



## Suicide blast kills 4 Americans in Syria

ISIS attack could complicate plans for U.S. troop withdrawal

BY BASSEM MROUE  
 Associated Press

BEIRUT — A suicide bombing claimed by the Islamic State killed two U.S. soldiers, a Pentagon civilian employee and a U.S. contractor Wednesday in northern Syria, less than a month after President Donald Trump declared he was pulling U.S. forces out of the country and that the extremist group had been defeated.

The attack, which also wounded three U.S. service members along with other people in the strategic northeastern town of Manbij, complicates what had already become a messy withdrawal plan, with Trump's senior advisers disagreeing with the decision and then offering an evolving timetable for the removal of 2,000 U.S. troops.

It also underscores Pentagon assertions that the Islamic State, also called ISIS, is still a threat capable of deadly attacks.

The Islamic State group claimed responsibility for the attack, which local groups said killed 16 people in the U.S.-patrolled town of Manbij.

"We have defeated ISIS in Syria, my only reason for being there during the Trump Presidency," Trump tweeted in December in announcing his intention to bring back U.S. troops "NOW."

Vice President Mike Pence repeated the claim Wednesday, saying the Islamic State "caliphate has crumbled" and the militant network "has been defeated."

His comments in a speech at the State Department came shortly after the U.S. military announced that American soldiers were among those killed in Manbij.

News of the combat deaths prompted a far different response from Republicans on Capitol Hill.

Sen. Lindsey Graham, R-S.C., said Wednesday that the troop withdrawal announced by Trump has emboldened the militant group.

"My concern by the statements made by President Trump is that you have set in motion enthusiasm by the enemy we're fighting," Graham said during a Senate Judiciary Committee hearing. "So I would hope the president would look long and hard of where he's

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## Can promising start lead to better future?

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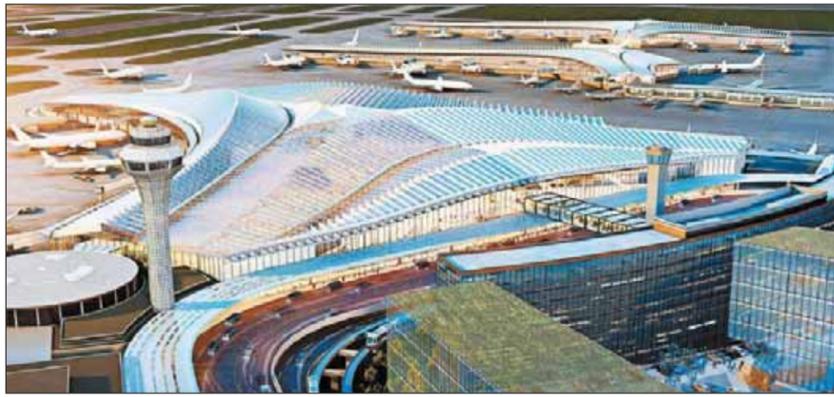
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Skidmore, Owings & Merrill's plan features an undulating skylit roof overhanging tall glass walls.

# 5 ideas for O'Hare's massive expansion

Choosing architect for \$8.5B project is a priority for departing Emanuel

BY BLAIR KAMIN AND MARY WISNIEWSKI  
 Chicago Tribune

Chicago officials on Thursday will unveil five striking designs for a massive expansion of O'Hare International Airport, many with swooping roofs and some with quirky features like hammocks where travelers could take a

nap before flights. The proposals from top architects for the \$8.5 billion expansion, whose centerpiece will be a new global terminal that combines domestic and international flights under one roof, are all sleekly modern. Three would put naturalistic touches — clusters of trees, wood ceilings or patches of grass—inside the terminal.

The plans, which starting Thursday can be viewed online, at O'Hare and downtown at the Chicago Architecture Center, are broad-brush visions that leave unanswered nitty-gritty questions about security gates and other aspects of the passenger experience.

Mayor Rahm Emanuel has said that selecting an architect for the project is a top priority before he leaves office in May,

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## Commuter tax? City lottery? Cut costs?

Mayoral field offers budget solutions in face of deep pension debt

BY JOHN BYRNE  
 Chicago Tribune

One wants a city-run lottery. Another would tax suburbanites who work in Chicago. There's also the possibility of the city issuing pension obligation bonds to free up billions of dollars.

A handful of Chicago mayoral candidates on Wednesday addressed how they'd grapple with staggering public pension debt the new mayor will face within months of taking office this spring. While their approaches to how they might find the huge sums the city needs may differ, they agreed the problem has to be addressed head-on.

Chicago's public pension hole is one of the most pressing problems the city will face in the next four years, a potential financial albatross that starts at nearly \$300 million in 2020 and grows to nearly \$1 billion by 2023. The size of the impending shortfall defies neat, politically safe solutions, and the five candidates who appeared before the Tribune Editorial Board touched on many possible tracks to get there with little consensus on the best course.

Efforts to cut government costs were a popular idea at the Tribune forum, a time-honored approach for candidates who know tax-weary voters are fans of lowering City Hall spending rather than digging deeper into their pockets. Likewise, the political third rail of jacking up property taxes — which Mayor Rahm Emanuel has repeatedly done during his two terms — went unmentioned a little over a

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## Shutdown sidelining immigration hearings

Almost 1,200 in Chicago canceled; backlogs likely to grow

BY ELVIA MALAGON  
 Chicago Tribune

Almost 1,200 immigration court hearings have been canceled in Chicago since the federal government shutdown started, and that number is expected to climb as the weeks go by.

An analysis from Syracuse University's Transactional Records Access Clearinghouse found that as of Jan. 11, already 1,186 immigration hearings in Chicago had been canceled because of the government shutdown. If the shutdown were to continue into February, the number of hearings canceled in the city would grow to 2,978, and if it continues into March the number would climb to 4,975, according to the TRAC analysis.

The partial federal government shutdown started Dec. 22, and it stems from a dispute between Congress and President Donald Trump.

The president has demanded \$5.7 billion to fund a border wall with Mexico. But as the days have turned into weeks, the shutdown has become the longest in U.S. history.

California has seen many more immigration hearing cancellations than Chicago. As of Jan. 11, an estimated 9,424 immigration hearings had been canceled in

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Ald. Edward Burke departs after turning himself in Jan. 3 at the Dirksen U.S. Courthouse.



## JOHN KASS

# Candidates can't explain the Ed Burke on their shoes

I've spent the last two days watching Chicago mayoral candidates squirm under the harsh fluorescent lights at the Chicago Tribune Editorial Board endorsement sessions.

And the sad thing? Some just can't explain away the Ed Burke on their shoes.

Susana Mendoza, the Illinois comptroller, looked terrible trying to explain away her connections to Burke. Toni Preckwinkle was thoroughly uncomfortable. Insider Gery Chico didn't have much to say.

At least Bill Daley, son and bro of boss, and no pal of Burke, had the decency to let a subtle, bemused smirk play upon his face, an admission that Burke has changed the campaign.

Because with Mayor Rahm Emanuel out of the race, the campaign for mayor was supposed to be a popularity contest among the politically connected four. It wasn't supposed to be about corruption and clout and how Burke allegedly used government to force business to bend the knee. It wasn't supposed to be about Ed Burke.

But when Burke was charged in a federal extortion case — with the promise of an indictment and thousands of hours of phone recordings to come — it became all about Burke.

"Let's just be honest," Mendoza, Burke's protege and Rahm's favorite, said at Wednesday's session. "I'm not his endorsed candidate. That's Gery Chico. And I'm not a person that he's ever held a fundraiser for, which is the subject of a federal complaint about alleged extortion, that contribution didn't go to me, it went to Toni Preckwinkle."

Let's just be honest?  
The day before, Preckwinkle, the boss of the Cook County Democrats, was congratulating herself for removing Burke from his party position as a senior judge picker.

But she suffered a lack of enthusiasm talking about the \$116,000 he raised for her at a fundraiser at his home — including some from the alleged extortion victim — and she wasn't all that chatty about the

\$100,000 county job that went to Burke's son.

"There are other people at this table who've been endorsed by Ed Burke. I'm not," Preckwinkle said Tuesday, speaking of Chico. "He's not an ally of mine."

Then Chico said he wasn't endorsed by Burke, at least not formally, but that Burke had praised him. Of course he did, Gery.

But what's this with Preckwinkle insisting that Burke was not her ally? What would you call him? An enemy?

You give \$100K county jobs to the children of your enemies? Your enemies raise \$116K for you?

Burke's been a spider in the web of Chicago politics for 50 years. That special silk of his has touched just about everybody in the game, particularly the insiders. And it's been amusing to see them pretend they don't know him all that well.

"They're all running from Burke," said candidate and former Chicago Public Schools CEO Paul Vallas, who could and should have been governor if the machine types didn't slice him up to help Rod Blagojevich. "Pretty soon they'll claim they don't know Burke, and they'll start calling him Jimmy Burke."

As in Jimmy the Gent from "Goodfellas?"

But I understood. They don't know Burke. They don't want to be associated with Burke.

"They're the Burke Four: Preckwinkle, Chico, Daley and Mendoza," Vallas said. "They can't hide from their records or their code of silence. And they've been silent."

Preckwinkle is widely seen as a boss now. She defended former Cook County Assessor Joe Berrios — even after he was found to be gouging poor African-American homeowners in his assessments. Her days imagining herself as a reformer turned to dust long ago. Still, she's been hurt by her Burkean connections.

And so has Mendoza.  
Remember when Rahm was joyously hinting that the winner in the race hadn't even come forward, be-

fore Mendoza made it official? The Rahm crowd flocked to her.

She was getting favorable media, particularly on broadcast. I heard radio hosts fall all over themselves for her. She was being presented to Chicago as a new, fresh look on politics. And the handoff would be complete — Daley to Rahm to Mendoza.

But then the feds descended on Burke and wrapped his City Hall offices in that brown butcher paper.

And now she has to explain her Burke connections, how she came up politically, like Chico, on the Southwest Side, how her wedding was held at the home of Burke and his wife, Illinois Supreme Court Justice Anne Burke. Her praise and thanks for Burke, his praise for her.

Timing is everything.  
In the Tribune corridor after the endorsement session, Mendoza explained her connection to Burke's 14th Ward organization

"It's where I got my political start. I would be lying if I said he hadn't been kind to me, Anne Burke was a role model. I've never hidden that from the public," Mendoza said. "But whatever he's done that the feds are going to investigate, he has to be accountable. That's not me."

I understand that. And there was real pain in her voice when we spoke. But she's part of it, the way Chico is part of it, and Preckwinkle, and to some extent, Bill Daley. I'm not saying they're part of an alleged crime with Burke. I am saying they supported the status quo.

And they're part of the old way, and the way they played Chicago politics — as if in a game of thrones — is now commonly understood as one of the main reasons why the city is hurting.

All it took was Burke. He stepped in it and so did they.

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# Build wall as monument to American stupidity



REX W. HUPPKE

Let's build President Donald Trump's ludicrous border wall.

Let's give our tantrum-throwing adult president the money he wants and end the government shutdown before it does more harm to the roughly 800,000 federal workers now missing paychecks. They are pawns in this mess, by no choice of their own. They don't deserve to be infected by a national outbreak of stupidity.

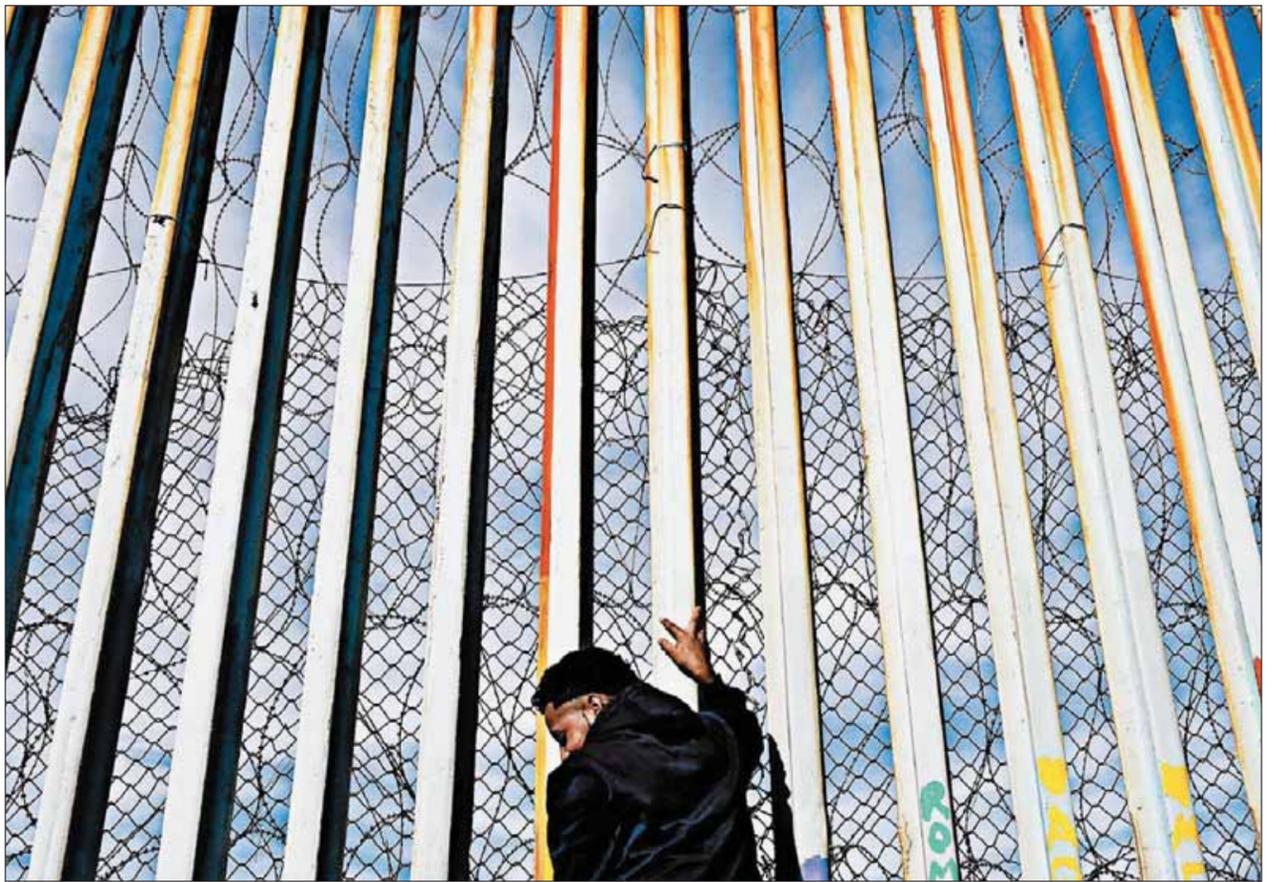
Let's give in. Let's allow Trump to embark on a historically daft outlay of taxpayer money and attempt to build a concrete or steel-slat or whatever-material-he-happens-to-be-babbling-about-today symbol of white American intolerance, a giant middle finger in the Southwest flipping off the Statue of Liberty in the Northeast.

Let's ignore the inevitable ineffectiveness of such a wall. Let's ignore the fact that most drugs and humans are smuggled into the country through legal points of entry, that illegal border crossings have plummeted since the early 2000s and that if there was an immediate "crisis" at the border — there is not — the best way to deal with it wouldn't be to spend years constructing a wall.

Let's look past all those things and acknowledge that we are living through a period of unchecked stupidity, a remarkably dumb time to be alive.

Our government has been shut down for nearly a month, putting many of those 800,000 federal workers in financial peril, simply because the president is demanding \$5.7 billion to pay for a border wall that he promised over and over again would be paid for by Mexico. Trump's recent claim that Mexico is indirectly paying for the wall because of a new trade deal is a lie, as that trade deal is neither in effect nor even close to getting congressional approval.

That's one lie (Mexico will pay for the wall!) atop another (Mexico is already indirectly paying for the wall!). If lies could be stacked and held together with mortar,



GREGORY BULL/AP

A man holds on to the border wall along the beach in Tijuana, Mexico, last week.

***It will accomplish nothing in terms of border security. But that was never really the point.***

Trump would have already produced enough material to build a good portion of his precious barrier.

But lies are flimsy, even if a shocking percentage of Americans are willing to believe them. So we're left with Trump's petulant demand for money to fund a xenophobic campaign promise and a small but noisy segment of the population that believes the medieval malarkey that a wall is the only thing that will protect them from dark-skinned invaders.

This is all objectively stupid. So

much so that this moment in our nation's history deserves a monument, so we may never forget.

And that's what Donald Trump's border wall should be: A poorly conceived, partially built memorial to mental mediocrity.

Democrats in Congress refuse to fund the wall because they know it's a waste of money and because it's a lunkheaded symbol of isolationism and hate.

So rebrand the concept. Consider it an investment in a national monument to the perils of willful ignorance and gamble that whatever fragment of a wall actually gets built will become a profitable tourist attraction, a must-visit national park that delivers a lesson in not believing everything you're told.

It will be like the parts of the Berlin Wall that remain standing, except this wall will have never been finished in the first place. The \$5.7 billion Trump wants

won't come remotely close to paying for a border wall, and he'll likely send his son-in-law, Jared Kushner, or some other equally unqualified bozo to oversee a project that is doomed to fail.

If Democrats let Trump proceed with the wall, it will become a testament to Trumpian incompetence and grift. And that will make for enlightening reading at the nearby Trump Border Wall Museum of American Stupidity, which will also feature a gift shop that were never used because construction was halted after the administration was busted for using Russian-made steel.

We all know how this will end. So give Trump the money, but add in a few requirements.

Insist that each brick (or slat) in the wall be inscribed with one of the more than 6,000 false or misleading statements, documented by the Washington Post

fact-checker, that Trump has made since taking office. Make sure there is a sign every 10 feet that reads: "Donald Trump And His Supporters Are Solely Responsible For This." And put a Make America Great Again hat, sealed in a weather-proof clear plastic box, atop each pillar of the soon-to-be-abandoned wall.

It will accomplish nothing in terms of border security. But that was never really the point.

It's the year 2019 and our government is shut down and hundreds of thousands of Americans are suffering because one man who conned millions is obsessed over building a giant wall.

That's stupid. Dangerously stupid. And it's worthy of a monument that will serve as a reminder of this dumb era, lest Americans ever forget the cost of stupidity run amok.

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City inspectors from the Buildings Department and Chicago Fire Department enter the alley entrance to the studio space for R. Kelly on Wednesday.

## Building inspectors find code violations at R. Kelly studio

Officials uncover evidence space was used as residence

BY ELYSSA CHERNEY AND JASON MEISNER  
Chicago Tribune

Building inspectors on Wednesday identified a number of code violations at R. Kelly's Near West Side recording studio, finding evidence that the industrial space was used as a residence even though it was not zoned for that purpose, the Building Department announced.

A team of inspectors spent about an hour inside the R&B superstar's studio at 219 N. Justine St. carrying out an investigation and will present a list of the violations at a court hearing Tuesday, according to department spokesman Gregg Cunningham.

"City inspectors will now process and itemize the building code violations observed during the inspection and will incorporate the violations into an amended complaint for the next court hearing," he said in an emailed statement. Any penalties will be

determined in court, Cunningham added. The owner could be fined up to \$1,000 per day per violation — costs that could be passed on to Kelly if he was in violation of the terms of his lease.

Steve Greenberg, an attorney for Kelly, said no one was living at the studio and that it should not be surprising that it included places for sleeping or taking breaks.

"They certainly didn't find anything that would support any of these ridiculous allegations that have been made, and that's what I'm concerned with," Greenberg said.

Cunningham would not provide further details about what inspectors saw when they went inside the two-story brick warehouse about 12:10 p.m. Wednesday. He said the team included inspectors for plumbing, electrical systems and carpentry as well as inspectors from the Fire Prevention Bureau.

The inspection was not related to any possible criminal investigation involving the Chicago musician following the Lifetime documentary series "Surviving R.

Kelly," which aired earlier this month and renewed attention on sexual abuse allegations that have dogged Kelly for decades.

While officials conducted the inspection Wednesday, police blocked off an alley near the studio between Laflin and Justine streets. Police were there to assist with any dangerous building conditions that might have developed, Cunningham said.

The Buildings Department won a court order to inspect the property after it received a complaint that people were residing there even though it's not zoned for that.

In a court hearing last week, an inspector for the Buildings Department, David Trejo, testified that when he and his team went to the property, they saw windows that had been "sealed up" and evidence that the building "was not being used as a warehouse" as intended.

After Judge Patrice Ball-Reed granted the city's emergency motion, Kimberly Roberts, an attorney for the city's Law Department, told reporters that a building being used for

residential purposes requires smoke detectors and other safety measures that need to be inspected. In addition, allegations of "some illegal parties" being held at the property were made, she said.

Online records show the building is on the market at an asking price of just under \$4 million. The real estate listing states that the property is "fully rented" with a "high profile tenant" paying nearly \$23,000 a month. The first floor has a "fully built out recording studio, lounge and full kitchen," the listing states.

The lease, made public as part of an eviction lawsuit, shows that Kelly was granted permission to "modify the existing recording studio" to meet his "specific needs." He also was allowed under the terms of the lease to create an "apartment type area on the second floor," according to the records.

However, the lease specifically states that Kelly was responsible for complying with "all applicable laws and building codes" when making the alterations.

The recording studio,

based in an industrial warehouse, has become the site of multiple protests following the release of "Surviving R. Kelly."

Protesters did not show up Wednesday as inspectors entered the 8,000-square-foot building. Curious passers-by stopped to take photos and videos of the building. One woman driving by in a car shouted out the window, "Is he there?" Others came to support Kelly and said they would not stop listening to his music despite the renewed allegations in the documentary.

Kelly has long denied all allegations of sexual abuse and running a "sex cult." More than a decade ago, Cook County prosecutors indicted Kelly on child pornography charges alleging he filmed himself having sex with a girl estimated to be as young as 13, but a jury acquitted him of all charges in 2008.

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## Watchdog: Cops had to drive child of supervisor to station, baby-sit

BY JEREMY GORNER  
Chicago Tribune

Chicago's government watchdog recommended that a high-ranking Chicago police official face possible firing for directing officers under his supervision for nearly a year to drive his child from school to his Northwest Side police station in a squad car and baby-sit the child on the city's dime.

But in the end, the Police Department gave the undisclosed official — identified by sources as Grand Central District Cmdr. Anthony Escamilla — only a seven-day suspension despite his claims that it was all part of a "test case" for a new community policing study, according to a report released Wednesday by the watchdog.

The report by the city's Office of Inspector General said that "the Supervisor's continued attempts to justify the conduct in question raised serious questions about the Supervisor's judgment and ability to serve in a supervisory position."

In the report, Inspector General Joseph Ferguson said the supervisor admitted he had a lower-ranking supervisor assign on-duty officers to pick up the commander's child from a school outside the district's

boundaries and bring the child to the police station most Wednesday afternoons from September 2017 until at least July 2018.

The lower-ranking supervisor and the other officers also had to baby-sit the child at the Grand Central District station at 5555 W. Grand Ave. for at least two to three hours at a time, Ferguson said.

Chicago police spokesman Anthony Guglielmi would only say the Police Department "concurred with aspects of the independent investigation of the Inspector General and issued the member a one-week suspension (seven days) consistent with departmental guidelines."

Escamilla did not return a telephone call or an email from a Tribune reporter seeking comment on the allegations.

During a downtown speech last week to business and civic leaders, police Superintendent Eddie Johnson praised Escamilla for his work on a pilot program in his district in which officers were freed from responding to radio calls to spend more time interacting with residents.

Ferguson's office said the supervisor didn't have the authority to use the on-duty officers to take care of his child. The "misuse of

CPD resources" was compounded because sometimes as many as three officers went to pick up the child from school for the minimum 30-minute drive, according to the report.

"The police officers' transportation and monitoring of the child clearly impeded their ability to execute their official duties," the report said. "The time officers spent traveling to a school outside their assigned district and then transporting the child back to the district on a weekly basis ... was time those officers could not devote to completing their official assignments."

Ferguson called the supervisor's defense of his use of the officers disingenuous and implausible and referred to his purported study as "a baseless" attempt to justify conduct he "knew or should have known was wrong."

"There is no evidence to corroborate the Supervisor's claim," the report said. "The Supervisor did not obtain authorization from CPD to conduct a study, did not inform a single person of the Supervisor's 'study' prior to the OIG's investigation, did not create a methodology, did not create any documentation related to the study, did not observe the child's interactions with



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Chicago police Cmdr. Anthony Escamilla speaks at a vigil for 2-year-old Julien Gonzalez in Chicago on Oct. 8.

CPD officers at the district, conducted no interviews with the 'participants' of the study, had no timeline for the completion of the supposed study, and apparently created no metrics to measure the effectiveness of the study."

Officers interviewed by Ferguson's investigators said the assignment to watch over the child at the station as akin to "child care or babysitting" duties that took them away from their official duties, according to the report.

"One officer recounted a time that the officer had to hang up on a domestic violence victim because the officer needed to attend to the Supervisor's child," the report said. When the child was at the police station, another officer told investigators, "it was a hindrance towards being able to perform our (regular) tasks."

An officer also told Fer-

guson's office that colleagues would sometimes take the child to the car wash to keep the child "occupied."

While the inspector general's office recommended the Police Department discipline the supervisor "up to and including discharge," the Police Department gave the seven-day suspension, arguing that there was no proof that police operations were disrupted. The Police Department also determined that Escamilla did not violate a department rule that restricts movement of relatives and friends of police personnel in police stations. As a commander, the department found that Escamilla was allowed to authorize his child access to the district station, according to Ferguson's office.

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## Ill. gun dealers to face more oversight

Pritzker plans to sign bill to require state licensing

BY MIKE RIOPELL  
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Gov. J.B. Pritzker plans to sign a bill Thursday that would give the state more oversight over Illinois gun dealers, after Democrats kept the paperwork off former Republican Gov. Bruce Rauner's desk in order to avoid a veto during his administration's final days.

The proposal would require firearm stores to get state licenses, a move that supporters contend could reduce gun violence because federal regulators are stretched too thin to adequately handle all the shops operating in Illinois.

Pritzker is set to sign it into law at a Chicago elementary school Thursday morning. Lawmakers approved it last year in the wake of the killing of Chicago police Cmdr. Paul Bauer and the high school shooting in Parkland, Tex.

"This is a common-sense piece of legislation, so when I introduced it a decade and a half ago, I thought we would be celebrating this day much sooner," Democratic state Sen. Don Harmon of Oak Park, the proposal's sponsor, said. "But important causes are worth fighting for, and I am proud to stand with the countless advocates and supporters who have stuck with us for all these years."

A Pritzker spokeswoman declined to comment.

Rauner vetoed a similar proposal in the spring, calling it "duplicative" because the federal government already licenses firearms retailers. He said adding another layer of oversight would be costly for businesses and "do little to improve public safety."

Lawmakers approved a new version while Rauner was governor, but Democratic Senate President John Cullerton held on to the paperwork to keep it off the Republican's desk. On Wednesday, Democrats sent it to Pritzker, and he's scheduled to sign it Thursday.

In his inaugural speech on Monday, Pritzker hinted that a gun control push would be coming from his administration.

"We allow schools, and movie theaters, hospitals, neighborhoods to become battlefields — legally accessible by the weapons of war," he said. "Our abdication of responsibility must end."

Under the proposal, it would be illegal for retailers to sell guns without being certified by the state. To qualify, stores first must be licensed by the federal Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives. Then, they would have to submit a copy of that license to the Illinois State Police, along with an affidavit declaring it remains valid. Shop owners would have to install surveillance equipment, maintain an electronic inventory, establish anti-theft measures and require employees to undergo annual training.

A certification would cost retailers a maximum of \$1,500, and the regulations would apply to small businesses as well as big-box retailers. Sellers without a retail location would be charged \$300 for certification.

Illinois State Rifle Association Executive Director Richard Pearson has said "that bill is designed to run small firearms dealers out of business."

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## Preckwinkle proposes hiking ride-share tax

Aims to generate more funds for public transit

BY MARY WISNIEWSKI  
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Cook County Board President Toni Preckwinkle on Tuesday proposed increasing the city's tax on ride-sharing to generate more funds for public transit.

At a Pilsen mayoral forum on improving bus service, Preckwinkle was one of nine candidates for Chicago mayor offering various suggestions for improving public transit, from more miles of dedicated bus lanes to letting seniors ride for free.

Preckwinkle called ride-sharing, which has been blamed for declining transit ridership, "convenient" but "disruptive in many ways," including to the taxi business. Mayor Rahm Emanuel has already increased the tax on ride-share trips to help fund the CTA, making Chicago the first city to do this.

The discussion comes during a long-term decline in bus ridership, which has fallen by 21 percent since 2012. The CTA has cited the growth of ride-sharing services like Uber and low gas prices as factors behind the drop. Bus ridership also has declined nationally, according to the American Public Transportation Association.

Community activist Amara Enyia also suggested an increase in the ride-share tax along with other ideas for transit funding — through a real estate transfer tax and reallocation of funds from parking and traffic tickets.

Businessman Willie Wilson said he would improve ridership by lowering fares and offering free rides for seniors. "I don't think you should put such a burden on people who are trying to make a living," he said.

Then-Gov. Rod Blagojevich tried offering free rides to seniors, but the measure proved a heavy burden for transit agencies and was rescinded. Both Enyia and Cook County Circuit Court Clerk Dorothy Brown suggested not free fares, but discounted fares for low-income people.

"The fare has increased significantly," said Enyia.

But Preckwinkle said that while the idea of free or discounted fares may be attractive, it would prove too burdensome for the CTA.

"Frankly, I don't think seniors should be privileged over ordinary working people who are struggling to support their families," Preckwinkle said. She said it is more important to focus on things like a universal fare card to integrate service on the CTA, Metra and Pace.

The Active Transportation Alliance, an advocacy group for transit, also has cited declining bus speed as an issue for riders. In a 2017 report, the alliance found that the average typical weekday bus speed in Chicago had fallen to 9.03 miles an hour, down from 9.83 miles an hour in 2007.

The reason for declining bus speeds is congestion, which has been blamed on ride-share services, construction and a stronger economy that has led more people to drive. The CTA and the city have added dedicated bus lanes in the Loop to help buses avoid traffic. But the city's share of dedicated bus lanes is still low, at just 4.1 miles compared with 82.8 miles in New York.

Both Preckwinkle and former Chicago Police Superintendent Garry McCarthy suggested addressing congestion caused by ride-share vehicles by subjecting those vehicles to the same licensing requirements that taxi cabs face.

Several candidates advocated for more bus lanes, though the issue is tricky. An attempt to put a bus lane on Ashland Avenue faced strong opposition from local businesses.

Illinois Comptroller Susan Mendoza said the key is both community engagement and strong leadership

from the mayor's office to help overcome opposition from individual aldermen.

"We have to engage the public about why this would make sense," Mendoza said. "Our streets are overcrowded with cars, and it takes forever to get from point A to point B."

McCarthy said crime on the CTA could be lowered in part by targeting those who evade fares, since people who evade fares are also likely to cause other mischief. The CTA has recently seen an increase in pickpocketing.

State Rep. La Shawn Ford said the city should fight crime by improving education for children around the city.

Former Chicago Public Schools Superintendent Paul Vallas said that the city has to make improving transit ridership a priority, and that any future infrastructure bill has to support mass transit too. He said more state money should go to operating subsidies, as well as to capital needs like new buses and stations.

Attorney John Kozlar said more attention should be paid to the disabled on the CTA, and that includes putting elevators at all "L" stops. This is currently part of a 20-year CTA plan.

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## Ad says Cook boss ready to take on 'old boys club'

BY JOHN BYRNE  
Chicago Tribune

Cook County Board President Toni Preckwinkle is leaning into her image as a political "boss" in a new TV ad, while arguing that her power doesn't mean she's part of the political machine.

The move to play tough with the "old boys club" comes as Preckwinkle tries to separate herself from one of the emblems of that power structure in Chicago, embattled Ald. Edward Burke.

In the ad, a group of Chicagoans appears on screen to tout Preckwinkle's readiness to fight political corruption: "She took on the Police Department and politicians to expose the truth about Laquan McDonald. ... She's not from the machine, but she's a boss. Toni is ready to take on the old boys club from day one."

"Because I always have," Preckwinkle says.

Critics in recent weeks have argued that Preckwinkle, the Cook County Democratic Party chair, is actually part of that establishment.

Burke was charged Jan. 3 with attempted extortion, with authorities alleging he withheld a permit from owners of a Burger King in

his Southwest Side ward while trying to get them to hire his firm for property tax work.

The Tribune reported that Preckwinkle is the politician on behalf of whom federal authorities say Burke also shook down the restaurant owners for a political contribution.

Preckwinkle has said she returned the \$10,000 and that she had no idea Burke solicited it from the owners on her behalf. The federal charging document against Burke says she kept \$5,600 of the money.

Burke is free on a \$10,000 unsecured bond while the case is pending. His attorney, Charles Sklarsky, has said the allegations are without merit.

The ad will air on broadcast, cable and digital platforms starting Wednesday as part of a \$750,000 ad buy she previously announced.

In addition to touting her "strong sense of what's right," as one Chicagoan in the ad puts it, the commercial reminds voters that as Cook County Board president Preckwinkle expanded health care and opposed the National Rifle Association and President Donald Trump's immigration policies.

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## Chico and Mendoza argue over pop tax campaign ad

BY GREGORY PRATT  
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City Hall veteran Gery Chico unveiled a new television attack ad against Illinois Comptroller Susana Mendoza in the Chicago mayoral race, criticizing her for supporting a 2009 bill when she was a state lawmaker that increased a soda tax.

Mendoza, meanwhile, hit back at Chico, noting that the bill she voted for was part of a major capital plan signed by Gov. Pat Quinn soon after he took office. The bill increased taxes from 1 percent to 6.25 percent on candy, some beverages, and grooming and hygiene products. It also included language allowing video gambling in bars, raising driver's license fees and allowing the state lottery to sell tickets online.

State Rep. La Shawn Ford, who is also running for mayor, voted for the bill, as did almost every Democrat in Springfield at the time.

Chico's newest ad hits Chicago mayoral rivals over taxes. The campaign commercial slams former U.S. Commerce Secretary Bill Daley for floating a com-

muter tax and Cook County Board President Toni Preckwinkle over her unpopular and repealed \$200 million sweetened beverage tax.

Mendoza called Chico's ad "completely disingenuous" because the bill she voted for was part of a broader economic stimulus plan.

"This is a total and complete distortion of any even semblance of truth, and it's shameful he would have to straight-up fabricate things about me and my record," Mendoza said. "There is only one candidate who has championed and sponsored a soda tax, and that's Toni Preckwinkle. He should stick to the facts and not try to score points on cheap shots at my expense."

Asked about Mendoza's criticism, Chico sarcastically countered, "It's not that big a deal to be a member of the legislature anymore?"

"These people tout in their resumes, 'I was a member of the General Assembly,' and then when it's convenient, it's not a big deal, I'm one of the group," he said.

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Eric Blackmon, second from right, celebrates with attorneys, including Karen Daniel, right, and supporters at a Chicago restaurant Wednesday.

## Prosecutors drop murder charges against 15-year inmate

Became paralegal in prison to prove his innocence

BY MEGAN CREPEAU  
Chicago Tribune

Eric Blackmon spent much of his nearly 16 years behind bars in the prison law library, steadfastly investigating his own case in an attempt to clear his name.

The convicted murderer became a paralegal while locked up at Stateville Correctional Center. He coordinated family and friends on the outside to help. And when attorneys declined to take on his defense, he represented himself — and persuaded the 7th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals to hear him out.

On Wednesday, the long legal saga that wound through both state and federal courts ended with Cook County prosecutors dropping the murder charges against him.

Blackmon, 37, smiled and embraced his attorneys after Judge William Gamboney announced that the case was dismissed.

“(I) just did everything that I could for myself, just hoping somebody would eventually listen,” he told reporters after the hearing.

Blackmon, who was

freed on bond last May after the 2004 murder conviction was overturned, said he plans to attend law school and fight for reforms to try to prevent wrongful convictions like his.

“It’s great for me to be here, but I just think about all the other guys,” Blackmon said in a soft-spoken voice. “A lot of work still needs to be done, so we can change the system.”

Blackmon himself did most of the work to keep his case alive after his conviction, even as authorities continued to dismiss his claims, said his attorney Karen Daniel. Once the federal appeals court in Chicago agreed to hear his case, attorneys were appointed to represent him.

“Eric ran this marathon that was his legal case,” Daniel said.

“He got himself right up to the finish line, and then his lawyers came in and they ran over the finish line with him. Eric got the case heard by the 7th Circuit and that was extraordinary. Lawyers don’t always get that done.”

Since shortly after his release last year, Blackmon has been working as a paralegal at the Lawndale Christian Legal Center, where he said his unique perspective aids their dis-

advantaged clients.

“I truly know what they’re going through, and I can relate,” he said.

A Cook County judge in 2004 convicted Blackmon in the murder of Tony Cox, who was shot in front of a West Side restaurant on the Fourth of July in 2002.

But Blackmon maintained he was attending a barbecue at the time of the slaying and that his trial

the victim, he had no connection to the people the police knew were involved in the murder, nothing. Totally an innocent man who spent over a decade and a half in prison for no reason.”

Last year U.S. District Judge Ronald Guzman found that Blackmon was in custody in violation of his constitutional rights and ordered that he be

corruption of the system and they are correcting their mistake.”

Blackmon said he intends to apply to law school, with a particular eye of one day changing the way Illinois handles eyewitness identifications in criminal cases.

He also wants to fight for better treatment of people who represent themselves in court, saying they should be viewed with more respect.

Safer expressed confidence that Blackmon has a successful legal career ahead of him.

“Eric’s going to argue in front of the 7th Circuit some day,” he said.

Meanwhile, Cook County prosecutors agreed Wednesday to throw out murder charges against another man in a separate case. Geraldo Iglesias alleged that controversial ex-Chicago police Detective Reynaldo Guevara framed him for a 1993 murder.

His exoneration marks at least the 12th Guevara-related conviction vacated in Cook County courts since mid-2016.

“It’s like a burden’s been lifted from my shoulders,” said Iglesias, who spent 18 years in custody.

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— Eric Blackmon

attorney did not adequately investigate the potentially dozens of alibi witnesses who were with him there.

In addition, one of the eyewitnesses to the killing who testified for the prosecution has since sworn under oath that police steered her to identify Blackmon in a lineup, according to Ronald Safer, another Blackmon attorney.

“Eric had no connection to this crime, none. We still don’t know how his name ever got floated,” Safer said. “He had no connection to

released unless county prosecutors planned to try him again. His conviction was tossed out, and Blackmon was released on bond.

Safer credited State’s Attorney Kim Foxx’s administration for taking a fresh look at the case and ultimately choosing not to take Blackmon to a second trial.

“They are changing their approach to this broken system,” Safer said.

“This is not their mess. This did not happen on their watch, but they are eating away at the corrosion of the system and the

## Lawsuit: Feds failed to protect endangered bumblebee’s habitat

Despite population loss, bee continues to be found in Ill.

BY ELYSSA CHERNEY  
Chicago Tribune

Federal agencies failed to follow the law in protecting the habitat an endangered bumblebee that continues to be found in Illinois despite major population loss nationwide, according to a lawsuit filed Tuesday in Washington, D.C., by an environmentalist group.

The lawsuit brought by the Natural Resources Defense Council accused the Interior Department and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service of violating parts of the Endangered Species

Act. The act requires the agencies to identify and preserve habitats supporting species that are at risk.

The departments were supposed to do this within a year of listing the rusty patched bumblebee as an endangered species on Jan. 11, 2017, but they have not, according to the lawsuit.

“Habitat loss is a serious threat to the rusty patched bumblebee,” the lawsuit said. “The species is predominantly dependent on grassland habitat, which has declined by 99.9 percent since European settlement of North America.”

When the government declares certain habitats critical for an endangered species, it can implement stricter processes to review any action, such as construction, that could harm the lands, said Rebecca Riley, a legal director at the Natural Resources Defense Council.

“If we are going to save these species from extinction, we need to save their habitats,” Riley said Tuesday.

The Justice Department, which handles lawsuits filed against federal agencies, did not respond Tuesday to a request for com-



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The rusty patched bumblebee used to be a common sight in 28 states in the Midwest and Northeast, but their numbers have plummeted, according to a lawsuit.

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Rusty patched bumblebees used to be a common sight in 28 states in the Midwest and Northeast, but their numbers have plummeted by 87 percent over the last two decades, according to the lawsuit and wildlife experts. Now, the bee lives in only 8 percent of its historical range, which includes parts of Illinois.

The species, known for a distinctive reddish line on the backside of workers and males, has been spotted mostly in the northern part of the state, along the Fox River corridor and in suburban areas around Chi-

cago, at Illinois Beach State Park and in Cook County forest preserves.

Students at Loyola University’s ecological campus in McHenry County found the bee feeding on flowers in the summer of 2017, an exciting discovery that inspired greater efforts to document different species on the land.

Students did not see the bee again this summer, but that doesn’t necessarily mean the pollinator had left, said Roberta Lammers-Campbell, a lecturer emerita at the campus.

“I know people spotted it in the areas around us. We just didn’t have people

spending a lot of time watching for it. We didn’t really monitor for it real strongly,” Lammers-Campbell said.

The Fish and Wildlife Service reported an increase in overall sightings in 2018, including new locations in Virginia and Iowa. The agency attributed the rise to increased awareness and efforts to find it. Last year, reports were made identifying more than 300 rusty patched bumblebees.

The government has 60 days to respond to the lawsuit, Riley said.

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## 2nd man pleads guilty in ’16 killing

Then-Bull’s cousin was shot pushing her baby in stroller

BY MEGAN CREPEAU  
Chicago Tribune

Facing the prospect of his own brother testifying against him, a man pleaded guilty Tuesday to the fatal shooting of a mother of four as she pushed her newborn daughter in a stroller on Chicago’s South Side.

The 2016 killing made headlines nationwide because the victim, Nykea Aldridge, 32, was a cousin of NBA star Dwyane Wade.

Derren Sorrells pleaded guilty Tuesday to first-degree murder as part of a deal in which Cook County prosecutors recommended he be sentenced to 27 years in prison.

Judge Timothy Joyce set sentencing for Jan. 29.

The about-face comes after Sorrells’ brother, Darwin, pleaded guilty last month to a reduced charge of conspiracy to commit murder and agreed to testify against his brother, court records show. Prosecutors recommended a sentence of 20 years in prison in return for his cooperation.

With the connection to Wade, Aldridge’s death shined a harsh spotlight on Chicago gun violence in a year when shootings and homicides soared. Relatives said she loved fashion and writing.

President Donald Trump, then the Republican presidential nominee, tweeted the killing’s connection to Wade, adding “African-Americans will VOTE TRUMP!”

Wade told ABC News he was grateful the tweet “started a conversation” but condemned Trump for using his cousin’s death as a “ploy for political gain.”

It left “a bad taste in my mouth because of what my family is dealing with and what our city of Chicago is dealing with,” Wade said then.

Chicago ended 2016 with more than 4,300 people shot and in excess of 760 killed, its worst year for violence in two decades.

Authorities say Derren called his brother in August 2016 after a stranger allegedly threatened him with a gun. The brothers, both armed, confronted the man at the Parkway Gardens building where he had last been seen. The man fled on foot when Derren displayed a weapon.

Derren fired about a dozen shots — missing the man but hitting Aldridge, who was shot four times and pronounced dead at Stroger Hospital. Her baby was unharmed.

According to his plea agreement, Darwin never fired his weapon.

Both brothers, parolees with felony backgrounds, were charged with murder after video surveillance captured them with guns in their hands, authorities said.

Soon after his arrest, in a video-recorded confession, Darwin implicated his brother as the gunman, according to prosecutors.

On Tuesday, prosecutors said Derren admitted to a Chicago police detective after his arrest that he fired 11 or 12 shots, aiming at the man but hitting Aldridge instead.

In a telephone interview with the Tribune, Aldridge’s mother, Diann — who is caring for her four grandchildren, ages 14, 13, 12 and 2 — said that all are adjusting well.

The senior Aldridge said she knew the Sorrells brothers as children from attending her church.

She was shocked when they were charged in her daughter’s murder, but now she tries not to dwell on them.

“I’m in a good space, I’m comfortable,” she said. “(But) there’s still a void that’s gonna last forever.”

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# Can advertisement for razors combat toxic masculinity?



**HEIDI STEVENS**  
*Balancing Act*

Can an ad for razors change a culture? Gillette, whose new #TheBestMenCanBe campaign kicked off Monday with a 1:48 film that weaves together #MeToo, online bullying, boardroom mansplaining and a clip of Terry Crews saying, “Men need to hold other men accountable,” is about to find out.

As of Tuesday morning, the ad had been watched more than 2.7 million times on YouTube.

As you’d expect, there are calls for boycotts. Piers Morgan lost his ever-loving mind over the ad, calling it “virtue signaling, PC grade nonsense” on his “Good Morning Britain” show.

And, as you’d expect, there’s widespread praise. “THIS,” USA Today sports columnist Nancy Armour tweeted. “Every freaking second of this. Thank you, @Gillette.” Followed by, “And, yes, I did get choked up watching it. This is how change happens.”

Gillette partnered on the project with The Boys & Girls Clubs of America, the first in a series of nonprofit organizations the company has pledged to work with and support.

“To make our vision of the Best Men Can Be a reality, we will be distributing \$1 million per year for the next three years to nonprofit organizations executing the most interesting and impactful programs designed to help men of all ages achieve their personal best,” the company writes on its website.

It’s impossible to predict the impact, of course. It’s an ad campaign, not the dis-



YOUTUBE

Gillette’s new #TheBestMenCanBe campaign kicked off Monday. It emphasizes that boys watch how men behave.

mantling of a Hollywood empire, a la Harvey Weinstein. It’s not “Surviving R. Kelly.”

Dozens upon dozens of activists and nonprofits and educators and artists and journalists and survivors have been working to shift the definition of masculinity away from some of the more toxic strains its been saddled with — violence, coercion, power plays — for decades.

Gillette is, at the end of the day, in the business of selling razors and body wash.

Still, welcome to the effort, I say.

Women drive 70 to 80 percent of consumer purchasing, according to research by financial services firm Ernst & Young. And women have a “multiplier effect,” as Bloomberg puts it, meaning, “Because women serve as primary caregivers for children and the elderly in virtually every society in the world, women buy on behalf of the people who live in their households, as well as for extended family, such as older parents and in-laws, and friends.”

There’s a good chance, in other words, that women will be deciding which brand of razors and body wash to reach for at the store. Gillette is wise to launch a campaign that positions itself as an ally.

Still, let’s assume for a minute the campaign isn’t purely driven by capitalism.

“It’s time we acknowledge that brands, like ours, play a role in influencing culture,” Gillette writes on its website. “And as a company that encourages men to be their best, we have a responsibility to make sure we are promoting positive, attainable, inclusive and healthy versions of what it means to be a man.”

That means taking a look at the marketing in their past and deciding what sort of message they want to send going forward.

“From today on, we pledge to actively challenge the stereotypes and expectations of what it means to be a man everywhere you see Gillette,” the company writes. “In the ads we run, the images we publish to social media, the words we choose, and so much more.”

Here’s hoping more companies join the valiant effort.

*Join the Heidi Stevens’ Balancing Act Facebook group, where she hosts live chats every Wednesday at noon. This week she’ll be joined by Frankfort mom Kim White, who travels to middle schools talking to students about the dangers of opioids.*

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## Getting Away with Murder

A Snapshot of Violence and Unsolved Crime In Chicago

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Tribune reporters examine the violence during the first weekend of August, hoping to better understand the challenges authorities face in solving crime, as well as the impact unsolved shootings may have on the city’s ongoing cycle of violence.

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## Frosty, furry line for low-cost pet vaccine clinic

Dozens of pet owners, including Vidal Diaz with his American pit bull, Missy, above, wait in line on a cold Wednesday in January to receive a low-cost vaccine at the Chicago Animal Care and Control. Jose Raymundo, at right, holds onto his dog Snowball during vaccination by Dr. Chike Ezeani.



# 5 ideas for massive expansion at O'Hare

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but it's unclear who will make that decision. As of Wednesday evening, city officials had declined to release the names of the evaluation committee members that will rate the architects' plans.

In an interview Wednesday, Emanuel said the expansion would combine Chicago's tradition of excellence in architecture and aviation. Asked about the apparent lack of transparency in the evaluation process, the mayor replied that while he would "have an opinion" about which plan is best, the evaluation committee would do its job.

"We're gonna keep this above board," he said.

Scheduled to open in 2028 and to be financed by airline ticket fees, the expansion will be the largest and most expensive terminal revamp in O'Hare's 74-year history. It seeks to transform an airport with a notorious reputation for gridlock, packed concourses and air-traffic delays.

The project also aims to help O'Hare catch up to other U.S. airports, like Atlanta's Hartsfield-Jackson International Airport, in the race to modernize facilities and reap the benefits of attracting more passengers and carriers.

"Operationally, O'Hare just isn't nearly optimal in terms of the way aviation works today. It was designed in a completely different era," said Seth Kaplan, editor of Airline Weekly, which covers the aviation industry.

The architects vying for the project include such marquee names as Santiago Calatrava, designer of the bird-like 2001 addition to the Milwaukee Art Museum as well as the unbuilt Chicago Spire; Jeanne Gang, best known for her curvy Aqua Tower; and Skidmore, Owings & Merrill, which gave Chicago the Willis and Trump towers.

The idea behind the 2.25 million-square-foot global terminal is to make it easier for passengers using O'Hare's terminals 1 and 3, the hubs of United and American airlines, to make connections between domestic and international flights. Most passengers must hop on O'Hare's people mover to make those connections.

"For the first time ever, you won't need a Fitbit to make it around O'Hare," the mayor said, referring to the activity-tracking products used by exercisers.

The expansion, which also will include two new passenger concourses, will increase the airport's overall square footage to 8.9 million square feet from the current 5.5 million square feet, the mayor's office said.

Emanuel predicted the increase will keep ticket prices down because more gates will create more competition among airlines operating at O'Hare.

The five proposals, which the Tribune viewed in short videos Wednesday, seek to update the facilities and image of an airport that took shape in the 1960s and once reigned as the world's busiest, a title now claimed by Atlanta.

The designs are conceptual and the city did not release the cost of the individual proposals.

All the designs stress the importance of O'Hare as a gateway to Chicago, with some making oblique references to the airport's

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### Fentress-EXP-Brook-Garza Joint Venture Partners

The team of Fentress-EXP-Brook-Garza Joint Venture Partners, headed by the Denver-based architects of the tent-like Denver International Airport, suggests a global terminal with swooping skylit roofs and tall glass walls.

The plan's visual signature is a curving, upturned roof that would accentuate the terminal's presence along O'Hare's approach road. The airy interior would be clean-lined and mostly white, with towering columns.

"Our vision is to return the romance of air travel to all who pass through Chicago's O'Hare," the team said in a statement.

### Foster Epstein Moreno Joint Venture Partners

Foster Epstein Moreno Joint Venture Partners, is led by London-based Foster + Partners, which has designed several airports around the world as well as the sleek North Michigan Avenue Apple store.

The team proposes a roof that would cover the global terminal like a glassy blanket, shifting from three arches along the approach road to a single, dramatic arch facing the airfield.

The roof would have a diagonal grid of skylights. This team also seeks to recapture "the romance associated with air travel," its statement said.

### Studio ORD Joint Venture Partners

Studio ORD Joint Venture Partners, headed by Chicago's Jeanne Gang, calls for a sculpted, three-part terminal that wraps around a towering skylit atrium. The terminal would be "a vibrant neighborhood," the team said in its statement.

Inspired by the airport's original name — Orchard Field, which lives on in its ORD designation — the terminal's interior would include ample greenery and nature-inspired architecture. There would be columns that resemble trees as well as actual trees and even patches of grass in the floor.

The interior also appears to make extensive use of wood in its skylit ceiling.

### Skidmore, Owings & Merrill

The global terminal from the Chicago office of Skidmore, Owings & Merrill,

which is teamed with ARUP, Ross Barney Architects and JGMA, would have an undulating skylit roof, which would overhang the building's tall glass walls.

Also drawing inspiration from the airport's rural origins, the design proposes ample outdoor landscaping. The terminal would be "set in a prairie," a video caption said. Inside would be glass-enclosed waiting areas filled with trees. One shows a hammock hung from tree trunks. "A place to rest under a tree before boarding," another caption promised.

### Santiago Calatrava

Calatrava's plan is the most extensive, encompassing not just the global terminal but a business complex with formal gardens that would remake the present site of parking facilities next to the terminals.

The terminal itself is conceived in the shape of an arrowhead or a ship's prow with a dramatic white roof overhanging the approach road. The terminal's interior would feature the architect's trademark white-on-white skeletal look, with wide skylights set in an undulating ceiling.

Calatrava's statement terms the design "a masterwork of modern terminal architecture," though it does not say how much the business complex would add to the project's cost.

The architect has drawn sharp criticism for cost overruns at projects like the \$4 billion transportation complex of the World Trade Center in lower Manhattan.

### Evaluating the designs

Three-dimensional models of the plans will be displayed at the Chicago Architecture Center, 111 E. Upper Wacker Drive, through Jan. 31. The public can see the models for free, said Dan O'Connell, a spokesman for the CAC.

The designs also can be viewed at O'Hare's Terminal 2 through the end of the month and at [www.VoteORD21.com](http://www.VoteORD21.com). An online survey will allow the public to give feedback about the plans through Jan. 23.

In the 1988 architecture competition for the Harold Washington Library Center, the identity of jury members was made public and architects competing for the commission made public presentations to the jury. This time, however, the city is not identifying members of the evaluation committee and no public presentations are scheduled.

The committee, which was hearing presentations from the architects Wednesday, consists "of a diverse group of members who are stakeholders and subject matter experts," Lauren Huffman, a Department of Aviation spokeswoman, said in an email.

Kaplan, the Airline Weekly editor, said the needs of the flying public have changed since the 2001 terrorist attacks because passengers now spend most of their time at the airport past security gates. Also, self-service technology has eliminated the need for as much ticket counter space.

"Anyone who has flown through knows there's no mistaking the fact that it's old," Kaplan said of O'Hare.

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## Gang members' mothers must wake up and see sons as they are



**DAHLEEN GLANTON**

Micheal Ward was sentenced this week to 84 years in prison for killing Hadiya Pendleton. At Ward's age of 24, that amounts to a lifetime.

Some would say that Ward, a gang member who was in and out of trouble with the law, had been working his way to this point for a long time. But his mother apparently never saw it coming. Maybe it's because she would not open her eyes.

In an interview during the waning days of her son's murder trial last summer, April Ward sat down with me to talk about the son she knew. She insisted, just as she did on the witness stand during the sentencing hearing Monday, that he was a good son. She told me he was never in a gang, and most certainly is not a murderer.

"I raised him spiritually, always in church," Ward, 45, said during a lunch break in the courthouse cafeteria last year. "My son can quote Scripture. He knows it well. His grandma taught him that."

The young man who confessed to police on video that he went to a South Side park one afternoon in 2013 and fired into a group of high school students, striking Hadiya, was not the child she had raised with her husband. There was no need for any sort of retaliation against a rival gang because the young people her son hung out with were just innocent kids, she said. It was a tragedy that the 15-year-old honor student's life was taken, but her son was not responsible.

"They say he's a leader of the gang. I'm trying to understand how that is possible. He was 14 or 16, and he's the leader of some gang that's been around 20 years?"

"That makes him look bad. It makes him look like an animal. My son is not an animal. He's not a mad dog walking around crazy."

It is understandable that a mother would not want to believe that her son is some sort of monster. No mother would.

Perhaps Ward isn't evil. But he certainly isn't the choirboy his mother has tried to make him out to be. And that's a problem, not just with her, but also with many mothers of gang members.

Of course, they love their sons unconditionally, as most mothers do. When a son is shot down in the street, his mother grieves as you or I would. And when she realizes that he could spend the rest of his life in prison, she cries out that, like the victim's mother, she, too, has lost a child in the tragedy.

By now, no one cares. Her son is just another gangbanger who has been taken off the streets, and most of us feel relieved.

Rather than deal with the truth, it is easier for a mother to look at the gang symbol tattooed on her son's arm and convince herself that it's just a fad. It is less disheartening to see his social media posts — pictures of him posing with wads of dollar bills and sometimes even a gun — and convince herself that he's just playing around.

It is less painful to believe that every time her son is arrested for anything, police got the wrong kid. It requires less energy to decide that when her teenager walks out the door at 10 or 11 p.m., he's just going for a bit of fresh air.

Most mothers, though, know the truth about their sons. They just don't know what to do about it.

Along the way, they lost control as a parent. At some point, the young man figured out that there are no real consequences at home for his behavior. He saw that no one is paying attention, and in some cases, that no one cares.

Gang violence almost always is confined to neighborhoods rife with poverty. Even in a two-parent household like Ward's, parents struggle to make ends meet. April Ward and her husband, Thaddeus Bridgeman, 45, hold respectable, low-paying jobs. But their home life is far from perfect.

Still, April Ward said she thought that she and Ward's father, whom she has been with for 27 years, were doing as much as they could to raise their son and his three brothers right in a neighborhood filled with violence. "When my boys were growing up, I talked to each one and said, 'This is what you're going to do once you graduate. You're going to the Army, the Marines, trade school or college,'" she said. "Most of them gave it to me."

But in neighborhoods like theirs, it takes a village to save a child.

In 2016, the National Science Foundation released a study looking at the factors associated with mass shootings and street violence. It concluded that parents play a significant role in either increasing or decreasing violence.

Though rampage shootings and street violence are different in many ways, the study found that children with lower risk of youth violence had "close attachment bonds with consistently supportive caregivers" and received "effective and developmentally sensitive parenting."

But the study also revealed something else. When it comes to street violence, parents, schools, neighborhoods, and a wide range of other entities and support systems have to work together.

Even so, it is still up to young men to make their own choices. According to the prosecutor, no one else can be blamed for the decision Micheal Ward made.

"He made choices, he's chosen to ignore his family and the opportunities," Assistant State's Attorney Brian Holmes said in court. "He chose to join a gang. He chose to pick up a gun."

It is hard to argue with that.

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# Hopefuls differ on budget solutions

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month from the Feb. 26 election.

But the candidates disagreed on whether the city should pursue pension obligation bonds being explored by Emanuel to raise more money, expand gambling or take another tack.

Cook County Circuit Court Clerk Dorothy Brown, former Ald. Bob Fioretti, Southwest Side attorney John Kozlar, Illinois Comptroller Susana Mendoza and former Chicago Public Schools CEO Paul Vallas appeared in the second of three mayoral panels hosted by the Chicago Tribune Editorial Board this week. During a wide-ranging meeting, they were asked how they'd make the additional pension payment for the 2020 city budget, the first the new mayor will craft.

Mendoza said she would "put forth a series of proposals" and would consider piggybacking off Emanuel's idea of issuing pension obligation bonds to help the city's cash flow problem.

Emanuel has warned that his successor will need to cover an extra \$270 million in pension payments for the city's 2020 budget. By 2023, City Hall will need to come up with nearly \$1 billion in additional annual pension payments. The mayor has floated the idea of borrowing as much as \$10 billion in pension obligation bonds to infuse the retirement funds with more cash, with the hope being that investment returns on that money would outpace the interest rates tied to repaying the debt. Emanuel said he does not plan to borrow the money before leaving office and would leave the decision to his successor.

"It has to be on the table," Mendoza said, especially



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Mayoral candidates Susana Mendoza, from left, John Kozlar, Bob Fioretti, Dorothy Brown and Paul Vallas talk Wednesday with the Tribune Editorial Board.

since politically popular sin taxes and a possible progressive income tax would need Springfield to act and take time to help the city's bottom line in a meaningful way. "Look, the sources that you talked about, those are long-term sources, right? Marijuana revenue, a casino, a progressive income tax," she said. "Anyone who says the bonding deal is completely off the table is just not being realistic as to what kind of constraints we're up against."

Vallas cautioned against the pension obligation bond plan, saying it would eliminate much of the city's financial flexibility. Instead, he said the city should look at leveraging revenue from expiring tax increment financing districts to secure bonds to cover pension costs. After the meeting, Vallas said tapping the expiring TIFs is just one of a host of ideas the city needs to consider. "One way to provide for a contingency would be to issue bonds and then finance those bonds with income from expiring TIFs. You would issue that and amortize the interest," he said. Vallas said he wasn't sure how much the plan would raise, and how quickly.

Brown turned toward the long-discussed "LaSalle Street tax" on financial transactions, saying leaders at the Chicago Board Options Exchange and the Chicago Mercantile Exchange could be tapped to help the city with workforce training. "Where we are good government clients to them, they can be good corporate clients."

She also supports creating a city lottery to generate new revenue.

Fioretti and Kozlar said they would not support pension bonds.

Instead, Fioretti said he'd impose a commuter tax on suburbanites working in the city. That, he said, could generate \$300 million. he also said he'd favor Chicago eliminating the ban on video gambling, which he said could generate \$70 million. "We can crunch the numbers. We need to find financial stability."

As Fioretti discussed the commuter tax idea, Mendoza shook her head and quietly said, "No way."

Kozlar said he believed in reallocating resources and reducing bonus and overtime pay, and wants the city to conduct a forensic audit of all departments' books.

The candidates appeared

before the editorial board a day after Chicago Teachers Union leaders held a news conference at City Hall to lay out their opening set of demands for a new contract it will be up to the new mayor to negotiate. The candidates were also asked what would be on and off the table in those talks with the powerful union, which will be an early test of the next administration's relationship with labor.

Brown said she's open to the CTU's proposal. "I'm pro-union, as it relates to — and I'm willing to look at all the initiatives they have put forward as it relates to any salary increases ... the size of classrooms, how long they spend in classrooms, the curriculums they put forth and that sort of thing."

Kozlar said he would get Chicago schools out of the rut he said they've long been in because politicians won't stand up to unions like the CTU. "We're talking about the same problems in the year 2019 that we were talking about in the year 1980, and that's because we keep electing the same people over and over who aren't willing to challenge certain organizations," he said. "I think the Chicago Teachers Union, although I am pro-

union, I think they're one of the most corrupt unions in Chicago."

Vallas pointed back to his time as school CEO in Mayor Richard M. Daley's administration, saying the keys to negotiating affordable contracts were to lay out a long-term plan with the union and to keep in contact with union leaders even when negotiations weren't happening. As for the next contract, he said it's "a staffing allocation issue more than the need to hire more teachers to reduce class size." And Vallas said he would try to do away with "irrelevant core courses" students now have to take in favor of them getting more practical technical education or college-level instruction.

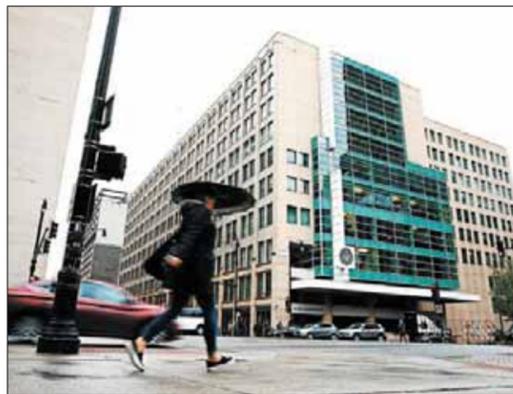
Mendoza pointed to the fact that her son attends a public school, saying she has "major skin in the game" to improve Chicago Public Schools. She said showing respect for adversaries across the bargaining table can head off damaging labor strikes like the CTU walkout on Emanuel's watch in 2012. "I think going into a long, protracted fight with any union, whether it's the CTU or anyone else, is just not good

policy," Mendoza said. "We saw what happened during the last strike. And part of that was because the first thing the mayor did was essentially pull back on the teacher raises that they had negotiated in that fourth year of their original contract from the prior administration."

Fioretti said "everything should be on the table" in the upcoming contract but said it's counterproductive for the CTU to stake out such an aggressive position on the talks before the new mayor even gets elected. "The way they started off yesterday? We're going to take the casinos, we're going to take this, and if you don't agree with us, we're going to fight? That's not a way to enter negotiations."

The five candidates who participated in the Tribune panel Wednesday are among 15 running in the Feb. 26 election. If no candidate wins more than 50 percent of the vote, the top two will face off in an April 2 runoff. The Tribune has one more panel scheduled with the remaining candidates Thursday afternoon.

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It's unclear when immigrants whose hearings were canceled during the partial shutdown will have cases heard.

## Fed shutdown sidelining immigration hearings

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California during the shutdown, according to the Syracuse analysis.

The analysis was done by reviewing scheduled immigration court hearings and does not include hearings at detention centers, according to TRAC.

In December, the U.S. Department of Justice, which oversees the Executive Office for Immigration Review, which functions as the country's immigration court system, issued a memo stating that immigration cases for people detained would continue while the cases of those not in custody would be canceled and resume once funding was restored.

Ashley Huebner, the associate director of legal services at the National Immigrant Justice Center in Chicago, said the effects of the shutdown really started to be felt by attorneys after the new year, because the court isn't as busy during the holidays. There has since been confusion among attorneys as they try to determine what to do about deadlines in cases that had been set before the shutdown.

It's unclear when immigrants who had their hearings canceled because of the shutdown will get a chance to have their cases heard. Based on what happened

last time there was a federal government shutdown, Huebner said her organization thinks the cases could be further delayed for years. That could mean cases could be pushed back until 2021 or 2022, which would add to the existing backlog, she said.

Many of the immigrants affected by the court cancellations "have been waiting an extremely long time to have their hearing and now have to continue their lives in limbo," Huebner said.

An immigration case slowly snaking through court also makes it harder to get attorneys to take on a case for free, or pro bono, Huebner said. It could be difficult for attorneys to commit to cases because they won't know what their work schedule will be or where they will be working when the case has its final hearing, Huebner said. At the National Immigrant Justice Center, pro bono attorneys help by representing people who are seeking asylum, Huebner said.

And although cases for people detained have continued, there are still delays in those cases because some support staff have been deemed nonessential and aren't working.

"It's creating delays in a lot of ways," Huebner said.

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# May survives no-confidence vote

No-deal withdrawal from EU or revote possibilities grow

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LONDON — British Prime Minister Theresa May survived a no-confidence vote in Parliament on Wednesday to remain in office — but saw more of her power ebb away as she battled to keep Brexit on track after lawmakers demolished her European Union divorce deal.

May won a narrow victory, 325-306, on an opposition motion seeking to topple her government and trigger a general election.

Now it's back to Brexit, where May is caught between the rock of her own negotiating red lines and the hard place of a Parliament that wants to force a radical change of course.

After winning the vote, May said she would hold talks “in a constructive spirit” with leaders of opposition parties and other lawmakers, starting immediately, in a bid to find a way forward for Britain’s EU exit.

Legislators ripped up May’s Brexit blueprint Tuesday by rejecting the divorce agreement she has negotiated with the EU over the last two years.

That it would lose was widely expected, but the scale of the rout — 432-202 — the biggest government defeat in British parliamentary history — was devastating for May’s leadership and her Brexit deal.

Opposition Labour Party leader Jeremy Corbyn re-



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After winning a no-confidence vote, Prime Minister Theresa May, who leads a fractious government, a divided Parliament and a gridlocked Brexit process, says she will stay.

sponded with the no-confidence motion, and urged the government to “do the right thing and resign.”

May, who leads a fractious government, a divided Parliament and a gridlocked Brexit process, said she was staying put.

May said an election “would deepen division when we need unity, it would bring chaos when we need certainty, and it would bring delay when we need to move forward.”

The government survived Wednesday’s vote with support from May’s Conservative Party and its Northern Irish ally, the

Democratic Unionist Party.

Many pro-Brexit Conservatives who voted against May’s deal, backed her in the no-confidence vote to avoid an election that could bring a left-wing Labour government to power.

Had the government lost, Britain would have faced a snap election within weeks, just before the country is due to leave the European Union on March 29.

Political analyst Anand Menon, from the research group U.K. in a Changing Europe, said May had a remarkable ability to soldier on.

“The thing about The-

resa May is that nothing seems to faze her,” he said. “She just keeps on going.”

May’s determination — or, as her foes see it, her inflexibility — might not be an asset in a situation calling for a change of course. The prime minister has until Monday to come up with a new Brexit plan.

May promised to speak to lawmakers from across the political spectrum.

But she also said any new Brexit plan must “deliver on the referendum result,” which May has long interpreted to mean ending the free movement of workers to Britain from the EU and

leaving the EU’s single market and customs union.

Many lawmakers think a softer departure that retained single market or customs union membership is the only plan capable of winning a majority in Parliament.

They fear the alternative is an abrupt “no-deal” withdrawal from the bloc, which businesses and economists fear would cause turmoil.

Labour lawmaker Ben Bradshaw accused May of being “in a total state of denial” about how radically her Brexit plan needed to change.

Green party legislator

Caroline Lucas said May’s intransigence had led to the crisis.

“This is a national calamity of the prime minister’s own making,” Lucas said. “Today has to be the day when we start to change the conversation about Brexit.”

Faced with the deadlock, lawmakers from all parties are trying to wrest control of the Brexit process so that Parliament can direct planning for Britain’s eventual departure.

But with no clear majority in Parliament for any single alternative, there’s a growing chance that Britain may seek to postpone its departure date while politicians work on a new plan — or even hand the decision back to voters in a new referendum on Britain’s EU membership.

European leaders are now preparing for the worst, although German Chancellor Angela Merkel said there was still time for further talks. She told reporters in Berlin that “we are now waiting to see what the British prime minister proposes.”

But her measured remarks contrasted with the blunt message from French President Emmanuel Macron, who told Britons to “figure it out yourselves.”

He said Britain needed to get realistic about what was possible.

May’s deal was doomed by deep opposition from both sides of the divide over the U.K.’s place in Europe. Pro-Brexit lawmakers say the deal will leave Britain bound indefinitely to EU rules, while pro-EU politicians favor an even closer economic relationship with the bloc.



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A woman cries after identifying the body of a relative Wednesday in Nairobi, Kenya, after a blast followed by a gun battle rocked a hotel and shopping complex.

## Nairobi attack death toll climbs to 21, police say

Dead American had previous brush with death on 9/11

BY CHRISTOPHER TORCHIA  
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NAIROBI, Kenya — The death toll from an extremist attack on a luxury hotel and shopping complex in Nairobi climbed to 21, police said Wednesday in the aftermath of the brazen overnight siege by al-Shabab gunmen.

Five militants were killed and two people accused of facilitating the attack were arrested.

The number of those killed at the DusitD2 complex rose with the discovery of six more bodies at the scene and the death of a wounded police officer, said Joseph Boinnet, inspector-general of Kenyan police. Twenty-eight people were injured and taken to the hospital, he said.

In a televised address to the nation earlier in the day, President Uhuru Kenyatta

announced that the all-night operation by security forces to retake the complex was over and that all of the extremists had been killed.

“We will seek out every person that was involved in the funding, planning and execution of this heinous act,” he said.

In an attack that demonstrated al-Shabab’s continued ability to strike Kenya’s capital despite setbacks on the battlefield, extremists stormed the place with guns and explosives. Security camera footage released to local media showed a suicide bomber blowing himself up in a grassy area in the complex, the flash visible along with smoke billowing from the spot where he had been standing.

Of the civilian victims, 16 were Kenyan, one was British, one was American and three were of African descent but their nationalities were not yet identified, police said.

The American killed was identified as Jason

Spindler, co-founder and managing director of San Francisco-based I-DEV International. Spindler’s father, Joseph, said his son worked with international companies to form business partnerships in Kenya that would boost local economies.

The Houston-raised Spindler had a brush with tragedy on 9/11: He was employed by a financial firm at the World Trade Center at the time of the 2001 terrorist attack but was running late that morning and was emerging from the subway when the first tower fell, his mother said.

He became covered in dust and debris as he tried to help others, Sarah Spindler told KTRK-TV in Houston.

Al-Shabab, based in neighboring Somalia and allied with al-Qaida, claimed responsibility.

The Islamic extremist group also carried out the 2013 attack at Nairobi’s nearby Westgate Mall that killed 67 people, and an assault on Kenya’s Garissa University in 2015 that claimed 147 lives, mostly students.

## Senate upholds decision to ease Russian sanctions

BY MARY CLARE JALONICK  
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WASHINGTON — The Senate voted to narrowly uphold a Treasury Department decision to lift sanctions from three companies connected to Russian oligarch Oleg Deripaska.

A vote to move forward on a Democratic resolution that would have reversed Treasury’s decision failed Wednesday 57-42, just short of the 60 votes needed.

The vote came up short even though several Republicans had criticized the sanctions move and 11 of them voted with Democrats.

At issue is a December announcement from the Treasury Department that the U.S. would lift sanctions on the companies linked to Deripaska — Russian aluminum manufacturing giant Rusal, EN+ Group and the Russian power company JSC EuroSibEnerg.

EN+ Group is a holding company that owns nearly 50 percent of Rusal.

Congress has 30 days from the announcement to vote to block it, a deadline that expires Friday. The House is expected to vote Thursday on a similar resolution to block Treasury’s move — a symbolic action after the Senate vote failed.

The Treasury Department says the Russian companies have committed to separating from Deripaska, who will remain blacklisted as part of an array of measures announced in early April that targeted tycoons close to the Kremlin.

Treasury maintains that the companies have committed to diminish Deripaska’s ownership and sever his control. In a statement last week, Treasury Secretary Steven Mnuchin said Deripaska remains under sanctions, “his property and interests



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Senate upheld a Treasury decision to lift sanctions from three companies connected to Russian Oleg Deripaska.

### ‘Absurd’ idea

MOSCOW — Top Russian officials ridiculed the idea that President Donald Trump could have worked for Russia’s interests, dismissing them Wednesday as “absurd” and “stupid.”

Foreign Minister Sergey Lavrov said during a news conference that U.S. newspaper reports about Trump withholding details of his meetings with Russia’s president and an FBI investigation of whether he was working on Moscow’s behalf reflected a plunge in journalism standards.

Trump said this week that he never worked for Russia and repeated his claim that an ongoing investigation of his ties to Russia was a hoax.

remain blocked, and any companies he controls are also sanctioned.”

Treasury has warned that the sanctions could upset global aluminum markets or even prompt the Russian government to nationalize the company, thus shutting it out from any outside control.

Mnuchin attended a closed-door GOP lunch Tuesday and urged sena-

tors to vote against the Democratic resolution. Speaking after the meeting, he said the sanctions “shouldn’t be a political issue.”

But Democrats — and almost a dozen Republicans — weren’t convinced.

Senate Minority Leader Chuck Schumer said the agreement didn’t relinquish enough of Deripaska’s control and questioned whether Trump’s administration was doing Russia’s bidding.

“For a very long time the Republican Party predicated its foreign policy on taking a tougher line against Russia and Putin,” Schumer said on the Senate floor before the vote. “In so many campaigns for president, we Democrats were accused of not being tough enough on the Russians. It seems that acquiescence to the president, a fear of breaking with the president, has held back too many of my Republican colleagues from supporting this resolution.”

Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell encouraged Republicans to vote against it, reiterating that Deripaska’s influence over the companies would be limited and calling the vote a “Democratic stunt.”

# Graham: Trump should reconsider plans

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headed in Syria."

Graham compared Syria to Iraq, and said the United States needs to maintain its commitment to forces fighting the Islamic State and the ideology that cannot be as easily wiped out.

"Every American wants our troops to come home, but I now think all of us want to make sure that when they do come home, we're safe," he said. "I know people are frustrated. But we're never going to be safe here unless we're willing to help people over there who will stand against this radical ideology."

White House press secretary Sarah Sanders praised the "brave American heroes" who died in the attack. "Our service members and their families have all sacrificed so much for our country," she said in a statement.

Video released by local activists and news agencies showed a restaurant that suffered extensive damage and a street covered with debris and blood. Several cars were also damaged.

A security camera showed a busy street, and then a ball of fire engulfing people and others running for cover as the blast went off.

Trump's shifting timetable for pulling U.S. troops out of Syria, a country he



KURDISH HAWAR NEWS AGENCY

A video image captures the bombing's aftermath Wednesday in Manbij, Syria. At least 16 people were reported killed.

described as "sand and death," has left allies and other players in the region and confused and jockeying for influence over a withdrawal strategy that appeared to be a work in progress.

Critics have said a pullout was premature, that ISIS was still not defeated and a withdrawal could lead to a power vacuum that would fuel even more violence.

It also led to the resignation of Secretary of Defense

Jim Mattis.

Since then, U.S. officials and Trump himself have suggested the withdrawal would be slower than initially believed.

White House national security adviser John Bolton said two conditions would have to be met, including the protection of America's local Kurdish allies in northern Syria, and the total defeat of ISIS.

Last week, the U.S. mili-

tary began pulling out equipment from the northeast into neighboring Iraq. No troops are known to have withdrawn.

Manbij is strategic: It is the main town on the westernmost edge of Syrian territory held by the U.S.-backed Syrian Kurds, running along the border with Turkey. Mixed Kurdish-Arab Syrian forces liberated Manbij from the rule of the Islamic State group in 2016

with help from the U.S.-led coalition. But Kurdish control of the town infuriated Turkey, which views the main U.S. Kurdish ally, the YPG militia, as "terrorists" linked to Kurdish insurgents on its own soil.

The town has been at the center of tensions in northern Syria, with the militaries of two NATO members, the U.S. and Turkey, on opposing sides.

The two sides began joint

**"I would hope the president would look long and hard of where he's headed in Syria."**

—Sen. Lindsey Graham, R-S.C.

patrols around Manbij in November as part of an agreement for easing tensions between the two allies.

The crowded terrain has become more combustible as Turkey threatens to attack Kurdish-run towns further east. The presence of the Americans is a main obstacle preventing them from doing so.

The Britain-based Syrian Observatory for Human Rights said 16 people were killed Wednesday. It added that at least five U.S.-backed Syrian fighters were also among the dead.

Attacks targeting members of the U.S.-led coalition in Syria have been rare.

In March last year, a roadside bomb killed two coalition personnel, an American and a Briton, and wounded five in Manbij.

The Washington Post contributed.

## Pelosi urges president to delay State of the Union

GOP says speaker playing politics with her request

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Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The partial federal shutdown threw a grand Washington ritual into question Wednesday as House Speaker Nancy Pelosi asked President Donald Trump to forgo his Jan. 29 State of the Union speech, expressing doubts that the hobbled government can provide adequate security.

But Republicans saw her move as a ploy to deny Trump the stage.

In a letter to Trump, Pelosi said that with both the Secret Service and the Homeland Security Department entangled in the shutdown, the president should speak to Congress at another time or he should deliver the address in writing.

Homeland Security Secretary Kirstjen Nielsen denied anyone's safety is compromised, saying both agencies "are fully prepared to support and secure the State of the Union."

Trump did not respond to the request and the White House, thrown off guard by the move, had yet to offer any official response hours later.

But GOP allies accused Pelosi of playing politics, with Republican Rep. Steve Scalise tweeting that Democrats are "only interested in obstructing @realDonaldTrump, not governing."

Pelosi, who issued the customary invitation to Trump weeks ago, hit the president in a vulnerable place, as he delights in taking his message to the public and has been preparing for the address for weeks.



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Speaker of the House Nancy Pelosi, center, says the president should speak to Congress at another time.

The uncertainty surrounding the speech also underscored the unraveling of ceremonial norms and niceties in Trump's Washington, with the shutdown approaching its fourth week, the White House and Democrats in a stalemate and the impasse draining the finances of hundreds of thousands of federal employees.

Pelosi left unclear what would happen if Trump insisted on coming despite the welcome mat being pulled away.

It takes a joint resolution of the House and Senate to extend the official invitation and set the stage.

"We'll have to have a security evaluation, but that would mean diverting resources," she told reporters when asked how she would respond if Trump still intended to come. "I don't know how that could happen."

Pressure on Trump intensified on the 26th day of the shutdown, as lawmakers from both parties scrambled for solutions. At the White House, Trump met a bipartisan group of lawmakers, as well as a group of Republican senators, but progress appeared elusive.

While his own advisers said the shutdown was proving a greater drag on the economy than ex-

pected, Trump showed no signs of backing off a fight that he views as vital for his core supporters.

On Wednesday, Trump signed legislation into law affirming that the 800,000 federal workers who have been going without pay will ultimately be compensated for their lost wages.

As he weighs a response to Pelosi, Trump could not go forward with a State of the Union address in Congress without her blessing.

Donald Ritchie, former historian of the Senate, said that anytime a president comes to speak, it must be at the request of Congress. Trump could opt to deliver a speech somewhere else, like the Oval Office, but it would not have the same ritualistic heft.

Democratic leaders did not ask the Secret Service if the agency would be able to secure the State of the Union event before sending the letter, according to a senior Homeland Security official, who was not authorized to speak publicly.

Pelosi's office said Congress is already familiar with the percentage of Secret Service and Homeland Security employees who have been furloughed and working without pay.

The Secret Service starts preparing for events like the State of the Union months in advance.

## Large-scale space plan to track, down missiles

Pentagon wants to put constellation of sensors overhead

BY PAUL SONNE  
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WASHINGTON — The Trump administration is seeking to expand the scope and sophistication of American missile defenses on a scale not seen since President Ronald Reagan's "Star Wars" initiative in a new strategy that President Donald Trump plans to roll out personally on Thursday alongside military leaders at the Pentagon.

Known as the missile defense review, the document that Trump will unveil marks the first official update to American missile defense doctrine in nine years.

It comes as North Korea and Iran make advances in ballistic missile production, and as Russia and China press forward with sophisticated cruise missiles, short-range ballistic missiles and hypersonic glide vehicles that potentially threaten the security of U.S. forces and allies in Europe and Asia.

The Trump administration's response is to call for urgent new investments in missile defense technologies across the board, many of which the Pentagon pursued during the Cold War but abandoned after the collapse of the Soviet Union.

The Pentagon wants to put a constellation of sensors above the Earth that can track missiles as they launch, and is recommending a study of weapons that can shoot down missiles from space.

The review will also note that further development of high-energy lasers could give the United States a cost-effective way to destroy missiles shortly after their launch in what is known as "boost phase."



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The Pentagon is looking at new defenses the United States could employ against the threat posed by missiles.

For years, U.S. missile defenses have focused exclusively on combating threats from rogue nations such as North Korea and Iran. While the Trump administration's strategy continues that focus, it adds a new objective as well — the defense of U.S. forces and allies from regional missile threats.

This means finding new ways to protect American forces and allies in Europe and Asia from the cruise missiles and hypersonic glide vehicles.

"We are expanding the scope of what we're postured to defend against," a senior administration official said in a call with reporters Wednesday.

Undertaken at the direction of the White House, the missile defense review was supposed to be released nearly a year ago, but the Pentagon spent months rewriting it to address regional missile threats in addition to those posed by rogue nations.

Ongoing disarmament negotiations with North Korea also raised questions about when the Pentagon would see fit to release a document that gives some insight into possible ways the United States could

down Pyongyang's missiles in the future.

The document will indicate the Pentagon's priorities and overall strategy. The initiatives it outlines must receive backing from Congress to proceed.

Lampooned during the Reagan years for its high price tag and questionable effectiveness, missile defense now enjoys far broader support in Congress, particularly since North Korea tested its first intercontinental ballistic missile in 2017.

The full review is due to be released by the Defense Department on Thursday.

People familiar with the document discussed some of its contents with The Washington Post, speaking on the condition of anonymity because the review has yet to be released.

One of the main issues facing the Pentagon is whether it can develop and field new technologies fast enough to counter rapidly advancing missile threats in nations such as North Korea.

The strategy will encourage prototypes for promising new technologies to be evaluated outside the standard acquisition process to increase speed.

## Dems hit Trump EPA nominee on coal lobbying, rollbacks

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WASHINGTON — President Donald Trump's nominee to lead the Environmental Protection Agency on Wednesday called climate change "a huge issue" but not the "greatest crisis" and drew fire from Democrats at his confirmation hearing over the regulatory rollbacks he's made in six months as the agency's acting administrator.

Republicans on the GOP-majority Senate Environ-

ment and Public Works Committee mostly had praise for Andrew Wheeler, who has served as the agency's acting head since Scott Pruitt's resignation in July amid ethics scandals.

The committee chairman, Sen. John Barrasso, R-Wyo., called Wheeler "very well-qualified" to take the job.

But Democrats pressed Wheeler about his work as a lobbyist helping an influential coal magnate meet with Trump administration officials before his nomination

to the EPA and his moves on deregulation and on what they said was his inattention to the growing dangers of climate change.

"You seem to be consistently doing things that undermine the health and safety of this nation," Sen. Ed Markey, D-Mass., told Wheeler.

Markey asked him why he was pulling back on regulations that proponents say protect human health and the environment.

"I believe we are moving forward" on protections,

Wheeler said.

Wheeler cited changes he had initiated to roll back future mileage standards for cars and autos and to ease Obama-era clampdowns on dirtier-burning coal-fired power plants.

He said EPA staff had concluded that those rollbacks would ultimately lead to health gains. Environmental groups and formal assessments from the EPA



Wheeler

and other agencies have contested that, saying the changes would increase pollution and harm to people and climate.

Sen. Tom Carper, D-Del., said the rollbacks in car mileage standards and toxic mercury emissions under Wheeler were examples of unsafe deregulation and went beyond what industries wanted.

Sen. Bernie Sanders, I-Vt., noted Wheeler had

failed to mention climate change in his initial remarks to lawmakers.

"Do you agree that climate change is a global crisis?" Sanders asked, shouting at times.

"I would not call it the greatest crisis," Wheeler said. "I would call it a huge issue that has to be addressed globally."

Wheeler said he had yet to read a massive government climate change report released late last year that emphasized man-made climate change was underway.

# Foster programs versus bias rule

Federal rules ban religious test, but groups still apply it

By LAURA MECKLER  
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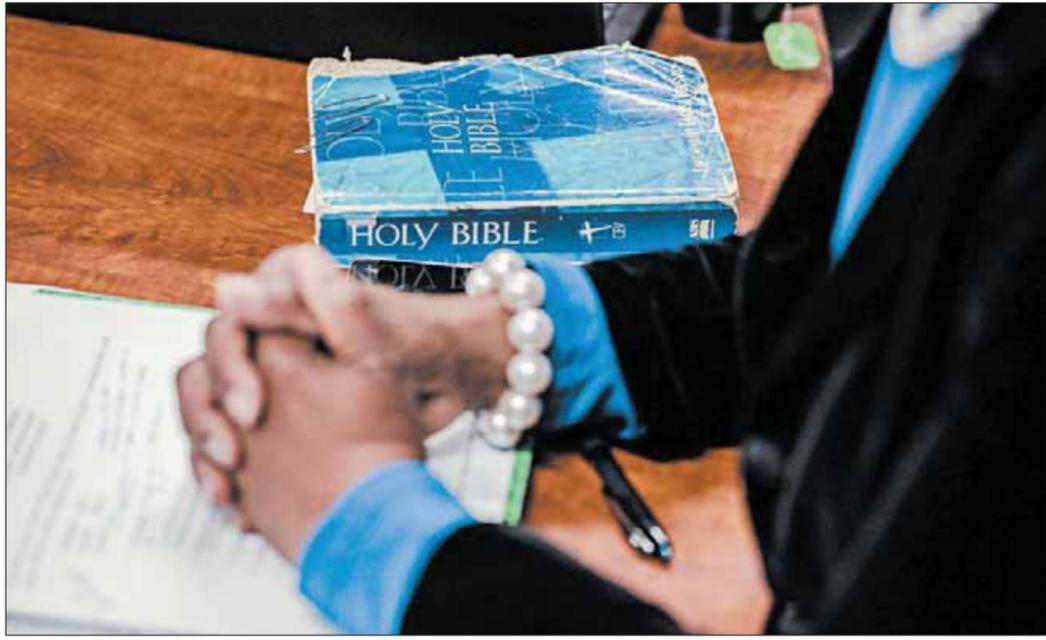
Miracle Hill Ministries in Greenville, S.C., makes clear from the start that only Christian parents need apply for its foster-care program. On its forms, candidates are asked to offer personal testimony of their faith or salvation.

“Our existence and identity is tied to our faith in God and belief in Jesus Christ,” said Reid Lehman, Miracle Hill’s president and CEO. He said the ministry would drop out of the foster-care program rather than work with parents who aren’t Christian.

That policy, in place for 30 years, runs counter to an Obama-era regulation barring religious discrimination in the federally funded foster-care program. Now, with Miracle Hill’s funding threatened, the Trump administration is being asked by the governor of South Carolina to let Miracle Hill participate anyway.

It’s the latest clash in a long-running debate over religious freedom and government social services, as three successive administrations have considered how much religion is too much religion when agencies are collecting taxpayer funds. The Trump administration’s response in the South Carolina case will signal whether it will adhere to modest limits imposed by the Bush and Obama administrations or whether it will allow religious entities a freer hand.

It also represents a test of the Obama policy, put into place in the final days of that administration. The fact that the Trump administration has yet to give South Carolina an answer suggests the question may be a difficult one even for some



A Bible rests on a table at Miracle Hill Ministries in Greenville, S.C. The group requires parents to proclaim their faith.

conservatives.

In October 2017, Jeff Sessions, attorney general at the time, signaled the Trump administration’s view on these issues when he released sweeping guidance on religious freedom, including an admonition that federal grants cannot require religious groups to alter their character.

The issue is playing out in the states as well. South Carolina has told Miracle Hill its license is in jeopardy, contending that it is violating state and federal policy. In other states, similar disputes are tied to policies regarding sexual orientation.

Philadelphia cut off Catholic Social Services from its foster-care program after learning that the agency would not license same-sex couples. Catholic Social Services is challenging the decision in court.

In Michigan, the American Civil Liberties Union is suing the state over its policy of contracting with child-placement agencies

that use religious criteria to turn away gay and lesbian couples who wish to be foster or adoptive parents.

“States have an obligation to care for children in the public child-welfare system,” said Leslie Cooper, an ACLU attorney. “When they hire agencies to care for them ... they should not be using religious criteria to deny children access to families that they desperately need.”

In South Carolina, Miracle Hill was expecting to have been given the OK by now. Trump administration officials have signaled that they are sympathetic to its cause, yet the decision has been pending for months.

Founded in 1937, Miracle Hill runs several social service programs, all infused with religion. It will hire only Christians, whether the job is programming, cutting the grass — or being a foster parent.

A spokeswoman for the state social services agency said there are 11 child-placement agencies in

South Carolina with religious affiliations, but Miracle Hill is the only one that insists foster parents share its faith.

Lehman, the Miracle Hill president, said parents are expected to serve as role models for the children in their care. “The children will see what a life dedicated to proclaiming the love of God is about,” he said.

The group received nearly \$600,000 in state and federal money in the last fiscal year to support foster-care families, about half of its total costs.

The group’s religious requirements appear to have come to the attention of the South Carolina Department of Social Services after Beth Lesser, who is Jewish, and her husband were turned away by Miracle Hill.

“I was the only Jewish person there,” Lesser told the Forward, a newspaper that covers issues of interest to American Jews. “It was humiliating to be told essentially Christians over

here, Jews over there.”

A spokeswoman for the Department of Social Services would say only that it acted after becoming aware that Miracle Hill required a signed statement of faith to participate in the program.

In January 2018, the department wrote to Miracle Hill, stating that its Christians-only policy ran afoul of a federal regulation finalized by the Department of Health and Human Services in the closing days of the Obama administration. That regulation was spurred by complaints about discrimination against potential foster parents on the grounds of religion and, separately, sexual orientation, according to one person involved. The rules bar such discrimination in all HHS programs.

The South Carolina agency told Miracle Hill that its policy also runs counter to state rules that bar discrimination based on religion. In its letter, the department noted that Miracle Hill’s written policy

says it will abide by these state and federal rules.

“The Department’s request is that Miracle Hill comply with its own policy submitted for licensure,” a state official said in a January 2018 letter to the group. She said its license was being downgraded to temporary license and warned the temporary license would be valid for no longer than six months. “Failure to address these concerns will result in the expiration of Miracle Hill’s license as a Child Placing Agency.”

But Miracle Hill’s cause was soon taken up by South Carolina Gov. Henry McMaster, a Republican, who asked the HHS for a waiver from the nondiscrimination rules. McMaster argued that the regulation was unlawful and violates the group’s constitutional rights.

The regulation, he wrote, effectively requires child placement agencies such as Miracle Hill to “abandon their religious beliefs or forgo the available public licensure and funding.”

He also persuaded the Legislature to override the nondiscrimination provisions set by the Department of Social Services.

In March, Steve Wagner, who runs the HHS division that oversees foster care, wrote to a McMaster aide that he was “pushing this hard,” according to emails received by the ACLU through a records request. He suggested that final approval could come later that month. In July, an HHS official told McMaster’s office that she expected that “any day” the approval letter would receive “final clearance.”

But HHS Secretary Alex Azar has yet to announce a decision — much to the frustration of South Carolina Republicans who have lobbied on behalf of the group. Democrats and liberal groups are publicly campaigning against any exemption.

## Inmates facing addiction get dogged allies: puppies

By MICHAEL CASEY  
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BOSCAWEN, N.H. — Caitlin Hyland’s New Hampshire jail cell looks like those of many of her fellow inmates, featuring family photos, a few books and a cot. But one thing sets it apart — the cage on the floor for a 4-week-old puppy.

Hyland, a 28-year-old from Concord, N.H., serving time for a drug conviction, is one of four inmates at the Merrimack County jail who are training puppies.

In a partnership between a group called Hero Pups and the jail, two male and two female inmates, who are all in the jail’s drug treatment program, will raise the puppies for the next two months. They will eventually be handed over to military veterans and first responders struggling with post-traumatic stress disorder and other challenges.

“It feels like a second chance,” Hyland said of being chosen to raise the chocolate Labrador retriever mix puppy.

She must feed the dog three times a day, walk it every two hours for 20 minutes and is giving it obedience training.

The dog stays with her around the clock.

“It’s just amazing to have that unconditional love,” she said. “I am learning so much about finding the balance. You have to love yourself before you can appreciate the love something else is giving you.”

Justin Martin, another inmate, says his dog has given him purpose.

“Knowing he is going on to help someone else is totally huge for me,” said Martin, 33, of Barnstead, N.H. “With me and my sobriety and recovery, it’s just really a life-changer. He is really changing two lives.”

The program is the first of its kind in New Hampshire but mirrors similar programs around the country in which inmates raise and care for animals, typically dogs.

NEADS World Class Service Dogs works with inmates at seven facilities in Massachusetts and Rhode Island to train service dogs, while Leader Dogs For the Blind works with prisons in Minnesota, Iowa and Michigan to raise puppies that become guide dogs for people who are blind.

At one program at the Erie County Correctional Facility in New York, inmates raise pheasant chicks that are then released into the wild.

Supporters say the

puppies get a dedicated trainer while the inmates learn to be more caring, compassionate and enterprising — skills that can help them once they are released.

Several studies suggest that puppy programs in prisons and jails have reduced anxiety and depression among inmates and increased morale among staff. Some groups say the programs have lowered recidivism rates, though it’s unclear what role the puppies played.

In New Hampshire, Merrimack County Department of Corrections Superintendent Ross Cunningham said he hopes the puppy program will help inmates undergoing drug treatment to stay clean.

“It’s teaching them some responsibility. It’s teaching them some structure,” he said, adding that he appreciates how a dog trained in a jail returns to the community.

Laura Barker, the board president at Hero Pups, said she had long wanted to work with prisoners, who typically have “dramatically higher rate of success” in training the dogs. Unlike volunteers outside of prison who must juggle other commitments, inmates can more intensely focus on the



ELISE AMENDOLA/AP

Inmate Justin Martin walks a chocolate lab puppy back into his cell area at Merrimack County Jail in Boscawen, N.H. The New Hampshire jail is the first in the state to partner prisoners with the Hero Pups program to foster and train puppies.

animals they are training, and they spend the bulk of their time with the dogs, she said.

“These dogs go on to help people,” said Barker, whose group has trained 40 dogs since 2016. “Being able to contribute something positive to the inmate participants just adds another layer of awesomeness.”

The arrival of the

puppies at the jail’s minimum security unit has reverberated well beyond the four inmates that care for them.

On any given day, all 30 inmates in the unit have an opportunity to interact with the dogs and rubber toys can be found in the television room and other common areas. The animals prancing about, snoozing or

yelping offer a sense of normalcy in a facility that often feels cold and tense, inmates said.

“It has had a positive impact. When I look on security cameras, I see puppies running around,” said Assistant Merrimack County Department of Corrections Superintendent Kara Wyman. “That lifts the staff.”

## Gay rights group takes issue with Karen Pence’s new employer



CAROLYN KASTER/AP 2018

Karen Pence began teaching in the classroom at Immanuel Christian School in Northern Virginia on Tuesday.

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Karen Pence’s return to teaching at a Virginia school that lists “homosexual or lesbian sexual activity” as among the disqualifying criteria for employees is drawing criticism from the nation’s largest gay rights advocacy group.

The office of the vice president’s wife said it was “absurd” to attack both her decision to resume teaching art to elementary students as well as the school’s reli-

gious doctrine.

Pence began in the classroom at Immanuel Christian School in Northern Virginia on Tuesday and will teach twice a week until May. She has taught for 25 years, including previously at Immanuel Christian, before Vice President Mike Pence, who was a GOP congressman from Indiana, was elected governor.

The school’s employment application lists “homosexual or lesbian sexual activity” as among the criteria that violates the job

qualifications spelled out for employees.

The Human Rights Campaign tweeted that the “Pences never seem to miss an opportunity to show their public service only extends to some.”

A spokeswoman for Mrs. Pence defended her return to the school where she had taught for a dozen years.

“It’s absurd that her decision to teach art to children at a Christian school, and the school’s religious beliefs, are under attack,” Kara Brooks said.

The school’s policy says it can refuse permission to an applicant or discontinue enrollment of a student if the conduct within the student’s home is counter to the “biblical lifestyle” the school teaches. Activities listed as counter to that lifestyle include “homosexual activity or bisexual activity.”

The Huffington Post first reported the school’s policies and published the school’s employment application and admissions policy.

# Acrid smog chokes Afghan capital

In Kabul, burning coal and tires keeps residents warm

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KABUL, Afghanistan — The street cleaners huddled around a portable stove on the sidewalk to pour mid-day tea, taking sips underneath masks that filter acrid smog.

Mohammad Sharif's throat burned. His lungs ached. But he can't afford a doctor on his wages, any more than he can afford to use gas or electricity to heat his home.

Sharif burns wood, animal fat and sometimes plastic to keep himself and his family warm, although he knows that adds to the airborne toxins blanketing this city of 5 million.

"We don't have any other option," he said.

Afghanistan, long embroiled in conflict, has focused for the last 18 years on security and reconstruction at the expense of issues affecting the environment, according to current and former environmental officials.

They say the government remains ill-equipped to curb the practices, including coal consumption and vehicle exhaust, that cause Kabul's thick haze.

About 4.2 million premature deaths worldwide were linked to ambient, or outdoor, air pollution in 2016, according to the World Health Organization, which put Afghanistan's total for that year at more than 17,000.

Health officials in Afghanistan said they do not have data to measure death rates related to pollution.

Health and environmental experts measure ambient PM2.5 pollutants, particulate matter so small it can embed in human lungs, causing severe problems including heart attacks, strokes and respiratory in-



ALEX HORTON/WASHINGTON POST PHOTOS

A toxic haze has blanketed Kabul as cold air traps pollution caused by burning coal, wood and trash to stay warm.



Street cleaners are forced to wear masks against the acrid smog plaguing Kabul for the last few weeks.

fections, along with stunted development in children.

Kabul's population has tripled over the last decade, and the capital buzzes with Soviet-era cars emitting thick plumes of exhaust.

Apartment buildings and factories send columns of coal smoke into the air, which grows even smoggier in winter as temperatures plummet and residents

crank up their furnaces.

On a recent Friday, Kabul's air quality ranked worst in the world with a score of 277, ahead of Delhi and the Pakistani city of Lahore, according to a snapshot from the commercial air-quality website AirVisual, which logs readings from consumer-operated sensors around the globe.

Those readings are perhaps the only way Kabul residents can quantify the severity of air pollution day-to-day.

Afghanistan's National Environmental Protection Agency has its own air-quality monitors but does not publicly release the data, said Mohammad Iqbal Hamdard, a spokesman for the agency, adding that NEPA is working toward a format geared for social media.

NEPA officials monitor the AirVisual score in Kabul, but the agency does not make decisions based on it, he said.

That same day, Salt Lake City ranked highest in the United States on AirVisual, with an air quality index of 93.

NEPA has made an effort to warn the public of the health risks associated with air pollution, said Abdul-Hadi Zheman, a former chief of staff for the organization.

Yet Zheman resigned in

late December, citing frustration over mismanagement and what he said was a lack of strategic vision at the agency.

In leaving, he joined an exodus that has included other senior officials and more than a dozen environmental experts within the last year, said Ghulam Mohammad Malikyar, a former technical deputy director who left the agency months ago.

While some Afghans are unaware of the dangers of air pollution, even those who know the risks have little choice but to continue the behavior that causes it, Zheman said.

More than half of all Afghans live below the poverty line, according to the World Bank, forcing many, like Sharif, to burn whatever they have to cook and stay warm.

NEPA could find ways to reduce pollution, Zheman said, including subsidizing gas and electricity to make it more affordable and build-

ing more coal refineries capable of removing some of the harmful carbon and lead.

But Ezatullah Sediqi, the agency's current technical deputy director, said NEPA is in no position either financially or technically to deal with the crisis.

Among the reasons, he said, is that since Taliban rule ended in 2001, the government has prioritized development and security, leaving little money or political clout to support environmental initiatives.

Still, he said, government leaders have recently signaled a deeper commitment to reducing pollution.

He cited NEPA's call for more inspections of new buildings, as well as an ongoing program to plant 1 million trees in Kabul over the next few years and a wave of crackdowns on big polluters, among other initiatives.

Winter brings more reports of cardiovascular diseases among adults and respiratory problems in children in big cities such as Kabul and Mazar-e Sharif, said Wahidullah Mayar, a spokesman for the Public Health Ministry.

In response, the ministry prepares for the season by training doctors on new approaches to diagnosing and treating pollution-related illnesses, Mayar said.

And yet, the ministry has struggled to develop even rudimentary statistics for pollution-related illnesses across Afghanistan, he said, leaving officials unsure whether rates are up or down, or whether health policies have made an impact.

It is difficult to collect such data during an ongoing conflict in a nation with developing infrastructure, Mayar said in a darkened conference room in Kabul after the ministry lost power.

For now, Kabul residents see little progress, especially those who work outside.

## Iranians also fighting inequality of wealth

Anger arises against 'noble-born' children of the elite while U.S. sanctions take hold

BY ERIN CUNNINGHAM  
The Washington Post

ISTANBUL — The lives of Iran's privileged youths — including expensive holidays, glitzy parties and access to cash and jobs — have sparked public anger in recent months as U.S. sanctions squeeze the economy.

The young elite, some with government connections, flaunt their wealth on Instagram and in the streets of the capital, Tehran, sporting designer clothes and flashy cars and vacationing at posh resorts.

They are promoted to state jobs, granted lucrative scholarships and travel with ease. Even the granddaughter of the late leader of Iran's Islamic revolution, Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini, was photographed last year in London with what appeared to be a \$3,800 handbag, though some have speculated it was fake.

But few in Iran can afford such comforts. And Iranians have started speaking out against inequality and a culture of nepotism that they say favors what are

called the "aghazadeh," or "noble-born" children of the elite.

Last month, President Hassan Rouhani's son-in-law, Kambiz Mehdizadeh, was forced to step down after just two days as head of the Geological Survey of Iran following a public outcry and online accusations of cronyism. Mehdizadeh, 33, had previously served as an adviser to Iran's Oil Ministry, but for many Iranians, his ties to Rouhani were proof that favoritism was at play.

That followed a similar campaign last summer, when Iranians on social media urged politicians to publicly acknowledge any privileges enjoyed by their children because of government influence.

"I thank God that after my mission at the United Nations, my children... have returned to Iran and are living and working with their families in Tehran," Foreign Minister Mohammad Javad Zarif was quoted as saying by Iran's Donya-e-Eqtasad newspaper in August.

Around the same time,

however, a conservative cleric popular on Instagram blasted Rasoul Tolouei, the son of a retired Revolutionary Guard commander, for posts that featured a pet tiger and lavish party he threw for his 2-year-old daughter.

"It's not possible for a 25-year-old to be this wealthy on his own!" the cleric, Mahdi Sadrossadati, wrote on Instagram. "People are struggling to buy diapers for their babies," he continued. "Which state do you live in?"

By all accounts, Iran's economy is crumbling, and ordinary people are feeling the pinch. Unemployment is high, shortages are rampant, and the currency lost more than half its value last year.

In November, the United States reimposed sanctions that have since battered Iran's oil and banking sectors and crippled its outside trade.

The sanctions follow the Trump administration's decision to abandon the nuclear pact Iran negotiated with world powers in 2015. That agreement curbed Iran's nuclear program in exchange for major sanctions relief.

But even before sanctions



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While some Iranians are squeezed by the economy, younger ones are flaunting their wealth on social media.

were reimposed, inequality was on the rise in Iran, the result of years of government austerity, said Djavad Salehi-Isfahani, a professor of economics at Virginia Tech.

"Iran's economic system does not treat people at the bottom of the economic ladder as well as those at the top," he wrote in his blog on Iran's economy.

According to Reza Akbari, who researches Iranian politics at the Washington-based Institute for War and Peace Reporting, dire economic conditions have bred "extraordinary resentment toward corruption, nepotism and the aghazadeh, who seem immune to

the country's topsy-turvy realities."

While members of Iran's ruling class once kept their opulent lifestyles under wraps, today's elite Iranians boast brazenly of their wealth online and in the media.

A shamelessly named Instagram account, "The Rich Kids of Tehran," showcases the lives of some of Iran's most glamorous youths, with footage of raucous pool parties and retreats in the mountains.

A video posted last year — in the midst of nationwide protests over poor living conditions — included footage of the young elite partying and on private

jets, with dollar bills superimposed on the images. Other posts feature bikini-clad women drinking beer poolside or, in one case, someone taunting a pet cheetah.

A post this month featured photos of two luxury cars, including a Mercedes-Benz G-Class SUV. The "price tag of these whips in #Tehran would blow your mind," the caption said.

Akbari, the researcher, noted that "the lives of the elite and their statements about their good fortune are plastered all over the internet... and are being witnessed by the masses in a much more ubiquitous fashion."

## Saudi women still suffer under guardianship law

BY SIOBHÁN O'GRADY  
The Washington Post

When Rahaf Mohamed Alqunun fled her family with plans to seek asylum in Australia, she ran into an obstacle — a layover in Thailand.

Upon her arrival in Bangkok, officials seized her passport and threatened to deport her back to her family. So the 18-year-old, who had traveled from Kuwait, locked herself in a hotel room at the airport and began to tell her story

on social media, claiming she had to escape her abusive family and feared they would kill her.

Her demands to meet with the United Nations refugee agency worked, and her plight went viral. On Friday, Surachate Hakpurn, who heads Thailand's immigration bureau, said "the story ends today."

"Ms. Rahaf is going to Canada as she wishes," he said.

As The Washington Post reported, she left Thailand to be resettled in Canada,

and Hakpurn said that when she departed, she had a "smiling face."

Alqunun's struggle to leave her family drew attention to Saudi Arabia's restrictive male guardianship laws. As a woman, though she is 18, it remains illegal in Saudi Arabia for Alqunun to travel without permission from a male guardian.

Despite some reforms by Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman, like lifting a ban on female drivers, the guardianship law remains in place in Saudi Arabia, and

a number of female activists who led the calls for changes to the driving law remain in detention.

Human rights groups have criticized the Saudi guardianship law, which requires women to seek permission from male guardians to do certain tasks.

In its 2017-18 report on Saudi Arabia, Amnesty International said that in addition to travel restrictions, women in Saudi Arabia still needed permission to marry, enroll in higher education or seek employment.

Madawi Al-Rasheed, a visiting professor at the London School of Economics, told The Washington Post that the while the guardianship laws have been loosened recently, they remain in place in part because they help the Saudi regime maintain men's loyalty by billing themselves as protectors of women.

But Alqunun's case proves, she said, that the state "has actually failed to protect women from this private patriarchy."

Alqunun is one of a num-

ber of Saudi women and girls who have fled home in hopes of seeking asylum abroad. Not all of them have been successful.

In 2017, a Saudi woman who publicized her plans to seek asylum was returned to Saudi Arabia after Philippine authorities detained her at the airport. Saudi Arabia called the incident a "family matter," and at the time, passengers told Reuters they witnessed a screaming woman being carried onto a flight from Manila to Riyadh.

## NEWS BRIEFING

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### Irish official visits ex-Marine held on spying charge in Russia

MOSCOW — The brother of a former U.S. Marine with multiple citizenships says Irish government representatives have visited Paul Whelan at the Russian prison where he is being held on spying charges. David Whelan said in a Wednesday statement that diplomatic staff members from Ireland reported that conditions were good in the Moscow prison where his brother is detained. The statement

says U.S. officials are expected to visit Thursday. Whelan was detained Dec. 28 and has been charged with spying, which carries a potential sentence of 20 years if he's convicted. Russian officials have not released details of the allegations against him. Whelan, who was living in Michigan and working as global security director for a U.S. company, also holds British and Canadian citizenship.

### U.N. rights office says 890 killed in December clashes in Congo

GENEVA — The U.N. human rights office says “credible sources” indicate that at least 890 people were killed last month in clashes among four villages in western Congo. Michelle Bachelet, the U.N. human rights chief, said the perpetrators should be brought to justice over such “shocking violence” that erupted between the Banunu and Batende communities in

the Mai-Ndombe province. Her office said it has launched an investigation, along with national authorities in Congo. The rights office said hundreds of houses and buildings were also burned down or pillaged in the violence, and an estimated 16,000 people sought refuge in neighboring Republic of Congo. The Dec. 16-18 violence came days before Congo's presidential election.

### Watchdog calls for legal review of Trump's hotel lease in D.C.

WASHINGTON — The inspector general for the General Services Administration says the agency improperly ignored the U.S. Constitution's emoluments provision outlawing foreign gifts when it approved President Donald Trump's management of his Washington hotel after his 2016 election. The GSA's inspector general said in a report released Wednesday that the “president's business

interest” in the Trump International Hotel site at the Old Post Office building raises emolument issues that “might cause a breach of lease.” The inspector general urged a formal legal review. The watchdog said GSA agreed with its recommendation. The lease has a clause barring any “elected official of the government of the United States” from deriving “any benefit”



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**Day 3 of strike:** Teachers and students picket Wednesday in Los Angeles. The union, which represents over 30,000 teachers who earn \$44,000 to \$86,000 a year, and the district are in a dispute over pay and class sizes. The district has 640,000 students.

### Mich. State president to resign over remarks in Nassar scandal

DETROIT — Michigan State University interim President John Engler submitted his resignation Wednesday amid public backlash over his comments about women and girls sexually assaulted by now-imprisoned campus sports doctor Larry Nassar.



Engler

Engler, who had resisted earlier pressure to resign, announced his plans in an 11-page letter to Dianne Byrum, chairwoman of Michigan State's Board of Trustees. It makes

no mention of recent criticism of his remarks and instead lists what he considers to be his accomplishments in his one year of service, saying the university is a “dramatically better, stronger institution.” Engler said he was in Texas attending a service for his late father-in-law. He says his resignation is effective Jan. 23.

His reversal tops off a stormy period for the university under Engler and is the second time a Michigan

State president left during the Nassar scandal. The final straw for the university's board came last week when Engler told The Detroit News that Nassar's victims had been in the “spotlight” and are “still enjoying that moment at times, you know, the awards and recognition.” Nassar is now serving decades-long prison sentences for sexually assaulting patients and possessing child pornography. Engler was hired last February after the resignation of President Lou Anna Simon over the Nassar scandal.

### Migrants set sights on Mexico in trek toward U.S.

AGUA CALIENTE, Guatemala — More than 1,000 Hondurans were walking and hitchhiking through Guatemala on Wednesday, heading toward the Mexico border as part of a new caravan of migrants hoping to reach the United States. Guatemala's migration

authority said just over 1,300 people were able to register at the border and pass through frontier controls under the watchful eyes of about 200 police and soldiers at the Agua Caliente crossing. Migrants leaving Honduras, El Salvador and Guatemala routinely cite poverty,

lack of opportunity and gang violence as their motivation. The latest trek north comes as President Donald Trump has been working to convince the American public that there is a crisis at the southern border to justify construction of a border wall.

### Serbia court acquits 7 in '08 torching of U.S. Embassy

BELGRADE, Serbia — A Serbian appeals court has acquitted the suspects in the 2008 rioting and torching of the U.S. Embassy in Belgrade after a rally against Kosovo's declaration of independence. The Appeals Court of Belgrade said Wednesday it has overturned suspended prison sentences for four suspects and confirmed an earlier acquittal of three more people by a lower court. The court says prosecutors have failed to provide enough evidence to back the indictment.

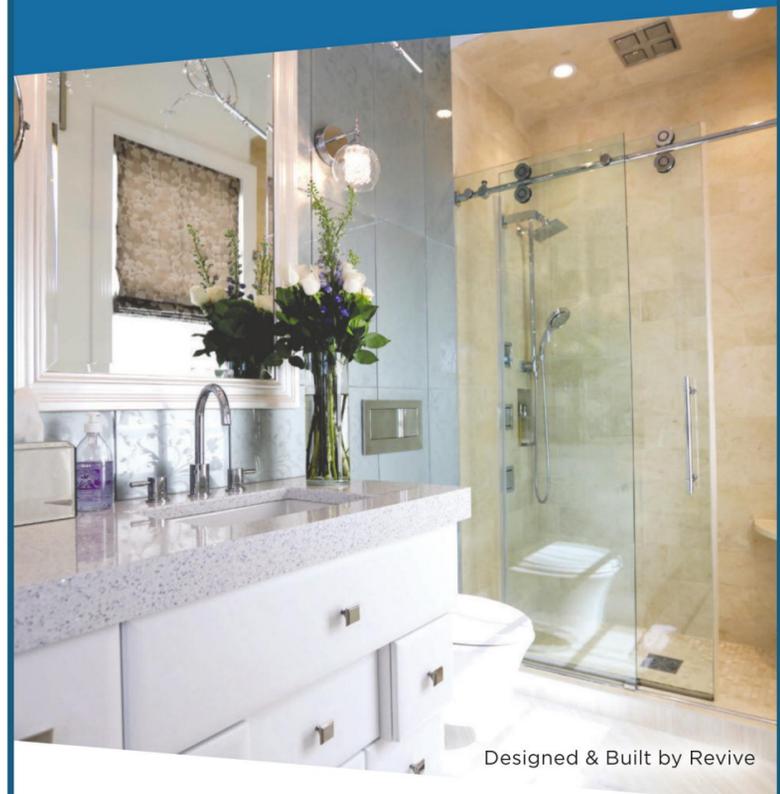
One person died when the American and other Western embassies were attacked by groups of nationalists and soccer hooligans angry over what they perceived as Western support for Kosovo's statehood. Kosovo declared independence in Feb. 2008 which Belgrade still does not recognize.

**In St. Louis:** Anchorwoman Marzieh Hashemi, an American who worked on Iranian state television, has been arrested by the FBI, Iran reported Wednesday. She was detained in St. Louis, where she had filmed a Black Lives Matter documentary after visiting relatives in Louisiana. She was then taken to Washington.

**In Toronto:** The U.S. State Department said that China's death sentence on Robert Schellenberg of Canada is “politically motivated.” Canada has been talking to world leaders about Schellenberg and the cases of two others arrested in China in apparent retaliation for the arrest of Huawei executive Meng Wanzhou.

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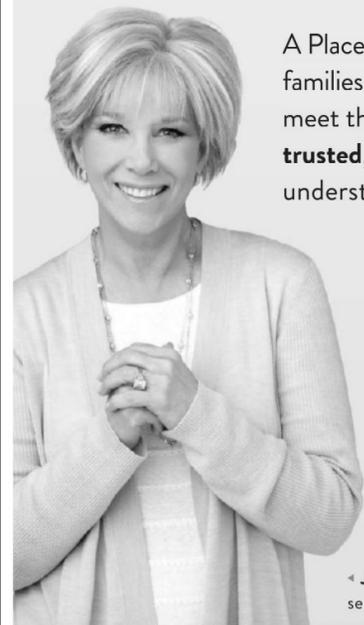
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## EDITORIALS

We all know the name Jayme Closs. Let's be responsible with it.

A 13-year-old girl spotted at a bus stop. Her home invaded by a shotgun-carrying predator who kills her father, then mother. Months at a rural Wisconsin home, hidden under a bed. The allegations following Jayme Closs' disappearance tell a story beyond nightmares.

Her astonishing abduction and its exhilarating end — Jayme alive, running free and quickly reunited with family after 88 days missing — has understandably captivated the nation's attention. So far, authorities have successfully balanced the public interest in justice with concern for the victim's privacy.

Jake Patterson, 21, has been charged with kidnapping Jayme and killing her parents. The latter charges alone could carry a life sentence, and Barron County, Wis., prosecutors have so far avoided spelling out details of Jayme's captivity. There is much we don't yet know — and maybe a few things we don't need to.

Survivors advise giving Jayme space to process and heal. Elizabeth Smart, whose nine-month abduction at age 14 in 2002 similarly held the nation in thrall, says questions about why she didn't run or scream wounded her. "My brain heard that question as, 'You should have tried harder. You should have run, you should have yelled, this is somehow your fault,'" she told The Associated Press.

Katie Beers, rescued a quarter-century ago after being held for more than two weeks in a concrete bunker on Long Island at age 10, told the AP she attributes her recovery, in part, to the fact that "nobody forced me to talk about what happened" and that she didn't do interviews until she was 30. Countless other victims, of course, never do an interview or tell a soul.

**We advocate the public's right to know as a guiding principle.** Police and the courts must conduct business in the open, with the media as watchdog. Survivors who demand justice perform their own service to society and, often, for themselves: Trauma experts discourage forcing victims to talk publicly but note that for some, testifying can restore a much-needed sense of control.

While media routinely shield the names of sex-crime victims, the cases of missing children play out differently. Their names are shouted from the rooftops and their photos spread widely in the urgent effort to rescue them. Jayme's face became familiar to many in Wisconsin and far beyond, bringing quick action from Jeanne Nutter, the first person she approached as she fled.

"She just sort of fell into me and said, 'I'm Jayme,'" Nutter told "CBS This Morning." "And I said, 'I know?'"

Jayme's story will command a premium well beyond the crime-and-justice news cycle. She will need guidance to handle this unsought fame. While the dramatic revelations wind down for observers, her own journey is just beginning. For now, it's providing a model for how to treat those we ask to step forward.



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Candidates Susana Mendoza, from left, John Kozlar, Bob Fioretti, Dorothy Brown and Paul Vallas meet with the Tribune Editorial Board.

Mayoral forum, Part 2

# Taming Chicago's pension beast

If you're the mayor of cash-strapped Chicago and need \$270 million ASAP to fill a city pension hole, where do you find the money? There's no one right answer to that math problem, but among the candidates seeking office on Feb. 26, there's one politically unpopular response: further raising property taxes.

On Wednesday, five more mayoral hopefuls met with the Tribune Editorial Board in a livestreamed forum: Dorothy Brown, Bob Fioretti, John Kozlar, Susana Mendoza and Paul Vallas.

We put our pension question to each, knowing how poles on the campaign trail in Illinois hate to discuss the bleak state of pensions because it's a no-happy-talk zone. Raising additional revenue is hard. That's why previous administrations in Springfield and City Hall took "pension holidays," which sound lovely but involved recklessly skipping annual contributions. They were costly short-term fixes that explain why Illinois, Chicago and so many other local governments are in such deep trouble today.

All the Wednesday candidates acknowledged Chicago's precarious situation by offering a variety of ideas for new sources of quick revenue. They couldn't suggest money from a Chicago casino because it wouldn't be open soon enough. Interestingly, none of the candidates mentioned an immediate residential property tax increase, apparently recognizing homeowners are taxed out. We'll see what the next mayor does after he or she takes office.

Here's a summary of the candidates' responses:

**Cook County Circuit Court Clerk Dorothy Brown:** A financial transaction tax would involve taking a small cut on the

buying and selling of financial assets including stocks, bonds and derivatives via the Chicago markets. "It's time to have a discussion with the Chicago Mercantile Exchange as well as the Chicago Board Options Exchange about how can they can become good corporate citizens," Brown said. She also wants to see Chicago create its own lottery.

**Former Ald. Bob Fioretti:** A commuter tax, involving a 1 percent payroll levy on nonresidents who work in Chicago, would yield about \$300 million, he said. "It's people from Indiana, Wisconsin, the suburbs, who come in here and make their money here and spend it in their community," Fioretti explained. He acknowledged a commuter tax got a razzing from this page after it was mentioned as a potential revenue source by Bill Daley. (We said it would drive away businesses.) Fioretti said ending the ban on video poker would bring in \$70 million. He could get to \$400 million by cutting \$25 million from the budget. Fioretti does not support the city extending its indebtedness by doing another huge bond deal.

**John Kozlar:** He doesn't want to sell bonds or raise taxes. "I'm a believer in the reallocation of resources," he said. He suggests cutting overtime pay and bonuses for workers. He said he could take about \$380 million out of that \$481 million expense. "Have everybody work together," he said.

**Illinois Comptroller Susana Mendoza:** "Anyone who says that the bonding deal is completely off the table is just not being realistic," she said. The details of such a deal, proposed last year by Mayor Rahm Emanuel, aren't clear. The idea: Raise \$10

billion by selling bonds to help shore up the pension funds. In theory, investment returns from the funds would be large and steady enough to pay the interest on the bonds. Among the known risks: What happens if markets tank and the city struggles to pay bondholders?

**Former Chicago Public Schools CEO Paul Vallas:** There are ways to make city operations more efficient and, for example, make sure city departments secure all the revenue they are entitled to, Vallas said. His bigger idea is to identify expiring tax increment financing districts and use property tax money from those sources to fund a bond sale. "You would be cashing in on the TIF windfall early," he said.

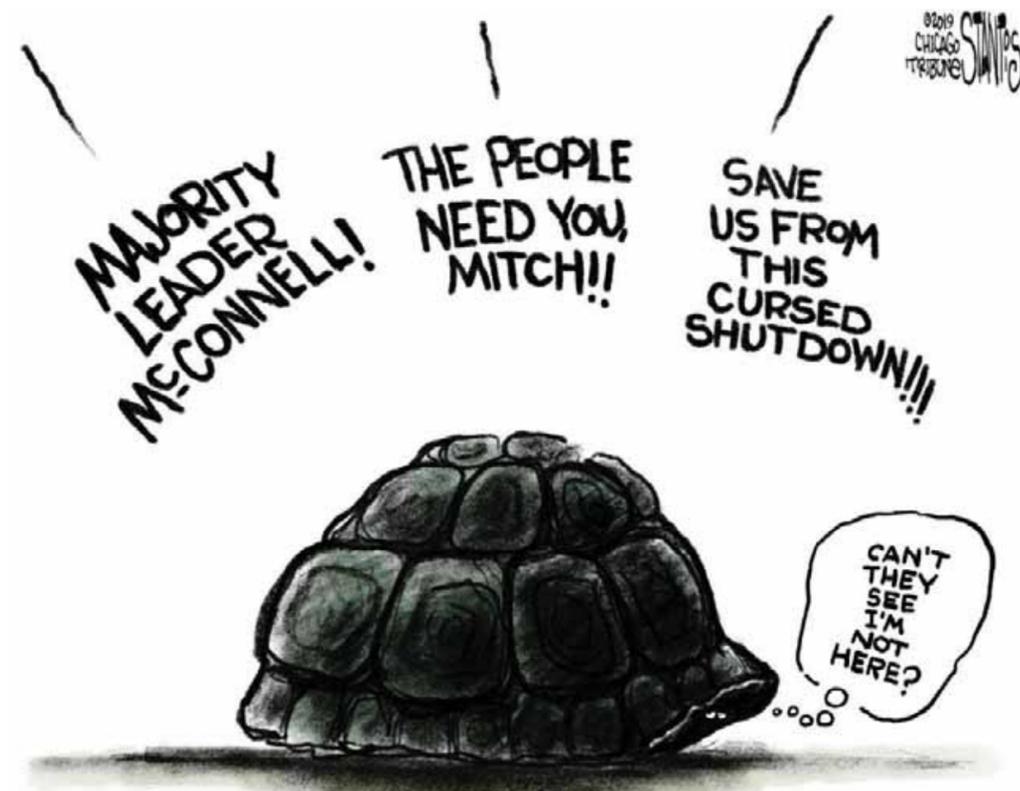
Take it as a good sign that candidates are willing to talk about how to raise revenue. Not all of these proposals are feasible, legal and likely to produce the money Chicago will require for its pensions. The mayor who has to come up with an extra \$270 million in 2020 will have to come up with nearly \$1 billion in extra pension funding by 2023.

The pension beast threatens the stability of city government — and the resources of city taxpayers. How Chicago's next mayor attacks the beast will, for better or worse, help shape Chicago's livability and its people's prosperity.

Voters, it will be on you to decide which of more than a dozen candidates you'll entrust with Chicago's shaky finances.

*One more Tribune Editorial Board event: On Thursday at 1 p.m. we'll conclude the discussion with more candidates for mayor. Watch the livestream at [facebook.com/chicagotribune](https://facebook.com/chicagotribune).*

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1 p.m. Thursday: Enya, Joyce, Lightfoot, McCarthy, Sales-Griffin. And those candidate questionnaires.

We've invited five more candidates for mayor of Chicago to appear before the Tribune Editorial Board on Thursday afternoon. Just as important, we invite you join the livestream audience at [facebook.com/chicagotribune](https://facebook.com/chicagotribune).

On Tuesday we questioned Gery Chico, Bill Daley, La Shawn Ford, Toni Preckwinkle and Willie Wilson. Wednesday's quintet: Dorothy Brown, Bob Fioretti, John Kozlar, Susana Mendoza and Paul Vallas. We intend to post the videos of all three sessions at [chicagotribune.com](https://chicagotribune.com).

We've also posted the questionnaire responses submitted to our editorial board by candidates for mayor and other citywide offices, and for contested aldermanic races. You'll find the responses at [chicagotribune.com](https://chicagotribune.com)/candidates. Bookmark the page, because when we begin publishing endorsements online and in print, you'll also find links to them at that address.

**1 p.m. Thursday:** Amara Enya, Jerry Joyce, Lori Lightfoot, Garry McCarthy, Neal Sales-Griffin

Thanks to all the candidates who've made time to speak to Chicago voters.



People walk along the main atrium at NATO headquarters in Brussels on Wednesday. FRANCISCO SECO/AP

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**PERSPECTIVE**

# TRUMP WANTS TO LEAVE NATO? IT'S NOT REALLY A BAD IDEA.

**I**n our personal lives, we know that many important ties are not necessarily permanent. Friendships end; marriages break up; once-loyal consumers stop shopping at one store in favor of a different one. If a relationship no longer serves the needs of one or more parties, it usually makes sense to move on.



**STEVE CHAPMAN**

That logic holds for partnerships among nations. The 19th-century British Prime Minister Lord Palmerston said, "Nations have no permanent friends or allies; they only have permanent interests." But the United States government has often behaved as though our membership in NATO should be eternal.

There is no reason it should be. Well, maybe one reason: that President Donald Trump has the urge to get out. Because his motives are rooted in ignorance, petulance and a desire to appease Russian President Vladimir Putin, it's easy to miss that there is a legitimate case for a gradual and orderly American withdrawal from the alliance.

Formed in the aftermath of two world wars that began in Europe, NATO was created for two basic purposes: deterring communist aggression and preserving peace. It performed that function well, despite many disagreements among the members, which now number 29 in Europe and North America. The postwar military alliance enabled Western Europe to build freedom and prosperity, in vivid contrast with the brute misery on the other side of the Iron Curtain.

But the original purposes have gone the way of the Habsburg empire. The regime left by Lenin and Stalin col-

lapsed. Eastern European nations gained their independence from Moscow. Germany grew into a model democracy that bothers no one.

Today, Russia has a dictatorial president who jails and kills dissidents, occupies a chunk of Ukraine and plots to undermine Western systems — most notably ours. But the military threat that the Kremlin once represented has shriveled.

Putin's chief focus is preserving his own power. Whatever military power he can command pales next to the combined might of the European nations in NATO — which together spend four times more on defense

than Russia does. Britain and France also have their own nuclear weapons.

Harvard international relations scholar Stephen Walt notes that the European Union has three times the population of Russia and eight times the gross domestic product. "Russia's long-term prospects are gloomy as its population shrinks and ages and as oil and gas become less and less important in the global economy," he wrote in *Foreign Policy*. "Russia can cause trouble of various kinds in nearby areas, but there is no chance that it could expand significantly (or effectively rule any territories it seized)."

NATO also served to keep Germany, the source of so much trouble in the first half of the 20th century, from going rogue once again. But Germans have become addicted to multilateralism. Over the past couple of decades, Berlin has more often felt the need to restrain Washington than the other way around.

The end of the Cold War left NATO searching for a reason to exist. It expanded to include countries on Russia's doorstep, without any sound strategic rationale. The enlargement fostered anxiety and resentment in the Kremlin while committing the U.S. to defend countries that most Americans would not want their sons and daughters to die for.

Trump has often griped that our allies expect us to carry too much of

the load. That complaint has a distinguished pedigree. In 2011, Robert Gates, who was defense secretary under George W. Bush and Barack Obama, castigated allies "who enjoy the benefits of NATO membership but don't want to share the risks and the costs."

Eight years later, not much has changed. The U.S. spends 3.6 percent of its GDP on defense. According to NATO, just five European countries spend as much as 2 percent, and Germany spends just 1.2 percent. If our allies were obliged to provide for their own defense without us, they could easily afford to do so.

But a long-standing and valuable relationship should be ended only for defensible motives, under a rational plan and at an opportune time. If Trump abandons NATO, though, it's not likely these conditions will be met.

Under a serious president with a serious approach to foreign relations, it would be possible to have a serious debate about how to phase out America's military role in Europe in a prudent, responsible way. Under Trump, even good ideas can become bad policies.

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Former Chicago police Officer Jason Van Dyke, who was convicted in the 2014 killing of Laquan McDonald, attends a hearing in December.

## Prison 'too dangerous' for Van Dyke? Prison is dangerous for every inmate.

BY AMY P. CAMPANELLI

Former Chicago police Officer Jason Van Dyke is scheduled to be sentenced Friday for the shooting death of Laquan McDonald. In interviews and statements made by Van Dyke's defense counsel and some pundits, one sentiment in particular has struck me — that Van Dyke should not be sentenced to prison because it would be “too dangerous” for him.

While I understand that the publicity generated by Van Dyke's case may present unique security considerations in a prison setting, as the public defender of Cook County, I find that concern both offensive and disheartening because it ignores that prison life is unsafe for everyone who is locked up.

For decades, studies and experts have noted the danger of prisons across the nation. We need go no further than a local article two weeks ago that detailed the hell suffered by Anthony Gay, who expected to serve 3 1/2 years in prison for robbery in 1994 but spent 22 years in solitary confinement. His mental state deteriorated to the point that he mutilated himself just to have human contact.

A quick tour of the articles posted on The Marshall Project website finds headlines such as “Death In Illinois Prisons: He Didn't Have A Death Sentence, But That's

What He Got” and “... Mentally Ill Inmates Abused, Inadequately Treated In Illinois.”

Where is the outcry when one of my clients, most of whom are people of color, is charged with a nonviolent offense, such as theft or driving on a suspended license, and sentenced to prison? Where is the outrage for vulnerable teenagers and young adults who are locked up, abused and afraid for their safety?

The impact of the prison environment is also tragically racist. At the Illinois Youth Center in Harrisburg (near the southern tip of Illinois), six juveniles who allegedly showed or spit at a correctional officer were charged in 2017 as adults and sentenced to lengthy prison terms. And, by the way, almost every juvenile charged was African-American, while 90 percent of the officers were white. Then-Gov. Bruce Rauner recognized the injustice of what was happening and commuted the sentences of all the juveniles involved.

The purpose of imprisonment historically has been threefold — to deter others from committing crimes, to isolate dangerous people from the rest of society and to rehabilitate offenders to prevent future crimes. Our prison system has failed miserably in all three areas. Drug users, who need treatment and not isolation, are sent to prison where they become more dangerous. The mentally ill, who need help and serv-

ices, are instead warehoused and exploited. The vast majority of those sentenced to prison are released without any rehabilitation, education or learned job skills.

Prison is an unsafe environment, but it is unsafe for everyone, not the privileged few. It is unsafe for adults and especially youths, who can be exploited with devastating consequences. Prison needs to be reformed, into a place where mental health treatment is provided, real education and job skills are taught and social workers provide assistance for safe transition back to communities.

Progress is being made through the slow work of lawsuits and consent decrees, but we need more. We have a new administration in Springfield, one that I hope will be more sensitive to treating people humanely. How a society treats its most vulnerable is always the measure of its humanity, an idea encapsulated by Mahatma Gandhi's quote that “A nation's greatness is measured by how it treats its weakest members.”

Being in prison, locked away and subject to abuse by others, without access to mental health or medical treatment, is by any definition an abuse of our most vulnerable and weak members of society.

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### VOICE OF THE PEOPLE

#### True masculinity isn't toxic

Equating “traditional masculinity” with “toxic masculinity” (“So long, masculinity, you're a relic of unenlightened times,” Jan. 11) is a terrible disservice to men, even more to boys, but also to women and girls. The “war of the sexes” has been with us for a long time.

“Machismo,” an older term for toxic masculinity, is a distortion of true masculinity. Boys need to be raised to be strong, caring, considerate men, not to be macho, but also not to be girls. The corresponding distortion of femininity is feminism, really another form of machismo, in which true femininity is considered a weakness. Femininity is also strong, caring and considerate but in a different mode. You will know true gentlemen and true ladies if you meet them.

— William G. White, Lombard

#### Heart birth defects in adults

The recent story by Alison Bowen (“Teen born with half of a heart competes in ‘American Idol of ballet’ in River Forest,” Jan. 14) regarding Naomi Babcock was very heartwarming and informative. Malformed hearts, also called congenital heart disease, are the most common of birth defects occurring about 1 in 100 births. The skill of pediatric congenital heart doctors allows most of the children with such dire defects, who in the past would not have survived, to not only survive but also thrive into adulthood today! But pediatric heart specialists are not involved with adult patients, and most adult cardiologists are necessarily focused on the majority with acquired heart disease.

The article states “she might need a heart transplant someday” and “her long-term prognosis is unknown.” Much is unknown about the medical future of patients such as Naomi. This patient group needs lifelong care by the new specialty of adult congenital heart doctors. The needed clinics have been established at many large medical centers, and those clinics are being accredited by the Adult Congenital Heart Association. A lot of information and other resources for patients are available at [www.ACHAheart.org](http://www.ACHAheart.org).

— Dr. James Ruppel, Galesburg, Ill.

#### Let's deal a win for Americans

Most Americans are fed up with government leaders playing this game of political win or lose. Every executive decision or legislative initiative is judged by who wins and who loses. This only further divides our country. The current partial government shutdown over border wall funding is just the latest example. It's time to stop worrying about who wins politically and start producing wins for the people of this country.

I believe both Republicans and Democrats want border security. What we need to do is define what constitutes true border security. I suggest that a small group with equal representation of Republicans and Democrats from the House and Senate sit down with the president and come to a consensus of what defines border security. Then pass legislation to reflect this definition.

This is going to require compromise, a word that seems to have been lost in Washington. Nobody should expect to get everything they want. That's what making a deal is all about.

We the people are watching, and we're paying attention. The next election is less than two years away.

— Dale Hanlon, Carol Stream

#### Border security about the law

Last week's presentation by President Donald Trump and the response from Democrat congressional leaders did not adequately reflect the real issue and choice for the American people. It is not whether we back one political party or another; it is whether we back our federal and local law enforcement or a political party position. Better security at our southern border including improvements at ports of entry and more barriers, walls where most urgently needed, is what those we have asked to protect our borders have identified as urgent needs, not because they are Republicans or Democrats but because they want to do their job to reduce illegal drug and human trafficking and illegal entry.

Do we support law enforcement — the police — or a political party?

— Peter Bensing, former administrator, U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration

#### A wall — and renewable energy

Build the border wall with solar panels on the top. That will be an economic boon for the U.S. and Mexico.

— Elliot Cohen, Lincolnshire

## Concealed carry doesn't guarantee our safety; it puts us at greater risk

BY NINA E. VINIK

Last week, a 25-year-old woman was standing at a bus stop before dawn in the Fernwood neighborhood on Chicago's Far South Side when she was approached by a teen who attempted to rob her with a gun. Instead, the woman, a concealed carry permit holder, pulled out her own gun and shot and killed the 19-year-old.

On its face, this story may seem to make the case for the merits of concealed carry as a method of self-protection, especially for people living in high-crime neighborhoods. But the fact is that this scenario is an outlier. It is extremely rare for a legal gun owner to use a gun successfully in self-defense.

A 2015 Harvard study analyzing data from the National Crime Victimization Surveys found that self-defense gun use is rare — victims use guns in less than 1 percent of contact crimes. That same year, there were more than 9,000 criminal homicides involving a gun, compared with just 265 justifiable homicides involving a private citizen using a firearm, according to the Violence Policy Center. This amounts to about 34 criminal homicides for every one justifiable homicide involving a gun.

In recent years, many states have relaxed their concealed carry laws, on the theory that concealed-gun carriers deter crime. But there is no credible evidence that permissive laws prevent or deter crime. In an analysis of states with right-to-carry laws, Stanford researcher John Donohue and colleagues found that states that passed right-to-carry laws experienced 13 to 15 percent higher aggregate violent crime



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rates, over a period of 10 years, than comparable states.

The researchers identified several reasons why permissive concealed carry actually increases violent crime. There is ample evidence of gun owners feeling overconfident about their ability to use guns responsibly, leading to riskier behavior and outcomes ranging from criminal misconduct and gun accidents to lost or stolen guns. Right-to-carry laws also normalize the practice of carrying guns, making it harder for the police to know who is and who is not allowed to possess guns in public.

Examples abound of concealed-gun carriers attempting — and failing — to thwart crimes, often with deadly consequences. Last year in Portland, Ore., Portland State University campus police officers arrived as a “good Samaritan” with a concealed carry permit was trying to break up a fight. The police saw the gun held by the permit holder — a Navy veteran, postal worker and father of three — and in the

confusion shot and killed him.

In 2016 in Arlington, Texas, a man in a domestic dispute shot at a woman and then tried to drive off. When he was confronted by a permit holder, the shooter slapped the permit holder's gun out of his hand and then killed him with a shot to the head. In 2014, a permit holder pursued a man who had robbed a phone store in south suburban Crestwood, firing at the fleeing suspect. A police officer pursuing the suspect had to duck for cover, not knowing where the shots were coming from.

Although the Chicago case involved a female concealed carry holder, women are at greater risk when guns are in the home.

A 2003 study published in the *Annals of Emergency Medicine* journal found that women living in a household with a gun are nearly three times more likely to be murdered than women with no gun in the home.

In 2015, women were over 50 times more likely to be murdered by a man with a gun than to use it to kill a man in self-defense, according to the Violence Policy Center. Guns in the home also heighten the risk of suicide, and accidental gun injuries and deaths.

With gun-related deaths topping nearly 40,000 in 2017 in the U.S., according to federal data, anyone who is seriously considering carrying a gun for self-protection would do well to consider the evidence.

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# Chicago Tribune BUSINESS

## Sears survives, but doubts about the future remain

Bid for bankrupt retailer accepted, but competition isn't getting any easier

BY LAUREN ZUMBACH  
Chicago Tribune

Sears Chairman Edward Lampert appears to have pulled off his bid to rescue the bankrupt retailer from liquidation.

It's good news for employees at the stores that could remain in business and for still-loyal shoppers. But it remains to be seen whether the retailer's latest lifeline from its former CEO buys the time needed to finally pull off a turnaround.

Lampert, who stepped down as CEO when the company filed for bankruptcy protection in October, has been trying to right the ship at Sears for years. Mean-



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Chairman Edward Lampert's final offer for Sears is valued at more than \$5 billion.

while, competition from rivals like Amazon, Walmart and Target isn't getting any easier for old-school department stores. Even at stronger chains like Macy's, consumers didn't spend as freely as

expected during an otherwise strong holiday season.

Neither Hoffman Estates-based Sears Holdings Corp. nor Lampert's hedge fund, ESL Investments, shared details of the final bid the hedge fund submitted in a bankruptcy auction this week. Bloomberg News reported the final offer is valued at more than \$5 billion and represents a more than \$150 million improvement over ESL's previous offer. It also doesn't release Lampert from liability related to transactions between his hedge fund and the retailer prior to Sears' bankruptcy filing, according to Bloomberg, something Lampert sought in earlier bids. The deal still requires approval from the U.S. Bankruptcy Court for the Southern District of New York.

A committee representing Sears' cred-

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Gov. J.B. Pritzker signed an order to stop agencies from asking job applicants how much money they previously earned.

## Salary history off table for state jobs

BY ALEXIA ELEJALDE-RUIZ  
Chicago Tribune

Gov. J.B. Pritzker has signed an executive order forbidding state agencies from asking job applicants how much money they earned in previous jobs, a rule that will likely be extended to all employers in the state by year's end.

The Democrat's signing of the order Tuesday, his first full day as governor, was opposite the stance taken by his predecessor, Republican Gov. Bruce Rauner, who twice vetoed legislation that sought to ban salary history questions during the hiring process. Numerous states have approved such bans, often termed No Salary History laws, in hopes of narrowing the gender pay gap.

Rep. Anna Moeller, D-Elgin, who sponsored the vetoed legislation, said in a Facebook post that she plans to reintroduce a bill again this year. Pritzker has pledged to sign it after it passes the General Assembly, she said.

Chicago Mayor Rahm Emanuel last year issued an executive order prohibiting city departments from asking or seeking out a candidate's prior wage.

Women's advocacy groups say basing a new hire's salary on previous compensation perpetuates disparities in pay between men and women, who may have been underpaid in the past. Women also tend to work in lower-paying jobs and are more likely than men to take time off or reduce hours to care for children or other family members, which affects prior salary levels.



A Nebraska bill defines meat as "any edible portion of any livestock or poultry, carcass, or part thereof," unlike the plant-based burger on the right.

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## NEB. BILL LOOKS TO DEFINE 'MEAT'

Farm groups want to protect state's lucrative industry

BY GRANT SCHULTE | Associated Press

LINCOLN, Neb. — More than four months after Missouri became the first U.S. state to regulate the term "meat" on product labels, Nebraska's powerful farm groups are pushing for similar protection from veggie burgers, tofu dogs and other items that look and taste like real meat.

Nebraska lawmakers will consider a bill this year defining meat as "and excluding 'lab-grown or insect or plant-based food products.'" It would make it a crime to advertise or sell something "as meat that is not derived from poultry or livestock."

Similar measures aimed at meat alternatives are pending in Tennessee, Virginia and Wyoming.

**"Consumers have a right to know what they're buying. That's the case whether it's a vegetarian product or not."** — John Hansen, president of the Nebraska Farmers Union

They come amid a debate over what to call products that are being developed using the emerging science of meat grown by culturing cells in a lab. Supporters of the science are embracing the term "clean meat" — language the conventional meat industry strongly opposes.

The issue strikes a particularly strong chord in Nebraska, one of the nation's top states for livestock production, where cars roll down the interstate with "Beef State" license plates and the governor each year proclaims May as "Beef Month."

Farm groups have found an unusual ally in state Sen. Carol Blood, a city-dwelling vegetarian from the Omaha suburb of Bellevue. Blood, who grew up on a farm, said she introduced the

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An ingredient from a third party led to a problem with RxBars, the company said.

## RxBar recalls a dozen protein bar varieties

BY ALEXIA ELEJALDE-RUIZ  
Chicago Tribune

RxBar is recalling more than a dozen of its protein bar flavors that may pose a threat to consumers with peanut allergies.

The Chicago-based company announced Tuesday that there may be undeclared peanuts in the following varieties with "best by" dates ranging between Jan. 14, 2019, and Oct. 19, 2019: Apple Cinnamon, Blueberry, Chocolate Chip, Chocolate Hazelnut, Chocolate Sea Salt, Coconut Chocolate, Coffee Chocolate, Mango Pineapple, Maple Sea Salt, Mint Chocolate, Mixed Berry, and Pumpkin Spice. Kids varieties Apple Cinnamon Raisin, Berry Blast and Chocolate Chip also are being recalled.

People with peanut allergies should discard the products and contact RxBar or their retailer for a full refund or replacement. The bars pose no danger to people without peanut allergies.

RxBar in December recalled two flavors, Chocolate Sea Salt and Coconut Chocolate, because of potential peanut exposure, and it is expanding the recall "out of an abundance of caution" after receiving customer complaints about allergic reactions to additional varieties, it said.

"Our investigation concluded that the issue stems from a specific ingredient supplied by a third party," the company said in a news release. "We immediately changed suppliers for this ingredient when the issue arose."

RxBar, headquartered in River North, has been growing rapidly since it was purchased by cereal giant Kellogg in late 2017 for \$600 million.

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## Researchers warn 'Fortnite' users of security flaw

Authentication vulnerability could put millions at risk

BY GWEN ACKERMAN  
Bloomberg News

A flaw in "Fortnite" opened the accounts of millions of users to the risk of a malicious attack, researchers from Check Point Software Technologies said in a report Wednesday.

The vulnerability in the authentication process allowed hackers to link a link to the player that, once clicked, gave access to user accounts to buy virtual currency and purchase game equipment that would then be transferred to a separate account and resold. The hacker also had access to conversations held by the player and his friends, which could be used to exploit the

account owner, often children under 18.

"Fortnite" developer Epic Games recently fixed the flaw, the Israeli cyber security company said. Epic Games could not be immediately reached for comment but has a patch that offered new weapons and bug fixes detailed on its site. It is unclear whether the vulnerability was ever exploited.

"Needless to say, that along with this massive invasion of privacy, the financial risks and potential for fraud is vast," Check Point said. The company's head of products vulnerability research, Oded Vanunu, said his 6- and 9-year-old children play "Fortnite," as do millions of schoolchildren around the globe.

"Your kids are playing a game and people can listen to what they are doing," said Vanunu. "The child thinks he is talking to a 12-year-old kid, but he is

talking to adults who might say, 'Send me a picture of that and I will give you this weapon.' This is the craziness of this game."

As of June, "Fortnite" had been played by 125 million people, and was on track to generate \$2 billion for Epic Games. The game revolves around a cartoonish, last-character-standing battle where players fight for weapons and resources. It's free to play and available on multiple devices from mobile phones to video-game consoles.

Developer Epic makes money from "Fortnite" by charging players for decorative items like costumes and props.

In October, Epic raised \$1.25 billion from an investor group that included KKR & Co., Vulcan Capital and Kleiner Perkins in a deal that valued the closely held company at \$15 billion.

# Resident recruitment ramp-up

'Pay to move' initiatives look for workers first

By MARSHA MERCER  
Stateline.org

WASHINGTON — For decades, cities and states have tried to create jobs and boost their economies by luring out-of-state employers. Now some areas are trying to attract workers one at a time.

Starting this month, programs in Vermont and Tulsa, Okla., will pay people to relocate to those places if they work remotely. Other resident recruitment strategies include weekends that tempt tourists to stay, discounted rent, student loan assistance and free land.

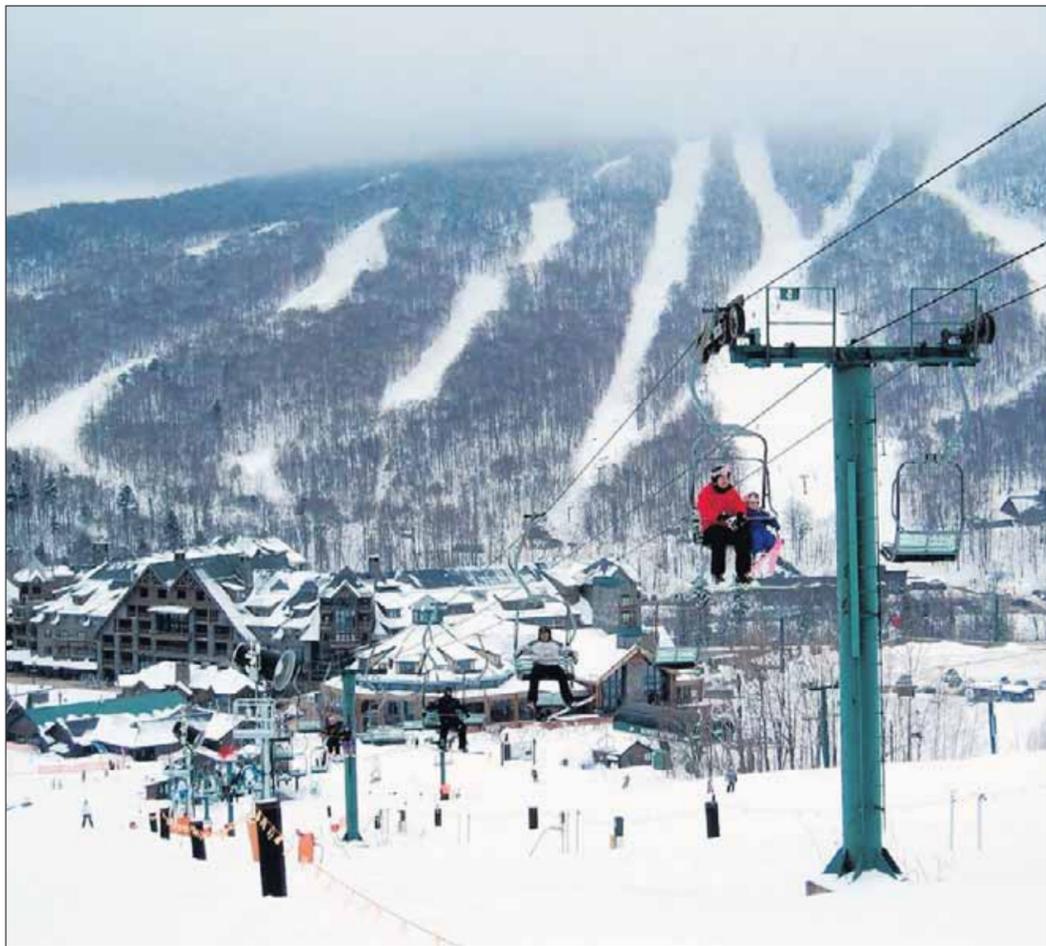
"It's a departure — very much a sharp departure" from Vermont's traditional programs, said Joan Goldstein, commissioner of the Vermont Department of Economic Development. "We need people."

The shift in strategy marks a recognition that as fewer people are tethered to brick-and-mortar offices, state and local officials can reap the benefits of workers' spending and taxes no matter where their employers are based.

"You need the people to get the businesses to come, and a lot of small places are immediately out of the running because the people aren't there. It feeds on itself," said Doug Farquhar, program director for rural development with the National Conference of State Legislatures.

Farquhar sees "pay to move" as "somewhat of a desperate plea: We need educated people to come here and stay here." He cautions that little research has been done on the effectiveness or sustainability of the strategy. And in Vermont, some advocates for the poor have criticized state officials for "luring tech bros to gentrify our communities."

But in a state desperate for more people — Vermont has about 620,000 residents, with about 45 per-



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With nearly half its residents retired or considering it, Vermont is one state that's embracing resident recruitment efforts.

cent of them retired or about to retire — officials are willing to give it a try.

"The original idea was to give incentives to out-of-state companies to find people who want to live here," said Democratic state Sen. Michael Sirotkin, chairman of the economic development committee. "We decided to give the money to the workers and let them find their jobs."

Vermont Gov. Phil Scott, a Republican, signed the Remote Worker Grant Program in May. The legislature provided \$500,000 over three years to reimburse expenses of remote workers from other states who relocate.

Each worker can receive up to \$10,000 in grants over two years. Eligible expenses include computer software

and hardware, internet access and membership in a co-working space.

Tulsa also is focusing on remote workers. Tulsa Remote will pay workers who pass a stringent online screening process and live in Tulsa for a year \$10,000 in cash installments. The pilot project is funded and administered by the private George Kaiser Family Foundation. No public funds are involved.

Tulsa's population, about 400,000, has been flat for decades. The foundation was looking for ways to attract new talent to the city, said Executive Director Ken Levit. The foundation has already brought 50 artists and writers to Tulsa for a year or more through the Tulsa Artist Fellowship, which pays stipends and

provides free rent.

"There's no fixed budget" for Tulsa Remote, Levit said. For now, it's a one-year pilot program, but the overwhelming response means it could be extended, he said. More than 8,000 people have completed lengthy online applications.

Ben Winchester, a rural demographer at the University of Minnesota Extension Center for Community Vitality, said people who leave small towns to attend college often want to return to their hometowns when they reach their 30s and 40s. For many of them, the challenge is finding a house.

Harmony, Minn., is an example. The Great Recession led to a yearslong halt of construction in the town of 1,080. In 2014, the local economic development au-

thority started offering incentives of \$5,000 to \$12,000 to build houses, depending on the expected taxable value of the building.

Harmony Mayor Steve Donney acknowledged that the program "was very slow to take off." So far, the town has paid out about \$62,750 and has committed to paying out an additional \$20,000 for eight buildings. Last year, for the first time, the town has collected some new property tax revenue — about \$2,200.

"I'm a 100 percent believer in the project. So far, it's working," Donney said. "It has encouraged people to build, and new people are a bonus."

Marquette, in central Kansas, also turned to housing incentives after failing

to attract businesses.

"Every town is looking to bring in jobs to their small town. You might as well beat your head against a wall," said Steve Piper, the former longtime mayor. "We took the opposite approach. We thought: Bring the people and tell them to find their own job." Marquette is within commuting distance of the larger cities of Salina, McPherson and Hutchinson.

But Marquette, population 650, had no buildable lots, so the local economic development commission bought 50 acres in 2002 and started giving lots away. The modern-day homesteading story made national news, and hundreds of people contacted the town.

"It helped. A lot of people are looking for a little Marberry," Piper said, referring to the fictional town that was the setting for "The Andy Griffith Show."

Student loan assistance programs, modeled on incentives for medical personnel, teachers and lawyers, may be a more promising strategy for rural areas to grow population, NCSL's Farquhar said.

In 2016, Maine expanded the opportunity tax credit, which had been limited to graduates of in-state schools, to graduates of out-of-state schools who live and work in Maine.

Maine Gov. Janet Mills, a Democrat, promised in her campaign to simplify the complicated tax credit system and to invest in a "Rural Return Scholarship" to give young people from rural Maine incentive to return to their hometowns.

In Michigan, the Community Foundation in St. Clair County, about an hour north of Detroit, joined nearby counties to start the Come Home Award, a "reverse scholarship" that pays up to \$15,000 in student loans over three years.

The foundation gives out about \$300,000 a year in traditional scholarships. But donors said, "We're just paying young people to leave," said Randy Maiers, the foundation's executive director. "We wanted to do something different."

## Retailer survives bankruptcy auction

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itors has questioned financial dealings between Lampert, ESL and Sears, saying those transactions "may be part of an extended pattern of conduct that served to benefit certain (insider) equity holders," according to court filings, claims ESL has denied.

An early version of ESL's offer included about 425 stores and many of Sears' remaining assets. ESL said it could preserve up to 50,000 jobs.

But Lampert and ESL haven't elaborated on their strategy, and some analysts said the plan to reorganize around a smaller group of successful stores sounded a lot like the playbook Lampert relied on before the company's bankruptcy, as the company amassed more than \$11 million in losses since 2011.

Now that customers can shop online, many retailers have decided they don't need as many bricks-and-mortar stores. But Sears has already closed hundreds and "still can't find a profitable base sitting there," said Neil Stern, senior partner at Chicago-based consulting firm McMillanDoolittle.

"While I think everyone is happy that Sears gets another life — particularly good news for the 50,000 or so associates — it remains to be seen whether there is a viable go-forward strategy to keep the stores, and the company, open in the future," Stern said.

At the time of Sears' bankruptcy filing in October, it had 687 Sears and Kmart stores, down from 1,672 stores in January 2016. Another 262 stores have



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Dan Fitzpatrick, of Bensenville, shopped for Craftsman tools on Black Friday at the Sears store in Oakbrook Center in Oak Brook.

closed or are expected to close by March.

Downsizing to a smaller group of stores will still leave the company with "major hurdles to its long-term business," Christina Boni, a vice president at Moody's Investors Service, said in an emailed statement. "Scale, which is critical to competing in retail today, will be lacking and its core customer proposition still remains in question."

The competition isn't getting easier. Retailers and analysts were optimistic that consumers would spend freely this holiday season, but some chains, including Macy's and Kohl's, reported relatively modest sales growth compared with last year's holidays. J.C. Penney, meanwhile, said it would close three stores and consider shuttering more after reporting a decline in sales during the holiday season.

After several challenging years, the department store sector is "slowly taking a decisive turn for the better," Moody's analysts said in a report published Tuesday.

But only some chains are

seeing the benefits. Retailers that have the resources to invest in innovation "will continue to dominate those hampered by high leverage, strategic challenges and cost constraints," analysts wrote in the report.

If Sears is willing to make more radical changes, there's a "long-shot possibility" it could survive, said Craig Johnson, president of retail consultancy Customer Growth Partners.

The company could clear out the clothing racks to focus on merchandise where its reputation is strongest, like appliances, tools, fitness equipment and auto products, and shutter even more stores than currently planned, Johnson said. He also thinks the company needs a CEO with more experience in retail turnaround than Lampert.

Lampert engineered Kmart's \$11 billion acquisition of Sears in 2005 and, through his hedge fund, is the company's largest shareholder. He has said he's provided Sears with more than \$2.4 billion in loans and other forms of financing over the last sev-

eral years.

The company has made efforts to adapt to changes in customers' shopping habits, including selling Kenmore appliances through Amazon, offering curbside pickup for online orders and opening smaller stores, including its remodeled and downsized Oakbrook Center store, which reopened shortly before Sears' bankruptcy filing.

Several retailers have emerged from Chapter 11 in recent years only to wind up back in Bankruptcy Court a few years later, Johnson said.

"They have a real uphill battle ahead," he said.

Sears was expected to notify the Bankruptcy Court of the auction results Wednesday. That filing has not been made public yet.

Once Sears reports the results of the auction, other parties will have eight days to challenge the agreement. Ultimately, a judge has to approve the sale of Sears' assets, a decision expected in the coming weeks.

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## Farm groups want to protect industry

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measure because agriculture is Nebraska's largest industry and needs to be protected for the good of the whole state.

"I'm not bringing this bill to tell people what they can and can't eat," she said. "All I'm asking for is truth in advertising. It's clear that meat comes from livestock, and livestock is our livelihood in Nebraska."

Nebraska led the nation in commercial red meat production in 2017 and had the most feed cows as of last year, according to the U.S. Department of Agriculture. Livestock and livestock product sales generated an estimated \$12.1 billion for the state's economy in 2016, according to the USDA's most recent available data.

The measure is certain to face resistance from food producers selling plant-based alternatives and those working to bring lab-grown meat to market. Critics say the bill infringes on the free-speech rights of companies that produce vegetarian alternatives to real meat.

The Good Food Institute, the American Civil Liberties Union of Missouri, the Animal Legal Defense Fund and plant-based food company To-furkey have filed a federal lawsuit challenging the Missouri law. They argue the law unfairly stifles competition.

The Nebraska bill "would censor food labels and create consumer confusion where there is none," said Jessica Almy, director of policy for the Washington-based Good Food Institute. "You can't censor speech just to promote one industry's financial success."

Supporters of the Ne-

braska measure say they want to ensure people aren't misled about what they're eating.

Blood said she proposed the measure after seeing two women in a grocery store who couldn't tell whether a product contained meat or a substitute. She said her proposal wouldn't require inspections of product labels, as Missouri's law does.

"I don't want to be the meat police," she said.

Under the Nebraska bill, violations would bring a misdemeanor charge punishable by up to a year in jail and a \$1,000 fine.

"Consumers have a right to know what they're buying," said John Hansen, president of the Nebraska Farmers Union. "That's the case whether it's a vegetarian product or not. There ought to be clear, honest and accurate labeling, and then let the marketplace make the choices."

Hansen said his group's livestock producers are particularly concerned about whether consumers will be able to differentiate between meat grown in the lab and farm-grown beef, pork and chicken.

Pete McClymont, executive vice president for the group Nebraska Cattlemen, said his organization's concern rises partly from the growth of products labeled as almond and soy milk, which have become an increasingly popular alternative to cow's milk.

McClymont said his group still needs to review specific details of the Nebraska proposal, but will push for any law that protects the state's livestock producers.

"When I go out and speak to our membership, this is right near the top of what people are passionate about," he said.



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Stirr comes just months after Sinclair's \$3.9 billion bid for Tribune Media collapsed.

## Sinclair starts streaming service for its TV stations

BY MAE ANDERSON  
Associated Press

NEW YORK — Sinclair Broadcast wants to Stirr up streaming.

The nation's largest owner of television stations launched a free, ad-supported streaming service Wednesday drawing on local news, sports and other programs from the 191 TV stations it owns in 89 U.S. markets.

Sinclair said the motivation behind Stirr is in part to help viewers "access the local news and lifestyle programming that is relevant to their everyday life."

Sinclair was admonished by media watchdogs in April after the sports news service Deadspin pieced together clips of dozens of TV anchors for Sinclair reading from the same script.

The script warned viewers about "biased and false news" from other media outlets.

At the time, President Donald Trump tweeted his support of the company. Sinclair defended the effort as a way to distinguish its news shows from unreliable stories on social media.

Stirr comes just months after Sinclair's \$3.9 billion bid for Tribune Media collapsed because of regula-

tory concerns, ending a bid to create a massive media juggernaut that could have rivaled the reach of Fox News.

Media companies are entering the streaming fray to gain access to valuable data about what consumers watch.

For services with ad-based options, that data translates into more dollars from advertisers.

Fox News launched a paid subscription service Fox Nation in November, emphasizing short-form commentary from conservative hosts on Fox News Channel.

NBCUniversal plans to launch an ad-supported streaming service next year, while CBS already has a subscription service called CBS All Access.

These join offerings from tech companies such as Netflix.

Amazon last week announced a free, ad-supported service called IMDb Freedive. Media companies such as Disney are also starting streaming services.

The centerpiece of Stirr will be a digital channel called Stirr City. It will be tailored to a viewer's location and carry local news and other programs airing on that city's station.

However, viewers will be free to choose a different city. Broadcasters are typically barred from doing so, particularly with sports, though Sinclair appears to be focusing on high school and other local teams for which rights wouldn't be an issue.

Sinclair doesn't run its own national television network, but rather carries programs from major networks such as ABC and NBC. So when network programs air on the local station, Stirr City will instead have alternate programs, such as a movie.

The Stirr service will also carry separate digital channels that Sinclair doesn't own, including Cheddar business news, NASA TV, the World Poker Tour and a tennis channel called The T.

And Sinclair is developing its own digital channels such for movies, sports and lifestyles.

These channels will stream live, just like a television station, but some programs will also be available on demand. Sinclair expects more than 50 channels by year's end.

Stirr will be available through a website and apps for iPhones, Android devices and various streaming TV devices.

## United's earnings, business travel bookings boost shares

BY JUSTIN BACHMAN  
Bloomberg News

United Airlines, seen until recently as the laggard of the airline industry, is promising Wall Street that the improvement in its earnings performance has plenty of room to run.

"The pipeline of ideas and changes was not just for 2018," United Continental Holdings Chief Commercial Officer Andrew Nocella told analysts and investors on a conference call Wednesday. Much of last year's moves extend into 2019 "and then there is a whole host of other initiatives that come online."

The Chicago-based carrier is bucking the industry gloom stoked by Delta Air Lines and American Airlines, which cautioned investors this month about their ability to push fares higher. United, meanwhile, is pushing ahead with an aggressive expansion plan, stepping up its luxury offerings and planning tweaks to its new revenue-management system.

"Overall the guidance is encouraging as revenue growth continues into 2019 despite Easter moving to the second quarter and a weaker macro environment in certain international markets," Cowen & Co. analyst Helene Becker said in a note to clients. "The company did a great job executing their strategic plan in 2018."

The shares surged 6.4 percent Wednesday to close at \$86.36, leading a Standard & Poor's index of major U.S. carriers higher. United climbed 24 percent in 2018, the only advance among large U.S. airlines.

United's adjusted earnings rose to \$9.13 a share last year, easily exceeding

the \$8.78 average of analyst estimates after the company blew past analysts' estimates in the fourth quarter.

This year, United said it expects to earn \$10 to \$12 a share, compared with analysts' forecast of \$10.99. The company reaffirmed its target of earning as much as \$13 a share in 2020, saying that the goal is built to withstand Brent crude prices as high as \$80 a barrel. The oil benchmark currently trades at about \$61 a barrel.

"We are committed to, as we said before, moving heaven and Earth to hit our numbers," United President Scott Kirby said on the conference call.

In the current quarter, revenue for each seat flown a mile will extend recent gains with an increase of as much as 3 percent this quarter, United said. Lucrative corporate bookings rose 11 percent last week, and Kirby said the first week of the year is a "reasonably good" indicator of economic health.

There are short-term risks. A percentage point of United's passenger revenue forecast is under threat from the U.S. government shutdown.

United has major exposure because of its hub at Washington-Dulles, the capital's main international airport. United hasn't estimated the cost of the shutdown, Kirby said. Delta said the closing was shaving \$25 million off monthly sales.

Elsewhere, United is pushing ahead with the ambitious three-year expansion program it began last year to regain its "natural share" of travelers at three mid-continent hubs: Chicago, Denver and Houston.

The company has reworked its flight schedules in Chicago and Houston and plans to begin flying its adjustments at Denver on Feb. 14. The changes are designed to increase profitable connecting traffic.

First-quarter seating capacity will climb as much as 6 percent, United said, in line with its long-term growth plan. While much of that expansion will continue to focus on regional flights in smaller cities, it will also involve swapping larger mainline aircraft into cities where the carrier had often flown regional jets.

That strategy "will test the theory of how much United can continue to expand domestic hub capacity and maintain yield momentum," Barclays analyst Brandon Oglenski said in a note to clients.

Beyond its hub revamp, United has focused on improving schedule reliability, as well as customer-service training for flight attendants and other employees who interact with travelers. This year, United will bring its 25,000 flight attendants to Chicago for two-day training sessions aimed at bolstering a more entrepreneurial culture.

United's shift to a redesigned revenue-management system last year has improved the airline's ability to forecast seat demand and boost profits. It's also wooing business travelers with more Polaris luxury lounges and cabins.

This year, the airline will begin deploying Boeing Co. 787-10 Dreamliner jets on its European network, a move that is expected to reduce fuel costs on those routes. It also plans to trim some departures before 6 a.m., given the greater revenue potential of later flights, Nocella said.

## Feds to ease rules on drone flights over crowds, at night

BY DAVID KOENIG  
Associated Press

Federal officials plan to ease restrictions on flying small drones over crowds and at night, which would give a boost to the commercial use of unmanned aircraft.

The Federal Aviation Administration outlined draft rules this week that would let drone operators do those things without a special waiver from current rules.

For example, waivers for night flights would no longer be needed for operators who go through special training and put anti-collision lighting on their drones.

It's not clear how long it might be before the FAA's easing goes into effect. The FAA said it won't take final action until it finishes another regulation regarding remote identification of small drones, which analysts say could be years away.

Critics have charged that the FAA has stymied the commercial use of drones by taking the rigid approach to safety involving airlines and applying the same standard to the operation of small drones.

Regulators say they are trying to balance the commercial possibilities of drones with the potential threats to safety and privacy.

Companies including CNN and insurance provider State Farm have won waivers to operate drones over people and out of the view of the device's operator. Pro-drone groups, however, argue that forcing companies to get FAA waivers holds back beneficial technology for use in agriculture, energy and many other industries.

A major trade group of drone users praised Monday's development. Brian Wynne, president of the Association for Unmanned Vehicle Systems Interna-



SETH WENIG/AP 2018

The FAA this week outlined draft rules that would allow for flying small drones over crowds and at night.

tional, said that allowing widespread operations over people without a waiver "will allow more operators to harness the great potential" of unmanned aircraft.

Transportation Secretary Elaine Chao, whose department includes the FAA, sought to straddle the commerce-versus-safety debate.

"The department is keenly aware that there are legitimate public concerns about drones," Chao said in remarks to a transportation group. The rules released Monday, she added, "will be a major step forward in enabling the safe development, testing and deployment of drones in our country."

The proposal to let operators fly drones over crowds or at night without a special waiver will be put out for public comment as soon as possible.

In its draft rules, the FAA proposed to divide drone operations by weight, the potential for each unmanned vehicle to cause injuries if it crashes, and other factors.

Drones under 55 pounds would be permitted to fly over people if, on contact, they would not produce severe injuries. Drone manufacturers could meet that standard by adjusting the weight, speed and materi-

als they use, the FAA said.

The FAA is grappling with questions such as whether to set minimum separation distances and maximum speeds for small drones weighing less than 55 pounds.

The agency is not currently considering setting so-called stand-off distance requirements, which would require that small drones stay a certain distance from people.

The agency said using precise numbers would be too burdensome to operators. The United Kingdom sets minimum distances, and Canadian and European regulators recently proposed them.

The agency is also working on a process to let owners of national-security sites, amusement parks and other places petition the FAA for a ban on drones near their properties.

Rogue drones have been used to carry bombs on battlefields, to deliver contraband to prisoners, to interfere with firefighters and, last month, to cripple the operations of London's Gatwick Airport.

Last year, Congress approved a measure that will let the government develop a system to identify and hack or shoot down drones that authorities deem threatening.

## Hyundai, Kia recall vehicles

BY TOM KRISHER  
Associated Press

DETROIT — Despite the partial government shutdown, Hyundai and Kia are moving ahead with a recall of 168,000 vehicles to fix a fuel pipe problem that can cause engine fires. The problem stems from improper repairs during previous recalls for engine failures.

The affiliated Korean automakers have been dogged by fire and engine failure complaints from across the nation. They're both under investigation by the U.S. National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, which has tried to figure out whether initial recalls covered enough vehicles.

But the agency is mostly closed due to the shutdown.

In addition to the recall, each automaker says it will do a "product improvement campaign" covering 3.7 million vehicles to install software that will alert drivers of possible engine failures and send the cars into a reduced-speed "limp" mode if problems



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Kia spokesman James Bell said the company is proceeding with the recall regardless of government delays.

are detected.

NHTSA employees who do safety investigations and recall notifications are not at work. Under normal circumstances, the agency would review the recalls to make sure they are adequate and post details on the agency website.

It also would monitor notices to customers and make sure customers could check to see if their vehicles are included.

Kia spokesman James Bell said the company is proceeding with the recall

and campaign regardless of government delays.

"Making our customers comfortable is vastly more important than making sure we're following additional government processes right now," he said.

Kia sent letters to dealers around Jan. 10 notifying them of the recall, he said.

But a U.S. auto safety advocate called the recalls inadequate and said the product improvement campaigns should instead be recalls that are overseen by NHTSA.

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## Deposit &amp; Loan Guide

| Institution    | Int Chking Money |          | 3 mo | 6 mo | 12 mo | 18 mo | 24 mo | 36 mo | 60 mo | Phone / Website                       |
|----------------|------------------|----------|------|------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|---------------------------------------|
|                | Acct             | Mkt Acct | CD   | CD   | CD    | CD    | CD    | CD    |       |                                       |
| Synchrony Bank | NA               | 1.20     | NA   | NA   | 2.65  | 2.75  | 2.80  | 2.85  | 3.10  | 800-869-3813<br>www.synchronybank.com |
|                | NA               | 0        | NA   | NA   | 2,000 | 2,000 | 2,000 | 2,000 | 2,000 |                                       |

## Savings Update

## What is a step-up or rising rate CD?

Certificates of deposit are generally pretty straightforward: You choose a term and the bank pays you a fixed interest rate as long as you keep your funds there until maturity.

But some banks will throw a specialty CD or two onto their menu. One is the step-up CD, and its name can sometimes confuse. So let's dig into what step-up certificates are, and what they're not.

Step-up and rising rate CDs are usually the same thing. Both pay pre-established interest rates that increase at intervals throughout the term. For instance, a 1-year step-up CD may pay 0.5% in Year 1, then 1.0% in Year 2, and so forth until it pays 2.5% in Year 5.

That means your true earnings are a blended rate that averages the various tiers. In the example above, the CD would pay an actual rate of 1.5% over five years.

Of course, if you cash out early on a step-up CD, not only will you be hit with an early withdrawal fee, but you'll miss out on the higher rates you would have earned in later years.

Shopper beware that there are also bump-up and raise-your-rate CDs. With these, you can choose to raise your CD's APY to the bank's current (presumably higher) rate, usually once or twice during the term.

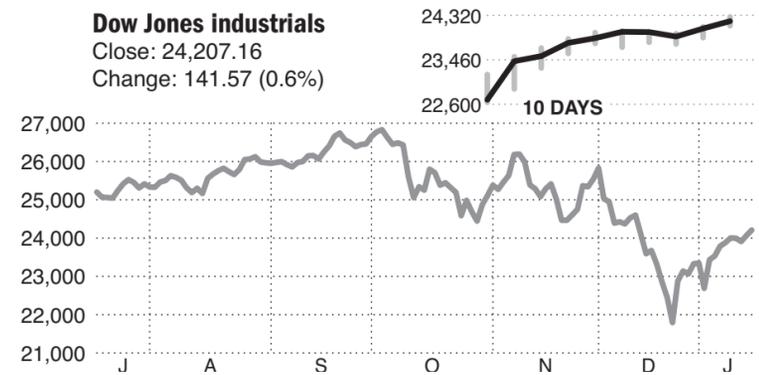
Also note that some banks have begun interchanging these terms. So while the definitions above are traditionally true, you may see a CD marketed as a step-up when actually it's a bump-up.

Step-up CDs are typically advertised with their highest rate highlighted, so be sure to read the fine print on what the blended rate will be. It's likely you can earn more by shopping diligently among the fixed-rate certificates. In any case, be sure you understand exactly what it is you're looking at.

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# MARKET ROUNDUP

**Dow** High: 24,288.61 Low: 24,119.72 Previous: 24,065.59



| Nasdaq             | S&P 500            | Russell 2000       |
|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| +10.86 (+.15%)     | +5.80 (+.22%)      | +9.48 (+.66%)      |
| Close: 7,034.69    | Close: 2,616.10    | Close: 1,454.70    |
| High: 7,079.63     | High: 2,625.76     | High: 1,460.31     |
| Low: 7,028.12      | Low: 2,612.68      | Low: 1,445.91      |
| Previous: 7,023.83 | Previous: 2,610.30 | Previous: 1,445.22 |

| 10-yr T-note   | Gold futures        | Yen                 | Euro                 | Crude Oil        |
|----------------|---------------------|---------------------|----------------------|------------------|
| +0.03 to 2.73% | +5.40 to \$1,291.60 | +0.35 to 108.92/\$1 | +0.0002 to .8773/\$1 | +0.20 to \$52.31 |

## Major market growth and decline

| 5-day % change |            |           | 30-day % change |            |           | 1-year % change |            |           |
|----------------|------------|-----------|-----------------|------------|-----------|-----------------|------------|-----------|
| DOW +1.37      | NASD +1.12 | S&P +1.20 | DOW +3.79       | NASD +5.99 | S&P +4.35 | DOW -7.31       | NASD -3.61 | S&P -6.65 |

| FUTURES                    |                                    |        |        |        |        |        |        |
|----------------------------|------------------------------------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|
| COMMODITY                  | AMOUNT-PRICE                       | MO.    | OPEN   | HIGH   | LOW    | SETTLE | CHG.   |
| WHEAT (CBOT)               | 5,000 bu minimum- cents per bushel | Mar 19 | 511    | 516.75 | 511    | 512.50 | +1.50  |
| CORN (CBOT)                | 5,000 bu minimum- cents per bushel | Mar 19 | 372.75 | 375    | 372.50 | 374    | +2.75  |
| SOYBEANS (CBOT)            | 5,000 bu minimum- cents per bushel | Mar 19 | 895.50 | 900    | 891.25 | 894.50 | +1.25  |
| SOYBEAN OIL (CBOT)         | 60,000 lbs- cents per lb           | Mar 19 | 28.32  | 28.44  | 28.13  | 28.23  | -0.1   |
| SOYBEAN MEAL (CBOT)        | 100 tons- dollars per ton          | Mar 19 | 309.70 | 311.50 | 309.10 | 310.10 | +0.80  |
| LIGHT SWEET CRUDE (NYMX)   | 1,000 bbl.- dollars per bbl.       | Mar 19 | 52.00  | 52.52  | 51.26  | 52.31  | +0.20  |
| NATURAL GAS (NYMX)         | 10,000 mm btu's, \$ per mm btu     | Mar 19 | 3.218  | 3.406  | 3.117  | 3.147  | -0.102 |
| NY HARBOR GAS BLEND (NYMX) | 42,000 gallons- dollars per gallon | Mar 19 | 1.425  | 1.424  | 1.375  | 1.419  | +0.045 |

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## LOCAL STOCKS

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| STOCK               | XCHG. | CLOSE  | CHG.  | STOCK               | XCHG. | CLOSE  | CHG.  | STOCK                 | XCHG. | CLOSE  | CHG.  |
|---------------------|-------|--------|-------|---------------------|-------|--------|-------|-----------------------|-------|--------|-------|
| Abbott Labs         | N     | 69.82  | -.65  | Equity Lifesty Prop | N     | 101.00 | +1.48 | Mondelez Intl         | O     | 42.67  | -.27  |
| AbbVie Inc          | N     | 85.55  | +0.05 | Equity Residential  | N     | 69.08  | +0.62 | Morningstar Inc       | O     | 111.45 | +2.34 |
| Allstate Corp       | N     | 84.54  | +0.31 | Exelon Corp         | N     | 45.80  | +0.01 | Motorola Solutions    | N     | 114.55 | -1.22 |
| Aptargroup Inc      | N     | 94.71  | -0.10 | First Indl RT       | N     | 30.97  | +0.39 | NiSource Inc          | N     | 26.45  | +1.11 |
| Arch Dan Mid        | N     | 43.30  | -0.12 | Fortune Brds Hm&Sec | N     | 41.43  | -0.61 | Nthn Trustct Cp       | N     | 88.42  | +1.47 |
| Baxter Int'l        | N     | 68.26  | -0.18 | Gallagher AJ        | N     | 73.72  | +0.81 | Old Republic          | N     | 21.60  | +0.30 |
| Boeing Co           | N     | 352.06 | -1.18 | Grainger WJ         | N     | 288.81 | -4.41 | Packaging Corp Am     | N     | 89.25  | -0.49 |
| Brunswick Corp      | N     | 49.12  | +0.34 | GrubHub Inc         | N     | 77.99  | +1.41 | Paylocity Hldg        | O     | 64.35  | +0.68 |
| CBOE Global Markets | N     | 92.97  | +2.5  | Hill-Rom Hldgs      | N     | 95.49  | +1.08 | Stericycle Inc        | O     | 40.55  | +0.40 |
| CDK Global Inc      | O     | 49.93  | +0.10 | IDEX Corp           | N     | 135.84 | +1.19 | Teleph Data           | N     | 36.06  | -0.03 |
| CDW Corp            | O     | 80.53  | +0.04 | ITW                 | N     | 129.97 | -0.12 | TransUnion            | N     | 57.67  | +0.84 |
| CF Industries       | N     | 42.59  | -0.71 | Ingredion Inc       | N     | 97.75  | +0.77 | Tribune Media Co A    | N     | 45.86  | +0.04 |
| CME Group           | O     | 182.29 | +0.33 | Jones Lang LaSalle  | N     | 137.46 | +1.97 | US Foods Holding      | N     | 33.14  | +0.03 |
| CNA Financial       | N     | 45.34  | +0.10 | Kemper Corp         | N     | 72.44  | +1.52 | USG Corp              | N     | 43.05  | -0.04 |
| Caterpillar Inc     | N     | 131.66 | +0.97 | Kraft Heinz Co      | O     | 46.84  | -0.07 | Ultra Salon Cosmetics | O     | 282.01 | +3.52 |
| ConAgra Brands Inc  | N     | 21.17  | +0.05 | LKQ Corporation     | O     | 26.82  | +0.16 | United Contl Hldgs    | O     | 86.36  | +5.16 |
| Deere Co            | N     | 157.41 | +0.36 | Littelfuse Inc      | O     | 184.49 | +3.86 | Ventas Inc            | N     | 60.66  | +0.06 |
| Discover Fin Svcs   | N     | 64.36  | +1.42 | MB Financial        | O     | 43.55  | +1.24 | Walgreen Boots Alli   | O     | 72.00  | +0.21 |
| Dover Corp          | N     | 77.73  | -0.37 | McDonalds Corp      | N     | 179.35 | -1.67 | Wintrust Financial    | O     | 72.68  | +1.91 |
| Equity Commonwealth | N     | 30.82  | +0.28 | Middleby Corp       | O     | 112.05 | +0.77 | Zebra Tech            | O     | 168.73 | +2.33 |

## MOST ACTIVE STOCKS

**NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE**

| STOCK               | CLOSE  | CHG.  |
|---------------------|--------|-------|
| First Data Corp     | 21.24  | +3.70 |
| Bank of America     | 28.45  | +1.90 |
| Gen Electric        | 8.98   | +0.25 |
| PG&E Corp           | 7.03   | +0.12 |
| Ford Motor          | 8.29   | -0.55 |
| Snap Inc A          | 5.64   | -0.90 |
| Chesapck Engy       | 2.85   | ...   |
| Wells Fargo & Co    | 48.94  | +1.27 |
| Morgan Stanley      | 44.49  | +1.61 |
| Pfizer Inc          | 42.11  | -0.62 |
| Citigroup           | 62.19  | +0.81 |
| Aurora Cannabis Inc | 7.33   | +0.33 |
| Ambev S.A.          | 4.69   | -0.04 |
| AT&T Inc            | 30.56  | -0.10 |
| Nokia Corp          | 5.95   | -0.04 |
| Freeport McMoran    | 11.89  | +0.32 |
| EnCana Corp         | 6.88   | ...   |
| CenturyLink Inc     | 15.99  | -0.20 |
| JPMorgan Chase & Co | 102.50 | +0.82 |
| Kinder Morgan Inc   | 17.47  | +0.15 |
| Sthwstn Energy      | 4.39   | -0.02 |
| General Motors Co   | 37.67  | +0.12 |
| Vale SA             | 14.11  | +0.05 |
| CocaCola Co         | 46.92  | -0.65 |

## LARGEST COMPANIES

Based on market capitalization

| STOCK               | CLOSE   | CHG.  |
|---------------------|---------|-------|
| Alibaba Group Hldg  | 154.84  | +3.96 |
| Alphabet Inc C      | 1080.97 | +3.82 |
| Alphabet Inc A      | 1089.51 | +3.00 |
| Amazon.com Inc      | 1683.78 | +9.22 |
| Apple Inc           | 154.94  | +1.87 |
| Bank of America     | 28.45   | +1.90 |
| Berkshire Hath B    | 198.41  | +1.47 |
| Exxon Mobil Corp    | 71.64   | -0.03 |
| Facebook Inc        | 147.54  | -1.41 |
| JPMorgan Chase      | 102.50  | +0.82 |
| Johnson & Johnson   | 128.04  | -1.32 |
| Microsoft Corp      | 105.38  | +0.37 |
| Pfizer Inc          | 42.11   | -0.62 |
| Royal Dutch Shell B | 61.41   | -0.81 |
| Royal Dutch Shell A | 60.03   | -0.39 |
| Unitedhealth Group  | 261.46  | +4.59 |
| Verizon Comm        | 57.08   | -1.02 |
| Visa Inc            | 137.34  | ...   |
| WalMart Strs        | 96.35   | +1.0  |

## LARGEST MUTUAL FUNDS

Based on total assets

| FUND                          | NAV    | CHG   | 1-YR %RTN |
|-------------------------------|--------|-------|-----------|
| American Funds AMCPA m        | 29.29  | +0.03 | -1.5      |
| American Funds AmrnBAlA m     | 25.49  | +0.03 | -2.4      |
| American Funds CptWldGrInCA m | 44.42  | -0.02 | -10.4     |
| American Funds CptlncBldrA m  | 57.42  | -0.09 | -6.9      |
| American Funds FdmlInvsA m    | 54.56  | +0.04 | -6.5      |
| American Funds GrfAmrCA m     | 45.30  | +0.07 | -1.9      |
| American Funds IncAmrCA m     | 21.08  | -0.02 | -4.9      |
| American Funds InvCAMrCA m    | 35.12  | -0.03 | -6.5      |
| American Funds NwPrspctvA m   | 39.43  | +0.01 | -5.7      |
| American Funds WAMtInvsA m    | 42.40  | ...   | -3.3      |
| DFA EMKtCorEq                 | 20.05  | +0.09 | -15.2     |
| Dodge & Cox Inc               | 13.33  | +0.01 | +3        |
| Dodge & Cox IntlStk           | 38.97  | +0.25 | -17.9     |
| Dodge & Cox Stk               | 182.50 | +1.46 | -0.9      |
| DoubleLine TtRtBdl            | 10.42  | ...   | +2.1      |
| Fidelity 500IdxInvsPrrm       | 90.96  | +0.20 | -3.9      |
| Fidelity Contrafund           | 11.66  | +0.03 | -1.5      |
| Fidelity ContrafundK          | 11.66  | +0.03 | -1.5      |
| Fidelity TtMktIdxInvsPrrm     | 74.09  | +0.23 | -4.1      |
| Fidelity USBldIdxInvsPrrm     | 11.22  | ...   | +5        |
| Franklin Templeton Inca1 m    | 2.21   | ...   | -3.8      |
| Metropolitan West TtRtBdl     | 10.40  | ...   | +8        |
| PIMCO IncInslT                | 11.86  | ...   | +1.2      |
| PIMCO TtRtRetns               | 9.94   | ...   | +4        |
| Schwab SP500Idx               | 40.01  | +0.09 | -3.9      |
| T. Rowe Price BCGr            | 102.27 | +0.40 | +2.3      |
| T. Rowe Price GrStk           | 60.82  | +0.22 | +1        |
| Vanguard 500IdxAdmrl          | 241.71 | +0.55 | -3.9      |
| Vanguard DivGrInV             | 25.07  | +0.01 | -7        |
| Vanguard EqInAdmrl            | 68.50  | +0.02 | -5.1      |
| Vanguard GrlxAdmrl            | 72.54  | +0.06 | -2.9      |
| Vanguard HCAdmrl              | 83.98  | -0.02 | +1.9      |
| Vanguard InTrnGAdmrl          | 9.41   | ...   | +4        |
| Vanguard InTrTEAdmrl          | 13.96  | ...   | +2.1      |
| Vanguard InslIdxInvs          | 237.65 | +0.53 | -3.9      |
| Vanguard InslIdxInvsPlus      | 237.67 | +0.54 | -3.9      |
| Vanguard InsTtSMInPls         | 56.77  | +0.17 | -4.0      |
| Vanguard MDCpIdxAdmrl         | 181.01 | +0.61 | -6.7      |
| Vanguard PrrmCpAdmrl          | 126.67 | +0.32 | -2.5      |
| Vanguard STInvmGrdAdmrl       | 10.45  | ...   | +1.4      |
| Vanguard SMCpIdxAdmrl         | 68.10  | +0.44 | -4.5      |
| Vanguard TrgtRtr2020Inv       | 29.36  | +0.05 | -3.8      |
| Vanguard TrgtRtr2025Inv       | 17.52  | +0.04 | -4.6      |
| Vanguard TrgtRtr2030Inv       | 31.85  | +0.07 | -5.3      |
| Vanguard TrgtRtr2035Inv       | 19.51  | +0.05 | -6.0      |
| Vanguard TtBIdxAdmrl          | 10.44  | ...   | +4        |
| Vanguard TtBIdxInvs           | 10.44  | ...   | +4        |
| Vanguard TtInBIdxAdmrl        | 21.75  | +0.01 | +3.4      |
| Vanguard TtInBIdxInvs         | 32.64  | +0.01 | +3.5      |
| Vanguard TtInBIdxInV          | 10.88  | +0.01 | +3.5      |
| Vanguard TtInSIdxAdmrl        | 26.51  | +0.07 | -14.4     |
| Vanguard TtInSIdxInvs         | 106.00 | +0.25 | -14.4     |
| Vanguard TtInSIdxInvsPlus     | 106.02 | +0.25 | -14.4     |
| Vanguard TtInSIdxInV          | 15.85  | +0.04 | -14.5     |
| Vanguard TtSMIdxAdmrl         | 65.16  | +0.19 | -4.0      |
| Vanguard TtSMIdxInvs          | 65.17  | +0.19 | -4.0      |
| Vanguard TtSMIdxInV           | 65.13  | +0.19 | -4.1      |
| Vanguard WlngntAdmrl          | 65.55  | +0.15 | -3.4      |
| Vanguard WlsyInAdmrl          | 59.86  | +0.03 | -2.0      |
| Vanguard WndsrIAdmrl          | 57.73  | +0.21 | -8.2      |

## TREASURY YIELDS

| DURATION     | CLOSE | PREV. |
|--------------|-------|-------|
| 3-month disc | 2.37  | 2.37  |
| 6-month disc | 2.42  | 2.43  |
| 2-year       | 2.54  | 2.53  |
| 10-year      | 2.73  | 2.70  |
| 30-year      | 3.07  | 3.07  |

## SPOT METALS

|          | CLOSE     | PREV.     |
|----------|-----------|-----------|
| Gold     | \$1291.60 | \$1286.20 |
| Silver   | \$15.564  | \$15.546  |
| Platinum | \$803.40  | \$795.60  |

## INTEREST RATES

|                          |           |
|--------------------------|-----------|
| Prime Rate               | 5.50      |
| Discount Rate Primary    | 3.00      |
| Fed Funds Target         | 2.25-2.50 |
| Money Mkt Overnight Avg. | 0.58      |

## FOREIGN EXCHANGE

A U.S. Dollar buys ...

|                    |         |
|--------------------|---------|
| Argentina (Peso)   | 37.4911 |
| Australia (Dollar) | 1.3930  |
| Brazil (Real)      | 3.7364  |
| Britain (Pound)    | .7770   |
| Canada (Dollar)    | 1.3249  |
| China (Yuan)       | 6.7574  |
| Euro               | .8773   |
| India (Rupee)      | 71.023  |
| Israel (Shekel)    | 3.6879  |
| Japan (Yen)        | 108.92  |
| Mexico (Peso)      | 18.9170 |
| Poland (Zloty)     | 3.76    |
| So. Korea (Won)    | 1120.23 |
| Taiwan (Dollar)    | 30.82   |
| Thailand (Baht)    | 31.69   |

## FOREIGN MARKETS

| INDEX     | CLOSE    | CHG./%      |
|-----------|----------|-------------|
| Shanghai  | 2570.42  | +1.1/...    |
| Stoxx600  | 350.59   | +1.9/+5     |
| Nikkei    | 20442.75 | -112.5/-0.5 |
| MSCI-EAFE | 1784.30  | -6.0/-0.3   |
| Bovespa   | 94393.07 | +337.3/+0.4 |
| FTSE 100  | 6862.68  | -32.3/-0.5  |
| CAC-40    | 4810.74  | +24.6/+0.5  |

# Crossword

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| 26 | 27 |   |   |  |    |    |    |    | 28 |  |    | 29 | 30 |    |
| 31 |    |   |   |  |    |    | 32 | 33 |    |  |    | 34 |    | 35 |
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## OBITUARIES

WILLIAM BRAUER 1931-2018

## Forest Preserve worker, parks board member

BY BOB GOLDSBOROUGH  
Chicago Tribune

William Brauer was a longtime executive for the DuPage County Forest Preserve District and for 20 years was on the West Chicago Park District's board.

"Bill was a true leader in all senses of the word," said West Chicago park board President Frank Lenertz. "He brought a wealth of knowledge to the board through his personal background and most of all the knowledge he shared with the board and the district as a supervisor of the building and grounds department (at the forest preserve district)."

Brauer, 87, died of kidney failure Dec. 15 at his home, said his daughter, Becky Koltz. He was a longtime resident of Winfield.

Born and raised in Clinton, Iowa, Brauer graduated from Clinton Junior College and served stateside in the Army during the Korean War. He earned a degree in management and automotive technology from General Motors Institute in Flint, Mich.

Brauer worked in auto dealer management in Cedar Rapids, Iowa, before moving to the Chicago area, where he found work as an assistant superintendent of streets for the village of Downers Grove. He went on to a job as a project engineer at the University of Illinois Medical Center in Chicago before joining the DuPage County forest district in 1964. He rose to become the head of its physical plant, overseeing fleet maintenance and management, as well as facilities



FAMILY PHOTO

William Brauer was born and raised in Clinton, Iowa, and served stateside in the Army during the Korean War.

and services.

The forest district's land holdings grew more than tenfold during Brauer's more than 32 years as an employee. He also worked alongside the district's executive director, H.C. "Chuck" Johnson, who was Brauer's second cousin and who also had previously worked for the village of Downers Grove.

"At the forest preserve district, he was most proud of making good use of taxpayers' resources," Brauer's daughter said. "For example, he realized that if the district had its own body shop, they could keep the rust on the (district's) vehicles to a minimum and get longer life out of (vehicles) than if they had to keep outsourcing that and paying for that."

Brauer was appointed the West Chicago park board of trustees in 1995. Two years later, he won election to the first of what would be three six-year terms that he would serve.

"When things would get a little challenging from a

taxpayer, the city or even a fellow board member, you could always count on Bill to add wisdom and a sense of calmness to an issue," Lenertz said.

Gary Major, the district's executive director, called Brauer a board member who "exhibited a quiet, strong leadership capability" and was "very respectful and supportive."

"Bill knew how to tactfully introduce his opinions and concerns," Major said. "And he had a manner which was welcoming and caring. His smile and eyes were truly windows to his personality and character."

Brauer counted among his accomplishments overseeing the construction of the new, 70,000-square-foot ARC Center — which stands for athletics, recreation and community — in Reed Keppler Park in West Chicago, which opened in 2014. He also was proud of the district's construction of its Turtle Splash outdoor waterpark in Reed Keppler in 1995 and some significant renovations to it in 2008, his daughter said.

Brauer chose not to seek re-election in 2015.

For more than 50 years, Brauer was a member of the Barbershop Harmony Society, his daughter said.

Brauer's wife of 54 years, Jacqueline, died in 2008. In addition to his daughter, survivors also include three sons, Scott, Jeff and Mike; another daughter, Cathy; eight grandchildren; 11 great-grandchildren; and a companion, Gladys Sandstrom.

Services were held.

Bob Goldsborough is a freelance reporter.

## Chicago Daily Tribune

## ON JANUARY 17 ...

**In 1806** Thomas Jefferson's daughter, Martha, gave birth to James Madison Randolph, the first child born in the White House.

**In 1920** Prohibition began in the United States as the 18th Amendment to the Constitution took effect. (It was later repealed by the 21st Amendment.)

**In 1953** a prototype of the Chevrolet Corvette was unveiled during the General Motors Motorama at the Waldorf Astoria Hotel in New York.

**In 1955** the submarine USS Nautilus made its first nuclear-powered test run from its berth in Groton, Conn.

**In 1961** in his farewell address, President Dwight Eisenhower warned against the rise of "the military-industrial complex."

**In 1966** a U.S. Air Force B-52 carrying four unarmed hydrogen bombs crashed on the Spanish coast. (Three of the bombs were quickly recovered, but the fourth wasn't found until April.)

**In 1977** convicted murderer Gary Gilmore, 36, was shot by a firing squad at Utah State Prison in the first U.S. execution in a decade.

**In 1984** the U.S. Supreme Court ruled, 5-4, that the private use of home video cassette recorders to tape

television programs did not violate federal copyright laws.

**In 1991** in the first day of Operation Desert Storm, U.S.-led forces hammered Iraqi targets in an effort to drive Iraq out of Kuwait; a defiant Iraqi President Saddam Hussein declared that the "mother of all battles" had begun.

**In 1994** a 6.7 magnitude earthquake struck Southern California, killing at least 61 people and causing \$20 billion worth of damage.

**In 1995** more than 6,000 people were killed when a 7.2 magnitude earthquake devastated the city of Kobe, Japan.

**In 1997** House Speaker Newt Gingrich agreed to submit to a reprimand by the House and pay a \$300,000 penalty as punishment for his ethics violations. **Also in 1997** a court in Ireland granted the first divorce in the Roman Catholic country's history.

**In 1998** President Bill Clinton gave a deposition in Paula Jones' sexual harassment lawsuit against him; during the nearly six hours of sworn testimony, Clinton denied having had a sexual relationship with former White House intern Monica Lewinsky.

**In 1999** the defending Super Bowl champion Denver Broncos defeated the New

York Jets, 23-10, to win the American Football Conference title; the Atlanta Falcons upset the Minnesota Vikings, 30-27, to win the National Football Conference championship.

**In 2000** decrying the Confederate flag as a symbol of slavery and racism, nearly 50,000 people marched to South Carolina's Statehouse on Martin Luther King Day to demand the banner be taken down. **Also in 2000** British pharmaceutical firms Glaxo Wellcome PLC and SmithKline Beecham PLC announced a merger to form the world's largest drugmaker.

**In 2001**, faced with an electricity crisis, California used rolling blackouts to cut off power to hundreds of thousands of people. Gov. Gray Davis signed an emergency order authorizing the state to buy power.

**In 2002** Enron fired accounting firm Arthur Andersen, citing its destruction of thousands of documents and its accounting advice; for its part, Andersen said its relationship with Enron ended in early December 2001 when the company slid into the biggest corporate bankruptcy in U.S. history.

**In 2005** Iraqi expatriates in 14 countries began registering to vote in Iraq's Jan. 30 elections.

**In 2006** the Supreme Court protected Oregon's assisted-suicide law, ruling that doctors there who helped terminally ill patients die could not be arrested under federal drug laws.

**In 2013** former cyclist Lance Armstrong confessed to taking performance-enhancing drugs in his career during an interview with Oprah Winfrey.

**In 2017** President Barack Obama granted clemency to Chelsea Manning, allowing the transgender Army intelligence officer convicted of leaking more than 700,000 U.S. documents to go free nearly three decades early.

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## Death Notices

## Adeli, Mehdi

Mehdi "Mike" Adeli, M.D., age 84, of Oak Brook, IL. Beloved husband of Geraldine Adeli, nee Lucas; loving father of Donald (Paige) Adeli, Sherine Adeli, Susan Adeli, David (Laura) Adeli, and Mary (Chris) Lynn; cherished grandfather of Alexandra, Samantha, Michael, Sophia, Lucas, and Sabrina; dear brother of Zharine, Parvine, and the late Hadi and Mahine. Visitation Friday, January 18, 2019, 4:00 PM to 8:00 PM with Funeral Service at 6:30 PM at **Sullivan Funeral Home**, 60 South Grant St. Hinsdale, IL. Private Family Interment Bronswood Cemetery. 630-323-0275 or www.sullivanfuneralhomehinsdale.com



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## Blessman, Walter I.

Walter I. Blessman, Jr. of Western Springs and formerly of Havana, IL, passed away peacefully on Saturday, January 12, 2019. Beloved husband of the late Marie nee Stelter; loving father of Barbara K. Blessman and Robert W. (Rosemary) and the late Robin) Blessman; Proud grandfather of 7; Fond great grandfather of 13.

Walter was a member of Grace Lutheran Church and a retired school teacher. He was also a very proud veteran of the United States Navy in World War II. A memorial gathering will be held Saturday, January 19, 2019, from 8:30 AM until the time of service 10:00 AM at Grace Lutheran Church, 4101 Wolf Road, Western Springs, IL 60558

In lieu of flowers please send donations to Grace Lutheran Church. Arrangements by DuPage Cremations, Ltd & Memorial Chapel. 630-293-5200  
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## Connell, Francis Kenneth 'Frank'

Francis "Frank" Kenneth Connell, age 91, of Elmhurst, Longtime Barbershop Harmony Society member, Navy Veteran, beloved husband of Dorothy, nee Brown; loving father of Kevin, Clare (Glen) Klock, Brian (Cammie), Terese, John and David (Beck) Connell and the late Dan (Alicia); proud grandfather of Justin, Jacob and Jesse Connell, Jayme, Danny, Matt and Jordan Klock, Bryan, Steven, Sean and Francis Connell, Nathan (Becca) and Adam (Michelle) Klinger, Brendan and Michael Connell, and Kennedy and Jack Connell; cherished great-grandfather of Rhealynn and Trace Klinger; dear brother of Joan Penny, Sr. Ann Rose Connell S.C. and the late Jack Connell, Kay Connell, Pat Knierim and Barbara Connell. Visitation Friday 3:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. and Saturday 8:00 a.m. until time of funeral 9:00 a.m. at **Gibbons Funeral Home**, 134 South York Road, (1/2 mile North of Saint Charles Road), Elmhurst, Mass of Christian Burial 10:00 a.m. at Mary Queen of Heaven Catholic Church. Interment Saint Mary Catholic Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to St Jude Children's Research Hospital, 501 St Jude Place, Memphis, TN 38105. For a funeral information please call 630-832-0018 or [www.gibbonsfuneralhome.com](http://www.gibbonsfuneralhome.com)  
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## Cook, Mercer

Mercer Cook, 88 born May 31, 1930 in Washington, D.C.

Mercer was a graduate of Dunbar high school in Washington DC, class of 1947, earned a BA from Amherst College, class of 1951, and received a JD from the University of Chicago in 1956. After college, Mercer was awarded a Fulbright scholarship and studied at the Sorbonne in Paris.

Mercer was a member of the Illinois Bar. Over the course of his public service career, he worked for the Cook County Legal Assistance Foundation, the Cook County State's Attorney's Office, and the State's Attorney's Office, where he held the position of Deputy State's Attorney until his retirement in 1993. He was expert on city land acquisitions and a seasoned courtroom attorney. Mercer participated in the founding of the National Black Prosecutors Association in 1983 that is dedicated, through scholarship programs and public forums, to promoting the advancement of Blacks as prosecutors for state and local governments.

Mercer was an avid reader and golf enthusiast. His laugh, quick wit and sense of humor could enliven any gathering.

Mercer is survived by his beloved wife Edwina Tomlin and his brother Jacques Cook. He has three accomplished children from his first marriage to Ann Dibble Jordan: Antoinette (Toni) Bush, Janice Rochon Roberts and Mercer Jr.; and seven grandchildren: Avery N. Cook Mercer R. Cook, Shelbie J. Cook, Dwight L. Bush Jr., Jacqueline D. Bush, Antoinette D. Roberts, and Richard T. Roberts.

Memorial Visitation at Unity Funeral Parlors, Inc. Saturday, January 19th, 2019. 4114 S Michigan Ave. Chicago, IL 60653 2pm-4pm (773) 624-2703

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## Dineen, Mary

Mary was born on April 8, 1925, in Chicago, the daughter of Jacob and Magdalena Wolf. She was a graduate of Alvernia High School and the Stenotype School of Chicago. She married Timothy ("Ted") Dineen on October, 16 1948. Mary is predeceased by her parents, her husband, and her siblings Elizabeth (Albert) Rogers, Magdalena Wolf, Jacob Wolf, and Robert (Sue) Wolf. Mary was the devoted matriarch of her large family and will be dearly missed by her sister Kathryn (Richard) Gibson and her children Ellen (Michael) Brosnahan, Timothy (Jill) Dineen, Mary Pat (Joseph) Eul, Michael (Linda) Dineen, and Laura (Thomas) Joyce, her eleven grandchildren, her twelve great-grandchildren, and many nieces and nephews and good friends. Mary was a resident at the Pointe at Kilpatrick and Lexington in Orland Park, but previously lived in Palos Hills. Before that, she lived in the St. Bede the Venerable Parish in Chicago. Born and raised on the North Side, Mary was an avid Cubs fan, and in 2010, she won the Cubs: It's a Way of Life contest and threw out the first pitch at a game in Wrigley Field. Mary worked as a secretary before her children were born, and later returned to secretarial work at the Illinois Institute of Technology Research Institute until her retirement in 1990. After retirement, Mary volunteered for several organizations, including for the Recordings of the Blind, where she served for many years. Mary was a member of Sacred Heart Parish in Palos Hills and was active in the Seniors Fun Club and the Prayer Shawl group. Mary loved spending time with her family and friends, and never forgot to send a card for a birthday or an anniversary of family members or friends. She enjoyed gardening and playing cards, was a whiz at crossword puzzles, and had a great sense of humor. Visitation Saturday 9:30 a.m. until time of Chapel Prayers, 10:30 a.m. from **Curley Funeral Home** 6116 W. 111th Street, Chicago Ridge to Sacred Heart Church, 8245 W. 111th St. Palos Hills; Mass 11:30 a.m. Interment St. Mary Cemetery; For Funeral Info 708-422-2700, or [www.curleyfuneralhome.com](http://www.curleyfuneralhome.com)

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## Dubielak, Stephanie Frances

Stephanie Frances Dubielak, nee Sklodowska, beloved mother of Ronald (Florence) and Barbara Dubielak-Wood; loving grandmother of Scott (Cassie) Dubielak, John (Alicia) Dubielak, Paul Wood, and Angeline (Roman) Mueller; dear great-grandmother of Christopher, Marc, and Ryan Dubielak, Samuel Wood, and Charlotte Mueller; fond aunt of many; former wife of the late Mitchell Dubielak. Visitation at the **Skaja Terrace Funeral Home** 7812 N. Milwaukee Avenue Niles on Saturday from 9:00 am until time of service 11:00 am to St. Juliana Church for 11:30 am Mass. Interment Maryhill Cemetery. Funeral info 847-966-7302 or [www.skajafuneralhomes.com](http://www.skajafuneralhomes.com)

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## Erickson, Stephen

Stephen Erickson passed away on October 23, 2018. Steve led the West Suburban Chamber of Commerce and Industry, which served eight cities, all in the western Chicago suburbs. A celebration of life will be held Saturday, January 19th at 11:00 AM at Christ Lutheran Church in Clarendon Hills, 60 55th St. Clarendon Hills, IL 60514. **Brian Powell Funeral Directors of Hinsdale** information 630-703-9131 or [www.powellfuneraldirectors.com](http://www.powellfuneraldirectors.com)

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## Goralka, Kristine Mary

Kristine Mary Goralka of Chicago, IL, 61 years old, passed away on January 12, 2019, after suffering from end stage liver disease. She is predeceased by her father Thomas Goralka. She is survived by her mother, Lois Goralka, brothers Thomas, and Matthew (Julie); sisters Laurie (Joshua) Casselberry, Marguerite Ganz and Katherine (Frank) Zimmerman; and thirteen nieces and nephews. She was a talented artist, and loved nature and gardening. A memorial service will be held January 19, 2019 at 9:45 a.m. at St. John of the Cross Church, 5005 Wolf Road, Western Springs, IL. In lieu of flowers donations can be sent to: Alcoholics Anonymous, Anatomical Gift Association of IL, or PAWS Chicago; or a mass in her name.

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## Heneghan, Patricia A.

Patricia A. Heneghan, nee DelPrincipe, beloved wife of the late Michael J. Loving mother of Rosemary (Brendan) Sheehan, Susan Marie (Robert) Floress and Peggy (William) Gernady. Cherished grandmother of Michael (Kyle) Serilla, Jack, Molly, Vincent, Nicole, Patricia (Brendan) Keaney and Daniella. Dear sister of the late Bernard "Skip", William and Rosemary. Fond aunt of many. In lieu of flowers, donations to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital would be appreciated. Friends and family will meet Saturday, January 19th, at St. Mary of the Woods Church, 6955 N. Hiawatha, Chicago for visitation from 9am until time of Mass at 10am. Interment All Saints Cemetery. For info 773-736-3833 or visit Patricia's memorial at [www.smithcorcoran.com](http://www.smithcorcoran.com)

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## Hennis, Robert Kenneth

Robert Kenneth Hennis, age 72, of Oak Forest, Illinois, formerly of Roseland, passed away January 13, 2019. He is survived by his beloved wife Arlene (nee Pias); cherished sons: Edward K. (Minerva) and Robert N. Hennis; adored grandchildren: Valerie and Edward K. Hennis Jr.; dear cousins: Bernard Judekikis and Michael Holubiak.



Visitation will be Friday, January 18, 2019 from 3-9 p.m. at Brady Gill Funeral Home: 16600 S. Oak Park Avenue, Tinley Park, IL 60477. Funeral Services will be Saturday at 9:15 a.m. at the funeral home followed by a 10:00 a.m. Mass of Christian Burial at Saint Damian Church: 5250 155th Street, Oak Forest, IL 60452. Interment services will be private.

Robert was a Vietnam Veteran who honorably served in the United States Army and he retired from Yellow Freight. For information (708)614-9900 or visit [bradygill.com](http://bradygill.com).

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## Hetherington, Daniel

Daniel Hetherington, age 76, of Stone Lake, WI passed away on Saturday, January 12, 2019. A private graveside service will be held at the Northern WI Veterans Memorial Cemetery in Spooner. Online condolences may be left at [www.bratley-nelsonchapels.com](http://www.bratley-nelsonchapels.com).

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## Holler, Robert Florian

Robert F. Holler, 81, husband of Stefanie Holler, passed away peacefully on Sunday, December 23, 2018. Robert's life revolved around his wife, family and friends. He was a leader in numerous social and Austrian clubs including a tenure as President of the Kaerntner Club "Koschat", manager of the F.C. Fortuna Soccer Club, and a member of the 400

Ski Club of Chicago. Robert always enjoyed a good joke, a great Austrian dinner and lively conversation with all his friends. His inspiring presence will be deeply missed by all who had the privilege to have known him.

A Memorial Mass celebrating his life will be held at Queen of All Saints Basilica - 6280 Sauganash Ave, Chicago - SATURDAY, JANUARY 19TH at 10am. Burial immediately following at All Saints Cemetery - 700 North River Rd, Des Plaines. Luncheon to follow for friends and family.

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## WINNING LOTTERY NUMBERS

**ILLINOIS**  
Jan. 16  
Powerball ..... 14 29 31 56 61 / 01  
Powerball jackpot: \$112M  
Lotto jackpot: \$6.75M  
Pick 3 midday ..... 080 / 3  
Pick 4 midday ..... 2362 / 7  
Lucky Day Lotto midday .....  
10 23 32 33 42  
Pick 3 evening ..... 096 / 7  
Pick 4 evening ..... 0779 / 8  
Lucky Day Lotto evening .....  
12 18 20 35 41  
Jan. 18 Mega Millions: \$68M

**WISCONSIN**  
Jan. 16  
Megabucks ..... 01 05 28 29 37 44  
Pick 3 ..... 669  
Pick 4 ..... 5716  
Badger 5 ..... 13 21 24 26 28  
SuperCash ..... 08 09 12 14 19 39

**INDIANA**  
Jan. 16  
Lotto ..... 13 20 22 25 45 46  
Daily 3 midday ..... 941 / 6  
Daily 4 midday ..... 6905 / 6  
Daily 3 evening ..... 615 / 1  
Daily 4 evening ..... 2711 / 1  
Cash 5 ..... 14 16 17 22 33

**MICHIGAN**  
Jan. 16  
Lotto ..... 06 25 28 31 38 42  
Daily 3 midday ..... 362  
Daily 4 midday ..... 2380  
Daily 3 evening ..... 886  
Daily 4 evening ..... 8449  
Fantasy 5 ..... 14 22 23 33 37  
Keno ..... 04 13 18 21 22 25  
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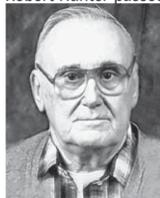
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**Hunter, Robert**


Robert Hunter passed away on January 12, 2019 at 91. He was born in Chicago and after high school, he enlisted in the Army in 1946, serving in the 511 Parachute Infantry Regiment stationed in Japan.

After serving in the Army, he attended the University of Illinois majoring in civil engineering. Upon graduation in 1952, he began a career with Harza Engineering Company, working on hydroelectric projects all over the world, but predominantly in Central and South America. He retired in 1987 and pursued his second passion as a volunteer at the Illinois Railroad Museum restoring Pullman cars and using his engineering skills on various projects at the museum. He also worked with Klocke Locomotive Works on the design and construction of 2 full size, fully operational steam locomotives.

He is survived by his two sons, Robert (Marguerite), grandchildren Kylie, Elliot, and Sean, and son Glenn (Annette), grandchildren Michael and Matthew. He was a guiding force and inspiration to his family. He is deeply loved and will be greatly missed. Family will hold private services at a later date. Memorials can be made to the Illinois Railroad Museum, PO Box 427, Union, IL 60180.

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**Hurley, Helen C.**


Helen C. Hurley, nee Foley, age 79, passed peacefully at home surrounded by her family, longtime resident of Berkeley, Dance Director of 32 years for Memorial Park District, longtime volunteer Elmhurst Memorial Hospital; beloved wife of Patrick; loving mother of Patrick K. (Ellen) Hurley, Christine M. Morias, Elise A. (James) Flynn, and Michael T. (Kristine) Hurley;

proud grandmother of Patrick B. (Rachel) Hurley, Erin (Jarred) Cannon, Amanda (Nicholas) Catanese, Kevin J. and Matthew J. Flynn, and Andrew M. and Nathan P. Hurley; cherished great-grandmother of Aiden Cannon, Patrick J. and Liam Hurley; dear sister of Cay (the late Pat) Calcagno and the late Jeanne (the late Tom) Klein and Jule (the late Frank) Fantetti; fond aunt of many nieces and nephews and beloved dance teacher of thousands. Visitation Thursday, 3:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. and Friday, 8:00 a.m. until time of funeral 9:00 a.m. at **Gibbons Funeral Home**, 134 South York Road, (½ mile North of Saint Charles Road), Elmhurst. Mass of Christian Burial 10:00 a.m. at Saint Domitilla Catholic Church, Hillside. Interment Mount Carmel Catholic Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Organization for Autism Research, 2000 N. 14th Street, Suite 300, Arlington, VA 22201. For funeral information please call 630-832-0018 or www.gibbonsfuneralhome.com

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**Kafka, Florence**

Beloved wife of the late Edward H. Kafka. Loving mother of the late Tammy Jensen, Kathleen (Robert) Beall, and Kenneth (Victoria) Kafka. Cherished grandmother of David, Lauren, Andrea, Tommy, Emmy, and Jimmy. Fond aunt and friend to many. Past President of American Legion Post 974 Auxiliary and a member of the St. Maria Goretti Woman's Club. Visitation will be held on Saturday, January 19, 2019, from 9:00am until time of 11:00am service at Sax-Tiedemann Funeral Home, 9568 Belmont Avenue, Franklin Park, Illinois.

Interment at Maryhill Cemetery in Niles, Illinois. For more information please call Sax-Tiedemann Funeral Home at 847.678.1950 or go to www.sax-tiedemann.com.

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**Karolich, Gregory J.**

Gregory J. Karolich, age 61, a resident of New Lenox formerly of Hazel Crest, passed away on Thursday, January 10, 2019. Loving husband of Nina L. Karolich (Teske), beloved father of Gregory J. Karolich, Jr., and Nicole M. Karolich; dearest brother of Mark (Marithere) Karolich, Lynne Biehl and the late Kathy (John) Landenberger. Greg was a Managing Bank Examiner for the Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago for the past 36 years. He was a proud graduate of the University of Illinois, Champaign-Urbana and member of THETA XI Fraternity. He was former Athletic Director and Basketball Coach for St. Jude School, New Lenox. Greg volunteered for the United Way and was an avid golfer, fisherman, investor and family man. The family will receive friends at Kurtz Memorial Chapel, 102 E. Francis Rd., New Lenox IL 60451 on Friday, January 18, 2019 from 3 PM until 8 PM. Funeral Service will be held at Kurtz Memorial Chapel on Saturday, January 19, 2019 at 11:00 AM. Interment will be private. For information 815-485-3700.

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**Kassner, James D., Sr.**


James D. Kassner, Sr., age 88, U.S. Army Veteran of the Korean War, passed away on January 14, 2019. James was the beloved husband of Eva C., nee Kelley, for 67 wonderful years; loving father of Deborah (Chuck) Whelchel, James (Deborah)

Kassner and Cathy (Tony) Dampitz; dearest son of the late Anna Nelson; cherished grandfather of Brook Hunter-Whelchel, Jamie Lynn (Nick) Wedoff, James D. (Julie) Kassner, Melissa (Chris) James, Christina Dampitz and Kailey Kassner; great grandfather of James IV, Jack, Penelope, Max, Audrey, Addie Jo and Eleanor; dear brother of the late Vera Esser and brother-in-law of Myrt (Bud) Iliff. James was a fond uncle of many, and he was a member of I.B.E.W. Local #134 and Ben Hur Masonic Lodge #818. Visitation Thursday from 3:00 p.m. until 9:00 p.m. at Cumberland Chapels 8300 W. Lawrence Ave., Norridge, IL. Friends and family are asked to meet at 10:00 a.m. on Friday, at the funeral home, for a funeral service that begins at 10:30 a.m. Interment will follow at Mt. Emblem Cemetery in Elmhurst. Info www.cumberlandchapels.com or 708-456-8300.



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**Katz, Irwin M.**

Irwin M. Katz, age 86, beloved husband of Dena (nee Levinthal), and the late Marilyn (nee Blitzstein), son of the late Milton and Margaret (nee Rappaport) Katz. Loving father of the late Mark Katz and Debra Scheibe. Adoring grandfather of Michael (Latoya), Joelle, and Jason Scheibe. Devoted brother of Sherwin (the late Barbara). Fond brother-in-law of Harry and Ginger Fox (nee Levinthal), and Robert and Lynn Levinthal. Uncle of many nieces and nephews. Grave side service and interment on Friday, January 18th, 2019, at 10:30 AM at Westlawn Cemetery, 7801 W. Montrose Avenue, Norridge. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Shir Hadash Synagogue, 200 W. Dundee Road, Wheeling IL 60090, or CurePSP.org.

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**Kaufman, Leon**


Leon Kaufman, age 87. Beloved wife of Caryl, nee Coyne. Loving father of Howard Kaufman, Leslie (Barry) Isaacson, Steven (Christina) Kaufman Fox and Eydle Kaufman. Cherished "Poppy" of Rachael (fiancé Brian), Jacob (Kalena), Sloan, Aidan and Carter. Dear brother of Betty (the late Yale) Weisman, Cooky (Jerry) Fleischman and the late Irwin (Irene) Kaufman. Also survived by his many loving nieces, nephews, cousins and dear friends. Service Friday, Jan. 18, 2019 12noon at The Chapel, 195 N. Buffalo Grove Rd (1 blk N. of Lake Cook Rd), Buffalo Grove. Interment Westlawn Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the Aplastic Anemia Foundation, 4330 East West Hwy. Suite 230, Bethesda, Md. 20814, www.aamds.org. For information: GOLDMAN FUNERAL GROUP, (847) 478-1600, www.goldmanfuneralgroup.com



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**McCrorry, John 'Jack'**


John "Jack" McCrorry of Lombard, formerly of Oak Brook and Westchester, age 84. Beloved husband of Mary Kay, nee Skulski; loving father of Mary Beth McCrorry, John, Jr. (Paige) McCrorry, Maureen (Oscar) Longoria, Susan (Bob) Albertini and Catherine McCrorry Rossmiller; proud grandfather of Jack, Ian, Nathan, Katie, Matt, Emma, Tess, Ben, Cate, Tim and Zoe. Lying-in-State Saturday, January 19, 2019 at Divine Infant Church, 1601 Newcastle Ave., Westchester from 9:00 a.m. until time of funeral mass 10:00 a.m. Interment Private. In lieu of flowers, donations to The Fenwick Fund, Fenwick High School, 505 Washington Blvd., Oak Park, IL 60302 would be appreciated. For further info 708-F-U-N-E-R-A-L.

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**McKenna, Bridget**

Bridget McKenna nee Crawford, native of Connolly Ennis, Co. Clare, Ireland; beloved wife of the late Maurice; loving mother of Kathleen, Maureen and Michael; cherished grandmother of Shea, Jack, Kaleigh and Liam; dear sister of Michael (Bridie) Crawford of Chicago, the late Mary Lynch, Tom, Cathy, Paddy, and Nancy Crawford; fond aunt of many; loved by all who knew her and she will be deeply missed. Funeral Friday 9:15 AM from **Gibbons Family Funeral Home** 5917 W. Irving Park Rd. (½ Block East of Austin) to St Beatrice Church. Mass 10 AM. Interment Queen of Heaven. Visitation Thursday 3-9 PM. For info 773-777-3944 or www.GFFH.com

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**Motel, Seymour**

Seymour A. Motel, age 99 of Lincolnshire, Ill. passed away on January 16, 2019 in Commack, NY.

Seymour was born March 20, 1919 to Louis and Jenny Motel. In 1941 he graduated from City College with an accounting degree and married his beloved Bernice Schwartz.

Seymour proudly served with the 4th Infantry Timberwolves lead by General Terry Allen. After the war, Seymour and Bernice raised two daughters, Carol (Jerry) Levin and Susan Hinkes. He also leaves behind four grandchildren, four great-grandchildren, sister Lorraine Feldman and his adored Bernice.

Graveside services will be held Friday, January 18, 2019 at 2pm at **Shalom Memorial Park**.

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**Naines, Edward J.**

Age 67, of Morris, IL and formerly Lemont, IL, died Monday January 14, 2019 at home. He was born and raised in Chicago, the son of the late Margaret (Eyman) and Edward Naines. Beloved husband of Joan (Raetz); loving father of Edward (Olga), Christopher and Steven (Kristin); proud grandpa of 7 and great grandpa of 1. Visitation Friday 3-8 pm and services Saturday morning at the **Fred C. Dames Funeral Home** in Morris, IL. For a complete obituary visit www.fredcdames.com



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**Park, Chung Il**


Chung Il Park, 80, of Morton Grove/Woodstock/Park Ridge, IL, and Hernando, FL, passed away peacefully in his sleep due to Alzheimer's on Jan. 11, 2019. He was born on Aug. 25, 1938, in Changwon, Gyeongangnam-do, Korea. His parents, Jeong-Sik Park and Bong-i Chu, had six children, but only Chung immigrated to the U.S. Chung received his BA at Yonsei Univ. in 1961, began a Master in Library Science at Emory Univ. in 1969, and finished his MLS at USC in 1971. In 1975, he ended further studies at the Univ. of Illinois to devote more time to his family. Chung was a librarian at Malcolm X College for 30 years before retiring in 2002. He also independently wrote, edited, and published the COINT Reports, a digest of new books. Chung loved reading literature by Shakespeare, Nabokov, Camus, and many others, as well as browsing bookstores. He played the Beatles nonstop during road trips, and in his final years, often laughed at I Love Lucy with his granddaughters.

Married for 40 years to Jung Yoi Yoo, until she passed of multiple myeloma, Chung is survived by two daughters, Charlotte of Chicago and Sue of Brooklyn, NY, and his son, Andrew, his wife Kristin, and their two daughters, Alyssa and Sophie Park of Mount Prospect, IL. Chung will be missed for his smile, quirky humor, and gentle spirit.

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**Pevsner, Sheldon**


Sheldon Pevsner, age 87. Born to the late Ida and Nathan Pevsner. Loving husband of 65 years to the late Marcia Pevsner. Beloved father of Linda (Dr. Michael) Margolis, Janet Pevsner and David Pevsner. Proud Zaide of Rabbi Ari (Rachel) Margolis, Lori (Dr. Adam) Barbag, and Brian (Shana) Margolis. Great Zaide to Laila, Adaya, Eliora Margolis and Derek, Joshua, Benjamin Barbag and Maya Margolis. Brother to Annette (the late Lawrence) Grubman and the late Shirley Lieberman. Brother-in-law to Barry (Elaine) Semer. He will be missed by his many nieces, nephews, grand-nieces, grand-nephews, cousins, and their many friends. Life member of Na'Amat. Service Friday, January 18, 10AM at Congregation Or Shalom, 21 Hawthorn Parkway, Vernon Hills, IL 60061. Interment Westlawn. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Na'Amat, www.naamat.org, Congregation Or Shalom, www.orshalomc.org or the charity of your choice. Arrangements by **Chicago Jewish Funerals - Buffalo Grove Chapel**, 847.229.8822

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**Piccolo, Joseph C.**

Joseph C. Piccolo beloved husband of Patricia "Sandy" nee Sreniawski; loving father of Michelle (the late John) Piccolo Seibel; fond brother of Luke (the late Patricia) Piccolo; dearest uncle and friend to many. Visitation Friday 3-9 P.M. Funeral Saturday 8:15 A.M. from **Lawn Funeral Home** 17909 S 94th Ave Tinley Park Il, 60487 to St. Stephen Deacon & Martyr Church Mass 9:00 A.M. Interment Private Funeral info (708) 532-3100.



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**Pinta, Glenn J.**

Glenn J. Pinta, age 67; passed away peacefully, January 15, 2019 with his loving family at his side. Beloved husband of the late Imelda Pinta; loving father of Stephanie Pinta; dear son of the late Joseph and Lillian Pinta; dearest brother of Guy (Judy) Pinta and the late Gary Pinta; fond uncle of Damion Pinta and Tina Blankenship. Glenn fought hard, a two-time cancer survivor. Visitation Thursday January 17th, 4:00 PM to 8:00 PM. Funeral Service Friday at 9:30 AM at **Sullivan Funeral Home**, 60 South Grant St. Hinsdale. Private Family Interment Woodlawn Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, memorials made to Pancreatic Cancer Action Network https://secure.pancan.org/site/Donation2?df\_id=2681&mf\_c\_pref=T82681.donation-form1 630-323-0275 or www.sullivanfuneralhomehinsdale.com



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**Ramaglia, Helen B.**

Helen B. Ramaglia (née Bubacz) age 74, of Naperville, IL passed away on Tuesday, January 15, 2019. She was born on June 25, 1944 in Chicago, Illinois. Helen is survived by her loving husband; Matthew F. Ramaglia, sons; Michael (Lisa) Ramaglia & Matthew Ramaglia, grandchildren; Amanda & Nicole Ramaglia, cousin; Daniel Liedman, and best friend; Lois Anderson. She was preceded in death by her parents Stephen and Myrtle (née English) Bubacz, and son Vincent Ramaglia. Visitation will be held on Friday, January 18, 2019 from 2:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. at **Beidelman-Kunsch Funeral Homes & Crematory**, 24021 Royal Worlington Dr., Naperville. Mass of Christian Burial held Saturday, January 19, 2019, 10:00 a.m., at St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church, 1501 W. Boughton Rd., Bolingbrook. Interment Queen of Heaven Cemetery, Hillside. Info: 630-922-9630 or www.beidelmankunschff.com



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**Schumann, Edward Herman 'Ed'**

Edward "Ed" Herman Schumann, age 94, passed away at Church Creek Assisted Living in Arlington Heights, IL on January 12, 2019. Ed was a long-time resident of Lansing, Illinois. He is survived by his children: David (Linda) Schumann and Heidi Schumann; daughter-in-law: Nancy; grandchildren: Katie, Chris (Dannette), Andy, and Sean Schumann; great grandchildren: Bryce, Ryan, and Gwendolyn; and many nieces and nephews. Ed was preceded in death by his beloved wife of 59 years: Betty; and two sons: Edward and Mark Schumann. Edward was born to Emily and Christian Schumann on April 13, 1924, and grew up in South Chicago. He met Betty at Immanuel Lutheran Church, where they were married on October 2, 1949. He and Betty moved to Lansing and joined Trinity Lutheran Church, where they were both members for over 60 years. Ed retired from Commonwealth Edison after over forty years of service. He honorably served our country as a projectionist in the U.S. Army in Washington State after WWII, where he worked with injured service members. Friends are invited to visit with Ed's family on Friday, January 18, 2019 from 12:00 noon – 4:00 PM at the Schroeder-Lauer Funeral Home, 3227 Ridge Rd., Lansing, IL. The funeral service and military honors for Ed will at 4:00 PM at the funeral home with Rev. Gary Schmidtke officiating. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made in Ed's name to Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church, 2505 Indiana Ave., Lansing, IL. Ed's family would like to give special thanks to the staff of Heartland Hospice Care for the care they gave to Ed. www.schroeder-lauer.com

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**Stanaszek, Kathryn Mary**


Kathryn Mary Stanaszek, 78, Egg Harbor, WI, died Mon., Jan. 14, 2019. Attended Resurrection Grade School; graduated from St. Patrick High School for Girls (1958); studied at Mundelein College, Loyola University, and American Academy of Art, all in Chicago, IL. Professional life dedicated to passion for art and design - Graphic Designer for studios

and agencies until beginning, "Graphically Speaking, Inc." a graphic design firm (1965) and was Principal and Creative Director until retirement (1989); then dedicated her creative energy to the fine arts. Moved to Door County full time (1993) and maintained art studio. Member of art associations in Illinois and Door County, WI. Had deep love for and inspiration from nature. She was at her core an artist. Loved her family whom she will be deeply missed by: husband of 57 years, Frank; 4 children, Ted Stanaszek of Lake Bluff, IL, Mary Schneider of Crystal Lake, IL, Jennifer Donovan of Cary, IL, and Jack Stanaszek of McHenry, IL; 12 grandchildren; 3 great-grandchildren; 3 siblings, Mary Jacobson, John and Tom Root; other relatives; and friends. Celebration of Life at her home and Studio, 6690 Birch Ln., Egg Harbor, WI 54209 on Sun., Jan. 20, 2019 from 1-4 p.m. Memorials appreciated for Washington Island Art Association, P.O. Box 11, Washington Island, WI 54246. Arrangements entrusted with **Huehns Funeral Home, Inc. & Door County Crematory LLC** in Sturgeon Bay, WI. View full tribute page at www.huehnsfuneralhome.com.

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**Starsiak, Virginia**

Virginia Starsiak, age 98, beloved wife of the late Dr. William Sr., loving mother of the late Dr. Drew, Dr. William Jr. (Stephanie), Donna, Elizabeth and Dr. Mary; cherished grandmother of Heather (Joseph) Kotlarz and Megan Starsiak; caring great-grandmother of Anne, Avanna, Joseph and Harry. Treasured aunt of many nieces and nephews. Proud alumnus and president of her class of St. Mary of Nazareth School of Nursing. Virginia worked as a nurse at O'Hare Airport First Aid Station for 14 years. She was a Den Mother and Girl Scout Leader for over 25 years. She was also a Communion Minister at St. Ferdinand Church.

Visitation, Friday, January 18, 2019 from 3:00-9:00PM at **Sheldon-Goggin-Kaminski Funeral Home**, 5935 W. Belmont Avenue, Chicago, Illinois.

Funeral, Saturday, January 19, 2019 9:15AM Prayers and procession to begin from the funeral home to St. Ferdinand Church, 3101 N. Mason, Chicago, Illinois for Mass at 10:00AM.

Interment, Maryhill Cemetery, Niles, Illinois. In lieu of flowers, please request masses to be celebrated at St. Ferdinand Church, 773-622-5900 or O'Hare Airport Chapel, www.airportchapels.org or 773-686-2636.

For more info, 773-237-4404 or www.kaminskifamilyfuneralhomes.com.

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**Vehe, Edith M.**

Edith M. Vehe nee McLaren 96 Formerly of Highland Park. Edith was the beloved wife of the late Karl L. Vehe Jr.; loving mother of Kathryn Vehe and Kenneth (Caryl) Vehe; caring sister of the late Robert McLaren, late Kenneth McLaren and the late Helen McMahon; fond aunt to many nieces and nephews. Visitation Saturday from 10am until time of service noon at **Oehler Funeral Home** 2099 Miner St Des Plaines, IL. Interment Ridgewood Memorial Park Cemetery. In lieu of flowers memorials may be made to American heart Association or American Diabetes Association. Funeral info 847-824-5155 or oehlerfuneralhome.com



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**Zelkovich, John Joseph**


John Joseph Zelkovich, age 84, of Bull Valley, passed away peacefully, on Sunday, January 13, 2019, at his home. He was born July 23, 1934, in Chicago, the son of the late Peter and Mary (Rosich) Zelkovich. On August 17, 1974, John married Kathy Leland, at St. Jerome's Catholic Church in Chicago.

Proud of his Croatian heritage, John grew up on the south side of Chicago and was an avid White Sox and Blackhawks fan. For 33 years John taught in the Chicago and Lake Villa School Systems, retiring in 1993. John will always be remembered for his sense of humor, charm, love of music and his undying love for family and friends. John is survived by his wife of 44 years, Kathy Zelkovich; his son, Bill (Fiancée – Jennifer); and granddaughters, Aubrey and Addison. He is further survived by his sisters, Mary Helen Zelkovich and Therese (Ron) Rederer; mother-in-law, Lori Leland; and many nieces, nephews and friends. John was preceded in death by his parents, Peter and Mary Zelkovich; brother, Peter Zelkovich; and father-in-law, Bill Leland.

Visitation will be held on Thursday, January 17, 2019, from 4 – 8 p.m. at Colonial Funeral Home, 591 Ridgeview Drive, McHenry. A Funeral Mass will be held on Friday, January 18, 2019, at 10 a.m. at The Church of Holy Apostles, 5211 Bull Valley Road, McHenry.

In Lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to St. Jude's Children's Hospital or JourneyCare Hospice in John's name.

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F18080119 SLS IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT, CHANCERY DIVISION Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corporation, as Trustee for the benefit of the Seasoned Credit Risk Transfer Trust, Series 2018-1 Plaintiff, vs. Yvette R. Dudley aka Yvette Dudley; MB Financial Bank, N.A.; The 801 South Plymouth Court Apartment Condominium Association; Unknown Owners and Non-Record Claimants Defendants. CASE NO. 18 CH 14601 801 South Plymouth Court Unit 910 Chicago, Illinois 60605 Moran Calendar 61 NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION The requisite affidavit for publication having been filed, notice is hereby given you, Yvette R. Dudley aka Yvette Dudley and UNKNOWN OWNERS and NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS, defendants in the above entitled cause, that suit has been commenced against you and other defendants in the Circuit Court for the Judicial Circuit by said plaintiff praying for the foreclosure of a certain mortgage conveying the premises described as follows, to-wit: PARCEL 1: UNIT NUMBER 910 IN 801 SOUTH PLYMOUTH COURT APARTMENT CONDOMINIUM, AS DELINEATED ON A SURVEY OF THE FOLLOWING DESCRIBED REAL ESTATE: PARTS OF LOT 1 AND 2 IN BLOCK 1 IN DEARBORN PARK UNIT NUMBER 1, BEING A RESUBDIVISION OF SUNDRY LOTS AND VACATED STREETS AND ALLEYS IN AND ADJOINING BLOCKS 127 TO 134 BOTH INCLUSIVE IN SCHOOL SECTION 27 ADDITION TO CHICAGO IN SECTION 16, TOWNSHIP 39 NORTH RANGE 14 AND THAT PART OF VACATED SOUTH PLYMOUTH COURT LYING WEST OF AND ADJOINING LOT 1 IN BLOCK 1 IN DEARBORN PARK UNIT NUMBER 1 AFORSAID EAST OF THE THIRD PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN, IN COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS WHICH SURVEY IS ATTACHED AS EXHIBIT "A-2" TO "THE DECLARATION OF CONDOMINIUM RECORDED AS DOCUMENT 26826100 TOGETHER WITH ITS UNDIVIDED PERCENTAGE INTEREST IN THE COMMON ELEMENTS, PARCEL 2: EASEMENT FOR PEDESTRIAN ACCESS AS CREATED BY THE OPERATING COVENANT RECORDED OCTOBER 18, 1983 AS DOCUMENT 26826098 AND AS CREATED BY DEED FROM LASALLE NATIONAL BANK, A NATIONAL BANKING ASSOCIATION, AS TRUSTEE UNDER TRUST AGREEMENT DATED OCTOBER 26, 1982 AND KNOWN AS TRUST NUMBER 104467 TO LESLIE A. CALDWELL DATED FEBRUARY 6, 1986 AND RECORDED MARCH 31, 1986 AS DOCUMENT 86119568, IN COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS. P.L.N. 17-16-419-007-1161 Said property is commonly known as 801 South Plymouth Court Unit 910, Chicago, Illinois 60605, and which said mortgage(s) was/were made by Yvette R. Dudley and recorded in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds as Document Number 0529916127 and for other relief; that Summons was duly issued out of the above Court against you as provided by law and that said suit is now pending. NOW THEREFORE, unless you, the said above named defendants, file your answer to the complaint in the said suit or otherwise make your appearance therein, in the Office of the Clerk of the Court at Cook County on or before February 9, 2019, a default may be taken against you at any time after that date and a Judgment entered in accordance with the prayer of said complaint. E-filing is now mandatory for documents in civil cases with limited exemptions. To e-file, you must first create an account with an e-filing service provider. Visit <http://efile.illinoiscourts.gov/service-providers.htm> to learn more and to select a service provider. If you need additional help or have trouble e-filing, visit [www.illinoiscourts.gov/FAQ/gethelp.asp](http://www.illinoiscourts.gov/FAQ/gethelp.asp). This communication is an attempt to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. Steven C. Lindberg ANSELMO LINDBERG & ASSOCIATES LLC 1771 W. Diehl Rd., Ste 120 Naperville, IL 60563-4947 630-453-6960 | 866-402-8661 | 630-428-4620 (fax) Attorney No. Cook 58852, DuPage 293191, Kane 031-26104, Peoria 1794, Winnebago 3802, IL 03126232 |pleadings@anselmolindberg.com THIS LAW FIRM IS DEEMED TO BE A DEBT COLLECTOR. Pub: 1/10, 17, 24/2019 6078298

F18090207 KIRK IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT, CHANCERY DIVISION Kirkland Acquisitions LLC Plaintiff, vs. Unknown Heirs and Legatees of Glenn M. Jacobs aka Glenn Jacobs aka Glenn Marvin Jacobs, Jackeline L. Carter, Anthony W. Jacobs City of Chicago; Unknown Owners and Non-Record Claimants Defendants. CASE NO. 18 CH 15066 4324 West Cullerton Street, Chicago, Illinois 60623 NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION The requisite affidavit for publication having been filed, notice is hereby given you, Unknown Heirs and Legatees of Glenn M. Jacobs aka Glenn Jacobs aka Glenn Marvin Jacobs, Anthony W. Jacobs, and UNKNOWN OWNERS and NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS, defendants in the above entitled cause, that suit has been commenced against you and other defendants in the Circuit Court for the Judicial Circuit by said plaintiff praying for the foreclosure of a certain mortgage conveying the premises described as follows, to-wit: LOT 29 IN BLOCK 1 IN TP. PHILLIPS EQUITABLE LAND ASSOCIATION SECOND ADDITION TO CHICAGO IN THE SOUTHEAST QUARTER (1/4) OF SECTION 22, TOWNSHIP 39 NORTH, RANGE 13, EAST OF THE THIRD PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN, IN COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS. P.L.N. 16-22-414-013-0000 Said property is commonly known as 4324 West Cullerton Street, Chicago, Illinois 60623, and which said mortgage(s) was/were made by Lagoldie Jacobs and recorded in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds as Document Number 0932047065 and for other relief; that Summons was duly issued out of the above Court against you as provided by law and that said suit is now pending. NOW THEREFORE, unless you, the said above named defendants, file your answer to the complaint in the said suit or otherwise make your appearance therein, in the Office of the Clerk of the Court at Cook County on or before February 9, 2019, a default may be taken against you at any time after that date and a Judgment entered in accordance with the prayer of said complaint. E-filing is now mandatory for documents in civil cases with limited exemptions. To e-file, you must first create an account with an e-filing service provider. Visit <http://efile.illinoiscourts.gov/service-providers.htm> to learn more and to select a service provider. If you need additional help or have trouble e-filing, visit [www.illinoiscourts.gov/FAQ/gethelp.asp](http://www.illinoiscourts.gov/FAQ/gethelp.asp). This communication is an attempt to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. Steven C. Lindberg ANSELMO LINDBERG & ASSOCIATES LLC 1771 W. Diehl Rd., Ste 120 Naperville, IL 60563-4947 630-453-6960 | 866-402-8661 | 630-428-4620 (fax) Attorney No. Cook 58852, DuPage 293191, Kane 031-26104, Peoria 1794, Winnebago 3802, IL 03126232 |pleadings@anselmolindberg.com THIS LAW FIRM IS DEEMED TO BE A DEBT COLLECTOR. Pub: 1/10, 17, 24/2019 6078287

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS, COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION PNC BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, Plaintiff, v. WITOLD V. CIOKIEWICZ; CAMEO TERRACE NORTH CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION; UNKNOWN NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS; DEFENDANTS. This case has been commenced in this Court against you and others, asking for foreclosure of the Mortgage held by the Plaintiff on the property located at 127 N. Wolf Rd. #668 Wheeling, IL 60090, more particularly described as: LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY UNIT 66-B DESCRIBED IN SURVEY DELINEATED ON AND ATTACHED TO AND PART OF A DECLARATION OF CONDOMINIUM OWNERSHIP REGISTERED ON THE 6TH DAY OF FEBRUARY 1964 AS DOCUMENT NUMBER 2134625, TOGETHER WITH UNDIVIDED PERCENTAGE INTEREST EXCEPT THE UNITS DELINEATED AND DESCRIBED IN SAID SURVEY AND IN THE FOLLOWING DESCRIBED PREMISES: LOT ONE (1) IN CAMEO TERRACE NORTH, BEING A RESUBDIVISION IN THE SOUTHEAST 1/4 OF SECTION 2, TOWNSHIP 42 NORTH, RANGE 11, EAST OF THE THIRD PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT OF SAID CAMEO TERRACE NORTH RESUBDIVISION REGISTERED IN THE OFFICE OF THE RECORDER OF DEEDS IN COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS ON JUNE 17, 1963 AS DOCUMENT NUMBER 20963685, Permanent Index Number: 03-02-410-083-1136 Commonly known as: 127 N. Wolf Rd. #668, Wheeling, IL 60090 UNLESS YOU FILE YOUR ANSWER OR OTHERWISE FILE YOUR APPEARANCE IN THIS CAUSE IN THE Office of the Clerk of the Court at Cook County at the Richard J. Daley Center located at 50 W. Washington St., Chicago, IL 60602 on or before February 18, 2019, A JUDGMENT WILL BE ENTERED AGAINST YOU FOR RELIEF IN THE COMPLAINT FOR FORECLOSURE. THIS COMMUNICATION IS AN ATTEMPT TO COLLECT A DEBT, AND ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. Quintaros, Prieto, Wood & Boyer, P.A., 233 S. Wacker Drive, 70th Floor Chicago, IL 60606 Firm ID: 48947 Phone: (312) 566-0040 Fax: (312) 566-0041 F18120022 CALL IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT, CHANCERY DIVISION Caliber Home Loans, Inc. Plaintiff, vs. Kameron Huckleyby and Unknown Owners and Non-Record Claimants Defendants. CASE NO. 18 CH 15377 10742 South Prairie Avenue, Chicago, Illinois 60628 Sullivan Calendar 60 NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION The requisite affidavit for publication having been filed, notice is hereby given you, Kameron Huckleyby and UNKNOWN OWNERS and NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS, defendants in the above entitled cause, that suit has been commenced against you and other defendants in the Circuit Court for the Judicial Circuit by said plaintiff praying for the foreclosure of a certain mortgage conveying the premises described as follows, to-wit: LOT TWENTY TWO (22) AND THE SOUTH FIVE (5) FEET OF LOT TWENTY ONE (1) IN THE RESUBDIVISION OF TRAINING SCHOOL ADDITION TO PULLMAN, BEING A SUBDIVISION IN THE NORTHEAST QUARTER OF THE SOUTHWEST QUARTER OF SECTION FIFTEEN (15), TOWNSHIP THIRTY SEVEN (37) NORTH, RANGE FOURTEEN (14), EAST OF THE THIRD PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN, IN COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS. P.L.N.: 25-15-304-033-0000 Said property is commonly known as 10742 South Prairie Avenue, Chicago, Illinois 60628, and which said mortgage(s) was/were made by Kameron Huckleyby and recorded in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds as Document Number 1736234088 and for other relief; that Summons was duly issued out of the above Court against you as provided by law and that said suit is now pending. NOW THEREFORE, unless you, the said above named defendants, file your answer to the complaint in the said suit or otherwise make your appearance therein, in the Office of the Clerk of the Court at Cook County on or before February 18, a default may be taken against you at any time after that date and a Judgment entered in accordance with the prayer of said complaint. E-filing is now mandatory for documents in civil cases with limited exemptions. To e-file, you must first create an account with an e-filing service provider. Visit <http://efile.illinoiscourts.gov/service-providers.htm> to learn more and to select a service provider. If you need additional help or have trouble e-filing, visit [www.illinoiscourts.gov/FAQ/gethelp.asp](http://www.illinoiscourts.gov/FAQ/gethelp.asp). This communication is an attempt to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. Steven C. Lindberg ANSELMO LINDBERG & ASSOCIATES LLC 1771 W. Diehl Rd., Ste 120 Naperville, IL 60563-4947 630-453-6960 | 866-402-8661 | 630-428-4620 (fax) Attorney No. Cook 58852, DuPage 293191, Kane 031-26104, Peoria 1794, Winnebago 3802, IL 03126232 |pleadings@anselmolindberg.com THIS LAW FIRM IS DEEMED TO BE A DEBT COLLECTOR. Pub: 1/17, 24, 31/2019 6090970

F18070050 RSGNT IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT, CHANCERY DIVISION New Penn Financial, LLC d/b/a Shellpoint Mortgage Services Plaintiff, vs. Unknown heirs and legatees of Bessie Singleton aka Bessie L. Singleton aka Bessie Lee Singleton; Michael Singleton; Alexis J. Wilson aka Alexis J. Johnson aka Alexis Innocent; Unknown Owners and Non-Record Claimants Defendants. CASE NO. 18 CH 15437 1500 West 113th Place, Chicago, Illinois 60643 Simko Calendar 58 NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION The requisite affidavit for publication having been filed, notice is hereby given you, Unknown heirs and legatees of Bessie Singleton aka Bessie L. Singleton aka Bessie Lee Singleton, and UNKNOWN OWNERS and NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS, defendants in the above entitled cause, that suit has been commenced against you and other defendants in the Circuit Court for the Judicial Circuit by said plaintiff praying for the foreclosure of a certain mortgage conveying the premises described as follows, to-wit: LOT 37 AND THE EAST 12 AND 1/2 FEET OF LOT 38 IN ROGERS RESUBDIVISION OF BLOCK 63 EXCEPT LOTS 10 TO 14 SAID BLOCK OF WASHINGTON HEIGHTS, BEING A RESUBDIVISION IN SECTIONS 18, 19 AND 20 IN TOWNSHIP 37 NORTH, RANGE 14, EAST OF THE THIRD PRINCIPLE MERIDIAN, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT OF SAID ROGERS RESUBDIVISION, RECORDED AS DOCUMENT #94881, IN COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS. P.L.N.: 25-20-112-037-0000 Said property is commonly known as 1500 West 113th Place, Chicago, Illinois 60643, and which said mortgage(s) was/were made by Bessie Singleton and recorded in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds as Document Number 0801748020 and for other relief; that Summons was duly issued out of the above Court against you as provided by law and that said suit is now pending. NOW THEREFORE, unless you, the said above named defendants, file your answer to the complaint in the said suit or otherwise make your appearance therein, in the Office of the Clerk of the Court at Cook County on or before February 9, 2019, a default may be taken against you at any time after that date and a Judgment entered in accordance with the prayer of said complaint. E-filing is now mandatory for documents in civil cases with limited exemptions. To e-file, you must first create an account with an e-filing service provider. Visit <http://efile.illinoiscourts.gov/service-providers.htm> to learn more and to select a service provider. If you need additional help or have trouble e-filing, visit [www.illinoiscourts.gov/FAQ/gethelp.asp](http://www.illinoiscourts.gov/FAQ/gethelp.asp). This communication is an attempt to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. Steven C. Lindberg ANSELMO LINDBERG & ASSOCIATES LLC 1771 W. Diehl Rd., Ste 120 Naperville, IL 60563-4947 630-453-6960 | 866-402-8661 | 630-428-4620 (fax) Attorney No. Cook 58852, DuPage 293191, Kane 031-26104, Peoria 1794, Winnebago 3802, IL 03126232 |pleadings@anselmolindberg.com THIS LAW FIRM IS DEEMED TO BE A DEBT COLLECTOR. Pub: 1/10, 17, 24/2019 6078269

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MANLEY DEAS, KOCHALSKI LLC One East Wacker - Suite 1250 Chicago, IL 60601 IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS, U.S. BANK TRUST, N.A., AS TRUSTEE FOR LSF9 MASTER PARTICIPATION TRUST, Plaintiff, v. UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS CITY OF COUNTRY CLUB HILLS; UNKNOWN HEIRS AND LEGATEES OF ALFRED CRAIG, DECEASED; CHRISTINE RIVKIN, AKA CHRISTINE CRAIG; ALFRED BRECKENRIDGE, AKA ALFRED BECKENRIDGE; MILTON SMITH; DEMETRIA PUCKETT; AKA DEMETRIA VAUGHNS; CHERLYN HARRISON; CRAIG DAVIDSON; JACQUELINE GOODMAN; RENEE KING, AKA RENEE PARKER; THOMAS P. QUINN, AS SPECIAL REPRESENTATIVE OF ALFRED CRAIG, DECEASED, Defendants. Case No. 2018CH13541 The requisite affidavit for publication having been filed, notice is hereby given you, Unknown Owners and Non-Record Claimants, Unknown Heirs and Legatees of Alfred Craig, deceased, Christine Rivkin, AKA Christine Craig, Milton Smith, Craig Davidson, Renee King, AKA Renee Parker, that the said suit has been commenced in the Circuit Court of the Cook County Judicial Circuit, Cook County, Illinois by the said plaintiff against you and other defendants, praying for the foreclosure of a certain Mortgage conveying the premises described as follows, to-wit: The following described Real Estate situated in the County of Cook in the State of Illinois, to-wit: Lot 16 in J.E. Merriorn's Nob Hill Addition to Country Club Hills a Resubdivision of Lots 22 to 75 inclusive Lots 104 to 132 inclusive, Lots 157 to 186 inclusive, Lots 208 to 223 inclusive together with Vacated Streets, all in J.E. Merriorn's Country Club Hills Sixth Addition, a Subdivision of part of the West 3/4 of the Northwest 1/4 of section 26, Township 36 North, Range 13, East of the Third Principal Meridian, in Cook County, Illinois, 16700 Butterfield Drive, Country Club Hills, IL 60478 28-26-103-032-0000 Now, therefore, unless you, Unknown Owners and Non-Record Claimants, Unknown Heirs and Legatees of Alfred Craig, deceased, Christine Rivkin, AKA Christine Craig, Milton Smith, Craig Davidson, Renee King, AKA Renee Parker, and the said above named defendants, file your answer to the complaint in said suit or otherwise make your appearance therein, in the Office of the Clerk of the Cook County Judicial Circuit, Cook County, Illinois, on or before February 9, 2019, default may be entered against you at any time after that day and a Judgment entered in accordance with the prayer of said Complaint. E-filing is now mandatory for documents in civil cases with limited exemptions. To e-file, you must first create an account with an e-filing service provider. Visit <http://efile.illinoiscourts.gov/service-providers.htm> to learn more and to select a service provider. If you need additional help or have trouble e-filing, visit <http://www.illinoiscourts.gov/faq/gethelp.asp> or contact the Clerk of this Court. Alan S. Kaufman (6289893) MANLEY DEAS KOCHALSKI LLC Attorneys for Plaintiff One East Wacker, Suite 1250, Chicago, IL 60601 Phone: 312-651-6700; Fax: 614-220-5613 Atty. No.: 48928 Email: [sef-askaufman@manleydeas.com](mailto:sef-askaufman@manleydeas.com) file number: 18-036089 One of Plaintiff's Attorneys Pub: 1/10, 17, 24/2019 6078311

MANLEY DEAS, KOCHALSKI LLC One East Wacker - Suite 1250 Chicago, IL 60601 IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS, U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS TRUSTEE FOR CREDIT SUISSE FIRST BOSTON MORTGAGE SECURITIES CORP., HOME EQUITY ASSET TRUST 2004-4, HOME EQUITY PASS-THROUGH CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2004-4, Plaintiff, v. MARIA A. HERNANDEZ; STATE OF ILLINOIS; BAYVIEW LOAN SERVICING, LLC; UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS, Defendants. Case No. 2018-CH-13670 The requisite affidavit for publication having been filed, notice is hereby given you, Maria A. Hernandez, Unknown Owners and Non-Record Claimants, and the said above named defendants, file your answer to the complaint in said suit or otherwise make your appearance therein, in the Office of the Clerk of the Cook County Judicial Circuit, Cook County, Illinois, on or before February 9, 2019, default may be entered against you at any time after that day and a Judgment entered in accordance with the prayer of said Complaint. E-filing is now mandatory for documents in civil cases with limited exemptions. To e-file, you must first create an account with an e-filing service provider. Visit <http://efile.illinoiscourts.gov/service-providers.htm> to learn more and to select a service provider. If you need additional help or have trouble e-filing, visit <http://www.illinoiscourts.gov/faq/gethelp.asp> or contact the Clerk of this Court. Shanna L. Bachter (6302793) MANLEY DEAS KOCHALSKI LLC Attorneys for Plaintiff One East Wacker, Suite 1250, Chicago, IL 60601 Phone: 312-651-6700; Fax: 614-220-5613 Atty. No.: 48928 Email: [sef-silbacher@manleydeas.com](mailto:sef-silbacher@manleydeas.com) file number: 18-032152 One of Plaintiff's Attorneys Pub: 1/10, 17, 24/2019 6078329

MANLEY DEAS, KOCHALSKI LLC One East Wacker - Suite 1250 Chicago, IL 60601 IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS, WELLS FARGO BANK, N.A., Plaintiff, v. MAE JONES, STEVEN S. PERDUE, UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS Defendants. Case No. 2018CH14360 The requisite affidavit for publication having been filed, notice is hereby given you, Steven S. Perdue, Unknown Owners and Non-Record Claimants, that the said suit has been commenced in the Circuit Court of the Cook County Judicial Circuit, Cook County, Illinois by the said plaintiff against you and other defendants, praying for the foreclosure of a certain Mortgage conveying the premises described as follows, to-wit: Lot 38 in Block 2 in Second Cottage Addition to Roseland in the Southeast 1/4 of Section 9, Township 37 North, Range 14, East of the Third Principal Meridian, in Cook County, Illinois, 10007 South Perry, Chicago, IL 60628 25-09-414-003-0000 Now, therefore, unless you, Steven S. Perdue, Unknown Owners and Non-Record Claimants, and the said above named defendants, file your answer to the complaint in said suit or otherwise make your appearance therein, in the Office of the Clerk of the Cook County Judicial Circuit, Cook County, Illinois, on or before February 9, 2019, default may be entered against you at any time after that day and a Judgment entered in accordance with the prayer of said Complaint. E-filing is now mandatory for documents in civil cases with limited exemptions. To e-file, you must first create an account with an e-filing service provider. Visit <http://efile.illinoiscourts.gov/service-providers.htm> to learn more and to select a service provider. If you need additional help or have trouble e-filing, visit <http://www.illinoiscourts.gov/faq/gethelp.asp> or contact the Clerk of this Court. Alan S. Kaufman (6289893) MANLEY DEAS KOCHALSKI LLC Attorneys for Plaintiff One East Wacker, Suite 1250, Chicago, IL 60601 Phone: 312-651-6700; Fax: 614-220-5613 Atty. No.: 48928 Email: [sef-askaufman@manleydeas.com](mailto:sef-askaufman@manleydeas.com) file number: 18-032057 One of Plaintiff's Attorneys Pub: 1/10, 17, 24/2019 6078320

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Quarterback Mitch Trubisky and first-year coach Matt Nagy were on the same page as they guided the Bears to the NFC North division crown. Now they have to build on their success.

**BEARS**

# Partners in prime

After solid first season, GM's handpicked tandem of **Matt Nagy** and **Mitch Trubisky** must improve in first full offseason together



**RICH CAMPBELL**  
On the Bears

It may have been recency bias affecting Ryan Pace's choice Monday. But no one who closely followed Mitch Trubisky's second season would argue with it.

The Bears general manager was asked to identify any moments that showed him the franchise quarterback sufficiently progressed in his first year under coach Matt Nagy.

"You're looking for when they hit adversity and how they respond (to) that adversity," Pace said. "Even as recent as the playoff game, you go down to that final drive. To see how he responded to that environment, I think it's really encouraging."

Fair enough. Trubisky did finish his inconsistent season on a last-minute uptick in the 16-15 loss to the Eagles. By completing two passes in the final 44 seconds, he positioned the Bears for a 43-yard field goal.

Not only was the final possession pressure-packed, the pair of completions included an elevated degree of difficulty. Trubisky threw a 25-yarder to Allen Robinson through a minuscule window near the sideline against zone coverage. The ensuing 8-yard completion to Robinson beat a seven-man blitz just before Trubisky was hit.

"That playoff game, what he did at the end," Nagy said,

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**BULLS**

## Players double as nap masters

Studying sleep patterns is almost as crucial as analytics in the NBA

By **K.C. JOHNSON**  
Chicago Tribune

Almost casually, Robin Lopez boasted.

"I possess the unique ability to slip into a coma at any moment's notice," the Bulls center said.

What a tranquil talent. What a placid player.

The Bulls will conclude a five-game, 11-day trip Thursday in Denver. They're back on Mountain time after two separate jaunts to the Pacific time zone.

Their days are filled with



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Rest is vital for Bulls players. "I possess the unique ability to slip into a coma at a moment's notice," said Robin Lopez, sitting on the floor.

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breakfast meetings, film study, trainer treatments and massages, meals, practices or games and, often, late-night flights.

And naps.

"If I don't nap, I feel it," rookie Wendell Carter Jr. said.

This might seem like mere frivolity, attaching a mere frivility with toddlers to professional athletes. It's not.

Sleep study has become as much a part of the NBA as analytics. Teams spend plenty of

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## Machado's agent rips 'inaccurate' reporting

Lozano: Rumors about Sox's offer are 'reckless'

The White Sox repeatedly warn fans not to believe every rumor they hear concerning the team's offseason pursuits.

Just a few days ago, a source denied an ESPN report saying the Sox had offered Manny Machado a contract of eight years, instead of seven, to play on the South Side.

But the Sox can't stop rumors from spreading like wildfire, and on Wednesday came another ESPN report: The seven-year offer was for \$175 million — an average annual value of \$25 million.

A few hours later, Machado's agent, Dan Lozano, called out ESPN's Buster Olney and USA Today's Bob Nightengale for



**PAUL SULLIVAN**  
On the White Sox

"inaccurate and reckless" rumors about the Sox's negotiations. Nightengale was the first to report a seven-year offer.

"I don't know if their sources are blatantly violating the Collective Bargaining Agreement by intentionally misleading them to try and

affect negotiations through the public or are just flat out lying to them for other reasons," Lozano wrote. "But the truth is their reports on the details of the White Sox level of interest in Manny are completely wrong."

The CBA prohibits teams from discussing free agent negotiations. Lozano claimed the reports

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PHIL ROSENTHAL

## 'Shut it down' isn't bad advice

As the Bulls continue their push for the top pick in this spring's NBA draft, Scottie Pippen wants to bubble-wrap prospective No. 1 prize Zion Williamson to ensure safe delivery.

Pippen, a Hall of Famer and former Bull, says Duke's Williamson should walk away from college basketball now to avoid any injury that could cost the 6-foot-7, 285-pound freshman forward when he can officially begin cashing paychecks as a pro.

Before the end of the Blue Devils' regular season. Before the Atlantic Coast Conference tournament.

Before March Madness, the Final Four, "One Shining Moment" and all the rest.

And before anyone says that advice is to be expected from the guy who sat out the final 1.8 seconds of a 1995 playoff game against the Knicks in a fit of pique when he found out he wouldn't get to take the Bulls' last shot, just know this:

While Pippen's sentiment might assault a fan's sense of what he believes sports are supposed to be about, there is pragmatism to his reasoning.

"I think (Williamson has) done enough for basketball, college basketball, that it's more about him personally," Pippen said Tuesday on ESPN's "The Jump." "I think, for him as a young player, that I would shut it down."

Who knew "one and done" could be undone by "three-quarters and done"?

"I would stop playing because I feel that he could risk a major injury that could really hurt his career," Pippen said.

Williamson was poked in the eye Saturday playing against Florida State, sitting out the second half with double vision. He was back Monday, managing 35 points and 10 rebounds in the No. 1 Blue Devils' loss to Syracuse, but fellow Duke freshman Tre Jones went down with a serious right shoulder injury.

Now that Williamson is seeing clearly again, does he wonder what happens next time? And the time after that? And after that?

This is what the NCAA risks when it oversees a billion-dollar business with paydays for everyone connected except the players who are the star attraction.

Even if Williamson goes the traditional route and keeps playing for Coach K, school spirit and Jim Nantz talking about



GERRY BROOME/AP

Many expect Duke's Zion Williamson to be the No. 1 pick in the NBA draft in June.

what a fine student-athlete he is, some hotshot player someday is apt will take his talents to the sideline rather than gamble away earning potential.

Alongside Pippen on "The Jump," Tracy McGrady, who was allowed to bypass college altogether in 1997, offered no objection to Pippen's suggestion for Williamson.

"Football players are doing it. Why not?" McGrady said. "The college football players are skipping the bowl games and they're getting ready for the (scouting) combine."

That said, quitting now might make teams such as the Bulls wary.

If Williamson is so concerned about his durability he feels he needs to "shut it down" now, teams are apt to wonder whether that concern is justified.

The NBA, after all, is far more bruising than college ball. Not to say Williamson is anything less than sturdy, but the Bulls, as much as any team, know the cost of investing in stars who prove to be fragile.

(That's part of why Bulls are in the race to the bottom for the top draft pick yet

again this year.)

Then there's the matter of commitment. No one is so deluded as to think the money doesn't matter in the pros, but purely mercenary players who put their interests over those of the team can pose a problem.

If teams already have identified Williamson for the top of their wish list, however, none of that may matter.

"I think he's locked up the biggest shoe deal," Pippen said. "He's definitely gonna be the No. 1 pick."

McGrady said Williamson is not the best player on Duke, let alone in the nation — "R.J. Barrett is a better player" — but he didn't dispute Williamson's standing as the likely No. 1 pick.

"This is about filling the seats," McGrady said. "Zion Williamson is more exciting. He will fill the seats."

The question is whether he might be convinced to take a seat himself sooner rather than later en route to the NBA.

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## Pagano will excel as 'D' coordinator



Why didn't Matt Nagy promote Ed Donatell? Chuck Pagano's record as a defensive coordinator does not inspire

confidence. @jeanbaudrillar5

It's difficult to say Pagano's track record as a defensive coordinator doesn't inspire confidence. He has been a coordinator in the NFL for only one season, 2011 with the Ravens, when they were very good statistically. Maybe you question the performance of the Colts defense when Pagano was head coach, but it's not like they were stacked with talent on that side of the ball. I think Pagano will fare well with the Bears.

Do you think James Daniels met expectations this year? What do you expect from him next year?

@moberlyben

Daniels was very good as a rookie, splitting time at left guard in three games and then taking over as the starter for the final 10 regular-season games. He adjusted quickly and it's not surprising he was a fast learner because he's a bright guy who focuses on his craft. Daniels can be very good, and he will be only 21 at the start of the 2019 season. He's just scratching the surface of what kind of player he can become.

Any chance the Bears are looking at a top free-agent safety instead of bringing back Adrian Amos?

@schnurlacher1

I would be surprised if the Bears went near the top of the safety market to find a replacement for Amos. Free safety Eddie Jackson will be eligible for a new contract after the 2019 season, and the Bears will certainly want to extend him at that point, provided he remains healthy. If Jackson continues to develop, he's going to be deserving of a contract that makes him one of the higher-paid safeties in the NFL, and the Bears will not want to invest a ton of money in the player alongside him. I could see the Bears drafting a safety and finding a low-budget veteran and allowing those players to compete for the starting job next to Jackson.

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## Machado agent blasts reports on Sox's offers

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on the Sox's interest in Machado were a "disservice to baseball fans."

The \$175 million figure cited by Olney was shocking to most observers and potentially embarrassing to Machado.

While that's certainly a sizable offer — and \$107 million more than the biggest contract the Sox have given (the six-year, \$68 million deal to Jose Abreu in 2014) — it's far less than what Machado reportedly expected, not to mention much lower than what fellow free agent Bryce Harper expects to receive when he eventually signs.

Harper reportedly rejected a 10-year, \$300 million offer from the Nationals in September and is seeking to top the record 13-year, \$325 million deal the Marlins gave Giancarlo Stanton in 2015. Machado wants to get what Harper gets, if not more.

Sports Illustrated called the alleged \$175 million offer "laughable" and "an insultingly low-ball figure." Many speculated the Yankees easily could top the Sox's offer, though so far they've remained on the periphery of the pursuit and reportedly haven't made an offer.

If the Sox's offer to Machado really is the highest, it could explain why he has yet to sign. A \$175 million deal would be tied for the 18th highest in major-league history, less than the \$184 million deal the Cubs handed Jason Heyward before the 2016 season.

Would Machado's ego allow him to accept such a deal?

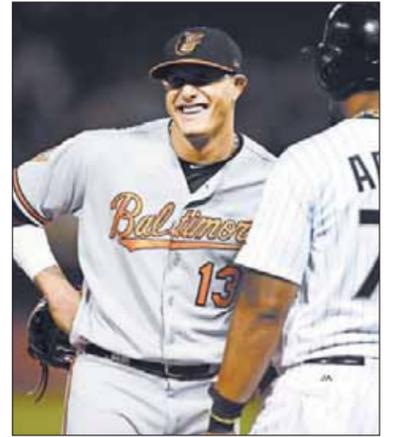
Only one year ago, everyone was asking why the top free agents weren't getting their expected megadeals. Last January at the Cubs Convention, Chairman Tom Ricketts theorized "a lot of teams out there would rather have dry powder a year from now." That was in reference to the current free-agent class of Harper, Machado, Josh Donaldson and others.

But Donaldson signed a one-year, \$23 million deal with the Braves after an injury-marred season with the Blue Jays and Indians, and the markets for Harper and Machado have been limited to less than a handful of teams, including the Phillies and Sox, both of whom have pursued both.

It certainly makes no sense for the Sox to make another offer to Machado and bid against themselves. Team Chairman Jerry Reinsdorf isn't crazy.

If the Phillies do sign Harper, the Sox should be the last team standing for Machado, who would fall into their lap at a "bargain" price considering his age — 26 — and career numbers.

Reinsdorf would get not only a premier player to become the new face of the organization, but also the financial flexibility to spend more next offseason, when pre-



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Manny Machado shares a laugh with Jose Abreu last season. The White Sox are pursuing Machado as a free agent.

sumably they'll be in better position to contend in 2020 with the maturation of their young team and the arrivals this year of top prospects Eloy Jimenez and Dylan Cease. And if Machado rejects the Sox's offer, well, at least fans know they tried.

You have to wonder if the much-hyped quote from Machado in the postseason that he was not going to be "Johnny Hustle" has caused teams to shy from pursuing him. Yankees owner Hal Steinbrenner in November called the remark "troubling" at the owners meeting in Atlanta, saying he needed to know the context of the remark because "that ain't going to sell where we play baseball."

That didn't stop the Yankees, along with the Sox and Phillies, from talking with Machado, but obviously he's still out there for the taking.

It didn't stop the Sox from their pursuit, despite the oft-repeated marketing slogan from last year: "Ricky's Boys Don't Quit."

New Sox first baseman Yonder Alonso, Machado's brother-in-law, said the "Johnny Hustle" story was overblown and ignores the hard work Machado has put in over the years to become one of the game's elite players.

No one doubts Machado's talent. But if the reports are true, the relative lack of interest from teams this winter is puzzling.

SoxFest kicks off Jan. 25 in Chicago, and the Sox would like nothing more than to be able to introduce the biggest free-agent acquisition in team history.

But the waiting game continues — with more questions than answers.

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## BLACKHAWKS



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Brent Seabrook's 100th NHL goal Monday was a highlight of a trying season for the Blackhawks.

# Century mark

Seabrook says scoring 100th career goal 'shows how old' he is

BY JIMMY GREENFIELD  
Chicago Tribune



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NEW YORK — Brent Seabrook either was being coy or was genuinely confused why anybody would ask him about scoring the 100th goal of his career.

"Is that a big milestone for defensemen?" Seabrook asked. "I don't know."

Put your money on being coy. But a reporter playing along informed Seabrook that, yes, it is a big milestone. His goal Monday against the Devils allowed him to join Bob Murray and Doug Wilson as the only defensemen to score at least 100 goals while wearing a Blackhawks uniform.

"Shows how old I am," he quipped. Yes, it does. But it also shows how good the 33-year-old Seabrook has been over the course of his 14-year career.

When Seabrook scored his first NHL goal against the Blues on Nov. 2, 2005 — an overtime winner — the Hawks were on their way to a 26-43-13 record.

They have had a wee bit of success since then — nine straight playoff appearances from 2009 to 2017 and three Stanley Cup championships — and Seabrook was a huge part of that.

Those days are in the past, however, and the Hawks are on pace to miss the playoffs for a second straight season. Seabrook is no longer able to drive possession — his 46.6 Corsi percentage is easily the lowest of his career — and he lost his spot on the first power-play unit. Seabrook was a healthy scratch once last season, but coach Jeremy Colliton hasn't gone that route yet.

"Recently he's had a pretty good stretch of games," Colliton said. "Being cleaner with the puck and sharp defensively. We all know what he brings as far as leadership and his pedigree, but we hope he continues to improve and I think he has recently."

Seabrook's contract is likely to keep him in a Hawks uniform for years to come. He's signed through 2023-24 with a \$6.875 million salary-cap hit and a no-movement clause. It's hard to imagine the Hawks could find a trade partner anyway with so many years left on his deal.

General manager Stan Bowman has said he has not ap-

proached Seabrook or any other players about waiving their no-movement clauses. Seabrook wasn't interested in saying if he would consider such a request.

"I don't think we need to talk about that," he said.

What Seabrook did want to talk about was the possibility of the Hawks making the playoffs. Yes, this season.

"I think playoffs are still there," he said. "Bringing that winning culture back in here and getting on a good run and trying to feel good about our game, that's a big part about it. By doing that, string together some wins here, who knows what happens."

If that's going to happen, the Hawks will have to start by beating the Rangers on Thursday at Madison Square Garden. They tried to wipe off the stink of Monday's 8-5 loss to the Devils — their fourth straight defeat — by scrimmaging three-on-three and then having a lively two-on-two neutral-zone drill during practice Wednesday.

"It was a fun practice," Seabrook said. "Trying to get back to having fun. And when you're having fun, you're playing better."

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## BLACKHAWKS NOTES

## Strome eyes 1st win over his brother

BY JIMMY GREENFIELD  
Chicago Tribune

NEW YORK — The first NHL game between brothers Dylan and Ryan Strome was played two years ago, when Dylan was with the Coyotes and Ryan played for the Islanders.

Big brother Ryan and the Islanders won, 3-2.

They met again last season, when Ryan's new team, the Oilers, faced the Coyotes.

Ryan won again, 3-2.

Now, for Round 3, Dylan is a center for the Blackhawks and Ryan plays the same position for the Rangers.

"He beat me twice, so it's time for me to get a win," Dylan Strome said.

The Strome brothers — at 25, Ryan is 3½ years older than the 21-year-old Dylan — plan to enjoy a nice dinner with their mother Wednesday night in New York and get in the right frame of mind for Thursday's game.

Ryan, listed at 6-foot-1, 194 pounds, and Dylan (6-3, 200

grew up in the Toronto suburb of Mississauga, Ontario.

"Both living our dream," Dylan Strome said. "You obviously want your family members to succeed and do well, so it's tough in that sense where I want him to do well. But my focus is here, and I want to do well. It's weird playing against each other but you got to do it."

A third Strome brother, Matthew, 20, is a prospect in the Flyers' system.

**Fun house:** Hawks coach Jeremy Colliton took advantage of practicing at Madison Square Garden on Wednesday by having a workout that consisted almost entirely of scrimmages.

"It's not often you get to practice in this barn," Colliton said. "So (it was) fun to get out there and I think it was good. They had energy and hopefully we can carry that into tomorrow."

The Devils bombarded the Hawks 8-5 on Monday, but that score didn't reflect just how poorly and lethargic the Hawks

played. Colliton hoped to reverse that with Wednesday's practice.

"Happy hockey players are good hockey players," Colliton said. "So let's get them going. Let's have energy. It wasn't the game we wanted, but there's no point dwelling on it. I think we know that isn't us."

**Getting defensive:** Colliton defended playing seven defensemen against the Devils, arguing that the Lightning have done it and they have the NHL's best record.

"It's not that it can't work," Colliton said. "I think one of the reasons you dress seven is so you have more options as far as getting five or six going on any given night. (Monday) night we didn't have that. We had fewer than six or five going. But I do think it's an option to either get guys in the lineup or give them opportunity or create competition."

"Whether we go back to it or not (against the Rangers) we haven't decided."

## BULLS

## Some good news on Carter's thumb

Rookie's injury against Lakers isn't as bad as team initially feared

BY K.C. JOHNSON  
Chicago Tribune

An emotional roller coaster of a day concluded with some good news on the injury front for the Bulls.

After initial concerns that Wendell Carter Jr. either broke a bone or tore a ligament in his left thumb during Tuesday's loss to the Lakers, an MRI exam on Wednesday revealed that the ligament remained stable and largely intact, per a source.

Carter, who suffered the injury in the first half but finished the game, complained of pain postgame. The injury is still believed to be a sprained left thumb, which is technically a tear of the ligament. But the tear is far more minor than initially feared, a source said.

Though the Bulls didn't officially release a timeline on the rookie center's absence, coach Jim Boylen is expected to list him as day to day following Thursday's morning shootaround in Denver. One person briefed on the situation even said that if Carter is pain free on Thursday, he could be cleared to play.

But the safe bet is that the Bulls will take a conservative approach, particularly since Carter also underwent an MRI on his left knee to address nagging soreness. That exam, too, checked out clean, a source said.

The Bulls, who lug an eight-

game losing streak into a matchup with the high-flying Nuggets, certainly have had their share of bad luck regarding injuries this season.

Lauri Markkanen suffered a severe elbow injury during the first week of training camp and missed the season's first 23 games. Kris Dunn sprained his left MCL and, along with a paternity leave, missed 26 games.

Denzel Valentine will miss the entire season following reconstructive surgery on his left ankle. Zach LaVine missed five games because of a sprained left ankle. Bobby Portis missed 23 games to a sprained right MCL and seven games to a sprained right ankle.

Losing Carter, who is averaging 10.3 points and 7 rebounds and ranks second among rookies with 1.3 blocked shots per game, would've been another cruel blow. The seventh overall pick in last June's draft is the only Bull to appear in all 44 games, and he's started all of them.

Whenever Carter next appears in the big-man rotation, expect Jabari Parker to be in it with him. The versatile scorer has averaged 14.5 points and 5 rebounds in 18 minutes per game in the last two contests. He hadn't played in 12 of the previous 13 games because of coach's decision or illness.

"It's a blessing to be out there on the court," Parker said on Tuesday in Los Angeles. "I just have to remember: This is the game I love and all the distractions go to the roof when I step on the floor. I'm just trying to make the right play."



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Bulls rookie forward Wendell Carter Jr. suffered a sprained thumb during Tuesday night's loss to the Lakers.

## Players are nap masters

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time deciding travel schedules and the like to optimize sleep. On this trip, the Bulls stayed overnight in Portland, Ore., and Los Angeles following games rather than flying to the next city, which used to be the norm.

Sleep is as necessary an ingredient to players' success as lifting weights or eating properly. After all, players' bodies are the engines that drive their livelihood and the franchise's success.

"NBA naps are a thing," Zach LaVine said. "We nap a lot. I'm about to get one right now."

Like anything else, there's an art to the practice for some players, whereas others, like Lopez, can fall asleep at any given moment.

When he's in Chicago, LaVine has a massage chair from which he'll play video games and often fall asleep right there. On the road, he'll watch TV before his nap, which comes after his post-practice or post-shootaround meal.

Bobby Portis, who always wakes up in time to eat pasta for his pregame meal, needs a dark room.

"I'll be on my phone and then I'm just out," Portis said. "I wake up and I'll still be holding my phone or it will be near me. As long as the room is dark, I'm good."

On home-game days, Lauri Markkanen has the additional juggling act of being a father. But he said spending time with his son relaxes him and often precedes his nap.

"I'm lucky. Whenever I'm home, my family understands this is my job. So I can sleep even if we're at home," Markkanen said. "I don't mind if it's even only for 30 minutes. You have to take care of your body. I just have to get up right away when I wake up and not lay there."

NBA players seem different from the societal norm in their ability to fall asleep. They're so experienced in the practice that they don't feel pressure to fall asleep and miss the nap.

But they're very similar to the public about the fear of oversleeping.

"If I didn't set an alarm, you guys might never see me again," Lopez said.

Added Markkanen: "I check my alarm, like, 10 times to make sure it's on and the volume is up. I don't want to jinx anything. But I haven't been late yet."

LaVine not only sets an alarm to make sure he wakes on time but also often has his girlfriend call him as a backup.

"I'm knocked out," LaVine said. Players also have intriguing variables that can affect a nap's duration.

Portis said his naps as a rookie were shorter because rookies are assigned the early pregame shooting-session times with assistant coaches, a schedule that is set by seniority. Lopez talked ruefully about his time with the Knicks, whose practice facility is in Westchester, N.Y. Most players live near there and then have to brave the commute to Madison Square Garden.

"You do have to adjust a bit," Lopez said. "I could only watch one episode of my silly sitcoms instead of two before I passed out."

But Lopez doesn't just pass out. He also passes on his weary wisdom.

"Damian Lillard didn't nap his first couple years. Then when I was in Portland, he started napping," Lopez said. "And he said he felt completely different afterward. I'm damn proud of that."

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## COLLEGES

## COLLEGE FOOTBALL

## Hurts exits 'Bama, will be joining Sooners

BY CLIFF BRUNT  
Associated Press

Oklahoma coach Lincoln Riley could not help but admire Jalen Hurts from a distance.

He respected how the Alabama quarterback, who lost his starting job to Tua Tagovailoa, put the team above his pride. Hurts could have transferred after Alabama went in another direction, as so many quarterbacks do these days. Instead, he stuck it out and delivered a moment for the ages.

After Tagovailoa went down with an injured ankle during the SEC title game against Georgia, Hurts rallied the Crimson Tide to victory.

"(I) could not be more impressed with Jalen Hurts, how he handled that," Riley said as Oklahoma prepared to face Alabama in a national semifinal last month. "(I'm a) big fan of that kid and how that entire situation was managed."

Riley will get to know Hurts a lot better: The quarterback announced Wednesday in a story in the Players' Tribune that he will transfer to Oklahoma. He will be eligible next season as a graduate transfer.

"So to my about-to-be family in Norman, I truly appreciate you for bringing me on board," Hurts wrote. "Y'all don't know me yet, but just for now, to introduce myself: I'm a motivated coach's son from the Eastside of Houston, and I love to play ball."

Hurts leaves Alabama with 5,626 yards and 48 touchdowns passing, and 1,976 yards and 23 rushing touchdowns. If he starts for the Sooners in their wide-open offense, more huge numbers are possible.

If so, he would follow in the footsteps of Heisman Trophy winner Kyler Murray, who waited his turn in 2017 behind Heisman winner and future No. 1 NFL draft pick Baker Mayfield, then delivered the second-most efficient passing season in FBS history while rushing for 1,001 yards and 12 touchdowns.

Both Mayfield (Texas Tech) and Murray (Texas A&M) also transferred before playing for Riley at Oklahoma.

Last year's backup, Austin Kendall, is expected to transfer. Tanner Mordecai, a freshman last season, is the Sooners' only quarterback currently on scholarship. Five-star recruit Spencer Rattler, the consensus No. 1 quarterback in the Class of 2019, signed with Oklahoma last month.

**Martell to Miami:** Quarterback Tate Martell says he is transferring from Ohio State to Miami, announcing on Twitter early Wednesday: "I'm a Hurricane."

Martell, who will be a third-year sophomore in 2019, sat behind record-setting Buckeyes quarterback Dwayne Haskins Jr. last season. He appeared to be in line for the job when Haskins entered the NFL draft, but Ohio State lured Georgia transfer Justin Fields to compete for the starting spot.

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Former Alabama quarterback Jalen Hurts will try to replace Kyler Murray at Oklahoma.



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Andres Feliz of Illinois shoots as he avoids Minnesota's Brock Stull. Feliz scored 10 points off the bench.

ILLINOIS 95, MINNESOTA 68

## First responders

Illini come out firing, put up 51 by halftime to halt losing streak at 5

BY COLIN LIKAS  
Associated Press

CHAMPAIGN — Ayo Dosunmu scored 23 points, Giorgi Bezhaniashvili added 20 and Illinois used one of its best first halves this season to defeat Minnesota 95-68 on Wednesday night and end a five-game skid.

The Illini (5-12, 1-5 Big Ten)

piled up 51 points in the opening 20 minutes — their second-best output this season — on the back of hot shooting and strong rebounding.

The Golden Gophers (13-4, 3-3) hadn't permitted more than 44 points in a first half when they arrived at State Farm Center. They led for just 28 seconds versus Illinois.

The Illini's second-leading scorer, Dosunmu scored 15 points before halftime.

Fellow freshman Bezhaniashvili tallied 14 points and five

boards in the first half. Both marks exceeded his full-game averages. Trent Frazier scored 15 points and Andres Feliz added 10 points as Illinois shot 56.1 percent from the field.

Minnesota, which lost for the second time in its last three games, received 17 points from Daniel Oturu and 11 points from Jordan Murphy.

Illinois earned its first conference victory since Feb. 25, 2018, and won for the first time since Dec. 15 against East Tennessee State.

BUTLER 87, DEPAUL 69

## Bulldogs stop Blue Demons

Good feelings erased by Butler's 2nd-half run

BY SHANNON RYAN  
Chicago Tribune

After winning two straight Big East games, DePaul couldn't keep the momentum going Wednesday night in an 87-69 loss to Butler at Wintrust Arena.

The Blue Demons led 40-36 at halftime but failed to effectively guard the Bulldogs from behind the 3-point arc. Butler hit 13 of 28 3s to come back from a 10-point deficit.

DePaul (10-6, 2-3 Big East) looked demoralized when Butler hit four straight 3-pointers as part of a 17-0 second-half run that provided a 63-47 cushion. The Blue Demons endured nearly 10 minutes without a field goal during a brutal second-half stretch.

After shooting 50 percent in the first half, they hit only 31.3 percent in the second, including 2 of 8 3-pointers. The Bulldogs outscored them 51-29 after halftime.

Butler (11-7, 2-3) earned its first road win of the season and ended a road losing streak that dated to a January 2018 win at Marquette.

DePaul was looking for its first three-game Big East winning



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Butler center Joey Brunk, right, shoots over DePaul forward Femi Olujobi during the first half Wednesday night.

streak since 2014-15 and only its second since the conference reformed in 2013-14.

The frontcourt tandem of Femi Olujobi (23 points) and Paul Reed (20 points, 12 rebounds) led the way for DePaul. Butler got 19

points from Jordan Tucker (five 3-pointers) and 17 each from Sean McDermott (four 3s) and Kamar Baldwin.

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## TENNIS

## AUSTRALIAN OPEN

## Show of strength for U.S. youth

Tiafoe, Fritz stun seeded foes in Round 2

BY HOWARD FENDRICH  
Associated Press

MELBOURNE, Australia — Frances Tiafoe rolled up his white shirt's right sleeve, flexed his biceps and slapped the muscle five times. Then he pounded his chest and yelled, "Yeah! Let's go! Let's go! Come on!"

Forgive the young American's exuberance. This was, after all, the biggest victory of his nascent career.

Down a set and 3-0 in the second, the 20-year-old Tiafoe came back to stun two-time Grand Slam finalist and No. 5 seed Kevin Anderson of South Africa 4-6, 6-4, 6-4, 7-5 on Wednesday in the Australian Open's second round.

"I went to a different place. I dug insanely deep," the 39th-ranked Tiafoe said. "It's all about competing. Guys are so good. It's just about how badly you want it. I want it real bad."

He was joined in the third round by another kid from the U.S. who'd never been that far at Melbourne Park, 21-year-old Taylor Fritz, who saved 12 of the 13 break points he faced while dispatching No. 30 seed Gael Monfils of France 6-3, 6-7 (8), 7-6 (6), 7-6 (5).

Next for Fritz is a matchup against Roger Federer, the two-time defending champion in Australia and owner of 20 Grand Slam titles.

"I grew up watching a lot of the guys I play today. I can't tell you how many times I watched Monfils' highlight reel on YouTube, just growing up. 'Fed,' obviously, my whole life growing up, he was always the best, winning everything," Fritz said. "So it's really cool being able to step on the court with him again."

A day after American men went 1-5, the country's contingent produced those two upsets and threw a couple of scares into other seeded players, too, but couldn't pull off the wins.

"This group (of Americans) really deserves the hype, I guess, because I think everyone's good," Fritz said.

For Tiafoe, it helped that Anderson's best attribute, his intimidating serve, slowed down along the way because of problems with his right arm. Anderson was visited by a trainer during changeovers and he lost pace on his first serves as the match wore on.

Anderson was the runner-up at Wimbledon last year and at the U.S. Open in 2017 and had won all three previous matchups against Tiafoe.

But Tiafoe ended a six-match losing streak against top-10 opponents and is now into the third round at a major for the second time, equaling his best showing.

"These are the matches where they kind of define you and help you feel more and more comfortable to keep winning matches like that," Tiafoe said. "So, yeah, I'm definitely going to remember this one."

As for his postmatch flex, Tiafoe said: "I hope the crowd liked it."



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Frances Tiafoe of the U.S. reacts after a point against South Africa's Kevin Anderson during their match Wednesday in Melbourne.

## COLLEGE BASKETBALL NOTES

## Oklahoma St. kicks 3 players off team

Associated Press

Oklahoma State kicked guard Michael Weathers and forwards Maurice Calloo and Kentrevious Jones off the team Wednesday due to a violation of rules.

"We have a standard of behavior that we expect from everyone in our program, and we're going to move forward with the people who want to abide by those standards," coach Mike Boynton said in a statement. "I wish the others well as they move on."

Oklahoma State (8-9, 2-3 Big 12) has been riddled with prob-

lems all year. Just last week, graduate transfer guard Mike Cunningham left the program.

The moves leave the Cowboys with nine available players on their roster.

Weathers, who had transferred from Miami (Ohio), was the Mid-American Conference Freshman of the Year in 2016-17 after averaging 16.7 points per game. He sat out last season due to NCAA transfer rules. He was suspended for this season's opener. According to Payne County (Okla.) court records, he pleaded guilty to a misdemeanor

charge of knowingly concealing stolen property and received a two-year deferred sentence. He made a public apology on social media at the time for what he called a "terrible decision" to steal a purse. He came back to average 9.2 points and 2.1 assists in 16 games this season.

Jones averaged 9.5 points in eight games. Calloo averaged 2.5 points in 16 games.

**Cyclones score upset:** Marial Shayok scored 20 points, Michael Jacobson had 14 points and 10 rebounds and Iowa State beat No.

8 Texas Tech 68-64 in Lubbock, Texas, handing the Red Raiders their first Big 12 loss.

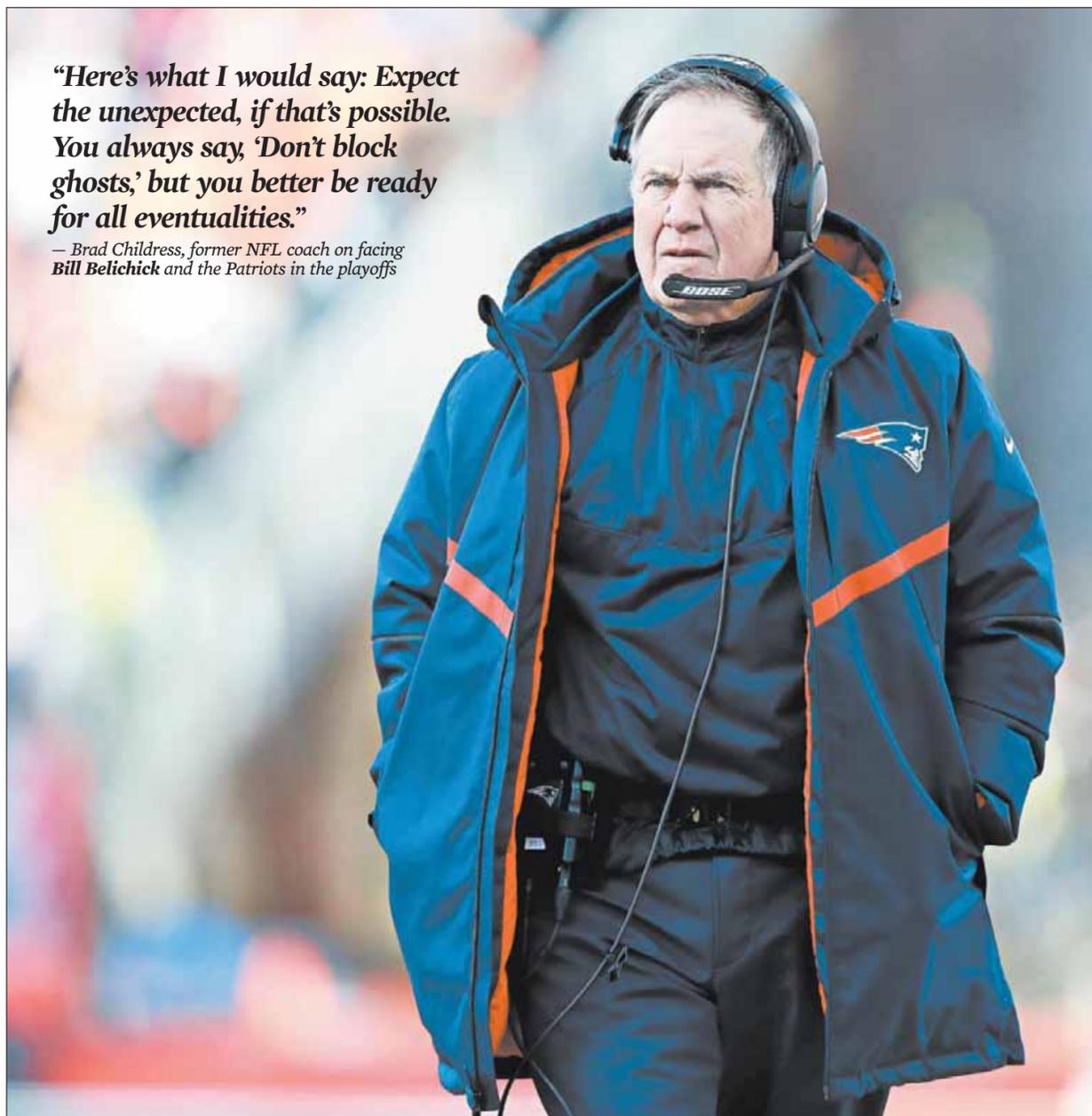
The Cyclones (13-4, 3-2 Big 12) stopped a two-game losing streak coming off a 17-point win over No. 7 Kansas that gave them a 2-0 start in conference. Iowa State matched its win total from last season, the school's lowest in 16 years.

The Red Raiders (15-2, 4-1) were the last team without a conference loss. Their only other defeat was to No. 1 Duke, and they're tied with the Jayhawks for the Big 12 lead.

## NFL

**“Here’s what I would say: Expect the unexpected, if that’s possible. You always say, ‘Don’t block ghosts,’ but you better be ready for all eventualities.”**

— Brad Childress, former NFL coach on facing Bill Belichick and the Patriots in the playoffs



MADDIE MEYER/GETTY

Patriots coach Bill Belichick always seems to come up with a new wrinkle when he and his staff put together a game plan for the playoffs.

## AFC CHAMPIONSHIP GAME

# Expect unexpected

## Dead headsets, paranoia: What it’s like to go against Belichick

BY ADAM KILGORE

Washington Post

In late January 2004, while studying film in his Houston hotel room, Jake Delhomme received a call from Peyton Manning. The Patriots had just beaten Manning’s Colts in the AFC championship game, and Delhomme, the Panthers’ quarterback, sought advice from his longtime friend on how to prepare for Patriots coach Bill Belichick, his opponent in Super Bowl XXXVIII.

The Patriots dynasty had just started to bud, and Patrick Mahomes had yet to escape elementary school. But the paradoxical advice Manning delivered Delhomme would ring true for the next 15 years, and it still holds up now, as Mahomes and Chiefs coach Andy Reid become the latest quarterback-coach combo to face Belichick in the playoffs, in Sunday’s AFC championship game.

Manning told Delhomme: Be prepared for the unexpected, but don’t overthink. Playoff opponents have been trying — and mostly failing — to straddle that line ever since.

“That’s because of the mystique the Patriots have created, and what they create in other peoples’ heads,” Delhomme said this week. “The question Mahomes is going to be facing is, ‘are you going to be prepared for the unknown?’ That’s the mystique the Patriots bring, and it’s been earned.”

Coaches and quarterbacks who prepared for Belichick in the playoffs have mostly met the same dismal fate. Under Belichick, the Patriots are 28-10 in the playoffs. No other franchise in that span has played more than 25 playoff games or won more than 15. “This isn’t their first rodeo,” Reid said this week.

Belichick and the Patriots present myriad challenges, but the central one is that opposing coaches know Belichick will devise a game plan specifically for them. They just don’t know what it will be, or even at what point in the game a new wrinkle will be deployed.

“Here’s what I would say: Expect the unexpected, if that’s possible,” said Brad Childress, who coached under Reid in a Super Bowl and a playoff game against the Patriots. “You always say, ‘Don’t block ghosts,’ but you better be ready for all eventualities.”

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Against the Patriots, diligence can be a trap. Some players like to study film on their own, to pick up on opponent tendencies. Against most teams, an inspection of their previous four or five games will reveal pre-snap alignments and shifts that indicate what will happen after the snap. The Patriots force opponents to disregard, or at least be wary of, recent history. The Patriots will do something before the snap that looks identical to what happened on film, but the play itself will be entirely different.

“You do have to educate your football team,” said former Giants defensive coordinator Steve Spagnuolo, whose Super Bowl XLII game plan helped derail the Patriots’ undefeated season. “Do your job, rely on your fundamentals, because they could do anything. They’re going to do things you haven’t seen. There’s a lot of assignment football when you play them, because you don’t know what you might get on a given play.”

In a 2008 divisional game in New England, the Jaguars advanced into Patriots territory with less than five minutes left, trailing 31-20, in position to make it a one-score game. In studying the Patriots’ safeties all week, quarterback David Garrard had seen only two pass coverages from them in their previous games: Cover-3 or Cover-1, meaning the safeties defended a specific portion of the field. All game, the Patriots had given Garrard exactly what he expected. On fourth down, Garrard dropped back and saw wide receiver Matt Jones sprinting into a vacant spot in the defense. Or so he thought.

“Rodney Harrison drops out of the sky,” Garrard said. “I’m thinking he’s playing Cover-3 or normal Cover-1. He comes down, reads my eyes, intercepts the pass. I got to the sideline and said, ‘Where did he come from?’”

The Jaguars only solved the mystery the next day, reviewing the game on tape. Harrison had played a “lurk position,” Garrard said, drifting in the secondary and reading Garrard rather than defending a zone. It

had worked because the Patriots, Garrard said, had not shown that strategy on film all season.

“They’re going to add some wrinkles to their defensive schemes that you’re just not going to be prepared for,” Garrard said. “Once you see it, you’re probably behind the 8-ball. They made it work against you. You’re saying, ‘This is what we’re going to get now.’ And then they have another wrinkle to go behind that in-game. Their in-game game plan changes.”

In the two weeks before Super Bowl XXXIX, Childress, the Eagles’ offensive coordinator under Reid, developed a game plan for a 3-4 defense, which Belichick has deployed his entire coaching career. When the game started, the Patriots came out with a 4-3 front and put an inside linebacker in each “A” gap, between the center and guards. The surprise defense wreaked havoc with the Eagles’ protections, and they went scoreless in the first quarter.

Just knowing Belichick’s tendency to surprise can have adverse effects. Coaches and quarterbacks can get lost in their own heads trying to discern what Belichick will do, and it takes them out of simply playing to their strength.

“It’s called chasing ghosts,” Garrard said. “You do that sometimes.”

The best way to combat a coach who offers surprise is to try to surprise him. In Super Bowl XLII, one of the greatest upsets in playoff history, Spagnuolo made several small but important tweaks to his scheme. On one blitz, he showed an alignment that all season had meant one defender blitzed and the other dropped into coverage but reversed their roles. On a crucial third-and-1, the Giants gave a look that he believed would cause quarterback Tom Brady to call an off-tackle run, and when he did, they stopped it. They rolled coverage to wide receiver Randy Moss, but not too much, because doing one thing repeatedly would allow Brady to shred them.

“More than anything, our

guys willed themselves to win that day,” Spagnuolo said. “Bill Belichick is still Bill Belichick. We just happened to win that particular day.”

The Chiefs may be perfectly suited to counter Belichick. Their multitude of offensive weapons gives them opportunities to break tendencies without sacrificing getting the ball to a talented skill player. Mahomes has faced Belichick once, and his ability to make plays outside the pocket will limit how creative Belichick can be.

Mahomes has proven unshakable all season. “You don’t throw 50 touchdown passes getting wide-eyed,” Childress said. That will be tested again Sunday, not only by Belichick, but by the opposing quarterback.

“They’re going to throw some new wrinkles at you, so be alert. If throwing the ball away is your best play, be willing to do it,” Garrard said. “Playing Brady makes you feel like every pass must be completed, and must gain yards. It doesn’t have to. You have to be willing to let the game come down to the last drive.”

Reid may be even less likely to cover than Mahomes. His teams are 2-6 all-time against Belichick, but since he came to Kansas City, the Chiefs offense has mostly dominated the Patriots, including in a 43-40 Patriots victory earlier this season. Reid’s creativity will challenge Belichick as much as Belichick challenges him.

“There’s a million things that you could find in any of those years, and who knows if that’s the one he’s going to pick out against you, so I think you have to put your chips on something,” Belichick said this week. “You have to try to do something that you feel like is important in the game, try to do that well, have a plan for how you’re going to deal with other things and let the game declare a little bit, which it will. ... I don’t think trying to read his mind is really that beneficial.”

Over two decades, opponents have realized the same thing about Belichick. The Chiefs will be the latest team to try to prepare for the unexpected without overthinking. It sounds like a nearly impossible task, and that is just how Belichick wants it.

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## Partners in prime

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“you can’t (simulate that). And he did it.”

Pace and Nagy excitedly take that sweet aftertaste into Nagy’s first full offseason with Trubisky.

Of course, there’s the obligatory shot of vinegar. While the Bears are free to sketch their offseason road map, Chiefs quarterback Patrick Mahomes will play Sunday for the AFC championship and a Super Bowl berth.

With Mahomes’ eye-popping 50 touchdown passes, the quarterback drafted eight spots behind Trubisky is the odds-on favorite to be named the NFL’s most valuable player.

But the 2017 draft is etched in stone. Fretting over it serves no purpose for Pace and others at Halas Hall who are dedicated to exploiting this Bears championship window.

Not that Pace regrets taking Trubisky over Mahomes, anyway. Regrets aren’t his thing.

As Mahomes rocketed to stardom in his first season as a starter, proving to be the type of quarterback that sure would pair nicely with this Bears defense, Nagy took the long view with Trubisky.

Trubisky needs experience and more experience in the offense, we heard. He’s a self-described reps guy. A full offseason will do him wonders.

Well, Trubisky completed Nagy’s 101-level class, his grade an 11-4 record. There were many promising moments, like the six-touchdown, no-interception blowout of the Buccaneers. There also were troubling stumbles, like his three-interception night against the Rams.

And since Pace brought up the playoff game, it’s fair to point out the Bears were 0-for-3 in the red zone and scored a touchdown on only one possession.

Both sets of performances will fuel Nagy and Trubisky on their push. When the Bears report back in April, it will be time to make those promised gains.

“By the end of the year, he was reading (his progressions) 1-2-3-run,” Nagy said. “That, he conquered. Now, I think level two next year is going to be him really recognizing pre-snap what he’s about to see from these defenses.”

Why does his development have to be so incremental? Shouldn’t a No. 2 overall pick master it faster?

Those are fair questions. But there’s no payoff for the Bears to focus on them now. Their commitment to Trubisky is wholehearted, and that means helping him through the next stage.

In his introduction to Nagy’s quarterback-intensive scheme, Trubisky grappled with his responsibilities and knowing what built-in offensive answer there was to each question a defense asked.

“Now, he knows it all,” Nagy said. “And he can take that next step of figuring out, ‘OK, they’ve got a blitz, Cover-0. Now, I know what to do, what to check to, I know the protections, all of that.’ That’s going to be the big one for him.”

Pace, meanwhile, derives confidence from how Trubisky responded to Nagy’s influence.

It has been little more than a year since Pace methodically searched for a coach and play-caller to pair with Trubisky, saying that partnership was a model for sustainable success.

In 2019, the Bears will have continuity in that pairing for the first time since 2014. They can build on how the quarterback-centric Nagy familiarized himself with Trubisky’s game and how they communicated in good times and bad.

With Nagy’s guidance, Trubisky got better at compartmentalizing negative plays and moving on mentally. He improved knowing where his hot reads were and how to attack zone coverage. By season’s end, Pace saw Trubisky playing more instinctively because he was more comfortable.

“You could just feel the relationship between those two grow,” Pace said. “You talk about important relationships in the building — the head coach, play-caller and the quarterback, that’s pretty critical. We feel strong about that relationship.”

That’s a prerequisite for the Bears improving on their 2018 breakthrough.

While acknowledging everything the defense did to power the worst-to-first turnaround, Trubisky must ensure the Bears maintain their new standard.

There was enough promise in Trubisky’s first season with Nagy to believe he’s capable. And they would be the first ones to admit they have a lot more to prove.

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# — eNEWSPAPER BONUS COVERAGE —

## Health focus a slam dunk

To cope with grind, NBA coaches place priority on wellness

BY JANIE MCCAULEY  
Associated Press

OAKLAND, Calif. — Luke Walton began a wellness program for his Lakers coaching staff. Steve Kerr reached out to Steve Clifford after each spent significant time away from the sideline because of debilitating headaches and other symptoms.

Coaches around the league are taking preventive measures to help deal with the grind and stresses of a long NBA season.

That hasn't always been the case. Now, the NBA Coaches Association provides guidance to its members on everything from diet and exercise to sleep and mental health.

"Well, we're trying. We all are trying, we all are conscious of it," Clippers coach Doc Rivers said. "I don't think we're very good at it, honestly. I know I've tried. It's still very hard to accomplish. The game consumes us. It consumes me at least, and it should, if you love it. And it's just hard to turn off. It's important. We have to do it. We should have been doing it."

After a late arrival in Bay Area last month, it was after 10 p.m. when Rivers had the team tissue therapist work on his body, including knees and ankle — "and my brain." He has consulted a sleep doctor, too.

In L.A., Walton is being proactive by encouraging every member of his staff to stay physically, mentally and emotionally healthy. Recharge when necessary, however that is best accomplished for each individual.

"It's a priority," Lakers assistant Mark Madsen said. "It's important because think about all the late nights. We'll get into cities at 4 in the morning sometimes. You have to stay on top of it."

As a youngster, J.B. Bickerstaff knew there were a couple of hours in the afternoon on game days his father needed for himself. Bernie Bickerstaff took a power nap that allowed him to be fresh for a long night on the NBA bench.

J.B. Bickerstaff now does it the same exact way as coach of the Memphis Grizzlies.

The coaches association is providing support and guidance like never before, and many coaches are making a point to openly discuss wellness strategies and share ideas.

There's also a close-knit support system within this crop of NBA coaches that Dallas' Rick Carlisle, the coaches association president, considers special.

"We also have a unique group of head coaches right now, guys that are extremely competitive but have great respect for one another and provide a high level of support for each other," Carlisle said. "Guys who are going through tough times with health and even things like losing streaks. We've got a very high character group."

For example, Clifford so appreciated a call he got last season from Kerr, each having gone through his own challenging health ordeal that kept him from the bench for an extensive stretch.

Clifford, then coaching the Charlotte Hornets, missed more than five weeks dealing with agonizing headaches that after a battery of tests were deemed to be caused by sleep deprivation.

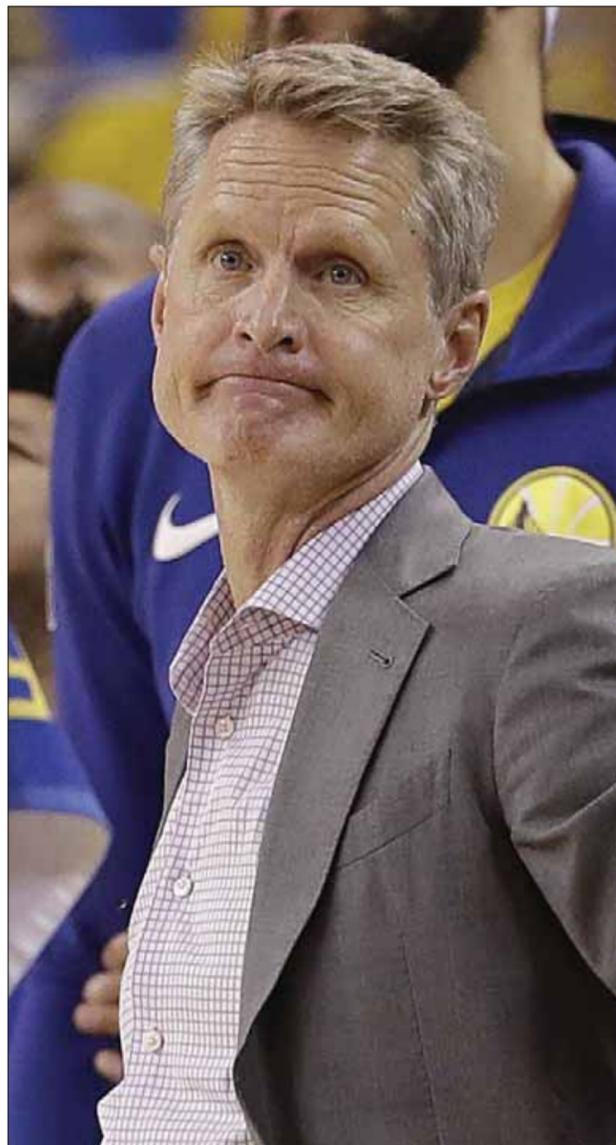
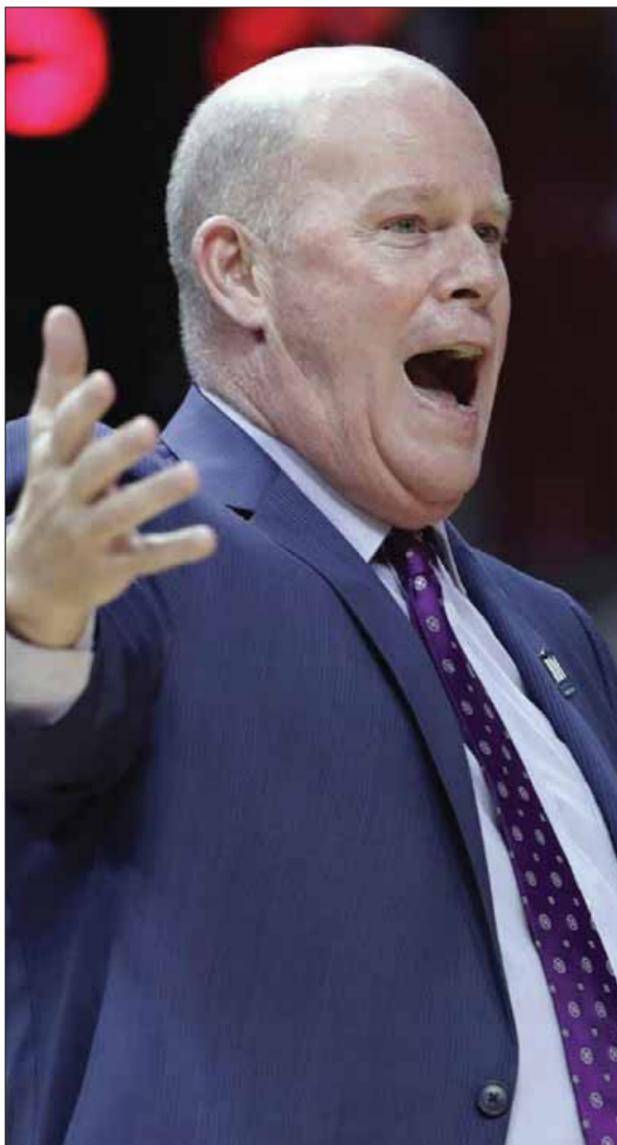
Kerr has endured some of the most high-profile absences.

He missed the initial 43 games of the 2015-16 season — including a record 24-0 start — dealing with painful and confounding symptoms following a pair of back surgeries.

Kerr was sidelined again for 11 games during the Warriors' 16-1 postseason in 2017 before returning to the bench for Game 2 of the NBA Finals the Warriors wound up winning in five games against LeBron James and Cleveland. Kerr had undergone a procedure to repair a spinal fluid leak on May 5, 2017, at Duke University but was not well enough to return until June 4.

He made it through last year's repeat run to a title.

"My advice to coaches who are coming into the league: Don't get back surgery," Kerr quipped. "That's my main advice. Sorry, bad joke. Luke Walton, when he took the Laker job, we talked a lot about that. He told me his whole staff is really on a conditioning



(From top left, clockwise) Magic coach Steve Clifford, Clippers coach Doc Rivers, Warriors coach Steve Kerr and Lakers coach Luke Walton are among just a handful of NBA coaches who have made steps to place a priority on the health of their respective coaching staffs.

program and a health-wellness program. I think it's really smart, something that every staff should try to do is just make sure you've got people looking after you and looking after each other."

Kerr practices regular yoga and can often be seen on the elliptical machine after practice in a corner of the gym, getting loose on a foam roller or stretching with the assistance of an athletic trainer.

Trail Blazers coach Terry Stotts appreciates the points of emphasis and information provided by the coaches association "whether it's diet or things to alleviate stress." He watches what he eats and works in exercise whenever he can, saying those two things are "the remedy for everybody."

"A lot of it is just common sense that everybody has to deal with to take care of yourself," Stotts said.

"It's not just coaches, obviously, it's everybody, a lot of middle-aged men need to be doing the same, and some like me, beyond-middle-aged men. The fact that our lifestyle, if you give in to it, it can be a detriment, and everybody needs to be aware of it."

Clifford is in Orlando now, and he understands better than ever the importance of taking care of himself and monitoring his own health in a business where keeping your job depends largely on winning.

He took significant steps to improve his sleep patterns and overall health, this after a previous heart scare as well.

The 57-year-old Clifford deeply appreciated Kerr's call.

"It was great," Clifford said. "He was one of the guys who reached out and obviously we had the health issue in common. It

was a terrific gesture."

Last season, former Cavaliers coach Tyronn Lue dealt with anxiety and needed a mental and physical break.

"Wellness isn't just physical. It's mental as well," Portland guard Damian Lillard said. "I think the position we're in as professional athletes and with coaches in the social media age, it's a little more difficult. That takes it to a much higher level from physical and mental when you've got people talking about you all the time, on Twitter bashing you. People just have so much more access to you. It becomes a more stressful job, much more pressure on your job and so many more eyes."

Coaches are also realizing they can't always do it alone, relying on experts to stay healthy.

Golden State hired Rick Celeb-

rini this past offseason as director of sports medicine and performance.

"If you can find some help, somebody to give you a little guidance," Kerr said, "like we have here with Rick and Drew Yoder, I think it's a big help."

The coaches association sends out a newsletter at least once a month with guidance from nutrition consultant Stacy Goldberg, who also is always available for 1-on-1 conversations.

"Often, coaches are so focused on taking care of the players that they are not always focused on taking care of themselves," said Goldberg, founder and CEO of Savorfull. "This is especially true when it comes to their nutrition."

Added Carlisle: "We view this as important as anything else we do with the NBA coaches association."

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## eNEWSPAPER BONUS COVERAGE

## ‘Pitching Ninja’ in zone

After impasse with MLB, Twitter, site bringing the heat

BY JACOB BOGAGE  
The Washington Post

Rob Friedman, a pitching coach outside Atlanta, felt unleashed. The man who runs the “Pitching Ninja” social media accounts had been locked in a battle with Major League Baseball and Twitter last spring over the suspension of his popular account, which features captivating videos of baseball’s nastiest pitches.

Now Friedman had his account back, with Major League Baseball’s blessing to celebrate Noah Syndergaard’s “Black Magic Sinker” or Blake “The Witch” Treinen’s 99-mile per hour fastball that shimmies in and out of the strike zone. His online following nearly doubled between his April 2018 suspension and the new year, pushing him over 100,000 followers. (He also signed a modest deal with Major League Baseball when his account was restored; terms were not disclosed.)

“It was almost like I came back with a vengeance,” he said in a recent phone interview. “I wasn’t mad at anybody, but I knew I could tweet whenever I wanted to. More people noticed me. Pitchers came to my defense. I felt more confident in what I was putting out there.”

And so the man who once characterized his digital struggle with the most analog of major American sports as a contest between “the suits” and “the people” decided to bring his two decades of coaching experience to social media. Earlier this month he launched an entirely new service, called “Flatground,” named for a type of training session for pitchers.

Instead of showcasing professionals, he solicited videos of high school and amateur hurlers. He’d retweet the footage and ask “Pitching Twitter” — an online community of college and pro evaluators, coaches and pitchers — to weigh in with tips and advice, and to connect promising prospects with college recruiters or professional scouts.

“I just saw a need in the baseball community to prevent people from falling through the cracks,” said Friedman, whose son pitches at Georgia Tech. “This is something I’ve seen over and over again with my son coming up in travel ball and high school. And now there were guys who were asking me to retweet them so they could be seen.”

Two of those pitchers were playing independent league baseball, meaning they were not signed with a professional team. Both could hit 102 mph on a radar gun.

“If you’re throwing 102 and can’t be seen, what about all these other guys I’ve seen who are good and throw 88 and 90?” Friedman asked. “They’re not going to be seen or go to college.”

“Showcase ball and travel ball is expensive. Not everyone can afford it. And that means not everyone can afford to be seen. Maybe this way we could break down some barriers and help people get noticed in the process.”

At least for some of the prospects who have submitted footage to Friedman in recent months, the publicity has helped them connect with college and pro scouts. Both independent league pitchers Friedman mentioned have signed, with the Brewers and Orioles.

Major and minor league pitchers, including Houston’s Lance McCullers Jr., and Nationals minor league prospect Sterling Sharp, have chimed in to offer advice. Sixty-six baseball training facilities across the country (plus three more in Canada and one more in Australia) have offered pitchers free access to mounds to tape bullpen sessions to tweet at Flatground.

That footage also has college coaches paying attention. Preston Orr is a senior right-hander from Princeton High School 50 miles north of Dallas. For years, he attended showcases and put together tapes to send to college recruiters without any luck, he said in a phone interview.

Then last Wednesday he tweeted clips of an after-school bullpen session, and Friedman retweeted the videos on the Flatground and Pitching Ninja accounts. By Friday, 12 college programs — mostly Division III and junior colleges — had reached out



DUANE BURLESON/GETTY

Astros righty Lance McCullers Jr. has offered up his advice to young prospects on Rob Friedman’s “Pitching ninja” account on Twitter.

asking him to visit their campuses. Two offered partial scholarships. By Monday, Orr’s video had been viewed more than 25,000 times and he’d been contacted by more than 20 schools, he wrote on Twitter.

“We’re down to our last few scholarships, and I’d love to put one on you for pitching,” one junior college coach from Montana emailed, saying he’d seen Orr via Flatground.

“Playing baseball in college is what I’ve been trying to do for years, but I thought it was not for me,” Orr said. “So this was my last try. I thought maybe (Friedman) could help me get a few more miles per hour on my fastball and then, boom. All this attention.”

Scouts have asserted for generations that they will go and look wherever they must to find talented prospects. But even major league coaches and pitchers say they’ve seen capable players passed up because scouts never

found them or didn’t notice them.

Lantz Wheeler spent a decade coaching college baseball and now consults with 25 major league clubs’ pitching staffs. Many big-time scouts, he said, will “chase the radar gun,” disregarding anyone who can’t touch 90 mph. But there are plenty of talented pitchers who throw better than 85 mph and could become solid ballplayers with a little coaching.

Even within the Astros organization, McCullers said in a phone interview, some players will say they were lucky a scout happened to be at their game or workout when they had a good day. And the chance to be seen in elite baseball circles can sometimes cost thousands of dollars and necessitate cross-country travel.

A digital clearinghouse like Flatground, which is free for both prospects and scouts, can act as an online showcase, McCullers and Wheeler said, where pitchers who fly under the radar can get no-

ticed.

“(Rob) is giving these kids a chance for exposure, and free exposure,” said McCullers. “And it’s great because there’s a lot of kids I’ve come across in my life who play basketball or football or other sports or just don’t play baseball anymore because they just didn’t get noticed.”

The most successful videos on Flatground include camera angles either behind the pitcher or catcher to show a pitch’s movement and include a radar gun, so evaluators can get a true reading of velocity, Friedman said. A side angle is also important so a pitcher’s mechanics are clear.

But that new tradition flies in the face of one of baseball’s “unwritten rules,” that pitchers don’t widely share their grips, releases or other tricks of the trade. They’re considered proprietary and get passed between coaches and teammates with an unspoken honor code that they

won’t be distributed.

But McCullers, one of Pitching Ninja’s most active backers, has tweeted entire threads dissecting how he throws a certain pitch. He’s even shared videos over direct message with Friedman and other young players with step-by-step instructions on how he throws his curveball or sinker.

“We want to continue to see the progress of the game, even if that means sharing your secrets,” McCullers said of like-minded pitchers and coaches. “I was lucky. My father pitched in the big leagues and I was exposed to knowledge and secrets about pitching early on.”

“No kid who loves pitching and baseball shouldn’t have the access to learn about the game. That’s what social media is all about ... I just think there’s a lot of kids out there — who knows if they’re the next great big leaguer or not, but they deserve a chance to show what they’ve got.”

# How to speak puppet

Here are five types you'll meet at Chicago's international fest

BY CHRISTOPHER BORRELLI  
 Chicago Tribune

When you think of Chicago and its relation to puppets — on the very off-chance you ever do this — what do you think of? The traveling Puppet Bike that's played local street corners for years? Opera in Focus, the basement marionettes in Rolling Meadows, now in their 61st year? The Chicago City Council and its relationship to the mayor's office?

You might think of the word "puppeteer" itself, likely coined a century ago at the Fine Arts Building on Michigan Avenue, by the actress and director Ellen Van Volkenburg; it's said she needed a program credit to describe the actors working the marionettes in a local production of "A Midsummer Night's Dream" and the title caught on.

But eventually, someday,

there's a chance you'll think of Blair Thomas, who grew up in Alabama, co-founded the now-defunct Redmoon Theater in Chicago, then, for two decades, with theater companies and struggling festivals, did more than any other local Bert or Ernie to promote Chicago as the world capital of puppetry. Wait — you never asked for Chicago to be the world capital of puppetry? That's because you've never been to Thomas' Chicago International Puppet Theater Festival, which returns Jan. 17-27 for its third edition, with 24 different puppet-centric productions from 11 countries.

It promises, for 11 days, to be the center of the puppetry world, from Japanese masters and French provocateurs, to American politics and children's theater, to workshops and seminars and cabaret, to shows about ecology,

the Wright Brothers and Andy Warhol.

"When we started," said Thomas, "I remember talking with people who ran the Chicago International Theater Festival in the '80s and '90s (which included puppet theater) and they folded after a while because the burden of being the sole arts organization tasked with financing a lot of different shows was not tenable. So I knew that we needed a model that was sustainable and practical." After two successful runs for the festival that attracted almost 30,000 attendees, Thomas may have found the right strings to pull: The festival, which gets a mix of foundation, government and private funding, collaborates with arts venues and groups to put on each show, sharing costs and profits.

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Phillip Huber and Oskar, part of the Chicago International Puppet Theater Festival, which runs Jan. 17-27.



MATT KENNEDY/AP

Christian Bale plays Dick Cheney in Adam McKay's "Vice."

**ANALYSIS**

## Inside an Oscar season of anger

Controversy swirls around many of this year's contenders

BY KRISTOPHER TAPLEY  
 Variety

The furor that has flared around virtually every major Oscar rival this year has turned the ongoing awards season into a particularly ugly one. As the proceedings continue to devolve into a fit of collective rage aimed at any and all before Tuesday morning's Oscar nomination announcement, it's worth a recap.

Just before the season kicked off at the Venice and Telluride film festivals, the first fracas struck, though it ultimately amounted to little more than a filmmaker beef. On Twitter, outspoken "Sorry to Bother You" director Boots Riley slammed "BlacKkKlansman" for inaccuracies, and accused director Spike Lee of promulgating disingenuous pro-law-enforcement propaganda. A separate Twitter confrontation with screenwriter Charlie Wachtel escalated until the "BlacKkKlansman" scribe deleted his entire Twitter account. The whole spat lasted at least until the Governors Awards in November, where Riley said Lee shouted to him, "I'm Miles Davis, you're Chet Baker!!!"

The next controversy was an utterly bogus one stoked by Florida Sen. Marco Rubio on, you guessed it, Twitter: "First Man," an account of the Apollo 11 moon-landing mission, did not explicitly depict the raising of the American flag on the surface of the moon. Clutch the pearls! The complaint seemed too silly to stick (the film is utterly patriotic), but it may have actually limited heartland box office dollars; the film wound up a commercial disappointment.

"A Star Is Born" was targeted

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Colorful computer-generated Earth images are paired with large images of the moon for Adler Planetarium's "Imagine the Moon."

# MOONSTRUCK

'Imagine the Moon' opens at Adler, a gorgeous new sky show well-timed with Sunday's eclipse bash

BY STEVE JOHNSON  
 Chicago Tribune

When he was very little, our older son would spot that glowing crescent or circle in the sky and almost bay at it. "Moooooon," he would say, reverent and excited.

I loved that cry because it was so elemental, so primal. It seemed to come from a nook in the human consciousness that only a toddler, not yet filtering his reactions through knowledge or convention, could access.

The new Adler sky show "Imagine the Moon" tries to tap into that almost werewolf spirit. It's a little movie on a big screen about a celestial rock, our planet's natural satellite, and the ways it has sparked our sense of wonder and our hunger for conquest and understanding.

So in its 25 or so minutes, viewers leaning back in the planetarium's central domed theater will see a range of breathtaking images relating to this "constant companion in our collective imaginations," as the script calls it. And they'll get a story exploring the lore and science of the moon at a level that doesn't pander to kids but doesn't speak over their heads, either.

"Imagine the Moon" will debut Friday, a date that, not coincidentally, falls just ahead of Sunday's total lunar eclipse, with the moon in good position this year for promising Midwestern viewing.

For that event, the oldest-in-the-nation planetarium is holding an indoor/outdoor watch party called Lunapalooza. Outdoors is free and vivid (if skies are clear)



Adler Planetarium's new sky show "Imagine the Moon" begins its run on Friday.

but likely cold. Those paying to be inside will get astronomer access, a live feed of the eclipse in the Space Visualization Lab (where the museum's team puts together the images used in the sky shows), plus a showing of "Imagine the Moon" for the bargain price of \$12 (adults).

Taking museumgoers, figuratively, to the moon in the new video was the result of a couple of thought threads at the Adler. Its most recently made show, the superb "Planet Nine," goes deep into our solar system, out beyond Pluto, to chronicle the quest for a new planet. It made sense for the next one to look much closer to home, at a celestial object you, me and every

other sighted Earthling can see with the naked eye.

Plus, said president and CEO Michelle Larson, the Adler team was struck by the profound response in Chicago and Illinois to 2017's total lunar eclipse.

"It was feeling the pulse of the fact that Chicago wants to look up and they want to look up together," she said. "And so if we were driven by Chicago looking up and connecting with the sky we share, the moon seemed like the obvious thing."

As the new show puts it early on, in what is in essence its mission statement:

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Jane Fonda, left, and Lily Tomlin in "Grace and Frankie," who were last seen fleeing a retirement community.

### 'Grace and Frankie' adds a sixth season

As the fifth-season adventures of "Grace and Frankie" begin, viewers can rest assured there's more to come.

Series creator Marta Kauffman and Netflix said Tuesday that the series starring Jane Fonda and Lily Tomlin has been renewed for season six, due in 2020.

Kauffman said she was hopeful the comedy would keep going, given that "we certainly feel the love" from streaming service Netflix.

But the decision announced before Friday's season-five release "is greatly appreciated," she said. "I don't take it for granted."

When last seen, Grace and Frankie were fleeing a retirement community in a golf cart to resume life in their oceanfront home — only to find a "sold" sign in front of it.

What's in store for the mismatched pals, who were thrown together when their respective husbands Robert and Sol (Martin Sheen, Sam Waterson) declared they were longtime lovers and moved in together?

"Everybody said, 'Oh, that was a real cliffhanger when you lost the house last season,'" Tomlin, who plays Frankie, said. "Well, wait until you see this season. I'm always excited for the show. Because I love Jane, I love playing with her. We have a great family on the set," she said.

— Associated Press



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**Rihanna sues father:** Rihanna is suing her father over his use of their last name for a business. In the lawsuit filed Tuesday in federal court in Los Angeles, Rihanna, whose full name is Robyn Rihanna Fenty, says that her father, Ronald Fenty, and his partner have violated her trademark and falsely suggested that their business, Fenty Entertainment, is affiliated with her. The lawsuit asks the court to order Ronald Fenty to stop using the brand name, and it seeks damages to be determined later.

**'Ghostbusters' sequel:** Ivan Reitman is passing the Ghostbusters torch to his son. Four-time Oscar nominee Jason Reitman is set to direct a new installment in the Ghostbusters series for Sony Pictures set to come out in the summer of 2020. Ivan Reitman directed and produced the original "Ghostbusters," which came out in 1984, and its sequel in 1989.

**Coppola, Murray reunite:** Sofia Coppola and Bill Murray will reunite 16 years after the Oscar-winning "Lost in Translation" in the splashiest feature film yet announced by Apple. A24 said Tuesday that Coppola's "On the Rocks" will be the indie studio's first project under its joint deal with Apple. The New York-set film stars Rashida Jones as a young mother who reconnects with her larger-than-life father, to be played by Murray.

**Jan. 17 birthdays:** Actress Betty White is 97. Actor-comedian Steve Harvey is 62. Actor Jim Carrey is 57. Musician Kid Rock is 48. DJ Calvin Harris is 35.



## ASK AMY

By AMY DICKINSON

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### Self-esteem struggle in long marriage

**Dear Amy:** I've been married for 26 years. My husband and I are in counseling for marital problems. I struggle with self-esteem and shame.

My husband and I clicked immediately when we met. I thought I had found a man who loved me and didn't judge me. We married a year later.

Three months after our wedding, everything changed. One night I tried to initiate sex (this was something he said he wanted me to do). He said that he didn't want to have sex with me because I had gained weight and he was no longer attracted to me. I was hurt and humiliated.

I had only gained 5 pounds and was at a completely normal weight. But I went on a diet and lost it all. I tried to be the perfect wife so he would accept me.

When I was pregnant, he wouldn't come near me. He is a good man. He is home at night, helps around the house and has been a good provider, but these rejections continue to affect me deeply.

I have managed to put this issue aside, and we have had some wonderful years. But it has caused me to feel insecure, especially because after childbirth and aging my body has changed. I don't want him to see me naked. He doesn't show any empathy, even at our counseling sessions.

He told the counselor that he married me because I was beautiful. I suppose that's a compliment, but I feel ripped off. I married this man for love and emotional security.

How do I deal with this?  
— Holding On

**Dear Holding On:** As a newly married man, your husband was showing you who he was. He may love you deeply, but his relatively narrow sexual preferences are obvious.

Your shame over his rejections means you have spent the last quarter century justifying someone else's superficial and unkind assessment of you.

This armchair psychologist wants to remind you that no one else has the right to define you! At this point, your goal should be to reframe your reactive emotions and find a way to fairly assess this relationship. Do you want to stay with him? I hope a day will come when you can stop pinning your self-esteem to your husband's narrow metric and love yourself exactly as you are. When you do, you will come into your own power and the balance in your marriage will shift. Individual counseling would be very useful for you.

**Dear Amy:** My husband's cousin "Jonathan" is extremely well-off. Jon and his wife invite us to many of their parties for their four children, and we attend every single one, bringing a gift each time.

Recently we attended a baby shower for their fourth child, bringing an expensive gift and a blanket I had knitted for them. We never got a thank-you.

We bought our house last year and invited family and friends over to celebrate. Jon and his wife said they would attend with their four children but did not show up. We saw on social media that the two of them went out to a nice dinner that same night. We

were hurt.

Today my mother hosted a beautiful baby shower for our first child. My husband's extended family (including Jon's wife) were invited. She declined.

I'm tempted to decline any of their gift-giving invitations from now on, but my husband says we should be the bigger people. Am I being petty?  
— Confused

**Dear Confused:** I don't think you are being petty. I think you are being proportional. It is natural to consider pulling back from people who don't appreciate or reciprocate.

What you shouldn't do is proactively decline all invitations. Their behavior toward you has released you from feeling 100 percent obligated to accept every invitation they issue. From now on, you should spend time with them if/when you want to.

**Dear Amy:** "Finding My Way" described life after discovering her guy was talking to other women, receiving nude photos and registered on a dating site.

I know it sounds crazy, but I actually put up with this when we were dating and then went on to marry the guy! I hope she doesn't make the same mistake.

— Learned the Hard Way

**Dear Learned:** Reading the signs, accepting the truth and making rational choices will help "Finding" to avoid your fate.

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# The battle to tell an epic fail tale

In the Fyre Fest documentary fight, will Hulu or Netflix come out on top?

By AMY KAUFMAN  
Los Angeles Times

Take one for the team. That's what Andy King had been asked to do. For weeks, Fyre Fest — a supposed new and luxurious Bahamian music festival that had attracted the interest of thousands of Instagram-loving millennials — had been on the brink of collapse. King, a 57-year-old respected event producer who has hosted charity functions for Leonardo DiCaprio and environmentally friendly Oscar parties, had flown down to Great Exuma in an attempt to save the much-hyped event.

He did so at the request of his protege, Billy McFarland. For years, King had served as the twentysomething's mentor, helping the would-be entrepreneur launch a credit card that promised exclusive benefits for wealthy New Yorkers. But when King arrived on the island, things were far worse than he'd anticipated. McFarland told him that four 18-wheeler trucks filled with Evian water were held up in customs, and the only way to get them out was to pony up \$175,000 in cash — money he didn't have.

So, King said, McFarland asked him — “our wonderful gay leader” — to perform oral sex on the customs official to “save this festival.”

King was momentarily baffled but quickly found himself driving home, taking a shower and gurgling some mouthwash, fully prepared “to take one for the team.”

No, he never went through with it, but that's how desperate things were behind-the-scenes in the weeks leading up to Fyre Fest, the April 2017 music festival that will go down in the history books as the epitome of an epic fail. The event captivated thousands from afar as the mess unfurled in real time on Twitter — all the music acts pulled out, “luxury accommodations” were actually FEMA disaster tents, guests got locked in an airport — and generated enough interest that both Netflix and Hulu greenlighted documentaries about it.

The Netflix project, “Fyre,” had long been slated for a streaming and limited theatrical release on Friday — but on Monday, Hulu ignited the streaming wars by dropping its own film, “Fyre Fraud,” without warning.

The Hulu project instantly became a trending topic, and celebrities like Chrissy Teigen began live-tweeting it: “I love this fyre movie,” she wrote. “Oh man there's just so much that went wrong, it's fascinating.”

The news came as a surprise to Chris Smith, the director of “Fyre” and a veteran documentary director (“American Movie,” “Jim & Andy: The Great Beyond”). He'd known the Hulu project existed — it was announced as a planned docuseries in 2017 — but wasn't aware it was completed.

Hulu wouldn't comment on its release strategy, but Jenner Furst and Julia Willoughby Nason — the husband-and-wife directorial team behind “Fyre Fraud” — said the company felt that “if viewers start here first, it would be a powerful way to get things started.”

On Monday night, Furst — who has worked on television docuseries about Trayvon Martin and Kalief Browder — said he was elated with the response the film had gotten on Twitter.

“Who wouldn't want to have a day on which your film is trending on Twitter and celebrities are tweeting about it?” he said. “It's amazing that everyone dropped everything they were doing, including Chrissy Teigen, to watch, and I think it shows the appetite for this content. Which is why we have a collegial attitude with the Netflix team. Streaming wars — that's not us.”

Nonetheless, a flame war



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Mattress and tents are shown being set up for attendees of Fyre Fest on April 28, 2017, in the Exuma islands, Bahamas.



MARK LENNIHAN/AP

Billy McFarland, the promoter of the failed Fyre Fest in the Bahamas, leaves federal court after pleading guilty to wire fraud charges in New York on March 6, 2018.

has commenced between the two documentary camps. Hulu has been touting the fact that its film features an exclusive interview with McFarland — the creator of the fest, who is currently serving six years in prison for scamming festivalgoers and contractors out of millions. But Smith is quick to point out that he could have had McFarland in his doc too — for a price.

“Billy told us he was getting an offer for \$250,000 and didn't want to work with them, so he'd work with us if we paid him \$125,000,” the filmmaker recalled. “It was hard, because we wanted the interview, but ethically, we just feel like it wasn't right for him to benefit when other people had been hurt by his actions.”

Furst and Nason acknowledged that they did pay McFarland to license footage and indemnify the production from his potential claims of defamation. They denied that the amount was \$250,000 but would not say how much McFarland was paid. “I find it a little curious that we're being asked if we have an ethical problem when the Netflix project was produced by Jerry Media, one of the companies that ran social media for Fyre and deleted negative comments on the festival's Instagram page,” Furst said.

In a statement, the “Fyre” filmmakers said they joined forces with Jerry Media because they wanted access to the company's wealth of film footage, noting that “at no time did they, or any others we worked with, request favorable coverage in our film, which would be against our ethics.”

Beyond the tit-for-tat, the two documentaries do employ relatively different artistic strategies in tackling the debacle that was Fyre Fest. The Netflix project trains its lens on the background players — like King and other event coordinators, producers, designers and caterers — who were hired to pull off a massive music festival in six months. While the Hulu film follows the same basic timeline, it goes into less on-the-ground detail, instead focusing on bigger-picture commentary about what the implosion of

the festival says about millennial culture.

The festival infamously became a viral sensation after it launched with a glamorous promotional video that featured models Bella Hadid and Emily Ratajkowski frolicking on the clear blue shores of a remote, private island “once owned by Pablo Escobar,” popping bottles of Champagne on yachts and wearing barely there bikinis. The January 2017 video was shared by dozens of social media influencers, including Kendall Jenner, and inspired a handful of FOMO-crazed youths to shell out thousands for the promise of private jet rides, a million-dollar treasure hunt on the beach and alcohol-stocked seaside villas.

“Julia and I are older millennials who experienced 9/11 and saw the Bush and Obama and Trump presidencies,” said Furst. “As millennials, this story resonated for us, but we were adults when it happened, so our perspective was obviously that this was a funny story that had a lot of amazing details that are laugh-out-loud hilarious. It was also a cautionary tale about the apathy out there that social media has instilled in a lot of people.”

Smith, meanwhile, said he was more interested in the “human story,” focusing on the individuals whose livelihoods have been stripped from them as a result of working on Fyre Fest.

“I think the thing that surprised me most is how much I liked and cared for the people that I met that got wrapped up in this,” he said. “Going into it, I was worried that it was going to be a movie about bad people doing bad things. And in the end, I found quite the opposite. I found a lot of really compassionate, hard-working, thoughtful individuals that were doing their best to do try to fulfill what they were hired to do.”

While McFarland is doing time for his crimes — and has been ordered to pay back over \$27 million to his investors — both films call into question just how culpable his collaborators were in moving forward with an event they knew was laden with problems. King, who said he was viewed as the

“Billy whisperer,” acknowledged he feels “personally responsible” for convincing employees to stay who would have otherwise walked away.

“I was there assuring everybody that this festival would happen when they wanted to pull the plug,” he said. “I kept saying, ‘Don't worry. I have never been part of a project that didn't happen.’ And I honestly thought it would happen. Woodstock was the most famous, successful festival in history and there were 1,000 cars stuck on the highway, people dying of overdoses, mudslides — but social media didn't exist.”

King said he participated in the “Fyre” doc because he was eager to dissuade the notion that it was put on by a bunch of scammers. In an interview, he pointed out that several of the music acts “were a 10-minute plane away” and said the cruise ship set to host 400 of the guests would have alleviated housing concerns — but it couldn't dock due to bad weather.

“If they hadn't taken pictures of those damn cheese sandwiches,” he lamented, referring to an image of a pathetic-looking piece of bread with sliced cheese that circulated on the internet. “I saw two drunk kids and told them, ‘You need to eat something,’ so I got them those. And the next thing I know, there are 300 kids in line to get a cheese sandwich, and they're all taking pictures of it. No one took pictures of the jumbo shrimp or mahi-mahi being marinated for dinner later.”

One of the guests who was tweeting was Seth Crossno, a festivalgoer featured in both “Fyre” and “Fyre Fraud.” After the

event ended, Crossno and his friend — who had each paid \$13,000 to go to the festival — sued McFarland for damages and were awarded \$5 million by a North Carolina judge last June.

“I laugh about it now but it really was a dangerous situation,” Crossno said of the festival. “We were in another country without proper medical supplies. Apparently Billy has a plan to get us the \$5 million, but I don't know if we will get it.”

Randall Jackson, McFarland's defense attorney, did not respond to a request for comment for this story.

Crossno spoke more positively of his experience with the Netflix project, noting that “Chris seemed like a very natural director.”

“The Hulu doc,” he said, “felt like their take is that influencers and social media is really to blame for the whole thing.”

“And while they do interview Billy, it's basically like they didn't even have him, because he barely answers anything,” he continued. “What good is an interview if he doesn't answer any questions?”

The directors of “Fyre Fraud” disagreed with that assessment, with Furst arguing that they “literally excoriate [McFarland] for 90 minutes and don't let him get away with anything.”

“We went in knowing we were going to be fed a lot of lies and a lot of trickery, but you have to be able to sit and comport yourself with people who have done heinous things in a way that allows them to open up,” said Nason.

“We didn't want to let someone get away with word salad,” added Furst. “But it would be very hard

to tell a story like this without getting the perspective of the person who organized it. There were a lot of different portrayals of him, and it felt like from square one, we wanted to hear from the guy who was under fire.”

Crossno, for one, said he feels certain McFarland will stage a comeback after he serves his time. “This is gonna be another ‘Wolf of Wall Street,’” he surmised.

As both documentaries show, the Fyre Fest creator launched another alleged ticket-selling scam while he was out on bail — and now reportedly owes even more money to those he sold allegedly bogus tickets to for events like the Met Gala and Coachella.

But even those closest to McFarland still have conflicting feelings about him. Up until the convict reported to prison last fall, his old mentor, King, was still in communication with him. They had a sit-down where King expected McFarland to apologize and say he wanted to do right by those he'd harmed — but there was no such admission.

And yet, to the question of whether he'd cut ties with McFarland, King said with a sigh: “No, I'm not done with him.”

“I know — I'm Uncle Whackjob,” he continued. “But I grew up in New Jersey, he grew up in New Jersey. We come from a preppy background. Half my friends have sons his age. I didn't have somebody to mentor me at that age. He's not a horrible guy. He has hurt a lot of people. Will I probably go visit him someday? Yeah, I will probably. And maybe that's the closure I need.”

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## CHICAGOLAND THEATRE DIRECTORY

# Puppet

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No one Geppetto is responsible for Pinocchio's well-being.

The result has encouraged in a remarkable range of puppetry — a kind of State of Puppetry festival 2019 — drawing on ancient styles and improvised originals, dance and film, satire and documentary. One show, from a French company (of course) takes as its central character a shopping bag; another offers Donald Trump, Elon Musk and Ayn Rand; there are veterans of Broadway's "War Horse" and local storefront companies. What follows then are five distinctive styles of puppetry at this year's festival.

## Spectacle Puppetry

As the name implies, the flashiest puppetry genre, often using immense characters (Broadway's "Kong Kong"), or requiring puppeteers submersed inside a puppet (the "War Horse" stage production), or just recognized by a single name: Henson. Fittingly, "Ajijaak on Turtle Island," the festival's opening show, Jan. 17-20 at the Fine Arts Building, is a collaboration between Heather Henson, the late Jim Henson's youngest daughter, and Ty Defoe, a performance artist from Ojibwe and Oneida communities of northern Wisconsin. Henson specializes in shows about cranes and the natural environment, and said the spectacle here is less about size — though there are enormous sea turtles and dragons and herds of buffalo roaming the stage — than "getting wooed by imagery itself." Buffalo resemble clumps of grasslands, coyotes look like cobbled together corn and the deer look pieced together by branches. The show, written by Defoe, and drawing from various First Nations influences, pulling together dance and a parade-like pageantry, tells the story of a sand hill crane traveling from Canada to the Gulf. Many of the puppets were made by Jim Henson's Creature Shop in Queens (which makes the puppets for "Sesame Street"), though Heather Henson said: "My whole career I have been moving around what people wouldn't necessarily call characters so much as *ambiance* — waves and grasslands and... the atmosphere, I suppose."

## Kuruma Ningyo

Bunraku is traditional Japanese puppetry that uses three puppeteers to manipulate a life-size character. Kuruma Ningyo, though, is Bunraku adapted to a single puppeteer, working on a small rolling cart. It is performed rarely outside Japan (and not especially well-known anymore inside Japan). Tom Lee, a Chicago puppeteer who specializes in cart puppetry, explained: The puppeteer holds the puppet's feet between his toes, operates the head and left arm with his left arm and the right



AYUMI SAKAMOTO PHOTO

"Shank's Mare" by Tom Lee and Koryu Nishikawa V



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"Paper Cut" by Yael Rasooly

arm with his right arm. "It's like rolling around in an office chair, except it's smaller, you're on stage and have a puppet attached to you." His show, "Shank's Mare," Jan. 17-19 at the Art Institute, is a collaboration between himself and Koryu Nishikawa V, the fifth-generation master at Hachioji Kuruma Ningyo, the 160-year old theater outside Tokyo that has become the world's leading practitioner of the form. The show, which draws on Japanese storytelling traditions, is about a meeting between a samurai and astronomer. Lee said Bunraku companies inside Japan are mostly male and rarely open to Western puppeteers. "But when (he and Nishikawa) started working, he said 'Tom, I am by virtue of tradition inside a box. You don't have a box, you have permission to step outside.' He's very sensitive to the fact that when you don't give away tradition, it dies."

## Rod Puppetry

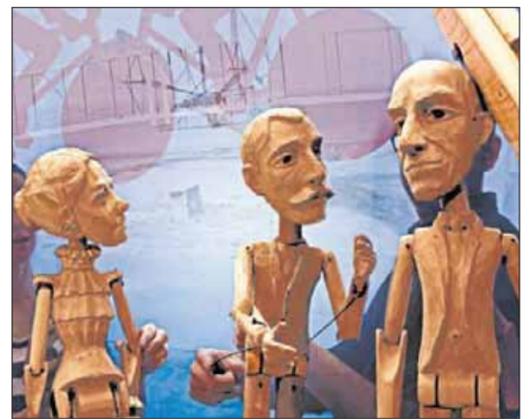
One of the oldest forms of puppetry, characterized

by a puppeteer using long sticks to control a puppet's movements, often working below a figure. "How to Build a Flying Machine," Jan. 23 at the Theater on the Lake, developed at the University of Chicago, where Cincinnati puppeteer Jesse Mooney-Bullock was artist-in-residence, partly uses rods to animate the story of the Wright Brothers, their elations, creations and failures. Mooney-Bullock's work has been in Disney's "Little Mermaid" stage show, at the Goodman, at Chicago Shakespeare and Drury Lane. He does not attempt sleight of hand. "You see the puppeteers (in "Flying Machine") in plain sight, even pulling ropes to raise curtains." The set uses wooden frames assembled in real time, leading to a final image. Rods aside, there's Bunraku puppetry, miniatures, props that become animated characters and a touch of Muppetry (though the Wrights themselves are wood carvings). The audience watches airplanes assembled. "It's about ingenuity, using what you have to

create something, so you see pieces come together."

## Marionettes

The most classic style. Essentially puppets "defined by their strings," said Phillip Huber, one of the world's leading marionette masters, "by having no direct connection between puppet and puppeteer." Not that this is a limitation. When Huber created the puppets for "Being John Malkovich" — if you recall, John Cusack's character is an unemployed puppeteer — "the director (Spike Jonze) wanted a marionette to do a forward somersault and handspring, and I told him it's impossible." But he made it happen. Huber's own show, "Suspended Animation," Jan. 25-27 at the Beverly Arts Center, is a vaudeville of the impossible, acrobats and musical numbers performed by full-body puppets operated by Huber, using ergonomic control bars to manipulate between eight and sixteen strings at once. Though trained as a dancer, he's been a puppeteer for 50 years. A native of



KATIE BACHMEYER PHOTO

"How to Build a Flying Machine" by Moonbuhl

Dixon (just south of Rockford), he received his first puppets as a child. "My mother thought it might help a shy kid express himself a little better. Though now, because there are no language barriers to (puppets), I've traveled the world with them." Among his latest creations, a marionette — which took two and half years of development — that performs believable magic tricks. Basically, Huber is a master of making inanimate objects look like masters.

## Tabletop Puppetry

Think of a child animating toys. As it sounds, tabletop puppetry is performed on a flat surface, at table height, often in sight of the audience. (Also think: Charlie Chaplin in "The Gold Rush," famously making dinner rolls dance with two forks.) In "Paper Cut," from Israeli theater artist Yael Rasooly, at the Chopin Theatre Jan. 18-20, a secretary (Rasooly) falls after-hours into a Hollywood daydream, which Rasooly brings to life through the clever manipulation of old stills of movie

stars, using masks and paper dolls and tear-away sheets to create a Hitchcockian suspense tale (with a little "Gaslight" tossed in). Rasooly said she created the show nine years ago in her living room in Tel Aviv. "I had been planning to direct a show with actors and real stage design and I couldn't get the funding so I started planning it out with objects, mimicking the show I wanted to do. The thing is, when you are doing puppetry, you are doing lighting, design — you're the person doing everything for the entire show. And there are no auditions, there is no standing behind 20 other singers also singing 'Carmen.' This is my invention alone, and all these years later, I've done it in 27 countries, 400 or 500 times. The idea was to create a very cinematic universe, but my whole show, it fits into two suitcases."

*The Chicago International Puppet Theater Festival runs Jan. 17-27 at various locations; tickets and a full schedule at [www.chicagopuppetfest.org](http://www.chicagopuppetfest.org)*

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# Anger

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soon after for its association with producer Jon Peters, who has a long history of sexual harassment allegations. Warner Bros. and director Bradley Cooper dealt with the charge swiftly, citing contractual obligations to include Peters' name in the credits. But he did not receive the official Producers Guild mark on the film and would not share in a possible best picture nomination.

This was all before the Toronto Film Festival had even come to a close with its annual People's Choice Award, which went to "Green Book." That film, too, would weather a storm — multiple ones, in fact.

First came Viggo Mortensen's unimpressive N-word gaffe at a Q&A session, which was quickly addressed with an apology. However, the incident



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John David Washington, left, and Laura Harrier in a scene from "BlacKkKlansman."

stoked general feelings in some quarters that Peter Farrelly's film is outdated in its handling of race relations. Later, the family of Don Shirley, the character played by Mahershala Ali, called out the movie, alleging fabrications. Surely that would be enough heat for one contender. Well...

Days after "Green Book" won the Golden Globe for best comedy or musical, a

21-year-old interview with Farrelly "resurfaced" the week of Oscar voting, detailing his apparent penchant for jokingly exposing himself to coworkers. The very same day that bubbled up, a three-year old tweet from one of the film's Globe-winning writers, Nick Vallelonga (son of subject Tony Vallelonga, played by Mortensen), suddenly came to light. "100% correct," he

wrote in response to a tweet from then-presidential candidate Donald Trump. "Muslims in Jersey City cheering when towers went down. I saw it, as you did, possibly on local CBS news." Both Vallelonga and production company Participant Media later issued statements of contrition.

Taking its lumps as well: "Bohemian Rhapsody," the Globe winner for best drama. The Queen biopic had mostly just cruised along making money hand over fist, impervious to negative reviews and the (largely web-based) sniping of detractors, who felt the movie was cravenly broad in its approach. But the knives really came out following the Globes: Those citing the cloud of sexual assault allegations hovering over director Bryan Singer dinged the movie's laurels are an affront in the MeToo era. Singer did not win the Globe himself as he is not a producer of the film, though he was an official BAFTA nominee in the best British

film category, which recognizes both producers and directors.

Even Alfonso Cuarón's deeply personal study of his childhood nanny's life, "Roma," has been caught in the cycle. Some have found it to be exploitative of its subject, Liboria "Libo" Rodriguez, and a film fatally told from the perspective of privilege. Cuarón has repeatedly said it was this very privilege he hoped to examine with the project, but that hasn't mollified his critics.

Oh, and "Vice" is — quietly, given this fray — probably the most divisive best picture contender we've ever seen. Some have outright called it the year's worst film. The industry, so far, disagrees.

(All of this, by the way, as would-be Oscars host Kevin Hart found himself bowing out of the gig due to a history of homophobic tweets and comedy routines, which he went on to address on "The Ellen DeGeneres Show" and *Variety's* "Play-

back" podcast. And don't forget SAG-AFTRA, whose leadership is vocally peeved with Academy brass for demanding exclusivity of awards presenters.)

So that's seven films which have become grist for the commentariat in some way, shape or form. That feels like an oversized number. Are we all so angry at the direction of things sociopolitically that the usual sensitivities are heightened? Because truly, nothing feels like it's going to be good enough this Oscar season. And if other industry favorites playing in the background of this mess were to find better traction in the race, such as "Black Panther," "Crazy Rich Asians" or "A Quiet Place," wouldn't they be more loudly dismissed as mere populist entertainment?

Only "The Favourite" has managed to keep its nose clean. Perhaps the statute of limitations has expired on the possible sins of an 18th century-set romp about Queen Anne's court.

## WATCH THIS: THURSDAY



Chrissy Teigen and LL Cool J

**"Lip Sync Battle"** (8 p.m., PARMT): This hit series, which features celebrities going head to head in lip-syncing the song of their choice, opens Season 5 with an epic battle between the "Fab 5" members from the Emmy-winning Netflix reboot of "Queer Eye": Tan France, Antoni Porowski, Bobby Berk, Karamo Brown and Jonathan Van Ness. LL Cool J and Chrissy Teigen return as hosts.

**"Bring It!"** (8 p.m., 12:01 a.m., Lifetime): In "No Boys Allowed?," the first of tonight's two new back-to-back episodes, some major changes are in the wind inside the Dollhouse as Camryn steps down as captain, and Makya and Crystianna step up to lead. Coach D breaks her biggest rule as she begins a new dance season, sorely shaking up several of the performers. Things only take a more chaotic turn when Marquell, the new assistant coach, tries a wild new experiment.

**"A Million Little Things"** (8:01 p.m., ABC): This ensemble drama moves into a new timeslot as it returns for its midseason premiere with "secrets and lies," which finds Delilah (Stephanie Szostak) forced to lean on her friends after receiving some troubling news — and ironically, that means relying on Katherine (Grace Park) most of all. Over Gary's (James Roday) strong objections, Maggie (Allison Miller) is determined to run in the Suicide Prevention 5K.

**"Fam"** (8:30 p.m., CBS): Shocked to discover that Clem (Nina Dobrev) doesn't plan to invite her father to the wedding, Rose and Walt (Sheryl Lee Ralph, Brian Stokes Mitchell) urge her to invite her dad to their home for dinner in a new episode called "Freddy Returns." Meanwhile, Nick (Tone Bell) tries to get Clem's sis Shannon (Odessa Adlon) to be more responsible around the home.

**"60 Days In"** (9:01 p.m., 1:04 a.m., AE): A new episode called "It's About to Get Ugly" finds all seven of the participants successfully embedded in the Arizona facility, but some of them are having a difficult time remembering that it's essential they keep their distance from one another so as not to betray their real identities. In fact, one participant is coming close to bringing the whole program to an end.

**"The Rap Game"** (9:03 p.m., 1:04 a.m., Lifetime): The first lesson in storytelling in "The Rap Game" kicks off as the artists entertain preschoolers by rapping classic children's books. Later, the artists draw from their own early years to write stories to record in the studio in this new episode called "Rhyme and Treason."

## TALK SHOWS

**"Conan"** (10 p.m., TBS): In light of the negative news surrounding the state of the U.S.-Mexico relationship, Conan decides to strike a positive note by hosting a show in Mexico City with an all Mexican staff, crew, guests, and audience; guests Diego Luna and Vicente Fox.\*

**"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): Actress Sarah Paulson; rapper Killer Mike; Future performs.\*

**"Jimmy Kimmel Live"** (10:35 p.m., ABC): Actress Regina King; actor Jon Bernthal.\*

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## THURSDAY EVENING, JAN. 17

## MOVIES

|                    | PM             | 7:00                                       | 7:30  | 8:00                                       | 8:30                                     | 9:00   | 9:30                             | 10:00               |
|--------------------|----------------|--|---|--|--|--|----------------------------------|---------------------|
| BROADCAST          | <b>CBS</b>     | 2  | Big Bang Theory (N)   | Young Sheldon (N)                          | (8:01) Mom (N) ©                         | Fam: "Freddy Returns." (N) ©                       | S.W.A.T.: "Gasoline Drum." (N) © | News (N) ♦          |
|                    | <b>NBC</b>     | 5  | The Titan Games (N) ©                                       | Brooklyn Nine (N)                          | The Good Place (N)                       | Law & Order: Special Victims Unit: "Dear Ben." (N) |                                  | NBC 5 News (N) ♦    |
|                    | <b>ABC</b>     | 7  | Grey's Anatomy: "Shelter From the Storm." (N) ©             | (8:01) A Million Little Things (N) ©       |  | How to Get Away With Murder (N) ©                  |                                  | News at 10pm (N) ♦  |
|                    | <b>WGN</b>     | 9  | blackish ©  | blackish: "North Star." ©                  | Last Man Standing ©                      | Last Man Standing ©                                | WGN News at Nine (N) (Live) ©    | WGN News at Ten (N) |
|                    | <b>Antenna</b> | 9.2  | Alice ©   | Alice ©                                    | B. Miller                                | B. Miller  | Johnny Carson ©                  | 3's Comp.           |
|                    | <b>This TV</b> | 9.3  | The Thomas Crown Affair (R,'68) *** ©                       |  |  |  | The Killer Elite (PG,'75) *** ©  |                     |
|                    | <b>PBS</b>     | 11   | Chicago Tonight (N)   | Queen Victoria and Her Nine Children (N) © |  | Rick Steves Special: The Story of Fascism          |                                  | Interview Show (N)  |
|                    | <b>The U</b>   | 26.1                                       | 7 Eyewitness News (N)                                       | The Game                                   | Engagement                               | Broke Girl   | Broke Girl                       | Seinfeld ©          |
|                    | <b>MeTV</b>    | 26.3                                       | Andy Griffith   Andy Griffith                               | Gomer Pyle                                 | WKRP Cincinnati                          | Hogan Hero   | Hogan Hero                       | C. Burnett          |
|                    | <b>H&amp;I</b> | 26.4                                       | Star Trek ©   | Star Trek: Next                            | Star Trek: Voyager                       | Star Trek: Deep Space 9                            | Star Trek                        | Star Trek ♦         |
|                    | <b>Bounce</b>  | 26.5                                       | Scandal ©   | Last Call                                  | Last Call                                | Joyful Noise (PG-13,'12) ***                       |                                  |                     |
|                    | <b>FOX</b>     | 32   | Gotham: "Penguin, Our Hero." (N) ©                          | The Orville (N) ©                          |  | Fox 32 News at Nine (N)                            |                                  | Modern Family ©     |
|                    | <b>Ion</b>     | 38   | Chicago P.D. ©  | Chicago P.D. ©                             |  | Chicago P.D. ©                                     |                                  | Chicago ♦           |
|                    | <b>TeleM</b>   | 44   | La sultana (N) ©  | Falsa identidad (N) ©                      |  | Señora Acero (N) ©                                 |                                  | Chicago (N)         |
|                    | <b>CW</b>      | 50   | Supernatural (N) ©  | Roswell, New Mexico ©                      |  | The Good Wife ©                                    |                                  | Chicago ♦           |
|                    | <b>UniMas</b>  | 60   | ♦ (6) Entre dos amores                                      | Rosario Tijeras                            |  | Rosario Tijeras                                    |                                  | Tiro de ♦           |
|                    | <b>WJYS</b>    | 62   | History   Skywatch  | Joyce Meyer   Robison                      |  | Christian   Dn. Carson                             |                                  | Monument            |
|                    | <b>Univ</b>    | 66   | Jesús   | Mi marido tiene familia                    |  | Amar a muerte                                      |                                  | Noticias (N)        |
|                    | CABLE          | <b>AE</b>                                  |   | The First 48 (N) ©                         | The First 48 (N)                         |  | (9:01) 60 Days In (N) ©          |                     |
| <b>AMC</b>         |                |  | Colombiana (PG-13,'11) **                                   | Zoe Saldana, Jordi Mollà. ©                |  |  | Sherlock Holmes-Game ♦           |                     |
| <b>ANIM</b>        |                |  | Crikey! It's the Irwins ©                                   | The Secret of                              |  | The Secret of                                      |                                  | The Zoo ♦           |
| <b>BBCA</b>        |                |  | Planet Earth: Yellowstone                                   | Planet Earth: Yellowstone                  |  | Planet Earth: Yellowstone                          |                                  | Earth ♦             |
| <b>BET</b>         |                |  | ♦ (6:04) Rush Hour ***                                      | (8:10) Barbershop: The Next                |  | Cut (PG-13,'16) ***                                | Ice Cube. ♦                      |                     |
| <b>BIGTEN</b>      |                |  | Women's College Basketball: Michigan at Iowa. (N)           |  |  | Basketball   | The BIG                          | The Jour            |
| <b>BRAVO</b>       |                |  | Top Chef: "Carne!" (N) ©                                    | Million Dollar LA (N)                      |  | (8:01) Backyard Envy (Series Premiere) (N)         |                                  | Watch (N) ♦         |
| <b>CLTV</b>        |                |  | News at 7 (N) ©   | News at 8 (N)                              |  | News at 9 (N)                                      |                                  | Politics            |
| <b>CNBC</b>        |                |  | Shark Tank ©  | Shark Tank ©                               |  | Shark Tank ©                                       |                                  | Shark ♦             |
| <b>CNN</b>         |                |  | Anderson Cooper 360 (N)                                     | Cuomo Prime Time (N)                       |  | CNN Tonight (N)                                    |                                  | Tonight (N) ♦       |
| <b>COM</b>         |                |  | The Office   The Office                                     | The Office   The Office                    |  | The Office   The Office                            |                                  | Daily (N) ♦         |
| <b>DISC</b>        |                |  | Expedition Unknown ©  | Expedition Unknown ©                       |  | Expedition Unknown ©                               |                                  | Expedition ♦        |
| <b>DISN</b>        |                |  | Raven   | Raven                                      | Bunk'd ©                                 | Bizaardvark  |                                  | Raven               |
| <b>E!</b>          |                |  | Chrisley  | Chrisley                                   | Chrisley                                 | Chrisley   | Chrisley                         | Chrisley            |
| <b>ESPN</b>        |                |  | ♦ Wm. Basketball (N)  | College Basketball: Teams                  |  | TBA. (N) (Live) ©                                  |                                  | SportCtr (N) ♦      |
| <b>ESPN2</b>       |                |  | NFL Live ©  | College Basketball: Teams                  |  | TBA. (N) (Live) ©                                  |                                  | Tennis (N) ♦        |
| <b>FNC</b>         |                |  | Tucker Carlson (N)  | Hannity (N) ©                              |  | The Ingraham Angle (N)                             |                                  | Fox News            |
| <b>FOOD</b>        |                |  | Chopped: "Clean Eatin'." ©                                  | Chopped ©                                  |  | Beat Bobby   | Beat Bobby                       | Beat Bobby          |
| <b>FREE</b>        |                |  | ♦ (5:30) Just Go With It **                                 | Bruce Almighty (PG-13,'03)                 |  | ** Jim Carrey. © (SAP)                             |                                  | 700 Club ♦          |
| <b>FX</b>          |                |  | 13 Hours: The Secret Soldiers of Benghazi (R,'16) **        | James Badge Dale. ©                        |  | Deepwater ♦  |                                  |                     |
| <b>HALL</b>        |                |  | Falling for You (NR,'18)                                    | Taylor Cole, Tyler Hynes. ©                |  | The Sweetest Heart (NR,'18) ©                      |                                  | ♦                   |
| <b>HGTV</b>        |                |  | Flip or Flop   Flip or Flop                                 | Flip or Flop   Flip or Flop                |  | Hunters (N)   Hunt Intl                            |                                  | Hunters             |
| <b>HIST</b>        |                |  | American Pickers  | American Pickers (N) ©                     |  | (9:03) American Pickers                            |                                  | Pickers ♦           |
| <b>HLN</b>         |                |  | Forensic  | Forensic                                   |  | Forensic   |                                  | Forensic            |
| <b>IFC</b>         |                |  | ♦ (6) Halloween (78) ****                                   | Gremlins (PG,'84) ***                      |  | Zach Galligan, Phoebe Cates. ©                     |                                  |                     |
| <b>LIFE</b>        |                |  | Bring It! ©   | Bring It! (N) ©                            |  | (9:03) The Rap Game (N)                            |                                  | Rap Game            |
| <b>MSNBC</b>       |                |  | All In With Chris Hayes                                     | Bruce Maddow Show (N)                      |  | The Last Word (N)                                  |                                  | 11th Hour (N)       |
| <b>MTV</b>         |                |  | Ex on the Beach (N) ©                                       | Floribama Shore (N) ©                      |  | Lindsay Lohan Beach                                |                                  | Ex-Beach ♦          |
| <b>NBCSCH</b>      |                |  | ♦ NHL Hockey: Blackhawks at Rangers (N)                     | Postgame                                   |  | NBA Basketball: Bulls at Nuggets (N)               |                                  |                     |
| <b>NICK</b>        |                | SpongeBob   SpongeBob                      | Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles: Out of the Shadows ('16) ** © |  |  |  |                                  |                     |
| <b>OVATION</b>     |                | Planes, Trains and Automobiles (R,'78) *** |   |  | The Art of   Sleepless in Seattle ♦      |  |                                  |                     |
| <b>OWN</b>         |                | 20/20 on OWN                               | 20/20 on OWN ©  |  | 20/20 on OWN ©                           |  | 20/20 ♦                          |                     |
| <b>OXY</b>         |                | Chicago P.D. ©                             | Chicago P.D. ©  |  | Chicago P.D. ©                           |  | Chicago ♦                        |                     |
| <b>PARMT</b>       |                | ♦ The Hangover Part II **                  | Lip Sync  |  | (8:32) The Hangover Part II (R,'11) ** © |  |                                  |                     |
| <b>SYFY</b>        |                | ♦ (6) The Happening ('08) *                | Unbreakable (PG-13,'00) **                                  |  | Bruce Willis. ©                          |  | Deadly                           |                     |
| <b>TBS</b>         |                | Seinfeld   Seinfeld                        | Big Bang   Big Bang   |  | Big Bang   Big Bang                      |  | Conan © ♦                        |                     |
| <b>TCM</b>         |                | Quo Vadis (NR,'51) ***                     | Robert Taylor, Deborah Kerr. ©                              |  | Fall-Rome ♦                              |  |                                  |                     |
| <b>TLG</b>         |                | Dr. Pimple Popper                          | Dr. Pimple Popper (N)                                       |  | My 600-Lb. Life (N) ♦                    |  |                                  |                     |
| <b>TLN</b>         |                | IMPACT   Wretched                          | Faith and Freedom in  |  | Life Today   Like You                    |  | Humanity ♦                       |                     |
| <b>TNT</b>         |                | ♦ NBA Basketball (N Subject to Blackout)   | NBA Basketball (N Subject to Blackout)                      |  |  |  |                                  |                     |
| <b>TOON</b>        |                | Samur. Jack   Amer. Dad                    | Burgers   |  | Burgers                                  |  | Family Guy                       |                     |
| <b>TRAV</b>        |                | The Dead Files ©                           | The Dead Files ©  |  | The Dead Files (N) ©                     |  | Haunt (N) ♦                      |                     |
| <b>TVL</b>         |                | Everybody Raymond                          | Raymond   |  | Raymond                                  |  | King                             |                     |
| <b>USA</b>         |                | NCIS: "Untouchable."                       | NCIS: "Bloodbath."  |  | NCIS: "Model Behavior."                  |  | Tempt. ♦                         |                     |
| <b>VH1</b>         |                | White Chicks (PG-13,'04) **                | Shawn Wayans. ©   |  | B.A.P.S (PG-13,'97) * Halle Berry. © ♦   |  |                                  |                     |
| <b>WE</b>          |                | Growing Up Hip Hop (N) ©                   |   |  | Marriage- Stars (N)                      |  | Hip Hop ♦                        |                     |
| <b>WGN America</b> |                | Last Man                                   | Last Man  |  | Last Man                                 |  | Last Man                         |                     |
| PREMIUM            | <b>HBO</b>     |  | Rampage (PG-13,'18) **                                      | Dwayne Johnson. ©                          |  | (8:50) True Detective                              |                                  | True Det ♦          |
|                    | <b>HBO2</b>    |  | The Post (PG-13,'17) ***                                    | Meryl Streep. ©                            |  | The Ghost Writer (PG-13,'10) ****                  |                                  |                     |
|                    | <b>MAX</b>     |  | The Forest (PG-13,'16) ** ©                                 |  |  | (8:35) The Grudge (NR,'04) **                      |                                  | Brüno ***           |
|                    | <b>SHO</b>     |  | ♦ (6:30) Baby Driver (R,'17) ***                            |  |  | Molly's Game (R,'17) ***                           |                                  | Jessica Chastain. ♦ |
|                    | <b>STARZ</b>   |  | ♦ (6:13) The Rundown ***                                    | The Eagle (PG-13,'11) **                   |  | Channing Tatum. ©                                  |                                  | Superfly ♦          |
| <b>STZENC</b>      |                | ♦ The Good Shepherd **                     | Pitch Black (R,'00) **                                      |  | Radha Mitchell. ©                        |  | Chronicles ♦                     |                     |

## Moon

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"Even in our most light-polluted cities, the moon shines through."

"Imagine the Moon" journeys "all the way from Galileo through Apollo and onto the frontier," Larson said in introducing it at a press preview Tuesday. But she didn't want to say much more, she added, because "this is a show to feel, not to hear about."

There is cutting-edge science, in the on-screen presentation of a new theory about the moon's development, that it split off from Earth when our planet was in a kind of fiery molten rock state. (For those wondering if the moon is just too featureless to make vivid cinema, A) it isn't and B) "fiery molten rock.")

And there is once-cutting edge science, too, in the story of Galileo's 1610 insistence, based on observation through the telescope he developed, that the moon had craters and mountains rather than being a "pristine, perfectly smooth sphere," as our forefathers believed about the heavenly bodies.

A surprising array of earthly objects are brought into the story, as well, from stacks of old astronomy books and instruments in the Adler's collection to the bright lights of Navy Pier, just up the lake.

But while the script is thoughtful and informative, what unfolds on the surface of the 70-foot-diameter dome is a viscerally beautiful set of images, many of them borrowed

**When:** Beginning Friday in an open run (Lunapalooza is 8 p.m. to midnight Sunday)

**Where:** Adler Planetarium, 1300 S. Lake Shore Drive

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from or developed with some of the nation's top space-photography and visualization scientists.

Since removing the iconic, antlike Zeiss Mark VI "starball" projector from the center of the theater in 2011 and replacing it with state-of-the-art video projectors, Adler's in-house team has made a steady series of shows exploring the wonder and mystery of the cosmos — 2017 saw a projector upgrade, moving from 20 to just six and getting better images and new capabilities in the deal.

The high-def projector array isn't "3-D," but it doesn't need to be. The spherical screen and devastating detail create an experience somewhere between virtual reality and IMAX, a sense that the on-screen objects are almost in the room with you. "Planets do not, in the normal order of things, attack," I wrote in first describing what the theater can feel like.

But while new sky shows had been coming at the rate of one a year, "Imagine the Moon" is the first in two and a half. Partly the planetarium was very solar eclipse-focused for a while and partly it was finding that "Planet Nine" and its



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Adler Planetarium's VP Andrew Johnston takes questions from guests after Adler's "Imagine the Moon" preview.

predecessors (older shows continue to play in the other theaters and in the Grainger) were still meeting customer demand, Larson said.

But now the institution is asking visitors to revisit their inner toddlers, to become — in the magnificent word that doesn't get used often enough — moonstruck. Looking up, and around you, at an all-enveloping image of the pockmarked surface of our nearest sky neighbor, inspiration for novelists and NASA engineers alike, you realize it's not a hard thing to ask.

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An image from Adler Planetarium's new sky show.

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## Horoscopes



**Today's birthday** (Jan. 17): Articulate your long-term visions this year. Plot strategies, and schedule regular actions. Love and beauty appear unexpectedly. Family fortunes take a turn this winter, before a partnership leaps forward. Initiate a personal change this summer before launching a passion project.

**Aries** (March 21-April 19): Today is a 7. A breakdown or bad news could disappoint. Dreams could seem more distant. Still, there's an unexpected opportunity for action.

**Taurus** (April 20-May 20): 8. Postpone an important decision until you're certain that the funding is there. Unexpected repairs could pre-empt scheduled programming. Adjust the budget to suit current realities.

**Gemini** (May 21-June 20): 7. Treat yourself with the same compassion you show others. You may not meet your own expectations sometimes. You're only human.

**Cancer** (June 21-July 22): 5. Slow down, and consider options. Reality may not meet your fantasy. When scattered or overwhelmed, take a walk to think things over.

**Leo** (July 23-Aug. 22): 7. A barrier between friends could dissolve a fantasy. Moderate a disagreement. Reassure someone who feels abandoned. Check facts and data.

**Virgo** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): 8. Change directions with a professional project. An obstacle could frustrate. Look for hidden opportunities. You can find what you need. Maintain your sense of humor.

**Libra** (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): 7. Extra expenses could stall your educational adventure. Limitations could thwart your intentions. Watch and wait for better conditions. Find a different route.

**Scorpio** (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): 8. You can provide what your partner lacks. An unexpected plot twist affects your shared finances. Don't lose what you've got. Doubts interfere with progress.

**Sagittarius** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): 7. Share the load. Support each other through a challenge. Clean up a mess. Let the little stuff go. Actions speak louder than words.

**Capricorn** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): 8. Slow down to avoid accidents or mistakes. Things may not be as they seem. Step carefully. Don't fall for a trick. Nurture your physical energy.

**Aquarius** (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): 7. Relax and play with people you love. It could get messy. Listen to what's going on around you to avoid disagreement. Share your compassion.

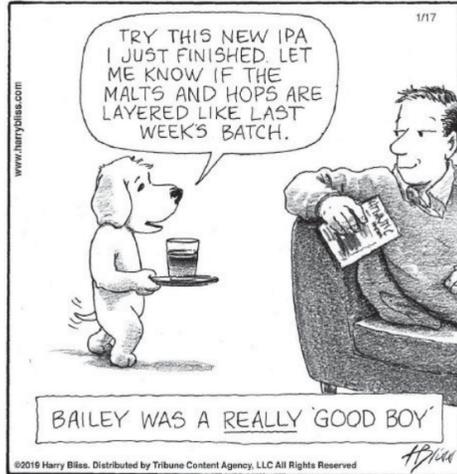
**Pisces** (Feb. 19-March 20): 6. Home improvements could disrupt things. They may require a bigger mess than expected. Temporary confusion or chaos could interrupt. Clear clutter, and feed helpers.

— Nancy Black, Tribune Content Agency

## The Argyle Sweater



## Bliss



## Bridge

Neither vulnerable, South deals

### North

- ♠ A Q 6 3
- ♥ 10 9 6 5
- ♦ K J 4 3
- ♣ Q

### East

- ♠ J 9 7 5
- ♥ 7 3 2
- ♦ 10 6 2
- ♣ J 10 3

### West

- ♠ 8 4 2
- ♥ Q J 4
- ♦ A 8
- ♣ A K 8 6 2

### South

- ♠ K 10
- ♥ A K 8
- ♦ Q 9 7 5
- ♣ 9 7 5 4

Trump Coup Tommy, South in today's deal, had some fun in the auction. He had no real choice but to rebid his anemic four-card diamond suit over partner's negative double, but what should he bid over partner's three-club cuebid? Most, we think, would bid three hearts, having denied four hearts the previous round. But what if, thought Tommy, partner was making an invitational raise in diamonds? Tommy

didn't want to encourage him. And anyway, how often do you get to bid a four-card suit three times?

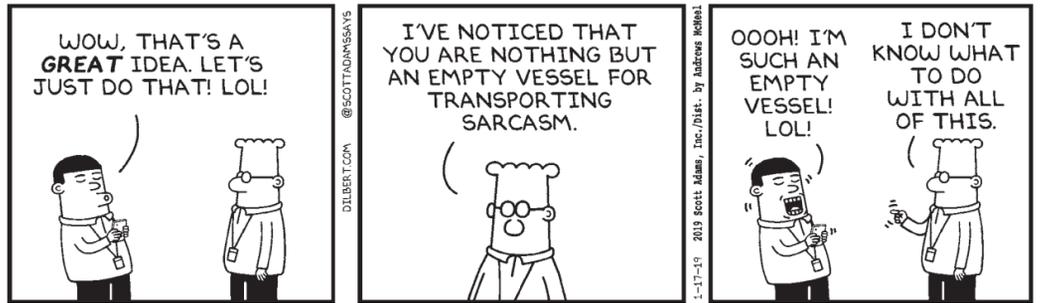
The ace of clubs lead held the first trick, and West shifted to the queen of hearts. Tommy

won with his ace and led a low diamond to dummy's jack, winning the trick as West ducked his ace. There was a straight-forward line of play available that might succeed with favorable breaks, but it would not involve a trump coup. Tommy rejected it. He led a low spade to his 10 like a man who knew it would work.

Tommy cashed the king of spades and led another diamond to West's ace. Tommy ruffed the club continuation in dummy and cashed the ace and queen of spades, discarding a heart and a club from his hand. He led a heart to his king and ruffed his last club with dummy's king of trumps. In the two-card ending, Tommy scored both his queen and nine of trumps through East's 10. Not a real trump coup, but close enough to please Tommy.

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## Dilbert



## Baby Blues



## Zits



## Mr. Boffo



## Frazz



## Classic Peanuts



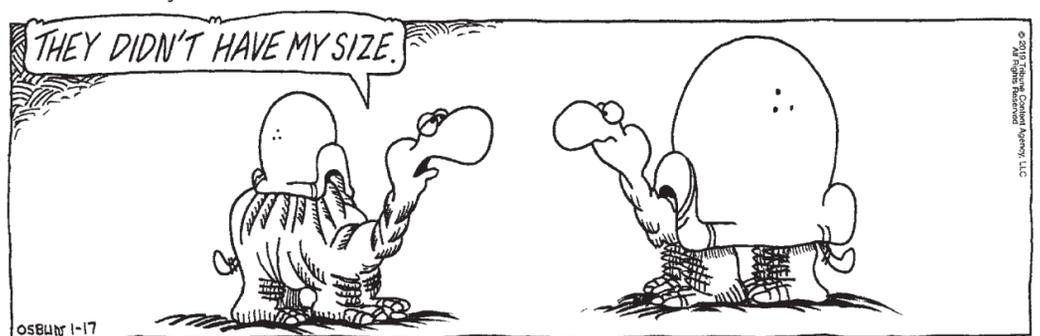
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## Dick Tracy



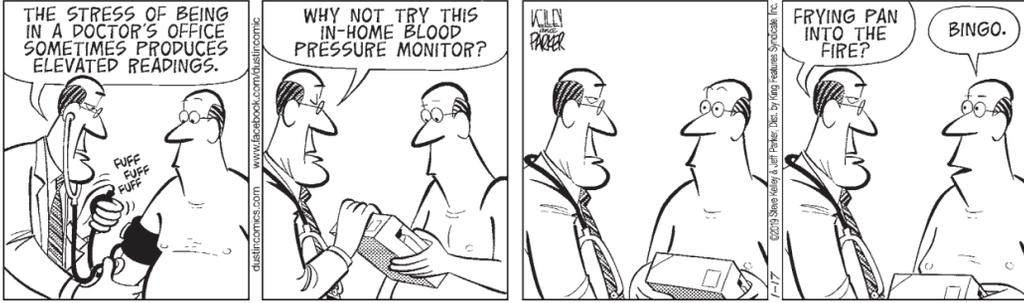
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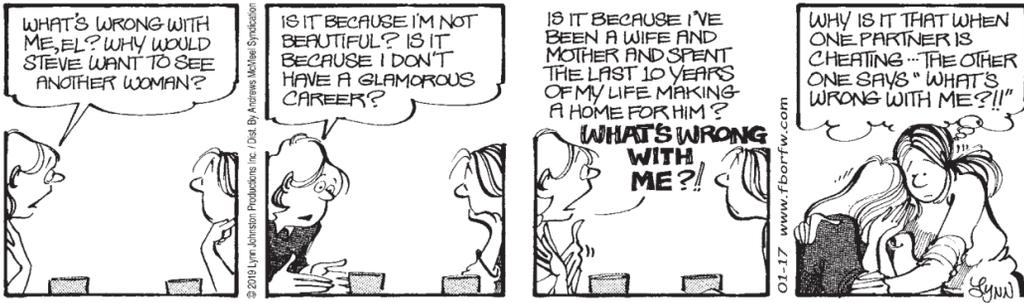
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**Dustin** By Steve Kelley and Jeff Parker



**For Better or for Worse** By Lynn Johnston



**Blondie** By Dean Young and John Marshall



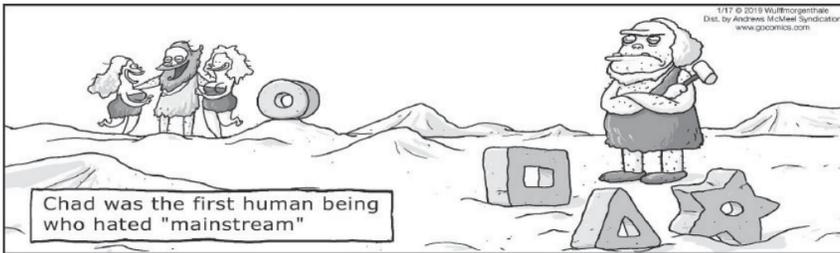
**Hägar the Horrible** By Chris Browne



**Mutts** By Patrick McDonnell



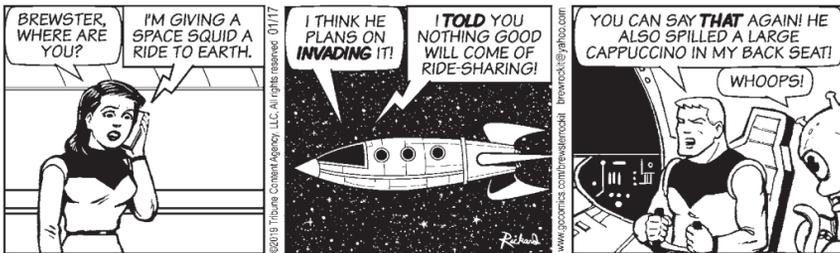
**WuMo** By Mikael Wulff and Anders Morgenthaler



**Sherman's Lagoon** By Jim Toomey



**Brewster Rockit: Space Guy!** By Tim Rickard



**Broom-Hilda** By Russell Myers

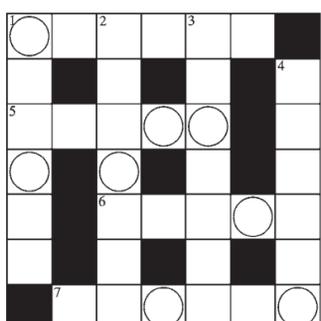


**Trivia Bits**

Which character is the narrator of Herman Melville's novel "Moby-Dick"?  
 A) Ahab  
 B) Ishmael  
 C) Queequeg  
 D) Starbuck

Wednesday's answer: The Brooklyn Bridge spans the East River in New York City.

**Jumble Crossword**



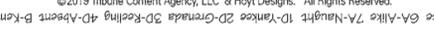
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 CLUE  
 1. Frozen  
 5. Nephew's sister  
 6. Similar  
 7. Zero

**DOWN**  
 CLUE  
 1. Mantle or Gehrgr  
 2. Medieval kingdom  
 3. Angling action  
 4. Not present

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.

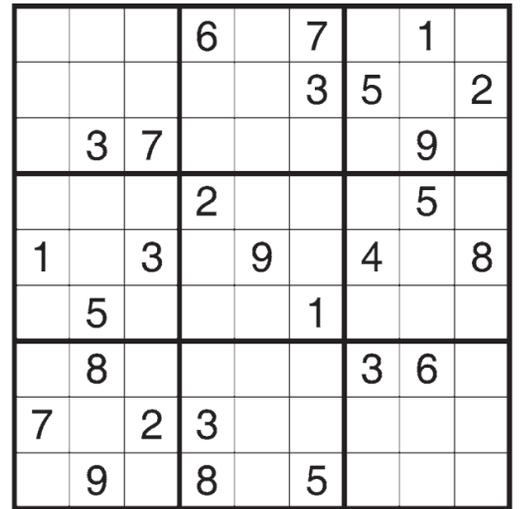
**BONUS**

CLUE: This is home to Mammoth Cave, the longest cave system in the world.



**Sudoku** 1 2 3 4

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|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | 9 | 4 | 2 | 8 | 6 | 5 | 7 | 3 |
| 6 | 5 | 3 | 7 | 4 | 9 | 2 | 1 | 8 |
| 8 | 7 | 2 | 3 | 1 | 5 | 4 | 9 | 6 |
| 7 | 3 | 1 | 4 | 5 | 8 | 6 | 2 | 9 |
| 2 | 6 | 9 | 1 | 3 | 7 | 8 | 4 | 5 |
| 4 | 8 | 5 | 6 | 9 | 2 | 7 | 3 | 1 |
| 5 | 2 | 6 | 9 | 7 | 1 | 3 | 8 | 4 |
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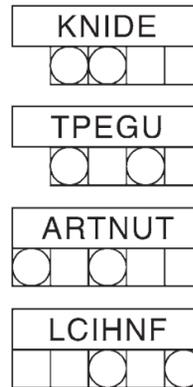
Complete the grid so each row, column and 3-by-3 box in bold borders contains every digit 1 to 9.

**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.



Answer here



**Wednesday's answers**

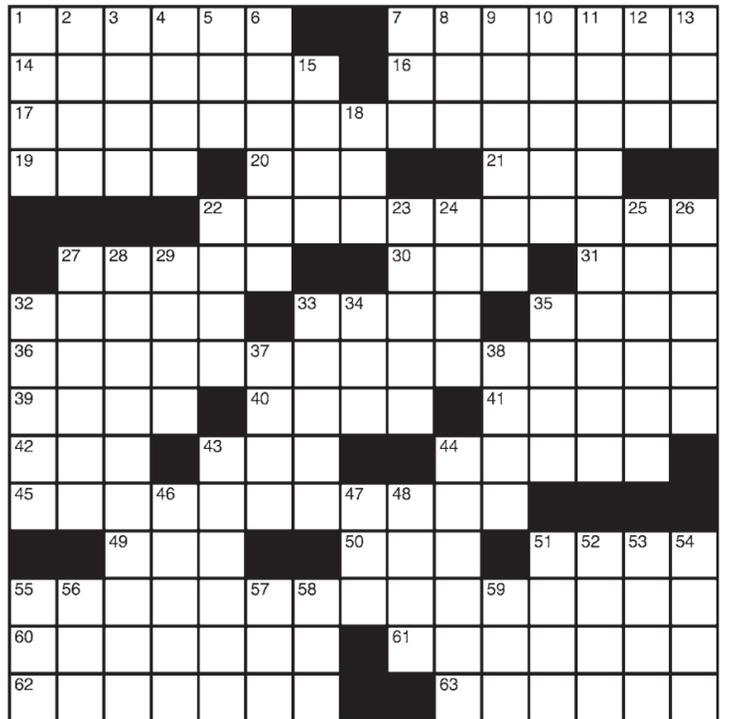
Jumbles: BIRCH TIGER SHREWD WINDOW  
 Answer: Their new talking scale had a — "WEIGH" WITH WORDS

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**Crossword**

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**Across**

- 1 Fear of spiders, usually
- 7 Google Earth predecessors
- 14 Aesthetic feature?
- 16 Hillary supporters
- 17 Lumberjack's favorite pirate phrase?
- 19 Theater award
- 20 Actor Holm
- 21 Slender Olive
- 22 Lumberjack's main interest in naval records?
- 27 Eero Saarinen's father
- 30 Many Sinatra recordings
- 31 Pipe shape
- 32 Quick cuts
- 33 Gig gear
- 35 "\_\_\_ pinch of ...": recipe words
- 36 Lumberjack's way to punch an opponent?
- 39 Reverberate
- 40 Baltic capital

- 41 Store \_\_\_
- 42 Small matter
- 43 Toon crime-fighter — Possible
- 44 Check phrase
- 45 Lumberjack's preferred ABC News reporter?
- 49 Civil War soldier
- 50 \_\_\_ of the woods: mushroom type
- 51 Athlete who wrote a history of African-American athletes
- 55 Lumberjack's reaction to an overly hard crossword?
- 60 Track foundation
- 61 French's product
- 62 Bottomless pits
- 63 Ignore

- 12 "For all in vain comes counsel to his \_\_\_": Shak.
- 13 Old draft org.
- 15 Jane Hamilton's "\_\_\_ of the World"
- 18 Med. specialist
- 22 "\_\_\_ la vie!"
- 23 A, as in Athens
- 24 \_\_\_ dixit: unproven claim
- 25 One who knows the ropes
- 26 Tumbler, e.g.
- 27 13th-century Norwegian king
- 28 Sensor that detects objects using closely spaced beams
- 29 Texter's modest intro
- 32 How things are going
- 33 Jungian concept
- 34 Corp. get-together
- 35 Mate's greeting
- 37 Barded flower
- 38 Burn a bit
- 43 Food on sticks
- 44 Repressed
- 46 Cries out for
- 47 "Please explain"
- 48 Cowpoke's polite assent
- 51 Tsp. and oz.
- 52 Places to unwind
- 53 Cilantro, e.g.
- 54 Watery swirl
- 55 Nest egg acronym
- 56 \_\_\_ rule
- 57 Novelist Harper
- 58 Mormon initials
- 59 Mex. neighbor

**Wednesday's solution**



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# CHICAGO WEATHER CENTER

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THURSDAY, JAN. 17

NORMAL HIGH: 31°

NORMAL LOW: 16°

RECORD HIGH: 60° (1894)

RECORD LOW: -23° (1982)

## Saturday could bring 4 to 8 inches of snowfall

### LOCAL FORECAST

**HIGH** 34 **LOW** 19

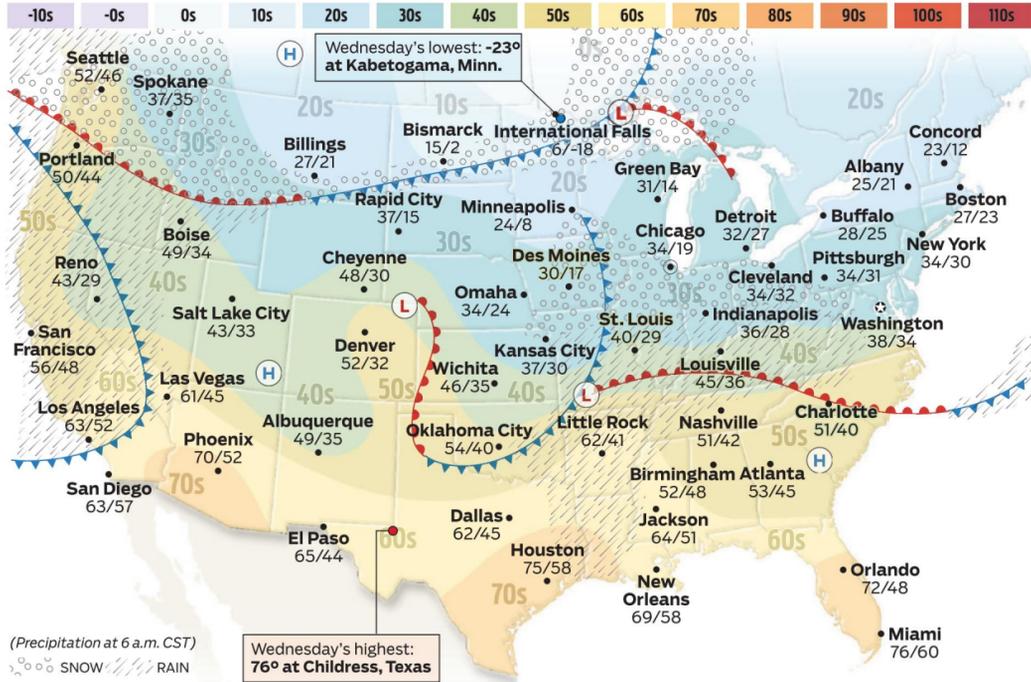
■ Low pressure moving out of the central plains will pass to our south moving on east of our area with snow diminishing and ending from the west during the afternoon.

■ Overnight light snowfall will continue into the morning hours with minor accumulations an inch or so possible mainly south of Interstate 80.

■ Light east/southeast winds shift northwest.

■ Partly cloudy overnight.

### NATIONAL FORECAST



As a weak low pressure system passes to our south, light snow will continue from the overnight hours into the morning Thursday. Minor accumulations of an inch or so will be possible mainly south of Interstate 80.

This is just the beginning. An upper-level low pressure trough dumping rain and snow over California will move east, likely triggering as much as 4-8 inches of heavy snow here Friday night and Saturday. Strong northeast winds gusting well over 30 mph will trigger heavy lake-effect snow showers Saturday night and Sunday.

Much greater amounts of snow will be possible in New England as the storm moves off the East Coast on Sunday. Following on its heels here, another low pressure system will likely spread snow into our area from the west Monday night and Tuesday.

### FRIDAY, JAN. 18

**HIGH** 30 **LOW** 25

Some sun in the morning with increasing clouds through the day and a slight chance of light snow beginning later afternoon. Highs in the upper 20s to lower 30s. Accumulating snow likely overnight.

### SATURDAY, JAN. 19

**HIGH** 28 **LOW** 10

Cloudy, blustery, colder with potentially heavy snow - several inches possible. System snow diminishes later in the day but lake-effect snow kicks in overnight. High temps in the mid/upper 20s, falling quickly overnight.

### SUNDAY, JAN. 20

**HIGH** 16 **LOW** 0

Lake-effect snow showers likely, continued strong gusty NE winds with additional accumulation possible near Lake Michigan. Highs in the teens; bitterly cold sub-zero wind chills. Snow showers in NW Indiana overnight.

### MONDAY, JAN. 21

**HIGH** 19 **LOW** 15

Martin Luther King Day. Mostly cloudy with a chance of light snow developing. Temperatures hold fairly steady in the mid to upper teens with southerly winds 8-18 mph. Snow likely overnight.

### TUESDAY, JAN. 22

**HIGH** 25 **LOW** 19

Cloudy with snow likely. Afternoon highs in the middle 20s. Gusty south winds 15-25 mph shift northeast late in the day. Lake-effect snow showers overnight.

### WEDNESDAY, JAN. 23

**HIGH** 28 **LOW** 16

Mostly cloudy, lake-effect snow showers possible. Highs in the upper 20s. Gusty north winds shift more westerly and diminish under partly cloudy skies overnight.

### ASK TOM

Dear Tom,  
How much has weather forecasting improved since the 1930s?  
— Roy Kentish, Crystal Lake

Dear Roy,  
Tremendous advances in forecasting have occurred and can be directly attributed to the addition of satellites and computers to the meteorologist's arsenal, making forecasting much more of a science than an art. Today's sophisticated mathematical simulations of the atmosphere are more accurate than ever, allowing meteorologists to produce better forecasts. The National Weather Service has been verifying forecast accuracy since the 1960s, and now five-day forecasts are as reliable as the three-day forecasts in the 1980s.

Short-range forecasts have also improved by a day; that is, today's Day 2 forecast is as accurate as the Day 1 forecast in the past.

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Hear Tom Skilling's weather updates weekdays 3 to 6 p.m. on WGN-AM 720 Chicago.

## Winter's one-two punch: Sticking snow, then frigid temps

**THE APPROACHING SNOW SYSTEM**  
Eastward-moving upper trough triggers surface low pressure—Saturday Chicago snow-maker

- THURSDAY** Heavy snows in the Sierras (an inch or more rain at lower levels)
- FRIDAY** Snow 6-12 inches in Rockies/S.D.
- SATURDAY** 4 to 6"+ snow across the Chicago area/Midwest/Lower Great Lakes



SOURCES: Frank Wachowski, National Weather Service archives

**CHICAGO SNOW CHANCES**

| SNOW LIKELY | SEVERAL INCHES LIKELY | LAKE-EFFECT SNOW SHOWERS |
|-------------|-----------------------|--------------------------|
| THURSDAY    | FRIDAY                | FRI. NIGHT               |
| 60%         | 20%                   | 90%                      |
|             |                       | SATURDAY                 |
|             |                       | 100%                     |
|             |                       | SUNDAY                   |
|             |                       | 60%                      |



**PROBABILITY OF SNOW AMOUNTS FOR CHICAGO**  
Occurring by Saturday evening

|     |     |     |     |        |
|-----|-----|-----|-----|--------|
| 1"+ | 2"+ | 4"+ | 6"+ | 8"+    |
| 90% | 80% | 60% | 40% | 10-20% |

SOURCES: Frank Wachowski, National Weather Service archives

**FRIDAY A.M. 'SNAPSHOT'**  
Westerly snow-triggering "low pressure troughs" embedded in upper jet stream flow

50 MPH Chicago  
145 MPH  
125 MPH  
70 MPH

FRI. NIGHT/SAT. SNOW

**SUNDAY'S FORECAST HIGH TEMP** Normal: 31°  
Wind Chills: 5° to -15°  
COLDEST IN 350 DAYS!  
Since Feb. 5, 2018 (129)

### MIDWEST CITIES

| THURS./FRI.    | FC | HI | LO | FC | HI | LO |
|----------------|----|----|----|----|----|----|
| Illinois       | rn | 47 | 33 | sh | 42 | 38 |
| Carbondale     | fr | 34 | 24 | cl | 29 | 25 |
| Champaign      | sh | 34 | 25 | cl | 29 | 25 |
| Decatur        | sh | 34 | 25 | cl | 30 | 26 |
| Moline         | sh | 33 | 14 | sh | 27 | 20 |
| Peoria         | ss | 35 | 19 | cl | 30 | 24 |
| Quincy         | sh | 35 | 23 | sh | 32 | 25 |
| Rockford       | sh | 31 | 18 | ss | 25 | 20 |
| Springfield    | sh | 35 | 24 | cl | 31 | 25 |
| Sterling       | sh | 31 | 16 | cl | 26 | 19 |
| Indiana        | rn | 40 | 30 | sh | 37 | 33 |
| Bloomington    | sh | 46 | 34 | sh | 40 | 37 |
| Evansville     | sh | 34 | 24 | sh | 32 | 24 |
| Fort Wayne     | rs | 36 | 28 | sh | 33 | 24 |
| Indianapolis   | rs | 34 | 26 | sh | 30 | 26 |
| Lafayette      | rs | 34 | 26 | sh | 30 | 26 |
| Louisville     | rs | 33 | 26 | sh | 31 | 20 |
| Wausau         | sh | 26 | 8  | sh | 15 | 3  |
| Michigan       | ss | 32 | 27 | sh | 33 | 21 |
| Detroit        | ss | 32 | 27 | sh | 33 | 21 |
| Grand Rapids   | ss | 32 | 27 | sh | 33 | 21 |
| Marquette      | sh | 32 | 12 | sh | 14 | 5  |
| St. Ste. Marie | sh | 22 | 13 | sh | 16 | 13 |
| Traverse City  | cl | 30 | 20 | sh | 25 | 15 |
| Iowa           | cl | 30 | 17 | sn | 22 | 11 |
| Ames           | cl | 30 | 17 | sn | 22 | 11 |
| Cedar Rapids   | sh | 30 | 15 | ss | 23 | 14 |
| Des Moines     | cl | 30 | 17 | sn | 24 | 12 |
| Dubuque        | sh | 32 | 18 | sn | 25 | 15 |
| El Paso        | pc | 65 | 44 | pc | 64 | 37 |

### OTHER U.S. CITIES

| THURS./FRI.    | FC | HI | LO | FC | HI | LO |
|----------------|----|----|----|----|----|----|
| Albany         | pc | 25 | 21 | ss | 37 | 19 |
| Albuquerque    | pc | 49 | 35 | sh | 46 | 25 |
| Amarillo       | su | 65 | 42 | pc | 62 | 26 |
| Anchorage      | pc | 26 | 17 | pc | 22 | 11 |
| Asheville      | rn | 46 | 37 | pc | 55 | 41 |
| Aspen          | rn | 40 | 26 | sn | 28 | 12 |
| Atlanta        | sh | 53 | 45 | sh | 59 | 48 |
| Atlantic City  | cl | 35 | 32 | sh | 44 | 30 |
| Austin         | pc | 74 | 52 | ts | 72 | 47 |
| Baltimore      | ss | 35 | 33 | pc | 45 | 31 |
| Billings       | sh | 27 | 21 | sh | 34 | 27 |
| Birmingham     | sh | 52 | 48 | sh | 59 | 52 |
| Bismarck       | sh | 15 | 2  | ss | 5  | -6 |
| Boise          | rn | 49 | 34 | sh | 45 | 36 |
| Boston         | pc | 27 | 23 | ss | 40 | 23 |
| Brownsville    | sh | 75 | 65 | pc | 77 | 65 |
| Buffalo        | sh | 28 | 25 | sh | 31 | 16 |
| Burlington     | pc | 14 | 9  | ss | 31 | -1 |
| Charlotte      | sh | 51 | 40 | pc | 60 | 43 |
| Charlston SC   | pc | 59 | 48 | cl | 63 | 52 |
| Charlston WV   | sh | 41 | 38 | sh | 42 | 34 |
| Chattanooga    | rn | 46 | 44 | sh | 56 | 46 |
| Cheyenne       | pc | 48 | 30 | ss | 33 | 25 |
| Cincinnati     | rs | 37 | 32 | sh | 36 | 32 |
| Cleveland      | ss | 34 | 32 | sh | 34 | 26 |
| Colo. Spgs     | pc | 54 | 32 | pc | 44 | 23 |
| Columbia MO    | sh | 37 | 28 | rn | 37 | 27 |
| Columbia SC    | pc | 59 | 44 | cl | 65 | 48 |
| Columbus       | sn | 35 | 32 | sh | 35 | 29 |
| Corpus Christi | pc | 23 | 12 | ss | 35 | 12 |
| Crps Christi   | pc | 72 | 61 | sh | 75 | 60 |
| Dallas         | su | 62 | 45 | ts | 68 | 38 |
| Daytona Bch.   | pc | 69 | 46 | pc | 72 | 54 |
| Denver         | pc | 52 | 32 | sh | 43 | 24 |
| Duluth         | pc | 17 | -3 | pc | 5  | -6 |
| El Paso        | pc | 65 | 44 | pc | 64 | 37 |

### WORLD CITIES

| THURS./FRI.   | FC | HI | LO  | FC | HI  | LO  |
|---------------|----|----|-----|----|-----|-----|
| Fairbanks     | su | -8 | -15 | pc | -12 | -20 |
| Fargo         | sh | 9  | -9  | cl | -4  | -19 |
| Flagstaff     | cl | 43 | 31  | pc | 39  | 20  |
| Fort Myers    | su | 76 | 51  | pc | 79  | 55  |
| Fort Smith    | pc | 56 | 37  | rn | 60  | 46  |
| Fresno        | sh | 60 | 46  | pc | 61  | 43  |
| Grand Falls   | rn | 40 | 30  | sn | 37  | 18  |
| Great Falls   | pc | 25 | 18  | pc | 37  | 30  |
| Harrisburg    | ss | 35 | 30  | sh | 43  | 28  |
| Hartford      | pc | 29 | 23  | ss | 40  | 23  |
| Helena        | pc | 26 | 17  | pc | 39  | 26  |
| Honolulu      | sh | 80 | 68  | ts | 87  | 78  |
| Houston       | sh | 75 | 58  | ts | 74  | 58  |
| Int'l Falls   | pc | 6  | -18 | pc | -7  | -25 |
| Jackson       | sh | 64 | 51  | sh | 65  | 59  |
| Jacksonville  | pc | 67 | 48  | cl | 70  | 55  |
| Jamez         | pc | 29 | 19  | cl | 25  | 23  |
| Kansas City   | sh | 62 | 41  | sh | 40  | 23  |
| Las Vegas     | sh | 61 | 45  | su | 61  | 41  |
| Lexington     | rn | 43 | 37  | cl | 42  | 36  |
| Lincoln       | pc | 35 | 25  | sn | 28  | 9   |
| Little Rock   | sh | 62 | 41  | sh | 57  | 53  |
| Los Angeles   | pc | 63 | 52  | pc | 67  | 51  |
| Louisville    | rn | 45 | 36  | sh | 42  | 38  |
| Macon         | pc | 60 | 46  | sh | 63  | 52  |
| Memphis       | sh | 58 | 41  | sh | 57  | 53  |
| Miami         | sh | 76 | 60  | pc | 78  | 66  |
| Minneapolis   | cl | 24 | 8   | sh | 13  | 3   |
| Mobile        | sh | 64 | 57  | sh | 68  | 60  |
| Montgomery    | sh | 60 | 50  | sh | 65  | 55  |
| New Orleans   | sh | 69 | 58  | sh | 71  | 62  |
| New York      | cl | 34 | 30  | rs | 43  | 30  |
| Norfolk       | sh | 44 | 37  | pc | 55  | 38  |
| Oklahoma City | pc | 54 | 40  | pc | 62  | 54  |
| Omaha         | pc | 34 | 24  | ss | 27  | 10  |
| Orlando       | pc | 72 | 48  | pc | 75  | 54  |

### WORLD CITIES

| THURS./FRI.   | FC | HI | LO | FC | HI | LO |
|---------------|----|----|----|----|----|----|
| Palm Beach    | pc | 76 | 57 | pc | 77 | 61 |
| Palm Springs  | sh | 66 | 53 | pc | 73 | 52 |
| Philadelphia  | cl | 35 | 29 | pc | 44 | 29 |
| Phoenix       | pc | 70 | 52 | pc | 70 | 44 |
| Pittsburgh    | ss | 34 | 31 | rn | 36 | 26 |
| Portland, ME  | pc | 21 | 15 | ss | 37 | 13 |
| Portland, OR  | rn | 50 | 44 | rn | 49 | 45 |
| Providence    | pc | 29 | 21 | ss | 41 | 23 |
| Raleigh       | sh | 50 | 39 | pc | 59 | 40 |
| Rapid City    | pc | 37 | 15 | ss | 18 | 12 |
| Reno          | pc | 29 | 29 | sh | 33 | 33 |
| Richmond      | sh | 42 | 36 | pc | 54 | 35 |
| Rochester     | sh | 25 | 23 | ss | 33 | 16 |
| Rosemead      | sh | 58 | 44 | cl | 58 | 45 |
| Salem, Ore.   | rn | 50 | 44 | rn | 49 | 48 |
| San Antonio   | cl | 43 | 33 | ss | 37 | 27 |
| San Diego     | cl | 75 | 55 | ts | 73 | 52 |
| San Francisco | sh | 63 | 57 | pc | 63 | 52 |
| San Jose      | sh | 56 | 48 | pc | 56 | 49 |
| Santa Fe      | pc | 42 | 30 | ss | 35 | 18 |
| Savannah      | pc | 63 | 46 | cl | 66 | 53 |
| Seattle       | rn | 52 | 46 | rn | 52 | 47 |
| Shreveport    | pc | 65 | 46 | ts | 65 | 56 |
| Sioux Falls   | sh | 27 | 13 | ss | 16 | -6 |
| Spokane       | rn | 37 | 35 | sh | 42 | 37 |
| St. Louis     | sh | 40 | 29 | sh | 37 | 31 |
| Tucson        | su | 74 | 47 | pc | 65 | 39 |
| Tulsa         | pc | 54 | 36 | sh | 62 | 27 |
| Tampa         | pc | 71 | 49 | pc | 76 | 54 |
| Topeka        | sh | 38 | 30 | sh | 41 | 49 |
| Turkey        | su | 70 | 47 | pc | 65 | 39 |
| Tulsa         | pc | 54 | 36 | sh | 62 | 27 |
| Washington    | ss | 38 | 34 | pc | 46 | 34 |
| Wichita       | pc | 46 | 35 | sh | 54 | 18 |
| Wilkes Barre  | sh | 29 | 21 | sh | 36 | 20 |
| Yuma          | pc | 71 | 54 | pc | 71 | 51 |

### WORLD CITIES

| THURSDAY  | FC | HI | LO | THURSDAY    | FC | HI | LO |
|-----------|----|----|----|-------------|----|----|----|
| Acapulco  | sh | 84 | 72 | Kingston    | pc | 84 | 72 |
| Algiers   | cl | 63 | 43 | Lima        | sh | 78 | 70 |
| Amsterdam | sh | 42 | 33 | London      | rs | 51 | 41 |
| Ankara    | sh | 36 | 22 | Madrid      | sh | 50 | 23 |
| Athens    | su | 58 | 43 | Manila      | sh | 87 | 73 |
| Auckland  | cl | 74 | 66 | Mexico City | sh | 68 | 50 |
| Baghdad   | pc | 58 | 37 | Monterrey   | cl | 73 | 58 |
| Bangkok   | sh | 89 | 73 | Montreal    | pc | 6  | 1  |
| Barbados  | pc | 83 | 75 | Moscow      | sh | 27 | 27 |
| Beirut    | cl | 74 | 66 | Munich      | sh | 42 | 29 |
| Berlin    | pc | 57 | 48 | Nairobi     |    |    |    |

Design pros pick projects worth splurging on

Floor trusses eliminate need for interior bearing walls

Chicago Tribune  
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# Which home improvements are worth doing high-end?

BY DAN DICLERICO  
HomeAdvisor

The only thing harder than setting a realistic remodeling budget is sticking to it. The secret? Knowing when to splurge and when to save. Here are top picks for each category from the pros at HomeAdvisor, including the architects and designers who draw up the plans, contractors who do the work and repairmen who get called when things go wrong.

It's not worth cutting corners on the following five items:

**Long-lasting paint:** Cheap contractor-grade paint goes on thin and is prone to fading, staining and other flaws that make for an eyesore. You don't have to blow your budget on crazy-expensive designer paint costing \$100 per gallon or more. But it is worth investing in a high-quality paint in the \$30-\$40 per gallon range over the \$10-\$20 per gallon economy stuff. Better paint will provide ample coverage — often in just one coat — and it will withstand scrubbing, fading and mildew for many years.

**Natural wood floors:** Installing wood floors costs \$4,500 on average, according to HomeAdvisor's True Cost Guide. That's three



DREAMSTIME

Longing for natural wood floors? Turns out they're worth the splurge: You'll recover the cost if you sell your home.

times as much as you'll spend on bargain materials like vinyl or linoleum. But the warmth and beauty of wood floors is without comparison. Plus, they can be refinished several times, so

they're probably the last floor you'll ever have to install. That's a big reason why wood floors add significantly to a home's value. Ultimately, you'll recoup the cost if you ever decide to sell.

**Cabinets you can count on:** It always pays to spend more on things you interact with every day, and that includes kitchen cabinets. A drawer that sticks or a door that's falling off its hinge after just a few months will fill you with all kinds of remodeler's remorse. Custom cabinets can get very pricey, but nowadays you can find solid construction, including dovetail joinery and full-extension drawer guides, in reasonable semi-stock cabinets.

**Hard-wearing countertops:** Countertops take a ton of abuse, and they're often a focal point of the kitchen. It's worth spending more on a material that combines beauty and durability. Natural stones like granite and marble are the traditional favorites. But in recent years, quartz has emerged as a popular countertop material because it looks great and wears incredibly well. And it doesn't require the periodic sealing that many other natural stones require.

**Professional design:** Don't underestimate the value of good design help, especially on more involved projects like a kitchen or bath renovation. If you're knocking down walls and putting in new mechanicals, you'll need to

hire an architect for a fee of about 10 to 20 percent of the overall project cost. If you just need help choosing fixtures and materials, a certified kitchen and bath designer will fit the bill for about half as much as an architect.

Balance your budget by cutting back on these items.

**Appliances:** A suite of high-end appliances — fridge, range, dishwasher — might run \$20,000. That's the price to pay for true built-ins. But you can get similar looks and performance by choosing a cabinet-depth refrigerator, slide-in range and traditional dishwasher, all for as little as \$5,000.

**Bathroom tile:** Designer tile made of natural stone or glass is certainly striking, but a simple glossy white ceramic tile can deliver an elegant look for a fraction of the cost. Plus, it's often much easier to maintain.

**Light fixtures:** Lighting is another category that can quickly get over the top with sculptural designs and luxury finishes. If you're on a budget, pass on the glam and instead make sure the overall lighting plan incorporates ample layers of ambient, task and accent lighting.

## LED mood lighting systems are instant fun

BY GREGG ELLMAN  
Tribune News Service

There are times when I spend just minutes with a new product and other times it captivates my attention for hours. The latter was the case with Monster Illuminence color-changing LED mood lighting system.

The mood lighting kits are ready to use out of the box and will instantly get any room ready for a party, holiday dinner or anytime you want to feature a lighting atmosphere with different moods.

When I say I spent hours, this was not a case of the setup being difficult. In fact, it's incredibly easy to get set up in minutes. Everything is controlled by a hand-held radio frequency remote. There's no software, app or any download needed. What took me so long is deciding which setup I liked and worked best.

The system is sold in parts, with light strips, bulbs and longer power extension cables, enabling it to work in rooms of any size. The bigger the room, the more you get.

The two-light mood kit

(\$19.88) has a pair of multicolor/white LED dimmable bulbs. These screw into any standard light fixture and the setup is done. With the RF remote control you can instantly turn the lights on or off, change the color of the light, control dimming, set up programs or use one of the preset programs. The programs include beach, Christmas and Halloween themes. Whatever you choose, the response is instant and kind of fun. Or just set it to "White" for everyday white light.

The USB-powered LED strip mood light kit (\$28.88) has an

extra bright multicolor/white dimmable 150-LED 16.4-foot strip and the RF remote. This is great for lining a wall behind a sofa or even the rim under furniture.

If you really want to go all out, you can pair up to four Illuminence remotes with up to 30 LED bulbs for the right light throughout your home. Small space (\$14.88) LED mood light kits have an RF remote, a single bulb and a 6.5-foot 60-LED strip. A large space (\$28.88) kit has the remote with two bulbs and two strips.

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Monster Illuminence color-changing LED mood lighting systems come in several options.

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# Pick best doormats to keep home clean

BY LINDSEY M. ROBERTS

The Washington Post

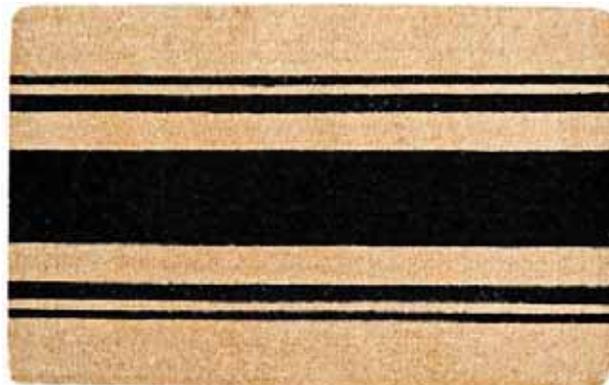
Even if you have a no-shoe policy in your house, there will be times when you need to dash inside with your shoes on for one last thing, or times when a handyman or repair person needs to wear work boots indoors. For these situations — and for shoes-on houses — doormats are essential. “With a good brush and stomp, doormats can prevent debris, wet snow and dripping rainwater from entering your home,” says Lindsey Handel, a buyer for the garden and home store Terrain in Pennsylvania.

Doormats may help with a comprehensive allergy-fighting plan, too, says Stephen Kimura, a board-certified allergist in Pensacola, Fla. “If you’re going to wear your shoes in the house, at least wiping them is going to help some. We’ve got pollen season now year-round, so these measures are important.”

Kimura’s family doesn’t wear shoes indoors, but they do have inexpensive washable cotton mats with rubber backings at each door to catch crud and set shoes on.

The right doormat for your house depends on whether it will be completely exposed or under a covered porch. For exposure, Handel recommends coir; for covered exposure, she says you can go for a less-durable jute-and-coir mix. The best thickness depends on whether the mat is inside or outside.

“It’s nice to have a softer and thinner rug inside and a more bristly, durable one outside,” says Joy Cho of California design studio Oh Joy. We dug up more dirt on doormats to deliver five options chosen by experts. Welcome home to a



WILLIAMS-SONOMA

Williams-Sonoma’s French stripe doormat (\$59.95, williams-sonoma.com).



CHILEWICH

Chilewich’s latest design is Simple Stripe (\$52, chilewich.com).

cleaner house.

Although Cho, with two children, has a no-shoe policy at home, she considers doormats a “decorative and a fun way to greet guests” and help catch dirt, water and snow before shoes are placed inside the door. If you have one main entry, Cho says to go “with one you really love that makes a statement or has a fun greeting.” For any secondary entries, she suggests coordinating the look of those mats: “They could all be exactly the same for consistency or just have a similar vibe.”

For interior entryways, she recently designed some washable interior entry rugs for Lorena Canals. For exterior doors, she likes

vinyl Chilewich mats, which are mold-, mildew- and chlorine-resistant, with a water-blocking, slip-resistant vinyl backing. The company’s latest design, Simple Stripe, which comes out Friday (\$52, chilewich.com), has a functional stripe made of PVC yarns that scrape away debris.

Terrain’s Handel says that in most climates the fiber coir, made from coconut husks, is best for exterior doormats that are exposed to the weather. “The thicker and scratchier the doormat you can find, the better” for scraping off dirt, she says. She prefers a knot-patterned weave doormat for its classic look. These can be found almost



ROPE CO.

A Rope Co. doormat was handmade in Maine by fifth-generation lobstermen (\$65-\$129, theropeco.com).



ENTRYWAYS

Entryways Knot-Ical handwoven coconut-fiber doormat (\$38.57, homedepot.com).

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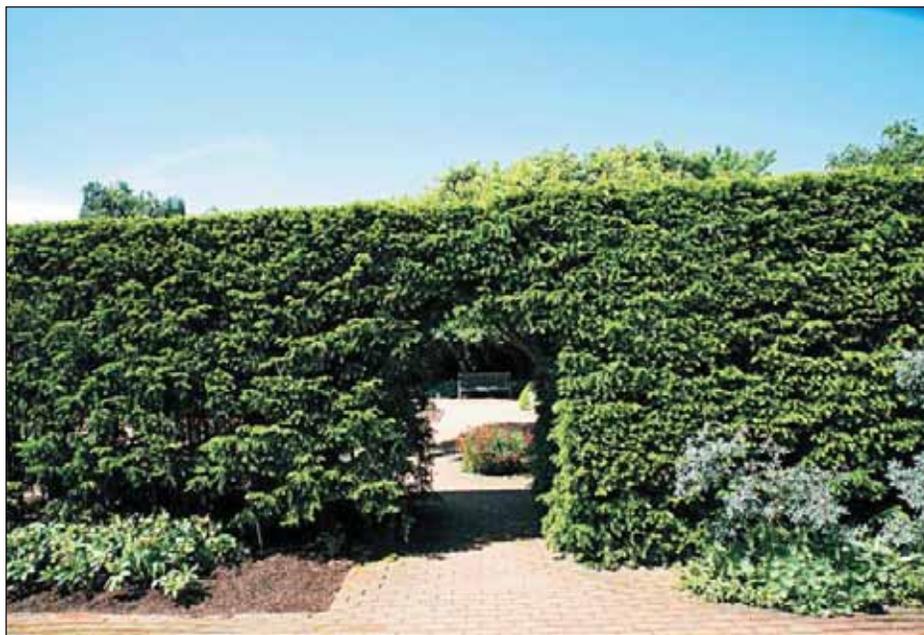
In the Midwest and Northeast, doormats need to be winterproof. The Chicago-based co-founders of the Everygirl Media Group, Alaina Kaczmariski and Danielle Moss, both use coir doormats to dust off the snow. “The bristles absorb moisture and actually catch the snow as you brush your feet off,” Kaczmariski says. Coir doesn’t always last past a season, but she says it’s worth buying because coir is best

at snow removal. Both Kaczmariski and Moss like coir mats from Williams-Sonoma, such as the French stripe doormat (\$59.95, williams-sonoma.com).

For a multiseason mat that can handle whatever winter throws at it, try a lobster-rope mat, says Lisa Myers, owner of home-goods store Capers in Seattle. “They work to shed the water and they have a little bit of coarseness to the rope that takes the dirt off,” Myers says. She highlights the Rope Co.’s doormats, handmade in Maine by fifth-generation lobstermen (\$65-\$129,

therropeco.com). “They’re super durable. I had a similar one for many years and I just hosed it down and it keeps looking great.”

“I’ve used rope mats on several projects, usually beach or summer homes,” says Josh Linder, owner of Evolve Residential in Boston. They are “a fun first peek into the interior of the home, but also are incredibly rugged and well-wearing,” he says. “Rope, made for the oceans ... is intended to take a beating.” He likes Rockport Rope’s mats, which come in a variety of sizes (\$39.99-\$389.99, rockportdoormats.com).



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A healthy yew that is pruned aggressively will most likely take at least three years to fill in again, like the hedge seen here, so you need to consider the recovery time.

## Taming overgrown yews requires some patience

By **TIM JOHNSON**  
Chicago Tribune

I have some very overgrown yews growing along my house and would like to cut them back dramatically. Can this be done?

— Jennifer Sampson,  
Woodstock

Overgrown and heavily sheared yews can be found in many gardens. Yews that are sheared a couple of times a year gradually increase in size, so a gardener may notice that they have overtaken their planting space. Yews (*Taxus*) generate new growth from old wood, so you can prune them aggressively with good results, providing you are patient.

Yews that have been sheared for a number of years are the most difficult to rejuvenate, as there is generally only about 1 to 2 inches of foliage at the perimeter of the plant, so even a modest cut back will remove all the leaves.

In this situation, you may as well prune the yew back to a couple of inches below the ideal height at

which you would like to maintain the plant. The remaining bare branches should sprout some new growth, providing that the yew was in good health. Even then, some of the branches will die back. A yew that is under a lot of stress — showing thin foliage or an off-green color — will not respond well to this rejuvenation pruning.

Yews do not like wet soil conditions, and their foliage will turn yellow and thin out when the soil is consistently too wet. They will also thin out when the shade gets too heavy. A healthy yew pruned this aggressively will most likely still take at least three years to fill in and start looking good again, so you need to consider the recovery time before proceeding. You may prefer to replace it.

A less aggressive strategy for reducing the size of a yew that has been sheared is to thin it some and create “holes” so that sun can penetrate into the shrub to encourage new growth deeper in the plant. Then

you can cut back to this new growth in subsequent years. This pruning process is time-consuming, and reducing the overall size of the yews can take a number of years.

Yews that are overgrown and have been pruned more naturally will usually have green growth deeper in the plant that you can prune back to while reducing the size of the plant. I have gotten excellent results when more aggressively reducing the size of yews in this condition.

The best time to prune your yews is shortly before the yews start growing in spring, usually in mid- to late March in our area. There may be a window of opportunity in early April if the weather has been cold. Heavily pruning the yews in late fall or early winter exposes any remaining foliage to the sun, which may cause it to burn and turn brown.

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## Good tools make difference when pruning trees, shrubs

By **BETH BOTTS**  
Chicago Tribune

For pruning, as for any gardening task, good equipment makes a big difference.

“Using the right tools will be healthier for your trees and shrubs,” said Sharon Yiesla, plant knowledge specialist at the Morton Arboretum in Lisle. “It’s also easier and less tiring.”

She advises investing in the best quality tools you can afford. “Good tools will last longer and save you money in the long run,” she said. “You can economize by only buying tools you really need.”

The essential tool for pruning is a good pair of sharp bypass pruners. “Bypass” means the two blades slide past each other, as in a pair of scissors, slicing the wood cleanly. “It’s the right design for all the pruning you’re likely to do,” Yiesla said.

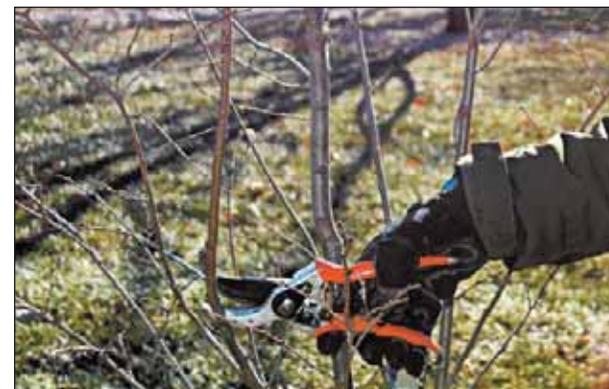
You also will see anvil pruners, in which a single sharpened blade on the top jaw closes against a flat surface on the lower jaw. Intended for use on dead wood, anvil pruners crush rather than slice and don’t allow you to place your cuts precisely.

“Anvil pruners are not the right tool for pruning live wood,” Yiesla said. “Most homeowners don’t need them.”

Hand pruners are for smaller stems and branches. To cut thicker wood, you’ll need a pair of bypass loppers or a pruning saw.

Loppers are simply large pruners with longer handles that create more leverage. “The leverage allows you to cut bigger branches, and the long handles let you reach a bit farther,” Yiesla said.

Not all loppers and pruners are the same. Some models — usually more expensive ones, often



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Well-chosen tools, such as good-quality, sharp bypass pruners, will make it easier to prune shrubs in winter and will be healthier for the plants.

with ratchet mechanisms — can handle thicker branches. Check the packaging for the maximum diameter the tool can cut.

For even larger branches, the next step up is a pruning saw. Some gardeners don’t bother with loppers; they prune trees and shrubs using only hand pruners and a saw.

“A pruning saw is not the same as a carpenter’s saw,” Yiesla said. It has a long, narrow blade that will fit between branches. The blade usually has a slight curve to help hold the branch and keep the saw’s teeth in the cut.

A folding saw with an 8- to 10-inch-long blade will suffice for most homeowners. When you’re not using it, the sharp teeth fold safely into the handle.

“Be sure to get one with a replaceable blade,” Yiesla said. Replacing a saw blade is much easier than sharpening it.

It’s worth it to pay more for a blade that cuts on both the pull stroke and the push stroke, which removes branches faster and with less work. Yiesla recommends blades of hardened steel that are treated to resist damage from moisture and tree sap. She recommends that you consider carefully before investing in a pole pruner or pole saw, a tool with an extension handle

that may reach 10 or 12 feet above your head. “It’s mainly for pruning trees, and it’s very difficult to handle,” she said.

Using a pole saw requires considerable upper body strength, dexterity, balance and practice. “You’re likely to do more harm than good with a pole saw,” Yiesla said.

Do add one more critical tool to the collection: a sharpener for your pruners. This can be a small diamond file or a dedicated pruner sharpening tool. A few strokes will make sure your pruners’ blade is sharp each time you use it. Wear gloves and handle your sharp tools carefully for your own safety.

“Sharp blades make clean cuts, which are best for the plants,” Yiesla said. A tree or shrub can seal over a clean cut much more easily than a wound where wood is torn, crushed or jagged.

There’s a bonus, she said: “It’s easier on you, because sharp blades cut with less effort.”

*For tree and plant advice, contact the Arboretum’s Plant Clinic (630-719-2424 or [plantclinic@mortonarb.org](mailto:plantclinic@mortonarb.org)).*

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# Cutting down on load-bearing walls

New, made-to-order floor trusses an ideal solution to the problem

BY TIM CARTER  
Tribune Content Agency

**Q: Is it possible to build a multi-story home with no, or few, interior bearing walls or beams? I've looked at lumber span tables and regular lumber doesn't seem to be able to do what I want to be done. What are my options, and have you ever solved this problem before?**

**A:** You can build a multi-story home with no bearing walls. It's been done for decades. Amazingly, it's done using regular 2-by-4s to solve the problem! No, that's not a typo!

Let's first discuss the span tables. A span table is a chart that shows how far a certain floor joist can span and not bend too much depending on several factors. The wood species, the grade of the lumber, and the height or size of the floor joist are the primary things taken into consideration when creating the tables.

It's important to realize that different species of lumber have different strength characteristics. When I was building every day, Douglas fir was one of the strongest types of lumber you could buy. Southern Yellow Pine was also very strong. Hemlock, on the other hand, was somewhat weak.

Decades ago I used floor trusses made with ordinary

2-by-4s to create the floor of a large room addition for a client. He refused to have any interior load-bearing walls or beams and also wanted a floor that was as solid as concrete with no bounce in it. Magic floor trusses solve problems like these and offer much more to architects, builders and homeowners.

A floor truss is made in a factory where common roof trusses are made. Advanced computer technology designs the exact size and shape of the truss to meet whatever specifications you require.

The end result is a wood floor truss that looks much like large steel bridges that span rivers and canyons. I'm sure you've seen hundreds of these where the horizontal top and bottom members of the bridge are connected by numerous other pieces of steel that look like a bunch of connected letter Ws one after another along the side of the bridge. This design can be done with steel, 2-by-4s and even toothpicks for class science projects!

Plumbing, heating and cooling, and electrical contractors love working with floor trusses. They have virtually unlimited places to run pipes, ducts and cables, never having to drill one hole. The center of each floor truss almost always has a wide-open chase for a heating or cooling contractor to install his



TIM CARTER PHOTO

Floor trusses, which are factory made, often can run 30 feet or more and they are designed so that there is no bounce in the floor. The trusses can help toward building a structure with no load-bearing interior walls.

primary supply ducting down the center of the entire floor from one end to the other.

A floor truss can be designed to span 30 or more feet with ease. The truss manufacturer can build them so strong that there's no bounce to the floor at all. This comes in very handy if you desire a tile floor. Tile and grout can crack if installed over wood floors that are springy and bouncy.

Two or three carpenters can easily move around these giant floor trusses. You don't need to have a large crane on a job site to set them. Each truss is an identical copy of the one next to it so the finished floor is flat and smooth with no humps or dips in it. These imperfections are quite common with normal

dimensional lumber floor joists.

You can discover lots more about floor trusses as well as the closest lumberyard near you that can order them for you. Visit: <http://go.askthe-builder.com/best-waytoframe>.

Since each job is different, these epic building materials are not a stock item you can just go pick up today. This is why you've probably never ever seen them before. I guarantee you'll be spellbound when you discover all that floor trusses make possible.

**Q: I hope you can help me. A recent bathroom remodeling job turned into a larger project resulting in a large patch of wall plaster that's got to**

**be replaced. My contractor's drywall people have never done plaster repair. How would you fix a 3 foot by 3 foot hole in the wall if it were your home? I'm tempted to try to do the plaster repair myself. Do you think this is folly?**

**A:** Situations like this had to be part of the inspiration for the children's book "The Little Engine That Could." My nickname at home is "Dream Crusher" because I often inject reality into family discussions. More often than not in DIY situations, however, I take the opposite tack. I say, "Get a simple plastering trowel out and get to work!" Yes, you can achieve professional results with the right attitude and some guidance.

You're blessed to be living in an age where technology permits the easy sharing of knowledge. Quite a few professionals have invested vast amounts of time and resources to create excellent step-by-step videos of how to do thousands of projects. I've been doing it for nearly 20 years and have over 650 DIY videos on my Askthe-Builder YouTube channel.

Kirk Giordano is another example. He's a professional plasterer who lives and works in the Bay Area of California. He's created hundreds and hundreds of videos sharing his hard-earned knowledge about plaster and stucco installation.

Kirk is a great teacher and has several videos that show you exactly how to make a plaster repair such as this. What if I told you that you could have the repair completed start to finish in less than two hours? The plaster you need is probably in a bag at a local plaster distributor not too far from your home. Or you can buy it online and have it delivered to your home.

The special plaster trowel you need with the curved corners is also affordable and readily available. You'll be blown away when you see how easy it is to apply the fresh plaster and trowel it so it's smooth. If you completely botch the job, then just chop it out and try again. But I'm convinced that after watching Kirk's videos, you'll get it right the first time!

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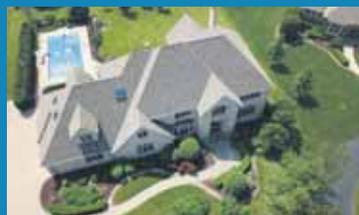
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