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Mary Williams stands beneath mold in her bedroom ceiling in her South Chicago neighborhood. She must now vacate the unit by June.

In city's black areas, odds of facing eviction higher

Landlords move against renters 4 times more than in white parts

BY JAVONTE ANDERSON
 Chicago Tribune

It first appeared in patches — dark and spotty. Then with each rainfall, it started to spread across the ceiling, taking on a life of its own. Mary Williams said that when her landlord neglected to fix her leaking roof and clean up the mold in her bedroom, she stopped paying rent. “I kept telling them, and they didn’t care,” Williams said. “In my mind, I was saying they’d

have to take me to court. Once they take me to court, I’m going to go to the court and show them my living conditions because they won’t come to fix the problem.” After the landlord filed a complaint to have Williams, a 52-year-old Chicago Public Schools Safe Passage worker, evicted, the two parties settled, allowing her to move out of the South Chicago apartment next month without having to pay the roughly \$5,000 she withheld in rent.

In African American neighborhoods like Williams’ South Chicago, landlords file for evictions at a substantially higher rate than in other parts of the city, according to a new report from the Lawyers’ Committee for Better Housing, a local housing advocacy organization that reviewed nearly 300,000 Cook County eviction court records for 2010 through 2017. In 2017, landlords in majority-African American neighborhoods filed for evictions four times more often than in white neighbor-

hoods, the report found. “This is not acceptable,” said Randall Leurquin of the Lawyers’ Committee, who analyzed the data for the report. “We have a requirement to affirmatively further fair housing, and that’s just not about obtaining a house, it’s also about maintaining a house,” he said. But seeking an eviction is often the last recourse for landlords after tenants fail to pay rent because filing an eviction case is

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Congress pushing for more Iran intel

Pelosi warns Trump to avoid war after US moves in the region

BY LISA MASCARO AND SUSANNAH GEORGE
 Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Sudden White House moves in the Middle East sparked alarm in Congress on Wednesday as House Speaker Nancy Pelosi warned President Donald Trump away from war with Iran and lawmakers in both parties demanded more information on his thinking.

The top leaders in Congress — the so-called Gang of Eight — are to receive a classified briefing from the administration Thursday.

But Pelosi said the White House has resisted a wider presentation for all lawmakers, part of what Democrats say is a pattern of stonewalling. Some Republicans, including Utah Sen. Mitt Romney, sought out their own briefings as the administration called U.S. personnel home from Iraq and sent military might to the Persian Gulf, claiming unspecified threats linked to Iran.

Pelosi said Trump has “no business” moving toward a Middle East confrontation without approval from Congress.

“We have to avoid any war with Iran,” she told fellow Democrats in a private meeting, according to a person in the room who was granted anonymity to discuss it.

On Wednesday, the U.S. or-

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Body ID’d as missing pregnant teenager

Officials say she was strangled, baby cut out in ‘unspeakable act’

BY KATHERINE ROSENBERG-DOUGLAS, ROSEMARY SOBOL, JESSICA VILLAGOMEZ AND JEREMY GORNER
 Chicago Tribune

The body of a 19-year-old pregnant woman reported missing last month was found behind a Southwest Side home, strangled, hours after several people at the home were taken into custody, according to authorities.



Ochoa-Uriostegui

The baby was cut out of the woman’s body after she was slain and remains in “grave” condition, according to the Chicago Police Department’s chief spokesman, Anthony Guglielmi.

“We believe that she was murdered and we believe that the baby (was) forcibly removed following that murder,” Guglielmi said.

The grim discovery brought to an end the search for Marlen Ochoa-Uriostegui, who family said was last seen leaving her high school April 23. She was nine months pregnant when she disappeared, and family members said she had gone to the home in the 4100 block of West 77th Place to swap baby clothes with a woman she met through a Facebook

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Scope and pace of Pritzker agenda concerns Dems

With session’s end near, some see little to show for big plans

BY RICK PEARSON
 Chicago Tribune

The election of J.B. Pritzker as governor in November ushered in a sense of euphoria for Democrats after four years of Republican Bruce Rauner and resulted in a high-stakes first-year legislative agenda aimed at capitalizing on the new chief executive’s electoral mandate.

But with the first spring session under Pritzker’s watch nearing its scheduled adjournment at the end of May, many rank-and-file Democrats are concerned that the new administration’s big ideas have largely remained just that, rather than passable legislation. Republicans also have noticed the Democratic discontent.

“I can’t say what’s going on in the second floor (governor’s office), but there’s a common theme among the rank-and-file members and people who work in the building, and that is how are we going to land this

ship?” said House Republican leader Jim Durkin of Western Springs.

To be certain, Republicans were unlikely to go along with many of the Democratic governor’s proposals, which include changing the state income tax system, legalizing marijuana, instituting sports betting and enacting a host of smaller-bore tax increases on such items as cigarettes, plastic bags and successful video-gaming businesses. There’s also the need for a tax-supported public works plan, which GOP leaders support — but not in its current form.

But it is the consternation among Democrats that is the chief challenge to Pritzker’s agenda. Midterm dissatisfaction with Republican leadership at the state, congressional and national levels resulted in Democratic supermajorities in the Illinois House and Senate that were expected to easily carry the governor’s agenda.

Yet the political lift this spring is proving to be a heavy one, and the outcome could set the tone for Pritzker’s term.

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Gov. J.B. Pritzker and Marc Smith, acting head of the Department of Children and Family Services, address the media Wednesday.

Governor vows overhaul of ‘neglected’ DCFS

Pritzker pledges to reform agency after deaths, critical report

BY ELYSSA CHERNEY
 Chicago Tribune

Illinois Gov. J.B. Pritzker on Wednesday said he is committed to overhauling the state’s troubled child welfare agency, vowing to allocate more resources to fix systemic problems cited in a new report that criticized some of the department’s policies for keeping families together after abuse and neglect allegations come to

light. At a news conference in Springfield, Pritzker stood next to Marc Smith, acting director for the Department of Children and Family Services, as he said that reforming the department was among his administration’s highest priorities.

“I am committed to carrying out that overhaul as quickly and effectively as possible and ensuring that Marc has the necessary resources and support to do that work,” said Pritzker, who wore a blue ribbon on his suit in honor of

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I wanted to ‘take him down’
 Chicago ‘Jeopardy!’ contestant Jasmine Leonas on her attempt to beat uber-champion James Holzhauer. **A+E**

Food stamp use might expand
 A bill awaiting a state Senate vote would allow recipients who are elderly, disabled or homeless to use benefits to eat at participating restaurants. **Business**

Ald. Moreno charged with fraud
 Prosecutors on Wednesday said Ald. Proco “Joe” Moreno falsely reported his Audi A6 stolen in a bid to collect \$30,000 in insurance. **Chicagoland**, Page 4

UNSCRIPTED: AN INTIMATE CONVERSATION WITH JOHN WATERS

Film critic Michael Phillips will talk to director and celebrity John Waters about his upcoming book, "Mr. Know-It-All." As auteur of the transgressive movie classics "Pink Flamingos," "Polyester," the original "Hairspray," "Cry-Baby," and "A Dirty Shame," is one of the world's great sophisticates, and in his new book, he serves it up raw. Following their conversation, Waters will stay to sign copies of his book and take photos with fans. All tickets come with a copy of "Mr. Know-It-All." Additional copies are available for purchase on site.

When: Tuesday, May 28 from 7 p.m.-8:30 p.m. (Doors open at 6:15 p.m.), Studebaker Theater, 410 S. Michigan Ave.

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Ald. Proco "Joe" Moreno leaves the Leighton Criminal Court Building on Wednesday.



JOHN KASS

Can alderman hope to get the Smollett treatment from Foxx?

Is there anyone out there with an Obama Celebrity Friend, someone who can call Cook County State's Attorney Kim Foxx and provide mercy to a public figure charged with filing a false police report?

No, it's not Jussie Smollett. The guy I'm talking about never sang for the Obamas at the White House. This guy wasn't on one of Michelle Obama's favorite TV shows. He's a Chicago alderman, for a few more days, anyway.

A Chicago alderman doesn't get a break, but a TV star gets a break, Kim Foxx?

What the? What kind of town is this anyway, Kim?

Ald. Proco "Joe" Moreno, 1st, has been charged with insurance fraud and obstructing justice.

He said his black Audi had been stolen when, in fact, he'd lent it to a single mom he said he was just trying to help. Police arrested her, but the alderman insisted it was all a misunderstanding.

And the other day, he was arrested on charges of allegedly filing a false police report, just like Jussie Smollett, and spent the night in the pokey.

Imagine that. A Chicago alderman in the pokey. Will wonders never cease?

He was released on his own recognition, but there were no signs that authorities would drop the charges.

Doesn't that bother you? He's already lost his election. If there's anyone who needs Celebrity Friend justice, just like Jussie Smollett, it's Ald. Proco Joe.

I'm not talking the Chicago Way. I'm talking about the 14th Amendment to the Constitution. Equal protection under the law, capisce?

Even here, in Chicago, where Kim Foxx is top law enforcement officer. "I can't stop rumors," Ald. Proco Joe said to WGN-Ch. 9's Meghan Dwyer back in February, during his re-election campaign.

"There are all kinds of rumors. But I can tell you the truth. ... There's zero here. I'm being 100 percent honest with you."

It was all a "miscommunication,"

he said then. "She's just a single mom that I'm trying to help out, and you know, you know, the road to hell is paved with good intentions."

It didn't help that the evil, typically insensitive media didn't give two figs about his good intentions of helping the young woman. Instead, the insensitive media plastered out text messages between him and the single mom, Liliya Hrabar, and many photos too.

With that stupid grin on his face, Moreno certainly looked like he was on the road to hell.

My favorite photo was the one in which the alderman and Liliya take a selfie together, as he pours a beverage on her and she sticks out her tongue as if to lick it. You can see the devils dancing in their eyes. Quite distinguished, I'd say. Should be on the cover of a civics book.

Lilya didn't understand when the police pulled her over and arrested her on suspicion of car theft.

"I don't know what's going on," she told the Tribune. "I will never say a bad word about Joe."

With so much care and compassion, you'd think Kim Foxx might show some for Joe Moreno. But no. And that lack of compassion for a Chicago guy, when she showed oodles of compassion for some "actor," just amazes me to no end.

"Me too," said a Chicago police commander. "You'd think she'd want to treat an alderman like a TV star. What's up with Kim?"

Can I quote you? "Quote me, yes. Just don't put my name in the paper."

10-4. That's the truly amazing part of it all, not that an alderman would lie and accuse a young single mom of stealing his car.

What's truly amazing is the unfairness of everything.

America watched in dumbfounded awe when Foxx inexplicably dropped all charges against actor/singer Smollett after he allegedly faked that he was a victim of a hate crime at the hands of mythical racist, homophobic supporters of President Donald Trump.

But they turned out to be two brothers with Nigerian roots, body-builders who knew Smollett. They never fought him almost to the death as he held a tuna sandwich in one hand and his cellphone in the other, a story he told police.

You know what happened. Foxx, who was revealed to be a star chaser, talked to Obama Celebrity Friends about helping Smollett.

Foxx didn't recuse herself — as she should have done after getting calls to help Smollett from Tina Tchen, Michelle Obama's former chief of staff. Foxx let reporters tell the public that she'd recused herself. But she hadn't. It was a lie, although lawyers might call it a "prevarication."

She's still fighting the appointment of a special prosecutor — sought by retired Judge Sheila O'Brien — in order to get to the bottom of it all.

I'd ask Foxx all about this, but she might use her latest trick, the I-can't-answer-cause-I'm-on-the-phone trick.

She used it on WFLD-Ch. 32 reporter Rafer Weigel. He tracked Foxx down in a courthouse. She stuck a phone in her ear and couldn't answer his questions about a special prosecutor.

Foxx didn't look happy. She looked as if Weigel were Linda Blair and she forgot the holy water.

"As she walked past me, she took the phone down from her ear," Weigel said.

If only Ald. Proco "Joe" Moreno could sing and dance. But he can't. Or if only he'd have won re-election. But he didn't.

And this isn't a TV show. On TV they say lady justice is blindfolded so she won't play favorites.

But in Cook County, she's blindfolded so she can't see what's going on under her nose.

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Who pays tariffs? China does! Wait, don't they?



REX W. HUPPKE

If there's one thing I'm sick of, it's all the loudmouth liberals out there who keep whining about the Trump administration's decision to slap higher tariffs on goods imported from China.

Those hippy-dippy socialists wouldn't know a good deal if it kicked 'em in the quinoa.

So let me spell this out: Thanks to tariffs, China is paying the good old USA billions and billions of dollars. Period.

How do I know this? Because none other than the president of the United States of America, Donald J. Trump, has said so, repeatedly. And I've never known the man to be dishonest.

Read 'em and weep, libs:

Way back on Nov. 29, the president tweeted: "Billions of Dollars are pouring into the coffers of the U.S.A. because of the Tariffs being charged to China, and there is a long way to go."

On Jan. 3, he tweeted: "The United States Treasury has taken in MANY billions of dollars from the Tariffs we are charging China and other countries that have not treated us fairly?"

Trump told reporters on May 3: "We're taking in billions of dollars from China in the form of tariffs, as you know. We're charging China tariffs. We've never taken in 10 cents from China, and now we're taking in billions and billions of dollars. That's had a very positive effect on things."

Not just a positive effect, you ninny, but a "very" positive effect.

On May 5, Trump tweet-stated: "For 10 months, China has been paying Tariffs to the USA of 25% on 50 Billion Dollars of High Tech, and 10% on 200 Billion Dollars of other goods. These payments are partially responsible for our great economic results."

And on May 10, he tweeted: "Talks with China continue in a very congenial manner — there is absolutely no need to rush — as Tariffs are NOW being paid to the United States by China of 25% on 250 Billion Dollars worth of goods & products. These massive payments go directly to the Treasury



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Chinese shipping containers are stored near a U.S. flag after they were unloaded in Long Beach, California, on Tuesday.

of the U.S."

DIRECTLY TO THE TREASURY! It's free money, people, and the president has made it abundantly clear that the tariff money is coming straight from China to us.

Yet all we hear is blah-blah from noted socialism enthusiasts like Thomas Donohue, president of the U.S. Chamber of Commerce, who said earlier this year: "Let me be very clear: Tariffs are taxes paid by American families and American businesses — not by foreigners."

Sure, Tommy. And I suppose you think President Trump is just "making it up" when he says China pays the tariffs. Whatever.

And then there are so-called business owners like Darren Dunn, the chief operations officer of the Washington-based company SOG Specialty Knives and Tools. He testified at the United States Trade Representative's public hearing on tariffs last August, along with hundreds upon

hundreds of other business officials, and said:

"If the 25 percent tariff is applied, we estimate our duty costs would increase one million dollars. The higher costs would be meaningful and substantial, affecting the future investment plans in the U.S. Unfortunately, these costs would be passed onto the consumer. Smaller companies like ours do not have the capability of absorbing 10 or 25 percent increases in the cost of our products."

News flash, Darren: China is paying the tariffs. Duh. Who are you trying to fool?

I could go on and on with examples of "economists" and "people who import goods from China on a regular basis" and "fact checkers" who claim the president is wrong about tariffs and doesn't seem to actually understand how trade works. But why bother with all that nonsense?

No, I decided I would bypass the devious dunderheaded doubt-

ers out there and go straight to the government department responsible for raking in all that sweet Chinese tariff money: U.S. Customs and Border Protection. I didn't want opinion. I wanted receipts to shove in the face of the liberal naysayers.

On Tuesday, I emailed the CBP's press office: "I wanted to see if you could provide me with a list of the tariffs on goods imported from China that the Chinese government has paid to Customs and Border Protection since the beginning of this year. If not a detailed list, is there at least a total you could give me or some kind of documentation showing receipt of these payments?"

And on Wednesday, I received a response from a CBP spokesperson that I knew would prove that President Trump was, as always, telling the truth.

But the response read: "I would like to clarify, the Chinese government is not paying tariffs. Tariffs are paid by the importer of

record."

Well, that's disappointing. I was really hoping for receipts.

The spokesperson also sent me a link to a page that explains "Basic Importing and Exporting": www.cbp.gov/trade/basic-import-export.

I can only assume the Deep State has infiltrated the highest levels of Customs and Border Protection and is trying — rather effectively — to make Trump look bad.

The only other possibility is the president is flat-out lying about the United States "taking in billions of dollars from China in the form of tariffs" and that those billions of dollars are actually coming from U.S. companies and, in turn, American consumers.

That seems pretty far-fetched. I'll have to think it over while I sharpen the \$100 knife I just bought from SOG Specialty Knives and Tools for \$125.

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Moreno charged with car insurance fraud

Prosecutors: Alderman lied about auto theft in bid to pocket \$30K

BY MEGAN CREPEAU
Chicago Tribune

Ald. Proco "Joe" Moreno's insurance was set to pay out more than \$30,000 on his stolen Audi A6, Cook County prosecutors said Wednesday, until Chicago police determined the luxury sports sedan had not been stolen at all.

Instead, the 1st Ward alderman had loaned the 2016 model to a friend, prosecutors alleged. The next day he gave differing false accounts to police and his insurer about where he had last seen the car, they charged.

Moreno's hands fidgeted behind his back as prosecutors detailed the charges against him in bond court: insurance fraud, disorderly conduct, obstruction of justice and falsely reporting a vehicle stolen. He faces up to seven years in prison if convicted of the most serious offenses.

His arrest Tuesday evening at his home made him the latest in a long line of Chicago aldermen to be accused of wrongdoing. But unlike the dramatic public-corruption scandals that have often ended other aldermanic careers, the charges against Moreno, 47, are on a decidedly smaller scale, dealing not with misuse of clout or public funds but allegations of a



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Ald. Proco "Joe" Moreno is charged with insurance fraud, disorderly conduct, obstruction of justice and falsely reporting a vehicle stolen.

botched insurance scheme and lies to police.

Judge John Fitzgerald Lyke Jr. ordered Moreno released on his own recognizance Wednesday, noting that the charges showed a "terrible lapse in judgment."

Moreno's attorney, Camilo Ocegueda, said in court that the alderman has cooperated with authorities ever since news of a possible false police report broke in February, right before Moreno lost his bid for re-election.

"(For) approximately nine years, he has been an alderman and serving his constituents and being nothing but a perfect member of society, judge," Ocegueda said. "He's been providing for his

constituents. He's been a civic and public gladiator."

On Jan. 3, Moreno loaned his car to an erstwhile girlfriend, Liliya Hrabar, said prosecutors, who identified Hrabar only as "Individual A." He handed over his keys and watched her drive away from his house, then texted her with a request not to smoke in the car, Assistant State's Attorney Thomas Simpson said Wednesday in court.

The next day, Moreno called 911 to report his car stolen, saying he had last seen it parked in front of his home in the Wicker Park neighborhood about 9 p.m. the previous day, according to Simpson.

Less than an hour later, he called his insurance carrier, State Farm, to report that the car had been stolen from his garage, saying he may have left the garage door open and the key in the ignition, the prosecutor said.

"Moreno was very clear that he was the last person to use the vehicle and he was the only person with access to the car," Simpson said.

About a month later, on Feb. 4, Chicago police pulled Hrabar over as she drove Moreno's Audi, the prosecutor said. She was surprised when officers told her the car had been stolen and "pleaded with the officers to show them text messages between her and Moreno," Simpson said.

When police were unable to reach Moreno, Hrabar was arrested on a charge of criminal trespass to a vehicle.

Later that same day, Moreno told a TV news interviewer that he had given the car to someone with whom he was in a relationship but that he had a hard time getting hold of her and had reported the car stolen.

"She's a single mom who I'm trying to help out," he told the reporter, according to Simpson, who read excerpts from the TV interview in court. "You know, the road to hell is paved with good intentions."

At that, Lyke shook his head from the bench as he gave a look of disbelief.

Texts and phone records uncovered as part of the investigation do not back up Moreno's claim that he couldn't get in touch with Hrabar, the prosecutor said.

The charges against Hrabar were dropped by prosecutors, and police opened an investigation into a possible false police report.

In February, Moreno lost his bid for re-election in his Northwest Side ward to newcomer Daniel La Spata, who was backed by the Democratic Socialists of America. His term will end Monday.

Moreno was appointed to the City Council in 2010 by then-Mayor Richard M. Daley and elected the following year by a wide margin.

Last June, Chicago police opened an investigation into whether Moreno impersonated a police officer during a parking dispute in the Lakeview neighborhood. Moreno said he showed a motorist his City Council badge and asked her to move her car because she was parked in a bike lane but did not tell her he was an officer.

"You better pay your parking tickets! This is how we do it in Chicago," Moreno told her, according to a police report.

Police later said that detectives closed that investigation after finding that Moreno displayed his aldermanic credentials.

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Incoming aldermen lay out ambitions

Newly elected progressives to push long-stalled legislation

BY GREGORY PRATT
Chicago Tribune

A bloc of newly elected progressive aldermen is laying out an ambitious agenda for the first 100 days of Mayor-elect Lori Lightfoot's administration, with the aim of pushing long-stalled legislation.

The aldermen, many of whom campaigned on being more independent than the incumbents they are replacing, detailed their plans in a memo sent to Lightfoot and other aldermen that they plan to release at a Thursday news conference.

Although the freshman class of left-leaning aldermen is aggressively laying out its vision, it's unclear how much of it they'll be able to accomplish. So far, only nine members of the council have signed on to the platform paper, 17 short of the 26-vote majority needed to pass ordinances in the body.

One of their proposals would place a referendum question on the ballot asking voters to increase the real estate transfer tax on wealthier homeowners, with proceeds going to help the homeless. Another would increase the minimum wage in the city to \$15 an hour by 2021. A statewide minimum wage increase passed earlier this year won't reach \$15 an hour until 2025.

The aldermen also want to



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Ald.-elect Maria Hadden, 49th, is flanked by fellow Aldermen-elect Byron Sigcho Lopez, 25th, center, and Andre Vasquez, 40th.

enact a Community Benefits Agreement with the Obama Presidential Center and amend the city's immigrant-friendly Welcoming City ordinance to close what they say are loopholes that allow federal immigration officials access to the Chicago Police Department's gang database.

"Many of these ordinances languished under Mayor Rahm Emanuel and his downtown-driven corporate agenda. But it's a new day in Chicago," the aldermen wrote in their memo. "We are committed to working with the bold grassroots and labor organizations driving these fights, as well

as our new colleagues and Mayor in City Hall, to pass these ordinances immediately."

Signatories to the letter include Aldermen-elect Maria Hadden, 49th, Daniel La Spata, 1st, Matt Martin, 47th, Mike Rodriguez, 22nd, Rossana Rodriguez Sanchez, 33rd, Byron Sigcho Lopez, 25th, Jeanette Taylor, 20th, and Andre Vasquez, 40th, as well as sitting Ald. Carlos Ramirez-Rosa, 35th.

Many of the new aldermen were supported by United Working Families, a quasi-political party that's positioned itself as "an alternative to the go-along, get-along model of Chicago politics as

usual."

Martin, who succeeded outgoing Ald. Ameya Pawar, told the Tribune he's excited to propose "shovel-ready policies that tie directly to what I campaigned on."

"While this is just the beginning — indeed, hard work remains regarding the budget and community oversight for CPD, among other issues — I believe our 100-day agenda sends a strong signal about the independent, progressive governance I want to help bring to City Council," Martin said.

In April's election, the ranks of the Progressive Caucus increased

to an estimated 16 members. That's not enough to control the agenda on the 50-member council, but the group could prove a formidable voting bloc if it sticks together. The nine aldermen signing on to the memo to Lightfoot are far short of the 26 votes needed to pass the agenda.

Lightfoot has said she supports a strong, independent City Council, and is in the process of working through who will be her committee chairs.

Lightfoot's office could not immediately be reached.

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Teen dad of alley baby is told: 'This will not define your life'

BY ELVIA MALAGON
Chicago Tribune

A Cook County judge who will decide the custody of a newborn temporarily left in an alley hours after his birth tried to reassure the teen father during his first appearance Wednesday before him.

Speaking directly to the 17-year-old boy, Judge Robert Balanoff, who is assigned to the county's Child Protection Division at juvenile court, said he hoped this would be the teen's "lowest point of your life."

"But this will not define your life," the judge told him.

The teen, wearing a yellow and gray sweatshirt, remained quiet during the court hearing. His father and a close friend attended the brief hearing.

He and the 16-year-old mother of the baby face charges of attempted first-degree murder as minors. Both have been released to their parents but ordered to stay



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A newborn baby was gray on top of a trash can in this alley on the 1700 block of North Keystone Avenue in Chicago's Hermosa neighborhood.

away from their son.

The Tribune is not naming them because they are juveniles.

The father took a DNA test Wednesday to determine if he is

indeed the child's father.

The teenage girl had also been ordered to take a DNA test last week after she was asked in court if she gave birth to a baby boy.

"I don't know," the girl said in court at the time.

The baby remains in state protective custody.

The girl gave birth to the baby in her home in the South Old Irving Park neighborhood about 6 a.m. May 7, according to prosecutors. The teens wrapped the baby in a towel and left him in an alley, prosecutors previously said in court hearings.

A neighbor told police the teens were cleaning up blood in the apartment building and told her the girl had miscarried, according to prosecutors. About 1 p.m., the girl went to Community First Medical Center and told officials she had a miscarriage, according to sources.

At some point, the boy called his mother, Karla Antimo, and told her his girlfriend had given birth but that the baby had died, according to police and prosecutors. The teens had kept the pregnancy a secret.

Antimo, 37, drove to pick up her son, who was carrying a shopping bag with the baby inside. As they drove off to an unspecified location, Antimo realized the baby was still alive when she heard him making a noise, according to prosecutors. Antimo then drove to a nearby firehouse where firefighters worked to save the boy's life.

She initially told firefighters that she found the abandoned baby in an alley as she was parking.

Antimo faces felony charges of disorderly conduct, though a judge last week noted her actions likely saved the boy's life.

The teen parents will return to court June 21 for another hearing on the infant's custody.

The baby had been listed last week in serious condition at Lurie Children's Hospital.

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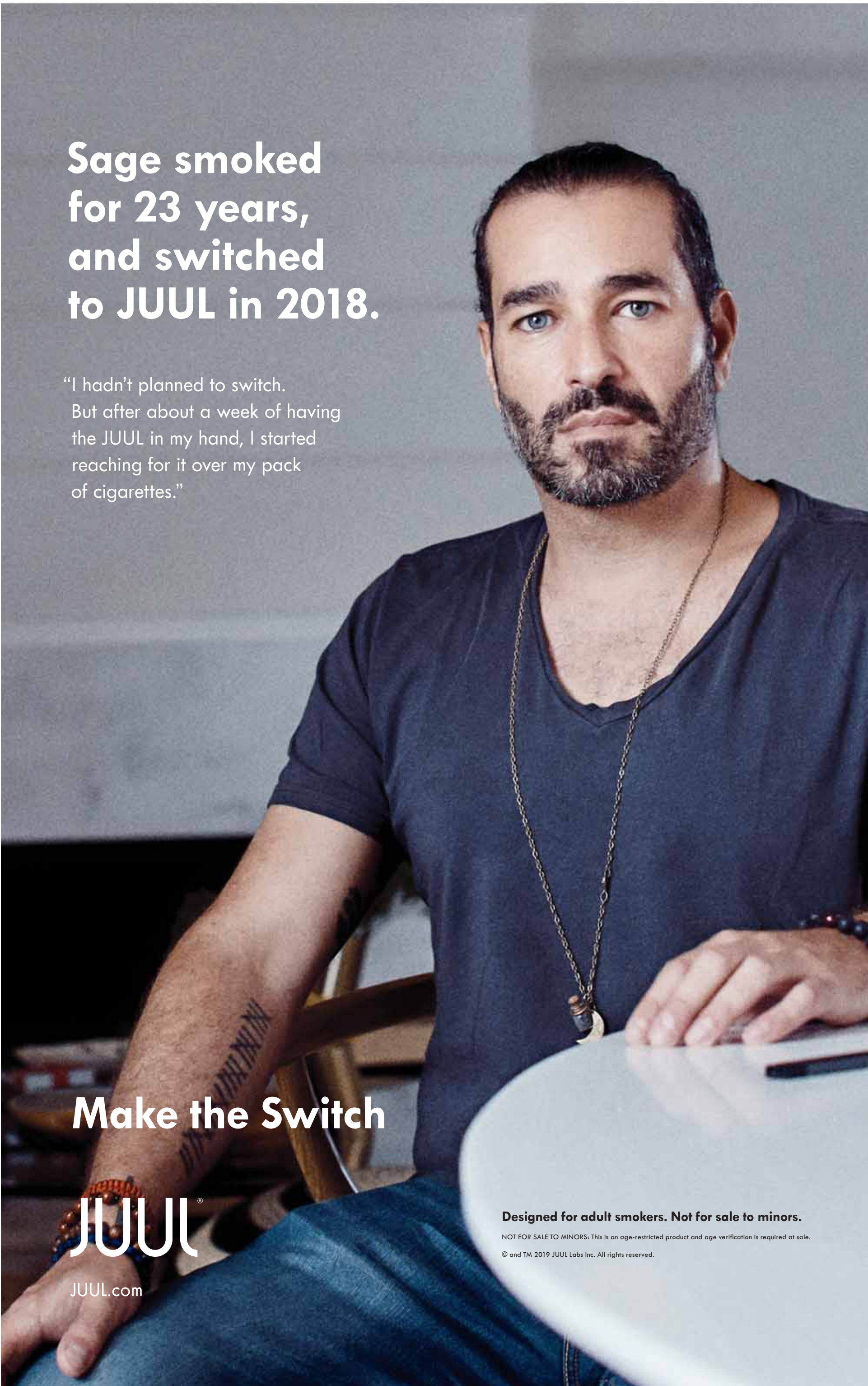
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Man testifies against escort he dated in \$5M fraud trial

BY JASON MEISNER
Chicago Tribune

Buffalo Grove executive Scott Kennedy and his escort-turned-girlfriend were allegedly in the midst of a massive \$5.8 million fraud scheme when he wrote her a lengthy email in October 2016 laying out his worries about their crumbling relationship.

Kennedy already had used his company's credit to buy his new love, Crystal Lundberg, everything she dreamed about, from extravagant Christmases for her kids to sports cars, exotic trips and fancy jewelry, according to federal prosecutors.

But instead of returning the affection, Lundberg had picked up and moved to California, racking up hundreds of thousands of dollars more on the company dime, including renting a mansion, hiring a driver, even getting breast implants and liposuction. Worried that his bosses would discover the fraud at any moment, Kennedy asked Lundberg in the email whether he was "just a bank account" to her.

"It seemed like everything I was doing, including breaking the law, was in vain," Kennedy testified in a federal courtroom Wednesday in Chicago. "I'm not getting anything out of this."

"I'm not being loved."

Kennedy, who was fired from his \$175,000-a-year job as plant manager at the France-based drug company Nemera after the fraud was discovered, pleaded guilty to one count of wire fraud last year. As part of his plea deal with prosecutors, he agreed to testify against Lundberg, who has pleaded not guilty to six fraud counts.

An FBI search warrant affidavit — first reported by the Chicago Tribune in August 2017 — lays out the spending in spectacular fashion.

Much of it came after Lundberg moved with her children and pets to San Diego in 2016. The company unknowingly footed the \$12,000-a-month rent for a mansion, according to the affidavit.

According to an analysis provided by Nemera to the FBI, Lundberg spent about \$585,000 in a failed attempt to open a medical spa, called the Royalty Room. Additional alleged expenses included two Rolex watches at a combined cost of \$60,000, a personal driver for \$8,000 a month and two purebred dogs that cost as much as \$6,000.

Kennedy told the FBI that Lundberg had led him to believe she would reimburse him — a version of events he later repeated to

the Tribune in a telephone interview. Kennedy also said Lundberg told him she had a trust fund worth \$4 million that she could access a year later at age 30, according to court records.

In reality, Lundberg filed for bankruptcy in 2009, according to the FBI affidavit.

Federal guidelines call for Kennedy to be sentenced to up to about 6½ years in prison, but prosecutors said in his 20-page plea agreement that they would recommend just 3½ years behind bars if he continues to cooperate.

In his opening statement Tuesday, Lundberg's attorney, Glen Jazwiec, said Kennedy's testimony was self-serving and that blame for the fraud lay at the feet of no one but Kennedy himself.

"He wants you to believe that Crystal Lundberg is responsible for all this," Jazwiec said. "Scott Kennedy set this all up because he wanted to be with Crystal."

Dressed in a corduroy sport coat, Kennedy testified that he'd met Lundberg in 2015 after "engaging her services" as an escort from an ad he saw on Backpage.com. After several dates, Kennedy and Lundberg developed a friendship, and she sometimes stopped at his home between appointments to catch up and just "talk about life," he said.

His financial entangle-



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Crystal Lundberg leaves the Dirksen U.S. Courthouse in Chicago on Wednesday

ments with Lundberg started with a \$400 payment he made in May 2015 to cover her past-due bill at a suburban extended-stay hotel, Kennedy testified. Weeks later, he took out a loan to buy her a \$30,000 Lexus. By that August, Lundberg had moved into Kennedy's two-bedroom apartment with her two daughters and two dogs, he said.

"If we were going to try to make a go at it as a couple, I kinda thought it would be permanent," Kennedy, 45, told jurors.

It didn't take long for Kennedy's finances to spiral out of control. In October 2015, his American Express bill suddenly jumped to more than \$40,000, accord-

ing to records shown to the jury. His checking account was overdrawn. Bills for accounts he'd never opened — the Gap, Victoria's Secret — were rolling in, all charged to their limits.

"My credit cards were all maxed out, and I was living hand to mouth, paycheck to paycheck," Kennedy said.

That November, faced with debts he couldn't possibly pay and Lundberg's ever-increasing demands, Kennedy gave her access to his company's credit card. In less than a year and a half, the two ran up unauthorized charges of nearly \$5.8 million, authorities allege.

Kennedy's desperate email to Lundberg that was shown to jurors Wednesday was sent as he became

increasingly concerned about their fraud being exposed. At the time he was in Greece, where she was supposed to meet him for a romantic getaway to the island of Santorini. Instead she brought her family and never even came to visit him at his hotel.

"Am I just a bank account?" he wrote. "You live in a mansion in California buying gadgets, while I live in a hotel!"

Later that day, Lundberg texted him back.

"Omg please delete that email admitting your committing fraud," she wrote. "Delete that are you f----- crazy?"

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Arlington Heights trustees approve large mixed-use project

Pioneer Press staff report

One of Arlington Heights' largest developments in years is set to be constructed in the northwest suburb, after village trustees approved the Arlington 425 mixed-use project Monday night.

Plans for the behemoth project to be built in the downtown area include a nine-story building with

182 apartments and up to 24,000 square feet of retail and office space at 225 W. Campbell St., a five-story parking garage with 13 stories above — adding 125 more units at 44 S. Highland Ave., along with a third, four-story building with 54 units at 33 S. Chestnut St.

After the project proposal had gone before the village's Plan and Housing

commissions, the Village Board gave the final approval Monday during a special meeting.

One of the points of contention with the project had been affordable housing. Village staff had recommended the project include 18 affordable housing units priced at 60 percent of the area median income in the village.

According to village offi-

cial calculations, that would put rents for the affordable units at about \$889 per month for a studio and \$952 per month for a one-bedroom.

Some residents wanted 54 apartments to be affordable housing.

Project developer Bruce Adreani, president of Norwood Builders, had countered with a proposal of 18 units at 80 percent of AMI.

That would have put rents for affordable units at about \$1,185 per month for a studio and \$1,270 per month for a one bedroom, according to village officials' estimates.

The proposal trustees approved Monday includes the village staff recommendation of 18 units of affordable housing at 60 percent AMI.

Adreani previously said

60 percent AMI was not doable, even calling it laughable.

"Sixty percent is not going to work," he said. "They'll laugh me out of the bank and I won't be able to get financing. It can be a dog poop park."

But the final approval reflects the compromise between the village and developer on the affordable units.

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Contractor guilty of bribing ex-Markham mayor

Michael Jarigese convicted along with his business

BY JASON MEISNER
Chicago Tribune

A contractor and his Markham company were convicted on all counts by a federal jury Wednesday of paying off the impoverished south suburb's then-mayor with nearly \$100,000 in bribes to secure work from the city.

The jury deliberated only for about two hours before convicting Michael Jarigese and his business, Tower Contracting, of 10 counts of "honest services" wire fraud and federal program bribery.

Jarigese showed no reaction as the verdict was read in U.S. District Judge Robert Gettleman's courtroom. He faces a maximum sentence of 20 years in prison for the more serious fraud counts.

Meanwhile, Tower Contracting, where Jarigese worked as president, could face a hefty fine.

No sentencing date was set.

The former longtime mayor, David Webb Jr., had pleaded guilty to corruption charges and provided key testimony for the government at the trial in Chicago's federal court.

In testimony earlier this week, Webb told jurors that Jarigese had passed a number of bribes — including one for \$2,500 — in coffee cups filled with cash during meetings in Webb's City Hall office.

The mayor's seven hours of testimony over two days marked an unusual twist for



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Michael Jarigese faces a maximum sentence of 20 years in prison for the more serious fraud counts.

a public corruption investigation. Typically it's the contractors and other bribe payers who cooperate with the government and testify against the politicians who took the money.

Instead, Webb himself cooperated with prosecutors, pleading guilty to "honest services" wire fraud and the filing of a false tax return just weeks after his indictment in December 2017.

As part of his deal with prosecutors, Webb admitted he took a combined \$300,000 from Jarigese and other contractors doing business with the city beginning in 2008. Federal guidelines call for Webb to be sentenced to between seven

and nine years in prison, but if he testifies truthfully, prosecutors have said they'll recommend that Gettleman give him about 4½ years behind bars.

Also charged in the alleged bribery scheme was Thomas Summers, owner of Alsterda Cartage and Construction. Summers is scheduled to go to trial later this year. Webb could be called to testify then as well.

According to Webb's plea agreement, Summers paid a total of \$169,015 in cash to Webb and checks to KAT Remodeling, a shell company that Webb set up in his children's names that he allegedly used to funnel bribes. In some cases, Sum-

mers wrote in memo lines on the checks words such as "kitchen," "office" or "Ford Truck" to make the payments seem legitimate.

In opening statements last week, lawyers for Jarigese and his company denied paying any bribes, telling the jury that Tower Contracting completed each project it was hired to do for Markham on time and under budget. That included building Markham's new City Hall and police complex for \$8.3 million in 2008 and constructing a \$10.6 million senior housing building two years later.

But Webb testified he began accepting bribes from

the company while putting together a deal to renovate the city's Roesner Park in 2012. At the time, he told Jarigese that he expected to be paid \$100,000 for all the business he'd been sending Tower Contracting's way.

Shortly before a public meeting to approve the deal, Jarigese handed Webb a \$75,000 check at the park that had been made out to KAT Remodeling, according to his testimony.

An invoice created by Jarigese to make it look legitimate said the money was for KAT Remodeling to "remove and haul" construction debris from the site of Tower's offices and also "level" the yard to make

an "acceptable grade."

Webb testified that the invoice was bogus. In fact, he had no construction background at all, he said.

Asked whether he was upset that the amount of the check was less than the \$100,000 he'd demanded, Webb replied, "No, 'cause \$75,000 was a great start."

Over the next year, Jarigese kept money coming in to Webb. In May 2013 he gave the mayor a second check made out to KAT Remodeling, this time for \$10,000, according to Webb's testimony. Jarigese also would stop by City Hall to make payments in cash.

"He would call me, come by my office," Webb said. "He would stop by with a coffee cup with money in it. ... I would set it on the floor till no one was there, and then I'd take it and put it in my pocket."

Webb said Jarigese gave him cash in a coffee cup "four or five times," with the largest amount being \$2,500. He said he spent the money on "personal things," including gambling trips to nearby casinos.

Webb was first elected to lead the small suburb of about 12,000 residents in 2001 and declined to run for re-election in April 2017 amid the federal investigation.

Webb never needed more than 1,700 votes to win in Markham but raised more than \$1 million in campaign contributions since 2000, making him one of the most prolific local political fundraisers in the state, records show.

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Evictions

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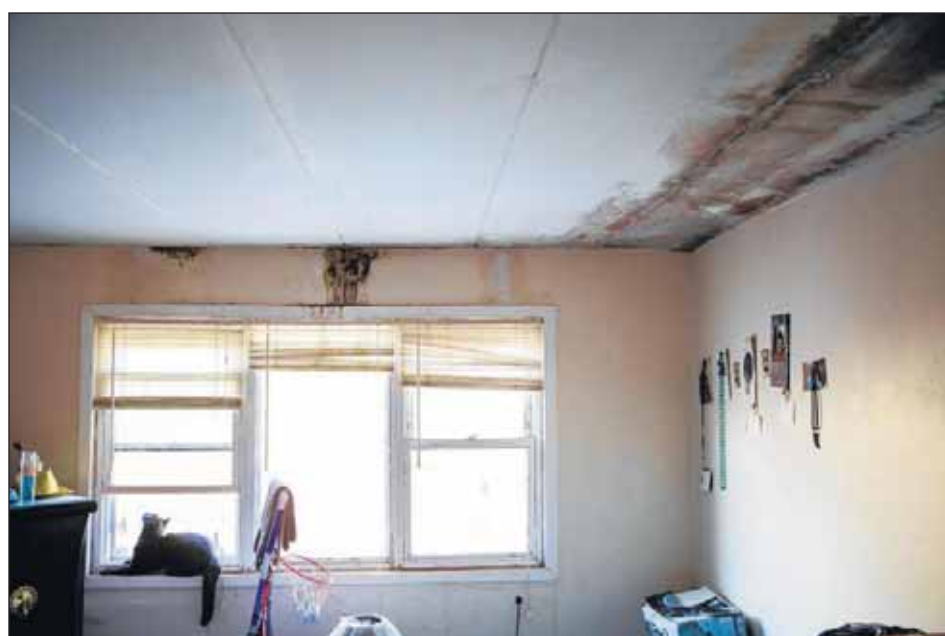
a costly process for landlords, according to property managers and attorneys who represent landlords. For example, Chicago ordinance keeps landlords from recovering attorney's fees in eviction cases.

"The idea that landlords who go to these communities, rebuild these properties and, in most cases, provide good housing would venture on a money-wasting and -losing process by filing disproportionately against communities of color is so nonsensical it boggles my mind," said Michael Griffin, attorney at Sanford Kahn, a Chicago-based law firm that files thousands of eviction cases every year.

Fair housing advocates said the racial disparity in eviction filings is linked to poverty, instability and other historical racial dynamics that warrant further exploration.

Peter Rosenblatt, an associate sociology professor at Loyola University Chicago, said the large disparity between minority and majority-white neighborhoods isn't likely the result of widespread intentional discrimination by landlords but rather comes from structural racism, which he defined as the historical and contemporary reinforcement of inequality along racial lines.

One contributing factor, Rosenblatt said, could be the high proportion of African Americans and Hispanic renters who pay more than 30% of their incomes for housing, the maximum level recommended as affordable by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development.



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A cat sits beneath the moldy wall and ceiling of Mary Williams' bedroom. Williams says she quit paying rent because the landlord wouldn't fix the roof and clean up the mold.

opment.

In Chicago, about two-thirds of African American renters and more than half of Latino renters pay above that threshold, compared with only 40% of white renters, he said.

Having to pay that much for housing "can lead to evictions because there's less wiggle room when other expenses come up," Rosenblatt said.

"But the reason I say look at structural racism because it's still the question of how do we get to the point to where there are more African American and Latinx renters being cost-burdened compared to white renters?" said Rosenblatt, using the gender-neutral term for Latinos.

In their report, the Lawyers' Committee pointed out that in the cases they examined, 79% of landlords were able to hire attorneys to represent themselves in court, while only 11% of

tenants had lawyers. Tenant advocates say that imbalance creates an uneven playing field for Oh, tenants who already are on the brink of homelessness.

Tenant rights advocates describe the eviction court process as too fast and convoluted, which can easily overwhelm tenants trying to defend themselves.

On a recent Friday morning, tenants and lawyers paced the halls on the 14th floor of the Daley Center, bouncing from door to door and checking the bulletins posted outside each courtroom listing each day's cases. Just a few courtrooms on the 13th and 14th floors handle most eviction cases in Chicago.

A little before 9, the courtroom doors had yet to open. Cases weren't scheduled to begin until 9:30 a.m.

When the doors opened, lawyers and defendants filed into one of the courtrooms. Inside, the line

swelled as people waited to check in with the clerk.

The clerk repeatedly told defendants to get a case number from the list.

Tenants piled into the benches, awaiting their fate. Attorneys moseyed into the courtroom carrying documents and manila folders. Most of them, relaxed, wore dress shirts and suit jackets. Some defendants dressed in business casual attire, while others wore jeans and T-shirts.

When the judge entered the courtroom, the proceedings began. The judge moved through the cases at a rapid pace, most times in a matter of seconds.

Here in court, the landlords' attorneys usually meet the defendant for the first time, oftentimes trying to negotiate a settlement.

Williams was among those who made their way up to the 14th floor that day, with pictures of the mold and discolored ceiling in her

bedroom. She was ready to make her case to the judge.

But she didn't understand the process. When she was called to the bench, Williams' attempt to show her photos was quickly rebuffed by the judge, who informed her she could not present any evidence until a trial. And a trial date couldn't be set until the following week.

Williams said she declined to go to trial because she couldn't afford to take another day off work.

"I think tenants look at eviction court as being something like Judge Judy or how one of those television courtroom dramas are," said John Bartlett, executive director of Metropolitan Tenants Organization executive director. "And that's just not the case."

Advocates described the eviction court process as too fast but also convoluted, often overwhelming tenants. Calls for more legal representation undermine the "exceptionally good" job the judges do parsing and adjudicating eviction cases fairly, said Griffin, the eviction attorney.

"Tenants get a say," he said. "They get a fair shake."

However, Griffin said, small "mom and pop" landlords can be left struggling to pay their expenses when tenants fail to pay their rent.

"You can't discount the number of small-time landlords who are working every day at regular jobs and who are renting out trying to make their mortgage payment," Griffin said. "And when their tenants don't pay, it's a real hardship to them."

But the Lawyers' Committee report found it's tenants who are more likely to lose in court. Without attorneys, tenants avoided an eviction order 38% of the

time; with private attorneys, 50% of the time; and with legal aid attorneys, 78% of the time.

Bartlett said having legal representation is indispensable for tenants fighting eviction.

"They don't know what the laws are so they don't know how to present their case in a way that a judge might actually know what they're saying and make a determination based on the law," Bartlett said.

Williams said she thought it was unfair to keep paying rent while the landlord failed to provide a livable apartment.

One recent evening, the brown marks from where the water seeped through the roof and leaked onto her mattress were still visible. She keeps the window in the bedroom ajar, relying on the wind to combat the stench of the mold.

She hasn't slept in her bedroom in almost a year. The living room is her new bedroom.

Williams slept on a pallet on the floor before buying an air mattress a week ago.

The past year has been a blur for Williams as she tried to balance her work schedule and deal with a leaky roof and mold. She got caught up in a legal system that she admittedly does not understand.

And now she faces a hurdle that many other Chicagoans are confronted with — preparing to pack her bags, searching for another place to live.

She has one month to find a new apartment. But that also means she has one month before she moves into a place she hopes will be mold-free.

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group.

The teen's family said they've been told by police that the baby was on life support at Advocate Christ Medical Center in Oak Lawn with no brain function. This could not be confirmed with police, but fire officials confirmed paramedics answered a call for a newborn in distress at the 77th Place address on the day Ochoa-Uriostegui disappeared.

Police have also said that several people were being interviewed, but Guglielmi wouldn't specify anyone's role in the killing.

"We believe all of them played some role in this unspeakable act of violence," Guglielmi said, "and detectives are now interrogating (those) individuals."

No charges have been announced.

Ochoa-Uriostegui, married with a 3-year-old son, was last seen leaving Latino Youth High School in Pilsen on April 23 to pick up the boy from Teddy Bear Day Care at 51st Street and Pulaski Avenue, according to police. She lived in the 6000 block of South Honore Street.

The family had been making public pleas to locate her since she disappeared, at one point asking police to check the identity

of a newborn brought to a Chicago fire station shortly after birth. The baby, however, was not Ochoa-Uriostegui's.

Her family said they believe she went to the home on 77th Place after a woman on Facebook said she had a stroller and baby clothes.

"She was giving clothes away, supposedly under the pretense that her daughters had been given clothes and they had all these extra boy clothes," said Cecelia Garcia, a spokeswoman for Ochoa-Uriostegui's family.

Hours later, about 6 p.m. that evening, Chicago Fire Department paramedics were called to the home on 77th Place for a newborn with "CPR in progress," according to department

spokesman Larry Merritt. The baby was taken to Advocate Christ Medical Center.

Merritt had no other details, but a source said the baby "was basically blue" when paramedics arrived.

The family said it has been told that DNA extracted from Ochoa-Uriostegui's toothbrush and hairbrush was used to establish a match between the teen and the baby. The family said it has named the baby Yadiel.

On May 8, more than two weeks after the ambulance call, Ochoa-Uriostegui's black Honda Civic was found abandoned in the 7700 block of South Keeler Avenue, a few blocks from where her body was discovered.

On Tuesday afternoon, police officers were seen escorting several people from the home. The Police Department would only say that officers "are conducting interviews of individuals in regard to this missing person investigation."

About 12:10 a.m. Wednesday, the medical examiner's office was notified of a body at the 77th Place address.

"The family has been on a roller coaster," said Emma Lozano, a pastor at Lincoln United Methodist Church. "It's hard for them to find words. Everybody is struggling with this."

Shortly before news of Ochoa-Uriostegui's slaying and identification broke Wednesday evening, com-

munity members gathered at Lincoln United to pray for her and her family.

"My heart is bleeding," Jacobita Cortes, a pastor at the church, said in Spanish.

Cortes said the community has no other recourse but to pray and hope for Ochoa-Uriostegui's family. Cortes said she has been in communication with the family since the teen's disappearance.

"In Marlen's case, we take it like if it was happening to our own family," she said in Spanish. "We have looked for her and prayed for her. It is so difficult."

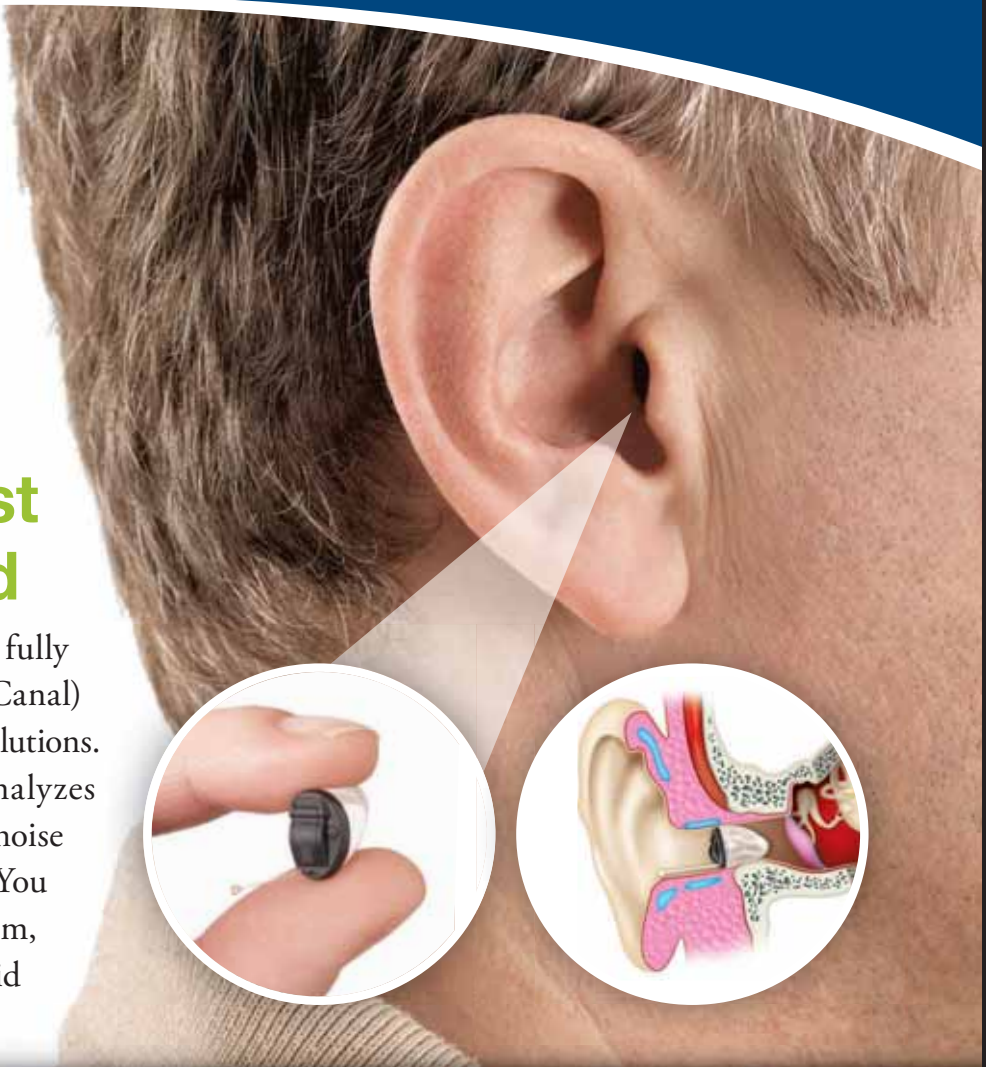
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National Foster Care Month. “Much of the work is already underway, and some will be completed over the next several weeks.”

The governor’s remarks come after the release Wednesday of a report that found systemic, structural and cultural problems with a major component of the department’s work, a division that handles “intact family services.” Those services are provided to families, mostly by private agencies contracting with the department, when concerns about children’s well-being has emerged but the circumstances are not deemed severe enough to trigger a removal from parental custody.

The report was commissioned by Pritzker in March after several children whose parents received intact family services were killed. Pritzker said the department will implement all of the reforms suggested by Chapin Hall, a child welfare think tank based at the University of Chicago that put out the report.

“This agency and the children under its care were neglected for years,” Pritzker said. “That changes right now. There is nothing more important to me as governor than protecting our state’s most vulnerable people, especially our children.”

Pritzker’s comments, however, fell short of fully challenging the privatization of intact family services, which occurred in 2012. Nearly all intact family services — or about 85 percent — are provided by community-based organizations that have contracts with DCFS.

Asked if he was rethinking privatization, Pritzker noted that many states successfully employ the model but said DCFS in Illinois has not implemented accountability measures to guarantee that here.

“With the right kind of oversight, with the right kinds of policies and procedures, it can be done well,” he said.

During their Wednesday



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Department of Children and Family Services acting Director Marc Smith, second from left, and his staff were at a meeting in Chicago last month.

address, Pritzker and Smith also announced two reforms that are aimed at improving the quality of work at DCFS.

First, the department has begun conducting an “urgent” review of more than 1,100 open cases that involve young children, Pritzker said. The review will be handled by “some of DCFS’ most senior staff,” and will focus on reviewing whether key safety measures were followed, according to a news release that described the action. It was started last week, a DCFS spokesman said.

In addition, DCFS is creating an eight-person team to immediately review child deaths that occur during an open investigation or when the family has an extensive history with the department. The team will quickly develop recommendations for best practices and missed opportunities that will be shared with staff, according to the news release.

“Under my administra-

tion, we will change the direction of DCFS,” Pritzker said in a statement. “There is nothing more important to me as governor than getting this right.”

Though DCFS’ budget for next year has not yet been approved, Pritzker has recommended allocating an additional \$75 million to the agency to help fund 126 more caseworkers as well as technology upgrades.

Pritzker and Smith both acknowledged that systemic problems facing the department will take time to address in full.

A report released last week by the state auditor general’s office pointed to chronically high caseloads and inadequate staffing.

“One report and one press conference won’t fix the long-standing challenges of this department,” Smith said Wednesday in Springfield. “But I am committed to moving forward and taking steps each day to begin ... addressing the issues that are plaguing DCFS and have impacted too

many lives.”

Pritzker ordered the Chapin Hall report on March 27, the same day he appointed Smith as acting director of DCFS, which has seen a revolving door of leaders over the past decade. The announcement followed several highly publicized deaths of children whose families had received intact family services, including that of 17-month-old Semaj Crosby, who was found dead under a couch in her dilapidated Joliet-area home in the midst of an open case. In Chicago, 2-year-old Ja’hir Gibbons was fatally beaten on March 18, two days after a caseworker visited and reported the boy and his older brother were safe.

The Chapin Hall report identified 41 child deaths due to neglect or abuse that were investigated by the agency’s inspector general between 2014 and 2018. In six of those cases, the fatality occurred while there was an open intact family services case.

The report did not include a review of the circumstances that led to the death last month of 5-year-old Andrew “AJ” Freund of Crystal Lake. His parents have been charged with fatally beating him after a long history of contact with DCFS, which had placed him in foster care for a time.

The report, conducted over a six-week period, identified key areas that hindered intact family services. Officials with organizations that provide the services told researchers that they felt pressure to keep kids with their parents, found it difficult to decline a case that was too severe and had limited options when families did not cooperate.

The report also offered nine recommendations, some of which can be implemented immediately while others will take time to develop. Among the suggestions, the report said DCFS should improve supervision of the program,

work with courts and prosecutors to better establish criteria for taking custody of a child and clarifying the roles and expectations for caseworkers.

Andrea Durbin, the leader of an organization that represents child welfare agencies, said she agrees with many of the report’s findings and recommendations. While intact family services represents one element within the department that needs improvement, others areas need to be addressed as well, said Durbin, chief executive officer of the Illinois Collaboration on Youth.

“The system needs focused attention across all levels of care in order to achieve long-term stability,” Durbin said in a statement. “We look forward to continuing this critically important discussion and finding solutions to stabilize Illinois’ child welfare system in the days ahead.”

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At an unrelated news conference Wednesday in Springfield, the governor sounded confident when asked by longtime State Journal-Register reporter Bernard Schoenburg about the status of his agenda at this stage of May.

“Actually I feel quite good about our prospects for getting everything passed in this month. You know, ongoing conversations where there’s some negotiation that needs to take place and I’m continuing — my door is open to those folks who want to come in and talk about a particular provision. But, nah, I feel pretty good about where we are,” Pritzker said.

He also, however, offered a caveat.

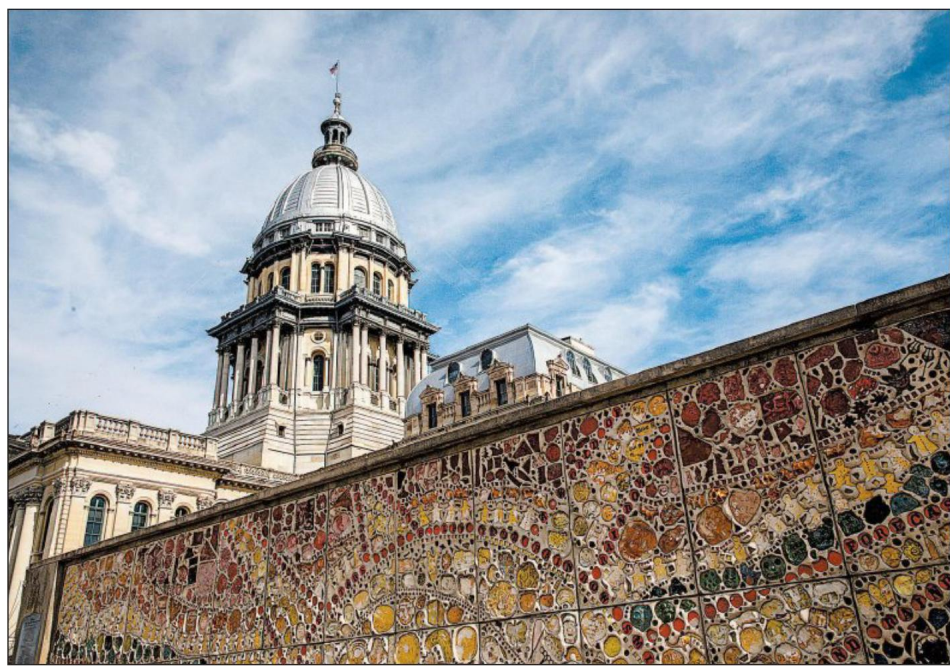
“You have more experience than I do what May should look like,” the rookie governor told Schoenburg.

State Rep. Michael Zalewski, the Riverside Democrat who chairs the House Revenue Committee, a key panel on taxation, cautioned against concerns about the outcome of Pritzker’s agenda.

“The governor proposed an ambitious legislative agenda at the outset of his administration and I think we’re making progress on the core items,” Zalewski said. “Probably, it’s fair to say that some items are moving at a different pace than others.”

The bills that have been filed so far are still only early iterations of the governor’s proposals and remain far from ready to face a floor vote.

The governor’s signature agenda item, a plan to put onto the 2020 November ballot a proposed state constitutional amendment to change Illinois from a flat income tax rate system to a graduated-rate system, is facing severe hurdles in the House. The plan cleared the Senate easily with all 40 Democrats voting for it. But it needs 71 House votes, and



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Democrats hold 74 seats. That leaves little room for defections, and at least two party members have expressed unease about voting for it without some concessions.

Trade-offs for votes have always been part of the legislative process. As it is tweaked, each bill represents its own game of Jenga — a piece pulled one way affects the other pieces, and threatens the bill’s ability to succeed. But at this point in May, all of the issues and all of the bills become intertwined.

Take the prospect of a multibillion-dollar capital construction program for transportation and public buildings. Some Democrats said privately that Pritzker has been reaching out to new Democratic lawmakers who might be vulnerable to a 2020 general election challenge about what they need for their votes. But veteran rank-and-file law-

makers have not been consulted, they said.

As a result, the capital bill remains stalled in a chicken-and-egg debate. How big of a construction program is needed would determine how much it would cost and what taxes to raise. But without knowing the projects lawmakers want, the price tag and the new tax revenue needed remain unknown. A bill has been proposed for transportation projects, but there is already pushback over its call for a 25-cent-per-gallon gas tax increase and a \$1,000-a-year tab for licensing all-electric vehicles.

Other pieces of legislation also face major roadblocks, with just more than two weeks to go.

There’s sports betting, which supporters had hoped to pass as a stand-alone issue, only to see it become tied to the inevitable discussion over expanded gambling involving

casinos and horse tracks.

And there’s legalized recreational marijuana legislation, mired in myriad concerns resulting from efforts to placate interests as varied as law enforcement and civil justice advocates.

Sports betting and legalized marijuana, along with a variety of tax increases, were part of a revenue package Pritzker proposed to serve as a bridge to a graduated-rate income tax.

But in a case of good news, bad news, a recent April surprise of \$1.5 billion in new state tax revenue and the prospect of \$800 million in additional money in the coming fiscal year has filled in some essential gaps. Pritzker has pledged to use the new money to fill a budget gap for the current budget year and devote it to underfunded state pensions next year. That alleviated a potential problem for lawmakers reluctant to adopt the governor’s previously

proposed reduction in payments into the debt-plagued public employee retirement systems.

Yet at the same time, the cash infusion has prompted lawmakers to slow down any talk of the need for revenue, taking the heat off Pritzker’s plea for additional sources of income.

The governor said it is wrongheaded for lawmakers to count on continued revenue surprises.

“We’re glad to have the money in the month of April. We’re glad to be able to help pay down the pension debt in our state. But the fact is it’s unlikely to be something that continues for very much longer,” Pritzker said Tuesday. “The predictions are, in fact, it will go back to a normalized revenue coming into the state. So those who have said, ‘Oh, we got one windfall and that solves all our problems,’ they’re wrong.”

With growing public discontent over skyrocketing property taxes, there is a push by some lawmakers to make greater real estate tax relief part of Pritzker’s graduated-rate income tax plan.

During his campaign, Pritzker promised property tax relief through revenue from his graduated tax. But his initial proposal increased the current property tax credit on state income taxes by 20% — essentially providing only \$60 of increased relief on a \$6,000 real estate tax bill. An add-on passed by the Senate would freeze school property taxes in 2020, but it is contingent on the state meeting increased state education funding provisions.

“Where’s the property tax reform?” asked a veteran Democratic lawmaker, who like others in the party spoke on condition of anonymity to avoid a confrontation with the governor.

“Suburban- and urban-area voters are really getting hit hard,” the lawmaker said, noting legislative gains Democrats made in suburban areas in 2018.

Leading Democrats agree that getting the graduated-rate income tax on the 2020

ballot is the top agenda item — viewing it as a long-term key toward fiscal stability in a financially unstable state — and know that trade-offs on other issues and projects are the likely key to make it happen.

But the fundamental issue lawmakers must deal with is putting together a state spending plan for the budget year that begins July 1 — and doing it by the May 31 deadline. After the damage caused by the historic two-year budget impasse between Rauner and a Democrat-led General Assembly, the optics of a government in full Democratic control unable to meet its primary governmental obligation would be politically damaging.

There are bipartisan working groups in place, but despite Pritzker’s vow of working across the aisle, House GOP leader Durkin said there have been only two meetings with the governor and the top legislative leaders — the last held April 11.

Another veteran Democratic lawmaker said that while growing pains are to be expected in any new administration, Pritzker’s has been especially slow off the mark.

“There’s a lot of starting over and rebuilding and getting competent people who can do the job. I get that,” the lawmaker said. “But while you’re doing that, you need to run government and be inclusive, especially when you’re attempting to pass such monumental items.”

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US won't endorse 'Christchurch Call'

France, New Zealand lead global pledge to curb online extremism

BY SYLVIE CORBET
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Associated Press

PARIS — The White House is not endorsing a global pledge to step up efforts to keep internet platforms from being used to spread hate, organize extremist groups and broadcast attacks, citing respect for “freedom of expression and freedom of the press.”

The statement came Wednesday after world leaders led by French President Emmanuel Macron and executives from Facebook, Google, Twitter and other tech companies gathered in Paris to compile a set of guidelines dubbed the “Christchurch Call,” named after the New Zealand city where 51 people were killed in a March attack on mosques. Much of the attack was broadcast live on Facebook, drawing public outrage and fueling debate on how to better regulate social media. Facebook said before the meeting that it was tightening rules for livestream users.

In a statement, the White House said it will “continue to be proactive in our efforts to counter terrorist content online” while also protecting free speech.

The Christchurch Call “is a global response to a tragedy that occurred on the shores of my country but was ultimately felt around the world,” said New Zealand Prime Minister Jacinda Ardern, who has played a



New Zealand's Prime Minister Jacinda Ardern, left, and French President Emmanuel Macron address the media Wednesday at the Elysee Palace in Paris.

leading role pushing for globally coordinated efforts to eliminate online extremism.

“Fundamentally it ultimately commits us all to build a more humane internet, which cannot be misused by terrorists for their hateful purposes,” she said at a joint news conference with Macron.

The French and New Zealand governments drafted the agreement — a roadmap that aims to prevent similar abuses of the internet while insisting that any actions must preserve

“the principles of a free, open and secure internet, without compromising human rights and fundamental freedoms.”

The call was adopted by U.S. tech companies that also included Amazon, Microsoft and YouTube, along with France's Qwant and DailyMotion, and the Wikimedia Foundation. Countries backing France and New Zealand were Britain, Canada, Ireland, Jordan, Norway, Senegal, Indonesia and the European Union's executive body. Several other countries not

present at the meeting added their endorsement.

The meeting in Paris comes at a pivotal moment for tech companies, which critics accuse of being too powerful and resistant to regulation. Some have called for giants such as Facebook to be broken up. Europe is leading a global push for more regulation of how the companies handle user data and copyrighted material. The tech companies, meanwhile, are offering their own ideas.

Unlike previous official attempts to regulate the

internet, “the Christchurch Call is different in that it associates all actors of the internet” including the tech companies themselves, Macron said.

He said he hopes to get broader support for the agreement in coming months, with technical questions to be discussed by June.

In Wednesday's agreement, which is not legally binding, the tech companies committed to measures to prevent the spread of terrorist or violent extremist content. That may include

cooperating on developing technology or expanding the use of shared digital signatures.

They also promised to take measures to reduce the risk that such content is livestreamed, including flagging it for real-time review.

And they pledged to study how algorithms sometimes promote extremist content. That would help find ways to intervene more quickly and redirect users to “credible positive alternatives or counter-narratives.”

Amazon, Facebook, Google, Microsoft and Twitter issued a joint supporting statement, outlining in further detail actions they would take individually or together to combat abuse of technology to spread extremist content. They include making it easier for users to flag inappropriate content, using enhanced vetting for livestreaming and publishing transparency reports on material that's removed.

The Christchurch Call was drafted as 80 CEOs and executives from technology companies gathered in Paris for a “Tech for Good” conference meant to address how they can use their global influence for public good — for example by promoting gender equality, diversity in hiring and greater access to technology for lower income users.

Free speech advocates and some in the tech industry bristle at new restrictions and argue that violent extremism is a societal problem that the tech world can't solve.

Ivey signs near-total ban on Ala. abortions

State embraces most stringent law in nation against procedure

BY KIM CHANDLER
Associated Press

MONTGOMERY, Ala. — Alabama's Republican governor signed the most stringent abortion legislation in the nation Wednesday, making performing an abortion a felony in nearly all cases.

“To the bill's many supporters, this legislation stands as a powerful testament to Alabamians' deeply held belief that every life is precious and that every life is a sacred gift from God,” Gov. Kay Ivey said in a statement.

The bill's sponsors want to give conservatives on the U.S. Supreme Court a chance to gut abortion rights nationwide, but Democrats and abortion rights advocates criticized the bill as a slap in the face to women voters.

“It just completely disregards women and the value of women and their voice. We have once again silenced women on a very personal issue,” said Sen. Linda Coleman-Madison, a Birmingham Democrat.

Coleman-Madison said she hopes the measure awakens a “sleeping giant” of women voters in the state.

But Republican pollster Chris Kratzer noted that there is no congressional district and likely no legislative district with enough swing voters to put Republicans at serious risk in the state.

“The people who are outraged about this are not the people who are electing these guys, generally speaking, especially when we're talking about the primary,” he said.

Further, Kratzer argued, there aren't enough potential swing voters and disenchanted Republicans to make the issue any kind of advantage for the lone Democrat elected to statewide office, U.S. Sen. Doug Jones, who scored a surprise win in a 2017 special election.

Jones upset Republican Roy Moore in part on the strength of GOP-leaning college graduates abandoning the controversial Moore. But Kratzer said that was more about Moore's long history of flouting federal courts as chief justice of the Alabama Supreme Court and accusations that Moore sexually harassed teens when he was in his 30s — not Moore's hardline stance on abortion. The legislation Alabama

senators passed Tuesday would make performing an abortion at any stage of pregnancy a felony punishable by 10 to 99 years or life in prison for the provider. The only exception would be when the woman's health is at serious risk. Women seeking or undergoing abortions wouldn't be punished.

Rep. Terri Collins, the bill's sponsor, said she believes the measure reflects the beliefs of the majority of the state electorate.

“I've heard from lots of women in the state who are extremely pro-life, and they're very supportive,” Collins said.

Ivey acknowledged Wednesday that the measure may be unenforceable in the short term. The law is set to go into effect six months after being signed, but supporters expect it to be blocked by lower courts as they fight toward the Supreme Court.

“The sponsors of this bill believe that it is time, once again, for the U.S. Supreme Court to revisit this important matter, and they believe this act may bring about the best opportunity for this to occur,” Ivey said.

Kentucky, Mississippi, Ohio and Georgia recently



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have approved bans on abortion once a fetal heartbeat is detected, which can occur in about the sixth week of pregnancy. The Alabama bill goes further by seeking to ban abortion outright.

Abortion rights advocates vowed swift legal action.

“We vowed to fight this dangerous abortion ban every step of the way and we meant what we said. We haven't lost a case in Alabama yet and we don't plan to start now. We will see

Governor Ivey in court,” said Staci Fox, president and CEO of Planned Parenthood Southeast.

One mile from the Alabama Statehouse — down the street from the Governor's Mansion — sits Montgomery's only abortion clinic, one of three performing abortions in the state. Because of its location, the clinic sees a stream of patients from Mississippi and the Florida Panhandle because other clinics have closed.

Clinic staff on Wednesday fielded calls from patients, and potential patients, wrongly worried that abortion was now illegal in the state. They were assured abortion remained legal in the state.

“It's been a lot of fear. A lot of people who are afraid they can't get their procedure,” said Kari Crowe, a clinic employee and escort.

“Abortion is OK!” read a banner paid for by abortion rights advocates that a plane carried as it circled the Alabama Capitol and Statehouse on Wednesday.

Louisiana 'heartbeat' abortion ban moves closer to final passage

Associated Press

BATON ROUGE, La. — A proposal to ban abortions in Louisiana as early as the sixth week of pregnancy continued to speed through the state Legislature on Wednesday.

Without objection, the Louisiana House Health and Welfare Committee backed legislation to prohibit abortions when a fetal heartbeat is detected, similar to laws passed in several conservative states that are aimed at challenging the

U.S. Supreme Court's 1973 decision that legalized abortion.

Louisiana's ban, however, only would take effect if a federal appeals court upholds a similar law in Mississippi.

Louisiana's fetal “heartbeat bill” is one of several measures that lawmakers are advancing to add new restrictions on abortion. State senators already have supported the bill, which will next receive full House consideration, one step from final passage.

Democratic Gov. John Bel Edwards has indicated he will sign the measure if it reaches his desk.

Opponents said the bill would effectively eliminate abortion as an option before many women realize they are pregnant.

The bill does not include an exception for a pregnancy caused by rape or incest.

Wisconsin: The state Assembly passed a so-called born alive anti-abortion bill Wednesday that President Donald Trump has touted, a

move that comes as conservatives across the country push to end the constitutional right to abortion.

Democratic Gov. Tony Evers has promised to veto the measure, which was one of four anti-abortion bills up for passage in the Republican-controlled Assembly.

Ohio: Planned Parenthood and abortion clinics sued Wednesday to thwart Ohio's latest and most restrictive abortion law.

The lawsuit filed in federal court in Columbus by groups represented by the

American Civil Liberties Union and other civil rights attorneys says banning abortions after the first detectable fetal heartbeat is unconstitutional and would prohibit nearly all abortions in Ohio, or as many as nine of every 10.

Utah: The chief prosecutor in the county with Utah's only two abortion clinics said he won't enforce a new law banning most procedures after 18 weeks.

The decision was announced Tuesday by Democratic Salt Lake County Dis-

trict Attorney Sim Gill, who said the law appears unconstitutional.

Missouri: Democrats slammed an effort to ban abortions in the state at eight weeks of pregnancy.

The proposal includes exceptions for medical emergencies, but not for pregnancies caused by rape or incest.

Doctors would face five to 15 years in prison for violating the eight-week cutoff.

Lawmakers face a Friday deadline to pass legislation.

White House raises resistance to House probes

BY JONATHAN LEMIRE, CATHERINE LUCEY AND MARY CLARE JALONICK
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The White House sharply escalated its resistance to congressional attempts to investigate President Donald Trump, notifying the House Judiciary panel Wednesday that it would refuse to comply with sweeping requests for documents and witness testimony while declaring that the legislative branch had no right to a “do-over” of the special counsel’s Russia probe.

White House counsel Pat Cippillone sent a 12-page letter to the committee chairman, Rep. Jerrold Nadler, D-N.Y., labeling congressional investigations as efforts to “harass” Trump in the wake of special counsel Robert Mueller’s probe into Russian election interference. Current and former administration officials will not be permitted to testify, according to the White House, and the administration will fight subpoenas as Congress moves to step up investigations into Trump’s presidency and finances.

Cippillone offered what has become a new favored talking point among Trump’s allies: that Con-



Rep. Jerrold Nadler leads the House Judiciary Committee on a hearing about executive privilege and oversight.

gress is a legislative, not law enforcement, body and does not have a right to pursue most investigations.

“Congressional investigations are intended to obtain information to aid in evaluating potential legisla-

tion, not to harass political opponents or to pursue an unauthorized ‘do-over’ of exhaustive law enforcement investigations conducted by the Department of Justice,” Cippillone wrote.

The White House counsel stopped short of invoking blanket executive privilege, but he said the White House would only cooperate with narrow requests from Nadler if Congress explained the legislative

purposes behind them.

Nadler said the White House’s arguments were “ridiculous” and would hold the president above the law. He added, for the first time, that the committee was considering “very large” fines for witnesses who do not comply.

“This flies in the face of the American idea that no one is above the law, and I reject it,” Nadler said.

White House officials said the release of a redacted version of Mueller’s 448-page report last month made the congressional probes unnecessary and gratuitous. Though Trump and his allies routinely attacked Mueller’s integrity, the White House has found fit to praise the special counsel when it suits them: Officials on Wednesday declared Mueller’s team to be “professional” and “hard-charging” and insisted that Mueller’s conclusions be honored.

Mueller did not conclude that the Trump campaign conspired with Russia. He did not rule on whether Trump obstructed justice, although Attorney General William Barr said the report shows the president did not.

Cippillone stressed that the Mueller probe was “exhaustive,” involving 2,800 subpoenas, 500 executed

search warrants and 500 witness interviews.

“The appropriate course is for the Committee to discontinue the inquiry,” the White House counsel wrote. “Unfortunately, it appears that you have already decided to press ahead with a duplicative investigation, including by issuing subpoenas, to re-plow the same ground the Special Counsel has already covered.”

Democrats are clashing with the administration on myriad fronts, including over access to Mueller’s full report. Trump for the first time earlier this month invoked the principle of executive privilege, claiming the right to block lawmakers from the unredacted document about Russian interference to help Trump in the 2016 election.

The Judiciary panel voted to hold Barr in contempt of Congress after he defied the committee’s subpoena for the unredacted report.

Trump told his staff and political advisers in recent weeks to refuse to cooperate with Democrats, declaring the party’s goal was simply to damage him politically as he goes into his reelection campaign. The legal battle could stretch to 2020.

Less fat may cut risk of dying of breast cancer

BY MARILYNN MARCHIONE
Associated Press

For the first time, a large experiment suggests that trimming dietary fat and eating more fruits and vegetables may lower a woman’s risk of dying of breast cancer.

The results are notable because they come from a rigorous test involving 49,000 women over two decades rather than other studies that try to draw health conclusions from observations about how people eat.

Healthy women who modified their diets for at least eight years and who later developed breast cancer had a 21% lower risk of dying of the disease compared to others who continued to eat as usual.

However, that risk was small to start with and diet’s effect was not huge, so it took 20 years for the difference between the groups to appear. The diet change also did not lower the risk of developing breast cancer, which was the study’s main goal. Still, doctors say the results show a way women might improve their odds of

survival. “Patients are eager for things that they can do,” said Dr. Jennifer Ligibel of the Dana-Farber Cancer Institute in Boston. “It really suggests that changing your diet, losing weight, exercising, could actually be a treatment.”

She had no role in the study, led by Dr. Rowan Chlebowski of Los Angeles Biomedical Research Institute at Harbor-UCLA Medical Center. He gave results Wednesday in a telephone news conference held by the American Society of Clinical Oncology.

“We need to take this very seriously” because of the quality of the study, said Dr. Lidia Schapira, a breast cancer expert at Stanford University. “What we eat matters.”

The results come from the Women’s Health Initiative, a federally funded study that previously overturned longtime advice on hormone therapy for menopause symptoms.

The diet part of the study enrolled 48,835 women ages 50 to 79 without breast cancer in the 1990s. At the start, they were getting one third of calories from fat.



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US birth rates plunge to lowest level in 32 years, report shows

BY CARLA K. JOHNSON
Associated Press

America’s baby bust isn’t over. The nation’s birth rates last year reached record lows for women in their teens and 20s, a government report shows, leading to the fewest babies in 32 years.

The provisional report, released Wednesday and based on more than 99% of U.S. birth records, found 3.788 million births last year. It was the fourth year the number of births has fallen, the lowest since 1986 and a surprise to some experts given the improving economy.

The fertility rate of 1.7 births per U.S. woman also fell 2%, meaning the current generation isn’t making enough babies to replace itself. The fertility rate is a hypothetical estimate based on lifetime projections of age-specific birth rates.

Whether more U.S. women are postponing motherhood or forgoing it entirely isn’t clear.

If trends continue, experts said, the U.S. can expect labor shortages including in elder care when aging baby boomers need the most support.

“I keep expecting to see the birth rates go up and then they don’t,” said demographer Kenneth M. Johnson of University of

New Hampshire’s Carsey School of Public Policy.

He estimates 5.7 million babies would have been born in the past decade if fertility rates hadn’t fallen from pre-recession levels.

“That’s a lot of empty kindergarten rooms,” said Johnson, who wasn’t involved in the report.

Other experts are not concerned, predicting today’s young women will catch up with childbearing later in their lives. The only two groups with slightly higher birth rates in 2018 were women in their late 30s and those in their early 40s.

“Our fertility rates are still quite high for a wealthy nation,” said Caroline Sten Hartnett, a demographer at the University of South Carolina.

American women are starting families sooner than most other developed nations, according to other research. Other countries are seeing similar declines in birth rates.

Young Americans still want to have children, but they don’t feel stable enough to have them yet, said Karen Benjamin Guzzo, who studies families at Bowling Green State University in Ohio.

The U.S. could do more to encourage childbearing with parental leave, pre-school expansion and child care subsidies, and other

policies aimed at helping young adults struggling with student loan debt and housing costs, Guzzo said.

Brandy Loshaw, 39, of Webster, New York, said despite a stable career as a dental hygienist “I would never be able to afford the added expense of a child and live comfortably.” She said she is grateful she “can never remember a time in my life that I wanted children.”

Pollution and climate change worry her. “I would hate to bring a child into a world that could fall apart around them,” Loshaw said.

Births were down across racial groups, with small declines for Hispanics, whites, blacks and Asians. The number of babies born to native Hawaiian and Pacific Islanders was stable.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention report also found:

■ Overall, the U.S. birth rate for women ages 15 to 44 was 59 births per 1,000 women, an all-time low.

■ Last year, there were 2% fewer births than in 2017.

■ Births to teenagers again reached a record low. The number of births to mothers ages 15 through 19 was 179,607, down 8%.

■ The rate for premature births — delivery at less than 37 weeks — rose for the fourth straight year to just over 10%, from 9.9%.

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Travel ban splits American families

Trump edict results in yearslong wait, health stresses

By DEEPTI HAJELA AND AMY TAXIN
Associated Press

NEW YORK — Eight-year-old Mutaz cries when he sees his classmates with their mothers at teacher conferences. His 9-year-old brother, Adel, gets into trouble at school.

In hourslong weekend calls with their mother, the children always have the same question: When are you coming to America?

It's a question with no answer. Their mother, Amena Abdulkarem, is stuck in Yemen with her two younger sons.

She's been waiting three years for a visa to come to the United States to join her husband, Sadek Ahmed, and the children.

Their situation is representative of the toll the Trump administration's travel ban has taken on an untold number of families.

Ahmed, a 31-year-old school maintenance worker in New York and a U.S. citizen, and other Americans with relatives from countries targeted by the ban see no end to their separations. And they say they have no idea how to get a coveted waiver created, but seldom issued, by the government to help families avoid being apart for so long.

"I really don't understand how long it's going to. I have two kids here. I need to know when she's going to come. The kids keep asking me," said Ahmed, tears in his eyes. "It's hard for them, because they're so young."

The Trump administration issued a third version of the ban in December 2017, blocking citizens of five Muslim-majority countries and their immediate families from traveling or immigrating to the United States. The ban — which affects Iran, Libya, Somalia, Syria, Yemen, North Korea and government representatives



Sadek Ahmed and his son, Adel, video chat from New York with Sadek's wife, Amena Abdulkarem, who is stuck in Yemen. SETH WENIG/AP

from Venezuela — was upheld by the Supreme Court in June 2018.

The measure has devastated not only overseas relatives who have been unable to visit family in the United States but also American citizens such as Ahmed — husbands who have been separated from wives and parents from children.

The administration announced that waivers would be granted on an individual basis so long as doing so did not threaten national security. But immigrants and their advocates contend there's no formal system to apply for a waiver, and they have sued the government in federal courts in California and New York. They describe an arbitrary process with no clear guidance on how to make their cases or ensure that consular officials accept their documentation.

Even the success stories, of visas sometimes handed out without the need for waivers first, prove there's

no rhyme or reason to the decisions, they said.

"It makes you question the legitimacy of this waiver process. It makes you question your existence in this country," said Ayyad Algabyali, director of advocacy at the Yemeni American Merchants Association, which has been helping families write essays to make their cases.

The State Department said the president's proclamation "clearly explained" the conditions under which a waiver could be issued, and that applicants should come forward during their visa interviews with any information that could help demonstrate their eligibility.

The travel ban's effect has been stark: Almost 38,000 people seeking immigrant or tourist visas have been blocked from the U.S. since the ban took effect. Only 2,673 waivers were granted between December 2017 and January 2019, according to the State Department,

which did not comment on how the waivers were granted.

That coincides with a sharp decline in immigrant visas allotted to people from the five majority-Muslim countries seeking to move permanently to the United States. In the 2018 fiscal year, the U.S. issued 4,167 immigrant visas to people from those five countries, compared with 25,538 visas two years earlier.

Mike Razi, an immigration attorney in Los Angeles, said his American clients separated from relatives in Iran are being discriminated against.

"Nobody has a right to come to the United States," Razi said. "But you have a right as a U.S. citizen to petition your family members. If you are from the Philippines, you can do that, but if you are Iranian, you can't."

Ahmed, who came to the U.S. as a teen in 2005, married Abdulkarem in

2008, after meeting her in Yemen through mutual connections. She remained there and he would visit. Their older two sons were born in 2009 and 2011.

Ahmed became a citizen in 2011 and petitioned first for the older boys in 2012, but it took until 2015 for them to be allowed to join him, in a harrowing trip from a country filled with unrest. Adel is in weekly therapy to help him cope with the traumatic departure. Ahmed doubts the sessions are doing any good.

In March 2016, he applied to bring his wife to the U.S., and they have been waiting ever since. They should have waited only a few months, but because of a backlog, the application was still being processed when the ban took effect.

Abdulkarem had an interview in Djibouti in October 2018, and Ahmed gave a consular officer material that he and his attorneys put together to request a waiver.

They have heard nothing since.

Now the family is split up. He and the couple's two older children are in Brooklyn with his parents. She lives in Yemen with their sons, ages 5 and 1.

The ban also has completely upended the life of Shamim Darchini Astaneh, a 25-year-old Californian heading to graduate school in the fall for a career as a pharmacist.

She cannot concentrate. Her hands shake, and she spends nearly all her waking hours tethered to a computer in the hopes of sharing her life with her 33-year-old husband, Amin Sirati, a dentist stuck in Iran.

She came to the United States as a teenager after her mother won a green card lottery and met Sirati when she went to visit family in Iran.

Four years ago, the couple married knowing they could be apart for two years while their visa application was reviewed. Since the ban, they face the prospect of an indefinite separation.

At home in Irvine, California, she gets migraines. Her family takes her to the emergency room when her tremors are severe. During college, she kept her laptop open while she studied so her husband could be with her, at least virtually. She left it by her bed at night so he could watch her fall asleep.

"We don't have too much time to see each other. When I am going to bed, he is going to work," she said in a phone interview. "All the time we are on FaceTime."

In July 2017, the couple were interviewed at the U.S. Embassy in Abu Dhabi and told a visa should be ready in about two months.

Since then, she has sent officials letters from doctors describing the toll of the wait. In January, officials replied by saying they would no longer send updates on her waiver request.

"I believe there is no waiver, and everything is just window dressing," she said.

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Trump to unveil new plan to redo legal immigration system

BY JILL COLVIN AND ALAN FRAM
 Associated Press

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Sen. Lindsey Graham on Wednesday speaks about the flood of migrants seeking asylum at the southern border.

WASHINGTON — After years of setbacks and stalemates, President Donald Trump will lay out another immigration plan Thursday as he tries to convince the American public and lawmakers that the nation's current legal immigration system should be overhauled.

The latest effort, spearheaded by Trump's son-in-law and senior adviser Jared Kushner, focuses on border security and rethinking the current green card system so that it would favor people with high-level skills, degrees and job offers instead of relatives of those already in the United States.

Trump planned a speech Thursday throwing his weight behind the latest approach, which has received mixed reviews from Republican senators. It faces an uphill battle in Congress, with prospects bleak for an election-season agreement on such a contentious issue.

Senior administration officials have framed the plan as one that Republicans might be able to unite behind, giving the party a road map they can say they're "for." The plan does not address what to do about people already living in the country illegally, including "Dreamer" immigrants brought to the country as children. But many outside the administration believe the White House might be open to an eventual deal that could include new protections for that group.

In briefings with reporters Wednesday, administration officials said the plan would create a points-based visa system, similar to those used by Canada and other countries. The officials spoke on condition of anonymity.

The U.S. would award the same number of green cards as it now does, but far more would go to exceptional students, professionals and people with vocational degrees. Factors such as age, English language ability and employment offers would be taken into account.

Far fewer green cards would be given to people with relatives already in the country. The diversity visa lottery, which offers green cards to citizens of countries with historically low rates of immigration to the U.S., would be eliminated.

The officials offered fewer specifics on border security, but said the administration hopes to create a fund, paid for by increasing certain fees, and use the money to modernize security and ports of entry.

The administration will push for an overhaul to the asylum system, with the goal of having to process fewer applications and making it easier to remove people who don't qualify.

It's not the first time the Trump White House has come out with an immigration plan. A "four pillars" proposal last year fell by the wayside after Republicans failed to get behind corresponding legislation. This time, the White House is taking a more hands-on process, drafting legislative text itself.

Trump has been furious about the spike in Central American migrant families trying to enter the country. His administration has been frantically looking for ways to limit the numbers.

Sen. Lindsey Graham, R-S.C., told reporters after a Senate briefing Tuesday that White House officials seemed "well on their way" to winning consensus for a plan that would unite Republicans on the issue.

Graham rolled out his own proposal Wednesday to address a recent flood of migrants seeking asylum at the U.S.-Mexico border. He said the proposal would make the U.S. a less attractive destination.

Under the plan, migrants seeking asylum in the U.S. would have to make their claims at processing centers in places such as Central American countries and Mexico.

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Critics say facing shooters may make kids bigger targets

BY CAROLYN THOMPSON AND MICHAEL MELIA
Associated Press

BALTIMORE — The actions of students who died tackling gunmen at two U.S. campuses a week apart have been hailed as heroic. At a growing number of schools around the country, they also reflect guidance to students, at least in some situations, to do what they can to disrupt shootings.

A majority of districts have embraced such an approach, with experts saying educators need to give staff and students as many options as possible in the worst-case scenario.

"In all honesty, I don't know of another strategy," said teacher Kelly Chavis, whose Rock Hill, South Carolina, school endorses a strategy known as Avoid, Deny, Defend. "What else would you do if you did not try to get away in a situation?"

Many schools have stuck with the traditional approach of locking down classrooms and letting law enforcement confront the shooter, especially in grade schools. Encouraging students or faculty to do otherwise, critics say, could make them more of a target.

At the STEM School Highlands Ranch in suburban Denver, where student Kendrick Castillo was killed while confronting a gunman May 7, the school uses a "Locks, Lights, Out of Sight" protocol, according to spokesman Gil Rudawsky.

He declined to say whether any of the school's training for students addresses whether they should fight an intruder.

But Brendan Bialy had



Participants rush out of the cafeteria after hearing gunshots during a lockdown exercise at a high school in Milford, Massachusetts.

thought about it on his own. He lunged with Castillo toward the gunman and wrestled the gun from his hand.

"I don't like the idea of running and hiding," he told reporters May 8. "There's certain situations if you got to get out of it, you got to get out of it, but like, I'm not going to say, like, cower or move out of the way for somebody who's right in front of me. Somebody like that, I'm going to fight them there."

Riley Howell, 21, died thwarting a shooter the week before at the University of North Carolina at Charlotte. Alert messages at that campus advised students to "Run, Hide, Fight."

There always have been students willing to take action, said Greg Crane, who founded the for-profit ALICE Institute, which stands for Alert, Lockdown, Inform, Counter, Evacuate. He said he created it in 2001 based on what had already been done by students including Jake Ryker, who tackled a shooter at Thurston High School in Oregon in 1998 despite be-

ing shot in the chest.

Many people have a "warrior mindset, a hero mindset," Crane said. "It's just, have we cultivated them with some information and with some training so that when they are the first one to stand up and start moving to do something, maybe they're not alone?"

Educators from over 5,000 school districts have received the program's training, often from certified law enforcement officers, Crane said. He said the program does not teach fighting strategies. Rather, it encourages people to make noise, create distractions and confuse the attacker.

Baltimore County Public Schools adopted ALICE this school year.

If an assailant gets too close, students are told to grab anything and throw it and scream. No young students are told to tackle or otherwise try to make contact, but staffers and older students have that option, Superintendent George Roberts said.

"The adults are trained

how to grab the arms, grab the legs and subdue" until police arrive, said Roberts, who was principal at Maryland's Perry Hall High School in 2012 when a student brought a shotgun into the cafeteria and critically wounded another student.

Karen Shepard has several children and grandchildren in the Athens, Pennsylvania, school district, which also adopted ALICE training this year.

She said she would prefer the children know not to stand clustered in a corner if a gunman burst into their classroom. "They should barricade, (and) they should have something in their hands," she said. "At least they'd have a fighting chance."

It's a frightening conversation, said Joseph Erardi, who was superintendent in Newtown, Connecticut, for four years after a gunman killed 26 people at Sandy Hook Elementary School.

"What we've learned over time is to provide staff and students with as many options as possible in the moment," Erardi said.

Both teen suspects charged as adults in fatal Colo. shooting

BY KATHLEEN FOODY
Associated Press

CASTLE ROCK, Colo. — Two students suspected of shooting nine classmates, one fatally, in their Colorado charter school appeared in court Wednesday to face dozens of criminal charges that included murder and attempted murder.

The parents of the teen who was killed in the attack looked on before attending their son's memorial service.

Kendrick Castillo, a senior, was just days from graduating when he was killed while trying to stop one of the gunmen during the May 7 attack at the STEM School Highlands Ranch in suburban Denver.

Investigators say the accused assailants — Devon Erickson, 18, and Alec McKinney, 16 — opened fire with handguns. They were arrested at the school.

While court documents are sealed, the charges against the teenagers listed in electronic court records also included theft and arson.

Prosecutors said both will be tried as adults. McKinney's attorney, Ara Ohanian, said she would seek to move McKinney's case back to juvenile court.

Judge Theresa Slade denied the prosecution's request to make some of the documents public but said she would address the issue at the next hearing June 7.

Erickson appeared more involved in Wednesday's proceedings compared with his initial court appearance last week. His face was visible, and he looked forward toward the judge while attorneys discussed the case. He was kept shackled after the judge denied a request to remove them.

McKinney appeared in court after Erickson. He glanced back several times at the hearing toward the bench where his mother was sitting.

District Attorney George Brauchler also revealed that he has asked an outside prosecutor to investigate whether charges should be filed against a private security guard who has been credited with apprehending one of the suspects in a school hallway.

Brauchler did not explain why the security guard would face charges.

Two news organizations citing sources reported that authorities are investigating whether the guard mistakenly fired at a responding sheriff's deputy and may have wounded a student.

Castillo and classmates Brendan Bialy and Joshua Jones were credited with helping minimize the bloodshed by charging at one of the suspects.

All of the wounded students have been released from hospitals.

The shooting happened nearly three weeks after nearby Littleton marked the 20th anniversary of the Columbine massacre.

Iran

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dered all non-essential personnel to leave Iraq, and last week an aircraft carrier group and other resources were shifted to the Persian Gulf region. In public and in private, officials are sticking by the administration's warnings of serious threats from Iranian-backed forces in the region, yet they reject the idea that the U.S. moves are a prelude to war.

Trump denied a report Tuesday that the administration had reviewed a plan to send 120,000 troops.

Still, the actions are exposing skepticism in the U.S. and among foreign allies, a legacy of the 2003 invasion of Iraq that was based on false intelligence. U.S. officials have not publicly provided any evidence to back up claims of an increased Iranian threat.

"Congress has not authorized war with Iran, and the administration, if it were contemplating military action with Iran, must come to Congress to seek approval," said Sen. Bob Menendez of New Jersey, top Democrat on the Senate Foreign Relations Committee. He said he had never seen anything like the "non-answers" coming from the administration.

Republicans who have been briefed said the threats are real.

The chairman of Foreign Relations Committee, Sen. Jim Risch of Idaho, said that based on the information he received he supports the administration actions, including the repositioning of



President Trump and House Speaker Nancy Pelosi do not see eye to eye on Iran as tensions rise over the Persian country.

the USS Abraham Lincoln aircraft carrier to the Persian Gulf.

And Republican Sen. Marco Rubio of Florida said the information he's seen shows "by far the single most imminent potential conflict of this significance" in his eight years in Congress. He said, "The intelligence is unmistakable and clear and it's backed by observable movement on the ground."

Still, Romney expressed support for the Senate Democrats' request for more information in a classified briefing, and Risch said a broader briefing for senators, perhaps next week, was "in the works."

State Department officials said threats in the region were credible and based on intelligence showing Iranian-backed militias had been moving personnel and weaponry as well as

stepping up surveillance of U.S. and U.S.-affiliated facilities in Iraq and other parts of the Middle East. The officials were not authorized to comment publicly by name and spoke only on condition of anonymity.

They pushed back against speculation that the decision to bring nonessential personnel home from Iraq was a prelude to military conflict. There is no U.S. desire for war, said one

official, who had returned earlier Wednesday from Europe with Secretary of State Mike Pompeo.

Several Democrats pinned the moves in part on national security adviser John Bolton, known for his hawkish views. Some have suggested Pompeo and Bolton don't see eye-to-eye on the U.S. strategy, and Trump found it necessary to comment on that.

"There is no infighting

"Congress has not authorized war with Iran, and the administration ... must come to Congress to seek approval."

— Sen. Bob Menendez

whatsoever," he tweeted Wednesday. "All sides, views, and policies are covered," and he reserves the "decisive and final decision," he said.

"I'm sure that Iran will want to talk soon," he said, without elaboration.

Earlier this year, Congress forced Trump into the first veto of his administration over a resolution that passed the House and Senate to halt U.S. involvement in the Saudi-led war against Iranian backed Houthi rebels in Yemen.

Rep. Jim Himes, D-Conn., a senior member of the House intelligence committee said, "The people inside the administration who are trying to start a war know that if they have this conversation in an open and transparent way, there will be very substantial push-back from both parties and both houses of Congress."

Republican Rep. Will Hurd of Texas, who is a former CIA officer, said the administration's information on Iran is highly sensitive and by nature cannot be shared with a wide audience.

President to hand 'Trump Cup' to sumo champion in Japan

The Washington Post

A sumo grand champion in Japan battles in feats of seemingly superhuman strength over 15 days to claim a pair of giant silver trophies named in honor of the nation's emperor and prime minister.

This month in Tokyo, another shiny prize will be on the line — the "Trump Cup."

President Donald Trump's state visit near the end of May coincides with the final day of the Summer

Grand Sumo Tournament, and Trump is expected on May 26 to present a custom-made trophy to the victor at the Ryogoku Kokugikan, the sumo hall in the capital city, according to a report in the Asahi Shimbun, citing Japanese government officials.

White House officials did not immediately respond to a request for comment. An official at the Japanese Embassy in Washington said he was unable to confirm the report.

But Trump hinted at his

plans during a bilateral meeting with Japanese Prime Minister Shinzo Abe at the White House last month.

"I've always found that fascinating," Trump said of sumo. "We're having a trophy made in this country. We're going to give the trophy to the winner of the championship."

Abe has sought to court Trump by playing to his ego. During his visit, Trump also will become the first foreign leader to meet newly enshrined Emperor Naruhito.

The president also is expected to visit the U.S. naval base at Yokosuka.

Experts said it is not unusual for sumo champions to receive special awards from foreign dignitaries, private companies and provincial officials across Japan.

But, they emphasized, the awards are typically named after a country or business. For example, the late David Jones, who worked in Tokyo for the now-defunct Pan American Airways, presented the Pan

American trophy to sumo champions for more than two decades.

Andrew Freund, director of USA Sumo, said naming the award after Trump would be fine as a nickname. But "if it is officially the 'Trump Cup,' that would be a little over the top," said Freund, who has been organizing sumo events in the United States for 25 years.

Trump would not be the first head of state to hand out a sumo trophy.

Former French President Jacques Chirac, who was

such a fan that he named his poodle "Sumo," created in 2000 what came to be known as the "Chirac Cup." Formally called the "President of the Republic of France Cup," the award was presented to sumo champions in Japan by the French ambassador or another diplomat for seven years until Chirac left office in 2007.

The award was discontinued after that; Chirac's successor, Nicolas Sarkozy, mocked the sumo as "battles between fat guys with slicked-down ponytails."

Extra, extra: Historic newspapers, free to all

In (heart)breaking news, Md. man will give collection up

BY TARA BAHRAMPOUR
The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — Greg Weinman stood in his suburban Crofton, Maryland, basement and gingerly unfolded a brittle, yellowed page of the Toledo Times.

"Moon Walkers Head for Home," read the banner headline of July 21, 1969. Farther down, another headline reported that Sen. Edward M. Kennedy had been charged with leaving the scene of a car accident in which a female companion was killed.

Weinman, 54, a lawyer for the U.S. Mint, opened another fragile broadsheet: the Cincinnati Enquirer from May 5, 1970. The front page reported the killing of four Kent State University students by National Guardsmen and included the now-iconic photograph of a young woman screaming over a body on the ground. Farther down, a different photo showed a close-up of men looking aghast as the Dow Jones industrial average dropped 19 points, to 714.56.

These newspapers, and thousands more, have been

part of Weinman's life for as long as he can remember. In the 1920s, his grandfather, Myer Weinman, a Toledo native who worked for a company that ran department store watch-repair counters around the country, started purchasing a newspaper whenever big news occurred, wherever he happened to be.

Over the decades, the elder Weinman amassed thousands of daily papers that chronicled everything from the earth-shattering (the victory tour of Charles Lindbergh, the end of World War II, the Supreme Court's *Brown v. Board of Education* decision, the assassinations of Mohandas Gandhi and the Kennedys) to the mundane (Mickey Rooney coming down with a fever after getting a smallpox vaccination; cans of Campbell tomato soup on sale, 10 for a dollar; Queen Elizabeth's return to Britain after a tour abroad as "a slight, but brisk, breeze ruffled the queen's yellow, navy and white silk dress").

In the early 1980s, his grandfather fell ill, and the teenage Weinman took over, eventually bringing

the papers with him when he moved from Ohio to the Washington area in 1991 and continuing to expand the collection. Now, nearly a century after it began, the collection includes more than 2,000 newspapers.

But now, they all must go. Weinman's house is under contract. He has already moved into a new condo on Washington, D.C.'s Capitol Hill and doesn't have room for them. So on May 19, he will lay them on his front driveway and invite the public to come take what they like. After that, whatever remains will be put out for recycling.

It is not the ending Weinman wanted for his beloved collection. But when he contacted universities and libraries, he found no takers. "Fundamentally, no one wants old papers," he said. "They have all the headlines on microfiche. Their answer is, 'We got rid of all our papers.'"

The papers are sort of like family members. While in elementary school in Toledo, Weinman would bring them to class for show-and-tell, bringing to life the history the students were



SARAH L. VOISIN/WASHINGTON POST

Greg Weinman, 54, holds a newspaper featuring the death of Babe Ruth, his favorite.

studying. At home, he would sit with his grandfather, leafing through the big and small news of days gone by.

"I think he saw them as little time capsules," he said. "He was a storyteller. He used to teach me history through the papers. ... He would show me different papers and talk about bias. How the headline of one paper was different from the headline of another. They don't all have the same point of view."

Many are from Ohio, where the Weinmans are from. But there are also plenty from around the country, including *The Washington Post*, the *Washington Herald* and the *Washington Star*.

But even as he continued to add to them with papers marking Chernobyl, the Oklahoma City bombing, the release of Nelson Mandela and the election of Barack Obama, Weinman didn't have a plan for them.

Although other family members treasured them, they didn't want them. His 18-year-old son is heading to school in California. His Uncle Richie in Oregon already took the ones he wanted. His daughter, Kelsey Weinman, 23, said it had crossed her mind to take them. "But there's just so many of them," she said.

When his house went under contract last month, Weinman went down to the basement and stared at the collection that had been his

baby for his entire adult life.

It was time for a reckoning. But it was also a time for new beginnings.

"That's the sad reality of life; you have to jettison things like this."

Weinman is keeping a few of his favorite papers, including the 9/11 ones and the "Death Takes Babe Ruth" paper from 1948.

He is also keeping a copy of the *Toledo Blade* that his grandfather made a point of buying on March 22, 1965. On the front page, above the masthead, above the news of a civil rights march, Myer Weinman had scrawled in red pencil: "See page 28 — Biggest story."

It was the birth announcement of his grandson, Greg.

Florida dad's gag offering infant son to pawnbroker backfires

BY ANTONIA NOORI FARZAN
The Washington Post

Brian Slocum thought he had a pretty good idea for a joke.

The 43-year-old was driving down the main commercial thoroughfare in Sarasota, Florida, one evening when he spotted A&F Pawn Jewelry and Loan, nestled in between a vape shop and a beauty salon in a shell-colored strip mall. Nabbing a prime parking spot in front of the store, he breezed past a sign warn-

ing that no one under the age of 18 would be allowed inside, and plopped his infant son, Caden, on the counter.

"This is what I got," he announced to the pawnshop's owner. "I know, no one under 18 in here, but he's barely used, seven-and-a-half months old. What do you think he's worth?"

The single father figured the stunt would be prime material for the comedic Snapchat account that his nephew had recently encouraged him to start. But his attempt at dad humor

went over like a ton of bricks.

As it turned out, the pawnshop had taken his questions about whether it was possible to pawn a baby completely seriously, and handed authorities surveillance footage that showed Slocum offering up a wide-eyed infant to a complete stranger.

"This is not funny!" Richard Jordan, the store's owner, told WFLA after he learned the truth. "This is not funny, this is serious business."

Unbeknownst to the

store clerk, Slocum had surreptitiously been recording their exchange with his cellphone, and had anticipated that the man would get the joke and run with it.

"I was thinking I'd go in there and the guy would be like, 'Oh, if it was my son, I'd give you ten grand,' or something," Slocum later explained to WFLA. In the Snapchat videos that he provided to the station, he can be heard telling the clerk that he only wanted the boy to be held as collateral: "Just pawn, I don't want to get rid of him."

Stunned to the point of speechlessness, Jordan didn't respond. With a nod of resignation, Slocum hoisted the baby's car seat off the counter.

After the door slammed shut, the clerk picked up the phone to notify authorities that he was worried about the child's safety. Equally alarmed, officers began using "vast resources" to track down the identity of the strange man who had asked about the retail value of a baby, a statement from the Sarasota Police Department said.

Just hours after he pulled out of the pawnshop's parking lot, Slocum was shocked to discover that law enforcement was searching for him, and it was all over the evening news. He called police to explain that the "suspicious incident" had actually been a prank intended for social media clout. Before long, he told WFLA, dozens of officers had surrounded his home.

Eventually, they confirmed Caden was safe and in no danger of being sold to a pawnbroker.

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Psuedo-Christian Chinese lure girls

Bride market traffics Pakistani women to China

BY KATHY GANNON AND DAKE KANG
Associated Press

GUJRANWALA, Pakistan — Hundreds of young women from Pakistan's small Christian minority have been trafficked to China as brides in recent months as their impoverished community is targeted in an aggressive new marriage market, activists and officials say.

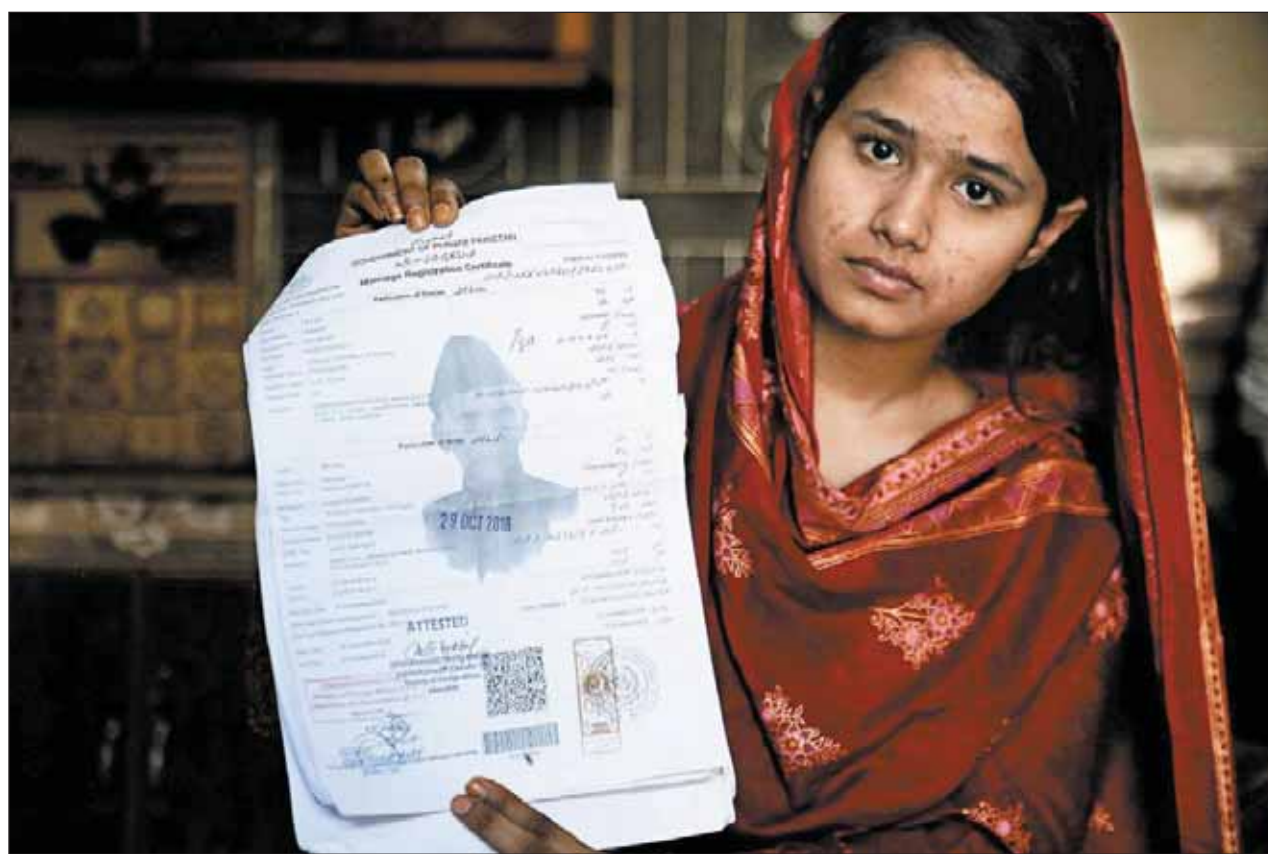
Brokers offer desperately poor parents thousands of dollars to give girls in marriage to Chinese men, even cruising outside churches for potential brides. They are helped by Christian pastors paid to preach to their congregations with promises of wealth in exchange for their daughters.

Once in China, the girls — most often married against their will — can find themselves isolated in rural regions, vulnerable to abuse, unable to communicate and reliant on a translation app even for a glass of water. Touted as wealthy Christian converts, the grooms often turn out to be neither, according to accounts from brides, their parents, an activist, pastors and government officials, speaking to The Associated Press.

"This is human smuggling," said Ijaz Alam Augustine, the human rights and minorities minister in Pakistan's Punjab province. "Greed is really responsible for these marriages I have met with some of these girls and they are very poor."

The Associated Press interviewed more than a dozen Christian Pakistani brides and would-be brides who fled before exchanging vows. All had similar accounts of a process involving brokers and members of the clergy.

"It is all fraud and cheating. All the promises they



Mahek Liaqat, who married a Chinese national, shows her marriage certificate in Gujranwala, Pakistan.



Chinese graffiti touting a marriage agent covers the wall of a warehouse in Pei County in eastern Jiangsu province.

make are fake," said Muqadas Ashraf, who was 16 when her parents married her off to a Chinese man last year. Less than five months later, she returned to Pakistan, pregnant and seeking a divorce.

In China, demand for foreign brides has mounted, a legacy of the since-abandoned one-child policy that skewed the country's gender balance toward males.

Brides initially came largely from Vietnam, Laos and North Korea. Now men are looking farther afield, said Mimi Vu, director of advocacy at Pacific Links, which helps trafficked Vietnamese women.

"It's purely supply and demand," she said.

Pakistan seems to have come onto marriage brokers' radar late last year. Saleem Iqbal, a Christian

activist, said he first began to see significant numbers of marriages to Chinese men in October. Since then, an estimated 750 to 1,000 girls have been married off, he said.

Pakistan's small Christian community is particularly vulnerable. It is among the country's poorest and has little political or social supporting, numbering some 2.5 million in Pakistan's overwhelmingly Muslim population of 200 million.

Among all faiths in Pakistan, parents often decide a daughter's marriage partner. The deeply patriarchal society often sees girls as a burden because the bride's family must pay a dowry and the cost of the wedding.

By contrast, potential Chinese grooms offer parents money and pay all wedding expenses.

Some of the grooms are from among the tens of thousands of Chinese in Pakistan working on infra-

structure projects under Beijing's Belt and Road Initiative. Other grooms search directly from China through networks. They present themselves as Christian converts, but pastors complicit in the deals don't ask for any documentation.

They pay on average \$3,500 to \$5,000, including payments to parents, pastors and a broker, said Iqbal.

Muqadas' mother Nasreen said she was promised about \$5,000, including wedding costs. "But I have not seen anything yet," she said.

"I really believed I was giving her a chance at a better life and also a better life for us," Nasreen said. When her daughter became increasingly miserable in China, Nasreen contacted the husband and demanded her daughter be sent home.

Dozens of Pakistani priests are paid by brokers to find brides for Chinese men, said Augustine, the

provincial minorities minister, who is Christian. Many are from the small evangelical churches that have proliferated in Pakistan.

In Gujranwala, a city north of Lahore, more than 100 local Christian women and girls have been married off to Chinese in recent months, according to Iqbal.

The city has several mainly Christian neighborhoods, largely dirt poor with open sewers running along narrow slum streets.

Pastor Munch Morris, who serves at a local evangelical church, opposes such marriages. But he said he knows a group of pastors in his neighborhood who work with a private Chinese marriage broker. Among them, he said, is a fellow pastor at his church who tells his flock, "God is happy because these Chinese boys convert to Christianity. They are helping the poor Christian girls."

Rizwan Rashid, a parishioner at the city's Roman Catholic St. John's Church, said that two weeks earlier, a car pulled up to him outside the church gates. Two Pakistani men and a Chinese woman inside asked him if he knew of any girls who want to marry a Chinese man.

They were willing to pay him to help, but he said he refused because the church's priest often warns against such marriages.

Human Rights Watch called on China and Pakistan to take action to end bride trafficking, warning in an April 26 statement of "increasing evidence that Pakistani women and girls are at risk of sexual slavery in China."

On Monday, Pakistan's Federal Investigation Agency arrested eight Chinese nationals and four Pakistanis in raids in Punjab in connection with trafficking, Geo TV reported. It said the raids followed an undercover operation that included attending an arranged marriage.

Clara Barton: Teacher, nurse and trailblazer

BY GILLIAN BROCKELL
The Washington Post

Ask any nurse and she or he will tell you: In addition to providing medical care, they are also part therapist, teacher, clergy, custodian, investigator and interpreter (i.e., "Let me translate what the doctor just said.")

When Clara Barton took on nursing during the U.S. Civil War, she was also part soldier, diplomat, and — since many doctors refused to work with women — a trailblazer.

But that last part was nothing new to her; she had been fighting for a spot in the workplace for decades.

Barton was in her mid-30s when she came to Washington in 1854, taking a job at the U.S. Patent Office. She started as a copyist — copying documents by hand — but was quickly promoted to clerk, becoming the first woman to receive a government appointment, according to the Historical Society of Washington D.C. She made \$1,400 a year, the same as the male clerks.

But then the patent commissioner who had promoted her left, and his

replacement was hostile to the idea of women in the workplace. He was also being pressured by Interior Secretary Robert McClelland to get rid of all female federal workers.

First, she was demoted back to copyist, which meant a steep pay cut. Then she was harassed, according to the Clara Barton Missing Soldiers Office Museum. Rumors abounded among the men in her office that she was having an affair with her boss, and that the never-married abolitionist had biracial children. She also suffered from bouts of malaria and depression. After three years, she quit.

Barton went to her childhood home of Oxford, Massachusetts, to recover from the ordeal. It was a pattern she had followed much of her life. Years earlier, sexism had derailed her first career as a teacher, too. She had worked tirelessly to open a public school in Bordentown, New Jersey, but when a new building was constructed, a male principal was brought in at twice her pay, and she was made his assistant.

"I may sometimes be

willing to teach for nothing, but if paid at all, I shall never do a man's work for less than a man's pay," she later said.

Barton returned to the Patent Office in 1860, just before President Abraham Lincoln's inauguration and the outbreak of the Civil War.

Barton's next career started with the Baltimore Riot on April 19, 1861. Fighting between the Massachusetts militia and Southern sympathizers resulted in what is considered the first bloodshed of the Civil War. Wounded soldiers were brought to the District and laid out in the unfinished Capitol building.

Barton raced to the Capitol to see how she could help and was shocked to find some of the wounded men were former students of hers. Something ignited in her that would animate the rest of her life.

Barton and several other women organized medical supplies, food, clothing, bedding, prayers, letter-writing — anything that could bring comfort to the wounded. There was little formal training to be a nurse back then, so Barton quickly



Clara Barton is known for her service on Civil War battlefields and establishing the American Red Cross.

picked up what she needed to know and invented the rest.

Soon after, the civilian U.S. Sanitary Commission took control of providing nurses to the Union Army. But it was often bogged down in red tape; many field doctors would take only male nurses, and their supply wagons often lagged days behind the troops.

Barton got around all of that. She never joined the Sanitary Commission and traveled fast and light, and by sheer force of personality she was able to convince

officials to let her get close to the front lines.

In August 1862, she rode her wagon full of supplies to a field hospital by the Cedar Mountain battlefield in Virginia. She showed up in the middle of the night, and to the surgeon there, it seemed like a miracle. He later wrote: "I thought that night if heaven ever sent out a[n] ... angel, she must be one."

Barton later wrote of Cedar Mountain: "Five days and nights with three hours sleep, a narrow escape from capture, and some days of getting the wounded into

hospitals at Washington. And if you chance to feel that the positions I occupied were rough and unseemly for a woman, I can only reply that they were rough and unseemly for men."

Now dubbed the "Angel of the Battlefield," she continued to serve troops for the duration of the war at Fairfax Station, Chantilly, Harpers Ferry, South Mountain, Antietam, Fredricksburg, Charleston, Petersburg and Cold Harbor.

At Antietam, Barton was so close to the battlefield that, while cradling a wounded man's head so he could take a sip of water, a bullet passed through her sleeve — killing instantly the man she was trying to help.

Often she would work until she collapsed from exhaustion or illness.

In 1864, Gen. Benjamin Butler made her head nurse of the Army of the James, despite the fact that she had no formal medical training.

Barton had found her calling, and she would eventually create the American Red Cross. While still on the front lines, she wrote to her father: "I don't know how long it has been since my ear has been free from the roll of a drum. It is the music I sleep by, and I love it ... I may be compelled to face danger, but never fear it, and while our soldiers can stand and fight, I can stand and feed and nurse them."

City-specific obesity studies point to need for new strategies

BY WILLIAM WAN
The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — As the rate of obesity around the world has climbed steadily for decades, public health efforts to combat it have largely focused on people in cities. With growing numbers of people living in cities, the assumption by public health officials was that urbanization — with its sedentary lifestyle and easy access to highly processed foods — was driving much of the weight gain.

But a growing body of research suggests that the

bigger problem is in rural areas.

A consortium of researchers has released the most comprehensive studies to date on regional obesity rates, showing that the global rise in obesity in the past three decades has been driven more by unhealthy weight gain in rural areas than in urban ones. The study — an extensive collaboration by more than 1,000 researchers, drawing on more than 2,000 studies of 200 countries — found that more than 55% of the global increase in body mass index in the past 30

years has come from rural populations. The trend was even sharper in low- and middle-income countries, with more than 80% of the worsening BMI driven by rural populations.

The researchers found that in almost every region around the world, weight gain in rural areas is increasing at the same rate or faster than in cities.

The findings have profound implications as countries struggle to control health risks from the global obesity epidemic.

Instead of focusing mostly on city-specific pro-

grams — such as building bike lanes to encourage exercise or trying to get more fresh produce into urban areas — rural solutions are needed as well, health researchers say.

"It means we need to think of policies that address rural areas or have an effect in rural and urban areas equally. We can't just ignore it anymore," said Barry Popkin, a food science researcher at the University of North Carolina who was not involved in the study.

Researchers say the same trends seen in the cities — increasingly sedentary life-

styles and consumption of unhealthy foods — have penetrated the rural areas quickly and widely.

"There is now running water in homes where before people had to fetch water," said senior author Majid Ezzati, a global health researcher at Imperial College in London. "You have cars and tractors. ... There is less physical labor, less energy expenditure."

Changes in rural life have happened quickly, said Popkin, who has conducted nutrition surveys in China and other countries since

the 1980s: "You're talking about change happening not in terms of generations, but within two or three years. People going from working the field by hand and oxen to riding in tractors. At the same time, you're suddenly adding junk food and the modern idea of snacking to their diet."

The sprawling nature of rural areas makes it harder and more costly to implement public health interventions that work in cities, and the efforts are often complicated by lack of basic infrastructure.

NEWS BRIEFING

Staff and news services

NC 'bathroom bill' sponsor wins GOP redo of tainted election

RALEIGH, N.C. — North Carolina's most infamous political story lines of recent years are merging into a congressional race this summer that pits the architect of the state's "bathroom bill" against a Democrat who was granted an electoral do-over after evidence of ballot fraud tainted his prior opponent's campaign.

State Sen. Dan Bishop topped nine other candidates in Tuesday's Repub-

lican primary, winning 48% of the ballots cast in an extremely low turnout election that drew 9.5% of the eligible voters. He now faces Democrat Dan McCree, as well as Libertarian and Green candidates, on Sept. 10.

Bishop's role as sponsor of a headline-grabbing "bathroom bill" that voided anti-discrimination protections for LGBT people is likely to be a focal point in this repeat race.

Palestinians mark anniversary of mass displacement in 1948

GAZA CITY, Gaza Strip — Palestinians on Wednesday marked the 71st anniversary of their mass displacement during the 1948 war with Israel's creation with protests across the West Bank and the Gaza Strip.

Thousands of people streamed to the Gaza-Israel frontier as the militant Hamas group, which controls Gaza, announced a general strike, closing schools and public institu-

tions to allow for a large turnout.

More than 60 Palestinians were killed at last year's demonstration, which coincided with the opening of the new U.S. Embassy in contested Jerusalem.

On Wednesday, Gaza's health authorities said 60 protesters were wounded, including 16 by Israeli live fire and 14 with rubber-coated steel pellets, including three medics.

NY Mayor Bill de Blasio to join Democratic presidential field

New York Mayor Bill de Blasio, the twice-elected chief executive of the nation's largest city, will announce Thursday that he is joining the Democratic field of presidential candidates, according to two people involved in his campaign preparations.

De Blasio is expected to make an announcement on ABC's "Good Morning America."

His tenure in New York has been marked by a

policy focus on supporting lower-income residents, with new initiatives for mental-health services, more affordable housing and early-childhood education options.

As a late arrival to the race, de Blasio might not qualify for the first Democratic presidential debate in June, which requires earning 1 percent in three public polls, or receiving 65,000 donors from at least 20 states by June 13.



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A helicopter that crashed in New York City's Hudson River on Wednesday is pulled out of the water by emergency personnel. The pilot escaped with a minor hand injury from the hard splashdown. Officials said the aircraft crashed just after takeoff from a helipad.

Trump signs order to protect networks from foreign spying

WASHINGTON — President Donald Trump issued a sweeping executive order Wednesday to block U.S. companies from using products made by Chinese telecom giant Huawei Technologies Co. and other foreign communications firms seen as a threat to America, taking a long-anticipated action that he had postponed while Washington and Beijing were in intense trade negotiations.

The White House said the president was taking the action to "protect America from foreign adversaries who are actively

and increasingly creating and exploiting vulnerabilities in information and communications technology infrastructure and services in the United States."

Trump's directive does not name any company from China or any other country, but it clearly is aimed at Huawei, the world's largest telecommunications equipment manufacturer.

U.S. officials have led an aggressive campaign to restrain Huawei's global expansion as a leading supplier of the next-generation 5G wireless networks.

U.S. officials argue that using Huawei equipment poses risks of Chinese espionage or sabotage.

Few Americans own Huawei cellphones and only a small number of local U.S. telecom service providers in rural areas have Huawei gear in their systems.

Even so, many in the U.S. intelligence community sought an official ban from the White House, saying it would make the dangers clear and help the administration's efforts — so far only partly successful — to persuade key allies to shun Huawei.

Trump to visit S. Korea in June for talks on North

WASHINGTON — President Donald Trump will travel to South Korea in June for talks on the North Korean nuclear program, three months after a failed summit with North Korea's leader in Vietnam.

The White House said Trump will meet with South Korean President

Moon Jae-in in conjunction with his trip to Japan for the G-20 summit.

The White House said they "will continue their close coordination on efforts to achieve the final, fully verified denuclearization" of North Korea. Trump and Moon will also discuss issues of impor-

tance to their two nations.

Trump's efforts to bring about the denuclearization of the Korean Peninsula have stalled since he abruptly pulled out of the March summit with North Korean leader Kim Jong Un. The North has since restarted some missile testing.

Citing unrest, US suspends air traffic with Venezuela

CARACAS, Venezuela — The United States on Wednesday suspended all commercial passenger and cargo flights between the U.S. and Venezuela, saying the political unrest and tensions there pose a risk to flights.

The announcement affected a dwindling number of flights between the two countries, since U.S. airlines no longer fly to Venezuela. The measure reflected the increasingly sour relationship between the Venezuelan government and the U.S., which is leading a campaign to oust President Nicolas Maduro.

American Airlines stopped its flights in mid-March after union leaders told pilots not to go there due to safety concerns.

Some Venezuelan airlines had been operating commercial flights to and from Miami, though those were already affected by the nation's upheaval.

On top of the world:

Sherpa climber Kami Rita scaled Mount Everest on Wednesday for a 23rd time, breaking his own record for the most successful ascents of the world's highest peak.

Rita reached the summit with other climbers Wednesday morning and all of them were reported to be safe, said Gyanendra Shrestha, a Nepalese government official at the mountain's base camp.

Rita's two closest peers have climbed the 29,035-foot peak 21 times each, but both of them have retired from mountain climbing.

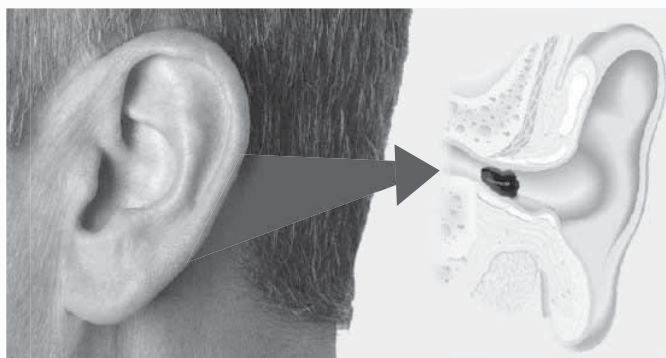
Rita, 49, first scaled Everest in 1994, one of many Sherpa guides whose expertise and skills are vital to the safety of the hundreds of climbers who head to Nepal each year.

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EDITORIALS

MAYOR LIGHTFOOT AND THE MACHINE PART 2

Aldermen, limiting your privilege will help fix City Hall

When Lori Lightfoot becomes Chicago's mayor on Monday, she plans to issue an executive order curtailing the level of control aldermen wield over city business in their wards. To put it in Chicagoese, *Da new mare don't like aldermanic privilege.*

We support what Lightfoot is doing and where she wants to take Chicago governance and politics: away from its often hinky, deal-making traditions, toward a transparent system and a cleaner City Hall. On Day One, she intends to put limits on what Chicagoans call aldermanic privilege — aka aldermanic prerogative. That's the local custom that says each alderman is boss of the ward with approval and veto power over permitting and zoning issues.

Lightfoot hasn't declared in writing how far she intends to go in eliminating or reducing the clout of individual City Council members, so it's hard to assess the impact of her proposal. Aides to the mayor-elect gave briefings Tuesday to aldermen, who later said Lightfoot wants to yank the approval authority for individual permits and licenses from members and give it to City Hall departments. What Lightfoot hopes to do is regularize the granting of city permission for things like driveway construction and block parties. (Another powerful aspect of aldermanic prerogative — the veto

rights aldermen hold over real estate zoning decisions in their wards — apparently isn't part of her proposed order.)

This editorial is the second in an occasional series that frames, chronicles and, we hope, guides the struggles ahead: "Mayor Lightfoot and the machine."

Let's pivot here to contemplate the strange culture of Chicago-style politics, and why it was unwise to give so much influence to each ward-elected alderman. In other cities, the mayor and City Council operate generally as separate, equal branches of governments, while clerks handle everyday affairs. In Chicago, the political machine gives democracy a different look: Under long-standing practice, the mayor gets what he or she wants citywide, in exchange for granting each alderman outside sway over what happens in the wards. Safe to say the Founding Fathers would have questions.

Aldermanic privilege is not the result of city ordinance. It's an unwritten code of political behavior — something akin to Washington, D.C., logrolling but murkier. Chicago, in effect, has one big mayor and 50 mini-mayors. If you know anything about this city you recognize the problem: Handing to politicians the quiet levers of

power invites corruption. It puts aldermen in a position to seek campaign contributions in proximity to doing specific favors — or maybe holding back on providing services to get someone's attention.

Exhibit A is the wide-ranging current federal investigation of the City Council, in which Ald. Edward Burke, 14th, is accused of trying to hold up a driveway permit approval for a Burger King restaurant in order to coerce its franchise holders into retaining his law firm. Burke has pleaded not guilty, but as best practices go for city government, city clerks should issue driveway permits according to written protocol. Clerks and inspectors shouldn't be in a position to do the bidding of aldermen.

For a sense of how the mini-mayor system rolls, go back to a 1997 Tribune report that described aldermanic prerogative as Chicago's combined version of the Magna Carta, Constitution and Declaration of Independence. In one scene during a hearing, Ald. Eugene Schuler, a committee chair, had the temerity to question why Burke wanted to lift three liquor moratoriums in his ward. Ald. Burton Natarus, a member of the committee, sounded incensed: "What's the issue?" he asked. "The alderman wants it! The alderman knows his ward better than anyone else." That's been the culture in Chicago: *The alderman wants it.*

Lightfoot, a political outsider and former federal prosecutor, ran for mayor or as a reformer. She benefited from the timing of the Burke investigation: Voters delivered her a landslide victory and mandate to take on the old ways of Chicago politics. On the campaign trail Lightfoot delivered a persuasive take on what's wrong with aldermanic privilege: "No aldermen should have that kind of power where people feel like the only way people can get basic city services and get business going into the ward is to kiss the ring of the alderman."

Ward representation has benefits and shouldn't be abolished. Aldermen do know their wards — which liquor stores are bad news and which side streets should be one-way thoroughfares. But as Ald. George Cardenas put it Tuesday, the go-see-your-alderman approach to doing city business has worn out its welcome.

Chicago needs to stamp out its culture of corruption and favoritism. Lightfoot can get reforms going quickly by reining in aldermanic privilege. Members of the City Council seem to understand that Lightfoot won election, by a 3-to-1 ratio, on her promise to make that happen. They should support what she's doing.

One way to ease Illinois property taxes? Read on.

Examine the property tax bill of just about any Illinois taxpayer, and you'll see most of the money goes to the schools. But a close second place? Police and firefighter pensions.

Across Illinois, those pensions are gobbling up a greater share of local property tax revenue. Yet many of those pension funds are in trouble with rising unfunded liabilities, more workers retired than active, and investment returns that aren't reaching their full potential.

Help could be on the way if state officials get serious about streamlining Illinois' huge roster of pension funds — and if they're willing to tangle with organized labor. Lawmakers can pass legislation that, if signed by Gov. J.B. Pritzker, would allow consolidation of the more than 650 boards overseeing individual police and firefighter pension funds around the state. Fewer boards, along with pooled investments, would centralize pension oversight and increase the potential for greater returns. That would ease financial pressure on property taxpayers who make up the difference when funds don't perform well.

That structure already is working for systems such as the Illinois Municipal Retirement System, the statewide retirement system covering municipal government workers outside Chicago. IMRF is one of the most stable and well-funded pension systems in the state. Police and fire pension boards should work to emulate it. Especially in communities that share some resources already — think La Grange and La Grange Park, or Barrington and South Barrington, or Peoria and Peoria Heights — consolidation should be an option.



E. JASON WAMBSGANS/CHICAGO TRIBUNE

The Illinois Municipal League is backing nearly a dozen bills this year with various options to deliver consolidation. Pritzker appointed a task force to study the idea; its findings are expected soon. The proposals on the table would leave Chicago's police and fire pension funds separate from the statewide structure. That's

how the statewide pension fund for teachers outside Chicago operates.

While consolidating the boards and centralizing the investments would not solve the pension crisis that looms large over Illinois, it would provide a relief valve for local governments that have been begging for help. Property taxpayers are fed up

and they're leaving Illinois. And let's face it, the current setup with hyperlocal boards that pay for their own investment advisers, their own audits, their own accountants, their own training fees, is expensive for many cities, towns and villages.

Opponents are pushing scare tactics, claiming that currently well-managed pension funds would be taking on the burdens of badly managed ones. But the system would work like IMRF. Each town's local pension funds would be protected. But the overall system would be stronger due to higher investment returns and lower total overhead costs.

"From my perspective as a village manager, during the last seven years — if not for our public safety fund increase — our levy would be flat. We wouldn't have had to increase the village portion of the tax bill at all," says Jim Norris, village manager for Hoffman Estates. According to 2017 figures, the police pension fund in Hoffman Estates is about 64% funded and the fire pension fund is about 72% funded. Had the village been using a system similar to IMRF, the police fund would be 89% funded and the fire fund would be 102% funded. That's relief for taxpayers that's not being realized.

Organized labor has resisted the idea of consolidation. State law currently requires local pension boards to include union representation. That provision could remain with a centralized board. But the status quo on local public safety pensions is not sustainable. You can ask any village official. Or simply watch fed-up property taxpayers continue to load up their moving vans.

Choose change, lawmakers.

WHAT OTHERS ARE SAYING

You wouldn't know it from the press coverage, but there's some modest good news about the federal budget. The deficit is rising, but not as much as feared because tax revenues are increasing due to faster economic growth.

The Congressional Budget Office reports in its April budget review that revenues rose 2% to \$2.041 trillion in the first seven months of fiscal 2019 from a year ago. Payroll tax revenue rose 4.7% due in part to rising employment and wages.

... So why has the federal deficit increased by \$145 billion this fiscal year to \$531 billion? Because federal spending continued to rise rapidly — 7% in the first seven months to \$2.571 trillion. That's \$178 billion more than in the same period a year ago. As you'd expect, Social Security benefit payouts rose 6%, Medicare outlays 5% and Medicaid 4%. Anyone who thinks federal deficits and debt can be contained without entitlement reform probably still believes in the Russian collusion story. ...

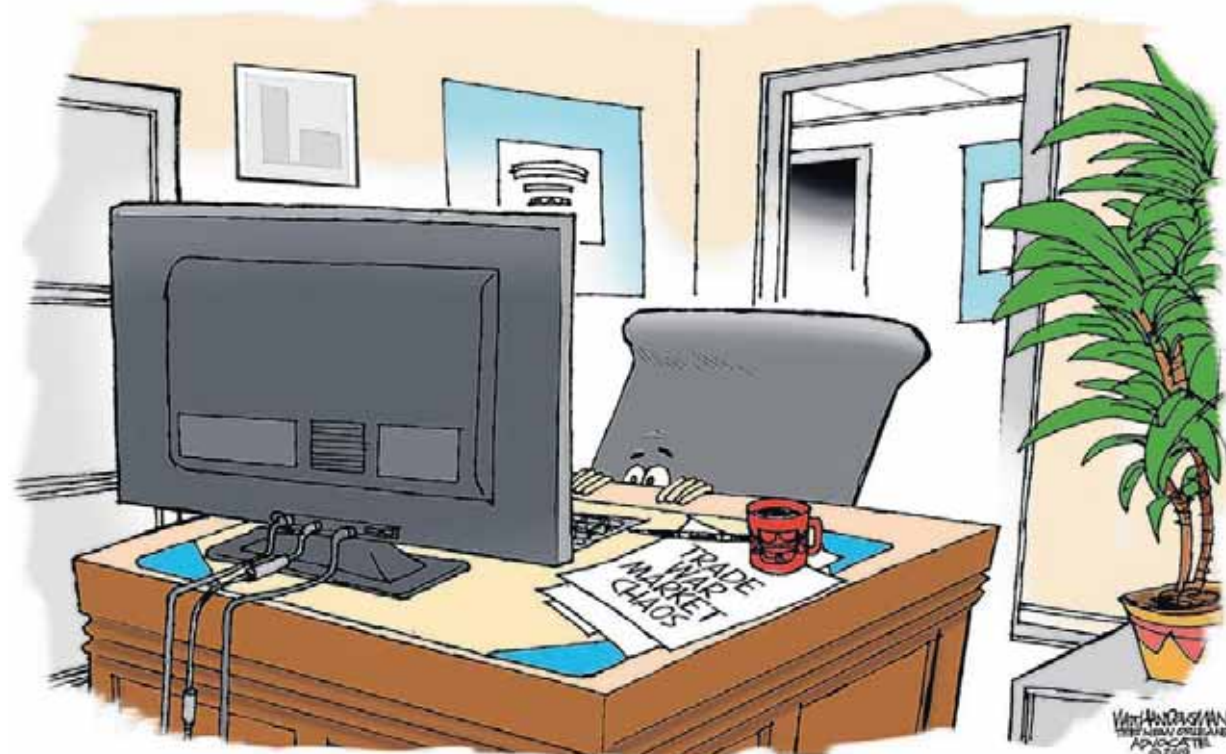
Interest payments on federal debt held by the public rose 13% to \$234 billion, due to higher short-term interest rates and more debt. The Fed's zero-rate policy disguised the size of the debt's budget burden during the Obama years, but it is now coming due.

The media blame deficits on tax reform, but the facts show the main culprit is spending. No one in the political class wants to talk about entitlements but that's where the money is.

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Pro-abortion rights activists hold signs alongside anti-abortion demonstrators during the annual March for Life in January in Washington, D.C.

Alabama's abortion bill could boomerang on Republicans



STEVE CHAPMAN

For decades, abortion has been an ideal issue for Republicans. It let them appease their base, bring millions of Catholic and evangelical voters permanently into the fold and portray Democrats as extremists — all without much political downside. But their success may very well carry the seeds of their ultimate defeat.

The right to abortion has enjoyed solid constitutional protection since the Supreme Court made it legal throughout the land in 1973 with its decision in *Roe v. Wade*, a decision it has repeatedly affirmed. An entire “pro-life” movement grew up in reaction. Congress and state legislatures have tried to restrict the right. But the basic liberty recognized by the court has remained almost completely intact.

Its survival, however, has been a reliable political blessing for the GOP. Abortion provided a cause that Republicans could run on year in and year out — and one that overrode all other concerns with a significant segment of the electorate.

Among evangelicals who might

have been nauseated by Donald Trump's unholy lifestyle and predatory treatment of women, abortion was the issue that compelled many to vote for him. Nothing was more important than installing Supreme Court justices who would champion the rights of fetuses.

The beauty of abortion as a political issue is that the efforts to block it didn't energize “pro-choice” voters nearly as much as it did “pro-life” ones. Many Americans who support legal abortion could vote Republican anyway because they saw no real reason to worry.

With the Supreme Court protecting the right to choose, states had little incentive to pass abortion curbs. When such laws were passed, they got struck down. So “pro-choice” moderates could disregard GOP abortion dogma and vote with other issues in mind.

But the outlook changed last summer, when Justice Anthony Kennedy, who had been the decisive vote on matters of reproductive freedom, announced his retirement. It was “a day that we've been waiting for,” Students for Life President Kristan Hawkins told NPR. “Our goal in the pro-life movement has always been to make abortion illegal and unthinkable. So we want *Roe* to be overturned ... and we expect that.”

That prospect grew yet more probable once Trump chose Kennedy's successor: Brett Kavanaugh, a staunch conservative appeals court judge

whose views on abortion rights were not a mystery.

When the Trump administration refused to let an unaccompanied immigrant minor in its custody get an abortion, his appeals court ruled in her favor. But Kavanaugh wrote a dissent, insisting against all evidence that the government's obstinate obstruction did “not unduly burden the right to abortion.”

Having been confirmed, he is almost sure to provide a vote for rolling back this constitutionally protected freedom. Three conservative justices — Clarence Thomas, Samuel Alito and Neil Gorsuch — would certainly concur. The only question mark is the institutionally cautious Chief Justice John Roberts — but he once wrote a brief urging that *Roe v. Wade* be junked.

The state “fetal heartbeat” laws manifest the hope that the court is ready to uphold restrictions that would have been struck down before. State Rep. Terri Collins, sponsor of the Alabama bill, which has no exception for rape or incest, was candid about her purpose. “This bill is about challenging *Roe v. Wade* and protecting the lives of the unborn,” she said.

Tragic as her legislation would be for Alabama women, it should be a political boon for Democrats in 2020. Independent voters and moderates can't ignore the ominous threat to reproductive freedom. They have to

realize that the court may give carte blanche to legislatures in Alabama and elsewhere — making it imperative to elect abortion rights supporters at every level.

Extending the Republican hold on the White House, it's clear, could permanently entomb the constitutional right to abortion by ensuring a lasting, lopsided conservative majority on the Supreme Court. Anyone who favors legal abortion will have a powerful motive to vote Democratic next year and beyond.

The “heartbeat” bills provide additional motivation. Public support for abortion rights is highest when it's referring to abortion in the earlier months of pregnancy. When the issue was late-term and “partial birth” abortion, Republicans had a relatively easy time making their case. When they act to prevent early abortions and abortions in the case of rape and incest, though, they are inviting a public backlash.

Republicans have used abortion to succeed at the polls because, for so long, they couldn't get their way. Once they get their way, the tide is likely to turn.

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PERSPECTIVE



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Lori Lightfoot, who moves into the mayor's office on Monday, has an opportunity to bring more transparency to City Hall.

New mayor should open up police misconduct files

BY JAMIE KALVEN

Three days after being swept into the presidency of Czechoslovakia by the Velvet Revolution of 1989, Václav Havel gave a televised speech to his countrymen. "I assume you did not propose me for this office," he declared, "so that I too would lie to you."

Chicago Mayor-elect Lori Lightfoot has the opportunity to strike a similar note when she takes office next week, by moving immediately to overhaul the city's transparency policies with respect to police disciplinary records and other information bearing on public safety.

Although useful as shorthand, the word "transparency" is bland and antiseptic. It doesn't sharply evoke what is at stake: dismantling the machinery by which government exercises information control as an instrument of power. Gratuitous secrecy, withholding public information from the public, and selective release of information when it serves the interests of power to do so are among the tools used to impose official narratives at odds with reality. These practices should be called by their true name: They are a form of lying.

Surely that is a central lesson to be drawn from the convulsive sequence of events precipitated by the police murder of Laquan McDonald. The prevailing "cover-up" narrative, while understandable, does not provide diagnostic clarity going forward. If it was a cover-up, in the narrow sense of the word, then it would be sufficient to remove from office those who conspired to hide their misdeeds from the public. But the problem goes far deeper than that.

The Emanuel administration's handling of the McDonald case was less a departure from the norm than an expression of the norm. One of the ways power imposes

itself is through narrative — through the stories it tells — and information control is an essential tool for that purpose. What is called for at this watershed moment in Chicago history is a paradigm shift in freedom of information.

Ironically, we have achieved a degree of transparency in Illinois that is the envy of other jurisdictions. In 2014, in *Kalven v. Chicago*, a case in which I was the plaintiff, the state Appellate Court ruled that documents bearing on allegations of police misconduct are public information. The impact of the decision has been far-reaching. Among other things, my colleagues at the Invisible Institute have created a public database, the Citizens Police Data Project, that houses a quarter of a million allegations of police misconduct and the disciplinary histories of more than 23,000 Chicago police officers. The public availability of this information has informed the campaign for police accountability.

Yet the city's compliance with the Kalven decision has been uneven at best. The response to Freedom of Information Act requests is frustrating and inefficient. Absurdities abound. For example, requests for investigative files on particular officers are routinely denied on grounds of "undue burden" because the officer has so many complaints. By this logic, it is precisely when the public interest is greatest that the city is justified in withholding public information.

Sources high in both the Police Department and the mayor's office have told me that Mayor Rahm Emanuel's communication team uses FOIA requests, which it regularly reviews, as an early warning system to alert them to stories reporters are working on. In other words, they have repurposed FOIA to serve their efforts to maintain narrative control.

There is a better way. Without requiring

citizens to file individual FOIA requests, the city should make public the entire body of closed police misconduct files on a rolling basis, having redacted personal information. Moreover, it should promptly release video footage and other information in ongoing investigations soon after the incident occurs, when public interest is at its height. Imagine how different the history of Chicago would be had the city released the McDonald video shortly after the shooting rather than waiting 13 months and only doing so in response to a judicial order.

The city having released such information, the Citizens Police Data Project would continue to curate the expanding archive on behalf of the public. Such a public/private partnership would be a national model of transparency in law enforcement. And it would encourage comparable innovation in other areas of government. The mayor has the power to make this happen. There are no legal barriers. On the contrary, a judge recently ordered the city to release all closed investigative files. Rather than resisting the judge's order, as the current administration has, Lightfoot should embrace it.

The process of police reform will take years. Transparency is a necessary condition for full citizen participation in that process. It is a matter of redistributing power, and thereby enabling citizens to hold public institutions accountable. Were Lightfoot, upon assuming office, to share that power with the public by adopting proactive transparency as a principle of governance, it would be a defining act of leadership.

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Sandra Bland's story

Regarding Dahleen Glanton's column, "Four years after her death, Sandra Bland gets to tell her side of the story" (May 13): I can only imagine how terrified as a woman Sandra was and the foresight she had in recording her police encounter. I'm sure she was pulled over because of the color of her skin. We need to keep fighting together to change this toxic environment so the same story does not happen again. Sadly, this has been going on since Reconstruction. The ideology of "black is bad" and "woman is weak" has to stop now!

— Susan Landwer, Wilmette

Diversity quota flawed

The Tribune editorial ("Why Illinois shouldn't mandate quotas for company boards," May 14) failed to mention one of the largest stumbling blocks associated with the legislation for mandatory corporate diversity in Springfield: More corporations are incorporated in Delaware than in any other state and, as a result, are governed primarily by Delaware law and not that of Illinois, particularly on matters of corporate governance. The complications you mentioned regarding conflicting laws as between Illinois and South Carolina pale in comparison to the imperatives faced by corporations incorporated in the state of Delaware.

I believe that it is in the best interest of corporations to diversify their boards, not only in terms of race and gender, but also more broadly to include myriad experiences and backgrounds tailored to each corporation, its industry sector, and the unique and increasingly global challenges faced by American corporations. Much of the research suggests that a broadly diverse board results in better stock performance. The bill in its current form in Springfield leaves a lot to be desired. However, a collateral benefit of the bill is the dialogue created about the moral and business imperatives of corporate board diversification.

— Graham Grady, Chicago

Lightfoot being savvy

Regarding Dahleen Glanton's condemnation of Lori Lightfoot's meeting with Ivanka Trump ("What could Lightfoot gain in photo-op with Ivanka Trump?," May 12): Lightfoot doesn't have to like Donald Trump to know the importance of developing ties with the administration. Lightfoot also met with House Speaker Nancy Pelosi when she was in Washington.

Chicago has far more to gain by developing relationships with people on both sides of the aisle than by continuing the vitriol of the Emanuel administration. Glanton was especially critical that Lightfoot met with Ivanka before she was sworn into office. To me, that was a smart move to get a head start on developing relationships. Once she is in office, she will have a lot of work ahead of her.

— Pat Martino, Chicago

Trump the con man

My Christianity tells me to feed the hungry, take care of the sick, be humble and take responsibility for my actions. I mess up all the time, but I try to be a good person. If anyone truly believes that God put Donald Trump in place where, as president of the U.S., he is arguably the most powerful man in the world and an automatic role model for many, then I have a Brooklyn Bridge I'd like to sell you. What Trump is is an extremely talented con man. I agree that he and the country need our prayers, and maybe God will work a miracle and give him humility and wisdom, but I don't think God works that way. I don't see God as a modern-day Santa Claus who will grant our wishes if we just pray hard enough. I think God expects us to do the work ourselves and ferret out truth from lies. I will never vote for this man, and I don't understand why anyone with any morals or ethics continues to support him.

— Anne Krick, Wheaton

Not acting in good faith

In an item on an opinion page last week ("What others are saying," May 9), The Hill contributor Mark Penn writes that Democrats risk their chances of victory in 2020 in part because of their failure to negotiate with the current administration (if you can call it that).

What planet is he living on? True "deal-making" requires that both sides operate in at least some semblance of good faith.

The course to Democratic victory in 2020 may not be socialism, but it sure isn't "deal-making" with an irresponsible, dishonest opponent.

— Amy Savin Parker, Evanston

Dems in race to bottom in drive to 'get Trump'

Ever since Donald Trump came down that Trump Tower escalator to announce his candidacy for president, we've heard a great deal about the abuse of norms — constitutional norms, democratic norms, norms of decency, all kinds of norms. For Trump supporters, the president's frequent violations of norms, while occasionally regrettable, were for the most part welcome because they proved he was willing to fight to win. This was necessary, the theory went, because the left didn't care about norms anymore, they only cared about winning.

But this view — that the other side plays dirty so we must too — is hardly new to American politics. The sentiment is practically baked into politics. But the degree and intensity of the baking has increased and has come to define whichever side has been out of power over the last few decades.

President Bill Clinton's impeachment on charges of lying under oath to a federal grand jury and obstructing justice came after years of frustration with what was perceived as "Slick Willie's" flouting of political norms. The 2000 presidential election recount in Florida and the Supreme Court's role in settling the Bush-Gore recount dispute was all the evidence progressive online activists (called the "netroots" in pre-Twitter nomenclature) needed to argue that Democrats needed "fighting Dems" to play as dirty as they imagined Karl Rove, Bush's supposed Rasputin, was playing.

Partisans invariably think the other side is cheating perhaps just a little bit more than they really are, so when they decide to fight fire with fire, they emulate the worst-imagined tactics of the enemy, creating a race-to-the-bottom dynamic.

And that brings us to the Democrats'



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rush to create a "constitutional crisis" where there isn't one. Last week, the House Judiciary Committee voted to hold Attorney General William Barr in contempt of Congress for refusing to hand over a fully unredacted version of the Mueller report in compliance with a subpoena.

It's a wild overreaction given that Barr's decision to release the Mueller report almost in its entirety was purely discretionary. By law, and by custom, Barr was under no obligation to release anything since the norm is for the Department of Justice to stay silent if it fails to find prosecutable crimes. His only objectionable transgression against traditional norms was offering a Trump-friendly memo accurately, if tendentiously, summarizing the report's conclusions.

That was enough for Democrats to lock in to a "cover-up" narrative. Never mind that Barr soon waived all executive privilege claims and released the whole report, redacting only a sliver of material that relied on confidential grand jury testimony and a few sentences that might reveal sources and methods of intelligence gathering. The latter is stuff the Russians would presumably love to see, the former is stuff Barr is barred by law from releasing. If you read the report — and by the fact that you can read it — it's clear there was no cover-up.

As a compromise, Barr invited congressional leaders to look at an even more unredacted version. Rep. Jerrold Nadler, D-N.Y., chairman of the House Judiciary Committee, refused to even look at the report, saying a 99.9 percent redaction-free report wasn't good enough. The notion that a few sentences of blacked-out information are the real "smoking gun" is absurd.

Instead of praising Barr for releasing to the public what amounts to an off-the-shelf roadmap for impeachment, Barr is not only being charged with contempt, but Democrats are cavalierly talking about throwing Barr in jail.

The Democrats are on much better legal footing in their pursuit of the president's tax returns, but even here the effort amounts to responding to one violation of norms with another. Trump should have abided by custom and released his returns, as past presidents have done and as he said he would. But the law says Congress can demand to see them. The law is a bad one prone to abuse, but the Trump administration will still have to comply. But in listening to Democrats explain why they want the returns, you can see how corrupting the desire to get Trump has become.

On MSNBC's "Morning Joe," Rep. Bill Pascrell Jr., D-N.J., offered his reason for wanting the tax returns: to rub the truth in the faces of "the people who follow Mr. Trump, his base." Pascrell wants them to say, "We've been had." "I can't wait for that to happen," he added.

Pascrell will be sorely disappointed by the capacity of Trump's base to absorb negative revelations about the president. But that's beside the point. The White House is wrong when it claims Congress must have a "legislative purpose" to see the returns. But democratic norms suggest that Congress shouldn't require confidential tax returns to be spilled out just for the purpose of saying "nyah, nyah" to voters or to prove that Democrats are just as willing to fight dirty.

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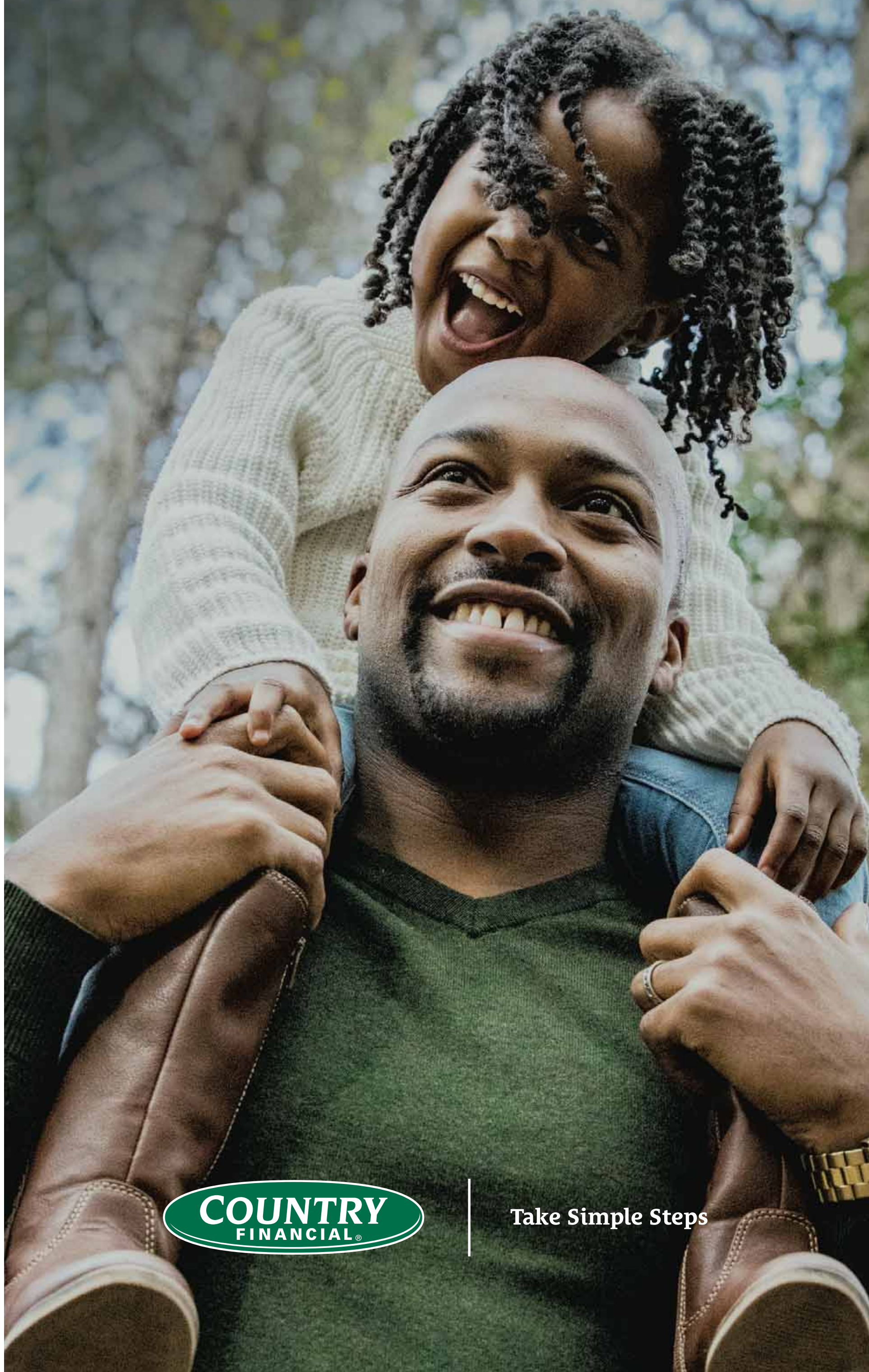


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FAA acting administrator Daniel Elwell, left, talks with Michael Stumo and Nadia Milleron, parents of an Ethiopian Air crash victim, at a hearing Wednesday on Capitol Hill.

Acting FAA chief defends Max jet safety approvals

Expects Boeing to submit a software fix in 'next week or so'

BY DAVID KOENIG, MARCY GORDON AND TOM KRISHER
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The acting head of the Federal Aviation Administration said Wednesday that Boeing should have done more to explain an automated flight-control system on its 737 Max aircraft before two deadly crashes, but he defended his agency's safety certification of the plane and its decision not to ground the jet until other regulators around the world had already done so.

The FAA official, Daniel Elwell, said he expects Boeing to submit a fix to the plane's flight-control software "in the next week or so." The FAA will analyze the changes, conduct test flights and determine what additional pilot training is needed before letting the planes fly again, he said.

"In the U.S., the 737 Max will return to service only when the FAA's analysis of the facts and technical data indicate that it is safe to do so," he told members of the House aviation subcommittee.

During a two-hour hearing, lawmakers pressed Elwell on the FAA's reliance on designated Boeing employees during the planes' certification process and why the agency didn't ground the planes sooner.

Rep. Dina Titus, D-Nev., told

Elwell that the public believes "you were in bed with those you were supposed to be regulating, and that's why it took so long" to ground the planes.

Other lawmakers defended Boeing and suggested that the Oct. 29 crash of a Lion Air jet off Indonesia and the March 10 crash of an Ethiopian Airlines Max jet were due at least partly to pilot error. A total of 346 people were killed in the crashes.

"It bothers me that we continue to tear down our system based on what has happened in two other countries," said Rep. Sam Graves, R-Mo.

Across Capitol Hill, a Senate committee held a confirmation hearing for President Donald Trump's choice to lead the FAA, former Delta Air Lines pilot and executive Stephen Dickson. He

promised senators that he would make sure the FAA does not become captive to the industry it regulates.

House Aviation subcommittee Chairman Rick Larsen opened the hearing by declaring that, "The FAA has a credibility problem."

Larsen, however, added a note of economic urgency to the FAA's upcoming decision on the plane's safety. The 737 Max is Boeing's best-selling plane and it is built in his home state of Washington.

Larsen said Congress must help make the public feel safe about flying because "if they don't fly, airlines don't need to buy airplanes," and "then there will be no jobs" in aircraft manufacturing.

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Macy's warns shoppers of trade war impact

Trump administration preparing to extend tariffs to practically all Chinese imports not already hit

BY ANNE D'INNOCENZIO
Associated Press

NEW YORK — Macy's customers may finally start to feel the impact of President Donald Trump's trade war with China.

Like many department stores and general merchandise retailers, Macy's had been left largely unscathed by the first several rounds of tariffs since they focused more on industrial and agricultural products. But products like furniture saw an increase in tariffs to 25% last week. And now the administration is preparing to extend the 25% tariffs to practically all Chinese imports not already hit with levies including toys, shirts, household goods and sneakers, which furnish Macy's behemoth stores. That's roughly \$300 billion worth of products on top of the \$250 billion targeted earlier.

Macy's CEO Jeff Gennette told investors Wednesday the higher levies on furniture will have some impact on the department store business, but it can be mitigated. But he says he's more worried about the potential fourth round of tariffs placed on imports as it could mean higher retail prices for both store label and national brands.

"Looking at all those categories and those brands that are included, it is hard to do the math to find a path that gets you to a place where you don't have a customer impact," Gennette told investors.

The escalating trade tensions put a damper on the news surrounding Macy's fiscal first quarter performance, which smashed Wall Street estimates. Macy's also put up its sixth consecutive quarter of increases in comparable store sales fueled



MARY ALTAFFER/AP

Macy's flagship store is seen May 16, 2018, in New York. On Wednesday, Macy's reported fiscal first quarter performance that smashed Wall Street estimates.

by its robust online business after a three-year sales slump. However, even in a still strong economy, the question is how resilient shoppers will remain in the wake of higher prices.

Macy's report offered encouraging news after the department store chain struggled through a weak holiday season. It offered

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Getting more out of food stamps

Bill would allow some to use benefits to eat at Illinois restaurants

BY ALEXIA ELEJALDE-RUIZ
Chicago Tribune

Illinois food stamp recipients who are elderly, disabled or homeless could soon use their benefits to eat at restaurants.

The Restaurant Meals Program bill, which is awaiting a state Senate vote after approval by the House in late March, aims to add Illinois to a short list of states that have opted into a federal program that allows certain people to redeem food stamps at participating restaurants.

Restaurants, which must offer discounted menus to be eligible, can voluntarily apply to participate and are not required to enroll.

Currently, recipients of the government's Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program, or SNAP, can only use benefits to buy groceries at retailers. They cannot use them for dine-in meals or to buy hot food sold at grocery stores.

That's challenging for homeless people without access to cooking supplies or storage space, as well as for some elderly or disabled people who may not be able to cook safely in their kitchens, said Niya Kelly, state legislative director at the Chicago Coalition for the Homeless.

Though soup kitchens and other providers offer free hot

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McDonald's trims menu for all-day breakfast

Individual franchises will be able to choose which items to offer

BY ROBERT CHANNICK
Chicago Tribune

It may soon be hit-or-miss for customers craving a late-night Sausage McGriddle or hotcakes at McDonald's.

In an effort to simplify its menu and speed up service, McDonald's is letting individual U.S. franchisees choose which menu items to offer after regular breakfast hours end at 10:30 a.m.

"Giving local restaurants the ability to select the items they serve for their All Day Breakfast menus means an even better, faster experience for customers, day and night," the Chicago-based restaurant chain said in a statement Tuesday.

Launched in 2015, the all-day breakfast offering has been a big hit for McDonald's, bolstering sales and luring more customers to the hamburger giant for Egg McMuffins and sausage burritos throughout the day. But whipping

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Advocate to start buying meds from non-profit drug company

Civica Rx announced it will sell two commonly used antibiotics

BY LISA SCHENCKER
Chicago Tribune

As part of an effort to battle generic drug shortages and high prices, one of the area's largest hospital systems, Advocate Aurora Health, plans to soon start buying medications from a new type of drug company — one founded by hospitals.

Civica Rx announced Wednesday that it will soon start selling two antibiotics commonly used in hospitals, Vancomycin and Daptomycin.

They will be the first two drugs,

of an expected 14 this year, to be offered by the not-for-profit generic drug company. Civica Rx was established last year by philanthropic groups and seven hospitals systems as a way to ease generic drug shortages in hospitals and combat high prices.

About 90 percent of all prescriptions filled in the U.S. are for generic drugs, according to the U.S. Food and Drug Administration. Generic drugs tend to cost less than brand-name medications, but their costs can climb, particularly when they're in short supply.

"When drugs go on and off shortage, not only does it create an administrative nightmare for nurses and clinicians, it creates some real potential patient safety

concerns if we don't have access to those medications our patients need," said Heather Wall, chief commercial officer for Civica Rx, which is headquartered in Lehi, Utah.

Hospital systems must be members of Civica Rx to buy its drugs. Advocate Aurora, which has 28 hospitals in Illinois and Wisconsin, announced its membership in Civica Rx earlier this year. Systems representing more than 800 hospitals are now members of Civica Rx.

The drugs will not be for sale to individual consumers. Civica Rx has signed an agreement with Xellia Pharmaceuticals, headquartered in Denmark, to manufacture the antibiotics for members.

While the two antibiotics are not currently in shortage at Advocate Aurora, they have been in short supply in recent years, said Tom Woller, Advocate Aurora system vice president for pharmacy services.

"It can create a patient care issue, in that in some cases, a particular drug is the very best drug for a patient in a clinical situation, so if that drug is not available that can require a situation where we go to the next best alternative," Woller said.

Civica Rx has said that it expects to be able to save hospitals about 35 to 50 percent on the 14 drugs it ultimately sells. But Civica Rx is not publicly releasing its

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Civica Rx is expecting to introduce 14 drugs this year.

Facebook bumping pay for contract workers in the US

BY KURT WAGNER
Bloomberg News

Facebook said it will give raises to most of its U.S. contract workers, a group of people who have critical roles but aren't paid or treated as full-time company employees.

The world's largest social-media company said this week that the current \$15-an-hour minimum wage it requires for U.S. workers is no longer enough for those who live in expensive areas like the San Francisco Bay Area, where Facebook's headquarters is located. It has tens of thousands of contractors globally, from bus drivers to content moderators who review and remove disturbing and violent photos and videos that show up on the company's services.

"Because wages so directly affect people's lives, we obviously have a deep responsibility to look after all the people who work for Facebook — with us as a partner or with us directly," said Janelle Gale, Facebook's vice president of human resources. "\$15 per hour in some of the areas where we operate no longer meets the cost of living."

Facebook is raising its minimum wage for contract workers to \$20 an hour in the Bay Area, New York City and Washington, and \$18 an hour in Seattle. Content moderators will get more. Those in San Francisco, New York and D.C. will now make at least \$22 per hour. Seattle-based moderators will receive a minimum of \$20 an hour.

In other "metro areas" where content moderators live, such as Phoenix, the minimum will be \$18 an hour, the company said.

Facebook hires contrac-



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tors through outside providers, including Accenture and Cognizant Technology Solutions Corp., and sets minimum wage standards through contracts with those companies. As a result, Facebook said it doesn't know how much each of its contractors is paid, and it's possible that some already make more than Facebook's new threshold.

But Gale said the wage increases should help the majority of Facebook's U.S. contractors.

Gale said she hopes to implement the changes by the summer of 2020.

Facebook is also looking at cost-of-living standards in other countries where it hires contractors, she added.

Silicon Valley has developed a poor reputation for its treatment of contract employees, who do necessary and important work but often for much less pay and far fewer perks than company staff.

Google has tens of thousands of contract workers who handle everything from staffing the cafeteria to testing self-driving cars.

At Apple, contractors work on customer support issues and even Apple News. The rise of this shadow workforce has undermined the tech industry's reputation as an attractive employer.

Facebook has attempted to improve the atmosphere for contract workers in the past, allowing them to attend classes offered to full-time employees, and even posting signs around its campus that say, "Contractors Are People Too."

In recent months, some employees at the company have begun pressuring management to make larger changes.

Some of the toughest contractor jobs lately have been created by the need for content moderation on massive digital services like Facebook and Google's YouTube.

After Russia used Facebook to influence the 2016 U.S. presidential election, the company beefed up its stable of safety and security employees to 20,000 people, many of them content moderators. In February, The Verge reported that some moderators who spend their days scrubbing these sites have suffered from depression. Some turned to drugs and alcohol to cope.

Facebook said its decision to increase wages is not a direct response to negative new coverage.

"We started this process middle of last year," Gale said.

"This is really exciting," said Derecka Mehrens, who helped start Silicon Valley Rising, an advocacy group that backed successful efforts to unionize contract workers, including Facebook security guards, shuttle drivers and cafeteria workers. "We certainly hope that other major tech corporations follow suit."

Cybersecurity firm expanding

BY ALLY MAROTTI
Chicago Tribune

Cybersecurity firm Keeper Security is set to triple its employee count in Chicago and move to a bigger office space later this summer, as demand grows for software that protects businesses from hackers.

The Chicago-based company launched in 2011 offering a password manager for consumers. Five years later, it rolled out a similar product for businesses that helped ensure employees' passwords were strong and that their information had not been hacked.

Demand for that product among small- to medium-sized businesses is driving Keeper's growth, said CEO and co-founder Darren Guccione.

"They need a cybersecurity platform that protects their businesses against a password-related security breach," Guccione said.

Small- and medium-sized businesses "are the ones being attacked the most because they tend to lack IT infrastructure and IT staff."

Keeper has about 150 full-time employees worldwide, about 60 of whom are in its Chicago headquarters. It also has offices in California and Ireland. Guccione said he expects headcount in Chicago to increase to about 190 in the next six months.

The company is moving its West Loop headquarters to a space in the building next door that is roughly three times larger than its current office and has an option to expand, Guccione said.

Keeper's Chicago employees work mainly in sales, marketing and customer service. Its software engineers work mostly out of the California office.

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Macy's

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signs that the retooling of its loyalty program and the expansion of its off-price concept are enticing shoppers to buy. The company also delivered another quarter of double digit increases in online sales.

But in addition to the trade wars, Macy's continues to face challenges.

Like many other mall-based stores, Macy's is under pressure to reinvent itself as shoppers increasingly buy online. Macy's has been expanding its store labels and opening more off-price Backstage stores. It's rolled out technology that allows customers to skip the line at the register. The company's revamped loyalty card program has helped keep its best customers engaged. And after closing more than 100 stores over the past several years, it's going to see how a cluster of smaller stores work with today's customers. The company is also expanding the list of stores that get new improved fixtures and more localized fashion to 150 from the original 50.

In February, the department store announced a multiyear money-saving restructuring program that it says will shrink its management structure and make the department store more nimble in a fiercely competitive environment.

Mobile is Macy's fastest

growing channel, with more than \$1 billion in sales through its apps alone in 2018, the retailer has said.

Such efforts propped up quarterly results. The Cincinnati department store chain reported a first quarter profit of \$136 million, or 44 cents per share. That far exceeds Wall Street's per-share expectations of 31 cents, according to a survey by Zacks Investment Research.

Revenue was \$5.5 billion, just shy of expectations. Sales at stores opened at least a year rose 0.7%. That included business from licensed departments. Analysts were expecting a slight decline.

Macy's stuck to its full year earnings projections of between \$3.05 and \$3.25 per share, about in line with expectations. However, Gennette told investors the company didn't factor in the fourth potential round of tariffs into its guidance. He said that Macy's has been working to shift some of the production out of China, and that it's working with its national brand partners to figure out a solution.

Shares rose in premarket trading but then receded. Shares were down 16 cents to \$21.64 in midday trading.

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FCC to vote on plan to let carriers block spam robocalls

BY TALİ ARBEL
Associated Press

NEW YORK — New measures by U.S. regulators could help thwart some of the billions of robocalls received in the country.

The Federal Communications Commission said Wednesday that it will vote in June on whether to let wireless carriers block spam calls by default, which should mean that more spam calls are blocked. Right now, customers have to take the extra step of requesting tools from their carriers or downloading apps from other companies to help them weed out most unwanted calls.

The rising volume of calls in the past few years, driven by how cheap and easy it is for scammers to call millions of people as well as weak enforcement, has created pressure on Congress, regulators and phone companies to act. The volume of calls has risen to roughly 5 billion per month, according to call-blocker YouMail, from 2.7 billion in November 2017. That's when the government gave carriers explicit, although narrow,

permission to block certain types of calls.

Many robocalls are not scam calls, though, but calls from debt collectors and telemarketers selling insurance, cruises and the like. It's not clear if carriers would automatically block those calls, too, said Margot Saunders, senior counsel for the National Consumer Law Center and an expert on robocalls.

Under the proposed rules, the agency won't require carriers to provide such services or mandate that the tools offered are free. Today, some of these apps cost extra money; others are free.

"We certainly are encouraging companies to offer this for free," FCC Chairman Ajit Pai said. He said he anticipates that companies won't charge extra because it would cost less than the headache of dealing with robocalls and customer complaints about them today. He raised the threat of regulatory action "if the companies do not take the steps necessary to protect consumers."

The agency also said Wednesday it's making



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FCC chairman Ajit Pai testifies Wednesday before a House panel. The FCC vote is in June.

clear that carriers can let customers come up with lists of numbers that they will permit to call them. That means customers could tell phone companies that any number not on their list be automatically blocked.

"There is no doubt that this can only help, that it's a good thing. My questions go to how much it helps," Saunders said, referring to whether consumers would be protected from un-

wanted debt-collector and telemarketing calls as well as scams.

Phone-industry group USTelecom said Pai's proposal was "big and bold" and would help stop unwanted calls from reaching consumers.

There are also bills in Congress addressing the robocall problem. A bipartisan Senate bill would require carriers to verify that a number popping up on your caller ID is real. A big problem with robocalls is that many are "spoofed," or faked to look like they're coming from a number that matches your area code and the next three digits of your number, so you think it's a neighbor and are more likely to pick up. The industry is working on deploying this long-in-the-works system, but it's been a slow process. Pai has threatened regulatory action if it's not done this year.

The bill would also give the FCC more power to fine those responsible for spam calls and puts together federal agencies and state officials to figure out ways to pursue criminal cases against robocall scammers.

Boeing

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Rep. Peter DeFazio, D-Ore., struck a sharper tone, criticizing Boeing for pilot manuals that didn't mention a new automated flight-control system implicated in both accidents.

DeFazio, who heads the full Transportation Commit-

tee, also said he and Larsen have been frustrated after requesting documents from Boeing to aid in the panel's investigation.

"Boeing has yet to provide a single document," he said. "We've got to get to the bottom of this."

Boeing is already the subject of a criminal investigation by the Justice Department. Boeing customers Southwest Airlines and American Air-

lines and their pilot unions have received subpoenas related to that investigation; United Airlines, which also flew the Max until it was grounded in March, declined to comment, although its pilot union confirmed that it too has received a subpoena.

The Transportation Department's inspector general and two congressional committees are looking into the FAA's relationship with Bo-

eing.

Nadia Milleron, whose daughter, Samya Stumo, was on the Ethiopian Airlines plane, was in the audience. She said FAA seems to be rushing to approve Boeing's fixes to the Max. "It is possible that these planes should never go back in the air," she said.

Milleron's family is suing Boeing and Ethiopian Airlines.

Advocate

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prices for the antibiotics, Wall said.

Advocate Aurora doesn't yet know how much money it might save by buying up to half its supply of the two

antibiotics from Civica. But the system didn't join Civica with the intention of cutting costs, Woller said. The main purpose for joining was to try to reduce generic drug shortages, he said.

Over the years, hospitals have struggled with shortages of drugs that have included an intravenous flu-

id meant to help replenish patients' electrolytes, certain blood thinners, and some forms of the tissue-numbing medication lidocaine, among others. Drug companies have blamed increasing demand and manufacturing issues for a number of shortages.

The parent company of

Loyola Medicine is also a member of Civica Rx as are SSM Health, which has hospitals in southern Illinois, and UnityPoint Health, which has hospitals in Peoria and in the Quad Cities.

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Menu

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up the full morning menu — with some items more popular than others — may be slowing down and complicating operations for franchisees.

The revamped all-day breakfast will allow local restaurants to simplify their menu and offer only the most popular items after normal breakfast hours.

The change is slated to begin "as early as July," with local franchisees having the option to scale back their breakfast offerings at 10:30 a.m. or 2 p.m. each day.

Darren Tristano, CEO of Foodservice Results, a Chicago-area research and consulting firm, said less may be more in the restaurant industry as more chains trim their menus and move toward specialization.

"Restaurants are starting to say we can't just do everything and be everything to everyone; we have to be something to someone," Tristano said Wednesday. "Doing one thing and doing it really well is working."

At the same time, Tristano said all-day breakfast has been a winning strategy for McDonald's, tapping into a broader trend that has seen an increase in restaurant chains featuring eggs in their name and on their menu.

McDonald's has 14,000 locations in the U.S., and



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McDonald's launched the All-Day Breakfast in 2015, to positive reception from customers.

95% are independently owned and operated. Operators can't opt out of all-day breakfast completely, but all can reduce their menu to a select number of items after 10:30 a.m. each day, the company said.

But it may be problematic for McDonald's customers — accustomed to ordering the Big Breakfast with Hotcakes for dinner — who will soon face a varying breakfast menu from restaurant to restaurant.

"The good news is, you're already in the drive-thru, so you're probably going to order something else," Tristano said. "The bad news is, you might leave McDonald's with a bad taste in your mouth but quite frankly, consumers already do that."

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Scene 1: No agent? Not a problem.

Hollywood writers finding ways to work around agency feud

By DAVID NG
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LOS ANGELES — When Hollywood writers took the unprecedented step of firing their talent agents last month — a collective action intended to dissuade agencies from practices the Writers' Guild sees as conflicts of interest — the move sent a jolt of uncertainty through the entertainment industry.

The dispute came in the midst of TV staffing season, when network shows do the bulk of their hiring for writers. How would writers find jobs without their agents, who are supposed to advocate on their behalf?

But in the four weeks since the termination notices went out, many showrunners and writers have found creative ways to work around the dispute.

Showrunners said they are relying primarily on their professional networks and on social media to staff their shows this season. Some said it has been remarkably easy to find writers without the added step of going through an agent.

Social media has been helpful in staffing the CW's supernatural series "Legacies," said show creator Julie Plec. She said her team was recently looking to fill a writer slot and searched Twitter using the term #WGAStaffingBoost — a hashtag created last month by TV writer LaToya Morgan to provide visibility to employable writers during the agency standoff.

Writers of varying levels of experience have posted using the hashtag.

I've written on the last 3 seasons of the critically acclaimed Netflix show "BoJack Horseman," wrote Alison Tafel. "I've got samples."

Cusi Cram, a playwright and TV writer, recently posted: "I've written on shows for Showtime, Amazon, and PBS. I love the



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darkly comic and have a knack for creating absurd yet emotionally grounded stories."

The "Legacies" team found a writer on Twitter whose writing sample and experience they thought made her a good fit. They brought her in for an interview and eventually hired her.

"Staffing season is never fun and always filled with chaos," Plec said. "This year, however, as a result of writers having to do more self-advocacy, there's been a spirit of generosity and support in the air that has been really refreshing."

Network staffing typically takes place during roughly the first six months of the year as shows come up for renewal. The busiest hiring usually occurs from May through mid-June as

pilots get picked up for series order and more renewals come through.

But this staffing season is unlike any in recent memory. The Writers Guild of America has declared war against talent agencies over practices that the guild believes enrich agencies while putting the needs of clients second. These include the aggressive move by agencies into TV and movie production, which could create conflicts of interest if a writer is both employed and represented by an agency.

More than 7,000 guild members of the 8,000 or so who have agents have fired them. The WGA has also sued the big four Hollywood talent agencies — WME, CAA, UTA and ICM Partners — over packaging, a long-standing practice

through which an agency is paid fees for assembling talent on a project. Writers say that agencies have prioritized packaging over client representation.

Writers said the feud with agents has exposed what was until now an open secret in Hollywood: Many experienced writers already rely on interpersonal connections, rather than agents, to find jobs.

"Most of us don't get jobs from our agents," said a showrunner for a drama series on a major cable network who wasn't authorized to speak about the dispute.

Staffing the writers' room for the upcoming season has involved calling friends and fellow writers for recommendations, she said.

"People say you have to

have an agent," said a writer and producer for a major streaming series who also wasn't authorized to speak publicly. "They feel like they have to have an agent because it's an image thing. But at the end of the day, a lot of writers get their own jobs and the agents step in and commission it."

But writers acknowledged that their fight with agencies disadvantages one group among them — inexperienced writers who are relatively new to Hollywood.

For a new writer with a short resume, agents have traditionally helped secure that crucial first or second job. If a respected agent vouches for a new voice, hiring managers take notice. Otherwise it can be hard to get on a showrunner's radar. And early on in

a career, agents are sometimes a writer's only cheerleader.

With their agents out of the picture for the time being, those neophytes are finding themselves trying to make a living without the help of their biggest boosters.

To help these writers, the WGA has developed an online staffing submission system that is designed to bring together writers and showrunners in what is shaping up as a kind of ZipRecruiter for Hollywood writers.

The system allows guild members to submit material for shows that have posted openings on the site. About 90 shows have posted openings on the site, with 2,000 writers making about 4,000 submissions, the guild said.

Bill

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meals, they have limited hours and variety so people with certain allergies or nighttime school or work hours can't always rely on them, Kelly said. As a result, she said, many people make do with a bag of chips.

In addition to making it easier for people to grab a meal, giving SNAP recipients access to restaurants offers them an opportunity to be part of the wider community.

"There's a certain dignity of being able to sit down somewhere knowing you bought your food and having that space to be able to do that," said Kelly, whose organization led the legislative effort alongside the Heartland Alliance and the Sargent Shriver National Center on

Poverty Law.

The U.S. Department of Agriculture, which funds and runs SNAP, has since 1977 allowed states to make restaurants available to food stamp recipients who are age 60 and over, have proof of disability or have a homeless certification letter from a shelter or other provider.

Currently Arizona, 11 counties in California and one county in Rhode Island participate in the program. Other states have participated in the past but eliminated it. Michigan, for example, eliminated its program in 2013 due to concerns about lack of nutritional options at restaurants and fraud at some locations, according to Bob Wheaton, spokesman for the Michigan Department of Health & Human Services. Illinois has never participated before.

The bill directs Illinois'

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— Niya Kelly, state legislative director at the Chicago Coalition for the Homeless

Department of Human Services, which administers SNAP in the state, to implement the restaurant program no later than January 1, 2020. Though legislation is not required for the agency to opt in, it protects the move from being easily reversed by future administrations, advocates say.

About 1.8 million people across 900,000 households in Illinois receive SNAP, according to the state. The restaurant program would affect a fraction of them; 14% of SNAP households include someone who is disabled, 10% contain someone who is

elderly and less than 1% include someone who is homeless, and many of those categories overlap, Kelly said.

In Arizona, Subway, Jack in the Box and Carl's Jr. are among the restaurants that have opted to accept SNAP, according to Arizona's Department of Economic Security.

But Rep. Sonya Harper, D-Chicago, the chief sponsor of Illinois' bill, said she expects few fast food chains locally to be interested in participating.

Instead, she is focused on people being able to use their

benefits to buy prepared food from the hot bars at grocery stores, where they already are accustomed to shopping.

Harper — who said she herself used SNAP for about two years when she struggled to find a job after dropping out of law school because she was pregnant — said she knows from experience how frustrating it is to not be able to grab a plate of fried chicken and mac and cheese from a store's prepared food section.

"It makes your life easier," she said.

The Illinois House voted

75-18 in favor of the bill. Those who voted against it mostly wanted to limit restaurant access to eligible individuals rather than their entire households, as the bill provides, said Kelly of the Chicago Coalition for the Homeless.

There are no intentions to expand the program to the SNAP population broadly, Kelly said.

Some of the debate around making restaurants eligible for SNAP involves concerns that people will use their benefits on greasy fast food. But people who live in poverty are known to budget carefully. And, Kelly said, "it is not our responsibility or our job to judge how folks survive."

The Senate is expected to vote this week or next.

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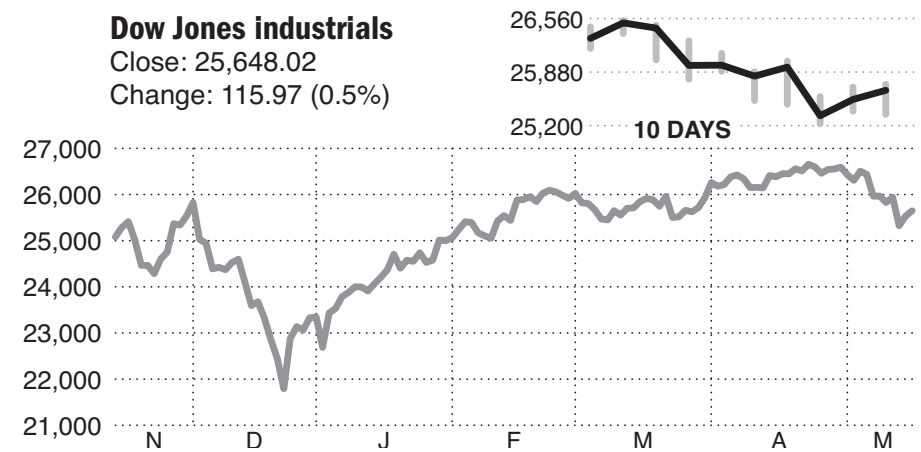
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Nasdaq	S&P 500	Russell 2000
+87.65 (+1.13%)	+16.55 (+.58%)	+5.21 (+.34%)
Close 7,822.15	Close 2,850.96	Close 1,548.27
High 7,838.72	High 2,858.68	High 1,550.02
Low 7,682.24	Low 2,815.08	Low 1,529.44
Previous 7,734.50	Previous 2,834.41	Previous 1,543.06

10-yr T-note	Gold futures	Yen	Euro	Crude Oil
-0.04 to 2.38%	+1.60 to \$1,296.30	-1.10 to 109.54/\$1	+0.0002 to .8925/\$1	+0.24 to \$62.02

Major market growth and decline

5-day % change			30-day % change			1-year % change		
DOW	NASD	S&P	DOW	NASD	S&P	DOW	NASD	S&P
-1.23	-1.53	-0.99	-3.03	-2.18	-1.71	+3.55	+5.73	+4.72

FUTURES							
COMMODITY	AMOUNT-PRICE	MO.	OPEN	HIGH	LOW	SETTLE	CHG.
WHEAT (CBOT)	5,000 bu minimum- cents per bushel	Jul 19	451.50	464	447	448.75	+25
		Sep 19	459.25	471.25	454.25	456.25	+25
CORN (CBOT)	5,000 bu minimum- cents per bushel	Jul 19	369	380	368	369.50	+75
		Sep 19	377.50	388.25	376.75	378.25	+1
SOYBEANS (CBOT)	5,000 bu minimum- cents per bushel	Jul 19	832	848.25	827	835.50	+4
		Aug 19	838.50	854.50	833.75	842	+4
SOYBEAN OIL (CBOT)	60,000 lbs- cents per lb	Jul 19	27.01	27.50	26.90	27.24	+24
		Aug 19	27.13	27.62	27.05	27.37	+24
SOYBEAN MEAL (CBOT)	100 tons- dollars per ton	Jul 19	298.30	304.90	297.40	299.80	+180
		Aug 19	299.50	306.10	298.80	301.20	+170
LIGHT SWEET CRUDE (NYMX)	1,000 bbl.- dollars per bbl.	Jul 19	61.37	62.34	60.85	62.02	+24
		Jul 19	61.56	62.57	61.05	62.24	+28
NATURAL GAS (NYMX)	10,000 mm btu's, \$ per mm btu	Jun 19	2.651	2.669	2.595	2.601	-.058
		Jul 19	2.680	2.700	2.628	2.634	-.055
NY HARBOR GAS BLEND (NYMX)	42,000 gallons- dollars per gallon	Jun 19	1.9708	2.0259	1.9614	2.0127	+0.0360
		Jul 19	1.9401	1.9940	1.9335	1.9822	+0.0322

Source: The Associated Press

LOCAL STOCKS

Stocks listed may change due to daily fluctuations in market capitalization. Exchange key: N=NYSE, O=NASDAQ

STOCK	XCHG.	CLOSE	CHG.	STOCK	XCHG.	CLOSE	CHG.	STOCK	XCHG.	CLOSE	CHG.
Abbott Labs	N	76.51	+48	Equity Commonwh	N	32.04	+07	Middleby Corp	O	138.24	+149
AbbVie Inc	N	78.78	+34	Equity Lifesty Prop	N	117.85	+60	Mondelez Int'l	O	51.83	+21
Allstate Corp	N	95.49	+75	Equity Residential	N	76.19	+38	Morningstar Inc	O	133.28	+25
Aptargroup Inc	N	113.24	+26	Exelon Corp	N	48.77	-20	Motorola Solutions	N	145.18	+55
Arch Dan Mid	N	40.98	+13	First Indl RT	N	35.07	+30	NISource Inc	O	28.06	+62
Baxter Intl	N	75.94	+06	Fortune Brds Hm&Sec	N	53.17	+17	Ntn Trust Cp	O	94.24	-67
Boeing Co	N	345.64	+2.60	Gallagher AJ	N	82.71	+23	Old Republic	N	22.36	+41
Brunswick Corp	N	49.55	-65	Grainger WW	N	261.79	-27	Packaging Corp Am	N	97.03	+15
CBQE Global Markets	N	103.88	-1.19	GrubHub Inc	N	63.61	+1.07	Paylocity Hldg	O	96.68	+56
CDK Global Inc	O	51.26	+53	Hill-Rom Hldgs	N	97.94	-35	RLI Corp	N	83.84	-57
CDW Corp	O	104.11	+85	IDEX Corp	N	153.46	+2.33	Stericycle Inc	O	48.79	+58
CF Industries	N	41.92	+73	ITW	N	150.94	+1.99	TransUnion	N	64.22	+04
CME Group	O	181.83	-1.46	Ingredion Inc	N	84.45	-31	Tribune Media Co A	N	46.36	-02
CNA Financial	N	45.34	+35	John Bean Technol	N	111.99	+3.01	US Foods Holding	N	38.07	-28
Caterpillar Inc	N	127.30	-17	Jones Lang LaSalle	N	136.14	+29	Ultra Salon Cosmetics	O	340.70	+538
ConAgra Brands Inc	N	29.00	+40	Kemper Corp	N	86.48	+33	United Cont'l Hldgs	O	82.35	-1.10
Deere Co	N	144.84	-2.27	Kraft Heinz Co	O	32.40	+13	Ventas Inc	N	64.19	+70
Discover Fin Svcs	N	77.23	-41	LKQ Corporation	O	27.08	+06	Walgreen Boots Alli	O	52.74	+16
Dover Corp	N	96.22	+13	Littelfuse Inc	O	173.32	+2.07	Wintrust Financial	O	72.24	-1.11
Envestnet Inc	N	67.70	+38	McDonalds Corp	N	199.07	+1.06	Zebra Tech	O	185.18	-1.54

MOST ACTIVE STOCKS

NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE

STOCK	CLOSE	CHG.
Gen Electric	10.26	-06
Bank of America	28.29	-33
Teva Pharm	11.44	-66
Ford Motor	10.36	+12
Alibaba Group Hldg	177.60	+2.12
Uber Technologies	41.29	+1.33
Aurora Cannabis Inc	8.68	+30
Macy's Inc	21.70	-10
Chesapeake Engy	2.50	-06
Pfizer Inc	41.15	+49
Coty Inc	13.29	+1.17
AT&T Inc	31.25	+16
Ambev S.A.	4.14	-13
Nokia Corp	4.77	...
Wells Fargo & Co	45.84	-65
Freepoint McMoran	10.85	-01
Dow DuPont Inc	30.10	-66
Hewlett Pack Ent	14.42	+18
EnCana Corp	6.74	+05
Citigroup	64.87	-39
Agilent Tech	67.64	-8.37
Annaly Capital Mgmt	9.53	...
Itau Unibanco Hldg	7.93	-08
Oceq Pedit	54.25	-30

LARGEST COMPANIES

Based on market capitalization

STOCK	CLOSE	CHG.
Alibaba Group Hldg	177.60	+2.76
Alphabet Inc C	1164.21	+43.77
Alphabet Inc A	1170.80	+45.94
Amazon.com Inc	1871.15	+31.03
Apple Inc	190.92	+2.26
Bank of America	28.29	-33
Berkshire Hath B	202.98	-71
Exxon Mobil Corp	76.37	+56
Facebook Inc	186.27	+5.54
HSBC Holdings prA	26.03	+02
JPMorgan Chase	109.90	-42
Johnson & Johnson	136.91	+09
MasterCard Inc	249.15	+3.21
Microsoft Corp	126.02	+1.75
Procter & Gamble	106.70	+1.10
Royal Dutch Shell B	65.65	+64
Royal Dutch Shell A	64.86	+75
Visa Inc	162.79	+2.58
WalMart Strs	99.88	-41

LARGEST MUTUAL FUNDS

Based on total assets

FUND	NAV	CHG	1-YR %RTN
American Funds AMCPA m	31.57	+24	+4.1
American Funds AmeronBAlA m	26.83	+10	+5.2
American Funds CptWldGrInCA m	447.68	+32	-2.6
American Funds CptInlCBlDrA m	60.30	+18	+2.3
American Funds FdmlInvsA m	58.52	+33	+2.7
American Funds GrfAmrCA m	49.10	+45	+4.3
American Funds InvAmrCA m	22.10	+05	+3.5
American Funds InvCmrcA m	37.73	+26	+2.9
American Funds InvPrsptvA m	43.10	+32	+2.9
American Funds WAMtInvsA m	45.39	+17	+6.0
DFA EMktCorEq	20.01	+03	-10.6
DFA IntlCorEqIn	12.75	+04	-11.3
Dodge & Cox Inc	13.75	+02	+5.9
Dodge & Cox IntlStk	40.10	+14	-10.7
Dodge & Cox Stk	184.64	+48	+1.9
DoubleLine TIRetBdl	10.57	+02	+5.8
Fidelity 500IdxInsPrm	99.25	+60	+7.3
Fidelity Contrafund	12.71	+12	+5.4
Fidelity TlMktIdxInsPrm	80.80	+46	+6.4
Fidelity USBdlIdxInsPrm	11.56	+02	+6.9
Franklin Templeton IncA1 m	2.29	+02	+4.5
Metropolitan West TIRetBdl	10.68	+02	+6.9
PIMCO IncIst	12.04	...	+5.9
PIMCO TIRetIns	12.04	...	+5.9
Schwab SP500Idx	43.89	+26	+7.2
T. Rowe Price BCGR	112.83	+117	+8.4
T. Rowe Price GrStk	66.82	+72	+7.4
Vanguard 500IdxAdmrl	263.73	+158	+7.3
Vanguard DivGrIn	28.26	+12	+14.8
Vanguard EqInAdmrl	73.40	+19	+5.8
Vanguard GrldAdmrl	81.82	+81	+3.3
Vanguard HCAdmrl	77.47	-04	+2.8
Vanguard InTRTEAdmrl	14.29	+01	+6.3
Vanguard InslIdxIns	258.49	+155	+7.3
Vanguard InslIdxInsPlus	258.51	+155	+7.3
Vanguard InslMlInPls	61.70	+36	+6.6
Vanguard IntlGrAdmrl	91.40	+67	-4.4
Vanguard MDCpldAdmrl	200.44	+81	+4.9
Vanguard PrmCpAdmrl	133.46	+96	+3.4
Vanguard STInvmGrdAdmrl	10.62	+01	+7.7
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Vanguard TrgtRtr2025In	18.56	+07	+3.0
Vanguard TrgtRtr2030In	33.85	+15	+2.6
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Vanguard TtBMDIdxAdmrl	10.71	+02	+6.5
Vanguard TtBMDIdxIns	10.71	+02	+6.5
Vanguard TtInBldAdmrl	22.37	+02	+1.1
Vanguard TtInBldIdxIns	33.57	+04	+6.2
Vanguard TtInSldAdmrl	27.58	+11	-7.4
Vanguard TtInSldIdxIns	110.30	+46	-7.4
Vanguard TtInSldIdxInsPlus	110.32	+46	-7.4
Vanguard TtInSldIn	15.49	+07	-7.5
Vanguard TtInSldIdxAdmrl	71.02	+41	+6.5
Vanguard TtInSldIdxIns	71.03	+41	+6.5
Vanguard TtInSldIn	70.99	+41	+6.4
Vanguard WngtAdmrl	69.71	+23	+6.4
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3-month disc	2.35	2.35
6-month disc	2.35	2.36
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30-year	2.82	2.85

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Gold	\$1296.30	\$1294.70
Silver	\$14.752	\$14.752
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India (Rupee)	70.259
Israel (Shekel)	3.5689
Japan (Yen)	109.54
Mexico (Peso)	19.0427
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OBITUARIES

ROBERT MAXWELL 1920-2019

Medal of Honor recipient fell on grenade to save lives

BY HARRISON SMITH
The Washington Post

He heard the hand grenade well before he saw it. And as the seconds ticked away and Robert Maxwell searched blindly through the darkness, he decided that the only thing worse than running away was picking up the explosive device and attempting to throw it back at the enemy — an act that risked killing the three soldiers crouched alongside him.

When he finally found the grenade, lying on the cement courtyard outside his battalion's embattled observation post in eastern France, he did the only thing that made sense. Clutching a blanket to his chest, he dropped on top of the device, absorbing the full force of its explosion and saving the lives of his comrades.

"It's not the case that I was brave or a hero or anything like that," Maxwell, an Army technician fifth grade during World War II, said years later. "Because I just did what the only alternative was at the time. There was nothing else to do."

For his actions early that morning on Sept. 7, 1944, Maxwell was awarded the Medal of Honor, the nation's highest military decoration for valor. He was 98, and the oldest surviving Medal of Honor recipient, when he died May 11 in Bend, Oregon, leaving only three surviving recipients from World War II.

His death was announced by the Medal of Honor Society, which did not say precisely where or how he died.

Maxwell had seen action long before his unit came under fire in France. A onetime Colorado timber worker, he served as a "wire man," scaling roofs or trees to hang phone lines that enabled his battalion to communicate quickly on the battlefield.

He carried an M1 rifle in North Africa before being reclassified as a noncombatant — with his wires and tools, the load was considered too heavy — and given a .45-caliber pistol for the invasions of Sicily and mainland Italy.

In Anzio, where Allied forces secured a beachhead

for the liberation of Rome, Maxwell took shrapnel in both legs while repairing communications wires. He was hospitalized for several months in 1944 before rejoining his unit, the 7th Regiment of the 3rd Infantry Division, for an invasion of Southern France dubbed Operation Dragoon.

By September, Maxwell's battalion had reached the city of Besancon, near the Swiss border. He was stationed with a few GIs at an old, pockmarked farmhouse on the outskirts of town, stringing wire on the observation post's rooftop, when a German platoon suddenly opened fire with machine guns and 20mm antiaircraft weapons.

As a hail of bullets sheared tiles from the roof, Maxwell leaped to the ground, taking shelter behind a short rock wall topped with a mesh wire fence. The German forces had apparently outmaneuvered American rifle companies nearby, coming within 10 yards of the wall and nearly as close to Maxwell's battalion commander, Lt. Col. Lloyd B. Ramsey, who was inside the post with other officers.

Maxwell and his three comrades marshaled a defense, armed only with their .45s.

"Maxwell's courage was what held us together," Cyril McColl, a technician fourth grade, later told Collier's magazine. "The machine-gun fire was just clearing his head, but he sat there taking pot shots at everything that moved. Our wall was beginning to crumble, and I was thinking how nice it would be to get out of there, when a grenade came over the chicken wire, and hit the cement floor right at our feet."

It was about 2 a.m. when Maxwell fell on the grenade and lost consciousness. By most accounts, when he came to the post was deserted; his fellow soldiers, apparently believing he had died, had evacuated as ordered. Maxwell staggered into the house, where he found the last man remaining, a lieutenant gathering phone wire.

"I draped an arm over his shoulder, bled all over him, and we left," Maxwell said in an interview for the book

"Medal of Honor: Portraits of Valor Beyond the Call of Duty." A jeep picked them up and ferried them to an aid station, where Maxwell received medical treatment as artillery obliterated the farmhouse and courtyard.

The grenade had wounded his right foot, torn his left bicep and struck his left temple near the eye. But although Maxwell was "permanently maimed," according to his Medal of Honor citation, his actions "saved the lives of his comrades in arms and facilitated maintenance of vital military communications during the temporary withdrawal of the battalion's forward headquarters."

Maxwell was presented with the Medal of Honor in May 1945, while convalescing at Camp Carson in Colorado. Days earlier, his former commander, Ramsey, had helped lead the 3rd Infantry into Austria, where members of the division liberated Salzburg and Berchtesgaden and pressed toward Eagle's Nest, Hitler's mountaintop retreat.

"My apologies," Maxwell told Ramsey at a 2010 reunion, "for having to leave you after Besancon."

Robert Dale Maxwell was born in Boise, Idaho, on Oct. 26, 1920. Raised by his grandparents in western Kansas, Bob, as he was known, left school as a young man to work on their farm. He received his high school diploma only in 2011, at age 90.

Although he had a Quaker upbringing, Maxwell decided against becoming a conscientious objector and enlisted in the Army in 1942. He received two Silver Stars, a Bronze Star Medal and two Purple Hearts, and after the war taught auto mechanics at high schools and community colleges in central Oregon.

Complete information about survivors was not immediately available.

"I'm not wearing the medal for any personal deeds," Maxwell insisted in the "Medal of Honor" interview. "I'm wearing it because it represents all the casualties that we had in the war. It represents those who were killed defending their country and of the ideals that they believed in."

Soviet Union leveled spy charges against the U.S. in the wake of the U2 incident.

In 1975, Japanese climber Junko Tabei became the first woman to reach the summit of Mt. Everest.

In 1988, Surgeon General C. Everett Koop released a report declaring nicotine was addictive in ways similar to heroin and cocaine.

In 1992, the space shuttle Endeavour completed its maiden voyage with a safe landing in the California desert.

In 1991, Queen Elizabeth II became the first British monarch to address the U.S. Congress.

In 1994, Israel began its withdrawal from the Gaza Strip, shutting down the prison and military headquarters

where Israeli soldiers had been in charge since the 1967 Middle East War.

In 1997, President Bill Clinton publicly apologized for the notorious Tuskegee experiment, in which government scientists deliberately allowed black men to weaken and die of treatable syphilis.

In 1999, the Justice Department said preliminary figures from the FBI indicated a decline in serious crime in 1998 for the seventh consecutive year.

In 2000, the Federal Reserve raised its federal funds rate by a half point, the biggest increase in five years.

In 2001, former FBI agent Robert Hanssen was indicted on charges of spying for Moscow.

In 2002, the remains of kidnapped Wall Street Journal reporter Daniel Pearl were unearthed in Pakistan.

In 2003, President George W. Bush launched his reelection campaign.

In 2005, Newsweek magazine retracted its Quran abuse story that sparked deadly protests in Afghanistan that left about 15 people dead and scores injured.

In 2006, the Pentagon released the first video images of American Airlines Flight 77 crashing into the military headquarters building and killing 189 people in the Sept. 11 hijacking.

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Bilik, Eugene J. 'Gene'

Age 85, late of Lockport passed away peacefully on Monday, May 13, 2019 at the Joliet Area Community Hospice home surrounded by his loving family. Born and raised in Chicago, resided in Homewood and living in Lockport since 2015. A proud United States Korean War Navy Veteran. Gene loved polka dancing, a nice cigar and cherished spending time with his family. He was always smiling, laughing and will be deeply missed by all who knew and loved him.

Preceded in death by a son, Gregory Bilik (2009); parents, Peter and Agnes (Mendrala) Bilik; and four sisters and two brothers. Survived by his loving wife of 61 years, Lois (Geers) Bilik; one daughter, Tamra (Michael Smith) Bilik; and one cherished grandson, Ian Smith. Services will be held Friday, May 17, 2019 with everyone meeting at St. John Vianney Catholic Church 401 Brassel St. Lockport, IL 60441 for Mass of Christian Burial at 10:00am. Interment private. Visitation, Thursday, May 16, 2019 in the O'Neil Funeral Home Chapel 1105 E. 9th (159th) St., Lockport, IL 60441 from 4:00pm until 8:00pm. Family and friends may sign the guestbook or attain directions at: oneilfuneralhome.com

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Bland, Harold

Harold Bland, age 89. Beloved husband of the late Florence nee Paskind. Loving father of Len (Carole) Bland. Proud grandfather Gary Bland. Dear brother of the late Leonard (the late Olga) Bland and the late Jerome Bland. Service Friday 2PM at Shir Hadash Synagogue, 200 W. Dundee Road, Wheeling, IL 60090. Memorials in his memory to Shir Hadash Synagogue, www.shir-hadash.org would be appreciated. Arrangements by Chicago Jewish Funerals - Skokie Chapel, 847.229.8822, www.cj-finfo.com

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Carlson, JoAnn

JoAnn Carlson nee Fay, age 84, Beloved wife of Donald H.; loving mother of Donald H. Carlson II (Carol Nyhus), Duane (Rose) Carlson, Denise Mimp, and the late Donna Carlson; dear grandmother of Sean Carlson, Melissa Whalen, Michael, Kelly, and Kaitlyn Mimp; dear great grandmother of Joey Szymanski; fond sister of Fran (the late Joe) Zimmerman, and the late Shirley (the late Lou) Baldonieri. Fondly known as "Auntie Jo" to many nieces and nephews, Visitation Friday 4:00pm until 8:00pm at the Skaja Terrace Funeral Home 7812 N. Milwaukee Ave. Niles. Funeral Saturday 9:00am to St. James Church 134 North Ave. Highwood, IL for 10:00am mass. Memorials to the Leukemia Foundation appreciated. Funeral info 847-966-7302 or www.skajafuneralhomes.com

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Chapman, Helen Hiller

Helen Hiller Chapman, 80, Northbrook, IL. Beloved wife for 56 years of Arthur Chapman; devoted mother of Dr. Laurie (Andrew) Hochberg and Marci Chapman; proud grandmother of Daniel (Jamie), Jessica, Barbara, and Rachel Hochberg; beloved sister of Herbert (Ruth) Hiller; and many nieces and nephews. Helen worked as a registered dietician for over 40 years. She was well known for her crafting skills, especially her toffee and sewing. Funeral service will be held Thursday, May 16, 2019, 10AM at Temple Beth-El, 3610 Dundee Rd., Northbrook, IL. Interment will be private. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Jewish United Fund or Temple Beth-El. Arrangements by Mitzvah Memorial Funerals, 630-MITZVAH/630-648-9824 or www.MitzvahFunerals.com.

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Collins, Elizabeth Jane "'Betty'"

Elizabeth "Betty" Jane Collins (nee O'Donnell), 93, passed away peacefully surrounded by devoted family. Beloved wife of the late John "Jack" Collins; loving mother of Kathy (Joe) Nagy and Gerry (the late Bill) O'Connor; cherished grandmother of Katie (Joe Oswald) O'Connor, Maureen Nagy, Colleen (Bob) Walker, Betsy (Chris) Allen, Bill (Erin Delaney) O'Connor; Great Grandmother of 17; loving sister of Lee (Celeste), and Francis (Susan) O'Donnell; beloved aunt and friend of many. Betty is preceded in death by her parents James and Elizabeth O'Donnell and her siblings Patricia (Joseph) Winslow and Mary Eileen (Jack) Duffy. Visitation Friday, May 17th 3:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at Blake-Lamb Funeral Home 4727 W. 103rd St. Oak Lawn. Funeral Saturday, May 18th prayers 10:15 a.m. from Blake-Lamb to St. Linus. Mass 11:00 a.m. Interment Holy Sepulchre Cemetery Alsip, IL. In lieu of flowers, memorials to Misericordia Heart of Mercy 6300 N. Ridge Road, Chicago IL 60660 or charity of your choice. For more information 708-636-1193 or visit www.blakelamb-oaklawn.com

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Coniglio, Frances

Frances "Chickie" (Amatore) Coniglio, 101, of East Stroudsburg, PA passed away Tuesday, May 7, 2019 at home surrounded by her family.

She was born in Chicago Illinois; the daughter of the late Vincent Amatore and Santa (Trippiddi) Amatore. Frances was a member of St. Matthew's Church in East Stroudsburg. She was a

homemaker who enjoyed knitting, crocheting, playing cards, and baking. Some of her specialties were Italian cookies and homemade cannoli.

Frances was a great friend to everyone she met and was willing to help anyone at any time. Frances was known for mailing cards to all her family and friends for birthdays, anniversaries, and holidays. Survivors include one daughter, Rose Mary Nickas of East Stroudsburg, PA; three sons, Leonard Coniglio of Glen Ellyn, IL, Vincent Coniglio and fiancée Patricia Ann Kuzma of Pinehurst, NC, and John (Dolores) Coniglio of Hoffman Estates, IL; thirteen grandchildren; twenty-seven great-grandchildren; and many nieces and nephews. She was the last member of her generation.

She was preceded in death by her parents; loving husband, Rosario Coniglio, who she was married to for 54 years; two brothers, Roy (Kate) Amatore and Anthony (Mary) Amatore; two sisters, Beatrice (William) Corrie and Rose Amatore; two daughter-in-laws, Darlene Coniglio and Michelle Coniglio; and son-in-law, Tom S. Nickas.

Visitation will be held at Cypress Funeral Home (1698 N. Bloomingdale Road Glendale Heights, IL) on Friday, May 17 from 4-8pm.

A Mass of Christian Burial will take place at St. Matthew's Church in Glendale Heights, IL on Saturday, May 18 at 10 am. Burial will follow at Queen of Heaven Cemetery in Hillside, IL. A memorial service will be held in East Stroudsburg, PA at a later date.

In lieu of flowers memorial contributions may be made to a charity or organization of the donor's choice.

For service information, please call Cypress Funeral Home at 630-653-7666 or visit cypressfuneralhome.com.

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Cramer, Barbara Leah Goldberg

Barbara Leah Goldberg Cramer, age 82 of Chicago and most recently St. Paul, MN, passed away May 12, 2019. Preceded in death by her parents Arthur J. Goldberg and Dorothy K. Goldberg. Loving mother of Daniel (Cassie) Cramer, Matthew Cramer and Jesse (Kris) Cramer. Proud grandmother of Miriam. Dear brother of Bob Goldberg and beloved Aunte-Tante to her nieces and nephews. Survived also by her cousins and many friends. Barbara was the rock of her family. A confidante to her friends. A grand dame with impeccable style. A lover of the arts and travel. A justice advocate. A lifelong Cubs fan and a voracious reader. Perhaps most of all though, Barbara was legendary for her hospitality. She opened her home and shared her table. She hosted like nobody else. She will be desperately missed. Services, Sunday, May 19, 11:00AM at KAM Isaiah Israel Congregation, 1100 E. Hyde Park Blvd., Chicago. Interment Zion Gardens Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be made to the American Red Cross, www.redcross.org. Arrangements by Chicago Jewish Funerals - Buffalo Grove Chapel, 847.229.8822, www.cj-finfo.com

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Czech, Timothy William

Timothy William Czech, 44, of Chicago, passed away suddenly on Sunday, May 12. Loving son of the late William and Alice (née Euler), kindest brother of Anthony (Donna), adoring Uncle to Matthew, William, Stephanie and Joseph Czech, devoted nephew and cousin, and the kindest, loyal friend to many many others. The world has lost an incredibly kind, intelligent, passionate and gentle soul, but our lives are richer for knowing him. He will be missed more than words can say. Visitation Friday 3 to 8 PM at Barr Funeral Home, 6222 N. Broadway, Chicago. Funeral meeting Saturday for 11:30 AM Mass at Queen of Angels Church, 4412 N Western, Chicago. Interment private. For information call Barr Funeral Home (773) 743-4034 or leave a condolence at BarrFuneralHome.com.

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Egan, Barbara R.

(nee Schiller). Beloved wife of the late Robert P. Egan. Loving mother of Patricia (James) Sheehy and Robert J. Egan. Devoted grandmother of Michael, Alison (Jonathan C.P.D.) Guzman, Daniel and Ryan Sheehy. Family and friends to gather Friday at St. Linus Church, 10300 S. Lawler Avenue, Oak Lawn, IL for Mass of the Resurrection, 11:00 a.m. Interment private. Arrangements entrusted to Robert J. Sheehy & Sons Funeral Homes www.sheehyfh.com 708-857-7878

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Fishback, Robert D.

Retired Electrician #134, Army Veteran and member of Elks USA Lodge #2254. Preceded in death by his beloved wife of 58 years Barbara, nee Reilly; grandson, Mark Patrick McGinnis, brothers, Jerome, Thomas and Phillip and parents Jerome and Norma, nee Stapleton. Loving father of Barbara (Lee) Wytaske, Jeanne (John) West, Robert (Maria) Fishback and Patty (Mark) McGinnis. Proud grandfather of 10; uncle to many nieces and nephews and friend to all. Family and friends to gather Saturday May 18, 2019 at 10:00 a.m. for Memorial Mass of the Resurrection at St. Terrence Church, 4300 West 119th Place, Alsip, IL

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Fogel, Aaron 'Archie'

Aaron "Archie" Fogel. Beloved husband of Joyce Fogel nee Zolotar. Loving father of Chuck Fogel, Allen (Elizabeth) Fogel, Gail (Catherine) Pierce, and Barb (Jeff) Anderson. Proud grandfather of 18 and great-grandfather of 18. Dear brother of Reva (Manny) Lubelfield, and the late Milton (Billie) and Hershey (survived by Audrey) Fogel. Cherished son of the late Joseph and Kate Fogel. Dear brother-in-law of Mark (Sheila) Zolotar. Dear uncle, cousin, and friend to many. Graveside service Friday 11AM at Shalom Memorial Park, IL. In lieu of flowers, contributions to the Chabad Center in Rockford would be appreciated at www.ChabadRockford.com/donate. Arrangements by Mitzvah Memorial Funerals, 630-MITZVAH/630-648-9824 or www.MitzvahFunerals.com.

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In 1920, Joan of Arc was canonized in Rome.

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Frys, Mike Myron

Mike Myron Frys, age 70, passed away on May 12, 2019 in Chicago, IL. He honorably served as a sergeant in the US Air Force REGAF between 1970 and 1972 stationed in Vietnam. He was the son of the late Paulina and Ivan Frys. He was the father of Angela Frys and the former husband of Helen Poulos-Frys. He is survived by his siblings Walter, Luba (Howard) Clark, Andre, Irene (Gregory) Showers and the late Anna Ruffino. He is also survived by his nieces and nephews Stephen, Daniel, Timothy, Katherine and Mitchell. A memorial will take place at 1:30pm on Tuesday, June 18 at Abraham Lincoln National Cemetery 20953 W. Hoff Road Elwood, IL.
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Gorchoff, Howard S.

Howard S. Gorchoff, age 90. Devoted husband and best friend for 56 years of the late Barbara H. Gorchoff nee Schwartz. Proud father of Brad Angle and Tracy Singer. Cherished uncle of Louis R. Gorchoff, Louis Grant, William Grant, Stevie Gorchoff and Nikki Gorchoff. Beloved friend of Judy Lazar. In intricate part of the sales team at Edward Don & Company for over 30 years. Graveside service Friday 3:30pm at Memorial Park Cemetery (Section: Makom Shalom), 9900 Gross Point Road, Skokie. In lieu of flowers memorial contributions may be made to the following: PAWS Chicago, 1997 N. Clybourn Avenue, Chicago, IL 60614, www.pawsschicago.org or Chicago Food Depository, 4100 W. Ann Lurie Place, Chicago, IL 60632, www.chicagosfoodbank.org. Arrangements by Chicago Jewish Funerals-Skokie Chapel, 847.229.8822 www.cjinfo.com

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Gulino, Angeline 'Angie'

Angeline 'Angie' Gulino, nee D' Antonio, age 87, passed away on May 14, 2019. Angie was the beloved wife of the late Salvador 'Sam'; loving mother of Steven (Beth) Gulino, Suzanne (Jimmy) Vondruska and Sam (Liam) Gulino; cherished grandmother of Gareth (Jennifer) Gulino, Carla (Ryan) Harris, Carlie (Ryan) Thompson and Chelsea (Jarrod) Richardson; great grandmother of Liam, Will, Nolan, Norah and Carson; dear sister of the late Dominic, Anthony, James, Justine, Ann, Rose, Jenny and Mary; fond aunt of many. Visitation Friday May 17, 2019 from 3:00 p.m. until 9:00 p.m. at Cumberland Chapels 8300 W. Lawrence Ave., Norridge, IL. Funeral services will begin at 9:00 a.m. on Saturday, at the funeral home, and will then proceed to Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Church in Melrose Park for a mass at 10:00 a.m. Interment will follow at Mt. Carmel Cemetery. Info www.cumberlandchapels.com or 708-456-8300.



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Hayes, Kathleen Gould

Kathleen Gould Hayes of Chicago. Loving mother to her two sons John and Jeff; cherished grandmother to Vivian and Colin. She is survived by her sister Pat, and brothers Ron and Rich. Kathleen was a long-time and very active member of St. Thomas the Apostle parish. Her many contributions included teaching Sunday school and serving as a minister of care, primarily visiting patients in the hospital. She supported almost all the parish fund-raising activities. Kathleen was also an active volunteer. The many charities and organizations that benefited from her work include the Visitation/Old St. Mary's Law Clinic, the St. James food pantry and the Guild of the Chicago Lying In Hospital. Kathleen will be remembered as a caring and compassionate person. In lieu of flowers please make a contribution to your favorite charity in her name.
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Higgins, Gerald Eugene

Gerald Eugene Higgins, passed away on May 14, 2019. Son of the late Helen M. (nee Cummings) and Patrick J. Higgins (CFD). Beloved husband of Cynthia (nee Swanson) for 61 years. He was preceded in death by his sister, Patricia (Matthew Keane), and his brothers Charles (Mary Rita), Jack (Dorothy), and James (Winifred) Higgins. He is survived by his brother Bill (the late Florence); his children Dylan (Carol), Heather (Steve) Alderman, Sean (Nancy), Hilary (John) Denk, Siobhan (Ned) Burke, and Alicia (Tom) Higgins-Kinane; his grandchildren, Mary Elizabeth, Jeremiah (Katie), and Alison (Waylon) Lawrence; Zachary (Shannon) and Jacob Alderman; Ryan (Kirsten), Justine (Matt/Dahl), Kristin (Patrick) Wimp and Abigail (Jamal) Afridi; Max and Olivia Denk; Aidan, Brendan, Genevieve and Rainer Kolar; Henry and Cecelia Higgins-Kinane; and his great grandchildren, Vivian, Zoë, Arlo, Noah, Augustus, Jackson, Keira, Jaden, Emery, Roland, Miriam, Cameron, Otis, Maisie and Taj. President of Manufacturer Supply Company. Memorial visitation at St. Mary of Gostyn Church, 445 Prairie, Downers Grove, IL 60515 on Saturday, May 18th at noon with mass to follow at 1 p.m. In lieu of flowers please make a donation to the charity of your choice. Arrangements by Adams-Winterfield and Sullivan Funeral Home. 630-968-1000 or www.adamswinterfieldsullivan.com.



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Hurlless, Michael John

Michael John Hurlless, 77, Veteran U.S.M.C. passed away peacefully on May 11, 2019, surrounded by family. He was born in Chicago on November 11, 1941 to Dorothy (nee Ryan) and Virgil Hurlless. Beloved father of Patrick (Megan) Hurlless and Teri Hurlless (Rick Mutch). Devoted Papa of Fiona, Declan and Aidan Hurlless and Arwen King. Loving brother of Bill (Linda) Hurlless of Decatur, IL, and the late Susan (the late Clarence) Casson. Former husband of the late Sandra Ehrhard. Proud uncle of many, thoughtful neighbor and longtime member of Galter Life Center. Mike retired after a 34 year career with Illinois Bell/AT&T, was a proud member of IBEW, Local 165, and concluded his career working in the Franklin Park School District. Family and friends will gather Thursday, May 16th at St. Barnabas Church 10134 S. Longwood Dr. Chicago from 4:00 p.m. until time of Memorial Service at 6:00 p.m. In lieu of flowers, please consider a random act of kindness or a donation to Misericordia 6300 N. Ridge Ave. Chicago, IL 60660. Arrangements entrusted to **Donnellan Funeral Home**. Info (773)238-0075 or sign guestbook at www.donnellanfuneralhome.com



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Kahan, Barry H.

Barry H. Kahan, age 74. Beloved husband and life partner of Holly J. Kahan, nee Brody. Loving father of Dawn (Jonathan) Metcalf, Corrie (Rich) Goldberg and Cantor Adam (Michelle) Kahan. Proud grandfather of Eva, Sarah, Avi, Alina, Asher, Alexander and Talia. Dear brother of Cindy (Jordan Rose) Kahan and the late Robert (Heliane) Kahan. Service Friday, 11 AM at Am Shalom, 840 Vernon Ave, Glencoe, IL 60022. Interment Shalom. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in his name to Am Shalom, www.amshalom.com or Les Turner ALS Foundation, 5550 W. Touhy Ave., Ste. 302, Skokie, IL 60077, www.lesturnerals.org or Journeycare Hospice, 2050 Claire Ct., Glenview, IL 60025, www.journeycare.org. Arrangements by Chicago Jewish Funerals - Buffalo Grove Chapel, 847.229.8822, www.cjinfo.com.

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Kapicak, Angeline B.

Angeline B. Kapicak nee Rinchiuso age 89. Orland Park resident formerly of South Holland and Chicago's Roseland neighborhood. Graduate of Fenger High School Class of 1947. Retired after 25 years of service from Calumet Federal Bank. Wife for 49 years of the late Victor G. Kapicak. Mother of Donald (Nordine) Kapicak, Victoria Redican, Mark (Lisa) and Judy Kapicak. Grandmother of Lauren (Jordan) Thorpe, Tracy (Alan) Hoyt, Rachel, Alec and Jake Kapicak. Dearest aunt to many. Visitation Friday, May 17th, 3:00 PM to 9:00 PM at Adams-Winterfield & Sullivan Funeral Home, 4343 Main St. (1 blk. South of Ogden) Downers Grove. Lying in state Saturday 9:00 AM until time of funeral mass 10:00 AM at St. Joseph Church, 4801 Main St., Downers Grove. Interment Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, Worth. For further information contact 630-968-1000 or www.adamswinterfieldsullivan.com.
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Kelly, Jolene M.

Jolene M. Kelly, nee Armstrong, age 52 of Elk Grove Village. Beloved wife of Bob Kelly. Loving mother of Ali and Ryan. Dear daughter of Jack and Judy. Sister to Jennifer and Jack.

Jolene worked 28 years as a Treasury Operations Manager with Household International then becoming HSBC.

Visitation Sunday from 3 to 8 PM at Ahlgrim & Sons Funeral and Cremation Services, 330 W. Golf Road, Schaumburg. Funeral mass Monday, 11:00 AM at St. Walter Catholic Church, 140 W. Pine Avenue, Roselle. Interment will be private. In lieu of flowers, memorials will be appreciated to NET Research Foundation, 321 Columbus Avenue, Suite 5R, Boston, MA 02116 or at netrf.org/get-involved/give-now/. Funeral information or online condolences, www.ahlgrimfuneral.com or 847-882-5580.



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Krumtinger Jr., Richard M. 'Rick'

Richard "Rick" M. Krumtinger, Jr. age 59 of Mt. Prospect. Beloved husband of Anna, nee Tragos; loving father of Michael and Lee Krumtinger; devoted son of Priscilla and Richard M. Krumtinger; dear brother of Pamela Valentine and Jill (Tom) Tangney; adored son-in-law; fond uncle of 10; Fun-loving cousin and friend to many. Rick was thoughtful, generous, selfless and loved to make people laugh. Visitation Saturday May 18, 1:00p.m. until 3:30 p.m. at Friedrichs Funeral Home, 320 W. Central Rd., (at NorthWest Highway) Mt. Prospect, IL 60056. Interment private. In lieu of flowers memorials may be made to Comprehensive Cancer Care at Northwestern Memorial Hospital at <http://giving.nm.org/krumtinger> or by phone 312-926-2033. Funeral information (847) 255-7800 or www.friedrichsfh.com.
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Larson, Richard E.

Richard E. Larson, 87 years. U.S. Marine Corps Vet. Beloved husband of the late Barbara, nee Walker. Loving father of Richard (Christine), Patricia (David) Trendl, and the late Ronald (Patricia). Devoted grandpa of Juliann (Ryan), Kristina (Jason), Kimberly (Scott), Kathryn (Benny), Nicholas (Nicole), Brianna (Chris), Brandon, and Bethany. Cherished great-grandpa of 10. Loving brother of Karl Larsson. Dear friend of Genie Grod. A special thank you to Marianne Walsh. Proud member of the Fraternal Order of Eagles. Retired employee of Pepsi Cola. Visitation Sunday 3-9 P.M. Funeral service Monday 10 A.M. at the **Becvar & Son Funeral Home**, 5539 W. 127th St., Crestwood. Interment Chapel Hill Gardens South. In lieu of flowers, donations to the Juvenile Diabetes Research would be appreciated. (708) 824-9000 or www.becvarfuneralhome.com



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Lauesen, Richard Anthony

Richard Anthony Lauesen, age 65, Adored son of the late Howard and Blanche Lauesen; beloved husband of Debra Lauesen (nee Gitelman); loving father of Randy Lauesen (Joahanna) and Tracey Lauesen (Kip Kiedrowski); cherished grandfather of Kaden and Tristan Kiedrowski; much loved brother of Christine (Ron) Vercellotti, Val Davis, Michael (Barbara) Lauesen, Mary Giannelli, Robert (Mary) Lauesen, Ron (Jill) Lauesen and the late Eileen Braun; dear son-in-law of the late Floyd and Sybil Gitelman; amazing brother-in-law of Jordan and Mitch (Robin) Gitelman; treasured uncle to many nieces and nephews. Visitation Friday, May 17, 4:00 PM to 6 PM at Glenview Community Church, 1000 Elm St., Glenview. Funeral service to follow visitation. In lieu of flowers donations may be made to the American Liver Foundation or Autism Speaks. For information and condolences: call **Shalom Memorial Funeral Home**, 847-255-3520 or www.shalom2.com



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Malecek, Bill

Longtime resident of Stickney, IL. Loving father and grandfather. He enjoyed dancing, fishing, the outdoors and the company of his cats. Visitation Friday, May 17, 2019 from 9:00 AM until time of chapel service at 12:00 PM at **Mount Auburn Funeral Home** 4101 S. Oak Park Avenue, Stickney, IL 60402 (708) 749-2033. Interment Mount Auburn Memorial Park.



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McKeown, Kathleen A. 'Kay'

Kathleen "Kay" McKeown, age 82, of the Montclair neighborhood of Oakland CA, passed away April 2, 2019. She was preceded in death by her companion of 18 years, Jackie Sanden, her parents Arthur and Kathryn (nee McDonnell) of Ireland, and her brother Arthur. Dear Sister-in-law to Bernadette McKeown (nee Hayes); Beloved Aunt to Kitty White, Molly (Mike) Leone, Marjio (Bob) Dubin, Cara (Joe) Welsh and cherished great aunt to many nieces and nephews. Born and raised in Chicago IL, a diehard Cubs fan, Kay graduated from Rosary College and then went on to receive a Master's Degree in social work from the University of Chicago. After college, Kay moved to the Bay Area of California where she worked and retired from the Alameda County Behavioral Health Care Services in 2000. Kay will be eternally missed as a kind, generous person with a wonderful sense of humor. Friends are invited to attend a Funeral Mass at 11:00am on Saturday, May 18, 2019 at St. Leo Catholic Church, 176 Ridgeway Ave, Oakland, CA 94611. www.kurtzmemorialchapel.com or 815-806-2225 for info.
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Mical, Elizabeth

Elizabeth Mical, nee Piotrowski, age 91, Sturgis, MI, formerly of Lyons. Beloved wife of the late Richard Mical, Sr.; loving companion of the late Donald Swatek; loving mother of Richard (Annemarie) Mical, Jr. and the late Stephen (Suzanne) Mical; dear grandmother of JoAnne (Tom) Holder, Jennifer (Ronald) Sinkuler, Richard (Pamela) Mical, Jessica Mical and Timothy Mical; great grandmother of Courtney Holder, Colton Sliker, Emily Sinkuler, Charlie Mical and Jacob Sinkuler; daughter of the late Stephen Piotrowski, Sr. and Celia Piotrowski, nee Binkowski; sister of the late Stephen (Cecilia) Piotrowski, Jr.; loving aunt of three. Visitation Sunday, May 19, 2019 from 3 P.M. to 8 P.M. and Monday, May 20, 2019 from 10:30 A.M. to time of Service 11 A.M. at **Hitzeman Funeral Home, Ltd.**, 9445 West 31st Street, Brookfield, IL 60513. Interment Resurrection Cemetery, Justice. Memorials appreciated to The American Cancer Society, P.O. Box 22478, Oklahoma City, OK 73123. Information 708-485-2000 or www.HitzemanFuneral.com



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Milenkovich, Mitchell

Mitchell Milenkovich, age 95, of Highland Park, formerly of Chicago, passed away May 13, 2019. Beloved husband of the late Gloria "slavica" Milenkovich nee Jukic (2002); loved father of Melinda and cherished grandfather of Kolya and Niko. He is also survived by family in Serbia.

A private service will be held at New Graciana Serbian Orthodox Cemetery, 35240 W. Grant Avenue, Third Lake, IL 60046. Info - Muzyka & Son Funeral Home, 773-545-3800 or www.MuzykaFuneralHome.com.



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Obarski, Harry

Harry Obarski, Harry Age 90 passed away Monday May 13, 2019 at his residence in the Senior Star Community of Romeoville. A Korean War Veteran serving US Army 1953 to 1955. Harry graduated from the Illinois Institute of Technology with a degree in Chemical Engineering, he later retired in 1984 from Continental Can of Chicago after 32 years of service. He is survived by his loving wife Joan; children Laurie, Robert (Rebecca), William (the late Tonya), James, Mary and John (Mary Kay); brother Dr. Michael Obarski; sister Joan (the late Don) Archer; 10 grandchildren and 1 great granddaughter. Also preceded in death by a daughter Ann Obarski and parents Harry (Eileen) Obarski. Visitation Friday from 4 to 8 pm at **Anderson Memorial Home**, 21131 W. Renwick Rd., Crest Hill, IL 60403. Funeral Saturday May 18, 2019, 9:15 am from the funeral home to St. Andrew the Apostle Parish in Romeoville for a 10 am Mass. Private interment at Abraham Lincoln National Cemetery in Elwood at a later date. In lieu of flowers, donations to Catholic Charities (catholiccharities.net) or Joliet Area Community Hospice (joliethospice.org) appreciated. (andersonmemorialhomes.com) (815) 577-5250

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Papp, Sandra Lea

Sandra Lea Papp, nee Jozefacki, of Chicago, Illinois departed our world on Tuesday, May 7, at her home unexpectedly. She was a vivacious 73 years young. Sandra was born in Mauston, Wisconsin, in 1946 to the late Elizabeth, nee Derkez and Roman Stanley Jozefacki. Sandra is survived by her best friend and daughter, Raya Lea Papp (Wolfgang) Hafenmayer; her beloved sister, Dawn (the late William) Duquaine; her nieces Lourdene (Steve) Schutte and Mindy (John) Moon; her nephews Jeffrey (Maria) Jozefacki and Paul (Debra) Duquaine. Sandra was predeceased by her brother, Roman "Buzzy" (Barbara) Jozefacki and her nephew, James Jozefacki. Sandra is survived by her many and loved great nieces and nephews, Vivian, Samuel, Max, Nolan, Molly, Danielle, Isaac, Dylan, Jack and Katrina, her ex-husband, Carl Papp, her dog Swiper and her lifelong friends, Kathie Olson, Lynette Blodgett and Colleen Dauterman. A Memorial Service will be held Saturday, May 18, at 2:00 p.m. in Chicago. Details and arrangements handled by the Cremation Society of Illinois (800) 622-8358.



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Paris, Calvin R

Calvin R. Paris passed away at 86 years young in his adopted hometown of Delray Beach, Florida on May 3, 2019. He is preceded in death by his parents (Sam and Nellie), sister (Doris), one son (Calvin, Jr.) and a host of ancestors. Calvin is survived by his wife (Arlene), four children (Priscilla, Theodore, April and Sam), one stepchild (Alisson), ten grandchildren and a multitude of extended family and close friends. "May the Angels Welcome Calvin to Paradise".
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Rardin, Janet 'Lynn'

Janet "Lynn" Rardin, nee Check, age 81, of Brookfield. Beloved aunt of Jennifer (Brian) Clark, George (Michelle) Mussman, Catherine (Doug) Yeagle, Jeff (Sarah) Mussman and Mark (Key Beck) Mussman; loving great aunt of Matt, Sara, Justin, Mia, Nick, Gavin, Jill, Bobby, Jerry, Tommy and Mary; dear cousin of Joy Evans; dear friend of many. Lynn was preceded in death by her parents Raymond Gordon Check and Janet Eleanor Check, nee Sass and her sister Jill Mussman. Arrangements entrusted to **Hitzeman Funeral Home, Ltd.**, 9445 West 31st Street, Brookfield, IL 60513. Interment Private Parkholm Cemetery, LaGrange Park. Memorials appreciated to PAWS Chicago, 1997 N Clybourn Ave, Chicago, IL 60614 or the V Foundation for Cancer Research, 14600 Weston Parkway, Cary, NC 27513. Information 708-485-2000 or www.HitzemanFuneral.com



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San Filippo, Anthony 'Tony'

Anthony 'Tony' San Filippo, Retired C.P.D., age 74. Beloved husband of Peggy (nee Laverty) and the late Grace (nee Scardullo); devoted father of Vincent, C.P.D. (Jennifer) San Filippo, and Dominic (Gwenn) San Filippo; proud grandfather of Grace & Gianna, and Charlie & Evie; dear brother of Jacqueline (Bill) Merz, Joseph San Filippo Jr., Sebastian San Filippo Ret. C.P.D., and the late Concetta Crawford; cherished son of the late Joseph Sr. and Dorothy San Filippo; fond brother-in-law and uncle to many. Visitation Friday, May 17th 3 PM to 9 PM at **Blake-Lamb Funeral Home**, 5015 Lincoln Ave., Lisle, 60532. Prayers from funeral home Saturday, May 18th 9:15 AM to St. Margaret Mary Catholic Church, 1450 Green Trails Dr. Naperville, 60540, for Funeral Mass at 10:30 AM. Interment private. In lieu of flowers, contributions to Mark-9. mark-9.org/donate/, to support retired Police K9's, would be appreciated. For information: 630-964-9392 or blake-lambfuneralhome.com.

SSC, Zebrasukas, Sister Therese Bernadette

Sister Therese Bernadette Zebrasukas, SSC, 91, beloved member of the Sisters of St. Casimir for 69 years, died May 10, 2019. Sister Therese Bernadette taught for 47 years in elementary schools in Illinois, Minnesota, and Indiana, and she was assistant principal at Providence of God School in Chicago and at St. Anthony School in Cicero, IL, for 7 years. She then ministered as a receptionist at Maria High School in Chicago. Sister Therese Bernadette was preceded in death by her parents, Constantine and Frances (Rimkus) Zebrasukas; sisters, Josephine Paskus, Sr. M. Edwina, OSF, and Dorothy DeLorier; brothers, Ronald, Constantine, and Jerome Zebrasukas; nephew, William Zebrasukas; and niece, Marilyn Seymour. She is survived by her sister Virginia and many nieces and nephews. Visitation: at Franciscan Village Chapel, 1270 Village Drive, Lemont, IL, Saturday, May 18, 2019, 10:15 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. Wake Service 10:45 a.m. Mass of Resurrection: Franciscan Village Chapel Saturday, May 18, 2019 11:30 a.m. Followed by interment, St. Casimir Cemetery. In lieu of flower, donations may be made to the SSC Retirement Fund. 773-776-1324 Sisters of St. Casimir 2601 W. Marquette Road, Chicago, IL 60629. Arrangements by Lack and Sons Funeral Directors.

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Thomas-Ruane, Mary 'Jo Ann'

(nee Allen). Beloved wife of the late; James Thomas & Peter Ruane. Loving mother of Daniel, James, Michael (Lorri), Mary Kay, Philip (Nancy), Patricia, late John, George (late Dolly), Kathleen (late Robert) (Glenn), Ann Marie (Thomas), Eileen (John), Peter (Lynne), John (Kim), Sharon (James), Barbara (late Robert) & Maureen (Raymond). Cherished grandmother of 33 & great grandmother of 8. Dear sister of Patricia (Dr. Gerald) Cavanaugh. Kind aunt of many nieces & nephews. Visitation Friday, May 17th from 3 until 8 p.m. Chapel prayers Saturday, May 18th, 9:30 a.m. at the **KERRY FUNERAL HOME & CREMATION CARE CENTER**, 7020 W. 127th Street, Palos Heights proceeding to Saint Alexander Church, Mass 10:00 a.m. Interment Holy Sepulchre Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, contributions to MIMA (Medical International Missionary Association), P.O. Box 7133, Jupiter, FL 33468 7133, www.mimafoundation.com would be appreciated. www.kerryfh.com ~ (708) 361.4235 ~ www.facebook.com/kerryfuneral



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Verkler, Shirley B.

Shirley B. Verkler, nee Bauer, 93, at rest May 12, 2019. Beloved wife of the late Albert. Loving sister of Annette (Stan) Przybyla, Connie (John) Mikulic, Richard (Candy) Bauer, the late Robert, James, John, and Donald Bauer. Many loving nieces and nephews. Memorial Mass Friday May 17, 2019 at 10 AM at St. Joseph Catholic Church 330 E. Fullerton Ave., Addison. Interment will take place privately. Arrangements entrusted to Cypress Funeral Home (630) 653-7666.
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Weiss, Daniel

Daniel Francis Weiss son of Michael Weiss and Aileen O'Connor, born April 5th, 1941 and died May 5th 2019. Daniel served as a cameraman for the Air Force from 1959 to 1963. He is survived by his wife Rosalie, sister Sheila, six children, five grandchildren, and great granddaughter. He is predeceased by his older brother Jack. Memorial will be held Saturday May 18th from 6pm-10pm at the Villa Park VFW Post 2801.
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White, Mary B.

Mary B. "Brianan" White, of Westchester Illinois, born Co.Louth, Ireland; co-owner and operator of Duffy's Tavern, Forest Park; dear sister of Patrick (Joan) and Michael (Jeanine) White; cherished daughter of the late Michael and the late Theresa White-Dunleavy; loving aunt of Cara White, Ann (John) Cairo and Sophia White and great-aunt of Patrick and Joseph Cairo; caring cousin and friend of many both in Ireland and the US. Visitation Friday, May 17, 2019, 4:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. at **Gibbons Funeral Home**, 134 South York Road, (1/2 mile North of Saint Charles Road), Elmhurst. Friends and family will meet for a Mass of Christian Burial Saturday, May 18, 2019, 10:00 a.m. at Divine Providence Catholic Church, 2550 Mayfair Ave., Westchester. Entombment Queen of Heaven Catholic Cemetery, Hillside. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Leukemia/Lymphoma Society, <https://donate.lls.org/lls/donate>. For funeral information please call 630-832-0018 or www.gibbonsfuneralhome.com
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Notice is hereby given that pursuant to Section 16-125 of the Illinois Property Tax Code (35 ILCS 200/16-125), the Board of Review of Cook County has, on this date, April 19, 2019, transmitted back to the Assessor of Cook County its final action on the following township/s in Cook County for the tax year 2018:

ORLAND, PROVISO, WHEELING, JEFFERSON

Date at Chicago, Illinois by the Cook County Board of Review Room 601, Cook County Building, 118 North Clark Street, Chicago, Illinois 60602 May 10, 2019.

MICHAEL CABONARGI COMMISSIONER DAN PATLAK COMMISSIONER

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Sean O'Brien Sullivan Vice President - Business Services 708/456-0300 Ext. 3467

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS JUVENILE JUSTICE AND CHILD PROTECTION DEPARTMENT CHILD PROTECTION DIVISION

IN THE INTEREST OF Karson Allison

MINOR(S) CHILD(REN) OF Joyce Allison (Mother) AKA Jocelyn Allison

JUVENILE NO.: 19JA00365

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION NOTICE IS GIVEN YOU, Dashawn Ramey (Father), respondents, and to All Whom it May Concern, that on April 11, 2019, a petition was filed under the Juvenile Court Act by KIM FOXF 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 06/06/2019, at 9:30 AM in CALENDAR 14 COURTROOM 14 or as soon thereafter as this case may be heard, an adjudicatory hearing will be held upon the petition to have the minor declared to be a ward of the court and for other relief under the Act.

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DOROTHY BROWN, CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS

COOK COUNTY BOARD OF REVIEW NOTICE OF MEETING FRIDAY, MAY 17, 2019 9:00 AM

The Commission of the Cook County Board of Review will conduct a public meeting on Friday, May 17, 2019 at 9:00a.m. in the Board of Review Hearing Room, 118 N. Clark Street, County Building Room 601, Chicago, IL, for the purpose of conducting any business which may properly come before it.

Commissioner Michael M. Cabonargi Commissioner Dan Patlak Commissioner Larry R. Rogers, Jr. 628272 5/16/2019

CITY OF EVANSTON NOTICE TO PROPOSERS

Sealed proposals will be received by the Purchasing Office in Room 4200, Lorraine H. Morton Civic Center, 2100 Ridge Avenue, Evanston, Illinois 60201, until 2:00 P.M. local time on June 18, 2019. Proposals shall cover the following:

Design/Build Services for the Citywide Replacement of Emergency Sirens

RFP Number: 19-33

The City of Evanston's Public Works Agency is seeking proposals from experienced firms to provide design/build services for the citywide replacement of emergency sirens.

There will be a non-mandatory pre-proposal meeting on Friday, May 24, 2019, at 11:00 A.M. at the Lorraine H. Morton Civic Center, Room 2402, Evanston, Illinois 60201. A tour of the existing siren locations will take place after the pre-proposal meeting is over. All firms intending to submit a proposal for this project are required to attend to discuss the proposed work and receive answers to questions related to the project.

The above item shall conform to the RFP on file in the Purchasing Office. The document will be available in the Purchasing Office on May 16, 2019. Parties interested in submitting a proposal should contact the Purchasing Office to receive a copy of the RFP or see the City's website at: www.cityofevanston.org/business/bids-proposals/ or Demandstar at: www.demandstar.com.

The City (the City of Evanston) in accordance with the laws of the State of Illinois, hereby notifies all firms that it will affirmatively ensure that the contract(s) entered into pursuant to this notice will be awarded to the successful firm without discrimination on the grounds of race, color, religion, sex, age, sexual orientation, marital status, disability, familial status or national origin. The State of Illinois requires under Public Works contracts that the general rate of wages in this locality be paid for each craft or type of worker hereunder. This requirement is in accordance with The Prevailing Wage Act (820 ILCS 130) as amended. The City of Evanston reserves the right to reject any or all submittals or to accept the submittal(s) deemed most advantageous to the City.

The Evanston City Council also reserves the right to award the contract to an Evanston firm if that firm's bid is within 5% of the low bid.

Each Proposer shall be required to submit with his/her proposal a Disclosure of Ownership Interest Statement Form in accordance with Section 1-18-1 et seq. of the City Code. Failure to submit such information may result in the disqualification of such proposal.

Linda Thomas Purchasing Specialist 6282071 5/16/2019

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The Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago will be accepting applications for the following classification(s):

Electrical Mechanic (Original)

Application Filing Period: May 3, 2019 through May 17, 2019. Examination Date: June 8, 2019 at Chicago High School for Agricultural Sciences (CHAS), 3857 West 11th Street, Chicago, IL. Scope of Examination: Knowledge of electrical mechanic practices. Nature of Position and Duties: Under supervision, performs skilled manual work in the installation and maintenance of electrical circuits, apparatus, machinery and equipment. Pay: \$48.55 per hour

Engineering Technician IV (Original & Promotional)

Application Filing Period: May 3, 2019 through May 31, 2019. Examination Date: June 22, 2019 at Northside College Preparatory High School, 5501 North Kedzie, Chicago, IL. Scope of Examination: Knowledge of Engineering Technician IV practices. Nature of Position and Duties: Under supervision, performs beginning sub-professional engineering work in connection with surveys, design, maintenance, construction, inspection, and testing to ensure conformity to plans and specifications and the reliability and integrity of existing systems and structures. Pay: \$59,237.62 per year

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Jose Guzman --- 703 Suzanne Court --- Spring Grove, IL 60081 RM #1404 --- Furniture, Boxes, Weights 6286195 05/16, 05/23/19

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Yu Darvish struck out 11 and did not allow a walk Wednesday night against the Reds, but the Cubs ended up falling in extra innings.

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Peaking ahead

Darvish showing best form as duel with Arrieta looms

BY MARK GONZALES
Chicago Tribune

CINCINNATI — Cubs manager Joe Maddon said he hadn't given much thought to a potential matchup Monday between Yu Darvish and the popular former Cub he replaced — Jake

Arrieta. "I'm really not concerned about it," Maddon said Wednesday. "It is what it is. You got to keep moving it forward. He's a guy, when he's pitching at his best, can beat anybody."

The uber-mercurial Darvish validated Maddon's positive feelings on Wednesday against the Reds.

Armed with a cut fastball and slider hitting the edges of the strike zone, Darvish dominated without a trace of the control

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issues that raised yellow flags about his dependability.

Darvish came off of one of his most troubling performances — a six-walk effort in four innings and 97 pitches May 9 against the Marlins.

He distanced himself from the past with 11 strikeouts and no walks in 5 2/3 innings. Unfortunately for Darvish, the Cubs blew an eighth-inning lead on a two-run home run by Eugenio Suarez off Carl Edwards Jr., and eventually fell to the Reds 6-5 in 10 innings.

Yasiel Puig's bases-loaded single off the wall in right-center against Brad Brach snapped the Cubs' three-game winning streak

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PAUL SULLIVAN
On baseball

Taking swings around nation

Sale falls short of K record, Bryant finds mojo with new bat

Seven takeaways from this week in baseball:

1. Records are no longer made to be broken: After the seventh inning of the Red Sox-Rockies game Tuesday night at Fenway Park, Chris Sale made a "2-0" motion with his fingers to manager Alex Cora, signifying he was three strikeouts from tying the major-league record of 20. It didn't work. Cora still removed Sale after 108 pitches, leaving him with 17 strikeouts — a record for a seven-inning start. The Red Sox ace didn't complain. With one more inning he probably would've eclipsed the 122 pitches Kerry Wood threw during his 20-K game in 1998. It would've been fun to see Sale try to make history. Cora might have made the right call, but it's still disappointing to watch managers deny pitchers a piece of the record book. Oh, and the Red Sox lost in 11 innings anyway. Karma wins.

2. It's the hitter, not the bat: After breaking his bat during a road game against the Diamondbacks last month, Cubs slugger Kris Bryant replaced it with an Axe Bat — one with an ax handle — and homered his next time up. He has been on a power surge since then, with seven home runs and a 1.240 OPS in his last 16 games entering Wednesday. "I'm a baseball player that's hit home runs since I was in Little League," Bryant said last week. "It's not something I try to do." ESPN's "Sunday Night Baseball" crew talked about the switch during the Cubs' 4-1 victory against the Brew-

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CHRIS SWEDA/CHICAGO TRIBUNE

After switching to a bat with an ax handle, the Cubs' Kris Bryant had seven home runs in his last 16 games entering Wednesday.



STACEY WESCOTT/CHICAGO TRIBUNE

BEARS

Coach expects big things from rookie

Denmark will be a 'lockdown corner' for the Bears, ex-Valdosta State DBs coach says. **Back Page**

GOLF

Losing Masters lead still stings Molinari

Masters tumble still motivates British Open winner at PGA Championship. **Back Page**

Behind the scenes at the NBA draft lottery

Franchises' futures hinge on pingpong balls in secured room

Joey Reinsdorf had known that the Bulls dropped from No. 4 to No. 7 for close to an hour Tuesday night when he grimaced as the NBA's draft lottery TV show aired in a hotel backroom to announce picks he already knew.

"Maybe next time, my dad will get my other brother to come here," Joey cracked before catching himself. "Actually, hopefully this is our last time here."

Joey, the 22-year-old son of team President Michael Reinsdorf, will graduate from Northwestern this spring, and the economics major already has a job. He joked that he failed in this one in his second straight year representing the Bulls in the lottery backroom, even while trying to keep an event totally based on



K.C. JOHNSON
On the Bulls

luck in perspective.

"I'm definitely not as happy as I was hoping to be," Reinsdorf said. "But (management) has been able to find talent at this (No. 7) pick before."

Once again, in an effort to promote transparency, the NBA invited 12 reporters to sit in a locked-down hotel backroom to witness the actual lottery drawing, which is posted to the league's website after the TV special announces the picks.

It's a serious affair, changing

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CHRIS SWEDA/CHICAGO TRIBUNE

Top draft prospect Ja Morant has a laugh while being interviewed before the 2019 NBA draft lottery at the Hilton Chicago on Tuesday.

CUBS

Zobrists each file for divorce

Cubs infielder, Christian singer set to end their marriage of 13-plus years

By PHIL THOMPSON
Chicago Tribune

Cubs utilityman Ben Zobrist and his wife, Julianna Zobrist, have each filed for divorce in separate states, according to court records.

Ben Zobrist filed for legal separation Monday in Williamson County, Tenn., where the couple — married since December 2005 — keep an offseason home in a Nashville suburb.

Julianna Zobrist filed in Cook County, also on Monday.

Julianna, a 34-year-old Christian pop singer, did not provide a reason for seeking a divorce in her petition. She also recently deleted her Twitter account.

According to the Tennessean, Ben Zobrist's filing contends that his wife "has been guilty of inappropriate marital conduct which render further cohabitation impossible," though the article didn't elaborate.

"Husband is unsure if the marriage can be salvaged," the

filing says, according to the Tennessean.

Julianna, whose maiden name is Gilmore, has hired Berger Schatz attorney Karen Krehbiel, who represented Chicago billionaire hedge fund CEO Kenneth Griffin in his split with Anne Dias Griffin in 2014.

When asked whether Julianna Zobrist would like to respond to her husband's assertions, an assistant for Krehbiel said, "Not at this time," and added on behalf of the Chicago-based firm, "We don't have any information right now to release to the public."

Ben Zobrist hired Nashville attorney Helen Rogers.

The Cubs granted Zobrist, 37, a leave of absence a week ago. Manager Joe Maddon, whose association with Zobrist dates to 2006 with the Rays, wasn't sure when the valuable infielder-outfielder would return.

"I couldn't even begin to surmise that," Maddon said before Wednesday's game against the



Ben Zobrist



Julianna Zobrist

Reds. "I have no idea. I totally respect the man's privacy. I totally respect the man. I feel for him."

"Having gone through that process myself, it's no fun. For him to do it under these circumstances here, I just want to respect his privacy. There's no timeline involved. He'll let us know."

Maddon had said Tuesday he has been texting with Zobrist during his time on the restricted list while he deals with a "family matter."

One would be hard-pressed to find a more homespun celebrity love story than Ben and Julianna, one that had followings in the sports and faith communities.

Both the children of pastors, they had become such an iconic couple that Parade magazine declared them and their three children the "All-American family" in a June 2017 cover story.

Ben would use her songs as his walk-up music. Julianna scheduled tour dates around his sched-

ule and sang at some of his games. The couple maintained a "six-day rule," vowing never to be apart for more than six days.

When Julianna was a 16-year-old high school junior, she met Ben, a native of Eureka, Ill., through her sister's husband, Dan Heefner. Ben and Heefner were teammates and roommates at Olivet Nazarene University in Bourbonnais.

The couple didn't date until her college years at Belmont University in Nashville, Tenn. They were married Dec. 17, 2005, in Iowa City, Iowa.

According to an interview with People magazine, Julianna said she and her husband came up with the "six-day" rule in 2004 after the Astros drafted Ben and soon traded him to the Rays.

"We decided that if we were going to do this baseball thing, we were going to do it together," Julianna told People. "Neither of us was naive; we knew the divorce rate in baseball. ... So we implemented a six-day rule, where we try to never be apart for more than six days."

The Zobrists had been fixtures in each other's public lives on the field and on social media.

In 2017, they mingled with

Washington elite at the National Prayer Breakfast, where Julianna sang selections from her album "Shatterproof."

Julianna sang the national anthem at Game 4 of the 2016 World Series. Ben picked her rendition of an Elton John song, which they called "Benny the Jet," for his walk-up song.

Ben was often her cheerleader on social media, posting a video of him wearing a T-shirt with her likeness on it and another of him pumping his hands in the air as he watched her appearance on the "Today" show in September.

The next day, he posted a tribute to her on Instagram as he celebrated the release of her book, "Pull It Off: Removing Your Fears and Putting On Confidence."

"I'm in love with this woman," he wrote. "When we first started dating I knew she was going to do something special in this world for a lot of people. She has a voice that everyone knew was incredible, but this book proves the heart behind it is even more beautiful."

Chicago Tribune's Mark Gonzales contributed.

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ANDY LYONS/GETTY

Cubs second baseman Addison Russell returns to the dugout in the second inning after hitting his first home run since returning to the team.

Some peak Darvish

Cubs, from Page 1

despite Darvish's best outing.

"His tempo maybe was a little slow, but I don't care," catcher Taylor Davis said. "He was getting outs, making quality pitches, wasn't falling behind as much as he normally does. He didn't put himself in a stress situation."

"Yes, he threw 102 pitches (including 67 for strikes), but I don't know if there were any real high leverage situations for him. I'm taking this as a win for the Cubs and a win for Yu."

As long as Darvish earns positive results, the Cubs might be willing to tolerate a slower pace that he presented Tuesday to pitching coach Tommy Hottovy.

"I know a lot of guys tell me about tempo, but I'm a slow guy," said Darvish, adding that he feels more comfortable working at a deliberate pace.

Darvish didn't alter his game plan after having early success with his cut fastball and slider. After allowing an RBI double to Jose Iglesias in the fourth, Darvish struck out four of the final five batters he faced.

"I'm still trying to find my way," Darvish said. "My ability is not (with) a fastball and slider. My ability is with a slider and cutter. Especially (Wednesday) I felt good about my cutter, so that's why I threw a lot."

This marked the first time since 2013 that Darvish struck

out 11 without issuing a walk. His 11 strikeouts were a career-high with the Cubs, and Wednesday marked the second time this season that Darvish didn't issue a walk.

"Each start you see something slightly different that you can take away as a positive," said Davis, noting that Darvish pitched into the sixth inning for the first time in three starts.

"Everything is starting to pinwheel into him putting everything together. The pressure situations he handled a lot better. He was able to take his time and figure out what he needed to do."

Darvish limited some of the damage that he didn't cause.

After Suarez hit a double to

give the Reds a 1-0 lead in the first, Darvish retired Jesse Winker on a grounder to second before striking out Puig.

With two out in the fourth, the Reds cut the lead to one. Derek Dietrich hit a single to shallow center in front of a tumbling Albert Almora Jr., who was oddly positioned close to the warning track before the ball was hit.

Iglesias followed with an RBI double before Darvish struck out Reds pitcher Sonny Gray on a 3-2 pitch.

Addison Russell, Kyle Schwarber and Albert Almora Jr. homered for the Cubs.

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CUBS NOTES

Maddon still likes Heyward leading off

By MARK GONZALES
Chicago Tribune

Despite hitting .115 (3-for-26) with a .148 on-base percentage from the leadoff spot, Jason Heyward has the support of Cubs manager Joe Maddon to bat first in the lineup.

"It doesn't look good, I get it," Maddon said. "But he's had some pretty good swings that have not been rewarded. Among the candidates, he's not going to let it bother him."

Maddon had Heyward in the leadoff spot for the fourth game in a row and sixth time overall Wednesday night against the Reds.

Maddon pointed to Heyward's experience, his ability to draw walks and hit to the opposite field, as evidenced by his .329 batting average on May 2.

But since then, Heyward has fallen into a 4-for-43 slump and has drawn only four walks while striking out nine times.

Maddon believes Heyward is hitting into hard outs dating to last weekend's series against the Brewers.

"He hit a line drive off (Josh) Hader, a line drive at (Christian Yelich)," Maddon recalled. "Those balls were well struck — not rollover grounders."

"He's been unlucky too. So if you just got a little lucky with all that stuff, his numbers wouldn't be that bad."

Heyward was a combined 0-for-27 against Reds starters Tanner Roark and Sonny Gray entering Wednesday.

Heyward went hitless with a walk in three plate appearances against Roark on Tuesday.

But with Ben Zobrist on the restricted list, Maddon believes Heyward, who was batting .250 with six home runs, 18 RBIs and a .355 on-base percentage entering Wednesday, remains the best option from a group that includes Albert Almora Jr. and Daniel Descalso.

Cubs leadoff hitters ranked 10th in the National League with a .231 batting average and 11th with a .300 on-base percentage entering Wednesday. Those marks rank below the league averages of .241 and .316, respectively.

More rest for Rizzo: Anthony Rizzo likely won't return to the lineup until this weekend in Washington, although Rizzo tested his back by taking some swings in the batting cage and could be available for pinch-hitting duty.

Reliever Pedro Strop, who likely will miss the rest of this month because of a Grade 2 left hamstring strain, has been riding a stationary bicycle, performing agility work and playing catch on flat ground.

Third-base coach Brian Butterfield also isn't likely to rejoin the Cubs until they return home Monday as he recovers from vertigo. Maddon said air travel is not advised for Butterfield.

"I don't think they want him to fly right now," Maddon said.

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BASEBALL

American League

EAST	W	L	PCT	GB	WCGB	L10	STR	HOME	AWAY
Tampa Bay	26	15	.634	—	—	6-4	W-2	12-10	14-5
New York	26	16	.619	½	—	8-2	W-3	15-9	11-7
Boston	23	20	.535	4	—	8-2	W-1	12-8	11-12
Toronto	17	25	.405	9½	5½	2-8	L-1	8-13	9-12
Baltimore	14	28	.333	12½	8½	3-7	L-2	6-15	8-13

CENTRAL	W	L	PCT	GB	WCGB	L10	STR	HOME	AWAY
Minnesota	27	15	.643	—	—	7-3	W-2	15-8	12-7
Cleveland	22	19	.537	4½	—	4-6	W-1	11-7	11-12
Chicago	19	22	.463	7½	3	5-5	L-1	9-11	10-11
Detroit	18	23	.439	8½	4	3-7	L-3	9-11	9-12
Kansas City	15	27	.357	12	7½	4-6	W-1	10-13	5-14

WEST	W	L	PCT	GB	WCGB	L10	STR	HOME	AWAY
Houston	29	15	.659	—	—	9-1	W-8	16-4	13-11
Seattle	22	23	.489	7½	2	4-6	W-2	9-11	13-12
Los Angeles	20	23	.465	8½	3	5-5	L-2	11-9	9-14
Texas	17	22	.436	9½	4	3-7	L-5	12-7	5-15
Oakland	19	25	.432	10	4½	4-6	L-3	14-10	5-15

Late games noted below

THURSDAY'S PROBABLE PITCHERS

NATIONAL LEAGUE	2019	2018 VS. OPP.	LAST 3 STARTS
TEAM PITCHER	TIME	W-L IP ERA	W-L IP ERA
NYM Wheeler (R)	3-2 4.35	3-5 2-1 20.2 3.05	1-0 20.0 3.60
Was Sanchez (R)	12:05p 0-6 5.27	2-6 1-0 10.0 4.50	0-3 14.0 3.86
Mil Davies (R)	4-0 1.54	5-3 0-0 0.0 0.00	2-0 19.1 1.40
Phi Efflin (R)	12:05p 5-3 2.47	5-3 2-0 11.0 2.45	3-0 25.0 0.72
ChC Quintana (L)	4-2 3.50	5-2 2-2 22.0 3.27	1-1 18.1 4.42
Cin Castillo (R)	5:40p 4-1 1.76	5-4 2-1 24.2 4.74	1-0 19.2 2.75
STL Wainwright (R)	3-3 4.15	4-4 0-0 0.0 0.00	1-1 18.1 4.42
Atl Teheran (R)	6:20p 2-4 4.26	5-4 1-0 6.0 0.00	0-1 19.0 2.37
Pit Williams (R)	2-1 3.40	6-2 0-1 10.2 6.75	1-0 19.0 4.74
SD Lauer (L)	9:10p 2-4 5.75	3-5 0-1 9.2 6.52	0-1 13.2 7.90

AMERICAN LEAGUE	2019	2018 VS. OPP.	LAST 3 STARTS
TEAM PITCHER	TIME	W-L IP ERA	W-L IP ERA
Oak Bassitt (R)	1-1 2.55	1-3 1-0 6.0 0.00	0-1 19.2 3.20
Det Turnbull (R)	12:10p 2-2 2.42	5-3 0-0 0.0 0.00	1-0 18.2 1.93
Tex Lynn (R)	4-3 5.48	5-3 2-1 16.0 4.50	2-1 20.0 4.05
KC Bailey (R)	12:15p 4-3 4.83	4-4 0-0 0.0 0.00	2-1 17.0 3.71
Bal Straily (R)	1-3 8.23	1-5 0-0 0.0 0.00	0-2 12.2 7.82
Cle Bauer (R)	5:10p 4-2 3.02	5-4 0-1 7.0 3.86	1-1 19.0 5.21
Tor Stroman (R)	1-6 3.12	2-7 1-0 6.2 7.70	0-3 14.1 7.53
ChW Covey (R)	7:10p 0-2 5.91	0-2 0-0 0.0 0.00	0-1 9.1 5.79
Min Pineda (R)	2-3 5.85	3-5 0-0 0.0 0.00	0-2 16.0 6.19
Sia Swanson (R)	1-4 6.35	1-4 0-0 0.0 0.00	1-2 14.2 7.98

TR: Team's record in games started by today's pitcher.

RESULTS, SCHEDULE

AMERICAN LEAGUE

WEDNESDAY'S RESULTS
 Minnesota 8, L.A. Angels 7
 G1: N.Y. Yankees 5, Baltimore 3
 San Francisco 4, Toronto 3
 G2: N.Y. Yankees 3, Baltimore 1
 Houston 5, Detroit 1
 Boston 6, Colorado 5 (10)
 Tampa Bay 1, Miami 0
 Texas at Kansas City, late

FRIDAY'S GAMES
 Tampa Bay at N.Y. Yankees, 6:05 p.m.
 Baltimore at Cleveland, 6:10 p.m.
 Houston at Boston, 6:10 p.m.
 Oakland at Detroit, 6:10 p.m.
 St. Louis at Texas, 7:05 p.m.
 Toronto at Chi. White Sox, 7:10 p.m.
 Kansas City at L.A. Angels, 9:07 p.m.
 Minnesota at Seattle, 9:10 p.m.

TUESDAY'S RESULTS
 Baltimore at N.Y. Yankees, ppd.
 Cleveland 9, Chi. White Sox 0
 Colorado 5, Boston 4 (11)
 Houston 11, Detroit 4
 Tampa Bay 4, Miami 0
 Minnesota 4, L.A. Angels 3
 Kansas City 11, Texas 5
 Toronto 7, San Francisco 3
 Seattle 4, Oakland 3

June 3: Amateur draft starts, Secaucus, N.J.
June 13: Detroit vs. Kansas City at Omaha, Neb.

BOX SCORES

GAME 5, ORIOLES 3

BALTIMORE	AB	R	H	BI	SO	AVG
Villar 2b-ss	4	0	0	0	0	.254
Smith Jr. rf	4	0	0	0	2	.378
Mancini fr	4	1	1	1	2	.316
Nunez dh	4	1	1	1	.221	
Rickard cf	4	2	2	0	.281	
Alberto 3b	4	1	1	0	.270	
Davis 1b	3	0	0	0	.184	
Wynns c	3	0	2	1	.200	
Martin ss	2	0	0	0	.169	
Wilkinson ph-2b	2	0	0	0	.257	
TOTALS	33	3	7	3	10	

NEW YORK	AB	R	H	BI	SO	AVG
LeMahieu 2b	4	0	0	0	.324	
Voit 1b	4	0	0	0	.228	
Sanchez c	3	1	2	1	.263	
Frazier dh	4	0	1	0	.289	
Torres ss	4	0	1	0	.291	
Gardner cf	4	0	0	0	.199	
Urshela 3b	3	1	0	0	.330	
Maybin rf	3	1	1	1	.300	
Tauchman lf	3	0	1	1	.217	
TOTALS	32	5	7	5	6	

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 New York 120 200 00x — 5 7 0

a-grounded out for Martin in the 8th. E: Mancini (1). **LOB:** Baltimore 3, New York 4. **2B:** Rickard (6), Wynns (1). **HR:** Mancini (8), off Hesp; Nunez (7), off Hesp; Sanchez (12), off Hesp; Torres (6), off Hesp; Maybin (1), off Hesp; Torres (7), off Hesp. **RBI:** Mancini (17), Nunez (19), Wynns (1), Sanchez (22), Torres (2), Maybin (4), Tauchman (12). **SB:** Rickard (3). **Runners left in scoring position:** Baltimore 5 (Villar, Wynns, Martin). **RISP:** Baltimore 0 for 5; New York 1 for 2. **IDP:** Martin. **W:** New York 1 (Torres, LeMahieu, Voit). **BALTIMORE** IP H R ER BB SO ERA
 Hesp, L, 1-5 6 6 5 4 1 6 5.88
 Kline 2 1 0 0 0 0 0 4.52
NEW YORK IP H R ER BB SO ERA
 Hagg, W, 3-3 5½ 3 3 3 0 3 4.44
 Ottavino, H, 9 1 1 0 0 0 2 1.69
 Kahnle, H, 6 ½ 0 0 0 0 2 1.08
 Britton, H, 8 1 0 0 0 0 1 2.95
 Chapman, S, 10-11 1 0 0 0 2 2.30

Inherited runners-scored: Kahnle 1-0. **Umpires:** H, Chris Guccione; 1B, Nic Lentz; 2B, Mark Carlson; 3B, Jordan Baker. **Time:** 2:12.

NATIONAL LEAGUE

WEDNESDAY'S RESULTS
 Arizona 11, Pittsburgh 1
 San Francisco 4, Toronto 3
 Washington 5, N.Y. Mets 1
 Cincinnati 6, Chi Cubs 5 (10)
 Milwaukee 5, Philadelphia 2
 Boston 6, Colorado 5 (10)
 Tampa Bay 1, Miami 0
 Atlanta 4, St. Louis 0
 San Diego at L.A. Dodgers, late

FRIDAY'S GAMES
 Chi. Cubs at Washington, 6:05 p.m.
 Colorado at Philadelphia, 6:05 p.m.
 L.A. Dodgers at Cincinnati, 6:10 p.m.
 N.Y. Mets at Miami, 6:10 p.m.
 Milwaukee at Atlanta, 6:20 p.m.
 St. Louis at Texas, 7:05 p.m.
 San Francisco at Arizona, 8:40 p.m.
 Pittsburgh at San Diego, 9:10 p.m.

TUESDAY'S RESULTS
 Chi. Cubs 3, Cincinnati 1
 Milwaukee 6, Philadelphia 1
 N.Y. Mets 6, Washington 2
 Colorado 5, Boston 4 (11)
 Tampa Bay 4, Miami 0
 St. Louis 14, Atlanta 3
 Pittsburgh 6, Arizona 2
 Toronto 7, San Francisco 3
 L.A. Dodgers 6, San Diego 3

June 3: Amateur draft starts, Secaucus, N.J.
June 13: Detroit vs. Kansas City at Omaha, Neb.

GAME 2, YANKEES 1

BALTIMORE	AB	R	H	BI	SO	AVG
Villar ss	4	0	2	0	.260	
Smith Jr. dh	4	0	0	0	.371	
Mancini fr	4	0	0	0	.308	
Davis 1b	3	0	1	0	.188	
a-Moraz ph-1b	2	0	0	0	.220	
Wilkinson cf	4	1	1	0	.266	
Ruiz 3b	3	0	2	0	.200	
b-Wynns ph	1	0	0	0	.154	
Alberto 2b	3	0	0	1	.262	
Severino c	2	0	0	1	.238	
Rickard lf	3	1	0	0	.211	
TOTALS	32	1	7	1	12	

NEW YORK	AB	R	H	BI	SO	AVG
LeMahieu 3b	4	1	1	0	.322	
Voit 1b	4	0	3	2	.242	
Hicks cf	4	0	0	0	.000	
Torres 2b	4	1	2	2	.290	
Morales dh	2	0	1	0	.209	
Frazier rf	3	0	0	0	.280	
Gardner lf	1	0	0	0	.197	
Tauchman lf-fr	3	0	0	1	.211	
Romine c	3	0	0	0	.217	
Estrada 2b	3	1	1	0	.290	
TOTALS	31	3	7	3	10	

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 New York 001 100 10x — 3 7 1

a-grounded out for Davis in the 8th. b-grounded out for Ruiz in the 9th. E: Rickard (2), Tauchman (1). **LOB:** Baltimore 6, New York 6. **2B:** Rickard (7), Voit (4), Estrada (1). **HR:** Torres (8), off Cashner. **RBI:** Alberto (9), Voit (2), Morales (2). **CS:** Villar (2), Gardner (2). **SB:** Alberto. **Runners left in scoring position:** Baltimore 5 (Villar, Rickard, 3, Nunez); New York 2 (Hicks, Romine). **RISP:** Baltimore 0 for 8; New York 1 for 4. **BALTIMORE** IP H R ER BB SO ERA
 Cashner, L, 4-2 6 4 2 2 2 7 4.10
 Armstrong 1 2 1 1 0 2 6.52
 Castro ½ 0 0 0 0 1 6.52
 Fry ½ 1 0 0 0 0 3.18
NEW YORK IP H R ER BB SO ERA
 German, W, 8-1 7 6 1 1 1 8 2.50
 Britton, H, 9 1 1 0 0 0 2 2.79
 Chapman, S, 11-12 1 0 0 0 2 2.16

WP: German. **Umpires:** H, Chad Whitson; 1B, Winkler; 2B, Jeff Nelson; 3B, Nic Lentz. **Time:** 2:29. **A:** 41,138 (47,309).

RED SOX 6, ROCKIES 5 (10)

COLORADO	AB	R	H	BI	SO	AVG
Blackmon rf	4	1	0	0	.295	
Story ss	5	0	2	2	.276	
Valkaia ss	0	0	0	0	.069	
Arenado 3b	5	0	1	0	.234	
Reynolds 1b	3	0	1	0	.200	
a-Murphy ph-1b	2	0	0	1	.194	
Tapia lf	5	1	0	2	.294	
Desmond dh	4	1	2	0	.218	
Dahl cf	4	0	0	1	.298	
McMahon 2b	3	1	2	0	.242	
Wolters c	4	0	0	0	.210	
TOTALS	39	5	11	5	16	

BOSTON	AB	R	H	BI	SO	AVG
Benintendi lf	4	2	2	0	.271	
Betts rf	5	2	3	1	.289	
Martinez dh	4	1	2	3	.321	
Morland 1b	3	0	0	0	.230	
a-Nunez pr-2b	1	0	0	0	.191	
Bogaerts 3b	4	1	1	0	.263	
Devers 3b	4	0	0	0	.323	
Chavis 2b-1b	5	2	1	1	.296	
Bradley Jr. cf	4	0	0	0	.153	
Vazquez c	4	0	2	1	.294	
TOTALS	38	6	13	5	10	

Colorado 000 200 300 0 — 5 11 0
 Boston 203 000 000 1 — 6 13 0

No outs when winning run scored. a-grounded out for Reynolds in the 7th. 1-run for Morland in the 8th. **LOB:** Colorado 8, Boston 10. **2B:** Arenado (1), Desmond (8), Wolters (2). **HR:** Betts (11), Bogaerts (11). **3B:** Benintendi (2). **HR:** Martinez (9), off Murphy. **RBI:** Story 2 (2B), Dahl (14), Wolters (11), Murphy (14), Betts (23), Martinez 3 (2B), Chavis (21). **CS:** Desmond (1). **SB:** Dahl. **Runners left in scoring position:** Colorado 5 (Blackmon 2, Tapia, Dahl, Wolters); Boston 5 (Benintendi, Martinez, Chavis, Nunez 2). **RISP:** Colorado 2 for 10; Boston 3 for 10. **Runners moved up:** Murphy, Morland, Devers, Bogaerts. **LOB:** Boston 10, Colorado 8. **COLORADO** IP H R ER BB SO ERA
 Marquez 6½ 10 5 5 0 6 3.80
 Dunn ½ 0 0 0 0 1 4.37
 Estevez ½ 0 0 0 0 0 4.46
 Oberg 1 0 0 0 2 0 1.89
 Shaw 1 1 0 0 2 1 2.08
 Bettis, L, 1-3 0 2 1 1 0 6.56
BOSTON IP H R ER BB SO ERA
 Rodriguez 6 9 5 5 1 10 4.89
 Barnes, BS, 3-6 ½ 1 0 0 0 1 1.50
 Walden 2½ 0 0 0 0 4 1.46
 Hembree ½ 1 0 0 1 0 3.50
 Workman, W, 3-1 ½ 0 0 0 0 1 2.33
 Rodriguez pitched to 3 batters. **7th. Inherited runners-scored:** Dunn 2-0, Estevez 2-0, Bogaerts 3-3, Walden 1-0, Workman 2-0. **HBP:** Rodriguez (Blackmon). **Time:** 3:44. **A:** 37,032.

NATIONALS 5, METS 1

NEW YORK	AB	R	H	BI	SO	AVG
McNeill lf	3	0	1	0	.352	
Familia p	0	0	0	0	—	
Davis 3b-fr	4	0	1	2	.275	
Cano 2b	4	0	0	0	.245	
Alonso 1b	4	0	0	0	.263	
a-Moraz ph-1b	2	0	0	0	.220	
Rosario ss	3	0	0	0	.278	
Ramos c	3	0	0	0	.231	
Lagares cf	3	1	1	0	.206	

BASEBALL

Taking look around the nation

Sullivan, from Page 1

ers, crediting the bat and its unique handle. Bryant admitted the bat feels “comfortable” but added: “I use all sorts of bats. They say it’s the Indian, not the arrow. But if the arrow is good. ... It’s just funny when you pick up a bat and have success with it, it’s like, ‘Oh, my God, it’s the bat!’ Maybe it is the bat, not me.” In other words, it’s not the bat.

3. Started at the bottom, now he’s here: When Edwin Jackson won his first game with the Cubs on May 11, 2013, after signing a four-year, \$52 million deal, it was in Washington against the team he had pitched for in 2012. Asked about his homecoming, Jackson joked to CubsTV analyst Jim Deshaies: “I’ve had a lot of homecomings.” Six years later, Jackson made history Wednesday when he played for his 14th major-league team, starting for the Blue Jays in a no-decision against the Giants. Jackson, who also pitched for the White Sox, didn’t have a successful stay on the North Side, going 16-34 with a 5.37 ERA. But he did introduce the clubhouse to its 2013 theme song, Drake’s “Started From the Bottom,” which turned out to be prophetic when they won a World Series three years later.

4. The “Sharks” return to the South Side: White Sox outfielder Charlie Tilson played at New Trier High in 2009 when the Trevians beat St. Rita for the Class 4A state championship. Ten years later, some of his former teammates celebrated Tilson’s return to the Sox by dressing up in shark outfits and sitting in the Guaranteed Rate Field bleachers Monday night for the series opener against the Indians. “We had a group of outfielders at New Trier and our thing was: ‘The outfield is an ocean and the ball is blood and nothing drops in our ocean,’” Tilson said. “It was pretty cool seeing my old teammates — guys that were older and took care of me when I was young on that team — still out there supporting me. It was something they’ve wanted to do for a long time. It was fun. I could hear them for sure. They weren’t yelling too much, but they made sure I knew they were here.” NBC Sports Chicago’s Chuck Garfein interviewed the sharks on the broadcast.

5. The hybrid pitcher for the modern era: Yonny Chirinos might be the pitching prototype for the future, which means now for the Rays. Because the Rays employ an opener, Chirinos was the starter his first two games, then relieved in games Ryne Stanek started the next two appearances. Chirinos has alternated between starting and relieving the last four games. He’s 5-1 with a 3.61 ERA and averaging about five innings per appearance. The Rays are 7-1 when Chirinos pitches. This hybrid model seems to work, at least with American League rules.

6. You never forget the first time: Indians outfielder Oscar Mercado had a big grin on his face after being hit by a pitch during the eighth inning Tuesday against the White Sox. It was Mercado’s first time on base in his major-league debut. It’s expected to be a short-term stay for Mercado, who was 0-for-3 with three strikeouts. But it was still a day he’ll never forget. “Putting yourself in his shoes, I mean, this is one of the most exciting days of his life,” Indians manager Terry Francona said. “There’s no getting around it. I know having a baby is huge, but you only have one first time in the major leagues.” Francona said it’s easier for rookies than it was back in the day. “Baseball is different than it used to be,” he said. “When you used to walk in (the first time) you weren’t even supposed to talk. The rookies had to ride on the bus with the coaches. I never understood that. There’s a respect factor for young kids, but why make it harder for them?”

7. It’s about time for MLB to turn to pingpong balls: This isn’t a unique idea, but with so many rebuilding teams trying to lose to get a higher draft pick, MLB needs to discuss copying the NBA’s pingpong-ball approach to the draft order. The Marlins (10-30) are well on their way to getting the No. 1 pick in the 2020 draft, though you can’t discount the Orioles from overtaking them down the stretch. Naturally, a pingpong-ball-style lottery probably would mean the White Sox would wind up with the No. 7 pick, just like Chairman Jerry Reinsdorf’s other tanking franchise.

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White Sox catcher James McCann does in-depth studying of statistics to prepare himself for the demands of his position.

Doing it by the numbers

McCann studies stats to be sharp on defense

By PHIL THOMPSON
Chicago Tribune

When your team is getting blown out 9-0 at home, it’s easy to dismiss a player’s subtle defensive contributions.

James McCann has made plenty of noise with his bat this week — and all season, for that matter — but the White Sox catcher also puts a lot of study into his work behind the plate, which he displayed in the aforementioned loss Tuesday against the Indians at Guaranteed Rate Field.

McCann caught Jake Bauers attempting to steal second base in the third inning. Bauers was initially ruled safe, but after a 40-second review umpires reversed the call. It was the fourth base stealer McCann has caught in 13 attempts (30.8 percent).

Then in the fifth, McCann wisely determined he had no chance to tag Jason Kipnis at the plate on Carlos Santana’s RBI single, so he wheeled around on a relay from left fielder Nicky Delmonico and gunned the ball to Yolmer Sanchez at second to retire Santana, who likely figured the play at home gave him cover to stretch his hit into a double.

While those two plays had no significant impact on the result, McCann’s teammates applauded his heads-up play, which they credit to his meticulous scouting.

“He’s been a perfect piece to this team,” Delmonico said. “He’s a really hard worker. He prepares better than I’ve seen anybody prepare for a game.”

Delmonico and reliever Jace Fry said it’s common to see McCann on team flights breaking down numbers like an accountant, analyzing opponents’ hitting and baserunning tendencies.

“He’s looking at batting averages (on) certain pitches in certain locations,” Fry said. “He’s looking at where there’s weak contact, where there’s swing-and-miss rates. And then he’ll take that, highlight them into his graph, and he’ll have all that information memorized by the time we face that lineup.”

Given the erratic nature of Sox pitching this season, it might be easy to dismiss McCann’s — or any Sox catcher’s — effect on his battery mates. But

UP NEXT
Blue Jays at White Sox
7:10 p.m. NBCSCH+

McCann is tied for eighth among catchers in defensive runs saved with three, according to FanGraphs.

McCann, who has started 22 games while sharing duties with Wellington Castillo, said he carries a lot of lessons from his first major-league manager with the Tigers, Brad Ausmus, a three-time Gold Glove catcher who played 18 seasons in the majors.

“He showed me the format that he used, and over the course of two to three years (in Detroit), I found a format that worked for me and the way I like to look at things,” McCann said. “Basically I look at different numbers that break down what would guys do against certain pitches, where they’re located: slider located in versus away, fastball located in versus down.

“And then it breaks down into counts: Where we can go in certain counts? Swing-and-miss percentages, ground-ball percentages. So if you’re looking for a double-play ball, what’s the best pitch to go with here?”

McCann creates a general report for a series in a spreadsheet, then tailors it to each day’s starter based on that pitcher’s strengths and weaknesses and those of the opposing lineup.

“A guy like (Lucas) Giolito, if I know a (batter) struggles with fastballs in — OK, that’s one of Giolito’s strengths,” McCann said. “If it’s a guy that has good numbers on fastballs in, that’s like: ‘OK, do we go with his strength? How do we attack this guy?’”

McCann also watches video to help make improvements.

Pitch framing is an area he knows he needs to work on. McCann grades out 55th in the majors in framing (minus-0.6) in FanGraphs rankings.

“I like to get a report after every game and see what pitches did I get that I shouldn’t have gotten or pitches that I (didn’t get) that I should’ve gotten,” he said.

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BLACKHAWKS AND BULLS

WORLD HOCKEY CHAMPIONSHIP

Kane now sitting atop scoring list

3 points in win over Britain move him past Johnson in U.S. annals

Associated Press

KOSICE, SLOVAKIA — Patrick Kane scored a goal and had two assists to become the United States’ all-time leading scorer at the world hockey championship in a 6-3 win over Britain on Wednesday.

The Blackhawks star and two-time Olympian finished the game with 36 points, surpassing the 33 points U.S. Hockey Hall of Famer Mark Johnson had at the world championship. Johnson led the Americans with 11 goals when they won Olympic gold in 1980.

“It’s special when you think of all the great American players, all the kids that grow up in the USA dreaming of playing hockey, dreaming of playing for their country,” Kane said. “I’ve really enjoyed this tournament.

“This is my third time over here. It would be really nice to win it more than anything, (but) the personal achievements and accolades are pretty nice too.”

The Americans won bronze last year at the world championship in Denmark, where Kane had a tournament-high 20 points and was named MVP. He first appeared at the world championship in 2008, when the U.S. was eliminated by Finland in the quarterfinals.

Kane has helped the U.S. win three straight games in Group A since opening with a loss to the host Slovaks. The Americans have preliminary-round games



MARTIN ROSE/GETTY

Patrick Kane’s three points Wednesday gave him 36 for his career, a U.S. record at the World Hockey Championships.

remaining against Denmark, Germany and Canada.

Britain, which returned to the top division for the first time in 25 years, had a relatively strong showing after losing to Germany by two goals and getting routed by Canada and Denmark.

Mike Hammond scored late in the first period to pull Britain into a 1-1 tie. The British team scored in each of the three periods against the U.S. after having only one goal and giving up 20 in the previous three games.

Switzerland stayed undefeated in Group B as Andreas Ambuhl scored twice in a 4-1 win over Norway. The Swiss close the preliminary round against Sweden, Russia and the Czech Republic.

Behind the scenes at the NBA draft lottery

Johnson, from Page 1

the fortunes of franchises and jobs. And the league treats it as such.

You can’t enter the backroom until you surrender all electronic devices — smartphone, laptop, tape recorder for interviews, Apple Watch, etc. — which are placed in an envelope with your name on it. You then pass through security much like at an airport.

No bathroom breaks are allowed. Nobody is allowed outside the room after entering.

This is a departure from 2004, the first of the Tribune’s three lottery backroom appearances. That’s when the NBA held the event in Secaucus, N.J., and security guards escorted reporters if nature called.

Thanks to the rebuild that followed the Bulls’ 1990s dynasty, the Tribune was like the Helen Thomas of the NBA draft lottery in the early 2000s.

Thomas was a longtime White House correspondent. Zion Williamson may be as important as the leader of the free world to a sagging franchise.

Otherwise, not much has changed about the lottery process.

Lou DiSabatino, the league’s vice president of event operations, still holds up and calls out the number of each lottery ball, 1 to 14, as he drops them into the machine. Micah Day, a member of the NBA’s event-management team, is the timekeeper. With his back turned to DiSabatino, he holds up his hand to signal when a pingpong ball should be pulled from the drum to the chute for each four-number combination — 20 seconds of mixing for the first ball and 10 seconds for each of the second, third and fourth balls.

Darrington Hobson, a partner at the accounting firm of Ernst & Young, is to DiSabatino’s left to make sure the process runs smoothly and on the up-and-up. A representative from Smartplay, which manufactures lottery machines, is on hand. So is a backup machine if any of the weighed, measured and certified pingpong balls don’t fly up the chute.

Like we said, it’s serious stuff. Also on hand are Jamin Dershowitz, the NBA’s assistant general counsel, who explains the logistics to the assembled reporters and 14 team representatives. And Kiki Van-DeWeghe, the league’s executive vice president of basketball operations, who announces the lottery results in the backroom.

Deputy Commissioner Mark Tatum does so on stage for the

TV broadcast.

If the lottery is fixed, whoever is responsible for pulling off such a feat should take on fixing Cristiano Felicio’s ability to catch passes for his or her next trick.

The Bulls owned 125 numerical combinations for the No. 1 pick. Eighty-six began with the number 2. Thirty-nine began with 3.

At 6:41 p.m., the process begins. DiSabatino, on timekeeper Day’s prompting, calls out the numbers to his first draw. Dershowitz finds the winner of the numerical combination 7-4-12-13.

It’s the Pelicans. “(Expletive) yeah!” Pelicans coach Alvin Gentry shouts, raising his arms and jumping from his seat to slap hands with other team representatives.

Gentry, whose team had just a 6% chance to win, catches himself after his exuberant outburst. “Sorry,” he says.

The next draw of 5-7-10-12 helps the Grizzlies overcome mere 6.3% odds to win the No. 2 pick. The Knicks, who shared the best 14% odds to win the No. 1 pick with the Suns and Cavaliers, salvage the third pick when their combination of 3-1-2-5 follows.

A Grizzlies combination also actually comes up for the fourth pick, but it can’t be so. So another draw is held, vaulting the Lakers from No. 11 to No. 4 despite mere 2.8% odds. General manager Rob Pelinka, a Lake Forest native, looks skyward.

Gentry, whose franchise endured the messy public saga of an Anthony Davis trade request that never went down, is ebullient. He wore a tie given to him by new Pelicans general manager David Griffin that a Cavaliers official wore for two winning draft-lottery appearances when Griffin worked for that franchise.

“I will be playing 7-4-12-13 in Vegas for summer league,” Gentry said. “For a lot of money.”

Joey Reinsdorf said he brought no lucky charms this year after using a “few too many last year.” That’s when the Bulls dropped one slot from No. 6 to No. 7.

Particularly with a potentially generational talent like Zion Williamson, this year’s fall is more painful and precipitous. But again, Reinsdorf tried to keep perspective.

“A lot of people can relate to a father-son relationship,” Reinsdorf said of having Michael pick him to sit in the room. “This is bigger than sports.”

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ODDS

MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL		
National League	THURSDAY	
New York	-125	at Washington +115
at Philadelphia	-126	Milwaukee +116
at Cincinnati	-125	Chicago +115
at Atlanta	-105	St. Louis -105
at San Diego	-123	Pittsburgh +113
American League	THURSDAY	
Oakland	-125	at Detroit +115
Texas	-107	at Kansas City -103
at Cleveland	-290	Baltimore +260
Toronto	-133	at Chicago +123
Minnesota	-115	at Seattle +105
NBA	THURSDAY	
pregame.com	Portland	
at Golden State	7½	
NHL	THURSDAY	
Boston	-116	at Carolina +106

PREAKNESS ODDS CHART

The field for Saturday's 144th Preakness Stakes at Pimlico:

PP Horse	Odds
1. War of Will	4-1
2. Bourbon War	12-1
3. Warrior's Charge	12-1
4. Improbable	5-2
5. Owendale	10-1
6. Market King	30-1
7. Alwaysmining	8-1
8. Signalman	30-1
9. Bodexpress	20-1
10. Everfast	50-1
11. Laughing Fox	20-1
12. Anothertwistafate	6-1
13. Win Win Win	15-1

Weights: 126 each. Distance: 1 3-16 miles. Purse: \$1,500,000. First place: \$900,000. Second place: \$300,000. Third place: \$165,000. Fourth place: \$90,000. Post time: 6:48 p.m. EDT.

CYCLING

GIRO D'ITALIA

Wednesday at Terracina, Italy
Fifth Stage: An 87-mile, mostly flat ride from Frascati to Terracina, with a Category 4 climb shortly after the midpoint of the stage

- Pascal Ackermann, Germany, Bora-Hansgrohe, 3:15:44.
- Fernando Gaviria, Colombia, UAE Team Emirates, same time.
- Arnaud Demare, France, Groupama-FDJ, same time.
- Caleb Ewan, Australia, Lotto Soudal, same time.
- Matteo Moschetti, Italy, Trek-Segafredo, same time.
- Ryan Gibbons, South Africa, Dimension Data, same time.
- Paolo Simion, Italy, Bardiani CSF, same time.
- Jenthe Biermans, Belgium, Katusha Alpecin, same time.
- Giovanni Lonardi, Italy, Nippo-Vini Fantini-Faizanè, same time.
- Manuel Belletti, Italy, Androni Giocattoli-Sidermec, same time.

- Standings: Leaders through five stages
- Primoz Roglic, Slovenia, Jumbo-Visma, 19:35:04.
 - Simon Yates, Britain, Mitchelton-Scott, :35.
 - Vincenzo Nibali, Italy, Bahrain-Merida, :39.
 - Miguel Angel Lopez, Colombia, Astana, :44.
 - Diego Ulissi, Italy, UAE Team Emirates, same time.
 - Rafal Majka, Poland, Bora-Hansgrohe, :49.
 - Bauke Mollema, Netherlands, Trek-Segafredo, :55.
 - Damiano Caruso, Italy, Bahrain-Merida, :56.

GOLF

PGA CHAMPIONSHIP

Thursday-Friday tee times at Bethpage State Park (Black Course); Farmingdale, N.Y.; 7,459 yards; par: 70

- First hole-10th hole
- 5:45 a.m.-11:10 a.m.: Rob Labritz; Beau Hossler; J.J. Spaun.
- 5:56 a.m.-11:29 a.m.: Sam Burns; Jeffrey Schmidt; Keith Mitchell.
- 6:07 a.m.-11:32 a.m.: Byeong Hun An; Jason Caron; Andrew Putnam.
- 6:18 a.m.-11:43 a.m.: John O'Leary; Harold Varner III; Kyle Stanley.
- 6:29 a.m.-11:54 a.m.: Ricky Verenski; Mike Lorenzo-Vera; Justin Harding.
- 6:40 a.m.-12:05 p.m.: Vijay Singh; Jason Dufner; Jimmy Walker.
- 6:51 a.m.-12:16 p.m.: Graeme McDowell; Chez Reavie; Brendan Jones.
- 7:02 a.m.-12:27 p.m.: Tyrrell Hatton; Russell Knox; Haotong Li, China.
- 7:13 a.m.-12:38 p.m.: Lee Westwood; Shaun Norris; Charles Howell III.
- 7:24 a.m.-12:49 p.m.: J.B. Holmes; Lucas Bjerregaard; Troy Merritt.
- 7:35 a.m.-1 p.m.: Joost Luiten; Brian Mackey; Matt Wallace.
- 7:46 a.m.-1:11 p.m.: Casey Russell; Luke List; Abraham Ancer.
- 7:57 a.m.-1:22 p.m.: Craig Bowden; Adam Long; Joaquin Niemann.
- 11:10 a.m.-5:45 a.m.: Danny Lee; Michael Thompson; Justin Bertisch.
- 11:21 a.m.-5:56 a.m.: Cameron Champ; Rich Berberian Jr.; Lucas Glover.
- 11:32 a.m.-6:07 a.m.: Emiliano Grillo; Daniel Berger; Paul Casey.
- 11:43 a.m.-6:18 a.m.: Tony Finau; Billy Horschel; Ian Poulter.
- 11:54 a.m.-6:29 a.m.: Matt Fitzpatrick; Rafa Cabrera-Bello; Gary Woodland.
- 12:05 p.m.-6:40 a.m.: PKeegan Bradley; Padraig Harrington; Martin Kaymer.
- 12:16 p.m.-6:51 a.m.: Jon Rahm; Dustin Johnson; Jordan Spieth.
- 12:27 p.m.-7:02 a.m.: Pat Perez; Kevin Kisner; Bryson DeChambeau.
- 12:38 p.m.-7:13 a.m.: Rory McIlroy; Phil Mickelson; Jason Day.
- 12:49 p.m.-7:24 a.m.: Satoshi Kodaira; Matt Kuchar; Cameron Smith.
- 1 p.m.-7:35 a.m.: Corey Conners; Jim Furyk; Marc Leishman.
- 1:11 p.m.-7:46 a.m.: Jorge Campillo; Stuart Deane; Chesson Hadley.
- 1:22 p.m.-7:57 a.m.: Dylan Frittelli; Andrew Filbert; Kurt Kitayama.

- 10th hole-First hole
- 5:45 a.m.-11:10 a.m.: Ben Cook; Scott Piercy; Brian Gay.
- 5:56 a.m.-11:21 a.m.: Thomas Pieters; Patton Kizzire; Adam Hadwin.
- 6:07 a.m.-11:32 a.m.: Brandt Snedeker; Kiradech Aphibarnrat; Max Homa.
- 6:18 a.m.-11:43 a.m.: Henrik Stenson; David Lipsky; Richard Sterne.
- 6:29 a.m.-11:54 a.m.: Shane Lowry; Erik Van Rooyen; Tommy Fleetwood.
- 6:40 a.m.-12:05 p.m.: Sergio Garcia; Kelly Kraft; Adam Scott.
- 6:51 a.m.-12:16 p.m.: Charley Hoffman; Louis Oosthuizen; Patrick Reed.
- 7:02 a.m.-12:27 p.m.: Rickie Fowler; Bubba Watson; Justin Rose.
- 7:13 a.m.-12:38 p.m.: Xander Schauffele; Hideki Matsuyama; Alex Noren.
- 7:24 a.m.-12:49 p.m.: Brooks Koepka; Francesco Molinari; Tiger Woods.
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- 12:38 p.m.-7:13 a.m.: Danny Willett; Webb Simpson; Zach Johnson.
- 12:49 p.m.-7:24 a.m.: Kevin Tway; Brandon Stone; Bronson Burgoon.
- 1 p.m.-7:35 a.m.: Si Woo Kim; Danny Ballin; Tom Lewis.
- 1:11 p.m.-7:46 a.m.: Michael Kim; Jazz Janewattanamong; Tyler Hall.
- 1:22 p.m.-7:57 a.m.: Mikko Korhonen; Craig Hocknall; Jhonattan Vegas.

NBA PLAYOFFS

EASTERN CONFERENCE FINALS

Milwaukee 1, Toronto 0
Wednesday: Milwaukee 108-100
Friday: at Milwaukee, 7:30 p.m.
Sunday: at Toronto, 6 p.m.
May 21: at Toronto, 7:30 p.m.
x-May 23: at Milwaukee, 7:30 p.m.
x-May 25: at Toronto, 7:30 p.m.
x-May 27: at Milwaukee, 7:30 p.m.

WESTERN CONFERENCE FINALS

Golden State 1, Portland 0
May 14: Golden State 116-94
Thursday: at Golden State, 8 p.m.
Saturday: at Portland, 8 p.m.
Monday: at Portland, 8 p.m.
x-May 22: at Golden State, 8 p.m.
x-May 24: at Portland, 8 p.m.
x-May 26: at Golden State, 8 p.m.
(Best-of-7; if necessary)

Note: Bucks-Raptors box score was unavailable at press time.

TUESDAY:

WARRIORS 116, TRAIL BLAZERS 94
PORTLAND: Aminu 1-3 1-2 3, Harkless 7-12 2-2 17, Kanter 4-9 2-2 10, Lillard 4-12 9-9 19, McCollum 7-19 2-3 17, Layman 0-2 0-0 0, Collins 2-6 4-6 8, Labissiere 0-1 0-0 0, Se.Curry 1-7 0-0 3, Simons 0-3 0-0 0, Hood 4-8 7-7 17, Turner 0-1 0-0 0. Totals 30-83 27-31 94.

GOLDEN STATE: Iguodala 2-3 0-0 4, Green 5-11-21, Bogut 1-10-0 2, St.Curry 12-23 3-3 36, Thompson 10-24 3-3 26, McKinnie 1-2 0-0 3, Looney 3-5 0-0 6, Jerembo 3-5 2-2 9, Bell 1-2 1-2 3, Jones 1-11-2 3, Cook 2-5 2-2 8, Livingston 1-2 2-2 4, Evans 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 42-84 15-18 116.

Portland 23 22 26 23 - 94
Golden State 27 27 23 39 - 116

3-Point Goals—Portland 7-28 (Hood 2-5, Lillard 2-5, Harkless 1-4, Se.Curry 1-4, McCollum 1-5, Aminu 0-1, Collins 0-2, Layman 0-2), Golden State 17-33 (St.Curry 9-15, Thompson 3-9, Cook 2-3, Jerembo 1-1, McKinnie 1-1, Green 1-3, Iguodala 0-1). **Fouled Out**—None. **Rebounds**—Portland 47 (Kanter 16), Golden State 42 (Green 10). **Assists**—Portland 21 (Lillard 6), Golden State 30 (St.Curry 7). **Total Fouls**—Portland 16, Golden State 24. A—19,596 (19,596).

NBA DRAFT ORDER

First Round	17. Brooklyn
1. New Orleans	18. Indiana
2. Memphis	19. San Antonio
3. New York	20. Boston
4. L.A. Lakers	21. Oklahoma City
5. Cleveland	22. Boston
6. Phoenix	23. Utah
7. Chicago	24. d-Philadelphia
8. Atlanta	25. Portland
9. Washington	26. Cleveland
10. Atlanta	27. Brooklyn
11. Minnesota	28. Golden State
12. Charlotte	29. San Antonio
13. Miami	30. Milwaukee
14. Boston	d-may be conveyed to
15. Detroit	Boston
16. Orlando	

WNBA PRESEASON

WEDNESDAY'S RESULT

Phoenix at Seattle, late

THURSDAY'S GAME

Chicago at Indiana, 11 a.m.

NHL PLAYOFFS

EASTERN CONFERENCE FINALS

Boston 3, Carolina 0
May 9: Boston 5-2
May 12: Boston 6-2
May 14: Boston 2-1
Thursday: at Carolina, 7 p.m.
x-Saturday: at Boston, 6:15 p.m.
x-Monday: at Carolina, 7 p.m.
x-May 22: at Boston, 7 p.m.

WESTERN CONFERENCE FINALS

San Jose 2, St. Louis 1
May 11: San Jose 6-3
May 13: St. Louis 4-2
Wednesday: San Jose 5-4 (OT)
Friday: at St. Louis, 7 p.m.
Sunday: at San Jose, 2 p.m.
x-May 21: at St. Louis, 7 p.m.
x-May 23: at San Jose, 8 p.m.
(Best-of-7; x-if necessary)

SHARKS 5, BLUES 4 (OT)

San Jose 2 1 1 1 - 5
St. Louis 0 4 0 0 - 4

FIRST PERIOD: 1, San Jose, E.Karlsson 1, 13:37. 2, San Jose, Thornton 3 (Vlasic, Labanc), 16:58. **Penalties:** Perron, STL, (tripping), 6:58.

SECOND PERIOD: 3, St. Louis, Steen 2 (Barbashev), 1:18. 4, San Jose, Thornton 4 (Labanc, Dillon), 1:36. 5, St. Louis, Tarasenko 6 (Schenn, Parayko), 4:05. 6, St. Louis, Perron 4 (Parayko, Edmundson), 16:03. **s71** St. Louis, Perron 5 (Parayko, Maroon), 18:42 (pp). **Penalties:** Burns, SJ, (hooking), 17:42.

THIRD PERIOD: 8, San Jose, Couture 14 (Thornton, PavelSKI), 18:59. **Penalties:** None.

OVERTIME: 9, San Jose, E.Karlsson 2 (Nyquist, Meier), 5:23. **Penalties:** None.

SHOTS ON GOAL: San Jose 9-8-12-3-32. St. Louis 4-13-12-3-32.

POWER PLAYS: San Jose 0-of-1, St. Louis 1-of-1.

GOALS: San Jose, Jones 10-6 (32 shots-28 saves). St. Louis, Binnington 9-7 (32-27).

A: 18,360. **Referees:** Marc Joannette, Dan O'Rourke. **Linesmen:** Matt MacPherson, Jonny Murray.

The Blues trailed for 37 of the game's 48 minutes. Didn't matter. They stayed just

SOCCER

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EASTERN	W	L	T	PT	GF	GA
D.C. United	7	3	3	24	17	11
Philadelphia	7	3	2	23	12	12
Montreal	6	5	2	20	15	19
N.Y. City FC	4	1	6	18	15	12
Toronto FC	5	4	2	17	22	17
Atlanta	5	3	2	17	12	8
Columbus	5	7	1	16	12	18
Chicago	4	4	4	16	19	13
N.Y. Red Bulls	4	5	2	14	16	14
Orlando City	3	5	3	12	13	17
Cincinnati	3	7	2	11	10	18
New England	3	8	2	11	14	31
WESTERN	W	L	T	PT	GF	GA
Los Angeles FC	8	1	3	27	29	8
LA Galaxy	7	4	1	22	18	16
Seattle	6	1	4	22	20	13
Houston	6	2	2	20	18	11
FC Dallas	5	4	2	17	16	14
Minnesota	4	4	3	15	19	18
Real Salt Lake	4	6	1	13	20	20
Vancouver	3	5	3	12	11	14
San Jose	3	6	2	11	14	22
Portland	3	6	2	11	14	22
Sporting KC	2	4	4	10	19	22
Colorado	0	9	2	2	16	30

3 points for victory, 1 point for tie.

WEDNESDAY'S RESULTS

D.C. United 0, Toronto FC 0
Portland 1, Houston 1

Atlanta at Vancouver, late
Orlando City at Seattle, late

THURSDAY'S GAME

FC Dallas at Los Angeles FC, 9 p.m.

NWSL

CLUB	W	L	T	PT	GF	GA
Houston	3	1	1	10	6	6
Utah	3	1	0	9	4	2
Chicago	2	1	2	8	11	7
North Carolina	2	1	2	8	11	5
Portland	2	0	2	8	11	6
Washington	2	1	1	7	5	3
Reign FC	0	1	3	2	2	5
Sky Blue FC	0	3	2	2	4	8
Orlando	0	5	1	1	1	13

SATURDAY'S GAMES

Sky Blue FC at Reign FC, 3 p.m.
Portland at Washington, 6 p.m.

SUNDAY'S GAMES

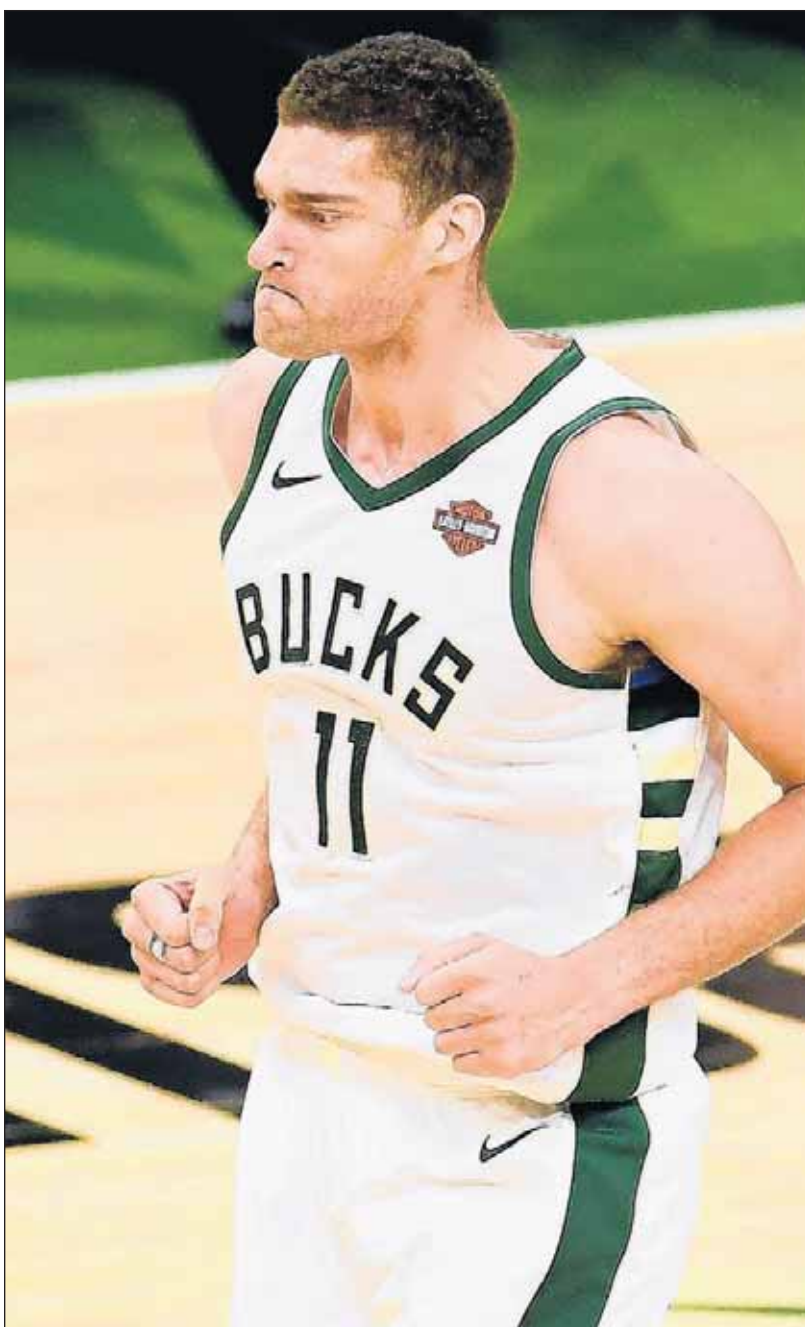
Utah at North Carolina, 4 p.m.
Chicago at Houston, 5 p.m.

U.S. WOMEN'S SOCCER TEAM

Thursday: vs. New Zealand; friendly in St. Louis, 7 p.m.

May 26: vs. Mexico; friendly in Harrison, N.J., 10:30 a.m.

FIFA WOMEN'S WORLD CUP, FRANCE
June 11: vs. Thailand, 2 p.m.



STACY REVERE/GETTY

Brook Lopez scored 13 of his 29 points in the fourth quarter to help the Bucks rally for a 108-100 win in Game 1 of the Eastern Conference finals Wednesday.

NBA PLAYOFFS

Bucks battle back, claim Game 1 victory

Associated Press

MILWAUKEE — Brook Lopez scored 13 of his 29 points in the fourth quarter, Giannis Antetokounmpo added 24 and the Bucks rallied in the final minutes to beat the Raptors 108-100 in Game 1 of the Eastern Conference finals on Wednesday night.

Lopez had a dunk with 2:20 left to put the Bucks ahead for good, added a 3-pointer on the next Bucks possession to push the lead to four and the team that finished the regular season with the NBA's best record — after trailing for the overwhelming majority of the game — did just enough in the final minutes to grab the series lead.

Malcolm Brogdon scored 15 and Nikola Mirotic had 13 for the Bucks, who closed the game on a 10-0 run.

Kawhi Leonard scored 31 points and Kyle Lowry added 30 for the Raptors, who led by as many as 13 early and took an 83-76 lead into the final quarter.

Lopez added 11 rebounds for the Bucks, who had three players post double-doubles. Antetokounmpo had 14 rebounds and Khris Middleton finished with 11 points and 10 rebounds for the Bucks, who now are 9-1 in this postseason.

The Bucks trailed for 37 of the game's 48 minutes. Didn't matter. They stayed just

close enough until they could finish with a serious kick. The Raptors missed their last eight shots and were outscored 32-17 in the fourth quarter.

Pascal Siakam scored 15 for the Raptors, including a 3-pointer over Antetokounmpo to end the third quarter and give the visitors a seven-point lead with 12 minutes left.

It unraveled quickly from there.

"Total team effort," Lopez said.

With the chants of the Bucks' motto — "Fear the deer! Fear the deer!" — bouncing throughout the building, the team came out flying.

The flurry was brief.

The Bucks missed seven consecutive shots, the Raptors made four 3-pointers in a span of three minutes, and that all helped become a 16-0 run by the Raptors that turned an early 8-3 deficit into a 19-8 edge. The lead got as big as 13 later in the quarter on a fadeaway jumper by Leonard, and the Raptors held the lead the rest of the half.

The Bucks had a chance to take their first lead since the opening minutes when Antetokounmpo went to the line for a pair of free throws with 8:17 left in the third and his team down by only one. He missed both and the Raptors peeled off the next nine points to rebuild what then was a 10-point lead again.

But the Raptors shot 5-for-22 in the fourth, and the Bucks finally reclaimed the lead.

STANLEY CUP PLAYOFFS

Extra satisfying: Sharks surge late, prevail in OT

Associated Press

Erik Karlsson scored 5:23 into overtime after the officials missed a hand pass by Timo Meier, and the Sharks rallied to beat the Blues 5-4 on Wednesday night in St. Louis to take a 2-1 lead in the Western Conference finals.

Meier used his right hand to knock a loose puck toward the front of the net. Gustav Nyquist then passed it over to Karlsson, who beat Jordan Binnington for his second goal.

Binnington and the Blues complained immediately about Meier's pass. The officials huddled while Karlsson and the Sharks celebrated, but the play wasn't reviewable and the goal stood.

Game 4 is Friday night in St. Louis. The Blues led 4-3 before Logan Couture tied it with 61 seconds left in regulation. Joe Thornton scored twice for the Sharks, and Martin Jones made 28 saves.

David Perron had two goals for the Blues, and Vladimir Tarasenko and Alexander Steen also scored. Colton Parayko had three assists, and Jordan Binnington made 27 stops.

The Blues trailed 2-0 after one and

3-1 in the second before rallying.

Tarasenko, who faced criticism after a lackluster performance in Game 1, started the comeback with his first goal in six games at 4:05 of the second. Perron tied it by beating Jones on the stick side with a wrist shot from the left dot with 3:57 left in the period.

The Blues went on a power play after Brent Burns took down Oskar Sundqvist late in the period. Perron scored his second goal of the series a minute later.

Bruins' Wagner hurting: Bruins fourth-line winger Chris Wagner returned to Boston for further testing and will not play in Game 4. Wagner, who scored the Bruins' first goal Tuesday, hurt his right arm late in the third period.

McElhinney likely to start: Hurricanes coach Rod Brind'Amour said Curtis McElhinney

GOLF



PATRICK SMITH/GETTY

British Open champ Francesco Molinari blew a two-shot lead with seven holes to play at the Masters last month.

PGA CHAMPIONSHIP

Masters still motivation for Molinari

British Open champ seeks rebound after late stumble

BY TOM CANAVAN
Associated Press

FARMINGDALE, N.Y. — For the last month, the golf world has been riding the high of seeing Tiger Woods win the Masters.

What has been forgotten is Woods' unexpected victory pretty much was courtesy of British Open champion Francesco Molinari.

Forgotten already? Molinari had a two-shot lead with seven holes to play and let it slip away with a pair of double bogeys after finding the water at Augusta National on the 12th and 15th holes.

Instead of the golf world heaping praise on Woods, the 36-year-old Molinari could have added a second major to the resume of one of the hottest players in golf.

"No, I wasn't satisfied. No, I wasn't satisfied at all," Molinari said Wednesday, the day before the start of the PGA Championship at Bethpage Black. "But I mean, immediately after, you obviously look at things a bit differently, as well. I was, I would say, happy because I was happy the way I fought on Sunday and the way I played, but obviously I was hoping for more at the beginning of the day."

What made the fifth-place tie at the Masters so disappointing for the Italian: It was the first time he entered the final round of a major with the lead. Then he failed to hold it.

In winning the British Open last year at Carnoustie, he took the lead late in the final round. He didn't have time to think about playing while in front before he was handed the claret jug. Augusta National was a different story.

"I think the main thing, like I said before, is to get into that situation as often as possible; then you're going to win some and lose some like everyone," Molinari said. "No one is unbeatable. But hopefully I can be there many more times and get a bit of luck at the right time, one or two weeks."

In retrospect, Molinari's performance at the Masters was exceptional. He played all week using antibiotics to treat a sore throat and bug that he got from his two children.

"I think it was a big effort to do what I did, and probably on Sunday, when the adrenaline kind of went down, I felt how much I was spending energy-wise during those days," Molinari said.

After playing for more than 10 years on the European Tour, Molinari saw his career took off last year when he won the BMW PGA Championship, the British Open and the Race to Dubai title. He had five top-10 finishes and earned more than \$5 million.

Even more impressive, he went 5-0 in Europe's Ryder Cup win.

Molinari added the Arnold Palmer Invitational in March for his third PGA Tour victory and had the Masters in his grasp before it slipped away. He has three top-10s in eight 2019 events.

"I hope this is not my peak," Molinari said. "I think there's more room for improvement. At the same time, in golf and in sports in general, you need to keep improving even just to stay where you are in the ranks. There's new players coming through all the time and more talent, so even just to maintain your level, you need to keep improving."

Looking at this week, Molinari said the 7,459-yard public course is playing extremely long.

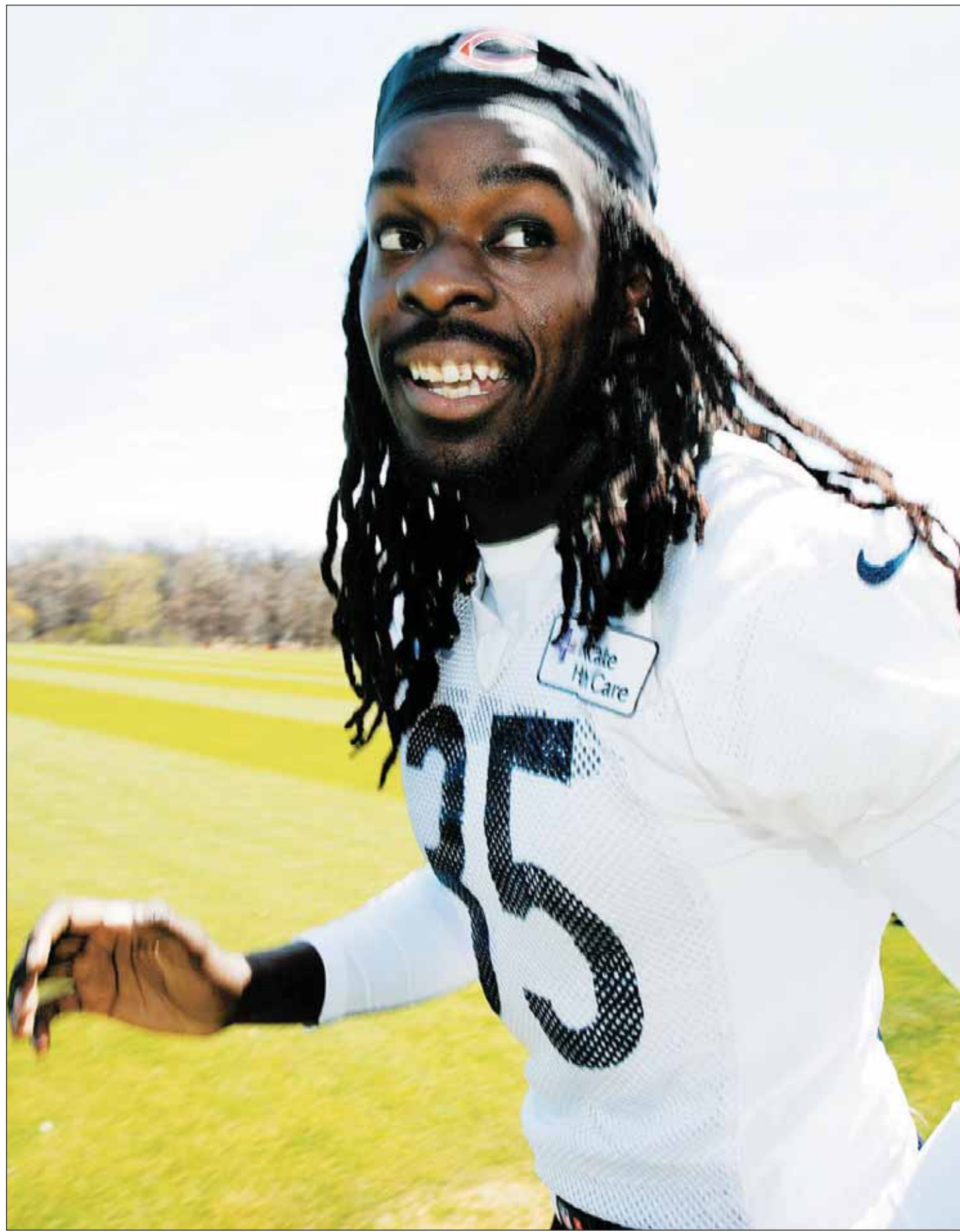
"It's just a course where you need to hit the fairways, but even if you do hit the fairways, then there's a long way to go," the No. 7 ranked player said. "There's not many short holes."

Molinari said he probably would be satisfied with pars on 11 or 12 holes.

"The greens I think, as well, are going to make it very difficult," he said. "The greens are really fast, I think faster than any time I've been here, and that's a big factor if you're coming in with 3-woods and hybrids and 4-irons. I don't see the scoring being too low, but we'll see what kind of conditions we get and how they decide to set up the course."

The way he's playing, expect Molinari to be on the leaderboard again when the weekend comes.

BEARS



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Stephen Denmark's size (6-3, 220 pounds) could be a contributing factor in him becoming a lockdown cornerback for the Bears.

BEARS

Skinny on Denmark

Ex-Valdosta State assistant Rowe lauds rookie as lockdown CB

BY RICH CAMPBELL
Chicago Tribune

The fourth in a series of conversations with the college position coach of each Bears draft pick.

Stephen Denmark's transition to cornerback from wide receiver was borne out of necessity. When Valdosta State's secondary was depleted by injury at the end of the 2017 season, coaches identified him as the best candidate to help because of his nimble feet and speed.

David Rowe, the Blazers defensive backs coach at the time, was thrilled for the chance to mold such an athlete. As fate would have it, that began Denmark's path to the Bears, who drafted him in the seventh round.

In the meantime, Denmark won the Division II national championship last season with the Blazers, who went 14-0.

Rowe, now the cornerbacks coach at Central Michigan, recently spoke with the Tribune about Denmark. Here's the full Q&A, edited for clarity.

What type of player and what type of cornerback are the Bears getting in Stephen?

They're getting a lockdown corner. For us, he was the guy that always followed the best receiver. We knew week in and week out that we didn't really have to worry about their best receiver. That was a question coming into the season because he played receiver. We knew he was athletic, but we really weren't anticipating him being this good. His hard work definitely goes to show.

What in the way he played earned that trust so quickly?

A big question for us — probably for any defensive coach when they get an offensive guy coming over to the other side of the ball — is just how tough are they going to be? In the first couple games, you see him making plays out on the perimeter. Him just being more physical than the receiver is.

We knew he'd be able to get in and out of breaks with receivers. He's 6-4 or 6-2 and can run (*editor's note: the Bears list him at 6-3, 220 pounds*). We knew all of those things would come. But we didn't know how physical he was going to be. And he was one of the more physical guys on our defense when you put the film on.

What did that tell you about his coachability? How did he respond to the coaching points you had to work him through during the position change?

Beginning with the season before and the end of his junior year, we had some corners go down. So he came over for the last game. I kind of worked with him there. He was very open to it. It didn't faze him one bit. He wasn't a guy that was like: "Aw, I'm a receiver. You guys don't know what you're doing." He went along with it, and throughout the spring and summer he really grew as a corner.

You could tell his willingness to learn because everything you say, he's going to try to do it. It may not work for him, but he's going to give it a try because he's very coachable. That's just who he is.

What did you notice about his feet when he had to start doing a lot more backpedaling and driving on routes?

To bring you back to that last game (his junior year), we had a staff meeting and we were trying to talk about guys who could come over and help us because our numbers were down.

The receivers coach and the head coach were like: Stephen Denmark needs to be over there. They were trying to sell us on: You should see the way he gets out of breaks.

He's 6-2 and can get out of breaks as well as all our small guys. So his feet are really good.

Just naturally, him coming over to a new position, he'd have to get better at backpedaling and all that, which we didn't do a lot of that. He was able to do it; it just took some time and work. He busted his (tail) and got it done.

So did he play with a lot of vision, backed off a bit?

No, we played majority press coverage. Turn and run with a guy. There were some situations where he did play a bail third, and he did a pretty good job with that stuff.

How was his timing and hand placement in the way he could press?

His arms are so long and he's so fast, he could take chances at the line of scrimmage. If he whiffs, he always had the speed to catch up.

One thing we wanted to do with him was, at the line of scrimmage, just shoot your hands as fast as you can because you're so long.

The receiver is going to take time to avoid that. And if you miss, you've got the speed to catch up. We wanted him to use his strengths against their weaknesses.

Once the ball was in the air, how did you see his receiver ball skills transfer to the defensive side?

It was natural for him. There was no coaching involved. That's what he had been doing for three years. It just came naturally. He'd turn, find the ball, and oftentimes he was just as big as the receiver, if not bigger. It became pretty easy for him as far as that goes.

Off the field, what kind of guy is Stephen? How do you see him going about his business, studying the game?

He did a great job of being a leader in the defensive backs room. It was kind of tough for him coming in because we had guys over there for two or three years, and this was his first time within the DB room. He took charge, as far as the corners go. Not only that, he took charge as a team captain and a team leader.

As far as studying film, he always did what he was supposed to do. Watching film on his own and doing all that stuff. He was a great student of the game.

The Bears love his traits but consider him a raw prospect because he doesn't have the experience as a corner. When you look at his NFL future, what are the possibilities? What's his outlook, considering he's still transitioning to the defensive side?

He's definitely got a lot of potential. If he can get his technique down and start to gain a little bit more experience, the sky is the limit.

When you look at him, he's a prototypical what-you-want in a corner. He has all the traits. Now he's just got to put it all together and keep on improving.

Where some guys may already have four years of experience at the position, he's only got one. He's got some making up to do, but at the end of the day, he is 6-2, 215. He's got the upper hand on a couple of those guys as well.

When you say sharpening his technique, is there anything in particular that comes to mind that you'd like to see him continue to sharpen?

Yeah, I mean, everybody can get better. For him, it's just he has to get more comfortable with the techniques because he hasn't been doing them forever. But just getting more comfortable, I think that will come. What will really help him is if in the offseason he gets with a coach and that's all they focus on. I think he'll be OK.

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10 early observations on NFL rookie class

By JOHN CLAYTON
Special to The Washington Post

After being largely passed over early in the NFL draft, wide receivers stole the show during the past two weeks of rookie minicamps.

This shouldn't be a surprise, given that the minicamp format — with no pads and no hitting — is designed to favor offensive skill players, but several teams nonetheless have reason to feel good about their first-year wideouts.

That's where we'll begin our look at 10 early observations about the NFL's 2019 rookie class, with minicamps out of the way.

1. The Seahawks may have gotten a steal in D.K. Metcalf.

Metcalf put on a show during Seattle's rookie minicamp, with the best performance seen there since Russell Wilson in 2012. For three days he caught everything thrown to him, plucking the ball out of the air for several spectacular grabs. On one, he cut short a sideline route and used his 40-and-a-half-inch vertical leap to snatch a throw that would have sailed over nearly any other receiver.

At 6-foot-3 and 228 pounds, Metcalf has a size-speed combination that reminds of Calvin Johnson or Julio Jones. And even though he's considered raw as a route runner, it was clear that his recent work with longtime wide receivers coach Jerry Sullivan paid off.

"I know that everybody's wondering about this route tree thing and all that now," Seahawks coach Pete Carroll said. "I don't see that being a factor. He looks he's very well-versed, been coached."

The Seahawks went into the draft looking for a big wide receiver, but took defensive end L.J. Collier and safety Marquise Blair with their first two picks. Carroll said he couldn't believe Metcalf's fall to the bottom of the second round, which prompted general manager John Schneider to trade up to the 64th overall pick to get Metcalf. His rookie camp showing gave the Seahawks thoughts that he could start at split end and allow Tyler Lockett to move into the slot role in place of Doug Baldwin, who tweeted a retirement letter Sunday night.

2. The Steelers couldn't be more pleased with Devin Bush.

Pittsburgh made the bold move of giving up a second-round pick this year and a third-rounder next year to acquire Bush with the 10th overall pick in the draft, and he didn't disappoint in rookie camp. He showed off his excellent athleticism and also his leadership ability, coming in so prepared that he was relaying plays to his defensive teammates from his inside linebacker position, something Ryan Shazier used to do so well for this team.

If Mark Barron wins the starting inside linebacker job next to Bush, it'd give the Steelers four former first-round picks at the linebacker spots.

3. Dwayne Haskins looks the part.

Redskins coach Jay Gruden preached patience at Washington's rookie camp as it pertains to Haskins, but he also mentioned that the 15th overall pick out of Ohio State threw some passes that caused heads to turn. He also showed good leadership at the line of scrimmage.

Clearly, he has plenty of things to work on before he can beat out Case Keenum and Colt McCoy for the starting job, but early on he showed why the Redskins were smart to wait and snap him up in the first round. For a team put in a challenging spot following Alex Smith's injury, Haskins could provide a way out.

4. Deebo Samuel could make an instant impact for 49ers.

Samuel was the second-ranked wide receiver on San Francisco's draft board, after N'Keal Harry, who went 32nd overall to the Patriots. Instead, the Niners got Samuel early in the second round, and coach Kyle Shanahan should be able to get instant production out of him.

Shanahan wanted a precise route-runner out of this draft class, and Samuel fits the bill. He'll fit in well alongside Marquise Goodwin and Dante Pettis, while the Niners can take some time in developing 6-4, 226-pound Jalen Hurd, a third-round pick who was a productive running back at Tennessee before switching to wideout at Baylor.



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At 6-3, 228 pounds, Seahawks WR Metcalf has a size-speed combination that reminds of Calvin Johnson or Julio Jones. "He looks he's very well-versed," coach Pete Carroll said.



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The Steelers made the bold move of giving up a second-round pick this year and a third-rounder next year to acquire Devin Bush with the 10th overall pick in the draft.



NICK WASS/AP

Redskins coach Jay Gruden says Dwayne Haskins Jr. threw some passes at rookie camp that caused heads to turn and showed good leadership at the line of scrimmage.



DARRON CUMMINGS/AP

Parris Campbell combines size with speed, and will give Andrew Luck a third weapon at the wide receiver position, along with T.Y. Hilton and free agent pickup Devin Funchess.

5. The Titans have quietly built a strong receiving corps.

Metcalf's college teammate at Mississippi, A.J. Brown, put on a similarly strong showing over the weekend, hauling in a one-handed grab and spending extra time working with quarterbacks after practice. At 6-foot and 226 pounds with a 4.49 40-yard dash, he caught passes with ease.

Tennessee looks to be pretty deep at receiver. They signed Adam Humphries to play the slot receiver role and now have first-, second- and third-rounders invested in Corey Davis, Brown and Taywan Taylor over the past three drafts. Paired with running backs Derrick Henry and Dion Lewis, that's a pretty good arsenal of weapons for quarterback Marcus Mariota.

6. The Cardinals had a really nice draft haul.

Quarterback Kyler Murray made plenty of plays in his rookie camp debut, looking more like he was running a video game offense than one in real-life. He has a pair of intriguing rookie wideouts to work with in Andy Isabella and 6-5 Hakeem Butler.

The defense looks like it might have some impact first-year players as well. General manager Steve Keim said that cornerback Byron Murphy was the fifth overall player on the team's draft board, and the Cardinals got him at the top of the second round. Keim also said he had a first-round grade on defensive end Zach Allen, whom they picked in the third.

7. Parris Campbell makes the Colts offense even more explosive.

During Indianapolis' rookie minicamp, Campbell was the best player on the field. He ran just about every route, showcasing his ability to excel on slants and other shorter routes that allow him to produce yards after the catch.

At 6-foot, 205 pounds with 4.31 speed, he gives Andrew Luck a third weapon at the wide receiver position, along with T.Y. Hilton and free agent pickup Devin Funchess. After making it to the conference semifinals, the Colts appear to have gotten better this offseason.

8. The Packers have their most talented group of pass rushers in years.

One could argue that Green Bay didn't need to draft Michigan pass rusher Rashan Gary 12th overall after spending a combined \$29 million per year in free agency for edge rushers Preston Smith and Za'Darius Smith, but the team now has four threats to get to the quarterback, once you add in Kyler Fackrell.

Za'Darius Smith can play end in the team's base 3-4 defense, but move inside on passing downs. This is the most talented group of rushers the Packers have had since the prime years of Clay Matthews, Julius Peppers and Nick Perry.

9. It cost them a lot, but the Falcons appear to have fixed their offensive line.

Atlanta overdid it along the offensive line this offseason, drafting Chris Lindstrom 14th overall and trading back into the first round to take Kaleb McGary 31st overall, after spending \$11.5 million combined per year for James Carpenter and Jamon Brown in free agency and giving Ty Sambrailo a \$4.75 million extension.

But it was clear during the team's rookie minicamp that the moves should stabilize things up front. Lindstrom is projected to start at right guard and McGary at right tackle, and they looked good during rookie camp. They will give the line a more physical presence than Atlanta had this year, and that should fit in well with Carpenter at left guard. Quarterback Matt Ryan has to be pleased.

10. The Jaguars could have two impact rookies.

It's fitting that the New York Giants, Tom Coughlin's former team, helped him get a draft class that could return Jacksonville to the playoffs. When Giants general manager Dave Gettleman took quarterback Daniel Jones with the sixth pick, edge rusher Josh Allen fell to the Jaguars at No. 7. Then tackle Jawaan Taylor, whom they were considering with their first pick, fell to them in the second round.

Taylor looks like a lock to start at right tackle, but it's Allen who is generating the most excitement. He showed during minicamp that he has the potential to be moved all around the edges of the defense, with the ability to drop into coverage and also rush off the edge opposite Yannick Ngakoue and alongside defensive tackles Calais Campbell and Marcell Dareus. That's a scary front four.

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Top: A bow from the stars after the taping of the final episode of “Seinfeld” on May 12, 1998. From left, Jason Alexander, Julia Louis-Dreyfus, Michael Richards and Jerry Seinfeld. **Left:** Carroll O’Connor, left, and Jean Stapleton in 1972 on the set of “All in the Family.” **Right:** Garry Marshall added a fourth camera to the usual three-camera setup to capture the comedy of Robin Williams, right, seen with Pam Dawber on “Mork and Mindy.”

COMMENTARY

Gone, but not forgotten

‘The Big Bang Theory’ is ending, but we shouldn’t let multi-cam sitcoms die

By ROBERT LLOYD | Los Angeles Times

In the beginning was the word and the word was “Lucy.” In 1951, at the dawn of television, Lucille Ball and Desi Arnaz brought forth a new form of comedy: the three-camera sitcom, performed live before a studio audience. The legacy of “I Love Lucy” runs through the whole history of television, from “The Honeymooners” and “The Phil Silvers Show,” to “All in the Family” and “The Jeffersons,” to “Mary Tyler Moore” and “Rhoda,” “Cheers,” and “Taxi,” “Good Times” and “The Golden Girls,” “Friends” and “Seinfeld,” “Roseanne” and “The Bernie Mac Show” — and beyond “The Big Bang Theory,” which exits television May 16 after 12 seasons, leaving behind its single-camera

spinoff, “Young Sheldon.” (You will see it in reruns, however, for the rest of your natural life.) Let us take a moment, then, to examine this durable form, often regarded as the emblem of TV witlessness — there is no lack of examples to make the case — but also the vehicle for some of the medium’s smartest, funniest, edgiest, most culturally resonant, socially relevant, warmly human and demographically far-reaching programs. (See the list above, just for a start.) Roughly as many people — in the high teens of millions

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Chicago ‘Jeopardy!’ contestant reveals what it’s like to take on Holzhauer

By JASMINE LEONAS

Yep, that was me, the third wheel in the middle of the closest game yet for “Jeopardy!” über-champion James Holzhauer. In most of the stories about the game that aired April 29, I’m an afterthought. But in the middle of it, I tried mightily to take him down. In February, I flew out from Chicago to Los Angeles with my husband and our two boys to tape the show. My in-laws, mother and sister all flew out as well. I had a whole support crew that had seen me dominate “Jeopardy!” clues from a living room couch for years. In the Sony Pictures soundstage, you could feel the energetic buzz in the green room as my fellow contestants and I filled out paperwork, got our makeup done and made idle chitchat. Then we were introduced to the current champion. We were told James had won



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“Jeopardy!” host Alex Trebek, left, and contestant Jasmine Leonas.

17 games, and more than \$1 million dollars. He’d broken a record set by contestant Roger Craig — a dynamite player and one of my favorites — multiple times. He could possibly even catch up to Ken Jennings, who holds the record for the longest

winning streak ever. Plus, as I would find out later, to date, James has a 97 percent response accuracy, according to the show’s online tracker. It felt as if the air had been let

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IN PERFORMANCE ‘EthiopianAmerica’ ★★★

Capturing immigrant and teenage lives as they are lived

By CHRIS JONES
 Chicago Tribune

The children of immigrants long have written plays and novels about what it’s like to be a first-generation American, trying to build a life in a new country under the watchful eyes of foreign-born parents. In such works, mostly penned by the young and the restless (you know, Eugene O’Neill, Ayad Akhtar and so on), these parental figures are most usually severe, determined and troubled figures whose own lives involved great risk and who are determined that their offspring will recognize the importance of an education that might help them thrive and prosper in a new world these parents both admire and deeply distrust. For their part, the kids want to respect the traditions and ancestors of whence they came, but also make their own path in a coun-



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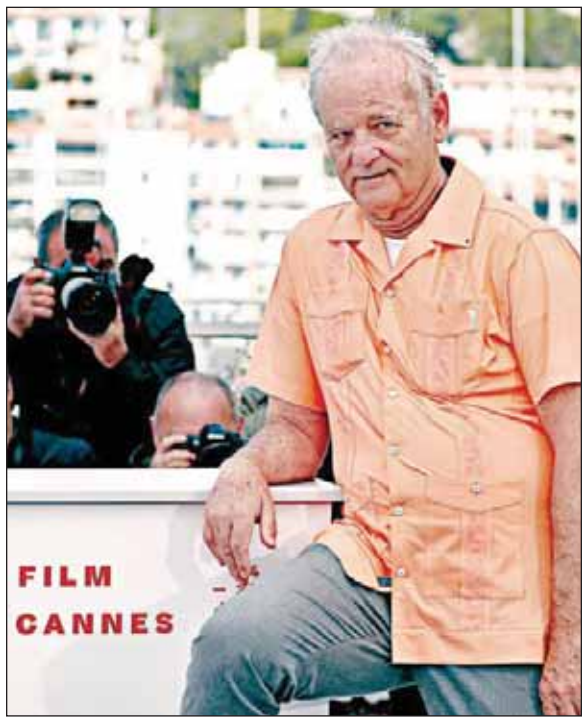
Freedom Martin, left, and Gabrielle Lott-Rogers in “EthiopianAmerica.”

try with different priorities. Their work is usually about trying to reconcile the pull of two forces that seem to be thrusting them in different directions.

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Bill Murray strikes a pose in Cannes, southern France.

Bill Murray and the horror of Cannes

CANNES, France — The Jim Jarmusch zombie movie “The Dead Don’t Die” includes masses of flesh-eating zombies and an Earth thrown off its axis by “polar fracking.” But the Cannes Film Festival, where the film premiered Tuesday, has hordes and horrors of its own. When asked what horror films he finds frightening, its lead star, Bill Murray, didn’t hesitate.

“I find Cannes frightening,” Murray said. When it was suggested that at least there hadn’t been any zombies at the fest so far, Murray replied, “Says you.” “The Dead Don’t Die” did, in fact, bring zombies to Cannes. Staggering actors in full zombie makeup lined the entryway to the film’s after-party Tuesday night. In the film, Murray is sheriff of a small town, Centerville, where Adam Driver and Chloe Sevigny also play police officers. When the planet stops rotating, night never comes and the dead begin roaming Centerville’s streets while clinging to their old habits (seeking Wi-Fi, chardonnay and coffee). Townspeople include Tilda Swinton as a funeral director, Tom Waits as a hermit and Steve Buscemi as a farmer with a MAGA-like hat reading “Keep America White Again” and a dog named Rumsfeld.

“The Dead Don’t Die” is aimed squarely at satirizing materialism along with inaction in the face of climate change. But Jarmusch said his film was already being interpreted beyond his intentions. “Some of the things I read this morning about our film were things that honestly hadn’t occurred to me,” he said. “I think the (zombie) metaphor is stronger than I was analyzing or aware of.”

— Associated Press



PATRIK STOLLARZ/GETTY-AFF

Moves like himself again: It’s as if Mick Jagger is saying “Start Me Up.” The 75-year-old rocker tweeted a video Wednesday of him dancing around a studio in front of a mirror weeks after he underwent medical treatment, reportedly for a heart valve issue. The treatment forced the Rolling Stones to postpone the band’s No Filter tour.

Moore gender parity: Julianne Moore said Wednesday that larger efforts are needed in order for the movie industry to reach gender parity, and that means implementing quotas. “We will not have gender parity unless everybody is cooperating. Women are not a special interest group. We’re 52 percent of the global population,” Moore said during an event at the Cannes Film Festival. “I do believe in quotas. I believe in trying to level the playing field for everybody regardless of their gender or their culture or ethnicity. You have to open doors.”

Regrets: Former NBA star Lamar Odom regrets cheating on his ex-wife, Khloe Kardashian, and lying to her about his addiction to cocaine during their four-year marriage. The 39-year-old tells People magazine he wishes he “could have been more of a man” and also that he misses the Kardashian family.

May 16 birthdays: Actor Danny Trejo is 75. Actor Pierce Brosnan is 66. Actress Debra Winger is 64. Bassist Krist Novoselic is 54. Singer Janet Jackson is 53. Actor David Boreanaz is 50. Political correspondent Tucker Carlson is 50. Actress Tracey Gold is 50. Actress Tori Spelling is 46. Actress Melanie Lynskey is 42. Actor Drew Roy is 33. Actor Miles Heizer is 25.



ASK AMY

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Beneficiary wants to avoid drama

Dear Amy: A man who I was involved with many years ago (we have remained friends) announced to me that he is making me beneficiary on his insurance policy.

I am fond of him, but the relationship didn’t work out because he made bad decisions throughout the time we were together. We went our separate ways.

He has since had two children with two different women. These children are in addition to the daughter he and his ex-wife had. He has a very contentious and messy family, including a sister who behaves like some evil twin from a bad Lifetime movie. She has sued various family members. Pure lunacy.

I told him that I did not want to be his beneficiary. He says that I am the only consistently responsible person he knows. He said he knows I would carry out his last wishes. I know in the event that he passed before me these nut-jobs would make my life hell.

I told him, “Do not put my name on that policy.” He says he doesn’t care what I say and that he is doing it anyway. Is there anything I can do if he goes against my wishes?

— *Unwilling Beneficiary*

Dear Unwilling: Your friend has the right to name you (or anyone) as the beneficiary of his policy. You also have the right to refuse the proceeds, in which case the insurance money would go to his contingent beneficiaries.

I agree with your choice to refuse this. You should once again notify your friend (in writing, and keep a copy) that you don’t want to be named, and also tell

him that if he goes against your wishes, you will refuse any proceeds and so he should name contingent beneficiaries. One hopes his children might receive some money after his death; given the high drama in his family, unfortunately this might not happen.

Dear Amy: I am a 20-year-old college student home for the summer, working full time. The people with whom I work celebrate birthdays by throwing “parties” throughout the year. Everyone is expected to contribute money. I am working here only until September, and I am saving money so that I can pay for my student loans, rent, groceries, etc., while I am at school.

I didn’t mind chipping in \$5 for the first party (even though I did not eat the food they bought because of food allergies), but my boss just asked me to chip in \$11 for the next one! I am only here for a short time and I don’t want to rock the boat. I also don’t want to be the only one who doesn’t contribute, but I think it is ridiculous to expect that much just to throw an office birthday party for a co-worker.

Should I offer to bring in some sort of baked good instead? Or should I just suck it up and chip in the money?

— *Broke College Student*

Dear Broke: Like most people I have faced various predicaments related to being completely, partially or merely uncomfortably broke. I have tried a variety of responses to this condition, including making up

excuses, outright lying, hiding or faking it until I made it.

The only thing that has ever worked is complete transparency. Most people have been there. And most people are understanding and kind when others are honest.

Your boss and co-workers are treating you like an equal partner, but you aren’t. Tell your boss, “This is awkward for me, but I can’t afford to chip in for parties. Can I contribute in other ways? I’d be happy to bring in baked goods, or help to set up and clean up afterward.”

Dear Amy: I was shocked to read your response to “Delicate,” who was worried about how to get rid of some old pornographic magazines. You suggested: “Stash them in front of your neighbor’s house!” Amy, c’mon man, that’s just downright WRONG! That’s a very unneighborly thing to do.

A better suggestion is to wrap them up as you stated, and then take them behind the market and dump them in a public trash site. Sheesh. What you advised was terrible, mean and wrong.

— *Disgusted*

Dear Disgusted: When I prefaced my statement by suggesting “a daring pre-dawn raid,” I assumed readers would understand that I was joking. (I would not assume that a market’s recycling dumpster is “public,” by the way.)

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Jeopardy!

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out of the room. The upbeat conversations died off. We were to be pitted against a freakishly talented/lucky super champion.

‘You can do this’

I’ve always been a huge fan of the show. I will talk about it with the lay viewer and throw around words like Coryat score or Forrest Bounce. I’m a straight-up fan of certain contestants because of their playing skill, style, and demeanor. Top of the list is Julia Collins, who won 20 games and was second only to Ken Jennings in total wins. She also lives in the Chicago area, not far from where I work, and she’s one of the few people I’d love to run into on the street and be able to say,

“I’m a huge fan!”

Back in February, on game day, I was not overwhelmed or scared when we were introduced to James, a Naperville native. He didn’t talk to the other contestants, and seemed confident, but there’s nothing obviously superhuman about him. We had some practice rounds on stage, and I felt pretty comfortable on the buzzer.

As fortune (or misfortune) would have it, I was chosen for the Monday game. The other opponent: Adam Levin, a holdover from the previous day’s taping. Every tape day has a few extra contestants, so on the second tape day in a week (like mine was), there can be a person or two who had watched the returning champion in action the day before. Not only was I about to face a 17-time winner, but my other opponent had the advantage of watching him play five games already. At this

For [Holzhauer] to lose, I think it’ll take an equally skilled buzzer pro and someone with the stomach to bet huge amounts.

— *Jasmine Leonas*

point, fear started to creep in. My heart thumped in my chest, but I tried to ignore it. In the green room, with one last chance for a bathroom break, I looked in the mirror and gave myself a quick pep talk. “You can do this. You can take this on.”

After I left the green room, the next half hour was a blur. I remember stepping onto the box behind the podium, and being raised up to match the heights of my two competitors. I was trying to picture myself as some kind of giant-killing David, pitted against Goliath(s).

I smiled broadly when I was introduced, although I was a little uncomfortable

physically, because I had given birth to my second son seven months earlier. I tried not to let it show how terrible I felt inside. The first round started with James hitting a Daily Double, getting it wrong, and starting off with a negative score. Adam and I did a pretty good job — almost as if we were playing on a team — of keeping things close. After one round of play, our scores were not too far apart.

Because I was in third, I chose first in Double Jeopardy. I knew what I had to do — hit a Daily Double. I hunted but couldn’t find one. James found the first; Adam the second. After there were no more Daily Doubles on the board, my concentration started to wane. My buzzer timing slowed. The voice in the back of my head told me that this was close to over. I still tried to ring in, but I was either a half second too slow, or too fast, and neither makes a difference when you are playing against two relentless competitors.

I made a point to focus on the game board and not the scores while we played. But when it was time to head into Final Jeopardy, I checked and was dejected. My \$7,800, usually a respectable amount to have gained at that point, looked paltry next to the other scores of my competitors: \$27,000 and \$33,517. I hit zero Daily Doubles, and had only been able to ring in on nine answers. I got all of them correct, for the record.

Luck plus skill

James’ intelligence and the amount of information he’s able to recall so quickly impresses a lot of viewers of the show. The fact that plenty of other contestants can do the

same seems to get lost in the narrative of his winning streak. Truthfully, it’s not his ability to recall information that had me awestruck. His buzzer skills are superior, to the point where I thought maybe my buzzer was broken in the second half of the game. And the more he wins, the better he gets.

Just before the final round, contestants are given an index card and a pen to calculate wagers. I started figuring out what scenario would allow me to win. If I doubled my score, and James and Adam both were conservative in their betting, I still wouldn’t win if they got it wrong and I was right. But if they were both risk takers and bet more than they should AND got it wrong, I had a chance if I held steady. Of course, if only one of them gambled big and the other played it safe, I still wouldn’t win, but I’d have a shot at second.

This is where I tried to put myself in both of their heads from the little I knew. James is a professional gambler. He does this for a living, so I knew there was a chance that the guy — now known for his “all in” bets — would maybe not be reckless. Adam seemed like he’d be more likely to take a risk. He was hungry to win, and his best shot at beating a player like James was going big. I wrote \$0, locked it in and mentally checked out.

The Final Jeopardy category was organizations. I read the answer and all my mind processed was that I needed something founded centuries ago in France that was titled “blank of blank.” The first thing in my mind was Legion of Honor. I wrote it down, and then re-read the clue. That’s when I noticed the words “business booster groups,” and I knew

immediately I was way off. The final Jeopardy music filled my ears.

My two competitors were right with their responses, “What is Chamber of Commerce?” James, by the way, was never going to get this one wrong. His older brother was recently named chair of the Naperville Chamber of Commerce. The possibly strongest player in “Jeopardy!” history also seemed to have a lucky streak that time. Adam was the only one who took a huge gamble, betting everything but \$1. James’ more conservative bet still sealed his victory with a correct response. In the end, Adam ended up with a final score only \$18 behind James’.

James shook our hands and went off to get ready for the Tuesday show. I turned to Adam and told him I was hoping he would win. That wasn’t completely the truth. I wanted to be the one to take James down.

James’ closest game has been written about as James versus Adam, with little to no regard to the fact that a third contestant racked up a not insubstantial amount as well. As host Alex Trebek put it at the time, it was really anyone’s game. It stings to be a footnote in other people’s stories.

I can’t pick out the perfect words to summarize the experience. I’ve settled on describing it as being different than what I thought I’d signed up for. It was fun and exciting, to be on “Jeopardy!” And I got to meet Alex, just before he announced his pancreatic cancer diagnosis; I was devastated when I found out and hope he can overcome it.

For James to lose, I think it’ll take an equally skilled buzzer pro and someone with the stomach to bet huge amounts. His next appearance is Monday, after the Teachers Tournament is over. Will I be watching? You bet. Who will I be rooting for? That remains to be seen.

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Kartemquin Films names Pinder new executive director

BY MICHAEL PHILLIPS
Chicago Tribune

After a seven-month search, Chicago's documentary powerhouse Kartemquin Films has hired New Orleans-based filmmaker and nonprofit arts veteran Jolene Pinder as Kartemquin's executive director.

Pinder, who turns 41 next week, ran the New Orleans Film Society and its film festival from 2011 to 2017, more than doubling its regional audience and overseeing a 400% rise in the film society's budget. After that she served as executive director of Create Louisiana, a grant organization supporting Louisiana filmmakers.

She's a filmmaker herself. Pinder's most recent producer credit listed on imdb.com, a short nonfiction film titled "All Skinfolk Ain't Kinfolk," dealt with the 2017 New Orleans mayoral race. Various news reports also list her as producer on the Sundance Institute-funded documentary "Hollow Tree," a coming-of-age story profiling three teenagers growing up in Southeast Louisiana's imperiled delta.

"She is herself a social issue documentary filmmaker, has successfully led and managed a nonprofit organization, and is widely known and respected in the documentary field," said Jason Stephens, board chair for Kartemquin, in a prepared statement.

Pinder, who is moving to Chicago with her husband and their dogs, has master



KARTEMQUIN FILMS

Kartemquin Films executive director Jolene Pinder previously was head of the New Orleans Film Society.

of arts degree in documentary film from the University of Florida and an undergraduate degree in English literature from the University of Chicago.

She begins her new job June 10. The previous Kartemquin executive director, Betsy Steinberg, ran the shop from 2015 to 2017, and now works as a media and film production consultant.

Chicago Tribune's "Unscripted": Catch Michael Phillips in conversation with filmmaker, author and "filth elder" John Waters 7 p.m. May 28 at the downtown Studebaker Theater, 410 S. Michigan Ave. Tickets \$45-\$75 include a copy of Waters' latest book, "Mr. Know-it-All." Go to <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/chicago-tribunes-unscripted-presents-john-waters-tickets-60008409769>.

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Ethiopian

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"EthiopianAmerica," a new work by Sam Kebede now in its world premiere by Definition Theatre, is one of those plays, the work of a first-generation American with Ethiopian-born parents. But it's far more interesting and original than most. That's partly because of its topic: When did you last see a play about Ethiopian Americans? I have known some members of that community in Chicago very well, and over a long period of time, and for much of "EthiopianAmerica," I was thinking it was time to get on the phone and make a recommendation, until Kebede took his play in a different and more critical turn toward his father's generation of men. Even so, I think "EthiopianAmerica" would be widely respected.

That's because Kebede writes about domestic life (in California, but it could be anywhere in America) with real veracity. Anyone who has teenage kids (I have two myself), or tough parents, can relate to the inter-generational struggle that fills this play. Kebede really gets the clash of the authority figure and the young person, striving to find a place in a changed world, and he does so with real understanding of what it is like to be the child of someone born in a different country. (It's not easy.)

Better yet, this first production is superbly directed. Even though the play is an intensely serious piece of writing, dealing with alcoholism and abuse, the director Sophiyaa Nayar also finds the



JOE MAZZA PHOTO

Simon Gebremedhin in "EthiopianAmerica" by Definition Theatre Company.

When: Through June 9

Where: Richard Christiansen Theater in the Victory Gardens Biograph, 2433 N. Lincoln Ave.

Running time: 1 hour, 30 minutes

Tickets: \$15-\$25 at 773-871-3000 or www.victorygardens.org

vivacity of everyday moments inside a family. The two sons, superbly played by Simon Gebremedhin and Freedom Martin, burst with the sardonic kind of life common to teenagers, their moods and exuberance shifting at every moment. I was knocked out, frankly, by

how well Nayar caught how teenage boys do and do not show affection. Everything about this show feels lived.

Gebremedhin, whom I've not seen before, is a real talent — honest, alive and filled with deadpan comic timing. In the protection of his mother (beautifully played by Gabrielle Lott-Rogers), Gebremedhin has to spar with the actor Joseph Primes, playing a complex patriarch. As with a lot of adult (or near-adult) children of alcoholics, Gebremedhin's Johnathan has to navigate a mood that can change on a dime, warm-hearted games suddenly turned into personal attacks. And, like

many teenagers, he has to grapple with the imperative to get away combined with the moral responsibility to one whom he knows will never leave). It is a very fine young performance in a superbly directed show.

I'd argue that the major stylistic shift in the play could use more careful foreshadowing so it seems less abrupt and the end of the piece needs work. But this is an auspicious and daring premiere, indicative of an exciting new voice filled with both compassion and truth.

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Sitcoms

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— watch "The Big Bang Theory," even off its peak, as watch "Game of Thrones," also in its last season. Yet the media treat "Game" as a miracle of television and "Big Bang" as just ... television.

Here's a fun experiment (some experience of television required): Take any single-camera comedy you like — "Veep" or "Brooklyn Nine-Nine" or "Fresh Off the Boat" — and imagine it remade multi-camera style, its sets reconfigured for a studio audience, with fewer locations (nearly all in-doors), longer scenes and jokes modified for multi-camera's serve-and-return rhythms.

Conversely, imagine any multi-camera sitcom — "The Dick Van Dyke Show" or "2 Broke Girls," "Cheers" or "Seinfeld" — remade single-camera style, its characters set down in a three-dimensional world, where the rooms have four walls and there is no one laughing on the soundtrack who isn't in the scene.

Either way, something essential is lost. Neither way is better.

And yet single-camera is generally regarded as the superior form, in part because edgier, more experimental, more "serious" comedies tend to be shot that way now, where the multi-camera sitcom is seen as ephemeral and old-fashioned — it all begins with "Lucy," remember, nearly 70 years ago — and even silly.

But multi-camera has also represented what's new in situation comedy, with single-camera the creaky style it challenged.

In fact, single-camera comedy was the dominant style through much of the 1950s and all of the 1960s. It came with a laugh track attached, not just to make bad jokes pass for good ones — although that was certainly part of it — but because people were used to watching comedy in a crowd, amid the sound of other people's laughter. Not hearing laughter made things seem unfunny.

When, in 1965, CBS experimentally aired "Hogan's Heroes" minus a laugh track, the network discovered that people preferred it added. (We have since learned to live



MONTY BRINTON/CBS

The cast of "The Big Bang Theory" taking a bow after the taping of an episode. The CBS show is ending a 12-year run.

without it, putting a laugh track on a single-camera comedy nowadays would be perceived as ironic, a meta-fictional joke about situation comedy.)

It was in the early 1970s that multi-camera comedy really took off, as Norman Lear launched a string of social-commentary comedies with "All in the Family" and MTM Productions went forth with the grown-up humor of "The Mary Tyler Moore Show" and "The Bob Newhart Show." In those years, single-camera comedy was the form for safer shows such as "Bewitched" and "The Brady Bunch."

This new old form, which would define television comedy well into the present century, would of course produce plenty of dross and dreck, along with a wealth of well-executed, perfectly enjoyable middle-brow entertainment. But it came back to life as the intelligent alternative, a framework for sophisticated comedies that crackled with the energy of live performance — and surely paved the way for "Saturday Night Live."

On the face of it, single-

camera comedy is more "realistic," which is to say, it is more like film than like theater. If there were no laughs, they wanted them to come from real people.)

Multi-camera was the ideal medium for an age, not yet concluded, of shows built around stand-up comedians used to working before a live audience: Redd Foxx ("Sanford and Son"), Gabe Kaplan ("Welcome Back, Kotter"), Tim Allen ("Home Improvement" and the current "Last Man Standing"), Freddie Prinze ("Chico and the Man"), Bill Cosby (despite the failings of the man, it's pointless to deny the power of "The Cosby Show"), "The Bernie Mac Show" and more recently, with various degrees of success, Whitney Cummings, John Mulaney and Jerrod Carmichael, in shows all named for their leads.

These new voices pushed TV comedy in new directions. Robin Williams' compulsive improvising on "Mork and Mindy" led producer Garry Marshall to add a fourth camera to the historical three in order to keep track of his restless star. The meta-sitcom "It's

Garry Shandling's Show" integrated the studio audience into the action — one might say it broke the fifth wall — while "Seinfeld" added speed and complexity to a show that has always struck me as a burlesque turn on Greek tragedy in which fate always wins.

"Roseanne" brought downbeat gravity to the family comedy. And Ellen DeGeneres' coming out as gay on "Ellen" would have meant less — though of course still a lot — without an audience there to share the moment.

Where a single-camera comedy might home in on small details — a lost earring, a date on a calendar, a carton of milk no one suspects has gone bad — to tell a story, set up a gag or travel into the world outside the soundstage, multi-camera comedy just looks at people, at close quarters, talking, talking, talking. It tells stories of humans getting along or not getting along in a shared space — a home, a workplace, a bar — with the fact that they're sharing a space perhaps more important than whether they're getting along in it.

That is exactly the theme of a show such as "Cheers" and its recent descendant from "The Good Place's" Mike Schur — "Abby's" — which puts a new twist on the bar-centered, multi-camera setup by being shot and set outdoors.

This space is shared with the viewer too. To laugh at home with a studio audience is to become a member of that audience; the fourth wall is whatever wall's behind you.

You become a witness, a participant, part of the family.

The Conners, Cranes, Bunkers and Huxtables; Jerry and George and Elaine and Kramer; Sam and Diane and Norm and Cliff and Woody and Carla; Anne, Julie, Barbara and Schneider from the original "One Day at a Time" and Lydia, Elena, Alex, Penelope and Schneider from the recent one; Sheldon, Leonard, Penny, Raj, Howard, Bernadette and Amy — you are all one in virtual space and time.

There has never been a sitcom title truer than "Friends."

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BOOK REVIEW

Bio explores work, play of Dr. Seuss

Children's author was man on mission

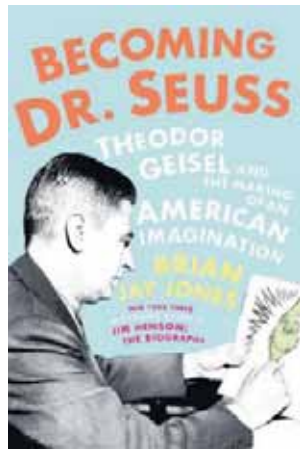
BY DAVID SILVERBERG
The Washington Post

Imagine a world without the Lorax, the Grinch, the delicacy of green eggs and ham, and the word “nerd.” To be deprived of the imagination of children's book trailblazer Dr. Seuss, born Theodor Seuss Geisel, would leave readers without the timeless tales and iconic characters that remain embedded in our collective psyche more than 80 years after the first Dr. Seuss book was published.

But who's the man behind the crafty couplets? Brian Jay Jones comprehensively answers that question in a nearly 500-page biography. Credit either Geisel's amusing personality or Jones' breezy writing, but “Becoming Dr. Seuss” never feels like a slog; rather, pages fly by, acquainting readers with Geisel's work ethic, frequent pranks and core belief that children's books should never be condescending or overly simplistic.

Born in Springfield, Massachusetts, to German parents, Geisel read voraciously in his youth, claiming he read Jonathan Swift and Charles Dickens at 6 years old. Later, his childhood was marred by anti-German sentiment during World War I, and in that era of xenophobia he would sometimes flee from high school with coals bouncing off his head. His fury at this kind of hate would form the backbone of his story “The Sneetches.”

At Dartmouth College, Geisel found his footing

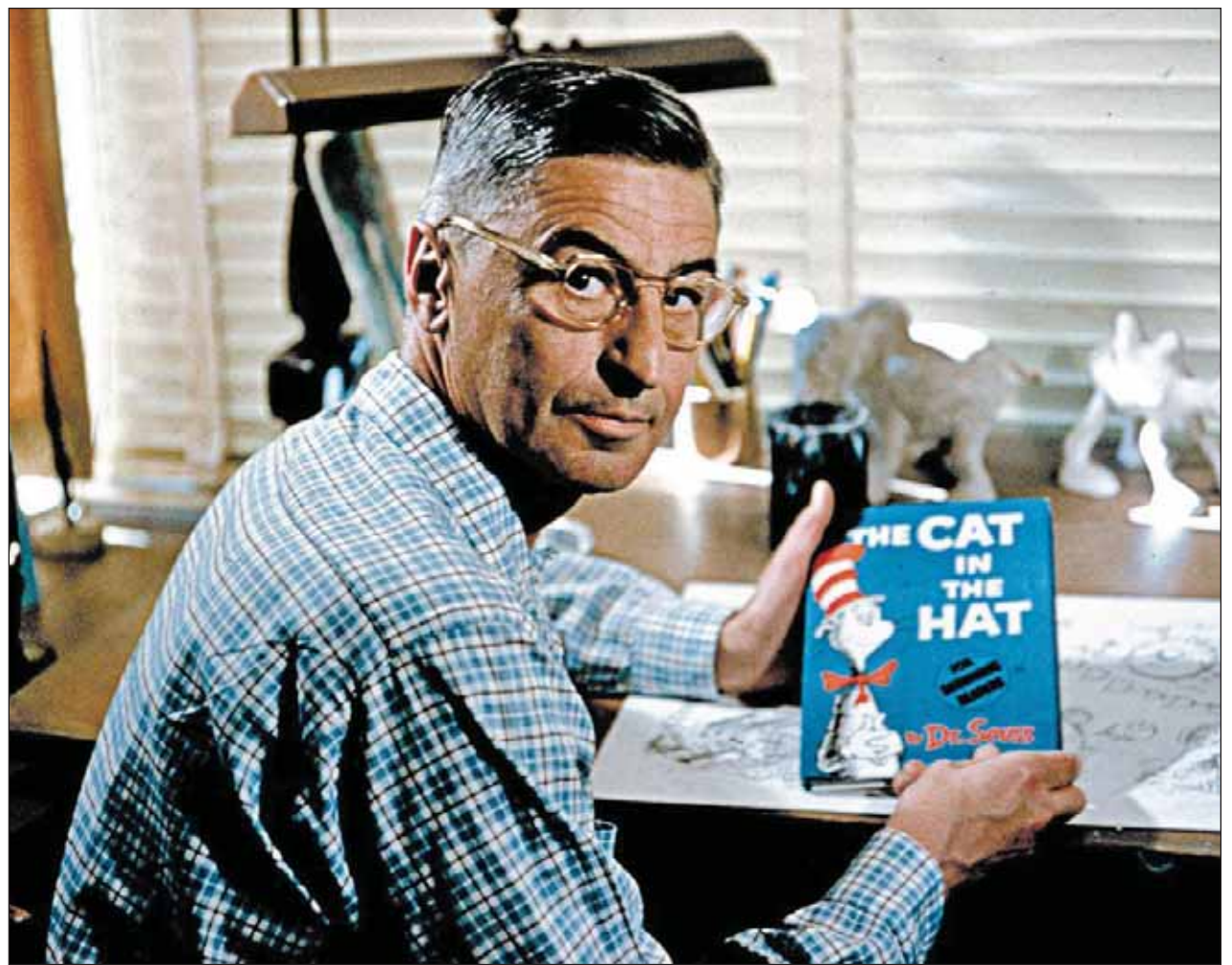


'Becoming Dr. Seuss'

By Brian Jay Jones, Dutton, 496 pages, \$32

penning cartoons for the college's satire magazine Jacko, and his art was used in everything from house ads to column filler. He knew he had talent, Jones writes, but he also needed to make a living post-college. Geisel brought his artistic skills to advertising, most notably for Standard Oil and the bug spray Flit. In this section, we're treated to Jones' impressive details of how certain ad illustrations featured several creatures resembling the distinct characters any Dr. Seuss fan would recognize.

Moving to San Diego, Geisel pivoted to children's books partly for financial reasons, but also because of a long-held frustration: “Dick and Jane” books talked down to kids and never challenged them, Geisel complained more than once. It was time to



GENE LESTER/GETTY 1957

Author and illustrator Theodor Seuss Geisel — aka Dr. Seuss — is the subject of Brian Jay Jones' engaging new biography.

entertain and educate young readers, he thought, while wrapping the stories in playful language and invented words. (Geisel coined the term “nerd” in 1950 in his book “If I Ran the Zoo.”)

The more compelling portions of the book focus on Geisel's tense relationship with his publisher Random House, whose editors appointed the author the president of their new Beginner Books imprint. Geisel not only had issue with the “word list” — the 200 or so unique words authors were limited to using — but also publication choices. His arguments with Random House brass over which books to launch were particularly telling, showing how passionate Geisel had become about advancing children's literature.

What will undoubtedly satisfy Seussian scholars and casual readers alike is a

portrait of his work schedule, which Jones chronicles as being so rigid his that first wife, Helen, often had to pull the author out of his basement and into dinner parties where he would reluctantly socialize over cocktails. Don't think children's books are any easier to write than adult prose, Jones stresses. Geisel could spend days perfecting a single rhyme, lest it shine duller than the other gems surrounding it.

Pranks and jokes invigorated Geisel when he was bored; he once slathered paint onto a canvas and convinced an art-loving friend it was the work of a “great Mexican modernist.” The man paid \$500 for the slapdash work, but Helen persuaded Geisel to return the collector's money.

When Jones turns to the amusing origin stories behind “The Cat in the Hat” and “How the Grinch Stole Christmas,” the book

picks up in pace and intrigue. The section on Geisel's idea for “The Lorax” could be the most relevant today. Jones writes that Geisel came up with “The Lorax” as a response to watching condo development envelop San Diego's pristine coastlines. “It's one of the few things I set out to do that was straight propaganda,” Geisel says of his environmentally friendly anti-greed book.

Jones also addresses a few problematic pages found in Dr. Seuss' earlier work: Geisel has been criticized for using the derogatory term “Chinaman” in “And to Think That I Saw It on Mulberry Street,” and 50 years after the book's publication Geisel admitted such a phrase was in poor taste. His statement, though, wouldn't nullify the controversy of a 2017 “Mulberry Street” mural at the Dr. Seuss museum in Springfield.

Profiling cultural empires and their instigators is familiar territory for Jones, who also wrote “Jim Henson: The Biography” and “George Lucas: A Life.” It's clear that Jones is experienced in extracting details from the most innocuous letter or interview, fleshing out the lives of cultural groundbreakers we've long admired. As all successful biographers should do, Jones doesn't cheerlead his own writing style by adding unnecessary flourishes or similes; he lets the subject's actions and quotes energize the book. Thankfully, Geisel is a hilarious and insightful character whose love of literature is almost as infectious as his timeless rhymes.

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BOOK REVIEW

Delightful anthology treats quirky musicians with respect

BY MICHAEL LINDGREN
The Washington Post

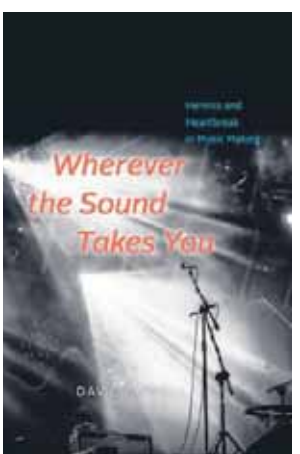
This quirky and delightful book of music writing, from Washington Post Magazine deputy editor David Rowell, defies categorization. Instead of the usual band profiles or reviews, “Wherever the Sound Takes You: Heroics and Heartbreak in Music Making” offers eight elegant essays chronicling the odd, the marginal and the forgotten.

Most music writing is so formulaic and dull that encountering good examples of the genre carries a jolt of freshness and pleasure. Rowell's central strategy is to nose up to some weird instrument or character — advocates of the Swiss hang, a super rare percussive instrument, or the aging members of a club devoted solely to the preservation of the Hammond B-3 organ — and then give it a full, thoughtful, journalistically impeccable treatment, leavened by touches of dry wit.

This is not a new trick, but not often is it executed with such brio, empathy and attention to detail. To be a culture reporter at all is to be something of a social anthropologist, able to penetrate alien tribes and decode their ways for the education of the reader.

Rowell gets to know a man named Bill Allen, who describes his 122-piece kit as “one of the biggest drum sets in the world.” Allen has schizophrenia and plays his enormous kit almost exclusively alone, in the confines of a storage unit outside Baltimore — “marvelous bedlam,” Rowell calls it, “played against the steady metronome of Bill's heart.”

Rowell executes his tour guide role especially well in “Into the Darkness,” a foray into the world of grindcore — a mutant



'Wherever the Sound Takes You'

By David Rowell, Chicago, 234 pages, \$22.50

strain of heavy metal that is all speed, volume and violence. “When Scott and Brian's jam came abruptly to an end,” he writes of his first introduction to the genre, “I had the sensation of being slapped on both sides of the head.”

Not least of Rowell's charms is his unapologetic love for the progressive rock band Yes, whose fans' campaign for the band to make the Rock & Roll Hall of Fame is detailed in “Going for the One.” It would be nifty to report here that Rowell's advocacy of what he calls “a symphonic form of rock music that had never been heard before” has caused me to re-evaluate my abhorrence of Yes, but regrettably, I cannot; even his eloquence has limits.

Rowell treats his subjects seriously, as people worthy of having their stories told, which endows them with dignity — and there is nothing poignant in quite the same way as a misfit being treated with dignity. Beneath Rowell's cool journalistic facade beats the heart of a roman-

tic. He writes of “CanJoe” John VanArsdall, inventor of a distinctive but sonically limited homemade instrument called the canjoe, that VanArsdall “was selling himself and the instrument, absolutely, but he also was selling something larger — the idea that you, anyone, could make music, too.”

And the humor and sadness of the last essay in the book vaults it into the realm of truly great music writing. A tour journal called “Two for the Show,” the piece finds Rowell accompanying his boyhood friend Bob Funck, a scuffling 51-year-old songwriter, on a low-rent tour of third-string music venues across the Northeast. This Dantean trek through the outskirts of semiprofessional music finds Funck playing for a plate of food or a few bucks, in front of noisy drunks or even no one at all.

Yet Rowell pays his friend the priceless compliment of chronicling this desolate journey as respectfully as if it were a U2 tour. He is tough but fair in his descriptions, noting that Funck's vocals at times “felt close to grating” and ruling that one less-than-successful composition “bordered on cheap novelty, a throwaway.”

We're left with the image of these two boyhood friends, now grown men, feeling “like middle schoolers again, the way we laughed in our beds once we'd turned out the lights,” reminiscing about songs they'd played and music they loved. “In music the distance between sorrow and joy can be surprisingly narrow,” Rowell writes. This book finds that narrow distance and sings there, sweetly.

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BOOK REVIEWS

3 new picks for young readers

BY KATHIE MEIZNER, ABBY MCGANNEY, NOLAN AND MARY QUATTLEBAUM
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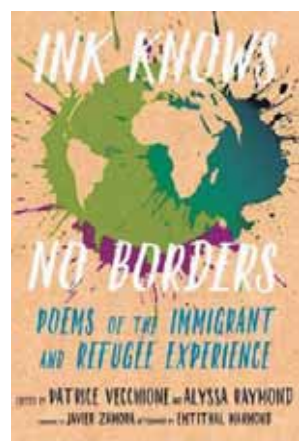
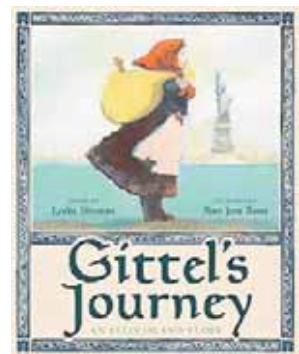
“Gittel's Journey” by Leslie Newman, Abrams, 48 pages, \$17.99, ages 4-8

Leslie Newman's “Gittel's Journey” — based on the true stories of Newman's grandmother and a family friend — is a gentle, moving look at a child's experience of leaving home forever. The story centers on 9-year-old Gittel, who wishes she could bring a neighbor's goat, Frieda, with her as she and her mother prepare to leave their home in Europe for the voyage to America. By the time the long journey, Gittel has few possessions. There is a rag doll, a gift from her friend and neighbor. There are her mother's Shabbat candlesticks and the note with her uncle's address that her mother — denied boarding because of an eye infection — presses into Gittel's hands. “Home is not safe for us,” her mother tells the little girl, “You are going to America to have a better life.” Gittel looks a bit like Little Red Riding Hood. She carries her mother's note carefully, but the ocean spray has smeared the ink by the time the ship is within sight of the Statue of Liberty; it takes the kindness and ingenuity of the interpreter at Ellis Island to unite the child with her family. Amy June Bates' illustrations, framed by a woodblock design, offer a warm picture of a small girl in a very big world.

— Kathie Meizner

“Soaring Earth” by Margarita Engle, Atheneum, 192 pages, \$18.99, ages 12+

Margarita Engle's first memoir in verse, “Enchanted Air” (2015), delved into her divided childhood: Engle grew up in Los An-



people she encountered, or the confusion she felt. Engle eventually moves back home, attends community college and pursues science, poetry and protest simultaneously. Her well-wrought, uncluttered poems not only delineate the route she took but also point the way to the many paths young people should feel free to explore.

— Abby McGanney Nolan

“Ink Knows No Borders,” edited by Patrice Vecchione and Alyssa Raymond, Triangle Square, 208 pages, \$15.95, ages 12+

“My young life is coming undone/ on the road behind me,” writes Lena Khalaf Tuffaha in “Immigrant,” one of 64 contemporary poems on the immigrant and refugee experience in “Ink Knows No Borders.” Though aimed at teens, this vivid, vital collection should find a ready audience with adults as well. With bravura and hard-won insight, these poems explore identity, survival and home from first and second generation perspectives, offering a multiplicity of impressions and memories. In “The Border: A Double Sonnet,” Alberto Ríos describes that titular place as “a line that birds cannot see” and “a belt that is too tight.” Paul Tran speaks of his family's feeling of dislocation, the “grief of geography,” as they flee the Mekong Delta for the United States, and Franny Choi wearies of hearing her name “butchered by hammerhead tongues.” Samira Ahmed gives voice to the struggle and skill it takes to assert one's place: “you plant yourself./ Like a flag.” And Safia Elhillo ends this essential anthology by celebrating “the world we make with our living” — a call that can resonate with all readers.

— Mary Quattlebaum

WATCH THIS: THURSDAY



Mayim Bialik and Jim Parsons

"The Big Bang Theory" (7 p.m., CBS): This blockbuster sitcom closes out its 12-season run with a one-hour finale. CBS is holding back details, but longtime pals Leonard Hofstadter and Sheldon Cooper (Johnny Galecki, Jim Parsons) — who have spent most of their adult lives living either together or within a few yards of each other — may be heading in different directions with their lives. Kaley Cuoco and Mayim Bialik also star.

"Grey's Anatomy" (7 p.m., ABC): While a blanket of thick fog creeps its way across Seattle, the Grey Sloan medical staff tries to navigate through a pea soup of personal problems in "Jump Into the Fog," the Season 15 finale. Meredith and Alex (Ellen Pompeo, Justin Chambers) team up to try to save young Gus (guest star Christian Ganiere), while elsewhere, Levi (Jake Borelli) tries to get the struggling Nico (Alex Landi) to calm down and see things more sensibly.

"Project Runway" (8 p.m., 10:30 p.m., Bravo): The seven designers still in competition get a chance to show their more altruistic side in the new episode "What Do You Care About?," a 90-minute episode that challenges them to dig deep inside themselves and use their gifts to draw attention to a social cause that's important to them. Judge Elaine Welteroth mentors each designer on how to channel one's creative voice for change, a skill she polished during her time at Teen Vogue.

"Young Sheldon" (8:01 p.m., CBS): Sheldon (Iain Armitage) is a lad of decidedly specialized interests, so he doesn't understand all the raised eyebrows that greet him as he invites his entire school to a party to await the Nobel Prize announcements in the Season 2 finale, "A Swedish Science Thing and the Equation for Toast."

"S.W.A.T." (9 p.m., CBS): Debbie Allen reprises her recurring guest role as Charice Harrelson, Hondo's (Shemar Moore) mother, in the Season 2 finale "Kangaroo." Once again, the SWAT team finds itself on the trail of The Emancipators after that militant group live streams a kangaroo court to publicly execute some of the city's politicians.

"Law & Order: Special Victims Unit" (9 p.m., NBC): The Season 20 finale of this venerable police procedural, "End Game," opens with a teenager whose corpse is found in the Hudson River. A frustrated Lt. Benson (Mariska Hargitay) trusts her strong intuition that NYPD Attorney Rob Miller (recurring guest star Titus Welliver) is behind this unexplained death, but she has no way of proving that.

TALK SHOWS

- "Conan"** (10 p.m. 11:30 p.m., TBS): Filmmaker Judd Apatow; Rachel Feinstein.*
- "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 Johnny Galecki, Jim Parsons, Kaley Cuoco, Simon Helberg, Kunal Nayyar, Mayim Bialik and Melissa Rauch ("The Big Bang Theory").*
- "Jimmy Kimmel Live"** (10:35 p.m., ABC): TV host Trevor Noah; actress Billie Lourd; Ciara performs.*

* Subject to change

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IN PERFORMANCE: 'MUSHROOM CURE' ★★★ 1/5

Laughs, pain in solo show about treating his OCD with psychedelics

By **KERRY REID**
Chicago Tribune

Obsessive-compulsive disorder and comedy aren't strangers to each other, as fans of Tony Shalhoub's "Monk" can attest.

But comedian and solo performer Adam Strauss' detective work takes him deep into the heart of his own tangled relationship with mental health in "The Mushroom Cure." As he desperately sidesteps 12-step programs and pins his hopes for recovery on a new love affair and some interesting combinations of hallucinogenic fungal extracts, Strauss provides an arrestingly honest and anguished portrait of what it's like to be stuck inside a mind that can't stop running through every possible option and outcome.

From the opening moments, when he describes veering back and forth trying to choose between MP3 players, Strauss builds, brick by brick, the wall of anxiety that defines the borders of his world. Sure, comedians are neurotic — it's practically a requirement — but as "The Mushroom Cure" takes shape, we see that what Strauss is dealing with isn't just garden-variety narcissism cross-fertilized with self-doubt. He literally cannot choose between the sunny side of the street and the shade.

Though he ascribes his initial onset of his OCD to the loss of a longtime romantic relationship, his show becomes a roadmap of Strauss' rocky journey toward acknowledging how much it's always been present — and embracing the power of his powerlessness to fully destroy it.

The central event in "The Mushroom Cure" is Strauss' encounter with Grace, a young woman from Kansas — a grad student in psychology, no less — whom he meets while hawking his stand-up set in the neon wilderness of Times Square. What starts as a one-night stand blossoms into something more. And when Grace tells him about how her own experiences with psychedelics helped her overcome a bout of depression in her teens, Strauss' interest (earlier spurred by internet research) into the salubrious benefits of psilocybin really takes off.

Just getting his hands on the 'shrooms isn't so easy. But once he does, he and Grace find what he thinks is the perfect weekend retreat on Martha's Vineyard (though of course it takes Strauss a long time to decide between possible rentals) to dive into the experience.

But moments of insight and peace can't be maintained indefinitely. And Grace can't be his lifeboat in the stormy seas of mental illness forever.



MICHAEL COURRIER PHOTO/HANDOUT

Adam Strauss brings the audience into his world of OCD but does so with a humorous edge in "The Mushroom Cure."

When: Through June 9

Where: Greenhouse Theater Center, 2257 N. Lincoln Ave.

Running time: 1 hour, 30 minutes

Tickets: \$29-\$35 at 773-404-7336 or www.greenhousetheater.org.

Strauss' show, directed by Jonathan Libman, at times feels like a throwback to the confessional autobiographical work that practically defined the solo genre in the 1990s. But it's not an exercise in navel-gazing narcissism and Strauss, despite his Carlos Castaneda-like excursions into psychopharmacology, has no brilliant-but-tidy epiphanies to give us. What he's doing is breaking down what it feels like to finally, well, break down — or at least punch a hole in the excuses that kept him from confronting his illness directly.

And since Strauss is a comedian by training and nature, he finds ways to make a lot of it howlingly funny. A return trip (in both senses of the word) at the Martha Vineyard's beach home ends him with calling 911. He reads the transcript of that call — made, as he tells the operator, "because I have burning existential questions and no one else is picking up the phone."

Ultimately, though Strauss believes research shows there is some promise in off-label uses of psychedelics, the real trip to finally getting a grip on his disorder begins as it has for so many others: sitting in a chair in a circle with other people who know what it feels like. "The Mushroom Cure" is at times uncomfortable, but Strauss puts a warm spin on his travails — and provides some glimmer of insight on how to get through each day.

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THURSDAY EVENING, MAY 16

	PM	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00
BROADCAST	CBS 2	The Big Bang Theory (Series Finale) (N) © HD	Young Sheldon (Season Finale) (N)	Unravel-Mystery (N)	S.W.A.T.: "Kangaroo." (Season Finale) (N) © HD	News (N) ♦		
	NBC 5	Superstore (N) ©	Superstore (N) ©	Brooklyn Nine (N)	Brooklyn Nine (N)	Law & Order: Special Victims Unit: "End Game." (Season Finale) (N)	NBC 5 News (N) ♦	
	ABC 7	Grey's Anatomy: "Jump Into the Fog." (Season Finale) (N) ©	(8:01) Station 19: "Into the Wildfire." (Season Finale) (N) © HD	(8:01) Station 19: "Into the Wildfire." (Season Finale) (N) © HD	For the People: "A Choice Between Two Things." (Season Finale) (N)	News at 10pm (N) ♦		
	WGN 9	blackish © HD	blackish © HD	Last Man Standing ©	Last Man Standing ©	WGN News at Nine (N) (Live) © HD	WGN News at Ten (N)	
	Antenna 9.2	Alice ©	Alice ©	B. Miller	B. Miller	Johnny Carson ©	3's Comp.	
	This TV 9.3	Diggstown (R,'92) ★★ James Woods. ©				Miami Blues (R,'90) ★★★ Alec Baldwin. ♦		
	PBS 11	Chicago Tonight (N)		Ken Burns: The Civil War ©		Ken Burns: The National Parks © ♦		
	The U 26.1	7 Eyewitness News (N)	The Game	Engagement	Broke Girl	Broke Girl	Seinfeld ©	
	MeTV 26.3	Andy Griffith	Andy Griffith	Gomer Pyle	WKRP Cincinnati	Hogan Hero	Hogan Hero	C. Burnett
	H&I 26.4	Star Trek ©		Star Trek: Next		Star Trek: Deep Space 9	Star Trek ♦	
	Bounce 26.5	The Game	The Game	Kevin Hart's ©	In the Cut	Hollywood Homicide (PG-13,'03) ★★★		
	FOX 32	Paradise Hotel: "Episode 104." (N) (Live) © HD				Fox 32 News at Nine (N)	Modern Family	
CABLE	AE	The First 48 (N) ©		Vanished in Paradise (N)		(9:01) The First 48 ©	First 48 ♦	
	AMC	Caddyshack (R,'80) ★★ Chevy Chase. ©				(9:05) The Great Outdoors ('88) ★★ ♦		
	ANIM	Fish or Die		Jeremy Wade		River Monsters ©	Monsters ♦	
	BBCA	♦ The Expendables 3 ★★		Top Gear (N) ©			Premier (N Tape)	
	BET	♦ Beverly Hills Cop II (R) ★★		Baby Boy (R,'01) ★★★ Tyrese Gibson, Omar Gooding. ♦				
	BIGTEN	♦ Baseball (N) College Baseball: Michigan at Nebraska. From Haymarket Park in Lincoln, Neb. (N)						
	BRAVO	Best Room Wins ©		Project Runway (N) ©		Vander	Watch (N)	
	CLTV	News at 7	News (N)	News at 8	News (N)	SportsFeed ©	Politics	
	CNBC	Shark Tank ©		Shark Tank ©		Shark Tank ©	Shark ♦	
	CNN	Anderson Cooper 360 (N)		Cuomo Prime Time (N)		CNN Tonight (N)	Tonight (N) ♦	
	COM	The Office	The Office	The Office	The Office	Klepper (N)	Daily (N) ♦	
	DISC	Naked Afraid (N)		(8:01) Naked and Afraid: "Burnt and Disoriented." (N)			Afraid ♦	
DISN	Sydney-Max	Sydney-Max	Jessie ©	Jessie ©	Sydney-Max	Coop	Ladybug	
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HIST	Swamp People ©		Swamp People (N)		The American Farm (N)	Swamp ♦		
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IFC	♦ (5:30) Election ('99) ★★★		The Breakfast Club (R,'85) ★★★ Emilio Estevez. ©		Breakfast ♦			
LIFE	Little Women: Atlanta (N)		Little Women: Atlanta (N)		Little Women: LA (N) ©	Little (N)		
MSNBC	All In With (N)		Rachel Maddow Show (N)		The Last Word (N)	11th Hour (N)		
MTV	Double Shot at Love (N)		Tattoo Far? (N)		Double Shot at Love	Tattoo ♦		
NBCSCH	♦ MLB Baseball: Cubs at Reds (N)		Postgame		MLB Baseball (N)	Postgame		
NICK	LEGO Batman: DC Superheroes Unite		Full House		Friends ©	Friends ©	Friends ©	
OVATION	♦ (6:30) Patriot Games (R,'92) ★★★ Harrison Ford.				Amazing Hotels: Life (N)	Amazing (N)		
OWN	20/20 on OWN ©		20/20 on OWN ©		20/20: Homicide	20/20 ♦		
OHY	Snapped: "Jordan Shaver."		Snapped ©		Snapped ©	Snapped ♦		
PARMT	Mom ©		Mom ©		Wife Swap (N) ©	Grease (PG,'78) ★★★ John Travolta. ♦		
SYFY	♦ Skyfall ★★★		47 Ronin (PG-13,'13) ★★ Keanu Reeves, Hiroyuki Sanada. ©			Happy! © ♦		
TBS	Seinfeld	Seinfeld	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Conan ©	
TGM	Hollywood Canteen (NR,'44) ★★ Robert Hutton, Joan Leslie. ©				Tender Comrade ★★ © ♦			
TLC	My 600-Lb. Life: "Supersized: Angie J's Story." (N)				Untold Stories of the E.R.	Stories ER ♦		
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TNT	Get Hard (R,'15) ★★ Will Ferrell, Kevin Hart. ©				Old School (R,'03) ★★ Luke Wilson. ♦			
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TRAV	The Dead Files: "Cold Terror and Hot Activity." (N) ©				The Dead Files (N) ©	Dead Files ♦		
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USA	NCIS: "Sight Unseen."		NCIS: "One Step Forward."		NCIS: "Two Steps Back."	Mod Fam		
VH1	RuPaul's Drag Race ©		RuPaul's Drag Race (N) ©			Coming ♦		
WE	Braxton Family Values		Braxton Family Values (N)		Hustle & Soul (N) ©	Braxton ♦		
WGN America	Last Man	Last Man	Last Man	Last Man	Last Man	Last Man	Last Man	
PREMIUM	HBO	Crazy Rich Asians (PG-13,'18) ★★★ Constance Wu.		My Dad Wrote a Porno		Thrones ♦		
	HBO2	Veep: "Veep." ©		(7:50) Gentleman Jack		(8:50) Barry	Asperger's	
	MAX	My Soul to Take (R,'10) ★ Max Thieriot. ©				(8:50) The Little Stranger (R,'18) ★★ ♦		
	SHO	♦ (5:55) Into the Wild (R,'07) ★★		(8:23) Adrift (PG-13,'18) ★★ ©			Desus (N)	
	STARZ	♦ Brokeback Apocalypse		(8:01) Superfly (R,'18) ★★ Trevor Jackson. ©			Now ♦	
STZNC	♦ Roman J. Israel, Esq. ★★		A Perfect Getaway (R,'09) ★★			The Spy Who Loved Me ♦		



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Horoscopes



Today's birthday (May 16): Shared ventures prosper this year. Travel and educational dreams get realized with disciplined homework. Summer networking and communications buzz lead your exploration in a different direction. By next winter, your journey reveals amazing treasures that shift your communications.

Aries (March 21-April 19): 7. Manage practical expenses and payments with shared accounts. Study the matter, and update financial plans.

Taurus (April 20-May 20): 8. Support your partner and be supported. Strengthen your collaboration by keeping your side of the bargain. Share results and new tricks.

Gemini (May 21-June 20): 8. Focus on immediate actions to handle urgencies. Clean up the mess later. Communications issued now go the distance with long-lasting results.

Cancer (June 21-July 22): 7. Set duties and responsibilities aside for a bit, and go have fun. Plan an adventure with someone beloved. Devote yourself to the pursuit of happiness.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22): 7. The gentle approach works best at home with family. Make improvements after figuring out what's wanted and needed. It's a good time to talk.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): 8. Edit communications carefully. Impracticalities and foundational weakness become apparent. Once the message is polished and approvals are complete, share it far and wide.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): 9. Move quickly to catch a profitable windfall. Compute expenses, and provide excellent service. Emotions could affect your workplace. Adapt to changes.

Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): 8. Use your power responsibly. You don't want to run over anyone. Keep a diplomatic tone as you advance a personal project. Communications go further than expected.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): 6. Peaceful settings soothe your spirit. You're especially sensitive. Alternate between physical exercise and quiet reverie. Consider the words of elders and ancestors. Rest and think.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): 7. Resolve structural breakdowns with teams and committees. Confer with allies, and keep communication channels open. Replace something volatile with something secure. Stay cool.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): 8. Consider professional assignments and opportunities. A challenge or competition requires dedication. Begin a testing period.

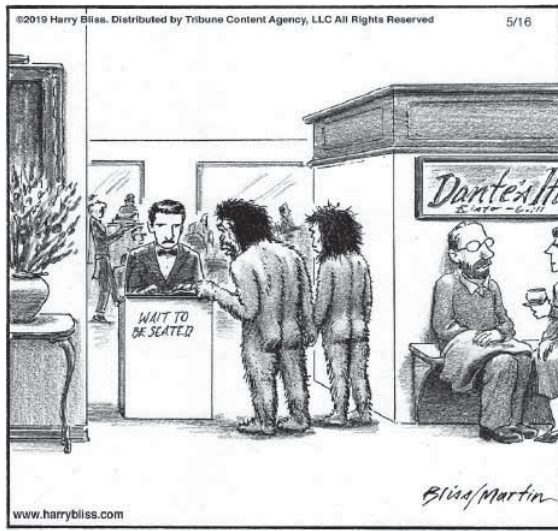
Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20): 7. Get adventurous. Get out and explore a curious subject. Can you mix business with pleasure? Enjoy classes, conferences and workshops.

— Nancy Black, Tribune Content Agency

The Argyle Sweater By Scott Hilburn



Bliss By Harry Bliss



"Maybe it's under 'Apeman.'"

Bridge

Neither vulnerable, South deals

North
 ♠ 10 9 8 7 6
 ♥ A K
 ♦ A K 2
 ♣ 8 5 4

West
 ♠ 4 3 2
 ♥ J 10 5
 ♦ Q 9 3
 ♣ Q 9 7 2

East
 ♠ J 5
 ♥ Q 9 8 7 6 4
 ♦ 5
 ♣ K 10 6 3

South
 ♠ A K Q
 ♥ 3 2
 ♦ J 10 8 7 6 4
 ♣ A J

Today's deal is from a recent match between a team from Latvia and a team from Bulgaria.

How would you bid the South hand? Latvian expert Maija Romanovska chose to open one diamond and rebid three diamonds. This would not be everyone's choice, but it worked well here. North reasoned that his partner, with weak holdings in both hearts and diamonds, had to have good cards in the black suits to justify the jump rebid.

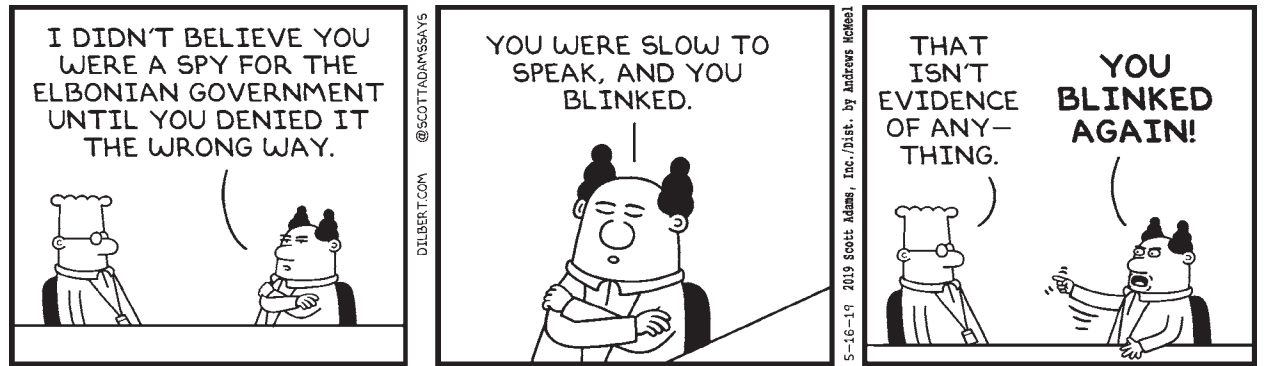
The slam was cold on the heart lead. South won the opening lead and

banged down the ace and king of diamonds, learning that there was a trump loser. It was a simple matter to cash three high spades, cross back to dummy with a heart, and discard the club loser on the 10 of spades. On this lie of the cards, the diamond slam would also have succeeded on a club lead, as West must follow to the first three spades. West would not be able to prevent the club discard.

At the other table, South chose to open one no trump. North transferred into spades but had no reason to go looking for slam. Four spades made five on a club lead. Six spades is unmakeable after a club lead unless declarer takes an inspired position in diamonds.

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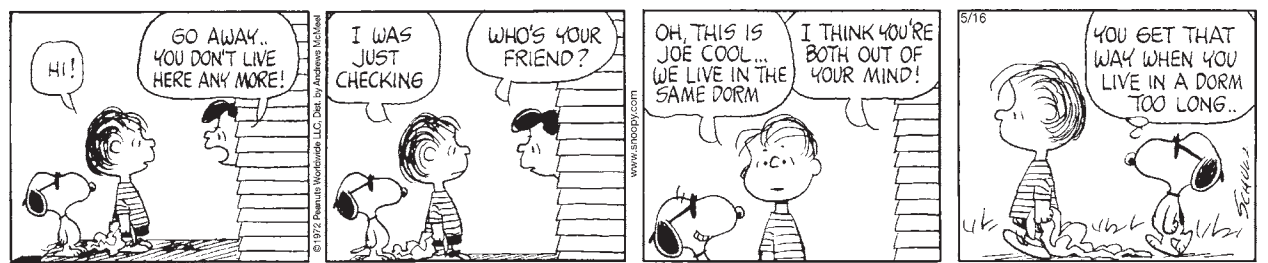
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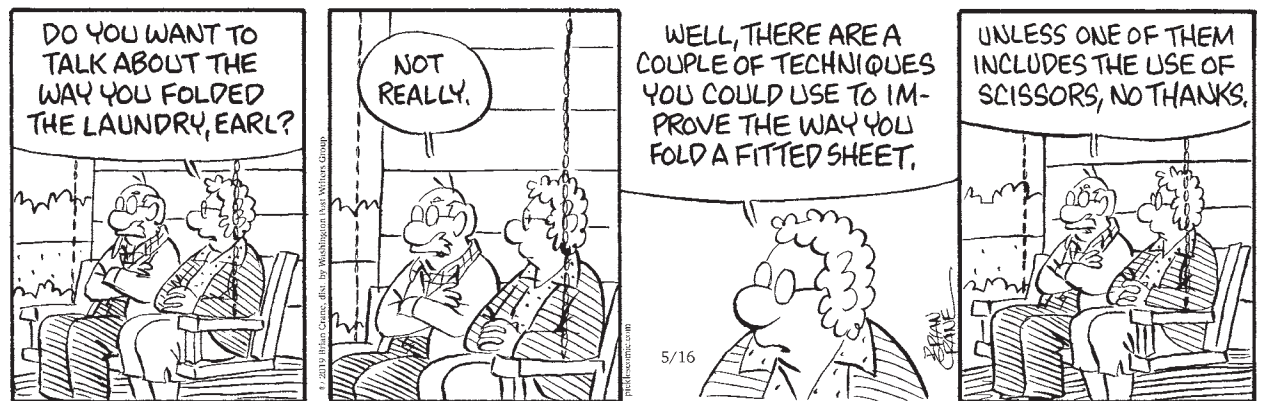
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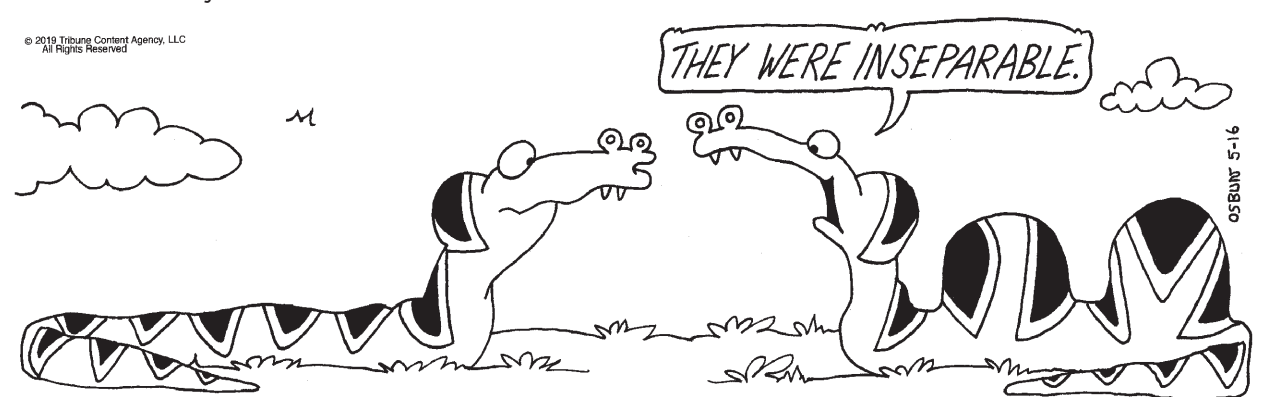
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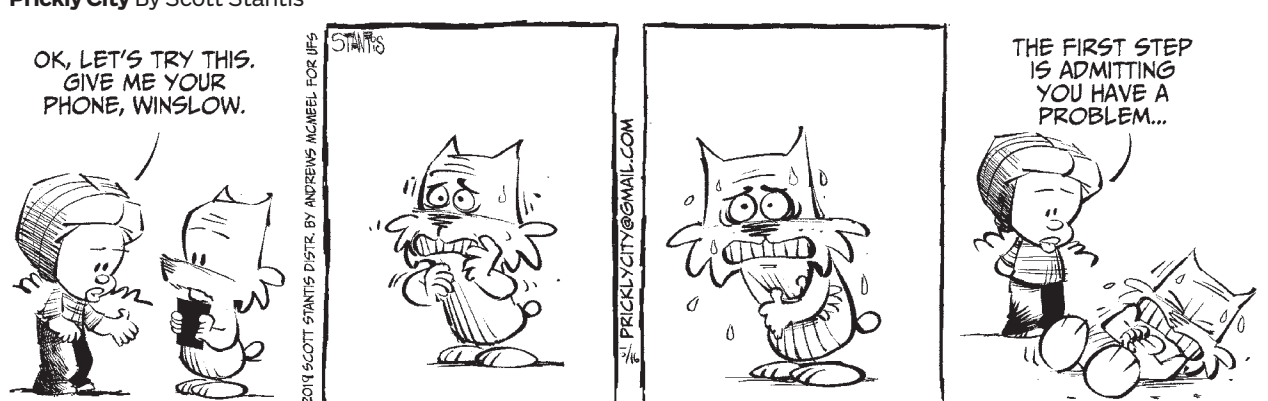
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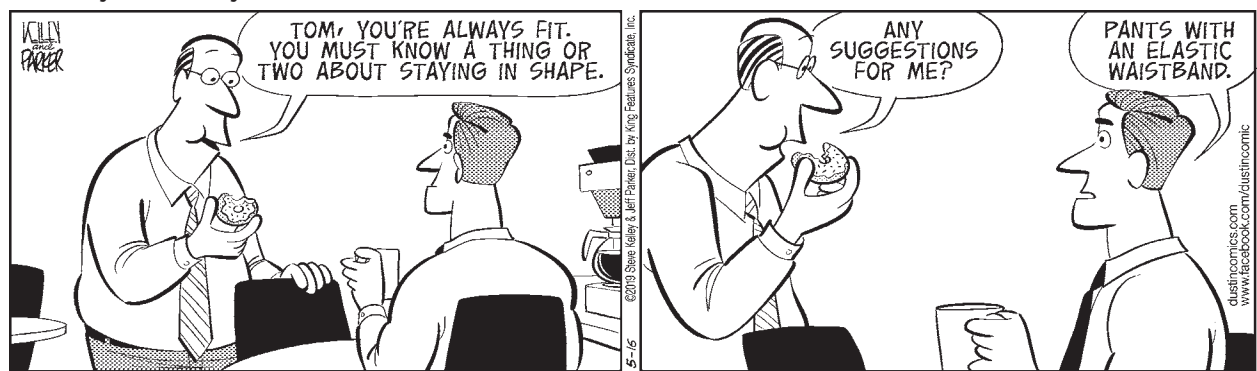


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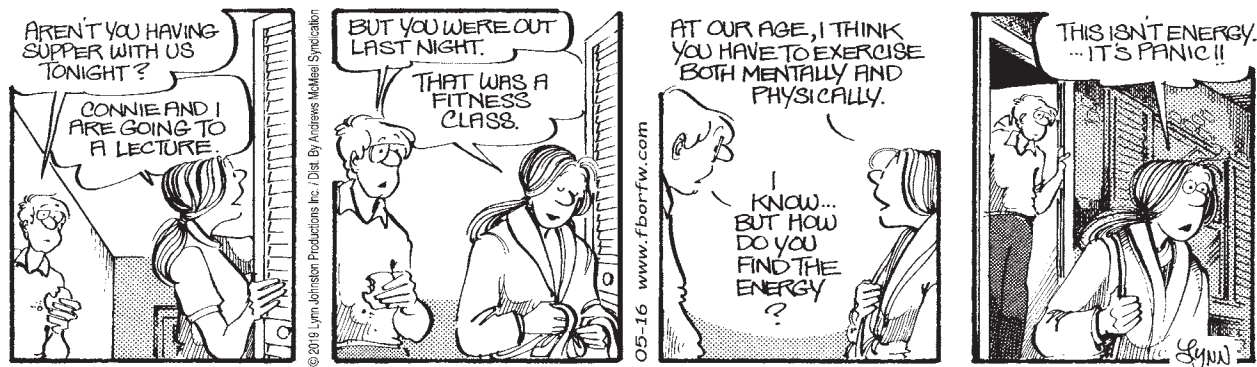


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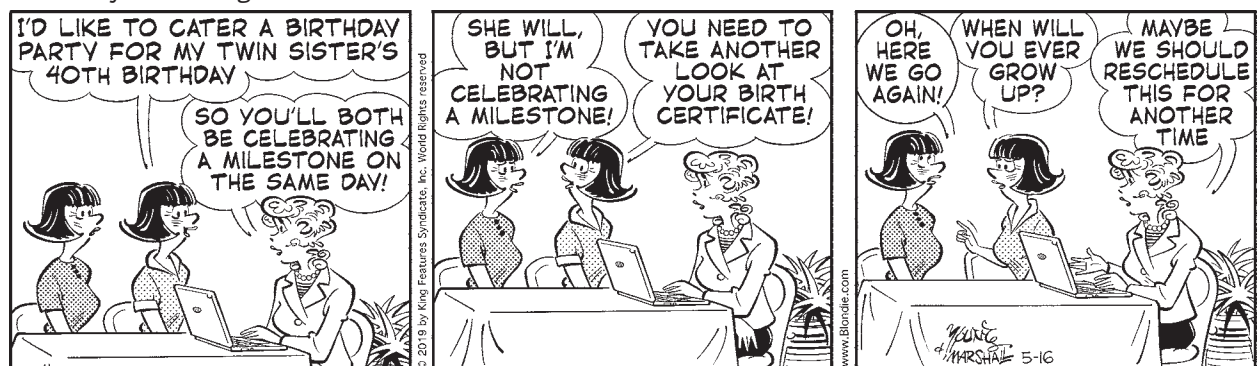
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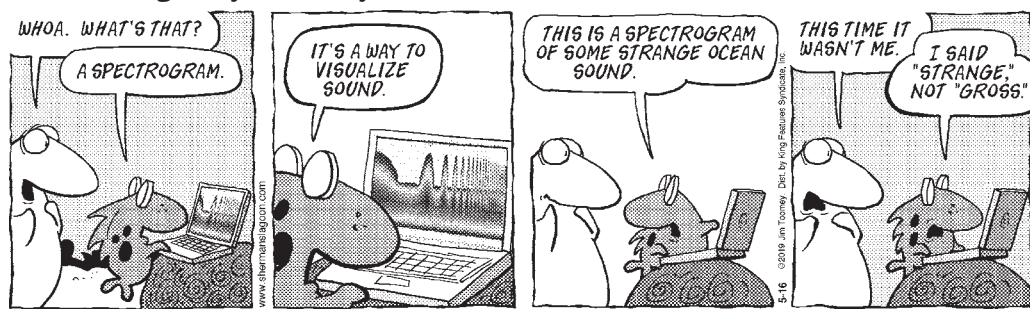
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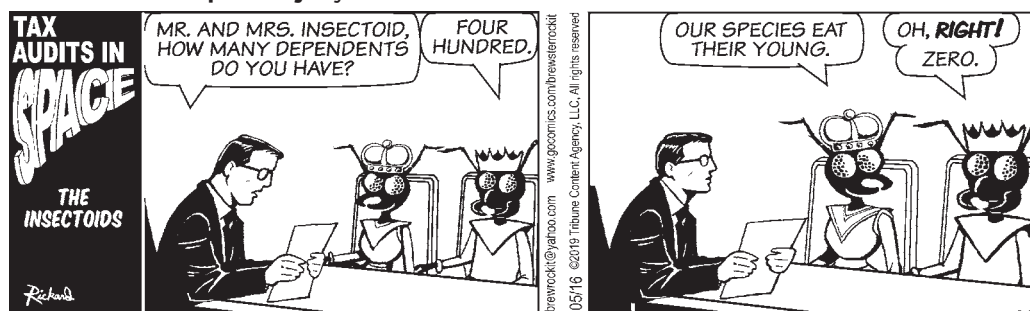
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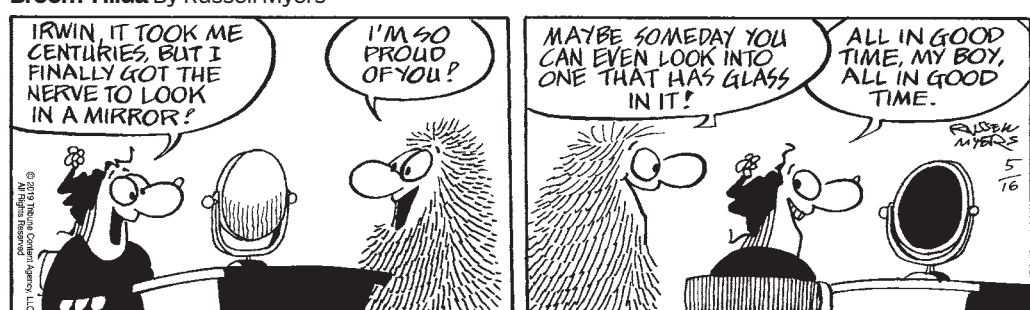
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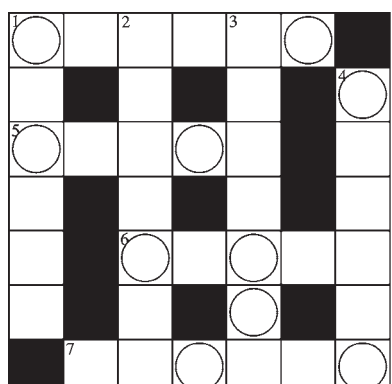
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Trivia Bits

Lactose, which is found in milk, would be best classified as what?
 A) Acid
 B) Metalloid
 C) Salt
 D) Sugar
 Wednesday's answer: Signed on June 28, 1919, the Treaty of Versailles led to the end of World War I.

Jumble Crossword



5-16-19

CLUE: _____ appeared on TV shows such as "Little House on the Prairie" and "Columbo."

BONUS _____

CLUE ACROSS

1. Famished
 5. _____ account
 6. Lift, throw
 7. Type of radiation unit

ANSWER
 GNHYUR
 NIJTO
 EEAHV
 ONOPTR

CLUE DOWN

1. Comma deer
 2. _____ one
 3. Take back
 4. Serious

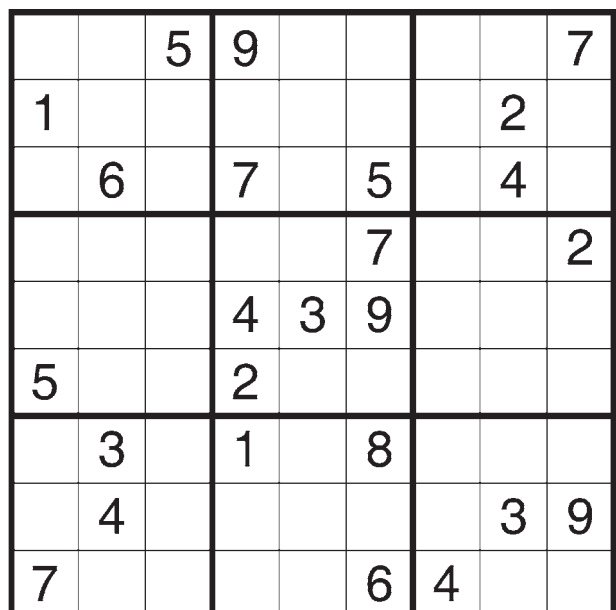
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 OSENML

How to play - Complete the crossword puzzle by looking at the clues and unscrambling the answers. When the puzzle is complete, unscramble the circled letters to solve the BONUS.

ANSWERS: 1-V-Hungry 5-A-Joint 6-A-Heave 7-F-Foxon 1D-Hack 2D-Nether 2D-Extract 4D-Solenn 4D-Johnny Cash By David L. Hoyt.

Sudoku 1 2 3 4

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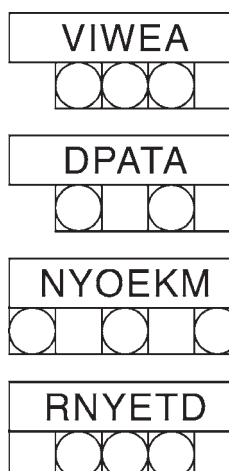
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Wednesday's solutions

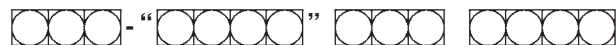
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Jumble

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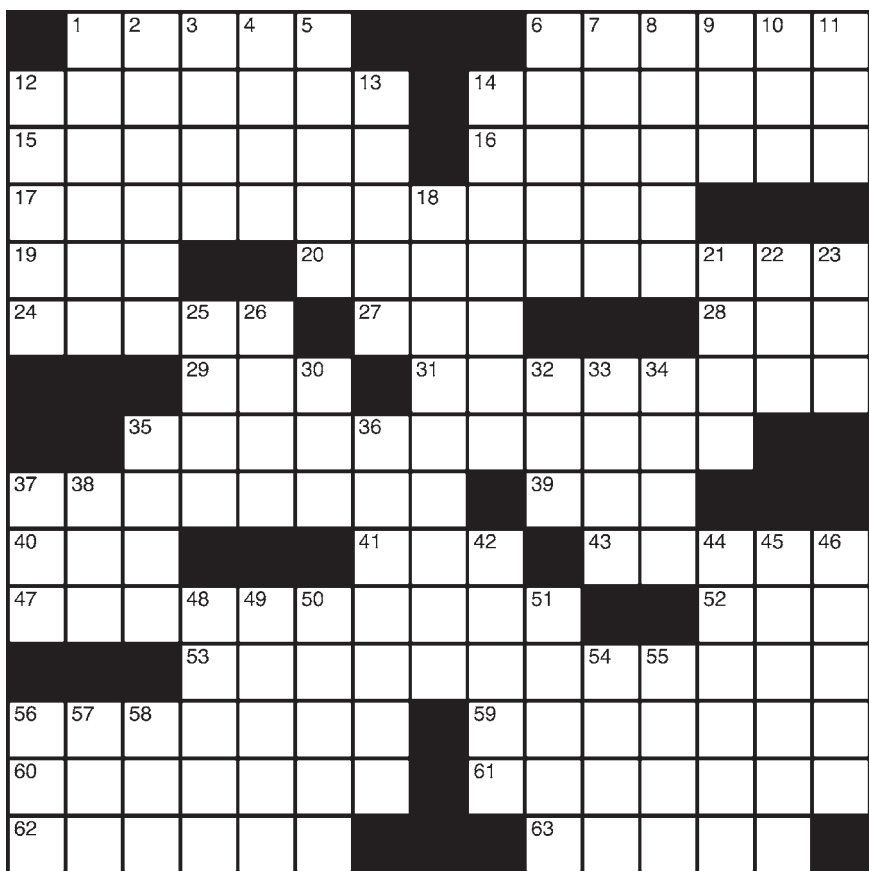
Wednesday's answers

Jumbles: LILAC MONEY SIDING CONVEX
 Answer: Mary Shelley's success as an author was a result of her having — NOVEL IDEAS

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Crossword

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Across

1 Expert in Islamic law
 6 Classroom tools
 12 Nation partly in the Arctic Circle
 14 Left
 15 "I didn't lie!"
 16 Select, as a jury
 17 Classic 1818 novel
 19 Oscope target
 20 Unnamed character in 17-Across
 24 In a calculating way
 27 Antipoverty agcy.
 28 Actor Stephen
 29 Prefix with plus
 31 Reduce in status
 35 Author of 17-Across
 37 Slapstick reaction
 39 Borrow, but not really
 40 "___ you serious?"

Down

41 Talk and talk
 43 Namely
 47 1974 portrayer of 17-Across
 52 "___ scale of 1 to 10 ..."
 53 1931 portrayer of 20-Across
 56 King in 1 Kings
 59 Shoulder piece
 60 Like some rural bridges
 61 July 4, 1776, notables
 62 Green field?
 63 Campus figures

22 "Ick!"
 23 Fled
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 32 Kosovo neighbor: Abbr.
 33 Surfeit
 34 How-to presentation
 35 Bearing
 36 Prominent New York City feature
 37 Give a little
 38 Not post-
 42 Short dogs, for short
 44 Like some scarves
 45 Works out
 46 Last family to keep a White House cow
 48 Dangerous virus
 49 Lennon love song
 50 Twist
 51 Fleet
 54 Heated state
 55 Large green moth
 56 One may be choked back
 57 Decadee of 49-Down
 58 ___ alone: not to mention

Down

1 Kind of heart valve
 2 Easily led astray
 3 Rich dessert
 4 Something to do
 5 Map box
 6 "Did my heart love till now?" speaker
 7 Detach, as a dress pattern
 8 Isn't straight
 9 Big stretch
 10 Deeply regret
 11 Mo. town
 12 High winds
 13 Honolulu-born singer
 14 Go back for a second helping
 18 A dandelion's are called blowballs
 21 Fox NFL analyst Aikman

Wednesday's solution

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THURSDAY, MAY 16

NORMAL HIGH: 70°

NORMAL LOW: 48°

RECORD HIGH: 94° (1962)

RECORD LOW: 33° (1997)

Warmer with storms today, cold on Friday

LOCAL FORECAST

HIGH 80 | **LOW 46**

■ A mostly sunny start then increasing clouds and a chance of rain and scattered t-storms by afternoon. A few storms could be severe. Warmer and more humid with a high near 80°.

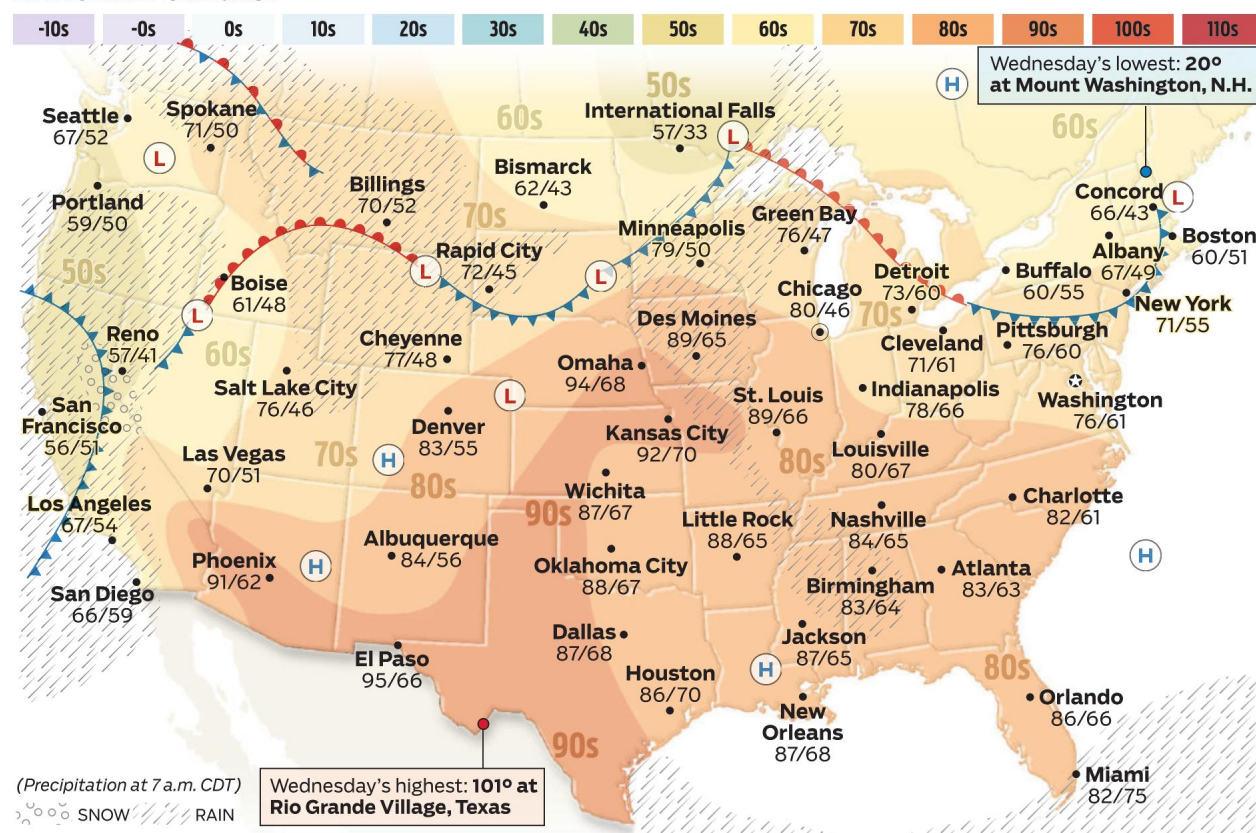
■ S/SW winds increase to 15-20 mph in the afternoon with gusts to 30 mph.

■ Scattered showers and storms become more numerous overnight.

■ Turning much colder overnight as winds shift from SW to NNE at 10-14 mph with gusts to 20 mph.

■ Friday's high temp will occur at midnight tonight as temps drop rapidly after midnight, reaching a low in the mid 40's by sunrise.

NATIONAL FORECAST



It will be warmer and much more humid today with a high around 80, well above the normal of 70. When we reach the 70 degree mark today, it will be the first time since October 8th to October 10th, 2018, that we have had three consecutive days with the temperature reaching at least 70 degrees. The warmth and humidity will bring a chance for showers and possibly strong thunderstorms as a cold front approaches.

Temperatures will fall rapidly from the 60's around midnight to the upper 40's by Friday morning. Friday temps will remain fairly steady through the day but will vary from north to south and from east to west. Strong winds may keep the temperature in the mid 40's near the lake. The cold of Friday will be short lived as temperatures return to above normal on Saturday.

FRIDAY, MAY 17

HIGH 49 | **LOW 46**

Cloudy with showers likely. Windy and much colder with fairly steady temps. NNE winds 8-12 mph with gusts to 20 keeping temps in the mid 40's near the lake, near 50 at O'Hare and warmer south. Cloudy with steady temps overnight and light NE winds.

SATURDAY, MAY 18

HIGH 80 | **LOW 60**

Morning clouds give way to partly cloudy skies. Cold start to the morning but a warm front brings rapid warming. High of 80 at O'Hare, cooler lakeshore and warmer south. Chance of evening/nighttime showers/t-storms. Overnight low 60.

SUNDAY, MAY 19

HIGH 75 | **LOW 57**

Some peaks of sun but otherwise cloudy. Periods of rain and thunderstorms likely. High in the mid 70's with breezy SSW winds 10-15mph with gusts to 25 mph. Rain ends overnight with SSW winds diminishing slightly. Low in the upper 50's.

MONDAY, MAY 20

HIGH 69 | **LOW 53**

Partly sunny, windy and cooler with a high in the upper 60's. WSW winds 15-20 mph with gusts to 25 mph. Clouds increase overnight with a low in the lower 50's as winds diminish and shift northeast off the lake.

TUESDAY, MAY 21

HIGH 69 | **LOW 58**

A few peaks of morning sun then becoming cloudy with a chance of showers and possibly a thunderstorm. High in the upper 60's but much cooler near the lake with east winds 10-15 mph and gusts to 20 mph. Light rain overnight.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 22

HIGH 75 | **LOW 65**

Mostly cloudy with a chance of rain. Warmer with a high in the mid 70's but cooler near the lake with southeast winds. Warmer overnight with a low in the mid 60's. Clouds begin to break overnight with drier SW winds.

ASK TOM

Dear Tom,
Could you tell me how this spring's rain totals compare with other years?
Thanks,
Steve Carlin
St. Charles

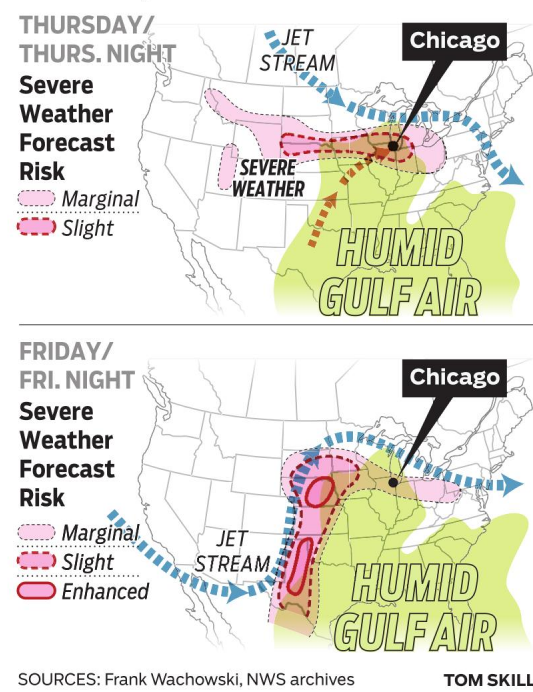
Dear Steve,
This spring, with its abundance of rain and snow, has certainly been a wet one. Since the March 1 start of meteorological spring, precipitation through May 15 has totaled 11.28 inches, well above the normal of 8.05 inches. However, several recent springs have been wetter. Just two years ago, in 2017, precipitation totaled 11.69 inches; 11.31 inches fell in 2013; and 12.23 inches were recorded in 2009. We asked Chicago climatologist Frank Wachowski to rank this spring's precipitation and he found that it was the city's 15th wettest, dating back to 1871. Chicago's wettest spring to date was in 1983 when 13.53 inches fell and the driest was in 1887 with just 1.60 inches.

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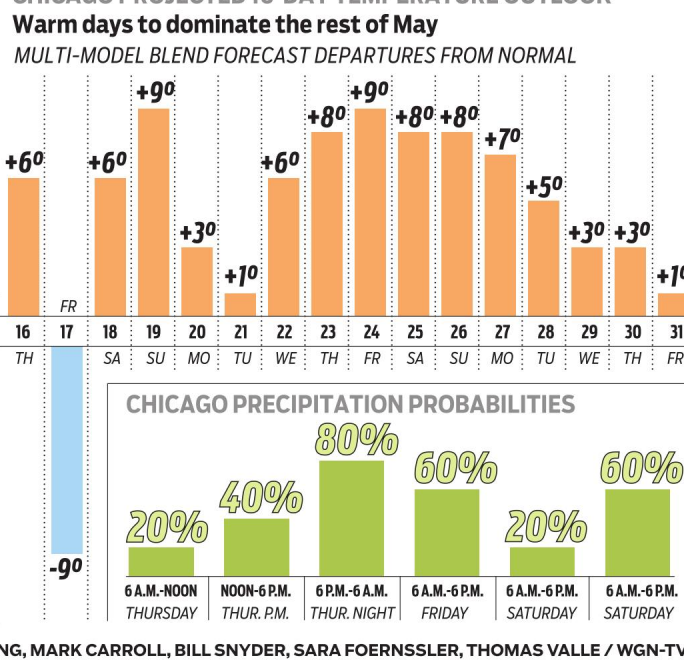
WGN-TV meteorologists Mark Carroll, Steve Kahn, Richard Koeneman, Paul Merzlock and Paul Dailey, plus Bill Snyder, contribute to this page.

Hear Tom Skilling's weather updates weekdays 3 to 6 p.m. on WGN-AM 720 Chicago.

Warm, more humid air Thursday; severe weather potential



CHICAGO PROJECTED 16-DAY TEMPERATURE OUTLOOK



MIDWEST CITIES

THURS./FRI.	FC	HI	LO	FC	HI	LO
Illinois	pc	84	64	pc	85	65
Carbondale	pc	84	65	sh	85	64
Champaign	pc	84	65	sh	85	64
Amarillo	pc	88	63	pc	87	56
Anchorage	sh	55	42	pc	58	42
Asheville	cl	79	53	sh	82	56
Aspen	sh	66	42	sh	52	33
Atlanta	pc	83	63	pc	87	66
Atlanta City	sh	71	55	sh	70	59
Austin	pc	85	69	ts	85	72
Baltimore	pc	75	61	sh	81	66
Billings	ts	70	52	ts	62	40
Birmingham	ts	83	64	pc	85	65
Bismarck	cl	62	43	sh	58	41
Boise	rm	61	48	sh	57	41
Boston	pc	60	51	sh	64	54
Brownsville	pc	86	76	pc	89	78
Buffalo	cl	60	55	sh	63	43
Burlington	pc	63	48	sh	64	44
Charlotte	pc	82	61	pc	89	66
Charltn SC	pc	81	70	pc	83	71
Charltn WV	pc	77	59	sh	81	63
Chattanooga	pc	84	63	ts	88	63
Cheyenne	sh	77	48	sh	81	60
Cincinnati	pc	77	65	pc	87	65
Cleveland	cl	71	61	ts	63	50
Colo. Spgs	cl	81	52	pc	73	42
Columbia MO	pc	89	66	pc	86	67
Columbia SC	pc	85	64	pc	91	67
Columbus	pc	77	62	ts	80	59
Concord	pc	66	43	ts	66	52
Crps Christi	su	84	75	pc	85	77
Dallas	su	87	68	pc	86	71
Daytona Bch.	su	83	64	su	84	66
Denver	cl	83	55	ts	73	46
Des Moines	pc	89	65	ts	78	64
Dubuque	sh	84	57	ts	61	48
El Paso	cl	95	66	pc	86	58

OTHER U.S. CITIES

THURS./FRI.	FC	HI	LO	FC	HI	LO
Ablene	pc	86	68	pc	84	66
Fairbanks	pc	69	47	sh	63	43
Fargo	pc	62	39	sh	62	45
Flagstaff	pc	83	65	pc	54	28
Fort Myers	ts	87	68	pc	88	69
Fort Smith	su	88	64	pc	87	69
Fresno	sh	67	50	sh	70	50
Grand Junc.	cl	82	52	sh	64	43
Great Falls	sh	65	44	rm	50	38
Harrisburg	pc	73	56	ts	80	59
Hartford	pc	68	49	sh	68	52
Helena	ts	69	47	rm	51	41
Honolulu	pc	86	74	pc	86	74
Houston	pc	86	70	pc	87	75
Int'l Falls	pc	57	33	pc	58	37
Jackson	pc	87	65	su	88	65
Jacksonville	pc	87	70	pc	88	71
Janeau	sh	59	43	sh	59	44
Kansas City	su	92	70	pc	87	70
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HOME REMEDIES

Hardscaping maintenance essential but not difficult

BY PAUL F.P. POGUE
Angie's List

It's easy to think of stone hardscaping as needing little or no maintenance. Patio stones, pavers, retaining walls and sidewalks are made of stout material that seems indestructible compared with wood, dirt and plants. But the elements still take their toll on your hardscape, and this stonework will deteriorate without proper care.

The good news is hardscaping maintenance isn't difficult. Follow these steps to ensure many years of enjoyment from your outdoor stone.

Regularly clean stone:

Keep loose debris off your hardscape. A broom can sweep away most of it on an everyday basis. Regularly spray down stone with a garden hose.

Winter and spring debris, such as fallen leaves, mud and dead grass, can

leave stains on your stones — particularly when left for several weeks. In most cases, you can remove these stains by scrubbing with a basic water/detergent solution. Pressure washing may be required if you have mold or standing moss.

For oil stains, obtain an oil remover from an automotive or hardware store.

Check for damage:

When you're doing all this cleaning, look for damaged stones or pavers. Chips and cracks will quickly get bigger. In most cases, you can replace individual damaged stones without having to deal with the rest of the space.

You also can apply paver sealer once every year or two. A good sealant prevents dirt and stains from penetrating and provides a pleasing shine. Sealed pavers are also easier to clean. You can purchase the sealant at a hardware

store. Be sure to apply it only to clean, dry pavers. Pavers that are exposed to heavy rain, sun or foot traffic will need to have new sealer applied more often. In most cases, when you reseal a paver, the new layer can be directly applied on top of the original application.

If your patio pavers are uneven, you may have more serious structural problems that could mean your patio needs to be regraded or replaced.

Pay attention to drainage:

Water is your hardscape's biggest enemy. When your stones are installed, they need a water management process. This can be as simple as slight elevation and channels that direct water off the stone and into a depression or drainage area. A well-designed drainage plan can also help provide water to nearby greenery.

If water pools on your



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With proper maintenance, hardscaping can last many years.

stones after rain, something has gone wrong. At that point, you probably need to contact a pro for his or her opinion. Pooled water can quickly damage stone and get worse.

Also, keep an eye on the sand filler placed between pavers to hold them in place. You can buy a bag of refined sand and pour it into the cracks if weather has worn it away.

Many hardscaping companies offer ongoing maintenance contracts. You can hire one to handle most of this ongoing work if you don't have the time to do it yourself.

Wireless phone charger doubles as picture frame

BY GREGG ELLMAN
Tribune News Service

Twelve South's PowerPic wireless charger is true to its name — it's a wireless charger. But like many other cool and innovative products over the years from Twelve South, it doesn't end there.

The desktop charger is also a wireless picture frame, which can display your device's images on the smartphone display while the charging is going on, making it a display piece

rather than just a phone sitting on the counter. Or, as Twelve South describes it, "See a family photo instead of a phone charger or cable."

For the system to work, your smartphone must be wireless charging enabled. The PowerPic is built for most any Qi-compatible phone including the latest iPhones, and some Samsung Galaxy and Google Pixels. A list of compatible devices is on the Twelve South site.

The Qi chargers deliver

up to 10W of wireless power and will even work through most phone cases up to 3mm thick. A status light on the back will alert you when charging is complete and with its foreign object detections, you'll be alerted if the charging is being blocked by something in your case (credit card, etc.)

A five-foot USB-C to USB-A (original) cable to go into your USB wall plug/power source (not included) is included to power the frame. After it's

powered up, your 5-by-7-inch frame made from Zealand Pine (black or white) is ready to go.

Using the PowerPic is simple.

Place your smartphone in the frame for charging to complete and then you can choose how to display the photos. The possibilities are endless.

On its own without charging a device, you'll have a stylish contemporary picture frame, which will blend in nicely in any room. You don't see the



The PowerPic wireless charger is built for most Qi-compatible phones.

charger itself; it's built into the frame behind the photo.

A metal stand is included, which also helps hide the power cable run-



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Consider wood flooring for the kitchen

BY ELIZABETH MAYHEW
The Washington Post

When you first enter the foyer of designer Katie Ridder and her architect husband Peter Pennoyer's house in New York's Dutchess County, you can't help but be surprised by the durable lavender ceramic hexagonal tiles that cover the floor. But take a quick turn into their kitchen, and the floor changes into mellow wood planks.

"I only like wood floors in kitchens," Ridder says. "They are soft underfoot, the upkeep is easy. ... I really don't think there are any drawbacks."

Just about any image of a kitchen you see these days on decorating blogs, social media or television makeover shows displays a wood floor. Of course, there are many who have tile or stone kitchen floors (like me!), but the current popularity of wood in kitchens cannot be denied. Chalk it up to the kitchen design crush of the moment — the modern farmhouse style — or the overwhelming belief that wood floors are more forgiving, warmer (tile can feel cold to the touch) and more comfortable to stand on for prolonged periods of time.

D.C. architect Donald Lococo, of Donald Lococo Architects, says the preference for wood kitchen floors is also due in part to today's more open house plans. "Rooms that flow into one another, like a kitchen and family room, make it harder to transition from one floor material to another, so the seams between stone and wood are more difficult to implement."

Debbie Gartner, a Westchester, New York, flooring expert and founder of the Flooring Girl (theflooringgirl.com), says her clients overwhelmingly choose solid wood kitchen flooring for the look and comfort, but also because they feel wood floors are a better investment. "Tile is taste-specific and easily dates itself," Gartner says. "Hardwood floors, while often more expensive to install, have lasting power and in the long run will be a better return on your investment."

Some may shy away from using wood flooring in their kitchens because of the required long-term maintenance of wood flooring or the worry of having wood floors near so much water. Gartner says



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A kitchen with wood floors by Donald Lococo Architects and designer Darryl Carter.

the presence of water should be a minor concern. "People don't actually get that much water on their kitchen floors, and if an appliance were to break, insurance would typically cover any warping or other damage."

To best preserve the life of wood flooring, Gartner advises first and foremost to always remove your shoes when you come in your house. "My clients often blame their pets for scratches on their wood floors, but it's people who do more damage." The biggest culprit: dirt and pebbles that get caught in shoes and then get dragged over the wood.

Gartner also recommends putting felt pads under furniture legs, particularly on chairs and other pieces that get moved frequently. And she says to avoid furniture that is on wheels; dirt can get caught in the wheels and then scratch your floor.

Like any flooring, wood should be cleaned regularly. Gartner uses Bona Hardwood Floor Cleaner,



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Take off your shoes to preserve the life of wood floors.

which is a fast-drying, water-based spray-and-mop formula, and a microfiber mop. And never use wax, oils or any product that promises to restore the sheen of your floors. "Such products quickly degrade your floor's finish, so you will need to sand and refinish them sooner than would typically be necessary," Gartner

says.

In kitchens, Lococo says, the highest-traffic area is in front of the sink, so over time that area of the floor will likely show the most damage, but getting a protective mat like those from GelPro can help protect the wood (they also make doing dishes more comfortable because the mats are cushy to stand on).

Nicks and scratches in your wood floor are inevitable. For a short-term solution, Gartner recommends using Minwax's Wood Finish Stain Markers to camouflage the damage. The markers come in eight colors, including golden oak and ebony; she says to buy two similar colors as most woods have color variations within the grain.

Eventually, your wood floor will require a more drastic fix, but Lococo says his clients typically rescreen their floors before they completely refinish them. Rescreening entails only buffing off the thin protective layer of poly-

urethane then reapplying it. Ridder suggests refinishing about every 10 years.

As for the type of polyurethane one uses, Lococo and Gartner agree that both oil-based polyurethane and water-based polyurethane have advantages and disadvantages, but in their experience, they prefer oil-based because it lasts longer (about 10 years) whereas floors coated in water-based polyurethane usually need to be redone after five or six years. (Gartner has an excellent post about the pros and cons of the two types of polyurethane on her blog at theflooringgirl.com).

And when it comes to choosing which finish polyurethane you want — satin or semigloss — the decision is, for the most part, an aesthetic one. That being said, if you are someone who is going to fret over every dent and ding, go with a satin finish, regardless of the stain color, because it will show fewer dirt smudges, scratches and imperfections.



MORTON ARBORETUM

Flowering crab apple trees are hardy and beautiful, but it's important to choose a variety that has been bred to resist common diseases, such as Royal Raindrops crab apple.

For lovely spring blooms, choose crab apple trees

BY BETH BOTTS
Chicago Tribune

Stunning spring blooms? Check. Tree that fits in small yards? Check. Fruit for the birds? Check.

A flowering crab apple checks all the boxes. “They really are stunning trees,” said Julie Janoski, manager of the Plant Clinic at The Morton Arboretum in Lisle. “In May, they’re just covered with blooms.”

Yet there’s more to a hardy crab apple than spring flowers. Some cultivars, or cultivated varieties, have red-tinted leaves throughout the season. The fruit that appears in summer may be red, purple, orange, yellow or green, and can be pea-sized or larger, depending on the species and variety. On some cultivars, attractive small fruits stay on the tree into winter, attracting birds.

Hundreds of cultivars are available, blooming in white and every shade of pink. In early to mid-May, you can compare a variety of blooming crab apples in the Arboretum’s Crabapple Collection, which includes more than 140 trees of 60 different species and cultivars.

There’s one in the right size for every yard, from a mature height of 4 to 25 feet, and with forms, or habits, from weeping to broadly spreading to upright. So, what’s the catch? “Unfortunately, older varieties of crab apple are prone to many diseases that can disfigure them, or cause them to decline or die,” Janoski said.

The most common problem is apple scab, a fungal disease that turns leaves brown and shriveled in the summer. Other afflictions include cedar apple rust, which is most likely when junipers are nearby; powdery mildew, which covers leaves with a dusty white coating; and fire blight, a serious bacterial disease.

The best way to fight these diseases is to choose a cultivar, or cultivated variety, that has been bred to resist them. “If you have an old tree that gets apple scab every year, you may want to just give up and replace it with a new crab apple of a disease-resistant cultivar,” Janoski said.

Here are some of Janoski’s favorite crab apple cultivars, all resistant to common diseases.

Lancelot crab apple

(*Malus* ‘Lanzam’): Rounded form; 8 to 10 feet tall and similarly wide; pink buds that open to white flowers; persistent gold fruit.

Prairiefire crab apple (*Malus* ‘Prairiefire’): Upright, rounded form; up to 20 feet high and 20 feet wide; deep reddish-pink flowers; purplish-red fruit.

Red Jewel crab apple (*Malus* ‘Jewelcole’): Upright, rounded form; up to 18 feet high and 12 feet wide; white flowers; abundant cherry-red, persistent fruit.

Royal Raindrops crab apple (*Malus* x ‘JFS-KW5’): Rounded form; up to 20 feet high and similarly wide; medium-pink flowers; maroon-red persistent fruit.

Sugar Tyme crab apple (*Malus* ‘Sutyzam’): Upright, spreading form; up to 18 feet high and 15 feet wide; white flowers; red, persistent fruit.

For tree and plant advice, contact the Arboretum’s Plant Clinic (630-719-2424 or plantclinic@mortonarb.org).

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Planting right after a storm can be detrimental to soil

BY TIM JOHNSON
Chicago Tribune

How long after a rainstorm do I need to wait to work the soil in my garden and do some planting? I want to take advantage of sunny days.

— Beth Jackson, Wilmette

This has been a frustrating spring for gardeners thus far, with the late snowstorms and lots of rain. A common gardening mistake is to work the soil when it is too wet. Working the soil when it is too wet can have a negative impact on its structure and leave you with rock-hard clumps of soil and a crust if there is high clay content in the soil.

The amount of time one needs to wait after a rain event is very dependent on the type of soil you have in your garden. A heavy clay loam soil such as you most likely have in the Chicago area is going to take extra time to dry out properly to be worked in optimum conditions — one cool, sunny day is probably not going to be enough time. Soils take longer to dry out in early spring than in summer because of the cooler weather at this time of year. A sandy loam soil can dry out very quickly and may be able to be worked the day after a storm. Other variables will be the amount of rain and how quickly it falls — a slow rain over a period of days is really going to saturate the soil, requiring more time for it to dry out compared with a short and heavy rain event during which a lot of the rain runs off.

Different areas of your garden will dry out at different rates depending on the exposure (more sun equals quicker drying) and grade (low areas that tend to collect water will re-



CHICAGO BOTANIC GARDEN

Working soil when it is very wet can negatively affect soil structure and result in hard clumps of dirt if the area features a high clay content.

quire more time to dry out). Many gardens I have been seeing recently have been consistently very wet (unworkable) for several days at a time. It’s also best to avoid walking in beds that are too wet to avoid increasing the compacting of the soil.

The best way for you to determine whether or not you can work your garden’s soil is to take a handful of soil from the bed and gently squeeze it to form a ball. A garden trowel works well to dig out the soil. Next try to break it apart using your thumb or fingers to see if it easily crumbles, which would mean that the bed is OK to work in. If the soil forms a ribbon when pressing it with your thumb or turns

into a squishy ball when trying to break it up with your fingers, then it is too wet to work with. A sandy soil will easily crumble and can even be a bit difficult to form into a ball.

If your test shows the soil to be too wet, then you may need to wait a few days for it to properly dry out. If you needed to plant a few things in the short term, then it may be OK to push the limits some here, but I would definitely avoid trying to amend any “wet soil” with compost, spading it to loosen or cultivating.

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Flushable wipes should not be flushed

BY TIM CARTER
Tribune Content Agency

Q: I'm really upset. I'm retired and have limited resources. I just had to spend \$3,300 on a new sewage pump that was ruined by flushable wipes. What can you tell me about these flushable wipes? The label says they're "sewer and septic safe." Would you use them at your home? Other neighbors are complaining of more frequent clogs at their homes. What's the best way to protect a home's sewer pipes so there's no damage or expensive surprises?

A: You have every right to be upset. Based on the emails I receive, you're not alone. In fact, if you do a simple internet search on the topic, you'll discover that thousands of homeowners like you and sewage treatment plant managers are up in arms about these products.

The labeling on the product is accurate if you want to split hairs. You can flush these wipes down a toilet. They make it through the curved colon in your toilet and enter the 3-inch drain pipe in your home. You can also flush plastic army men, plastic dinosaurs, golf balls, keys, sand, gravel, cellphones, underwear, cosmetic bottles, pill bottles, etc.

The question is: Are the wipes truly sewer and septic safe, and is it a good idea to flush all those things above down a toilet? In my



TIM CARTER PHOTO

These flushable wipes seem harmless on grocery store shelves, but they are ticking time bombs in your drain pipes and sewer.

opinion: Absolutely not.

I've been a master plumber since age 29, and I can tell you the only thing that should go down a toilet is liquid and solid waste from your body and toilet paper. It's also important to realize the less toilet paper you use each trip to the bathroom, the happier your plumbing system will be.

The flushable wipes controversy is a common-sense exercise. If you moisten a single sheet of toilet paper and rub it on your skin or a hard surface you'll discover it rapidly falls apart. This is by design. You

want toilet paper to disintegrate as fast as possible into the tiny cellulose fibers used to create it.

Try the same experiment with a decent-quality paper towel. You'll notice that the paper towel tends to hold up and not fall apart. Once again, this is by design. The paper towel manufacturer wants you to be able to use the product to clean up spills and do light-duty cleaning. Never flush paper towels down a toilet.

Finally, do the same test with a flushable wipe. You'll quickly discover they often hold together better

than paper towels. Can you imagine what happens if there's not enough water to transport these through your in-house building drain and outside buried sewer line out to your city sewer? At some point, you'll get a clog. In your case, they didn't disintegrate and they burned up your sewage pump.

These wipes survive the long and tortuous journey from homes through miles of sewer pipes ending up at municipal sewage treatment plants. They clog up giant pumps at the plants. The internet is littered with

stories about massive clogs in sewers and treatment plants caused by these wipes. Flushable wipes are the scourge of sewers and septic systems.

I'd never use them at my house. If you must use them in your home, I suggest you dispose of them in a sanitary way in a special garbage can much like you'd store a soiled baby's diaper until trash day.

Clogs in residential plumbing systems can also be traced to the low-flow requirements forced upon us by government officials. Years ago the standard

toilet used 3.5 gallons of water per flush. Toilets now use 1.6 gallons of water per flush.

This small amount of water, in some plumbing systems, often doesn't have the energy to transport the flushable wipes or ordinary wastes out to the city sewer. Remember the simple formula from high school physics class? Force equals mass times acceleration. Three and a half gallons of water has much more mass than 1.6 gallons of water.

I routinely protect my home's plumbing system by filling up two 5-gallon buckets of water. This water is poured into a toilet on the second story of my home. My wife assists me as we flush the toilet. As soon as the water from the tank enters the bowl, we both pour in our buckets of water at the same time. We pour as fast as possible, making sure the water doesn't overflow in the bowl. This massive slug of water entering the pipes from up high acts like a giant internal pressure washer to keep my main building drain clear.

We also only allow body waste into our toilets. The other best practice is to keep as much grease as possible out of the plumbing. I save paper towels used to dry hands, and these are used to sop up liquid grease from pans and pots. I throw these grease-soaked towels in the garbage. Solidified grease is a major cause of clogs in residential plumbing systems.

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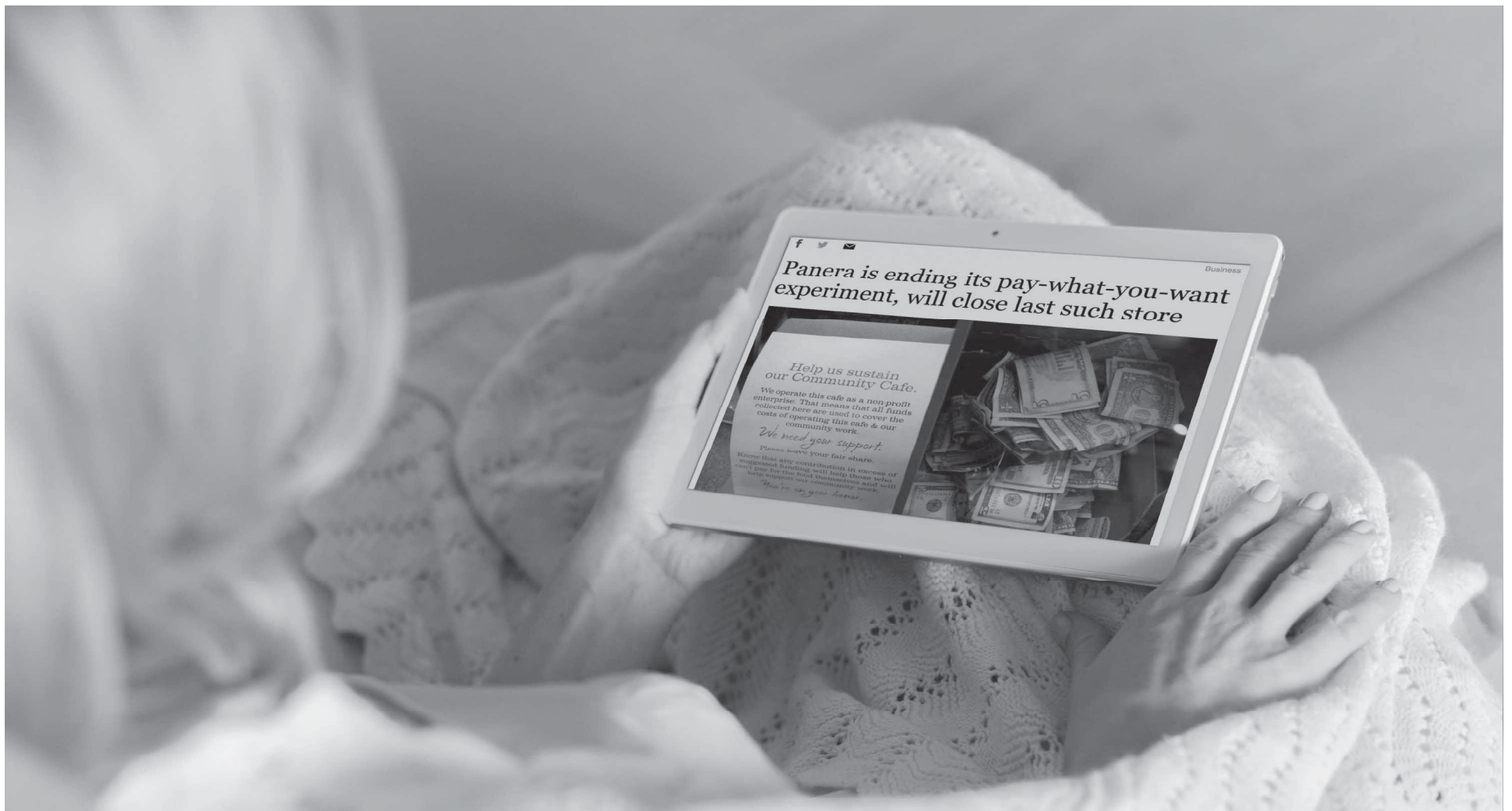
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JENNA SCHUSTER
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The fastest way to turn your home into a money pit? Neglecting it.

Ignoring routine household maintenance can cause damage to your home and possibly create dangerous living conditions down the road.

The good news is that spending a little money on upkeep here and there will help you avoid the need for pricey repairs. Get a jump on these maintenance tasks to keep your home in the best shape possible:

Check your smoke and carbon monoxide monitors: Testing your smoke alarms and carbon monoxide monitors is one of the most important home maintenance tasks you can perform. After all, working monitors don't just prevent costly fire damage; they can also save your life.

According to the U.S. Fire Administration, you should test your smoke alarm once a month using

the test button, and you should replace the unit once every 10 years. You should also test your carbon monoxide monitor once a month. And don't forget to change out the batteries for each detector annually.

Test your sump pump: Sump pumps are useful for keeping groundwater out of your basement. They move water away from your foundation and prevent flooding. Taking good care of these devices means testing them regularly — about once every few months in the spring, summer and fall. Otherwise, you could face extensive mold, mildew and water damage. There are a few ways to test your sump pump on your own, or you can hire a professional to do the job for you.

Clean your gutters regularly: Gutter cleaning prevents roof leaks, and neglecting this necessary task can bring about serious home damage and a host of big repair bills.

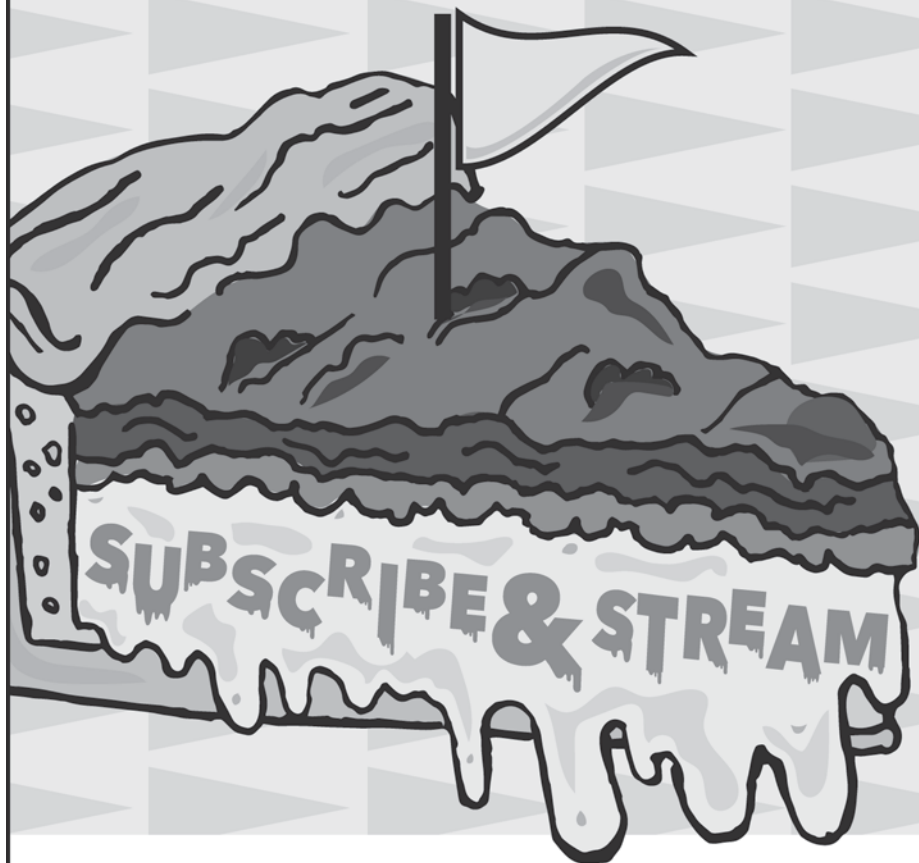
Leaks can result in mold, flooded basements and cracked foundations — all of which can be avoided when you hire a pro to clean your gutters at least twice a year. (If you have pine trees, you may need to have your gutters cleaned more often.)

Maintain your HVAC system: Staying on top of HVAC maintenance will ensure that your unit is running smoothly and efficiently. Be sure to replace the filter every two to three months, or per your manufacturer's instructions.

Also, it's important to have a professional service the unit once a year. They can perform routine checks of the equipment, test the efficiency of your model and adjust your HVAC according to your needs. Not only does this keep your unit in good shape, but it also helps prevent fire hazards down the road. And keeping up on maintenance means you won't have to replace your unit prematurely.

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Why you should still consider local mortgage lenders

Anyone shopping for a home loan can see that online players have become a dominant force in the mortgage marketplace. Whether it's big-name traditional banks or online-only lenders, the push to shop nationwide is as strong as ever.

But working with a local lender can still offer benefits, especially for certain types of homebuyers.

When you apply locally, you'll be working directly with an individual loan officer, and most likely will meet with them face to face. This may seem simply quaint to some, but for others it can feel like a welcome friendly face during an otherwise intimidating process.

The feel-good aspect of personalized service is only part of the equation, though. For instance, self-employed homebuyers or those with multiple income streams may have difficulty gathering all their documentation, and a loan officer can assist in that process.

Mortgages by local lenders can also be approved more speedily, in some cases, since you are applying to an individual instead of a massive department that receives hundreds of applications a day.

A local loan officer may also be more flexible in approving your the loan. Whereas big lenders have rigid underwriting guidelines, a local lender may have more leeway. This is particularly true if it will keep the mortgage rather than sell it to Fannie Mae or Freddie Mac.

Local lenders often can even help if they foresee your application being rejected. They may be willing to work with you on steps that will strengthen your application so that your mortgage can be approved in the near future.

Rates and fees will of course be an important consideration. But for homebuyers who may want or need a more personal touch, a speedier process, or greater approval flexibility, the lenders in your community are worth a look.

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