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Trump storms out of Dem meeting

President demands end of inquiries to cooperate on infrastructure legislation

By LISA MASCARO AND MARY CLARE JALONICK
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — President Donald Trump abruptly stalked out of a meeting with congressional leaders Wednesday with a flat declaration he would no longer work with Democrats unless

they drop all investigations in the aftermath of the special counsel's Trump-Russia report.

Democrats said the walkout seemed scripted.

House Speaker Nancy Pelosi called it all "very, very, very strange" and said she was praying for Trump and the nation.

After turning and leaving the

three-minute non-meeting with the Democratic leaders, scheduled for a discussion of infrastructure problems, Trump strode to the Rose Garden where aides had gathered reporters and TV cameras for his demand that Congress drop its investigations that are increasingly leading to talk of what he called the "i-word" — impeachment.

Trump assailed Pelosi in particular for her comment earlier in the morning on Capitol Hill that

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Judge refuses to block subpoenas seeking records from two banks that did business with President Trump. **Nation & World, Page 10**

she believed the president was engaged in a "cover-up" of the Russia probe.

Trump said, "I walked into the room and I told Leader Schumer and Speaker Pelosi I want to do

infrastructure," referring to the top Democratic senator, New York's Chuck Schumer.

"But you know what we can't do it under these circumstances," Trump said. "So get these phony investigations over."

The president didn't shake anyone's hands or take a seat, but spent three minutes contending he had been prepared to work on infrastructure, trade and other

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Cook County sheriff's Investigators Michael Ware, left, and Dimas Hernandez call on someone in Riverdale whose FOID card was revoked.

26K lost right to own guns. But 78% may still be armed.

State failed to ensure arms given up by those deemed too dangerous for them

By ANNIE SWEENEY, STACY ST. CLAIR, CECILIA REYES AND SARAH FREISHTAT | Chicago Tribune

As many as 30,000 guns may still be in the possession of Illinois residents deemed too dangerous to have them, according to a Tribune investigation.

In an analysis of data released for the first time, the Tribune found the state has repeatedly

failed to ensure that people surrender their weapons and gun permits after their Firearm Owner's Identification cards are revoked, resulting in the breakdown of a system put in place to deter gun violence.

In all, nearly 27,000 Illinois

residents over the past four years have not informed authorities what they did with their guns after state police stripped their licenses, according to the analysis. That means law enforcement has no idea whether 78% of revoked cardholders since 2015 still possess guns.

The uncertainty has created a public safety risk that has been compounded for decades by antiquated policies and limited law-enforcement resources.

Among those with dismal

compliance rates are residents convicted of domestic violence or people who had their cards rescinded because of mental health concerns, the Tribune analysis shows. About 3 out of 4 such revokees failed to tell the state where their weapons are, despite making a combined 5,000 serious inquiries about purchasing guns before the revocation.

The broken system was ex-

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As Chicago loses souls, Houston a problem

It's still the 3rd-largest U.S. city but Texan giant is closing gap

By CECILIA REYES AND PATRICK M. O'CONNELL
Chicago Tribune

The majority of municipalities in the Chicago region, including the city itself, lost population last year, according to newly released estimates from the U.S. Census Bureau, part of a familiar trend of overall stagnation and decline among Midwestern cities.

Though Chicago remains the third-largest city in the United States, behind New York and Los Angeles, fourth-place Houston continued to close the gap, moving to within 380,492 residents of Chicago. After losing an estimated 7,073 people from 2017 to 2018, Chicago stands at just over 2.7 million residents, according to the new census data. Houston, the biggest city in Texas, gained 8,057 last year and now has more than 2.3 million.

The growth in Houston reflects national trends, as cities in the South and West — including Phoenix, San Antonio, Fort Worth, Texas, Seattle and Charlotte, North Carolina — continue to gain population at a rapid clip. Chicago

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Trashbot may soon clean Chicago River

To attack Chicago River litter, a Chicago-based environmental nonprofit hopes to dispatch a remote-controlled, trash-collecting robot. **Chicagoland, Page 4**

Medline mulls drastic cuts in emissions of toxic gas

Waukegan firm's idea follows reporting on cancer risk near plant

By MICHAEL HAWTHORNE
Chicago Tribune

A Waukegan company is pledging to dramatically reduce its emissions of cancer-causing ethylene oxide, even as it urges the Trump administration to reject decades of research show-

ing the volatile gas is far more dangerous than previously thought.

Under a proposal sent to the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency, Medline Industries would install new pollution control equipment intended to prevent nearly all of the ethylene oxide it uses from escaping into surrounding neighborhoods.

Annual emissions would be limited to 150 pounds, down from 3,058 pounds reported by

the company in 2014.

Medline's suggested improvements are the latest response to a federal study that found ethylene oxide pollution is responsible for alarmingly high cancer risks in four predominantly Latino and African American census tracts surrounding the company's assembly plant off Skokie Highway and Casimir Pulaski Drive.

More than 19,000 people live in low- and moderate-income subdivisions within those tracts,

where the lifetime risk of developing breast cancer, leukemia and lymphomas is up to five times higher than the national average, according to the National Air Toxics Assessment released in August by the U.S. EPA.

The Chicago Tribune first reported in November that Medline was the third-largest source of ethylene oxide in Illinois in

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Emilia Clarke in a scene from the series finale of "Game of Thrones."



JOHN KASS

'Game of Thrones' revealed as conservative epic

I loved "Game of Thrones" when it was a left-leaning political fantasy, as creator George R.R. Martin admitted when he told The New York Times — while feeding the appetites of the beltway media collective — that the mad boy king Joffrey was indeed the mad king Donald Trump.

I loved GoT when it was the most popular program in the blue liberal states and less so in conservative red states. The inner, hidden nerd in me (perhaps the nerd is no longer hidden) loved it even as HBO prudently herded its cash cow away from a sexist mashup of female breasts and dragons and political revenge in tights into something else again:

A epic feminist saga with strong, proud and ethical women (OK, forget Cersei) dealing with the world not as they wished it would be but as it was. And most of the men were either too narcissistically evil, stupid, venal or cowardly to do much good.

Oh, men!

But now our watch has ended.

And it's obvious that as it ended, "Game of Thrones" was not the fantasy of the socialist left that it started out as, but a reaffirmation of conservative/libertarian beliefs.

It rejected the left's cult of personality and worship of central authority that would decide what was best for us whether we liked it or not.

And it transformed itself into a show that William F. Buckley would have loved.

It revered a strong family. It celebrated the individual, going off the grid to explore the unknown. And it displayed excellent taste in costumes and an appreciation of the Scots/Irish folk ballad.

But the main thing is that GoT got rid of its mad queen — or was that Bernie Sanders in a blond wig on the dragon? — who was eager to burn us all to cinders for our own good and bring the survivors to her utopia.

One monarch to sit on that Iron

Throne, one queen to rule them all. And what if the people had different ideas?

"They don't get to choose," says Daenerys Targaryen, sweetly, as if she were Debbie Wasserman Schultz conspiring with Hillary Clinton on how to rig a presidential nomination.

Yet I hated the ending as much as the next guy.

There were many holes in the show, from that mysterious water bottle on the ground in the Game of Thrones at Yalta conference, to the exiling of Jon Snow to the warrior monks of the Night's Watch — with the zombies all gone, there was no longer any need of a Night's Watch.

Arya Stark, the vengeful daughter I never had, who could kill her family's enemies without a blink of an eye, went off to explore unknown waters and unknown lands. She had no real experience at sea. But she pointed her ship to the West, and that she wanted to visit the West was enough for me.

And it reinforced the human desire for liberty, particularly if the alternative is utopia at the point of a gun (or a fire-breathing dragon,) which was the way of Lenin, Stalin, Castro, Maduro and others.

All communist utopias have ended badly, with untold misery and the deaths of some 100 million people in this, our real world — not to mention the zoo animals eaten when the food is gone.

I acknowledge I'm of the minority opinion and the Twittersphere, which leans even more leftward than mainstream media, will reject my theory that GoT was at its heart, a conservative saga. And, many Republicans have hated the show because they fear dynamic women riding dragons.

I gladly bear this cross.

When "Game of Thrones" ended this week, tens of millions of fans went stark raving mad, just as I'd predicted. And unscrupulous psych counselors were already selling their

soothing bromides online to those, who, as in the 2016 election, couldn't or wouldn't accept reality.

I joined them, also refusing to accept reality. And I publicly hated on the show on "The Chicago Way" podcast, like some spoiled child.

Later, though, I sat quietly in a big comfy leather chair, lit a fine Maduro cigar and questioned my beliefs while pondering the amazing politics of this cultural phenomenon called "Game of Thrones."

It was a great show.

But thousands of cultish GoT podcasters and bloggers and writers were in a frenzy. The high priests of the church of GoT — with their inter-ne-cine feuds and conspiracies and jealousies, like high priests in any age — couldn't stand the magic ending and the loss of their power.

So they stoked the rage and anxiety of the fans for computer clicks and ratings. And many of their followers turned on the show that they had followed religiously for almost a decade, seething with rage, insisting that the "Game of Thrones" ending wasn't one they had envisioned.

They might as well have been chanting, "Not my Game of Thrones! Not my Game of Thrones!"

But Tyrion the dwarf, brilliantly played with a passable British accent by the great American actor Peter Dinklage, said it best.

"What unites people? Armies? Gold? Flags? Stories. There's nothing more powerful in the world than a good story," Tyrion said. "Nothing can stop it. No enemy can defeat it."

Except, perhaps, network executives and producers.

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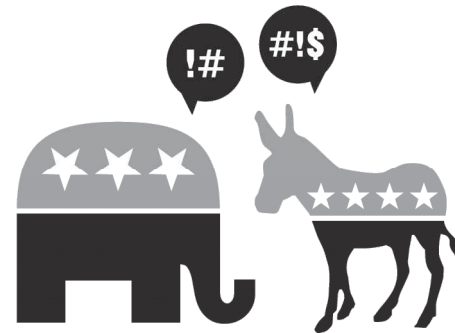
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'Media zombie rat' and other nice tags for press



REX W. HUPPKE

Spring is here, and that means it's time to muck out the ol' Reader Fan Mail Dungeon, toss a few items into the Death Threat Incinerator and gather up and answer important missives from area thought leaders.

As always, I'm excluding the authors' names so their employers, family members and faith leaders don't get jealous.

While I'm probably too stupid and horrible to provide any sensible answers to these adoring notes, I will try my best.

Here goes. (I am using symbols to cover up any wisely chosen and very much deserved profanity.)

"maybe, you've heard this before, I sincerely feel that you aren't as stupid as you deliberately pretend, the fact that you are still employed bespeaks the sorry state of journalism. Still don't get it liberal scumbag? I'm long past threatening to cancel my subscription that I've had for 30 years. Shame on you for being you."

I was raised Catholic, so I feel shame for virtually everything. But I do appreciate the vote of confidence regarding my stupidity!

"You stupid #*%-wipe! Facts revealed that Russia hacking (and Chinese, and Iranian, and N.Korean, and others) started on Obama's watch. He knew and did NOTHING!! You lying POS. Try doing some honest reporting. You should thank Trump for the fabulous Economy. That the only reason a bubonic plague infested, garbage dump Media zombie rat, like you has a job. If Hilary had won, you would be a Greeter at Walmart."

Thank you. I tried honest reporting once but it was a real drag. Same way Obama tried to warn Republican Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell about Russian interference in the 2016 campaign but McConnell chose to ignore him because that news would have been a real drag on Donald Trump's presidential campaign. Ooopsie!

Also, I take it you've seen my alt-punk band Garbage Dump Media Zombie Rat. Shoot me your address and I'll send you our new CD.

"As long as your naive, hate filled columns continue to appear in the Chicago Tribune, stupidity will never rest! Hopefully you will be 'sliding into the void' soon."



MATT ROURKE/AP

Supporters of President Donald Trump pose for a photograph before a rally in Montoursville, Pa., earlier this month.

Is "sliding into the void" a hip new way of saying "going on vacation?" Because if so, I do hope I'll soon be sliding into the void. Never letting stupidity rest is EXHAUSTING!

"You sir are a jerk, and I don't mean your average jerk, you are something quite special!!!"

Why thank you. It's good to see years of practice finally paying off.

"BARR DID NOT LIE TO CONGRESS.... THAT WAS THE F&\$%ING DEMS.... HILLBILLARY, LYNCH, COMEY, BRENNAN, STRZOK, PAGE, CLAPPER, MCCABE! YOU F&\$%ING STAND CORRECTED! GET YOUR F&\$%ING FACTS STRAIGHT! YOU ARE A OBUPTHOLE CRONNIE FROM CHICAGO.... NUFF SAID! YOUR F&\$%ING BIAS IS SHOWING! PLEASE DEAL IN FACTS! INVESTIGATE THE F&\$%ING B*#! WITCH HILLBILLARY.... THAT B\$%^& S%&# HER SO BEHIND BARS... TALK ABOUT OBSTRUCTION.... BLEACH BIT... HAMMERS... BATH ROOM EMAIL CENTER.... IF THAT B\$%^& S%&# HER SO CALLED LOST EMAILS.... YOU F&\$%ERS WOULD STILL DEFEND THAT LYING CORRUPT B\$%^&!"

I am many things, good sir, but an Obutt-

hole Cronnie is not one of them. (This same reader described me as "F&\$%ING DELUTIONAL," which is accurate.)

"And you wonder why you are an uneducated unskilled unemployed hack journalist failure at life with zero talent ir ability and a complete p#&@y..You need to learn reality so I had you black-listed"

Thank you for this. I have notified my employer that I am unemployed. And blacklisted. Can I crash on your couch?

"Get some facts Rex. You appeal to emotions, not reason. You are part of the hysterical left with no redeeming social value. Read your own paper. Even blacks are fleeing the corruption in Chicago and other big cities. It's nice and quiet in suburbia. No single-parent families, no queers, plenty of God-fearing hard-working people."

Nice and quiet in suburbia? Have you tried driving through Naperville on a Saturday? And regarding my lack of redeeming social value, I make up for that with finely sculpted man-calves and an edgy social media presence.

"You have more to do with the death of civilization than any microbe. You are the vermin of the earth. No remaining

journalists. No Walter Chronkite. Just muck-raking, self-serving @*%holes."

Tough, but fair. And I too miss Walter Chronkite. I grew up watching him on the "CHBS Evening News."

"You are a complete Jackass! Do you really get paid for this bull\$#%&?"

I do get paid, but not in traditional currency. At the end of each day, if I have generated a sufficient number of liberal lies, I press my nose on the lever of the Soros Machine at the center of the newsroom and one protein pellet is dispensed. It's not much, but it's a livin'!

"Nothing's changed. you're still an idiot please jump off a cliff"

Sadly, I am not able to fulfill your request at this time due to Chicago's lack of cliffs. Please contact your alderman and ask that money for a nice escarpment or fjord be added to next year's budget.

"Please have sex with a robot hope you live long in pain due a long painful death."

If we start having sex with robots, we're all going to be due a long, painful death. Thanks for taking the time to write! And God bless.

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What will pot firms be able to keep secret?

Illinois' marijuana legalization proposal unclear on the matter

BY ROBERT MCCOPPIN
Chicago Tribune

Since its inception, the Illinois medical marijuana program has been shrouded in secrecy, with the government denying requests for information about who owns the grow houses and dispensaries.

Lawmakers had said they would rectify that issue when it came to legalizing marijuana for recreational use — but the proposed law appears in part to maintain secrecy for organizations applying to operate retail pot stores.

On page 150 of the 533-page bill, the measure states that all application information for adult-use dispensing organizations, down to their addresses, is exempt from the

state Freedom of Information Act and “not subject to disclosure.”

All complaints and investigations of the retail stores, except for criminal records, also would be kept secret under the proposal.

The passage seems to conflict with a later section governing licensed cannabis businesses, which states that all cannabis business applications to the state are subject to disclosure under the Freedom of Information Act.

Lawmakers have said that their proposal to legalize marijuana in Illinois is supposed to be transparent, so the public knows who owns cannabis businesses here. So the bill's main sponsors, state Rep. Kelly Cassidy and state Sen. Heather Steans, issued a statement Tuesday that they are looking into the apparent discrepancy.

“The intent is to make ownership data completely accessible while protecting proprietary information and sensitive security re-

lated information such as floor plans or security plans that can be used to plan crimes,” the statement said. “The language is still being worked out.”

Cannabis business ownership should be public, the sponsors have said, both to show that the industry is legitimate and to ensure participation by minority entrepreneurs.

In many cases, medical cannabis companies have publicly shared the names of their principal owners and have given media tours of their facilities, along with information about their operations, but they may choose what they wish to divulge. The state medical cannabis law specifically makes it a crime for the government to release any information from each licensee's application.

The chief sponsor of the medical cannabis law, former state Rep. Lou Lang, said previously that he did so to keep regulators from

knowing the identity of the applicants they were scoring.

Pam Althoff, executive director of the Medical Cannabis Alliance of Illinois, which represents industry growers and dispensers, noted that there are numerous scrivener's errors in the bill that will have to be cleaned up.

In general, Althoff told the Tribune, intellectual property like security and processing plans should be protected, along with some personal information, but in the public interest, company ownership should be publicly available, along with the process for scoring applications.

The scoring became an issue in 2015, when PM Rx, a company that failed to get a license, sued the state to see why it awarded the license to Cresco Labs. An attorney for the state argued that disclosing the facilities' locations and other information could make them targets of crime. After winning a court order

to see 13,000 pages of documents, and after its CEO Andrew James died, the company agreed to withdraw its lawsuit.

Don Craven, general counsel for the Illinois Press Association, argued that the license applications should be public, just as information is made public in other heavily regulated industries, such as gambling.

The state Freedom of Information Act already has exemptions to protect trade secrets and security, Craven said.

“We anticipate that this is going to be a multimillion-dollar business in Illinois, yet we are shielding it from any meaningful examination,” he said. “We don't make that mistake with a lot of other regulated industries that manage to do very well, so I'm not sure why we'd need to do it this way.”

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The trash robot is tested on the Chicago River on Tuesday. The testing was declared a success even though it lasted only a few minutes.

Trashbot could soon clean Chicago River

Public would be able to remotely pilot rubbish-sucking device

BY JAVONTE ANDERSON
Chicago Tribune

People strolling along the Chicago River this summer might spot an unfamiliar watercraft navigating the North Branch.

In an effort to attack the river's pollution, Urban Rivers, a Chicago-based environmental nonprofit, plans to dispatch a remote-controlled, trash-collecting robot — Trashbot — near Goose Island, where the group also is helping create wildlife habitat.

Urban Rivers aims to have Trashbot linked to a website that allows anyone to access and operate it remotely through a smartphone or computer.

“We're hoping people play it like a video game and clean up trash,” said Nick Wesley, co-founder of Urban Rivers. “Everyone has latched on and we think this is a way everyone can engage the river.”

The nonprofit collaborated

with software developers so people will be able to control the floating apparatus in real time, Wesley said. The robot's range will initially be limited to the “Wild Mile” section of the river along Goose Island, where Urban Rivers has been working with other groups to create wildlife habitat and recreational areas.

Urban Rivers took Trashbot out for its first remote-controlled test run Wednesday in the North Branch Canal, east of Goose Island near Blackhawk Street, near where the group has been restoring habitat. A small team took a few hours assembling and hard-wiring the robot before putting it in the river. The robot was able to maneuver through the water for a few minutes before a minor malfunction.

Despite the technological hiccup, Wesley declared the test run a success. “We proved a really important piece, that we could control it remotely while on the river,” he said.

The trash robot is an extension of Urban Rivers' mission to transform city rivers into wildlife sanctuaries, Wesley said.

Urban Rivers developed the robot with money from a \$5,000 Kickstarter campaign and a \$10,000 grant from the Ozinga Foundation, Wesley said.

Trashbot was born of necessity. After Urban Rivers installed the first floating gardens in June 2017, the organization noticed an abundance of trash polluting the river, Wesley said. Debris ran the gamut, including empty water and soda bottles, chips bags, plastic bags, cups and other trash and debris.

First volunteers tried picking the trash up by hand. Then people were sent out in kayaks to clean up. But more trash always accumulated.

“We realized we needed a way to collect trash all the time,” Wesley said. And the idea of Trashbot was born.

There are some concerns about granting random people access to the robot, Wesley said, adding that Urban Rivers will adapt and problem-solve as the issues arise.

“There's always a chance somebody takes advantage of it,” Wesley said. “But that isn't a good

enough reason not to create something cool and unique.”

Brian Levy, a Metropolitan Water Reclamation District engineer, said anyone operating a device in the river should be aware of increased boat traffic including water taxis, kayaks and canoes.

However, Levy said, he's “open to any sorts of improvements” to increase the Chicago River's water quality.

Margaret Frisbie, executive director of Friends of the Chicago River, said Trashbot was a “terrific idea” that should accomplish two goals.

First, it will help collect river trash, which visibly pollutes the river and poses a threat to wildlife.

Second, it will help increase awareness because it's a “fun and inventive” method to clean up the river.

“The thought was if anyone can control it ... it could unify people to work towards a common goal,” Wesley said.

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Metra offers new weekday schedule on BNSF line

BY MARY WISNIEWSKI
Chicago Tribune

Metra has revised its weekday schedule on the busy BNSF line to Aurora, which includes new morning and afternoon trains to relieve crowding.

The commuter railroad also is adding a train in each direction to the weekend schedule as part of a summer pilot program.

The new weekday schedule, which will start on June 3, was made in response to a survey of BNSF riders.

The BNSF line, operated by the Burlington Northern Santa Fe Railway with equipment owned by Metra, is Metra's busiest route and makes up 21 percent of its total ridership. The line sees 64,000 passengers a day, and includes stops at Naperville, Hinsdale and Cicero.

Last year, the line was troubled by multiple delays and overcrowding from a variety of causes, including air conditioning breakdowns and the implementation of new safety technology that required a major schedule change.

Metra said in a statement on Tuesday that while it did what it could to accommodate requests, it was not possible to eliminate all crowding due to a limited amount of equipment and capacity constraints in the yards, on the tracks and at Union Station.

The new inbound weekday train will start at the Highlands station in Hinsdale at 7:14 a.m. and arrive at Union Station at 7:50 a.m., with stops between. In the afternoon, a train will leave at 4:53 p.m. and end at Highlands. There are also other weekday timetable changes. The complete new schedule can be seen at www.metra-train.com.

The weekend pilot schedule, which will begin June 8 and end Sept. 2, includes a new inbound afternoon train from Aurora and an outbound train leaving Union Station late Saturday morning. Metra also has added trains to the Union Pacific Northwest and Rock Island weekend schedules as part of the summer pilot.

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Chicago police to beef up patrols on CTA train, bus lines

BY JEREMY GORNER
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Chicago police plan to beef up patrols of CTA trains and buses beginning Memorial Day weekend to handle the expected large groups of youths traveling to the downtown area this summer.

Eddie Johnson, retained as police superintendent by new Mayor Lori Lightfoot, confirmed Wednesday that more than 40 additional officers will patrol elevated train and subway and bus lines beginning Friday.

The new initiative comes amid concerns over dozens of arrests on recent weekends among groups of youths causing disturbances in the Loop, Gold Coast and other downtown spots. But this has been a warm weather phenomenon that the Police Department has had to deal with for several years.

“It's basically designed to help control some of the unruly crowds that come (downtown),” Johnson told a Chicago Tribune reporter Wednesday about adding 44 officers to mass transit duties.

Billed as the department's “Public Transportation Summer Initiative,” the additional officers will work afternoons, evenings and nights with those regularly assigned to patrol CTA trains and stations through Aug. 21, according to law enforcement sources.

Sources said the department's 22 patrol districts will each contribute two officers to the summer initiative. Officers can volunteer or those with the lowest seniority will be assigned.

Following a speech earlier this month to business and civic leaders at a City Club of Chicago luncheon, Johnson said the department's policy for dealing with the groups

of youths is complicated.

“We have to stay within the framework of the Constitution,” he told reporters. “Those kids have a right to come downtown unless they're committing criminal acts. But I will tell you all unequivocally (if) you come downtown ... and you misbehave, then you're going to be held accountable.”

For about a decade, with warmer weather each spring, Chicago has had to deal with large crowds of youths traveling downtown to spend time along the lakefront, the Magnificent Mile, Water Tower Place, Millennium Park and other popular spots.

Police said the mostly African American youths in many cases come downtown from the South and West sides using the CTA train lines. The large gatherings are often coordinated via text messages or social networking web-

sites. At times, some of the teens have caused problems — getting into fights, vandalizing property, shoplifting or committing other crimes.

It has presented a challenge for a city that already has a public relations problem nationally as violence-plagued and doesn't want tourists from around the world to fear shopping in its central business district.

During last year's Memorial Day weekend, police shuttled dozens of teens onto Red Line trains that ran express from downtown to the South Side, bringing scrutiny from civil rights groups.

Craig Futterman, a University of Chicago law professor who works on police accountability issues, told the Tribune at the time that the strategy raised red flags because it appeared to target African American teens.

The issue isn't unique to Chicago. Philadelphia, for one, has had problems with mobs of teenagers assaulting pedestrians and vandalizing property since at least 2010, according to news media reports.

Johnson and Lightfoot are expected to release further details about the Police Department's summer crime-fighting plans later this week.

So far, Johnson has disclosed a few details that don't appear to be much different than what the department has undertaken in previous years.

Police will beef up their visibility along the lakefront and in parks during the summer. Officers will also be patrolling on bicycles in areas with large crowds.

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Aurora shooting haunts police effort

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posed in February, when a disgruntled employee opened fire at the Henry Pratt Co. warehouse in Aurora, killing five co-workers and wounding five officers before dying in a shootout with police. The gunman, a convicted felon named Gary Martin, had his FOID card revoked in 2014 but was never forced to relinquish the Smith & Wesson handgun he used in the shooting.

The Tribune's analysis of closely held Illinois State Police data — including how often each rescinded cardholder had made a serious inquiry about purchasing a gun — shows that the failure by state and local authorities to follow up on the revocations and account for firearms is widespread and happening in every county in Illinois.

"I will say the depth and breadth of the problem did take me back just a bit," said acting Illinois State Police Director Brendan Kelly, who has made revocation compliance a top priority since taking office earlier this year. "The only way we are going to be able to take a bite out of this problem is just laying it all out there: the good, the bad and the ugly."

According to the data released under an open records request, more than 34,000 people had their FOID cards revoked between 2015 and 2019 alone.

More than half kept their cards despite orders to relinquish them, meaning they could still buy ammunition with the card even though it could not be used to purchase a new weapon from a licensed dealer.

Before the Tribune finished its analysis, gun rights advocates predicted it would be a waste of time, insisting most people had their cards revoked simply because they moved out of state. In reality, less than 4% — or 1,332 of 34,221 — lost their FOIDs for that reason.

Among other findings in the Tribune's investigation: ■ Domestic violence-related infractions are the most common reason for a resident's card to be revoked, followed by mental health concerns and felony convictions.

■ The state rescinded 10,527 FOID cards for domestic violence-related reasons, including battery convictions and orders of protection. Of those former cardholders, 81% have not accounted for any guns.

■ The state revoked 10,067 FOID cards for mental health concerns, including voluntary and non-voluntary hospitalizations. The whereabouts of their firearms are unknown in nearly 3 of 4 cases.

■ Of 157 Cook County residents who committed suicide with firearms in 2018, nine had revoked FOID cards.

■ Chicago accounts for about half of the 10,382 revocations in Cook County. Orland Park and Schaumburg are second and third in the county with 151 and 145 revocations each.

■ Among towns with more than 10,000 adults, Mount Vernon, Kankakee, Marion and Plainfield had the highest non-compliance rates in the state.

Failure to ensure compliance over so many years has resulted in a now-daunting backlog that would require a coordinated, costly effort to fix. A bill pending in Springfield proposes an increase in cardholder fees to fund a task force aimed at following up on revocations. The legislation also would require fingerprinting to obtain a FOID card, a mandate sponsors say greatly improves the likelihood of finding an applicant's criminal background but opponents say is unconstitutional.

It faces strong opposition from gun rights advocates, who look at any change to current laws as an attack on the Second Amendment. Opponents of the bill promised legal challenges to the legislation should it pass because, they argue, the increased fee structure impedes the constitutional right to own guns.

Longtime gun rights lobbyist Todd Vandermyde said he believes revocations should be enforced, but it's unfair to make law-abiding



Sen. Mike Hastings high-fives Kathleen Sances, of the Illinois Gun Violence Prevention PAC, who backs a bill aimed at strengthening the FOID system.



Members of Vicente Juarez's family show a portrait of Juarez on Wednesday in Oswego. Juarez was one of five killed in Aurora by a co-worker whose FOID card had been revoked.



Cook County sheriff's police Investigator Todd Lukas takes inventory of two Ruger handguns retrieved from a man whose FOID card was revoked in Markham last month.

FOID cardholders pay for it.

"If this is a public safety measure foisted upon gun owners, then the state should pay for it," he said.

While the advocates repeatedly have said they don't want "bad people to have guns," some dispute whether Illinois' backlog of 27,000 non-compliant FOID card revocations actually poses a risk to the public.

"If you take away a mentally disturbed person's gun, that doesn't mean you would stop them from killing if that's what they decided to do," said Steve Balich, a Will County board member who has fought against new gun laws. "They could drive their car into a playground full of children just as easily. Do you want to take away their driver's license too?"

National experts, however, believe the revocation database offers the state an unprecedented opportunity to prevent gun violence instead of simply responding to it. It also makes law enforcement more accountable because they can't ignore the growing backlog any longer, said Cassandra Crifasi, deputy director of the Johns Hopkins Center for Gun Policy and Research.

"Part of that accountability," she said, "means taking guns away from people we have decided are too dangerous to have them.

A 'convoluted mess' — by design?

On one recent morning, dozens of white business



Mark Jones, a gun safety advocate and retired ATF agent, displays his Firearm Owner's Identification card.

envelopes arrived via the U.S. Postal Service at the Cook County sheriff's office. Each contained a letter notifying Sheriff Tom Dart of a FOID card revocation, including the local resident's name, address and reason for the rescindment.

This is how local police in Illinois learn about revocations in 2019. The cardholders also are informed of their suspensions the same way.

"I'd love (to say) these letters, these are the ones we found in a vault that came from the 1800s and back in the 1800s they put them on a pony and then they'd run around to different counties and drop these off," Dart said. "No. This is how we are still doing it."

Illinois is one of nine states that require gun owners to get a license before possessing a firearm. The application includes a criminal background check, though the federal data-

information to make revocations a priority. The Cook County sheriff's office has had a team dedicated to revocations since 2013 — a labor-intensive job that requires investigators to find out where the licensees used their FOID cards and confirm what weapons they've purchased so authorities know how many guns may be in play.

Critical to the police work is knowing revoked cardholders' so-called FTIP (Firearms Transfer Inquiry Program) histories, which show how many times they have used their FOID cards to make serious inquiries about purchasing guns from federally licensed dealers. Though an FTIP doesn't necessarily mean a sale was made, law-enforcement officials typically view it as a gun purchase.

Of the records examined by the Tribune, there were 30,816 FTIP statewide associated with revoked cardholders who failed to submit paperwork accounting for their firearms. In Cook County, that number was 6,644, including 3,023 in Chicago.

An FTIP, however, does not account for every gun obtained by a FOID cardholder. It does not include guns inherited or obtained in a private sale. It also doesn't reflect if a purchase from a licensed dealer included more than one firearm, though law-enforcement officials say it remains a very strong indication of how many weapons a revoked cardholder owns.

Before the Pratt shooting, agencies would have to call Illinois State Police and ask for the FTIP information about those whose FOID cards were revoked. ISP has since made the data available to law enforcement via an internet portal.

Dart contends the process has been intentionally cumbersome and secretive, perpetuated by the lack of funding for enforcement and the outdated methods for sharing information. Local police agencies have been offered very little direction about how to retrieve cards or weapons, to the point where he doubts most of them realized it was their responsibility.

"This convoluted mess was not by accident. This was by design," Dart said. "Everybody knew. Logical, thoughtful people knew very well this was a train wreck. But they were OK with that because underlying it, they wanted an ineffective gun system."

ISP continues to send letters following the Aurora shooting, but it also has taken the unprecedented step of creating a massive database listing every revoked cardholder statewide. The information, which has been shared with most departments, includes the crucial FTIP information.

State police have made revocation history, including the reason, immediately available to officers making traffic stops, as well.

Kelly also intends to form regional task forces to help communities address their backlogs, creating an imme-

diate legacy for the country's largest mass shooting this year.

"There has been a BB gun solution to a .50-cal problem," he said. "We've got to be doing better than what we are doing."

Local law-enforcement agencies welcome the changes because the process can be daunting even for towns taking the most proactive measures. A week before the Pratt shootings, for example, the Joliet Police Department launched a new five-member unit that focuses on robberies, burglaries and FOID compliance.

In March, the department received two dozen revocation notices from Illinois State Police. Officers made sure all 24 revoked cardholders complied with the law and accounted for their guns using a time-consuming protocol similar to the Cook County sheriff's office.

The city, however, still has 426 non-compliant revocations listed and as many as 470 unaccounted for guns, according to the statewide database. It would be nearly impossible for the department to erase the backlog on its own.

"We're not getting a lot of help from the state on this," Joliet police Sgt. Christopher Botzum said. "We're doing this mostly on our own. It's like everything has just fallen into our lap. We want to make sure that if we're going to do it, we're doing it right."

A felon, a gun he shouldn't have had, a mass shooting

Some two months after the Pratt shooting, Aurora police Chief Kristen Ziman sat in her office, having just received access to the database showing the backlog of non-compliant FOID revocations in her city. The data — which show 329 of 381 revoked cardholders have not accounted for their guns — are the coda to the tragedy that rocked her town and her department, in particular.

On the afternoon of Feb. 15, warehouse worker Gary Martin opened fire after learning he would be fired. He fatally shot five co-workers and wounded five police officers and a union steward, using a Smith & Wesson handgun that he had legally purchased with a FOID card five years earlier.

Those killed were union chairman Russell Beyer; human resources director Clayton Parks; plant manager Josh Pinkard, forklift operator Vicente Juarez and college student Trevor Wehner, who had started his internship that day. Union steward Timothy Williams was seriously injured.

Martin died in a shootout with police.

As a convicted felon, Martin never should have been allowed to purchase the handgun used in the mass shooting. But he was able to do so after a background check using five

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distinct federal databases failed to show his 1995 felony conviction in Mississippi for choking his ex-girlfriend and beating her with a baseball bat, records show.

With his improperly acquired FOID card, Martin was able to purchase the Smith & Wesson handgun in 2014. His criminal history caught up with him later that year when he applied for a concealed carry license and provided his fingerprints to expedite the process. His prints flagged his conviction, prompting state police to deny the license and revoke his FOID card.

Ziman reiterated to the Tribune that Aurora has no record of receiving notice of Martin's FOID revocation. But she also conceded that Aurora, like the vast majority departments, did not have a system in place at that time to follow up on most notices.

Because the notifications arrived "sporadically" and without an indication of whether the revokee had purchased firearms, it was hard to make the revocations a priority, she said.

Now armed with the revocation list, Ziman is developing protocols for prioritizing the more than 300 non-compliant revoked cardholders who live in Aurora.

"There has been a BB gun solution to a .50-cal problem. We've got to be doing better than what we are doing."

— Acting Illinois State Police Director Brendan Kelly

Ziman said she does not want to send her officers on cold calls at the homes of former FOID cardholders without knowing what kind of weapons are waiting for them behind closed doors. She doubts a judge would grant a search warrant to enter a residence based on the sparse information included in the revocation notice.

"I am unwilling to do some knee-jerk thing, that we're going to start knocking on doors right away and surrounding houses," she said. "I am not going to put my officers in danger, number one, and two, we don't know what we're looking for: zero guns or an arsenal."

Ziman acknowledges it's unlikely her department — or any in Illinois — could get through the backlog with current resources. Her staff has been working with state lawmakers on the new gun legislation.

As the legislation works its way through the General Assembly, Aurora police intend to create a scale that will help officers prioritize the FOID revocations. Like most law-enforcement agencies making such determinations, Ziman's department will concentrate on ensuring that residents who lose their FOID cards because of mental illness, violent crime or domestic violence account for their guns.

That's exactly what one victim's family wants to come out of the Pratt tragedy.

Vicente Juarez's daughter, Diana, said she was stunned to learn after her father's death that authorities didn't enforce revocations as a matter of routine. She hopes tougher legislation and increased awareness will change that.

"We would love if the state just enforced the law," she said. "Go knocking on doors and take away these guns from people who shouldn't have weapons. That's all we want."

The Juarez family has filed one of two lawsuits against Illinois State Police for issuing Martin a FOID card and then failing to enforce its subsequent revocation. Both cases are still pending.

'You never know'

On a rainy April morning, the Cook County sheriff's revocation team crisscrossed the suburbs, armed with the names and addresses of seven revoked cardholders.

It's unglamorous work

for the seven-member unit, which also runs undercover operations and acts on real-time tips to intercept illegal guns. Still, they recognize the importance of the preventive police work.

"You never know," Sgt. Chris Imhof said as the team traveled from Tinley Park to Orland Hills to Markham. "Any gun recovery you look at as: 'If it shouldn't be out there, you are doing your job.' Whether it's an Aurora thing or a guy selling guns, you never know."

Armed with the new statewide database, Cook County investigators have been prioritizing the revoked cardholders by FTIP history. They initially focused on 34 non-compliant people who generated 10 or more FTIPs including a revoked cardholder in the suburbs who had inquired 79 different times about purchasing a gun.

Of the 34, investigators accounted for more than 50 firearms. They also arrested a suburban man, who has a federal conviction for removing serial numbers from guns, after he could not account for the whereabouts of eight weapons he purchased.

Some revoked cardholders told investigators they already turned in their paperwork, which authorities later confirmed. Oftentimes, though, investigators have to believe residents when they say they no longer have guns in their possession or have given them to someone with a valid FOID card.

While each door knock comes with some risk to the officers' safety, departments with dedicated revocations teams — including Chicago and Joliet — say their biggest challenges are money and staffing. The Cook County sheriff's office, for example, earmarks more than \$500,000 for its revocation unit and still has a backlog.

Dart supports the pending legislation in Springfield — which could be voted on as early as this week — in part because it would increase funding for revocation teams statewide.

In the meantime, his department will continue to work its way through the 10,000 non-compliant revoked cardholders in its jurisdiction.

On that April morning, the team pulled onto a quiet Tinley Park cul-de-sac and knocked on the door of a brick home for a pre-arranged meeting. The resident invited investigators inside.

"Thankfully, we've never had any issues," Imhof said. "Sometimes guys want to argue (that it's) their right to bear arms. You just gotta talk to them."

Five minutes after such a conversation, Investigator Todd Lukas walked out of the Tinley Park home with two boxes in his arms. A Ruger handgun was neatly tucked in each.

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Mayor security chief co-wrote plan to have Guard fight crime

Up to 8K troops were to be sent to South, West sides

By **JOHN BYRNE AND GREGORY PRATT**
Chicago Tribune

Mayor Lori Lightfoot's new security chief co-authored a report two years ago suggesting that the solution to Chicago's crime problem on the city's South and West sides was this: Bring in the National Guard.

Former U.S. Marshal James Smith, the private security contractor whom Lightfoot picked to head her security detail, wrote the eight-page report in 2017 with former Assistant U.S. Attorney Robert Milan.

Milan recalled Wednesday that the two were trying to find a solution for the spiraling violence in certain Chicago neighborhoods but said that the proposal never came to pass. He said that they discussed the idea with a member of President Donald Trump's administration and with officials in former Mayor Rahm Emanuel's administration but that officials thought it was "too extreme."

The proposal, which was first publicized in news reports in 2017, called for deploying 4,000 to 8,000 National Guard troops to parts of the South and West sides. Many street and alley entrances and exits to neighborhoods such as Englewood were to be blocked off, with troops posted at the unblocked streets from 7 p.m. to 4 a.m. to stand watch, according to the report.

Later Wednesday, Milan said the proposal to bring in the National Guard "was mostly my idea, not Jim's."

"(Smith) mostly wanted to involve the U.S. Marshals and other agencies," Milan said.



BRIAN CASSELLA/CHICAGO TRIBUNE
James Smith, head of security to Mayor Lori Lightfoot, watches Monday as she and her wife greet visitors.

While bringing in the military to patrol minority neighborhoods likely would draw a strong backlash from people who already believe police mistreat residents in those communities, Milan said he and Smith just want residents there to be as safe as Chicagoans living elsewhere.

"It's the optics of it, this image of tanks rolling down State Street, which isn't at all what we have in mind," Milan said.

He contended that city officials in the past appeared to tolerate high crime in predominantly minority neighborhoods that they wouldn't have allowed in the city's white communities.

"We just know that certain things that would never be tolerated for even one weekend in Beverly or in Edison Park, we see week after week in certain Chicago neighborhoods, simply because the people who live there are black and they're low income, and it isn't right."

Milan said he didn't know if Smith had men-

tioned that he'd co-authored the report to Lightfoot before or since he was named her new security chief.

Lightfoot spokeswoman Anel Ruiz did not respond to questions about the report.

The idea of bringing in the National Guard to deal with Chicago violence is popular in certain conservative political circles, and Trump tweeted in 2017 that he would "send in the Feds!" if the violence didn't stop. That her security chief co-authored a report with such a controversial idea is an awkward look for Lightfoot, who has been accused by some left-wing activists of being too close to police even though she repeatedly challenged Emanuel on police reform issues.

Asked Wednesday about hiring an outsider to run the team rather than sticking solely with Chicago police officers to guard her, Lightfoot called the situation "a tempest in a teapot."

"This is a gentleman who guarded Supreme Court justices, high-rank-

ing federal officials who have been under threat," Lightfoot said. "I have total confidence in him to be able to do the job (and) total confidence in the CPD officers, many of whom have been with me now for six weeks-plus. I want to make sure they are supported, he is supported."

Smith apparently will do the work despite city personnel rules that say members of the detail can't have outside employment themselves and their spouses can't do business with the city or have a stake in an entity seeking to do business with the city.

Smith is a managing partner at Silver Star Protection Group. His wife, Margaret Houlihan Smith, is a former United Airlines official and registered City Hall lobbyist representing United and AT&T, according to city lobbying records.

Ruiz did not respond Wednesday to questions about whether Smith would stay on with Silver Star Protection.

Ruiz also did not respond to questions about whether Houlihan Smith's lobbying runs afoul of the rule prohibiting work with the city for a security detail member's spouse.

Reform for Illinois policy director Alisa Kaplan said that, based on the personnel policy, Smith should extract himself from Silver Star Protection in order to stay with Lightfoot's security detail.

Lobbying does not constitute "city business" under the city personnel code, Kaplan said, so Houlihan Smith wouldn't need to give that up. "That's more a matter of perception, and it's up to them how much the perception matters to them," Kaplan said.

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Man denies killing, dismembering boy in '15

Suspect testifies he gave Kyrian Knox to strangers at door

BY MEGAN CREPEAU
Chicago Tribune

In an unusual turn, a man on trial in Cook County for one of Chicago's grisliest killings in recent history took the witness stand Wednesday and declared his innocence.

Leaning forward with his hands clasped in front of him, Kamel Harris spoke in quiet, calm tones as he described 2-year-old Kyrian Knox as well-behaved and small for his age.

Kyrian's young mother had left him in Harris' care in a two-bedroom apartment in Rockford in mid-August 2015 as she and Harris' daughter left for Iowa for a couple of weeks to set up new jobs.

Harris, 44, told jurors in Judge Timothy Joyce's courtroom that three people later showed up at his residence, saying they were there to pick up Kyrian.

Harris said he was suspicious at first but let the boy go with them after a woman he believed to be Kyrian's mother gave him the approval to do so by phone.

Just days later, the boy's dismembered body was discovered in the Garfield Park Lagoon on Chicago's West Side.

"The individual on the phone said, 'Mr. Harris, he can go with his people. I can take care of my own responsibilities. He'll be fine,'" Harris testified Wednesday. "... At the time it wasn't really nothing to think, when it's the mother telling you to do one thing or do



Harris

the other with their child ... so I gathered up the boy and went upstairs and packed his bags."

Harris has been on trial for the boy's killing at the Leighton Criminal Court Building since last week.

Prosecutors allege that Harris "snapped" and killed Kyrian, then cut up the body and scattered his weighted-down remains in the lagoon.

Harris testified that while he was caring for Kyrian he was also a main caretaker for his own son and grandson — both also 2, he said.

He spoke fondly of his time with the three toddlers.

"We played, we just tore up everything, cleaned up everything, tore up everything, go to the parks, play, throw rocks, throw sand,

kick the balls, just regular boy things, what boys do," he said.

Prosecutors earlier presented testimony from jailhouse informants who said they heard Harris admit to the killing while locked up on an unrelated matter in Winnebago County.

On Wednesday, Harris strenuously denied their testimony, suggesting they lied about the high-profile case for their own benefit.

One witness, in particular, was well-known at the Winnebago jail for making things up and going "to court on people," Harris said.

During a brief cross-examination, Harris confirmed he told police he was relieved to have Kyrian out of the house after having to care for three rambunctious



Kyrian Knox

2-year-olds in a tiny apartment.

He also said he never called his daughter to check on Kyrian after the three people came to pick the boy up.

In closing arguments later Wednesday, prosecutors ridiculed Harris' account as "ridiculous."

"He invented this fiction because he's trying to escape responsibility for what he did to that baby in this home," Assistant State's Attorney Anastasia Harper said.

Harris' attorney repeatedly stressed that no forensic evidence ties Harris to the crime. Police initially said drops of the boy's blood were found in Harris' car, but further testing could not confirm that the substance containing Kyrian's DNA was, in fact, blood.

The attorney, K.S. Galho-

tra, said prosecutors' case hinged on three liars from the Winnebago County Jail, which he called a "cesspool of snitches."

The jury began deliberating Harris' fate about 6 p.m. Wednesday.

Harris faces charges of first-degree murder, dismemberment and concealment of a homicidal death, but Wednesday evening, Joyce instructed jurors that they had the option to instead find him guilty of involuntary manslaughter instead of murder.

Harris was on the verge of pleading guilty earlier this year in exchange for a lenient sentence — a deal that fell through after the judge indicated he might not go along with prosecutors' recommended sentence.

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will be overtaken by Houston eventually, demographers say, given the rates of change for both cities — but not in the next few years.

Christine Percheski, an associate professor of sociology at Northwestern University, cautioned that while it is significant to note that Chicago is losing people, "this does not necessarily reflect the health or the functioning of the city."

An array of complicated factors are at play in population numbers, including changes to mortality, fertility and immigration rates, she noted.

The new estimates, released in Chicago late Wednesday, show that most municipalities in northeastern Illinois are not adding residents. Of the 279 incorporated towns and cities in Cook County, the collar counties and Kendall County, more than three-fourths lost population in the last year, the Tribune found. The average municipality in the area shrank by 0.6%.

Though few, pockets of growth in the Chicago region do exist. Far northwest suburban municipalities such as Huntley and the village of Pingree Grove, about halfway between the Loop and Rockford along Interstate 90, are not just growing but booming, the Tribune found in analyzing two decades' worth of census figures. The southwest suburbs near Joliet and Aurora are also among the fastest-growing places in terms of total residents and rates of population increase.

Huntley, Yorkville and Oswego have more than doubled in size since 2000, the Tribune found. All grew between 1% and 3% from 2017 to 2018, the latest census release shows; that growth outpaced the 0.7 percent average increase for all cities nationwide with more than 10,000 but fewer than 50,000 residents.

Although not all of far-flung suburbia is gaining population, officials in high-growth areas say new housing, quality schools, lush parks and less congestion play a big part in drawing families into these expanding communities.

Chicago and places nearby, meanwhile, which tend to be older, often showed stagnating or decreasing population sizes since 2010.

David Wilson, a geography professor at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign who has studied the growth of cities in the region, said he didn't find Chicago's stalling population surprising, saying pointedly that if a city focuses its efforts on polishing a few neighborhoods and creating selling points for more upwardly mobile residents, there won't be a lot of gain over time.

"It comes down to an ethical question, a city for whom?" Wilson said.

The trend of inner-ring suburbs losing population while areas farther away from the city gain is not particular to Chicago, said Ken Johnson, a University of New Hampshire sociology professor and senior demographer at the university's Carsey School of Public Policy.



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New homes go up northwest of Reinking Road and Higgins Road in Pingree Grove, a rare pocket of growth in the region.



Crews work on town homes in a development in Huntley, which has more than doubled in size since 2000.

"What is happening in Chicago's inner-ring suburbs, the Cook County suburbs, is not dissimilar to what's happening in other North and Midwest urban areas," Johnson said. Cities like Boston and New York also are experiencing population declines in closer-in suburbs.

In areas like Huntley that are growing, Johnson said, people are drawn by the ability to buy more house for less, even if moving farther away from the city core may mean a longer commute.

Room to grow

Beyond the reach of Chicago's public transit network, amid still-operating farms and abandoned barns, some places in the region are attracting new residents.

Huntley, once a hub of more than 2,000 dairy farms, is now a community of retirement village developments, new subdivisions, strip malls and a revitalized downtown. Huntley's population, less than 6,300 in 2000, has ballooned to more than 27,000. The village is in the top 10 Chicago-area communities for total population added and rate of population growth in the last two decades.

Huntley's downtown, near the intersection of Illinois Route 47 and the Union Pacific railroad tracks, now features a chocolate shop, a barbecue restaurant, several bars and an assortment of other stores.

"For Sale" and "Property Available" signs now pop up every few minutes along four-lane Illinois 47 and the two-lane roads bisecting the north-south artery. Along those roads, com-

"What is happening in Chicago's inner-ring suburbs ... is not dissimilar to what's happening in other North and Midwest urban areas."

— Ken Johnson, a sociology professor

plete with new stop lights, is a mosaic of subdivisions that have sprouted up alongside silos and open fields.

The village annexed thousands of acres of land in 1992, opening the way for retirement village developments such as Del Webb's Sun City as well as traditional houses targeting young families. Today, clusters of construction crews continue to dot the open fields to the north, west and south of downtown, across the street from meticulously manicured baseball fields, new playgrounds, a recreation center and a pool complex, complete with waterslides.

The influx of people has created new opportunities. One section of a former Borden dairy plant is now the newly opened Sew Hop'd microbrewery, owned by some of the same guys who operate the Union Special sewing machine company, which continues its operations within the same complex.

Terry Hitpas, one of the

owners of Sew Hop'd and Union Special, said adding the brewery was a natural way to bridge Huntley's past with its future. The brewery allows the sewing machine factory to stay afloat, while catering to the village's burgeoning population.

A few miles south of downtown on Illinois 47, Sunny Patel has a similar plan. Patel and the other owners of the Villa Park-based More Brewing Company are rehabbing a former Chevrolet dealership near the bustling interchange with Interstate 90 into their second location. A late summer opening is planned.

Patel said Huntley appealed to him because it has a growing population and offers a potential customer mix of families, beer lovers and retirees.

"We want to get more people into Huntley and show them what it's all about," Patel said. Patel is also betting on continued renewal and expansion. With plenty of nearby land up for sale, Patel expects more businesses and residents to flood into the area.

A little north of Patel's construction project is the emerging Huntley Springs, a new luxury housing for residents 55 and older. The soon-to-open building, still under construction, will feature month-to-month leasing that includes dining, entertainment and lodgings for two weeks at any of the other 34 housing complexes in the U.S. owned by Resort Lifestyle Communities. All 130 units in the development are reserved.

"It's not cheap, and it's not for your average person," said Bill Conder, the project manager and site superintendent with Cameron General Contractors. "It's like a cruise on land for people at a later stage in life."

Changing communities

Some small towns in the Chicago area have grown significantly, census data shows. Among those that had fewer than 10,000 residents in 2000, half grew their population size by at least 8% by 2018.

By contrast, among the 20 cities with at least 50,000 residents two decades ago,

half either lost population or grew by less than 1 percent.

And despite the encouraging growth on the outskirts of some suburban counties, these changes won't have much impact on the larger region's economy because the population numbers there remain small, cautioned Aseal Tineh, an associate policy analyst for the Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning who analyzed population trends at the township level.

Still, when visiting Pingree Grove, it's hard not to notice the change in the community.

A short drive south from Huntley across Interstate 90 in northern Kane County, Pingree Grove has grown from a total population of 271 in 2000 to 8,976 in 2018, accelerating in year-to-year growth in the last few years. Incoming Village Manager Dean Frieders attributes a large part of that increase to Cambridge Lakes, a large residential development started in the early 2000s that spurred construction of a well and wastewater facility.

The boost in population also means that Pingree Grove is building its first Village Hall. Right now, the village operates out of trailer parks. With new development and a bigger name on the map, Frieders says he hopes people will see the role of local government firsthand.

"One of the things we lose sight of is that the vast majority of services that come up in our daily lives are local — turning on the tap water, calling 911, going to the park. All of those are local government."

By contrast, the village of Ford Heights in southern Cook County has lost 22% percent of its population since 2000, or 754 people, leaving an estimated 2,705 residents living there last year. Nearby Harvey shrank by 18% during the same time, losing 5,279 people.

On Wednesday afternoon, the senior center in Ford Heights was empty except for one staffer. A few blocks away, cracked side streets led off into vacant, grassy lots, areas clearly designed for houses.

Not far away on Ellis Avenue, Jerry Mannery was

helping a friend remove tree stumps from the side of a driveway. Mannery has lived in Ford Heights for decades and said it's unfortunately not a secret why the village continues to lose residents: a lack of housing and local job opportunities.

"The resources are not there," said Mannery, 65, a retired welder. "If you have to travel to Chicago or north of Chicago for a job, I might as well move there."

Back in the 1970s, he said, the village at least had a few black-owned businesses, nightlife for adults and activities or clubs for children.

"We need to have a better environment for the youth," Mannery said. "All of that stuff was better then."

Some larger regional cities — Aurora, Joliet, Bolingbrook — saw big boosts in population in the early 2000s but are now mired in stagnation, with yearly population changes of less than 1 percent. Demographers say those areas are now having to deal with the problems common to older cities in the nation's Rust Belt.

Midsized suburban cities in the region are dealing with the vestiges of being industrial cities to varying degrees, the U. of I.'s Wilson said, noting they used to do a better job of attracting workers and now have to compete with other cities at a larger scale.

"The global economy is ruthless," Wilson said. "It has really asked these places to create downtown jewels and intoxicating cultural bases as a way of attracting new people there. Reinvention has to be ongoing, and it's very difficult to do."

Johnson said domestic migration patterns — people moving from one part of the U.S. to another — appear to be returning to pre-recession trends. The Great Recession froze many people in place, and did so longer than the "official" end of the recession around 2009-10.

But another factor at play in the Chicago area, Johnson said, is that fertility rates have not recovered to their pre-recession levels. Fewer women in their teens and 20s are having children, which means fewer babies are being born in the area to counter the loss of people moving elsewhere.

In Ford Heights, where the population has been falling for years, officials are trying to look to the future, launching a community-wide planning effort aimed at revitalizing the village. Dubbed "Envision Ford Heights," the plan calls for investment in the village's crumbling water system, a logistics center at the interchange between Illinois Highway 394 and Lincoln Highway and various neighborhood improvements. Village officials did not respond to requests for comment on Wednesday.

Mannery, meanwhile, said he isn't necessarily frustrated or hopeful, just realistic. He said the continued loss of people turns into a vicious cycle.

"If you do do something for the youth, you have to have the youth. If you do something for the geriatric, or older people, you have to have older people," Mannery said. "It's almost like a stigma. Boom: We're iced."

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Medline

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2014, the last year for which comprehensive figures are available, trailing only Vantage Specialty Chemicals in nearby Gurnee and Sterigenics in west suburban Willowbrook.

So far the two Lake County facilities have avoided the intense scrutiny that shut down Sterigenics in February. But Medline officials acknowledged this week that they are taking action under pressure from community activists and elected officials, including U.S. Sens. Dick Durbin and Tammy Duckworth and Reps. Brad Schneider and Lauren Underwood.

"We are confident that the controls we are putting in place will address the community's concerns," Rob Calia, vice president of Medline's quality division, told the Tribune Editorial Board during a Tuesday presentation.

Officials from the company and the Illinois EPA will outline the proposed changes during a public meeting from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Thursday at Whittier Elementary School, 901 N. Lewis Ave., Waukegan.

In an email response to questions, the state agency said computer modeling estimates that Medline's new pollution controls should substantially reduce future cancer risks for the facility's neighbors.

Based on Medline's 2014 emissions, the U.S. EPA concluded that more than one person in surrounding neighborhoods could get cancer for every 10,000 exposed during their lifetime — a risk the agency considers unacceptable. Limiting future emissions to 150 pounds a year will drive that rate well below federal guidelines, said Kim Biggs, an Illinois EPA spokeswoman.

Medline executives said the additional pollution controls will capture more than 99.9 percent of the ethylene oxide used to sterilize surgical kits and other medical equipment assembled at the Waukegan plant.



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Like other plants that use ethylene oxide, the Medline Industries facility in Waukegan is near a residential area.

The company is planning a more aggressive approach than Sterigenics, which installed ducts that directed emissions previously released through vents into pollution control equipment at Willowbrook facility. Once Medline's project is completed, Calia said, the Waukegan facility will operate under negative pressure to prevent ethylene oxide from escaping through doors and vents. Emissions from sterilization chambers and storage areas will be reduced with two types of scrubbing devices, with any leftover gas released into the air through a single stack that is constantly monitored.

Sterigenics executives promised similar improvements after installing new equipment in Willowbrook. Yet the U.S. EPA kept finding high levels of ethylene oxide in nearby residential areas until the plant was shut down.

Members of Stop EtO Lake County, a recently organized community group, welcomed Medline's proposal but remain skeptical.

"If this doesn't work, what happens?" said the group's legal adviser, Nancy Loeb, director of the Envi-

ronmental Advocacy Center at Northwestern University's Pritzker School of Law. "From my reading of what the company and state are proposing, there is no guarantee Illinois EPA will take enforcement action if the community is still in danger."

The Trump administration has repeatedly brushed aside petitions from members of the Illinois congressional delegation to test air quality near Medline and Vantage, raising questions about unequal treatment for the largely minority communities at risk in Lake County, in particular when compared with the U.S. EPA's response in predominantly white, middle- and upper-income neighborhoods near Sterigenics in DuPage County.

Air samples collected in the Willowbrook area provided residents and elected officials with powerful evidence to challenge Sterigenics.

Faced with their own outraged constituents, officials from Waukegan, Gurnee and Lake County are splitting the costs for a contractor to install the same type of monitoring equipment around the two facilities that the federal

regulators used in Willowbrook. Testing is scheduled to begin in early June, but for now it appears the contractor will have stopped collecting air samples by the time Medline finishes installing its new pollution controls.

Both Medline and Vantage have promised to conduct their own air testing, though neither company has revealed its plans to the public.

Medline contends it needs to use ethylene oxide because it is a proven, government-approved method to sterilize medical equipment, in particular surgical kits that contain several types of materials, some of which can be damaged by alternatives such as steam or radiation. Calia and Lara Simmons, the president of Medline's quality division, cautioned that attempts to ban ethylene oxide would wreak havoc on their operations and endanger patients.

While the company is taking steps to reduce the Waukegan plant's impact on its neighbors, it also has joined chemical industry lobbyists who contend that ethylene oxide poses few, if any, health risks to ordinary Americans.

Among other things,

Medline hired a former scientist for one of the biggest manufacturers of the toxic gas who has co-authored several industry-funded studies rejected by the U.S. EPA and independent scientific reviewers. The company also has called for another analysis of the chemical, part of a concerted effort by makers and users of ethylene oxide to overturn a stringent safety limit established by the EPA in 2016 after more than a decade of study and two

rounds of independent review delayed several times by industry opposition.

Industry lobbyists are continuing to press their case with sympathetic officials in the Trump administration. But there are several signs that Medline, Sterigenics and other companies that operate sterilization facilities eventually will be nudged, if not forced, by government agencies to develop safer methods.

On Wednesday, the U.S. EPA announced it will propose new regulations this summer that reflect the agency's updated conclusions about health dangers posed by ethylene oxide.

The Food and Drug Administration, which regulates medical devices, is launching an "innovation challenge" intended to pressure companies to reduce or eliminate use of the gas.

At the state level, lawmakers in Springfield are debating a bipartisan measure that would crack down on every sterilization facility in Illinois.

"This legislation will keep Sterigenics closed and minimize emissions throughout Illinois," Jen Walling, executive director of the Illinois Environmental Council, said Wednesday after a House committee approved the bill. "This is a win for public health across the state."

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Judge refuses to halt bank subpoenas

Decision occurs days after ruling in similar Trump case

BY LARRY NEUMEISTER
Associated Press

NEW YORK — A federal judge in New York refused Wednesday to block congressional subpoenas seeking financial records from two banks that did business with President Donald Trump.

U.S. District Judge Edgardo Ramos said in a ruling delivered from the bench that Trump and his company were unlikely to succeed in a lawsuit arguing that the subpoenas seeking records from Deutsche Bank and Capital One were unlawful and unconstitutional.

Ramos also concluded that the subpoenas have “a legitimate legislative purpose.”

Deutsche Bank and Capital One did not immediately respond to requests for comment. The banks took no position in the dispute.

The lawyers for the House Financial Services and Intelligence committees say they need access to documents from the banks to investigate possible “foreign influence in the U.S. political process.”

Deutsche Bank has been a major lender to both the Trump Organization and Kushner Cos., which previously was run by Trump’s son-in-law, Jared Kushner, who now is a presidential adviser.

Deutsche Bank has loaned or been a co-lender of at least \$2.5 billion to Trump’s business, much of it at a time when other banks declined providing money to him, according to



Treasury Secretary Steven Mnuchin testifies Wednesday during a House Financial Services Committee hearing.

a Wall Street Journal report.

Wednesday’s decision came two days after a federal judge in Washington ruled against Trump in a similar case, finding that the president cannot block a House subpoena for information from Mazars USA, a financial services firm that had done accounting work for him and the Trump Organization.

House Speaker Nancy Pelosi, D-Calif., welcomed Wednesday’s ruling, saying she was “very excited” by the news.

“Two in one week: Mazar Monday, Deutsche Bank today,” she said.

In a written submission prior to Wednesday’s hearing, lawyers for two congressional committees wrote that Trump’s effort to block the subpoenas was “flatly inconsistent with nearly a century of Supreme Court precedent.”

In another development in House Democrats’ efforts to obtain Trump’s financial record, the revelation Tuesday of a confidential Internal Revenue Service legal memo that says tax returns must be given to Congress unless the president asserts executive privilege spilled into a hearing Wednesday.

Appearing before the

House Financial Services Committee, Treasury Secretary Steven Mnuchin said he was not aware of the existence of the memo until reporters from The Washington Post made inquiries about it.

Mnuchin noted that it was a draft document.

He told the committee he believed he was following the law by refusing to turn over six years of President Donald Trump’s tax returns, which have been requested by Ways and Means Committee Chairman Richard Neal, D-Mass.

However, the 10-page IRS document says the law

“does not allow the Secretary to exercise discretion in disclosing the information provided the statutory conditions are met” and directly rejects the reason that Mnuchin has cited for withholding the information.

Mnuchin said he expected the dispute to ultimately be decided by the courts.

Mnuchin has refused to turn over the tax returns despite a 1924 law that gives the chairs of the tax-writing committees in Congress the power to request the returns of any taxpayer.

Mnuchin told lawmakers he had not had any discus-

sions on the issue with Trump, who has said repeatedly that he can’t turn over his taxes because he is under IRS audit. Trump has not asserted executive privilege to protect the returns.

Neal has said he expects to bring a lawsuit to force the administration to comply with his subpoena.

When a number of Democrats pressed Mnuchin on the issue of whether he was breaking the 1924 law, Mnuchin said that “weaponizing the IRS is a major concern of ours which affects taxpayers of both parties.”

Also on Wednesday, New York state lawmakers gave final passage to legislation that would allow Trump’s state tax returns to be released to congressional committees that have, so far, been barred from getting the president’s federal filings.

The Democratic-led Senate and Assembly approved the measures Wednesday, sending them to Gov. Andrew Cuomo, also a Democrat. A spokesman has said the governor supports the principle behind the legislation but will review the bill carefully before deciding whether to sign it.

The legislation doesn’t target Trump by name, but it would allow the leaders of the U.S. House Ways and Means Committee, the Senate Finance Committee or the Joint Committee on Taxation to get access to any New York state tax returns filed by elected officials and top appointed officials. The legislation would apply to personal income tax returns, as well as business taxes paid in New York.

The Washington Post contributed.

Officers decry pardon plan for troops accused of crimes

BY DAVID S. CLOUD
Los Angeles Times

WASHINGTON — Current and former military officers urged the White House not to pardon service members and security contractors implicated in war crimes, warning that forgiving their offenses would send a dangerous signal to U.S. troops and potential adversaries.

Aides to President Donald Trump have been examining high-profile war crimes cases from Iraq and Afghanistan, preparing paperwork so Trump could issue pardons during Memorial Day commemorations next week, according to two senior U.S. officials.

But the possibility that Trump could issue pardons has brought a flood of opposition from current and former high-ranking officers, who say it would encourage misconduct by showing that violations of laws prohibiting attacks on civilians and prisoners of war will be treated with leniency.

“Absent evidence of innocence or injustice, the wholesale pardon of U.S. service members accused of war crimes signals our troops and allies that we don’t take the law of armed conflict seriously,” retired Army Gen. Martin Dempsey, the former chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, said in a tweet Tuesday.

He added: “Bad message. Bad precedent. Abdication of moral responsibility. Risk to us.”

Among those under consideration for a pardon is Chief Petty Officer Edward Gallagher, a Navy SEAL awaiting court-martial on charges that he shot unarmed civilians and stabbed a teenage Islamic State fighter in Iraq in 2017, according to one of the officials, who discussed the internal deliberations in return for anonymity.



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The White House is reviewing the case of Mathew Golsteyn, who is charged with killing an unarmed Afghan.

Gallagher has pleaded not guilty and commentators on Fox News have lobbied Trump to pardon him.

Other cases being examined by the White House include those of Army Maj. Mathew Golsteyn, who is charged with killing an unarmed Afghan in 2010; three Marine snipers prosecuted for urinating on the corpse of a dead Afghan fighter in 2011; and a former security guard for Blackwater Worldwide who was convicted of murder in December for killing unarmed Iraqis in 2007.

Other officers worried that if U.S. personnel accused of such crimes escaped punishment, civilians on foreign battlefields would be less inclined to cooperate with U.S. forces, and U.S. service members taken prisoners would be more likely to be mistreated or even killed when taken captive.

“If President Trump issues indiscriminate pardons of individuals accused — or convicted by their fellow service members — of war crimes, he relinquishes the United States’ moral high ground and undermines the good order and discipline critical to winning on the battlefield,” said retired Gen. Charles

Krulak, a former commandant of the Marine Corps.

Several officials said Trump is not believed to have consulted his senior military advisers about issuing pardons. The possibility of military pardons was first reported by The New York Times.

Senior officers have not spoken out publicly about the possibility Trump could pardon accused war criminals, but many are privately outraged, according to one currently serving at the Pentagon.

Asked about the possibility that Trump would pardon service members, acting Defense Secretary Patrick Shanahan told reporters Tuesday: “I’m not really going to speculate on any of the pardons, but I would just say we’ll leave it to the White House to comment on the situation there.”

Trump has repeatedly bypassed normal procedures for issuing pardons and granting clemency, seizing on cases mentioned on Fox News or that resonate with him or his supporters.

This month, he pardoned Army Lt. Michael Behenna, who was convicted of killing an Iraqi during questioning in 2008.

Shanahan memo outlines info limits with Congress

BY MISSY RYAN AND GREG JAFFE
The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — Acting Defense Secretary Patrick Shanahan has mandated new restrictions on the way the Pentagon shares information with Congress about military operations around the world, a move that is straining ties with key Republican and Democratic lawmakers.

In a May 8 internal memo, which was obtained by The Washington Post, Shanahan lays out the criteria for when Pentagon officials may provide congressional offices or committees information they request about operational plans and orders.

The memo comes as lawmakers from both parties complain that the Trump administration has withheld information that prevents them from executing their constitutionally mandated oversight role. Some lawmakers are also concerned about whether Shanahan has allowed the military to be drawn too deeply into President Donald Trump’s immigration agenda.

“Congress oversees the Department of Defense; but with this new policy, the department is overstepping its authority by presuming to determine what warrants legislative oversight,” said Reps. Adam Smith, D-Wash., and Mac Thornberry, R-Texas, the chair and ranking Republican of the House Armed Services Committee.

The memo was shared inside the Pentagon but was sent to key lawmakers only after inquiries by The Post. It outlines a half-dozen guidelines, including requirements that military officials and political appointees evaluate whether the request “contains sufficient information to demonstrate a relationship to



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Acting Defense Secretary Patrick Shanahan took over in January after his predecessor, Jim Mattis, resigned.

the legislative function.”

The memo urges Defense Department officials to provide a summary briefing rather than a requested plan or order itself.

The memo appears to have been inspired by concerns that lawmakers, who have security clearances, will safeguard military plans. It calls on officials to assess “whether the degree of protection from unauthorized disclosure that Congress will afford to the plan is equivalent to that afforded” by the Pentagon.

Sen. Jack Reed of Rhode Island, the top Democrat on the Senate Armed Services Committee, said the memo “seems to be another way in which they can claim that they don’t need to respond to legitimate inquiry of Congress.”

Reed received the memo Saturday.

A defense official, speaking on the condition of anonymity, said Pentagon leaders had been concerned about preserving the military chain of command and about the potential for congressional interference in what they consider to be an executive branch function, the formulation of military operations.

The official said that Congress had been most

interested in learning more about Special Operations activities, which are among the most sensitive military operations but have also, in recent years, produced some of the biggest public backlashes.

“While I understand they’re not happy ... we’ve gone from saying no to setting a process to adjudicate and consider saying yes,” the official said.

The guidelines represent a dramatic twist in a decadeslong tug-of-war between the Pentagon and Congress over access to sensitive information.

While lawmakers routinely request information on a host of military matters, including weapons programs, personnel procedures and support to allies, they are also sometimes provided classified information about current or future military operations, which they are barred by law from disclosing.

The memo could complicate Senate confirmation hearings for Shanahan, who took over in January after his predecessor, Jim Mattis, resigned over differences with Trump. Shanahan is expected to appear before the Senate Armed Services Committee in June.

Split-jury verdicts divide Oregon

Push is on to end nonunanimous legal decisions

BY ANDREW SELSKY
Associated Press

PORTLAND, Ore. — After a jury convicted an Oregon man of having sex with a passed-out partygoer, one of the jurors left the courthouse and wept.

Cash Spencer and three other jurors believed the defendant was innocent, but after a lunch break, one changed her mind. Hours later, another changed her vote to guilty, saying she had to take care of her children and didn't want to return the next day, according to Spencer.

That put the number of guilty votes at 10 — enough to convict Olan Williams of felony sodomy, condemning him to a mandatory minimum eight years in prison. The vote of Spencer, the only African American on the jury in which the defendant was also black, meant nothing.

Oregon is the only state in America that allows nonunanimous jury convictions. Voters in Louisiana, the only other state that had adopted it, scrapped the provision in 2018.

Now, momentum is building for the same in Oregon, with several lawmakers sponsoring a ballot measure to eliminate an amendment to the state constitution that allows nonunanimous verdicts. In addition, a Louisiana case pending before the U.S. Supreme Court could have far-reaching effects in Oregon.

"We have evolved, and it's time for our criminal justice system to reform and to move ahead," state Sen. James Manning Jr., co-sponsor of a resolution that would put the issue on the ballot in the 2020 election, told The Associated Press.

The amendment allowing split-jury verdicts dates back decades and has roots in white nationalism.

In 1933, Jacob Silverman, a Portland hotel proprietor



Marc Brown, a lawyer with the Office of Public Defense Services, represented Olan Williams in an Oregon court.



Cash Spencer voted to acquit Olan Williams.

with a sketchy past, was on trial for the murder of a small-time crook. Eleven jurors believed he was guilty, but one voted for acquittal. They settled on convicting Silverman, a Jew, of a lesser manslaughter charge.

He was sentenced to three years, which caused a

stir.

Anti-minority sentiment was prevalent in Oregon. The Ku Klux Klan even helped elect a governor a few years earlier. In an editorial, the Morning Oregonian newspaper, which covered Silverman's trial, said the "vast immigration into America from southern and eastern Europe, of people untrained in the jury system, have combined to make the jury of twelve increasingly unwieldy and unsatisfactory."

The Legislature put the issue on the ballot, and voters passed it in 1934, allowing 10-2 verdicts for crimes except first-degree murder convictions.

Oregon officials don't compile data on how many jury verdicts are nonunanimous, but a 2009 study by the Office of Public Defense Services concluded they "occur with great frequency in felony trials throughout the state." The office found

65% of the verdicts were nonunanimous in trials during 2007 and 2008 in which public defenders were involved and juries were polled.

Last year, a man was exonerated after being convicted by a nonunanimous jury in 2017 of sexual abuse of a minor and sentenced to 50 years in prison. The case was tossed after new evidence showed the alleged victim lied under oath.

The Oregon District Attorneys Association says it favors the ballot measure because "adding the requirement of unanimity is another important safeguard against both wrongful convictions and wrongful acquittals."

Three district attorneys dissented, noting in a newspaper column that an accused person can also be acquitted by a split jury, even of murder, and insisting that requiring unanimous verdicts would in-

crease hung juries.

Rep. Jennifer Williamson, another co-sponsor of the ballot measure resolution, takes strong exception to that stance.

"It's outrageous to me that they would say that for efficiency's sake we shouldn't have unanimous juries," Williamson said.

Requiring unanimous verdicts pushes juries to consider evidence more thoroughly, lessening the chances for wrongful convictions, she said. "It results in more deliberation time."

During Williams' 2016 trial in Portland, the jury reached its 10-2 verdict within hours.

In a recent interview at a Portland park, Spencer remembered a court clerk checking in with jurors near the end of the first day of deliberations. He wanted to see when they planned to return the next day. Three jurors still maintained the prosecution failed to show

beyond a reasonable doubt that Williams, who is gay, had sex with a heterosexual man who had passed out from alcohol.

After the clerk left, one of the holdouts announced she would vote with the majority because she had children to care for and didn't want to come back, Spencer said.

"And that was it," Spencer said. "The foreman called the clerk back in and said we had come to a decision."

Spencer went to her car outside the courthouse but couldn't drive because she was so distraught.

"This man's life was ruined without everyone agreeing he was guilty," Spencer said. "I remember just bawling in the car."

Williams, who is out on bail, declined a request for an interview.

Spencer, who works as a health benefits manager, said she doesn't believe race was a factor in the jury's deliberations. But she thinks it's unfair to Williams that the vote of the only juror who was the same race as him — in a state where blacks account for only 2.1% of the population — made no difference.

"This right here shows how far we are off the rails when we think we are actually a diverse state," Spencer said.

Marc Brown, Williams' public defender, appealed, saying the nonunanimous verdict violates the U.S. Constitution's equal protection clause. But the Oregon Court of Appeals said it lacked the scope to rule on that issue.

Brown has asked the appeals court to reconsider. He can also take the case to the state Supreme Court, and if it denies a review, to the U.S. Supreme Court. Brown would notify the high court that his appeal covers the same issue as the Louisiana case it will consider in the fall.

If the U.S. Supreme Court finds nonunanimous juries unconstitutional, it will affect Oregon, legal experts say.

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issues but now he couldn't because Pelosi said "something terrible," according to an administration official and another person familiar with what happened in the room. Trump then left before anyone else could speak.

Pelosi said to those still in the room — no Republican lawmakers were there — that she had known the president was not serious about infrastructure and would find a way out, according to another person familiar with the meeting.

Back on Capitol Hill, Pelosi said Trump "just took a pass" on working on national infrastructure problems.

Pelosi, flanked by Schumer and other House and Senate leaders, said the Democrats had gone to the White House "to give this president the opportunity to have a signature infrastructure initiative." She said she would be praying for the president.

Trump tweeted back: "and Nancy, thank you so much for your prayers. I know you truly mean it."

The meeting at the White House had been set weeks ago, after Trump and the Democratic leaders agreed to talk further about a possible \$2 trillion infrastruc-



House Speaker Nancy Pelosi said President Trump is engaging in a "cover-up" that could be an impeachable offense.

ture proposal.

Trump was due to provide the Democrats his ideas on how to pay for it. Schumer said when Trump "was forced to say how he would pay for it he had to run away."

Despite the sudden turn of events, the outburst followed a familiar script of Trump convening leaders at the White House only to try to turn the tables and refocus attention. He has stormed out of previous sessions.

Earlier Wednesday, Pelosi told reporters after a private meeting of House Democrats that Trump is "engaged in a cover-up," even as she tried to tamp down some Democrats'

rush toward an impeachment inquiry in their showdown with the White House.

Pelosi and five of her top investigative committee leaders spoke with fellow Democrats after an increasing number called for the beginning of an impeachment inquiry following special counsel Robert Mueller's investigation into Russia election meddling and contacts with the Trump campaign.

Those Democrats say the move would not necessarily be aimed at removing the president, but instead to bolster their position in court as Trump has broadly stonewalled their investigations. Some two dozen



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House Democrats have signed on.

With her leadership team, Pelosi, who has resisted pressure to impeach, pointed rank-and-file Democrats toward the legal battles that she said have already found success in forcing Trump to comply with investigations.

"We do believe it's important to follow the facts," Pelosi told reporters afterward. "We believe that no one is above the law, including the president of the United States, and we believe that the president of the United States is engaged in a cover-up — in a cover-up."

A growing number of Democrats, incensed by for-

mer White House counsel Don McGahn's defiance Tuesday of a House panel's subpoena for testimony, have confronted Pelosi and pushed her and other leaders to act.

Democrats leaving the meeting appeared to be taking Pelosi's words into consideration.

Tennessee Rep. Steve Cohen, who called for the impeachment inquiry Tuesday, said he could see both sides.

Of leaders' reluctance, Cohen said "it's a political concern rather than an actual constitutional one."

Rep. Katie Hill, a freshman from a California swing district, said she wants to let court actions

"We do believe it's important to follow the facts."

— House Speaker Nancy Pelosi

play out a bit, and is undecided on starting an impeachment inquiry.

The more Trump "defies us, the more that it's becoming an inevitability," she said. "But I don't think that the caucus as a whole is there yet."

Some Democratic leaders, while backing Pelosi, also are signaling that a march to impeachment may become inevitable.

"We are confronting what might be the largest, broadest cover-up in American history," Majority Leader Steny Hoyer told reporters Tuesday. If a House inquiry "leads to other avenues including impeachment," the Maryland Democrat said, "so be it."

Amid the impeachment talk and despite Trump's pledge to stonewall, there was one example of detente between House Democrats and the administration — intelligence committee Chairman Adam Schiff postponed a meeting to enforce a subpoena against the Justice Department after it agreed to turn over a cache of documents related to Mueller's report.



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A House panel postponed a vote on "enforcement action" against William Barr.

DOJ agrees to turn over some Mueller documents

BY MARY CLARE JALONICK AND MICHAEL BALSAMO
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Easing some of the escalating tension between Congress and the White House, the House intelligence committee postponed efforts to enforce a subpoena against the Justice Department on Wednesday after officials agreed to hand over a cache of documents related to special counsel Robert Mueller's Trump-Russia re-

port. The agreement came a day after the department said it would be willing to provide documents from Mueller's investigation but only if the committee didn't take action against Attorney General William Barr.

The panel had been expected to vote at Wednesday's meeting — now postponed — on an unspecified "enforcement action" against Barr or the department after they refused to hand over an unredacted version of Mueller's report

and other documents related to the Russia probe.

Democrats have accused President Donald Trump and the attorney general of trying to stonewall and block their constitutional oversight duties.

A separate House panel voted earlier this month to hold Barr in contempt after he failed to comply with a similar subpoena.

The Justice Department will begin turning over 12 categories of "counterintelligence and foreign intelligence materials as part of an

initial rolling production," and that process should be completed by the end of next week, Rep. Adam Schiff, the intelligence committee's chairman, said in a statement.

Schiff, a California Democrat, warned that the subpoena would remain in effect and "will be enforced should the Department fail to comply with the full document request."

Assistant Attorney General Stephen Boyd told Schiff in a letter Tuesday that the Justice Department

would be willing to make less-redacted portions of the report available to members of the committee and that officials were reviewing troves of investigative documents that were also requested by the committee.

"We appreciate the continued dialogue with the committee and look forward to working toward appropriately accommodating their requests," department spokeswoman Kerri Kupec said Wednesday.

Making police traffic stops safer

GoBetween robot separates officers from motorists

BY PETER HOLLEY
The Washington Post

For years, Reuben Brewer had been reading tragic news reports about police officers and motorists being killed and injured during traffic stops gone awry.

The root of the problem, he realized, was fear, the powerful, anticipatory anxiety that can overwhelm a hyper-vigilant officer or cause a motorist to behave in ways that arouse suspicion, leading to a violent encounter.

Brewer knew he couldn't take guns from people who shouldn't wield them or remove poorly trained police officers from U.S. streets, but he wondered if there was a way to lower the temperature of everyday encounters between jittery officers and the large numbers of drivers who fear for their lives each time police lights flash in their rearview mirror.

After 16 months of research and development, Brewer — a senior robotics researcher at the nonprofit SRI International in Menlo Park, California — has unveiled his solution: a robot that allows police officers to conduct traffic stops without leaving the safety of their vehicle.

"The main advantage of a robot over a human is that physical danger no longer matters," Brewer wrote after being reached by email. "The robot is purely defensive, so it can't hurt the motorist. If the motorist damages the robot, it's only money to replace it."

Police officers make more than 50,000 traffic stops each day, according to The Stanford Open Policing Project, an effort that has tracked more than 200 million stops in recent years and found significant dis-



SRI INTERNATIONAL PHOTOS

The GoBetween robot extends out from the police vehicle to the car that has been pulled over. When the encounter is done, the contraption retracts.



GoBetween robot is envisioned to let police officers conduct stops without leaving the safety of their vehicle.

parities in policing.

A survey released by the Bureau of Justice Statistics in 2014 found that black motorists were more likely to be pulled over than white drivers over the previous year. Once stops occur, evidence suggests black drivers are much more likely to have their vehicle searched than white drivers.

Traffic stops pose real dangers to officers as well.

In 2017, the most recent year of available statistics, 5,108 officers were assaulted during traffic stops and pursuits, an average of about 14 officers each day, according to the FBI's Uniform Crime Reporting.

Philando Castile's death

at the hands of a Minnesota police officer in 2016 is perhaps the most high-profile recent example of a police officer killing a motorist who posed no threat. Shot multiple times by Officer Jeronimo Yanez, the 32-year-old's death was streamed on Facebook by his girlfriend. Yanez claimed he thought Castile, who was licensed to carry a firearm, was reaching for his weapon. Castile's girlfriend, Diamond Reynolds, disputed that claim, but Yanez was acquitted of second-degree manslaughter.

In 2019, 323 people have been shot and killed by police, according to a Washington Post database that

has tracked deadly police shootings since 2015.

Amy Shoemaker, a data scientist involved with the Stanford Open Policing Project, told NBC News that a robot is unlikely to fully solve the complex issues that accompany traffic stops.

"If there is a role for this tool, it's to help prevent tragedies like Philando Castile's death," she said, adding that the machine, "doesn't seem like a panacea."

When a vehicle is pulled over, the officer dispatches the GoBetween robot, which is attached to a platform on the driver's side of the police car, by extending a rolling aluminum track to the motorist's window. The robot is perched atop the end of the track, which moves forward on a small wheel. At the same time, a spike strip attached to the robot is lowered to the ground and unfolded between the vehicle's front and rear tires, preventing a potential highway chase. When the encounter is over, the contraption retracts and the robot returns to the police car.

With a highway patrol-like helmet perched atop its "head," the weaponless ro-

bot includes two video cameras, a microphone and a speaker that allow the motorist and the officer to speak while looking at one another on a screen. A bar-code scanner allows the machine to input driver license information, a signature pad allows the motorist to sign a ticket, and a printer provides the motorist with a copy of the citation. Brewer said future prototypes will include a Passive Alcohol Sensor to "sniff for drunk driving."

The robot's senses aren't as sharp as a human officer's, Brewer admits, but he believes the technology can get "pretty close" to approximating a person.

Though the robot may reduce the tension that can spiral out of control during a traffic stop, Brewer says his technology cannot remove human bias from interactions between police officers and motorists.

"Whatever inequalities there currently are with police cars pulling over minorities more often will still be there once there's a robot on their car," he wrote. "The difference is that those interactions (however unequal they may be) shouldn't result in anyone getting hurt or killed."

Brewer said the robot has been shown to four police departments and received mixed reactions. Though some officers embraced the idea, others worried the robot would be easily broken or give drivers the chance to speed off as the machine is being deployed.

Some officers wanted the robot to be able to peer into other parts of the vehicle to check for weapons or alcohol, a technical change that Brewer said he plans to add. Brewer intends to make future prototypes more rugged, but noted that the current robot withstood eight months of driving attached to a platform on the side of his own car without issue. He plans to move the robot to the front of a police vehicle, where it can be stowed inside the "bull bar," a standard steel barrier on many cop cars.

Brewer said the next step is testing the machine during real traffic stops to see how officers — and drivers they pull over — respond.

"I'd love to have a police department test my prototype during actual traffic stops so that we can learn what its real-life limitations are," he added. "It's ready to go, just need a willing partner to test it out!"

In disinformation game, Iran is off its online game

BY RAPHAEL SATTER
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LONDON — When an attractive young Middle Eastern woman contacted Saudi dissident Ali AlAhmed over Twitter last November, he was immediately suspicious.

The Associated Press was on the verge of publishing a story about how AlAhmed, who is based in the Washington area, had been targeted by hackers posing as a female journalist. Now, just two days before the article was set to go live, another young woman was trying to entice him to read an article and share it online.

"They will never stop," AlAhmed wrote in a Nov. 6 message to the AP. "They think a hot girl can lure me."

The AP flagged the exchange to Canadian internet watchdog Citizen Lab, which was already helping AlAhmed deal with the hackers.

Citizen Lab determined that the Twitter account, purportedly belonging to an Egyptian writer named Mona A. Rahman, was part of a separate operation.

In fact, she wasn't even trying to hack AlAhmed — she was trying to enlist him in an ambitious global disinformation effort linked to

Tehran.

In a report published May 14, Citizen Lab said A.Rahman was but a small piece of a years-old, multilingual campaign aimed at seeding anti-Saudi, anti-Israel and anti-American stories across the internet. Citizen Lab, which is based at the University of Toronto's Munk School, said it believes "with moderate confidence" that the operation is aligned with Iran.

The campaign is another indication of how online disinformation is being tested by countries well beyond Russia, whose interference into the 2016 U.S. presidential election was laid out in vivid detail in special prosecutor Robert Mueller's report.

"What this shows is that more and more parties are entering the disinformation game," said John Scott-Railton, a Citizen Lab researcher, "and they're constantly learning."

In London, Iranian Embassy press secretary Mohammad Mohammadi denied that his government had anything to do with digital disinformation, saying that Iran was "the biggest victim" of such campaigns and had called for international regulations to curb them.

Scott-Railton and his col-

leagues ended up identifying 135 fake articles that were published as part of the campaign, which they dubbed "Endless Mayfly" because, like the short-lived insect, the bogus stories tended to disappear soon after they began to spread.

The article "Mona A.Rahman" was trying to get AlAhmed to share — a claim that Israel's then-defense minister, Avigdor Lieberman, had been fired for being a Russian spy — was typical: The article had startling news, it was hosted on a fake version of a Harvard University website and had a host of spelling and grammatical mistakes.

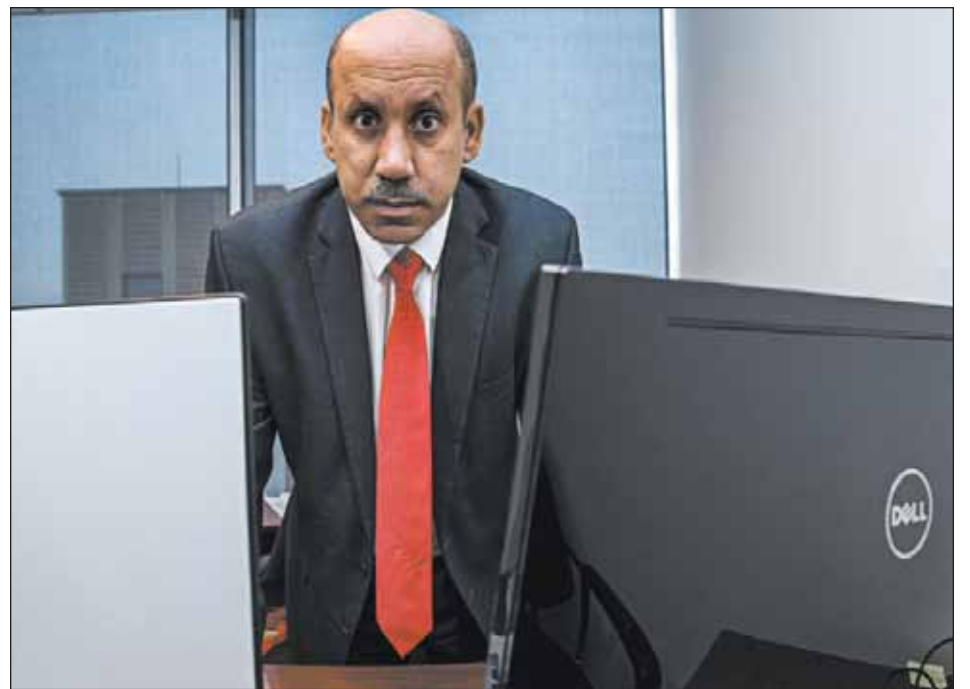
Articles shared by other fake personas followed a similar pattern.

"Ivanka Trump says its unbelievable that women cannot drive in Saudi Arabia," said one article posted to a site dressed up to look like Foreign Policy magazine.

"Saudi Arabia funds the US Mexico border Wall," said another, hosted on a site imitating The Atlantic.

The campaign seems to have been largely ineffectual — Scott-Railton noted that "most of their stories got almost no organic buzz" — but a couple did break through.

In March 2017 a fake Belgian newspaper article



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Ali AlAhmed was a target of what's said to be an effort to spread anti-Saudi, anti-Israel and anti-American stories across the internet.

claiming that then-French presidential candidate Emmanuel Macron's campaign was partly funded by Saudi money was widely shared in French ultra-nationalist circles, including by Marion Marechal, the granddaughter of French far-right leader Jean-Marie Le Pen.

A few months later another site mimicking a Swiss publication tricked the Reuters news agency and other outlets into publishing a false report that Saudi Arabia had written a letter to FIFA, soccer's governing body, demanding that arch-rival Qatar be barred from hosting the

2012 World Cup.

Citizen Lab said it first got wind of the suspected Iranian disinformation campaign when a British web developer debunked one of the fake articles on Reddit two years ago.

The developer pointed out that the story — which suggested British Prime Minister Theresa May was "dancing to the tune" of Saudi Arabia — had been published on a website using the URL "independent," imitating the legitimate British news site, The Independent, and was linked to other suspicious sites.

"Did we just get an in-

sight into a fake news operation?" the developer asked.

Citizen Lab confirmed his hunch, later connecting the sites to an incident in which another Twitter user, Bina Melamed, tried to persuade Israeli journalists to share the same fake article that AlAhmed received.

When one of the reporters privately confronted Melamed about why she was pushing nonsense, the answer was unusually straightforward.

"I like challenging and controversial stories," Melamed said. "Sometimes they are fake and sometimes they are not."

How to tell pandas apart? By using facial recognition app

BY ANNA FIFIELD
The Washington Post

BEIJING — Can't tell Bei Bei apart from Bao Bao? Fear not. Chinese tech whizzes, who already have perfected facial recognition technology for humans to highly-precise levels of accuracy, have now come up with an app that can tell one white-faced, black-eyed carnivore from another.

"You no longer need to worry about making the pandas angry by calling them by the wrong name,"

the Chengdu Research Base of Giant Panda Breeding wrote on Weibo, the Chinese version of Twitter, as it announced its new "giant panda facial recognition" app.

Visitors to the panda base in the Sichuan capital of Chengdu, one of China's top tourist attractions, will be able to scan the panda's face with the mobile app to get information about each individual bear.

"It's good news for those with 'face blindness' for giant pandas," the research

base said, apparently without irony, in its statement announcing the breakthrough.

The panda facial recognition technology is the result of two years of research and the analysis of about 120,000 images and 10,000 video clips of the monochromatic furballs. Scientists at the Chengdu base and Sichuan Normal University, with help from Singapore Nanyang Technological University, have created a database containing 10,000 marked and an-

notated panda photos.

Researchers say the technology will help them analyze data on pandas both in captivity and the wild.

"The app and database will help us gather more precise and well-rounded data on the population, distribution, ages, gender ratio, birth and deaths of wild pandas, who live in deep mountains and are hard to track," said Chen Peng, a researcher who co-authored a paper on "Giant Panda Face Recognition Using Small Database."

"It will definitely help us improve efficiency and effectiveness in conservation and management of the animals," Chen told the Xinhua state-run news agency.

Facial recognition technology is widely used in China, especially by police and immigration authorities, and there is a network of facial recognition cameras to keep tabs on the population.

Police picked a wanted fugitive out of a crowd of 60,000 people at a pop

concert in the city of Nanchang last year. In the city of Zhengzhou, billboard-size screens show the faces and ID cards of jaywalkers.

Some public restrooms in Beijing use facial recognition to limit the amount of toilet paper dispensed to each person, while a KFC outlet in Hangzhou has rolled out a "Smile to Pay" system, the South China Morning Post reported.

China's aim is to build a system that can recognize all 1.4 billion of its citizens within three seconds.

Nevada women at crest of wave in legislative politics

BY EMILY WAX-THIBODEAUX
The Washington Post

CARSON CITY, Nev. — She didn't plan to say it. Yvanna Cancela, a newly elected Democrat in the Nevada Senate, didn't want to "sound crass."

But when a Republican colleague defended a century-old law requiring doctors to ask women seeking abortions whether they're married, Cancela couldn't help firing back.

"A man is not asked his marital status before he gets a vasectomy," she countered — and the packed hearing room fell silent.

Since Nevada seated the nation's first majority-female state legislature in January, the male old guard has been shaken up by the perspectives of female lawmakers. Bills prioritizing women's health and safety have soared to the top of the agenda. Mounting reports of sexual harassment have led one male lawmaker to resign. And policy debates long dominated by men, including prison reform and gun safety, are yielding to female voices.

Cancela, 32, is part of the wave of women elected by both parties in November,

many of them younger than 40. Today, women hold the majority with 23 seats in the Assembly and 10 in the Senate, or a combined 52 percent.

No other legislature has achieved that milestone in U.S. history.

Only Colorado comes close, with women constituting 47 percent of its legislators.

In Congress, just one in four lawmakers is a woman. And in Alabama, which just enacted an almost complete ban on abortion, women make up just 15 percent of lawmakers.

The female majority is having a huge effect: More than 17 pending bills deal with sexual assault, sex trafficking and sexual misconduct, with some measures aimed at making it easier to prosecute offenders. Bills to ban child marriage and examine the causes of maternal mortality are also on the docket.

"I can say with 100 percent certainty that we wouldn't have had these conversations a few years ago," said Assembly Majority Leader Teresa Benitez-Thompson, a Democrat. "None of these bills would have seen the light of day."

Nevada didn't reach this

landmark by accident. A loosely coordinated campaign of political action groups and women's rights organizations recruited and trained women such as Cancela, who became political director of the 57,000-member Culinary Workers Union before she turned 30. One of those organizations, Emerge Nevada, said it trained twice as many female candidates ahead of the 2018 midterm election as it had in the preceding 12 years.

Meanwhile, the election of President Donald Trump in 2016 mobilized Democratic women nationwide, including in Nevada, where women already held 40 percent of statehouse seats.

Along with the gender shift has come a steady increase in racial diversity: Of 63 lawmakers in Nevada, 11 are African American, nine are Hispanic, one is Native American and one, Rochelle Thuy Nguyen, 41, is the legislature's first Democratic female Asian American Pacific Islander.

The result may seem surprising in a state more often defined by the hypersexuality and neon-lit debauchery of the Las Vegas Strip. Until 2017, the legislature included an assemblyman



MELINA MARA/WASHINGTON POST

Assembly Majority Leader Teresa Benitez-Thompson of Nevada, left, greets a retired state legislator on the Assembly floor at the Nevada State Legislature in Carson City.

who had briefly appeared as an extra in a film about women being kidnapped and forced to live naked in kennels, according to Politifact.

But that lawmaker, Republican Stephen Silberkraus, 38, was defeated by a woman, Democrat Lesley Cohen, 48, who highlighted the film during her campaign. (Silberkraus told reporters that he had been unaware of the film's sexual nature.) As a member of the Assembly, Cohen is leading a study on conditions for female sex workers in Nevada's rural brothels, the nation's only legal bordellos.

"Outsiders ask why and

how Nevada — of all places — became first," Cohen said. "But I say, why not Nevada? Why not everywhere?"

Carson City is a tiny frontier town, cradled among the snow-capped Sierra Nevada. For decades in the statehouse, charges of sexual harassment often were shrugged off or belittled, and bills sponsored by women were sometimes mocked.

While many female lawmakers say they have found strong male allies this session, a few older men seem to be finding life in the minority difficult.

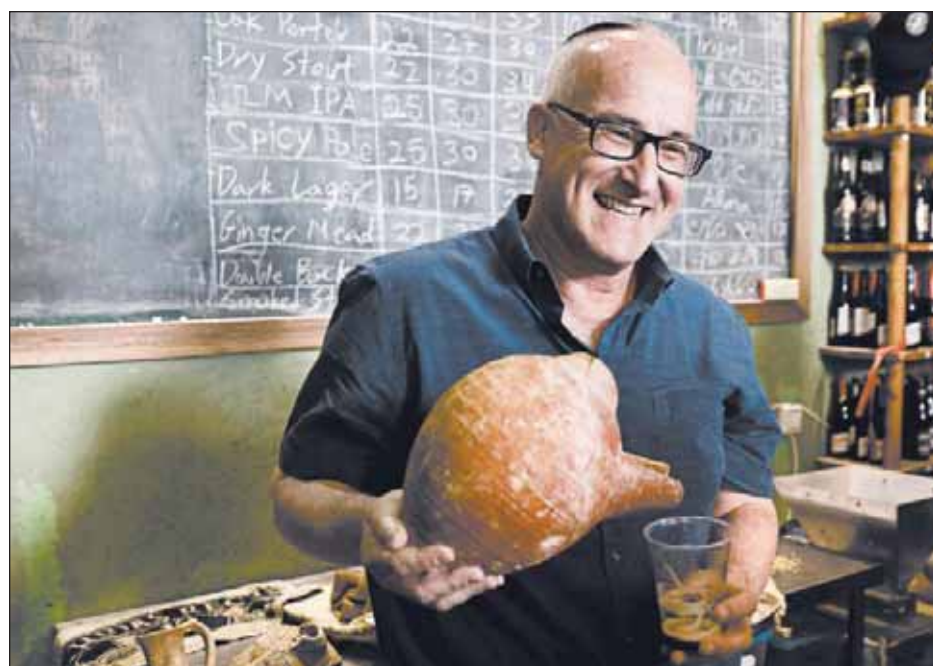
Democratic Assemblywoman Shannon Bilbray-Axelrod, 45, said one assem-

bliman frequently asks, "Have you been a good girl today?"

"It's so inappropriate on so many levels, and it's that old guard trying to hang on," she said. "Calling this out is the way you change the world."

The assemblyman, co-Deputy Minority Leader John Ellison, 66, said he has "great respect" for Bilbray-Axelrod. After being contacted by The Washington Post, Ellison, a Republican, sent her a handwritten card asking her to "please accept my apology if I ever said anything offensive to you."

Bilbray-Axelrod said the moment shows that "there is hope for everyone."



SEBASTIAN SCHEINER/AP

Aren Maeir, an archaeologist and professor at Bar Ilan University, holds an ancient jar and a glass of beer during Wednesday's news conference in Jerusalem.

Israeli scientists brew beer with revived ancient yeasts

BY ILAN BEN ZION
Associated Press

JERUSALEM — Israeli researchers raised a glass Wednesday to celebrate a long-brewing project of making beer and mead using yeasts extracted from ancient clay vessels — some over 5,000 years old.

Archaeologists and microbiologists from the Israel Antiquities Authority and four Israeli universities teamed up to study yeast colonies found in microscopic pores in pottery fragments. The shards were found at Egyptian, Philistine and Judean archaeological sites in Israel spanning from 3,000 B.C. to the 4th century B.C.

The scientists are touting the brews made from "resurrected" yeasts as an important step in experimental archaeology, a field that seeks to reconstruct the past to better understand the flavor of the ancient world.

"What we discovered was that yeast can actually survive for a very, very long time without food," said Hebrew University microbiologist Michael Klut-

stein. "Today we are able to salvage all these living organisms that live inside the nanopores and to revive them and study their properties."

Beer was a staple of the daily diet for the people of ancient Egypt and Mesopotamia. Early Egyptian texts refer to a variety of different brews, including "iron beer," "friend's beer" and "beer of the protector."

The yeast samples came from nearly two dozen ceramic vessels found in excavations around the country, including a salvage dig in central Tel Aviv, a Persian-era palace in southern Jerusalem and 'En Besor, a 5,000-year-old Egyptian brewery near Israel's border with the Gaza Strip.

The project was spearheaded by Hebrew University microbiologist Ronen Hazan and antiquities authority archaeologist Yitzhak Paz.

Other researchers of ancient beers, such as University of Pennsylvania archaeologist Patrick McGovern, have concocted drinks based on ancient recipes and residue analy-

sis of ceramics. But the Israeli scientists say this is the first time fermented drinks have been made from revived ancient yeasts.

Aren Maeir, a Bar Ilan University archaeologist, excavates at Tel es-Safi, the biblical city of Gath, where ancient Philistine beer pots yielded yeasts used to brew a beer offered to journalists. He likened the revival of long-dormant yeast to the resurrection of ancient beasts fictionalized in "Jurassic Park," but only to a point.

"In Jurassic Park, the dinosaurs eat the scientists," he said. "Here, the scientists drink the dinosaurs."

"It opens up a whole new field of the possibility that perhaps other microorganisms survived as well, and you can identify foods such as cheese, wine, pickles," opening a portal to tasting cultures of the past, he said.

The researchers said their next aim is to pair the resurrected yeasts with ancient beer recipes to better reproduce drinks from antiquity.

In gender-swap photo filter, some see a therapeutic tool

BY JEFF MCMILLAN
Associated Press

NEW YORK — Hit a button, and you're "transformed" into a woman. The beard disappears. The face and jaw smooth out. The hair floats jauntily around the shoulders.

A swipe and another click. Suddenly you're a square-jawed man — heavy of brow, sporting five o'clock shadow.

The gender-bending selfies, often accompanied by flip or sarcastic comments, are flooding social feeds since Snapchat introduced a filter this month allowing users to swap gender appearances with the tap of a finger. But for many people who have longed for a button that would change them in real life, the portrait parade isn't a game.

"My gender's not a costume," says Bailey Coffman, a 31-year-old transgender woman from New York. "This story that I feel is very real. I lost a lot to be who I am, and I fought really hard for the body that I'm in."

"And when certain people post it and write about how silly it is and how goofy they look with this filter," she says, "it makes light of the transgender experience."

She and others, though, do see possibility in the pastime.

Some argue that the filter, which Snapchat calls a "lens," could be a therapeutic tool that leads to self-discovery and even helps ease the transition of people struggling with gender identity once they see who they could become.

"There are people who haven't found themselves yet, and this is a great way to say 'This is really affirming for me' and to take that next step," says Savannah Daniels, 32, a military veteran living in Baltimore. She says she realized she identified as female after watching episodes of "RuPaul's Drag Race" while serving in Afghanistan as a chap-



MARY ALTAFFER/AP

Bailey Coffman, a transgender woman, shows her photo filtered to look like a man in the Snapchat app.

lain's assistant in the U.S. Navy.

Snapchat is not the first face-altering app with such a feature; FaceApp, for instance, has had one for years. But users of the Snapchat filter have noted its high quality. And, of course, the very popularity of Snapchat amplifies the feature further.

Snapchat's maker, Snap Inc., which has drawn criticism for a Bob Marley filter some likened to blackface and another that overlaid stereotypically Asian features on users' photos, commented about its filter in an emailed statement.

"We understand that identity is deeply personal," the company said. "As we have and continue to explore the possibilities of this technology, our Lens design team is working to ensure that on the whole these Lenses are diverse and inclusive by providing a wide range of transformative effects."

Jessie Daniels (no relation to Savannah Daniels), a City University of New York professor and an expert in digital sociology, says that for people unfamiliar with the concept of gender as fluid — not innate and not binary; that is, not

strictly male or female — such filters can be both radical and transformative.

"They get a chance to play with gender in a way that many of us who are LGBTQ have played with gender our whole lifetimes and understand the social construct part of it," she says.

That could be meaningful for youths reckoning with gender identity or, she says, just for putting the notion of gender fluidity on youngsters' radar.

CUNY's Daniels, though, wonders whether the filter is an attempt by Snapchat, which has struggled against competition from Facebook and Instagram, to win back market share.

For people who are finding the fun in the game, Savannah Daniels urges them not to enjoy it and then simply dismiss "actual living beings that are trans."

She tweeted Saturday: "These new Snapchat filters get y'all out here having fun with gender roles, joking about sex with your homeboys, and sporting beards with lashes. All we ask is that you keep that same energy when you interact with actual transgender and non-binary ppl!"

Surgeon: Neb. farmer 'saved his own life' with leg amputation

BY LINDSEY BEVER
The Washington Post

Kurt Kaser had no time to consider his options. The 63-year-old farmer had stepped into a grain auger, the blade violently twisting and twirling to carry corn to a storage bin on his farm in northeastern Nebraska — and, in an instant, his left foot was sucked into the machine. He scrambled as the corkscrew-style blade inside cut off his foot and continued to pull at him, leaving him to wonder

when or whether it would stop, he said.

"I can remember telling myself, 'This is not good. This is bad,'" he recounted earlier this week.

"I just dropped to the ground and started pulling on my leg to try to get it out, but it wouldn't come," Kaser added, explaining that he knew he could not lie there and wait for help. "I didn't know how long it would be before someone would show up. I didn't know how long I would stay conscious."

Kaser was alone on the property and said he searched his pockets for his cellphone, but it wasn't there.

So, he said, he pulled out his pocketknife and tried to finish the job — severing his leg in a desperate attempt to free himself. "Then, all at once, it let me go," he said.

Kaser had been working April 19 on his 1,500-acre farm outside Pender, a small town less than 100 miles from Omaha, and was moving grain from one bin to another when he got caught

in the auger, he said.

A grain auger is a machine containing a spiral steel blade that rotates, pulling grain up through a long tube into a nearby storage bin. The blade is more exposed near the end of the auger, but there is often a wire screen that covers the blade, keeping that covers the blade, being pulled into the machine.

Kaser said he had forgotten that, over the winter, he had cut a small hole in that protective screen to get it to work under frozen ground.

When he put his foot down on it last month, he said, he slipped right through the opening and onto the spinning blade.

Once Kaser was free, he said, he crawled on his elbows to his office a couple of hundred feet away and called his son, who is a volunteer with the local fire and rescue department. Kaser was rushed to a nearby hospital and then transported by helicopter to the Bryan Trauma Center at Bryan West Campus in Lincoln, Nebraska, where one

of his daughters is a trauma nurse, he said.

Stanley Okosun, a trauma surgeon and medical director of the Bryan Trauma Center, said Kaser had a severe and dirty wound from dragging himself on the ground, so the medical team aggressively treated him with antibiotics and rushed him into surgery. Okosun said surgeons performed a proper amputation, midway between Kaser's knee and his ankle.

"He saved his own life," Okosun said.

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Last days of May? UK leader in peril as Brexit offer slammed

LONDON — British Prime Minister Theresa May dug in Wednesday against a relentless push by rivals and former allies to remove her from office as her attempts to lead Britain out of the European Union appeared to be headed for a dead end.

May resisted calls to rip up her tattered Brexit blueprint and end her embattled premiership after her attempt at compromise was rejected by both her own Conservative

Party and opposition lawmakers.

As rumors and plots swirled through Parliament, Conservative lawmakers set up a showdown meeting with May for Friday, giving her less than 48 hours to announce she will go or face a new attempt to oust her.

Several senior ministers were reportedly seeking meetings with May to express unhappiness with her Brexit plan — and possibly urge her to quit.

Rivers rising in waterlogged central US; more rain to come

OKLAHOMA CITY — Waterlogged parts of the central U.S. braced Wednesday for more rain, after days of severe storms that have battered Iowa, Kansas, Missouri and Oklahoma and caused at least three deaths.

Authorities urged residents in parts of Oklahoma and Kansas to leave their homes as rivers and streams rose. The Arkansas River was approaching historic highs, while the

already high Missouri and Mississippi rivers were again rising after a multi-day stretch of storms that produced dozens of tornadoes. Forecasters predicted parts of Oklahoma, Missouri and Kansas could see more severe weather Thursday.

The National Weather Service issued flood warnings for northeastern Oklahoma, southeastern Kansas and southwestern Missouri.

Border holding center to reopen after 32 migrants get flu

SAN DIEGO — More than 30 migrants have tested positive for influenza at a major processing center on the Mexican border that was temporarily closed to stop the outbreak, authorities said Wednesday.

It was unclear if anyone ill came in contact with Carlos Hernandez Vasquez, a 16-year-old Guatemalan boy who was held at the facility in McAllen, Texas, and died

Monday, a day after he was diagnosed and transferred to a smaller station.

The 32 sick children and adults have been quarantined at a smaller processing center, a U.S. Border Patrol official said.

The center has been cleaned and will soon reopen but the closure, however temporary, further strained an overstretched system. Migrants were sent to other stations during the brief shutdown.



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Floral tributes are left at a war memorial in Manchester, England, on Wednesday as mourners observed two minutes of silence to honor the 22 people killed on May 22, 2017, by a suicide bomber in an arena after a concert by pop singer Ariana Grande.

Michael Avenatti charged with defrauding Stormy Daniels

NEW YORK — Michael Avenatti, the attorney who rocketed to fame through his representation of porn star Stormy Daniels in her battles with President Donald Trump, was charged Wednesday with ripping her off.

Federal prosecutors in New York say Avenatti used a doctored document to divert about \$300,000 that Daniels was supposed to get from a book deal. Only half that money was paid back, prosecutors said.

Daniels isn't named in the court filing, but the details of the case, including the date her book was

released, make it clear that she is the client involved.

Avenatti denied the allegations on Twitter.

"No moneys relating to Ms. Daniels were ever misappropriated or mishandled. She received millions of dollars worth of legal services and we spent huge sums in expenses. She directly paid only \$100.00 for all that she received," he wrote.

Avenatti added in a later tweet that his agreement for representing Daniels "included a percentage of any book proceeds."

The charges pile on top of previous allegations of

legal misconduct.

Avenatti was charged in New York with trying to extort up to \$25 million from Nike by threatening to expose claims that the shoemaker paid off high school basketball players to steer them to Nike-sponsored colleges. And in Los Angeles, he's facing a multi-count federal indictment alleging that he stole millions of dollars from clients, didn't pay taxes, committed bank fraud and lied during bankruptcy proceedings.

Avenatti has denied the allegations against him on both coasts, saying he expects to be exonerated.

Japan urges traditional order for Japanese names

TOKYO — Japan's Foreign Ministry wants the world to begin using the traditional order for Japanese names, with family names first.

Prime Minister Shinzo Abe would become Abe Shinzo, as he is known in Japan, ending the Westernized name order the coun-

try adopted for use with foreigners more than a century ago as a means of internationalization.

Family names also precede given names in China and South Korea, but both of those countries use that style internationally as well.

Foreign Minister Taro

Kono plans to ask foreign journalists to shift to the Japanese name order to mark the beginning of Japan's new imperial era and a Group of 20 summit in Osaka in June.

An Education Ministry committee's similar proposal 20 years ago was largely ignored.

Pentagon has plan for 10K more troops in Mideast

WASHINGTON — The Pentagon on Thursday will present plans to the White House to send up to 10,000 more troops to the Middle East, in a move to beef up defenses against potential Iranian threats, U.S. officials said Wednesday.

The officials said no final decision has been made, and it's not clear if the White House would approve sending all or just some of the requested forces.

Officials said the move is not in response to any new threat from Iran, but is aimed at reinforcing security in the region. They said the troops would be defensive forces, and the discussions include additional Patriot missile batteries, more ships and increased efforts to monitor Iran.

The officials spoke on condition of anonymity because the plans have not been formally announced.

In Russia: The governor of Russia's Urals region said Wednesday that a plan to build a Russian Orthodox cathedral in a popular park will be canceled after protests that drew nationwide attention. A new site will be chosen.

Unsanctioned demonstrations in the Ural Mountains city of Yekaterinburg were held for several consecutive days — a rare show of defiance in Russia where harsh laws hand out criminal punishments for taking part in unsanctioned rallies.

President Vladimir Putin last week suggested an opinion survey to determine public attitudes about the project. An opinion poll conducted by VTsIOM polling company showed the majority opposing the construction.

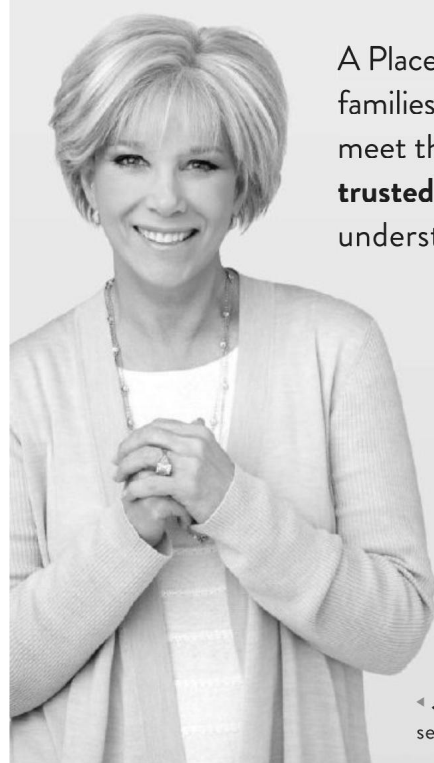
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EDITORIALS

The Loop requires reinvention,
a Chicago specialty since 1871

The Loop has lost some luster. This is concerning news for some building owners, but it's no crisis for Chicago. It's an invitation to developers, urban planners and business owners to re-think the future of the downtown business corridor.

Nothing stands still in a dynamic city: These days the hip landing spot for businesses such as Google, McDonald's and countless startups isn't the Loop, it's to the northwest in the Fulton Market district and River North. Meanwhile, in the South Loop the refurbished Old Post Office is starting to fill up, with tenants including Walgreens preparing to spill across its giant floors.

Feeling a little left out of the current business boom is the old line Loop, where older — er, historic — buildings in the city's traditional financial center are seeing rents grow more slowly and big-name tenants move out, reports Ryan Ori in the Tribune.

In the Chicago of an earlier era, businesses bypassing the Loop would have been a serious situation: Goodbye urban energy, hello exodus to the suburbs. Oh well, another central business district in another Midwest city hollowing out. But that's not at all what's happening with the Loop. Young people want to work and live in the city, so competition is stiff to attract them.

Swank new skyscrapers on the river may charge more per square foot for their glassy windows and river views, but companies can get by with renting less space because layouts are more flexible. Trendiness is also a plus for recruiting. Employees want convenience and amenities that abound in newer spaces — cool lunch spots, stellar views from rooftop decks and other perks. There's nothing like being where the action is, with serendipitous, in-person encounters boosting business and innovation.

So what should happen to the Loop? The same thing that happened

to Chicago after the Great Chicago Fire of 1871 and many times since: Reinvention.

Chicago is a big city and there are always tenants looking to occupy traditional office space, especially at a good price. But decline isn't in the cards for Chicago's downtown. Job growth is healthy. From 2010 to 2018, private-sector jobs downtown increased by more than 23%, compared with an increase of just under 15% for the metro area, according to a study by the Chicago Loop Alliance. The study covered an area slightly larger than the Central Loop. People also want to live there: The Loop added more than 21,000 residents in the same period, a 29% increase. The office vacancy rate is still low, even as those legacy buildings feel the pinch of upstarts in areas custom-made to attract a new generation of talent.

That should motivate building owners, investors and developers to put their heads together on ways to make the Loop area more competitive with rising neighborhoods — for business headquarters or something else. Food halls, hotels and shared working spaces are already filling in gaps and bringing new energy. One embodiment of the reinvention idea is just north of the Chicago River: the Merchandise Mart, once wholesale showrooms, its now the vibrant home of tech hub 1871 (a name meant to invoke the city's response to the fire). Another great example is The Old Post Office.

Since its days as a trading post, Chicago has seen different areas come and go as hot spots to live, work, shop and dine. In the Loop, amid imposing streets defined by the power of commerce, some office buildings will remain attractive, some will get refurbished. Others may get torn down.

What we know for certain about Chicago's Loop: Savvy investors, real estate executives and entrepreneurs will see more than a dip in interest, they will see opportunity.



CHICAGO TRIBUNE 1871

Gutted buildings and smoldering rubble at State and Madison streets after the Great Chicago Fire in 1871.

Summer jobs, #MeToo and the mission McDonald's can lead

Just in time for summer hiring, the company that boasts of being America's "best first job" is facing a new round of sexual harassment claims, some involving employees as young as 16.

Seasonal jobs or internships aren't exempt from the hazards that led to the #MeToo and #TimesUp movements. In fact, young employees with little experience or power can be easy targets for harassment and abuse. Fewer teens seek jobs now than in decades past, but one-third of 16-to-19-year-olds still work. Many enter the labor market as the school year winds down.

Many of these young people — 2 million of an estimated 6.2 million teens working in summer 2017, according to the Pew Research Center — take hotel and food

service jobs. Restaurants have become notorious for harassment fueled by close quarters, late hours and other factors. The Wall Street Journal reported last year that some parents were discouraging their teen girls from seeking restaurant work, and that the U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission has filed suits alleging sexual harassment against not only fast-food giants but also establishments from mom-and-pop restaurants to ice-cream parlors.

New complaints filed Tuesday against Chicago-based McDonald's allege that employees were subjected to groping, indecent exposure, propositions for sex and lewd comments by supervisors across 20 cities, including Chicago, reports Alexia Elejalde-Ruiz in the

Tribune. Some workers say they were ignored, mocked or faced retaliation when they sought help. The suits included complaints against both corporate-owned and franchise locations.

Illinois Democratic Sen. Tammy Duckworth had already raised concerns with McDonald's about its employees' sexual harassment complaints. CEO Steve Easterbrook says the company was strengthening its harassment policies and reporting methods. It has trained franchise operators and general managers and plans additional training for frontline workers. It will also establish a hotline for reporting incidents anonymously.

We've called upon institutions, including big business, to

change their cultures, firmly support survivors of sexual harassment and abuse, and encourage whistleblowers. #MeToo has amplified the voices of individual survivors. In all workplaces, bosses have to expand and modernize their systems and expectations — decisively.

There's no shortage of advice to guide improvements. Easterbrook says McDonald's has been working with RAINN, an anti-sexual-violence organization. Employers should have clear practices in place to prevent, and handle allegations of, harassment by supervisors, colleagues, clients or customers. Employees need to know what is and isn't OK in the workplace — especially if they're brand-new to it — and how to manage situations that arise.

McDonald's is far from alone in grappling with this issue. The brands behind most of America's favorite drive-thrus have been accused of similar issues in complaints and lawsuits. Those same companies often struggle to fill positions. McDonald's needs to hire 250,000 workers this summer. Building an environment where women, young people and employees of all types feel safe and supported should be a competitive advantage.

It's easy to imagine McDonald's, a company built on operational and marketing excellence, leading the conversation on these issues, with smart policy and catchy sharing of ideas. Or will one of its competitors step up instead?

5/23 WHAT OTHERS ARE SAYING

The attacks in Sri Lanka were not intended as a stand-alone event. Islamic State also attempted to attack state security installations in the Saudi Arabian city of Zulfi on Easter Sunday, reinforcing its ambition to strike multiple targets across different countries on the same day. ...

Islamic State has burnished concepts of martyrdom and redemption within Islam to inspire unparalleled zealotry among its supporters. Even when on the back foot, they have proven themselves to be resilient and motivated. They were able to hold off the Syrian Democratic Forces for weeks during their final stand in Baghouz.

The terrorist group even released footage from within its beleaguered encampment calling on its members to demonstrate steadfastness. The thinking is relatively straightforward: Divine reasoning cannot be understood, but the caliphate is collapsing either because God is testing Islamic State supporters or because he is punishing them. Either way, the result is the same: Supporters should double down in their devotion. ...

There is an individual component to this, too. Islamic State members are told they should continue fighting to the bitter end because either they will overcome their enemies or they'll be killed in the process, becoming martyrs as a result. This is why Islamic State remains so active despite the counterattack against it.

The old question remains: "How can you fight an enemy who looks down the barrel of your gun and sees paradise?"

Shiraz Maher, *New Statesman*

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There is no particular reason to believe these supposed threats are genuine, given the president's allergy to speaking truth. The claims are also contradicted by others in a position to know.



President Donald Trump has recently ramped up his rhetoric on Iran. He may be bluffing, but it's unsure whether he is prepared to back up those bluffs.

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Trump is courting war with Iran



STEVE CHAPMAN

Presidents have always had to deal with unforeseen foreign crises that erupt out of nowhere. For Bill Clinton, it was the “Black Hawk Down” battle in Mogadishu, Somalia. For George W. Bush, it was the 9/11 attacks. For Barack Obama, it was the civil war in Libya. Each required the administration to react rapidly under intense pressure, which invites mistakes.

Donald Trump has figured out how to avoid such surprises. He doesn't wait for crises to erupt but creates them himself. Since they are largely of his making, they tend to be susceptible to his own unilateral remedies — or “remedies.” And once the crisis has passed, he can claim credit for staving off the disaster that wouldn't have loomed except for him.

North Korea is one example of this peculiar method. Faced with its nuclear arsenal and growing missile capability, Trump spouted threats like a hot springs geyser. Having raised fears, he quelled them by arranging a summit with Kim Jong Un, got a vague agree-

ment and pronounced on Twitter that there was “no longer a Nuclear Threat from North Korea.”

In fact, North Korea has continued producing nuclear weapons fuel and, presumably, building nuclear weapons. Even after Kim resumed missile test launches, Trump expressed faith in him and promised, “Deal will happen!” We're still waiting.

Iran is the latest country to be enlisted in his addiction to drama. The sort of deal he is pursuing with Pyongyang is the sort of deal that his predecessor had achieved with Tehran, which he repudiated because, after all, his predecessor had achieved it.

Trump is using a formula of economic sanctions, bellicose rhetoric and ominous maneuvers — an evacuation of the U.S. Embassy in Baghdad, sending an aircraft carrier to the Persian Gulf — to counter alleged new threats from Iran. There is no particular reason to believe these supposed threats are genuine, given the president's allergy to speaking truth. The claims are also contradicted by others in a position to know.

Maj. Gen. Chris Ghika, the top British commander in the coalition fighting Islamic State, said flatly, “There has been no increased threat from Iranian-backed forces in Iraq or Syria.” Rep. Gerry Connolly, D-Va.,

emerged from a Tuesday briefing by top administration officials to say there was “not a single shred of evidence presented to justify the escalation.”

The administration says it will treat any attack by groups with ties to Iran as grounds for a devastating military response. But in *The Washington Post*, RAND Corp. analysts Becca Wasser and Ariane Tabatabai wrote of these nonstate partners, “very few take their orders directly from the Iranian regime,” and its “power over many of these groups is debatable.”

Treating the acts of an alleged proxy group as Iranian aggression means giving rogue actors the means to embroil us in a catastrophic conflict. It delivers control to the craziest people.

Trump seems to think that faced with his threats, Iran would have no choice but to back down. But backing down is something no government wants to do, because it suggests weakness and invites more demands. Iran has no reason to think that doing Trump's bidding would satisfy him.

His national security adviser, John Bolton, has a record of advocating preemptive strikes against Iran as well as regime change. While a member of Congress, Secretary of State Mike Pompeo echoed that call.

There are three possibilities in the

current situation. It may be that Iran actually is testing us and that the administration's moves will convince it to stop. But two others are equally plausible. One is that Iran is doing nothing unusual and will decline to escalate. In that case, Trump can claim to have deterred Iran from doing something it had no intention of doing.

The other is that the administration's threats will alarm the Iranians so much they will conclude that hostilities are imminent and decide they had better land the first blow. Having drawn a red line, Trump may find that Tehran or one of its nonstate partners will cross it, giving him a choice of launching an attack in response or swallowing the violation.

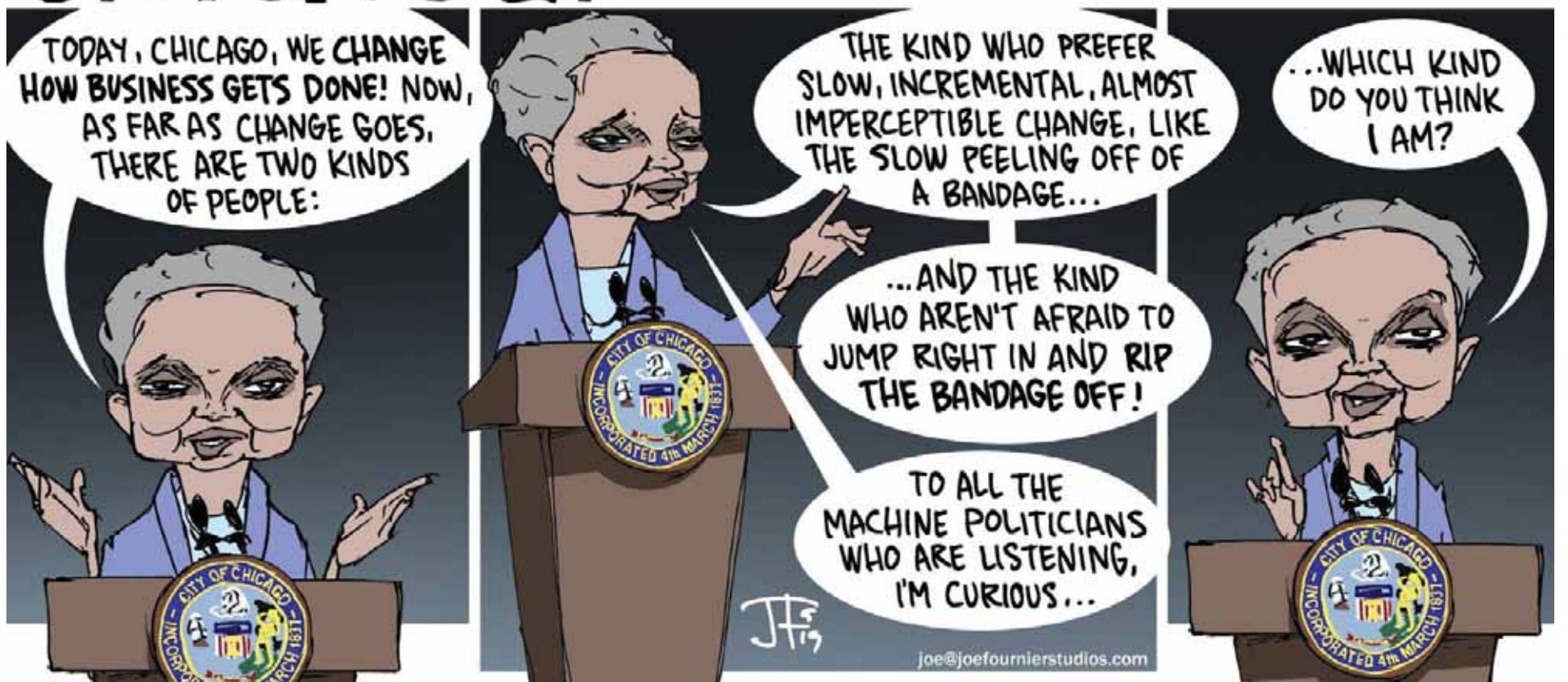
Bluffs can be useful in confrontations, but only if you are prepared to back them up. Trump's experience is in real estate negotiations, where if you talk tough and don't get your way, you can always end the conversation and leave. The international arena is more like a biker bar — where walking away may not be an option.

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Pritzker, stop treating Illinois taxpayers like the state's ATM

BY JOHN TILLMAN

It started with the progressive income tax. Then they came after Netflix. And gasoline. And video gambling. And retailers. All in, Illinois lawmakers before the spring legislative session ends will push 19 new or increased taxes worth nearly \$7 billion.

This onslaught of tax proposals is hurtling toward passage by the May 31 adjournment. If all of these backdoor middle-class tax hikes go through, any potential “relief” Illinoisans are supposed to see under the governor’s progressive income tax will quickly disappear.

Why are Springfield lawmakers and our new bully billionaire governor trying to make taxpayers the only defense against decades of fiscal mismanagement by their state government? Gov. J.B. Pritzker’s single strategy is a progressive income tax. This, along with the other 18 tax schemes, makes clear that taxpayers will be sacrificed so the leaders may avoid facing spending reforms that would actually solve the problem.

Nearly 10,000 Illinoisans have filed witness slips against the progressive tax amendment that has cleared the Senate and awaits a vote of the House. That’s unprecedented. Nearly 100,000 Illinoisans have signed a petition asking their lawmakers to vote against the progressive income tax.

Why won’t the governor and Springfield lawmakers listen?

Everyone agrees the progressive tax won’t generate enough revenue to take care of the structural deficit, let alone pensions. No Republicans support the proposal. Even Democrats are peeling off the plan because they know it means tax hikes for

their middle-class constituents.

So Pritzker is now taking desperate measures, such as removing anti-progressive tax Rep. Jerry Costello, D-Smithton, by giving him a cushy agency directorship (and a reason to resign from the House). Costello was the first of his party to oppose the tax because of constituent opposition; his replacement should also heed taxpayers, as two more Democrats recently have said they’ll likely do.

When state representatives have the audacity to oppose the governor’s proposal, Pritzker responds by attacking them. That’s what happened when these two Democrats, state Reps. Sam Yingling of Grayslake and Jonathan Carroll of Northbrook, recently said the progressive tax was the wrong choice for their constituents.

Pritzker responded to their pro-constituent decision by saying, “Those who oppose this (progressive tax) plan are siding with millionaires and the very wealthy against everyday Illinoisans, and they need to offer an alternative that will fix our state’s long-standing fiscal challenges.”

Fortunately, plenty of alternatives — many of them with bipartisan support — are ready for consideration within the Capitol.

The most important legislation in play in Springfield is a plan to fix Illinois’ \$133 billion pension crisis. Two companion bills (HJRCA 21 and SJRCA 9) would amend the state constitution so it still protects earned benefits but would allow for changes to future benefit accruals. They’ve already been filed in the General Assembly and could be moved ahead immediately. After amending the constitution, lawmakers should reintroduce reforms similar to those passed through the Democratic

supermajority-controlled General Assembly and signed by former Gov. Pat Quinn in 2013.

School district consolidation would save \$2.9 billion over five years but still allow us to invest more money in classrooms, students and teachers by reducing administrative bloat. This reform could move ahead immediately if legislators adopt House Bill 3053, a bold piece of legislation from suburban Democrat Tom Cullerton.

House Speaker Michael Madigan in 2012 supported aligning responsibility for setting retirement benefits with accountability for paying these retirement benefits at schools and universities. These two policies alone would save \$12.2 billion over five years.

Taxpayers are already paying the second-highest property taxes in the country, paying the sixth-highest sales taxes and paying the fifth-highest overall tax burden. For fairness, it is time to limit automatic pay raises for some of the nation’s highest-paid state workers. Gov. Pritzker should also take the lead on right-sizing group health insurance costs while maintaining quality care. These steps could save \$4.2 billion over five years.

It’s time for Pritzker to stop making Illinois taxpayers the only solution. It’s time for the governor to scrap his progressive tax push and move against the costs that drive up Illinoisans’ taxes and drive out their public services.

The alternatives to never-ending taxation are out there. It’s time for Springfield to listen, be brave and lead.

John Tillman is CEO for the Illinois Policy Institute, a Chicago-based research organization.

VOICE OF THE PEOPLE

Reform state’s pension system

With little more than a week left in Springfield’s regular legislative session, the wheels are spinning. House Speaker Michael Madigan’s supermajority wants new gas, gambling and pot taxes; will increase property taxes through unfunded local school mandates; and escalate fees. Notwithstanding May 31’s budget deadline, no proposed budget bill exists, because proposed new spending requires billions of new taxes.

The proposed graduated income tax amendment to eliminate the Illinois Constitution’s equal tax treatment has an army of tax lobbyists salivating over opportunities to grease connected insiders’ wheels. Utterly missing from the debate are bipartisan proposals to amend the Illinois Constitution to reform and restructure what drives the structural deficits: the Illinois pension system.

There is some hope — federal reforms improved our state tax base, generating \$1.5 billion in extra revenue for this fiscal year. The governor was rightly pressured by stakeholders on both sides of the aisle to abandon his plan to short the state’s pension system for the fiscal year that starts July 1. That doesn’t mean he won’t try again next year.

Illinois’ Department of Revenue estimates \$800 million more than previously anticipated will arrive in the next fiscal year. I urged fellow legislators to try something new under the dome: control spending, not raise taxes and encourage natural economic growth to help balance our budget. We know the way; we just need the will. We must be vigilant to advocate and insist that the state use all newfound revenues to dig Illinois out of its fiscal hole. Please call our office to learn how you can help.

— Rep. Deanne M. Mazzochi, R-Elmhurst

Income tax is fair, as it is

Years ago, there was a poll of taxpayers taken on which of Illinois’ state taxes was considered the most fair by taxpayers. Surprise! It was the income tax. Flat, uncomplicated, the same for everyone, and considered better than the regressive sales tax, or a complicated and often thought rigged property tax.

Now, after several more years of Democrat-controlled deficit spending in Illinois, strange that all of a sudden the income tax is “unfair.” Stranger still that if Illinois jobs and the economy had grown under Democratic control, income tax revenues under a flat tax would have grown too. A “fair” progressive income tax is just another way to hide the incompetent policies of the Democrats under Speaker Michael Madigan. Illinois’ income tax is already at 4.95% — we don’t need anything more “fair” to run the state of Illinois.

— Kent Schielke, Naperville

Responsibilities as a voter

Good for you isn’t always good for someone else. Should you vote for your self-interest, or should you vote for someone else’s? Should you choose the representative who gives you a tax break but raises taxes on others?

I’m not sure what the answer is. I’m not sure if there is a right answer.

I’m 17, and next year I’ll be able to vote. I’m scared that I will make the wrong choice (whatever it is), and I’m terrified I won’t have the privilege to choose to stand up for someone else and vote accordingly.

The problem is that good shouldn’t be finite and fickle; it shouldn’t pit people against one another. Our votes should be for someone who represents an indiscriminate “better” for everyone, not for the select few.

My eyes are open and watching as Lori Lightfoot becomes the new mayor with promises of better. Less violence, less hate and a better Chicago. I’m excited to see if good finally becomes good for all.

— Victoria Murphy, Park Ridge

Stop flogging Cubs shortstop

How much contrition, blood and penance do we want from Addison Russell, the Cubs shortstop who recently returned to the team after serving a 40-game suspension related to domestic abuse claims made by his former wife?

To be clear, the issue and question are not whether Russell was wrong — very wrong, he was — but what do we, the public, now demand from him? He’s paid a price and is contrite. Unlike the “norm” with domestic abuse, his example now of “being a man” and owning it is actually exemplary.

Enough public flogging. Let him and his ex-wife raise their child, him earn a living and the rest of us be as judgmental of ourselves in our private lives as we are making of him in his public life.

— William Choslovsky, Chicago

The Supreme Court never should have intervened on abortion

BY MEGAN MCARDLE

Supporters of abortion rights are fond of saying that Roe v. Wade is “settled law.” The phrase is supposed to convey a finality that borders on irrevocability. But, of course, what the Supreme Court gives, the Supreme Court can take away. That appears to be the reasoning behind the new laws passed in Alabama and Georgia that would virtually outlaw abortion in both states.

Obviously, these laws will be challenged by abortion rights activists; just as obviously, the laws will be struck down by lower courts, whereupon Alabama and Georgia will appeal all the way to the Supreme Court. And shortly thereafter, the country will probably find out just how settled Roe v. Wade really is.

The showdown looms because Justice Brett Kavanaugh now occupies the Supreme Court seat once held by the now-retired Anthony Kennedy. Pro-lifers and pro-choicers alike suspect that Kavanaugh is less supportive of sweeping abortion rights than Kennedy was. But the confrontation arguably was inevitable from the moment Roe was decided in 1973; the settled right may actually have been inherently unstable. When the court finally rules and all the shouting has stopped, we may eventually come to wonder whether it could ever have turned out any other way.

No legal case has done more than Roe to define how the left sees the Supreme Court: not as a somewhat boring final arbiter of words recorded in law books, but as the oracle that tells us what rights the Constitution ought to guarantee. Consequential cases such as Brown v. Board of Education (1954) and Miranda v. Arizona (1966), con-

cerning racial segregation and the rights of police suspects, respectively, dealt with matters that clearly involved the Constitution. There was no question that resolving just such ambiguity is the Supreme Court’s job.

But by the 1970s, the court was, one suspects, a little drunk on the moral and legal triumph of those earlier cases. The justices were now going well beyond the words in the law books and into the unwritten law of what used to be called “enlightened opinion.” In 1972, they abolished the death penalty in all 50 states, even though the Constitution clearly contemplates government-administered capital punishment.

The following year, the justices gave the country a new right to abortion. The right is nowhere mentioned in the Constitution, but had apparently been lurking there undetected for the better part of two centuries before the justices finally coaxed it into the open. From this era dates the solemn invocations of “settled law” issued by “the highest court in the land.”

That view of constitutional interpretation works precisely as long as you happen to agree with the judicial interpreters. When the other side of the political spectrum gets wise and starts stocking the courts with judges who share their opinions — Catastrophe! Ruination! Citizens United!

Which makes this a good time for the left to step back and ask whether it was ever a good idea to urge such sweeping powers on unelected judges. The benefit of going the judicial route is that you can occasionally achieve outcomes you could never obtain through legislatures; that is how America, a center-right nation, got one of the most liberal abortion regimes in the world. The

problem with going the judicial route is that it short-circuits public debate and forces the opposition to take radical action — like, say, a decadeslong project to fill the courts with right-leaning judges — to amend that “settled law.”

The consequences of the counterreaction can go well beyond the issue at hand. If not for Roe, it seems eminently possible that the conservative-court project would have been less urgent, and the decisions in District of Columbia v. Heller on gun rights or Citizens United on campaign finance might never have happened. If it hadn’t been for Roe, evangelicals might also have balked at electing Donald Trump.

Of course, if it hadn’t been for Roe, there also wouldn’t have been more than 50 million abortions since 1973; whether that’s a good or bad thing will be left as an exercise for the reader. But many abortions would have been performed anyway, because before the court took the issue away from voters, polls showed public opinion steadily trending in favor of legalized abortion, and the procedure was already legal in several states.

If the Supreme Court hadn’t intervened on abortion, political debate might have sorted voters along a spectrum, rather than forcing them into the unforgiving yes-no binary. And if you fear you’re about to end up on the wrong side of that binary, you might wish your side had settled for something less grandiose, but more enduring.

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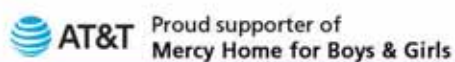


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NASCAR to buy International Speedway

Agreement would give it control over a dozen ISC tracks

Associated Press

NASCAR announced a \$2 billion merger agreement with International Speedway Corp. on Wednesday, an aggressive move to gain control of key racetracks and set itself up for sweeping changes that could save America's most popular racing series.

The deal is expected to close by the end of the year.

ISC owns 12 tracks that host NASCAR races, including Daytona International Speedway, Talladega Superspeedway, Darlington Raceway and Homestead-Miami Speedway. Its holdings stretch from New York to California, and ISC is one of two major facilities companies that host NASCAR races, along with Speedway Motorsports.

In Joliet, ISC owns the Chicagoland Speedway and Route 66 Raceway.

The agreement would give NASCAR control over those dozen tracks, along

with Iowa Speedway, which it already owns. That would seemingly make it easier for NASCAR to alter its racing schedule, including the possibility of fewer events for tracks that host multiple races each year.

NASCAR President Steve Phelps has made it clear that the 36-race schedule in the top-tier Cup Series, generally considered too taxing for teams and fans, is among the areas the sanctioning body is looking to change. NASCAR's five-year agreement with tracks ends after the 2020 season.

"We are pleased with the progress that the negotiation and execution of the merger agreement between NASCAR and ISC represents," NASCAR said in a statement. "While important regulatory and shareholder approval processes remain, we look forward to the successful final resolution of this matter and continuing our work to grow this sport and deliver great racing experiences for our fans everywhere."

"With a strong vision for

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Shells of water coolers are fed into a baler at a GDB International warehouse in Monmouth Junction, New Jersey.

One man's trash is another's treasure

China ban on scrap imports a boost for plants in US

By **MARY ESCH**
Associated Press

ALBANY, N.Y. — The halt on China's imports of wastepaper and plastic that has disrupted U.S. recycling programs has also spurred investment in American plants that process recyclables.

U.S. paper mills are expanding capacity to take advantage of a glut of cheap scrap. Some facilities that previously exported plastic or metal to China have retrofitted so they can process it themselves.

And in a twist, the investors include Chinese companies still interested in access to wastepaper or flattened bottles as raw material for manufacturing.

"It's a very good moment for recycling in the United States," said Neil Seldman, co-founder of the Institute for Local Self-Reliance, a Washington-based organization that helps cities improve recycling programs.

China, which had long been the world's largest destination for paper, plastic and other recyclables, phased in import restrictions in January



China's decision in 2018 to restrict imports of wastepaper and plastic has spurred investment in the United States.

2018. Global scrap prices plummeted, prompting waste-hauling companies to pass the cost of sorting and baling recyclables on to municipalities. With no market for the wastepaper and plastic in their blue bins, some communities scaled back or suspended curbside recycling programs. New domestic markets offer a glimmer of hope.

About \$1 billion in investment in U.S. paper processing plants has been announced in the past six months, according to Dylan de Thomas, a vice president at The Recycling Partnership, a nonprofit organization that tracks and works with the industry.

Hong Kong-based Nine Dragons, one of the world's largest producers

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Kyle Busch celebrates July 1 after winning the Monster Energy NASCAR Cup Series at Chicagoland Speedway in Joliet.

United CEO vows to fly on 737 after it's cleared to fly

Airline plans to educate customers, employees about why plane is safe

By **LAUREN ZUMBACH**
Chicago Tribune

United Airlines CEO Oscar Munoz, in an effort to reassure passengers, vowed to be aboard the airline's first flight on a Boeing 737 Max once regulators agree to let the aircraft begin flying again.

Regulators around the world grounded the 737 Max in March after the plane was involved in deadly crashes in Ethiopia and Indonesia. Boeing has said it completed updates to software linked to the crashes, but regulators still need to review its fix and its plans for additional pilot training.

Even after regulatory agencies clear the 737 Max to begin flying again, Munoz said United knows it will take more to get pas-

sengers comfortable getting on board.

"Just because somebody says it's safe, you as the flying public aren't just going to get on the aircraft," Munoz said, speaking after Chicago-based United's annual meeting with shareholders Wednesday morning.

United is still working on the specifics of its plan to make the case for the 737 Max. Munoz said it would include educating customers and employees about why United feels it's safe to resume flights, making it clear to customers when they're flying on a Max and working with travelers who remain nervous about the aircraft.

"If people need any kind

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Munoz

Fighting child poverty with red noses

Walgreens fundraiser goes toward medical services, education assistance

Chicago Tribune staff

The fifth annual Red Nose Day takes place Thursday, part of a fundraising effort to help end child poverty.

Here's what to know:

Who came up with the idea?

Red Nose Day started in the U.K. in 1988. In 2015, the public charity Comic Relief USA launched the campaign in the U.S. To date, the campaign says it has raised almost \$150 million, including \$47 million in the past year.

How do I get a nose?

This year, Walgreens is selling a plain nose, along with four others with cute faces that the company



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calls "everyday heroes," for \$2 each. Of that sum, \$1.30 goes to the fund. Walgreens does not make a profit from the merchandise sales and you can't take a nose purchase as a tax deduction. Since 2015, Walgreens has

Actor Milo Ventimiglia visits a vaccination clinic in Nairobi, Kenya.

sold more than 40 million red noses.

People also can make a monetary, tax-deductible donation directly to the campaign through its website, rednoseday.org.

Who else is involved?

M&M's, a Mars Wrigley Confectionery brand, is a national partner and will contribute \$1 million in funding. The Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation is a programming partner. NBC has celebrity-filled Red Nose Day programming planned at 7 p.m. Thursday.

Where does the money go?

Half of the money supports programs in the 50 states and Puerto Rico while the other half is used to help fund programs in poor communities in Latin America, Africa and Asia. The funds raised help buy vaccines and other medical services, meals and educational assistance, among other things.

LOVE YOUR JOB? NOMINATE IT AS A TOP WORKPLACE

The Chicago Tribune is extending to June 21 the nominations for our annual Top Workplaces special report, in which we explore how organizations create and sustain a positive and productive culture. We'll also compile a list of this year's top workplaces in Chicago.

So far, more than 150 companies have signed up to have their employees take this year's Top Workplaces survey.

This is the 10th year that the Tribune has produced this report, and every year we hear about novel ways in which companies and their managers

are engaging, motivating and rewarding employees.

A lot has changed in 10 years, and the discussion of what makes a top workplace has particular relevance today. The economy is strong, unemployment is low and employees are looking for a better job if they don't like the one they have. Consider this: The number of people who voluntarily left their jobs has been on the upswing for years, and last year 40.1 million workers quit, according to the Labor Department. That's 2.4 million more people than the year before.

A top workplace can be described this way: It's an organization that is successful because its employees enjoy their work, embrace their mission and feel like valued teammates. Compensation and perks are factors, but the more important components include opportunities for professional growth and being treated with respect.

To qualify, a workplace must have at least 100 employees in the Chicago area. Nominations are open to all employers, including nonprofits. Nominated companies that agree to

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participate will distribute to employees between April and July an easy-to-complete, confidential survey developed by the Tribune's research partner, Energage, which will calculate the list of top workplaces.

Top performers will be recognized in the report, in an online directory and at a Tribune-sponsored event. There is no fee to participate.

To nominate a company, go to www.chicagotribune.com/nominate or call 312-878-7356. Remember, the deadline for nominations is June 21.

Ebony magazine's iconic test kitchen is moving

Exhibit will travel around the county, starting in NY

BY NICK KINDELSPERGER
Chicago Tribune

Ebony's test kitchen, an elaborately designed and historically significant space in the magazine's former headquarters at 820 S. Michigan Ave., finally has a new home. It'll be moving to the Museum of Food and Drink (MOFAD for short) in Brooklyn, in New York, where it will be featured in the museum's new exhibit, "African/American: Making the Nation's Table." That exhibit will travel around the country, meaning the Ebony test kitchen will go on the road.

According to Chicago architectural critic Lee Bey, this is great news for the iconic space.

"It really is a good deal on three fronts," says Bey. "First, it preserves a piece of African Americana. Second, it preserves a piece of design history. Third, it's going into a museum exhibit of this type, which proves African Americans deserve a place in the story of American dining."

Though Bey says he wished a local museum

could have raised the funds to house the space, so it could have stayed in Chicago, he thinks that this exhibit with MOFAD is a close second, because it "underscores the national importance of the test kitchen."

It is arguably the most distinctive test kitchen ever created.

"Not only was it a 1970s design," says Bey, "it was an avant-garde 1970s design."

Designed by William Raiser and Arthur Elrod, it was constructed in 1972, along with the rest of the Johnson Publishing building, which housed both Ebony and Jet. The oval-shaped room featured walls and cabinets covered in psychedelic swirls of orange, brown and black. The kitchen was used to test all of the meals for Ebony's popular "A Date With a Dish" column.

Remarkably, the space was never redecorated over the years, keeping the original design in place until Ebony left the building for good in 2012. At that point, Columbia College owned the building and was looking to convert it into a library or a student center. Eventually, the college scrapped those plans and decided to sell the building to a developer.



LEE BEY ARCHITECTURAL PHOTOGRAPHY

The Ebony test kitchen before it was dismantled and removed from the Johnson Publishing Co. building.

Because the developer wanted to completely gut the building, Landmark Illinois, a nonprofit dedicated to saving historic places in the state, purchased the test kitchen for \$1 in 2018, with hopes of finding it a permanent home. The kitchen was disassembled and placed in a storage unit, while proposals were taken from institutions around the country.

Bey heaped praise on Landmark Illinois for taking charge and finding a way to save the test kitchen. "They protested the demolition and then actively saved an interior," he says.

MOFAD is still raising money for the exhibit, but it hopes to open in 2020.

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FDA inspects Illinois Del Monte facility

Factory produced food linked to salmonellosis

Chicago Tribune staff

The Food and Drug Administration is inspecting an Illinois Del Monte facility that produced vegetable trays linked to an outbreak of salmonellosis.

The trays were produced at the Del Monte Fresh Produce facility in Kankakee, and sold at Kwik Trip convenience stores in Wisconsin and Minnesota. The Wisconsin Department of Health Services said Tuesday that the trays were linked to three illnesses in Wisconsin and one illness in Minnesota.

Wisconsin authorities

said four people reported becoming ill between April 13 and April 27, and that Kwik Trip has voluntarily removed all Del Monte vegetable trays from its stores.

Wisconsin's health department is warning consumers not to eat 6- and 12-ounce Del Monte Vegetable Trays containing broccoli, cauliflower, carrots, and dill dip.

Salmonellosis is caused by consuming food or water contaminated with the salmonella bacteria. Diarrhea, fever, abdominal pains, and vomiting are all symptoms of salmonellosis.

The FDA, the Centers for Disease Control and authorities in Wisconsin and Minnesota continue to investigate the outbreak.

Eli Lilly selling half-price version of Humalog insulin

BY LINDA A. JOHNSON
Associated Press

A half-price version of Eli Lilly's popular Humalog insulin is now available, following the company's promise in March to offer diabetics a more affordable option amid fierce criticism of soaring insulin prices.

Lilly, one of the three top insulin makers, said Wednesday that it has begun selling its own generic version of Humalog U-100 under the chemical name insulin lispro.

The Indianapolis drugmaker said insulin lispro will cost \$137.35 per vial, or \$265.20 for a package of five KwikPens, an easier-to-inject option.

Those figures are half the list price Lilly charges for Humalog. The fast-acting insulin, which diabetics inject shortly before each meal, is used by about 700,000 Americans.

Lilly said the biggest savings will go to patients who are uninsured, have high-deductible health insurance or have Medicare Part D plans.

Insurers generally pay drugmakers far less than the list price, but many patients must pay a percentage of the list price or the full amount until they meet their health plan's annual deductible.

Because insulin lispro is identical to Humalog, pharmacists will be able to substitute the half-price generic. However, Lilly noted that some patients still will pay less for Humalog than insulin lispro, depending on their insurance plan.

Patients with diabetes don't produce enough insulin to control their blood sugar, or their body uses insulin inefficiently, forcing them to inject the hormone, usually several times a day.

The average insulin price nearly tripled from 2002 through 2013, and prices have risen 10% or more a year since then, forcing many diabetics to ration their insulin. Some have ended up in hospitals, and a few have died as a result, which has led to congressional hearings on the issue.

Judge: Qualcomm violated antitrust law

Ruling sides with the FTC against major chipmaker

BY HAMZA SHABAN AND TAYLOR TELFORD
The Washington Post

Qualcomm violated antitrust law by brandishing its market dominance to squeeze excessive licensing fees out of phone manufacturers, a federal judge in California ruled, delivering a major jolt to the critical components market for next-generation smartphones.

U.S. District Judge Lucy Koh's ruling late Tuesday night sided with the Federal Trade Commission, which in 2017 sued the San Diego-based chipmaker on accusations that its agreements with phone-makers undermined competition. Qualcomm is one of the largest suppliers of 5G wireless chips, the components necessary to connect smartphones to cellular networks that promise ultrafast downloads and widespread access to new technologies, services and apps. Proponents say 5G will offer speeds that are faster than those of most home internet connections. The reliability of such a network could spur the development of self-driving cars, smart appliances and remote medicine, which rely on web connections. With the first wave of fifth-generation smartphones due later this year, wireless companies are jostling to bolster their



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Qualcomm squeezed excessive licensing fees out of phone manufacturers, a federal judge in California ruled.

5G capabilities. By 2022, 5G cellular networks will power as much as 9% of mobile data connections across North America, according to a recent report from Cisco.

U.S. officials have framed development of the technology as a race against China to dominate the next frontier of the commercial internet. Whichever nation gains that advantage will largely shape — and benefit economically from — additions such as apps, services and other innovations, policy analysts say. When the United States took the lead on 4G mobile technology, for example, it gave rise to the app economy, which is still dominated by U.S. companies, according to Cisco.

But the ruling could upend Qualcomm's business model.

The judgment comes a month after Qualcomm settled its epic dispute with Apple, ending years of litigation. The deal resolved all 80 lawsuits between them worldwide and included licensing and supply agreements. The legal battle stemmed from the iPhone-maker's allegation that Qualcomm abused its market position for wireless modem chips.

Tuesday's ruling "is a gut punch for Qualcomm and could have a major ripple impact across the smartphone industry," said Daniel Ives, an analyst at Wedbush Securities.

Qualcomm's legal defeat also may carry foreign policy implications. The Trump administration has moved to limit China's access to U.S. markets, especially in industries deemed

vital to national security, such as telecommunications. Just last week, the White House placed Chinese telecom giant Huawei on a trade "blacklist." But the Qualcomm decision may weaken the Huawei ban, Ives said, by giving Beijing leverage in the battle over smartphone chips.

Earlier this month, the U.S. Department of Justice weighed in on the FTC's dispute with Qualcomm, warning that without first holding hearings on the matter, an overly broad remedy from Koh could stymie innovation in the market for next-generation wireless technology.

But Koh wrote that potential resolutions already had been discussed during trial. Qualcomm now must negotiate or renegotiate its terms with customers without threatening to pull its chips or to impose discriminatory provisions, the ruling said, and make its licenses available to chip suppliers at "fair and reasonable" rates. It also must forgo the exclusive supply agreements it brokered with Apple and others, which tend to lock out market rivals.

Qualcomm said it will seek to put a hold on Koh's ruling and move for an expedited appeal.

"We strongly disagree with the judge's conclusions, her interpretation of the facts and her application of the law," said Don Rosenberg, Qualcomm's executive vice president and general counsel.

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of cardboard boxes, has invested \$500 million over the past year to buy and expand or restart production at paper mills in Maine, Wisconsin and West Virginia.

In addition to making paper from wood fiber, the mills will add production lines turning more than a million tons of scrap into pulp to make boxes, said Brian Boland, vice president of government affairs and corporate initiatives for ND Paper, Nine Dragons' U.S. affiliate.

"The paper industry has been in contraction since the early 2000s," Boland said. "To see this kind of change is frankly amazing. Even though it's a Chinese-owned company, it's creating U.S. jobs and revitalizing communities."

The Northeast Recycling Council said in a report last fall that 17 North American paper mills had announced increased capacity to handle

recyclable paper since the Chinese cutoff.

Another Chinese company, Global Win Wickliffe, is reopening a shuttered paper mill in Kentucky. Georgia-based Pratt Industries is constructing a mill in Wapakoneta, Ohio that will turn 425,000 tons of recycled paper per year into shipping boxes.

Plastics also has a lot of capacity coming online, de Thomas said, noting new or expanded plants in Texas, Pennsylvania, California and North Carolina that turn recycled plastic bottles into new bottles.

Chinese companies are investing in plastic and scrap metal recycling plants in Georgia, Indiana and North Carolina to make feedstocks for manufacturers in China, he said.

In New Brunswick, New Jersey, the recycling company GDB International exported bales of scrap plastic film such as pallet wrap and grocery bags for years. But when China started restricting imports, company President Sunil Bagaria installed

new machinery to process it into pellets he sells profitably to manufacturers of garbage bags and plastic pipe.

He said the imports cutoff that China calls "National Sword" was a much-needed wake-up call.

"The export of plastic scrap played a big role in facilitating recycling in our country," Bagaria said. "The downside is that infrastructure to do our own domestic recycling didn't develop."

Now that is changing, though he said far more domestic processing capacity will be needed as a growing number of countries restrict scrap imports.

"Ultimately, sooner or later, the society that produces plastic scrap will become responsible for recycling it," he said.

It has also yet to be seen whether the new plants coming on line can quickly fix the problems for municipal recycling programs that relied heavily on sales to China to get rid of piles of scrap.

"Chinese companies are investing in mills, but until we see what the demand is going

to be at those mills, we're stuck in this rut," said Ben Harvey, whose company in Westborough, Massachusetts, collects trash and recyclables for about 30 communities.

Keith Ristau, CEO of Far West Recycling in Portland, Oregon, said most of the recyclable plastic his company collects used to go to China. Now most goes to processors in Canada or California.

To meet their standards, Far West invested in better equipment and more workers at its material recovery facility to reduce contamination.

In Sarepta, Louisiana, IntegriCo Composites is turning bales of hard-to-recycle mixed plastics into railroad ties. It expanded operations in 2017 with funding from New York-based Closed Loop Partners.

"As investors in domestic recycling and circular economy infrastructure in the U.S., we see what China has decided to do as very positive," said Closed Loop founder Ron Gonen.

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the future, the France family's commitment to NASCAR and the larger motorsports industry has never been greater."

NASCAR Chairman Jim France told competitors before the Daytona 500 in February that "this sport was built by families and we're just a part of it. It's so important that we remember that this is still a family business. Our family is committed to it."

Bill France Jr., the eldest son of NASCAR founder Bill France, was chairman of the stock car series for 31 years and ruled the sport as a benevolent but firm dictator.

Brian France replaced his father in 2003 and had been soundly criticized throughout the industry

as absent and aloof. Jim France had been running ISC along with the IMSA sports car series but took over as chairman last August after Brian France's arrest on drunken-driving charges.

Many big sponsors have left NASCAR — Cup Series title sponsor Monster Energy is in its final year — and television ratings hit all-time lows at 26 events last season.

Since NASCAR is private, it won't have to publicly report attendance revenue and other financials as ISC had to do as a publicly traded company. The merger also would allow NASCAR to make decisions regarding tracks without worrying about quarterly financial disclosures that could impact stock price.

Shareholders will receive \$45 for each share under the agreement.

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of adjustments, we will absolutely rebook them," he said.

One group that didn't appear concerned was United's shareholders, who did not ask about the Max during the annual meeting.

It remains unclear when regulators will allow carriers to resume flights on the Max. United, American and Southwest have 14, 24 and 34 of the 737 Max aircraft in their fleets, respectively — aircraft they're now forced to keep idle heading into the busy summer travel season.

Last month, United canceled flights on the 737 Max through early July, saying efforts to cover flights that would typically use one of the grounded aircraft would get more challenging as summer travel picked up.

American Airlines and Southwest Airlines have extended cancellations into August.

Munoz said airlines want the 737 Max back in the skies, but he also said ensuring a safe process has to come first.

"Pushing for a timeline, while it's important, it's not the critical thing," he said.

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EPA transfers burden to states

Under Trump, agency shifts enforcement

By ELLEN KNICKMEYER
Associated Press

BOKOSHE, Okla. — Susan Holmes' home, corner store and roadside beef jerky stand are right off Oklahoma Highway 31, putting them in the path of trucks hauling ash and waste from a power plant that burns the high-sulfur coal mined near this small town.

For years, when Bokoshe residents were outside, the powdery ash blowing from the trucks and the ash dump on the edge of town would "kind of engulf you," Holmes said. "They drove by, and you just couldn't breathe."

Over three decades, the ash dump grew into a hill five stories high. Townspeople regard the Environmental Protection Agency as the only source of serious environmental enforcement. Whenever people took their worries about ash-contaminated air and water to state lawmakers and regulators, "none of them cared," Holmes said.

So the residents of this 500-person town have nothing but bitter warnings for similarly situated communities now that President Donald Trump's EPA has approved Oklahoma to be the first state to take over permitting and enforcement on coal-ash sites.

"They're going to do absolutely nothing," predicted Tim Tanksley, a rancher in Bokoshe, about 130 miles southeast of Tulsa in a Choctaw Nation coal patch that helped fuel the railroads.

Around the country, the EPA under Trump is delegating a widening range of public health and environmental enforcement to states, saying local officials know best how to deal with local problems. Critics contend federal regulators are making a dangerous retreat on enforcement that puts people and the environment at greater risk.

One administration initiative would give states more authority over emissions from coal-fired power plants. Another would remove federal protections for millions of miles of waterways and wetlands.



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Tim Tanksley has been fighting for years to convince Oklahoma lawmakers to crack down on coal ash dumping.

Some states and counties say the EPA is also failing to act against threats from industrial polluters, including growing water contamination from a widely used class of nonstick industrial compounds.

Michigan, New Jersey and some other states say they are tackling EPA-size challenges — like setting limits for the contaminants in drinking water — while appealing to the real EPA to act.

In Houston's oil and gas hub, local officials and residents say a lax EPA response to toxic spills during Hurricane Harvey left the public in the dark about health threats and handicapped efforts to hold companies responsible for cleaning up.

Nationwide, EPA inspections, evaluations and enforcement actions have fallen sharply over the past two years, some to the lowest points in decades, or in history.

The agency says environmental enforcers remain on the job despite the plunging enforcement numbers.

"There has been no retreat from working with states, communities and regulated entities to ensure compliance with our environmental laws," said George Hull, the agency's enforcement spokesman.

"Through our deregulatory actions, the Trump administration has proved that burdensome federal regulations are not necessary to drive environmental progress," EPA Director Andrew Wheeler, a former coal lobbyist, told lawmakers earlier this year.

Past EPA officials accuse the Trump administration of pulling back on enforcement of polluters and turning back the clock to a dirtier, more dangerous time.

"The reason that the ultimate authority to enforce the law was put into federal

hands was because the states weren't any good at it," William Ruckelshaus said.

Now 86, Ruckelshaus served as the first administrator of the EPA in 1970, when President Richard Nixon created the agency amid a wave of public anger over contaminated air and water. The previous year, the pollutant-slicked surface of Ohio's Cuyahoga River caught fire for only the latest time, sending smoke billowing in downtown Cleveland.

Then and now, some states lack the resources and

legal authority to police big polluters. And crucially, Ruckelshaus said, some states just don't want to. They see routine environmental enforcement as a threat to business and jobs.

"The idea that you're going to delegate it to the states is completely fraudulent," Ruckelshaus said in an interview.

Congressional Democrats allege Trump is selective in his passion for state sovereignty and has blocked states that want tighter environmental enforcement. They point to the president's call to revoke Cali-



Bokoshe residents have worried for years about coal-ash contamination.

fornia's authority under the Clean Air Act to set tougher mileage standards than those Trump wants, among other examples.

Oklahoma acquired permitting and oversight authority over a half-dozen coal-ash dumps and ponds last year under then-EPA Administrator Scott Pruitt, a former Oklahoma attorney general. Pruitt left the agency amid ethics probes last year, and now lobbies for coal.

Georgia has also applied to manage its coal-ash dumps and ponds. The EPA says it is talking with other interested states but declined to identify them.

Risks from coal-ash sites jumped to national attention in 2008, when a dike broke at a Tennessee coal ash pond, releasing 1 billion gallons of toxic sludge.

Coal ash — the gunk left after pollution equipment captures the worst of the toxic soot that once poured out of power plant smokestacks — contains heavy metals and carcinogens, including lead, mercury, arsenic and radium.

The tiny particles can seep into the lungs and blood system.

U.S. coal plants generate about 100 million tons of ash annually. An Associated Press analysis of data released by utilities last year showed widespread evidence of groundwater contamination around coal plants nationwide.

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How to protect your accounts from charity scams

Giving to help others is a noble gesture. But unfortunately, there are scammers out there striving to turn fake charitable asks into collections of bank account numbers and other personal information.

Charities are important to our society and helping fund their missions is not something to shy away from. But it's smart to ensure the donation you're considering will go to a legitimate organization rather than a fraudster looking to siphon money out of your bank account.

Fraudulent charity requests often purport to provide disaster relief or support veterans, police officers, or fire fighters. But when any kind of solicitation comes directly to you, especially by telephone, be alert and do your homework.

The number one rule is to never provide your social security number, your date of birth, or your bank account number to anyone contacting you for a donation. Also pay close attention to the charity's name, as some criminals

will closely mimic the name of a well-known charity to trick you into thinking they're calling from an organization you're familiar with.

The scammer's goal is obviously to collect a donation that goes right into their pocket. But even worse is the potential for them to keep cheating you if they've successfully collected your banking information. Once a fraudster has your account number, the only way to fully protect yourself from future unauthorized withdrawals is to close the account.

If the cause being promoted interests you, do your own research to identify legitimate charities doing work you want to support. Then donate by credit card through the official ways they provide on their website.

In any case, whether you give by debit, credit, or check, monitor your statements carefully to ensure you've only been charged the amount you approved, and that unauthorized recurring donations aren't later going through.

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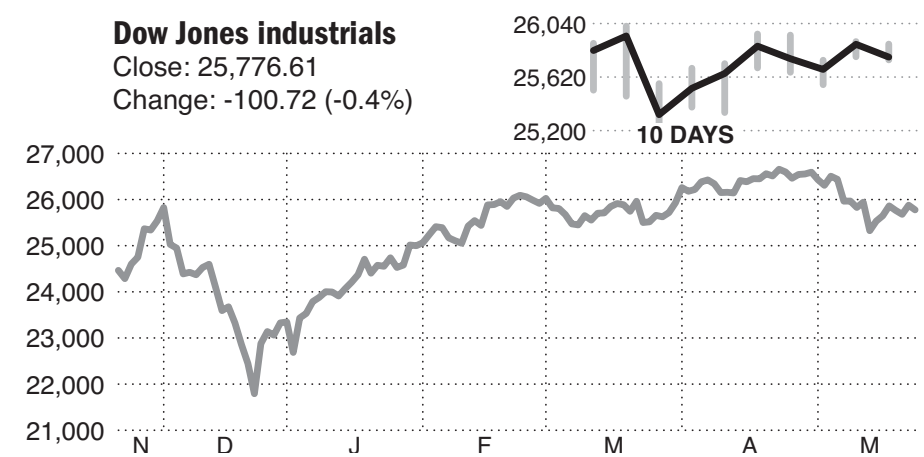
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Dow High: 25,878.21 Low: 25,755.11 Previous: 25,877.33



Nasdaq	S&P 500	Russell 2000
-34.88 (-.45%)	-8.09 (-.28%)	-13.62 (-.88%)
Close: 7,750.84	Close: 2,856.27	Close: 1,531.63
High: 7,786.33	High: 2,865.47	High: 1,542.58
Low: 7,738.35	Low: 2,851.11	Low: 1,528.36
Previous: 7,785.72	Previous: 2,864.36	Previous: 1,545.25

10-yr T-note	Gold futures	Yen	Euro	Crude Oil
-0.03 to 2.39%	+1.60 to \$1,273.60	-0.34 to 110.29/\$1	-0.0001 to .8961/\$1	-1.55 to \$61.42

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
+50	-91	+19	-3.08	-4.33	-2.42	+3.58	+4.38	+4.50

COMMODITY	AMOUNT-PRICE	MO.	OPEN	HIGH	LOW	SETTLE	CHG.
WHEAT (CBOT)	5,000 bu minimum- cents per bushel	Jul 19	475.75	481	468.50	472.75	-6
CORN (CBOT)	5,000 bu minimum- cents per bushel	Jul 19	393.25	396.50	386.25	394.50	+25
SOYBEANS (CBOT)	5,000 bu minimum- cents per bushel	Jul 19	819.50	835	819	828.50	+6.50
SOYBEAN OIL (CBOT)	60,000 lbs- cents per lb	Jul 19	27.17	27.42	26.99	27.31	+17
SOYBEAN MEAL (CBOT)	100 tons- dollars per ton	Jul 19	294.40	300.80	294.00	298.30	+3.00
LIGHT SWEET CRUDE (NYMX)	1,000 bbl.- dollars per bbl.	Aug 19	62.95	63.00	61.03	61.42	-1.71
NATURAL GAS (NYMX)	10,000 mm btu's, \$ per mm btu	Jul 19	2.619	2.624	2.538	2.543	-0.70
NY HARBOR GAS BLEND (NYMX)	42,000 gallons- dollars per gallon	Jul 19	2.0152	2.0214	1.9640	1.9912	-0.281

Source: The Associated Press

LOCAL STOCKS

Stocks listed may change due to daily fluctuations in market capitalization. Exchange key: N=NYSE, O=NASDAQ

STOCK	XCHG.	CLOSE	CHG.	STOCK	XCHG.	CLOSE	CHG.
Abbott Labs	N	76.26	+23	Equity Commonwh	N	32.03	-10
AbbVie Inc	N	81.59	+71	Equity Lifestry Prop	N	118.39	+20
Allstate Corp	N	97.09	+18	Equity Residential	N	76.64	+28

MOST ACTIVE STOCKS

STOCK	CLOSE	CHG.
Sprint Corp	6.67	-55
Avon Products	3.49	+29
Ford Motor	9.90	-27

LARGEST COMPANIES

STOCK	CLOSE	CHG.
Alibaba Group Hldg	158.83	-4.60
Alphabet Inc C	1151.42	+1.79
Alphabet Inc A	1155.85	+1.41

LARGEST MUTUAL FUNDS

FUND	NAV	CHG	1-YR %RTN
American Funds AMCPA m	31.45	-10	+2.6
American Funds AmnBAlA m	26.83	-05	+4.8
American Funds CptWldGrInCA m	m47.49	-07	-3.4

NASDAQ STOCK MARKET

STOCK	CLOSE	CHG.
Obalon Therapeutics	1.30	+92
Qualcomm Inc	69.31	-8.44
Adv Micro Dev	27.41	+06

TREASURY YIELDS

DURATION	CLOSE	PREV.
3-month disc	2.33	2.32
6-month disc	2.35	2.35
2-year	2.21	2.26
10-year	2.39	2.42
30-year	2.82	2.84

SPOT METALS

	CLOSE	PREV.
Gold	\$1273.60	\$1272.00
Silver	\$14.414	\$14.373
Platinum	\$805.10	\$815.40

INTEREST RATES

Prime Rate	5.50
Discount Rate Primary	3.00
Fed Funds Target	2.25-2.50
Money Mkt Overnight Avg.	0.67

FOREIGN EXCHANGE

A U.S. Dollar buys ...	
Argentina (Peso)	44.8632
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Israel (Shekel)	3.6142
Japan (Yen)	110.29
Mexico (Peso)	18.9773
Poland (Zloty)	3.86
So. Korea (Won)	1190.81
Taiwan (Dollar)	31.45
Thailand (Baht)	31.94

FOREIGN MARKETS

INDEX	CLOSE	CHG./%
Shanghai	2891.71	-14.3/-5
Stoxx600	379.19	-3/-1
Nikkei	21283.37	+10.9/+1
MSCI-EAFE	1861.58	+3.3/+2
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- ACROSS**
- 1 Farm animals
 - 5 Flat caps
 - 9 Trade
 - 13 Think ___; verbalize feelings
 - 15 Funny person
 - 16 Rob Reiner's dad
 - 17 Ms. Zellweger
 - 18 Emergency vehicle
 - 20 Group of whales
 - 21 J. Edgar Hoover's agcy.
 - 23 First First Lady
 - 24 Chosen few
 - 26 English channel
 - 27 Butter or jam
 - 29 Snoozes
 - 32 Boundary
 - 33 Salesman's pitch
 - 35 Steal from
 - 37 Wood choppers
 - 38 Pierces
 - 39 "From ___ to Eternity"
 - 40 Brooch
 - 41 Leg parts
 - 42 Bank vaults
 - 43 Engraver
 - 45 ___ from; talks out of
- DOWN**
- 46 Chat room laugh
 - 47 One of the 12 Apostles
 - 48 Chaperone
 - 51 Suffix for respond or insist
 - 52 Shade tree
 - 55 Unfinished business
 - 58 Bert's buddy
 - 60 Curly cabbage
 - 61 Chess piece
 - 62 Ran fast
 - 63 Argument
 - 64 Stick around
 - 65 Ties the knot

Solutions

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- 27 Swat
- 28 Mischievous sprite
- 29 Bro and sis
- 30 First choice
- 31 More miffed
- 33 Recipe verb
- 34 Skillet
- 36 Mrs. Truman
- 38 Havens
- 39 Deceit
- 41 Coast
- 42 Large bird dog
- 44 Clothes storage area
- 45 Comfy room
- 47 Irritating
- 48 BPOE folks
- 49 Cleansing bar
- 50 Soft drink
- 53 Was dishonest
- 54 Prescriptions, for short
- 56 "All that glitters is ___ gold"
- 57 ___ slow burn; get furious
- 59 ___ deal; unfair treatment

OBITUARIES

R. SCOTT FALK 1963-2019

Attorney and chair of Chicago Humanities Festival

By **GRAYDON MEGAN**
Chicago Tribune

R. Scott Falk, a mergers and acquisitions specialist who helped clients with deals worth tens of billions of dollars in his 30-year career with Chicago law firm Kirkland & Ellis, was chairman of the Chicago Humanities Festival and a former chair of the Chicago and Northern Illinois Red Cross.



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Scott Falk joined the board of the Chicago Humanities Festival in 2008 and had been chairman the past year.

called Falk “an outstanding lawyer and one of our star public company M&A attorneys.”

According to the Kirkland website, Falk did multi-billion-dollar deals for clients that included Boeing, Charter Communications, Deere and Co. and Molson Coors Brewing Co. He also was an outside counsel for Tribune Publishing Co., helping to fend off an unsolicited acquisition proposal from Gannett Co. and working on the \$500 million sale of the Los Angeles Times.

“There was so much more to him than his work,” Hammes said. “He was first and foremost a kind and generous man.”

Falk joined the board of the Chicago Humanities Festival, which offers programs throughout the year, in 2008 and for the last year was chairman.

“He was dedicated to the power of the humanities to change hearts, minds and lives,” Humanities Festival Executive Director Phillip Bahar and Artistic Director Alison Cuddy said in a joint statement. “He was committed to the Chicago Humanities Festival family and to ensuring our success.”

“He was just an amazing person,” Bahar said in a phone interview. “He was really concise and could get to the heart of an issue and get down to the brass tacks of what we had to be thinking about.”

In addition to a time as board chair of the Red Cross, Falk also chaired the Philanthropy Committee and the Heroes Breakfast fundraising event. On the national level, he served for four years as national philanthropic chair for the American Red Cross, where Red Cross representatives said he had an impact on national programs.

“Scott was one of those people that not only had a big impact, but he had an incredibly warm and generous character,” said Sanford Perl, who started out at Kirkland & Ellis with Falk.

Survivors include his wife, Kimberly Anne; a daughter, Meredith; a son, John; sisters Tamara Dind-offer, Margaret Britvec and Rebecca; and a brother, Gordon.

Plans are being made for a memorial service.

Graydon Megan is a freelance reporter.

Chicago Daily Tribune

ON MAY 23 ...

In 1430, Joan of Arc was captured by the Burgundians, who sold her to the English.

In 1533, the marriage of England's King Henry VIII to Catherine of Aragon was declared null and void.

In 1701, Capt. William Kidd was hanged in London after he was convicted of piracy and murder.

In 1734, Franz Anton Mesmer, the physician who developed the forerunner of modern-day hypnosis, was born in Iznang in present-day Germany.

In 1788, South Carolina became the eighth state to ratify the U.S. Constitution.

In 1873, Canada's North West Mounted Police force was established.

In 1915, Italy declared war on Austria-Hungary in World War I.

In 1934, bank robbers Bonnie Parker and Clyde Barrow were shot to death in a police ambush in Bienville Parish, La.

In 1944, during World War II, Allied forces bogged down in Anzio began a major breakout offensive.

In 1945, Nazi official Heinrich Himmler committed suicide while imprisoned in Lüneburg, Germany; he was 45.

In 1960, Israel announced it had captured former Nazi official Adolf Eichmann in Argentina.

In 1977, the U.S. Supreme Court refused to hear the appeals of former Nixon White House aides H.R. Haldeman and John Ehrlichman and former Attorney General John N. Mitchell in connection with their Watergate convictions.

In 1991, in a 5-4 vote, the U.S. Supreme Court upheld regulations barring federally subsidized family planning clinics with pregnant women or telling women where they could get abortions.

In 1992, the United States and four former Soviet republics signed an agreement in Lisbon to implement the START missile-reduction treaty that had been agreed to by the Soviet Union prior to its dissolution.

In 1994, “Pulp Fiction” by American director Quentin Tarantino won the Palme d’Or, or Golden Palm, for best film at the 47th Cannes Film Festival.

In 1995, the nine-story hulk of the Alfred P. Murrah Federal Building in Oklahoma City was demolished.

In 1996, the House approved, by a vote of 281-144, election-year legislation to raise the minimum wage by 90 cents an hour.

In 1997, Iranians elected a moderate president, Mohammad Khatami, over hard-liners in the ruling Muslim clergy.

In 1998, official returns showed two convincing “yes” votes for the Northern Ireland peace accord: a surprisingly strong 71.1 percent

in British-linked Northern Ireland, and 94.4 percent in the Republic of Ireland.

In 2001, the Senate passed an 11-year, \$1.35 trillion tax-cut bill.

In 2003, by the narrowest of margins, Congress sent President George W. Bush the third tax cut of his presidency — a \$330 billion package of rebates and lower rates for families and new breaks for businesses and investors.

In 2004, a river ferry with about 250 people aboard capsized in eastern Bangladesh during a storm, leaving about 100 dead. **Also in 2004** a large section of roof of a new passenger terminal at Paris' Charles de Gaulle airport collapsed, killing four people.

In 2006, in a recording posted on the Internet, a voice purported to be that of Osama bin Laden said neither Zacarias Moussaoui — the only person convicted in the U.S. for the Sept. 11 attacks — nor anyone held at Guantanamo had anything to do with the al-Qaida operation. **Also in 2006** ABC appointed Charles Gibbs to replace Elizabeth Vargas as anchor of its “World News Tonight” evening newscast.

In 2013, President Barack Obama announced new restrictions in the authorization of U.S. drone strikes to kill terrorists.

In 2014, Elliot Rodger, 22, the son of a film director, killed six people before apparently killing himself near the campus of the University of California at Santa Barbara.

In 2015, the Republic of Ireland became the first country to legalize same-sex marriage through a popular vote, defying the Roman Catholic Church in a landslide referendum victory to change the constitution of the traditionally conservative island nation.

In 2016, The Transportation Security Administration announced it ousted its head of security operations and put new leadership in charge of screening operations at Chicago's O'Hare International Airport amid concerns about agency mismanagement and airport wait times.

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Aaron David Fellows
June 26, 1974-May 23, 2017

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Babich, Phyllis C.
Passed away May 17, 2019 in her home surrounded by family and friends after a long battle with breast cancer. Loving and devoted wife of Thomas. Loving mother of Jodette Szymanski and Martin (Susan) Babich. Proud grandma of Jacob, Olivia, Tommy, and Bailey. Loving daughter to the late Felix and Josephine Korzeniewski. Loving sister to Edwin.

Survived by many dear friends and family. Truly a beautiful soul, a believer in faith, a family woman, and a great friend. Will be missed by all. Visitation Friday 3-9 p.m. Funeral Saturday 9:15 a.m. from the **Robert J. Sheehy & Sons Funeral Home**, 9000 W. 151st Street, Orland Park, IL to St. Francis of Assisi Church, Mass 10:00 a.m. Interment Good Shepherd Cemetery, www.sheehyfh.com 708-857-7878

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Bradshaw, Michael R.
Michael R. Bradshaw, U.S. Army Veteran, beloved husband of Linda (nee Quarles); loving father of Michelle (Marcel) Graham, Heather (John) Bradshaw-Arne, Nicolle (Senn) Moses; cherished grandfather of Aeden, Alexander and Collin; dear son of Carol and Earl Wilson; fond uncle and great uncle of many nieces and nephews. Memorial Visitation Friday 3-9 p.m. with memorial Service at 5:00 P.M. at **Lawn Funeral Home** 7909 State Road Burbank, IL 60459. In lieu of flowers donations may be made to Chicago Lawn Sertoma c/o Jim Purrazzo 9356 S. Roberts Road Rd. Hickory Hills, IL 60457. Funeral info 708-636-2320
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Caiafa, Laura
Laura Jean Caiafa (nee Curylo) loving daughter of the late Joseph, Jr. and the late Frances Curylo; beloved mother of Joseph and Kevin Caiafa; dear sister of James and Joseph Curylo; fond niece, cousin and friend to many. Family and friends will gather on Saturday, May 25th from 10:00 a.m. until time of Memorial Service at 12:30 p.m. at Woodlawn Funeral Home 7750 W. Cermak Road, Forest Park, IL. Interment Private. In lieu of flowers, donations to St. Mary School 97 Herrick Road, Riverside, IL 60546. For more information 708-749-2033 or visit www.mountauburnfuneralhome.com
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Dial, Irene T.
Irene Dial nee Prusik Beloved wife of John, Loving mother of Sandra, John III and David (Susan) Dial. Loving grandmother of Rich (Alyssa) Dial, Jennifer (Mike) Quintanilla and David Dial Jr. Loving great grandmother of Mia. Visitation Friday, May 24, 8:30 am until time of Funeral, 9:30 am at **The Oaks Funeral Home** 1201 E Irving Park Rd (at Prospect), Itasca to Saint Peter the Apostle Church. Mass 10 am. Entombment Queen of Heaven. In lieu of flowers donations to the Alzheimer's Association would be appreciated. For Funeral info 630-250-8588 or www.theoaksfh.com
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Dickett, Ann Marie
Ann Marie Dickett (nee Watroba) born March 28, 1937, 82, passed away peacefully in her sleep at home on May 21, 2019. She is survived by her husband of 60 years, Gust (85), her children Diane Smart (Bill), Bill (Durga), Jim (Julie), & Jeanine. She was the beloved grandmother of Alanna & Alex Smart, and Matthew, Emily, Erin, Jessica & Alex Dickett. She joins her mother and father, Walter & Anna Watroba, along with her brothers and sisters, Walter, Leonard and Phyllis in heaven. Ann grew up in the Pullman neighborhood of Chicago as the daughter of a firefighter and working mother. Ann received a degree in business and accounting from DePaul University. Prior to starting a family, Ann was a teacher at Morgan Park High School. When her focus turned to raising a family, Ann became active in her community. Among her many roles, she served as School Board President of Flossmoor Elementary District 161 for many years, was on the board of South Suburban Council on Alcoholism, and actively supported Flossmoor Days. After her children had grown, she continued her passionate support of public education by serving as a lobbyist in Springfield for the South Cook Organization for Public Education (SCOPE). Visitation Friday, May 24, 2019 from 10:00 a.m. until time of Mass, 11:15 a.m. at St. John of the Cross Catholic Church, 5005 Wolf Road, Western Springs. A private burial is planned. In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation to the 100 Club of Chicago. Arrangements entrusted to **Hallowell & James Funeral Home**, Countryside. Info: (708) 352-6500 or hjfunerals.com
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GRODEK, GEORGE MICHAEL
George M. Grodek, 55, of Countryside. Retired Oak Brook Firefighter/Paramedic. Beloved son of Elizabeth and the late Chester. Loving husband of Peggy. Devoted father of Michael, Madeline and Gwendolyn. Dear brother of Chester (Betty), Raymond (Nada) and Jeffrey (Christine). Dear brother-in-law of Edward Price and Richard (Diane) Price. Fond uncle of Mary and Danny Price. Visitation 3 to 9pm Friday, May 24, 2019 at **Hallowell & James Funeral Home**, 301-75th St. (at Fairview Ave.), Downers Grove, IL 60516. Prayers 11am Sat., May 25, 2019 at the funeral home to St. Cletus Church, LaGrange for Mass at 11:30am. Interment Resurrection Cemetery. Funeral home phone 630/964-6500 or www.hjfunerals.com
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Gromnicki, Lottie G.
Lottie G. Gromnicki, age 96, late of Orland Park Evergreen Senior Living formerly of Chicago "Southside". Loving partner of the late Hugo Giacchetti. Caring aunt of Paula (Ed) Podobnik, Dale Gromnicki, and Glenn (Jean) Gromnicki. Caring great aunt of 7 nieces and nephews. Lottie retired from Spiegel & Hartgrove Hospitals after many years of dedicated service. Funeral Saturday May 25, 2019 9:30 AM at the **Vandenberg Funeral Home** 19604 Wolf Road. Mokena, IL. To St. Mary Church, Mass of Christian Burial 10:00 AM. Interment in Resurrection Cemetery. Visitation Saturday 8:30-9:30 AM. In lieu of flowers; please make a memorial contribution to a children's charity of your choice. For information on services, 708-479-1210 or www.vandenbergfuneralhome.com
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Halloran, Barbara 'Babs'
Barbara "Babs" Halloran, nee Gibson. Beloved wife of the late Neal J. Halloran. Loving mother of Terence (Amy), Thomas (Sherill), Timothy and the late Patricia Ann Halloran. Cherished grandmother of Kathleen (John), Kevin (Laura), John, Patricia, Thomas, Jr., Sean, Liam, Timothy, Jr. and great grandmother of Rory and Ella. Adored daughter of the late Thomas L. and Dorothy "Dot" Gibson. Dear sister of the late Virginia "Ginger" Gibson. Sister in law of the late Roger, Sheila Kreppin and Rev. Eugene Halloran O.P. In lieu of flowers donations to the National Kidney Foundation of Illinois, 215 W. Illinois St, Chicago, IL 60654, would be appreciated. Funeral Friday May 24th , 10:00am from **Smith-Corcoran Funeral Home**, 6150 N. Cicero Ave., Chicago to St. Mary of the Woods Church for Mass at 10:30am. Interment All Saints Cemetery. Visitation Thursday 4-8 pm. Info 773-736-3833 or visit Babs' memorial at www.smithcorcoran.com
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Hays, Stephen Harold
Stephen Harold Hays, 62, died Sunday May 12. Beloved son of George and Connie. Brothers George and Paul. His former wife Daphne. He was preceded in death by Megan, John and Tony. May he rest in peace. A memorial service will be held at 10:00 am on Friday, May 24, 2019 at St. Mary Church, 1012 Lake Street, Evanston IL 60201
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Kall, Dolores E.
Dolores E. Kall, Age 84, Beloved wife of the late Robert E. Kall. Loving mother of Kevin (Maureen), Christine (John) Spitkovsky and the late Robert (Sharon Stabrava). Proud grandmother of 7; Dear sister of Connie (Tom) Ryan and the late Edward (late Dolores) Kreher. Funeral Saturday 10:00 A.M. from **The Brady-Gill Funeral Home** 16600 S. Oak Park Ave. Tinley Park to St. Christina Church. Mass 11:00 A.M. Interment Holy Sepulchre Cemetery. Visitation 2-9 P.M. Friday. Retired Supervisor with Cook County Forest Preserve. In lieu of flowers, donations to P.A.W.S. 8301 W. 191st St. Tinley Park, IL 60467 appreciated. 708-614-9900 or www.bradygill.com
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Malinick, Fern
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Marshall, David C.

David C. Marshall, 61, beloved husband and best friend of Marla, nee Simon, for 33 1/2 wonderful years; loving father of Amy "Amster" (Ken) Kane, Danielle "Dandan" Marshall and his four legged son Charlie; cherished grandpa of Hudson Kane; devoted son of the late Elaine and Roy Marshall; adored son-in-law of Charlene and Yale Simon; dear brother of Laura (Bob) Hennessey and Jim (Larisa) Marshall; treasured brother-in-law, uncle, cousin and friend of many. David was a diehard White Sox Fan and an avid lover of music. He enjoyed his work and was extremely proud to be a mentor to many. David's greatest joy in life was his family. Chapel service Friday 12:15 PM at **Shalom Memorial Funeral Home**, 1700 W. Rand Road, Arlington Heights. Interment Shalom Memorial Park. David courageously fought with positive determination. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit Program at Advocate Good Samaritan Hospital. For information and condolences, (847) 255-3520 or www.shalom2.com



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Miller, Roger L

Roger Lee Miller passed away Thursday May 16, 2019 in Titusville, FL. Roger is survived by his loving wife Adele, son Rick, son Ronald and daughter Debra. Among other awards, Roger was awarded three Emmys at NBC, Chicago. He retired in 1995. Roger Lee Miller was inducted into the Silver Circle of the National Academy of Television Arts and Sciences in 2006. Arrangements by **North Brevard Funeral Home**.

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Murphy, Donald X. 'DX'

1932-2019 Loving father to Susan (Victor) Ullmann, Steven Murphy, Mark Murphy, Nancy (David) Murphy, David Murphy, Colleen (Matthew) Murphy-Blauvelt. Loving grandfather to 8 grandchildren and 3 great grandchildren. Loving long-time companion to Beverly Rogers. DX graduated from St. Ignatius High School, St. Ambrose College, and DePaul College of Law. He served in the US Army during the Korean war and played on the Army football team. DX was a trial attorney for over 50 years and in 1968 he received one of the largest verdicts in Cook County history. DX had a passion for family, jokes, and poetry. A friend said "Heaven just got a hell of a lot more fun!" He will be missed dearly. Funeral services are at 4 p.m. on May 24th at St. Joseph Church, 1107 N. Orleans St. Chicago, IL. A celebration of his life will immediately follow.

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Nelligan, Beatrice

Beatrice Helene (nee Johnston) Nelligan, age 80, passed away suddenly, surrounded by family, on May 20, 2019. Beloved wife of 57 years to Joe, and loving mother of Mary Beth (Mark) Humenik, Susan (John) Breen, Joe Jr. (Katie) Nelligan, Mark (Lisa) Nelligan, Kathy (Eric) Harders, Meg (Kurt) Frehner, and Sheila (Greg) Adams. Cherished "Grandbea" of Claire, Andrew (fiancé Lauren Madigan), Matthew, Connor, Liam, Tess & Maeve Nelligan; Peter & Philip Breen; Trevor & Bridget Nelligan; Will, Charlie & Sammy Harders; Greta, James & David Frehner; Patrick, Kathryn & Sarah Adams. Dear sister of Mary Kay (the late Ray) Carroll, and sister-in-law of the late Mary Therese Nelligan, Brendan (Denise) Nelligan, Ann (Don) Beese, Bill (Peggy) Nelligan, the late Frank (Denise) Nelligan, and Helen Flood. Fond godmother, aunt, and friend of many.

Bea was born to loving Irish immigrants, the late Richard and Mary Bridget Johnston on June 6, 1938 in Chicago, who taught her to value God, hard work, education, and family. Bea graduated from St. Clotilde Elementary School, Mercy High School and St. Xavier University. Devoted to her profession, Bea was a caring and compassionate Pediatric Nurse at The University of Chicago, Mercy Hospital, and the Chicago Board of Education.

Bea lived a life of faith that she instilled in all her family. She was an active parishioner of St. Francis Xavier in LaGrange, IL and St. William in Naples, FL, where she enjoyed being a Eucharistic minister to the homebound, volunteering at Immaculatee Guadalupe Center, and attending daily mass with her faith families.

Raising her family was Bea's top priority, and she and Joe, the love of her life, did so with caring determination. Her seven children, their spouses, twenty grandchildren, and many nieces, nephews, and godchildren were the highlight of her life. Whether it was making family meals, cheering on her children and grandchildren at sporting events and activities, or hosting loved ones at their winter home in Naples, Bea was the devoted matriarch of her family who adored her. She truly will be missed.

Visitation will be Thursday, May 23, 2-9 pm, **Hallowell & James Funeral Home**, 1025 W. 55th St., Countryside. A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated Friday, May 24, 10am, at St. Francis Xavier Church, 124 N. Spring Avenue, LaGrange. Interment at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery. Burial private. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Misericordia Home, 6300 North Ridge Avenue, Chicago, IL 60660. Funeral Info: 708-352-6500 or hjf funerals.com

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Panzer, Thomas B.

Thomas B. Panzer, 77 of Addison. Beloved husband of the late Karen. Loving father of Kim (John) Cavallenes, Kari (Jason) Trybom and Katie (Rich) Kuchar. Proud papa of Maggie, Emma, Carlie, Laura, Owen, J.T., Ryan, Lynnsey, Michael, Jayne and Henry. Dear brother of Mary Lou (the late Paul) Schroeder and the late Bob Panzer. Also survived by many nieces and nephews and his special friend Marilyn Sala. Visitation Thursday, 3-9 PM at Humes Funeral Home, 320 W. Lake St., Addison (2 Mi. W. of Rt. 83, 2 Mi. E. of Rt. 53). Lying in state Friday, 10 AM, Funeral Service 10:30 AM at Good Shepherd United Methodist Church, 751 W. Army Trail Rd., Bartlett. Interment Arlington Cemetery, Elmhurst. If desired, memorials to Parks and Recreation Foundation of Addison Park District, 120 E. Oak St., Addison IL 60101 greatly appreciated. For info, www.HumesFH.com or 630.628.8808.



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Plano, MaryGrace

MaryGrace Plano, age 44; loving partner of Dan Walker; beloved daughter of Virginia Milazzo - Locke and step-daughter of Arthur Locke; dearest sister of Roger Plano, and Bobby (Angela) Plano; devoted aunt of Sam, and Kenny; step-mother of Riley Walker; dear niece of Mike (Jeannie) Milazzo friend of many. Always surrounded by her family. Visitation Saturday at the **Skaja Terrace Funeral Home**, 7812 N. Milwaukee Ave., Niles from 3 PM until 8 PM with a prayer service at 7:30 PM. Funeral info: 847-966-7302 or www.skajafuneralhomes.com



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Suhr, Betty M.

Suhr, Betty (nee O'Shoney)

Beloved wife of the late Allan Suhr. Loving mother of Judy Suhr, Carol (Randy) Ball, Rick Suhr, Nancy (Walter) Burden. Proud grandmother of Aaron, Julie, Adam (Ashley), Tori (Nick) Ratkowski, Grant, Jeremiah, Veronica, and Isabelle. Cherished great-grandmother of Kendalla. Dear sister of the late Donald (late Adeline) O'Shoney, Glenn (Sandra) O'Shoney. Caring aunt of many nieces and nephews. In lieu of flowers, donations to Ann & Robert H. Lurie Children's Hospital, 225 E. Chicago Avenue, Chicago, IL 60611. Visitation Saturday 10am until time of service at 2pm at **Robert J. Sheehy & Sons Funeral Home**, 9000 W. 151st Street, Orland Park, IL 60462. Interment Private. www.sheehyfh.com 708-857-7878



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Templer, Richard D.

Richard D. Templer, age 77. Beloved husband for 51 years of Marcia nee Levy. Devoted father of Michael (Cindy) Templer and David (Ali) Templer. Proud grandpa of Lauren, Rachel, Jenna, Justin and Julia Templer. Dear brother of Barbara (Les) Lemke. Graveside service Thursday 1:30PM at Jewish Oakridge Cemetery, Section 35, 4301 W. Roosevelt Road, Hillside (1/4 Miles west of Mannheim Road). Memorials to your favorite charity- Please omit flowers. Arrangements by: **Chicago Jewish Funerals** - Skokie Chapel, 847.229.8822, www.cjfinfo.com



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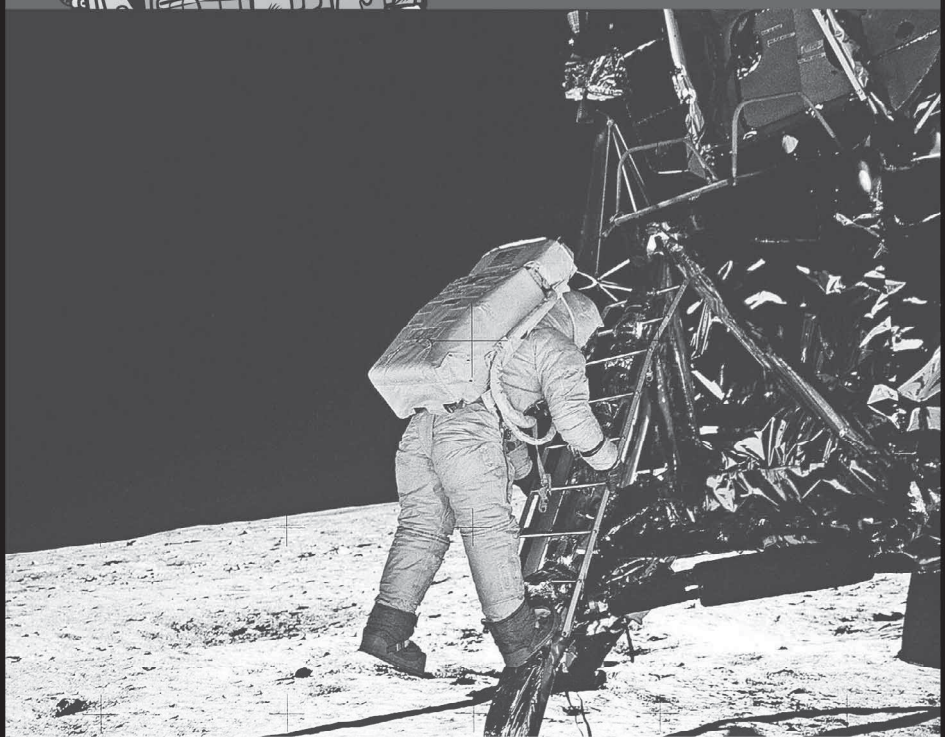
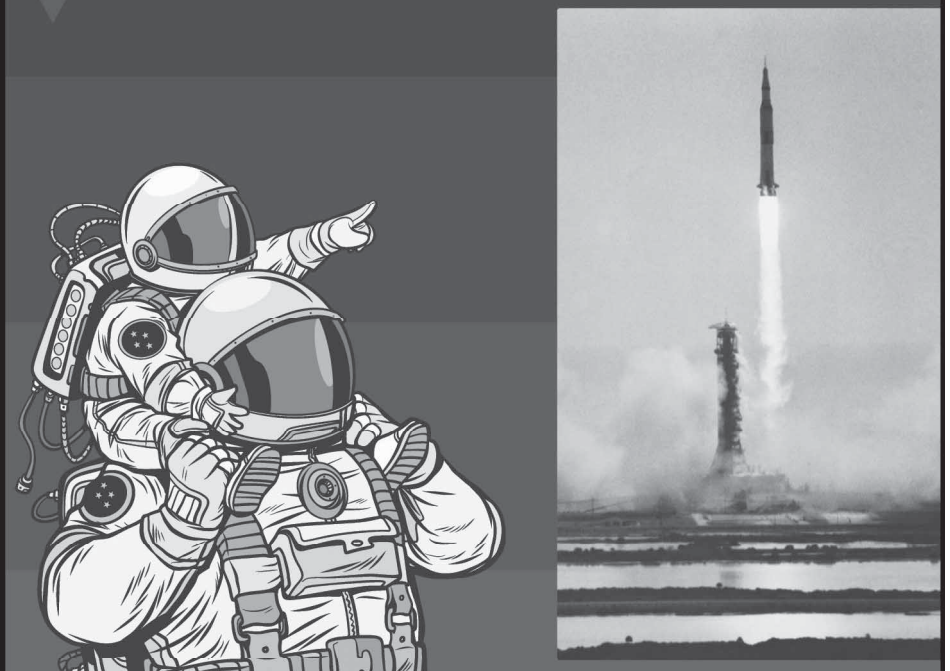
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Notice is hereby given, Pursuant to "An Act in relation to the Use of an Assumed Business Name in the conduct or transaction of Business in the State" as amended, that a Certification was filed by the Undersigned with the County Clerk of Cook County File No. Y19001294 on the Date: MAY 7, 2019 Under the Assumed Name of: MAZELTOGRAPHY with the business located at: 1103 E Ardycy Ln, Unit 2 Mount Prospect, IL, 60056 The true name and residence Address of the owner is: Jacob Fueston/Sara Fueston 1103 E Ardycy Ln, Unit 2 Mount Prospect, IL, 60056

LEGAL NOTICES GOVERNMENT/EDUCATION

LEGAL NOTICE
STATE OF ILLINOIS COUNTY OF COOK
In the matter of the revision of the assessment of Real Property for 2019:
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, pursuant to the provisions of Section 14-35 of the Illinois Property Tax Code (35 ILCS 200/14-35) that the Assessor of Cook County will sit for the purpose of reviewing the proposed 2019 assessment of Real Property located in the following townships or taxing districts(s) in Cook County, IL:
LYONS
Identified also as Area(s) 18,23, under the Permanent Real Estate Index Numbering System of Cook County.
The last date within which applications for revisions of assessment (Real Estate Assessed Valuation Appeals) may be filed for consideration at such sitting is June 21, 2019.
Such sitting will be held at the office of the Assessor of Cook County, 118 North Clark Street, Chicago, Illinois 60602, and will continue thereafter from day to day as necessary until all such revisions in said township(s) or taxing district(s) have been completed.
Done by the Assessor of Cook County this 23rd day of May, 2019.
FRITZ KAEGI
ASSESSOR OF COOK COUNTY

LEGAL NOTICES GOVERNMENT/EDUCATION

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS JUVENILE JUSTICE AND CHILD PROTECTION DEPARTMENT JUVENILE JUSTICE DIVISION

IN THE INTEREST OF
Brandon M Braxton

A MINOR
NO. 2018JD60199

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION
Notice is given you, **Michael Braxton (Father)**, respondents, and **TO ALL WHOM IT MAY CONCERN**, that on **November 26, 2018**, a petition was filed under the Juvenile Court Act by **KIM FOXF**, STATE'S ATTORNEY OF COOK COUNTY through her assistant State's Attorney in this court and that in the courtroom of Judge **Sanju Oommen Green** in the Cook County 6th Municipal Courthouse located at 16501 South Kedzie Parkway, Markham, Illinois on **06/06/2019 at 9:00 AM** IN CALENDAR 76 COURTROOM 099.

or as soon thereafter as this case may be heard, an adjudicatory hearing will be held upon the petition to have the minor declared to be a ward of the court and for other relief under the Act. The court has authority in this case to take from you the custody and guardianship of the minor.

Unless you appear at the hearing and show cause to the contrary, an order or judgment by default may be entered against you for the relief asked in the petition.

DOROTHY BROWN, CLERK OF COURT
May 23, 2019

ASSISTANT STATE'S ATTORNEY:
D. Augustine, Z. Peasall, C. Nugarus
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CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT,
COOK COUNTY OF ILLINOIS

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS JUVENILE JUSTICE AND CHILD PROTECTION DEPARTMENT CHILD PROTECTION DIVISION

IN THE INTEREST OF
Kayla Mason AKA Kayla Dixon

MINOR(S) CHILDREN OF **Tracy Dixon (Mother)**

JUVENILE NO.: 19JA00461

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION
NOTICE IS GIVEN YOU, **Sean Mason (Father)**, respondents, and to **All Whom It May Concern**, that on **May 6, 2019**, a petition was filed under the Juvenile Court Act by **KIM FOXF** in this court and that in the courtroom of Judge **Maxwell Griffin** in the Cook County Juvenile Court Building, 1100 So. Hamilton Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, on **06/13/2019 at 9:30 AM** IN CALENDAR 10 COURTROOM J, or as soon thereafter as this case may be heard, an adjudicatory hearing will be held upon the petition to have the minor declared to be a ward of the court and for other relief under the Act.

THE COURT HAS AUTHORITY IN THIS CASE TO TAKE FROM YOU THE CUSTODY AND GUARDIANSHIP OF THE MINOR, TO TERMINATE YOUR PARENTAL RIGHTS AND TO APPOINT A GUARDIAN WITH POWER TO CONSENT TO ADOPTION. YOU MAY LOSE ALL PARENTAL RIGHTS TO YOUR CHILD. IF THE PETITION REQUESTS THE TERMINATION OF YOUR PARENTAL RIGHTS AND APPOINTMENT OF A GUARDIAN WITH POWER TO CONSENT TO ADOPTION, YOU MAY LOSE ALL PARENTAL RIGHTS TO THE CHILD.

UNLESS YOU appear, you will not be entitled to further written notices or publication notices of the proceedings in this case, including the filing of an amended petition or a motion to terminate parental rights.

UNLESS YOU appear at the hearing and show cause against the petition, the allegations of the petition may stand admitted as against you and each of you, and an order or judgment entered.

DOROTHY BROWN, CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS
May 23, 2019

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS JUVENILE JUSTICE AND CHILD PROTECTION DEPARTMENT JUVENILE JUSTICE DIVISION

IN THE INTEREST OF
Korey J Hollis

A MINOR
NO. 2019JD60005

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION
Notice is given you, **Anisa Hollis (Mother)**, respondents, and to **ALL WHOM IT MAY CONCERN**, that on **January 8, 2019**, a petition was filed under the Juvenile Court Act by **KIM FOXF**, STATE'S ATTORNEY OF COOK COUNTY through her assistant State's Attorney in this court and that in the courtroom of Judge **Sanju Oommen Green** in the Cook County 6th Municipal Courthouse located at 16501 South Kedzie Parkway, Markham, Illinois on **06/06/2019 at 9:00 AM** IN CALENDAR 76 COURTROOM 099.

or as soon thereafter as this case may be heard, an adjudicatory hearing will be held upon the petition to have the minor declared to be a ward of the court and for other relief under the Act. The court has authority in this case to take from you the custody and guardianship of the minor.

Unless you appear at the hearing and show cause to the contrary, an order or judgment by default may be entered against you for the relief asked in the petition.

DOROTHY BROWN, CLERK OF COURT
May 23, 2019

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CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT,
COOK COUNTY OF ILLINOIS

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS JUVENILE JUSTICE AND CHILD PROTECTION DEPARTMENT CHILD PROTECTION DIVISION

IN THE INTEREST OF
Mario Chester

MINOR(S) CHILDREN OF **Jasmine Davenport (Mother)**

JUVENILE NO.: 17JA00831

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION
NOTICE IS GIVEN YOU, **Mario Chester (Father)**, respondents, and to **All Whom It May Concern**, that on **April 16, 2019**, a petition was filed under the Juvenile Court Act by **KIM FOXF** in this court and that in the courtroom of Judge **Patricia Martin** in the Cook County Juvenile Court Building, 1100 So. Hamilton Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, on **06/13/2019 at 11:00 AM** IN CALENDAR 3 COURTROOM G, or as soon thereafter as this case may be heard, a hearing will be held upon the petition to terminate your parental rights and appoint a guardian with power to consent to adoption.

UNLESS YOU appear at the hearing and show cause against the petition, the allegations of the petition may stand admitted as against you and each of you, and an order or judgment entered.

DOROTHY BROWN, CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS
May 23, 2019

LEGAL NOTICES GOVERNMENT/EDUCATION

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS JUVENILE JUSTICE AND CHILD PROTECTION DEPARTMENT JUVENILE JUSTICE DIVISION

IN THE INTEREST OF
Marlin LD Gaines

A MINOR
NO. 2019JD00284

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION
Notice is given you, **Marvin Gaines (Father)**, respondents, and **TO ALL WHOM IT MAY CONCERN**, that on **February 20, 2019**, a petition was filed under the Juvenile Court Act by **KIM FOXF**, STATE'S ATTORNEY OF COOK COUNTY through her assistant State's Attorney in this court and that in the courtroom of Judge **Lana Charisse Johnson** in the Cook County Juvenile Court Building, located at 1100 South Hamilton, Chicago, Illinois on **06/04/2019 at 9:00 AM** IN CALENDAR 68 COURTROOM 3.

or as soon thereafter as this case may be heard, an adjudicatory hearing will be held upon the petition to have the minor declared to be a ward of the court and for other relief under the Act. The court has authority in this case to take from you the custody and guardianship of the minor.

Unless you appear at the hearing and show cause to the contrary, an order or judgment by default may be entered against you for the relief asked in the petition.

DOROTHY BROWN, CLERK OF COURT
May 23, 2019

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CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT,
COOK COUNTY OF ILLINOIS

STUDENT RESIDENCY INVESTIGATIONS
THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF PROVISO TOWNSHIP HIGH SCHOOLS DISTRICT 209 WILL ACCEPT PROPOSALS FOR STUDENT RESIDENCY INVESTIGATIONS SERVICES. SPECIFICATIONS MAY BE OBTAINED FROM THE BUSINESS OFFICE AT 8601 W. ROOSEVELT ROAD OR WWW.PTHS209.ORG. PROPOSALS ARE DUE ON THURSDAY, JUNE 6, 2019 BY 10:00 AM. 6296794 5/23/2019

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS JUVENILE JUSTICE AND CHILD PROTECTION DEPARTMENT CHILD PROTECTION DIVISION

IN THE INTEREST OF
Taniya Sanders AKA Taniya Goddiest M Ivory Marie Sanders

MINOR(S) CHILDREN OF **Tysha Sanders**

JUVENILE NO.: 18JA00169

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION
NOTICE IS GIVEN YOU, **Craig D. Randle (Father)**, respondents, and to **All Whom It May Concern**, that on **April 8, 2019**, a petition was filed under the Juvenile Court Act by **KIM FOXF** in this court and that in the courtroom of Judge **Patrick Murphy** in the Cook County Juvenile Court Building, 1100 So. Hamilton Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, on **06/13/2019 at 9:00 AM** IN CALENDAR 4 COURTROOM A, or as soon thereafter as this case may be heard, a hearing will be held upon the petition to terminate your parental rights and appoint a guardian with power to consent to adoption.

THE COURT HAS AUTHORITY IN THIS CASE TO TAKE FROM YOU THE CUSTODY AND GUARDIANSHIP OF THE MINOR, TO TERMINATE YOUR PARENTAL RIGHTS AND TO APPOINT A GUARDIAN WITH POWER TO CONSENT TO ADOPTION. YOU MAY LOSE ALL PARENTAL RIGHTS TO YOUR CHILD. IF THE PETITION REQUESTS THE TERMINATION OF YOUR PARENTAL RIGHTS AND APPOINTMENT OF A GUARDIAN WITH POWER TO CONSENT TO ADOPTION, YOU MAY LOSE ALL PARENTAL RIGHTS TO THE CHILD.

UNLESS YOU appear, you will not be entitled to further written notices or publication notices of the proceedings in this case, including the filing of an amended petition or a motion to terminate parental rights.

UNLESS YOU appear at the hearing and show cause against the petition, the allegations of the petition may stand admitted as against you and each of you, and an order or judgment entered.

DOROTHY BROWN, CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS
May 23, 2019

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS JUVENILE JUSTICE AND CHILD PROTECTION DEPARTMENT JUVENILE JUSTICE DIVISION

VISION 7 TO 7 PROGRAM
THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF PROVISO TOWNSHIP HIGH SCHOOLS DISTRICT 209 WILL ACCEPT PROPOSALS FOR THE SERVICE OF COORDINATION OF EVENING PROGRAMMING (VISION 7 TO 7 PROGRAM). AN OPTIONAL PRE-PROPOSAL MEETING WILL BE HELD AT THE DISTRICT 209 OFFICES, 8601 W. ROOSEVELT ROAD, FOREST PARK, IL 60130, AT 11:00 A.M. ON FRIDAY, MAY 31, 2019. SPECIFICATIONS MAY BE OBTAINED FROM THE BUSINESS OFFICE AT 8601 W. ROOSEVELT ROAD OR WWW.PTHS209.ORG. PROPOSALS ARE DUE ON THURSDAY, JUNE 6, 2019 BY 10:00 AM. 6296794 5/23/2019

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS JUVENILE JUSTICE AND CHILD PROTECTION DEPARTMENT CHILD PROTECTION DIVISION

IN THE INTEREST OF
Yolanda Cross

MINOR(S) CHILDREN OF **Frances Cross (Mother)**

JUVENILE NO.: 19JA00441

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NOTICE IS GIVEN YOU, **Unknown (Father)**, respondents, and to **All Whom It May Concern**, that on **April 30, 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 **06/13/2019 at 10:00 AM** IN CALENDAR 14 COURTROOM N, or as soon thereafter as this case may be heard, an adjudicatory hearing will be held upon the petition to have the minor declared to be a ward of the court and for other relief under the Act.

THE COURT HAS AUTHORITY IN THIS CASE TO TAKE FROM YOU THE CUSTODY AND GUARDIANSHIP OF THE MINOR, TO TERMINATE YOUR PARENTAL RIGHTS AND TO APPOINT A GUARDIAN WITH POWER TO CONSENT TO ADOPTION. YOU MAY LOSE ALL PARENTAL RIGHTS TO YOUR CHILD. IF THE PETITION REQUESTS THE TERMINATION OF YOUR PARENTAL RIGHTS AND APPOINTMENT OF A GUARDIAN WITH POWER TO CONSENT TO ADOPTION, YOU MAY LOSE ALL PARENTAL RIGHTS TO THE CHILD.

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DOROTHY BROWN, CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS
May 23, 2019

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RM #376 --- Bags, Clothing, Furniture

Robert Tompkins --- 1619 Armory Place --- Waukegan, IL 60085
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FORECLOSURES

MANLEY, DEAS, KOCHALSKI LLC One East Wacker - Suite 1250 Chicago, IL 60601 IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS, BANK OF AMERICA, N.A., Plaintiff, v. BMO HARRIS BANK N.A. FKA HARRIS, N.A.; UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS; UNKNOWN SUCCESSOR TRUSTEE OF THE SALVADOR PORRAS TRUST UNDER TRUST AGREEMENT DATED THE 27TH DAY OF MARCH 2000, Defendants, Case No. 2019CH01462 The requisite affidavit for publication having been filed, notice is hereby given you, Unknown Owners and Non-Record Claimants, Unknown Successor trustee of the Salvador Porras Trust under Trust Agreement dated the 27th day of March 2000, that the said suit has been commenced in the Circuit Court of the Cook County Judicial Circuit, Cook County

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BEARS

'I feel free back there'

Clinton-Dix happy to be reunited with Jackson

By **RICH CAMPBELL** | Chicago Tribune

As Eddie Jackson and Ha Ha Clinton-Dix ran in sync around the Halas Hall practice field Wednesday, it was tempting to envision a best-case scenario for the Bears' new safety pairing.

These two Alabama-bred playmakers — reunited teammates and friends, even — might well bring the best out of each other and, in the process, help lift the defense beyond 2018's breakthrough.

Jackson, the ascending All-Pro in his third season, and Clinton-Dix, the veteran newcomer trying to reestablish himself in the league, have star potential together. Of that there is no question.

Potential, though, is the key word. The NFL in May is all about projection and construction, and even those elements are limited by practice restrictions. So it will be months before we can draw conclusions about how Clinton-Dix has replaced Adrian Amos.

For now, at least, as Clinton-Dix assimilates into to his third team since October, it's clear how his and Jackson's talent and enthusiasm form a promising foundation for a productive partnership.

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Bears defensive back Ha Ha Clinton-Dix runs through drills Wednesday at Halas Hall.

BRIAN CASSELLA/CHICAGO TRIBUNE

Harper used to being target of opposing fans

Phillies OF doesn't mind stirring things up a little himself



PAUL SULLIVAN
On the Cubs

After clamoring for Bryce Harper to join his longtime friend Kris Bryant on the North Side, Cubs fans are back to treating Harper like a villain again.

It's good to see normalcy return to Wrigley Field, and no one enjoys playing the role of the bad cop quite like the Phillies star, who pretended he was going to throw an inning-ending fly ball into the bleachers Tuesday night at Wrigley Field before hurling it across Sheffield Avenue.

"Hopefully I didn't hit a cop or something down below," Harper told Phillies reporters before Wednesday's game. "I didn't even see where it went. I just threw it. Acting like we had

a third deck in Philly. It's all fun."

Messing with the opposing team's fans is second nature for Harper, who basically is booed just for being Bryce Harper. The only difference this week was some of those booing fans were the same ones complaining last winter when the Cubs made no effort to sign him.

"Same old stuff," Harper said. "They were really nice last year because they wanted me. You know? They were nice to me,

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Phillies right fielder Bryce Harper bats during the first inning Wednesday against the Cubs at Wrigley Field.

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GOLF

Hardy, Meyer can be called golf's odd couple

Former teammates at Illinois approach game much differently

By **TEDDY GREENSTEIN**
 Chicago Tribune

One leaves the TV on ESPN. The other, Fox News.

A perfect day for Nick Hardy involves hitting balls, eating, chipping, eating, putting, eating and watching his beloved Cubs. The Northbrook native is brawny and clean-cut, a grinder on the course and sports nut away from it.

Dylan Meyer's perfect day involves reminiscing about mixing tracks in under-21 clubs (Twitter handle: @DJ_DFunk) and working on a speech that will launch his presidential candidacy in a few decades (#AmericaWinsWith-

Meyer). His golf practice sessions are legendary — for being short.

At Illinois, Hardy recalled, "Dylan would hit 20 perfect shots, a few chips and say: 'I'm done, guys.' Then he'd go sit on the couch and eat some corn nuts. I'd still be lacing up my shoes."

Meyer looks at it this way: "I have hobbies and like to explore other options. I won't be a golfer forever."

If the birdies drop, the former roommates one day will be the odd couple of the PGA Tour. Both have made the cut at a U.S. Open — Meyer tied for 20th last year at Shinnecock Hills — but for now the former All-Americans labor in golf's minor leagues.

The Western Golf Association gave Hardy and Meyer exemptions

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PAUL SULLIVAN

Eaton vs. Frazier: Tasty beef

In the long and often torturous history of White Sox baseball, 2016 will be remembered as a season that went completely off the rails, convincing team Chairman Jerry Reinsdorf to sign off on a rebuilding plan currently in its third year.

The tipping point was Chris Sale's uniform-slicing episode in July, but it started in spring training with the Drake LaRoche saga, when players took sides over management's decision to ban the 14-year-old son of first baseman Adam LaRoche from traveling with the team and having his own locker in the clubhouse.

The ban led to Adam LaRoche's shocking retirement, Sale's verbal takedown of vice president Ken Williams and Adam Eaton's statement: "Adam and Drake are probably the most respected people I've ever played with." Eaton, of course, never played with Drake, who, as stated, was 14 at the time.

The LaRoches are long gone, Sale has a World Series ring with the Red Sox and many of the regulars on that 2016 Sox team are now scattered across the country.

But old scars never go away, as evidenced by the recent Eaton-Todd Frazier squabble.

Eaton, who had a spring training locker next to Drake, was a vocal member of Team LaRoche, along with Sale and a few other players.

Frazier was considered part of Team Rollins. Former shortstop Jimmy Rollins, who joined the Sox that spring, allegedly was the player who complained to management about the absurdity of a teenager being treated like a major-league player.

Whatever happened between Eaton and Frazier is pure conjecture, though it was a fact Eaton had to move his locker away from Frazier during the season, blaming it on an air-conditioning duct that made it too cold instead of an alleged dust-up between the two. Their chilly relationship was an open secret, but there was never any public airing of grievances, so it was kept under wraps throughout the season.

That all changed this week when Eaton and Frazier, now with the Nationals and Mets, respectively, traded insults in New York after a brief on-field exchange during Monday night's game at Citi Field. It was a made-for-tabloids story that garnered national headlines because celebrity squabbles are the lifeblood of social media and indisputable click bait.

"If you know Adam, every team he's been on, you hear what people say, you understand that," Frazier said of Eaton's behavior. "I was part of it for a year and a half (with the Sox). ... He understands where I'm coming from. He knows the past history and he's going to have to take it. That's it."

Eaton responded by posing a question about the fateful 2016 season that ignited the feud.

"What happened in 2016?" he said. "I'm not going to bring it up. It's very childish, honestly. You guys care what happened in



SARAH STIER/AP

Adam Eaton is kept away from Todd Frazier by umpire Mike Estabrook on Monday.

2016? This is 2019, guys. I've had a kid since then, bought a house, cars. Come on, let's go. It's funny. I don't know why he's bringing it up."

The war of words has been the talk of baseball since. Even former White Sox manager Ozzie Guillen put in his two cents Tuesday on NBC Sports Chicago, though he was not in the organization at the time.

"Eaton, nobody liked you in a White Sox uniform in the clubhouse, OK? That's what I know," Guillen said directly to the camera.

Guillen has good sources, but that's not exactly true. Adam La Roche loved him, as did young Drake. Frazier was certainly more likable and a very popular player, though it was not unanimous.

It seldom is. Like any work situation, not everyone gets along in a baseball clubhouse. Peter Gammons, the writer and MLB Network personality, once coined the term "25 players, 25 cabs" for a particularly dysfunctional Red Sox team. That still holds true in some instances, though it has been updated to "25 players, 25 Ubers."

Some players are more annoying to teammates than others, whether it's Sammy Sosa blaring his boombox or for-

mer Pirate Derek Bell announcing he was going into "Operation Shutdown" when informed he had to compete for a starting job. When the Cubs suspended Milton Bradley near the end of the 2009 season, players openly cheered. "Sometimes you've just got to look in the mirror and realize that maybe the biggest part of the problem is yourself," pitcher Ryan Dempster told reporters.

You have to have a pretty big ego to make it to the majors, and when big egos collide, anything can happen.

Hopefully the war between Eaton and Frazier continues, like a memorable beef between rap stars Cardi B and Nicki Minaj.

This has been a pretty dull season so far, with the Astros, Twins and Dodgers all threatening to wrap up their divisions by Memorial Day. There really is no other reason to pay attention to the Nationals or Mets, and frankly, baseball needs something to talk about besides strikeouts and home runs.

And for those of us in Chicago, it brings back memories of the 2016 Sox, the gift that keeps on giving.

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Hardy, Meyer approach golf far differently

Golf, from Page 1

for this week's Evans Scholars Invitational, which begins Thursday at the Glen Club, the scenic, daily-fee course in Glenview.

Organizers of the 156-player Web.com event paired Hardy with Meyer and Northwestern alumnus Chris Wilson for the first and second rounds. Hardy and Meyer will step to the 10th tee at 9:01 a.m. on Thursday with a block 'T' on their golf bags but a different plan to go low.

"Dylan is a pure ball striker," Illinois golf coach Mike Small said. "Nick is a pure putter."

Different style, different look.

They met at the 2013 Western Junior Championship at Meridian Hills in Indianapolis. Meyer had orally committed to Illinois and been given an exemption into the field.

Meyer: "I thought I'd show 'em my normal moxie. I had on the Rickie Fowler line — bright blue pants and a bright yellow shirt — and had a mohawk."

A blond-dyed mohawk under his visor. Hardy: "It was easy to spot him."

Small: "By the time I saw Dylan, three coaches had come up to me and said: 'Small, is this guy really yours?' I told Dylan: 'Dude, they give you an exemption to a conservative club and you're looking like this? You're their guest for the week.'"

"His dad said to me: 'I'm glad you're here. He won't listen to me.'"

Meyer opened with a 74.

"I was scared out of my mind I'd lose my scholarship," he said. "I put on a hat and some halfway-normal clothes and played good the rest of the week."

He came home in 67-67-68 to finish second.

"I learned that at Illinois, we don't draw attention to ourselves," Meyer said. "We let the play draw attention to us."

Meyer and Hardy ham-and-egged it during their Illini careers. Meyer won Big Ten Player of the Year in 2017 with a stroke average of 70.75. Hardy was the conference's best in 2018, averaging 70.61.

"Nick was a grinder," Small said. "Dylan



JOSE M. OSORIO/CHICAGO TRIBUNE

Dylan Meyer, left, and Nick Hardy got exemptions to play in the Evans Scholars Invitational.

hit it so good he didn't have to grind. The rounds came easy.

"Dylan lived on the edge and liked to push my buttons. Nick followed the rules; I never had to tell him something twice."

But Small made a point of adding: "Dylan was a great ambassador for the program, an A-plus guy off the golf course."

Meyer spent Tuesday night at Skokie Country Club, speaking to donors on behalf of the Crohn's and Colitis Foundation. The 5-foot-10 Meyer dropped below 135 pounds in 2017 after suffering a bout of ulcerative colitis, a bowel disease that prompts him to order salmon and pass on pizza and popcorn.

Wearing his trademark Clark Kent glasses, Meyer joked of his practice habits: "When Coach called for practice at 2, I'd show up at 1:55. I definitely like to get there last and leave first. ... Nick was out there all day. I envy that, but I can't have my mind on it that long."

Here's what Hardy envies about Meyer, who looks scrawny but has Brooks Koepka swag: "Dylan doesn't care what other people think about it. It's something we should

appreciate in our society. I think about the ramifications of something I say to a friend or in social media. Dylan never really does."

Meyer actually likes to talk politics on the golf course, espousing Nikki Haley as the first woman president. Even if Hardy had strong political views, he wouldn't dare offer them.

"Sometimes Nike will send me green pants and I think: I don't know if I can wear these," Hardy said. "I have more of a business look — hopefully matching, hopefully ironed. Nothing too vibrant."

Hardy threw the ceremonial first pitch Monday night at Wrigley Field, describing it on Instagram as a "dream experience ... It wasn't a strike but you bet it had some heat on it."

Earlier Monday he took a call for an interview to promote the Evans Scholars Invitational.

Where was he? "At the Merit Club," Hardy replied. "Practicing."

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LET'S PLAY 2

	Thursday Phillies 1:20 p.m. ABC-7	Friday Reds 1:20 p.m. NBCSCH
	Thursday @Astros 7:10 p.m. NBCSCH	Friday @Twins 7:10 p.m. WGN-9
	Saturday NYCFC 2:30 p.m. Twitter	Wednesday @DC United 7 p.m. ESPN+

THURSDAY ON TV/RADIO

MLB		
11:30 a.m.	Red Sox at Blue Jays	MLBN
1 p.m.	Phillies at Cubs	ABC-7 WSCR-AM 670
2:30 p.m.	Braves at Giants	MLBN
5 p.m.	Rays at Indians	MLBN
7 p.m.	White Sox at Astros	NBCSCH WGN-AM 720

COLLEGE BASEBALL

9 a.m.	Big Ten Tournament	BTN
1 p.m.	Big Ten Tournament	BTN
5 p.m.	Big Ten Tournament	BTN
9 p.m.	Big Ten Tournament	BTN

NBA

7:30 p.m.	Raptors at Bucks (if nec.)	TNT
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GOLF

8:30 a.m.	Made in Denmark	Golf
Noon	Senior PGA Championship	Golf
3 p.m.	Charles Schwab Challenge	Golf
4:30 a.m. (Fri.)	Made in Denmark	Golf

NHL

8 p.m.	Blues at Sharks (if nec.)	NBCSN
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COLLEGE SOFTBALL

6 p.m.	NCAA Tournament	ESPN
8 p.m.	NCAA Tournament	ESPN

TENNIS

3 p.m.	NCAA Championships	Tennis
3 a.m. (Fri.)	Geneva, Lyon, Strasbourg	Tennis

CUBS

High-5 for 2019: A fistful of Cubs walk-off winners

By TIM BANNON
Chicago Tribune

Javier Baez's pinch-hit, RBI single Tuesday night at Wrigley Field gave the Cubs a 3-2 victory over the Phillies, their major-league-leading fifth walk-off win this season. Here's a look at all five.

April 21: Cubs 2, Diamondbacks 1

The Cubs took a 1-0 lead in the sixth on Baez's RBI triple. But Pedro Strop blew the save in the ninth, giving up a solo home run to Jarrod Dyson. Baez led off the Cubs' half of the ninth with a double to right and advanced to third when Adam Jones failed to field it cleanly. After Willson Contreras was hit by a pitch, David Bote knocked a single to center, scoring Baez.

May 7: Cubs 5, Marlins 2

Albert Almora Jr. homered in the bottom of the third to tie the game at 2. It remained that way until the bottom of the ninth. Heyward drew a leadoff walk and advanced to second when Kyle Schwarber was hit by a pitch. Pinch hitter Daniel Descalso laid down a sacrifice bunt to put runners at second and third with one out. Almora grounded to shortstop Miguel Rojas, who threw out Heyward at the plate. But Kris Bryant played the hero, ripping a 1-2 pitch into the seats in left-center for a walk-off homer.

May 8: Cubs 3, Marlins 2 (11)

Kyle Hendricks pitched eight innings of five-hit, one-run ball, but the Marlins tied it in the top of the ninth off reliever Steve Cishek. Heyward, who had only one hit in his previous 19 at-bats, led off the bottom of the 11th with a homer off Jose Quijada on a 1-2 count for the Cubs' second walk-off blast in as many nights.

May 11: Cubs 2, Brewers 1 (15)

On a cold, windy and drizzly day at Wrigley, both teams scored a run in the fifth inning but remained tied until the 15th. With one out, Contreras launched Burch Smith's 1-2 pitch to the back of the left-field bleachers for the win, moving the Cubs back into first place in the NL Central with the team's third walk-off homer in five days.

Tuesday: Cubs 3, Phillies 2

With the Cubs trailing 2-1, Bryant led off the bottom of the ninth with a walk, and Anthony Rizzo followed with a double. With one out, Heyward was intentionally walked to load the bases. Almora then hit a weak grounder that Phillies pitcher Juan Nicasio scooped with his glove and flipped to catcher J.T. Realmuto — but Bryant beat the throw home, tying the game 2-2. Baez — who hadn't played since Sunday because of a bruised right heel — then pinch hit for Descalso. On the first pitch, Baez sliced a single to right for the win.

Sources: Tribune reporting, Baseball Reference.

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CUBS

Harper is a willing target

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but now they're back to not. "Everyone is usually pretty mean. There's some mean stuff. ... Some people take it over the line and some people just yell the same stuff. It's usually the same stuff. No one really comes up with anything that clever."

That was confirmed during a brief visit to the right-field bleachers Wednesday night, where the predominantly millennial crowd began chanting "Harper sucks!" before the opening pitch. They came up with the standard "Over-rated" when he came out to right in the bottom of the first and followed with the predictable clichés:

"You're a bum." "You suck." "Get a haircut."

The one that stood out was near the end of the first when someone yelled: "You'll never be happy, Bryce."

It appears as if Harper is quite happy, as anyone would be if given a \$330 million contract. The bottom line is bleacher fans need to up their game if they're going to troll Harper, who is a professional troll on social media.

It was only two years ago Harper posted a photo of himself and Bryant on Instagram with the hashtag "#Back2BackOneDay," leading to speculation he was hoping to sign with the Cubs when he was eligible for free agency after 2018. Remember, this is a guy who named his dog Wrigley.

Bryant admitted afterward that Harper was "stirring the pot" to get everyone's attention.

"He's just totally having fun because I think a lot of people were talking about that," Bryant said then. "He's funny, man. He knows how to get people talking about stuff, and I love that about him."

Of course it never happened, though it would've been something to see Bryant and Harper hitting back-to-back in the Cubs lineup, perhaps even sandwiching Bryant between Harper and Anthony Rizzo.

We'll never know how high the Cubs would've gone in a bidding war because they opted to sit out the proceedings and generally keep the status quo in the outfield, minus Ian Happ.

Was it the right move? Harper is off to a slow start again in 2019, taking a .224 average into Wednesday's game with nine home runs and 31 RBIs. But he's probably going to wind up with 30-plus homers and 100-plus RBIs, which the Cubs would gladly take from Kyle Schwarber, who was at .214 with six homers and 15 RBIs on Wednesday.

Bryant noted Tuesday that so much attention has been paid to Jake Arrieta and Yu Darvish during this series that Harper has avoided the spotlight. Harper also hadn't done anything offensively before Wednesday, going 0-for-8 with one walk in the first two games, and his 18-game on-base streak ended Tuesday.

Harper did throw Rizzo out at the plate Monday night to save an important run in a game in which the Phillies rallied for a win in 10 innings, and he finally broke through with a bunt single past Cole Hamels in the third inning Wednesday.

But besides his stats, Harper brings a swagger to the Phillies lineup that was lacking before he signed. He's a lot like Jake Arrieta — but with better hair.

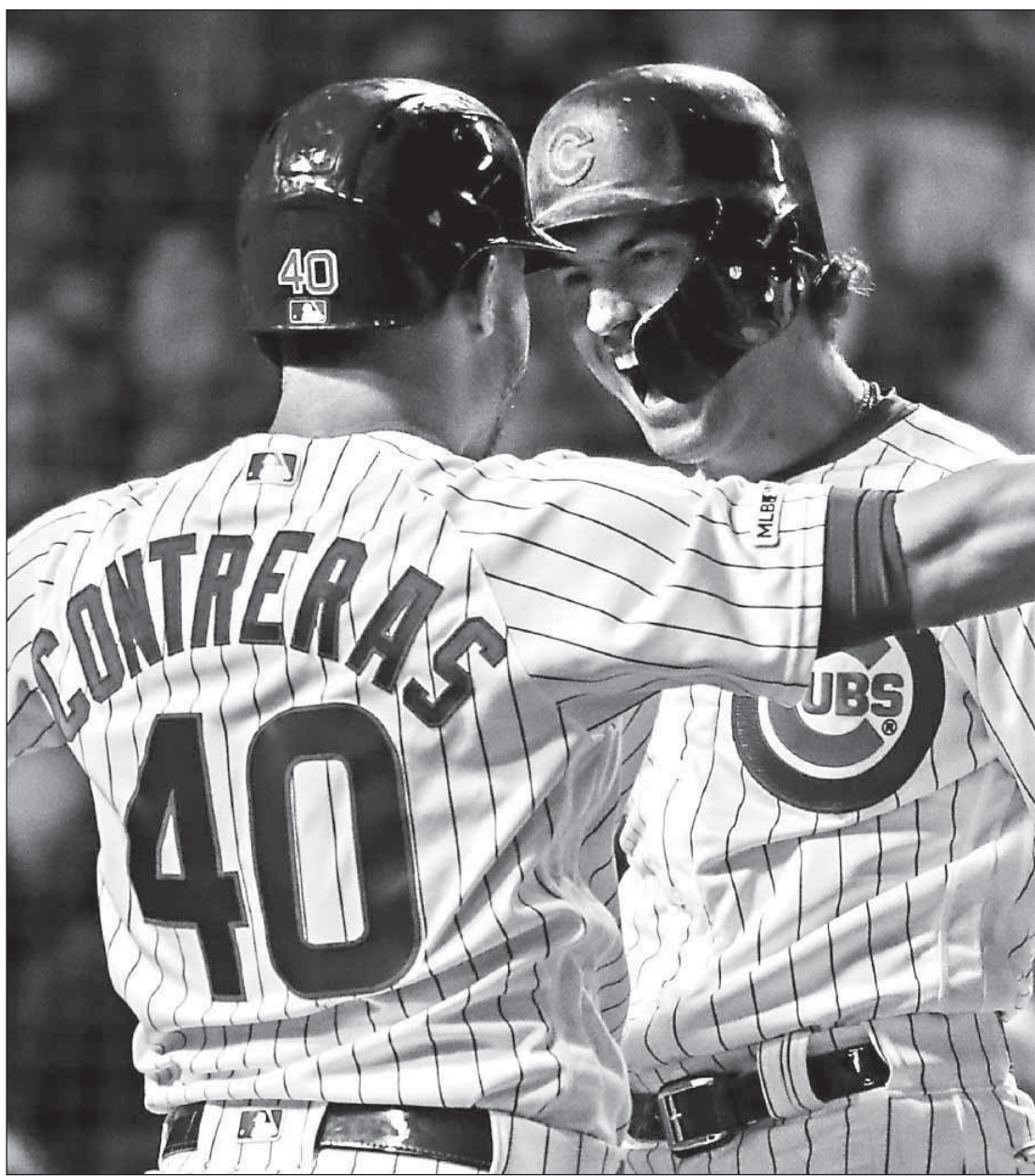
If baseball is fortunate, we'll see Harper and the Phillies back at Wrigley in October when the ivy is thicker and the stakes are much higher.

The first two games of the series were great theater, and when Rizzo's three-run shot in the third inning Wednesday hit the "D" in the Budweiser sign atop the right-field video board, jaws dropped from the bleachers to the box seats.

As the Phillies right fielder watched the ball soar over his head and into the twilight, almost everyone in the ballpark turned and craned their necks.

For one brief moment, no one was paying any attention to Bryce Harper.

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Albert Almora Jr. bumps chests with Willson Contreras after hitting a grand slam in the fifth Wednesday.

CUBS 8, PHILLIES 4

More Almora

Dropped in order, outfielder just keeps on hitting

BY MARK GONZALES
Chicago Tribune

All-Star shortstop Javier Baez returned to his customary cleanup spot in the Cubs lineup Wednesday night against the Phillies less than 24 hours after delivering the winning pinch hit.

But through all the adjustments Joe Maddon has made in the wake of Ben Zobrist's absence and the recent slumps of Jason Heyward, David Bote and Daniel Descalso, the manager's decision to keep Albert Almora Jr. in the bottom half of the batting order — where he has produced more effectively than at the leadoff spot — has paid off.

"I like him in the middle of everything right now," Maddon said of Almora.

And Almora was in the middle of a big rally, hitting a grand slam with two outs in the fifth inning to give the Cubs a 7-3 lead over the Phillies.

Maddon didn't budge Wednesday night, allowing Kyle Schwarber — a left-handed hitter — to lead off against Phillies lefty Cole Irwin instead of using the right-handed-hitting Almora, who hasn't batted in the leadoff spot since May 7.

Almora has prospered since then, improving his average 26 points to .276 entering Wednesday. And that's only part of an impressive climb.

Almora has a team-high .342 average since April 25 — the

CUBS RECAP

Albert Almora Jr. hit a grand slam, Anthony Rizzo belted a three-run homer and Javier Baez added a solo shot, fueling the Cubs' 8-4 victory over the Phillies on Wednesday night at Wrigley Field. Rizzo's third-inning homer erased a 3-0 deficit. Almora put the Cubs ahead 7-3 in the fifth with his fifth homer. Baez, who returned after missing two starts (heel), hit his 12th in the seventh.

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sixth-best mark in the National League during that span.

"I'm good wherever they need me," Almora said this week. "I really don't care. As long as I'm there to help the team win, I'll hit wherever. I don't think about it."

Maddon said there might be an occasional game in which Almora leads off, but the center fielder is fitting in well in the sixth and eighth spots.

Maddon pointed to Almora's at-bat in the ninth inning Tuesday, when he hit a soft tapper to the right of the mound that enabled Kris Bryant to score the tying run and set up Baez's game-winning single in the 3-2 victory.

"It wasn't a smash, but he moved the baseball," Maddon said. "He moved the baseball when it needed to be moved, so hitting where he's hitting in that batting order, there's a chance for guys to be on base in front of him. And I kind of like that, guys who can move the ball there."

"The strikeout is what I want to stay away from with people on base. I know nobody likes the double play. But I like the fact Albert can move the baseball."

In nine starts at the leadoff spot, Almora has an identical .279 batting average and on-base percentage. But he has been more productive from the No. 8 spot, where he's batting .304 with a .374

on-base percentage.

"He's done very well for himself, and there's a lot of action," Maddon said. "He presents the hit-and-run with somebody on base. You feel like the ball is going to get moved. And he's doing a better job against righties also. It's not just against lefties."

Hitting sixth Wednesday, Almora missed a chance to drive in a run when he grounded to short with the bases loaded to end the first, but he will continue to start as long as he continues to produce at the plate to supplement his sterling defense.

"I'm going out there with a game plan," Almora said. "As tough as it is, I've just got to be patient and get a pitch to hit."

Anthony Rizzo picked up Almora two innings later, blasting a three-run homer an estimated 437 feet off Irwin that erased a 3-0 deficit.

The return of Baez after missing two starts (bruised right heel) can only enhance Almora's chances to drive in more runs.

"If you look at it in the middle with Baez and (Willson) Contreras into Albert, those two guys have been getting on base a lot, so Albert is moving the baseball right here," Maddon said.

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WHITE SOX

Verlander narrowly misses no-hitter

Abreu HR keeps Astros pitcher from throwing 3rd one of his career

BY KRISTIE RIEKEN
Associated Press

HOUSTON — As the Astros' Justin Verlander flirted with a no-hitter against the White Sox, he took a moment to scan the seats behind home plate to see whether childhood idol Nolan Ryan, who threw a record seven no-hitters, was watching from his usual seat behind the plate.

After throwing two no-hitters in his career, Verlander thought to himself that it would be "pretty cool" if Ryan was there to see it if Verlander joined him in the exclusive group of players who have tossed at least three.

Ryan was at the game, but it wasn't to be.

"I screwed it up," Verlander said with a laugh.

Verlander took a no-hitter into the seventh inning and struck out a season-high 12 to lead the Astros to a 5-1 win over the Sox.

Verlander (8-1), who said his slider was his best pitch Tuesday night, was in control from the first pitch, allowing one hit and walking one in eight innings for his fourth straight win and the seventh in eight starts. The only hit off him came when Jose Abreu sent the first pitch of his at-bat just over the wall and out of reach of a leaping Jake Marisnick in straight-away center field with one out in the seventh to cut the lead to 5-1.

"My thought was if Jake catches this, it's over. I'm going to get it," Verlander said. "Sure enough it went over. He had a great effort at it, (but) I was pretty confident that that ball was going to be a home run unless a miracle happened."

It was Abreu's sixth career home run off of Verlander.

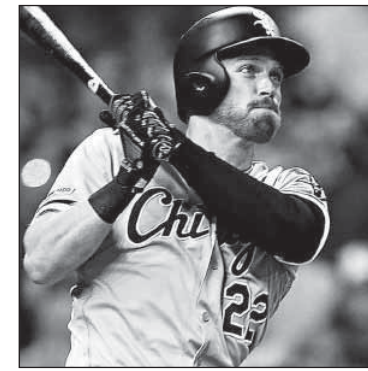
"We all know the kind of pitcher he is," Abreu said through an interpreter. "He has all of my respect. He's one of the best. In that at-bat I just went in there trying to make hard contact if possible. I am happy that I was able to do it."

Sox manager Rick Renteria said: "Against a former Cy Young Award winner, I think they did everything they could possibly against this guy. He was that good."

Yuli Gurriel hit a solo homer off Dylan Covey (0-3) in the fourth inning to give the Astros home runs in 18 straight games, tying the second-longest streak in franchise history.

Verlander, who threw no-hitters in 2007 and 2011, retired his first five batters with three strikeouts before walking Yonder Alonso with two out in the second. But he got right back on track, sitting down Tim Anderson to end the inning.

Verlander needed just 11 pitches to strike out the side in the third inning and fanned two in the fourth. He struck out one in the fifth and one more in the sixth after a long layoff. The Astros sent eight hitters to the plate in the bottom of their four-run fifth.



WHITE SOX RECAP

Eloy Jimenez hit two home runs, Charlie Tilson's first career homer was a grand slam and the White Sox turned the first triple play in the majors this season during a 9-4 victory over the Astros on Wednesday night in Houston. Sox starter Ivan Nova (3-4) allowed 10 hits but just three runs in seven-plus innings. He was helped by a defense that turned four double plays and ended the third with the Sox's first triple play since July 2016 against the Braves. With runners on first and second, Jake Marisnick hit a grounder down the third-base line to Yoan Moncada, who stepped on the bag for the first out and threw to Yolmer Sanchez at second. Sanchez relayed to first to barely beat Marisnick. For more coverage, go to chicagotribune.com/sports

CUBS NOTES

Wick now comfortable as a pitcher

BY MARK GONZALES
Chicago Tribune

Javier Baez might have the best arm on the Cubs roster, but newcomer Rowan Wick has proved the transformation from position player to pitcher can work.

Wick, whom the Cubs promoted from Triple-A Iowa on Wednesday before their game against the Phillies at Wrigley Field, began his professional career as a catcher-outfielder in the Cardinals organization in 2012 but struggled at the plate.

"In May of 2015, they told me I was going to pitch, but I didn't pitch until late that season (in the Gulf Coast League)," recalled Wick, 26, who had a 2.84 ERA with 25 strikeouts and five walks in 19 innings with Iowa.

"It took me five months just to get my arm in shape. That offseason I continued to throw, and when came to spring training in 2016, that's when I knew I was truly ready to pitch."

The 6-foot-3, 235-pound

right-hander struck out 57 in 44 1/3 innings and finished the 2016 season in Double A.

From there, Wick began to develop secondary pitchers to complement his fastball, and he reached the majors last season with the Padres, with whom he posted a 6.48 ERA in 10 appearances.

The Cubs acquired Wick in November in exchange for infielder Jason Vosler.

"We liked him in spring training," manager Joe Maddon said. "He provides length and he's pitched well."

Wick took the roster spot of left-handed reliever Xavier Ceden, who was placed on the injured list because of recurring swelling in his left wrist.

Ceden wasn't charged with a run in five appearances.

Pedro's progress: Right-handed reliever Pedro Strop is moving closer to rejoining the Cubs, saying his left hamstring felt "great" after throwing his second bullpen session of 25

pitches.

Strop is scheduled to throw another bullpen session this weekend and likely will have a brief minor-league rehab assignment. He has yet to perform fielding drills but has undergone a series of agility drills under the supervision of trainer PJ Mainville.

Strop, who went on the injured list May 7, said he isn't sure if he'll return by June 1.

"Hopefully this weekend, but it's not going to happen," Strop laughed.

Keeping the faith: Maddon pulled Daniel Descalso from the starting lineup Wednesday in favor of Javier Baez, who hit a game-winning single Tuesday night.

Descalso is 4-for-38 (.103) in May, but Maddon hasn't given up on him.

"I have so much faith in this guy," Maddon said. "We're going to be rewarded. As he gets hot, which he will, we'll get rewarded."

BASEBALL

American League

Table showing American League standings for Eastern, Central, and Western divisions, including columns for team, wins, losses, percentage, games behind, and home/away records.

Late games noted below

THURSDAY'S PROBABLE PITCHERS

Table of probable pitchers for Thursday's games, listing team, pitcher name, time, and 2019 and 2018 statistics.

TR: Team's record in games started by today's pitcher.

RESULTS, SCHEDULE

American League Wednesday's Results: Oakland 7, Cleveland 2; G1: Kansas City 8, St. Louis 2; Texas 2, Seattle 1.

National League Wednesday's Results: Milwaukee 11, Cincinnati 9; G1: Kansas City 8, St. Louis 2; San Diego 5, Arizona 2.

BOX SCORES

Box score for Brewers 11, Reds 9, including batting, pitching, and fielding statistics.

Box score for Cubs 8, Phillies 4, including batting, pitching, and fielding statistics.

Box score for White Sox 9, Astros 4, including batting, pitching, and fielding statistics.

National League

Table showing National League standings for Eastern, Central, and Western divisions, including columns for team, wins, losses, percentage, games behind, and home/away records.



The Brewers' Yasmani Grandal is hugged by Orlando Arcia after a sixth-inning homer.

BREWERS 11, REDS 9

Grandal helps lead big rally

Associated Press MILWAUKEE — Yasmani Grandal homered during a big rally, then started a bizarre double play on a pitch that got past him and bounced to the backstop, helping the Brewers outlast the Reds 11-9 on Wednesday.

swinging, but the ball zipped past Grandal. Fortunately for the Brewers catcher, the ball caromed off the back wall and right back to him. Grandal threw down to first when Curt Casali strayed off the bag, assuming the runners would advance. But Derek Dietrich stayed at third, seeing the ball ricochet to Grandal, and Casali was tagged out after an extended rundown.

lowest (Davies, 1.54) and third-lowest (Castillo, 1.90) ERAs in the National League. It turned out to be the shortest outing of the season for both, as Davies gave up six runs in three innings and Castillo allowed four in 2 2/3. In all, both teams used six pitchers. Josh Hader finished it, earning his 12th save in 12 chances. The Brewers played their second straight game without Christian Yelich. The 2018 NL MVP was out with back spasms, and it isn't known yet when he'll return.

AROUND THE HORN

■ Athletics: DH Khris Davis is undergoing an MRI on his ailing left hip in Cleveland, but the team has opted against placing him on the injured list for now. ... Frankie Montas pitched six scoreless innings and Mark Canha homered and drove in three runs as the Athletics extended their winning streak to six with a 7-2 victory over the Indians. The A's swept the three-game series and reached the .500 mark for the first time since April 26.

■ White Sox: The team turned a triple play against the Astros, the first in the majors this season. It came in the third inning with runners on first and second. Jake Marisnick hit a grounder down the line to 3B Yoan Moncada, who stepped on the base for the first out. He threw to Yolmer Sanchez at second, and Sanchez threw it to Jose Abreu at first, where the ball just beat Marisnick. ■ Red Sox: Slugger J.D. Martinez (back) was held out against the Blue Jays. Manager Alex Cora said the two-time All-Star isn't likely to return to the lineup until Friday.

■ Yankees: Gleyber Torres hit two of the Yankees' five home runs in a 7-5 victory over the Orioles. ... OF Giancarlo Stanton took a step back in his return from arm injuries and won't play in any rehabilitation games for seven to 10 days because of left calf tightness. SS Didi Gregorius went 1-for-3 with a walk as the DH in an extended spring training game after taking one day off due to dehydration. ■ Mets: Juan Lagares hit a go-ahead, three-run double off Nationals closer Sean Doolittle during a six-run eighth in a 6-1 victory. 2B Robinson Cano left in the third inning because of tightness in his left quadriceps. ... Manager Mickey Callaway said he will start using All-Star closer Edwin Diaz more often in the eighth inning.

■ Orioles: The team acquired OF Keon Broxton from the Mets for \$500,000 international bonus pool money. Broxton was batting .143 with the Mets in 34 games with no homers and two RBIs. ■ Mariners: In falling 2-1 to the Rangers, the Mariners were swept in the three-game series and have lost 27 of 37 to fall into last place in the AL West since starting the season 13-2. LHP Marco Gonzalez dropped to 0-4 with a 4.56 ERA in five starts in May.

■ Indians: OF Carlos Gonzalez was designated for assignment and C Eric Haase was recalled from Triple-A Columbus. C Roberto Perez suffered a concussion Tuesday, but does not require a stay on the injured list. ■ Rangers: OF Willie Calhoun was placed on the 10-day injured list with a left quad strain. The move comes a day after Calhoun aggravated his quad as a baserunner when trying to beat out a throw to first base in the sixth inning of a win over the Mariners. ■ Braves: After failing to sign and losing a grievance against the Braves, RHP Carter Stewart, 19, has agreed to a six-year contract with the Fukuoka SoftBank Hawks of Japan's Pacific League that will guarantee \$6 million to \$7 million, a person familiar with the negotiations told AP.

Box score for Royals 8, Cardinals 2, including batting, pitching, and fielding statistics.

Box score for Padres 5, Diamondbacks 2, including batting, pitching, and fielding statistics.

Box score for Kansas City 5, Reds 9, including batting, pitching, and fielding statistics.

Box score for Arizona 3, Mariners 5, including batting, pitching, and fielding statistics.

Box score for Yankees 7, Orioles 5, including batting, pitching, and fielding statistics.

Box score for Baltimore 5, Brewers 9, including batting, pitching, and fielding statistics.

Box score for Los Angeles 3, Tampa Bay 1, including batting, pitching, and fielding statistics.

Box score for Washington 2, Yankees 5, including batting, pitching, and fielding statistics.

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SCOREBOARD

ODDS

MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL		THURSDAY
National League	Washington	-127 at NY Mets +117
	Pittsburgh	-129 Colorado +119
	at Chi Cubs	-112 Philadelphia +102
	Atlanta	-107 at San Fran. -103

AMERICAN LEAGUE		THURSDAY
	NY Yankees	-200 at Baltimore +180
	at Toronto	off Boston off
	Tampa Bay	-164 at Cleveland +154
	at Houston	-193 Chi White Sox +178

INTERLEAGUE		THURSDAY
	at Detroit	-147 Miami +137

NBA PLAYOFFS		THURSDAY
	pregame.com	Toronto
	at Milwaukee	7

ODDS TO WIN SERIES		THURSDAY
	Milwaukee	-260 Toronto +220

NHL STANLEY CUP FINALS		MONDAY
Game 1	at Boston	-157 St. Louis +147

ODDS TO WIN SERIES		MONDAY
	Boston	-165 St. Louis +145

GOLF

PGA TOUR STATISTICS	
Scoring Average	
1, Dustin Johnson, 69.195, 2, Patrick Cantlay, 69.361, 3, Rory McIlroy, 69.443, 4 (tie), Justin Thomas and Brooks Koepka, 69.512, 6, Matt Kuchar, 69.590, 7, Rickie Fowler, 69.646, 8, Justin Rose, 69.649, 9, Webb Simpson, 69.736, 10, Tiger Woods, 69.767.	

Driving Distance	
1, Cameron Champ, 315.6, 2 (tie), Luke List and Rory McIlroy, 314.4, 4, Tony Finau, 311.5, 5, Wyndham Clark, 311.4, 6, Lucas Bjerregaard, 311.0, 7, Bubba Watson, 310.7, 8, Gary Woodland, 310.4, 9, Grayson Murray, 310.0, 10, Ollie Schniederjans, 309.7.	

Driving Accuracy Pct.	
1, Jim Furyk, 75.35%, 2, Chez Reavie, 74.17%, 3, Brian Gay, 72.38%, 4, Ryan Armour, 72.37%.	

Greens in Regulation Pct.	
1, Tiger Woods, 73.99%, 2, Matt Kuchar, 73.72%, 3, Justin Thomas, 73.06%, 4, James Hahn, 72.71%, 5, Corey Conners, 72.69%, 6, Charles Howell III, 72.50%, 7, Talor Gooch, 72.02%, 8, Scott Piercy, 71.57%, 9, Brooks Koepka, 71.35%, 10, Ryan Palmer, 71.34%.	

SG-Putting	
1, Justin Harding, 1.216, 2, Dominic Bozzelli, 1.027, 3, Graeme McDowell, .867, 4, Denny McCarthy, .843, 5, Kiradech Aphibarnrat, .818, 6, Vaughn Taylor, .793, 7, Dustin Johnson, .790, 8, Justin Rose, .738.	

PGA TOUR CHAMPIONS STATS	
Scoring Average (Actual)	
1, Bernhard Langer, 68.82, 2, Steve Stricker, 69.06, 3, David Toms, 69.52, 4, Fred Couples, 69.73, 5, Marco Dawson, 69.76, 6, Scott McCarron, 69.79, 7, Tom Lehman, 69.92, 8, Kevin Sutherland, 69.93, 9 (tie), Kirk Triplett and Scott Parel, 70.00.	

Driving Distance	
1, John Daly, 294.0, 2, Brandt Jobe, 293.0, 3, Darren Clarke, 291.7, 4, Kenny Perry, 290.2, 5, Retief Goosen, 288.2, 6 (tie), Steve Stricker and Scott McCarron, 286.2, 8, Vijay Singh, 285.7.	

Driving Accuracy Pct.	
1, Willie Wood, 86.82%, 2, Bart Bryant, 82.89%, 3, Joe Durant, 80.67%, 4, Bernhard Langer, 80.26%.	

Greens in Regulation	
1, Fred Couples, 74.44%, 2, Bernhard Langer, 73.74%, 3, David Toms, 73.33%, 4, Kirk Triplett, 73.29%, 5, Colin Montgomerie, 73.15%, 6, Lee Janzen, 73.02%, 7, Tom Lehman, 72.89%, 8, Ken Tanigawa, 72.82%, 9, Kenny Perry, 72.49%, 10, 2 tied with 72.02%.	

Putting Average	
1, Mark O'Meara, 1.696, 2, Steve Stricker, 1.715, 3, Kirk Triplett, 1.717, 4, Joey Sindelar, 1.722, 5, Kent Jones, 1.731, 6, Jeff Maggert, 1.736, 7, Willie Wood, 1.737, 8, José María Olazábal, 1.738, 9, Tom Lehman, 1.741, 10, David Toms, 1.742.	

LPGA TOUR STATISTICS	
Scoring Average	
1, Jin Young Ko, 69.000, 2, Nelly Korda, 69.600, 3, Hyo Joo Kim, 69.667, 4, Brooke M. Henderson, 69.830, 5, Minjee Lee, 69.820, 6, Eun-Hye Ji, 69.860, 7, Sung Hyun Park, 69.950, 8, Jeongeun Lee, 69.960, 9, Amy Yang, 70.125, 10, Carota Ciganda, 70.3240.	

Driving Distance	
1, Anne van Dam, 285.9, 2, Jessica Korda, 284.7, 3, Angel Yin, 284.2, 4, Sung Hyun Park, 282.9, 5, Elizabeth Szokol, 280.0, 6, Nanna Koerstz Madsen, 279.7, 7, Brooke M. Henderson, 278.6, 8, Joanna Klatten, 278.0.	

Greens in Regulation	
1, Jin Young Ko, 79.9, 2, Nelly Korda, 78.3, 3, Jodi Ewart Shadoff, 77.6, 4, Yu Liu, 76.6, 5, Eun-Hee Ji, 76.2, 6, Minjee Lee, 76.1, 7, Jeongeun Lee, 76.0, 8, Inbee Park, 75.8, 9, Sung Hyun Park, 75.8, 10, Brooke M. Henderson, 75.7.	

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MAJOR LEAGUE SOCCER	

EASTERN		W	L	T	PT	GF	GA
Philadelphia	7	3	3	24	23	12	
D.C. United	7	4	3	24	18	13	
Montreal	6	5	4	21	15	19	
Atlanta	6	4	2	20	13	9	
N.Y. City FC	4	1	6	18	15	9	
N.Y. Red Bulls	5	3	18	19	16	16	
Toronto FC	5	2	17	22	20	19	
Columbus	5	8	1	16	12	19	
Chicago	4	5	4	16	20	17	
Orlando City	4	6	3	15	19	20	
New England	3	8	3	12	14	31	
Cincinnati	3	8	2	11	11	23	

WESTERN		W	L	T	PT	GF	GA
Los Angeles FC	9	1	4	31	32	9	
Seattle	7	1	5	26	22	14	
Houston	7	2	2	23	20	12	
LA Galaxy	7	5	1	22	18	17	
Minnesota	5	4	3	18	20	18	
FC Dallas	5	5	3	18	17	17	
Real Salt Lake	5	6	1	16	18	20	
Vancouver	3	6	5	14	18	18	
San Jose	4	6	2	14	23	23	
Portland	3	6	2	11	14	22	
Sporting KC	2	4	5	11	20	20	
Colorado	1	9	2	5	17	30	

WEDNESDAY'S RESULT	
Vancouver 2, N.Y. Red Bulls 2	

FRIDAY'S GAMES	
LA Galaxy at Orlando City, 6 p.m.	
Atlanta at Real Salt Lake, 8 p.m.	
Montreal at Los Angeles FC, 9:30 p.m.	

SATURDAY'S GAMES	
N.Y. City FC at Vancouver, 6 p.m.	
D.C. United at New England, 6:30 p.m.	
N.Y. Red Bulls at Cincinnati, 6:30 p.m.	
Portland at Philadelphia, 6:30 p.m.	
Houston at Minnesota, 7 p.m.	
Columbus at Colorado, 8 p.m.	

SUNDAY'S GAMES	
Seattle at Sporting KC, 5 p.m.	
San Jose at Toronto FC, 6:30 p.m.	

NWSL						
CLUB						
Chicago	3	1	2	11	13	8
Utah	3	1	1	10	7	3
Houston	3	2	1	10	5	3
Portland	3	1	2	11	13	8
Chicago	2	1	2	8	12	10
Washington	3	1	1	10	8	4
Rain FC	1	3	6	6	6	6
Sky Blue FC	0	6	3	2	5	10
Orlando	0	5	1	1	13	3

SATURDAY'S GAMES	
Portland at Sky Blue FC, 5 p.m.	
Orlando at Utah, 7 p.m.	

SUNDAY'S GAME	
Washington at Chicago, 5 p.m.	

U.S. WOMEN'S SOCCER TEAM	
Sunday: vs. Mexico; friendly in Harrison, N.J., 10:30 a.m.	

FIFA WOMEN'S WORLD CUP, FRANCE	
U.S. CUP SCHEDULE	
June 11: vs. Thailand, 2 p.m.	
June 16: vs. Chile, 11 a.m.	
June 20: vs. Sweden, 11 a.m.	

TENNIS

ATP TOUR BANQUE ERIC STURDZA	
GENEVA OPEN	

R2 at Tennis Club de Geneve Eaux-Vives; Geneva; outdoors-clay	
Damir Dzumhur d. #2 Stan Wawrinka, 3-6, 6-3, 6-4.	
Taro Daniel d. #3 Cristian Garin, 6-2, 4-6, 6-4.	
Federico Delbono d. #4 Marton Fucsovics, 6-4, 6-2.	
#5 Radu Albot d. Juan Ignacio Londero, 6-1, 6-7 (3), 6-4.	
Nicolas Jarry d. Denis Kudla, 6-3, 6-3.	
Albert Ramos-Vinolas d. Joao Sousa, 6-0, 6-3.	

ATP OPEN PARC AUVERGNE-RHONE-ALPES LYON	
R2 at Parc de la Tete d'Or' Lyon, France; outdoors-clay	

#1 Nikoloz Basilashvili d.	
Tristan Lamasine, 7-5, 7-5.	
#2 Roberto Bautista Agut d. Corentin Moutet, 4-6, 6-4, 6-3.	
Taylor Fritz d. #6 Richard Gasquet, walkover.	
Denis Shapovalov d. Ugo Humbert, 2-6, 7-6 (3), 6-2.	
Benoit Paire d. Pablo Cuevas, 6-4, 6-3.	
Jo-Wilfried Tsonga d. Steven Diez, 3-6, 7-6 (2), 6-3.	

WTA NUERNBERGER VERSICHERUNGSCUP	
R2 at Tennis-Club 1. FC Nuernberg eV; Nuernberg, Germany; outdoors-Red clay	

#1 Yulia Putintseva d. Mona Barthel, 7-6 (8), 6-1.	
#2 Katerina Siniakova d. Johanna Larsson, 4-6, 6-0, 6-3.	
Tamara Zidansek d. #3 Alja Tomljanovic, 6-3, 6-4.	
Veronika Kudermetova d. #5 Ekaterina Alexandrova, 6-0, 6-4.	
Anna-Lena Friedsam d. #8 Andrea Petkovic, 6-3, 6-1.	
Nina Stojanovic d. Sara Sorribes Tormo, 6-1, 0-6, 6-3.	
Madison Bregle d. Kristyna Pliskova, 7-6 (6), 6-0.	
Sorana Cirstea d. Laura Ioana Paar, 6-4, 6-7 (6), 6-3.	

FIRST ROUND SINGLES	
#2 Katerina Siniakova d. Mandy Minella, 1-6, 6-3, 6-2.	
#3 Alja Tomljanovic d. Sabine Lisicki, 6-2, 7-5.	
Sorana Cirstea d. #6 Kirsten Flipkens, 7-6 (6), 6-2.	
Johanna Larsson d. Svetlana Kuznetsova, 7-5, 6-4.	
Kristyna Pliskova d. Julie Niemeier, 6-1, 6-3.	

WTA INTERNATIONALE DE STRASBOURG	
R2 at Tennis Club de Strasbourg; Strasbourg, France; outdoors-clay	

#2 Aryna Sabalenka d. Laura Siegemund, 6-4, 6-3.	
Fiona Ferro d. #3 Wang Qiang, 6-7 (4), 6-3, 6-3.	
#4 Caroline Garcia d. Rebecca Peterson, 6-2, 6-3.	
#6 Dayana Yastremska d. Sam Stosur, 6-0, 6-2.	
Marta Kostyuk d. #7 Zheng Saisai, 6-3, 6-1.	
Monica Puig d. Astra Sharma, 6-3, 6-2.	
Daria Gavrilova d. Amandine Hesse, 4-6, 6-2, 7-5.	
Chloe Paquet d. Han Xinyun, 6-3, 6-3.	

FIRST ROUND SINGLES	
#4 Caroline Garcia d. Shelby Rogers, 4-6, 6-4, 6-3.	
Daria Gavrilova d. Diana Marcinkovic, 7-5, 7-5.	

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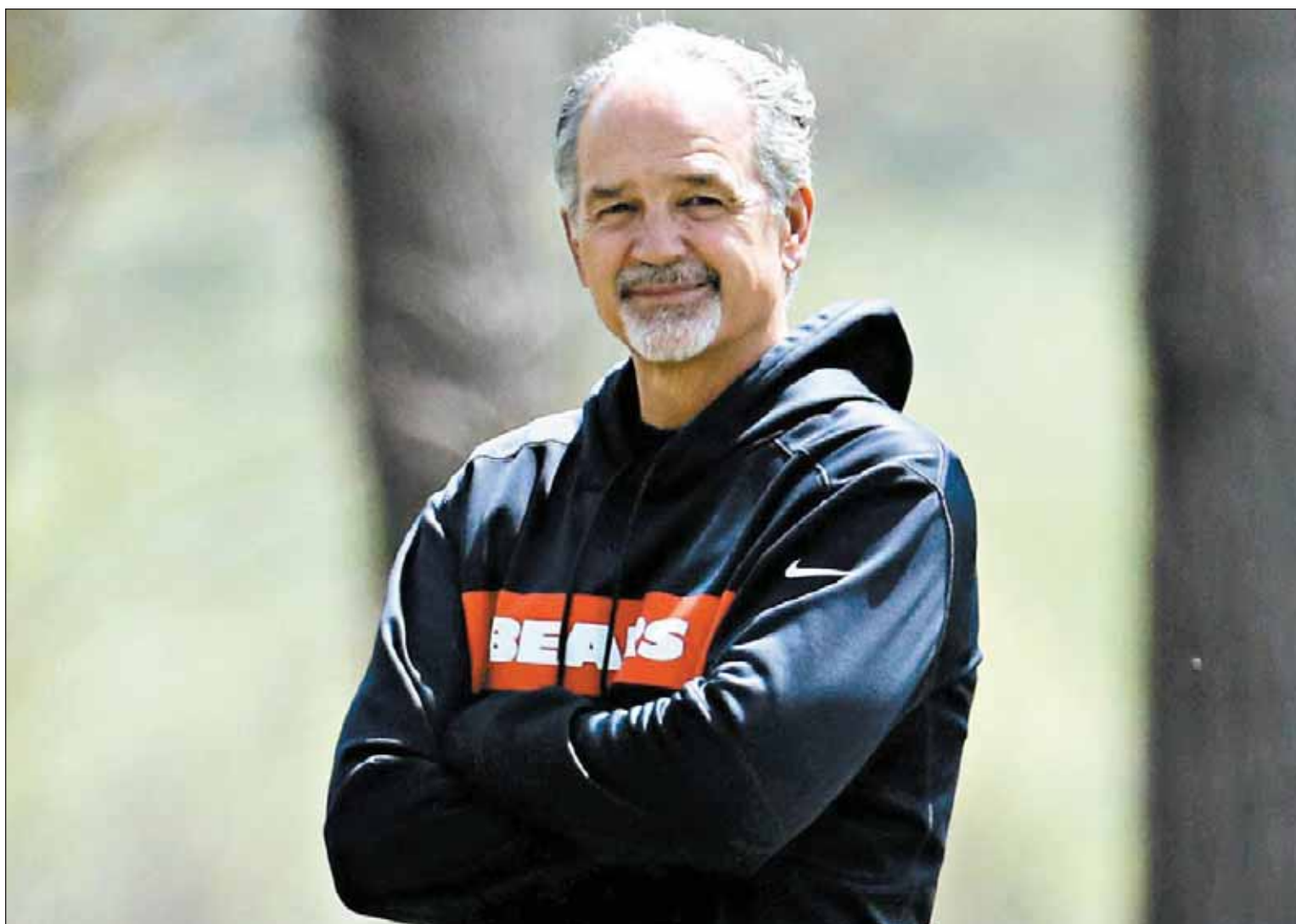
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BEARS



BRIAN CASSELLA/CHICAGO TRIBUNE

New Bears defensive coordinator Chuck Pagano, overseeing an organized team activity Wednesday, says "we've thrown a lot at them."

BEARS WHAT WE LEARNED

'Seeing what sticks'

Pagano trying some things with veteran defense

BY DAN WIEDERER
Chicago Tribune

The Bears are in their first week of organized team activities at Halas Hall, making tweaks to their defense under new coordinator Chuck Pagano and continuing to develop the offense. After Wednesday's practice, Pagano, coach Matt Nagy and a select group of defensive players spoke with the media. Here are a handful of things we learned.

1. Pagano is adopting a trial-and-error method to tinkering with the Bears defense.

The new coordinator inherited a unit that led the NFL last season in takeaways (36) and fewest points allowed (177 per game). Ten starters from last season's base defense are back. So the need for overhauls is nonexistent. Still, there's an acclimation process for the Bears to work through this spring and summer as players adjust to Pagano's vision and terminology.

So far players have responded well to Pagano's charisma and coaching style.

Said cornerback Prince Amukamara: "I feel like he's very similar to Coach Vic (Fangio) and came in with a lot of intensity. ... He has all of our guys' respect."

There is still plenty of feeling out to be done.

"You can tell we've thrown a lot at them," Pagano said. "That's on purpose. We're seeing what sticks. We're throwing a lot of mud at the wall and seeing what sticks. But they've done a great job. There's good retention."

For Pagano and his defensive coaches, this part of the process

can prove challenging, particularly with the inevitability that players might grow overwhelmed at times with everything coming at them.

"That's OK. You know?" Pagano said. "That's what we want to see. We want to see how much they can grasp, see what sticks. Don't panic. Come out here and it's now an opportunity. ... Now that we have an opportunity to line up across from (the offense) we're just figuring out where we're at and what we have and it's a great opportunity for the guys to see where they're at from a mental standpoint, see where they're at physical standpoint and just try things to get better."

Ideally, Nagy said, the defense will finish minicamp next month with increased mental comfort in Pagano's system. That may mean Pagano will have to pull back some.

"And," Nagy said, "he has to have some realistic expectations that there might be a couple screw-ups here or there. ... When we get to training camp I want them to be playing as fast as they possibly can be playing to where it can help us win games."

2. Pagano sees similarities between this Bears defense and the 2011 Ravens.

The last time Pagano was a coordinator was eight years ago in Baltimore when he oversaw a unit led by Ray Lewis, Ed Reed, Terrell Suggs and Haloti Ngata. The Ravens finished that season ranked third in total yards allowed, points allowed and sacks and helped win the AFC North.

For Pagano, this Bears defense has a similar identity.

"Again, I go back to the football character," he said. "We had a bunch of guys who loved football and loved playing for one another. The football IQ is very, very high."

"These guys study the game, they know the game and they spend a lot of time with each other studying the game."

Pagano has been impressed, obviously, with the talent and athleticism he has been given to work with. The Bears had four defensive players earn Pro Bowl honors last season — Khalil Mack, Akiem Hicks, Kyle Fuller and Eddie Jackson. The 2011 Ravens also had four defensive players named to the Pro Bowl.

Let the comparisons continue.

"Front to back, you've got speed and you've got athleticism at all three levels," Pagano said. "And these guys work great together, they communicate really well together. You've got to have pass rushers. We've got that. You've got to have corners who can cover. We've got that. You've got to have guys who can run and hit. We've got that."

All-Pro safety Eddie Jackson has been compared to Reed because of his ball-hawking abilities. Jackson already has eight interceptions plus five defensive touchdowns in two seasons. Reed had 64 picks and scored nine defensive TDs during his 11-year Hall of Fame career. Pagano, who was Reed's secondary coach for three seasons and coordinator for one, addressed the comparison Wednesday.

"From a talent standpoint (they're) very, very similar," Pagano said. "Great instincts. Great range. Great ball skills. Eddie's only three years into it. Ed has a lot more time on task, obviously. But (Jackson) has a lot of the same traits. He loves football. He's a football junkie. The sky's the limit for a guy like that."

"When you know the defense and you know what you're doing and then you can spend all your time figuring out the offense and being one step ahead, that's where he's got an edge on everybody."

3. Bradley Sowell is now a tight end.

Sowell, an eighth-year veteran who has been an offensive lineman his entire career, has a new jersey number — 85 — and a new position. In an effort to bolster tight end depth, Nagy and his staff has asked Sowell to give this conversion a try. And the 6-foot-7, 312-pound veteran has been receptive.

Sowell was on the receiving end of a 2-yard touchdown pass from Mitch Trubisky against the Rams in December, a trick-play called "Santa's Sleigh." He also has been one of Mack's favorite teammates to play catch with before games. So who knows how this might work out?

"He's shown it repetitively in practice that he has the athletic ability, the hands," Nagy said. "He's very smart. He knows how to block. So let's test it out and see."

"When I tell you he's all-in, he's all-in."

For the record, the Bears value Sowell's blocking more than his pass-catching ability at tight end and have a need in that regard.

4. Nagy is enthusiastic about Mitch Trubisky's growth in the offense.

The Bears coach frequently made reference last season to Trubisky being in a 100-level class as a quarterback in Nagy's system. Now Trubisky has moved on to the next stage of his learning process.

"Without a doubt, I can say with pure conviction we're in 202 right now," Nagy said. "And we don't need to have a live game to see mentally where he's at with calling the plays. He's doing things in the last two days (at practice) that last year at this time he wasn't even close to. So that's exciting."

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Clinton-Dix, Jackson rebuilding their partnership

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"He makes my job a lot easier," Clinton-Dix said of Jackson. "I feel free back there. I know I can trust him."

Wednesday's practice was the second of the Bears' 10 so-called organized team activities over the next three weeks. The first OTA open to media offered a glimpse of how the defense is transitioning to new coordinator Chuck Pagano and moving on from Amos, who started 59 of 65 games over the last four seasons.

The first impression is, at best, an incomplete one. There's no tackling or hitting. Players are prohibited from wearing pads. And the daily emphasis is on installing schemes.

Can Clinton-Dix improve his angles as a tackler? Can he play fast and be in the right place at the right time? Can he recapture the dazzling form that made him a first-round pick of the Packers in 2014 and a Pro Bowl selection in

2016? Check back in November.

At this stage, the coaching staff is learning about him as a player. Pagano believes Clinton-Dix is easily picking up the new system. He sees Clinton-Dix's instincts, ball skills and length (32 3/8-inch arms) as tools with which he can work.

"He's got ... everything you're looking for in a safety because he can play down in the box and he can play in the deep parts of the zone," Pagano said. "Then you can match him up and put him on backs and tight ends and things like that. He's got all the skill set necessary to do all those things."

Jackson knows those traits from Alabama. Clinton-Dix hosted Jackson on his recruiting visit. In 2013, Clinton-Dix was a safety on the left side of the field, and Jackson was a corner on that side.

As the end of Clinton-Dix's tenure with the Packers overlapped with the start of Jackson's career with the Bears, they always

saw each other on video when analyzing shared opponents, such as the Lions and Vikings.

Text messages and phone calls to check in and "chop it up," as Clinton-Dix put it, maintained a connection that should help their reunion on the field.

"I feel like it wasn't really a switch," Jackson said. "Amos was a great safety as well. We got along well. Ha Ha came in, and this is my boy. Just to play next to him is a blessing."

Jackson recalled Clinton-Dix's competitiveness at Alabama and feels it on the field again. After all, Clinton-Dix's motivation is multi-layered.

Besides the will to win, Clinton-Dix has said the one-year, \$3 million contract he signed in free agency set a stage on which to prove himself after he was traded to the Redskins for the final nine games of last season. Implied is his desire to earn the type of eight-figure contract Amos recently did with the Packers.

Harnessing that motivation will come naturally, new secondary coach Deshaea Townsend said.

"He wants to be coached," Townsend said. "He wants to be a good football player. He wants to be around good people. Now it's just relax and play ball. All that other stuff doesn't matter. The money will come. Play ball, have fun and let it lay where it lay."

Townsend points to Clinton-Dix's 14 career interceptions. And heck, Jackson already has eight in two seasons.

No wonder Clinton-Dix can see the best-case scenario for himself.

"This is something special," he said. "I keep saying that. I can't emphasize that enough. These guys are hungry. I was telling Eddie earlier: This is the best group of guys I've been around. Just the intensity, the max effort these guys give. It's a family here. I'm just glad to be a part of it."

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COLLEGES

Howard new UM hoops coach

Chicago native happy to be with Wolverines

BY SHANNON RYAN
Chicago Tribune

Michigan has looked to the past to move into the future.

The Wolverines hired Juwan Howard, one of the school's all-time best players, to replace coach John Beilein, the program's winningest coach.

Howard, a Chicago native and former All-America forward, was part of the Wolverines' famed Fab Five recruiting class in 1991 out of Chicago Vocational. He has agreed to a five-year deal, starting at \$2 million annually with a base salary of \$400,000.

"As a 'Michigan Man,' I know the place our program has in college basketball and I embrace the chance to build onto that history and lead us to championships both in the Big Ten and national level," Howard said in a school statement. "We will continue to develop young men on the court, in the classroom and in the community that our fan base will continue to be proud of."

He thanked athletic director Warde Manuel and university President Mark Schlissel.

"I cannot wait to get started," Howard, 46, said. "It feels great to be coming home. Go Blue!"

Beilein, 66, left Michigan last week after 12 years to coach the NBA's Cavaliers, and the school went after some of the top names in the coaching profession.

Howard has not been a head coach at any level or coached at the college level. Since 2013, he has worked as an assistant for the Heat. He reportedly had been in consideration for the Lakers' coaching vacancy before Frank Vogel was hired last week.

Howard's reputation will always be tied to one of the most famous eras of college basketball when he, Chris Webber, Jalen Rose, Jimmy King and Ray Jackson committed to the Wolverines. The quintet, dubbed the Fab Five, competed in the NCAA Tournament title games in 1992 and 1993.

The appearances later were vacated and some players were disassociated from the program for a decade after an investigation exposed a recruiting scandal that did not involve Howard.

He left Michigan after his junior season in 1994. He is 20th on the Wolverines' all-time scoring list and 11th on their all-time rebounding list.

Howard was picked No. 5 in the 1994 NBA draft by the Washington Bullets, who later became the Wizards. He had a 19-year career, winning championships with the Heat in 2012 and 2013. He also played for the Mavericks, Magic, Rockets, Nuggets, Bobcats and Trail Blazers.

The Wolverines are among the Big Ten's elite teams — just as when Howard played for them. They've competed in the last three Sweet 16s and were national runner-up in 2018.

"We have found someone with high integrity, great character and a coach who has unbelievable knowledge of the game of basketball," Manuel said in a statement. "Juwan has proven himself to be a tremendous leader, a wonderful communicator and a developer of talent. We couldn't have asked for a better role model for the young men in our program. We are excited to welcome back a member of the family to Ann Arbor."

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Juwan Howard, who has been a Heat assistant since 2013, is replacing John Beilein as Michigan's head coach.

— eNEWSPAPER BONUS COVERAGE —

Arcidiacono family has become 'Nova royalty

By EJ SMITH
The Philadelphia Inquirer

There's a beat-up basketball hoop in the Arcidiacono family's driveway.

In their living room, a television is almost always set to ESPN, there's an assortment of golf clubs leaning against the wall, and a chipping net in the backyard about 40 yards away from a driving range mat that extends off the patio.

The only thing that overwhelms the walls more than pictures of their children's athletic achievements are the family pictures and decorative signs with quotes about family, religion, and life.

It's a home that, for the last 35 years, has molded three Division I basketball players, a national champion and a team captain.

"All my friends will say, 'Did you watch Game of Thrones?' and I'll say, 'I don't watch anything but ESPN,'" said Patti Arcidiacono, a mother of six.

Neatly tucked away on the wall leading up a stairwell, there's a picture of Joe and Patti's fourth child, Ryan, celebrating Villanova's 2016 national championship with coach Jay Wright.

It used to be proudly on display in their Langhorne living room, but it's since been moved. It had its time. Now, Ryan plays for the NBA's Bulls, and his younger brother, Chris, is about to begin his career at the school where his parents met, where his brother became a star, and where he grew up dreaming about playing basketball.

The last two generations of Joe and Patti's extended family have more than a dozen college athletes. Chris signed his letter of intent in April to attend Villanova. He will be the third in his nuclear family to play Division I college basketball, following Ryan and their older sister Nicole, who walked on and became a team captain at Penn State.

Joe played football at Villanova; his brother, Mark, played for Temple. From there it becomes harder to keep track. Even Joe and Patti sometimes take a breath between the names they can list.

Patti sometimes teases Joe that his parents were outdoorsy folks who didn't care about sports, but now their family name is one of the most recognizable in Philadelphia sports.

"They're like Villanova royalty," said Wright, whose wife was a college classmate of Patti and Joe. "They're a part of the Villanova fabric."

Joe grew up in Philadelphia and played basketball at Father Judge before getting a football scholarship at Villanova, an offensive lineman who was named team captain in his senior year. He met Patti, a nursing student from New York, in 1980. They were married in 1984 in Long Island and had six kids after settling down in Bucks County: Sabrina, 32, Nicole, 30, Michael, 28, Ryan, 25, Chris, 18, and Courtney, 18.

Ryan was a four-star recruit from Neshaminy High in 2011, and the next four years vaulted the Arcidiacono family to the monarch status they have reached.

Wright had a relationship with the family through his wife, and first saw Ryan play when he was starting his freshman season in 2007. He missed his senior season of high school with a back injury, but still started every game as a freshman with the Wildcats. In his senior season, Ryan led Villanova to a national championship. His assist to Kris Jenkins resulted in the biggest shot in school history as time expired. He scored 15 points on 5-for-6 shooting against Oklahoma in the Final Four and scored 21 in the Sweet 16 against Miami.

Joe can still recite the minute details of the 2016 national championship run: the blocked shots, the timeouts to stop a run, the scores at halftime. He can recall what he said to his wife and what went through his head in the final moments of the title game against North Carolina.

Marcus Paige comes off a screen, Daniel Ochefu falls down, Ryan closes out on Paige, who double pumps and sinks a three-pointer to tie the score with 4.7 seconds to go.

"I just said to myself, 'Well, that's UNC, a storied program.



ANDY LYONS/GETTY

Ryan Arcidiacono, currently with the Bulls, celebrates Villanova's regional championship victory over Kansas en route to the Wildcats' 2016 NCAA Championship.

"They've won four or five titles," Joe said. "We're Villanova, probably underfunded relative to these other places. We're a small blue-blood."

Patti turned to Joe and asked: "We can still do this, right?" and Joe replied "We can, we'll see."

"A minute later, after the timeout and they swept the floor and all that, he made the pass" Joe says, pointing at Ryan, sitting in the living room watching First Take. "Kris made the shot and the rest is history."

Last season, Chris and Joe Arcidiacono were on their way home from a prep school tournament in New England, frustrated and confused. Chris had just scored 32 points for the Perkiomen School against Gould Academy and Northwestern recruit Daniel Buie, but the recognition still wasn't there.

The 6-foot-3 guard was a late bloomer. He didn't get the recruitment that Ryan got, partly because of a tardy growth spurt that didn't come until midway through high school, and partly because of his last name.

"It was kind of a situation where, for me, familiarity was actually a disadvantage for him," Wright said. "We saw him all the time, and we knew every little thing about him. If we were at an event anywhere, we'd always check him out because he was part of the family."

Wright has known Chris since he was in middle school, Ryan's skinny kid brother who came to

the games. The first time he saw Chris play competitively was at a Catholic Youth Organization championship game; Wright was there for his daughter's game and stuck around to watch Chris.

After his senior season at Neshaminy, Chris still didn't have the offers he felt he deserved as his game took a significant jump, including a 51-point performance in a state playoff game against Lower Merion that Aces coach Gregg Downer told Joe was "Mamba-like" after the game (referring to former NBA and Lower Merion great Kobe Bryant).

Because they felt he had another leap to make, Chris and his family decided to enroll him in the Perkiomen School for a post-grad year. Chris responded to the elevated competition well. Villanova, along with several other Division I schools, took notice. During a tournament in February, Villanova had an assistant coach scouting a handful of players, including Chris.

"Our assistant coaches would say, 'Hey, he's getting a lot better, we'd better start looking at him as a possible recruit,'" Wright said. "We always knew he loved Villanova, but we just wanted to make sure it was going to be a good spot for him."

Chris scored 24 points, had 12 rebounds, and guarded Clemson four-star recruit Al-Amir Dawes in a 69-68 win. He didn't know that there was a buzz in Wright's office about the progress he'd made as a player. He also didn't

know that Ryan had been dropping hints to Wright, and that Chris might have played his way into the Wildcats' recruiting picture. So he wasn't nervous going into the game.

"It was really late in the year and I thought to myself, 'I don't know if they're here for me,'" he said. "I didn't think about it like I used to, when they were at my games."

The photos and mementos from Ryan's national championship run aren't as prominently featured in the Arcidiaconos' living room as they used to be. Joe said it was time to move on. Plus, they didn't want Chris to have to look at those pictures every day.

Between the rival school chants, the 'you're not your brother' taunts in the middle of games, and the challenge of dealing with expectations, Patti and Joe work to make sure Chris has the chance to have his own path.

When Chris decided on Villanova, Patti couldn't help but be nervous about how he'd handle the outside pressure to be as good as Ryan.

"I was anxious about the whole 'Nova thing,'" she said. "Even though I love 'Nova and everything, I was anxious because he's following in Ryan's footsteps. I told him, 'It's going to be brutal, Chris, when you get there.'"

But he said, 'It was my dream, too, when I was little.'

Chris grew up as Ryan's biggest fan. He was sometimes the water boy for Ryan's AAU teams. But at

Neshaminy, as Ryan's profile grew with the national championship run, Chris's family name brought challenges with it.

Opposing gyms — both players and student sections — could be hostile at times. Chris said he fed off the jeers.

"I actually played better when I got harassed and stuff, so I brought it on," Chris said.

"He would play really well and he would look at the kids taunting him and give them a little jersey tug," Joe added. "We're a tough-minded family, you can't be a high-level athlete and be that fragile in a sense that that's going to bother you. He's not the first brother to follow another brother, whether it's the same school or not, and those comparisons are always going to be there."

The reaction to another Arcidiacono joining the Wildcats was something Wright and his staff considered when they were deciding whether to offer Chris a basketball scholarship. But after talking to Chris about it, Wright's concerns went away.

"He's had a great perspective," Wright said. "We wanted to make sure he would understand what would be coming and I was very impressed with his approach and perspective."

Villanova basketball's prominence has changed significantly since Ryan's freshman year, largely thanks to Ryan's impact there. He was a leader on the 2016 national championship team, and his impact was still noticeable on the 2018 title team.

Ryan's Villanova recruiting class was ranked No. 27 in the country by 247Sports. It featured him, fellow four-star recruit Ochefu, and three-star recruit Mislav Brzoja.

Chris's class? The fifth best in the country with two five-star recruits (Jeremiah Robinson-Earl and Bryan Antoine) to go with Abington's four-star forward Eric Dixon and four-star guard Justin Moore.

"Ryan led us to a national championship and really groomed the young guys that then went on to win the second national championship in 2018," Wright said. "In one way, it's completely different for Chris because we're coming off a really good year and when Ryan came in we were coming off a 13-19 season. But he is coming in at the same time as Ryan did when we had a really young team and we were rebuilding a little bit."

When Ryan came home after his second season with the Chicago Bulls, he started Chris' crash course for his freshman season at Villanova.

"Don't throw up in your first practice," he told his younger brother.

Chris nodded, as if he had already considered this. Then, a few hours later, he asked Ryan what exactly he meant.

"Just push through it, you'll be fine," Ryan said, laughing.

The two have been practicing together for the last few weeks. Ryan, six years older and coming off an 82-game season in which he started 32 times, still has the advantage in their driveway, but it's closer than it had been.

Chris is holding his own as much as could be expected for a teenager challenging an NBA athlete.

"Chris has closed the gap," Joe said. "It was complete domination like two years ago. Now he's stronger, Ryan's got to work a little bit harder."

Patti added, "Ryan comes in after a workout and he's just looking at us like, 'Chris is exhausted.' He was giving him an NBA workout."

Ryan's mentorship has been centered around adjusting to college basketball -- how to get open and how to slow yourself down as the game speeds up.

In a tweet the day of Chris' commitment, Wright tweeted, "Great to have an Arcidiacono back on the court." In part because they are "Villanova royalty," and because of the demeanor that helps explain how one family has achieved so much in athletics.

"If you look at their competitiveness, their character, and their great passion for life, Patti and Jo have it and all of their kids exude it," Wright said. "They're a tight-knit family, with great loyalty, and they play the same way with a team, with passion and loyalty."

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MORRY GASH/AP

Linebacker Ryan Connelly (43) went from not making Wisconsin's initial 105-man fall camp roster his freshman season to becoming a fifth-round NFL draft pick by the Giants.

Connelly takes unlikely path from Badgers to NFL

BY JASON GALLOWAY | The Wisconsin State Journal

As far back as seventh grade, Ryan Connelly scolded his mother for baking cookies.

His brothers always gobbled them down, and Ryan, of course, would reluctantly take one as well. Only so much resistance can be expected when an aroma of fresh, warm oatmeal scotchies engulfs the kitchen.

Connelly's angst centered around a single long-term goal, and sugar certainly wasn't going to help him achieve it.

"He'd say, 'Mom, you're trying to disrupt my path to the NFL,'" said Christi Connelly, Ryan's mother. "He would tell me starting in about seventh grade that if I didn't have the right food in the house, that I was disrupting his path to the NFL. It became kind of a joke between us."

Ryan Connelly ultimately faced far greater obstacles while navigating that path. He contemplated ending his football career entirely after high school before walking on at the University of Wisconsin and didn't even make the Badgers' initial 105-man fall camp roster as a freshman.

The inside linebacker played through a painful core injury throughout his senior season, which also affected his performance in pre-draft workouts, and learned of his mother's lung cancer diagnosis in November.

The Giants selected him in the fifth round of the NFL Draft last month, however, affording him an opportunity to fulfill a dream he honed in on more than a decade ago.

"Not a lot of offers out of high school," Connelly told MSG Networks after being drafted. "(UW was) able to help me and turn me

into a player that was able to get drafted.

"Just my whole journey so far is pretty surreal to think about."

A steady rise to stardom

Ryan and his mother were just outside Wisconsin Dells in July of 2014 when he received a devastating phone call from UW defensive coordinator Dave Aranda.

The two were traveling home to Eden Prairie, Minn., after Ryan completed his first summer conditioning program with the Badgers, and Aranda informed him that he wouldn't be part of UW's 105-man roster when fall camp began in the coming weeks.

Connelly called it "the low point" of his career. He turned down a scholarship from Division II Minnesota-Duluth after describing the program's stadium as being smaller than the one he played in at Eden Prairie High School. He wanted to compete at

the highest level, but doing so now felt like an immense challenge when starting his first college season at the very bottom of the Badgers' roster.

That didn't stop Connelly from wanting to return to Madison as quickly as possible. He pleaded with his mother to allow him to travel back by the start of fall camp rather than staying in Minnesota for a couple extra weeks.

Christi gave in, and Ryan was there to fill in immediately after another player suffered an injury on the first day of camp.

"I think he somehow knew," Christi said. "He wanted to be there. I think he said it took him 45 minutes once he got the call before he was at the stadium ready to go and never looked back."

Connelly began working his way up from there. He played sparingly as a redshirt freshman in 2015 before a breakout performance against fifth-ranked LSU at Lambeau Field the following year accelerated his rise to the top of UW's depth chart.

With T.J. Edwards already out due to a left foot injury, Chris Orr tore his ACL on the first defensive snap against the Tigers. That thrust Connelly into an unexpected first-team role in the season-opener.

Connelly recorded seven tackles that day, including one of the game's biggest plays when he slipped a screen and took down Heisman Trophy candidate Leonard Fournette in the open field on a key third down.

"He couldn't have played it any better," UW defensive coordinator Justin Wilcox said at the time. "I told him that one's going on the teach tape for a long time."

It didn't take long for the Badgers to realize they had found another gem in the program's long line of successful walk-ons. Connelly started eight games that season, led the team in tackles as a junior and was named a Butkus Award semifinalist as a senior.

That final year may have proven more challenging than the first.

Connelly tore his ab off his pubic bone on both sides before the season began and played through the injury for 12 games despite the failures of various injections and other treatments.

He underwent surgery Dec. 11, and his recovery bled into his NFL Draft training. Even without optimal workout numbers, Connelly's athleticism and quick-twitch reaction time still stood out on tape.

"Game speed is much different than 40-yard sprint speed," said Anthony Hobgood, Connelly's strength coach at EXOS in Pensacola, Fla. "And he's very smart. You can get to where the ball's going to be or get to your position or get to your assignment a lot quicker because you're smart and you know where to be."

Connelly's parents also dropped a bombshell on him after his game against Rutgers last season.

Doctors found a golf ball-sized tumor on Christi's lung, later to be diagnosed as Stage 3 cancer. She

missed Ryan's final game at Camp Randall Stadium while recovering from surgery to remove half of her lung.

"She took care of all us growing up with three boys running around, so you've got to be strong-willed to do that," Ryan said. "My girlfriend took the news pretty hard, and she was trying to understand why I wasn't as worried as her. I guess my only response was I just know she's going to get through this, and I didn't see it as that big of a deal, to be honest. I was just that confident."

Christi's radiation treatments were scheduled to end the week following the NFL Draft, an extra cause for celebration after Ryan's fifth-round selection.

Ryan entered the final weekend of April with no guarantee he'd even be drafted at all, but he became the second UW player off the board when the Giants took him 143rd overall.

It capped off quite the ascension for a former high school quarterback who walked on with the Badgers less than five years earlier.

Connelly didn't allow anything — not cookies or injuries or a lack of scholarship offers — to prevent him from finally accomplishing the goal he set out for himself many years ago.

"I'm sure it'll hit me when it actually happens," he said before the draft. "It'll just be a dream come true for sure."

Museums offer fun, riveting exhibits

Here are our picks for best late spring, summer attractions

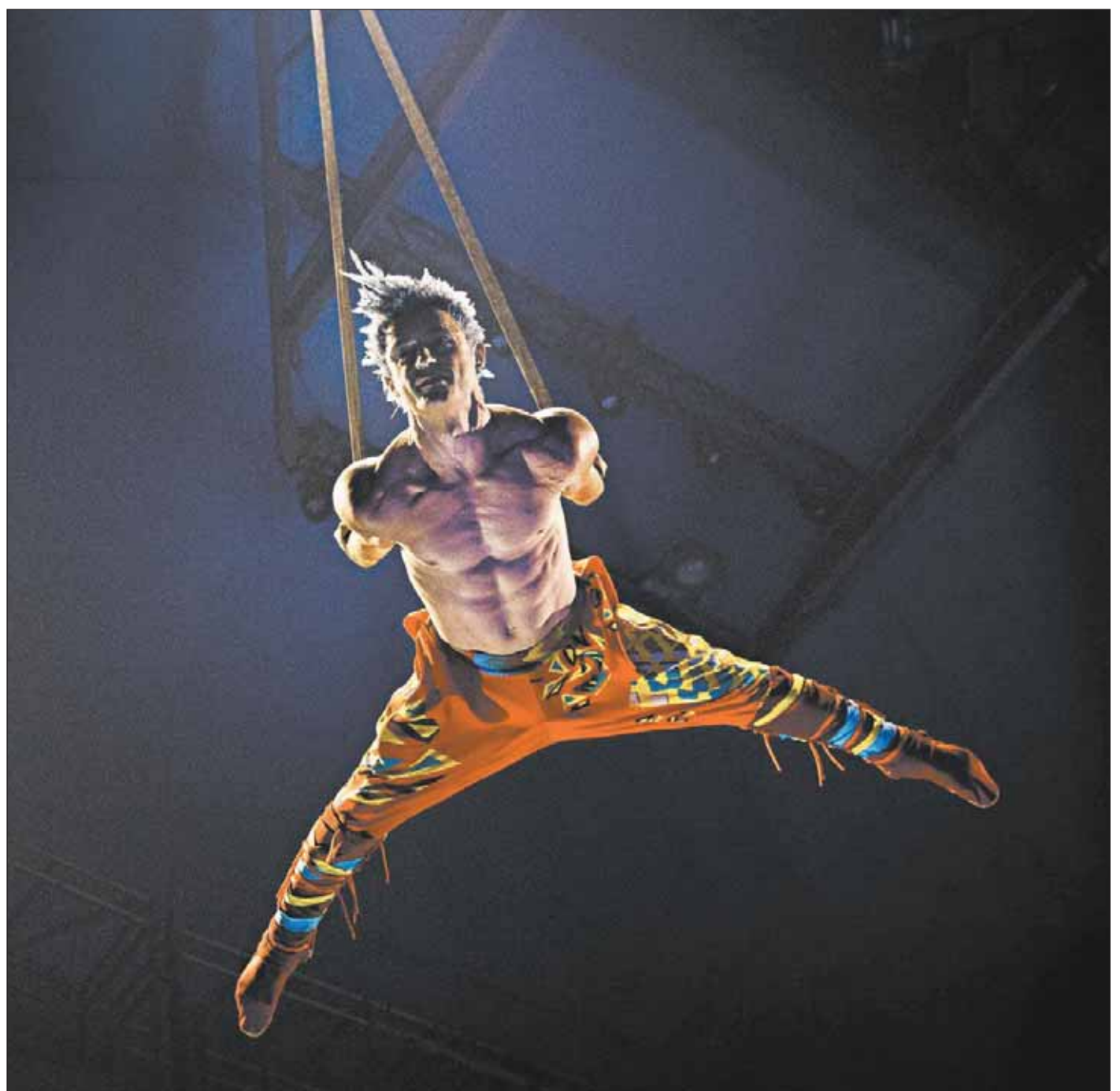
By **STEVE JOHNSON**
 Chicago Tribune

From John James Audubon to Edouard Manet to contemporary queer art, from streetwear in the gallery to pizza artifacts in a museum devoted to the savory pie, a wide range of new exhibits is opening at Chicago's museums and nature parks in late spring and summer. Indeed, some are already receiving visitors. These are among the anticipated highlights of the season:

"Audubon's Birds of America": The Field Museum owns one of the best surviving examples of John James Audubon's masterwork, and it has been on display since mid-April in a small, lovely looking exhibit in the intimate Brooker Gallery. The walls "feature floor-to-ceiling replicas of Audubon's most famous images," a slideshow delivers still more JJA art, and a display case shows off "actual Ivory-billed woodpeckers from Field Museum collections, which have almost certainly vanished from North America now," Jaap Hoogstraten, director of exhibitions, said before it opened. I ran into Hoogstraten at the opening for the (somewhat larger) "Hamilton" exhibition on Northerly Island, and he was thrilled with how well the homage to the bird book had turned out. *Through Dec. 1 at the Field Museum, 1400 S. Lake Shore Drive; 312-922-9410 or www.fieldmuseum.org.*

Legos made large in the western suburbs: Friday, Morton Arboretum showcases on its grounds 15 "larger-than-life nature-themed displays" from New York artist Sean Kenney, a good excuse to get out to Lisle (and also see the great, still running "Troll Hunt," my second favorite exhibition to open last year). Brookfield Zoo has already opened "Brick Safari," more than three dozen life-sized Lego sculptures of animals in natural settings. *"Nature Con-*

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A member of Cirque du Soleil's "Volta" show performs outside Soldier Field on Tuesday. "Volta" has more dance than previous shows.

IN PERFORMANCE 'Volta' ★★★ 1/2

Sacred ensemble

Cirque du Soleil is now at Soldier Field with all the old excitement

By **CHRIS JONES** | Chicago Tribune

Cirque du Soleil has brought 25 different shows to the Chicago area over the last 30 years. I've reviewed 24 of them, from "Alegria" to "Saltimbanco" to "Varekai," from the old North Pier to the parking lot of the United Center to the new digs alongside Soldier Field, which is a fine spot to pitch *le grand chapiteau*. Once, Cirque was a French-Canadian curiosity for hipsters with street cred. Now it's one of the largest production

companies in the world. Chicago was there right from the beginning.

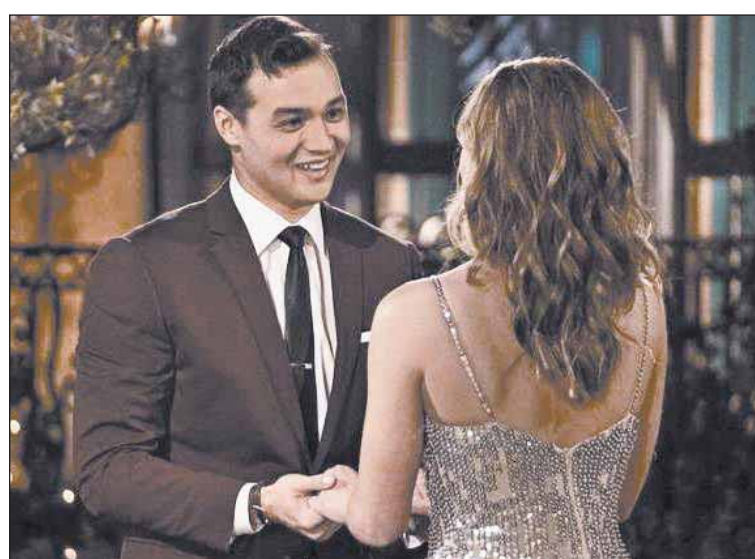
Each time the company arrived — whatever the show — it has brought to Chicago a great rush of energy, globalism, optimism and excitement, intensified by Cirque usually timing itself with the arrival of warmer weather. (Optimistically, it has arrived earlier than usual this year.) Cirque has sometimes struggled inside theaters (remember "Banana Shpeel"?) and frequently it has felt overly branded in arenas ("Michael Jackson The Immortal

Tour" was a bust), but it has never disappointed me when it has performed in a tent.

Never. In more than a quarter century of work. And "Volta," the new show, is no exception.

Sure, all have our favorites: I won't ever forget the impact of Vladimir Kekhaial, a former Ukrainian coal miner who flew around that "Nouvelle Experience" tent and whose fine torso raised the spirits of

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JOHN FLEENOR/ABC

Connor Jenkins meets Hannah Brown on the Season 15 premiere of "The Bachelorette." Jenkins' mother is WGN-Ch. 9 reporter Nancy Loo.

What's it like to watch your son compete on "The Bachelorette"?

WGN's Nancy Loo saw the show but admits 'it is rather icky to watch'

By **TRACY SWARTZ**
 Chicago Tribune

Lexus district sales manager Connor Jenkins, who attended Barrington High School and now lives in Southern California, was one of three contestants Hannah Brown sent home on Monday's episode of "The Bachelorette." Jenkins is the 28-year-old son of WGN-Ch. 9 reporter Nancy Loo,

who chatted with the Tribune by phone about Jenkins' two-episode stint on the ABC network dating series.

The following is an edited transcript of the conversation.

Q. How did you find out your son was going to be on the show?

A. He called us soon after it happened. He did not seek it out. Somehow they found him through his Instagram account, and it started with a (direct message) on Instagram. I think he got a few of them, and he thought it

was spam, just people fishing for personal information, until he got more messages and realized that it was for real and from "The Bachelorette" and the producers.

After they connected, they talked him into it. He entertained the idea for several weeks I think, and we discussed it. He decided to do it before they even named (Brown) the Bachelorette.

They cast these things well in advance, so "The Bachelor" was still going on. He didn't find out who the Bachelorette was until

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Jim Parsons and Mayim Bialik in the series finale of "The Big Bang Theory" on May 16.

Going off the air with a 'Big Bang'

In its last blast, "The Big Bang Theory" topped the TV ratings by a light-year.

The back-to-back, two-episode finale of the nerdy CBS comedy's 12-season run drew 18.5 million live viewers May 16 to easily win the week, the Nielsen company said Tuesday.

Sunday night's much-ballyhooed finale of HBO's "Game of Thrones" was a distant second with 13.61 million live viewers.

"Game of Thrones," however, had a comparable 18.4 million viewers when HBO's same-night reruns and streaming services are included, making it the most-watched episode of any kind in the history of the cable channel.

"Big Bang" was a colossal ratings winner that helped keep CBS the top network for much of its record run of 279 episodes, the most ever for a multi-camera series.

Thursday night's hourlong finale saw the show's group of geeky misfits take one last trip together to support married couple Sheldon (Jim Parsons) and Amy (Mayim Bialik) after they won the Nobel Prize in physics.

A prequel spinoff, "Young Sheldon," is pulling similar numbers in its second season.

— Associated Press



KELLY WENZEL/AP

'Bachelor' catches break: Chris Soules, who was ABC's "Bachelor" in 2015, got a break Tuesday when the judge who was supposed to sentence him for leaving the scene of a fatal crash instead agreed to wait for a revised presentencing report that does not include victim impact statements. The 37-year-old farmer faces up to two years behind bars on the reduced charge — downgraded from felony hit-and-run — to which he has pleaded guilty. On April 24, 2017, in Iowa, a truck driven by Soules rear-ended a tractor driven by 66-year-old Kenneth Mosher, driving both vehicles into ditches. Soules called 911 and performed CPR on Mosher but left the scene on foot. Mosher was pronounced dead at a hospital.

Hank calls shotgun: Country music star Hank Williams Jr. is offering a \$6,000 reward for his grandfather's missing shotgun. The singer known for hits including "Family Tradition" has posted a letter online saying he spent time growing up in south Alabama with his grandfather. The letter says he can't locate the man's old Remington Model 11-48 shotgun, which he wants to pass on. An attorney for Williams, Steve Smith, says the gun is believed to be lost, not stolen. The reward is being offered with no questions asked. Williams sang about the man who owned the shotgun in his 1973 song "Grandpa Shepherd."

May 23 birthdays: Actress Joan Collins is 86. Comedian Drew Carey is 61. Singer Maxwell is 46. Singer Jewel is 45. Director Ryan Coogler is 33.



ASK AMY

By AMY DICKINSON

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Open marriage creates instability

Dear Amy: My husband, "Thomas," and I, both 67-year-old retirees, have been together for 39 years and married for four (we're in a same-sex marriage).

About three years ago, Thomas met "Ray," who is 13 years younger and in a fulfilling and demanding career with irregular hours. After a couple of years of one-on-one dates, through mutual agreement a year ago, the three of us now spend a couple evenings together each week. We have all come to have a deep love for each other.

Most chatting outside of our times together is by text. Sometimes texts can get misunderstood, and that is a recurring issue for us. When a day or more passes without a text from Ray, Thomas becomes apprehensive that Ray is pulling out of the relationship. By the third day, Thomas is beside himself, and his fears begin to undermine my equilibrium. This has happened several times, and each ends undramatically when Ray texts that he's been overwhelmed with work and does indeed love us.

Could you advise me on ways to help Thomas cope with Ray's occasional silences with more equanimity?

— Sometimes A Teenager

Dear Teenager: I infer that you two are in an open marriage, and now a polyamorous relationship with "Ray." One hazard of allowing a third person into your marriage is that you have created a triangle, and relationship triangles are notoriously unstable.

People are seldom exactly the same when it comes to managing anxi-

ety. (For instance, parents frequently face an anxiety imbalance regarding their children, where one parent will freak out over a child's actions and the other will remain relatively calm.)

Your job is not to manage your partner's feelings or reactions but to manage your own. How do you feel when your husband expresses such a reaction? You should be honest with him about the impact of his behavior on you. Otherwise, you could point to patterns to help him recognize and perhaps better manage his fears: "Every time Ray behaves this way, you are sent into a tailspin. Can you look at this pattern and trust the process so you might not always be put through the wringer?"

Riding the emotional roller coaster is potentially damaging to his health, as well as being destructive to your relationship with each other.

Dear Amy: My friend is married with two children. We are close and we share almost everything. She is a talented person, but her marriage is an unhappy one. She has a lot of activities to compensate.

She recently had a married male "close friend" she often talked to about her marriage problems.

They texted a lot. She told me he was always kind and understanding. They became very close. This man seemed like a gentleman, as he mostly listened and did not share anything improper with her. Most of the time, my friend dominated their texting chats.

The man's wife eventually found out about their communication and he stopped immediately.

Lately, my friend asked me to contact him to ask why he stopped communicating with her (her number was blocked). When I refused, she became upset and hostile. What can I do? Should I contact him? She is very unhappy right now. Aren't we all entitled to our own happiness?

If my friend is unhappy with her marriage, is it wrong for her to seek happiness somewhere else? It's not like she is cheating, because all they did was talk online. They met once, but they had other people with them. What should I do?

— Confused

Dear Confused: The only thing you should do is urge your friend to work on her own problem-solving skills and deal with her marriage problems directly. Under no circumstances should you be a go-between.

Yes, we are all entitled to happiness. But we are obligated to pursue it in ethical ways. Engaging in an emotional affair with a married man is not ethical.

Dear Amy: I did a "spit take" with the first line of your answer to "Noodling on It," who was complaining about customers vaping weed in a ramen shop.

You wrote, "I must point out the obvious: Weed and ramen do seem a somewhat magical fit." Thank you for the laugh.

— A Fan

Dear Fan: As I often point out: I'll be here all week!

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MALCOLM EWEN 1954-2019

Steppenwolf stage manager and a calming voice

By CHRIS JONES

Chicago Tribune

Malcolm Ewen's first foray into a life in the theater was in his hometown of Winnetka, in a middle school production of "The Hither and Thither of Danny Dither." He played the role of God.

"Malcolm always liked to say it was downhill from there," said his sister, Camilla Durbin, on Wednesday. But God was pretty apt for Ewen's reputation in the theater, especially at Chicago's Steppenwolf Theatre, where he was the leading stage manager for decades.

Ewen, 64, died on Monday at the JourneyCare hospice in Glenview, three years after receiving a diagnosis of bile duct cancer. He was born in June 1954 and was a graduate of New Trier High School and Amherst College.



MICHAEL BROSILOW PHOTO

Malcolm Ewen, a Steppenwolf Theatre stage manager and ensemble member, has died at age 64.

"Malcolm's role was to bring people together in a divisive world," Durbin said, "and he was able to do so without ever raising his voice."

From a professional perspective, Ewen was an unusual kind of stage manager, a role in the theater

that involves the day-to-day management of shows both in rehearsal and in performance, long after the departure of the director.

He was also an actor and a director — most notably at his beloved Weston Playhouse Theatre in Vermont, his home base every sum-

mer, after spending the rest of the year in the Andersonville neighborhood of Chicago.

He had built scenery. He had done electrical work and served as a carpenter. In other words, he could see things from everyone's perspective.

"Having a director's eye and an actor's timing meant that he could call a show better than anyone I ever knew," said his longtime friend, the sound designer and composer Rob Milburn. "He took care of everyone. People liked to call him the King of Broadway, but he never ruled imperviously."

Ewen's first Steppenwolf Theatre show was "Born Yesterday" in 1987, a production that starred Glenna Headly and John Mahoney. He would go on to stage manage some 40 Steppenwolf shows, shepherding

some of them to Broadway, including Frank Galati's legendary Steppenwolf production of "The Grapes of Wrath."

"The breadth of Malcolm's impact is just astonishing" said his friend Ian Barford, a Steppenwolf ensemble member. "He had a natural inclination toward mentorship, toward bringing young people into a positive collaboration in the theater."

And, in a company famous for its contentious internal affairs, Ewen somehow navigated a position as a consistent voice of calm, even in otherwise panicked productions. "He was a union man," Barford said, "someone who upheld the quality and dignity of people who make their lives inside the theater."

That union inclination led to Ewen holding leadership positions within Actors' Equity, the union of

professional actors and stage managers. Ewen was a National Councillor of Equity's Central Region, which includes Chicago. In a statement this week, Equity executive director Mary McColl described Ewen as "a warrior."

Albeit one who went about his mission with quiet certitude.

"Everybody loved Malcolm," Milburn said. "No one better to enjoy a scotch and cigar with."

"I think Malcolm just always wanted to get the best out of people," Durbin said. "He was always able to do that."

Memorial services are pending. Along with his sister Camilla Durbin, Ewen also is survived by his brother, William.

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Son

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right before he left for the filming, and that was back in March.

So I've known for weeks before he was going to take part, and I've known for weeks that he would be eliminated from the show, but I just couldn't talk about it publicly.

Q. Were you for him being on the show or did you have reservations?

A. We had reservations, obviously. I work in TV. I know how things can be edited, certainly, misconstrued. My husband (former CNN correspondent Brian Jenkins) worked in television as well, so we had reservations. But Connor is an adult and this was an adult decision of his, and obviously we're going to support him in everything he does.

We're very open-minded

about it, and he was open-minded about the process. I mean, he is single, and he is looking for love. He's been focused on his career for so long that he hasn't had a serious relationship in years. He was very serious about the process.

Q. Had you ever seen the show before he went on it?

A. Never, and I don't think he had really watched it either, even though many of his friends are die-hard fans. I don't think he was familiar with the format of the show or how the selection process worked until he got involved with it.

He had a great experience. It was a wonderful time. I got to go out and be part of his introduction package, and it was a positive experience. He had a lot of fun doing it.

Q. Did you cringe at all watching these last two episodes?

A. I cringed along with a

lot of people. There sure is a lot of kissing going on. For someone (contestant Luke Parker) to say they're in love after 10 minutes of meeting somebody or talking with somebody, it seems implausible.

But I don't know, you never know, and even before Connor left, I said to have an open mind and an open heart and never to judge a book by its cover. Always give someone a chance, just as the Bachelorette should give him a chance.

It is rather icky to watch, I guess, there is a lot of PDA. I'm glad my son was not involved in any of it, really.

Q. As far as Connor's story lines, he threw that bachelorette party for her, he fell quite a bit during the roller-derby group date on Monday's episode ...

A. He hit his head in a big way, and he did not appear to be himself for the

rest of the show, to me.

He's very outgoing, very talkative and he wasn't so after that fall. He does not roller skate. We've exposed him to all kinds of things — he plays the piano, he speaks French, he's traveled the world. He's played football, basketball, baseball, soccer, but we never taught him to roller skate.

Q. I usually see people if they're on one reality show, they might pop up on another. Do you know if he's interested in continuing on TV?

A. I don't know. It would totally be up to him. He has a career in corporate Lexus. I really don't know the answer to that. It would, I guess, depend on the opportunity, but he definitely has a career that he has currently returned to.

Q. Is there anything else you would want Chicago viewers to know about your son on the show?



LAURA PAVIN/FOR THE CHICAGO TRIBUNE

WGN-Ch. 9 reporter Nancy Loo and her husband, Brian Jenkins, are photographed in 2017.

A. It's definitely surreal to see your child, my son, on the show. For the most part, though, I'm proud of how he conducted himself. I think he had a positive experience. He was very complimentary about Hannah and thinks she's a wonderful person, a wonderful girl. Obviously, they're not

the match for each other, but overall, he had a great experience.

Nineteen contestants remain on Season 15 of "The Bachelorette," which airs at 7 p.m. Mondays.

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BOOK REVIEW

At 99, Stevens reflects on law and life

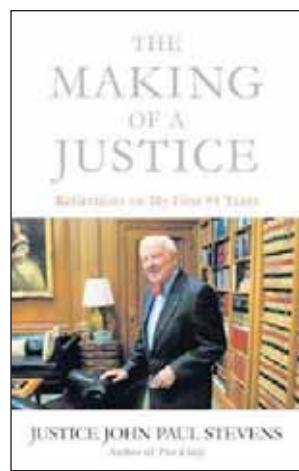
Ex-justice often reticent in memoir

By JULIA M. KLEIN
Chicago Tribune

To be 99 years old and still writing, in itself, merits acclaim. And a memoir by Justice John Paul Stevens, whose almost 35-year tenure on the U.S. Supreme Court helped spur vast changes in American society, has indisputable historical value. But it turns out that neither a penchant for legal analysis nor an equable judicial temperament guarantees a gripping narrative.

President Gerald Ford tapped Stevens, a native Chicagoan and moderate Republican, for the high court in 1975. He won Senate confirmation with a unanimous vote, all but inconceivable today, and became a solid member of the court's liberal bloc. When, in *Bush v. Gore*, the majority halted a Florida Supreme Court-ordered recount and awarded the 2000 presidential election to George W. Bush, Stevens issued a stirring dissent. While the true winner might never be known, he wrote, the loser was perfectly clear: "It is the Nation's confidence in the judge as an impartial guardian of the rule of law."

That sentence, as much as anything, embodies Stevens' credo. The case, detailed in "The Making of a Justice: Reflections on My First 94 Years," is one of dozens that he discusses — sometimes with glimmers of intellectual passion, but all too often in the arcane argot of the profession. (Since retiring in 2010, the astonishingly vigorous



'The Making of a Justice'

By Justice John Paul Stevens, Little, Brown, 560 pages, \$35

Stevens has published two other books, "Five Chiefs: A Supreme Court Memoir" and "Six Amendments: How and Why We Should Change the Constitution.") Whatever its faults, "The Making of a Justice" offers a useful overview of Stevens' jurisprudence and of the court's shifting alliances. For the nonspecialist, however, it is something of a slog. After a series of short autobiographical chapters, the book devolves into a chronological recitation of (too many) Supreme Court cases, riddled with legal jargon such as "colorable," "justiciable" and "facial validity."

The opening chapters are the most revealing. They recount Stevens' happy Hyde Park childhood (which included rabid



SCOTT MCINTYRE/FOR THE WASHINGTON POST

Former Supreme Court Justice John Paul Stevens' new memoir begins with his memories of growing up in Chicago.

Cubs fandom), the Depression-related failure of the family's hotel business, a bizarre robbery of the Stevens home by either gangsters or rogue cops, and the (eventually overturned) conviction of Stevens' father on embezzlement charges.

Stevens attended the University of Chicago and Northwestern University's law school, and served as a Navy intelligence officer during World War II. He won a Supreme Court clerkship and later specialized in antitrust law. He worked in Washington for the House Judiciary Committee and, back in Chicago, investigated potential corruption on the Illinois Supreme Court. In 1970, President Richard Nixon appointed him to the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Seventh Circuit.

On the Supreme Court, Stevens often used legislative history to interpret ambiguous statutes, a form

of originalism. But unlike his more conservative colleagues, he viewed the Constitution as an evolving document responsive to shifting social mores and political realities. That perspective informed Stevens' support for the expansion of civil rights for African Americans, women and sexual minorities.

Over time, he became convinced that the death penalty violated the Eighth Amendment's ban on "cruel and unusual punishment." He ruled in favor of prisoners' rights in the line of cases stemming from the post-9/11 detention of suspected terrorists at Guantánamo Bay. And he strongly dissented in *District of Columbia v. Heller*, a 2008 decision that interpreted the Second Amendment as protecting individual gun ownership. "Heller is unquestionably the most clearly incorrect decision that the Court announced during my tenure on the

bench," he writes.

Though occasionally outspoken about the court, Stevens is often reticent about the rest of his life. His first wife, Elizabeth Jane Sheeren, merits only a mention or two before disappearing entirely from the narrative. Did she die? Was she kidnapped by aliens? In fact, they divorced in 1979, and he married his second wife, Maryan Mulholland Simon, later that same year. He says relatively little about her too, beyond complimenting her beauty and skill as a dietician. (She died in 2015.)

It's probably unreasonable to expect a truly gossipy memoir from a former Supreme Court justice. Still, Stevens' evident regard for his colleagues across the ideological spectrum is notable. Only Chief Justice Warren E. Burger, who died in 1995, seems to elicit his disdain. By contrast, Stevens praises Jus-

stice Clarence Thomas, among the court's most conservative members, for his "incredible life story," "strong work ethic," and "equally strong intellect."

Even today, Stevens pointedly refuses to render a judgment on the sexual harassment charges levied by Anita Hill during Thomas's 1991 confirmation hearings. "I remain persuaded that the parties' respective recollections about that issue were — and are — far less important than Clarence's views about the law, and more particularly about the Constitution," Stevens writes, a perspective that reflects his commendable dispassion, if not contemporary gender politics.

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BOOK REVIEW

Enslar imagines an apology from her abusive father

By RON CHARLES
The Washington Post

When Eve Enslar was 5, her father started sexually abusing her at night while she lay in bed. As she grew older, he began beating her. She developed strange infections, suffered night terrors and began drinking.

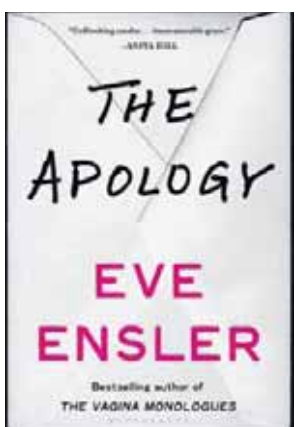
Eventually, she broke away, and in 1996 she wrote "The Vagina Monologues," one of the most celebrated plays of the 20th century. But before that, her father did everything he could to undermine her, humiliate her, poison her.

Although Enslar knew he never would, she waited for him to say he was sorry. Even after he died, she kept waiting. Until now.

"The Apology" contains the words that Enslar needed to hear her father say. It's a slim book of unbearable heft. The text is presented as a letter written by her father from a kind of void beyond the grave, "floating, unmoored, spinning." He candidly describes the atrocities he committed, he confesses the weakness that made him so cruel, and he acknowledges the damage he wrought on her tender mind and body.

"The Apology" is not a creation of psychological realism so much as an act of therapeutic imagination. For Enslar, now 65, writing out these sentences brought freedom — finally.

Talking to me from her home in New York, she breaks down briefly as she tries to describe just how different the world suddenly feels. "I don't even know what this place is going to be now," she says, her tears turning to laughter. "My heart feels so open in a way it hasn't been able to be open. It's like driving a new car — I don't know how to drive this car!"



'The Apology'

By Eve Enslar, Bloomsbury, 128 pages, \$22

Enslar had been trapped in an internal dialogue with her father every day for decades. Then, in one intense four-month period, she wrote morning and night until the book was done.

"It takes so long to get to a place where you can open yourself to feel what your perpetrator feels," she says, "and to know what they've been through, to know who they are because it's so much easier and less painful to cast them as a kind of monolithic monster."

As difficult as "The Apology" is to read, it was infinitely harder to write. "I didn't want to climb into my father," Enslar admits. "I didn't want to know what was inside my father. It was too painful."

That process involved thinking deeply about the way her abuser was raised and acculturated in what she calls the "rape paradigm." His own parents, following the brutal child-rearing advice of a popular German physician, were severe and unaffectionate. Her father was taught to be strong and proud, charming rather than loving. Any expressions of vulnerabil-

ity or regret were signs of weakness to be repressed in himself, scorned in others.

But Enslar isn't letting her father — or any abuser — off the hook. "I needed to understand what led my father to do what he did in order to make sense of it," she says. "I didn't feel like it was justification. I felt like it was explanation."

"The Apology" may be a very personal act of therapeutic recovery for the author, but Enslar also offers it as model for others. Most abused women, after all, will never hear an expression of sorrow from their tormentors. Enslar hopes victims can experience a degree of healing by writing the letter they need to hear. That process is already in use at City of Joy, a women's center Enslar founded in the Congo. "We can actually shift the way those predators live inside us," she says, "and move them inside us from a monster to an apologist."

But she has a very different audience in mind for "The Apology," too: men. A couple of years into the #MeToo era, she has yet to hear what she thinks needs to be said.

"We've told our stories. We've broken the silence. A few men have lost their jobs (but seem to be getting them back fairly quickly). Some have gone to prison. But I really haven't heard one man make a true, thorough, public accounting: an apology for what he's done, reflecting any self-interrogation, reflecting that he went back into therapy or looked into himself to figure out what the seeds of this are."

For those men — the famous and the unknown — "The Apology" is a blueprint of contrition.

BOOK REVIEWS



New collections cover country, chaos and myths

By ELIZABETH LUND
The Washington Post

"How to Love a Country" by Richard Blanco, Beacon, 112 pages, \$18.95

Richard Blanco, who read at President Barack Obama's second inauguration, wrestles with the contradictions of American history in his latest book of poems, "How to Love a Country." The forced exile of Navajos, lynchings in Alabama, income inequities and the long fight for same-sex marriage are some of the realities that trouble Blanco, whose parents fled Cuba and eventually settled in Miami. He balances his distress with an appreciation for "the only country/I know enough to know how to sing for." Blanco explores various notions of country: country as home, country as one's body, country as "homeland to myself — for just a moment." Blanco questions without optimism and forges an optimistic outlook. As he writes in "What I Know of Country": "to know a country takes all we know of love/ some days better than others, but never easy/ to keep our promise every morning of every/ year, of every century, and wake up, stumble / downstairs

with all our raging hope."

"Angel Bones" by Ilyse Kusnetz, Alice James, 100 pages, \$15.95

"Angel Bones" is a gorgeous, poignant collection by Ilyse Kusnetz, who died in 2016. Here the speaker finds calm amid chaos and blessings among beauty and celebrates and savors life, while also trying to embrace death. During moments of fear and despair, the speaker recalls "How we kissed that first time/ until it was morning," and rejoices that "you're my anchor —/ in a nonbinding universe like this/ you cinch me to the stars." She also studies elements of the natural world: "always dragonflies/ transforming our human breath/ into a winged thing."

"Nightingale" by Paisley Rekdal, Copper Canyon, 96 pages, \$16

Paisley Rekdal, the poet laureate of Utah, focuses on transformation in her stunning collection "Nightingale." Rekdal updates and reimagines some of the myths from Ovid's "Metamorphoses," exploring characters as they move through transitions, traumas and choices. Among them are a cancer patient and her transgender child, a photographer

who poses her son in deathlike images, a dog obsessed with its dead master's belongings. At the heart of the work are questions about change — must it be a violent process? — and the ability of language to record it. As the speaker asks at the start of the poem "Quiver": "What do we do/ with memory, do we burn/ or do we embellish it ...?"

"Little Glass Planet" by Dobby Gibson, Graywolf, 88 pages, \$16

In "Little Glass Planet," Dobby Gibson considers a range of objects and systems — from angels and umbrellas to drones and capitalism. Each piece highlights unexpected delights, from the shadow a horse casts to the buzz of houseflies in the key of F, and the taste of a sugar cube on your tongue — which makes you "swear you've tasted a star." Gibson is masterful with imagery and analogy, as when he describes a fishing bauble as a little glass planet "blown molten with a puff/ of some craftsman's breath." Gibson's smart and crisp as he crafts a love letter to the world that's full of wisdom.

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ARMANDO L. SANCHEZ/CHICAGO TRIBUNE PHOTOS

Members of Cirque du Soleil's "Volta" show perform outside Soldier Field on Tuesday.

'Volta'

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great swaths of open-mouthed Chicagoans. I fell harder for "Luzia" and "Kurios" than I do for Volta, the harder edged *affair du cirque* that opened Wednesday night.

"Volta," which features futuristic pop music by Anthony Gonzalez (of M83), mostly sung by Eric DeShan, is clearly an attempt to attract that all-important younger demographic, which is understandable but also worrying. Cirque more than it really should these days (demographic differentiation is subtler than many entertainment executives think). Cirque never has been dominated by the senior set.

"Volta," written and directed by Bastien Alexandre, also has more narrative than has been typical: it revolves around the backstory of a lost soul on a game show who has to struggle with having blue feathers where his hair should be. The story isn't all that clear — in fact, I just resorted to looking at several reviews of the show from other cities as a cheat sheet, only to find that everyone seemed to have a completely different plot summary. I don't think Cirque needs to find referents from atrophied mass culture like game or talent shows; it thrives more when it looks to traditions more at the spiritual core of humanity.

But I don't give much of a darn, frankly. You'll grasp that someone (a) needs to find himself and (b) needs a community in order to do so. And since I think circus people are a sacred ensemble of hu-



mans, that's enough for me.

"Volta" is thrilling because of the acts. Period. They're all totally fabulous — whether it's Danila Bim, a Brazilian specialist in the singular art of hair suspension, or the rope skippers or the premium precision walkers, or the even the hugely exciting BMX bikers, most of whom are Canadian. "Volta" has more dance than any touring show in the past and the increased attention on a body in unassisted horizontal motion is a stirring addition — the disciplines of dance and circus are highly complimentary and the work on the floor here by the American dancer Corwin Barnett really helps build the momentum at a crucial juncture in Act 2. Cirque has not always been consistent with its comedy, but I like the Russian performer Andrey Kisilitsin, as much as a mime as a clown. It would be fun to see him break out of his narrative trap.

Cirque now performs in a much larger tent than in the early days, and what

When: Through July 6

Where: Soldier Field South Lot, 459 E. 18th Drive

Running time: 2 hours, 15 minutes

Tickets: \$49-\$279 at 877-924-7783 or cirquedusoleil.com/volta

you can do technologically in a tent now is a whole new ballgame, especially if you have Cirque-level resources. And, over the years, Cirque has figured out how to make the relationship between the audience and the artists — once hidden away in conceptual anonymity — more personal. That sure pays off here — "Volta" is not a brilliant conception, as in the Franco Dragone days of Cirque, but a fabulously curated collection of specialist performers, giving you their all. I still don't see any real competition out there. Not if you need a lift.

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IN PERFORMANCE

L7 displays usual blend of rage and cheekiness

Show at Metro features band in still-strong form

By JESSI ROTI
Chicago Tribune

"You underestimated my innocence, you underestimated my spine," howled Le Butcherettes' glamorously tormented singer Teri Gender Bender.

Her opening act needs to be recognized, for her fury established the tone for what was a loud, heavy, middle-finger-in-your-face night of rock 'n' roll at Metro on Tuesday courtesy of her band and the evening's headliner, L7.

Le Butcherettes set the bar high, but the notorious hard-rock quartet — helmed by the wild-eyed as ever Donita Sparks, melted it.

Formed in Los Angeles in 1985, L7 has had one of the most interesting journeys in music history despite not getting its due as a trailblazing, all-female act (on and off stage) until returning from hiatus after nearly 15 years.

Often associated with the grunge movement (but really a tried-and-true punk-metal outfit) and unapologetic antics — the band released its first album in 20 years, "Scatter the Rats," on May 3.

Opening with the one-two punch of "Deathwish" from 1990's "Smell the Magic" and "Andres" from its 1994 album "Hungry for Stink" — the act's reunited brand of unsmokable rage was on display fully intact, as was its mischievous cheek.

Sparks — flanked by fellow founding member and guitarist-vocalist, the snarling Suzi Gardner, and bassist/vocalist with the "come hither" stare Jennifer Finch — greeted the audience.

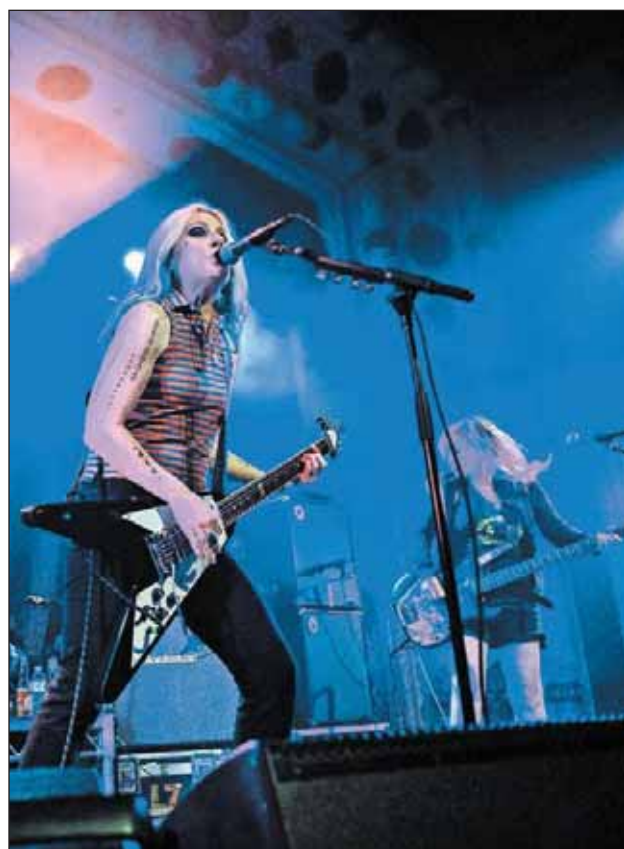
"We're L7 from Los Angeles, California and, I guess, kind of Chicago!" she nodded, acknowledging her south suburban upbringing.

She smiled at the Wrigleyville crowd, "Aren't the White Sox playing up the street or something?"

Where the opening act employed an erratic fervor, L7's nearly two-hour set was one continuous roar of moody, metal guitars and drummer Demetra Plakas beating her drum kit into submission.

And when the crowd called for it to be louder, the band obliged.

With the volume turned up, an enticing, musical



JOHN KONSTANTARAS/FOR THE CHICAGO TRIBUNE

L7's Donita Sparks, left, and Jennifer Finch perform with their punk rock band at the Metro on Tuesday.

doom thundered out of the speakers. Songs such as "Monster" and "Freak Magnet" felt as if they'd swallow you whole as Gardner tinkered with various pedals, distorting her squealing riffs while Sparks scratched her pick along her guitar strings, building upon the sonic overload.

Overload they did, with only one technical setback as the foursome charged into "Stadium West" from its latest release. Shocking the audience, and even Sparks, with how loud her guitar blared over her bandmates, Gardner did her best to recover from crackling, unruly feedback before the song's end.

"My equipment broke," she laughed. No one seemed to mind except the stage techs.

While no member of the act has ever shied away from sharing her thoughts on society or anything at all, the banter was kept on the lighter side. After all these years, it's probably safe to assume that, if you're at a L7 show, you agree that things are pretty "f-----," as they said.

Introducing the comeback single "Dispatch from Mar-a-Lago" — an imagination of the president tweeting as his Florida resort gets trashed — as a "sweet, sweet fantasy riot," Sparks and Co., this time around, let the music speak for itself.

"S.O.S. from the golden throne / 'Mogul's' in deep

s---, he's all alone," she deadpanned. "It's not good, a riot in fact / The whole f----- country club is under attack."

That dark sense of humor, coupled with ferocious, no-frills composition, continues to sit at the heart of L7's appeal. Does the band still sound "of a certain time" compared to rock's more modern canon? Yes, but it works and continues to be one of the best examples of the staying power that comes from fearlessness.

L7 isn't afraid to sound ugly, push far beyond perceived limitations or get into necessary trouble to be seen and heard. And yes, coming from women, it's as poignant as ever.

A mean delivery of "S--- list" from the band's 1992's effort "Bricks are Heavy" capped its main set before a three song encore — including its cover of Eddie & the Subtitles "American Society," L7's most widely recognized track "Pretend We're Dead" and the aptly titled "Fast and Frightening."

The song is a lean 2 1/2-minute jolt about a young girl relishing all the things young girls shouldn't; a fist-pumping anthem made for the female antihero.

That is a space Sparks, Gardner, Finch and Plakas appear more than happy to still occupy.

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Museums

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nects: Art with Lego Bricks is May 24 to Sept. 15 at the Morton Arboretum, 100 Illinois Route 53, Lisle; 630-968-0074 or www.mortonarb.org. "Brick Safari" runs through Sept. 29 at Brookfield Zoo, 8400 W. 31st St., Brookfield; brookfieldzoo.org.

"Worlds of Wonder: Remembering Chicago's Amusement Parks": Everybody talks about Riverview, but there have been other beloved and now departed amusement parks throughout the area. The one close to my family's heart was Kidland in Melrose Park, a younger-kid-themed park that is now that paradise for suburban hunter-gatherers, a Costco. This exhibition touches on these and other parks of yore through photos, video and artifacts. Plus, it's got a Skee-Ball game you can actually play. Through Aug. 18 at Elmhurst History Museum, 120 E. Park Ave., Elmhurst; 630-833-1457 and elmhursthistory.org.

"About Face: Stonewall, Revolt and New Queer Art": Almost three years ago now, curator Jonathan David Katz and the Alpha-wood Foundation teamed up to mount "Art AIDS



MORTON ARBORETUM

Left: Morton Arboretum's Nature Connects exhibition features sculptures made out of Legos. Right: Field Museum's Fantastic Bug Encounters! exhibition shows "the beauty, diversity, and amazing abilities of these resourceful creatures."

America Chicago" here, a searing look at the impact AIDS and AIDS-related work had on the art world. Now the team has reunited for this show that opens Wednesday and marks the 50th anniversary of the Stonewall Revolution in Wrightwood 659, the impressive new "non-collecting institution" run by Alphawood Exhibitions on a Lincoln Park residential street. Showcasing nearly 500 works, the focus is on the trans experience, which Katz sees as defining, the curator said. The \$20 timed-entry tickets must be reserved through the gallery. Through July 20 at Wrightwood 659, 659 W. Wrightwood Ave.; 773-437-6601 and wrightwood659.org.

"Louder than Words: Rock, Power and Poli-

tics": The often-overlooked Museum of Broadcast Communications did well for itself by presenting the superb TV history, "Saturday Night Live: The Exhibition," which ended in March. Now it is back with another slice of popular culture, this one put together by Cleveland's Rock and Roll Hall of Fame and examining "the intersection between rock and politics." That means Jimi Hendrix, Bob Dylan and Lynyrd Skynyrd are among the artists explored in words, sounds and artifacts. Opens Friday at the Museum of Broadcast Communications, 360 N. State St.; 312-245-8200 and www.museum.tv.

"Manet and Modern Beauty": Edouard Manet, for those who barely remember their one art his-



FIELD MUSEUM PHOTO

tory class, was not the haystacks and water lilies guy. Indeed, Manet was half a generation ahead of Claude Monet, eight years younger and several decades earlier to die. This sweeping exhibition, the Art Institute's first devoted exclusively to Manet in more than half a century, looks at the latter period of Manet's career when he took up a new focus on beauty and the modern, particularly in painting fashionable women. May 26 to Sept. 8 at the Art Institute of Chicago, 111 S. Michigan Ave.; 312-443-3600 and www.artic.edu.

U.S. Pizza Museum re-opening: The charming homage to the foodstuff people love to argue about as much as they love to eat it, located in a retail store space off Roosevelt Road

south of the Loop, is getting more space, new exhibits and a makeover of some old ones. In the museum's words: "100 more items in new and completely redesigned exhibits that tell the history of pizza while highlighting the people who helped make it America's favorite food." For some reason, I'm now thinking about lunch. Opens May 31 at U.S. Pizza Museum, 146 S. Delano Ct. West; free admission with online reservation through uspizzamuseum.com.

"Virgil Abloh: Figures of Speech": Raised in Rockford, Virgil Abloh, the son of Ghanaian immigrants, found his artistic footing in Chicago, designing streetwear and working with Kanye West. Now he has his own high-fashion brand, Off-White, and is the

men's artistic director for Louis Vuitton, among the many art and design hats he wears. Abloh and MCA chief curator Michael Darling have been talking about this first Abloh museum exhibition for three years; Darling hopes it will show the clarity of Abloh's vision through the years and through many mediums. June 10 to Sept. 22 at the Museum of Contemporary Art Chicago, 220 E. Chicago Ave.; 312-280-2660 and www.mcachicago.org.

"Fantastic Bug Encounters!": Bringing live bugs into a museum filled with precious biological artifacts is not a step taken lightly. That's what the Field Museum is doing to add a little vitality to this new temporary exhibit spotlighting "the beauty, diversity, and amazing abilities of these resourceful creatures." It's a show aiming younger than some of the museum's more science- or history-forward special exhibitions. But you don't need to be a kid to appreciate the chance to learn more about the creatures that will surely outlive our fragile (and, at the moment, not all that collectively intelligent) selves. Opens June 28 at the Field Museum, 1400 S. Lake Shore Drive; 312-922-9410 or www.fieldmuseum.org.

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WATCH THIS: THURSDAY



Jane Lynch

"Hollywood Game Night" (9 p.m., NBC): Following this year's two-hour "Red Nose Day" special, Jane Lynch hosts a special tie-in episode of her hit game show, in which her guests compete in rounds of play to raise more money for this charity to help the world's needy children. Among the stars scheduled to appear are Sean Hayes, Kelly Clarkson, Kenan Thompson, Kristen Bell, Jennifer Garner, Jeff Goldblum, Leslie Mann and Thandie Newton.

"Red Nose Day" (7 p.m., NBC): A mini-sequel to the 1994 comedy "Four Weddings and a Funeral" is among the highlights in this year's edition of the annual charity event dedicated to raising funds to help children in need. Richard Curtis, who penned the "Weddings" screenplay and also is a co-founder of Red Nose Day, wrote the script for tonight's short sketch, which reunites stars Hugh Grant, Andie MacDowell, Kristin Scott Thomas, John Hannah and Rowan Atkinson.

"Top Gear" (8 p.m., 2 a.m., BBCA): In the season finale, Matt LeBlanc tries out the new Aston Martin V8 Vantage on the track, while Rory Reid tests the Rolls-Royce Phantom, self-proclaimed as "the best car in the world." Chris Harris talks about the Ford Fiesta and why it is better in some respects than a Lamborghini. Stephen Mangan, who starred with LeBlanc in the Showtime comedy series "Episodes," drops by the studio for a chat.

"Christina on the Coast" (8 p.m., 11 p.m., HGTV): Fans first got to know real estate expert and designer Christina Anstead on the hit show "Flip or Flop," but she's flying solo in this new docu-series that finds her working with clients to create upscale living spaces filled with striking design elements and her signature SoCal style.

"Elementary" (9 p.m., CBS): Forced to move to London at the end of Season 6 after Holmes (Jonny Lee Miller) confessed to a murder he didn't really commit, he and Watson (Lucy Liu) kick off their seventh and final season in that British capital city, where they find success working as consultants for Scotland Yard. A dilemma arises, however, when a member of their inner circle back home is wounded.

"The Name of the Rose" (9 p.m., SUN): John Turturro stars as sleuthing Franciscan monk William of Baskerville in this new series adaptation of Umberto Eco's cerebral best-selling novel, which premieres tonight with a double episode. Arriving at a secluded monastery in the Alps, William and his novice, Adso von Melk (Damian Hardung), find themselves witnesses to a series of mysterious murders.

TALK SHOWS

"Conan" (10 p.m. 11:30 p.m., TBS): Actor Jason Mantzoukas; comic Nish Kumar.*

"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): The comic interviews guests and introduces musical performances.*

"Jimmy Kimmel Live" (10:35 p.m., ABC): Actor Jason Sudeikis; Ben Platt talks and performs.*

* Subject to change

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	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		Snow Dogs (PG,'02) *** ♦			
FOX	32	Paradise Hotel: "Episode 107." (N) (Live) ©			Fox 32 News at Nine (N)		Modern Family ©		
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	ANIM	Fish or Die		Jeremy Wade		River Monsters: Legendary Locations ♦			
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PARMT	Mom ©		Mom ©		Wife Swap (N) ©		Rush Hour 3 (PG-13,'07) * ♦		
SYFY	*(6) The Scorpion King **		The Mechanic (R,'11) ** Jason Statham. ©				Happy! © ♦		
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STZNC	*(5:51) Moonraker ***		The Green Hornet (PG-13,'11) ** Seth Rogen.				Forces ♦		

Tarantino manages to shock Cannes once again

'Once Upon a Time ... in Hollywood' gets strong reaction

BY JUSTIN CHANG
Los Angeles Times

CANNES, FRANCE — The day before the Cannes premiere of "Once Upon a Time ... in Hollywood," his hotly anticipated movie set in Los Angeles during the tumultuous events of 1969, Quentin Tarantino published an open letter online.

He addressed it to audiences at the festival, opening with the words "I love Cinema," which may be the most redundant thing this movie-mad auteur has ever written (and given his endless, self-admiring flourishes of dialogue, that is saying something). The letter then implored us not to reveal "anything that would prevent later audiences from experiencing the film in the same way."

A version of this entreaty was repeated from the stage by a festival representative shortly before the picture screened Tuesday for members of the media, some of whom booed and snorted in response. I didn't join in. Even as someone who believes that excessive spoiler sensitivity is a sign of an entitled, infantile approach to moviegoing, it's easy to understand Tarantino's anxiety, especially after a leaked script nearly led him to shelve "The Hateful Eight." (Many, of course, still wish that he had.)

Twenty-five years after "Pulp Fiction" won the Palme d'Or at this festival, Tarantino's movies may no longer have quite the same audacity or revelatory power, but the ability to shock — and, if you're lucky, to make you think — remains an important tool in his kit. This turns out to be the case even when he's dealing with real-life subjects such as Sharon Tate, Roman Polanski and members of the Charles Manson cult, whose well-documented stories would, by now, seem beyond spoiling.



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Brad Pitt, left, and Leonardo DiCaprio in Quentin Tarantino's movie "Once Upon a Time ... in Hollywood."

Not quite, apparently. I will do my best to oblige Monsieur Tarantino and his collaborators on this richly evocative, conceptually jaw-dropping, inescapably terrifying and unexpectedly poignant movie. Still, if you wish to preserve the purity of a first viewing, it is probably best if you read no further and that you read nothing else about the movie before Sony Pictures releases it in U.S. theaters July 26.

Like Tarantino's 2009 picture, "Inglourious Basterds," "Once Upon a Time ... in Hollywood" is both a luxuriant, sometimes lumbering ode to a bygone era of moviemaking and a singularly bold reinterpretation of a violent chapter of history. The title is practically a spoiler in itself: We are not just in the dream factory but also within the realm of fantasy. Our guides to this cracked-mirror vision of Hollywood, which kicks off in February 1969, are Rick Dalton (Leonardo DiCaprio), an actor whose career peaked years ago with the western TV series "Bounty Law," and Cliff Booth (Brad Pitt), a war veteran who is Rick's long-time stunt double and best friend.

The first screen pairing between DiCaprio and Pitt proves worth the wait, even if the practical realities of the actor-stuntman relationship don't seem to interest Tarantino all that much. That's fine; the personalities

are what matter.

DiCaprio, his golden-boy wattage persuasively dimmed, is both mockable and sympathetic as a handsome has-been actor, the unwitting star of his own male midlife-crisis movie. He's cradled beautifully by Pitt as the most loyal of pals, someone who's always there to lend a shoulder — or some serious muscle — as needed. (The second-billed Pitt may be playing the lower man on the industry totem pole, but this is very much his movie.)

"Bounty Law" is a distant cousin of western serials including "Gunsmoke" and "Bonanza." One of Rick's more successful movies, "14 Fists of McCluskey," might be a callback to "The Dirty Dozen." Barbara Ling's production design is a wittily intricate treasure trove of fake movie memorabilia, though there's some real stuff in the mix too. A one-sheet for the 1949 Roy Rogers western "The Golden Stallion" is just one of many decorating the walls of Rick's Benedict Canyon home.

Yes, Benedict Canyon. The early sight of a Cielo Drive street sign cuts ominously through Tarantino's flood of references and reminds you that he does have a very dark story to tell. That story is slow to coalesce, however, in a movie that doesn't always draw a distinction between period detail and narrative thrust. For most of its 159-min-

ute running time, "Once Upon a Time ... in Hollywood" both does and doesn't behave the way one might expect a Quentin Tarantino picture to behave. The storytelling is entirely linear. The talk loops and drones endlessly, as usual, but it's also slow to gather momentum. A chill enters the picture whenever attention shifts to the Manson family, especially when we arrive at their temporary digs at the Spahn Movie Ranch, but overt acts of violence are (initially) few and far between.

Given the movie's lurching stop-and-go rhythms, one could blink and miss some of the actors listed in the huge ensemble cast. You will, however, remember the faces of Bruce Dern and the late Luke Perry (in one of his last performances), and also of Margaret Qualley, Austin Butler, Mikey Madison and Dakota Fan-

ning as Mansonites. Most of all, perhaps, you will remember Margot Robbie in the role of Sharon Tate, who pops up every so often, hijacking the narrative as she goes about her day, her luminous presence working in almost contrapuntal rhythm to the main story.

I am both reluctant and obliged to say more. When the picture was first announced in 2017, many expressed their reservations about Tarantino, not a director known for tact or sensitivity, taking on a story that would deal with a subject as horrific and painful as the Manson murders. A resurfaced 2003 audio clip of Tarantino defending Roman Polanski (played by Rafal Zawierucha in a few scenes) didn't help matters.

In short, "Once Upon a Time ... in Hollywood" arrived in Cannes on Tuesday saddled with the kind of foul-smelling baggage that

perhaps only a filmmaker of Tarantino's reputation, an artist still revered as one of the industry's last true big-picture originals, could possibly overcome. Does he overcome it? It's far too early to tell, but after a first viewing it seems clear to me that Tarantino delved into this project intent on allaying our worst fears and doing right by his subject.

This is hardly the first time Tarantino has turned fiction and reality into blood-slicked bedfellows; nor is it the first time he has made the outrageous suggestion that cinema, as both an art and industry, can make up for some of life's most grievous imperfections in ways nothing else can. Spoilers or no spoilers, you may not be terribly surprised, which doesn't mean you won't be astonished.

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Horoscopes



Today's birthday (May 23): Fall in love again this year. Profit together with cooperation and coordination. Guard private time for reflection. An especially profitable summer comes before a shared financial obstacle. Your collaboration gets lucrative next winter, leading to a personal income shift.

Aries (March 21-April 19): Today is an 8. Teamwork propels satisfying accomplishments. Align words and actions to forward a common cause. Coordinate to ensure that critical priorities get managed. Clean up later.

Taurus (April 20-May 20): 9. Take charge at work. Your professional leadership makes things happen. Someone important is watching. Ignore distractions or controversies.

Gemini (May 21-June 20): 8. Follow your curiosity, and go exploring. Your wanderings can take you farther than anticipated. Don't react without thinking. Keep costs down with detailed advance planning.

Cancer (June 21-July 22): 8. Changes necessitate budget revisions with a joint venture. Discuss financial priorities with key partners and allies. Revise and adapt.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22): 9. Compromise for a mutually beneficial solution with your partner. Communicate to resolve potential challenges before they grow.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): 8. Dig into a big job. Back up words with physical action. Adapt to changes. Rely on someone you can trust. Wear sensible shoes.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): 8. Go for substance over symbolism. Show your love in concrete and practical ways. Keep your promises. Generously listen. Your gifts return to you multiplied.

Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): 7. Make a long-desired home improvement. Put your energy behind a domestic project. Avoid family sensitivities. You may need to make a mess.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): 9. The creative process could get chaotic. Sparks could fly. Pour your heart into your expression, and polish the movement. Get obsessed with the details.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): 8. Align words and actions to generate income. Make deals, and put terms in writing. It's OK to challenge the status quo. Get into a profitable groove.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): 9. Prepare to launch a personal project. Follow through with agreements. Take advantage of your power and confidence for your cause. Participate with a powerful conversation.

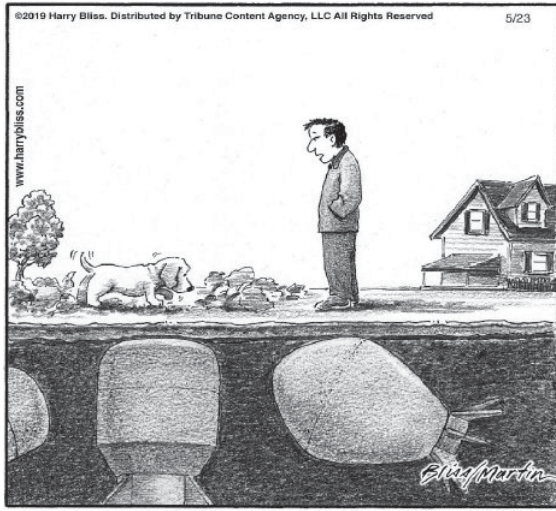
Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20): 7. Contemplate your next moves. Make private time to review your plans and objectives. Avoid controversy, noise or crowds.

— Nancy Black, Tribune Content Agency

The Argyle Sweater



Bliss



Bridge

East-West vulnerable, West deals

North		East	
♠ A 10 8 4	♥ K Q 6	♠ 2	♥ J 10 8 4
♦ A K 9 6	♣ 10 2	♦ 10 5	♣ Q J 9 7 5 3
South		West	
♠ Q J 6 3	♥ A 5 2	♠ K 9 7 5	♥ 9 7 3
♦ 8 7 4 3	♣ 6 4	♦ Q J 2	♣ A K 8

South's jump to game was a little aggressive, but North's second double promised quite a good hand. North might have been better than he was. Pre-emption often creates difficult guesses like this.

West started the defense by cashing two high clubs and then switching to a heart. The contract needed a successful spade finesse plus decent splits in both spades and diamonds. South won the heart shift in his hand with the ace and led the queen of spades. This held the trick when West correctly didn't cover. West did cover the jack of spades continuation, which South won with dummy's ace. The poor split in spades could be handled if South could find a way back to his hand for a finesse against West's nine.

South had to rely on a little kindness from the gods of distribution. He cashed dummy's king and queen of hearts, thankful that West followed to both. He next cashed dummy's ace and king of diamonds, both opponents following, before leading a third diamond. He was safe for his contract now no matter which defender won the third diamond. When West won, he had a choice between leading a spade himself or yielding a ruff-suff. He chose the ruff-suff, so South shed the diamond from dummy and ruffed in his hand to finesse West out of his nine of spades.

Had East won the third diamond, South would have ruffed anything East led and West would have been helpless — dummy could overruff West if necessary. Well played!

— Bob Jones, tcaeditors@tribpub.com

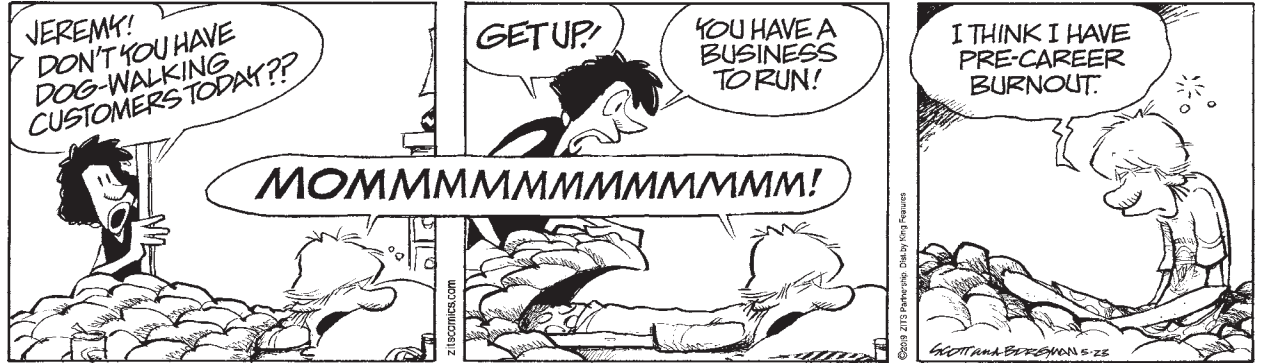
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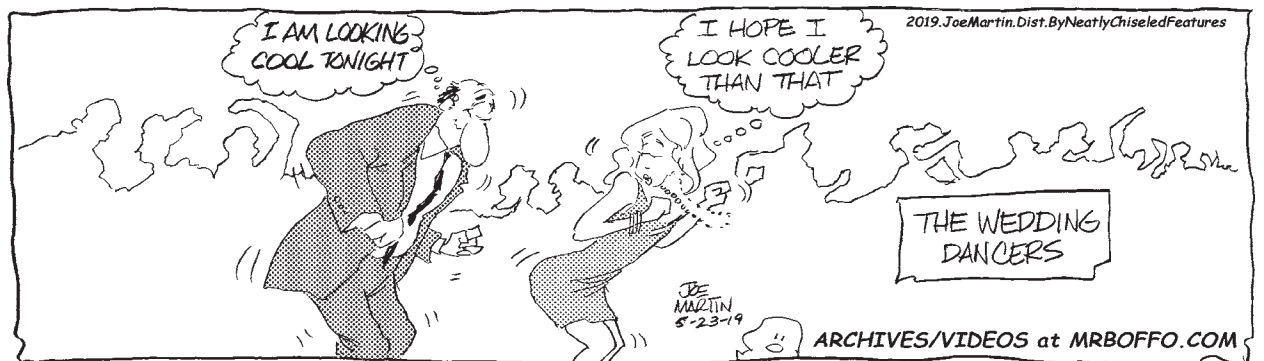
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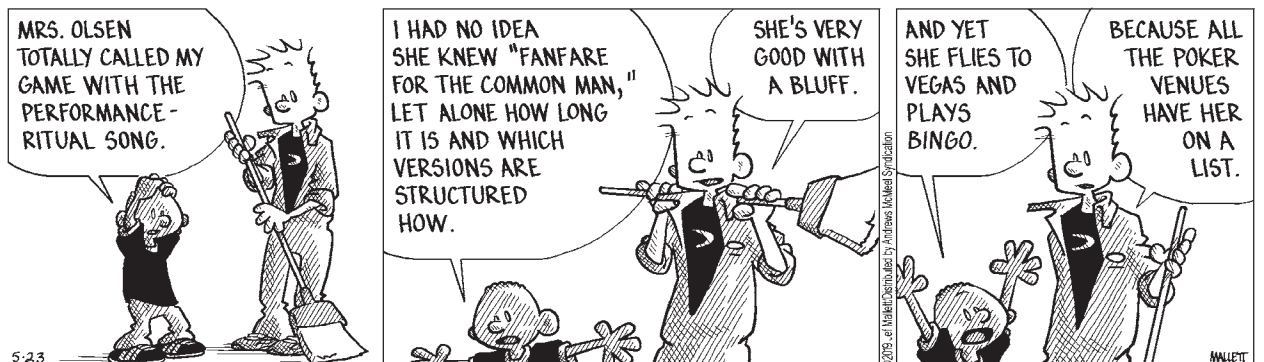
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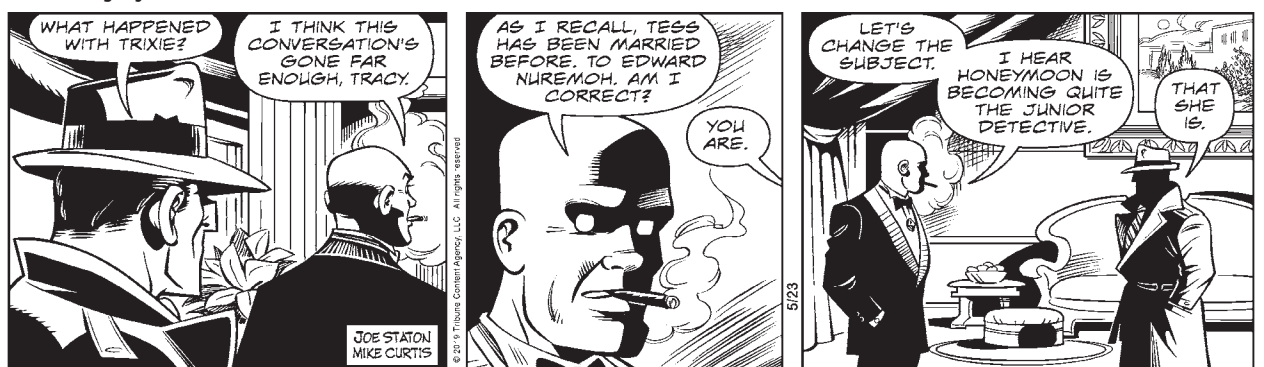
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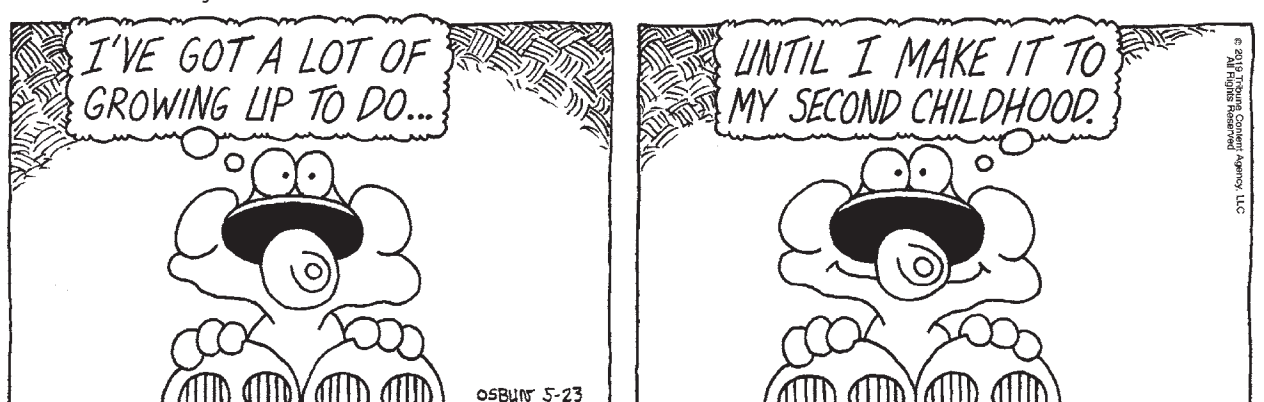
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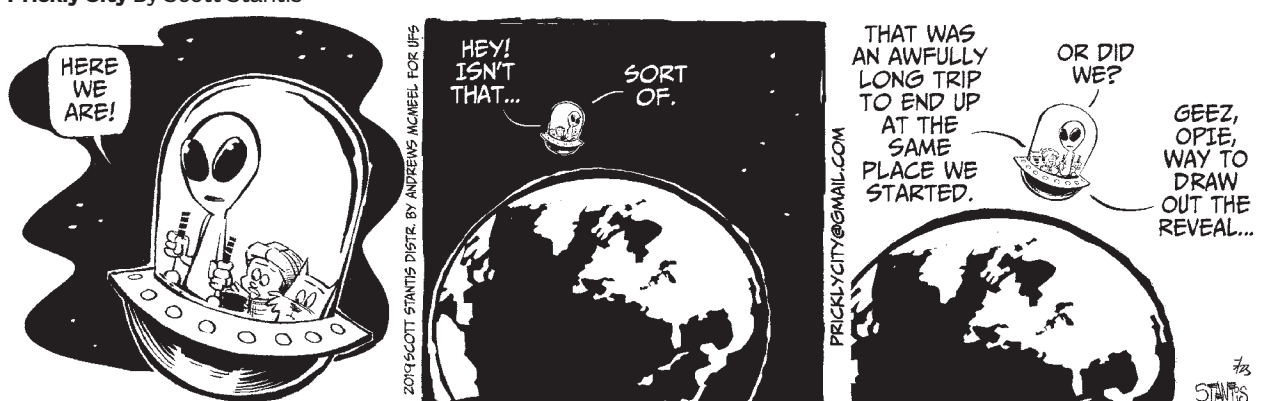
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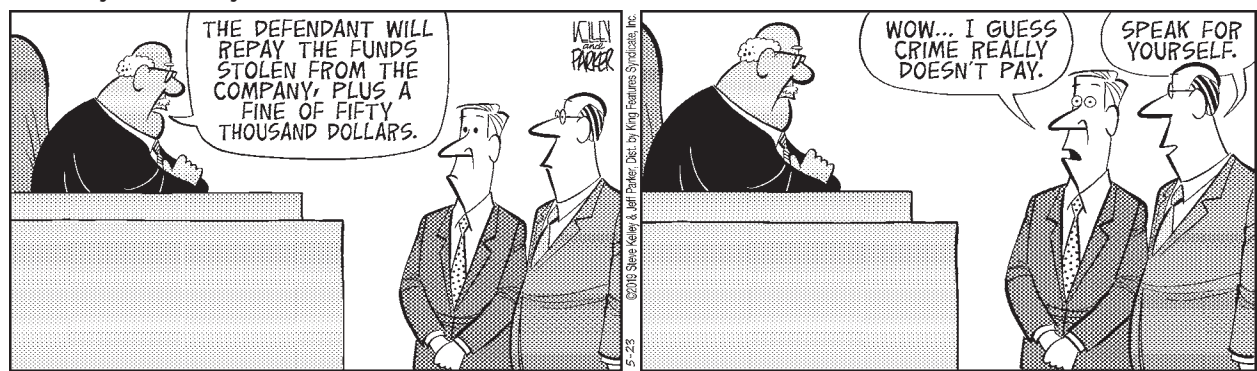
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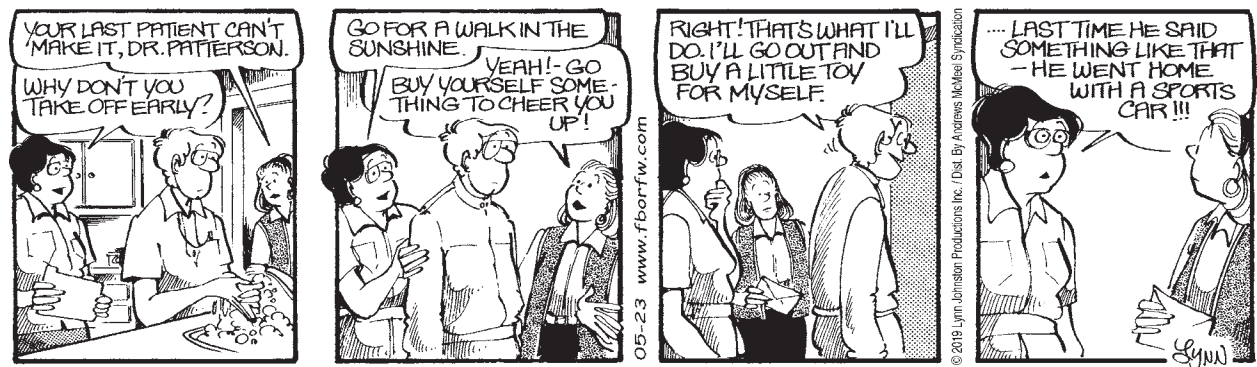
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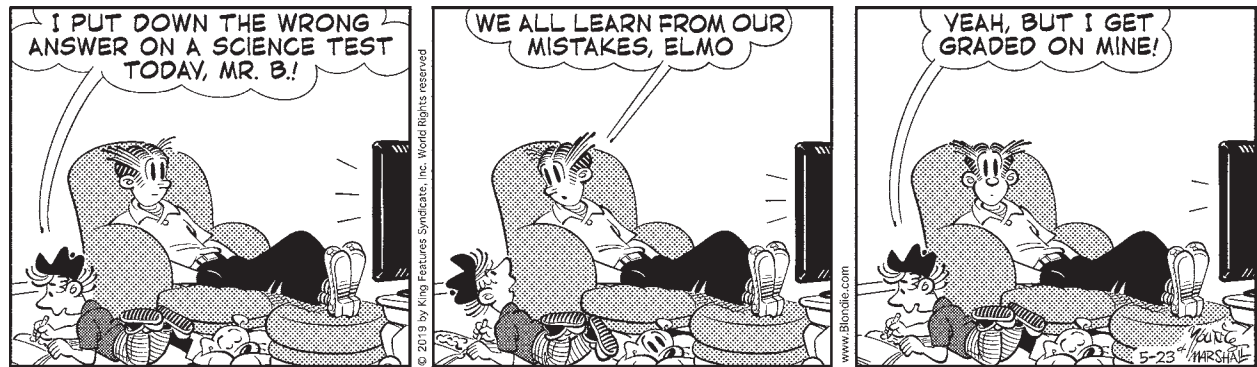
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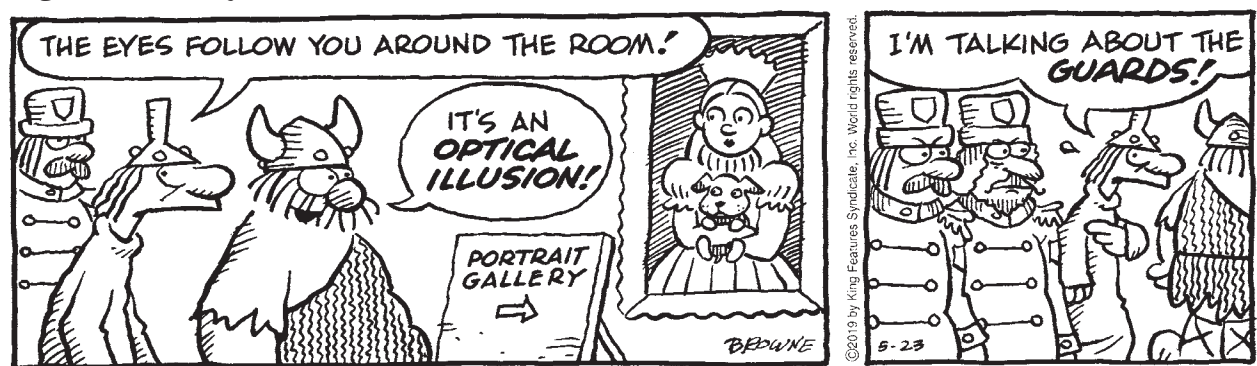
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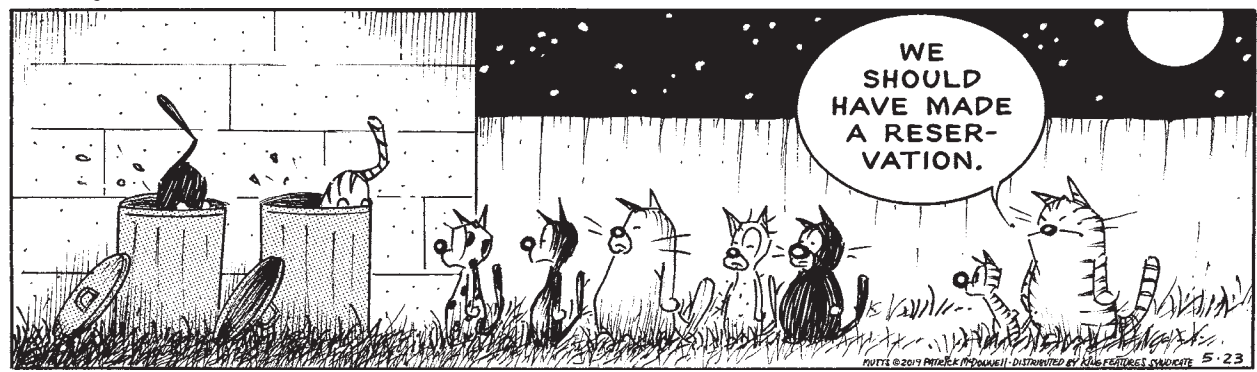
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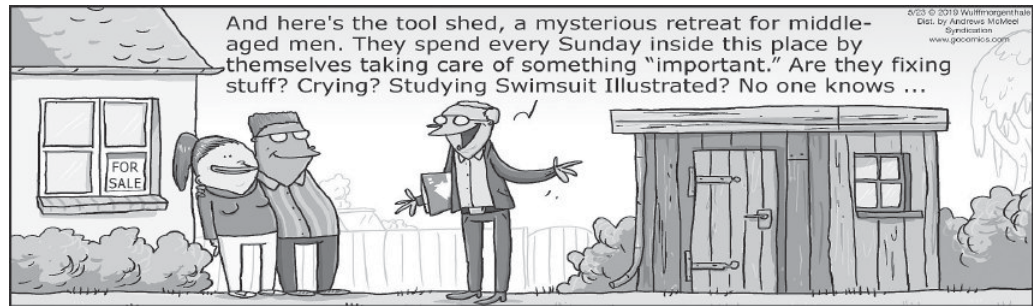
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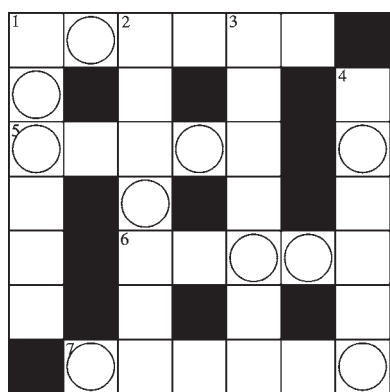


Trivia Bits

Ophelia is a tragic character in which of Shakespeare's tragic plays?
 A) "Hamlet"
 B) "Macbeth"
 C) "Othello"
 D) "Titus Andronicus"

Wednesday's answer: Pinkish shears cut fabric with a saw-toothed edge that limits fraying.

Jumble Crossword



CLUE ACROSS

- Nullified
- Table
- Type of insect
- Latest

CLUE DOWN

- Roman god of fire
- Dunk, steep
- Trap
- Prestige, distinction

ANSWER ACROSS

DOIDEV
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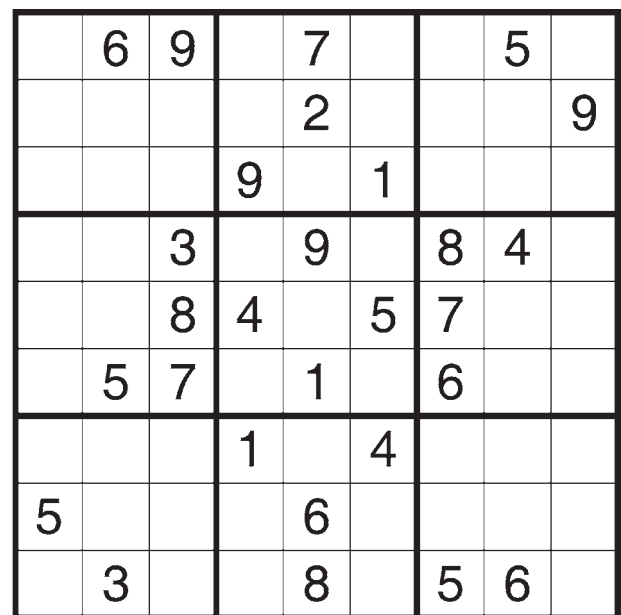
ANSWER DOWN

ACVNU
MRESMEI
ERNSENA
CHTEAC

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.

BONUS ○○○○○○○○○○○○○○○○○

Sudoku 1 2 3 4



7	3	6	1	5	4	2	9	8
9	2	1	7	8	6	5	4	3
8	4	5	9	3	2	1	6	7
4	6	9	8	7	5	3	2	1
2	8	3	6	4	1	7	5	9
1	5	7	3	2	9	6	8	4
6	1	4	2	9	3	8	7	5
3	9	8	5	6	7	4	1	2
5	7	2	4	1	8	9	3	6

Complete the grid so each row, column and 3-by-3 box in bold borders contains every digit 1 to 9.

Wednesday's solutions

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Jumble

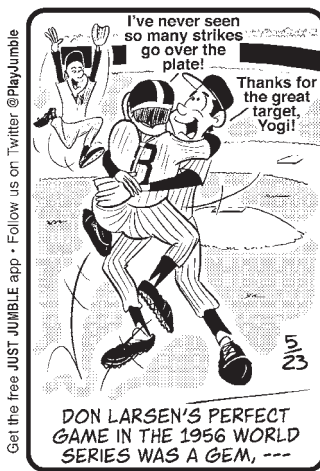
Unscramble the four Jumbles, one letter per square, to form four words. Then arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by this cartoon.

NYIHW
○○○○○

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IRHODA
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RRIETW
○○○○○



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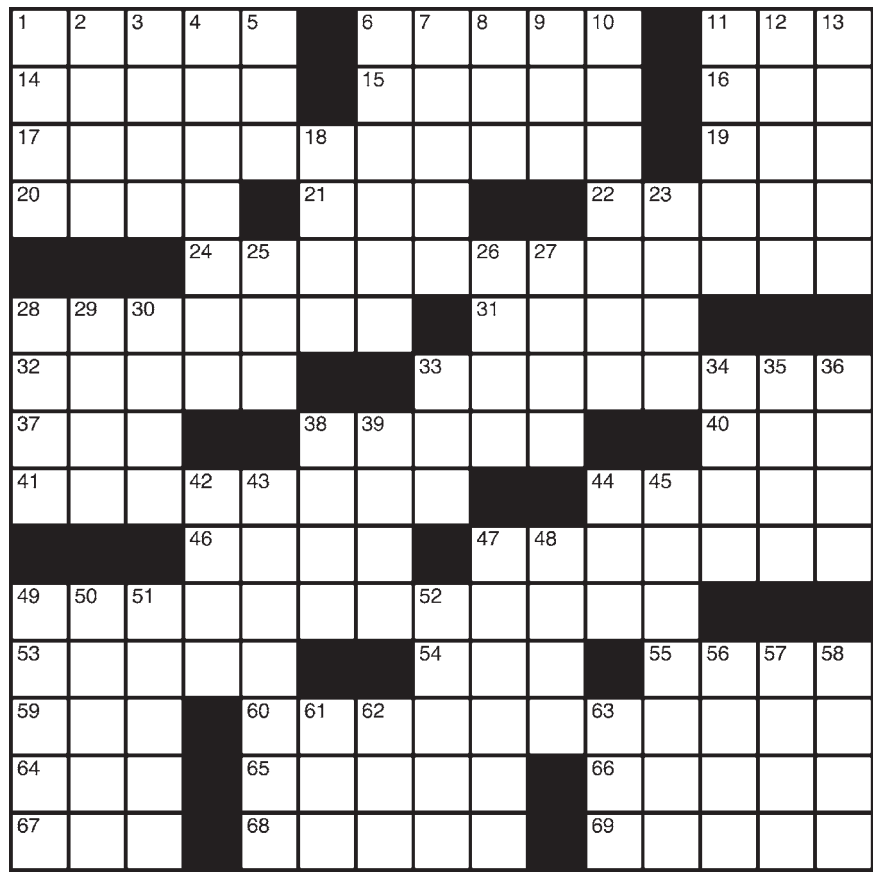
“○○○○○” ○○○○ “○○○○○”

Wednesday's answers

Jumbles: CRAMP PRUNE CHOOSE STICKY
 Answer: When she found out the headphones were on sale, it was — MUSIC TO HER EARS

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Crossword



Across

- Analyze critically
- Took the bus
- Becomes a burden
- Becomes a burden
- Rocky Mountains nickname
- Give a speech
- Longing
- Cheese with an edible rind
- Beans or baloney
- Simple salad ... and what the starts of the five other longest answers are?
- Aardvark snack
- European woman's name meaning "peace"
- Safe places?
- Caustic chemical
- State of northeast India
- Temporarily unavailable

Down

- "Hey!"
- Gibbons, e.g.
- Music featuring sitars
- Often colorful accessories
- Neurologist's printout, briefly
- "Dover Beach" poet
- Bag; eponymous '70s designer label
- Remote batteries
- Third-century date
- Delivery announcement
- Puppeteer Lewis
- Tire-shaped

13 They're heavier than foils
18 Nobel laureate
23 Once, old-style
25 Poem of homage
26 Skillful deed
27 SFO postings
28 Time period
29 Buffalo's county
30 Irish pop group family name
33 End of a corporal's URL
34 Sapporo sashes
35 "Seriously, man!"
36 Adds highlights to, perhaps
38 Arabian arroyo
39 Words after shake or break
42 Worry
43 Czech Republic region
44 Likely
45 Nutrient-rich legume
47 Winter eave buildup
48 "Merciless" Flash Gordon foe
49 Story lesson
50 Device common on "Seinfeld"
51 Starbucks order
52 Spotted African predator
56 OPTI-FREE rival
57 Contents of many cartridges
58 To be, to Brutus
61 Apr. addressee
62 Crosses (out)
63 Slugger's stat

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THURSDAY, MAY 23

NORMAL HIGH: 72°

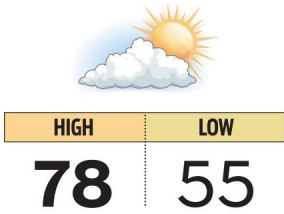
NORMAL LOW: 50°

RECORD HIGH: 92° (1977)

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On day before Friday, a sunny mostly dry day

LOCAL FORECAST

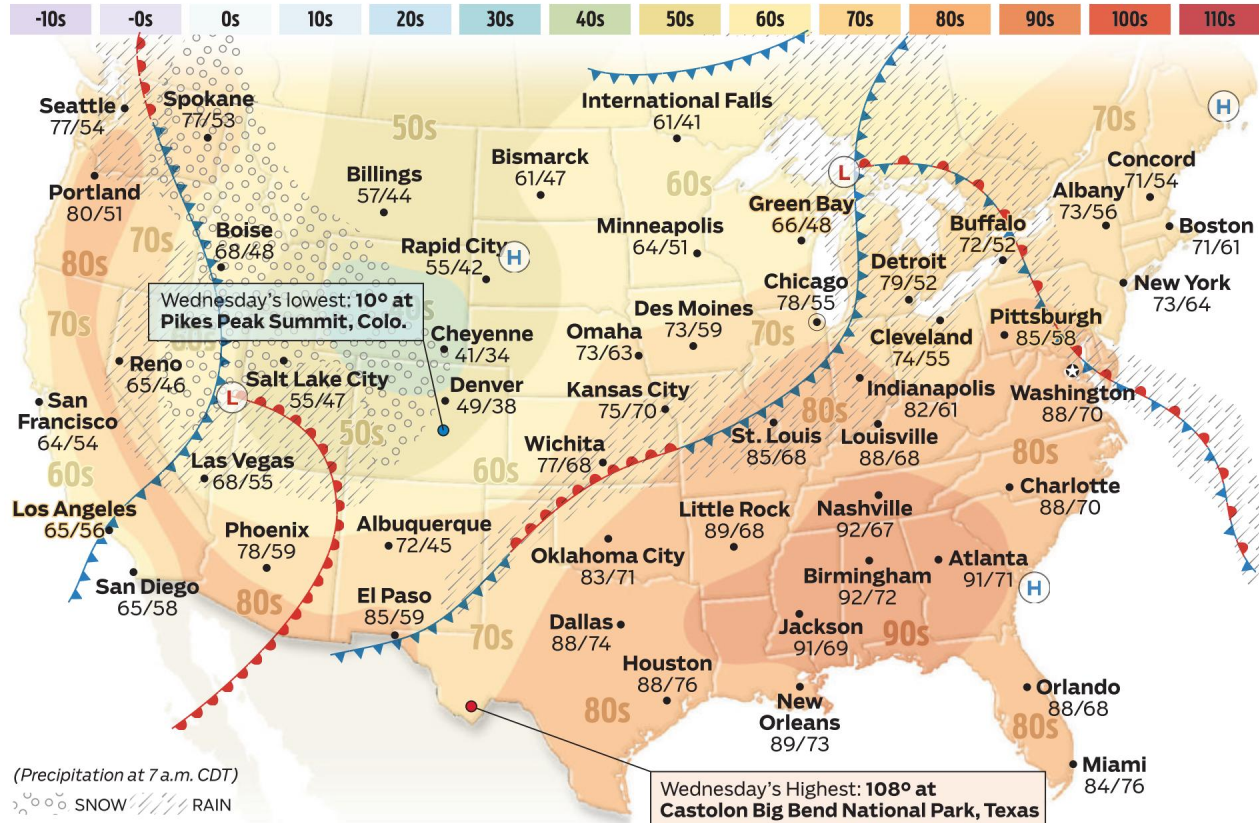


Temporary clearing behind a cold front which moves east and a little south of our area before becoming stationary.

Considerable sunshine with breezy winds out of the NW.

Afternoon highs approach the 80 degree mark due to the abundant sunshine. This break in the weather will be short-lived, as the cold front that became stationary south of our area will move back north triggering showers and thunderstorms overnight.

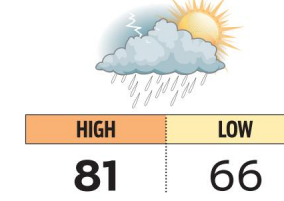
NATIONAL FORECAST



Showers and thunderstorms preceded and accompanied a cold front as it swept through our area from the west overnight. Briefly a drying high pressure mass will inhabit NE Illinois and NW Indiana during the daytime hours Thursday. However, the cold front will never get very far south of our area, and in fact will return north as a warm front Thursday night, triggering another round of showers and thunderstorms.

As the warm front moves north through our area Friday, warm, humid, unstable air will return. It looks like there will be a good chance of severe storms developing over our area. More showers and thunderstorms will precede a cold front as it moves back through our area Saturday, then a period of easterly winds will keep readings a little cooler Sunday into Memorial Day.

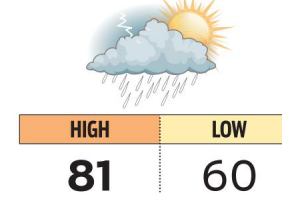
FRIDAY, MAY 24



Showers and t-storms early then a chance again later afternoon into the overnight hours. Some sun in the afternoon allows temps to warm into the lower 80s. Winds become southwesterly gusting over 20 mph.



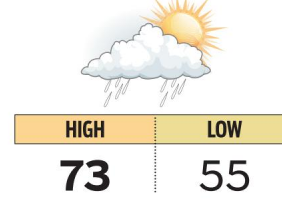
SATURDAY, MAY 25



Another warm day. Sunshine mixes with scattered cloud cover to help raise temps. Highs from mid 70s to low 80s. Scattered t-storms focus along a weak front as it moves into the area. Winds shift east; cooler at night.



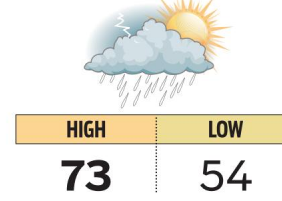
SUNDAY, MAY 26



A little cooler as east winds return. Highs in the lower 70s—cooler at the lakefront. T-storms possible almost anytime but best chance overnight.



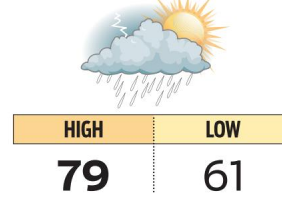
MONDAY, MAY 27



Memorial Day. Mostly cloudy skies with a few peeks of sun. Showers or t-storms likely. An easterly component to the winds will keep temps cooler especially near the lake. Highs in the upper 50s far north along the lakefront to lower 80s far south.



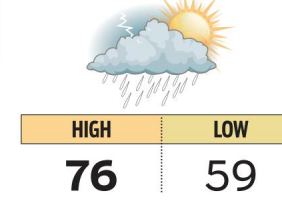
TUESDAY, MAY 28



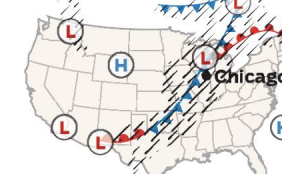
Mostly cloudy skies and a little warmer. A good chance of showers or t-storms early and then later afternoon and evening. A wide range in temperatures from the 60s far north to 80s far south. Easterly winds to the north and southerly winds south.



WEDNESDAY, MAY 29



Cloudy and mild with showers and t-storms likely. Highs in the 70s. Precipitation ending from the west overnight. SW winds shift NW at night.



ASK TOM

Dear Tom,
What is considered to be "Tornado Alley"?

Gregory Allenson

Dear Gregory, "Tornado Alley" is one of those terms that means something different to each of us. Meteorologically, it refers to that portion of the U.S. across which tornadoes occur most frequently, encompassing the Great Plains area between the Rocky Mountains on the west and the lower and mid Mississippi River Valley on the east. Tornadoes reach their absolute maximum of occurrence across Nebraska, Kansas, Oklahoma and north Texas.

About four of every five tornadoes that develop on the entire planet occur right here in the United States, and the majority of them form in the tornado alley defined above. However, it is important to note that tornadoes do occur outside Tornado Alley and have occurred in every state.

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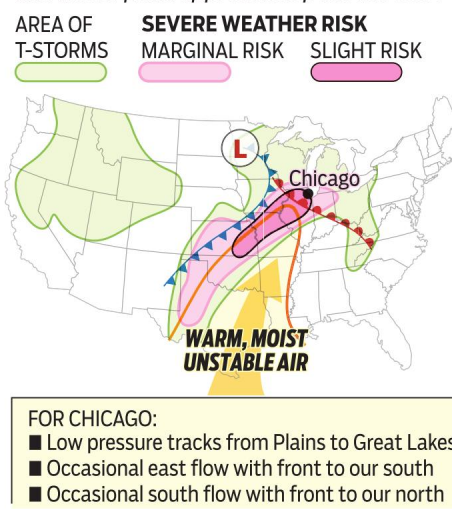


Chance of showers and thunderstorms continues

FRIDAY LATE AFTERNOON SET-UP

Severe storms possible into the evening

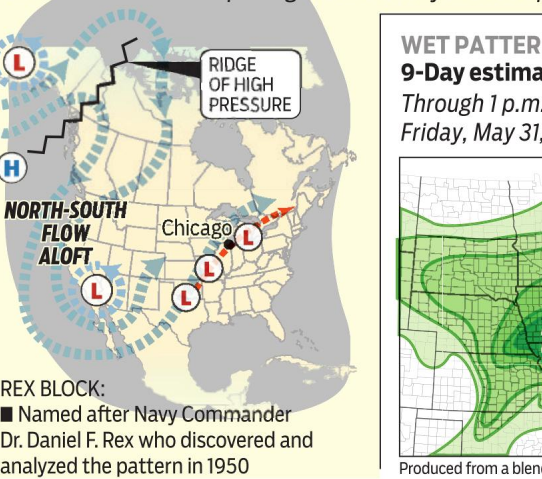
Moist unstable air surges into Illinois and the Chicago area as a warm front moves north and a cold front approaches from the west



BLOCKING PATTERN ALOFT INTO NEXT WEEK

A version of the "Rex Block" along the West Coast

A north-south flow aloft means very little west-east movement of surface low pressure systems/fronts. This brings cold and warm front through our area for short distances north and south of us, varying our winds from the east to the south and forcing almost a daily chance of showers/t-storms.



CHICAGO DIGEST

LOCATION	HI	LO	LOCATION	HI	LO
Aurora	81	50	Midway	83	51
Gary	84	52	O'Hare	81	50
Kankakee	81	51	Romeoville	83	52
Lakefront	81	50	Valparaiso	83	52
Lansing	80	50	Waukegan	82	47

PERIOD	2019	NORMAL
Wed. (through 4 p.m.)	0.53"	0.12"
May to date	5.01"	2.61"
Year to date	17.89"	12.01"

TIME OF EXPOSURE BEFORE SUNBURN BEGINS	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
7 a.m.	2 hours, 29 minutes	2 hours, 29 minutes
1 p.m.*	19 minutes	19 minutes
4 p.m.	48 minutes	48 minutes

LAKE MICHIGAN CONDITIONS	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Wind	W 11-22 kts.	E/SE 7-18 kts.
Waves	1 foot	1-3 feet
Wed. shore/creeper water temps	84°/52°	

WEDNESDAY PEAK POLLEN LEVEL	LEVEL
Tree	High
Grass	Low
Mold	Moderate
Ragweed	0
Weed	Low

CHICAGO AIR QUALITY	WEDNESDAY'S READING	THURSDAY'S FORECAST
Wednesday's reading	Good	Good
Thursday's forecast	Good	Good
Critical pollutant	Particulates	

SUNRISE/SET TIMES	SUN	MOON
Sunrise	5:24 a.m.	8:12 p.m.
Moonset	---	8:27 a.m.

THURSDAY PLANET WATCH	PLANET	RISE	SET
Mercury	5:31 a.m.	8:29 p.m.	
Venus	4:27 a.m.	6:13 p.m.	
Mars	7:29 a.m.	10:48 p.m.	
Jupiter	9:33 p.m.	6:48 a.m.	
Saturn	11:55 a.m.	8:55 a.m.	

BEST VIEWING TIME	DIRECTION
Mercury	Not visible
Venus	5:00 a.m. 5.5° ENE
Mars	9:15 p.m. 15° WNW
Jupiter	2:15 a.m. 26° S
Saturn	4:15 a.m. 26.5° S

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The dirtiest places in your kitchen might surprise you

By HomeAdvisor

Your imagination can run wild thinking of the bacteria lurking in your home. But people tend to look in the wrong direction when it comes to fighting germs in the kitchen. Disinfect these germ sanctuaries as soon as possible.

Your refrigerator: Your refrigerator harbors bacteria in some surprising places. Ice and water dispensers, vegetable crispers, meat drawers, and door seals are some of the germiest.

To do: Use a disinfectant when you clean the fridge, do a white vinegar flush of the water dispenser, and clean and sanitize the ice maker and ice bin. If your fridge needs extra care (and elbow grease), consider hiring a cleaning service that offers appliance cleaning.

Countertop appliances: Countertop appliances need more intensive cleaning than you might think. In fact, not doing things like flushing your coffee maker and disinfect-



DREAMSTIME

Countertop appliances and reusable containers can harbor bacteria, yeast and mold.

ing your blender gasket can put you at risk of ingesting unsafe bacteria.

To do: Run a cycle of white vinegar and water through your coffee maker, and tackle scum on slow cookers with white vinegar and baking soda. Disassemble your blender and wash every component with soap and water. And remember

to unplug appliances before cleaning.

Countertops: Think of all of the hands, bags and containers that land on your countertops throughout the day. A quick wipe-down won't be enough to fully clean the surface and prevent cross-contamination.

To do: Disinfect your countertops daily and let them air dry. And consider installing a nonporous countertop material like engineered quartz to reduce germ accumulation.

The sink: Sinks require daily care to fight bacteria. Disinfecting them regularly will reduce the risk of con-

taminating foods and dishware, and will make your sink less appealing to pests.

To do: Flush sink drains weekly or biweekly with hot water and bleach or vinegar and baking soda. And disinfect your sink basin every night. If your sink is slow to drain or produces a smell, it might help to connect with a local plumber.

Cooking utensils: Utensils like rubber spatulas and can openers rank in the top 10 for bacteria content — and studies have found harmful strains like *E. coli* and salmonella on them.

To do: If your utensils can be disassembled, take them apart to clean them (bacteria gathers in the creases). And deep-clean your can opener in a vinegar bath.

Reusable containers: Food storage containers and reusable grocery bags aren't just storing dry goods or tomorrow's lunch — they're also holding germs. This is especially true if there is a rubber seal involved, as these tested positive for yeast and mold.

To do: Wash your reusable shopping bags weekly. And clean food storage containers as soon as you're finished with them, removing the seals for their own cleaning.

Knife block: Knife blocks rank among the 10 germiest items in the kitchen. Wooden knife blocks, in particular, harbor yeast and mold — especially if you put semi-wet knives back into the block.

To do: Remove the knives and clean the block with soap and water, scrubbing the slots with a narrow brush or pipe cleaner. Then, submerge the block in water containing one tablespoon of bleach to each gallon (or wipe it with a similarly portioned mixture). Let the block air dry upside-down.

The reign of bacteria in the kitchen doesn't end there. Knobs, handles, buttons, sponges and washcloths need more attention than they're given. If you're feeling overwhelmed, consult with a cleaning company about deep cleaning services and get a clean slate.

GADGETS

Sounds delivered in sustainable materials

BY GREGG ELLMAN
Tribune News Service

House of Marley's Exodus lightweight, over-the-ear headphones are the company's first release in their 2019 sustainably designed audio collection, and even if it's the last, Marley is off to a great start.

Every time I see a product from the earth-friendly House of Marley, I marvel at the first-class looks,

environmentally friendly design and craftsmanship, obviously something it put a tremendous amount of effort into.

The Exodus wireless (Bluetooth 5.0) over-the-ear headphones are constructed with Forest Stewardship Council-certified wood, stainless steel, recyclable aluminum and natural leather and includes a rewind fabric stash bag composed of organic cotton and recycled PET,

according to a recent news release. I'm not a construction/materials expert, so I had to seek help from Marley on specifics.

The final product is light, with nothing but padded comfort on your head and ears. Inside the memory-foam padded ear cups are 50 mm Hi-Definition drivers, which deliver the music crisp, clean and clear. Controls are simple, with buttons on the outside of the ear chambers.

They charge in two hours for up to 30 hours of use with USB-C charging and have a foldable design for portability. If you want a direct connection, a resilient braided aux cable is included. There's also a built-in mic for hands-free comfort.

If you're not familiar with House of Marley, it is connected to the famous musician Bob Marley, whose vision of great-sounding music and dedi-

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cation to preserving the planet is alive and well.

As for the name Exodus, I think it's a great assumption that it came from Bob Marley's 1977 album

named just that: "Exodus."

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Make concrete moves inside your home

BY BONNIE MCCARTHY
Los Angeles Times

Concrete — the composite building material made from stone, sand, cement and water — is having a bit of a moment in the home design world. Used to create everything from bookends to home furnishings, concrete fits in especially well with modern, contemporary, rustic and industrial architectural design.

“We’ve seen the use of concrete growing quite a lot in contemporary architectural building,” said Joseph Di Benedetto, executive director and product designer at Designer Doorware in Altona, Australia, who launched the Bullet+Stone collection of contemporary concrete door fixtures, attributing the trend in part to a resurgence of interest in mid-19th century Brutalism, the 1950s and ’60s style of architecture that celebrated blocklike forms of concrete and steel.

Although the material has been around since ancient times (some people believe the Great Pyramids may have been built with a combination of limestone and concrete), building with composite has cycled in and out of favor. “I think architects have always loved concrete on some level,” said Abeer Sweis, design partner at the Los Angeles-based firm Sweiskloss. “In regard to buildings it felt like the use of concrete did go away because there was something about it that made it more of a political statement (in the Brutalist era), with a very powerful look that was not friendly, but that was more in the design than the material because there are a lot of beautiful churches that are incredibly inviting and made of concrete as well.”

The power of touch

Today, contemporary concrete design has shifted from its formerly formidable and imposing



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Lite Source Towton gray concrete and metal table lamp, at LampsPlus.com.

aesthetic to embrace the material’s organic roots in a modern collaboration of earthy elements.

Using concrete in combination with wood, warm-toned metals and tactile materials creates a sense of nature and balance in both product and building design.

“There’s something really peaceful about (concrete),” Sweis said, “and yet it’s very powerful, strong and permanent. If you buy something made out of concrete, it feels like it’s been around awhile ... it feels like it has just existed.”

In addition to an inherent sense of soul and design gravitas, concrete has a surface “you just want to touch,” Sweis said. “I feel like it absorbs its surroundings, it absorbs heat if it’s warm, and if you touch it in the morning it’s cold. It emanates different things, and I think it does the same thing with light ... it just feels alive, in a way.”

T.J. Eads, lead industrial designer for Indianapolis-based luxury faucet and fittings manufacturer Brizo, believes the long-



SEAN DAGEN/NATIVE TRAILS

The use of concrete is growing in home design, including this Nipomo concrete sink by Native Trails.



DESIGNER DOORWARE

Bullet+Stone is an award-winning collection of concrete door hardware from Designer Doorware.

ing for substance and style is a reaction to our increasingly virtual landscape. “Millennials, and (people) younger than that, have been raised in a tech world,” Eads said, “where there are a lot of flat screens and glass surfaces, and they want that tactile feel. ... They want those elements, like concrete, within their house — whether it’s a drawer pull or a faucet ... they want texture.”



Brizo limited-edition Vettis concrete faucet, Brizo.com. The design was inspired by a waterfall.

BRIZO

Even faucets? Yes

“I think it’s often perceived as a more functional, utilitarian type of material for sidewalks, driveways,” Eads said. “But right now, people really appreciate the aesthetic, the imperfection. Imperfect is the new perfect.”

For his part, Eads recently debuted a sculpted, limited-edition Vettis concrete faucet for Brizo. “It was inspired by a waterfall,” he said, “the pairing of the water and the stone.”

“People ... see it, they love it, they want it, and it’s affordable. It

looks cool, and you can implement it in any type of space, really. The longevity is really appealing,” said Los Angeles-based Home-polish interior designer Mandy Cheng.

Both slick, highly coated, epoxy-finished concrete as well as roughly finished stone with exposed rebar and aggregate are in demand. “You’ll see both ends of the spectrum,” Eads said, “but I really think people love the rawness of it; they want to see and touch and feel it now.”

“It just feels nice, solid,” Cheng said. “It feels natural and real.”



MORTON ARBORETUM

For yards where the soil is often wet, consider trees like this river birch that evolved in places that often are flooded. Shrub options include elderberry and buttonbush.

Choose plants carefully for areas that hold water

BY BETH BOTTS
Chicago Tribune

Like cats, most plants don't like to get their feet wet — or not for long.

"Plants' roots need oxygen," said Sharon Yiesla, plant knowledge specialist at the Morton Arboretum in Lisle. "Normally, roots can absorb oxygen because the gas filters down through the soil, but when the soil is full of water, the oxygen can't get through."

A short soak is not a problem for most trees and plants, Yiesla said. However, in a big storm or when rain goes on and on, the soil can become saturated with water that takes days or weeks to drain. "That starts to cause problems," she said.

Dense, sticky, clay soil, which is common in the Chicago area, makes things worse for plants. Clay in soil always tends to hold water and impede oxygen, so roots may be struggling even before a rainstorm starts. When soil with a high clay content is wet, it can easily become compacted, making it even more dense and impenetrable.

If your yard has low spots where the soil is

often wet or where puddles tend to form and persist when it rains, plant those areas with species that can tolerate periods of wet soil. Some kinds of trees and other plants can handle it better than others.

For example, consider two native Illinois oaks. White oak (*Quercus alba*), which is native to dry prairies, will struggle in soil that tends to be wet. Yet swamp white oak (*Quercus bicolor*) is unfazed, because it's native to river floodplains and other low areas that often are temporarily flooded. Other trees that have evolved to tolerate periods of wet soil include bald cypress (*Taxodium distichum*), pawpaw (*Asimina triloba*), American hornbeam (*Carpinus caroliniana*) and river birch (*Betula nigra*).

The Arboretum's online Tree Selector (mortonarb.org/tree-selector) can help you search for other possibilities.

Shrubs that can tolerate periods of wet soil include buttonbush (*Cephalanthus occidentalis*), red-osier dogwood (*Cornus stolonifera*), winterberry (*Ilex verticillata*), black chokeberry (*Aronia melanocarpa*) and elderberry

(*Sambucus canadensis*). For perennials, consider Siberian iris (*Iris siberica*), rose mallow (*Hibiscus moscheutos*) and bee balm (*Monarda didyma*). One kind of plant that doesn't do well in wet spots: lawn grass.

"We tend to notice wet spots when it rains, but other factors may be involved," Yiesla said. A gutter downspout, a sump pump outflow or a sloping driveway that becomes a channel for rainwater may all contribute to creating a pool in your yard. Correct any of those drainage problems before you make a planting plan.

"It's easier to choose plants for your soil conditions than it is to try and change your soil or force a plant to grow where the conditions aren't right for it," she said. "Design your garden so you can put moisture-tolerant plants in the areas where water tends to collect."

For tree and plant advice, contact the Arboretum's Plant Clinic (630-719-2424 or plantclinic@mortonarb.org).

Beth Botts is a staff writer at the Morton Arboretum in Lisle (www.mortonarb.org).

Get utility lines marked before digging in garden

BY TIM JOHNSON
Chicago Tribune

I am planning to do some major garden renovations and think that my phone and cable television lines are running through the affected areas. What is the best way to deal with this situation?

— Beth Anderson, Highland Park

You should call to have the utilities in your garden marked to avoid damaging them when you have projects that involve working in the soil. Examples include digging with a shovel, tilling and installing posts. If you are planting annuals or ground covers with a garden trowel, it is very unlikely that you would damage a cable television or phone line, so locating them is not as important. However, if you are spading compost into the bed first, then you need to have them located.

Cable television and phone lines can be very shallow (1-2 inches deep) and very easy to cut with a spade. You should submit additional locate requests if your project is going to last longer than 14 days. I unknowingly cut a cable television line once while edging a bed and have cut a few while planting small shrubs and perennials. Natural gas lines are usually installed much deeper, but I cut a gas line once at about 4 inches underground and 20 feet away from the house. If in doubt, err on the side of calling to have the utilities located for your property.

JULIE stands for Joint Utility Locating Information for Excavators and is a non-for-profit corporation dedicated to keeping Illinois safe and connected. JULIE staff members don't visit sites themselves to mark the utility lines but inform member utility companies, so that they



CHICAGO BOTANIC GARDEN

You should call JULIE to have the utilities in your garden marked to avoid damaging them when you have projects that involve working in the soil.

can mark your garden for safe digging. They will send a professional locator to mark your lines using color-coded flags and paint. Red is electric, yellow is gas, orange is communications, blue is potable (drinking) water and green is sewer.

The member companies only mark the underground lines that they own and not any lines that you have installed or privately own. Some examples would be gas lines for a fire pit, grill or light, landscape lighting electric lines and irrigation piping. If your site is clear of a particular utility line, you will find a flag with OK on it and/or OK painted on the ground. Other lines will be marked with paint and flags. It is a good idea to use a white flag or white paint to mark where you plan to dig if possible.

All you need to do to have your utilities marked is to contact JULIE Inc. by calling 811 or 1-800-892-0123 two business days before you plan to begin digging (excluding weekend days and holidays). It is a free service. The JULIE call centers are staffed 24 hours a day, seven days a week. You can also submit a locate request through the JULIE website (www.illinois1call

.com). I have processed locate requests using both methods and found them very easy to use and convenient.

JULIE covers Illinois, outside the city of Chicago. If you are digging in Chicago, then you can call 811 or 312-744-7000.

Dig carefully by hand if you are working within 18 inches of either side of any marked underground utilities. When I am planting very close to cable television or phone lines, I like to carefully dig and expose the lines and move them to the side if possible. These lines are very easy to damage and cut through with a spade. If you end up damaging a utility line, then contact that company for repairs and notify JULIE.

Also, be careful when digging in gardens with underground sprinklers, as black polyvinyl piping is easy to cut with a spade and generally very shallow. Look for irrigation heads for clues as to where the pipes are located — they are generally installed in straight lines from head to head.

Tim Johnson is director of horticulture for the Chicago Botanic Garden in Glencoe.

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Yes, you can build your own garden shed

BY TIM CARTER
Tribune Content Agency

Q: I've put off building a small garden shed for too many years. After the wretched winter I endured, I deserve something that will lift my spirits. I don't know where to start, but I do know I want it to be an asset to my property. Should I buy a pre-built shed or is it possible to build my own with limited skills and tools? I'm up for a challenge, but I don't want to find out I bit off more than I can chew. What would you?

A: Each spring I get questions like this. Spring is a magical time of year that unleashes pent-up energy and creativity in many things, including humans.

I'm a big fan of addressing challenges. If I had been asked this question 15 years ago, I might have hesitated to recommend the DIY approach. But technology has allowed many people to do things they never dreamed of doing.

Six years ago I created over 100 videos showing the process of building an outdoor shed. The methods apply to any shed no matter the size or shape. You can watch these for free and become empowered to make your dreams become reality.

The first step in the process is to step back and ponder what's going to

happen in the shed. Is it a shed for work or for storage — or both? The biggest complaint I get from my subscribers and readers is that sheds are almost always too small.

It's easy to determine the right size for a shed no matter what you intend to do with it. All you need is some string and the things you're going to store in the shed. Put the things out on the grass next to one another the way you envision them in the shed. Then surround the items with the string, creating an outline of the exterior walls. This tells you quickly how big your shed needs to be.

You'll have to meet with your local building inspector and get up to speed on the frost depth for the shed foundation. It's important to realize you need to protect all your hard work from frost heaving. You may have to hire out digging the piers, as doing that job by hand is mind-numbing and back-breaking work. It's possible to rent a very small excavator to dig the holes yourself.

I'm not a huge fan of pre-built sheds. I've looked at many near my home, and most are built to minimum standards. If you decide to buy one, absolutely get one that has treated lumber floor joists and a treated plywood floor. Yes, you can buy treated plywood, and it has the same wood-rot prevention chemicals in it as treated lumber.

Be sure to think about natural light. Simple skylights or light tunnels will bathe the inside of the shed with natural light so you can see what you're doing on cloudy days.

I prefer traditional overhead garage doors for sheds. You might not realize that you can get small overhead doors as narrow as 6 feet and sometimes even smaller. An overhead door won't blow open on windy days and they seal very well against driving rain and frigid wind.

The good news is you don't need lots of fancy tools to build your own shed. While fancy tools will allow you to save time, carpenters from 50 or 100 years ago didn't have them. You'll have success building with just a simple circular saw, a framing square, a tape measure, a hammer and a few other tools.

Q: I've got a bedroom door where the handle latch that extends from the door barely makes it to the metal keeper in the door jamb. Depending on the outdoor temperature and humidity, my cat can push against the door to get in. Once inside the room, he frolics about on the bed messing it up and having a good time. Is there an easy fix so I can ban this feline from his play palace?

A: You can fix a door problem like this in a matter of minutes. The easy fix



TIM CARTER

This small garden shed has an organic roof. Sheds can be built in all shapes and sizes and don't require lots of fancy tools.

isn't the most elegant, but it will work.

Door latch problems like this usually happen because the gap between the door and the door jamb is much too large. The gap is supposed to be $\frac{1}{8}$ inch but I've seen them as big as $\frac{5}{16}$ inch or more.

Another key point is the keeper. The face of the keeper is supposed to be flush with the door jamb, but some installers make the recessed mortise in the jamb too deep and the

keeper is farther away from the edge of the door than it should be.

A typical interior door latch extends out from the edge of the door about $\frac{1}{2}$ inch. It's possible the latch needs to be lubricated and checked to make sure it's not binding if yours is not extending out that far. That might be all that's needed to solve the problem.

The fastest fix is to just shim out the keeper $\frac{1}{8}$ of an inch. It's not pretty but it solves the problem. If the

gap between the door edge and the jamb is greater than $\frac{1}{8}$ inch and you want the best-looking repair, then you need to remove the trim from the latch side of the door and pry the jamb out to get it closer to the door.

You'll need to install more shims to keep the jamb at its new location. Reinstalling the trim will require precision, spackle caulk, and paint. It's all a matter of how much work you want to tackle.

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“As a company with roots in custom building, West Point Builders has traditionally worked with buyers to make any changes they desire, including altering floor plans, adding rooms and offering the custom features that they may request,” says Pat Curran, president of West Point Builders. “The single-family homes at Ashcroft Place are truly semi-custom, and at The Townes at Ashcroft Place, we can make customizing changes that are unusual in townhomes.”

The popular neighborhoods in a master-planned community are within walking distance of every level of Oswego schools and is just 1½ miles from downtown Oswego and across the street from a new fire department station and police station. Scenic pond views and a country setting are a contrast to the convenience of the community.

“Among the available features are fire-places with extensive choices in designs and surrounds, garden windows, benches and cubbies in mud rooms, custom closets, screened porches, sun rooms, finished basements, crown moldings and wainscoting,” says Curran. “We can shift walls to increase space in much-used rooms and add on rooms. All of these options are in addition to quality standard features.”

Both ranch and two-story floor plans are offered in both the single-family homes and townhomes. Townhome prices start at \$226,990 and the single-family homes are priced from \$319,990.

Diversity of housing types and extensive amenities ensure an outstanding lifestyle at Harbor Shores Resort, just 1½ hours from Chicago. Both vacation home buyers and year-round residents are purchasing in the community in southwest Michigan near the towns of Benton Harbor and St. Joseph.

Sales are now underway in the newest neighborhood of Harbor Shores, Harbor Village. The newest and largest neighborhood offers a unique nautical location near Lake Michigan at the

confluence of the Paw Paw and St. Joseph Rivers. Two townhomes and two Cottage Court homes are available for quick move-in, and two single-family homes are slated for completion in early fall.

Residents are within a short walk of the Inn and Spa, a 60-slip deep water marina and the Jack Nicklaus Signature Design golf course, home of the KitchenAid Senior PGA Championship through 2024. A 2,000-square-foot clubhouse with an outdoor pool, fire pit, gathering room and kitchen will open Memorial Day. Other nearby amenities include the Renaissance Athletic Club, North Pier Brewery, Canoe and Kayak Launch, several sandy beaches and 12 miles of walking paths connecting residents with the various amenities.

“Buyers can choose from a variety of housing types at Harbor Village, depending on their individual preferences,” says Kerry M. Wright II, director of real estate sales and marketing for Harbor Shores Resort. “These choices include townhomes, Cottage Court homes, single-family side yard cottages and traditional semi-custom single-family homes, featuring the Coastal Shingle Style architecture reflective of the historical character of the area. Artful landscaping ensures a friendly environment that is upscale yet casual.”

The three-level townhomes include 1,700 square feet of living space, with three bedrooms and three full bathrooms. Large decks provide views of holes 4 and 5 of the Jack Nicklaus golf course. The townhomes for quick move-in are priced at \$335,000.

The Cottage Court homes are 2,400-square-foot residences arranged in groups of five homes around a landscaped inner courtyard. These designs include three bedrooms and 2½ baths and are designed for main floor living. The Cottage Court homes for quick move-in are priced at \$435,000 and at \$445,000 for the home in an end location.

In addition to the townhomes and Cottage Court homes, semi-custom single-family homes are offered, includ-



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ing a traditional single-family home and a single-family side yard cottage. Housing styles include the single-family side yard cottages, with homes placed to one side of the site, creating a large side yard. The side yard cottages range from 1,600 to 2,100 square feet with three or four bedrooms, 2½ baths and popular open concept living areas, priced from the low \$400s.

Traditional single-family homes range from 1,800 to 3,000 square feet with three or four bedrooms or more, three baths and views of green space and the Paw Paw River, priced from the low \$400s to the low \$600s. Quality interior features packages are offered.

Interested buyers can take advantage of the Harbor Shore Resort Discovery Package. The Harbor Shores Discovery Package enables visitors to meet with Resident Ambassadors who can provide valuable insights into the community. The \$299 package includes overnight accommodations for two at The Inn at Harbor Shores, dinner at the inviting Plank's Tavern and a choice of activities such as two rounds of golf or a spa experience. For more information, visit harborshoresresort.com or call 269-932-1600.

At Toll Brothers Woods of South Barrington, buyers can extensively personalize the homes in the Signature and Estate Collections offered in this luxury

home community, where prices range from \$799,990 to over \$1.1 million. The community is just minutes from every convenience and the top-rated Barrington District 220 schools. Spacious one-half to one-and-a-half-acre homesites offer a serene setting for these distinctive homes.

“Our two-story floor plans, some with first-floor master suites, can be modified to meet the preferences of each buyer,” says Alison Keifer, Senior Sales Manager. “For example, since buyers may have multi-generational families all living under one roof, in-law suites are popular, and we can design and build additions that will ensure an elite, private environment. We can also expand rooms, move staircases, and add sunrooms, as well as countless other entertaining spaces. Our ‘Design Your Own Home’ feature, on the Toll Brothers website, lets buyers personalize their favorite floor plan with a variety of structural options available for each home design offered.”

“More than 500 options, representing luxury-quality features and materials, are among the extensive choices available. In our Henley plan, selections include an alternative laundry location, our Private Retreat addition and many other possibilities,” she says.

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Harbor Village homes include state-of-the-art designs for an elegant vacation home retreat.

Homes are available for quick move-in at Harbor Village

Vacation home buyers who want to spend this summer just steps away from an extensive array of recreational amenities should act now to purchase at Harbor Village in Harbor Shores Resort. The resort is located near the towns of Benton Harbor and St. Joseph in southwest Michigan, just 1½ hours from Chicago.

Quick move-ins are available for a pair of townhomes and two Cottage Court homes. In addition, two semi-custom single-family homes are slated for an early fall delivery. This is an ideal time to move in and enjoy warm weather fun in the premier recreational community in the Midwest.

"Every recreational interest is met at Harbor Village, and residents are just a short walk to several major attractions, including the Inn and Spa at Harbor Shores and the 60-slip deep water marina on Lake Michigan at the confluence of the Paw Paw and St. Joseph Rivers," says Kerry M. Wright II, director of real estate sales and marketing for Harbor Shores Resort. "Those who enjoy power boating and sailing can rent or purchase one of the boat slips at the St. Joseph river marina, and residents who are seeking natural vistas and water views will find that several homes have riverfront and golf course views. Those who enjoy canoeing or kayaking have the rivers available for these activities too."

Eleven-acre Harbor Village is the newest and largest neighborhood within 530-acre, master-planned Harbor Shores Resort.

The central attraction of the resort is the 530-acre Jack Nicklaus Signature Design Golf Course, site of the KitchenAid Senior

PGA Championship through 2024. The 92-room Inn and Spa hosts special events, and offers dining and rooms for visitors.

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Other nearby amenities include the Renaissance Athletic Club, North Pier Brewery, Canoe and Kayak Launch, several sandy beaches and 12 miles of walking paths connecting residents with the various amenities.

Sales are underway in the first phase of development at Harbor Village. This phase includes 78 homes, including 30 single-family homes and 48 attached townhomes and rowhomes.

"The homes at Harbor Village are a blend of state-of-the-art designs with exteriors that are influenced by the historical character of nearby towns that have a long history as vacation destinations," Wright says.

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Shodeen Homes features ranch and two-story homes at Stone Ridge, a community just west of Route 12 and north of 120 in Lake Geneva, Wisconsin.

Shodeen Homes offering homes at Stone Ridge in Lake Geneva

Shodeen Homes, a family-owned and operated homebuilder for over 58 years in Geneva, is now offering ranch and two-story home plans at Stone Ridge, a community of 168 homesites just west of Route 12 and north of 120 in Lake Geneva, Wisconsin. Shodeen Homes will build 110 homes in three phases at Stone Ridge and has an established reputation of excellence at communities throughout Wisconsin, including The Row Home of Fontana, Geneva National in Lake Geneva, Prairie View in Williams Bay and South Shore Estates on Lake Delavan.

"Interest in Wisconsin real estate has seen a dramatic increase over the past few years among Illinois residents in particular," says Jeremy Lund, sales director for Shodeen Homes. "The beauty of this recreationally-rich area attracts second home buyers as well as those who want to retire or those who want to take advantage of lower property taxes and a more relaxed lifestyle."

Priced from \$327,000, ranch, two-story and first-floor master home designs are offered ranging from 1,697 to 2,691 square feet with three or four bedrooms, 2½ to 3½ baths, 9-foot first-floor ceilings, choice of exterior elevations, full basements per plan and two- or three-car garages.

"The open concept floor plans we are offering at Stone Ridge have proven to be popular among buyers at Shodeen communities in both Illinois and Wisconsin," Lund says. "Large island kitchens open to family rooms, in-home office space, additional first floor bedrooms, flex space and

the benefits of new construction as well as the ability to select from a vast selection of amenities and upgrades make these homes very desirable."

Standard features that are included in every home are wide plank engineered wood flooring in kitchens, foyers and powder rooms, Aristokraft kitchen cabinets with granite countertops, stainless-steel appliances, painted trim, baseboards and six-panel doors, ceramic tile flooring in bathrooms and a one, five and 10 year warranty program.

Two of the most sought after designs, include:

- The 2,089-square-foot Newberry ranch with charming covered front porch, two bedrooms and a study or three bedrooms, two baths, kitchen with breakfast bar and informal dining area open to the great room, master suite with large walk-in closet and private bath, optional patio and attached two or three-car garage.

- The 2,691-square-foot two-story Donovan with four bedrooms, 3½ baths, first-floor master bedroom with sitting room, large walk-in closet and private bath, den or fifth bedroom, island kitchen with spacious dining area open to a two-story great room, second-floor Jack-and-Jill bedroom suite, fourth bedroom and loft served by a full hall bath and attached three-car garage.

Stone Ridge is in Walworth county and served by Lake Geneva School District J1, including Badger High School.

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Open concept ranch plans offer one-level living at Bowes Creek Country Club in Elgin.

Luxurious ranch plans provide one-level living at Bowes Creek

Active adults and other buyers seeking one-level living have exciting choices at beautiful Bowes Creek in Elgin, a Toll Brothers master-planned community.

Although the Regency active adult neighborhood has sold out, both the popular Fairways and Masters Collections each offer two ranch plans that are ideal for buyers who desire elegant open concept designs.

"The demand for ranches continues to be strong, especially with those who are downsizing or whose children are at college," says Victoria Ringhausen, Community Sales manager. "These buyers are looking for open concept designs that complement the way they live and entertain today, and the homes include upgraded standard features plus a wide range of options to further enhance the homes.

"These included features exceed the standards of other communities in this area. They reflect the quality design, construction and appointments that have made Toll Brothers the No. 1 Homebuilder in America."

Homebuyers also have the opportunity to live in a master-planned community with luxury homes situated around the award-winning Rick Jacobsen-designed golf course. Bowes Creek Country Club is a resort-class community that offers walking trails, community parks and a clubhouse.

The Fairways Collection, priced from \$299,995, features Executive home designs with both ranch and four two-story plans, two or three-car garages, and popular open concept floor plans.

The 1,713-square-foot Stamford, priced from \$329,995, and the Binghamton,

an 1827-square-foot home priced from \$347,995, feature open concept ranch plans that blend style and convenience. Both have light and spacious open living areas comprised of well-appointed kitchens with islands, casual and formal dining areas and spacious great rooms with available fireplaces. The homes have covered entries and foyers with tray ceilings, two or three bedrooms or study in lieu of a bedroom, master bedrooms with tray ceilings and private baths, covered patios, partial basements and two-car attached garages.

The Masters Collection also includes two open concept ranch designs as well as five two-story plans. Prices range from \$387,995 for the Masters Collection, which includes the largest and most elegant homes at Bowes Creek Country Club.

The 2,226-square-foot Bowman, priced from \$387,995, and the 2,243-square-foot Waverly, priced from \$407,995, are designed to offer elegance along with practicality. Both have spacious open concept floor plans with kitchens that boast extra-large islands, breakfast areas plus formal dining rooms, great rooms with available fireplaces, master suites with tray ceilings, generous closet space and deluxe private baths, grand entries, covered patios, basements and three-car sideload garages.

To visit, from I-90, exit Randall Road south five miles to Bowes Road. Travel west on Bowes Road for two miles to the entrance on the left. The sales office is at 3511 Tournament Drive in Elgin and hours are 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. daily. Call 847-468-1852 or visit tollbrothers.com for more information.

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