the White House covering issues ranging from Opportunity Zones, prison reform, workforce development, and small business creation" and they looked forward to working together.

"They discussed the critical need to curb violence in distressed communities and the Mayor-elect shared her vision for addressing the problem holistically," the statement said.

Lightfoot met with Washington, D.C., Mayor Muriel Bowser at her City Hall office. Bowser hosted a meeting of black female mayors last year "to just demonstrate that voters want people who are going to get things done, represent their values and execute for their cities."

"I don't think it's an accident that more women are leading major American cities," Bowser said. Lightfoot said Bowser gave her "very good advice."

"Basically just making sure you're ready to go and realizing you don't have to get everything done before inauguration day," Lightfoot said.

Lightfoot also gave a



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Lori Lightfoot answers questions from the media after attending a Congressional Black Caucus meeting.

"Chicago's an important city in the national landscape. People here in the White House understand that."

— Chicago Mayor-elect Lori Lightfoot

speech to the black caucus and answered questions. D.C. Congresswoman Eleanor Holmes Norton praised Lightfoot for being "impressive."

"She seems to be in touch with issues that are not unlike some of the issues we face," Norton said, singling out gun violence as one problem Washington and Chicago share.

Lightfoot acknowledged afterward that many of the questions she faced Wednesday focused on violence.

"A lot of the members of the caucus represent urban areas that face some of the similar challenges that we do in Chicago, and so I (asked) for ideas from their cities and what they're seeing to help support our efforts in stemming gun violence in Chicago," Lightfoot said.

Rush arrived just as Lightfoot was leaving and

missed her presentation. During the campaign, Rush said Lightfoot voters would "have the blood of the next young black man or black woman" killed by the police on their hands — an incendiary remark that drew widespread criticism. Rush told reporters Wednesday he hasn't spoken with Lightfoot since she won but wishes her well.

"I would be so overjoyed, very much overjoyed, if she became the best and most successful mayor that Chicago's ever had," Rush said, calling his past remarks about her "old news." When asked if he would apologize for those past remarks, Rush did not directly answer.

"If she asks me to do it,

then we'll discuss it," Rush said.

Lightfoot later shrugged off any suggestion of an apology from Rush, saying she intended to focus on the future. Her last public meeting of the day was with DeFazio, the transportation chairman, at his office in the Rayburn building, where Lightfoot said she worked as a young staffer making \$12,000 per year after college.

"Where I came from, being here in the big city and really being away from home for a lengthy period of time and being on my own was a very big deal," Lightfoot said.

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Man gets 3 years for hacking, threats to prosecutor, FBI agents

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Edward Soybel was awaiting trial on federal charges alleging he hacked into Lake Forest-based W. W. Grainger's computer network out of revenge for being fired when federal prosecutors say he took his mean streak to a whole new level.

In a livestreamed video shared in a private online chat room, Soybel went on an 18-minute, profanity-laced tirade, threatening to shoot FBI agents with an AK-47, burn the houses of prosecution witnesses to the ground and even stake out the home of the lead prosecutor and kill him, court records show.

"I'll be hiding out in his block, when he comes outside in the morning before court, I'll f----- shoot that motherf-----, make his head explode all over the street," Soybel said in the video, which was sent to the FBI by an anonymous tipster a week before Soybel's trial began in December. "His brain will be all over

the f----- curb."

Soybel, who was free on bond at the time, never acted on any murder plot, but his words came back to haunt him Wednesday when a federal judge cited the "horrendous, deplorable comments" on the video in sentencing him to three years in prison for the hacking scheme.

"Yeah, he was drunk. Yeah, maybe he didn't really mean it," U.S. District Judge Matthew Kennelly said in explaining why he was imposing a harsher sentence than he otherwise would. "But the fact of the matter is that it illustrates a willingness that has actually shown up in other times in Mr. Soybel's life to act on his anger and to do that in a way that causes harm to other people."

A former computer technician for Grainger's nationwide inventory management system, Soybel, 35, was convicted by a jury in December of 12 counts of computer hacking for breaking into networks at



Soybel

the Fortune 500 industrial supply company after he was fired in 2016 for "unprofessional conduct" and punctuality issues, court records show.

Using his insider's knowledge of the computer systems, Soybel co-opted Grainger's employee usernames and passwords, deleted millions of records and caused crippling outages in the management system known as "Keep-Stock" that Grainger and dozens of other similar businesses rely on to control factory inventory, according to prosecutors.

After Grainger launched an internal investigation into the security breach, Soybel assumed a step ahead by assuming the identities and computer IP addresses of his former co-workers and even a neighbor in the Uptown neighborhood, prosecutors said.

In all, prosecutors argued that Grainger spent nearly \$400,000 investigating a hacking spree that ended

only after the FBI knocked on Soybel's door with a search warrant, according to prosecutors.

In asking for a sentence of 6 1/2 years in prison, Assistant U.S. Attorney Nicholas Eichenseer said Soybel's plot to get revenge on those who fired him was just part of an escalating pattern.

"He essentially sabotaged a nationwide computer system that factories rely on to keep their operations going," Eichenseer said. "When the defendant gets angry, he acts on that anger."

The livestreamed video shows Soybel wearing a black ski cap, listening to rap music as he sits in a Jaguar and carries on a conversation with someone who can't be heard on the recording. Soybel appears to be slurring his words as he drives around, drinking from a can of beer.

"And the witnesses, I am going to burn their houses and s---," Soybel said on the video, according to a transcript included in an FBI search warrant affidavit. "All their houses are going

to burn up in a fire, like in California-type s---. I hope they have fire insurance."

The video came to light in the middle of jury selection for Soybel's trial. After seeing it, Kennelly ordered Soybel taken into custody, court records show.

In asking Wednesday for leniency, Soybel's attorney, Vadim Gluzman, said his client's outbursts — however inappropriate — were the culmination of mounting pressures in his life that had taken a toll on his mental health.

Born to a Jewish family in the former Soviet Union, Soybel may have been "naive and ignorant," Gluzman said, but he'd never shown any violent tendencies, particularly the thoughts of murder expressed on the video.

"He was drunk and venting," Gluzman said. "He was under intense pressure in his life with the federal trial. That's not an excuse. He shouldn't have said what he said. . . . But clearly he's someone dealing with some serious mental issues."

Soybel's mother, Emma,

told the judge she was "shocked" by the video. She said her son was always gentle and doting. He made it a point to help others, she said, even playing music one Christmas for pediatric cancer patients at a children's hospital.

"He grew up in love and he only gave love," she said. As his mother spoke, Soybel began to quietly weep at the defense table, using the lapel of his orange jail jumpsuit to mop the tears from his face.

Before Kennelly issued his sentence, Soybel approached the lectern and read an apology to the court, his family, Grainger and the prosecutor "for the words I said while I was drinking."

"I was under a lot of stress, (but) I was never intending to do anything," said Soybel, his voice breaking into sobs as he read from a sheet of paper. "Please give me a second chance so I can prove my worth to you. I am not worthless."

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Charges: Cop inappropriately touched women

Supt. Johnson calls allegations against officer 'egregious'

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A veteran Chicago police officer has been arrested on charges he had inappropriately physical contact with three women on separate occasions while on-duty on the North Side, authorities said Wednesday.

Cook County prosecutors said Officer Corey Deanes, while on patrol in a marked police car in the Lincoln Park and Lakeview communities, pulled over or approached the women when each was alone late at night, commented on their looks and hugged or touched them inappropriately. Prosecutors proposed

that Deanes be released on his own recognizance, but Judge John Fitzgerald Lyke Jr. set bond at \$200,000, calling the officer's actions "extremely scary and troubling."

"We always forget the psychological effect this has on people," Lyke said. "You have the ability to stop somebody at night, and they're totally alone."

Deanes, 47, a veteran of nearly 14 years with the department, faces one felony count of aggravated battery, three felony counts of official misconduct and two counts of misdemeanor battery.

All three women identified Deanes as the officer in photo arrays, prosecutors said. Surveillance camera video from a nearby busi-



Deanes

ness also corroborated the account of one alleged victim, they said.

After directing a 23-year-old woman to a secluded and poorly lit area about 11:30 p.m. on Aug. 28, 2017, he hugged her and slid his hand down her back, touching her buttocks over her clothing, prosecutors said. He also threatened to write her a ticket ostensibly for an illegal turn if she did not give him her phone number, the charges alleged, but he did not run a name check contrary to ordinary Police Department policy.

About 3 a.m. last July 1, a 29-year-old woman who had called police for assistance at her home said Deanes expressed interest in her outfit, took hold of

her wrist and extended her arm so that her shorts and tank top were exposed, prosecutors said. He also asked why she had been out so late and pulled on the front and back pockets of her shorts, they said.

Then about 12:15 a.m. on July 13, Deanes approached a 22-year-old woman, called her a "pretty little thing" and asked why she was walking alone, prosecutors said. He then grabbed and hugged her, asked her to go out on a date and sought her phone number, the charges alleged.

Two of the women called police that same night to complain, but one of the women was too afraid to open the door of her home when an officer responded to take her report, prosecutors said. Her father accompanied her to a police

station the next day to report the incident. The third woman filed an online complaint three days later with the Civilian Office of Police Accountability.

Superintendent Eddie Johnson issued a statement calling Deanes' conduct "egregious" and "an insult" if proven.

"This investigation was conducted with the full cooperation from victims by CPD's Bureau of Internal Affairs and is a testament to our ability to police ourselves," Johnson said. "There is no place in this department for illegal activity, and I won't stand for it."

Before sheriff's deputies escorted Deanes to the lockup following his court appearance, Deanes' lawyer, Timothy Grace, recommended the officer be placed in protective custody

at the jail. He would need to post \$20,000 — 10 percent of the bail — to be released.

When Lyke said that decision would be up to the sheriff's office, Grace raised his voice slightly in frustration, saying, "Judge, my client is a Chicago police officer. He can't go to general population."

After court, Grace slammed the high bond, saying Deanes didn't get a fair shake because he's a police officer.

"I just think that the bond is a little absurd for a person who has absolutely no (criminal) background," Grace said. "Go back in there and listen to the bonds that (Lyke) sets on serious cases and then we'll see how fair (it is)."

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Gamble

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ers should exclude college sports from the gambling bill going through the General Assembly. Barring that, they said, legislators should make college games off-limits if they feature in-state teams or are contested within Illinois' borders.

"Gambling on college sports places student-athletes squarely in harm's way due to individuals seeking to alter the outcome of games or looking to obtain inside information for the purposes of wagering," they wrote. "... On any college campus, (athletes) are easy to contact and particularly susceptible to undue influence."

A few states that recently legalized sports betting have barred wagers on local college teams, but some gambling experts question the logic, saying it leaves revenue on the table while doing little to reduce threats to the games' integrity.

"I don't see a good rationale to do it," said Jake Williams of Sportradar, a company that monitors global betting data for signs of match fixing. "From where I sit, you're just asking them to bet in a different state or with an illegal bookmaker."

Illinois projects that sports betting could generate up to \$136 million in tax revenue annually. Rep. Mike Zalewski, D-Riverside, the legislation's point man, said that while it's not clear how much would come from college games, it probably would add up to a significant sum.

"If college sports betting is banned altogether, we'd lose a pretty sizable revenue stream," he said.

Wave of legalization

Legal sports betting has spread quickly around the country after the Supreme Court last year struck down a federal law that banned the practice outside Nevada. Nine states now have it, two have passed laws allowing it and 33 more are considering it, according to ESPN.

Three of the newcomers — New Jersey, Delaware and Rhode Island — do not allow their state's gamblers to wager on in-state college teams or games. Paul Grimaldi of the Rhode Island Lottery, which oversees sports betting in the



Patrons wager at the sportsbook at SugarHouse Casino in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, which legalized such betting in 2017.

state, said the rationale is simple.

"It's the corruption aspect," he said. "The feeling is that college kids who are amateurs, making no money, may be more tempted to cheat if there's a big payoff. It's just better to do our best to keep that at bay."

"You also assume the pressure to accept a bribe would be greatest in the locality. It's going to be very unlikely that someone from California is going to connect with the sixth man on a basketball team to see if he can dribble off his foot in the last seconds of a close game. It's more likely to come from someone here."

Nevada, conversely, has allowed betting on local college teams since 2001. Jennifer Roberts of the International Center for Gaming Regulation at the University of Nevada at Las Vegas said no problems have emerged.

"Nevada's response was (to say) we have trust and faith in our regulated system to eliminate point shaving and match fixing; we're confident it does so way more than an illegal system," she said.

Point shaving, in which athletes deliberately underperform so their team wins or loses by a margin that allows gamblers to cash in, rarely surfaces at the college level. But some research suggests it could be more common than you might think.

Economist Justin Wolf-

ers looked at more than 44,000 college basketball games over 16 years and found that strong favorites failed to cover the point spread more often than could be attributed to chance. He concluded in a 2006 paper that around 1 percent of all games "involve gambling-related corruption."

Other researchers challenged that finding, saying Wolfers' results could be explained by coaches who milk the clock when their teams have a lead, or by sports books that try to drum up business by posting artificially high point spreads.

Williams said Sportradar monitors 300,000 sporting events around the world each year and finds signs of suspicious betting in less than 1 percent of them. (Low-level soccer and tennis matches, which can be strongly influenced by a single athlete or official, are particularly troublesome.)

"It's very rare on high-level events," he said. "Top-tier professional games, almost never. Once you're at lower divisions, there's a greater chance of corruption. People can get into debt, so it can happen."

Northwestern scandal

A gambling debt played a key role in a notorious point-shaving scandal that played out at Northwestern in the 1990s. Basketball

player Kenneth Dion Lee, in hock \$4,000 to a campus bookie and annoyed at his lack of playing time, recruited two other players to ensure the Wildcats lost by more than the point spread.

Their lackluster effort during two games allowed an outside group of gamblers — headed by Kevin Pendergast, a former Notre Dame kicker — to win money betting against Northwestern. The players were paid a few thousand dollars.

The scheme unraveled when the players couldn't deliver in a third game; Northwestern lost to Michigan by only 17 points instead of the 25-plus predicted by the point spread.

The gamblers lost more than \$20,000 on the outcome.

Two years later, investigators looking into gambling among Northwestern athletes learned about the plan. Lee and the others pleaded guilty and were sentenced to brief prison terms or probation.

Today, Lee bills himself as a basketball coach and public speaker who warns young players about the perils of gambling. But in a brief phone conversation, he sounded fatalistic about the expansion of college sports betting.

"It's a reflection of the society we're living in," he said. "As long as they're putting (betting) lines in the newspaper, it's going to happen."

Patrick Collins, the former assistant U.S. attorney who helped prosecute the case, was equally wary, saying easy access to wagering could produce repeats of the scandal.

"All the things that happened in the Northwestern case could happen again," he said. "Because there will be more betting, you will have more situations where players are compromised in a way that would tilt the game."

Safeguards wanted

The Northwestern point-shaving scheme isn't particularly instructive about the wisdom of restricting bets on in-state teams or games. Pendergast wasn't a student, and he had the wagers placed in Nevada. Two of the games were contested at home but the third was on the road.

At a legislative hearing last month, Zalewski asked Illinois State University athletic director Larry Lyons why the location of a game matters when it comes to placing a bet.

"It's a great question," Lyons said. "If we're out of state and there's no access to our student-athletes, I think that is a different thing. Again, we need to protect student-athletes who could be compromised on their campus."

He later told the Tribune that his preference is to prohibit betting on all in-

state college teams, regardless of where their games are played.

Zalewski wasn't ready to go that far. But he said that if it would help the bill's chances, he was willing to ban betting when Illinois college teams play at home, while allowing it when they play out of state.

He conceded some might view that as "a silly distinction," and at a legislative hearing Wednesday, Illinois athletic director Josh Whitman was unmoved by the compromise.

"Do I think it helps us? No," he said. "The concern is the safety and security of our students, and that is true whether the game is played here or California. The idea that if the game is played in Champaign you couldn't bet on it, but if (the team) traveled 100 miles to Purdue you could ... doesn't solve anything."

Aside from no betting on in-state teams, the athletic directors want additional safeguards such as banning people younger than 21 from betting, prohibiting in-game wagering and disallowing sports gambling advertisements on campus.

But not every administrator aims to stop college sports betting.

Officials at Chicago State University, alone among the state's 13 Division 1 schools, asked to be excluded from the letter sent to legislators.

"While legalizing gambling on college sports presents challenges and concerns lawmakers need to be aware of, we understand Illinois' need for increased revenue and believe that determining the sources of revenue is best left to our elected officials," said a spokeswoman for the financially challenged school.

Zalewski said education would receive part of the revenue raised by sports betting.

Bradley University President Gary Roberts is another outlier.

While his school's athletic director endorsed the letter, Roberts, a sports law expert, said college sports betting is already so widespread that the best approach would be to track and regulate it in a legalized system.

"It's reality, and I think we have to live with reality as best we can," he said. "Banning it in Illinois doesn't accomplish very much."

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Driving

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annual transportation funding for Illinois. Illinois' gas tax has been 19 cents per gallon since 1990, and the state's last large-scale infrastructure improvement program was approved a decade ago.

A variety of ideas to fund repairs to the state's aging infrastructure have been proposed over the years, from previous attempts to raise the gas tax to proposals to tax vehicles based on the number of miles driven. But none has gained traction in Springfield. Since 2013, 30 other states, including neighboring Indiana, have enacted legislation to increase gas taxes, according to the National Conference

of State Legislatures.

"We have fallen behind. Our continued investment in our Illinois infrastructure is key in creating jobs, promoting full economic recovery," Sandoval said Wednesday at a statehouse news conference. "Investment will boost productivity, support business growth, create jobs, provide a healthier environment and improve opportunity for Illinoisans. It is about time. Doing nothing is not a solution."

Sandoval's bill also includes provisions aimed at increasing the number of minority, female and veteran apprentices working on public infrastructure projects. It does not address the buildings component of a capital bill.

Democratic Gov. J.B. Pritzker has expressed support for a program to up-

grade the state's roads, bridges and public buildings, but he hasn't said how much the state should spend or endorsed a specific source of revenue.

"Passing a capital bill is a top priority for the governor this legislative session," spokeswoman Jordan Abudayeh said in an email. "Bipartisan working groups are discussing various components of a capital plan, including both projects and potential revenue sources, and the administration is working with federal partners and engaging local stakeholders on the needs for their communities as the process moves forward. We look forward to introducing a bill soon."

Abudayeh did not comment directly on Sandoval's proposal.

A Senate panel has been

holding hearings around the state this spring to gather wish lists of transportation and building projects that local officials would like to see included in a capital bill, but a list of projects that would be funded in a capital bill has yet to materialize.

It's unclear how much appetite there will be in the General Assembly for a gas tax increase. In Pritzker's spending plan for the budget year that begins July 1, he's asking lawmakers to legalize and tax sports betting and recreational marijuana, and to increase or enact taxes on cigarettes, e-cigarettes and plastic shopping bags, among other items. On top of that, the rookie governor wants the House to follow the Senate's lead in approving a proposed amendment to the Illinois Constitution that

would allow for a graduated-rate income tax and to pass a bill setting the rates that would take effect if voters approve the amendment on the November 2020 ballot.

But unlike Pritzker's tax proposals, the idea of increasing the gas tax has some Republican support, thanks in large part to a recent amendment to the state constitution that requires transportation-related revenue to be spent only on transportation-related projects.

"The time is now to make the needed changes to adequately fund our transportation and infrastructure systems," said Republican Sen. Don DeWitte of St. Charles, who attended the news conference where Sandoval's proposal was announced. "The funding in-

creases currently being debated in this legislature will provide a steady stream of funding for years to come. ... Most important for taxpayers, they are guaranteed to go where promised."

The Illinois Chamber of Commerce said in a statement that Sandoval's measure needs more work, but the group already has made clear it supports a gas tax increase — if coupled with a repeal on the state's 6.25 percent sales tax on gas at the pump.

"More work is needed to achieve consensus on the final transportation package," chamber president and CEO Todd Maisch said.

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Emanuel donor pushed gym idea

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\$10,000 to Emanuel's campaign fund as the mayor was still ramping up a bid for a third term that he later abandoned. It also came not long after Koldyke's son helped throw Emanuel a political fundraiser, records show.

The request by Koldyke, 86, perhaps best known as the founder of the prestigious Golden Apple Awards given annually to the state's top teachers, provides a rare behind-the-scenes glimpse into the type of City Hall deal-making that has been a hallmark of the outgoing mayor's administration. It's part of a pattern the Chicago Tribune has chronicled in which Emanuel's official government actions often intersect with his campaign fundraising and cultivation of the city's top business and philanthropic leaders as key supporters and allies.

Koldyke is among the influential donors whose interests benefited. The number of schools his non-profit Academy for Urban School Leadership has taken over doubled since Emanuel came into office. AUSL is paid by CPS to manage about two dozen so-called turnaround schools, with the mission of improving academics at some of the district's worst-performing campuses.

The gym deal raises questions about the dedication of Koldyke's AUSL to turning around Orr, one of the city's most lagging schools, as well as Emanuel and CPS CEO Janice Jackson's decision to spend millions of dollars that could bolster Phillips as a magnet for elite athletes. The private email exchange also reveals talk of athlete recruiting, which is against the state's rules for high school athletics.

Koldyke declined an interview request through an assistant Wednesday, and an AUSL spokesman did not respond to questions seeking comment.

Emanuel's office declined to answer specific questions and issued a statement that did not address Koldyke's email. Instead, the mayor sought to credit a Democratic lawmaker with pushing the idea of a new gym for Phillips.

"This investment stems from a need that was identified by state Sen. Mattie Hunter in 2016," Emanuel spokesman Shannon Breyer said in a statement.

CPS also credited Hunter for securing \$5 million for the project. That state funding, however, was not approved until late May 2018 — more than two months after Koldyke asked Emanuel to build the gym, records show.

The school district also distanced itself from Koldyke's statements that Orr had no hope for academic improvement and said that AUSL will continue to run the school. CPS said the new gym was "not motivated by staff recruitment efforts for the school" and Koldyke's email "had no impact" on Jackson's support of the project.

Coach Adams told the Tribune that after his team won the 2018 championship, he had dinner with Koldyke, who brought up the idea of building a new gym at Phillips and having him switch schools. Adams said he hasn't talked to Koldyke about the idea since.

"This is my job. I don't know anything else right now," Adams said when asked if he liked the prospect of moving to Phillips. "If new challenges become available and I like it, I'll say that I'll go. But right now, I'm happy at Orr. We've made a powerhouse out of this program."

Coach Lou

Orr Academy has been a staple on the West Side for decades, a neighborhood high school serving students in Humboldt Park, West Humboldt Park, West Garfield Park and Austin — some of Chicago's most impoverished and crime-ridden neighborhoods.

Orr's enrollment has plummeted from more than 2,100 students in 1986 to just 229 this year, records



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A Rahm Emanuel donor said Orr's coach Lou Adams "should be at a school where his reputation can attract" players.



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The gymnasium of Phillips Academy, at 244 E. Pershing Road, was described as mediocre by Martin Koldyke.

show. Some surrounding neighborhoods have seen shrinking populations, and there has been the emergence of more charter schools and other specialty high schools to which students can apply.

The high school's academic performance also long has been among the worst in the city. As a result, CPS hired Koldyke's privately operated AUSL to take over Orr in 2008.

It's in that capacity that Koldyke wrote Emanuel and Jackson to note the second of what would become Orr's three straight Illinois Class 2A basketball titles, drawing particular attention to Adams' coaching ability.

"Lou is a virtuoso coach despite Orr's weak academic record," Koldyke wrote. "Based on his reputation, he can recruit outstanding athletes to come to Orr to play for him."

Koldyke's email came about two weeks after the debut of a Fox Sports documentary starring Adams and his basketball team. "Shot in the Dark," executive produced by NBA star Dwyane Wade and hip-hop artist Chance the Rapper, followed Orr with behind-the-scenes access to the coach and players on the court, in the locker room and on the streets.

The film centers on two players, Marquise "Keyzo" Pryor and Tyquone Greer. Pryor ends up in jail for a gun possession charge and never plays again. Greer gets shot in the leg at a late-night house party but hobbles onto the court nine days later to hit a buzzer-beating three-point shot to send Orr to the state finals for the first time.

Adams' blunt mentoring of his players is the movie's moral axis, with the coach delivering several expletive-laden talks demanding more from them on and off the court. The most poignant of them came after Greer got shot.

"I think y'all think this is a game out here, man. It's not OK. They are going to kill y'all," Adams tells his players. "This ain't no f----- game, man. F--- the ball. This is the game of life y'all playing, man. ... Y'all can't take no bullet, man. We are fragile. You guys are real fragile."

Adams also recalls how he was in charge of a whole neighborhood's turf as a young man and visits an intersection where he said he and a friend got shot.

"He shot me in my side with a 9 millimeter. I drove myself to the hospital. It changed my life, and God took over," Adams says. "I never had a father. Having

one parent is tough. Forty boys on my team don't have fathers. Forty guys depend on me every day."

Koldyke, in his email to Emanuel and Jackson, said he admires Adams "because he takes care of his kids. He should be at a school where his reputation can attract scores of kids whose (pre-dominant) talent is for basketball."

Rules against recruiting

Koldyke went on to lay the groundwork for his proposal to build a new gym at Phillips, noting how the high school had only 12 kids try out for football when AUSL first took it over and now has 90 trying out at a school with only 300 boys.

"Because of his success, Lou will be recruited by schools throughout Cook County and perhaps elsewhere," Koldyke wrote. "I would like to keep him in the AUSL family and create for basketball the same kind of recruiting success that Phillips Academy has demonstrated with its football program."

Koldyke told the mayor and Jackson he believed Phillips could "attract 50 or 60 boys to freshman, sophomore and varsity level teams as well as a lead talent that would travel because of Lou." He predicted a basketball program with Adams at the helm could grow Phillips' enrollment from 600 students to 1,000.

Recruiting students to high schools for athletics has been a point of controversy for decades in Illinois.

The Illinois High School Association's bylaws ban the practice, stating that the "recruitment of students or attempted recruitment of students for athletic purposes is prohibited, regardless of their residence." The governing body can rule players ineligible if evidence of "recruiting in connection with a transfer is found."

In 2012, for example, the IHSA's executive director ruled ineligible three Mooseheart basketball players who had emigrated from Sudan, saying they were recruited "for athletic purposes." The ruling was overturned, but the organization later tightened the rules for international students.

In 2014, Homewood-Flossmoor girls basketball coach Anthony Smith and 11 players were suspended and all of the team's victories forfeited after a lawsuit raised allegations about recruiting and other rules violations. Several players had followed Smith from Bolingbrook High School,

where he coached the previous season, and some of the transfers listed the same Flossmoor house as their address. The IHSA didn't rule on the murkier recruiting issue and instead hung its suspension on off-season conditioning and summer tournament violations.

Orr's recent success on the court has come thanks in part to students who transferred to the school despite its poor academic reputation. Last season's championship team was stocked with transfers, including a player from Washington, D.C., who was not declared eligible until December.

Proving a student moved or switched schools solely for athletics can be difficult, especially in Chicago, where students regularly attend schools outside their own neighborhood attendance boundaries for various reasons. Orr has had previous rules run-ins, including in 2015 when CPS forced the team to forfeit nine conference games for using two ineligible players, including one who was a transfer. Coach Adams was suspended for a playoff game.

Adams said Orr having transfer students isn't any different than other historically successful Chicago programs, including King, Morgan Park, Whitney Young, Bogan, Mount Carmel and St. Rita high schools.

"Every school in Chicago gets transfers. Every school. Private, public, Catholic, whomever, gets transfers," Adams said. "You can print that, write that. That's the truth."

Emanuel's office and CPS did not respond to questions about Koldyke's talk of recruiting athletes and IHSA rules that prohibit the practice.

Asked if the IHSA's rules against recruiting basically go unenforced, Adams replied: "It ain't just recruiting all here. Teams downstate, they get players. Everybody gets kids. The kids go to where they can win at."

A new gym

In his March 2018 email to the mayor, Koldyke laid out his case for why Adams could boost the enrollment at Phillips Academy, but there was a catch.

"Phillips' gymnasium is mediocre, and they only have one," Koldyke wrote. "Rahm, you will recall last year at the time of the football celebration, you took a minute after the celebration to look at the grassy area behind Phillips which is ample size for a new gym."

The cost: \$13.2 million.

That's the amount for a "new gym expansion" that Emanuel and Jackson included in the CPS infrastructure budget unveiled July 6, records show. CPS would cover \$8.2 million, with an additional \$5 million coming from "outside funding," according to budget documents. CPS confirmed that \$5 million is funding from the state budget approved at the end of May 2018.

Two weeks before the CPS budget was unveiled in July, Koldyke contributed

\$10,000 to Emanuel's political fund, state campaign finance records show. A month earlier, Koldyke's son, Martin Laird Koldyke, covered \$2,767 in catering costs to help throw a campaign fundraiser for the mayor, records show.

Emanuel's office did not respond to questions on whether the mayor personally solicited the campaign support or whether he had discussions with Koldyke about building the gym. All told, Emanuel has received more than \$85,000 in contributions tied to Koldyke since 2010, placing him among the mayor's most loyal donors.

A 2015 Tribune investigation of the mayor's campaign fundraising found Koldyke to be part of an elite circle of top donors who made sizable contributions to Emanuel's mayoral campaigns. Of those roughly 100 donors, about 60 percent received a benefit from Emanuel's actions at City Hall. Koldyke was among the group that benefited, as the number of schools AUSL has taken over has doubled since Emanuel took office.

Campaign donors frequently have contacted Emanuel and his aides with requests, and that was the case for Koldyke when the gym plans hit a snag in December.

Emanuel deputy chief of staff Lindy McGuire called Koldyke to help rectify the situation, according to emails obtained through an open records request. In an email to the mayor, McGuire explained that 3rd Ward Ald. Pat Dowell objected to the construction of the gym on a grassy patch of land behind the high school, Koldyke's preferred location.

The Emanuel administration stepped in on Koldyke's behalf and brokered a deal with Dowell to build the gym on a parking lot instead.

"Koldyke was appreciative of the call," McGuire reported back to the mayor, "and of you."

CPS declined to give a timeline for the construction project, saying the district is working with Dowell to gather community input.

Asked about leaving Orr to coach in a new gym at Phillips, Adams didn't rule it out.

"Have they broke ground on the gym yet? Have you seen it?" he asked rhetorically. "I'm going to cross that bridge when I get to it."

Leaving Orr behind

Koldyke's knowledge of CPS is deep. For more than 35 years, he has been anchored at the center of school reform efforts in the city.

In the early 1990s, then-Mayor Richard M. Daley appointed Koldyke to head the Chicago School Finance Authority, which served as the fiscal watchdog over the district. Koldyke also was instrumental in the passage of the landmark 1995 Chicago school reform law that ultimately led to Daley winning City Hall control of the schools.

Koldyke's education non-profit, AUSL, grew out of the Chicago Academy, a

Northwest Side elementary school that doubled as a yearlong training ground for future city teachers that Koldyke created in 2001 with the blessing of then-CPS CEO Arne Duncan. A few years later, Koldyke's effort expanded into taking over failing schools and rebooting them with new leaders and teachers in hopes of jump-starting academic performance.

AUSL's mission: "We create schools of excellence by developing highly effective teachers and transforming educational outcomes for students in the lowest performing schools."

After a decade at Orr, however, the school operator hasn't had much success. In his email to Emanuel and Jackson, Koldyke gave an unsparing assessment.

"Orr Academy High School is a thing apart from its basketball program. Orr remains weak academically and has no prospect for improvement on the West Side," Koldyke wrote. "Of the 32 AUSL schools, Orr is the only one where AUSL has faltered in its normal turnaround approach."

AUSL contends its approach has revolutionized schools and led to dramatic academic improvement over the years. Some education activists and the Chicago Teachers Union argue the organization has had little impact beyond disrupting school environments that already face myriad challenges and upheaval.

Since Emanuel took office, the number of so-called turnaround schools increased from 12 in 2010 to 25. AUSL operates an additional six academies it opened on its own during Daley's tenure. All told, the private operator says it runs 31 public schools with more than 16,000 students.

As AUSL's reach within CPS under Emanuel expanded, Orr continued to languish.

The high school ranks in the bottom 5 percent of schools statewide, according to the Illinois State Board of Education. Only about two-thirds of Orr students graduate, and nearly all of them have problems with chronic absenteeism, according to the state.

Since Emanuel took office and more than doubled the number of charter schools, Orr's enrollment has sunk from more than 823 in 2011 to just 229 today.

In his email to Emanuel, Koldyke noted that AUSL had not trained any of its budding high school teachers at Orr and that the high school faces competition on a West Side that "is heavily populated with charter schools" and includes Westinghouse high school.

"They are superior to Orr," Koldyke said of the other options. "Of the AUSL elementary schools on the West Side, our principals will not send their kids to Orr unless it's the only remaining option."

Then, before moving on to talk about Orr's coveted basketball coach, Koldyke told the mayor and the city's top schools official that he'd like permission for AUSL to remove Orr from its portfolio of schools.

"In my view, AUSL should no longer be affiliated with Orr," Koldyke wrote. "It should not be listed as a college preparatory school. It should become a school for historically failed students or for some other mission altogether."

Emanuel's office did not respond to questions about whether the mayor agreed with Koldyke's recommendation. In a statement, district spokesman Michael Passman said "CPS is committed to the success of Orr Academy."

"Any suggestion that the school should reduce its expectations for students is absurd and not shared by the district," Passman said. "The district believes that the school is in good hands with its current principal and AUSL's support, and there are no plans to alter that structure."

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4 hailed as heroes in school attack

3 students, guard didn't hesitate to confront shooters

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HIGHLANDS RANCH, Colo. — When a gunman burst into his high school classroom, Kendrick Castillo did not hesitate.

The 18-year-old immediately charged, pinning the attacker to the wall before Castillo was fatally shot protecting classmates, witnesses said. As he charged, so did two other students. One of them, Brendan Bialy, wrestled the gun from the shooter's hand and the students subdued him.

A second shooter was captured by an armed security guard.

Authorities said these acts of bravery helped minimize the bloodshed from Tuesday's attack, which also wounded eight people.

"We're going to hear about very heroic things that have taken place at the school," Douglas County Sheriff Tony Spurlock said Wednesday.

The attackers were identified by law enforcement officials as 18-year-old Devon Erickson and a 16-year-old girl who prosecutors have yet to charge as an adult and whose attorney said uses male pronouns. The two allegedly walked into the STEM School Highlands Ranch through an entrance without metal detectors and opened fire in two classrooms.

Because the attack happened only miles from Columbine High School and just weeks after the shoot-



Devon Erickson, center, appears at a court hearing Wednesday in Castle Rock, Colorado.



Kendrick Castillo died while protecting his classmates.

ing's 20th anniversary, questions quickly arose about whether it was inspired by the 1999 massacre. But investigators offered no immediate motive.

Castillo sprang into action against the shooter "and immediately was on top of him with complete disregard for his own safety," said Bialy, a close friend of Castillo's who has signed up to join the Marines.

A member of the school's robotics club and a relentless tinkerer, Castillo had an infectious smile and gentle sense of humor, according to friends. He worked part-time at a local manufacturing company that had offered him a job after an internship because he was such a standout employee.

"To find he went down as a hero, I'm not surprised. That's exactly who Kendrick was," said Rachel Short, president of the company, Baccara.

Cecilia Bedard, 19, had known Castillo since elementary school and said he was always friendly, modest and excited to help people. He made a point of always joining his father at Knights of Columbus fundraisers and bingo nights.

"He was amazing," Bedard said. "He was honestly the sweetest kid I ever met. Never said a mean joke."

Bialy smiled as he recounted the struggle with the shooter to reporters, saying that he wanted to focus on the positive. "They completely and utterly failed in a matter of half a minute," he said of the attackers.

"What I saw yesterday was the absolute best of people," he added.

Bialy would not identify the third student who helped subdue the gunman, but the family of Jason Jones put out a statement saying he was shot twice while disarming one of the

attackers.

The security guard who detained the second armed suspect was employed by Boss High Level Protection, a company started by a former SWAT team leader who responded to the Columbine shooting. The owner, Grant Whitus, said the security guard is a former Marine who ran to the area of the shootings and confronted one of the armed students in a hallway.

The guard drew his weapon and apprehended the person, Whitus said.

"He doesn't even realize how many lives he saved by stopping a school shooting," Whitus said.

Both suspects were students at the school, and they were not previously known to authorities, Spurlock said.

Erickson made his first court appearance Wednesday and kept his head down. His black hair, streaked with purple dye, covered his face as he nodded in response to most of District Court Judge Theresa Slade's questions. At one point, the judge requested a verbal answer to whether he had any questions about the proceedings. Erickson simply replied "No."

The second suspect, who has a short brown haircut, made eye contact with the judge and answered questions in a clear but quiet voice, saying "Yes, your honor" and "No, your honor."

District Attorney George Brauchler said he has not decided whether to file adult charges but added that the 16-year-old suspect is old enough to be charged as an adult without a judge's review.

Formal charges were expected to be filed by Friday.

Iran threatens to enrich uranium if no nuke deal

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TEHRAN, Iran — Iran threatened Wednesday to enrich its uranium stockpile closer to weapons-grade levels in 60 days if world powers fail to negotiate new terms for its 2015 nuclear deal, raising regional tensions as a U.S. aircraft carrier and bombers headed to the Middle East to confront Tehran.

A televised address by President Hassan Rouhani, who once pledged that the landmark deal would draw Iran closer to the West, saw the cleric instead pressure Europe to shield Tehran from the sanctions imposed by President Donald Trump withdrawing the U.S. from the agreement exactly a year earlier.

Rouhani's threats put the world on notice that it cannot continue to rely on Iran complying with terms of the unraveling deal in the coming weeks. Meanwhile, a U.S. campaign of sanctions hammering Iran's anemic economy and blocking its sale of oil on the global market is only making life worse, putting further pressure on both its Shiite theocracy and its 80 million

people.

Later Wednesday, Trump issued an executive order announcing new sanctions targeting Iran's steel, aluminum, copper and iron sectors, which provide foreign currency earnings for Tehran.

Rouhani earlier compared the situation to a medical emergency for the Islamic Republic, only 40 years after its founding.

"We felt that the nuclear deal needs a surgery, and the painkiller pills of the last year have been ineffective," Rouhani said. "This surgery is for saving the deal, not destroying it."

Iran on Wednesday stopped its sale of excess uranium and heavy water as a first step, Rouhani said, something required under the deal.

The U.S. last week ended deals allowing Iran to exchange its enriched uranium for unrefined yellowcake uranium with Russia, and to sell its heavy water, which is used as a coolant in nuclear reactors, to Oman.

In 60 days, if no new deal is in place, Iran will increase its enrichment of uranium beyond the accord-permitted 3.67%, which can fuel a commercial nuclear power plant. Rouhani did not say

how far Iran would be willing to enrich, although the head of its nuclear program again reiterated Iran could reach 20% enrichment within four days.

Once a country enriches uranium to around 20%, scientists say the time needed to reach the 90% threshold for weapons-grade uranium is halved. Iran long has maintained its nuclear program is for peaceful purposes.

However, Iranian state television's English-language service Press TV, citing sources close to presidency, said the country would withdraw from the Nuclear Nonproliferation Treaty if Europeans sought to sanction Iran at the U.N. Security Council.

Rouhani also said that if the 60 days pass without action, Iran will halt a Chinese-led effort to redesign its Arak heavy water nuclear reactor. Such reactors produce plutonium that can be used in nuclear weapons.

Iran notified Britain, Russia, China, the European Union, France and Germany of its decision earlier in the day. All were signatories to the nuclear deal and continue to support it. Iranian Foreign Minister Mohammad Javad Zarif met



A U.S. campaign of sanctions is hammering Iran's anemic economy.

Wednesday in Moscow with his Russian counterpart Sergey Lavrov and offered a letter as well.

"If the five countries join negotiations and help Iran to reach its benefits in the field of oil and banking, Iran will return to its commitments according to the nuclear deal," Rouhani said.

Zarif separately issued his own warning from Moscow.

"After a year of patience, Iran stops measures that (the) US has made impossible to continue," he

tweeted. World powers have "a narrowing window to reverse this."

Reaction came swiftly from Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu, a staunch critic of Iran and the nuclear deal.

"I heard that Iran intends to continue its nuclear program. We will not allow Iran to obtain nuclear weapons," Netanyahu said. "We will continue to fight those who seek to take our lives, and we will thrust our roots even deeper into the soil of our homeland."

U.S. Secretary of State Mike Pompeo, in London, said America "will wait and observe" what Iran does next.

"They have made have made a number of statements about actions they have threatened to do in order to get the world to jump," Pompeo said.

Rouhani also made an implicit threat as well to Europe, saying Iran now cooperates on issues like targeting Afghan opium and hashish traffickers and controlling immigration.

FBI says it has 850 open investigations into domestic terrorism

BY COLLEEN LONG
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WASHINGTON — The FBI has more than 850 open investigations into domestic terrorism across the country, and the threat continues to grow, top counterterrorism officials said Wednesday.

FBI, Justice Department and Homeland Security officials gave testimony before the House Homeland Security Committee on homegrown hate and violence. They cautioned law-

makers they could not prosecute a white supremacist simply for the ideology or an online manifesto — there must be intent to harm or harass.

And much like foreign terrorists, domestic terrorists are radicalizing quickly online with few gateways or barriers and no need to meet up in person.

"There's a lot of hate out there on the internet," said Mike McGarrity, the FBI's top counterterrorism official. "Violent extremists around the world have ac-

cess to our local communities to target and recruit and spread their messages of hate on a global scale, as we saw in the recent attack in Christchurch, New Zealand," he said, referring to the mosque attacks by a white supremacist and member of the alt-right that killed 51 people.

Just two weeks ago, a gunman killed a woman and wounded an 8-year-old girl, her uncle and a rabbi at Chabad of Poway, a Southern California synagogue.

McGarrity said there

were six deadly domestic terrorism attacks in 2018, and five in 2017. Of the hundreds of open FBI investigations, about half were anti-government cases and around 40% were related to race or religion.

McGarrity said preventing terrorism in the U.S. was the bureau's top priority.

"We don't differentiate between a domestic terrorism attack we're trying to stop or an international terrorism attack. It's a terrorism attack we're looking to stop," he said.

But there is no domestic terrorism statute. The Justice Department relies on other statutes to prosecute ideologically motivated violence by people with no international ties.

That makes it hard to track how often extremists driven by religious, racial or anti-government bias commit violence in the U.S. It also complicates efforts to develop a universally accepted definition of domestic terror.

Committee Chairman Bennie Thompson said he

was alarmed by a lack of public information on the issue, and sought better information.

He criticized the FBI for stopping a monthly briefing to the committee on threats to the nation, including domestic and international terrorist organizations and counterintelligence threats.

"To all of the victims, survivors and communities who have felt like the terror you suffered was ignored or minimized, know that it ends today," said the Mississippi Democrat.

Perfect storm: Tech, ideology, hatred

Tweets lead teens to being accused in Muslim attack plot

By ADAM GELLER
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GREECE, N.Y. — A few months after turning 17 — and two years before he was arrested — Vincent Vetromile recast himself as an online revolutionary.

Offline, in this Rochester, N.Y. suburb, Vetromile was studying heating and air conditioning at a community college. He spent hours with his father, working on cars.

On social media, though, the teenager spoke about reclaiming “our nation at any cost.” Eventually he subbed out the grinning selfie in his Twitter profile with the image of a colonial militiaman shouldering an AR-15 rifle. And he traded his name for a handle: “Standing on the Edge.”

In 2016, he sent the first of more than 70 replies to tweets from a fiery account with 140,000 followers, run by a man calling himself Donald Trump’s biggest Canadian supporter. The final exchange came last December.

“Muslim No-Go Zones Are Springing Up Across America. Lock and load America!” the Canadian tweeted, with a map showing states with Muslim enclaves — including New York.

“If there were specific locations like ‘north of X street in the town of Y, in the state of Z’ we could go there and do something about it,” Vetromile replied.

Weeks later, when police charged Vetromile and three friends with plotting to attack the Muslim settlement of Islamberg, in Delaware County, N.Y., it raised questions about ideology and young people — and technology’s role in bringing them together.

“I don’t know where the exposure came from, if they were exposed to it from



Vincent Vetromile, center, is among four charged with plotting to attack a Muslim settlement in upstate New York.



Tahirah Clark, left, and Faruq Baqi walk with New York State Police Capt. Scott Heggelke in Islamberg.

other kids at school, through social media,” said Matthew Schwartz, the assistant district attorney prosecuting the case. “I have no idea if their parents subscribe to any of these ideologies.”

Accused of 19-year-old Vetromile are Brian Colaneri, 20; Andrew Crysel, 18; and a 16-year-old The Associated Press isn’t naming because of his age.

They’ve all pleaded not guilty. Parents or other relatives declined to comment. Their attorneys did not return calls; in court some of them have chalked all this up to talk among buddies.

There is no indication the four set a date for an attack, prosecutors say, and reports they had 23 guns are misleading; the weapons belonged to family members.

Prosecutors allege the suspects discussed using those guns and explosive devices against Islamberg, where residents have faced harassment by right-wing activists who call the community a terrorist training camp. A Tennessee man was convicted in 2017 of plotting to burn Islamberg’s mosque.

Well beyond New York, the spread of extremism — and technology’s role — has sparked concern.

A House committee questioned Google and Facebook executives recently about their platforms’ role in feeding hate crime. Experts point to algorithms used by search engines and social networks to prioritize content.

“Once you indicate an inclination, the machine learns,” said Jessie Daniels, a professor at New York’s Hunter College. “That’s exactly what’s happening on all these platforms and it just sends some people down a terrible rabbit hole.”

There are few clues so far to explain how four with little experience beyond their high school years might have come up with the idea to attack Islamberg. What is clear, though, is the long thread of frustration in Vetromile’s online posts.

Where once those posts centered around video games and English class, by 2017, Vetromile was directing strong statements at Muslims. The Canadian account, belonging to Mike Allen, seemed to push that button.

When Allen tweeted, “Czech politicians vote to let citizens carry guns, shoot Muslim terrorists on sight,” Vetromile responded: “We need this here!”

The December tweet about Muslim “no-go zones” included a video interview with Martin Sawyer, whose Christian Action Network made a 2009 documentary alleging Islamberg and other settlements were terrorist training camps. Police have

said Islamberg does not threaten violence.

Online, Vetromile expressed concern that the video referred to “upstate NY and California” and that’s too big of an area to search for terrorists.” When others chimed in, suggesting locations, Vetromile replied: “Worth a look. Thanks.”

Months earlier, prosecutors say, the four suspects had started using an online messaging platform to discuss weapons and how they would use them in an attack. It’s alleged that Vetromile set up the channel. In November, the conversation expanded to a second channel: “#militia-soldiers-wanted.”

In January, the 16-year-old showed a photo to a classmate of one of his fellow suspects, wearing some kind of tactical vest, and said something like: “He looks like the next school shooter, doesn’t he?” according to local police. The other student reported the incident, leading to the charges of conspiracy to commit terrorism.

The allegations have jarred a region where political differences are the norm. Bob Lonsberry, a conservative talk radio host in Rochester, said he checked Twitter to confirm Vetromile didn’t follow his feed. But looking at the accounts Vetromile did follow convinced him that politics on social media had crossed a dangerous line.

The alleged plot is an aberration, Lonsberry said. “But aberrations, like a cancer, pop up for a reason.”

Allen, whose tweets Vetromile followed so closely, expressed dismay when an Associated Press reporter told him one of those accused in the plot had closely followed his feed. “And they got caught? Good,” said Allen, 69, a retired real estate executive. “We’re not supposed to go around shooting people we don’t like.”

The next day, Allen shut down his account — and his narrative all but vanished.

With rollback, white bread goes back to school

Rollback to lunch regulation means refined grains return

By CANDICE CHOI
Associated Press

NEW YORK — Is white bread about to make a comeback on school lunch menus?

After complaints about taste and costs, the Trump administration rolled back a rule that required foods like pasta and bread be made with whole grains. The cafeteria directors who lobbied for the change say they just want greater flexibility to serve foods like white bread — which are more processed and have less fiber — when whole grains don’t work.

In Vermont, the relaxed rule means white rice will be served with beans again. In Oregon, macaroni and cheese may return. And in South Dakota, students may notice a change with their soup.

“The staff asked right away, ‘Oh my God, can we go back to the other saltines?’” said Gay Anderson, a school lunch director and president of the School Nutrition Association, which represents cafeteria operators and suppliers like Domino’s and Kellogg.

The rollback addresses

rules on grains, milk and salt championed by former first lady Michelle Obama.

Since 2014, schools had been required to serve only whole grain versions of food as part of the national school lunch program, a critical source of free and reduced-price meals for millions of children. The idea is that whole grains would be more nourishing and help cultivate healthy habits amid alarming obesity rates.

The Center for Science in the Public Interest, which is among the parties suing over the rollback, notes the standards were based on the government’s own dietary guidelines and that most schools were successfully meeting them.

But cafeteria operators said costs were higher, cooking was more difficult and students were throwing away more food. The School Nutrition Association said it’s more important that children who rely on the lunches eat something, and that the rule ignored cultural preferences, such as for flour tortillas in the Southwest or for white rice among Asian students.

To ease the transition to whole grains, the U.S. Department of Agriculture let schools apply for temporary waivers to serve select dishes that didn’t meet the whole-grain rule. For the last school year, it said about 20 percent of districts asked permission to serve refined grains that are enriched to add back some nutrients.

Among the frequently waived foods were pasta, pizza, tortillas and biscuits, according to records obtained by The Associated Press from state agencies. Other waived foods included beignets, cinnamon rolls, corn dogs, sugar cookies and Pop-Tarts.

One district requested a waiver for croissants because it said students don’t like the whole-grain version.

Then in December, Agriculture Secretary Sonny Perdue said the USDA was going back to the old standard: At least half of grain foods must be rich in whole grains. The agency said that does away with the red tape of making schools get waivers, and gives schools more flexibility to offer wholesome meals that also reduce food waste.



At a Vermont high school, officials say they won’t abandon healthier whole-gran foods, but they welcome looser rules.

Whitney Ellersick, a school lunch director in Portland, Ore., said the change means her district will no longer need a waiver for its lasagna. But she was surprised by the extent of the rollback.

“I was a little shocked to see it go to 50 percent,” Ellersick said.

The Center for Science in the Public Interest said the USDA’s rollback may be halting progress made by schools, which could be tempted to bring back more refined grains that cost less or are easier to make.

Bettina Elias Siegel of

The Lunch Tray website also noted a recent USDA report that found that “plate waste” was comparable before and after the rules were implemented in 2014, undermining arguments they were prompting students to throw away more food.

The report also found that students took advantage of lunches more often in schools with healthier lunches.

The American Heart Association likewise criticized the decision to relax the rules and called on school districts to stick to the

previous standards, which also included stricter rules on salt and milk. Among the districts that plan to do so is Boston, where fifth-grader Trinity Wilson likes brown rice.

She said it’s healthier than white rice. “I know that because my mom told me,” Wilson said.

But some school lunch officials say the rollback could help smaller districts that don’t have access to as many products. In Arkansas, students in the Magnet Cove district accepted whole-grain Pop-Tarts and other changes, officials say.

Marijuana vs. beer: The new divide in Canadian politics

Trudeau foe’s budget is all about cheap brewskis

By ALAN FREEMAN
The Washington Post

OTTAWA — Canada drew global attention last year — and plenty of weed-seeking tourists — when it became the world’s first advanced economy to legalize cannabis, an election promise by the Liberal government of Prime Minister Justin Trudeau.

Since then, marijuana shops have been popping up

across the country, and buying pot will soon be as easy as ordering coffee at Tim Hortons.

But it wasn’t cannabis that was the big theme of the new budget introduced by Ontario Premier Doug Ford. It was beer — cheap, easily available beer.

Ford, 54, a Toronto businessman, is the anti-Trudeau. A right-wing populist with a brash and combative style that has earned him comparisons to Donald Trump, he relishes promoting the little guy and attacking elites.

The Ontario budget, the

first since Ford’s Progressive Conservative Party gained power last June, includes cuts to legal aid, teachers, libraries and tree-planting as part of an effort to reduce the province’s \$8.7 billion annual deficit.

But what has captured much of the attention here is its emphasis on improving access to beer and wine.

Ford uses the spending plan to propose a range of alcohol-related changes: allowing bars to serve alcohol starting at 9 a.m., permitting tailgating at sporting events, and broadening sales of beer and wine to more

supermarkets and convenience stores.

Journalists have noted that the words “alcohol” or “beer” appear 46 times in the budget. Teachers rated just 25 mentions.

“You aren’t a baby and the government shouldn’t treat you like one,” the Progressive Conservatives said in a fundraising pitch after the budget was introduced.

While Ford himself is a teetotaler, his family has a more troubled history with alcohol. His late brother Rob, the onetime mayor of Toronto, became notorious

for his heavy drinking.

Beer is a \$6.8 billion industry in Canada, the land of Molson and Labatt, and Ontario is its center, with more than 200 breweries. But the province is still living with a long history of strict, religiously inspired alcohol regulation. Retail sales of spirits and most wine remain the purview of a provincially owned monopoly known as the Liquor Control Board.

Rules have been liberalized considerably in recent decades, but some anomalies remain. The Beer Store, the monopoly pur-

veyor of beer in the province, has long operated from locations with all the charm of a cold-storage warehouse.

Doug Ford is anxious to break the back of the beer monopoly by expanding sales in supermarkets and convenience stores, as is the way in neighboring Quebec — but there’s a problem. The Beer Store is owned by three big breweries, who have a contract that guarantees their market until 2025. If the contract is broken, they’ll probably seek hundreds of millions of dollars in compensation.



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Carla Provost, chief of the U.S. Border Patrol, speaks Wednesday on Capitol Hill.

Migrants at border top 100K in April

BY COLLEEN LONG
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The number of migrants apprehended at the Southern border topped 100,000 for the second month in a row as the Trump administration manages an ever-increasing number of Central American families streaming to the U.S. that hard line policies have failed to stem.

Border Patrol Chief Carla Provost told senators Wednesday that apprehension numbers were “off the charts,” and she’s had to divert agents to care for children. As she spoke, images of Border Patrol agents holding small children flashed behind her. In one, an agent feeds a little girl a bottle.

“We cannot address this crisis by shifting more resources,” Provost said. “It’s like holding a bucket under a faucet. It doesn’t matter how many buckets we have if we can’t turn off the flow.”

There were 109,144 migrants encountered in

April, the highest since 2007, including more than 58,000 migrant parents and children and 8,800 unaccompanied children taken into custody, according to Homeland Security figures. Border apprehensions are a barometer for people coming illegally, and a data point President Donald Trump watches closely and rails against.

Provost, a longtime border agent with more than 25 years of experience, said shifting resources will not address the crisis. She said she is worried about drugs and other contraband that is getting through as resources are moved to caring for children.

“I worry how much more is getting past us,” she said. “We have been forced to put our national security at risk.”

Democratic senators said Trump’s own failed immigration policies, including zero tolerance that led to family separations, helped contribute to the crisis at the border. Illinois Sen. Dick Durbin said

Trump’s immigration policies are cruel, unpredictable and ineffective.

But lawmakers on both sides seem to agree more that there is a crisis at the border that needs to be resolved.

Provost told senators at a Judiciary subcommittee hearing that border officials need laws changed to be able to detain families until their immigration cases are completed. She also said there needs to be changes to make it easier for children who have traveled alone to be returned to their countries. It’s a similar refrain repeated by Homeland Security officials, including Acting Homeland Security Secretary Kevin McAleenan. The White House has asked for \$4.5 billion more to help manage the number of migrants.

Unauthorized border crossings have surged since the start of this year. In response, the U.S. government has made some asylum-seekers pursue their cases while remaining in

Mexico and dramatically limited how many people can request asylum at official crossings.

An appeals court ruled late Tuesday that the administration could continue the program while litigation played out.

Trump has also ordered agencies to consider charging fees to asylum-seekers to pursue their cases once they enter.

Administration officials have debated proposals to reduce how many immigrants pass their initial “credible fear” screening as part of the asylum process. Immigration agencies are considering toughening the standards of the interview and having Border Patrol agents conduct interviews instead of asylum officers due to a belief that the agents would be less sympathetic.

Immigration agencies also allege that many adults and children who cross the U.S.-Mexico border are falsely posing as families so they can be released more quickly into the country.

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Army prepares teams for global deployment

Training brigade to be dispatched to advise local forces

BY LOLITA C. BALDOR
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Just months after the Army’s new training brigade returned from Afghanistan, its teams are preparing for a different type of deployment that will scatter them around the world.

Rather than putting all 800 soldiers in one war-torn nation, the Army is expected to begin dispatching the unit’s small teams to countries in Europe, Africa or other regions where they will train and advise local forces.

Army Brig. Gen. Scott Jackson, the brigade’s commander, said that while the Afghanistan tour focused heavily on combat operations, future efforts will center on helping partner forces train better and learn to avoid conflicts.

“I think future deployments throughout the world will be in much smaller packages,” Jackson said, adding that the brigade was built in 2017 to be decentralized. “I think a situation where you have a single team in a single country is a likely scenario.”

Jackson, who’s in Washington this week to discuss the deployments, said the top contenders are countries in Africa, Europe and South America. But he said he is not sure where his teams will be sent or when they may go.

The Army’s 1st Security Force Assistance Brigade was created by Gen. Mark Milley, the service’s chief of staff. It was designed to take the pressure off other Army brigades and units that are currently being used for training but are needed more for other U.S. security operations around the globe.

Since the brigade re-



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U.S. soldiers stand guard in Kabul, Afghanistan.

turned from Afghanistan, its training has shifted a bit to focus on developing training plans and working more as military consultants that can pinpoint the needs of the partner forces.

“We need to build a formation that’s flexible enough to be employed everywhere in the world, and then we’ll adjust based on the countries we go to,” Jackson said. “But the base doctrine has got to be universal across the world.”

The Army is planning to build six of the brigades over the next several years, and already the 2nd Brigade is deploying to Afghanistan to replace Jackson’s teams that left the war zone late last year. The plans reflect the new reality of America at war: Army soldiers advising and building indigenous security forces, not doing the fighting for them on foreign soil.

During the 1st Brigade’s nine-month Afghanistan tour last year, two of the unit’s soldiers were killed and three others were wounded in two insider attacks.

Cpl. Joseph Maciel, of South Gate, California, was shot and killed by a mem-

ber of the Afghan security forces in July, and Sgt. Maj. Timothy Bolyard, of Thornton, West Virginia, was killed by a member of the Afghan national police in September.

After the first killing, the U.S. beefed up security and urged Afghan commanders to also make changes, including increased vetting of their troops.

The Afghans, said Jackson, “understand the impact that those kinds of green-on-blue-type incidents can have to a strategic partnership. They take it seriously, and they were ready to make the necessary changes” to make things more secure.

The war in Afghanistan has lasted nearly 18 years and is at a critical point. The U.S. is pressing the Taliban to negotiate a peace with the Afghan government, and talks between the insurgent group and a U.S. special envoy are ongoing.

The U.S. believes that a key element in keeping the peace will be the Afghan military’s ability to maintain security in the country. And the training by the new Army brigades is aimed at that goal.

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At the CIA, an officer with a brush

Soon to retire, agency's artist will leave a legacy

By IAN SHAPIRA
The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — Deborah Dismuke was never fully satisfied with her painting.

Displayed in one of the most prominent hallways of the CIA's headquarters in Langley, Virginia, "Message from Moscow" depicts a critical moment during the Cuban missile crisis.

Dismuke thought the faces of the men she had painted needed work. One Saturday, the longtime CIA officer actually took it off the wall, making hurried improvements for about an hour in the nearby women's restroom.

Yet the painting's flaws still nagged at her. So last spring, Dismuke decided to create a brand-new — and more historically accurate — version of "Message," which she is racing to complete and install before she retires next month.

"The original looked bad, and given that it's the agency, you want to get your facts straight," said Dismuke, 63. "As an artist, it's one of those things. I'm a perfectionist."

Her perfectionism has put her in rarefied air. She is the only CIA employee, the first woman and the only African American with a painting in the agency's vaunted Intelligence Art Collection, a gallery of more than 20 pieces just around the corner from the building's Memorial Wall.

Aside from her Cold War painting, Dismuke also claims a second one honoring the agency officers from the "Argo" operation — including legendary disguise artist Tony Mendez — who rescued six U.S. diplomats from Iran in 1980.

Although publicly available versions of her paintings in calendars or catalogs feature her autograph par-



Deborah Dismuke stands in front of her painting "Argo: Rescue of the Canadian Six."

tially or fully redacted, the originals at Langley (which can only be seen by employees and authorized visitors) feature her full signature.

This is no small achievement at a place like the CIA.

The names of rank-and-file CIA employees rarely adorn the agency's interior. Typically, only the names of former agency *eminence grises* grace the hallways — such as past CIA directors, whose portraits line the building. Then, there are those officers killed on the job and whose names, depending on secrecy concerns, are written by a calligrapher into the Book of Honor in the CIA's lobby next to its Memorial Wall of engraved stars.

Although Dismuke is not a covert officer, she hardly ever tells people where she works. But in January, after Mendez died, the CIA tweeted out an image of her painting, "Argo: Rescue of the Canadian Six" — and her full name.

"I do have to say, I have really surprised some African Americans within the agency," she said. "They didn't know that an African American female did the 'Argo' painting and 'Message from Moscow.' One of them said to me, 'Oh my gosh, one of our own?'"

Dismuke, who paints at her Manassas Park, Virginia, townhouse listening to soundtracks from "Jurassic Park" or the "Dark Knight" Batman trilogy, said she is humbled to have artwork next to those by such established painters and in such a solemn setting.

"My boss told me the other day, 'Deborah, there are a lot of talented people here, but when you retire, your legacy will still be here. You get to leave something behind,'" Dismuke said, sitting at the CIA's Starbucks. She smiled, sheepishly. "I just never thought of it that way until then."

She submitted her résumé everywhere. Hall-

mark. Graphics shops. Advertising agencies. She heard nothing.

It was the early 1980s and Dismuke, a recent graduate of the Maryland Institute College of Art, was several months into a backroom computer job at a D.C. bank. A friend from MICA, whose mother worked at the CIA, got hired by the agency. She urged Dismuke to apply.

Dismuke was skeptical over the fact that the spy agency needed a classically trained painter. But, it turns out, the CIA had a need for someone like her, who could do anything from propaganda to illustrations for internal publications. By 1987, she was hired. Even though she was not under cover, she told only her mother and sister where she worked.

Over time, word of Dismuke's artistic talent started circulating in the agency's upper echelons. She drew a portrait of George Methlie II, a deceased officer, which

was hung in a training center named after him. Then, in 2009 or 2010, she made a painting that appeared on a holiday card sent out by Leon Panetta, the CIA's director at the time, to every employee around the world. When Panetta summoned her to his office, she remembers him telling her, "You're going to be famous one day."

Around the same time, Toni Hiley, then the CIA Museum director, wanted to select the first agency artist to make a painting for the growing Intelligence Art Collection. She had seen Dismuke's portrait of Methlie and was impressed.

The collection needed a painting honoring the CIA's partnership with the British Broadcasting Corp. Monitoring Service, which, starting around 1939, pioneered the recording and analysis of foreign radio stations' broadcasts.

To start, Dismuke was given an old black-and-

white photo of BBCM employees at their work station. But the image wasn't all that clear, plus it felt static — just two guys with headsets in front of radio equipment. Could she make a painting that told a story?

She was directed to tell the tale of the moment, when BBCM employees received word, aired on Radio Moscow in October 1962, that Soviet Premier Nikita Khrushchev was complying with President John F. Kennedy's demand for the removal of recently installed missile bases in Cuba.

All sorts of ideas surfaced: She added in a BBC business card and a copy of Pravda, the Soviet broadsheet and official organ of the Communist Party, whose front page featured a photo of rising political figure Mikhail Gorbachev. She also threw in a map of Cuba and a picture of Fidel Castro that sat next to one of the men turning a radio dial.

Finally, on Nov. 4, 2011, "Message from Moscow" was unveiled at the CIA, inside its semi-spherical auditorium.

Nevertheless, Dismuke was the painting's toughest critic. She wanted a complete redo.

One recent day, in the basement of her townhouse, Dismuke was staring at a nearly complete and enhanced replica of "Message from Moscow."

By the end of May, she'll take her new version to the agency so it can be installed. A few weeks after that, she'll hand in her blue badge and be gone for good.

But she may not be done with making CIA paintings. Her dream, she said, is to be selected to paint a portrait of one of the CIA directors.

"I want to do Gina's," she said, smiling, referring to CIA Director Gina Haspel. "She's the first female director. And, I'm the first female artist and the first staff officer with a painting on the wall. It would be awesome."

Navy to keep UFO info gleaned from pilots secret

More formalized cataloging process takes away stigma

By PAUL SONNE
The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — The U.S. Navy has drafted a procedure to investigate and catalog reports of unidentified flying objects from its pilots. But the service doesn't expect to make the information public, citing privileged and classified reporting that is typically included in such files.

Joe Gradisher, a spokesman for the office of the deputy chief of naval operations for information warfare, said that the Navy expects to keep the information it gathers private for a number of reasons.

"Military aviation safety organizations always retain reporting of hazards to aviation as privileged information in order to preserve the free and honest prioritization and discussion of safety among aircrew," Gradisher said. "Furthermore, any report generated as a result of these investigations will, by necessity, include classified information on military operations. Therefore, no re-

lease of information to the general public is expected."

The Navy's recent decision to draft formal guidelines for pilots to document encounters with unexplained aerial phenomena comes after the revelation in late 2017 that the Pentagon ran a secret "UFO" office that spent \$22 million over five years to collect and analyze "anomalous aerospace threats." Funding for the office, known as the Advanced Aerospace Threat Identification Program, or AATIP, officially ended in 2012, though operations continued.

Among other things, the program resulted in the release of footage from the cockpit cameras of military aircraft, which appeared to document oval-shaped vessels.

Reports of curious sightings from military aircraft aren't new. During World War II, Allied military pilots witnessed unexplained objects and fireballs that they dubbed "foo fighters." A number of official government investigations looked into such phenomena in the postwar period.

Now, the Navy has agreed to a more formalized process for cataloging and investigating reports from pilots,

a decision welcomed by former U.S. officials who want the military to take the matter seriously and remove the stigma in the armed forces of reporting such incidents.

Even though the Navy indicated that it has no plans in the imminent future to release the data, unclassified portions of the information or broad overviews of the findings could come out, according to Luis Elizondo, an intelligence officer who ran AATIP before leaving the Pentagon.

"If it remains strictly within classified channels, then the 'right person' may not actually get the information. The right person doesn't necessarily mean a military leader. It can be a lawmaker. It can be a whole host of different individuals," Elizondo said.

For example, in the future, the Navy theoretically could release broad statistics about the number of sightings and the results of the follow-up investigations without disclosing any classified information. Even if the information isn't made public, it could be reported to Congress.

Frustrated that a potential security threat wasn't receiving the attention and



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The U.S. Navy says it will not publicly disclose investigations of unexplained aerial phenomena because there are privileged and classified details included in such reports.

funding he thought it deserved, Elizondo left the Pentagon in 2017 and joined a startup that promotes UFO research for scientific and entertainment purposes. The organization is collaborating on a six-part History Channel series due this month that will explore Elizondo's work.

In a conversation with The Washington Post, Elizondo praised the Navy for changing its policy and taking a public stance and credited lawmakers on Capitol Hill for beginning to take the matter seriously. He said he expects the effort to lead to more information gathering and shar-

ing at the Pentagon and ultimately a better understanding of the "enigma" reported by military pilots.

There is no agreed-upon explanation for some of the sightings reported to AATIP.

Seth Shostak, an astronomer at the Search for Extraterrestrial Intelligence (SETI) Institute in Mountain View, California, said regardless of the explanation, it's positive that the military is collecting more information, because it could lead to a relevant discovery about technological equipment or activity by a potential adversary.

"Of course, it's a good

thing," Shostak said. "Get more information. It costs a little bit of money, but not very much money. These days, you do worry — are the Chinese doing reconnaissance, are the Russians doing reconnaissance, on military activity?"

Shostak cautioned that sightings of unidentified objects, which military pilots have been reporting for decades, could have a more Earthly explanation than activity by an extraterrestrial civilization.

"If they are here, if they are sailing the skies, you have got to say — they are really great house guests," Shostak said.

Drone helps create 3D view of WWII Colo. internment camp

By RUSSELL CONTRERAS
Associated Press

A University of Denver team is using drone images to create a 3D reconstruction of a World War II-era Japanese internment camp in southern Colorado, joining a growing movement to restore U.S. historical sites linked to people of color.

Researchers last week dispatched the drone from the Switzerland-based company senseFly as part of a mapping project to help future restoration work at Camp Amache in Granada, Colo.

The senseFly eBee X drone flew over the 1-square-mile site and took more than 4,000 images as part of a project to document where barracks, schools and other buildings once stood, said Adam Zylka, the senseFly pilot who flew the drone.

The site now only contains concrete foundations, artifacts, a handful of restored buildings and a cemetery of internees who died at the camp.

But Zylka said researchers can use the information gathered by the drone to create virtual reality and

augmented reality apps so that visitors can experience what life was like at the internment camp with almost precisely reconstructed images.

"This is a game changer," Jim Casey, geographic information system specialist with the University of Denver who has been working to create digital maps of Amache. "You could be standing at the site, looking at nothing for sagebrush and weeds. Then, you can point your smartphone at the view and see what was once there."

Casey said people who

cannot go to the isolated location 230 miles southeast of Denver will be able to visit the site virtually after researchers process the new drone data.

From 1942 to 1945, more than 7,000 Japanese-Americans and Japanese immigrants were forcibly relocated to Camp Amache. They were among the more than 110,000 Japanese-Americans ordered to camps in Arkansas, Arizona, California, Colorado, Idaho, New Mexico, Utah, Wyoming and other sites.

Executive Order 9066, signed by President Frank-

lin D. Roosevelt, forced Japanese-Americans to leave the West Coast and other areas for the camps surrounded by barbed wire and military police. Half of those detainees were children.

At Amache, internees lived in an area next to poor Mexican-American farmworkers. They produced a newspaper, tried farming and formed football and baseball teams.

Casey said the recreation of the camp is important for the country to come to terms with this dark period in history.

"Children and grandchil-

dren of internees also are trying to learn about what their parents went through," he said. "That's because they rarely talked about it."

The Amache drone project is the latest example of preservation advocates working to save and restore historical sites connected to black, Latino and Asian American history.

A digital project headed up by Brown University professor Monica Martinez seeks to locate sites connected to racial violence along the Texas border with Mexico.

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eldest son, who requested anonymity to discuss the matter, said Wednesday that there was an agreement when Trump Jr. first testified before the intelligence panel in 2017 that he would only come once, and that he has continued to cooperate by producing documents and answering written questions.

The person called the new request a public relations stunt and criticized the chairman of the panel, North Carolina Republican Sen. Richard Burr, for calling Trump Jr. in.

In the House, the vote by the Judiciary Committee capped a day of ever-deepening dispute between congressional Democrats and the president, who for the first time invoked the principle of executive privilege, claiming the right to block lawmakers from the full report on Mueller's probe of Russian interference to help Trump in the 2016 election.

Committee Chairman Jerrold Nadler of New York declared the action by Trump's Justice Department a clear new sign of the president's "blanket defiance" of Congress' constitutional rights to conduct oversight.

"We did not relish doing this, but we have no choice," Nadler said after the vote.

The White House's blockade, he said, "is an attack on the ability of the American people to know what the executive branch is doing." He said, "This cannot be."

But Justice Department spokeswoman Kerri Kupec said it was disappointing that members of Congress "have chosen to engage in such inappropriate politi-



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President Trump walks to Marine One before leaving Wednesday for Florida to hold a rally and visit an Air Force base.

cal theatrics."

White House press secretary Sarah Sanders said neither the White House nor Barr "will comply with Chairman Nadler's unlawful and reckless demands."

Though the White House initially hesitated on invoking privilege, Trump told his staff and political advisers in recent weeks to refuse to cooperate with Democrats, believing the party's goal was simply to damage him politically going into his re-election campaign. The coming legal battle could stretch to 2020, and the White House is aiming to tie up congressional probes until Election Day.

Executive privilege is the president's power to keep information from the courts, Congress and the public to protect the confidentiality of the Oval Office decision-making process.

The president's decision was weeks in the making, the next inevitable escalation between the White House and Congress over a number of probes. The White House has rejected all efforts to probe Trump's business dealings or tax returns as well as the West Wing's security clearance

procedure.

The committee voted along party lines, 24-16, to recommend the full House hold Barr in contempt, but only after some five hours of heated and, at times, emotional testimony.

Democrats made their case that Congress was at a historic juncture as it confronts what they consider Trump's stonewalling of lawmakers' ability to conduct oversight of the administration.

Republicans portrayed the majority as angry and lashing out at Barr after the special counsel did not find that Trump colluded with Russia to swing the 2016 election.

Said Democratic Rep. Sheila Jackson Lee of Texas: "The president now seeks to take a wrecking ball to the Constitution of the United States."

And Rep. Cedric Richmond of Louisiana said the road ahead may be "messy" but Democrats must fight to "protect our democracy." Other Democrats called the standoff a "serious" and "grave" moment.

However, the panel's top Republican, Rep. Doug Collins of Georgia, said Democrats were manufacturing a crisis and rushing the process to "sully Bill Barr's good name."

Rep. Matt Gaetz of Florida, a Trump ally, said the Democrats were trying to "delegitimize" the president and biding time before they try to impeach him.

"Get over it," Gaetz said. House Speaker Nancy Pelosi has said the next step will be consideration by the full House. Nadler said that will happen soon.

If approved by the House, where the Democrats hold a solid majority, the contempt resolution would almost certainly move to an unusual, and potentially protracted, multipronged court battle with the Trump administration.

Trump acknowledges massive tax write-offs, calls it 'sport'

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — President Donald Trump on Wednesday acknowledged taking massive tax write-offs for real estate losses totaling \$1 billion from the mid-1980s to mid-1990s, calling it "sport" among developers like himself during that period.

Trump was reacting to a New York Times report Tuesday that his businesses lost more than \$1 billion from 1985 to 1994. The newspaper said its reporting was based on printouts it acquired of Trump's official IRS tax transcripts, including figures from his federal tax form.

Trump reported business losses of \$46.1 million in 1985, and a total of \$1.17 billion in losses for the 10-year period.

The president appeared to defend his actions in a pair of tweets early Wednesday.

"Real estate developers in the 1980's & 1990's, more than 30 years ago, were entitled to massive write offs and depreciation which would, if one was actively building, show losses and tax losses in almost all cases," Trump tweeted. He contended the reported losses were "non monetary."

"Sometimes considered 'tax shelter,' you would get it by building, or even buying. You always wanted to show losses for tax purposes, almost all real estate developers did — and often re-negotiate with banks, it was sport," Trump said.

He claimed the Times report was a "highly inaccurate Fake News hit job!" based on old information.

After comparing Trump's information with that of other "high-income earners," the Times concluded that Trump "appears to have lost more money than nearly any other individual American taxpayer." Because of his business losses, the news-



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Sen. Brad Hoylman, D-Manhattan, standing, discusses a bill Wednesday, that authorizes state tax officials to release individual New York state tax returns to Congress.

paper reported, Trump did not pay income taxes for eight of the 10 years.

The House Ways and Means Committee has asked the IRS to provide Trump's personal and business returns for 2013 through 2018. Treasury Secretary Steven Mnuchin on Monday refused to do so, saying the panel's request "lacks a legitimate legislative purpose." Mnuchin oversees the IRS.

Trump is the first president since Watergate to decline to make his tax returns public.

Meanwhile, New York's Senate easily approved a bill Wednesday that would allow three congressional committees to get access to President Donald Trump's state tax returns, giving Democrats a potential end-run around the administration's refusal to disclose the president's federal returns.

The bill, which now goes to the state Assembly, doesn't target Trump by name but would authorize state tax officials to release returns filed by several state and federal officeholders if requested by the leaders of the House Ways and Means Committee, the Senate Finance Committee

or the Joint Committee on Taxation. Both chambers of the state Legislature are controlled by Democrats.

The law would apply to returns filed by the U.S. president and vice president, U.S. senators, the state's governor, lieutenant governor, attorney general or comptroller.

It would include filings related to personal income taxes, real estate taxes and corporate income taxes and cover up to five years of returns before the person took office.

Trump's home state is New York, where many of his business enterprises are based. Financial information in state returns is likely to mirror much of what is in his federal returns.

Republicans said Democrats should be focused on lowering the state's high taxes and improving the lives of New Yorkers, not going after the president's tax returns, a move GOP senators deemed intrusive and a violation of privacy rights.

The vote fell along party lines, with 39 Democrats in the 63-seat Senate voting for the measure.

White House officials didn't respond to a request for comment.

Trump set for impeachment fight with Democrats to fuel 2020 bid

BY SHANNON PETTYPIECE
Bloomberg News

President Donald Trump's advisers are pushing him to defy congressional investigations in hopes of luring Democrats into escalating a fight that they say will turn voters against the party in the 2020 elections.

The advisers are counting on news coverage of the battle with Congress — including Democrats' raising the possibility of impeachment — distracting attention from candidates vying to replace Trump, and are portraying the president as a victim of partisan gamesmanship.

The House Judiciary Committee on Wednesday is set to vote on holding Attorney General William Barr in contempt for missing a subpoena deadline to turn over an unredacted version of special counsel Robert Mueller's report on allegations of Russian connections to Trump's 2016 campaign and the president's possible obstruction

of the investigation. Trump advisers also see an upside from House Speaker Nancy Pelosi's warning Tuesday that the administration's defiance of subpoenas could lead to impeachment proceedings.

"It won't turn out well for them," said Trump's campaign communications director Tim Murtaugh. "The fact that Democrats want to continue the witch hunt shows that they have no interest in legislating and only care about politics."

The administration further advanced its strategy Tuesday by telling former White House Counsel Don McGahn not to comply with a subpoena from House Democrats to turn over documents. Trump tweeted over the weekend that special counsel Robert Mueller shouldn't testify to Congress, and on Monday, Treasury Secretary Steven Mnuchin refused a request to turn over Trump's tax returns.

The effort to turn Trump's potential liabilities into a 2020 election

advantage carries risks. The president's refusal to turn over documents could lead voters to conclude he has something to hide and focus attention on the Mueller investigation, which painted an unflattering picture of Trump.

Pelosi said at an event at Cornell University on Tuesday that Trump's strategy poses a dilemma for Democrats. "Trump is goading us to impeach him, that's what he's doing every single day," she said. "We can't impeach him for political reasons, but we can't not impeach him for political reasons."

Not everyone in her party agrees. Sen. Elizabeth Warren of Massachusetts, who is running for president, on Tuesday called for impeachment proceedings to begin and said politics shouldn't be a factor.

"If any other human being in this country had done what's documented in the Mueller report, they would be arrested and put in jail," Warren said on the Senate floor Tuesday.

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NEWS BRIEFING

Staff and news services

Walmart to raise minimum age to buy tobacco to 21 in July

NEW YORK — Walmart said Wednesday that it will raise the minimum age to buy tobacco products and e-cigarettes at its U.S. stores to 21 amid growing pressure from regulators to cut tobacco use among minors.

The world's largest retailer also said it will also stop selling fruit and dessert flavored e-cigarettes, which critics say can hook teenagers on vaping.

The new rules will take effect in July at all its 5,300

U.S. stores, including its Sam's Club warehouse locations. Previously, Walmart's minimum purchase age was 18, aside from a number of states where the legal age is 21.

The Food and Drug Administration had put Walmart and 14 other retailers on notice for selling tobacco products to kids. Another listed retailer, Walgreens, has said that it would increase its minimum age for tobacco sales to 21 in September.

Oregon teachers walk out to press for more school funding

PORTLAND, Ore. — Tens of thousands of teachers across Oregon walked off the job Wednesday to demand more money for schools, holding signs and wearing red shirts that have become synonymous with a nationwide movement pushing lawmakers to better fund education.

Schools around the state, including Oregon's largest district, Portland Public Schools, closed for

at least part of the day. Most offered day care and free lunch programs.

An estimated 25,000 people massed in a downtown Portland park for a rally before marching through the city.

It was one of many protests statewide that called on lawmakers to expand school funding in Oregon, which has some of the largest class sizes and lowest graduation rates in the United States.

Pakistani woman acquitted of blasphemy headed to Canada

ISLAMABAD — A Christian woman acquitted of blasphemy after spending eight years on death row in Pakistan, but who still faced death threats from Islamic extremists upon her release, flew to Canada on Wednesday to join her daughters, Pakistani officials and others involved in the case said.

Asia Bibi was convicted of blasphemy in 2009 after a quarrel with

two fellow farmworkers, who refused to drink from the same water container as a Christian. Five days later, the women said Bibi had insulted Islam, a crime punishable by death. Bibi was charged with blasphemy despite repeatedly denying the accusation.

The Supreme Court overturned her conviction last year, and she had been in protective custody since then.



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Mounted Republican Guards ride in Paris on Wednesday toward the Arc de Triomphe for a ceremony on the 74th anniversary of the Allies' defeat of Germany in World War II. By tradition, one member of the victorious alliance, Russia, celebrates on May 9.

Corruption, jobs big issues as South Africans go to the polls

JOHANNESBURG — South Africans voted Wednesday in presidential and parliamentary elections, with signs of a relatively low turnout and voters saying they were disillusioned by widespread corruption and unemployment.

Despite apartheid's demise 25 years ago, South Africa remains divided by economic inequality.

The African National Congress, the party of Nelson Mandela that has been in power since 1994, is likely to win a majority but it will face a difficult challenge to match the 62% of

the vote it got five years ago.

The party has been tarnished by corruption scandals and a national unemployment rate of 27%. President Cyril Ramaphosa, who leads the ANC, has campaigned on promises to clean up his party, an acknowledgment of the problems that forced out his predecessor last year.

Firebrand opposition leader Julius Malema said he expects a good turnout for his party, the populist, leftist Economic Freedom Fighters.

Young voters make up about 20% of the electorate

and largely support Malema, who broke from the ANC six years ago. However, registration of voters under 30 was relatively low.

The ANC has vowed to embark on a program of seizing white-owned land without compensation, for which it needs a 67% majority to change South Africa's Constitution.

If the ANC's share of the vote slips below 60%, Ramaphosa could be vulnerable and his party could oust him and choose a new leader. More than 40 smaller parties also are on the ballot.

Huawei exec's lawyer cites Trump comments

VANCOUVER, British Columbia — The lawyer for a senior executive of Chinese tech giant Huawei who was arrested in Canada on a U.S. extradition warrant said Wednesday he'll try to prevent the case from going ahead by arguing that comments by President Donald Trump sug-

gest the case is politically motivated.

Attorney Scott Fenton referred to Trump during a court appearance by Huawei CFO Meng Wanzhou. Canada arrested Meng, the daughter of Huawei's founder, on Dec. 1. She is wanted in the U.S. on fraud charges.

The U.S. and China have tried to keep Meng's case separate from their trade dispute, although Trump said he'd consider intervening if it would help seal a trade deal with Beijing.

Fenton called Trump's comments "intimidating and corrosive of the rule of law."

Denver voters decriminalize psilocybin in first for U.S.

Voters in Denver approved the nation's first referendum on decriminalizing hallucinogenic mushrooms Tuesday. Though it took election officials until Wednesday afternoon to tabulate the vote, 50.6% of the 176,000 voters picked "yes," and 49.4% voted no.

The voters endorsed a change in Denver law that will require police to make arresting people for personal possession or use of psilocybin mushrooms "the lowest law enforcement priority in the City and County of Denver." The final vote total has yet to be certified by Denver election officials.

Despite the outcome on Initiative 301, hallucinogenic mushrooms remain illegal in Denver and the rest of Colorado, and selling them will still be a felony.

They also remain a Schedule I controlled substance under federal law.

In California: Insurance claims have topped \$12 billion for the November wildfires in California, making them the most expensive in state history.

The figure released Wednesday by Insurance Commissioner Ricardo Lara covers the fire that largely destroyed the town of Paradise and two Southern California blazes.

Most of the damages relate to the Paradise fire, which killed 85 people and destroyed nearly 19,000 buildings.

A series of sweeping fires in late 2017 had been the most expensive, with claims topping \$11.8 billion.

The increasing destruction is making it harder and more costly for people to obtain homeowners insurance.

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EDITORIALS

Gov. Pritzker, you can end the excuses at DCFS

Wednesday's Chicago Tribune included a front-page story by reporter Elyssa Cherney that began this way: "A new report from the Illinois auditor general slammed the state's troubled child welfare agency for failing to follow its own policies when investigating cases of abuse and neglect, finding a hotline used to report allegations cannot handle the call volume and caseloads for staff are too high."

New report. Same old conclusions. The Department of Children and Family Services' record of overloading its workers and investigators is not only an epic failure of state government's elected officials and administrators. It also continues to risk the lives of children, some of whom wind up dead. Illinois' "too many caseloads" problem needs fixing. Now.

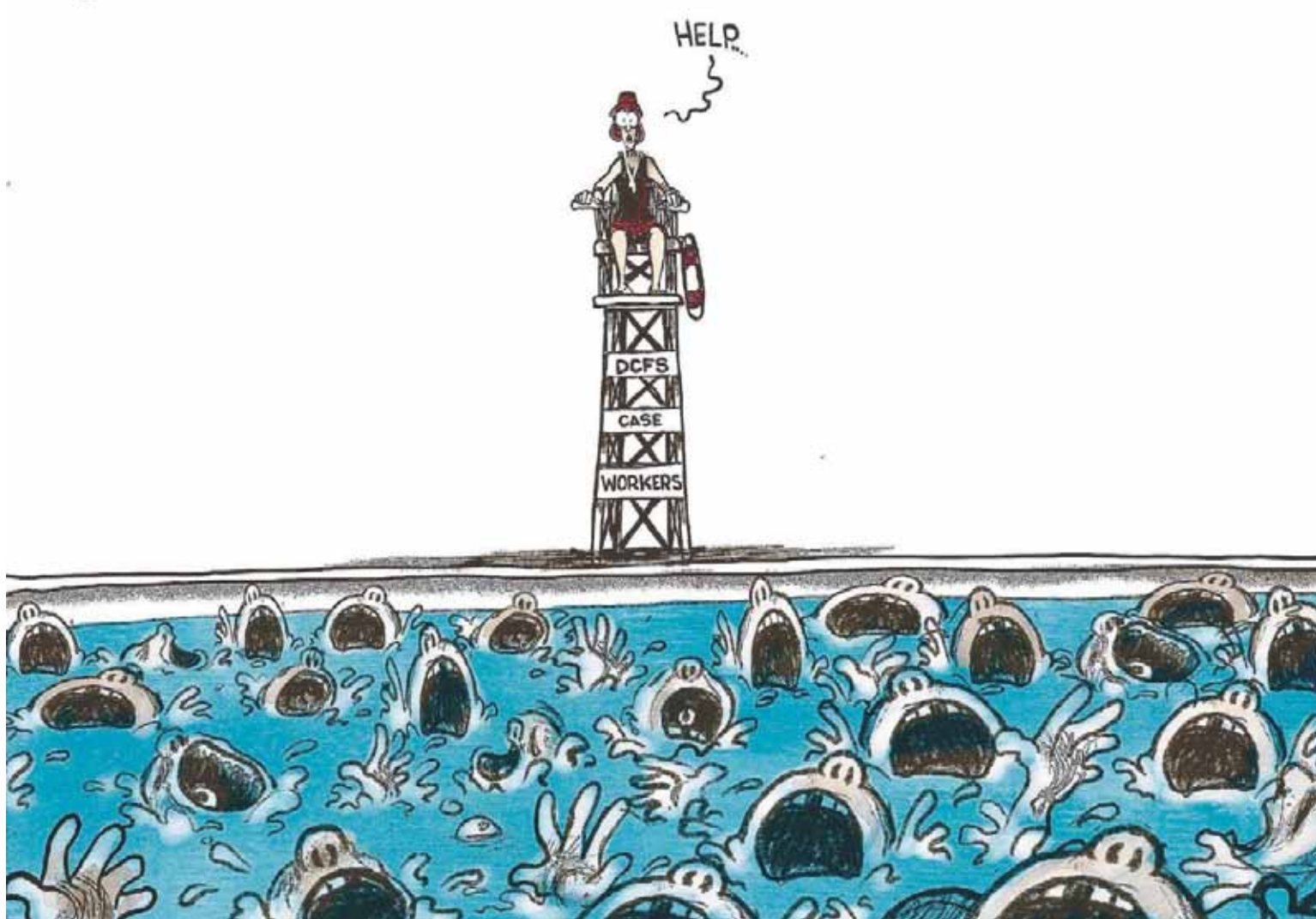
DCFS doesn't need more mandates signed into law. It doesn't need another task force. It doesn't need another audit. The problems permeating this agency are maddeningly consistent and well-documented. High caseloads drew the intervention of the federal courts in 1991 and again in 1998, and caseloads have been cited since then, over and over, as a crisis within the agency.

One veteran caseworker interviewed by the Tribune seven years ago described his job tracking 40 troubled families as a stressful game of "roulette." You never know which child might fall through the cracks. That's how it feels to work within an agency that, despite a budget of more than \$1 billion a year, can't get more eyes and ears to the front lines, either by relocating employees from behind desks or through more efficient hiring.

This is an all-hands-on-deck moment, from the agency and its new director, Marc Smith, to Gov. J.B. Pritzker, to the unionized workforce within DCFS, and to sister agencies that provide services. No one gets a pass until this is fixed.

The report released this week by Illinois Auditor General Frank Mautino cited numerous flaws within the agency during the review period from 2015 to

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2017. Victims were not interviewed quickly enough, policies were not followed and investigator caseloads were too high. Despite a long-standing federal consent decree that is in place due to violations of caseload quantity, the audit found that nearly 80 percent of investigators were assigned more than 15 new cases in at least one month of the time reviewed. The Illinois House had ordered the audit following the death of Semaj Crosby of Joliet Township, who was reported missing hours after a caseworker left her trash-strewn home. She was later found dead under a

couch. It should not take fatalities of children under state scrutiny to force competency into state government.

Dr. Jill Glick of Comer Children's Hospital, with a group of doctors statewide, wrote a recent letter to the Tribune recommending that DCFS install a full-time medical director and establish a network of physicians to work specifically with allegations of abuse. She called for on-the-spot sharing of medical records between hospitals and DCFS. No more waiting weeks for caseworkers to be brought up to speed on a child who shows up at

an emergency room with suspicious injuries.

Retired Cook County Judge Wayne Meyer, known for his expertise with child abuse cases, also wrote to the Tribune with suggestions, including separating investigatory duties from caseworker duties. Caseworkers are there to provide support and services to families. They don't necessarily have an eye for potentially criminal behavior. Meyer also wrote that DCFS should stop using the term "unfounded" in cases of suspected abuse that couldn't be proved. That word lets too many abusers off the hook.

The fixes for this agency are out there. They have been written about and researched. The studies are on the shelves.

What is needed is implementation from steady, focused leadership that includes Gov. Pritzker. DCFS is not a lost cause. But if reform doesn't come quickly, the agency will continue to be a culpable party in the violent and preventable deaths of children.

Of course the agency wouldn't be alone in its culpability. So are people who hurt children. And so are the public officials and the citizens who don't demand an end to the excuses.

Democrats, don't spike Kaegi's property tax reform

Not many issues unite Illinoisans as much as the gross unfairness of the property tax system. Politicians are forever telling us that high property taxes — and the vulnerable-to-mischief assessments that drive them — animate voters, especially in Cook County. We're proud of the work by Tribune and ProPublica journalists to expose inequities that have punished low-income communities. That scandal is a big reason why Joseph Berrios no longer is Cook County's assessor.

Last year fed-up voters dumped Berrios and gave a mandate for change to his replacement, Assessor Fritz Kaegi. It's no surprise that Kaegi's early efforts to end the assessment system's injustices have upset stakeholders who've done well by the status quo: tax appeals lawyers, developers, some trade unions and some owners of commercial properties who had sweet deals from Berrios. That opposition could lead Illinois House Democrats to kill a Kaegi-backed reform that already has cleared the Senate on a bipartisan vote, 36-16.

On Thursday, the House Revenue Committee is scheduled to consider a bill that would require certain income-producing properties to disclose their



BRIAN CASSELLA/CHICAGO TRIBUNE

Cook County Assessor Fritz Kaegi is pushing a bill that would let his office more accurately value certain income-producing properties.

revenues and expenses to the assessor's office. But Kaegi told us Wednesday afternoon that, rather than advancing his measure to the House floor, the committee may send the legisla-

tion to its doom in a subcommittee. "All we want is a vote in committee," Kaegi told us. "We have the votes to pass it. Will they give us the chance?" The "they" is House Demo-

crats. Killing this reform would give them a mighty bad look: Speaker Michael Madigan's law firm profits handsomely from tax appeals, which could become fewer in number if Kaegi's bill becomes law. And committee Chairman Mike Zalewski hails from west suburban Riverside, a hotbed of animosity toward the property tax system.

The point of Kaegi's call for more financial information is to allow his office to more accurately calculate a building's value. Smaller properties would be exempt, including commercial properties valued at less than \$400,000, and residential properties with six or fewer units or those valued at less than \$1 million. Owners of bigger, more valuable properties already are required to disclose this information at the second level of tax appeals. Kaegi's proposal merely advances that disclosure.

More accurate assessments should mean fewer tax appeals — and less likelihood that commercial properties will be underassessed.

Do Madigan and Zalewski want to be the Democratic leaders who repudiate Cook County voters eager for property tax reforms? Come Thursday, we'll see.

WHAT OTHERS ARE SAYING

The Democratic House and Senate leaders apparently decided that resistance to the Trump administration — rather than true deal-making — makes the most sense, holding out for a presidential victory in 2020. That strategic decision, unless soon reversed, might be their undoing. Had they opted for deals, they would have made a DACA-for-border-security swap, moved on infrastructure, and partnered on tax cuts to provide much more deductibility of state and local taxes. They think no deal is a better deal. Americans may — or may not — think so. ...

If there's not a change of course here in the next year, Barack Obama is right that 2020 is shaping up to be more like a circular firing squad than a march to victory. If someone in the leadership of the House or among the presidential candidates does not stand up and reset the emerging positioning, the party will be painted as running on a platform of socialism, \$93 trillion for global warming, anti-Israel policies, open borders, a government takeover of the health care system, and raising taxes to boot.

The course to Democratic victory in 2020 is reproducible free enterprise, not socialism; the center, not the left; and policies based on reality, not tens of trillions of dollars. This was true in the past — and I believe it holds true for the future.

Mark Penn, The Hill

Chicago Tribune PERSPECTIVE



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Georgia Gov. Brian Kemp signs legislation banning abortions once a fetal heartbeat can be detected, which can be as early as six weeks, in Atlanta on Tuesday.

The 'fetal heartbeat' abortion ban and the war on women's autonomy



STEVE CHAPMAN

Donald Trump has endorsed a federal ban on late-term abortions, lamenting laws that, as he put it, "allow a baby to be ripped from the mother's womb moments before birth." Trump claims falsely that doctors are allowed to "execute" babies after delivery. When Virginia Democrats tried to ease restrictions on abortions in the third trimester, Republicans said they were promoting "infanticide."

So these opponents of late-term abortion prefer that abortions take place a bit earlier? Not exactly. In 2017, the House of Representatives passed the Pain-Capable Unborn Child Protection Act, forbidding abortions after 20 weeks, when the fetus allegedly can feel pain. Never mind that the American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists says this capacity "does not, in fact, develop until late in the third trimester."

Does that legislation mean that abortions carried out before the fetus can feel pain are OK? Sorry, no. On Tuesday, Georgia Gov. Brian Kemp signed a bill outlawing abortion once fetal cardiac activity can be detected —

about six weeks into pregnancy, before some women realize they are pregnant. Five other states have passed similar measures.

But the people who portray the onset of cardiac activity as the crucial stage don't mean it. In 2011, Oklahoma passed a law to ban the drug RU-486, which is used to induce miscarriage in the early weeks of pregnancy. Efforts were made to persuade the Food and Drug Administration to keep it off the market.

Then there is the "morning-after pill," a contraceptive that can prevent pregnancy if taken after unprotected sex. The opposition to this medication is based on the belief (false, as it happens) that it sometimes works by terminating a pregnancy. It's an "abortion pill," critics claim, which makes it intolerable.

These advocates oppose allowing third-trimester abortions. They oppose second-trimester abortions. They oppose first-trimester abortions and even first-day abortions. Are you seeing a pattern?

The anti-abortion movement often tailors its arguments to make a particular type of abortion seem especially objectionable and thus in urgent need of prohibition. But the real goal is undeniable. It's to eliminate almost all abortions.

Actually, for some, "almost" is not enough. Most abortion restrictions make exceptions in cases of rape, in-

cest or danger to the life of the woman. But a proposed "fetal heartbeat" bill in Alabama would forbid it even for rape and incest victims. The U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops and some "pro-life" organizations oppose an exception even when the pregnancy could be fatal to the mother.

Under existing Supreme Court precedents, most of the restrictions they favor are unconstitutional. But with the addition of Brett Kavanaugh, they have reason to hope it will sanction such bans.

That's one reason Trump appointed him. The president, who is now the hero of anti-abortion groups, is someone who in his younger days proudly called himself "very pro-choice." It was grimly comical to hear this serial adulterer, who endorses torture and is a stranger to the Bible, use his State of the Union address to call for building "a culture that cherishes innocent life" and to "reaffirm a fundamental truth: all children — born and unborn — are made in the holy image of God."

When asked in 2016 if any of his girlfriends had gotten abortions, Trump replied: "Such an interesting question. So what's your next question?"

His smug attitude captures something important about abortion. People with the means will always be able to get it. Between 1980 and 2016, when abortion was illegal in Ireland, about 170,000 Irish women went abroad for

abortions, according to the United Kingdom Department of Health.

Others were able to end their pregnancies by getting abortion drugs shipped from other countries. It's women who lack money, knowledge or mobility who will be stymied by state laws like the one enacted in Georgia. Some of these women will resort to illegal or self-induced abortions.

Many abortion rights opponents believe all fetal life deserves absolute protection. But that view is not shared by everyone. About 1 in 4 American women have had or will have an abortion, according to the Guttmacher Institute.

The rational option when there are such stark differences of opinion is to let individuals make their own decisions. For the government to force women to have babies they don't want is no more legitimate than it would be to force expectant mothers to have abortions they don't want.

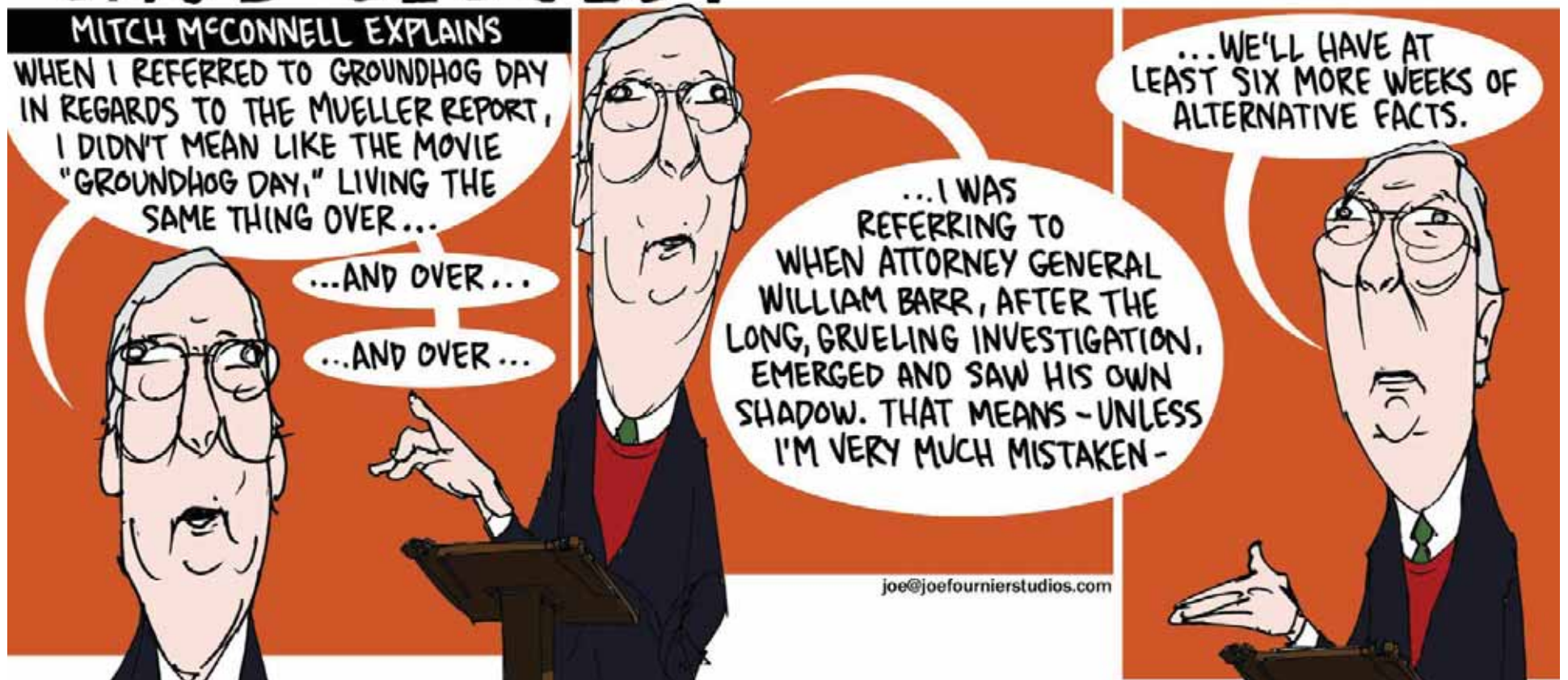
To use the power of government to deprive women of control over such a profound and intimate matter should give anyone pause. But those pushing these prohibitions would do it in a heartbeat.

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Chief Judge Timothy Evans issued an order for Cook County in 2017 that says bail should be “not oppressive.”

Bail reform is not putting the public at risk

BY TIMOTHY EVANS

There are many aspects of the court system that can lead to misunderstanding and confusion. Lately, this is most evident in public perception of the pretrial process.

This is the time when the criminal case begins. No judge or jury has decided whether the defendant is guilty. At the defendant's first court appearance, a judge determines whether the defendant should be released on bail — and on what conditions — or remain in jail.

On one side of the debate, there are voices who want the county's jail population to drop lower than the significant cut that's been made to about 5,600 from about 10,000 inmates five years ago. On the other side, there are those who want to see more incarceration.

In the courtroom, judges balance protecting the public and respecting the rights of the defendants, who are presumed innocent at the pretrial stage.

I entered an order that took effect Sept. 18, 2017, that aligns with state law by indicating that bail should be “not oppressive” and “considerate of the financial ability of the accused.” In addition, Illinois lawmakers passed the Bail Reform Act of 2017 that took effect Jan. 1, 2018, establishing a presumption that bail shall be “non-monetary in nature.” This is all part of a shift away from a system in which one's wealth determines one's freedom while a case is pending.

The Chicago Tribune visited this issue this month and focused on domestic violence cases. More discussion is warranted so that readers may learn that rising release rates for pretrial defendants did not increase the rate of new charges they faced.

Rest assured that no judge wants to release a defendant and later learn that the defendant committed a new offense. The uncomfortable part of the discussion

is that it's an unfortunate reality of any pretrial system that follows the law in the United States.

I will never defend any criminal activity. I am troubled by the reality of domestic violence. I will, however, stand with our judges who must make difficult decisions every day as they follow the law. And our judges are doing just that.

The numbers show that from 2016 through 2018, a low percentage of domestic violence defendants received new charges after being released on bail. Of the 27,671 defendants released in that three-year period, 5.5 percent of them were charged with a new crime while the original case was pending. This means 94.5 percent were not charged with a new crime while the original case was pending.

More important as it relates to bail reform, this low percentage of new criminal activity remained mostly unchanged over those three years: 5.8 percent in 2016, 5.8 percent in 2017 and 5 percent in 2018. These numbers were recorded as the percentage of individual recognizance bonds issued in domestic violence-related cases increased every year: 30.9 percent in 2016, 37.8 percent in 2017 and 51.4 percent in 2018.

Individual recognizance bonds, or “I-bonds” as they are commonly called, are bonds for which the defendant does not have to post money to be released. In other words, the increased release of defendants did not increase the threat to public safety. This comes as the Tribune and others have reported on Chicago's drop in homicides and shootings in 2017, 2018 and the first quarter of this year. All of this happened during bail reform.

When the elected officials of the Cook County justice system began improvements to the pretrial process, we knew the efforts would be questioned when defendants are released on bail and accused of new crimes.

The challenge for me, as a judge who must be impartial, is that I cannot publicly address allegations in specific cases while the case is either pending or impending. But please note that the court responded to domestic violence in 2005 by opening a stand-alone Domestic Violence Court-house at 555 W. Harrison St. and again in 2010 with a new division of judges solely dedicated to these cases. The court makes space available in its courthouses to organizations that help people navigate the system as they seek justice.

Since bail reform began, the jail population has not just fallen — its composition has completely changed. In 2012, county officials expressed concern that three-quarters of all inmates were incarcerated on nonviolent charges. Now the population is just the opposite, as nearly three-quarters are held on violent, weapons or person-related charges.

For the felony defendants released before trial, 85 percent were not charged with new crimes while their cases were pending. And new acts of violence are rare within this group, as more than 99 percent were not charged with a new violent crime. Judges also have protected the public by holding 11 percent of all felony defendants in jail without bail in the fourth quarter of last year.

That is a sharp increase from the eight months in 2017 before my bail order took effect, when the no-bail percentage was about 1 percent.

This discussion is about evolution in the administration of justice. It's not going to be easy. It's not going to be perfect. We will continue to analyze court data and work with consultants such as Arnold Ventures (formerly the Arnold Foundation) to review the pretrial process.

And I will always remain mindful of ways to improve as we move forward.

Timothy Evans is chief judge of the Circuit Court of Cook County.

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Property tax reform a must

My 90-year-old grandmother was forced to work a part-time job to pay her property taxes on a tiny two-bedroom home in Grayslake, where she and my grandfather settled in 1960. It was there that she raised my mother and three aunts. She served in the Army Cadet Nurse Corps during World War II and later as a nurse at the local school. My grandparents were working people. Their hard work provided a good, stable life, and their home was the largest financial investment of their lifetime.

In their 80s, their house paid for, my grandfather became ill. With my grandfather's medical costs and the rising property taxes, they could no longer afford to live in their home, so my grandmother found a job and went back to work.

In Illinois, the disproportionate reliance on and financial burden of property taxes to fund government — roads and bridges, education, police, fire and other essential services — is devastating. This is happening in neighborhoods all over Illinois, not only in Lake County and the Southland of Cook County, but in all 102 counties of the state, where families are losing their lifelong investment to soaring property tax rates they can no longer afford.

My grandmother was far more fortunate than many others in our state. Although she refused financial support from her family, it remained an option. Most people aren't that lucky. Most are forced to move, face foreclosure or lose their home in a government-sponsored tax sale.

Illinois' reliance on an abusive and regressive property tax system is a major factor for growing income inequality. It threatens families' sense of security. It is arguably the most significant crisis facing us. People should not be punished for working hard, raising a family and investing their life savings in a home.

For the first time since the adoption of the state constitution, the General Assembly is debating Illinois' tax structure. While adoption of a progressive income tax might be a logical step toward achieving a fairer and more equitable overall income tax system here, we cannot address the inequities in the tax system without addressing the entire system, both income taxes and property taxes.

The House must take time to fully deliberate the issues over the next several months with constituents, and make sure that the system we adopt takes everyone into consideration so that people like my grandmother can afford to stay in their homes.

The current proposals do not adequately address the crushing burden that our property tax system places on homeowners. I will be a “no” vote unless adoption of a progressive income tax ends the state's regressive and abusive property tax system.

— *Sam Yingling, Illinois state representative, 62nd District, Grayslake*

Working toward a better Pedway

Thank you to the Tribune Editorial Board for its May 2 editorial (“Keep up the pace on making the Pedway a point of pride”) on the importance of continuing the momentum for improving the Chicago Pedway and the Tribune's ongoing reporting on the state of the underground passageway.

While convenient, especially in bad weather, sections of the Pedway became soiled and unsightly. A lack of oversight and various entities being responsible only for portions of the path led to its poor appearance.

Last December, I introduced an ordinance calling on the commissioners of the Departments of Transportation, Planning and Development, and Fleet and Facility Management to prepare a plan to develop a commission to improve the Pedway. In response to that ordinance, there have been numerous meetings to discuss the creation of the commission.

I am pleased that Ald. Brendan Reilly, 42nd, whose ward includes the area covered by the Pedway, has agreed to be the commission's chairman. In addition, last month, the City Council passed an ordinance granting the commissioners of the Department of Transportation and Fleet and Facility Management joint authority to execute leases, easements and other agreements like grants related to the operation of the Chicago Pedway. My hope is that the commission's first meeting will be in the next few months and that it will have the resources necessary to maximize the potential of the Pedway to benefit Chicagoans as well as visitors.

— *Margaret Laurino, City Council president pro tempore, 39th Ward alderman*

Is the pope Catholic? Not according to some cranky church conservatives

BY MICHAEL MCGOUGH

“Is the pope Catholic?” used to be a sarcastic rhetorical question that could only be answered “Yes.” But now, in the latest spasm of what might be called Francis Derangement Syndrome, 19 Catholic priests and academics — including Aidan Nichols, a prominent British priest and author — have raised the question in all seriousness and answered: “No.”

In an open letter to Catholic bishops, the signers of the letter say they are writing “to accuse Pope Francis of the canonical (offense) of heresy, and second, to request that you take the steps necessary to deal with the grave situation of a heretical pope.”

But the letter doesn't deliver the goods, and it may actually work to the pope's advantage in the Catholic culture wars.

“Heresy,” according to the catechism of the Catholic Church, is “the obstinate post-baptismal denial of some truth which must be believed with divine and catholic faith or it is likewise an obstinate doubt concerning the same.”

So what evidence do the dissident conservatives offer for the argument that Francis is a heretic?

Not much. The signatories condemn the pope for language in “Amoris Laetitia” (“The Joy of Love”), a 2016 document that has been interpreted as permitting divorced and remarried Catholics in some cases to receive Holy Communion. (Among the passages the authors of the letter apparently find shocking is one in which Fran-



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Pope Francis blesses worshippers at the end of the weekly general audience Wednesday at the Vatican.

cis says that divorced and remarried Catholics “need to feel not as excommunicated members of the church, but instead as living members, able to live and grow in the church.”

But mostly the signers of the letter infer heresy from Francis' actions and associations. As the letter puts it: “It is possible to demonstrate belief in a proposition by actions as well as by words.”

This allows the signers to accuse the pope of repudiating the church's teaching against homosexual acts because he promoted or praised prelates who were accused of sexual misconduct involving males (former Cardinal Theodore McCarrick) or of failing to deal firmly with abusers (Cardinal Donald Wuerl). Even if you think the pope has been insufficiently vigilant about sexual abuse by clerics, that's a different matter from accusing the pope of denying church doctrine.

Another allegation of “heresy” involves Francis' approval of an agreement with China that gives the government some say in the selection of bishops (an arguably unwise but not unprecedented accommodation to secular authorities). Then there is the bizarre claim in the letter that at a 2018 ceremony the pope carried a pastoral staff “in the form of a ‘stang,’ an object used in satanic rituals.” (Crux, a Catholic news service, reported that the allegedly diabolical staff was actually “an artistic representation of Christ on the cross presented to the pope at a youth event in Rome.”)

This letter is only the latest of a series of criticisms of Francis from church conservatives, some indirect or veiled but others overt and aggressive. In the latter category is the hysterical “testimony” of retired Vatican diplomat Carlo Maria Vigano, who last year accused Francis of rehabilitating McCarrick and being close to prelates who belong to a “homosexual current” in the Vatican. (Vigano is name-checked in this letter.)

But in accusing the pope of heresy, the signers of this latest broadside may have miscalculated. The manifest unfairness and absurdity of their letter will increase sympathy for the pope and put his more respectable critics on the defensive. Watch them scramble to disassociate themselves from it.

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THE DECLARATION OF THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE STATE OF ISRAEL

The Land of Israel was the birthplace of the Jewish people. Here their spiritual, religious and political identity was shaped. Here they first attained to statehood, created cultural values of national and universal significance and gave to the world the eternal Book of Books.

After being forcibly exiled from their land, the people kept faith with it throughout their Dispersion and never ceased to pray and hope for their return to it and for the restoration in it of their political freedom.

Impelled by this historic and traditional attachment, Jews strove in every successive generation to re-establish themselves in their ancient homeland. In recent decades they returned in their masses. Pioneers, defiant returnees, and defenders, they made deserts bloom, revived the Hebrew language, built villages and towns, and created a thriving community controlling its own economy and culture, loving peace but knowing how to defend itself, bringing the blessings of progress to all the country's inhabitants, and aspiring towards independent nationhood.

In the year 5657 (1897), at the summons of the spiritual father of the Jewish State, Theodor Herzl, the First Zionist Congress convened and proclaimed the right of the Jewish people to national rebirth in its own country.

This right was recognized in the Balfour Declaration of the 2nd November, 1917, and re-affirmed in the Mandate of the League of Nations which, in particular, gave international sanction to the historic connection between the Jewish people and Eretz-Israel and to the right of the Jewish people to rebuild its National Home.

The catastrophe which recently befell the Jewish people - the massacre of millions of Jews in Europe - was another clear demonstration of the urgency of solving the problem of its homelessness by re-establishing in Eretz-Israel the Jewish State, which would open the gates of the homeland wide to every Jew and confer upon the Jewish people the status of a fully privileged member of the community of nations.

Survivors of the Nazi holocaust in Europe, as well as Jews from other parts of the world, continued to migrate to Eretz-Israel, undaunted by difficulties, restrictions and dangers, and never ceased to assert their right to a life of dignity, freedom and honest toil in their national homeland.

In the Second World War, the Jewish community of this country contributed its full share to the struggle of the freedom- and peace-loving nations against the forces of Nazi wickedness and, by the blood of its soldiers and its war effort, gained the right to be reckoned among the peoples who founded the United Nations.

On the 29th November, 1947, the United Nations General Assembly passed a resolution calling for the establishment of a Jewish State in Eretz-Israel; the General Assembly required the inhabitants of Eretz-Israel to take such steps as were necessary on their part for the implementation of that resolution. This recognition by the United Nations of the right of the Jewish people to establish their State is irrevocable.

This right is the natural right of the Jewish people to be masters of their own fate, like all other nations, in their own sovereign State.

Accordingly we, members of the People's Council, representatives of the Jewish Community of Eretz-Israel and of the Zionist Movement, are here assembled on the day of the termination of the British Mandate over Eretz-Israel and, by virtue of our natural and historic right and on the strength of the resolution of the United Nations General Assembly, hereby declare the establishment of a Jewish State in Eretz-Israel, to be known as the State of Israel.

We declare that, with effect from the moment of the termination of the Mandate being tonight, the eve of Sabbath, the 6th Iyar, 5708 (15th May, 1948), until the establishment of the elected, regular authorities of the State in accordance with the Constitution which shall be adopted by the Elected Constituent Assembly not later than the 1st October, 1948, the People's Council shall act as a Provisional Council of State, and its executive organ, the People's Administration, shall be the Provisional Government of the Jewish State, to be called "Israel."

The State of Israel will be open for Jewish immigration and for the Ingathering of the Exiles; it will foster the development of the country for the benefit of all its inhabitants; it will be based on freedom, justice and peace as envisaged by the prophets of Israel; it will ensure complete equality of social and political rights to all its inhabitants irrespective of religion, race or sex; it will guarantee freedom of religion, conscience, language, education and culture; it will safeguard the Holy Places of all religions; and it will be faithful to the principles of the Charter of the United Nations.

The State of Israel is prepared to cooperate with the agencies and representatives of the United Nations in implementing the resolution of the General Assembly of the 29th November, 1947, and will take steps to bring about the economic union of the whole of Eretz-Israel.

We appeal to the United Nations to assist the Jewish people in the building-up of its State and to receive the State of Israel into the community of nations.

We appeal - in the very midst of the onslaught launched against us now for months - to the Arab inhabitants of the State of Israel to preserve peace and participate in the upbuilding of the State on the basis of full and equal citizenship and due representation in all its provisional and permanent institutions.

We extend our hand to all neighbouring states and their peoples in an offer of peace and good neighbourliness, and appeal to them to establish bonds of cooperation and mutual help with the sovereign Jewish people settled in its own land. The State of Israel is prepared to do its share in a common effort for the advancement of the entire Middle East.

We appeal to the Jewish people throughout the Diaspora to rally round the Jews of Eretz-Israel in the tasks of immigration and upbuilding and to stand by them in the great struggle for the realization of the age-old dream - the redemption of Israel.

Placing our trust in the Almighty, we affix our signatures to this proclamation at this session of the Provisional Council of State, on the soil of the Homeland, in the city of Tel-Aviv, on this Sabbath eve, the 5th day of Iyar, 5708 (14th May, 1948).

Signed: David Ben-Gurion and 37 other founding signatories for the State of Israel.

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TV drug ads will soon include price

White House:
'Transparency for patients is here'

BY RICARDO ALONSO-ZALDIVAR
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — TV pitches for prescription drugs will soon include the price, giving consumers more information upfront as they make medication choices at a time when new drugs can carry anxiety-inducing prices.

Health and Human Services Secretary Alex Azar said Wednesday the Trump administration has finalized regulations requiring drug companies to disclose list prices of medications costing more than \$35 for a month's supply.

"What I say to the companies is if you think the cost of your drug will scare people from buying your drugs, then lower your prices," Azar said. "Transparency for American patients is



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Secretary of Health and Human Services Alex Azar speaks to reporters at the White House on Wednesday.

here."

Drug companies responded that adding prices to their commercials could unintentionally harm patients.

"We are concerned that the administration's rule requiring list prices in direct-to-consumer

television advertising could be confusing for patients and may discourage them from seeking needed medical care," said the Pharmaceutical Research and Manufacturers of America, the main trade group.

But one major firm — Johnson

& Johnson, based in New Brunswick, New Jersey — has already started disclosing the cost of its blood thinner Xarelto in TV advertising. And polls indicate many patients are not taking their medications as prescribed because of cost.

Drug pricing details are expected to appear in text toward the end of commercials, when potential side effects are disclosed. TV viewers should notice the change later this year, perhaps as early as the summer.

The government is hoping that patients armed with prices will start discussing affordability with their doctors, and gradually that will put pressure on drugmakers to keep costs in check.

Prescription pricing disclosure was part of a multilevel blueprint President Donald Trump announced last year to try to lower prescription drug costs.

Democrats say it still won't force drugmakers to lower what they charge, and they want Medi-

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Michael Kasper, CEO of DuPage Medical Group, is photographed in 2015, in Lisle. Kasper died Saturday. He was 46.

DuPage Medical Group at a crossroads

Late CEO's vision had pushed company to national presence

BY LISA SCHENCKER
Chicago Tribune

In recent years, small independent doctors' groups — where owners actually treat patients — have been disappearing, increasingly consigned to a sepia-toned era of care alongside Marcus Welby.

Faced with mounting costs, shifting regulations and burdensome billing requirements, physicians have been joining larger hospital systems that promise to handle it all for them.

But amid all that, at least one Chicago-area doctors' group has not only stayed stubbornly independent but also has swelled in size. Over the past decade, DuPage Medical Group has quietly grown from a few hundred doctors to more than 700 today, its signs sprouting up across the west and southwest suburbs.

Much of that growth happened

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Many aviation experts regard that recent increase as a statistical blip, however. They note that accidents and deaths remain a fraction of the numbers from as recently as the 1990s.



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Despite two deadly crashes of Boeing 737 Max airplanes, safety experts say several improvements in past 10 years have made flying safer than ever.

Experts: Flying safest it's been

BY DAVID KOENIG AND TOM KRISHER
Associated Press

After a long trend toward greater safety in air travel, there has been an uptick in airline accidents and deaths in 2018 and 2019.

Many aviation experts regard that recent increase as a statistical blip, however. They note that accidents and deaths remain a fraction of the numbers from as recently as the 1990s.

Advances in aircraft and airport design, better air traffic control, and improved pilot train-

ing are often cited as factors in reducing accidents.

"I don't think we'll ever get to zero accidents, but aviation is still the safest it's ever been," said Seth Young, director of the aviation program at Ohio State University.

In the U.S., no airline passengers were killed in accidents from 2009 until April 2018, when a woman on a Southwest Airlines jet died after an engine broke apart in flight.

Worldwide, there were more than 50 fatal airline accidents a year through the early and mid-1990s, claiming well over 1,000 lives annually, according to

figures compiled by the Flight Safety Foundation. Fatalities dropped from 1,844 in 1996 to just 59 in 2017, then rose to 561 last year and 209 already this year.

Nearly half of the airline deaths in 2018 and 2019 occurred during the crashes of two Boeing 737 Max jets in Indonesia and Ethiopia. In each case, investigators are examining the role of flight software that pushed the nose of the plane down based on faulty sensor readings.

That raises concern about safety around automated flight controls, said William Waldock, an expert at Embry-Riddle Aero-

autical University.

"Pilots are not being trained as much as pilots as they are system operators and system managers," he said. "So when something happens and the automation fails, they get flummoxed."

Beyond the two Max crashes, safety experts see little immediate connection between other incidents such as the deadly weekend crash landing of a Russian plane that caught fire after an emergency landing in Moscow and the case of the charter airliner that ran off a Florida

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Despite recent deadly crashes, advances worked

Flyers wary as Boeing tries to get 737 flying

Survey shows 1 in 5 travelers would never fly on the Max

BY LAUREN ZUMBACH
Chicago Tribune

In the wake of two deadly crashes, Boeing has said it's making progress on efforts to get its grounded 737 Max aircraft approved to fly again. The next challenge: convincing passengers to get back on board.

A new survey by the Barclays investment bank suggests that Boeing has some work to do.

While 19 percent of travelers said they'd book a flight on a Max as soon as the aircraft returned to the skies, a larger share — 21 percent — didn't think they'd ever feel comfortable flying on the Max, Barclays said in a note to investors Tuesday.

The survey included 1,756 people in North America and Europe who said they typically fly at least

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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.

Top performers will be recognized in the report, in an online directory and at a Tribune-sponsored event. There is no fee to participate.

To nominate a company, go to www.chicagotribune.com/nominate or call 312-878-7356. The deadline is May 10.

U.S. plans to hike tariffs Friday; China warns of retaliation

Beijing prepared to respond in kind on American products

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The U.S. government has filed plans to raise tariffs on \$200 billion worth of Chinese imports from 10% to 25% Friday.

The filing by the Office of the U.S. Trade Representative appeared Wednesday in the official Federal Register.

The tariff hike, to take effect at 12:01 a.m. Eastern time Friday, will escalate a yearlong trade dispute with China. A Chinese delegation is coming to Washington for meetings scheduled Thursday and Friday in an attempt to salvage negotiations.

China warned Wednesday of retaliation if the United States raises tariffs on Friday, setting up a potential escalation in a protracted trade war that was thought to be coming to an end.

The warning signaled that Beijing was prepared to raise tariffs on American products in response to President Donald Trump's threats.

"An escalation in trade frictions is not in line with the American or Chinese



An employee works in the packaging department at a factory in Hangzhou, China.

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interests or the interests of the world, and would thus be much to China's regret," a spokesman for the Commerce Ministry said in a statement on the agency's website. "But if the U.S. goes ahead with its tariff measures against China, China will have to resort to necessary countermeasures."

The world's two biggest economies are fighting over U.S. allegations that Beijing steals American technology, forces U.S. companies to hand over trade secrets and subsidizes Chinese tech companies in a drive to supplant American technological dominance.

The two sides had been thought to be close to sealing a deal, with Trump

himself saying last month that they were forging a "monumental" and "epic" deal.

But Trump tweeted Sunday that China had attempted to renegotiate the almost-completed deal, leading to his latest threat to raise tariffs not just on \$200 billion worth of Chinese goods from 10% to 25%, but to also levy a new 25% fee on the remaining \$325 billion of "untaxed" Chinese imports "shortly" if there is no progress toward a trade deal.

China's state media, which didn't report Trump's tweets for a full day, has now swung into action.

It appeared to be both

defiant and preparing for the tariffs to take effect, even acknowledging that there are "thorny structural differences between China and the United States that are difficult to resolve at the moment."

But the main message was one of strength and resilience.

"Tried and tested by the trade war for more than a year, entrepreneurs and ordinary people in China have learned to handle everything with grace and greater ease now," state news agency Xinhua wrote in a commentary published Wednesday. "Chinese society has weathered storms and is now able to endure great stress. We have also learned that the world doesn't end, as long as we keep our own house in order."

But defiance in the state media notwithstanding, the statistics show a different story. Trade data released Wednesday showed that Chinese export growth was disappointing last month. The value of Chinese exports fell 2.7 percent in April compared with the previous year, against market expectations of 3 percent growth.

The Washington Post contributed.

Kasper

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under the leadership of CEO Michael Kasper, who died of undisclosed causes on Saturday at the age 46. The DuPage County coroners' office has said it will not release a cause of death until toxicology tests are complete. Kasper's family and DuPage Medical Group have declined to comment.

Now, DuPage Medical is at a crossroads. Kasper's death came as the group, flush with a \$1.45 billion infusion of cash from a private equity group, is poised to expand beyond Illinois and become a national presence.

"Our ultimate goal would be to become the pre-eminent national medical group," Kasper said in 2017.

It will have to do it without the energetic leader who joined DuPage in 2010 and helped transform the practice into the largest independent doctors' group in Illinois through strategic acquisitions and a culture that valued physician leadership and input.

"They're one of the main players here," said Scott Becker, a partner at law firm McGuireWoods and publisher of Becker's Hospital Review, a Chicago-based publication for hospital and health system leaders. In February, Becker spoke on a panel with Kasper about DuPage's success.

Kasper, who was not a doctor, and DuPage's other leaders had a "very clear focus to build a great physician group rather than be subsumed or bought by a hospital or health system," Becker said.

A DuPage Medical Group spokeswoman declined to make the system's leaders available for this article, saying, "We ask that you please respect our organization's privacy at this difficult time."

But the growth of DuPage has bucked a trend away from doctor-owned practices and toward hospital employment. It has offered an alternative for doctors who no longer can, or want, to run their own practices but aren't ready to join hospital systems either.

Doctors have been fleeing solo practice in recent years for a number of reasons. For one, small practices don't have the negotiating power of large hospital systems when it comes to setting rates with insurers, said Stacy Melvin, a director with consulting firm The Charis Group. At the same time, practices face increasing costs for changes in billing and technology, among other things, she said.

"It's created this perfect storm where, financially, many providers, they can't go it alone anymore," Melvin said.

And it's these pressures that have helped spur the subtle but profound changes in the way medical care is delivered.

For the first time in U.S. history last year, the number of doctors employed by someone else outnumbered the number of doctors with ownership stakes in their practices, according to the American Medical Association. The number of self-employed doctors dropped 7 percentage points between 2012 and 2018, to nearly 46 percent.

Working for hospital systems, however, can come with its own set of challenges. Though hospital systems boast resources and promise continuity of care for patients, doctors in those settings sometimes complain of having to answer to non-physician supervisors who don't understand or value what they do, pushing them to see high numbers of patients.

For some doctors, large, independent practices like DuPage have offered a sort of middle ground, Melvin said. A practice like DuPage has expertise and resources, but its clinical side is physician-owned, and it has a board composed entirely of doctors.

Kasper said in a 2017 interview with the Trib-

une that DuPage's doctors are "involved in the decision-making of the organization. We really leave a lot of autonomy within the physician practices."

That's what appealed to Dr. Parveen Naaz-Ikramuddin, a nephrologist who joined DuPage about three months ago, after being in solo practice for about eight years.

"It was getting more and more difficult," Naaz-Ikramuddin said of having her own practice. She said it was becoming increasingly challenging to get referrals, as other doctors joined hospital systems and referred their patients within those systems.

"Here I have more freedom as to what patients I see, how many patients I see, my schedule," she said. "I don't have to answer to nonphysicians who don't understand what the challenges are physicians are."

In recent years, DuPage has scooped up practices like Naaz-Ikramuddin's at a breakneck pace. DuPage added at least 80 new physicians in the last year alone — and that was not an anomaly.

It can be tough to merge two physician practices into one, said Dr. Harold Picken, a principal in consulting firm Huron's health care business.

"The critical factor is, how many cultures do you have to merge and how different are they?" Picken said. "There are a lot of mergers that have just fallen apart."

The fact that DuPage has been acquiring so many practices each year shows it must have a process in place and has gotten pretty good at it, he said.

Private equity firms have taken notice.

DuPage has received cash from a number of private equity groups over the years — and in 2017 it attracted a staggering \$1.45 billion investment from Ares Management. Kasper said at the time that the money would allow DuPage to grow to 1,200 to 1,500 doctors over time and expand services such as imaging, immediate care, physical therapy and oncology.

Kasper said the medical group would remain totally physician-owned and directed, while Ares would acquire a stake in DuPage's management company DMG Practice Management Solutions.

Private equity's interest in DuPage is perhaps not surprising.

"We're seeing more and more private equity firms looking toward the health care arena," Melvin said. It makes sense, given how big a part of the economy health care is and the fact that it will likely only grow as baby boomers age, she said. There's also money to be made, particularly in services such as labs and imaging, both of which DuPage offers to patients.

That's not to say, however, that DuPage's rapid growth doesn't come without its own challenges. As they grow, even independent practices can face some of the same issues as other large groups within hospitals.

Dr. Mirjana McCarthy left DuPage about two years ago to run her own optometry practice in Clarendon Hills. She said she loved the work she did at DuPage and she worked with top-notch doctors there. But when the opportunity arose to purchase her own practice, closer to her home, she couldn't resist it, though it was a tough decision.

"It was sort of shifting and becoming more like a corporate environment," McCarthy said of DuPage. "The larger it got, the more it became about volume and numbers."

As independent medical groups grow, they can be successful by clearly defining roles within their organizations, having sound financial management and recognizing the importance of doctors as leaders, Melvin said.

"Physicians are not just employees, cogs in the wheel," Melvin said. "For organizations that are well run, physicians should be leading."

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McDonald's to sell global menu items in U.S.

BY ALEXIA ELEJALDE-QUIZ
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McFlurry, make room for Stroopwafel.

McDonald's confirmed Wednesday that, for the first time, it is bringing items from its international menus to U.S. restaurants nationwide.

Starting June 5, customers won't have to hop on a plane to find the Netherlands' Stroopwafel

McFlurry, which mixes chopped caramel waffle cookie pieces into soft serve; Spain's Grand McExtreme Bacon Burger, which is topped with gouda and bacon sauce as well as thick-cut bacon; Canada's Tomato Mozzarella Chicken Sandwich; and Australia's Cheesy Bacon Fries, which already had a limited-time run in the U.S. earlier this year when the fast food chain introduced new bacon-centric menu items.

Though Chicago-based McDonald's offers a rotating menu of global items at its restaurant beside its Fulton Market headquarters, it hasn't before offered them nationally.

"We know our U.S. customers are curious about McDonald's international menu items," said Linda VanGosen, McDonald's Vice President of Menu Innovation. "Because we are always innovating our menu, we are thrilled to

leverage our global scale and offer popular flavors from around the world next month."

McDonald's, which has some 14,000 U.S. restaurants and 38,000 worldwide, has been trying to attract more customers as traffic sags amid stiff competition.

The items will be available for a limited time.

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Boeing

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once a year.

Some travelers said they would be comfortable flying on the Max after it had been flying for a while, with 20 percent saying they would wait a few months and 23 percent saying they would delay a year or more, according to Barclays. The remaining 17 percent of people surveyed said they weren't sure.

"We know we have some work to do to earn and re-earn the trust of our customers and the flying public in particular," Boeing CEO Dennis Muilenburg said during a call with investors last month.

Barclays said it lowered its rating of Boeing shares to equal weight based on the survey results and concerns it could take longer than expected for Boeing to resume building Max aircraft at the pace it had been before the grounding.

The company's shares were down almost 4 percent as of noon Tuesday.

The more often someone flew, the less likely they were to say they'd be hesitant to fly the Max, according to the Barclays survey results. Travelers in North America also tended to be more confident about the Max than those in Europe.

In North America, almost 40 percent of people who flew six times a year or more said they'd be willing to board a Max as soon as flights resumed, compared with just 17 percent of once-a-year flyers, Barclays said.

Most passengers pay a lot more attention to price and schedule than aircraft type when booking tickets.

But after the second Max crash, before the aircraft was grounded worldwide, travelers used social media to ask airlines whether they were scheduled to fly on the Max, and travel booking website Kayak added a feature that let customers filter flight search results by aircraft type.

Robert Mann, a New York-based airline industry consultant, was skeptical that wariness would last. Passengers didn't seem to avoid the Boeing 787 Dreamliner after it was grounded due to problems with overheating batteries in 2013, or the McDonnell Douglas DC-10, which was temporarily grounded after a 1979 American Airlines crash at O'Hare International Airport that killed 273 people, he said.

According to news reports at the time of the O'Hare crash, United Airlines reported seeing no evidence passengers avoided the DC-10 after flights resumed, while American executives said some customers were wary in the immediate aftermath of the crash. Mann, who said he worked at American at the time of the crash, didn't recall any lasting impact.

Most passengers "don't know what they're flying on, and don't care as long as they get the low fare they want," Mann said.

At Boeing's annual meeting last month, Muilenburg said the company is making progress on a software update that will make the aircraft "one of the safest airplanes ever to fly." The software fix is meant to address a problem linked to the deadly crashes in Ethiopia and Indonesia.

Fixing the problem is the first step, but it takes more to win back consumers' confidence, said Kevin McTigue, associate professor of marketing at Northwestern University's Kellogg School of Management.

The company will need "real, solid proof this is the safest plane it can be," he said. "Even after you have the facts, you have to go through the effort of convincing people."

That could involve getting the endorsement of overseas regulatory agencies that were among the first to ground the Max, as well as high-profile individuals who might or might not have aviation expertise.

"It wouldn't surprise me to see Trump on a 737," McTigue said.

Muilenburg said Boeing plans to turn to the Max's pilots.

"That bond between the passenger and the pilot is one that's critical. And so we're working with our airline customers and those pilot voices to ensure that we can build on that going forward," he said during the call with investors.

United said it is confident in its pilots' ability to fly the Max, but that public confidence will come from independent regulators' endorsement.

"Once regulators have reached an independent conclusion about the safety of the MAX, we'll be prepared to explain to our customers and employees how our MAX fleet will be put back into service and why we have the highest confidence that it is safe to do so," United said in a statement.

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Now the chair, Waters has no plan to carry Wall St.'s water

BY AUSTIN WEINSTEIN
Bloomberg News

Rep. Maxine Waters, D-Calif., hauled seven Wall Street bank chiefs to a hearing that had all the elements of a show trial: contrite executives, lecturing lawmakers and TV cameras to magnify every exchange.

Yet the theatrics were secondary to changes the House Financial Services Committee chairwoman won even before the hearing began — Bank of America raised its minimum wage, Goldman Sachs Group set minority hiring goals and JPMorgan Chase & Co. vowed to stop financing private prisons.

The policy wins show how Waters plans to wield power in a divided Congress as she oversees the banking industry and joins other Democrats in probing President Donald Trump's finances.

"They simply understand that it's a new day and a new way," Waters said of the executives in an interview. "I am the first African American and first woman chair. They know that I have expectations." She said she doesn't want banks coming to her pushing deregulation. She wants to hear about what they're doing differently, whether it's a diversity program or some other innovation.

And Waters' committee is preparing a hearing with executives from U.S. re-

gional lenders, she says. Another with executives from foreign banks is also on the table, she said.

Waters has also used her committee post to scrutinize Trump, partnering with fellow committee chairmen Adam Schiff, D-Calif., and Elijah Cummings, D-Md. She has subpoenaed Trump's banking records as a part of a wide-ranging investigation of both his finances and Russian money-laundering, provoking criticism from her committee's Republicans as well as the president, who has sued to halt some of the subpoenas.

The committee's agenda is pleasing progressives who have demanded more crackdowns on Wall Street.

"Waters gets the oversight function of Congress in a way that few Democratic chairs do," said Jeff Hauser, executive director of the Revolving Door Project, a Washington group that has been pushing the new House majority to scrutinize banks and other corporations.

The committee is stocked with some of the most liberal and outspoken first-term Democrats, including Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez of New York and Rashida Tlaib of Michigan. It drew attention a few weeks before the April 10 hearing with a withering examination of Wells Fargo & Co. head Tim Sloan, who had been dealing with the fallout of years of



Maxine Waters is the first African-American and first female chair of the House Financial Services Committee.

scandal at the bank. He resigned a short time later.

In a further step, the other CEOs came to their hearing armed with new initiatives designed to appeal to Waters and her fellow Democrats.

JPMorgan announced on March 5 that it would stop financing private prisons after years of outcry and protest from immigration activists.

On March 18, Goldman Sachs said it would boost diversity goals company-wide: entry-level hire classes in the Americas will have goals of 50 percent women, 11 percent black and 14 percent Hispanic, according to a company memo. The firm also introduced a version of the National Football League's Rooney rule for experienced hires, mandating the interview of two

diverse candidates for every opening.

A day before the April 10 hearing, Bank of America CEO Brian Moynihan unveiled plans to raise his company's minimum wage to an industry-leading \$20 an hour.

The effect of the Democrats' strategy is still limited. Morgan Stanley and Citigroup Inc. didn't announce policy changes ahead of the hearing, although Citi won plaudits from Democrats for a move last year to restrict gun sales by business customers. Many practices that raised the ire of the left, such as lending to Saudi Arabia and redlining, are still going on. And criticism of the wages at JPMorgan was sternly rebuffed by Dimon.

Still, Democrats were pleased by the progress and promised to seek more.

Flying

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runway into a river.

Investigators probe crashes in search of clues to prevent more accidents from the same cause. In the case of the Aeroflot jet that caught fire, killing more than 40 people on board, attention is likely to turn to Russian media reports that lightning disabled the plane's communications system and whether pilots should have burned off fuel before the emergency landing.

Lightning strikes are not uncommon. In the U.S. alone, there are about 25 million every year, according to the National Weather Service. A Federal Aviation Administration spokesman said airline planes get hit about once a year on average.

Planes are built so that the fuselage acts as an electricity-conducting shield, keeping the voltage away from passengers and critical systems. The jolt is often dissipated off wings or the tail. Critical electronics have surge protection. Nitrogen is used to reduce the risk that electrical arcing could spark a fire in a fuel tank.

Newer planes like the Boeing 787, which uses carbon composite material instead of aluminum, includes fine wiring in the wings to direct current off the plane, said John Hansman, an aeronautics professor at MIT.

"They should be designed to take a lightning strike," Hansman said, "but if you don't have a perfectly

grounded airplane, if you don't have the right surge suppressors, it's possible you can take out some of the avionics or electronics."

Sunday's fiery crash in Moscow raised questions about making an emergency landing shortly after takeoff, while the plane is still fully loaded with fuel and likely over the maximum landing weight.

Only very large airliners have the ability to dump fuel. Most jetliners including the popular Boeing 737 and Airbus A320 do not. That leaves only one option for lightening the fuel load on a plane like the Russian-made Sukhoi SSJ100 — circling long enough to burn fuel.

John Cox, a former airline pilot and now a safety consultant, said he would only circle if he was concerned that something was wrong with the plane's landing gear, or the runway was too short.

Video of the landing showed the Aeroflot plane seem to touch down on its main landing gear, then bounce up before coming down hard a second time. At that point, flames can be seen coming from the jet.

Video also captured passengers toting their carry-on luggage as they fled the burning jet. Passengers on U.S. airlines are told to leave personal belongings in an emergency because it can slow the evacuation when seconds are precious.

"We will never know if more lives could have been saved if the bags were left behind," said Sara Nelson, president of the Association of Flight Attendants.

Prices

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care to negotiate on behalf of consumers.

Azar upped the pressure on the industry Wednesday, telling reporters the administration is also open to allowing Americans to import lower-priced prescription

drugs from abroad if they can be shown to be safe and deliver savings.

Other ideas from the Trump administration include regulations affecting Medicare and legislative proposals in Congress. With the cost of medicines a top concern for voters, Trump and lawmakers of both major political parties want accomplishments they can point to

before the 2020 elections.

Drugmakers also complained that the price reveal will infringe on their First Amendment free speech rights by forcing them to disclose prices. It's unclear if that will prompt a court challenge, but Azar points out that the government has for decades required carmakers to post their sticker prices on vehicles.

"Prices of automobiles are vastly less important to your health and affordability than drugs," he said.

According to the latest government figures, the 10 most commonly advertised drugs have prices ranging from \$488 to \$16,938 per month or for a usual course of therapy.

The disclosure requirement will not apply to print

or radio ads for the foreseeable future. It encompasses all brand name drugs covered by Medicare and Medicaid, which is nearly all.

"Over \$4 billion of pharma spend is in TV ads that is their most impactful form of advertising," Azar said. "That is where the patient has the most need of being informed."

A recent poll from the

nonpartisan Kaiser Family Foundation found that 1 in 3 Americans said they haven't taken medications as prescribed because of costs. People who take four or more medications, those who spend \$100 a month or more on meds, patients in fair to poor health and middle-aged adults are more likely to report affordability problems.

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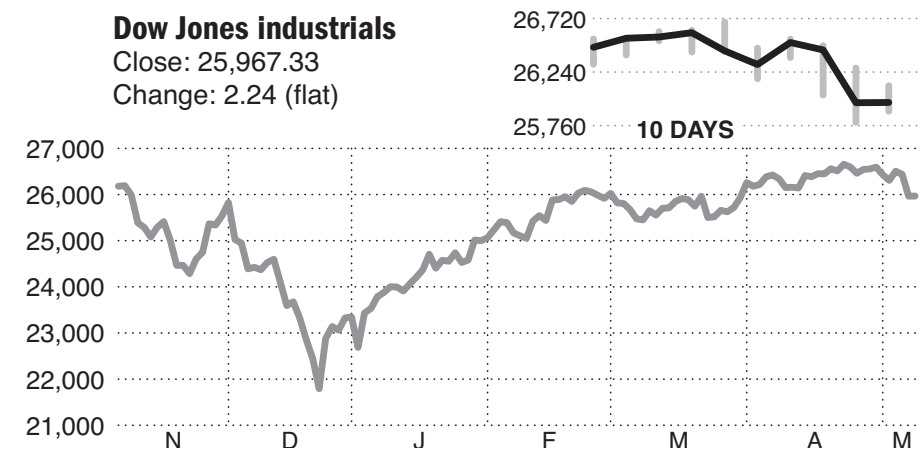
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OBITUARIES

TONY PAPALEO 1953-2019

Chicago improv comic, actor and teacher

By BOB GOLDSBOROUGH
Chicago Tribune

Tony Papaleo was a member of Chicago's community of improvisational comedians in the 1970s and '80s and then returned to acting and teaching improv after a career in business.

"Tony was the consummate improviser and the consummate creative person who was looking for any outlet to showcase his creativity and create a community that could work together to create something — whether film, on stage, improvising or scripted," said Jeff Rogers, a longtime friend and collaborator.

Papaleo, 66, died of a heart attack April 4, said his daughter, Angela Collier. He had been a Prospect Heights resident for the past three years and prior to that had been a longtime resident of the South Side's Beverly neighborhood.

Born in Chicago, Papaleo moved with his family to Alsip while he was a youngster. He graduated from Richards High School in Oak Lawn and studied for two years at Illinois Wesleyan University before leaving school to start working and studying improv at Chicago's famed Second City cabaret theater.

While at Second City, Papaleo met Josephine Forsberg, who in 1971 founded The Players Workshop, Chicago's first improv school. Papaleo graduated from the Players Workshop and soon formed a comedy troupe, called the St. Vitus Dancers, with colleagues Jim Fay and Jeff Michalski. The group performed at clubs such as the Comedy Womb and the Comedy Cottage, with bits like their takeoff on the opera "Carmen," retitled "Carmen Kowalski."

Papaleo also did some dramatic acting, including appearing in "The Rimers of Eldritch" at the Barry Street Loft Theater in the mid-1970s. In May 1976, Papaleo received a recommendation — effectively a nomination — for a Joseph Jefferson Award for the role.



FAMILY PHOTO

Tony Papaleo was active in the improv comedy scene in Chicago for many years.

In 1977, some members of the St. Vitus Dancers merged with some members of two other comedy groups to form the five-person Original Comedy Rangers improvisational troupe, and by 1979 they had become regular performers at the Wells Street comedy club Zanie's, as well as at the now-shuttered Sylvester's on Lincoln Avenue in Lincoln Park. The group also performed on the West Coast, at legendary venues such as the Comedy Store in Los Angeles and the Ice House in Pasadena, Calif.

"Tony did everything — he created tech stuff for us, and we were able to create shows that were a little bit ahead of everybody else because we were incorporating (videotape) and tech and film," said Michalski, a former member of the Original Comedy Rangers who now is based in Los Angeles. "We did stuff no one did because of Tony. He was tireless."

Michalski said that while performing, Papaleo had a style "that was exhausting in the sense that he would put his characters into a frenzy to the point where they would collapse at some point."

"It was great fun to work with him, and we had a nice balance that way with the players that we had," Michalski said.

The Original Comedy Rangers also created a cable TV show, which featured a

variety of recorded parodies and other comedy bits — some of which can be found on YouTube.

"It was a real low-rent, DIY TV show," Collier said. "They did a lot of work themselves, and ... my dad did a ton of it."

In the mid-1980s, the Original Comedy Rangers disbanded, and Papaleo took a job with a printing firm. He worked for many years in the software business, handling training and software development, and later was a project manager for software firm CCC Information Services in the Merchandise Mart.

Papaleo never lost his love for improv, and after leaving CCC Information Services in 2006, rededicated himself to comedy. He formed a nonprofit, the St. Vitus Theatre Workshop, and began teaching improv classes at the Christ the King parish center in Beverly.

Papaleo also acted in and directed a variety of short films, starting in 2011.

"I think he was just excited by the idea of creating something incredible," Papaleo's daughter said. "If he got an idea, he would just take it and run with it and nothing could stop him until it was completed."

At the time of his death, Papaleo had been working with Rogers and Forsberg's daughter, Linnea, to restart The Players Workshop.

"When he re-emerged, I was delighted," Michalski said. "He had a tremendous energy even in the last few years."

Papaleo and his then-wife, Mary Jo, also ran the Daily Grind coffee shop at the 95th Street Metra station in Beverly for about three years, starting in 2006.

Papaleo and his wife divorced in 2013. In addition to his daughter, Papaleo is survived by another daughter, Lily; a sister, JoAnn Hanley; a brother, John; and a granddaughter; Services were held.

Bob Goldsborough is a freelance reporter.

Chicago Daily Tribune

ON MAY 9 ...

In 1502, Christopher Columbus left Cadiz, Spain, on his fourth and final trip to the Western Hemisphere.

In 1754, a cartoon in Benjamin Franklin's Pennsylvania Gazette showed a snake cut into sections, each part representing an American colony; the caption read, "Join or die."

In 1913, the 17th Amendment to the Constitution, providing for the election of U.S. senators by popular vote rather than selection by state legislatures, was ratified.

In 1926, Americans Richard Byrd and Floyd Bennett became the first men to fly over the North Pole.

In 1936, Italy annexed Ethiopia.

In 1960, the Food and Drug Administration approved a pill as safe for birth control use.

In 1974, the House Judiciary Committee opened hearings on whether to recommend the impeachment of President Richard Nixon.

In 1989, President George H.W. Bush complained that Panama's elections were marred by "massive irregularities" and he called for worldwide pressure on Gen. Manuel Antonio Noriega to step down as military leader.

In 1991, William Kennedy Smith was charged with rape, nearly six weeks after Patricia Bowman accused him of attacking her at the Kennedy family estate in West Palm Beach, Fla.

In 1994, South Africa's newly elected parliament chose Nelson Mandela to be the country's first black president. Mandela promised a South Africa for "all its people, black and white."

In 1995, President Bill Clinton arrived in Moscow

for a summit with Russian President Boris Yeltsin.

In 1996, in dramatic video testimony to a hushed courtroom in Little Rock, Ark., President Bill Clinton insisted he had nothing to do with a \$300,000 loan at the heart of the criminal case against his former Whitewater partners.

In 2002, following the example set by Illinois, Maryland Gov. Parris Glendening suspended all executions in his state while a study was done on whether the death penalty was being meted out in a racially discriminatory way.

In 2003, the United States and its allies asked the UN Security Council to give its stamp of approval to their occupation of Iraq.

In 2008, jury selection began in the Chicago trial of R&B superstar R. Kelly, accused of videotaping himself having sex with a girl as young as 13.

In 2012, in a milestone for the gay rights movement, President Barack Obama endorsed same-sex marriage.

In 2013, Malcolm Shabazz, the grandson of slain civil rights leader Malcolm X, was beaten to death in Mexico City; he was 28.

In 2017, President Donald Trump abruptly fired FBI Director James Comey, dramatically ousting the nation's top law enforcement official in the midst of an FBI investigation into whether Trump's campaign had ties to Russia's meddling in the 2016 election.

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Diamond, Marcia



Marcia Diamond (néé Levin) passed on May 7, 2019 from leptomeningeal carcinoma. Marcia was 63 years old.

Marcia Diamond was a kind, fun-loving, strong-willed, and quick-witted woman. She was born in Chicago, Illinois to loving parents Julian (Sandi) and Phyllis Levin and grew up in Skokie with younger sisters Wendy (Steve) and Sharon (Josh). She attended Niles North High School. Fate (and maybe a nudge from a high school friend) brought her a young whippersnapper named Bruce when the girl he was supposed to meet didn't show up. They enjoyed riding a tandem bicycle together and sharing pizza (she only ate the cheese, giving him the crust). She thought their romance would end when she left for college and wrote him a Dear John letter, only to find out that her mother invited him to Thanksgiving dinner. They got back together, and a few years later, he asked for her hand in marriage. She said she wasn't ready. After about a year, he finally convinced her to marry him, and they were wed in October 1977. In-laws Judy Lichter and Arnie Diamond, and sister-in-law Cheryl (Dave) became part of her family. A short time later, they moved to Deerfield to start a family. Daughter Liz (Melanie) came along in 1980. Family was Marcia's number one priority. She was completely selfless, caring for siblings and their children. She was a cheerleader, a nurturer, and a leader for the family.

Marcia worked in the Medical Records department at Skokie Valley Hospital, later Rush North Shore Medical Center. There, she transcribed records and made lifelong friendships with fellow coworkers and beloved bosses. After the department closed, Marcia worked freelance for the Illinois Bone and Joint Institute. After a short break, she was invited to run the office of a small group of radiologists at Alexian Brothers hospital in Elk Grove Village. Using her strong organizational skills, she groomed their office into a well-oiled machine. Her office was a popular spot, as Marcia always provided a listening ear and fully-stocked candy bowl.

Marcia's personality drew people to her naturally. Even strangers at the grocery store could sense her warmth and kindness, often striking up conversation with her in line at checkout. Her generosity and thoughtfulness always brought a smile. She never forgot a birthday or important event, and enjoyed giving small gifts when she would see something that reminded her of you. The gifts were often gag gifts, as Marcia loved to joke and kid. Her playful spirit could always make you laugh. She was quick-witted and cleverly humorous. She would rarely miss an opportunity to be playful or silly, making funny faces or making wisecracks. Her humor could brighten even the darkest moments, providing perspective and calm. She was a popular confidant for sisters and friends, and though strongly-opinionated, she always showed respect for one's own decision. She was staunchly accepting of people regardless of creed, color, religion, shape, size, or any other differentiator. She was always there to lend an ear or a hand. She could be stubborn at times and usually knew exactly what she wanted, but she rarely let it get in the way of what she felt was right.

Marcia's favorite pastimes included cycling, reading, crossword puzzles and word games, photography, art, playing mahjong, eating chocolate and ice cream, and traveling with Bruce. They traveled around the world, enjoying new experiences in such far reaching places as Alaska and Tahiti. From ziplining in Oregon to hang gliding in Switzerland, Marcia was always up for an adventure. When not jetsetting, Marcia and Bruce enjoyed driving their convertible all over the Midwest and parts of the East Coast. They would often enjoy weekend drives up to Wisconsin or a quick jaunt to Dairy Queen for a mint chocolate blizzard with oreos or a vanilla cone or hot fudge sundae from McDonald's.

In 2013, Marcia's world was rocked with a diagnosis of ovarian cancer. Strong, stubborn, and determined, she powered through rounds of chemotherapy to be cancer-free in 2014. She became an advocate for two national ovarian cancer groups and completed two triathlons to raise money for ovarian cancer research. After some relief, she was diagnosed with metastatic ovarian cancer of the brain in 2016. Again, she endured chemotherapy and radiation, recovering in 2017. She further advocated by attending a conference and speaking with the state senators in Washington, D.C. Early in 2019, she was diagnosed with leptomeningeal carcinoma, a terminal cancer.

Marcia was preceded in death by: mother Phyllis Miretzky Levin and father Julian Levin.

Marcia is survived by: husband Bruce, daughter Liz and daughter-in-law Melanie, sisters Wendy (Steve), Sharon (Josh), and Sara (Kristy); and nephews Josh (Brittany), Mike (Elise), A.J. (Melanie), and Danny (Sarah).

The family will be holding a private ceremony. In lieu of flowers, please donate in her honor to the Ovarian Cancer Research Alliance at <https://give.ocrahope.org>. Info 847-359-8020

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Domrose, Robert J.

Robert J. Domrose, age 78, suddenly, at rest April 30, 2019, longtime resident of the Westmont/Clarendon Hills area. Born January 4, 1941 in Chicago, IL to Joseph and Geraldine Domrose. Beloved husband of Gloria nee DeMarco; loving father of Jacqueline (Ron) Price and Geraldine (Michael) Riemma; devoted grandfather of Annalee, Charlotte, Wyatt and Zeld; dearest brother of Joan (Robert) Weaver and Jane Domrose; dear uncle of Anthony & the late Alec Salerno, Margie and Deanna Eckel. Bob is also survived by one aunt and close friend, Terry Bladec of Tampa, FL, many wonderful cousins, grandnieces and grandnephews and countless friends of a lifetime. He was a retired pipefitter of UA Local 597. Bob was an avid skier and his greatest pleasure was teaching his daughters and grandchildren how to downhill ski. He was a longtime member of Piccadilly Ski Club in Downers Grove. Special thanks to Dr. Tony Pangan M.D., Loyola Medicine, for so many years of keeping Bob in great health. Memorial Visitation Saturday May 11, 2019, 11 A.M. with Memorial Services at noon at Church of the Holy Nativity 275 N. Richmond Ave., Clarendon Hills (corner of 55th St. and Richmond Ave.). Memorials in Bob's name may be made to donate.doctorswith-outbounders.org or magdalenehousechicago.org. Arrangements entrusted to West Suburban Funeral Home & Cremation Services. Info 630-852-8000 or www.westsurbanfunh.com

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Fitzgerald, Robert W

Robert W. Fitzgerald, Age 77, passed away on May 7, 2019. He was preceded in death by his amazing wife Jane L. Fitzgerald. Father of John (Agnese) Fitzgerald, Kevin Fitzgerald, Robert (Kathy) Fitzgerald & Julie (John) Nimesheim. Grandfather of ten. Services and interment private. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Ann & Robert H. Lurie Children's Hospital of Chicago Foundation, Checks should be made payable to Lurie Children's Foundation, 225 East Chicago Avenue, Box 4 Chicago, Illinois 60611. Info. (847) 675-1990 or www.donnellanfuneral.com



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Griffin, Daniel

Daniel Griffin, 82, son of the late John Griffin and Kathleen Griffin (nee Leddy). Brother of the late Jack (Cora), Bob (Marilyn), Maureen (the late Pat Scanlon), Tom (Doreen), and Pat (Patricia). Dan was uncle to 24 nephews and nieces, 31 great nephews and nieces, and 2 great great nephews. Dan loved gardening, photography, traveling, and opera. He taught grammar school for 2 years at Maryville Academy and 28 years in the Chicago Public School system, 24 of these at Goudy elementary. A funeral mass will take place at St. Peter's catholic church in Skokie at 11 AM on Tuesday May 14th. Donations to Standing Tall Foundation c/o 1150 N. River Road, Desplaines IL are appreciated. Dan asks that you say or do something kind for someone today.

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Hart, Dolores T

Dolores T. Hart (nee Ryan) age 94 of Oak Lawn. Beloved wife for 69 years of the late John (Jack) Sr. Loving mother of Pat (Glen Geremia, MD) OD, John (Jack) Jr. DDS (Nancy), Ellen (the late Barry Costello, Jim (Michele), Debbie (John) Regan. Cherished and so proud grandmother of 18 and great grandmother of 22. Visitation Saturday May 11 at 9:00am at St. Catherine of Alexandria, 10621 S Kedvale, Oak Lawn. Mass at 10:30. Interment private

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HAUBENREISER, DOLORES P. "DEBBIE"

Dolores "Debbie" P. Haubenreiser, age 84, of Westmont, IL. Beloved wife of the late Rodney Haubenreiser (2011); loving mother of Catherine (Paul) Kukec and Timothy (Kelly) Haubenreiser; cherished grandmother of Sarah Kukec, Joshua Kukec, Connor Haubenreiser, and Cole Haubenreiser; devoted daughter of the late George Ketter and the late Bernice Ketter Rich; stepdaughter of the late Joseph Rich; dear sister of Georgianna (Robert) Beebe, the late Ronald (late Diane) Rich, and the late Joseph (Tasha) Rich. Debbie was a volunteer with the American Red Cross and the Westmont E.S.D.A. She collected salt dips and commemorative Rockwell plates. Visitation will be Friday, May 10, 2019 from 4-8 p.m. at Toon Funeral Home, 4920 Main Street, Downers Grove, IL 60515. Services will be Saturday, May 11, 2019, 10 a.m. at the funeral home. Interment Clarendon Hills Cemetery, Darien, IL. Memorials to the American Diabetes Association, Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation, or St. Thomas Hospice. For additional information www.toonfuneralhome.com OR 630-968-0408

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Ilagan, Catherine Marie

Catherine Marie Ilagan nee Van Fossan. Beloved wife of Felix A. "Tony" Ilagan. Cherished sister of Rita (the late Howard) Richner & the late William Van Fossan. Dearest godmother of Marjorie FERIA & Ariel Ilagan. Proud aunt of many nieces & nephews. Funeral Saturday 9:15 am from **Thompson & Kuenster Funeral Home**, 5570 W. 95th St., Oak Lawn to Our Lady of Loretto Church, Hometown, for Mass at 10:00 am. Interment private. Visitation Friday from 4:00 pm until 8:00 pm. Catherine was a Registered Nurse in the Chicago area for years. thompsonkuensterfuneralhome.com 708-425-0500

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Isaksen, Sr., Roy R.

Age 79. Roy passed away at home, surrounded by his loving family on Sunday, May 5, 2019. Beloved husband of the late Dianne (nee Olsen). Loving father of Lisa Mansfield and Roy Jr. (Melanie). Former father-in-law of Jason Mansfield, Sr. Loving grandfather of Jason Jr. and Matthew Mansfield and Hagen Isaksen. Visitation will be held on Friday, May 10, at PEACE LUTHERAN CHURCH, 17651 West Small Rd., New Berlin, WI, from 4 PM until the Funeral Service at 6 PM. Interment will be held at 1 PM on Saturday, May 11, at Elmwood Cemetery, 2905 Thatcher Ave., River Grove, IL. In lieu of flowers, memorials to the Marine Corps League would be appreciated.

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Kmieciak, Aemilia

Aemilia D. Kmiecik, 97, of Plymouth, MN, formerly of Munster, passed away on Saturday, May 4, 2019. She is survived by her son Dennis (Carol) Medo and step daughter Alice (Jack) Fleming, grandchildren: Jon (Sara) Medo, Nicole (Brent) Augustinack, Denise Vista and Candice (Duane) Garwood, great grandchildren: Nicholas and Abigail Medo, Keegan Augustinack, Alexis Medo, Jack Vista, Samuel and Zoi Garwood. Aemilia is preceded in death by her parents Vincent and Mary Sebo, husbands John Medo and Ervin Kmiecik, eight brothers and sisters.

Visitation for Aemilia will be held on Friday, May 10, 2019 at Kish Funeral Home, 10000 Calumet Ave. Munster, IN from 2:00 - 8:00 pm and on Saturday from 10:00 - 10:30 am at the church. Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated on Saturday, May 11, 2019 at 10:30 am at Our Lady of Grace Catholic Church, 3025 Highway Ave. Highland, IN with Reverend Edward Moszur officiating. Entombment will follow at Calumet Park Cemetery, Merrillville, IN.

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Larson, Peter Nels

Peter Nels Larson, 66 of Arlington Heights, beloved husband of Carol Sue (nee Bennett) and the late Jeanene; loving father of Amanda Sue and Cody Lee and step-father of Andreas R.M. (Molly) Wald and Coralee F. Wald; loved grandfather of Trudy June Wald; also survived by many loving family members and friends. Visitation from 11 am until time of Memorial Service at 1:00 pm, Saturday, at Glueckert Funeral Home Ltd., 1520 N. Arl. Hts. Rd., Arl. Hts. Ill. In lieu of flowers, contributions to Buddy Foundation 65 W. Seegers Road, Arlington Heights, IL, 60005 appreciated. Funeral Information and condolences www.GlueckertFuneralHome.com or (847) 253-0168.

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LaSalle, Carla Carlson

Carla Carlson LaSalle, age 63, of Rogers Park. Loving mother of Kari Kennedy, Elisabeth LaSalle, and Lauren Lindhorst; dear grandmother of Elliott, Harrison, and Lennox; fond sister of Gregg and Anthony Carlsen. Visitation, Friday, May 17, 2019, from 3 to 9 p.m., at **HABEN Funeral Home & Crematory**, 8057 Niles Center Rd., Skokie. Family and friends will meet for Funeral Mass, Saturday, May 18, at 10 a.m., at St. Gertrude Catholic Church, 1420 W. Granville Av., Chicago. Interment private. Info: 847.673.6111 or www.habenfuneral.com to sign guestbook.



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Leavitt, Kenneth

Kenneth Leavitt, 86. Beloved husband of Carole Toigo Leavitt; devoted father of Julie (David Schwartz) Leavitt, Jeffrey (Caryl Hull) Leavitt, and Lisa (Steve Jermanok) Leavitt; caring stepfather of David (Gabrielle) Toigo; cherished grandfather of Amielle and Talia Kuzen, Ellie and Henry Schwartz, Amalia, Eve, and Micah Golomb-Leavitt, Justin (Jessica) and Charles Hull, and Jacob and Melanie Jermanok; dear brother of the late Ronald (late Harice) Leavitt; will be deeply missed by many nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends. Funeral service Fri, May 10, 11 AM, at **Weinstein & Piser Funeral Home**, 111 Skokie Blvd, Wilmette. Interment Memorial Park. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the American Lung Association, www.lung.org. For info, www.weinsteinandpiserfuneralhome.com



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Macis, Michael A.

Devoted husband of the late Susan, nee Jaminski; Loving dad of Daniel and Joseph; Cherished son of John and Karen; Beloved brother of Kathy Janicki, and John (Mary) Macis; Dear son-in-law of Eileen and Joe Jaminski; Loving uncle of Michael, Matthew, Alex, Zachary, Noah, Kiera, Gavin, Margaret, Matthew, Jack, James, Anna, Marissa, and Thomas; Fond brother-in-law, and friend to many; Loving dog-owner of Philo and Kaisha; Proud graduate of St. Laurence High School (1988) and Eastern Illinois University (1992), and member of Sigma Pi Fraternity (1990-1992); Avid golfer; Visitation Friday 3:00 to 9:00 p.m. Funeral Saturday, 8:00 a.m. from Curley Funeral Home, 6116 W. 111th Street, Chicago Ridge to St. Gerald Church, 9310 S. 55th Court, Oak Lawn; Mass 9:00 a.m.; Interment Good Shepherd Cemetery; For Funeral info 708-422-2700, or www.curleyfuneralhome.com



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Massaro, Anthony C. 'Tony'

Age 88, passed away Monday May 6, 2019. Born and raised in Chicago, resided in West Lawn and a resident of Homer Glen since 1975. A United States Navy Veteran. Member of St. Michael Church, Orland Park. Tony was the West Lawn Little League president from 1963-1965. Above all else he was a cherished and devoted husband, father and grandfather, he was loved by many and will be deeply missed by all who knew him.

Preceded in death by his parents, Charles and Theresa (Gushi) Massaro.

Survived by his loving wife of 67 years, Gloria (Malina) Massaro, three children, Anthony C. Jr. (Laura), Adrea (Ron Sr.) Shell and Michael (Lea) Massaro; eight adored grandchildren, Nicki (Stan) Zolna, Erica (Muhammad) Alansari, Ronald Shell Jr., Marc (fiancé Kelley Chancellor) Massaro, Leslie (Nathan) Duff, Mia, Michael and Marissa Massaro; eight great - grandchildren, Isabella, Abraham, Anthony, Malina, Grace, Luke, Layla and Finnegan; one brother, Peter (late Mary Ann) Massaro and his faithful companion, his cat Squeaks aka "Moose". In lieu of flowers, memorials in Anthony's name to a charity of your choice would be greatly appreciated. Services will be held Monday, May 13, 2019 at 8:30am in the O'Neil Funeral Home Chapel 1105 E. 9th(159th) St. Lockport, IL, 60441 to St. Michael Church, Orland Park for Mass of Christian Burial at 9:30am.

Interment Good Shepherd Cemetery, Orland Park. Visitation Sunday, May 12, 2019 from 3:00pm until 8:00pm.

Family and friends may sign the guestbook or attain directions at: oneilfuneralhome.com



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Mularz, Stanley L.

Stanley L. Mularz, 96, of Bettendorf, Iowa passed away on Monday, May 6, 2019 at his residence surrounded by his loving family.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be held at 10:30 a.m. on Saturday at Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Church, Bettendorf. Visitation will be from 4:00 - 7:00 p.m. on Friday evening at **McGinnis-Chambers Funeral Home**, Bettendorf, with a prayer service beginning at 4:00 p.m. Private burial will be at All Saints Cemetery in Des Plaines, Illinois at a later date. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be directed to Mary Jo Mularz to be used for educational grants in honor of Stanley.

Stanley was born on April 11, 1923 in Chicago, Illinois, the son of Stanley and Frances (Baycar) Mularz. He was a 1940 graduate of Weber High School in Chicago. He continued his education at St. Louis University, DePaul University, University of Chicago, and earned his PhD from Loyola University. He married Lillian Kammerer on April 10, 1948. She preceded him in death in 1980. On May 4, 1985, he married Mary Jo Solter-Sundberg. He was the 1st President of Phi Delta Kappa (Loyola Chapter - Chicago) from 1970 - 1971. Stanley was a teacher, credit manager for Aldens Department Store in Chicago, and 1st President of Trans Union Credit in Chicago. In 1988 he retired from TRW (Experian) Credit Bureau. He served as Executive Secretary for Merchants Research Council and also on the Federal Reserve Credit Advisory Council from 1984 - 1987. Stanley also traveled for the International Executive Corps with the U.S. International Aid Department for 3rd world countries. His last assignment was in Kiev, Ukraine for 3 months, just after they broke away from Russia.

Those left to honor his memory are his wife of 34 years, Mary Jo Mularz of Bettendorf; his 5 children, a brother; 3 sisters-in-law; a brother-in-law; a daughter-in-law; 11 grandchildren; 7 great-grandchildren; Mary Jo's 2 daughters and their children and grandchildren; and many nieces and nephews.

In addition to his parents and first wife and mother of his children, he was preceded in death by 2 children, a grandson, 2 sisters, 4 brothers-in-law, 2 sisters-in-law, 2 sons-in-law, and 2 great-granddaughters.

"He will wipe away every tear from their eyes, and death shall be no more; neither shall there be mourning, nor crying, nor pain anymore for the former things have passed away." - Revelations 21:4

Online condolences may be shared with Stanley's family at www.McGinnis-Chambers.com.

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O'Leary, William James

William J O'Leary, 73, died May 3 after a brief illness. Beloved son of the late William J and Ann Kuvik O'Leary; loving father of the late Susan O'Leary, and of Maura and Margaret O'Leary. Doting grandfather to Devin and Catherine O'Leary; Nathan and Cameron Lee; and Brendan and Fiona O'Leary Bradford. Cherished brother of the late Diane O'Connor; Judith and Daniel Brearley; Marilyn O'Leary; and Susan Holm; fond uncle of many nieces and nephews. Services will be held on Saturday, May 11, at **Cooney Funeral Home**, 3918 W. Irving Park, Chicago, IL 60618. Visitation from noon to 3 p.m. Services from 3 to 4 p.m. 773-588-5850.

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Paluga, Robert W.

Robert W. Paluga, Korean War Army Veteran; loving companion of Mary Lou Squerter; dearest father of Janet (Michael) Ball and James (Barbara) Paluga; cherished grandfather of Kelly, Maxim, Zachary and Zoey; dear brother of Mary Henson, Martin (Renee) Paluga and the late Edward (late Rita) Paluga. Funeral Saturday 9:45 A.M. from **Modell Funeral Home**, 7710 S. Cass Ave., Darien to Our Lady of Peace Church. Mass 10:30 A.M. Interment St. Adalbert Cemetery. Visitation Friday 5-8 P.M. For info: (630) 852-3595 or www.modelldarien.com

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Papa, Patricia 'Pat'

Patricia "Pat" Papa nee Vicarise, age 90. Devoted wife of the late Jack; beloved mother of Ret. Sgt. Joseph (Georgia) Papa, Debra (Tony) Cash and Anthony (Theresa) Papa; loving grandmother of Joseph, Jr. (Laura) Papa, Sgt. Alex (Andrea) Cash, Dr. Clairissa (Fiancé Andrew) and Jaclyn Papa; great grandmother of Sophia, Logan, Isobel and Zoey. Visitation Saturday May 11, 2019 8:30 until 10:30 a.m. at **Cumberland Chapels**, 8300 W. Lawrence Ave., Norridge, IL 60706, proceeding to St. Francis Borgia Church in Chicago for Mass at 11:00 a.m. Entombment Queen of Heaven Cemetery, Christ the King Mausoleum.



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Picken, Virginia 'Ginny'

Virginia "Ginny" Picken nee Griffard, mother, grandmother, lifelong Chicagoan, and community champion, passed away Monday, May 6, at Mercy Hospital. She was 81. After growing up in Berwyn and attending St. Mary's High School in Chicago, she graduated from Mundelein College of Loyola University, she taught at Dunbar High School for ten years. She married Dr. John Picken and they raised their three children, Jennifer, Justin and Jared on Chicago's near south side. Her friends describe her as a "rare and beautiful treasure of a person" who loved her family, the arts and her community. A vigil will be held at St. James Church, 2907 S. Wabash Ave., Chicago, IL 60616 Friday, May 10, 2019, 3:00 - 5:00 pm & 7:00 - 9:00 pm. Funeral Mass at St. James, Saturday, May 11, 2019, 10:00 am.

In lieu of flowers, make your contributions to the Ginny Picken St. James Music Ministry Fund. Arrangements entrusted to Dalcamo Funeral Home 470 West 26th Street Chicago, IL. Funeral info: 312-842-8681 or www.dalcamofuneralhome.com to sign guestbook.

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Reichle, David G.

David G. Reichle, age 45, a resident of Chicago, IL, formerly of Naperville, IL, passed away on Monday, May 6, 2019 at Rush University Medical Center in Chicago, IL. He was born November 18, 1973 in Downers Grove, IL. Beloved husband of Amy M. Reichle, whom he married May 14, 2005, loving father of Nathan (12), Grant (9) and Nolan (5), devoted son of

Gregory (Shelley) Reichle of Riverside, IL and Bonnie (Dennis) Coates of Naperville, dear brother of Lori (David) Ottesen, Suzanne (James) Lucot, Michael (Yuka) Reichle, Kathleen (Timothy) Stafford and his twin brother, James Reichle, adored uncle of Erin, Lauren and Katie Ottesen; Nicholas and Tara Lucot; Ren Reichle; Sophia Stafford; Meghan, Brian and Michelle Murphy, son-in-law of Gerald and Gloria Ottesen, brother-in-law of Kathleen (Julian) Murphy, fond nephew of many including Richard (Mary) Reichle, colleague and friend of many. David grew up in Naperville, attended SS. Peter & Paul Grade School (Class of 1988) and Benet Academy (Class of 1992). He earned a degree in Business Administration from Emory University in Atlanta, GA and an MBA from DePaul University in Chicago, IL. David was President of American Wilbert Vault Corporation, representing the third generation of the family business.

David was a member of Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in Chicago, where his children attend school. He loved Chicago sports, especially the Chicago Cubs which was only superseded by his passion for golf. Dave was a former member of the Emory University golf team, and was a member of Oak Park Country Club.

Visitation Monday, May 13, 2019, 2:00-9:00 PM at **Friedrich-Jones Funeral Home & Cremation Services, 44 S. Mill St., Naperville, IL.**

A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated Tuesday, May 14, 10:30 AM at Immaculate Conception Catholic Church, 7211 W. Talcott Ave., Chicago, IL 60631 (773) 775-3833.

Interment: St. Adalbert Cemetery, Niles, IL.

In lieu of flowers, donations in David's memory may be made to: Immaculate Conception Catholic School, 7263 W. Talcott Ave., Chicago, IL 60631 (773) 775-0545, email: haley@iccowboys.net

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Rubow, Gary Neeley

Gary Neeley Rubow, of Chicago. Beloved husband of Laura, nee Miner. Father of Sherry Richardson, Rick (Shirley), RoB (Leah), Franklin, Kevin (Lisa) Rubow and Kate (Jim) Christiansen. Grandfather of twenty four, and great-grandfather of two. Dear brother of Steven (Sharon) and Lynn Rubow. Brother-in-law and friend to many. Gary was a Vietnam Veteran (1970). Bronze Star. Graveside Services Saturday, May 11th, 11 AM, Windridge Memorial Park, 7014 S. Rawson Bridge Rd, Cary, IL 60013. Info 847-359-8020 or visit www.smithcorcoran.com



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Scheyer, Stuart Roy

Stuart Roy Scheyer, Age 88. Beloved husband of Lois for almost 68 years. Loving father of Dr. Lauri Scheyer, Jim (Laury) Scheyer, Steven (Onnie) Scheyer, and Eric (Maggie) Scheyer. Proud grandfather of Ryan (Christina) Maxwell, Marit Lee, Jenifer (Danny) Resnick, Brooke (Ryan) Jones, Kate (Omar) El-Sharkawy, Jonathan (Marcelle) Scheyer, Dr. Andrew (Laura) Scheyer, Cody Scheyer, Olivia, Camille, and Nina Scheyer, and the late Rustin Lee. Cherished great-grandfather of Max, Blake, Maya, Noa, Sami, Theo, Jimmy, Adam, and Zev. Services, Friday 10:30AM at North Shore Congregation Israel, 1185 Sheridan Road, Glencoe, IL 60022. Interment Westlawn. Memorial contributions may be made to North Shore Congregation Israel, www.nsci.org. Arrangements by **Chicago Jewish Funerals** – Skokie Chapel, 847.229.8822, www.cjinfo.com.

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Schmidt, Marion Strain Yantis

Marion Strain Yantis Schmidt, age 86, passed away on April 27, 2019, at home, surrounded by her family, after a brief illness. Marion was born in New York City on November 13, 1932 and lived in and around Chicago for most of her long life. She attended New Trier High School and was graduated from St. Catherine's School and Bennett College. Marion is survived by her children Clarissa Yantis Cutler (James Swinerton), Stuart Yantis Cutler, and Edith Cutler Hirtenstein (Scott Hirtenstein); her grandchildren Katherine Edith Grayson, William Thomas Grayson, Anne Yantis Cutler, Grace Marion Cutler, Jacob Cutler Hirtenstein and Max Hirtenstein; her sister Clarissa Yantis Downey and her nieces Marion Hanold, Catherine Nayman and Sarah Downey. Marion was predeceased by her son, Ralph William Cutler; her parents, Marion Strain Weiss and Frank Stuart Yantis; and her husbands William Brainard Cutler, Roy Thomas Byrd and Richard Sheldon Schmidt. Services were held. Memorial contributions may be made to The Wetlands Initiative, 53 W Jackson Blvd. #1015, Chicago IL 60604.

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Shereos, Connie

Connie Shereos, nee Lenos, age 89, passed away on May 4, 2019. Beloved wife of the late Nicholas W. for 64-years. Loving mother of Katherine (Martin) Curry, Valerie (Martin) Crowley, and William (Effie) Shereos. Proud Yiayia of Nicole (Eric) Ramos, Lauren (fiancé, Michael Shedroff), Julie (Sean) Pruell, Kathy (Mark) Peterson, Christina Crowley, and Nick, Despi, and Peter Shereos. Loving Great Yiayia of Nathan, Grace and Elena Ramos and James and Emily Peterson. Devoted daughter of the late George and Katherine Lenos; dear sister of the late Tula (the late Peter) Lazopoulos, Mary (the late Steve) Pavlakis, Despi (the late Steve) Haritos and Peter (the late Jean) Lenos; fond aunt of many. Family and friends will meet Friday, May 10, at SS Peter & Paul Greek Orthodox Church, 1401 Wagner Rd., Glenview IL 60025, for visitation at 10:00 am and funeral service at 11:00 am. Interment Elmwood Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, memorial gifts may be made to SS Peter & Paul Greek Orthodox Church. For more information please call 847-375-0095.

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Shuman, Bonnie J.

Bonnie J. Shuman nee Berry, 69, beloved wife of Robert for 46 years; loving mother of Paul (Sari) and Brent (Marc); adoring Grandma of Eli, Abigail, Jackson, Stella and Emilia; sister of Stephen Berry. Chapel service, Friday, 12:15 PM at **Shalom Memorial Funeral Home**, 1700 W. Rand Road, Arlington Heights. Interment Shalom Memorial Park. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to JourneyCare or the Ovarian Cancer Research Alliance. For information or to leave condolences, (847) 255-3520 or www.shalom2.com.

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Tatooles, M.D., Constantine John

Constantine John "Dino" Tatooles, M.D. entered Eternal Life on May 7, 2019, a loving father and healer of hearts. Born May 7, 1936 to the late John and Angela (nee Markoutsas) Tatooles. Survived by his wife, Betty Ann (nee Markos); his children Julie (Dr. John) Anastos, Dr. Antone (Laura), Jon (Harriet) and Alexandra; his grandchildren Elizabeth (Ethan) Holmes, Connor Tatooles, Keaton Tatooles, Todd Anastos, Dennis Anastos, Jonathan Anastos, Anne Tatooles, Kevin Tatooles, Julia Tatooles and William Tatooles; his brother James (Didi) Tatooles; his brother-in-law Dennis (Carol) Markos; and many other family members, colleagues and friends. He was a graduate of Saint George High School, Albion College and Loyola's Stritch School of Medicine. He was a pioneer in the field of Cardio-Thoracic Surgery. Family and friends will be received at **Conboy-Westchester Funeral Home**, 10501 W. Cermak Rd., Westchester (2 blks West of Mannheim Rd.) on Thursday, May 9, 2019 from 4:00 to 8:00 p.m. Funeral Service Friday 10:00 a.m. at St. Basil Greek Orthodox Church, 733 S. Ashland, Chicago. Interment Private. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations to thoracicsurgeryfoundation.org. Arrangements entrusted to Chris J. Balodimas, Director. For further info 708F-U-N-E-R-A-L.

Chris J. Balodimas

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Traficano, Mary Catherine

Mary Catherine Traficano (nee Baietto) daughter of the late Madaline (nee Riva) and Anthonio Baietto. Preceded in death by her husband Bernard Traficano and son Thomas, and brothers John and Albino Baietto. Beloved and cherished mother entered into eternal life on May 4, 2019. Mary is survived by her children Sindy (Michael) Auld of Bellingham, WA; Jack (Margaret Flanagan) Traficano, Cathy (Paul) Lilek, Patti (Tom) Kintonis of Las Vegas, NV; Dina (John) Dempsey of Munster, IN; her loving grandchildren Megan (Erik Faust), Christopher, Daniel, Elizabeth, Blair, Mary Kate, Casey, Shannon, Brett, Jonathan, Jack, Kelly and Jason; her great-grandchildren Olivia Mary and Charles Erik and several nieces and nephews. Mary lost her late husband in 1968 and never remarried. She raised her six children with faith, kindness and unconditional love. Mary was a very spiritual woman who had a deep faith in the Lord and instilled that faith in her children. She enjoyed to shop, to travel, and to watch cowboy movies. But most of all she enjoyed spending time with her children especially her grandchildren. Mary passed away peacefully surrounded by her loving family. She is deeply loved and will be missed by her friends, family and all who knew her. A memorial service is scheduled for Saturday, May 11, 2019. Visitation from 9:00 a.m. followed by 10:00 a.m. mass at St. Jude the Apostle Catholic Church in South Holland, IL. Inurnment St. Mary Cemetery – Evergreen Park, IL. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be given to Riley Hospice House – Munster, IN. Arrangements entrusted to Smits Funeral Home – South Holland, IL. For further information, please contact 708-333-7000 or visit our online obituary and guest book at www.SMITSFH.com

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Vishny, Michele

Michele Vishny (nee Kopstein), 86, died May 7, 2019, loving wife of Paul H. Vishny, daughter of the late Max A. and Esther Silber Kopstein, mother of Deborah, Renana Friedman and Miriam (Mark Cohen); grandmother of Danielle and Jonathan Cohen, Hana Yamahiro and Benjamin Friedman; sister of the late Leila Avrin. Michele taught art history at various Chicago universities, including Northwestern, University of Illinois- Chicago and the School of the Art Institute. She authored "Mordecai Ardon", a comprehensive book about the famous Israeli artist, and numerous articles in various art publications. A curator of art shows at various museums, she was a well known Judaica expert and appraiser. Her passions were international travel, collecting art & Judaica, and supporting Israel and the Jewish community. She was a member of Yeshiva Women, Hadassah, and various art history and charitable organizations. Graveside service Thursday, May 9, 3:00 PM at Westlawn Cemetery, 7801 W. Montrose, Norridge. Shiva Thursday evening in Evanston, IL and Sunday through Tuesday at Wiggins Place, Beachwood, OH. Contributions may be made to Spertus Institute for Jewish Learning and Leadership, Chicago, IL or B'nai Jeshurun Congregation, Pepper Pike, OH. Info: **Weinstein & Piser Funeral Home**, 847-256-5700.

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LEGAL NOTICE STATE OF ILLINOIS) COUNTY OF COOK)
In the matter of the revision of the assessment of Real Property for 2019:

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, pursuant to the provisions of Section 14-35 of the Illinois Property Tax Code (35 ILCS 200/14-35) that the Assessor of Cook County will sit for the purpose of reviewing the proposed 2019 assessment of Real Property located in the following township(s) or taxing district(s) in Cook County.

MAINE Identified also as Area(s) 09, under the Permanent Real Estate Index Numbering System of Cook County.

The last date within which applications for revisions of assessment (Real Estate Assessed Valuation Appeals) may be filed for consideration at such sitting is June 7, 2019.

Such sitting will be held at the office of the Assessor of Cook County, Room 301, in the County Building, 118 North Clark Street, Chicago, Illinois 60602, and will continue thereafter from day to day as necessary until all such revisions in said township(s) or taxing district(s) have been completed.

Done by the Assessor of Cook County this 9th day of May, 2019.

FRITZ KAEGI ASSESSOR OF COOK COUNTY 6273763 05/09/2019

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS JUVENILE JUSTICE AND CHILD PROTECTION DEPARTMENT JUVENILE JUSTICE DIVISION

IN THE INTEREST OF Jamari P Clowers AKA Jamarie P Clowers

A MINOR NO. **2019JD00371**

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

Notice is given you, **Tanisha Stevenson (Mother)**, **Javin Sherrod (Father)**, respondents, and **TO ALL WHOM IT MAY CONCERN**, that on **March 8, 2019**, a petition was filed under the Juvenile Court Act by **KIM FOXX**, STATE'S ATTORNEY OF COOK COUNTY through her assistant State's Attorney in this court and that in the courtroom of Judge **Lana Charisse Johnson** in the Cook County Juvenile Court Building located at 1100 South Hamilton, Chicago, Illinois on **05/22/2019 at 9:00 AM** IN CALENDAR **68** COURTROOM **3**.

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 **May 9, 2019**

ASSISTANT STATE'S ATTORNEY: **C. Valiuis, D. Auguste** 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 **IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS JUVENILE JUSTICE AND CHILD PROTECTION DEPARTMENT JUVENILE JUSTICE DIVISION**

IN THE INTEREST OF Kobe J Rollins AKA Kobe Rollins

A MINOR NO. **2019JD00417**

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

Notice is given you, **Jeffery Arnold (Father)**, respondents, and **TO ALL WHOM IT MAY CONCERN**, that on **March 18, 2019**, a petition was filed under the Juvenile Court Act by **KIM FOXX**, STATE'S ATTORNEY OF COOK COUNTY through her assistant State's Attorney in this court and that in the courtroom of Judge **Cynthia Ramirez** in the Cook County Juvenile Court Building located at 1100 South Hamilton, Chicago, Illinois on **05/17/2019 at 9:30 AM** IN CALENDAR **52** COURTROOM **2**.

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 **May 9, 2019**

ASSISTANT STATE'S ATTORNEY: **M. Eannace, L. Baker** 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 **IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS JUVENILE JUSTICE AND CHILD PROTECTION DEPARTMENT CHILD PROTECTION DIVISION**

IN THE INTEREST OF Nicholas Rasheed AKA Baby Boy Rasheed AKA Baby Boy Rasheed

MINOR(S) CHILD(REN) OF Nicole Rasheed (Mother)

JUVENILE NO.: 16JA00539

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

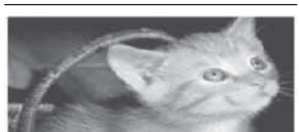
NOTICE IS GIVEN YOU, **Nicole Rasheed (Mother)** and **Unknown (Father)**, respondents, and to **All Whom It May Concern**, that on **April 16, 2019**, a petition was filed under the Juvenile Court Act by **KIM FOXX** in this court and that in the courtroom of Judge **John Huff** in the Cook County Juvenile Court Building, 1100 So. Hamilton Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, ON **05/30/2019, at 9:30 AM** IN CALENDAR **14** COURTROOM **N**, 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.

UNLESS YOU appear, you will not be entitled to further written notices or publication notices of the proceedings in this case, including the filing of an amended petition or a motion to terminate parental rights.

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 **May 9, 2019**



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A NON-MANDATORY PREBID MEETING WILL BE HELD AT 10:00AM LOCAL TIME ON June 13, 2019. THE PREBID MEETING will be held at the Village Hall, Main Conference Room, 9500 Belmont Avenue, Franklin Park, Illinois 60131.

BID DEADLINE: 10:00AM LOCAL TIME, June 27, 2019. The Village reserves the right to extend the Bid Deadline from this date and time to accept Bids submitted after the Bid Deadline, as the Village, in its sole discretion, determines it is in the best interest of the Village.

NOTICE: Sealed proposals for the REUTER SUBDIVISION IMPROVEMENTS PHASE 2 PROJECT will be received by The Village of Franklin Park, Illinois, at the office of the Village Clerk, 9500 Belmont Avenue, Franklin Park, Illinois 60131, until 5:00 PM on 05/22/2019. Immediately thereafter, the proposals will be publicly opened and read aloud. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the Village reserves the right to defer, postpone, delay, or reschedule the Bid Opening for such time and to such date as the Village, in its sole discretion, determines it is in the best interest of the Village.

IDOT PREQUALIFICATION: All prime contractors including subcontractors for concreting, roadway excavation and HMA installations, landscaping shall be IDOT prequalified. Bids submitted by non-IDOT prequalified will be rejected.

NON-COLLUSION: Any agreement or collusion among bidders or prospective bidders in restraint of freedom of competition by agreement to bid a fixed price, or otherwise, shall render the bids of such bidder void. Each bidder shall warrant to such date as the Village, in its sole discretion, determines it is in the best interest of the Village.

BID SECURITY: Bid Security in the amount of not less than five (5) percent of the Bid shall accompany each Bid in the form of bid bond, cash, certified check, cashier's check or draft payable to The Village of Franklin Park.

CONTRACT SECURITY: The Bidder to whom a Contract is awarded shall be required to furnish a Performance Bond and a Payment Bond or an Irrevocable Letter of Credit acceptable to the Village for 100 percent of the Contract Price, in accordance with the requirements of the Bid Document.

RIGHTS RESERVED: THE OWNER may make such investigations as he deems necessary to determine the ability of the BIDDER to perform the WORK, and the BIDDER shall advise the OWNER all such information and data for the OWNER's use. The OWNER may request. The OWNER reserves the right to reject any BID if the evidence submitted by, or investigation of, such BIDDER fails to satisfy the OWNER that such BIDDER is properly qualified to carry out the obligations of the Contract, and to complete the WORK contemplated therein. A conditional or qualified BID will not be accepted. Award will be made to the low, responsive, responsible BIDDER. Bidders agree to hold their bid prices for 90 days from the date of bid opening.

INSURANCE: The successful Bidder will be required to furnish certificates and policies of insurance as required under the Bid Document.

CONTRACT REQUIREMENTS: Any contract or contracts awarded under this invitation for bids are expected to be funded in part by a loan from the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency (Illinois EPA). Neither the State of Illinois nor any of its departments, agencies, or employees is or will be a party to this invitation for bids or any resulting contract. The procurement will be subject to regulations contained in the Procedures for Issuing Loans from the Public Water Supply Loan Program (35 IAC Part 662) & Water Pollution Control Loan Program (35 IAC Part 365), the Davis-Bacon Act (40 USC 276a through 276a-5) as defined by the United States Department of Labor, the Employment of Illinois Workers on Public Works Act (30 ILCS 570), and the "Use of American Iron and Steel" requirements as contained in Section 436 of H.R. 3547. This procurement is also subject to the Village of Franklin Park's policy regarding the increased use of disadvantaged business enterprises. The Village of Franklin Park's policy requires all bidders to undertake specified affirmative efforts at least sixteen (16) days prior to bid opening. Bidders are also required to comply with the President's Executive Order No. 11246, as amended. The requirements for bidders and contractors under this order are explained in 41 CFR 60-4.

DISADVANTAGED AND MINORITY BUSINESS ENTERPRISE: The Village of Franklin Park shall take affirmative steps to assure that disadvantaged business enterprises are utilized when possible as sources of supplies, equipment, construction and services in accordance with the Clean Water Loan Program rules. As required by the award conditions of USEPA's Assistance Agreement with IEPA, the Village of Franklin Park acknowledges that the fair share percentages are 5% for MBEs and 12% for WBEs.

DAVIS-BACON ACT COMPLIANCE: The contract is subject to the United States Department of Labor's Davis-Bacon Act (40 USC 276a through 276a-5), et seq. Pursuant to this law, the United States Department of Labor has determined prevailing rates for various classifications of workers. The latest determination of these rates is included herein. The Contractor shall pay its workers not less than the prevailing rates so determined and comply with the requirements of the aforementioned Federal Statutes, including but not limited to the keeping of accurate records showing the names and occupation of all laborers, workers and mechanics employed on this Contract, showing the actual wages paid to each such person. Submission of certified payrolls is required prior to any payments.

ILLINOIS PREVAILING WAGE LAW COMPLIANCE: This contract calls for the construction of a "public work," within the meaning of the Illinois Prevailing Wage Act, 820 ILCS 130/01 et seq. ("the Act"). The Act requires contractors and subcontractors to pay laborers, workers and mechanics performing work on public works projects no less than the current "prevailing rate of wages" (hourly cash wages plus amount for fringe benefits) in the county where the work is performed. The Department publishes the prevailing wage rates on its website at <http://www.dor.state.il.us>. The Department revises the prevailing wage rates and the contractor/subcontractor has an obligation to check the Department's web site for revisions to prevailing wage rates. For information regarding current prevailing wage rates, please refer to the Illinois Department of Labor's website. All contractors and subcontractors rendering services under this contract must comply with all requirements of the Act, including but not limited to, all wage requirements and notice and record keeping duties. Submission of certified payrolls is required prior to any payments.

CONTRACT DOCUMENTS: The Bidding Documents can be obtained at on the Village of Franklin Park's QuestCD project site at: http://qap.questcdn.com/qap/projects/prj_browse/pp_browse_grid.html?group=3804869&provider=3804869

QUESTIONS REGARDING PLANS AND SPECIFICATIONS: Prospective bidders with questions regarding the plans and specifications should be addressed to Jimmy Samaniego of Smith LaSalle at jmsaniego@smithlasalle.com.

PUBLISHED BY THE AUTHORITY OF THE VILLAGE OF FRANKLIN PARK, ILLINOIS, COOK COUNTY Published May 9, 2019.

LEGAL NOTICES GOVERNMENT/EDUCATION

Rhodes School District 84.5 hereby provides public notice of a request for bids from qualified contractors only for the specified Capital Replacement of Roof D at Rhodes Elementary School in River Grove, IL including related mechanical, electrical and plumbing disconnects and re-connects, according to specifications and drawings prepared by C. E. Crowley & Associates, Inc., Roofing/Waterproofing Consultants, of Mundelein, IL. Contractors wishing to submit proposals are required to attend a MANDATORY Pre-Proposal Walk-through on WEDNESDAY, MAY 15, 2019 starting at 11:00 AM at Office of the SUPERINTENDENT - Rhodes Elementary School, 8931 W. Fullerton Ave, River Grove, IL 60171.

Sealed Bids are DUE and will be publicly opened at the District Office at 3:00 PM on THURSDAY, MAY 23RD, 2019. All Bids must be submitted on forms provided in the Project Manuals and addressed as follows: SEALED ROOF BID, ATTENTION: Mr. Jim Prather, Superintendent, Rhodes School District 84.5, 8931 W Fullerton Ave, River Grove, IL 60171.

The Successful Roofing Bidder will act as General Contractor for any mechanical/electrical/plumbing work required. A 5% Bid Bond or Cashier's Check in the amount of 5% of the total proposal must accompany the proposal. A Project Manual, including Specifications, Plans and Detail Drawings will be provided to all prospective quoting firms in attendance during the Mandatory Pre-Proposal Walk-through and thereafter electronically to bidders of record. Roofing contractors must be able to demonstrate at least 10 years of experience installing similar systems, be licensed roofers in the state of Illinois and currently approved applicators for Warranty purposes of Siplast, Soprema, Johns Manville, or Performance Perbigum Roofing Systems. Additional copies of the Project Manual will be available thereafter at the DISTRICT OFFICES, or from C. E. Crowley & Associates, Inc., 333 East IL Route 83, Suite #103, Mundelein, IL 60060-4278. Phone: #815-662-8132. Fax: #847-557-1314. A deposit of \$100 per manual, due and payable upon receipt of the Project Manual(s), and refundable upon receipt of a valid proposal at the Bid opening. 5/9/2019 6275973

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS JUVENILE JUSTICE AND CHILD PROTECTION DEPARTMENT CHILD PROTECTION DIVISION

IN THE INTEREST OF Sheriyah Motley

MINOR(S) CHILD(REN) OF Ladonna Motley (Mother)

JUVENILE NO.: 18JA00793

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

NOTICE IS GIVEN YOU, **Rama Unknown (Father)** and **All Unknown Fathers**, respondents, and to **All Whom It May Concern**, that on **August 17, 2018**, a petition was filed under the Juvenile Court Act by **KIM FOXX** in this court and that in the courtroom of Judge **Andrea Buford** in the Cook County Juvenile Court Building, 1100 So. Hamilton Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, ON **05/30/2019, at 10:30 AM** IN CALENDAR **4** COURTROOM **D**, 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.

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DOROTHY BROWN, CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS **May 9, 2019**

LEGAL NOTICES

NOTICE METROPOLITAN WATER RECLAMATION DISTRICT OF GREATER CHICAGO

18-RFP-22

TRAVEL AND EXPENSE REIMBURSEMENT SOLUTION FOR A THREE-YEAR PERIOD

Notice is hereby given that the bid opening for the above-cited contract has been changed from Friday, May 24, 2019, to **Friday, May 31, 2019**. Further information is included on Addendum # 1, dated May 6, 2019, which has been posted to www.mwrdo.org.

Darlene A. LoCascio Director Procurement and Materials Management Chicago, Illinois Pub: 5/9/2019 6275201

The Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago will be accepting applications for the following classification(s):

Accounting Manager (Original & Promotional)

Application Filing Period: April 26, 2019 through May 24, 2019. **Examination Date:** June 15, 2019 at Chicago High School for Agricultural Sciences (CHAS), 3857 West 111th Street, Chicago, IL. **Scope of Examination:** Knowledge of Accounting Manager practices. **Nature of Position and Duties:** Under general supervision, directs and coordinates professional and administrative staff in the performance of a variety of accounting and/or treasury activities which may include fund accounting, contract accounting, auditing, report preparation, budget preparation, general ledger maintenance, payroll functions, accounts receivable functions, accounts payable functions, cash management and forecasting, bond sale execution and reporting requirements, policy implementation, and information systems management. **Pay:** \$109,991.70 per year

Engineering Draftsman II (Original)

Application Filing Period: April 12, 2019 through July 5, 2019. **Examination Date:** July 27, 2019 at Chicago High School for Agricultural Sciences (CHAS), 3857 West 111th Street, Chicago, IL. **Scope of Examination:** Knowledge of Engineering Draftsman II practices. **Nature of Position and Duties:** Under general supervision, prepares multi-discipline engineering drawings used for contract bidding and construction using computer aided drafting and design (CADD) tools. **Pay:** \$59,237.62 per year

Senior Environmental Research Technician (Original & Promotional)

Application Filing Period: April 26, 2019 through May 31, 2019. **Examination Date:** June 15, 2019 at Chicago High School for Agricultural Sciences (CHAS), 3857 West 111th Street, Chicago, IL. **Scope of Examination:** Knowledge of senior environmental research technician practices. **Nature of Position and Duties:** Under supervision, performs a variety of technical duties associated with the collection and analysis of field and laboratory data. Provides general oversight of field and lab activities related to wastewater, surface water monitoring, biosolids processing and soil science. **Pay:** \$67,032.16 per year

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LEGAL NOTICES

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Cubs second baseman Addison Russell is happy to be back in the dugout Wednesday night against the Marlins at Wrigley Field.

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Unfriendly confines

Gesturing Cubs fan not coming back to Wrigley

BY PHIL ROSENTHAL AND MARK GONZALES
 Chicago Tribune

The Cubs have banned a man indefinitely from Wrigley Field for making an on-camera hand gesture, which some associate with white supremacists, behind NBC Sports Chicago reporter Doug Glanville during Tuesday's game against the Marlins.

Glanville, a former Cubs outfielder, is African-American.

The bearded man wearing a Cubs hooded sweatshirt and seated in the front row by the home dugout had not come forward as of Wednesday evening, and the Cubs did not identify him publicly.

But Crane Kenney, Cubs president of business operations, said in a statement Wednesday night that after investigating the incident the organization concluded the man had violated the team's guest code of conduct.

"As a result, after repeated attempts to reach this individual by phone, we sent a letter to the individual notifying him of our findings and our decision that, effectively immediately, he will not be permitted on the

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Fans accepting Russell won't happen overnight



PAUL SULLIVAN
 On the Cubs

Addison Russell is a lucky man.

Months of therapy, reflection and the support of family, friends and his employer helped save Russell's career, which began a new chapter Wednesday night at Wrigley Field when he returned to the Cubs lineup after serving a 40-game suspension for violating Major League Baseball's domestic violence policy.

Speaking to reporters in the Cubs dugout before the game, Russell seemed much more relaxed than he was during his spring training news conference, when his talking points seemed scripted and he appeared overwhelmed by the glare of the media spotlight.

On Wednesday, Russell was back to his old self — or at least the confident player with the quick smile and easy-going temperament we all thought we knew — saying he had done a lot of "reflecting" in the last few months.

"Just trying to get the message out I want to get out," Russell said. "I can only tell the truth and tell it the way I know how to tell it. I think with the Chicago media I've become a little more comfortable with the reporters as

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Russell says 'I'm still improving as a person'

BY MARK GONZALES
 Chicago Tribune

Addison Russell acknowledged the importance of achieving small goals and pledged to "keep going forward" in his quest to regain the support of Cubs fans.

"I know they're going to think and say whatever they want," Russell said Wednesday night after being called up from Triple-A Iowa. "They're entitled to that. I respect them for that. But the thing is I'm here and have an opportunity to help this team win."

Russell last week completed a 40-game suspension for violating Major League Baseball's domestic violence policy. He joined Iowa on April 24.

The small goals Russell referenced were continuing to meet guidelines the Cubs set as part of their conditional second chance, receiving positive marks from those affected by his past behavior and — eventually — his production on the field.

Based on the boos that overshadowed a scattering of cheers before he struck out in his first at-bat against Jose Urena of the Marlins, Russell still has to win over some fans.

Russell's promotion from Iowa occurred only because

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FIRE

Club to pay Bridgeview to depart

Fire offer \$65 million in a proposed deal to leave SeatGeek Stadium

BY JEREMY MIKULA AND JOE MAHR
 Chicago Tribune

The first step in the Fire's bid to return to Soldier Field has been taken.

Under a tentative deal, the Fire would pay the Village of Bridgeview about \$65 million to break their lease at SeatGeek Stadium, according to village spokesman Ray Hanania.

The Fire reportedly have been

seeking a return to Soldier Field as early as next season. Hanania said the Fire have not indicated where they will play in 2020. The Fire wouldn't confirm their plans.

"We have been negotiating with Mayor (Steven) Landek and the village of Bridgeview for some time on an amended stadium lease," Fire President and general manager Nelson Rodriguez said in a statement, "but we have not reached a final agreement, and until we do, I'm not able to comment further."

The village board on Tuesday unanimously approved a memorandum of understanding between the team and village. Under the pro-

posed terms, the Fire would pay the village \$10 million upfront and \$5 million for a youth soccer facility. The remaining balance would be paid over the next 15 years.

The proposal now goes to the Fire for approval. Rodriguez said the team has not signed off on any deal to break the lease, which runs through the 2036 season.

"There is no signed agreement to which I'm aware," Rodriguez said Wednesday. "My understanding was it was voted and approved (by Bridgeview's board) ... but there is no signed agreement."

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CHRIS SWEDA/CHICAGO TRIBUNE

Edwin Montiel cheers during a game against the Revolution at SeatGeek Stadium in Bridgeview on Wednesday. The Fire won 5-0.

TOP OF THE SECOND

HORSE RACING

Preakness could have been special

BY JOHN CLAY | Lexington Herald-Leader

Talk about fun killers. Given the still-flaming Kentucky Derby controversy, the Preakness Stakes on May 18 promised to be must-see TV. Think of it: Maximum Security versus Country House. The initial winner of Kentucky Derby 145 versus the declared winner of Kentucky Derby 145. The aggrieved victim versus the fortunate benefactor. The rematch. Let the best colt win.

"I think rivalries are good," Country House's trainer, Bill Mott, said Sunday. "But I'm not sure this is Affirmed versus Alydar."

Maybe it could have been were it not for owner Gary West announcing Monday that Maximum Security will be skipping the Preakness. That was followed by this let-down of a tweet from the Daily Racing Form's Jay Privman on Tuesday: "Country House out of Preakness, per Mott, who said he's coughing, 'acting like he's going to get sick.'"

Now we're the ones who are sick. Just when the public is talking horse racing — debating the stewards' decision to disqualify Maximum Security and anoint Country House as Saturday's winner — the sport's major players won't be around for the second leg of the Triple Crown.

Not that we're blaming the horses, mind you. Maximum Security shipped Tuesday to Monmouth Park, where he'll get a little R&R before hopefully a shot in the Belmont Stakes on June 8. Country House will be at either Churchill Downs or Belmont Park, where hopefully he'll make a quick recovery from whatever it is that ails him.

But talk about opportunity missed for a sport that should welcome every opportunity. After all, in the history of the world's most famous race, the horse that crossed the finish line first had never had its number taken down because of a foul. Most of the racing community agreed with the stewards' decision. But there were contrarians — the Washington Post's Andy Beyer and five-time Derby-winning trainer Bob Baffert among them.

West really disagreed. In a sour-grapes Monday morning appearance on NBC's "Today," Maximum Security's owner admitted that, well, all right, his horse did veer into the path of other horses. But, West said, Churchill Downs is a "greedy organization" that, by having 20 horses in



JOHN MINCHILLO/AP

Kentucky Derby champion Country House, left, and initial race winner Maximum Security, third from left, will miss the Preakness, denied the chance to stoke their potential rivalry.

the race, "risks horses' lives and people's lives to do that."

Wait a minute. Did West not run two horses in the Derby? Given his logic, wasn't West endangering the lives of Maximum Security and Game Winner as well as those of jockeys Luis Saez and Joel Rosario? And this wasn't West's first rodeo — er, Derby. He has been running for the roses since '93.

As for Baffert, he trains Game Winner, who ran sixth Saturday for Gary and Mary West. It's not surprising he would stick up for his owners. Baffert did say he could see the reasoning behind the stewards' decision. His point was there is always a bumper-car element to the Derby.

The difference is where those misadventures take place. As Mott pointed out Sunday, his other Derby horse, Tacitus, was slammed in the first turn of the Wood Memorial. Because it was the first turn, however, Tacitus had plenty of time to recover.

"Those horses (Saturday) had no time to recover," Mott said in reference to Long Range Toddy and Bodexpress, the two horses who almost came to a stop when Maximum Security bumped War of Will into them. "They lost all chance."

Meanwhile, Pimlico Race Course may have lost its chance to go out with a bang. This could be the final Preakness at the crumbling edifice no one wants to spend the money to refurbish. The Stronach Group, Pimlico's owner, seems set on moving the Preakness 30 miles down the road to Laurel Park. Baltimore says it wants to keep the race, but so far the city hasn't been willing to open its wallet.

Horse racing lost its big chance too. Oh, there will be a curiosity factor to May 18. The absence of the two protagonists in the sport's biggest drama will keep the debate going. But, oh, what could have been.

Then again, fingers crossed, there's always the Belmont.

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Cubs bar gesturing fan from Wrigley

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grounds of Wrigley Field or other ticketed areas indefinitely," Kenney said. "We further communicated if he attempts to enter Wrigley Field or other ticketed areas, he may be subject to prosecution for criminal trespass to property."

Although the upside-down "OK" sign the man made behind Glanville has more benign connotations, including as part of what's known as "the circle game," the Cubs were unconvinced that was the proper context.

"Whether this person is going to ultimately say he intended it, that he was playing 'the circle game' or some other stunt, the judgment to use that in connection with a respected reporter who happens to be African-American doing his job ... that connection and, in his mind, coincidence is not going to fly here," Kenney said earlier Wednesday on WSCR-AM 670, the team's flagship radio station.

Kenney said the team had "reached the conclusion that it's more likely than not that this person was using that hand signal as a racist way of interfering with everyone's enjoyment" of the telecast.

Theo Epstein, Cubs president of baseball operations, said before Wednesday's game that the organization has "made clear how egregious and unacceptable that behavior is and there's no place for it in society, in baseball and at Wrigley Field."

Hours after Tuesday's game, Kenney issued a statement warning that "such ignorant and repulsive behavior is not tolerated at Wrigley Field," saying the incident was under thorough review "because no one should be subjected to this type of offensive behavior."

Glanville was on camera talking to play-by-play announcer Len Kasper heading into the bottom of the third inning Tuesday when the man in the front row made the upside-down "OK" sign.

"They have displayed sensitivity as to how the implications of this would affect me as a person of color."

— broadcaster Doug Glanville on the quick response by the Cubs and NBC Sports Chicago to a fan's alleged racist gesture

Long a benign gesture, this signal has been appropriated in recent years by white supremacists.

It was first a form of trolling those ideologically opposed into thinking they saw "white power" symbols everywhere. More recently, however, organizations such as the Anti-Defamation League say it has become an authentic hate symbol.

Among those to publicly flash the symbol, for example, was has been the terrorist and self-described racist charged with killing 51 Muslim worshipers at mosques in New Zealand. The ADL, however, has explicitly warned "caution must be used in evaluating instances of this symbol's use."

Kenney said as far as the Cubs were concerned, there wasn't much wiggle room in this situation.

"If this is just really, really poor judgment on this person's part, it's still probably going to lead to their permanent expulsion from the ballpark," Kenney told WSCR's Dan Bernstein and Connor McKnight. "Again, we don't do that lightly. ... But in our view, the burden of proof would be on him."

Glanville, in a statement Wednesday, said he learned of the incident after the game and praised the response of both the Cubs and NBC Sports Chicago.

"They have reached out to me and are supportive of my role in the broadcast and

continue to have a desire to uphold an inclusive environment at Wrigley Field," Glanville said. "They have displayed sensitivity as to how the implications of this would affect me as a person of color."

Kevin Cross, senior vice president and general manager of NBC Sports Chicago, called the fan's behavior "reprehensible" and said it "clearly does not represent the great Cubs fans of our city and those around the country."

Cubs spokesman Julian Green said the team learned of the gesture "well after the incident occurred" from viewers via texts and social media.

By the time ballpark security responded, the man who made the gesture no longer was in his seat or section.

Green said the Cubs confirmed that the individual who made the gesture was not the season ticket holder who has that seat. The ticket was resold through StubHub.

"Mobile ticketing gives us a great advantage with an incident like this because we can not only identify a ticket holder — much like a ballpark manifest — we can deny or suppress their ability to gain access in the ballpark in the future," Green said in an email.

This is not the first racially tinged incident involving the Cubs this year.

Major League Baseball last month started an investigation regarding racist messages sent to reliever Carl Edwards through social media.

In February, Splinter News published emails with racist and Islamophobic content to and from Joe Ricketts, the billionaire patriarch of the family that owns the Cubs. He and son Tom, the team's chairman, each issued statements that condemned the emails' bigoted content.

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BULLS

Nets' Fleming is new top assistant

BY K.C. JOHNSON
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The Bulls have made no secret about their desire to upgrade their assistant coaching staff, and Jim Boylen is on the verge of landing his top target.

Chris Fleming, who has head coaching experience in Europe and worked on Kenny Atkinson's Nets staff the last three seasons, has accepted an offer to be Boylen's lead assistant coach, a source confirmed Wednesday.

Boylen got to know Fleming most extensively when Fleming served as Germany's national team coach and had former Bull Paul Zipser on the team. Fleming's offensive ideas intrigued Boylen then, and his experience working with the Nuggets and Nets — teams that have made jumps the Bulls hope to make — also proved attractive.

Fleming, 49, is a New Jersey native who played at Richmond and professionally in Germany. He spent the 2015-16 season on Mike Malone's Nuggets staff and worked with the 2014 Spurs in the NBA Summer League. He led the German national team to the quarterfinals at the 2017 EuroBasket and won four German League championships with Brose Baskets Bamberg.

Boylen is trying to add one more assistant, sources said. Texas Tech assistant coach Mark Adams, who helped lead the Red Raiders to the NCAA title game, is scheduled to interview in Chicago this week, a source confirmed. Though this potential hire has some hurdles to clear, Boylen covets adding Adams' defensive mind.

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Club to pay Bridgeview \$65M to leave SeatGeek Stadium

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Hanania said the village wished the team success as part of a proposal he said would also help the village.

"We understand they feel the need to go out and build their fan base," he said. "We love the Chicago Fire. If they could have filled the stadium, everyone would have done better."

He said the village, under the proposed deal, could book more summer concerts because Major League Soccer announces the schedule close to the season, limiting available dates for concerts. He said the deal would allow the Fire to book some of its games at the 20,000-seat stadium.

The deal would not affect the Red Stars' lease to play National Women's Soccer

League matches in Bridgeview.

With the cash from the Fire — and the hope to book other events — Hanania said the village hopes to finally break even on the stadium.

When the stadium opened in 2006, Landek told local taxpayers they wouldn't have to foot the bill, saying concerts and games would pay off the entire debt taken to construct the facility.

But a 2012 Tribune investigation found the stadium saddled the village with millions in debt while it enriched political insiders and helped spark rising property taxes.

The year the stadium opened, the village sought less than \$4 million from property taxpayers. Now it's more than \$14 million, much of it to cover the village's debt for the

stadium.

The ratings firm Standard & Poor's has said the massive boosts in tax collections have not been enough to cover all of the village's debt payments, so the village over the years regularly has made part of its debt payments by borrowing more — in so-called "scoop and toss" maneuvers that threaten to hike the bill even higher for future taxpayers.

The maneuvers helped prompt S&P to downgrade the village's bond rating to junk status, and in a 2018 report S&P noted the village had an "unsustainable debt burden" of roughly \$260 million along with years of "weak management" and "very weak budgetary performance."

Hanania said the village hopes the deal persuades S&P to upgrade the village's bonds

and — regardless — is not expected to lead to any more property tax increases.

"Once it's done, the mayor feels it's going to work out for everybody," he said.

At news of the potential deal, S&P said it's awaiting more information to assess how the deal could affect the village — including how much it would relieve concern over the village being able to pay off stadium debt, as the village contends.

"We are waiting until we get all the final details and there's a final agreement in place," S&P analyst Blake Yocum said.

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CUBS

Russell will feel the heat

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well, so familiar faces make it a little easier for me.

"But overall I just think my demeanor has calmed down. I'm ready to take things a little bit slower."

Many Cubs fans booed Russell when he came to the plate in the third inning, and they booed again after he struck out. It continued as the night went on while Russell finished 0-for-3 with a walk.

No surprise. It will probably be that way for a while at Wrigley.

But gradually the booing will die down, especially if Russell performs on the field and stays out of trouble.

Aroldis Chapman came to Chicago in the summer of 2016 with a lot of baggage after his own domestic-violence suspension. Remember how some fans said they no longer could root for the Cubs after the Chapman trade?

But once Chapman started throwing triple-digit fastballs and dominating in the ninth inning, his past mistakes were no longer relevant to the average Cubs fan. He helped give them a World Series parade, and that's all that mattered to some.

Russell has a head start on Chapman because he was a well-liked player in Chicago before last year's allegations by his ex-wife, Melissa Reidy. Everyone knew Chapman was just a mercenary brought in to win a championship and would soon be gone, which he was.

"I hope Addison continues to grow," Cubs President Theo Epstein said before Wednesday's game. "That's what this is all about. And he should expect to face adversity along the way."

"He doesn't deserve to be met with an unconditionally warm welcome and open arms. I think he will receive an appropriate response, and that's something he needs to take responsibility for, to process, to handle the right way and to grow from."

"I think he knows it's a long road back to earn people's trust. Whether that's the organization, most importantly the people in his life on a daily basis, his teammates and the fans, it's not something you get back easily."

Russell owes a huge debt to Epstein and Cubs Chairman Tom Ricketts, who easily could've cast him aside as the Chiefs did with running back Kareem Hunt in December after the release of a video that showed him shoving and kicking a woman. Russell admitted the possibility of not being able to return to the Cubs "was one of many" thoughts that crossed his mind.

"But being the positive person I am, I always thought on the lighter side of things," he said. "And I'm happy to have this second opportunity."

Russell said he is "committed" to showing he's a better person, and the Cubs say Russell has changed. But none of us really knows for sure.

"I don't think it's a binary thing where there's a moment when someone is rehabilitated," Epstein said. "That's not how this works. It's a lifelong process, to continue to grow and to change behaviors and change patterns."

"I don't want to violate any confidences, but there were a couple moments when I felt real progress had been made, and they were important moments in Addison's life that maybe wouldn't have happened but for the conditional second chance."

Off-the-field issues continue to haunt the Cubs, from the Russell suspension to the leaked racist and Islamophobic emails to and from Joe Ricketts to anonymous accusations the Cubs threatened retribution to a media member who criticized their handling of Russell.

While the baseball operations department was dealing with the Russell situation Wednesday, the business operations department was investigating an incident Tuesday night in which a fan made an alleged white supremacist hand gesture during the telecast behind NBC Sports Chicago reporter Doug Glanville, who is African-American.

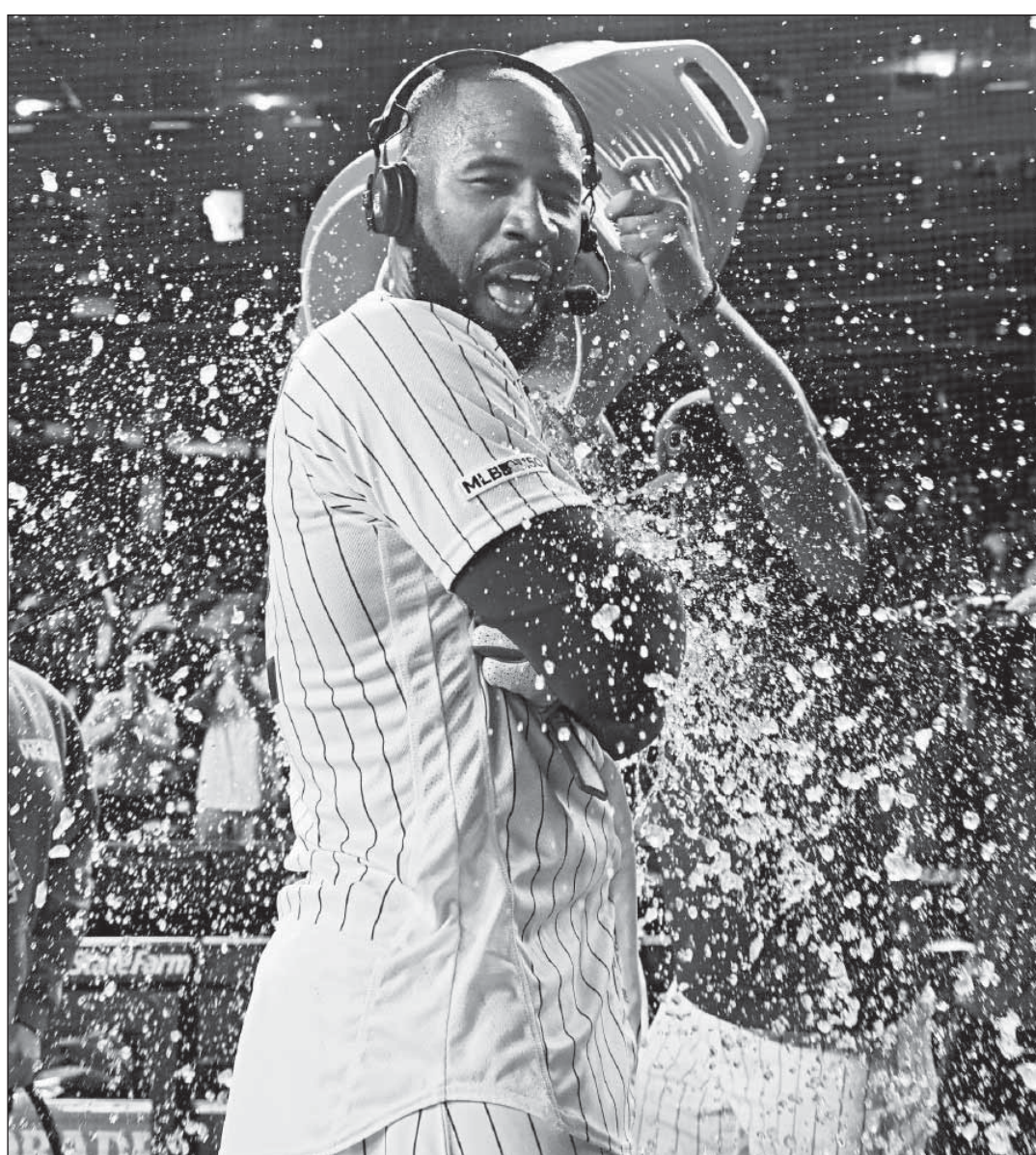
"Truly disgusting," Epstein said. "It gave me shivers to watch that, that it would take place at Wrigley Field. ... We've made clear how egregious and unacceptable that behavior is, and there's no place for it in our society, in baseball and certainly no place at Wrigley Field. And the person responsible for that gesture will never be welcomed back to Wrigley Field."

Crane Kenney, president of business operations, later released a statement saying the Cubs sent the fan a letter informing him he would be "subject to criminal trespass to property" if he attempts to enter Wrigley. Kyle Schwarber was among those upset by the incident, calling for a lifetime ban and saying: "That's definitely not OK. We don't need that."

Jason Heyward didn't seem all that surprised when asked for his reaction.

"I've been black my whole life," he said.

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CUBS RECAP

Jason Heyward led off the 11th inning with a home run off the Marlins' Jose Quijada to give the Cubs a 3-2 victory at Wrigley Field, their ninth win in 10 games, and maintain their half-game lead in the NL Central. Kyle Hendricks pitched eight innings of five-hit ball, but his effort was wasted when the Marlins rallied for the tying run in the ninth against a patchwork bullpen. Hendricks hasn't allowed an earned run or a walk in his last 17 innings. For more, go to chicagotribune.com/sports

Russell's back

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Ben Zobrist was granted a leave of absence to attend to a family matter, and the Cubs aren't certain when the switch-hitting infielder-outfielder will return. In addition, Daniel Descalso is limited to pinch-hitting duty through at least Thursday because of a sore left foot.

In his second at-bat, Russell had a chance to expand the Cubs' 2-1 lead with runners at first and second, but he grounded to third and received a scattering of boos. He later grounded out to short to end the seventh and walked in the 10th.

"I thought defensively (Russell) looked really smooth," manager Joe Maddon said. "At the plate he was just a little bit off."

President Theo Epstein said Russell hadn't been expected to rejoin the Cubs until Tuesday in Cincinnati to allow him more time to prepare at second base and get more at-bats.

"If there's an additional burden on him, additional scrutiny on him and other things he has to deal with, that's part of the process," said Epstein, reiterating that there is no finish line to Russell's rehab to become a better person.

Russell, 25, will continue to work with coach Brian Butterfield on polishing his skills at second base, where he spent his first four months in 2015 before moving to shortstop in place of Starlin Castro.

Russell didn't commit an er-

ror in 16 chances at second for Iowa, and he will play shortstop only when Javier Baez needs a rest or isn't available.

During a media briefing in the dugout after batting practice, Russell's answers were more spontaneous and without the pauses he displayed in his first media gathering in February at the Cubs' spring training facility in Mesa, Ariz.

"I don't think I'm a good actor," Russell replied after being asked if his comments were genuine. "It's something I've really worked hard for."

"I don't think you can fake what's really true in your heart. And what's true in my heart is being a better person and continuing to get better. And, of course, I want what's better for my family and I want what's best for this team. I think I can help out with that from a baseball standpoint."

Epstein revealed that before deciding to tender Russell a contract for 2019, he sought numerous experts who unanimously said a zero-tolerance policy wasn't effective under the circumstances. Epstein also went well beyond Russell's words before he rejoined the team.

"We remained in touch with people who are important to him," Epstein said. "People who are in his orbit, including Melissa (Reidy, Russell's ex-wife), and I've received a lot of positive testimonials about Addison's growth to this point, the improvement in his coping skills,

emotional control and his communication skills and engagement as a father. There are positive signs to this point."

"He has the majority of the work ahead of him."

Maddon and several players gave Russell a warm greeting when he arrived.

Russell knows he can't take this opportunity for granted, especially after he wondered if he ever would return to Wrigley as a member of the Cubs.

"A lot of thoughts have crossed my mind," Russell said. "And that (not returning) was one of many. But being the positive person I am, I always thought on the lighter side of things."

"And I'm happy I have this second opportunity. I'm looking forward and still improving as a person."

Russell admitted he has been challenged by the responsibility of maintaining a civil relationship with the mothers of his children while also facing media scrutiny and personal and baseball obligations in an effort to become a better person.

"To try to say one part is harder than the next is almost really impossible to say because this process has been difficult and hard on my family, but also myself," Russell said. "I try not to let it affect anything in house. I believe in the good in people and (am) happy to be here and have that opportunity."

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More strain on pen with Strop out

By MARK GONZALES
Chicago Tribune

The Cubs' faith in their late-inning relievers will be tested even more after an MRI revealed Pedro Strop suffered a grade 2 strain of his left hamstring. He was placed on the 10-day injured list Wednesday and will be out for at least four weeks.

"It's wide open," manager Joe Maddon said of his list of closer candidates. "It's the wild, wild west."

What's even more bewildering is that it is the same hamstring that Strop felt discomfort in during the Cubs' 15-inning victory at Arizona on April 28. Strop was shut down for the series against the Mariners but returned to earn a save Saturday against the Cardinals.

"It wasn't bad, but I did feel it," Strop said. "Last outing, I couldn't handle it."

Strop was referring to Monday's 6-5 loss to the Marlins in which he walked three and allowed a single without retiring a batter in the ninth.

Strop said he kept the medi-

cal staff informed of his condition. He injured the same leg while running to first base at Washington on Sept. 13 and missed the remainder of the 2018 regular season.

Strop was supposed to be sidelined for five weeks, but he returned for the National League wild-card game on Oct. 2 and pitched a scoreless inning against the Rockies.

Strop's injury occurred one week after closer Brandon Morrow, who hasn't pitched since July 15, received an injection to lubricate his surgically repaired right elbow. Morrow won't resume throwing for at least another week.

But even with the loss of Strop, "it doesn't really change anything for us," President Theo Epstein said. "We recognize this is a year we're going to be constantly on the lookout to make adjustments to the bullpen to put the right relievers in the right positions to be successful, to tweak and adjust over the year."

Epstein emphasized the Cubs will continue to look inside and

"at some point" outside the organization for help.

"The results have been outstanding, but that doesn't mean that we become passive or assume that's going to continue going forward," Epstein said. "We'll be challenged in that area over the course of the year, and we have to continue to be resourceful, and our pitching infrastructure and Joe have done a great job of putting guys in spots to be successful."

With Strop out, Maddon will try to line up his relievers with the best possible matchups from a pool that includes Steve Cishek, Brad Brach, Brandon Kintzler, Carl Edwards Jr. and left-handers Kyle Ryan and recently activated Mike Montgomery.

"It's everybody," Maddon said.

Extra innings: Jason Heyward batted leadoff for the first time this season Wednesday night. ... Infielder Daniel Descalso is at least one day away from being fully recovered from a sore left ankle, Maddon said.

WHITE SOX

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WHITE SOX 3

Ramirez provides jolt in the end

Abreu stays hot, homers for Sox in losing effort

By TOM WITHERS
Associated Press

Jose Ramirez hit a two-run homer with two outs in the ninth inning, giving the Indians a 5-3 win over the White Sox that snapped a three-game losing streak Wednesday night.

Francisco Lindor singled with one out against Jace Fry (1-1) before Jason Kipnis struck out. Sox manager Rick Renteria brought in right-hander Kelvin Herrera to face the switch-hitting Ramirez, and Lindor stole second on a 2-1 pitch.

Ramirez crushed Herrera's next pitch — a 96 mph fastball — through a stiff wind and into the seats in right for his third homer, setting off a much-needed celebration by the Indians.

Ramirez's teammates ran to the plate with trays of water cups to greet and douse him. The Indians have been in a season-long offensive slump and have been looking for something to get them going.

Brad Hand (2-1) pitched a perfect ninth for the win.

Jose Abreu homered for the Sox.

The Indians came in as the AL's worst-hitting team — last in average, hits, doubles and triples — and had scored just one run in 27 innings before Tyler Naquin's two-run single off starter Reynaldo Lopez in the fourth gave them a 3-1 lead.

Indians starter Shane Bieber took that 3-1 lead into the seventh but couldn't hold it.

The right-hander, who had allowed the Sox just one run in 19 innings over three starts, gave up two singles and a sacrifice before No. 9 hitter Ryan Cordell hit a two-run single.

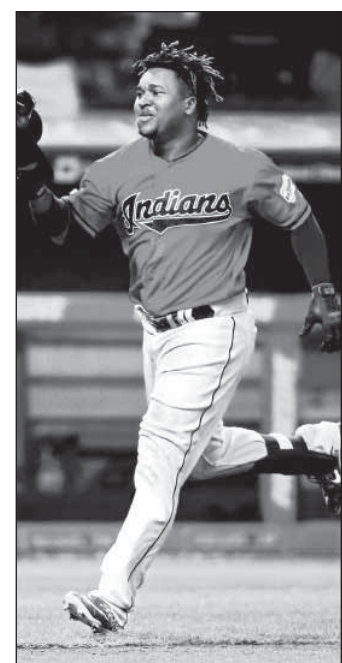
The Indians finally generated some offense in the fourth, scoring three runs off Lopez, who entered with a 14.14 ERA in two previous starts at Progressive Field.

The Indians loaded the bases on three singles with one out before Leonys Martin's fielder's choice gave the Indians their first run in 30 1/3 innings. Lopez re-loaded the bases when he hit Kevin Plawewski, and Naquin made the right-hander pay for his mistake by lining a two-run single to left.

Abreu came in leading the AL in RBIs and upped his total to 34 in the fourth with his ninth homer, an opposite-field shot to right that was pushed by stiff winds and dropped into the stands just inside the foul pole.

It was the first run allowed by Bieber in 15 1/3 career innings against the Sox.

Leury Garcia (thumb bruise) was not in the starting lineup for the second straight day. Renteria said Garcia injured himself while swinging the bat in the past few days. He came in to pinch-run in the seventh and went into center field.



RON SCHWANE/AP

The Indians' Jose Ramirez rounds the bases after hitting a game-winning two-run home run Wednesday night.

BASEBALL

American League

EAST	W	L	PCT	GB	WCGB	L10	STR	HOME	AWAY
Tampa Bay	23	13	.639	—	—	6-4	L-1	11-8	12-5
New York	21	15	.583	2	—	6-4	L-1	12-9	9-6
Boston	19	19	.500	5	1½	8-2	W-2	8-7	11-12
Toronto	15	22	.405	8½	5	2-8	L-5	7-11	8-11
Baltimore	13	24	.351	10½	7	3-7	L-2	5-13	8-11
CENTRAL	W	L	PCT	GB	WCGB	L10	STR	HOME	AWAY
Minnesota	23	12	.657	—	—	7-3	W-3	11-5	12-7
Cleveland	19	16	.543	4	—	4-6	W-1	10-7	9-9
Detroit	16	17	.485	6	2	4-6	W-1	9-7	7-10
Chicago	16	19	.457	7	3	5-5	L-1	8-10	8-9
Kansas City	13	25	.342	11½	7½	4-6	L-1	8-11	5-14
WEST	W	L	PCT	GB	WCGB	L10	STR	HOME	AWAY
Houston	22	15	.595	—	—	6-4	W-1	12-4	10-11
Seattle	20	19	.513	3	1	2-8	W-1	7-11	13-8
Texas	17	17	.500	3½	1½	5-5	W-1	12-7	5-10
Los Angeles	16	20	.444	5½	3½	6-4	L-1	11-9	5-11
Oakland	16	21	.432	6	4	2-8	W-1	11-8	5-13

Late games noted below

THURSDAY'S PROBABLE PITCHERS

NATIONAL LEAGUE	2019	2018 VS. OPP.	LAST 3 STARTS
TEAM PITCHER	TIME W-L ERA TR	W-L IP ERA	W-L IP ERA
Mia Richards (R)	0-4 4.10 0-7	0-0 0.0 0.00	0-2 14.2 4.91
ChC Darvish (R)	1:20p 2-3 5.79 3-4	0-0 4.1 10.38	1-1 15.0 5.40
SF Rodriguez (R)	3-4 5.75 3-4	0-1 15.1 1.76	1-2 13.2 9.22
Col Freeland (L)	2:10p 2-5 5.90 2-5	3-0 26.0 2.08	1-2 18.0 6.50
Pit Musgrove (R)	1-3 2.63 2-4	1-2 19.0 4.26	0-2 15.1 5.28
STL Wacha (R)	6:45p 2-0 5.17 3-3	1-0 8.0 0.00	2-0 16.0 5.06
Ari Soroka (R)	3-1 1.14 3-1	0-0 0.0 0.00	3-0 18.2 0.96
Ari Weaver (R)	8:40p 3-1 3.29 4-3	0-1 4.2 15.43	2-0 17.2 2.55
Was Corbin (L)	2-1 3.71 4-3	1-0 23.1 0.77	1-1 17.0 5.82
LAD Hill (L)	9:10p 0-0 3.60 2-0	0-0 0.0 0.00	0-0 10.0 3.60
AMERICAN LEAGUE	2019	2018 VS. OPP.	LAST 3 STARTS
TEAM PITCHER	TIME W-L ERA TR	W-L IP ERA	W-L IP ERA
ChW Banuelos (L)	2-1 5.96 2-1	0-0 0.0 0.00	1-1 12.1 8.03
Cle Carrasco (R)	12:10p 2-3 5.60 3-4	2-1 25.0 1.44	0-1 18.1 3.93
LAA TBD	— — — —	— — — —	— — — —
Det Carpenter (L)	12:10p 0-0 0.00 0-0	0-0 4.0 2.25	0-0 0.0 0.00
Sea Leake (R)	2-3 4.91 3-4	0-0 0.0 0.00	0-2 17.0 6.35
NY Happ (L)	5:35p 1-3 4.93 4-3	0-1 3.1 18.90	1-1 19.2 2.75
Hou Minor (L)	3-2 2.40 3-4	1-1 27.2 4.88	1-1 21.0 2.14
Hou Milley (L)	7:10p 2-2 3.20 5-2	0-0 0.0 0.00	1-0 17.2 3.06
INTERLEAGUE	2019	2018 VS. OPP.	LAST 3 STARTS
TEAM PITCHER	TIME W-L ERA TR	W-L IP ERA	W-L IP ERA
Cin Roark (R)	2-1 3.82 4-3	0-0 0.0 0.00	1-1 15.1 4.11
Oak Bassitt (R)	2:37p 1-0 2.12 1-2	0-0 0.0 0.00	1-0 17.0 2.12

TR: Team's record in games started by today's pitcher.

RESULTS, SCHEDULE

AMERICAN LEAGUE

WEDNESDAY'S RESULTS

Texas 9, Pittsburgh 6
 Arizona 3, Tampa Bay 2 (13)
 Cleveland 5, Chi White Sox 3
 Detroit 10, L.A. Angels 3
 Seattle 10, N.Y. Yankees 1
 Minnesota 9, Toronto 1
 Houston 9, Kansas City 0
 Boston 2, Baltimore 1 (12)
 Cincinnati at Oakland, late

FRIDAY'S GAMES

L.A. Angels at Baltimore, 6:05
 Chicago White Sox at Toronto, 6:07
 N.Y. Yankees at Tampa Bay, 6:10
 Seattle at Boston, 6:10
 Detroit at Minnesota, 7:10
 Texas at Houston, 7:10
 Philadelphia at Kansas City, 7:15
 Cleveland at Oakland, 8:37

TUESDAY'S RESULTS

Chicago White Sox 2, Cleveland 0
 N.Y. Yankees 5, Seattle 4
 Boston 8, Baltimore 5
 Pittsburgh 5, Texas 4
 Minnesota 3, Toronto 0
 L.A. Angels 5, Detroit 2
 Tampa Bay 6, Arizona 3
 Kansas City 12, Houston 2
 Oakland 2, Cincinnati 0

NATIONAL LEAGUE

WEDNESDAY'S RESULTS

Texas 9, Pittsburgh 6
 Arizona 3, Tampa Bay 2 (13)
 Milwaukee 7, Washington 3
 Philadelphia 5, St. Louis 0
 San Diego 3, N.Y. Mets 2
 Chi Cubs 3, Miami 2 (11)
 Cincinnati at Oakland, late
 Atlanta at L.A. Dodgers, late
 San Francisco at Colorado, ppd.

FRIDAY'S GAMES

Milwaukee at Chi Cubs, 1:20
 Miami at N.Y. Mets, 6:10
 Philadelphia at Kansas City, 7:15
 Pittsburgh at St. Louis, 7:15
 San Diego at Colorado, 7:40
 Atlanta at Arizona, 8:40
 Washington at L.A. Dodgers, 9:10
 Cincinnati at San Francisco, 9:15

TUESDAY'S RESULTS

Pittsburgh 5, Texas 4
 Tampa Bay 6, Arizona 3
 Milwaukee 6, Washington 0
 Philadelphia 11, St. Louis 1
 Chicago Cubs 5, Miami 2
 San Francisco 14, Colorado 4
 Oakland 2, Cincinnati 0
 L.A. Dodgers 9, Atlanta 0
 N.Y. Mets 7, San Diego 6

BOX SCORES

PADRES 3, METS 2

NY METS AB R H BI SO AVG
 McNeil lf 4 1 2 0 1 .356
 Rosario ss 4 0 1 1 2 277
 Gagnon p 0 0 0 0 0 .000
 Cano 2b 4 0 0 0 0 .254
 Alonso lf 4 0 0 0 0 .275
 Conforto rf 4 0 1 0 2 .248
 Davis 3b 4 0 1 0 0 .269
 I-Lagares pr 0 0 0 0 0 .203
 Nimmo cf 3 0 1 0 1 .200
 Muncie 4 0 1 0 2 .222
 Font p 1 0 0 0 1 .000
 a-Broxton ph 1 0 0 0 0 .152
 Gsellman p 0 0 0 0 0 —
 b-Frazier ph 1 0 0 0 0 .143
 Boshlor p 0 0 0 0 0 —
 Hechavarria ss 0 0 0 0 0 .182
TOTALS 33 2 7 2 13

SAN DIEGO AB R H BI SO AVG
 Kinsler 2b 4 0 0 0 0 1.177
 R.Feyes rf 4 0 1 1 2 .261
 Myers lf 0 0 0 0 0 .231
 Machado ss 2 0 1 0 2 .222
 Hosmer lf 3 1 1 1 0 .280
 Renfroe lf-rf 3 1 1 1 1 0.250
 France 3b 3 0 0 0 0 .219
 Margot cf 4 0 1 0 2 .271
 Hedges c 3 0 0 0 1 .165
 Strahm p 2 1 1 0 1 .250
 G.Reyes p 1 0 0 0 0 .000
 Yates p 0 0 0 0 0 —
TOTALS 29 3 5 3 7

NY Mets 110 000 000 — 2 7 1
San Diego 000 000 10x — 3 5 0

a-grounded out for Font in the 5th. b-struck out for Gsellman in the 7th. I-ran for Davis in the 9th. E: Cano (4). **LOB:** New York 6, San Diego 3. **2B:** McNeil (11), Nimmo (6), Strahm (2). **HR:** Nido (1), off Strahm; Hosmer (6), off Font; Renfroe (9), off Boshlor. **RBIs:** Rosario (2), Nido (4), F.Reyes (19), Hosmer (23), Renfroe (19). **SB:** Conforto (3), Margot (3).

NY METS IP H R ER BB SO ERA
 Font 4 3 2 2 0 1 5.50
 Gsellman 2 1 0 0 0 3 2.88
 Boshlor, L 0-1 1 1 1 1 2 3.86
 San Diego 1 0 0 0 0 1 5.40

SAN DIEGO IP H R ER BB SO ERA
 Strahm 6½ 6 2 2 1 7 3.000
 G.Reyes, W 2-0 1½ 0 0 0 0 3 13.50
 Yates, S, 15-15 1 0 0 1 3 14.72

Inherited runners scored: G.Reyes 2-0. **WP:** Yates. **Time:** 2:44. A: 21,952 (42,445).

DIAMONDBACKS 3, RAYS 2 (13)

ARIZONA AB R H BI SO AVG
 Dyson cf 3 2 0 0 0 0 .293
 Escobar 3b 5 1 1 0 3 .285
 Peralta dh 5 0 3 0 2 .313
 Jones rf 6 0 0 1 2 .263
 Marte 2b 6 0 1 1 2 .255
 Flores lf 6 0 1 0 1 .259
 Ahmed ss 3 0 2 0 2 .257
 Swihart lf 5 0 0 0 3 .204
 Murphy c 5 0 0 0 4 .167
 Zunino c 3 0 0 0 2 .220
TAMPA BAY AB R H BI SO AVG
 Diaz 1b-3b 5 2 1 0 0 0 .262
 Pham lf 3 0 2 0 1 0 .301
 Robertson 3b 4 0 1 0 1 .186
 I-Velazquez pr-3b 0 0 0 0 0 .000
 b-Kiermaier ph-cf 2 0 1 1 0 0 .239
 Garcia rf 4 0 0 0 2 .277
 Zúñigo c 3 0 0 0 2 .220
 Cluffo c 2 0 0 0 2 .000
 B.Lowe 2b 6 0 1 0 5 .304
 Adams ss 6 0 1 0 3 .230
 Pineda lf 4 0 1 0 1 .257
 Heredia cf 3 0 1 0 2 .200
 a-Choi ph-lb 2 0 0 0 2 .250
TOTALS 45 2 8 11 23

Arizona 101 000 000 1-3 9 1
Tampa Bay 000 000 011 000 0-2 8 0

a-struck out for Heredia in the 9th. b-singled for Velazquez in the 9th. I-ran for Robertson in the 8th. E: Escobar (4). **LOB:** Arizona 10, Tampa Bay 11. **2B:** Ahmed (1), Diaz (8), Pham (3), Adams (6), Heredia (2). **RBIs:** Jones (20), Marte (27), Flores (13), Kiermaier (12).

ARIZONA IP H R ER BB SO ERA
 Ray 5½ 4 0 0 3 11 3.30
 Chafin, H 6 ½ 0 0 0 0 1 3.65
 Lopez, H 6 1 1 1 0 1 2 6.63
 Hirano, H 3 ½ 0 0 0 0 0 5.40
 McFarland, H 3 ½ 0 0 0 1 4.50
Holland, BS, 1-9 1 2 1 1 1 1 1.38
 Bradley, W, 2-3 3 1 0 0 1 5 7.21
 Godley, S, 1-1 1 0 0 0 2 7.49

TAMPA BAY IP H R ER BB SO ERA
 Morton 5 7 2 2 4 8 2.64
 Pagan 1 0 0 0 0 1 0.90
 Priest 2½ 1 0 0 1 2 2.84
 Alvarado 1½ 0 0 0 1 3 1.20
 Castillo 1½ 0 0 0 0 4 1.89
 Kolarek, L 2-1 1 1 1 2 0 3.46
 Roe ½ 0 0 0 1 1 .388

Lopez pitched to 3 batters in the 8th. **Inherited runners scored:** Chafin 2-0, Hirano 2-0, McFarland 3-0, Roe 2-1. **Time:** 4:39. A: 8,663.

BREWERS 7, NATIONALS 3

WASHINGTON AB R H BI SO AVG
 Eaton lf 5 0 1 0 3 .293
 Robles rf 4 0 0 0 1 0 .263
 Rendon 3b 4 0 0 0 3 .325
 Gomes c 4 0 0 0 4 .253
 Dozier 2b 4 1 3 0 1 .196
 Druwss lf 4 0 2 0 2 .258
 Sanchez 1b 4 0 1 0 1 .250
 Taylor cf 3 0 0 0 1 .139
 Hellickson p 1 0 0 0 0 .143
 a-Gosselin ph 0 2 0 2 0 .244
 Dominguez p 0 0 0 0 0 .000
 Martinez rf 3 0 0 0 1 .343
TOTALS 33 5 7 5 6

ST. LOUIS AB R H BI SO AVG
 Carpenter 3b 4 0 0 0 0 .206
 Goldschmidt 1b 3 0 0 0 1 .240
 DeJong ss 3 0 0 0 2 .329
 Ozuna lf 4 0 0 0 0 .244
 Molina c 3 0 1 0 0 .275
 Fowler cf 3 0 0 0 0 .297
 Munoz 2b 3 0 2 0 0 .381
 Flaherty p 1 0 1 0 1 .091
 Webb p 0 0 0 0 0 .000
 a-Gyorko ph 0 0 0 0 0 .143
 Bader p 0 0 0 0 0 .000
 K-Balderson p 1 0 0 0 0 .212
 Gregerson p 0 0 0 0 0 —
TOTALS 28 0 3 0 5

Phillies 000 040 100 — 5 7 0
St. Louis 000 000 000 — 3 2 0

a-walked for Webb in the 6th. b-out on fielder's choice for Gallegos in the 8th. c-singled for Hellickson in the 9th. E: Carpenter (3), DeJong (2). **LOB:** Philadelphia 6, St. Louis 4. **2B:** Hernandez (9), Herrera (10), Franco (2). **CS:** Munoz (1). **S:** Eickhoff 2. **Runners left in scoring position:** Philadelphia 4 (Hernandez, Segura, Realmuto 2), St. Louis 1 (Carpenter). **RISP:** Philadelphia 2 for 7; St. Louis 1 for 4. **GIDP:** Hoskins, Ozuna. **DP:** Philadelphia 1 (Segura, Hernandez, Hoskins); St. Louis 1 (DeJong, Munoz, Goldschmidt).

PHILADELPHIA IP H R ER BB SO ERA
 Eickhoff, W 2-1 8 3 0 0 3 4 1.50
 Dominguez 1 0 0 0 1 5.02

ST. LOUIS IP H R ER BB SO ERA
 Flaherty, L 3-3 5 4 4 3 3 2 4.32
 b-Davis ph-lb 1 0 0 0 0 1 .176
 Gallegos 2 1 0 1 0 3 .866
 Gregerson 1 2 0 0 0 1 9.00

Umpires: H: Jensen Visconti; IB: Cory Blaser; 2B: Laz Diaz; 3B: Jeff Nelson. **Time:** 2:41. A: 42,309 (45,538).

RED SOX 2, ORIOLES 1 (12)

BOSTON AB R H BI SO AVG
 Benintendi lf 6 1 1 1 1 .280
 Betts rf 4 1 1 1 2 .290
 Martinez dh 6 0 0 0 1 .309
 Moreland 1b 3 0 0 0 2 .209
 Bogaerts ss 5 0 1 0 1 .252
 Devers 3b 5 0 2 0 0 .304
 E.Nunez 2b 4 0 1 0 1 .190
 Bradley Jr. cf 4 0 0 0 2 .142
 Leon c 5 0 2 0 1 .208
TOTALS 43 2 8 2 11

BALTIMORE AB R H BI SO AVG
 Villar 2b 5 0 0 0 4 .257
 Rickard rf 3 1 1 0 2 .328
 b-Davis ph-lb 1 0 0 0 1 .176
 Mancini lf-rf 5 0 2 1 0 .302
 R.Nunez dh 5 0 0 0 2 .234
 Alberto 3b 3 0 0 0 2 .292
 a-Ruiz ph-3b 2 0 1 0 1 .248
 Smith Jr. lf 5 0 0 0 2 .284
 Wilkerson cf 4 0 0 0 4 .250
 Severino c 4 0 1 0 2 .250
 Martin ss 4 0 0 0 2 .169
TOTALS 41 1 5 1 22

Boston 001 000 000 001 — 2 8 0
Baltimore 000 001 000 000 — 1 5 1

a-singled for Alberto in the 9th. b-struck out for Rickard in the 11th. E: Smith Jr. (2). **LOB:** Boston 10, Baltimore 6. **2B:** Mancini (13). **HR:** Betts (7), off Cashner; Benintendi (4), off Ramirez. **RBIs:** Benintendi (19), Betts (21), Mancini (15). **SB:** Betts (2), Rickard (2), Martin (2).

CS: Devers (3). **Runners left in scoring position:** Bos 4 (Martinez, Moreland, E.Nunez, Bradley Jr.), Bal 5 (Rickard, R.Nunez, Alberto, Wilkerson 2). **RISP:** Boston 0 for 8; Baltimore 1 for 7. **Runners moved up:** Betts, Devers, Smith Jr., DP: Bal 1 (Severino, Villar).

BOSTON IP H R ER BB SO ERA
 Sale 8 3 1 1 1 0 14 4.50
 Barnes 1 2 0 0 0 1 1.76
 Workman 1 0 0 0 0 2 1.53
 Brasier, W 2-1 1 0 0 0 0 2 3.45
 Hembree, S, 1-1 1 0 0 0 0 3 3.63

BALTIMORE IP H R ER BB SO ERA
 Cashner 6 4 1 1 1 5 4.25
 Fry 1 1 0 0 0 1 3.52
 Givens 2 2 0 0 0 2 3.06
 Armstrong 2 0 0 0 1 2 7.04
 Ramirez, L 0-1 1 1 1 1 1 5.14

HBP: Sale 2 (Wilkerson, Rickard). **WP:** Armstrong. **Time:** 4:01. A: 12,451 (45,971).

RANGERS 9, PIRATES 6

TEXAS AB R H BI SO AVG
 Choo lf 5 0 1 0 2 .317
 Andrus ss 5 3 3 0 0 .338
 Mazara rf 4 1 1 0 0 .231
 Gallo cf 2 1 1 2 1 .274
 A.Cabrera 3b 3 0 0 0 0 .222
 B.Martinez p 0 0 0 0 0 —
 Dowdy p 0 0 0 0 0 —
 Chavez p 0 0 0 0 0 —
 b-DeShields ph 1 1 0 0 0 .182
 Kiner-Falefa c 1 1 1 0 1 .203
 Odor 2b 4 2 1 2 1 .141
 Santana 1b 4 1 0 0 2 .311
 Mathis c 3 0 0 0 1 .153
 c-Pence ph 1 1 0 0 0 .344
 Kingham p 0 0 0 0 0 —
 C.Martin p 0 0 0 0 0 —
 Miller p 1 0 0 0 1 .000
 Forsythe 3b 1 0 0 0 1 .276
TOTALS 35 9 9 9 9

PITTSBURGH AB R H BI SO AVG
 Marte cf 5 1 1 0 1 .223
 a-Cabrera lf 4 0 2 0 1 .350
 1-Reynolds pr-lf 1 0 0 0 1 .357
 Polanco rf 4 0 1 2 1 .271
 Bell 3b 4 1 2 2 0 .295
 King 3b 3 0 1 1 1 .138
 Diaz c 4 0 0 1 0 .138
 Newman 2b-ss 4 1 2 0 0 .350
 Tucker ss 2 0 0 0 2 .196
 Rodriguez p 0 0 0 0 0 .239
 a-Moran ph 1 1 0 0 0 .138
 Liriano p 0 0 0 0 0 —
 Feliz p 0 0 0 0 0 —
 Lyons p 1 0 0 0 0 .000
 Kingham p 1 1 0 0 1 .138
 Frazier 2b 3 1 1 0 0 .258
TOTALS 37 6 10 5 8

Texas 002 000 043 — 9 9 2
Pittsburgh 000 222 000 — 6 10 0

a-HR for Rodriguez, 6th. b-out on FC, Chavez. **HR:** a-Cabrera (3), Bell (12). **HR:** E: Gallo (2), Mathis (1). **LOB:** Tex 7, Pit 5. **2B:** Andrus (9), Kiner-Falefa (3), Bell (2). **HR:** Gallo (12), off Kingham; Pence (5), off Feliz; Odor (3), off Lyons; Bell (9), off Miller; Moran (3), off Dowdy. **RBIs:** Gallo 2 (28), Odor 2 (10), Pence 4 (21), Kiner-Falefa (10), Polanco 2 (5), Bell 2 (27), Moran (13). **SB:** Andrus 2 (8), Gallo (2), DeShields (8), Marte (6), Newman (1).

TEXAS IP H R ER BB SO ERA
 Miller 4 4 2 2 1 6 7.48
 B.Martin 1 3 2 2 0 0 5.56
 Dowdy 1 2 2 2 0 1 6.50
 Chavez c 1 1 0 1 0 7.27
 Jurado, W, 1-1 1 0 0 0 0 0.00
 C.Martin, S, 1-1 1 0 0 0 0 1 3.14

PITTSBURGH IP H R ER BB SO ERA
 Kingham 4 3 2 2 3 5 5.94
 Rodriguez 2 2 0 0 1 0 4.50
 Liriano 1 0 0 0 2 2 1.08
 Feliz ½ 4 0 1 0 6 6.75
 Lyons, L 1-1 ½ 3 3 3 0 2 11.25

Inherited runners scored: Lyons 1-0. **Time:** 3:18. A: 13,905 (38,362).

INDIANS 5, WHITE SOX 3

CHICAGO AB R H BI SO AVG
 Moncada 3b 4 0 1 0 2 .289
 Delmonico lf 4 0 1 0 2 .222
 McCann c 0 0 0 0 0 .359
 Abreu lf 4 1 1 1 1 .279
 Alonso dh 4 0 1 0 1 .172
 Castillo c 4 0 1 0 0 .172
 I-Garcia pr-cf 0 0 0 0 0 .299
 Tilson cf-lf 4 1 2 0 0 .455
 Anderson ss 4 1 1 0 0 .328
 Sanchez 2b 3 0 2 0 0 .172
 Cordell rf 4 0 1 2 0 .250
TOTALS 34 3 9 3 7

CLEVELAND AB R H BI SO AVG
 Lindor ss 5 1 1 0 0 0 .258
 Kipnis 2b 4 0 0 0 1 .197
 Ramirez 3b 5 1 2 2 1 .205
 Santana dh 4 1 1 0 0 .292
 Gonzalez lf 4 1 2 0 0 .222
 Bowers lf 4 0 2 0 0 .250
 Martin cf 4 1 2 1 1 .211
 Plawecki c 3 0 0 0 1 .167
 Naquin rf 3 0 2 0 0 0 .108
 a-Luplow ph 1 0 0 0 1 .233
TOTALS 37 5 12 5 6

Chi White Sox 001 000 200 — 3 9 0
Cleveland 000 300 002 — 5 12 0

Two outs when winning run scored. a-struck out for Naquin in the 9th. I-ran for Castillo in the 8th. **LOB:** Chicago 6, Cleveland 8. **HR:** Abreu (9), off Bieber; Ramirez (3), off Herrera. **RBIs:** Abreu (34), Cordell (2), Ramirez (11), Martin (9), Naquin (2) (10). **SB:** Tilson (2), Lindor (2). **S:** Sanchez. **Runners left in scoring position:** Chicago 2 (Delmonico, Cordell), Cleveland 4 (Lindor 3, Gonzalez). **RISP:** Chicago 1 for 6; Cleveland 3 for 11. **Runners moved up:** Santana. **GIDP:** Alonso, Lindor. **DP:** Chicago 1 (Anderson, Abreu); Cleveland 1 (Lindor, Bowers).

WHITE SOX IP H R ER BB SO ERA
 Lopez 6 9 3 3 1 2

SCOREBOARD

ODDS

MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL		
National League	THURSDAY	
at Chicago	-195	Miami +180
at Colorado	-150	San Fran. +140
at St. Louis	-132	Pittsburgh +122
Atlanta	-120	at Arizona +110
at LA Dodgers	-130	Washington +120
American League	THURSDAY	
at Cleveland	-205	Chicago +185
at Detroit	Off	LA Angels Off
at New York	-170	Seattle +158
at Houston	-155	Texas +145
Interleague	THURSDAY	
at Oakland	-136	Cincinnati +126

NBA PLAYOFFS		
pregame.com	THURSDAY	
Toronto	2	at Philadelphia
at Portland	4	Denver

NHL PLAYOFFS		
THURSDAY		
at Boston	-147	Carolina +137

WNBA

PRESEASON SCHEDULE

THURSDAY'S GAME

Chinese National Team at New York, 6 p.m.

FRIDAY'S GAME

Washington at Minnesota, 7 p.m.

SATURDAY'S GAME

Los Angeles at Phoenix, 9 p.m.

MONDAY'S GAMES

Dallas at Atlanta, 4 p.m.
New York at Connecticut, 6 p.m.

TUESDAY, MAY 14

Indiana at Chicago, 11 a.m.
New York at Atlanta, 4 p.m.
Dallas at Connecticut, 6 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 15

Phoenix at Seattle, 9 p.m.

GOLF

PGA CHAMPIONSHIP, FIELD

The field for the 101st PGA Championship, to be played May 16-19 on the Black Course at Bethpage State Park. Listed in first category for which they are eligible. One spot is reserved for the winner of the AT&T Byron Nelson if not already eligible:

PGA CHAMPIONS: Brooks Koepka, Justin Thomas, Jimmy Walker, Jason Day, Rory McIlroy, Jason Dufner, Keegan Bradley, Martin Kaymer, Y.E. Yang, Padraig Harrington, Tiger Woods, Phil Mickelson, Vijay Singh, Shaun Micheel, Rich Beem, Davis Love III, John Daly.

MASTERS CHAMPIONS (5 YEARS): Patrick Reed, Sergio Garcia, Danny Willett, Jordan Spieth.

U.S. OPEN CHAMPIONS (5 YEARS): Dustin Johnson.

BRITISH OPEN CHAMPIONS (5 YEARS): Francesco Molinari, Henrik Stenson, Zach Johnson.

PLAYERS CHAMPIONSHIP WINNER (3 YEARS): Webb Simpson, Siwook Kim.

TOP 15 AND TIES FROM 2018 PGA CHAMPIONSHIP: Adam Scott, Jon Rahm, Thomas Pieters, Gary Woodland, Rafa Cabrera Bello, Tyrrell Hatton, Daniel Berger, Rickie Fowler, Kevin Kisner, Shane Lowry, Chez Reavie, Brandon Stone.

TOP 20 FROM THE 2019 PGA PROFESSIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP: Alex Beach, Danny Balin, Stuart Deane, Jason Caron, Ben Cook, Rich Berberian Jr., Rod Perry, Jeffrey Schmid, Marty Jertson, Casey Russell, Brian Mackey, Ryan Vermeer, Rob Labritz, Craig Bowden, Justin Bertsch, John O'Leary, Cory Schneider, Craig Hocknull, Andrew Filbert, Tyler Hall.

PLAYING MEMBERS OF THE 2018 RYDER CUP TEAMS: Bryson DeChambeau, Tony Finau, Bubba Watson, Paul Casey, Tommy Fleetwood, Alex Noren, Ian Poulter, Thorbjorn Olesen, Justin Rose.

WINNERS OF PGA TOUR EVENTS SINCE THE 2018 PLAYERS CHAMPIONSHIP: Aaron Wise, Kieran Parkin, Michael Kim, Troy Merritt, Andrew Putnam, Brandt Snedeker, Kevin Tway, Marc Leishman, Xander Schauffele, Cameron Champ, Matt Kuchar, Charles Howell III, Adam Long, J.B. Holmes, Martin Trainer, Keith Mitchell, Graeme McDowell, Corey Conners, C.T. Pan, Ryan Palmer, Max Homa.

TOP 70 PLAYERS IN PGA POINTS (Official PGA Tour earnings from the 2018 Players Championship through the 2019 Wells Fargo Championship): Patrick Cantlay, Billy Horschel, Hideki Matsuyama, Kyle Stanley, Joel Dahmen, Byeong Hun An, Cameron Smith, Jason Kokrak, Jim Furyk, Emiliano Grillo, Louis Oosthuizen, Danny Lee, Abraham Ancer, Ryan Moore, Ryan Armour, Brian Gay, Branden Grace, Sungjae Im, Adam Hadwin, Jhonattan Vegas, Charley Hoffman, J.J. Spaun, Scott Piercy, Harold Varner, Lucas Glover, Matt Fitzpatrick.

SPECIAL INVITATIONS: Kiradech Aphibarnrat, Lucas Bjerregaard, Alexander Bjork, Sam Burns, Jorge Campillo, Ross Fisher, Ryan Fox, Dylan Frittelli, Chesson Hadley, Justin Harding, Brian Harman, Lucas Herbert, Beau Hossler, Shugo Imahira, Jazz Janewattananond, Brendan Jones, Kurt Kitayama, Patton Kizzire, Russell Knox, Satoshi Kodaira, Mikko Korhonen, Tom Lewis, Haotong Li, David Lipsky, Luke List, Mike Lorenzo-Vera, Joost Luiten, Shaun Norris, Adrien Pateggi, Eddie Peperrell, Pat Perez, Charl Schwartzel, Steve Stricker, Julian Suri, Michael Thompson, Erik van Rooyen, Richard Sterne, Matt Wallace, Lee Westwood.

PGA POINTS LIST TO FILL THE FIELD: Sam Ryder

ALTERNATES: Bronson Burgoon, Sung Kang, Richy Werenski, Patrick Rodgers, Joaquin Niemann, Kelly Keft, J.T. Poston, Rory Sabbatini, Ryan Blaum, Austin Cook.

LPGA MONEY LEADERS

RK.	GOLFER	TRN	EARN
1.	Jin Young Ko	8	1,070,931
2.	Minjee Lee	10	742,237
3.	Eun-Hee Ji	9	593,049
4.	Nelly Korda	8	530,799
5.	Brooke M. Henderson	9	526,860
6.	Sei Young Kim	8	489,346
7.	Amy Yang	8	434,817
8.	Carlotla Ciganda	9	419,762
9.	Mi Hyang Lee	10	381,981
10.	Sung Hyun Park	6	374,927
11.	Azahara Munoz	10	374,877
12.	Danielle Kang	8	356,356
13.	Jeongeun LeeJe	7	343,143
14.	Nasa Hataoka	6	333,570
15.	Lexi Thompson	7	327,507
16.	Moriya Jutanugarn	10	255,567
17.	Ariya Jutanugarn	10	249,772
18.	Gaby Lopez	10	246,956
19.	Celine Boutier	10	242,941
20.	Hyo Joo Kim	6	241,741
21.	Yu Liu	6	237,611
22.	Inbee Park	7	223,980
23.	Bronte Law	9	222,655
24.	Shanshan Feng	9	218,553
25.	Jenny Shin	8	213,156
26.	Mirim Lee	8	202,932
27.	In-Kyung Kim	5	178,920
28.	Lydia Ko	9	172,297
29.	Haru Nomura	8	168,794
30.	Jessica Korda	4	166,789
31.	Charley Hull	9	160,857
32.	Katherine Kirk	10	158,640
33.	Kristen Gillman	8	156,459
34.	Jodi Ewart Shadoff	7	149,054
35.	Stacy Lewis	7	147,123
36.	Annie Park	9	145,794
37.	Amy Olson	9	144,266
38.	Megan Khang	8	141,341
39.	Charlotte Thomas	8	138,253
40.	Chella Choi	9	134,431
41.	Lizette Salas	9	131,134
42.	Cristie Kerr	9	130,161
43.	Jing Yan	6	125,826
44.	Morgan Pressel	7	125,332
45.	Wei-Ling Hsu	9	124,725
46.	Angel Yin	8	122,496
47.	Alena Sharp	8	114,700
48.	Brittany Altomare	9	112,675
49.	Ally McDonald	9	112,553
50.	So Yeon Ryu	7	110,915

LPGA SCHEDULE

May 23-26: Pure Silk Championship, Kingsmill Resort, Williamsburg, Va.
May 30-June 2: U.S. Women's Open, CC of Charleston, Williamsburg, S.C.
June 7-9: ShopRite LPGA Classic, Stockton Seaview Hotel and GC, Galloway, N.J.

TENNIS

ATP TOUR MUTUA MADRID OPEN

At Caja Magica; Madrid, Spain; clay-outdoor

Men's Second Round

#2 Rafael Nadal d.
Felix Auger-Aliassime, 6-3, 6-3.

#3 Alexander Zverev d.
David Ferrer, 6-4, 6-1.

#6 Kei Nishikori d.
Hugo Dellien, 7-5, 7-5.

Laslo Djere d.
#7 Juan Martin del Potro, 6-3, 2-6, 7-5.

#8 Stefanos Tsitsipas d.
Adrian Mannarino, 6-2, 7-5.

#10 Fabio Fognini d.
John Millman, 6-2, 6-2.

Fernando Verdasco d.
#11 Karen Khachanov, 6-7 (4), 6-1, 7-5.

#15 Gael Monfils d.
Marton Fucsovics, 1-6, 6-4, 6-2.

Frances Tiafoe d.
Philipp Kohlschreiber, 6-4, 3-6, 6-3.

Stan Wawrinka d.
Guido Pella, 6-3, 6-4.

Jeremy Chardy d.
Diego Schwartzman, 6-1, 6-2.

Hubert Hurkacz d.
Lucas Pouille, 7-5, 6-1.

Women's Third Round

#1 Naomi Osaka d.
Aliaksandra Sasnovich, 6-2, 6-3.

#2 Petra Kvitova d.
Carolina Garcia, 6-3, 6-3.

#3 Simona Halep d.
Viktoria Kuzmova, 6-0, 6-0.

#7 Kiki Bertens d.
#12 Anastasia Sevastova, 6-1, 6-2.

#8 Sloane Stephens d.
Zheng Saisai, 3-6, 6-3, 6-2.

#9 Ashleigh Barty d.
Yulia Putintseva, 4-6, 6-1, 6-2.

Belinda Bencic d.
Kateryna Kozlova, 6-0, 6-2.

Petra Martic d.
Donna Vekic, 4-6, 6-3, 3-0 retired.

ATP SCHEDULE

May 5-12: Mutua Madrid Open, CO

May 12-19: Internazionali BNL d'Italia, Rome, CO

May 20-26: Banque Eric Sturtdza Geneva Open, CO

May 20-26: Open Parc Auvergne-Rhone-Alpes Lyon, France, CO

May 26-June 9: Roland Garros, Paris, CO

June 10-16: Mercedes Cup, Stuttgart, Germany, CO

June 10-16: Libema Open, Den Bosch, Netherlands, GO

June 17-23: Gerry Weber Open, Halle, Germany, GO

June 17-23: Fever-Tree Championships, London, GO

June 23-29: Turkish Airlines Open Antalya (Turkey), GO

June 24-29: Nature Valley International, Eastbourne, England, GO

July 1-14: The Championships, London, GO

July 15-21: Dell Technologies Hall of Fame Open, Newport, R.I., GO

July 15-21: Plava Laguna Croatia Open Umag, CO

July 15-21: SkiStar Swedish Open, Bastad, CO

July 22-28: German Championships, Hamburg, CO

July 22-28: BB&T Atlanta Open, HO

July 22-28: J. Safra Sarasin Swiss Open Gstaad, CO

July 29-Aug. 3: Abierto de Tennis Mifel, Los Cabos, Mexico, HO

July 29-Aug. 3: Generali Open, Kitzbuehel, Austria, CO

July 29-Aug. 4: Citi Open, Washington, HO

Aug. 5-11: Coupe Rogers, Montreal, HO

Aug. 11-18: Western & Southern Open, Mason, Ohio, HO

Aug. 18-24: Winston-Salem (N.C.) Open, HO

WTA SCHEDULE

May 4-11: Mutua Madrid Open, RCO

May 13-19: Internazionali BNL d'Italia, Rome, RCO

May 19-25: Internationaux de Strasbourg (France), RCO

May 19-25: Nuernberger Versicherungscup, Nuremberg, Germany, RCO

May 26-June 9: Roland Garros, Paris, RCO

June 10-16: Nature Valley Open, Nottingham, England, GO

June 10-16: Libema Open, Den Bosch, Netherlands, GO

June 17-23: Mallorca (Spain) Open, GO

June 17-23: Nature Valley Classic, Birmingham, England, GO

June 23-29: Nature Valley International, Eastbourne, England, GO

July 1-14: The Championships, London, GO

July 15-21: Ladies Championship Lausanne (Switzerland), RCO

July 15-21: Bucharest (Romania) Open, RCO

July 22-28: Baltic Open, Jurmala, Latvia, RCO

July 22-28: Palermo (Italy) Ladies Open, HO

July 29-Aug. 4: Mubadala Silicon Valley Classic, San Jose, Calif., HO

July 29-Aug. 4: Citi Open, Washington, HO

Aug. 5-11: Rogers Cup, Toronto, HO

Aug. 12-18: Western & Southern Open, Mason, Ohio, HO

AUTO RACING

OVERALL DRIVER POINTS

NASCAR CUP	W	TS	T10	PP	PTS
Kyle Busch	3	6	11	0	460
Joey Logano	1	6	8	1	455
Kevin Harvick	0	5	8	2	397
Denny Hamlin	2	6	8	0	383
Martin Truex, Jr.	2	4	7	0	378
Brad Keselowski	2	4	5	0	377
Chase Elliott	1	3	4	2	371
Kurt Busch	0	3	7	0	347
Ryan Blaney	0	4	4	1	335
Clint Bowyer	0	3	6	0	319
Aric Almirola	0	1	7	1	309
Daniel Suarez	0	1	4	0	292
Alex Bowman	0	2	2	0	287
Ryan Newman	0	0	3	0	270
Kyle Larson	0	1	3	0	267
Erik Jones	0	2	4	0	264
Jimmie Johnson	0	1	4	1	261
Austin Dillon	0	0	2	2	261
William Byron	0	0	2	1	260
Paul Menard	0	0	2	0	254
Ricky Stenhouse, Jr.	0	0	1	0	227
Ty Dillon	0	0	1	0	217
Chris Buescher	0	0	1	0	188
Ryan Preece	0	1	2	0	169
Matt DiBenedetto	0	1	4	0	166
Daniel Hemric	0	1	1	0	144
David Ragan	0	0	0	0	134
Bubba Wallace	0	0	0	0	121
Corey LaJoie	0	0	0	0	115
Michael	0	1	1	0	108
McDowell	0	0	0	0	86
Matt Tiffert	0	0	0	0	86
Reed Sorenson	0	0	0	0	28
Jamie McMurray	0	0	0	0	19
Quinn Houff	0	0	0	0	16
Stanton Barrett	0	0	0	0	2
Casey Mears	0	0	0	0	1

INDYCAR

Josef Newgarden	W	PD	PP	PTS
Alexander Rossi	1	3	1	138
Scott Dixon	0	3	0	133
Takuma Sato	1	1	1	116
Ryan Hunter-Reay	0	1	0	96
Will Power	0	1	2	93
James Hinchcliffe	0	0	0	93
Sebastien Bourdais	0	1	0	91
Graham Rahal	0	0	0	90
Colton Herta	1	1	0	88
Simon Pagenaud	0	0	0	87
Felix Rosenqvist	0	0	0	80
Marco Andretti	0	0	0	78

FORMULA ONE

Valtteri Bottas	W	PD	PP	PTS
Lewis Hamilton	2	4	2	87
Sebastian Vettel	0	2	0	86
Max Verstappen	0	1	0	51
Charles Leclerc	0	1	1	47
Pierre Gasly	0	0	0	13
Kimi Raikkonen	0	0	0	13
Sergio Perez	0	0	0	12
Lando Norris	0	0	0	12
Kevin Magnussen	0	0	0	8
Nico Hulkenberg	0	0	0	6
Carlos Sainz, Jr.	0	0	0	6
Daniel Ricciardo	0	0	0	6

W-victories; PD-podium; PP-poles; TS-top 5s; T10-top 10s;

NBA PLAYOFFS

EAST SEMIFINALS

Milwaukee 3, Boston 1
April 28

BEARS



TERRENCE ANTONIO JAMES/CHICAGO TRIBUNE PHOTOS

Mark Palmieri, general manager of the Bears Fit gym in Vernon Hills, said people coming to Bears Fit “want to have a player affiliation.”

Marketing muscle

Bears branch out, buck tradition to open first Bears Fit gym in suburb

BY PHIL THOMPSON
Chicago Tribune

At the grand opening of Bears Fit in Vernon Hills, Al Hamrock was impressed with the equipment — “it’s first-class” — while his granddaughter Rachel said she would reserve judgment until the team-themed gym starts specialized classes, such as boot camp.

“I have a really good coach at our old gym, so it’s going to depend on that,” said Rachel, a Texas A&M student majoring in marine biology and a Shedd Aquarium intern.

In a way, the Bears are testing the waters with the launch of their fitness center, the end product of a pitch fitness mogul Mark Mastrov made to the Bears and other NFL teams several years ago.

Before this month, the extraordinarily cautious franchise hadn’t had so much as a pro shop outside of Soldier Field in its 100-year history.

“That’s true, and we have been (conservative),” Bears general counsel Cliff Stein said. “This is our first expansion outside of professional football.”

“The marketplace is changing,” said Joe Favorito, a sports marketing consultant and Columbia University professor. “The best businesses know when to pivot left and right.”

“Sometimes it’s very hard for longer-term brands, especially in sports, to kind of buck tradition. The Yankees are doing a Star Wars Day. If someone would’ve told you that Yankee Stadium was hosting Darth Vader five years ago, people would’ve said you’re crazy.”

Stein said the Bears already are working on plans for another Bears Fit location, most likely in downtown Chicago.

Mastrov, who founded the 24 Hour Fitness and UFC Gym chains, has guided the Bears, Cowboys and 49ers in the launch of their branded health clubs. The Cowboys plan to open a second location in Plano, Texas, later this year.

“I attribute it to really Mark Mastrov’s expertise,” Stein said when asked what made the Bears buy in. “The way he communicated and collaborated with us, and getting us to feel really comfortable.”

“This was a business that really aligned with our brand.”

So just what attracts a fan to a place like Bears Fit instead of Crunch or Planet Fitness?

The possibility of seeing a Bears player? Perhaps the dream of transforming yourself into a Pro Bowl passer?

“I don’t think anybody is going to walk into a Bears gym expecting to come out playing like a defensive lineman or going through drills that a team is doing during training camp,” Favorito said. “What they’re expecting is a quality of presentation and a quality of delivery that makes them feel part of a brand they already love.”

“That’s what licensing deals are supposed to do as long as the company that is doing the license, especially in a local market like that, is really on it and makes sure there’s no slip-ups. You don’t want someone going in (and) having a nasty



experience in the Bears gym and then calling WBBM and suddenly it’s a much bigger issue for the club.”

But Favorito said he suspects the Bears did their due diligence before handing over the keys to the brand.

The Bears brand, as one would expect, is literally plastered wall to wall in the 45,000-square-foot Vernon Hills facility, a former Sports Authority at 155 E. Townline Road. There are navy-and-orange Nautilus machines, Bears-head barbells, an orange TRX training area and a 40-yard turf field with a big Bears “C” in the center, steps away from a wall that reads “Train like a Bear.”

The gym uses some of the same tiles, glass panels and other architectural elements as the Bears’ 123 N. Wacker office building and Halas Hall, which was going through remodeling and expansion at the same time as the gym’s construction.

Old wooden lockers from Halas Hall serve as decor at Bears Fit.

“This is the scale from the movie ‘Brian’s Song,’” Bears Fit general manager Mark Palmieri said as he showed off a 50-year-old locker-room scale transported from Halas Hall. “We estimated it’s like 1.2 million pounds of Chicago Bears athletes have actually weighed themselves on here, and our members can do the same thing.”

“The Bears have never done a brand extension in 100 seasons and they’ve chosen this (gym).”

Palmieri acknowledged that a lot of people coming to Bears Fit “want to have a player affiliation.”

Naturally, the gym trades on familiar Bears names — prospective members can buy the Brian Urlacher package, \$54 per month, or the Mike Ditka package, \$89 for couples.

Gym officials also have had 40 Bears alumni take them up on complimentary memberships. Nathan Vasher, Johnny Knox, Rashied Davis and ’85 Bear Dennis McKinnon already have used it. The team plans to talk to Alex Brown and Jason McKie about using the facility as a home base for their All-Pro Sports Performance training business.

With the gym four miles from Halas Hall, current players will use Bears Fit’s cryotherapy chambers and other state-of-the-art equipment the team doesn’t have at Lake Forest.

Team officials also plan to use the gym as a proving ground for trainers, nutritionists and other staff.

The added benefits are nice, but the venture still comes down to paying customers and the industry’s growth potential.

According to the International Health, Racquet and Sportsclub Association, the \$32.3 billion U.S. health and fitness industry saw a record-high 71.5 million consumers make 6 billion club visits in 2018. Memberships rose 2.6% to 62.5 million.

Stein has heard from peers from other franchises who are interested in the branded-gym idea.

“I do think that other teams in the NFL, other teams in other sports, are going to look at these things, and if they’re successful ... they’re going to be very intrigued by this concept,” he said.

For the Bears, if membership meets the goals the team envisioned, “we’re very much open to looking at another location and seeing how that goes,” Stein said, adding that the new gym might be designed with millennials in mind.

“For sure, we’d be looking downtown,” Stein said. “Before we even selected this location (in Vernon Hills), we saw a number of really good locations there.”

“And you’re looking at a whole different demographic — younger — so it’s a good opportunity to reach another segment of our fan base.”

Branding experts think the Bears could win big with younger fans with such a move.

Evan Vladem, a financial adviser for athletes and a sports marketing consultant, said the gym already has all the makings of a social-media destination.

“This type of thing is one of those Instagram-able experiences, those social-media experiences,” Vladem said. “You know it’s going to be shared.”

Already at the Vernon Hills club, gymgoers can hashtag #BearsFit and their images automatically show up on a video screen on the back wall.

Such ambience was less interesting to Rachel Hamrock than the serious fitness amenities, such as a “tank” sled she pushed on the mock Soldier Field turf.

She did have one quibble, however, with a multicolored light display.

“We don’t need any green in here,” she said of the rival Packers’ color. “Only green is right here on the turf.”

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BLACKHAWKS

Players turn their focus on world title

Hawks will have 13 players representing 10 countries

BY JIMMY GREENFIELD
Chicago Tribune

All things being equal, Alex DeBrincat would rather not be playing for the U.S. national team in this year’s world championship.

Or next year. Or ever. Not that DeBrincat doesn’t appreciate great competition or take enormous pride in playing for his country. But every NHL player competing in the world championship in Slovakia this month has one thing in common: they’re no longer pursuing the Stanley Cup.

“Hopefully I won’t have to play this tournament too many times because we’re planning on being in the playoffs soon,” DeBrincat said.

Long playoff runs prevented the Blackhawks from being represented at the world championship for many years, but this year 10 players who spent time on the Hawks roster, as well as three prospects, will be in Slovakia in pursuit of a world title.

The current Hawks are DeBrincat and Patrick Kane (U.S.); Erik Gustafsson and Marcus Kruger (Sweden); Dylan Strome (Canada); Henri Jokiharju and Kevin Lankinen (Finland); Dominik Kahun (Germany); Andreas Martinsen (Norway) and Artem Anisimov (Russia).

The 16-country tournament begins Friday with the top four teams from each eight-team group advancing to a single-elimination bracket that begins May 23. The semifinals will be May 25 and the gold-medal game takes place the following day.

All the tournament games are scheduled to begin at 5 a.m., 9 a.m. or 1 p.m. Central time and many will be televised on NHL Network. The U.S. will take on Slovakia at 1 p.m. Friday in its tournament opener.

DeBrincat and Kane, who is the captain of the U.S. team for the second straight season, will take on Kahun’s Germany squad on May 19, followed by Strome and Team Canada in their final round-robin game on May 21.

“It’s always fun when you’re playing with (Dylan),” DeBrincat said. “Not so much when you’re playing against him. But it’s cool to see them play for their country. Dom’s played for (Germany) plenty of times I’m sure, but it’s cool to see Dylan get some recognition at that level. He played world juniors twice but world championships is a little bit different.”

DeBrincat would know. He was on last year’s team that was blown out by eventual champion Sweden in the semifinals before rebounding to beat Canada 4-1 to take the bronze medal. Kane was named the MVP of last year’s tournament.

The U.S. has never won a world championship but is among the favorites this year with a roster featuring Kane, Jack Eichel, Johnny Gaudreau and Ryan Suter. Canada is led by John Tavares, Jonathan Marchessault and Mark Stone, while Russia has tremendous firepower in Alex Ovechkin, Nikita Kucherov and Evgeny Kuznetsov.

The Russians also have goalie Andrei Vasilevski, whose Lightning team was a surprising first-round loser in the NHL playoffs.

The two players expected to be taken at the top of next month’s draft — Jack Hughes and Kaapo Kakko — are suiting up for U.S. and Finland, respectively. But none of the players the Hawks are looking at with the third overall pick, including Russia’s Vasili Podkolzin, is competing.

However, a couple of interesting Hawks prospects will be in Slovakia. Forward Philipp Kurashev, the Hawks’ fourth-round pick last year, is on Switzerland’s roster a few months after putting up a tournament-best six goals at the world juniors.

Also keep an eye on the Czech Republic’s Dominik Kubalik, a forward whose rights the Hawks obtained in January from the Kings for a 2019 fifth-round pick.

Hawks general manager Stan Bowman said last month that Kubalik, 23, will sign and should be on the opening-day roster.

“We’re expecting him to be on the team,” Bowman said. “And where he fits is going to be the question.”

Forward Mathias From, the Hawks’ 2016 fifth-round pick who has not yet been signed, is on Denmark’s roster.

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WILD 2, WOLVES 1

Mayhew scores twice as Iowa ties series at 2-2

The Wolves’ second-round Calder Cup playoff series is tied at two games apiece after they fell 2-1 to the Iowa Wild on Wednesday night in Des Moines.

The home team has won each of the first four games.

Gerald Mayhew scored both Wild goals, one in the first period and one in the third for a 2-0 lead. Curtis McKenzie finally got the Wolves on the board at the 9:11 mark of the third.

Game 5 of the best-of-seven series is scheduled for Friday night in Des Moines.

eNEWSPAPER BONUS COVERAGE



CAROLINE BREHMAN/AP

Jeopardy! champion James Holzhauer, getting a key to the Las Vegas Strip, would love to parlay his fame and analytics skills into a spot in a Major League Baseball front office. In the "Moneyball" era, some teams appear to be open to the idea of giving him a chance.

THE NUMBERS GAME

Would MLB teams hire 'Jeopardy!' champ Holzhauer? 'Absolutely, yes.'

BY DAVE SHEININ
The Washington Post

A math whiz with a competitive streak and a childhood love for a popular, televised game confronts that same game as an adult years later, exploding its ingrained fallacies and applying an analytical, data-based approach to the game's essential strategies — which proves to be wildly successful, but also subject to a backlash from traditionalists and aesthetes.

Long before James Holzhauer beat the game of Jeopardy — becoming the second-longest-running champion in its history, with 22 straight wins and \$1,691,008 in earnings, and the possibility of more to come when he returns to the show on May 20 — he watched a handful of people with similar sensibilities succeed with that same approach in the only game he loved more than Jeopardy as a child growing up outside Chicago: baseball.

"I didn't look at anyone else's strategy in Jeopardy," Holzhauer, 34, said in an interview with MLB Network on Tuesday. "I thought, 'I'm going to build this from the ground up. What do I need to do to win at Jeopardy? If I've never seen a Jeopardy game before, how would I play it to maximize my winnings, maximize my chances of winning?'"

If that sounds like the approach that statistics pioneer Bill James or longtime Oakland Athletics executive (and protagonist of the "Moneyball" book and film) Billy Beane took to baseball a generation or two ago, it is no coincidence: Holzhauer, a lifelong Chicago Cubs fan who is a professional gambler by occupation, has cited James and Beane as models for the theories he has applied in both his professional and game-show lives.

Until now, the links between Holzhauer's methodical dominance of Jeopardy — second only to Ken Jennings — and its baseball-related underpinnings have been little more than a curiosity.

Holzhauer has said he always wanted to be the general manager of a baseball team. He wore a Cubs jersey for his MLB Network interview. He has suf-



/AP

James Holzhauer has the top five single-day scores in Jeopardy! history but has triggered a backlash from fans annoyed by his analytics-based approach to the game.

fered a backlash from Jeopardy fans who think his analytics-based approach — he uses high-value clues to build a bankroll, then seeks out Daily Doubles using probability data compiled from previous games — has "ruined" that game the same way concepts such as defensive shifts and launch-angle swing theory has "ruined" baseball.

But now, baseball people are also taking notice of Holzhauer, and the merging of his success in Jeopardy and his passion for baseball is no longer a mere curiosity — it may be the start of a new career. Assuming baseball can afford him, that is.

"My first thought when I saw him," said Beane, the A's executive vice president of baseball operations, "was: We have to get this guy in baseball."

"Absolutely, yes," said Boston Red Sox president and chief executive officer Sam Kennedy, when asked about Holzhauer's prospects in baseball. "We put a huge premium on analytical abilities both on the baseball side and business side. Without question, when we interview young professionals coming out of college, that skill set is hugely

important."

If you're skeptical that people with Holzhauer's skill set could land a job in a baseball front office, or that baseball front offices would hire someone like him, here's the answer to both: They already have.

"Absolutely. He's very intriguing," Baltimore Orioles vice president and assistant general manager Sig Mejdal, when asked about Holzhauer's suitability for a baseball job. But in a nod to Holzhauer's reigning-champion status on Jeopardy, he added, "It looks like his days are still pretty busy."

If anyone understands how there could be a place in baseball for someone with Holzhauer's background and skills, it is Mejdal.

A former A's fan and fantasy baseball player with degrees in aeronautical engineering and cognitive psychology, Mejdal, now 53, was working as a biomathematician for NASA when, in 2005, the St. Louis Cardinals offered him a job in their analytics department. Seven years later, he moved to the Houston Astros to be their "director of decision sciences" — essentially building out the

analytics department that soon became an industry leader and helped lead the franchise to its first World Series title in 2017.

In Holzhauer, Mejdal sees parallels "not only to myself, but to many successful analysts and decision-makers in baseball. I see a similarity in how we think. Of all the analysts we've hired in St. Louis, Houston and Baltimore, none have come from the baseball industry. They've all been from outside. They may have been involved in baseball research as a hobby, but it wasn't their primary occupation. What there was, was a passion for the sport."

Mejdal, in fact, knows something about the gambling industry himself, having once worked as a blackjack dealer in Lake Tahoe to help pay for college, absorbing the lessons of probability and human tendencies across those green-felt tables.

"Hitting a 16 against a dealer's seven, it doesn't feel right. With a hundred-dollar bet, it feels even less right," Mejdal once told Sports Illustrated. "But that doesn't mean it isn't right."

Though plenty of baseball executives have voiced their

admiration for Holzhauer, and pondered a future in the sport for him, none has gone on the record to acknowledge real interest in hiring him. That, however, doesn't mean the interest isn't there, or that inquiries haven't already been made. In his MLB Network interview, Holzhauer mentioned "some interesting offers [that] have been floated my way."

But to hire Holzhauer, baseball teams will confront the same problem the sport has faced for years now in its search for new talent in the analytics realm: fierce competition. As the analytics movement has grown, teams have had to compete for talent not only against each other, but against other sports — and other, higher-paying industries.

"I'm going to go out on a limb," Beane said, "and say when he's done with ['Jeopardy!'] he's going to have an opportunity to work in any sport he wants. Or any industry — because all industries are based on data and making predictive decisions."

Just as a new generation of GMs imitated Beane's work with Oakland, and an even newer generation has modeled their operations on the Astros' success — to the point where analytics has crept into every organization — so, too, will Holzhauer's success almost certainly spawn a generation of imitators. But as the most progressive baseball teams have found, when everyone is operating with the same theories, it becomes harder to find an advantage.

It also increases the degree of the backlash. Already, critics have linked Holzhauer's success to the so-called "ruining" of baseball, opining that the cold, evidence-based approach has taken all the fun and nuance out of the game.

Not surprisingly, Holzhauer cited the cold, hard data reflecting Jeopardy's bottom line — viewership has soared as his winning streak has grown — to defend his approach.

"There's definitely some people who don't like the product they're seeing on screen right now," he said. "But I don't think the producers are complaining."

"My first thought when I saw him was: We have to get this guy in baseball."

— Billy Beane, Oakland A's executive vice president of baseball operations

— eNEWSPAPER BONUS COVERAGE —

An essential baseball element

For the first time since the 1950s, major-league players can endorse beer

By FRANK FITZPATRICK

The Philadelphia Inquirer and Daily News

Since 1882, when the American Association's founders determined that selling alcohol to fans might help them compete with the entrenched National League, beer, every bit as much as green grass, white ash and cow leather, has been an essential baseball element.

That strategy, of course, triggered a bonanza. Today, MLB teams sell more than \$1 billion worth of beer. Its ballparks are sunlit saloons equipped with beer billboards, beer taps, beer vendors, beer gardens. Players quench their postgame thirsts with beer. Fans consume it before, during and after games. Slick beer commercials both sustain and punctuate the sport's TV broadcasts.

And yet, for reasons that now seem more puritanical than practical, active ballplayers were prohibited from appearing in beer ads or, more important in the view of some, from sharing substantially in the pot of lager-colored gold that big-league teams were reaping.

But now that unlikely prohibition, based on a rule that didn't really exist, is finally being lifted. Soon active athletes like the Phillies' Aaron Nola, who has a deal with Pennsylvania's D.G. Yuengling & Sons Inc., will be pitching publicly for beer. Others like Houston's George Springer and the NBA's Kevin Durant will appear in national and local campaigns planned by the ubiquitous brewing giant Anheuser-Busch.

"Fans are first and foremost connected to currently active players," explained Marcel Marcondes, chief marketing officer for Anheuser-Busch InBev. "That is what drives the conversation ... influences culture."

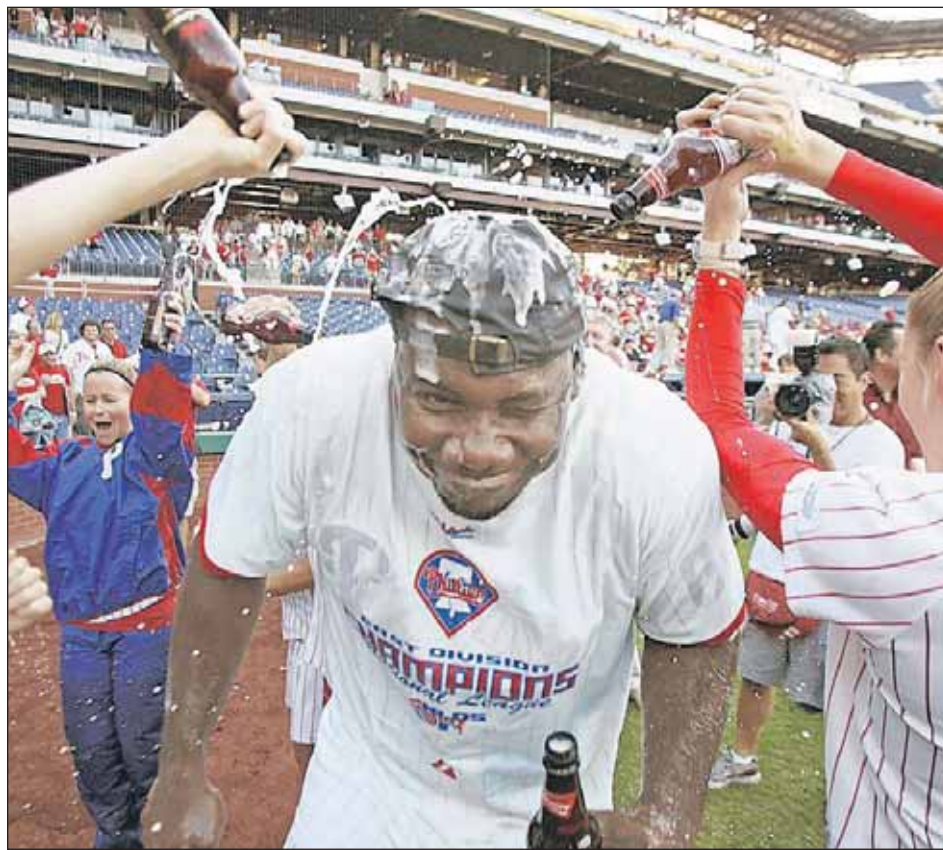
Nola hasn't yet appeared in any Yuengling TV commercials or ballpark ads, but the young Phillies ace has posted several endorsements of the Pottsville-based brewer on his Instagram account.

"Yuengling's been a go-to for me ever since I first tried it back when the Phillies drafted me," he said in one.

This change was driven by professional athletes' growing interest in controlling their individual brands. In short, the players associations in baseball and the NBA wanted a larger share and more control of beer ads that were using their sports and occasionally their images as backdrops.

"We were mindful that the advertisements and promotions for these companies were visible around every ballpark," Tim Slavin, chairman of business affairs for the Major League Baseball Players Association, said last week. "Players were associated with these ads and products to some extent. For us, it was in part leveling the playing field of commercial opportunity between the clubs and players."

While some athletes in individual sports like golf or auto racing have long done such ads, team sports at least since the 1950s have not allowed them. In baseball, clubs cited an unwritten prohibition. The brewing companies, meanwhile, adhered to the Beer



TOM MIHALEK/AP

Beer is certainly allowed in baseball celebrations, as first baseman Ryan Howard found out when the Phillies clinched their division after a victory in 2007.



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Phillies pitcher Aaron Nola hasn't been in any commercials yet, but he's been promoting his relationship with Pennsylvania's Yuengling brand on social media.

Institute's Advertising & Marketing Code that prevented the practice and to an arcane Alcohol and Tobacco Tax and Trade Bureau regulation forbidding any commercial link-

age of alcohol and athletic skills.

As a result, beer commercials with a baseball flavor featured either retired athletes — think early Miller Lite commercials

— or generic images of them. Although the advertisements tended to imply their endorsement, the active athletes themselves had no say in the content or compensation. Occasionally the MLBPA objected.

"In some cases, the ads were using models to serve as players, which was confusing to us because players at the time were precluded from leveraging commercial opportunity in the category," Slavin said. "In other cases, there were issues related to implied endorsements of players for products when the player wasn't even aware of the campaign."

Historically, the leagues had handled the beer-company contracts. Some revenue was shared with the unions. Now, thanks to contracts they negotiated with Anheuser-Busch in 2018, the MLBPA and NBA players union can deal directly — and more profitably — with the brewers. (The NFL still prohibits its players from participating in such ads.)

Asked for financial details of the new agreement, Slavin said, "We try to keep the economic terms of our partnerships confidential."

Ironically, it was a bizarre 2018 ballpark promotion that helped precipitate the shift. According to Slavin, the MLBPA complained about a beer company that was "creating player images using beer foam."

"In one article about it, we saw a statement claiming that MLB 'does not permit active players to be involved in the advertising or promotion of beer or other alcohol,'" Slavin said. "We were surprised by this and called over to MLB. Their response was, 'There is no such rule. Used to be years ago.'"

Despite its profit potential, this untapped commercial opportunity wasn't something that had unanimous support among the players. Some weren't eager to be associated with alcohol.

"Some of them don't drink or don't want to promote drinking," Slavin said. "To them, it could be perceived as sending the wrong message. But they also knew that the advertisements and promotions already were visible all over the ballparks where they work."

Budweiser began promoting a few players, like Springer, in the 2018 postseason, then launched a point-of-sale campaign this opening day. Eventually, there will be at least one Budweiser ambassador in every baseball market where the giant brewer has a relationship with the team, including Philadelphia.

All the advertisements, Slavin said, will promote responsible drinking. While the athletes will be shown in game footage or talking to the camera, none will be seen consuming the product.

And if this relationship works out, similar once-unthinkable opportunities could arise for players with wine or spirit companies.

"We're always having conversations about ways to market our players with new brands and categories," Slavin said. "We certainly are considering wine and spirits ... if we are confident we can do so in a responsible way."



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A beer vendor keeps busy while working the crowd at Wrigley Field during Game 1 of the National League Division Series between the Cubs and Dodgers in 2008.



STAR TRIBUNE/TNS

Julia Louis-Dreyfus in "Veep."

COMMENTARY

Women in power not meant to be fantasy

By MARY MCNAMARA
 Los Angeles Times

Battered by Senate hearings, Avenger delirium, "Game of Thrones" anxiety and the news that Aaron Sorkin did not get nominated for a Tony, I took comfort in the positive reviews for "Long Shot" and raced off to my local theater Friday morning for a little, technically job-related escape.

Two hours later, I emerged more depressed and angry than I had been before, and not just because of all the blatant Dell product placement.

As a longtime fan of rom-coms, I was prepared for the requisite insistence that what every deeply committed professional woman needs is a "real guy" who can persuade her to just lighten up for a second. That this case involved a secretary of state days away from announcing her candidacy for president of the United States "lightening up" with a bunch of molly, which then left her negotiating a hostage situation while stoned and wearing really stupid sunglasses, was a bit worrisome. But hey, Charlize Theron can sell pretty much anything, right?

No, what kept me tensely sighing throughout the film (sorry, older couple to my right) was the sight of Hollywood once again having a little fun with the notion of a woman in or pursuing a position of power — president, vice president, late-night host — that no woman has *actually* achieved yet.

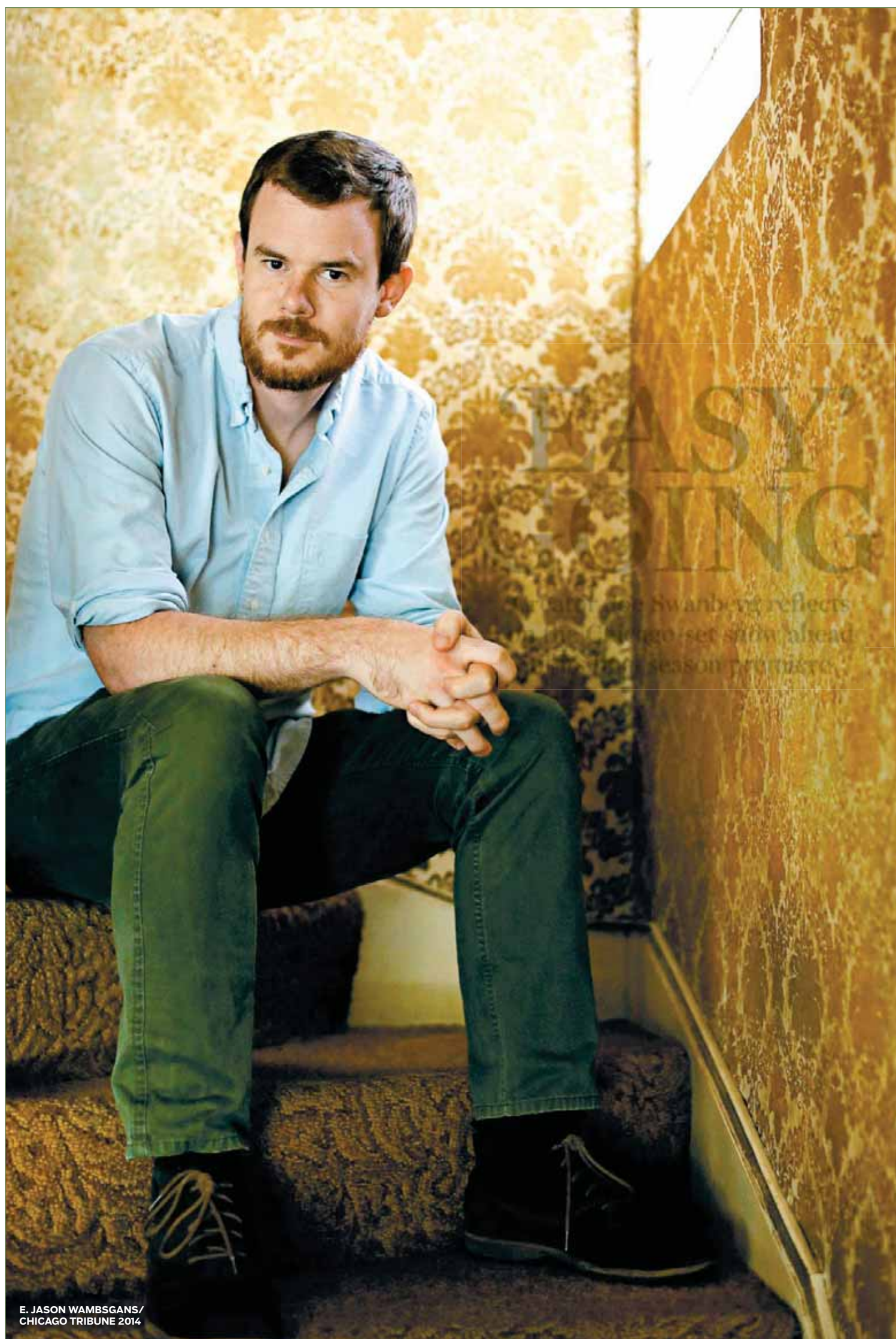
Given the current state of affairs, it's not that funny anymore.

Once upon a time, the mere glimpse of a woman in any such role felt progressive, even if the character was a monster. The female leaders of "24," "Prison Break" and "Homeland" were just as rotten and corrupt as the men they replaced (often through nefarious means), but that was fine. No one said a woman president was chromosomally ordained to be good, just that those chromosomes shouldn't keep her from being president.

When Armando Iannucci decided to adapt his British sitcom "In the Thick of It" for American audiences, it made perfect sense that the lead of "Veep" would be a despicable female politician.

Maybe it felt a little weird to have a show making fun of a female vice president when no

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By TRACY SWARTZ | Chicago Tribune

The third and final season of the Netflix anthology series "Easy" — which follows various Chicagoans as they navigate complicated relationships — is scheduled to drop Friday.

Creator/director Joe Swanberg, known for such indie films as "Drinking Buddies" and "Happy Christmas," said he hopes that the third season's nine-episode run isn't the end of "Easy."

He said he's had "very light discussions" with Netflix about the possibility of an "Easy" film, which would allow him to check in on the characters years later, in the spirit of the Oscar-nominated film "Boyhood."

"I hope for fans of the show that they like what we've done with Season 3 and also, I've left it open. I didn't conclude this show in the sense that the ends of each episode are definitive endings.

I continue to hope that it's a world that we can revisit someday," the 37-year-old Swanberg said over lunch at Half Acre Beer Company's North Center taproom. Half Acre is one of the Chicago businesses prominently featured on "Easy," which has filmed around Chicago for three years.

Swanberg reflected on his series, from its popularity to its Chicago authenticity and its #MeToo moments

in a wide-ranging interview with the Tribune.

On popularity

Netflix doesn't publicly release its viewer numbers, and even Swanberg said he doesn't have a clue how many people have tuned in to "Easy." He said it was Netflix's decision to end the series with the third season.

"They were really clear with me that the anthology format was counter-intuitive to their kind of binge-watching model. What was happening with 'Easy' is that some of the episodes were doing incredibly well, but there was no impetus for the audience to finish one and go to the next without a narrative story line. So, you know, we basically were

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TELEVISION REVIEW

Sincerity finds its way into comic's new 'Klepper' series

By STEVE JOHNSON
 Chicago Tribune

"I used to be behind a desk," Jordan Klepper says in his new and surprisingly affecting Comedy Central series, which debuts Thursday (10:30 p.m.).

The name is "Klepper," but it might well have been called "Jordan Unchained" or "Jordan On the Loose" or any of a dozen titles that you may have encountered for the tried-and-true corre-

spondent-roams-America format.

What makes this one different, though, is the host himself, the improv comic schooled in Chicago and a consistent bright light since taking the national stage.

Klepper, a 40-year-old Michigan native, made his name as a correspondent in the waning days of Jon Stewart's "The Daily Show" and then moved to the desk to host his own confection, the late, lamented "The Opposition with Jordan Klepper." Last-

ing just nine months, that show got better and better as it went along, overdelivering on wringing laughs from the host's far-right-conspiracy-theorist persona while underdelivering viewers.

The new-era Klepper, back on TV after less than a year away, has indeed forsworn office furniture. He devotes single-topic, half-hour episodes to exploring such causes as veterans rights, pipeline

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COMEDY CENTRAL

Jordan Klepper, a 40-year-old Michigan native, hosted the late, lamented "The Opposition with Jordan Klepper."

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The Duke and Duchess of Sussex with their son.

Royal couple presents baby Archie Harrison

LONDON — Tired but beaming, Meghan and Prince Harry showed the public their baby son's face for the first time Wednesday, and also revealed his name: Archie Harrison Mountbatten-Windsor.

The couple did not disclose why they had chosen the names — though the meaning of Harrison, “son of Harry,” could be a clue.



Standing in the vast, red-carpeted St. George's Hall at Windsor Castle, Meghan declared the baby was “a dream” and called motherhood “magic.”

Harry cradled his son in his arms as the couple posed for the cameras — the first in a lifetime of photo calls for the 24-day-old baby, who is seventh in line to the British throne.

“It's pretty amazing,” said the 37-year-old American, formerly known as Meghan Markle. “I have the two best guys in the world, so I'm really happy.”

She said the baby — born Monday at 5:26 a.m. weighing 7 pounds, 3 ounces — had “just been a dream.”

“He has the sweetest temperament. He's really calm,” she said.

Harry quipped: “I wonder who he gets that from.” Asked who the baby took after, Harry said it was too soon to tell.

“Everyone says that babies change so much over two weeks,” said the 34-year-old prince. “We're basically monitoring how the changing process happens over this next month really. But his looks are changing every single day, so you know.”

“We're just so thrilled to have our own little bundle of joy,” he added.

— Associated Press



AMY HARRIS/INVISION

Hall of famer: Justin Timberlake's songwriting chops will be honored next month when the pop star receives the Contemporary Icon Award from the Songwriters Hall of Fame on June 13 at the organization's 50th annual induction ceremony in New York. Timberlake is the second person to receive the honor; Lady Gaga earned it in 2015. The 2019 Songwriters Hall class includes Missy Elliott, Cat Stevens, John Prine, Tom T. Hall, Jack Tempchin and Dallas Austin.

Doc treatment: CNN Films is developing a documentary on civil rights icon and Georgia congressman John Robert Lewis. Director Dawn Porter began filming the 79-year-old Lewis last year ahead of the midterm elections.

Honored, dismissed: Comedian Dave Chappelle has been chosen to receive this year's Mark Twain Prize for American Humor. Kennedy Center President Deborah Rutter said Chappelle's social commentary and body of work embody Twain's statement that “against the assault of humor, nothing can stand.” Meanwhile, a judge has dismissed a lawsuit filed against Chappelle by a man who threw a banana peel at the comedian during a 2015 performance in Santa Fe, New Mexico.

May 9 birthdays: Actress Glenda Jackson is 83. Director James L. Brooks is 79. Actress Candice Bergen is 73. Singer Billy Joel is 70. Actress Alley Mills is 68. Actor John Corbett is 58. Rapper Ghostface Killah is 49. Singer Tamia is 44. Actress Rosario Dawson is 40. Actress Grace Gummer is 33.



ASK AMY

By AMY DICKINSON

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Couple fights over lawn, gaslighting

Dear Amy: My husband and I have a good relationship, but last night a small argument spiraled out of control. I told him it makes me feel anxious when our lawn is the last one on the block to be mowed. Such a small thing, I know, but his response really got under my skin.

First, he said that if I really cared about the lawn, I wouldn't have asked him to drop by the store on the way home. I wasn't asking him to mow last night but was just expressing my feelings. His response made me feel like he was questioning my feelings. I wish he could have just said, “I understand. I'll do it tomorrow,” or even, “My back is really hurting me tonight, but I'll get to it soon” or SOMETHING other than his snide comeback.

I felt like he was gaslighting me. I told him he was gaslighting me, and that is when things spiraled. He called me an “ass” and slept in the basement, and this morning he emailed me a list of websites that define gaslighting. He rehashed our conversation, point by point, to emphasize how wrong I was about everything. He also asked for an apology.

I wasn't trying to name-call, but I really did feel like he was gaslighting me. I haven't apologized, because I feel like this is manipulative behavior. Now he's saying he's not coming home tonight. Am I totally in the wrong here? — Gaslit?

Dear Gaslit?: My understanding of “gaslighting,” which comes from the suspenseful old movie “Gaslight,” is when one

person basically drives another person crazy by creating a false reality and then convincing the person that the false reality is true. It is not as simple as one person questioning, or denying, another person's feelings or perceptions.

In your situation, a true gaslighter would say, “But honey, the lawn IS mowed. Are you feeling OK? Sometimes I worry about you because you can't seem to accurately gauge grass height.” And you would believe him, because he would have worn down your confidence in your own perceptions.

The way I read your scenario, your husband responded to your somewhat clunky lawn shaming by making a fairly lame excuse, thereby trying to blame you for his delaying the mowing. You then decided to supply examples of things he “should have said.” When that got old, you both transitioned to a ridiculous red herring that doesn't have anything to do with anything.

If you want the lawn mowed, then mow it yourself, or ask him, using plain English, “Do you think you can get the lawn mowed soon?” You two would probably still have had a tiff, but at least it would have been about the lawn.

Stop emailing each other and sleeping apart. Have it out (in person) and then hug it out.

Dear Amy: My wife and I are in the process of setting up a trust. I have a niece whom I have decided to disinherit because of the unconscionable way she treats her mother, my older sister.

My niece knows I pro-

vided for her by naming her as a co-beneficiary on my retirement funds, a designation I am rescinding. Should I tell her of my decision or just let her find out in the course of time? — Pissed Uncle

Dear Uncle: I hope you are receiving competent legal and financial advice. This is vital when doing estate planning.

Regarding the relationship, you should do whatever is in your sister's best interest. For instance, if you would have worn down your confidence in your own perceptions, she might benefit from a relationship with you down the road might give you some authority, and even minimal control, now.

Dear Amy: “Formerly Terrible” was a high school bully but says he has changed. I liked that he fully admitted his behavior and wants to apologize and make amends to the people he hurt years ago. Your response and suggestions were good, but you left out an important step: He must also forgive himself.

— Also Formerly Terrible

Dear Also Terrible: Many people voiced support for this man's efforts and also pointed out that he should keep working on forgiveness.

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construction protests and the struggles of undocumented immigrants.

The eight-episode “J-Klepp Discovers America” — sorry, just “Klepper” — works because its host manages to be very funny amid these issues while, for the most part, not making fun of them. Yes, an environmental protester gets called out for the ponytail on the end of his beard, but the issue is taken seriously, even when the boat Klepper is riding in en route to a late-night direct action in a Louisiana swamp capsizes, stranding Klepper and the activists like Ginger and the crew of the Minnow.

Yes, in Thursday's first episode about military veterans fighting PTSD through pro wrestling, Klepper pokes fun at a wrestler for his over-the-top kid's-party-Juggalo makeup, but he also takes

time to understand from where the wrestler and his colleagues are coming.

Most of the comedy comes from Klepper himself not having to work very hard to play the fish out of water, whether he's trying out his own wrestling moves or realizing that he should have Googled “boat safety” before his night cruise.

“I'm not much of a nature guy,” he says, preparing to join pipeline protesters from the Water Is Life movement camped out in swamp territory.

“I'm more like what veterinarians would refer to as an indoor cat.”

Later, after fumbling predictably to build his tent, he asks, “Every element is uncomfortable. Why would I want to save this place?”

“Klepper's” writing, the framing the host gives these stories, is very good.

“Water is life, but oil is livelihood, and you can't blame the locals for wanting to work,” he says in a



JUSTIN CHABOT

Jordan Klepper made his name as a correspondent in the waning days of Jon Stewart's “The Daily Show.”

scripted introduction to a segment explaining why the protesters haven't won much local support. After a sleepless tent night, Klep-

per's voiceover says he woke up “in a bayou vinai-grette of sweat and bug spray.”

But his in-the-moment ad-libs are even sharper.

“If we're spitting here, maybe I'm the kind of guy who stays behind,” he tells the pipeline protesters in a planning meeting.

It's one thing to be funny on the spot when you're mocking something, a la “Borat” or any number of “Daily Show” field reports, some of them done by Klepper himself. It's a greater challenge to find humor from a basic point of identification.

This show's best moments recall some of the spirit of Michael Moore's short-lived guerrilla-comic-populist newsmagazine “TV Nation,” from 1994-95, another out-in-America series with a social-justice bent.

“Klepper” rhymes, sort of, with “clever.” But in essence, he's now on the hunt for sincerity, in society and to a surprising degree in himself. The guy who once laughed up his sleeve at Donald Trump die-hards and at Alex Jones and his ilk is now wearing his heart on that sleeve.

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the third episode, on Atlanta undocumented immigrants attending an underground college because they've been banned from state schools, “History doesn't always repeat itself, but it does rhyme. With ‘bacist.’”

I don't know about Klepper's personal journey, but this shift to spotlighting people seeking change seems an appropriate response to the times. Increasingly, laughing at Trump-era violations of the nation's established norms feels ineffectual. While the audience chuckles at another tweet misspelling, the political party of the man behind them has confirmed three more federal judges with socially regressive

viewpoints to lifetime appointments.

Maybe that's why Klepper's “The Opposition” didn't catch on. It moved during its short tenure from being a triple-Red Bull take on “The Colbert Report's” faux right-wing host concept to developing its own comic language and its own giddy rhythms.

But its satiric conceit walled it off, to a degree, from the world. Now the host, under his own name, is out on the front lines feeling the mosquito stings of direct engagement, the body slams that invariably come when one enters the ring.

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BOOK REVIEW

'Lift' women to help world, Gates argues

Philanthropist: Contraception is key

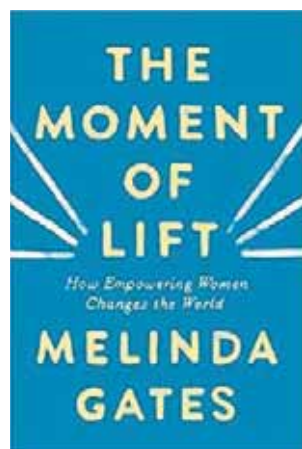
BY JANET KINOSIAN
Los Angeles Times

Melinda Gates grew up in midcentury Dallas as a self-described “good Catholic girl, who sits in the front row and gets good grades,” and was the kind of student who “always raised her hand before speaking out answers.”

Today she's one of the wealthiest women in the world, with billions of dollars of resources to alter many millions of lives as the co-chair — with her husband, Microsoft co-founder Bill Gates — of the world's largest private philanthropic foundation, the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation.

It's a fair guess that back in Dallas, young Melinda never considered she'd one day proudly pronounce herself an “ardent feminist” or boldly and publicly oppose a core teaching of her church — on contraception — all while calling out that institution's male hierarchy who once put and now keeps it in place. Yet in her potent and laudable book, “The Moment of Lift: How Empowering Women Changes the World,” that's precisely what she does. “For all of history, women and girls have been relegated to the margins, denied an equal chance to learn, lead, earn, thrive, and rise. Even today, there is nowhere on earth where women have achieved true equality.”

She continues: “Being a feminist means believing that every woman should be able to use her voice and pursue her potential, and



“The Moment of Lift”

By Melinda Gates, Flatiron, 288 pages, \$26.99

that women and men should all work together to take down the barriers and end the biases that still hold women back.”

Gates explains how, through her own private revelations, she's come to believe that access to contraception and family planning for all women across the world is the key component to that missing moment of “uplift” in women's lives. (Her father worked on the Apollo mission and “moment of lift” is a phrase taken from her youthful experiences watching NASA rockets take off.)

“When women (are) able to time and space their pregnancies,” she writes early in the book, “they (are) more likely to advance their education, earn an income, raise healthy children, and have the time and money to give each child

the food, care, and education needed to thrive. When children reach their potential, they don't end up poor. This is how families and countries get out of poverty. In fact, no country in the last 50 years has emerged from poverty without expanding access to contraceptives.”

She's a keenly appealing narrator and in many ways the book is a graceful account of her own personal consciousness-raising as a woman, especially as the only female in the first class of MBAs hired by Microsoft in 1987, a then-testosterone-addled environment. Her evolution continued in her quest to become an equal partner in

her marriage to, as one of her friends put it, “a strong voice” like Bill Gates. (In the book he sounds like a champion of women, having witnessed a strong and equity-partnered mother in his parents' marriage).

We see how the couple's American middle-class upbringings set the foundation's value system: Each human life is of equal worth. While at first blush this might not seem revolutionary, note how many of the top 10 world's wealthiest people — and philanthropists — are from this niche class category: Did robber barons or wealthy aristocrats believe this?

We also see the hard work of philanthropy at

this level, so much of it about copious amounts of travel, empathy, listening, research, study and importantly asking the very best questions. Gates does ask these tough asks of both herself and the foundation; humble empathy and good questions appear to be her A-level skills.

Gates shares the lives of the many women she's met all over the world, giving voice to their mostly intense and lonely struggles while combating stifling discrimination and barriers via child marriage, overpregnancy, lack of education, low-pay and nonpaid work. (On average, she says, women do seven years more of unpaid work than

men over their lifetimes, which is about the time it takes to complete a bachelor's and a master's degree.)

Gates makes it clear she's not just about lifting women up for their sake — though that's absolutely important — but for the world's sake. “I've never held the view that women are better than men, or that the best way to improve the world is for women to gain more power than men,” she states. “When a culture of dominance is broken, it activates power in all of us.”

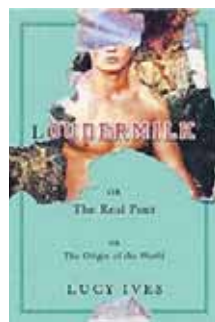
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Melinda Gates co-chairs the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation with her husband.

BOOK REVIEWS



7 novels coming out in May that you won't want to miss

BY MICHAEL SCHAUB
Los Angeles Times

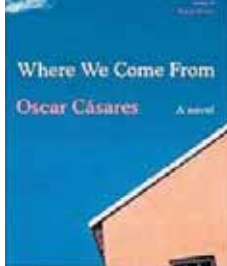
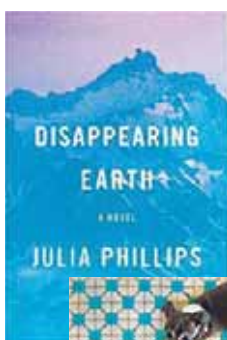
April is a great month for reading — nothing beats settling in with a good book and getting so lost in a novel that you temporarily forget about how much you owe in taxes.

May's even better, though. Here are seven novels coming out that can keep you entertained no matter where you are.

“Loudermilk: Or, The Real Poet; Or, The Origin of the World” by Lucy Ives (out now): Ives follows up her acclaimed “Impossible Views of the World” with a satire about a handsome young man who, with the help of his hopelessly nerdy friend, gets accepted into a prestigious graduate program for poets. Fellow satirist Sam Lipsyte has praised Ives, calling her “as deeply funny and ferocious a writer as they come.”

“Juliet the Maniac” by Juliet Escoria (out now): West Virginia author Escoria has won praise for her poetry collection, “Witch Hunt,” and book of short stories, “Black Cloud.” Her debut novel follows a talented 14-year-old girl in Southern California reckoning with mental illness and substance use.

“The Flight Portfolio” by Julie Orringer (out now): It's been nine years



since Orringer's debut novel, “The Invisible Bridge,” was released to critical raves. Her follow-up is based on the real-life American journalist Varian Fry, who helped hundreds of Jewish authors and artists escape Nazi-occupied Europe during World War II.

“Lanny” by Max Porter (May 14): British author Porter won the International Dylan Thomas Prize for his debut novel, “Grief

Is the Thing With Feathers.” His latest tells the story of a mythical creature named Dead Papa Toothwort and a bright but odd young boy who goes missing in a small English town.

“Disappearing Earth” by Julia Phillips (May 14): Brooklyn author Phillips makes her literary debut with a novel about two young girls who go missing from their home in the Kamchatka Peninsula of Russia. Author Gary Shteyngart called the novel “a genuine masterpiece.”

“Biloxi” by Mary Miller (May 21): Mississippi author Miller gained the notice of critics with her acclaimed first novel, “The Last Days of California.” Her newest book follows Louis McDonald Jr., a depressed 63-year-old man whose life is changed after he adopts an overweight mutt named Layla.

“Where We Come From” by Oscar Casares (May 23): Austin, Texas, author Casares made his debut in 2003 with “Brownsville,” a short story collection set in his hometown. His new novel tells the story of a Mexican-American family living in a Texas-Mexico border town that shelters a young boy brought to the U.S. by human traffickers.

BOOK REVIEW

‘Expecting Better’ author delivers advice on babies

BY JENNY ROGERS
The Washington Post

At my son's 6-week-old checkup, I was given a wonderful gift by our pediatrician. She waved away my (many) frantic questions about swaddling, nursing and formula and said all she cared about were vaccines and putting babies to sleep on their backs — since those were the issues with the most support from science.

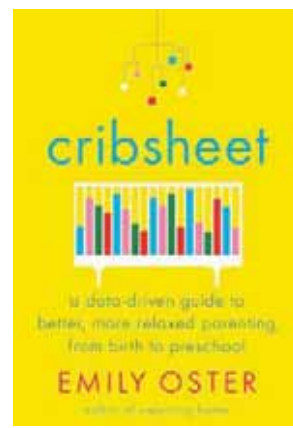
“Pacifiers, breast-feeding, all the rest of it, is really your preference,” she said.

“Cribsheet” is essentially a book-length version of my pediatrician's wisdom. And like me, many parents will likely find reading it a huge relief from the scare stories that seem to pop up everywhere these days.

The author, economist Emily Oster, burst into the parent-lit world with her 2013 hit “Expecting Better,” which remains required reading for a certain set of pregnant parents. Oster repeats her ingeniously simple formula with “Cribsheet”: taking conventional wisdom and diving into the research behind it, often showing that “the studies” are thin or nonexistent, or their findings that have been overstated.

The raging debate over infant circumcision? The entire issue boils down to a handful of very small risks and very small benefits. Cry it out? Perfectly safe. Co-sleeping? The practice carries a risk, even if you and your partner aren't smokers.

But it's a small risk, and Oster — a professor at Brown and mother of two — frankly acknowledges that it might be one worth taking if it's the only way parents and baby can sleep. Because sleep matters — a



‘Crib Sheet’

By Emily Oster, Penguin, 352 pages, \$28

zombielike parent could easily drop an infant, fall asleep at the wheel or do any number of deadly things thanks to sleep deprivation. That sort of context is often missing from the internet and our parenting messaging boards, where everything from swaddling to potty training timing is presented as a matter of life or death.

Oster's in less controversial territory here than she was in “Expecting Better,” which suggested that women can safely drink during pregnancy. (Subsequent research has made that idea look even more dubious.) But the information here — covering the first three years of life — is nonetheless useful, interesting and surprising, and I found myself underlining facts in red pen to tell my husband and fellow mom friends. (Extending parental leave from six months to a year has no effect on a child's future test scores! Those hearing loss tests at birth turn up a lot of false positives!)

There's something provocative about “Cribsheet” — its suggestion that, even when there is evidence

that something could present a harm, it's OK for a parent to accept the risk and do it anyway. In a world where parents hesitate to let their kids go down a slide without first consulting their Facebook parenting group, that suggestion feels almost revolutionary.

There is something dangerous about suggesting that our instincts as parents can be trusted over official recommendations. That is, after all, how we end up with measles outbreaks and parents who think that a few hours of Googling trumps decades of established science. But in general, we are due for a correction when it comes to how we raise our babies. “Cribsheet” is not another call for the end of helicopter parenting, and it's not a call to overthrow medical wisdom; it's a call for parenting with context, and it's freeing.

Perhaps no parenting issue lacks context more than breast-feeding, and Oster offers a thorough and clear-eyed assessment of its benefits. She dispatches with many of the overstated claims about nursing's powers (it will not raise your child's IQ) while upholding the benefits (in the short term, it reduces gastrointestinal infections and eczema in infants, and it provides some protection from breast cancer for mothers). Overall? “(I)t's not a tragedy for your baby, or for you” if you can't nurse or decide not to, Oster writes. “It is almost certainly worse if you spend a year sitting around feeling bad about not nursing.”

That sums up much of “Crib Sheet”: Be informed, do what works, and move on. Because the next challenge — potty training, preschool, calculus — is just around the corner.

Easy

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getting a big drop-off over the course of the season,” Swanberg said.

Swanberg said the episodes that have sparked the most passionate debates are Season 1’s “Controlada,” a Pilsen-set story that is mostly in Spanish, with English subtitles; and Season 1’s “Brewery Brothers,” about two brothers who set up an illegal brewery in a garage. The “brewery brothers” — played by Dave Franco and Evan Jonigkeit — return for Season 3.

Sets for most of the TV shows filmed in Chicago are housed at Cinespace Chicago Film Studios on the West Side, but Swanberg said he only filmed on location. Production and accounting work was done at a local office. He said he often heard a positive response from business owners when he approached them about filming there. “Most people, when they hear it’s ‘Easy,’ they’re like, ‘Oh, OK, cool,’” he said. Beyond Chicago, Swanberg’s also found that the show is surprisingly popular in France and Germany since Netflix is global.

And what about the people who love to mock “Easy”? “Get ready to hate-watch another season of *Easy*,” the Chicago Reader declared in a 2017 headline after the release of Season 2.

Said Swanberg: “They’re still watching it. There’s something going on. I’ve never hate-watched something that I didn’t sort of love.”

On the process

When the first season premiered in September 2016, Swanberg told reporters he began with a paragraph-long idea that was fleshed out to a three- or four-page outline for each episode. As time went on, this structure and his pitches to Netflix became more relaxed.

“By Season 3, I just called them on the phone and sort of pitched ideas, and it was much more conversational. It was interesting. I worked with the same Netflix executives all three seasons, and the better they got to know the show, the more a shorthand developed, and we were able to have that process be even more seamless,” he said.

“Easy” is improvised. Swanberg said he talks with the cast members about their characters and the episode themes well before they start shooting. He said he’s had actors turn him down just because they weren’t comfortable with improvisation.

“Chicago P.D.” alum Sophia Bush told Jimmy Fallon last month on “The Tonight Show” about her experience filming the third episode of Season 3, “Spontaneous Combustion.” Bush plays a Kartemquin filmmaker working on a project about Amara Enyia’s candidacy for Chicago mayor.

“I’m playing this documentary filmmaker named Alex in the show, and Jacqueline Toboni, who plays a character named Jo — her and Kiersey (Clemons) do their episodes together — comes



The characters played by Michael Chernus, left, and Elizabeth Reaser struggle with their open relationship on “Easy” Season 3.

to work for me. And there’s this whole moment where (Swanberg) says, ‘You know, you’re trying to figure out this girl’s deal and like, also be respectful of the workplace environment. You guys go out for after-dinner drinks, and this thing we were talking about? About relationships? Hit on that, and make sure you tell her about your ex-girlfriend so she knows you’re also gay,’” Bush said.

“And I was like, ‘That’s it?’”

On balance

Swanberg said the struggle this season (and last season) was deciding how many and which of the previous seasons’ stories to revisit and how many new characters to introduce.

“There was no good way to do it. Each time around I was like pulling my hair out. Ughhh. What choice do I make?” Swanberg said.

“I was really inspired to come back to Michael Chernus’ and Elizabeth Reaser’s characters, who’ve also been part of the show since the beginning. They have two episodes this season because there was so much story to tell. That couple is dealing with an open relationship, which is really outside of the boundaries of what most people are dealing with.”

New faces this season include Bush; Melanie Lynskey (“Togetherness”); John Gallagher Jr. (“The Newsroom”); and Chicago musician Kali Skrap, who plays a memorable street vendor on the seventh episode. Oscar-nominated filmmaker Bing Liu (“Minding the Gap”) makes a cameo on Bush’s episode.

“There are characters that I have a lot more complicated thoughts about, like Aislinn (Derbez) and Raul (Castillo) and Mauricio (Ochmann) from Season 1, the story that’s set in Pilsen with the Mexican couple (‘Controlada’). I have all kinds of things I would love to do with them, but I wasn’t ready to come back to that story yet, so they probably would have shown back up in Season 4,” Swanberg said.

On missed connections

Swanberg said he tried to add “Set it Up” actress Zoey Deutch and Mamoudou Athie (“Unicorn Store”) to the cast this season, but there were scheduling difficulties. “Public Enemies” actor Billy Crudup is the “one who got away.”

Swanberg planned to feature Crudup on an episode about dibs — the Chicago winter phenomenon of digging out a street parking spot and using household items to mark the territory — but weather timing never worked out. Season 3 was shot last year from June into the fall.

“I’m anti-dibs. The street belongs to everybody. I don’t care that you shoveled your car out, so did everyone else,” said Swanberg, who lives in the Ravenswood neighborhood. “I think it’s a violation of the social contract. I’m the kind of person who moves people’s (expletive).”

On Chicago

Swanberg once said he would need at least 15 seasons to feel comfortable calling “Easy” a portrait of Chicago. The third season brings the series episode count to 25.

The series focuses a lot on Lincoln Square and Logan Square, and the “Controlada” episode was set in Pilsen. Given more seasons, Swanberg said he would have explored the South Shore community, featured more of the Loop and dug into the Northwest Side.

“When I sort of first pitched the show and dreamed of it, I was like, this will be amazing. Each season we’ll move around the city. But once I had done the first season, if I wanted to come back to those characters, we were coming back to where we already established that they lived,” Swanberg said. “So what I dreamed of being a massively expansive, never-ending opportunity to explore Chicago, quickly turned into, ‘Well, I want to revisit these characters, but that means

we’re back in Lincoln Square. That means we’re back in Logan. That means we’re back in Wicker.’ So it sort of like trapped me a little bit.”

Part of the difficulty in accurately portraying Chicago, Swanberg said, is that he wanted to work with his favorite actors, but a lot of them live in Los Angeles or New York. “I want them to be free to give their best performance and not be doing their best impersonation of a Chicagoan,” he said.

On #MeToo

The #MeToo movement went viral on social media just weeks before Season 2 of “Easy” dropped in December 2017. #MeToo influenced “Easy” on and off screen for Season 3.

Marc Maron returns as narcissistic professor Jacob Malco, who finds out that a former grad student (played by Lynskey) claims that he abused his power when they had sex. Malco is forced to reflect on his behavior toward women.

Swanberg said he had his own “#MeToo moment a long time ago” and now he’s “overly cautious” about intimate scenes.

“All my films have had a lot of sex scenes since the beginning of my career, and I learned a lot of lessons in my 20s by doing things wrong, creating complicated situations with actors and actresses, hurting people’s feelings, causing interpersonal dynamic problems. So by this point in my career, I’m wary on the overly cautious side of things, but that’s because I was able to have those learning experiences in my early- and mid-20s,” Swanberg said.

“Really this stuff has already been drilled deep into my head, and I’ve had a lot of conversations with people that I’ve worked with about things that made them uncomfortable or situations that were confusing and avoidable. I’m just having so many conversations and attempting to have so much transparency around any kind of sex scenes these days that I think

people are pretty well protected.”

Though “Easy” features several sex scenes, Swanberg said he didn’t use an intimacy coordinator to oversee these interactions because the concept was emerging in the media as filming for Season 3 was underway. Swanberg said he showed his “Easy” actors scenes before locking the final cut so they could point out anything that they didn’t want on the show.

He said a Netflix human resources specialist also visited the “Easy” set to talk about sexual harassment and what’s not OK to do or say on set.

“It was really an involved kind of conversation that we had maybe five-minute versions of Seasons 1 and 2 and then had a 45-minute version of Season 3,” Swanberg said.

On the future

Swanberg said he recently directed two episodes of Netflix’s upcoming musical drama “Mixtape,” which has been filming around Chicago for weeks.

He said he plans to spend the summer watching his two kids while his wife, “Unexpected” director Kris Swanberg, makes a movie. He said he hopes to return to filmmaking in the fall.

“Personally, I put a lot of movie projects on hold while I was focused on ‘Easy.’ It’s sort of the only thing I’ve been doing the last three years. It’s such a big project that it takes my entire focus for six months, and then the other six months I really need to rest and gear up for the next season,” Swanberg said.

“Now that I know that it’s over, I finally have some movie ideas that I would be interested in getting back to and seeing if there’s anything there. I would venture to guess that the next thing I do would be a feature again. ... Most of the ideas that I write are set here and take place here, but you never know?”

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Power

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actual female vice president has ever existed, but at the time — Barack Obama was president with Hillary Clinton as secretary of state — such a thing at least seemed possible.

And sure, Selina Meyer’s endless assortment of sleeveless body-con dresses may have intensified some of the issues the show appeared to be satirizing — that for women, it’s not enough to be vice president; perfectly toned arms and no visible belly fat are also required. But like Theron, Julia Louis-Dreyfus can sell anything, right?

The show changed a bit after Donald Trump and his very much non-female vice president took office, which is to say it got even darker. Some, including Louis-Dreyfus, believed “Veep” was an accidentally perfect reflection of his administration — the show that “started out as a political satire” became “a sobering documentary,” she said at the 2016 Emmys.

But it wasn’t really because, well, Selina is still a woman — a woman who, in this final season, is running for president.

And sure, she’s hateful and hilarious, but in a Teflon way that is completely removed from her own gender, all that body-con notwithstanding. Even in the satiric world of “Veep,” the notion that a female candidate could get away with all the profanity, bellicosity and dirty tricks of a male candidate is absurd. Just ask Sen. Amy Klobuchar about that combination; heaven knows everyone else has.

It isn’t just politics fueling the fantasy. Mindy Kaling’s delight-



Seth Rogen is dressed for something other than Charlize Theron’s success in “Long Shot.”

ful “Late Night,” out next month, turns on Emma Thompson as a female late-night host who has been in the job so long that she needs a young, inexperienced writer, played by Kaling, to save her from calcification.

Meanwhile, in the real world, the only female host of any late-night show is E!’s Busy Philipps. Oh, wait, she was just canceled, after seven whole months.

Will these sorts of characters help us get comfortable with the idea of an actual female president or (I know, it’s crazy) late-night host? Maybe, maybe not. Many people, myself included, believed that shows such as “The Good Wife,” “Madam Secretary” and

“Game of Thrones” had, going into the 2016 election, paved the way for a female president, and yet here we are.

In the real world, female candidates are still judged on likability in a way men are not, still told to smile more even as their male opponents glower, still have their appearance criticized no matter what they look like or how they dress.

In the real world, most movies, including “Long Shot,” are directed by men; most corporations are run by men; most media outlets are headed by men; and last year, when most of the Grammys continued to be won by men, women were told they should just

“step up.”

In the real world, it took the loss of male anchors to multiple sexual harassment charges for networks to realize having two women host “Today” would not bring on the apocalypse and that Gayle King and Norah O’Donnell are stars too. (Although even O’Donnell’s move from cohost of “CBS This Morning” to anchor of “CBS Nightly News” was accompanied by rumor that it was the result of a rift with King.)

In the real world, no story has obsessed so many for so long as that of Elizabeth Holmes, the Silicon Valley entrepreneur who turned out to be a grifter. Just as so many male entrepreneurs have

turned out to be grifters, except they weren’t young women with big, unblinking eyes, so it wasn’t quite as delicious.

In this world, “fun” stories about women becoming president can seem at best flippant, at worst patronizing.

Either way, they’re depressing.

Which brings us back to “Long Shot.” Even the title is annoying, equating, as it does, the odds of a rigorously unattractive guy hooking up with a glamorous powerful woman with those of her becoming president.

A cursory glance at couples attending any power-list party proves that these odds are in no way equal.

For the purposes of romantic comedy, all the real obstacles facing any (unmarried!) woman running for president are ignored in favor of her having to choose between her political ambitions and her inexplicable love for a man who refuses to comb his hair or wear a suit to a state dinner, a supposedly savvy journalist who doesn’t seem to know that you shouldn’t masturbate in front of your laptop when you haven’t covered the camera lens. Especially if you are working for/dating the secretary of state.

(We can only hope the title is not also a sly reference to what occurs in the subsequent video.)

Yet somehow, the simple act of defending her choice of said boyfriend ensures that Madam Secretary does indeed become the first woman president.

Apparently everyone loves a smart woman who stands by her highly imperfect man no matter what.

If only someone had thought of that before.

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WATCH THIS: THURSDAY



Allison Janney

"Mom" (8:01 p.m., CBS): Christy (Anna Faris) has her sober birthday dampened by the news that Nora (Yvette Nicole Brown), her AA sponsor, is moving out of town in the Season 6 finale "Crazy Hair and a Teeny Tiny Part of Canada." Elsewhere, Bonnie and Adam (Allison Janney, William Fichtner) have an argument that prompts them to make a rash decision. Rick Overton also guest stars; Mimi Kennedy, Jaime Pressly and Beth Hall also star.

"Paradise Hotel" (7 p.m., FOX): Based on an international TV hit, this new unscripted reality competition series presents a group of singles with a sweet opportunity: They get to check into a beautiful and very exclusive tropical resort. But wait, it gets better. In this gorgeous setting, they can enjoy sun, fun and romance, but staying there requires a keen strategic mind, because each week the company votes out one of their number to make room for a newcomer.

"Swamp People" (8 p.m., 11:03 p.m., History): On the last day of gator season, a feverish race is on among the competitors to tag out. Troy's armada is out in full force, and they're ready to do whatever it takes to fill every tag. Elsewhere, Daniel and Big T mount a determined hunt to find Black Gold, an elusive predator. Joey and Zak dare to venture onto sacred ground as they track down their monster quarry in the new episode "Tag Out or Die Trying."

"Little Women: Atlanta" (8 p.m., 12:01 a.m., Lifetime): Minnie and Juicy know they really have their work cut out for them if they are going to salvage their relationship with Street Execs after a disastrous meeting with the record label in the new episode "Collaborate, Not Hate." They also desperately want to keep Abira and Emily from tanking the compilation LP that's an opportunity of a lifetime.

"For the People" (9 p.m., ABC): Sandra and Kate's (Britt Robertson, Susannah Flood) blossoming, if improbable, friendship is tested when they find themselves courtroom adversaries in a high-profile bank robbery case in the new episode "Who Are We Now?." Allison (Jasmin Savoy Brown) gives Jay (Wesam Keesh) a hand with his unconventional defense of a war veteran.

"Klepper" (9:30 p.m., 10:36 p.m., Comedy Central): Jordan Klepper may be best known for his comedy work, but this arresting new documentary series thrusts him into the front lines of an America that is hungering for positive change. Oh, the self-deprecating wit is still intact, but here it's part of a wider examination of current issues challenging the country.

TALK SHOWS

"Conan" (10 p.m. 11:30 p.m., TBS): Actor Sam Richardson; comic Rose Matafeo.*

"The Tonight Show Starring Jimmy Fallon" (10:34 p.m., NBC): Jimmy Fallon brings A-list guests, signature comedy bits and chart-topping music to late night.*

"The Late Show With Stephen Colbert" (10:35 p.m., CBS): Actors Julia Louis-Dreyfus, Anna Chlumsky, Tony Hale, Reid Scott, Timothy Simons, Matt Walsh, Kevin Dunn, Gary Cole, Sam Richardson, Sarah Sutherland and Clea DuVall.*

"Jimmy Kimmel Live" (10:35 p.m., ABC): Tom Holland, Jake Gyllenhaal, Zendaya, Cobie Smulders and Jacob Batalon; Vampire Weekend performs.*

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	ABC 7	Grey's Anatomy: "Drawn to the Blood." (N) ©		(8:01) Station 19: "For Whom the Bell Tolls." (N)		For the People: "Who Are We Now?" (N) ©	News at 10pm (N) ♦	
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Horoscopes



Today's birthday (May 9): Your team gets a lucrative boost this year. Get farther with an educational adventure through diligent organization and advance planning. Summer creativity inspires new educational outlets. Flourishing travels and research next winter shift your message in a new direction.

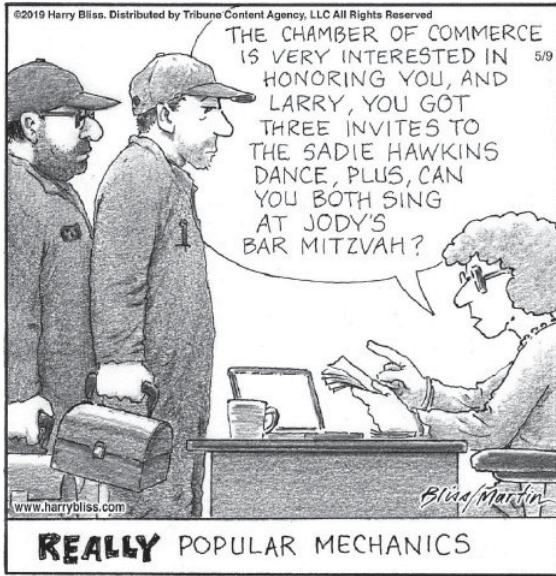
Aries (March 21-April 19): Today is a 7. Consider the excellent advice of someone who loves you. You could struggle to achieve goals today. Repay debts, and keep agreements.
Taurus (April 20-May 20): 7. Technical difficulty could disrupt your communications. Make repairs. Public obligations and practical demands have your attention. Reinforce infrastructures, issue statements and make powerful requests.
Gemini (May 21-June 20): 7. Avoid jealousies, controversy or conflicting interests. Keep things simple. Meet or beat the budget. Hold out for the best deal, and make a firm offer.
Cancer (June 21-July 22): 8. Focus on immediate priorities. A mess requires personal attention. Avoid overconsumption or excess. Postpone non-essential matters. Imagine winning.
Leo (July 23-Aug. 22): 5. Review and revise your plans. Recent changes require adaptation. Lay low, and stay close to home. Avoid crowds and chaos. Peace and quiet suits you.
Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): 7. Things could get chaotic in a group situation. Even if you make mistakes, you're charming. Share diplomacy and tact. Find the underlying humor.
Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): 8. Focus on a professional project. Choose private over public engagements. Hunt for efficiencies. Improve your process to increase your yield.
Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): 7. Discover enchantments in your own backyard. You may experience delays with long-distance travel and shipping. Studies could get fruitful. Strengthen structures. Find a local treasure.
Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): 6. You could have an unexpected draw on your finances. Stick to your budget. Don't buy toys, and convince others to wait. Learn and teach simultaneously.
Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): 7. You're especially attracted and attractive. Collaboration could get messy. Reinforce basic foundational structures. Don't evade tough questions. Listen to experience. Support each other.
Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): 7. Focus your physical and health practices toward strengthening core and basic fundamentals. Don't force or overdo things. Nurture yourself with good food and rest.
Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20): 8. Have fun with people and activities that you love. Avoid expense or fuss. Resolve misunderstandings as they occur. Listen generously. Relax and enjoy.

— Nancy Black, Tribune Content Agency

The Argyle Sweater By Scott Hilburn



Bliss By Harry Bliss



Bridge

Both vulnerable, East deals

North		East	
♠ A Q 10	♥ 10 9 7 5 2	♠ 4	♥ 6 3
♦ A K 8	♣ K 2	♦ 9 7 4	♣ Q J 10 9 6 5 3
West		South	
♠ J 8 5 2	♥ A K Q 4	♠ K 9 7 6 3	♥ J 8
♦ Q 5 2	♣ A 4	♦ J 10 6 3	♣ 8 7

An expert will sometimes bid and play a hand like he has X-ray vision. That's a mirage. His decisions are almost always based on bridge logic. South in today's deal was Australian international Sartaj Hans. He considered partner's three no trump bid to be a choice of games — extra values with only three-card spade support. He chose to play in spades and ran into a penalty double on his left.

The bidding:

East	South	West	North
3♣	Pass	Pass	Dbl
Pass	3♠	Pass	3NT
Pass	4♠	Dbl	All pass

Opening lead: Ace of ♥

club, which West won with his ace and continued with a club to dummy's king. The ace of spades revealed the trump position, so Hans ruffed a heart low in his hand and led the jack of diamonds for a winning finesse. When West proved to have three diamonds, Hans ruffed a heart with the king of spades as West helplessly under-ruffed. A spade toward dummy's queen-10 picked up the trumps and Hans brought home his doubled contract. Well played!

The contract would have been defeated had West shifted to a low trump at trick three instead of playing a third heart. That is difficult to see even looking at all four hands, so it is hard to fault West too badly for this "mistake".

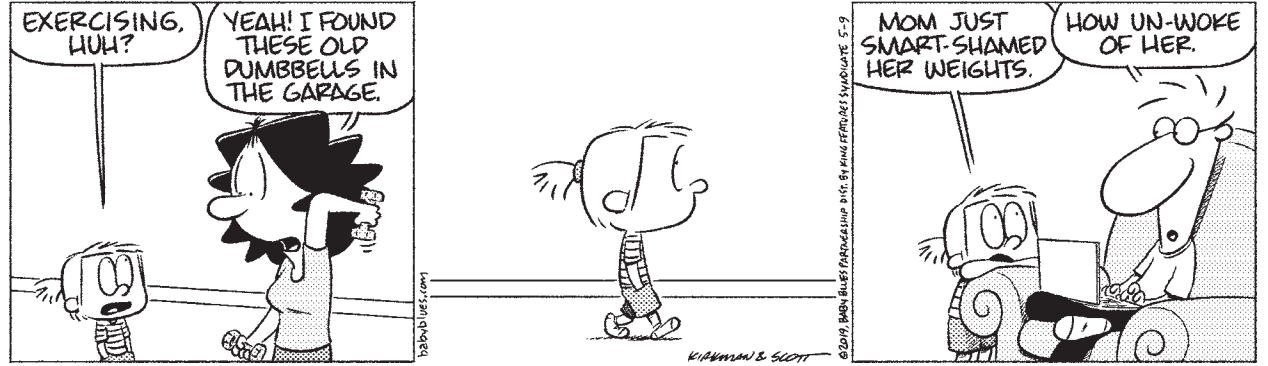
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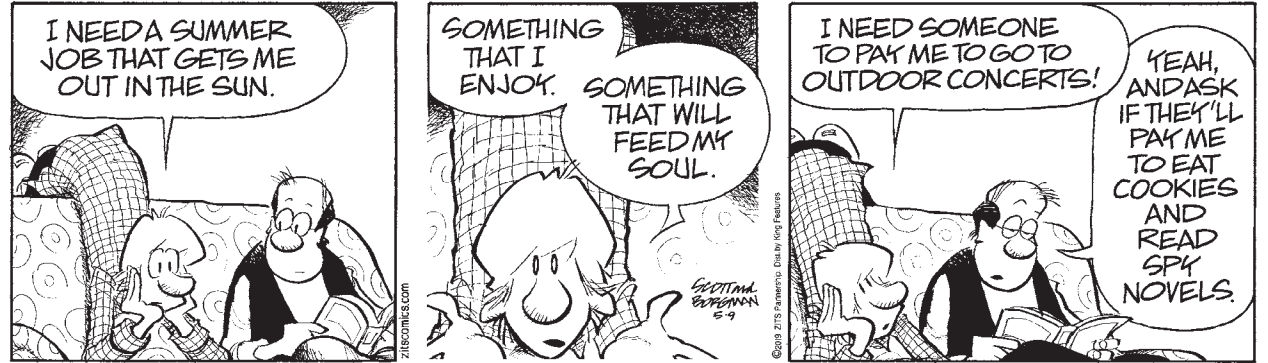
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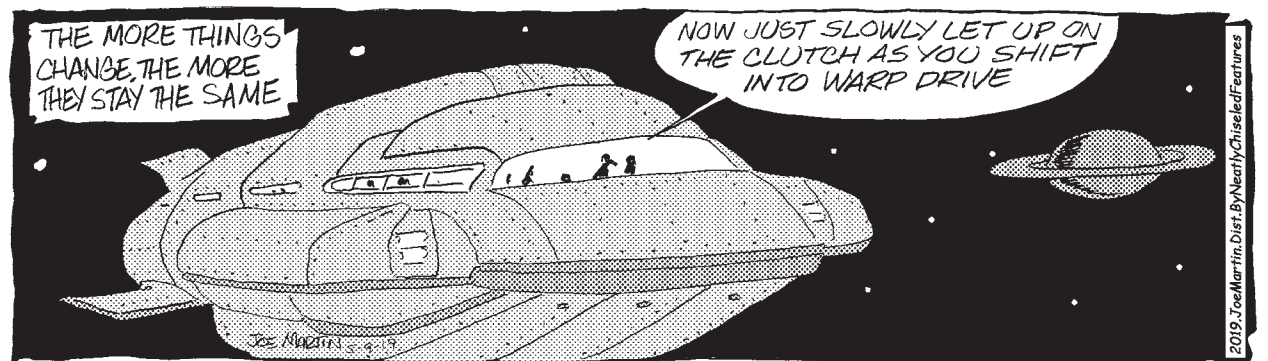
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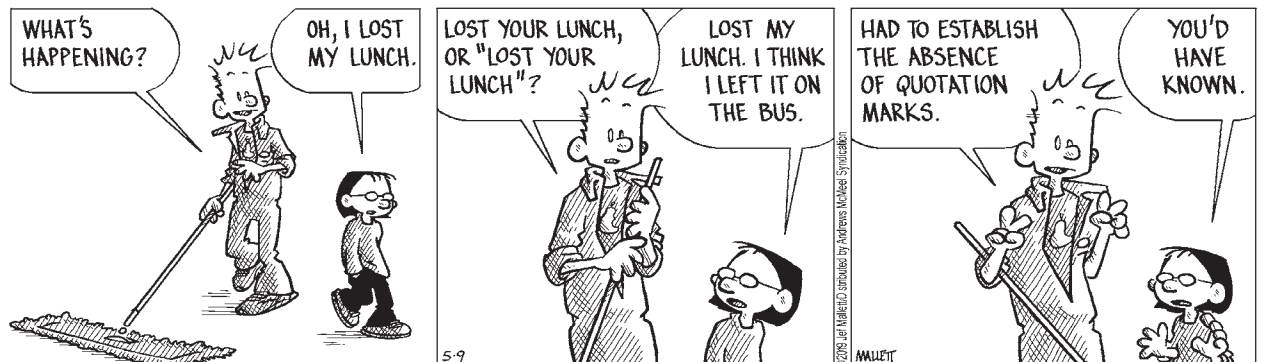
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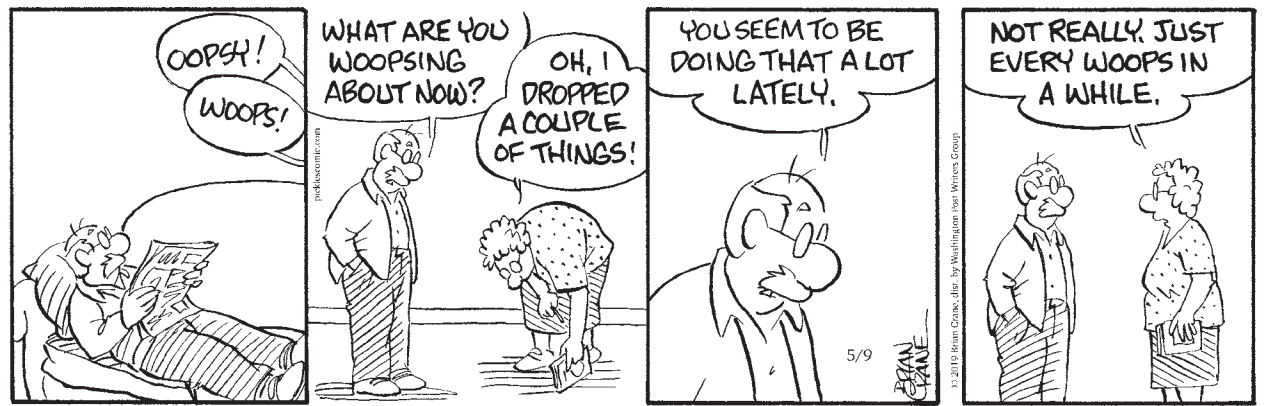
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Classic Peanuts By Charles Schulz



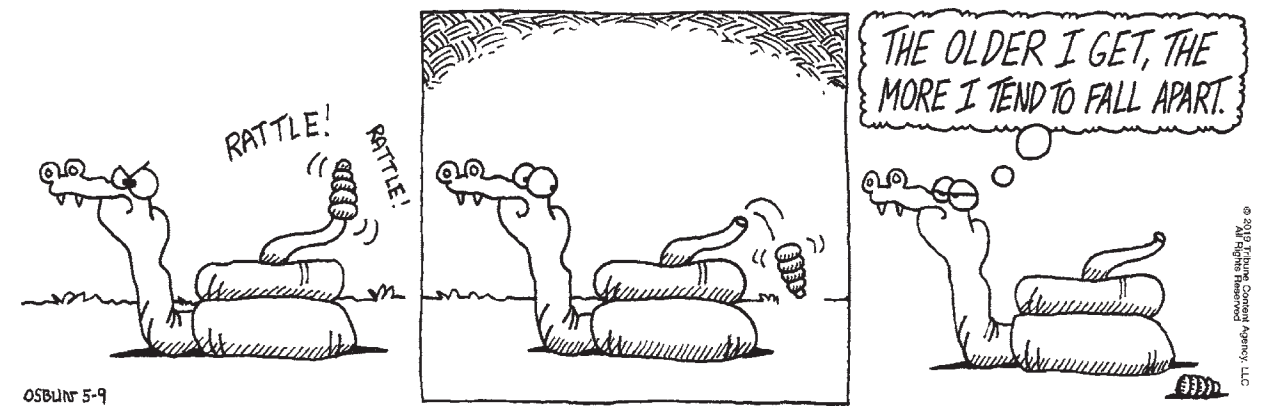
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Dick Tracy By Joe Staton and Mike Curtis



Animal Crackers By Mike Osburn



Prickly City By Scott Stantis



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THURSDAY, MAY 9

NORMAL HIGH: 68°

NORMAL LOW: 46°

RECORD HIGH: 94° (1934)

RECORD LOW: 27° (1983)

Drying out begins as cold front moves east

LOCAL FORECAST

HIGH 70 **LOW** 46

■ The cold front moves through the Chicago area late morning/early afternoon preceded by scattered showers or a few t-storms, followed by NW winds/cooler temps.

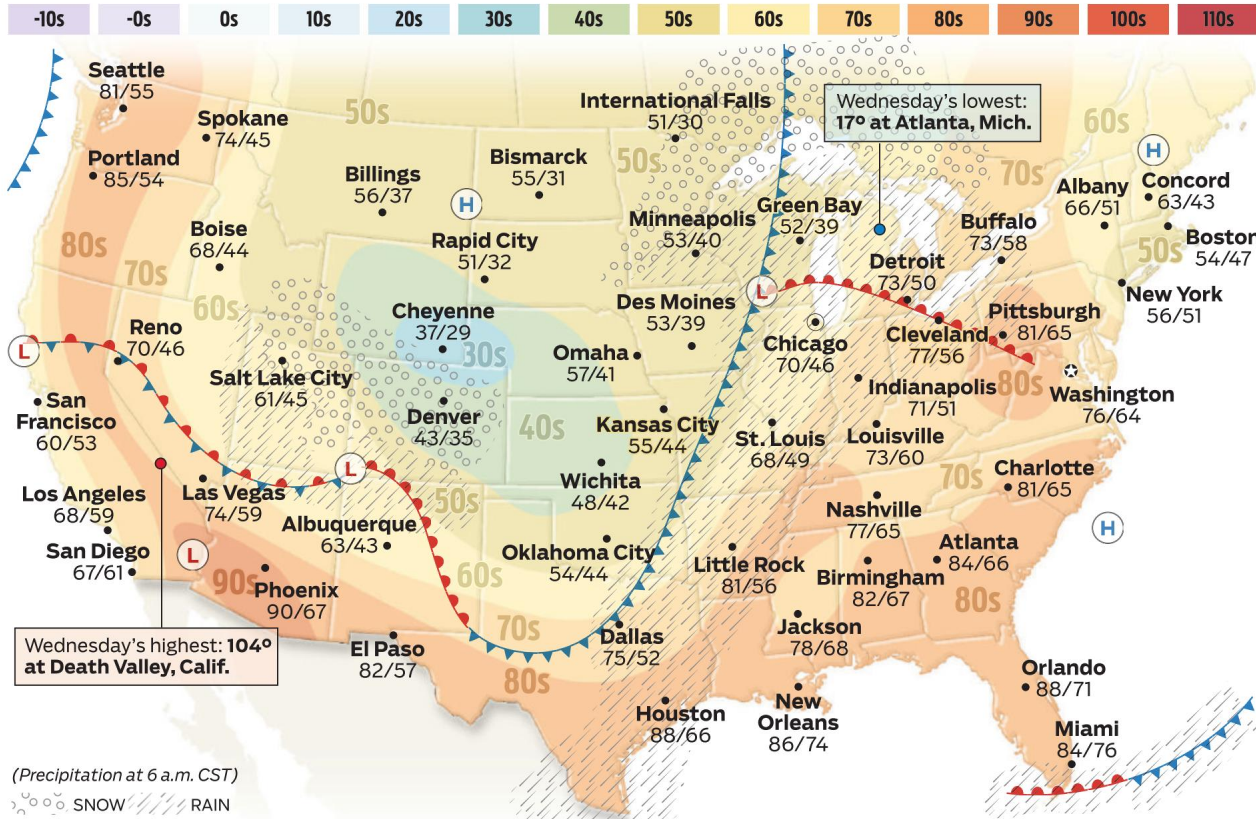
■ A few showers/possibly a thunderstorm early. Mild ahead of a midday cold front.

■ Becoming partly sunny in the afternoon and turning cooler, winds shifting to the NW.

■ High temps mid 60s far north to upper 70s far south.

■ Some cloudiness and a few sprinkles possible mainly south later at night.

NATIONAL FORECAST



Locally heavy downpours were expected to the west and north of Chicago overnight into the early hours Thursday as a cold front approached our area from the west. There may be a few remaining showers associated with the front during the forenoon, then winds shift to the NW and skies become partly sunny and cooler drier air follows into our area Thursday afternoon.

Friday into Saturday, high pressure will dominate our area with high temps slightly below normal in the low to mid 60s. A few brief, light showers will be possible on Mother's Day with another slight chance of showers the middle of next week. However, for the most part dew points will be low and the air will be fairly dry for the coming seven days — a welcome sight to farmers and individuals affected by high flowing area rivers.

FRIDAY, MAY 10

HIGH 61 **LOW** 44

Early clouds diminish turning sunny, breezy and modestly cooler. Highs in the lower 60s with cooler readings along the lakefront. Gusty winds out of the north.

SATURDAY, MAY 11

HIGH 64 **LOW** 46

Ample sunshine and increasing SW winds. Highs in the mid 60s with cooler readings again right along the lakefront. Increasing clouds overnight.

SUNDAY, MAY 12

HIGH 63 **LOW** 45

Mother's Day. Some cloudiness with a few light showers possible. Highs 60-65. Partly cloudy overnight. SW winds shift to the NW.

MONDAY, MAY 13

HIGH 65 **LOW** 49

Sunny and mild. Afternoon highs in the middle 60s. Clear skies overnight. Light winds.

TUESDAY, MAY 14

HIGH 75 **LOW** 54

A sunny start with increasing high and mid-level clouds during the afternoon. Highs in the 70s. Clouds and a chance of showers overnight. SW winds.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 15

HIGH 64 **LOW** 40

More clouds than sun. Widely scattered light showers possible. Highs in the middle 60s although an on-shore breeze will keep readings in the 50s along the lake. A slight chance of showers overnight.



ASK TOM

Dear Tom,
How do you think the weather would be affected if the oceans were fresh instead of salty?
Jim Weber, Cary

Dear Jim,
No effect. Oceans affect the weather in two ways: Water evaporates from the ocean surface and is released into the atmosphere. This means air over the oceans is rather moist. When ocean air moves over land and is lifted, it cools and, if cooled to the point of saturation, it condenses into clouds and fog, which leads to precipitation. The Earth's wettest climates occur where onshore winds blow into mountainous areas.

Ocean air tends toward the temperature of the ocean itself. This means it is relatively cool in the world's tropical areas and northward and southward, where inland temperatures can be high. In far northern and southern regions, it's opposite.

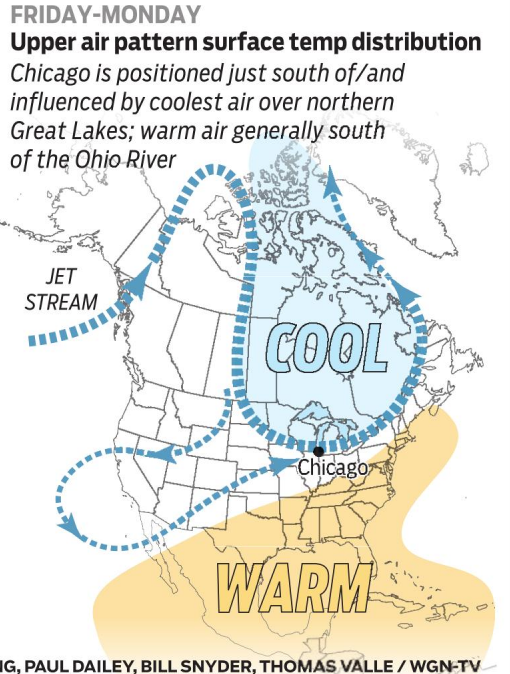
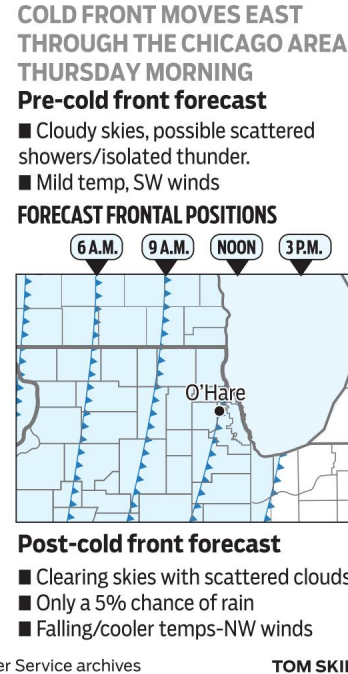
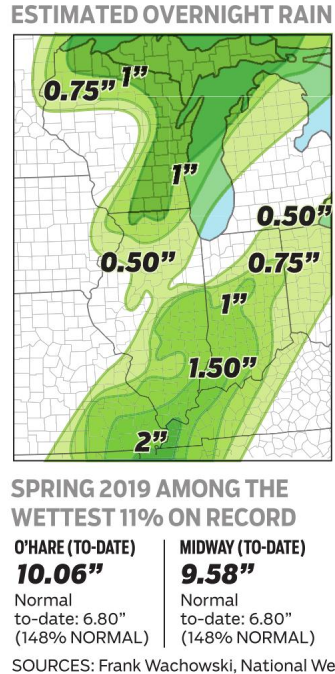
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Wet Spring 2019; cool air over Great Lakes touches Chicago



CHICAGO DIGEST

WEDNESDAY TEMPERATURES

LOCATION	HI	LO	LOCATION	HI	LO
Aurora	72	45	Midway	76	47
Gary	75	50	O'Hare	66	46
Kankakee	80	46	Romeoville	76	47
Lakefront	55	44	Valparaiso	75	48
Lansing	74	47	Waukegan	53	41

CHICAGO PRECIPITATION

PERIOD	2019	NORMAL
Wed. (through 4 p.m.)	0.06"	0.11"
May to date	1.95"	1.92"
Year to date	14.83"	10.32"

THURSDAY SUNBURN FORECAST

TIME OF EXPOSURE BEFORE SUNBURN BEGINS	2019	NORMAL
7 a.m.	Burn unlikely	
1 p.m.*	55 minutes	
4 p.m.	Burn unlikely	

SOURCE: Clear Skin Dermatology; Dr. Bryan Schultz *Peak intensity

LAKE MICHIGAN CONDITIONS

THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Wind S/W 11-23 kts.	NNE 7-17 kts.
Waves 2-4 feet	1-3 feet
Wed. shore/crib water temps 51°/40°	

WEDNESDAY PEAK POLLEN LEVEL

POLLEN	LEVEL
Tree	High
Grass	0
Mold	Low
Ragweed	0
Weed	0

SOURCE: The Gottlieb Memorial Hospital Allergy Count, Dr. Rachna Shah

CHICAGO AIR QUALITY

Wednesday's reading **Good**
Thursday's forecast **Good**
Critical pollutant **Particulates**

THURSDAY RISE/SET TIMES

Sun	5:39 a.m.	7:57 p.m.
Moon	8:34 a.m.	11:58 p.m.

THURSDAY PLANET WATCH

PLANET	RISE	SET
Mercury	5:10 a.m.	6:45 p.m.
Venus	4:40 a.m.	5:40 p.m.
Mars	7:44 a.m.	11:03 p.m.
Jupiter	10:34 p.m.	7:48 a.m.
Saturn	12:31 a.m.	9:51 a.m.

BEST VIEWING TIME DIRECTION

Mercury	Not visible
Venus	5:00 a.m. 3.5° E
Mars	9:00 p.m. 20° WNW
Jupiter	3:00 a.m. 25.5° S
Saturn	4:30 a.m. 26° S

SOURCE: Dan Joyce, Triton College

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NEW HOMES MARKETPLACE INSIDE

Upgrade the outdoors with a welcome-worthy porch

BY LAUREN WHITE

HomeAdvisor

Porches come in all shapes and sizes. Yours might comprise a few steps and a walkway, wrap-around decking, a roof or even a screen to keep the summer bugs out.

Regardless of type, the porch is often the last place to get a design treatment or cosmetic repair. This summer, take your porch to another level with one or several of these high-impact upgrades.

Update the details: No matter the size of your porch, you can likely update a minor detail or two. It might be replacing wobbly railings, painting faded columns and trim, or changing out old light fixtures for more modern ones. You could even try a new railing style or paint color to add a fresh design take. These small upgrades will make your porch look cleaner, more stylish and more appealing.

Get a new door: Your front door is an opportunity to make a statement, but it presents many other potential benefits as well. A new door can improve your home's energy efficiency, secure it against potential intruders and strengthen it against storm dam-



DREAMSTIME

Small details will make your front porch more welcoming and appealing in an instant.

age. Consider an EnergyStar-certified door style in an attractive, exciting color or pattern that complements your siding. If you're happy with your door's composition and security,

you can paint it to get the same statement effect.

Reface large surfaces: Large surfaces usually demand regular maintenance to keep up appear-

ances. These surfaces might include a small set of concrete steps and pathway from the driveway, an expansive deck or the siding on your home. They might also include a roof or screens. This

summer, boost your curb appeal by cleaning, repairing or replacing the surfaces with the greatest visual territory. Pressure-wash concrete steps and paths, stain or paint your decking, and clean or replace your siding or screens.

Add more nature: Even though your porch is already outdoors, a little extra nature and plant life can give it a significant boost. Add colorful and diverse hanging or potted plants to either side of your door or along the edge of the porch itself. Adorn railings with vibrant plants that spill over and liven up your exteriors. And line your walkway with lush greenery and flowers — with added landscape lighting to highlight those plants and increase safety.

Build a front lounge: Welcoming furniture will invite visitors to sit and enjoy the weather or a pleasant conversation. The smallest porches can often accommodate a chair or two, and large porches tend to look empty without seating and tables. Create a front gathering area that fits your taste, whether that be a classic bench swing, rocking chairs, colorful Adirondack chairs or even trendy hanging basket chairs. And don't forget tables for cold summer beverages.

Try bold, modern and fresh shades of gray

BY CATHY HOBBS

Tribune News Service

For a couple of years, gray was the "it" color gray on the runway, and the trend certainly extended to home decor. Gray remains a go-to color for those looking for a neutral color that blends well with other colors without feeling overly harsh.

Contrary to some opinions, gray doesn't have to feel tired or drab. It can instead feel bold, modern and fresh. In fact, various

shades of gray can even be blended in the same space to help create a mood or complement a certain aesthetic.

When considering shades of gray, here are some tips to keep in mind.

DO

- Pair gray with pastel colors such as blue, pink, yellow and green. The combination can feel soft and soothing.
- Consider blending multiple shades of gray in the same space.

- Use gray to highlight architectural features such as moldings, fireplaces and trims.

- Use gray for some of the primary furniture pieces in a room such as sofas, area rugs and tables.

- Use shades of gray in overly bright spaces, as the color can help add a sense of calm and tranquility.

DON'T

- Blend too many shades of warm and cool grays in the same space. A more successful combination may be

to have one shade dominate, using the other as an accent.

- Forget the opportunity to use shades of gray as accent walls.

- Overuse dark shades of gray in small spaces, as it may close in a space. Opt for lighter shades.

- Overlook opportunities to use gray in accents such as pillows, throws and artwork.

- Use gray on surfaces such as ceilings, as you will instantly reduce the light in a space.



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Solutions, help for small-space living

By **KIM COOK**
Associated Press

Setting up home in a small apartment poses all sorts of challenges.

First, there's the floor plan: With small rooms come issues like storage and where to put the bed.

Then there's the furniture: Will it fit up the stairs, and will you need a toolbox and an engineering degree to put it together?

Retailers and design services have answers. Design-your-space websites can give you accurate floor plans and helpful decor suggestions. Cleverly designed furniture is scaled for smaller footprints, and might come to the door in easy-to-assemble formats, or with assembly service as part of the package. There are now more options than ever for the diminutive nest.



MODSY RENDERING

Modsy asks users to fill out a style quiz and provide pictures and measurements. A designer does several possible plans, complete with furniture options.

The floor plan

Sites like Modsy and Havenly give you a thorough questionnaire to pinpoint your style preferences. You can choose or attach pictures of favorite spaces as well.

Then designers will come up with a few plans from which you can choose. At Modsy, for example, you can get a 3D rendering based on your photos and measurements.

Click on furnishings throughout the layout to see if you want to buy them or switch them out for other options. You can also include pieces you already own or are thinking of getting, and your designer will position them in the plan for you.

Fiona Byrne, an interior designer in New York City, says one way to tackle the challenging, long but shallow living rooms so common in the city is with space-saving furniture.

"Look for narrower pieces such as console tables instead of deep credenzas, and instead of a

coffee table, get end tables for either side of the sofa," she advises. "Dual-purpose pieces are great — side tables that can double as stools when guests come over, a console table that doubles as a desk, etc. Plug-in wall sconces eliminate the need for additional side tables and don't require any wiring. All you need is a screwdriver."

She also likes wall-mounted televisions: "People can install the cable box vertically slotted behind the TV so there's no need for a piece of furniture under the TV."

The furnishings

"Small spaces are tricky," says designer Alison Pickart of Larkspur, Calif., who has done several apartment projects. "When I want a small space to feel larger, I keep the color palette monochromatic. The eye is less 'distracted' and the space feels more seamless."

"Midcentury pieces work well in tight spaces because



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their scale is more petite," she says. Check out small-space collections from West Elm, Crate & Barrel and Pottery Barn.

Sebastian Brauer, Crate & Barrel's vice president of product design and development, says small-apartment living is about striking a balance between function and style.

"Consider pieces that contribute to a light and airy visual vibe, as well as options that maximize your

vertical space," he says. "And don't shy away from bold color; especially if your space has limited light. Bright colors can bring warmth and energy to your space."

If you're not quite ready to invest in furniture, consider renting it. In New York and San Francisco, Feather offers "furniture freedom": rentals of three months or longer for couches, chairs, tables and other furnishings from

name-brand furniture partners. You can renew the lease, or buy something if you fall in love with it.

West Elm has just launched a partnership with Rent the Runway, where subscribers can choose from 26 bundles of soft furnishings for the bedroom and living room, curated by style, print, texture and color.

Inside Weather lets you try out a piece of furniture for a year and return it if things just aren't working out.

It has a selection of contemporary pieces, like apartment-size sofas, mid-century modern chairs, credenzas and tables of all sizes.

Everything ships for free. Inside Weather tells you how your purchase is going to arrive — the number and weight of boxes — and how long it's likely to take to put together. The company has a signature snap assembly feature that means a sofa can come out of its two boxes and be ready in about

10 minutes.

Developments in memory foam technology have been a boon to the home shipping market. Instead of big, bulky mattresses that might not fit through apartment doorways, some companies are sending mattresses and pillows tightly rolled in compact boxes. Coddleme.com, Lull.com and Ghostbed.com are among the options.

Detroit-based furniture company Floyd was started by friends Alex O'Dell and Kyle Hoff, who noticed that millennials were mobile and less inclined to acquire major pieces of furniture. They offer just a few basic, easy-to-assemble pieces — a sofa, platform bed, some tables — and ship them free to select cities.

If you need help putting something together, consider hiring a service like TaskRabbit.com. It finds local pros for tasks like assembly or breakdown of furniture, or pickup, delivery and moving, and repair/install jobs.

Use the soil dug out of the planting hole to fill in around the root ball when planting a tree. When feasible, make the planting hole two to three times the width of the root ball.



CHICAGO BOTANIC GARDEN

Don't amend soil around new tree — even in clay

BY TIM JOHNSON
Chicago Tribune

I am doing some tree planting at home and wanted a recommendation on what to use to amend the soil that I fill the planting hole with to give the trees a good start. My garden has a heavy clay loam soil.

— Bruce Duff, Morton Grove

In general, it is best not to amend the soil used to backfill a planting hole. Use the soil that was dug out of the planting hole to fill in around the root ball. In some situations, replacing the heavy clay backfill soil with new soil or heavily amending it can be detrimental. Water movement through the soil will be impeded when it enters soil with one type of texture (a new or amended backfill) and then comes in contact with the existing garden soil. Excessive water can accumulate in the bottom of the planting hole and lead to root suffocation and rotting of the roots. The roots will tend to grow in the planting hole where there is better aeration versus growing out into the surrounding soil.

It is a good idea to dig a

wide planting hole, as it will reduce soil compaction around the root ball and improve soil aeration, making conditions better for roots to grow. When feasible, make the planting hole two to three times the width of the root ball. Make the sides of the hole slanted with a gradual slope upward, so that it is easier to backfill. Work the soil in around the root ball, so that there are no air pockets remaining. If the entire bed has been amended, then it is less important to dig a wide planting hole.

Trees are often planted too deep, so it is more important to plant at the proper depth than amend the soil. Generally this will not cause problems in the early years but can be a major factor in the decline and death of the tree in the future. The majority of the roots will develop in the top 12 to 18 inches of soil, though this will vary depending on the type of tree and garden soil. The tree's root system will develop at a more shallow depth in heavy clay soils versus better drained loamy or sandy soils. If the tree is planted too deep, new roots will have difficulty developing because of a lack of oxygen.

Use the trunk flare instead of the root ball top to guide you in determining the planting depth. The trunk flare is where the roots spread at the base of the tree and can be located well below the top of the root ball. Look down the trunk until you see it start to widen at the base — this will indicate the trunk flare. If the trunk flare is buried in the root ball, you will need to plant the tree higher in the hole and carefully remove the excess soil above the root system. Be careful to avoid breaking up the root ball and damaging any roots or the trunk of the tree as you shave off the excess soil. Use a sharp flat spade to do this, and push the spade toward the trunk of the tree as you remove the soil.

The trunk flare should be visible when planting is completed. In heavy clay soils, I prefer to plant trees high with the trunk flare 2-3 inches above existing grade. When soils are sandy and very well-drained, I generally position the trunk flare 1-2 inches above grade.

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Lilacs need to be pruned regularly to control size

BY BETH BOTTS
Chicago Tribune

The lush fragrance of lilacs is one of the delights of spring. Most neighborhoods have a few lilac bushes, covered in late April or early May with clusters of tiny purple flowers shaped like bunches of grapes.

Most of these shrubs are common lilac (*Syringa vulgaris*). “It’s grandma’s lilac,” said Kris Bachtell, vice president of collections at The Morton Arboretum in Lisle. “Everybody knows it.”

There are hundreds of cultivated varieties, he said. Most bloom in shades of purple, although there are cultivars with magenta, pink and white flowers too. They are all hardy and long-lived.

As beloved as it is, common lilac isn’t easy for every gardener to grow. Older varieties are often disfigured by powdery mildew in late summer, although some newer ones are more resistant to the fungal disease.

The plants, which come from rocky hillsides in the Balkans, need well-drained soil and full sun. An older lilac may stop blooming if neighboring trees have grown up to cast shade on it.

Lilacs need regular renewal pruning to thin them out and control their size. That means removing a couple of older stems every few years, Bachtell said, as well as removing dead wood. Lilacs also tend to spread from suckers growing up from the root system, which may need to be removed.

Since common lilac is a big shrub or a small tree, growing 8 to 20 feet tall and almost as wide, it can simply be too much shrub for smaller yards.

Fortunately, there are alternatives, according to Bachtell. “Some other



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Lilac ‘Declaration’ is one of the hundreds of cultivars of common lilac (*Syringa vulgaris*). Although common lilac is a large shrub, more compact lilac species are available.

species of lilac are somewhat smaller,” he said. “They may be more shade-tolerant and disease-resistant than grandma’s.”

Here are a few other lilacs to consider for the garden.

Meyer lilac (*Syringa meyeri*) grows 6 to 8 feet high and wide. Although it blooms best in full sun, it can tolerate part shade. The flower clusters, which appear a little later than those of the common lilac, are smaller but highly fragrant. The leaves turn yellow in autumn. The most common cultivar is Palibin, although others are available.

Manchurian lilac (*Syringa patula*) is known mainly for one cultivar, Miss Kim. It has wonderfully fragrant light purple flowers that fade to light pink on a plant that is 5 to 8 feet tall. The ruffled leaves turn purple-red in fall. The plant is somewhat more resistant to powdery mildew than other garden lilacs.

Reblooming lilacs are hybrids that bloom again in

late summer or early fall, although not as lushly as in spring. The Bloomerang series includes several cultivars, including Bloomerang Purple (*Syringa* ‘Penda’); Bloomerang Dark Purple (*Syringa* x ‘SMSJBP7’); and Bloomerang Dwarf Pink (*Syringa* x ‘SMNJRP1’). They are all smaller than common lilac, but sizes vary among cultivars, so check the label.

Pruning should be done in the first week or two after the shrub has finished flowering in spring, Bachtell said. Lilacs bloom from buds that were formed the year before, so pruning in winter will remove buds that would otherwise become fragrant flowers.

For tree and plant advice, contact the Arboretum’s Plant Clinic (630-719-2424 or plantclinic@mortonarb.org).

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In praise of 3- and 4-way electrical switches

BY TIM CARTER
Tribune Content Agency

Q: Tim, I need you to mediate a dispute between my husband and me. We're building a new home, and there are quite a few places where two or more switches can be used to control lights. I like the convenience but my husband has had nothing but problems trying to troubleshoot these three- and four-way switches. He wants nothing to do with these "wretched switches," as he refers to them. Your vote will decide the issue.

A: I'm a huge fan of three- and four-way switches. I wish I could meet the engineer who many years ago figured out how to make these magnificent switches that allow you to control a light, or group of lights, from multiple locations.

The most common uses for these switches are at the top and bottom of staircases or at the ends of a long hallway. When you use one in a finished home, you might think it's magic that's making it all work. In reality, you just need special switches that are readily available. You also need to have a special cable with one extra wire that runs between the two switches.

The simplest setup is to have just two three-way switches control one light. A three-way switch has three screws on it, plus the green grounding screw. A standard single-pole switch only has two screws on it, plus the green grounding screw.

That extra screw on a three-way switch confounds almost all homeowners and apprentice electricians, judging from the emails I get every week asking for help. There are a few ways to connect two three-way switches



TIM CARTER PHOTO

Six different three- and four-way switches will be installed here once the house is complete. The wiring looks complex, but it's not.

together, but I prefer the method where you use a cable that has an extra red wire in it. It's called three wire with a ground.

The real fun and magic of these switches is when you have a situation where you want to control some lights or an appliance from three or more points. My daughter is building a new home right now, and she's got at least five sets of lights in her home that are controlled by four different switches.

To achieve this higher level of electrical wizardry, you install four-way switches in between the two three-way switches in the circuit. A four-way switch has four

screws on it, plus the green grounding screw.

To make the wiring work flawlessly, so your husband becomes a lover of these switches, you install the same special three-wire cable in between all the three and four-way switches in the circuit. That lovely red wire along with the black wire in the cable will do all the heavy lifting, and your husband will think that all the switches in your new home were sprinkled with pixie dust.

I have three helpful videos at AsktheBuilder.com showing you how fast and easy it is to wire up and troubleshoot three and four-

way switches.

Q: What is the best deck cleaner for both wood and composite decks? There's lots of conflicting information on the internet. Many people say to mix chlorine bleach with water in a 50/50 solution. Others say to blast away using a pressure washer.

A: I've tried all the methods mentioned and discovered, quite by accident, the best way to clean a wood deck.

I've always known that chlorine bleach is the worst thing to use outdoors to clean decks, pati-

os and sidewalks. A neighbor in Cincinnati killed a magnificent maple tree that provided luxurious shade on her rear patio using chlorine bleach. Each spring she'd dump three gallons of pure bleach on the patio and scrub away to rid it of algae. I told her it was a mistake, and she ignored me. The tree got sicker and sicker and eventually had to be cut down.

Other friends of mine and many contractors feel pressure washers are the answer. Yes, they are magnificent tools and blast away mildew, dirt and sun-damaged sealers. But the high-pressure stream also erodes the soft, light-colored spring wood in between the darker bands of summer wood in the decking. Soon your deck looks and feels like a 50-year-old fishing pier.

Twenty-five years ago I was doing research for how to seal a wood deck. I interviewed a manufacturer and casually asked about using chlorine bleach as a cleaner. He responded: "Oh, that's the worst thing to use. You want to use oxygen bleach."

Oxygen bleach is readily available. I'd recommend a brand that's certified organic. Oxygen bleach is not toxic to vegetation. It doesn't bleach out the color of wood as chlorine does, and there is no foul odor.

Oxygen bleach comes as a powder you mix with water. Use warm or hot water and stir until all the powder dissolves. Work in the shade and apply the solution to dry decking so it soaks into the wood to deep clean it. Apply the solution liberally and allow the oxygen bubbles to work for at least 15 minutes before lightly scrubbing the decking with a medium scrub brush. Rinse well with clear water, let dry and you'll be amazed at how clean your wood is.

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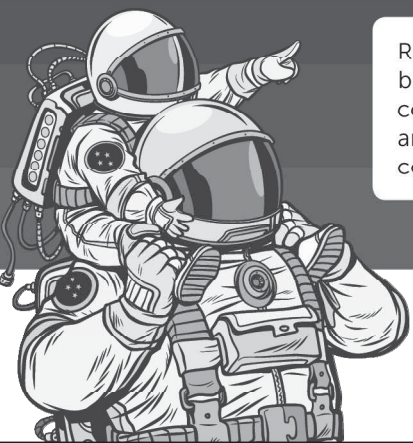
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Heavy foliage near the house usually means gutters will need to be cleaned more often.

HOME REMEDIES

Gutter issues can grow without prompt attention

BY PAUL F.P. POGUE
Angie's List

Your gutters are important to your home's overall well-being. When properly maintained, they protect your roof, your siding and even your foundation.

Metal or vinyl materials can last many years, but when things go wrong, they need to be addressed quickly and efficiently. Ask yourself these five questions to keep your gutters in the best condition.

Have your gutters been cleaned lately? Regular gutter cleaning provides the most important first line of defense against damage. Debris buildup defeats their purpose — clogged gutters can easily be damaged and lead to trouble elsewhere around the home.

Experts recommend cleaning your gutters at least twice a year, in spring and summer. If you have heavy foliage around your house, you might even need to do it three or four times a year.

If water begins to pool near your foundation or you notice water overflowing during rain, you need to get your gutters cleaned.

Don't forget your downspout either. A blocked downspout can cause problems as well.

Gutter cleaning can be a dangerous job, so you should hire a licensed and insured professional to handle it.

Are they sagging? If your gutters sag, you need to address it. Once gutters begin to lean or pull away, the problem gets worse quickly. Your fascia board could rot or the gutters might collapse entirely.

Broken spikes and hangers usually cause sagging gutters. Replace this hardware as necessary.

Sagging may also indicate that you have gutters that are not appropriate for your house. A professional can tell you if you need to replace them.

Can you see leaks? If your gutters aren't blocked, but water is still escaping, you probably have a leak.

Leaks sometimes open at the joints between sections. In those cases, you can reseal them. Sometimes a damaged gutter will crack and begin to leak. You can patch such a leak, but once a weak spot is established, the problem

will likely recur.

Do your gutters show signs of damage? Several telltale markers can give you early warning of gutter damage. If paint is peeling on or around them, it may mean standing water is present. Orange flecks also give this problem away.

Pools of water or mildew near the foundation indicate that your gutters are not working properly. If you see water marks or water damage beneath the gutters, water is probably escaping.

If you see any of these indicators, you need to hire a pro to check them out.

Are they pitched correctly? Gutters must be slightly pitched toward the downspout. Most gutters are pitched at $1/8$ or $1/16$ inch per foot. You usually can't tell this by looking at it, but if water pools and there's no blockage, your gutters are probably improperly pitched.

Sometimes this is because they were installed incorrectly. Or your house may have settled since installation. Pitch adjustment is a delicate job that must be done precisely. It's best left to a professional.



NEW HOMES MARKETPLACE

Buyers prize golf course communities for sport and natural beauty

With the warm weather and golf season around the corner, many new home shoppers may find themselves dreaming of the perfect blend of a state-of-the-art new residence in a picturesque golf course community.

Golf course communities offer open vistas, trees and vegetation and abundant landscaping for an uncommonly beautiful environment. The presence of a golf course also adds a recreational atmosphere.

The Chicagoland suburbs and nearby resort areas offer many opportunities to make this dream come true, whether buyers are seeking a primary home or a vacation home an easy drive away.

At Harbor Shores Resort near the southwest Michigan towns of St. Joseph and Benton Harbor, buyers have a choice of townhomes, Cottage Court homes and traditional single-family homes, located just 1½ hours from Chicago's suburbs.

"The central amenity at 530-acre Harbor Shores Resort is the Jack Nicklaus Signature Design Golf Course," says Kerry M. Wright II, director of real estate sales and marketing. "The challenging course reflects the highest level of involvement by Nicklaus himself, and it is the home site of the KitchenAid Senior PGA Championship through 2024. This outstanding course is just one of the recreational amenities offered to those who are purchasing a primary home, a vacation home or a home as a retirement destination."

Sales are currently taking place at Harbor Village, an 11-acre neighborhood at the juncture of the Paw Paw and St. Joseph Rivers at Lake Michigan. This scenic location is also the site for the 92-room Inn and Spa at Harbor Shores Resort and a 60-slip

deep water marina. The Harbor Village neighborhood includes a 2,000-square-foot clubhouse with outdoor pool, firepit, gathering room and kitchen. Other nearby amenities include the Renaissance Athletic Club, North Pier Brewery, Canoe and Kayak Launch, several sandy beaches and 12 miles of walking paths.

"Harbor Shores Resort has been designed with inspired land planning, charming Coastal Shingle Style architecture and abundant landscaping for an upscale yet relaxing atmosphere," Wright says. "It is the ideal place to relax with family and friends, and homes are available for delivery in time for the summer season."

Model homes are available for viewing in both the townhomes and Cottage Court townhomes, many with golf course or river views. The townhomes feature 1,700 square feet with three bedrooms and three full baths, open living areas and large covered decks, priced at \$335,000. The Cottage Court townhomes are 2,400-square-foot residences arranged in groups of five homes around an inner courtyard. They have open concept family rooms, three bedrooms, 2½ baths and landscaped courtyards, priced from \$435,000.

Exciting new opportunities are also available at Shodeen Homes' award-winning Mill Creek, west of Geneva. Sales are getting underway for the South Mill Creek Village Homes in this master-planned recreational community, named the "Best



Picturesque golf course communities offer panoramic views and a recreational atmosphere for homebuyers.

Overall Community in the Midwest" by the National Association of Home Builders and Professional Builder Magazine.

"Mill Creek offers two 18-hole public golf courses plus Eaglebrook Golf Course just five minutes away," says Jeremy Lund, sales director for Shodeen Homes. "Those residents who enjoy scenic open vistas appreciate sweeping golf course views."

Set amidst 2,100 acres with over 900 acres of open space, Mill Creek is a lifestyle community where 2,356 homes are set among 127 acres of preserved wetlands, 195 acres of parks, 17 miles of walking/biking trails, a community center and pool, tennis courts, two on-site community churches and the downtown Village Retail Center. Geneva School District 304, recently named in the top 3 districts nationally, serves Mill Creek, and two grammar schools are located within the community.

The Village Homes feature five ranch and two-story plans, one with a first-floor master bedroom. The homes range from 1,043 to 2,076 square feet, featuring open concept floor plans, full basements and rear-entry two or 2½-car garages. The homes have covered front porches for an inviting streetscape, and offer freedom from lawn maintenance and snow shoveling, priced from the \$280s.

Shodeen Homes is also offering luxury single-family homes at Geneva National in Lake Geneva, Wisconsin, with its 54 holes of golfing on courses designed by master golfers Arnold Palmer, Gary Player and Lee

Trevino. Buyers may choose from several semi-custom home designs or custom homes in this outstanding community.

At Toll Brothers' master-planned Bowes Creek in Elgin, luxury homes are set around the award-winning Rick Jacobsen-designed golf course. In addition, this picturesque resort-class community offers walking trails, community parks and a clubhouse with a pro shop and Porter's Pub, an on-site restaurant and bar ideal for gathering with family and friends.

"Our buyers are seeking the natural beauty and resort environment of Bowes Creek Country Club," says Victoria Ringhausen, Community Sales manager. "Our Masters Collection homes overlook the golf course, while buyers of the Fairways Collections enjoy owning their first or second home in this prestigious environment."

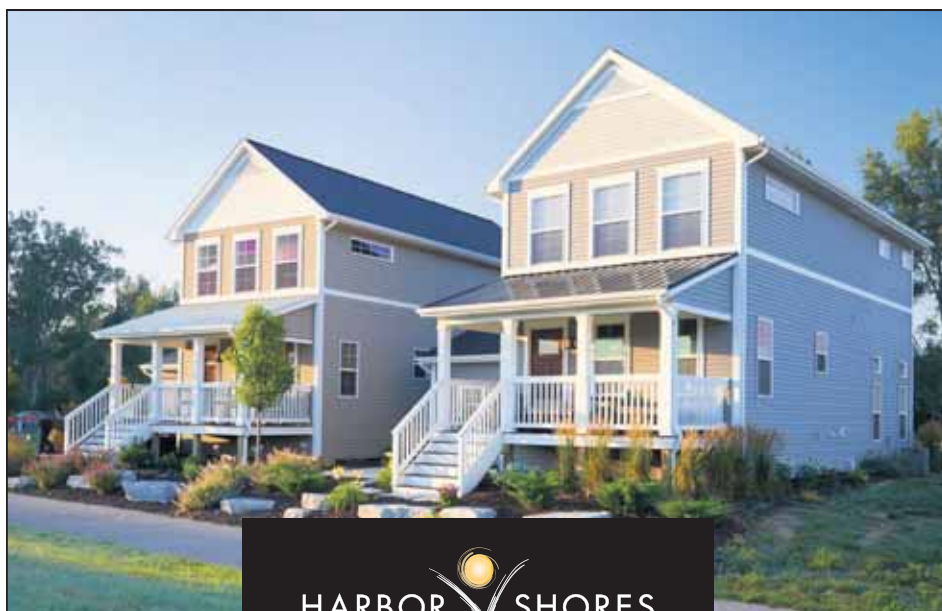
The Fairways Collection, priced from \$299,995, features Executive home designs with both ranch and four two-story plans, two or three-car garages, and popular open concept floor plans.

The Masters Collection also includes two open concept ranch designs as well as five two-story plans. Prices start in the upper \$300s for the Masters Collection, which includes the largest and most elegant homes at Bowes Creek Country Club.

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The waterfront resort community in the St. Joseph-Benton Harbor area of historic southwest Michigan is attracting many Chicagoland homebuyers who are seeking a change of pace just 1½-hours away.

"People buy vacation homes so they can relax and enjoy a refreshing environment where visits with family and friends are enhanced by picturesque natural surroundings and a wide range of recreational opportunities," says Kerry M. Wright II, director of real estate sales and marketing for Harbor Shores Resort. "Harbor Shores Resort has been thoughtfully designed to foster a casual, congenial atmosphere where people can make new friends and



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The Woods of South Barrington's two new floor plans include today's most sought after features.

The Woods of South Barrington adds two new floor plan options

Award-winning national homebuilder Toll Brothers has introduced two new open-concept floor plans and added a variety of additional exterior elevation choices at The Woods of South Barrington, a picturesque, master-planned community served by Barrington School District 220.

Located just north of Route 72 (Higgins Road) and east of Route 59 (Sutton Road), The Woods of South Barrington consists of three distinct neighborhoods. Currently, buyers can choose from an impressive collection of single-family residences on ¾ to 1-plus acre homesites ranging from 3,523 to over 5,000 square feet in size and priced from the low \$800s.

"The two new plans, the Channahon and the Windermere, include today's most desirable new home features, as well as a variety of options to personalize your home," says Alison Keifer, senior sales Manager for The Woods of South Barrington. "These open-concept designs feature first-floor bedrooms, gourmet island kitchens open to family rooms, studies, lofts or playrooms, spectacular owner's suites with private luxury baths, secondary bedrooms with large walk-in closets, first-floor mudrooms and convenient second-floor laundry rooms. In addition, buyers can choose from a variety of new stone and brick accented elevations from traditional to more contemporary."

The new plans include:

- The 4,387-square-foot, two-story Channahon with five bedrooms, including a first-floor bedroom and second-floor master suite with two-walk in closets and luxury bath, formal dining room, study,

gourmet island kitchen with walk-in pantry open to the great room with fireplace and 12-foot tray ceiling and covered deck with optional skylights. Upstairs, both a Jack-and-Jill suite and Princess suite are featured as well as a playroom and laundry room. The home, priced from the upper \$900s, also includes a three-car garage and full basement. This home may be designed with up to seven bedrooms and 5½ baths for buyers who desire more living space.

- The 4,508-square-foot Windermere priced from \$1 million, is a two-story plan with four bedrooms, 3½ baths, formal living and dining room, study or first-floor bedroom, spacious gourmet island kitchen open to a spectacular family room, large mudroom, dual staircases, second-floor owner's suite with sitting area, two-walk in closets and luxury bath, Jack-and-Jill suite, Princess Suite, loft and convenient second-floor laundry. A full basement and three-car garage is also included as standard.

"Buyers appreciate the impressive list of luxury features included in our homes as well as the hundreds of options available to them to customize their home," Keifer says. "Our 2,000-square-foot design studio, professional designers and online design tools help make your home everything you dreamed it would be."

Children attend Countryside Elementary School, Barrington Middle School Prairie Campus and Barrington High School.

The Woods at South Barrington is located at 2 Acadia Drive. The sales center is open 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. daily. To learn more, call 847-381-4700 or visit tollbrothers.com.

NEW HOMES MARKETPLACE

Shodeen's Prairie Centre in St. Charles taking shape

St. Charles Prairie Centre, located on the former St. Charles Mall site at Route 38 (Lincoln Highway) and Randall Road, is taking shape as one of the apartment buildings is under roof with a second building's foundation completed.

When complete, this 27-acre, \$100 million Shodeen Development will include 670 residential units and up to 116,000 square feet of commercial and retail space.

"We worked diligently through the fall and into the winter months updating and replacing critical infrastructure at a cost of over \$6 million, including sanitary sewer, storm sewers, water mains, natural gas lines, fiber optics with GIGA-speed internet, entry monuments, roads and parking. In essence, updating the antiquated infrastructure, which sat vacant for over 20 years," says Dave Patzelt, Shodeen Construction president. "The first three-story, luxury residential building on McThurstan Court will be ready for occupancy late this summer and include one- and two-bedroom luxury apartments complete with stainless-steel appliances, and granite countertops as well as underground heated parking and a secured entry system within a truly walkable development. This is a truly suburban mixed-use development with a touch of Transit Oriented Development with 10-minute Pace Bus service to the local train station."

The construction of the Prairie Centre development is tightly interwoven into

the existing retail corridor allowing residents easy walking access to commercial tenants such as Jewel-Osco, Binny's, CVS, Walgreens, 5th/3rd Bark, Planet Fitness and several restaurants. It is being constructed in phases that will bring additional retail and restaurant users to the area. In addition to the apartment buildings and out-lot options, there are six mixed-use buildings with first-floor office, retail and restaurant space with underground and street parking.

The senior housing component of the project, called Anthony Place at Prairie Centre, will be developed and built by GC Housing Development, LLC, an affiliate of Crane Construction Company LLC. These one- and two-bedroom apartments will be age restricted to those 55 years and older and will include common gathering areas such as a computer room, community kitchen and patio for parties and gatherings as well as a gym, library and crafts room.

"Construction will begin in early May on Anthony Place Senior Apartments at Prairie Centre," says Andrew Block, co-president of Crane Construction Company LLC. "When opened, this 75-unit, four-story senior housing development will bring much needed housing options for seniors in St. Charles. We anticipate construction completion in early 2020."

OKW Architects of Chicago is the land planners of Prairie Centre as well as the



Construction continues on Prairie Centre in St. Charles with the first apartment building under roof and another underway.

lead designer of the Design Guidelines for the development. For over 60 years, OKW's creative work continues to enhance and celebrate the architectural, landscape and land planning expertise.

The fresh, new land plan makes Prairie Centre a desirable walkable community, which is expected to attract both empty-nesters and millennials who want a streamlined lifestyle close to numerous amenities without the burden of exterior maintenance and upkeep.

Architect Don McKay of Sheehan Nagle Hartray of Chicago is the designer of the residential portion of Prairie Centre. Sheehan Nagle Hartray is a full-service,

global architectural firm whose past projects include award-winning Dodson Place in Geneva, the Oak Park, Evanston and DeKalb Public Libraries and the Residences at Mill Creek, as well as many others.

The commercial retail and office leasing is being handled by Craig Lillibridge, Mario Melone and Les Kristof of CBRE Advisory & Transaction Services Group.

Visit CBRE.com for more information on leasing at Prairie Centre. Financing for the first phase of development is being provided by 5th/3rd Bank.

To learn more about Prairie Centre, visit prairiecentre.com or call 630-232-7883.

Vacation Home *continued*

Harbor Shores Resort is the Jack Nicklaus Signature Design Golf Course. The course reflects the highest level of design involvement by Jack Nicklaus himself, and it is the site of the KitchenAid Senior PGA Championship through 2024.

The Inn and Spa at Harbor Shores Resort attract guests and special events in a luxurious 92-room waterfront facility, set against the backdrop of Lake Michigan.

Sales are currently taking place at 11-acre Harbor Village, a neighborhood that enjoys a nautical location on Lake Michigan at the confluence of the Paw Paw and St. Joseph Rivers. Harbor Village is adjacent to the Inn as well as a 60-slip deep-water marina, making it especially attractive to sailors, power boat enthusiasts and kayakers. Twelve miles of walking

paths link residents with these amenities and the Lake Michigan beaches that have long made the area a vacation destination. Harbor Village will include 78 homes, including 30 single-family homes and 48 attached townhomes and rowhomes. Model homes are open for both the Cottage Court townhomes as well as the townhomes. In addition, a 2,000-square-foot clubhouse will open soon, with an outdoor pool, fire-pit and gathering room with fireplace and kitchen.

Evergreen Development created the thoughtfully designed land plan that includes extensive landscaping, walking paths and charming homes in the Coastal Shingle architectural style with high-pitched roofs and large front porches.

"The investment value of Harbor Village is not limited to the outstanding lifestyle it offers," Wright says. "It is rare to find homes

that can serve as vacation rentals in the St. Joseph area. However, unlike most of St. Joseph, homeowners at Harbor Village are able to rent out their homes on a weekly basis when they are not using them. With so many inviting amenities within walking distance, there is a continuing demand for rentals as well as homeownership at Harbor Village."

The townhomes feature 1,700 square feet of living space, with open-concept living areas, three bedrooms and three full baths. Large covered porches provide beautiful views of the golf course. Two townhomes are available for sale, priced at \$335,000.

The Cottage Court townhomes, arranged in groups of five around a lavishly landscaped courtyard, feature 2,400 square feet of living space, with three bedrooms, 2½ baths and open concept

living areas, priced from \$435,000.



Semi-custom single-family homes are also offered within Harbor Village, ranging from 1,800 to 3,000 square feet, with three or four bedrooms and three baths. Homesites have views of open space and the Paw Paw River. A single-family model home is under construction, as are side yard cottages. Prices range from the low \$400s to the \$600s.

The Harbor Shores Discovery Package enables visitors to experience the community, with overnight accommodations at The Inn at Harbor Shores Resort, dinner at Plank's Tavern in the Inn and two rounds of golf or a spa experience. The \$299 package also includes the chance to meet with Resident Ambassadors for insights on the lifestyle.

For more information, visit harborshoreslife.com or call 269-932-1600.

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SAVINGS UPDATE

How are ARM rates calculated?

Adjustable rate mortgages, or ARMs, can be attractive for homebuyers who don't expect to stay in their house for the long haul or who think interest rates will be lower in the future. But since plans often change, and rates are virtually impossible to predict, it's important to understand how ARM rates adjust.

Each ARM has an initial period and an adjustment period. The initial period is typically 3, 5, 7 or 10 years during which the rate is fixed. But after that, the rate will change according to its adjustment period. For example, a 5/1 ARM will remain fixed for five years, then adjust every year after that.

Two terms in an ARM's fine print tell you how the new rate will be calculated: the index and the margin. The index is a market benchmark to which your rate is formally pegged. Many ARMs use the 12-month LIBOR index, but there are several others. Each ARM will name the index

with which it is linked, and that index will fluctuate with market conditions.

The margin, on the other hand, is fixed and serves as an add-on to the index. So if an ARM's margin is 3%, and the 12-month LIBOR index is 2.25% at adjustment time, the new rate would be 5.25% (2.25% index + 3% margin).

Two more ARM terms can also come into play. One is the rate adjustment cap, which limits how much the rate can move with any one adjustment. The other is the maximum rate, which specifies the very highest it can rise over the life of the loan.

Anyone considering an ARM will want to carefully compare different products according to index and margin rates, as well as adjustment caps and maximums, as digging into these details can help differentiate between otherwise similar-seeming ARMs.

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