

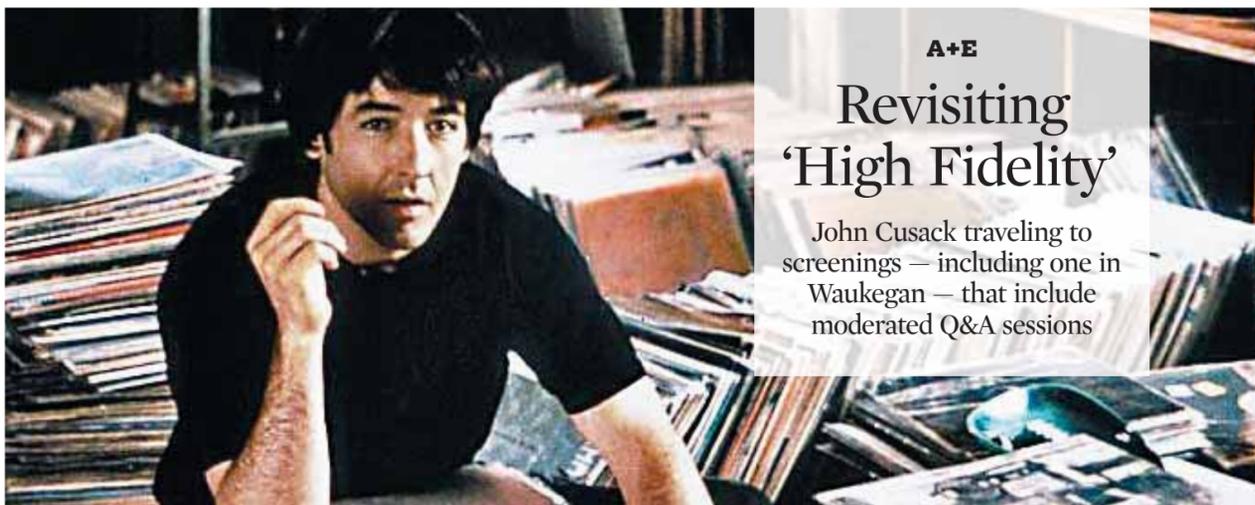
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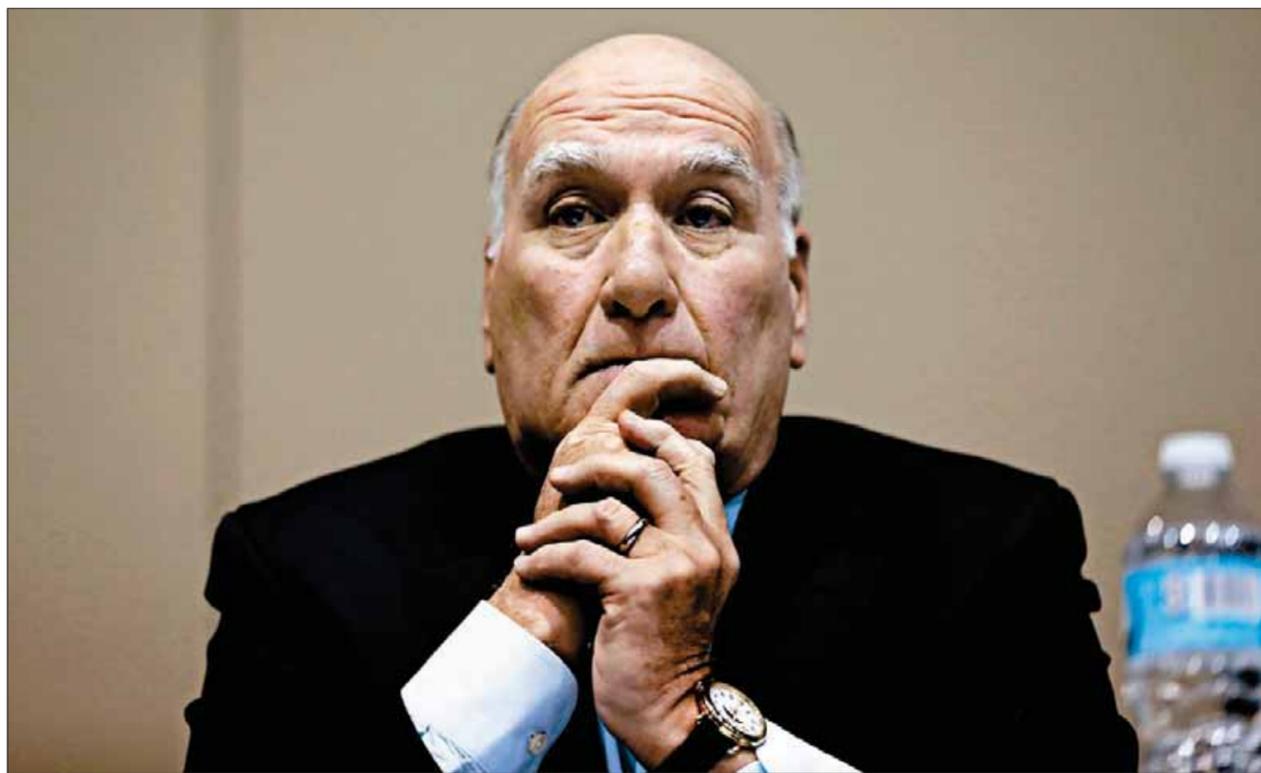
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Long before he was a mayoral candidate, Bill Daley was merely the youngest son of a connected mayor trying to pass his insurance licensing exam.

Daley's break: Passed broker exam under suspicious circumstances

'73 insurance test results tainted by claim of inside aid

By **TODD LIGHTY**
 Chicago Tribune

Bill Daley has passed the bar to practice law and cleared security checks to work in the White House. But when he tried to pass the state exam to sell insurance in Illinois as a young man, he faced failure, scandal and embarrassment.

First, the youngest son of Mayor Richard J. Daley flunked. And when he passed on his second try, in 1973, the validity of the insurance test later was questioned amid allegations he received inside help.

The evidence? An ex-



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Bill Daley works as a Democratic watcher during a vote canvass on March 24, 1976. Three years earlier, he'd gotten a passing grade on his insurance licensing exam.

pert handwriting analysis and different inks pointed to two people filling in test answers. And then there was the colorful and

damning account of the state employee who had administered the insurance tests and taken them home over the weekend.

The worker described being paid a Sunday visit by Robert Wills, a recently fired colleague who took a particular interest in Bill

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Daley's test. As the two drank beer, Wills noticed that Daley had not answered several questions.

Wills, the worker testified, had a request: "I'd like to do a favor for a friend of mine and fill them in."

That friend, according to court records, was a close ally of the mayor. Bill Daley, who was not charged with wrongdoing, denied any involvement and kept his insurance license.

Today, Daley is campaigning for mayor as a

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Trump's words fail to deter Democrats

President should not bring threats to House, Pelosi says

By **LISA MASCARO AND MARY CLARE JALONICK**
 Associated Press

WASHINGTON — House Speaker Nancy Pelosi said President Donald Trump's insistence that lawmakers abandon their investigations was a "threat" that had no place in Congress, as unbowed Democrats charged ahead Wednesday with plans to probe Trump's tax returns, business and ties to Russia.

The chairman of the intelligence committee, Rep. Adam Schiff, announced a new investigation into Russian interference in the 2016 election and Trump's foreign financial interests.

"The president should not bring threats to the floor of the House," Pelosi told reporters, rebuking Trump for saying during his State of the Union address that the "ridiculous partisan investigations" must end because they could harm the economy.

Pelosi said Congress has a responsibility to conduct oversight of the executive

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Questions raised over Grant Park nonprofit

Advocate said to have raised funds district never saw

By **MORGAN GREENE**
 Chicago Tribune

The Chicago Park District for years ignored a prominent advocate's resale of discounted Grant Park event permits to benefit his nonprofit organization instead of the park, the district's top watchdog says in a report released Wednesday.

An investigation into the Grant Park Conservancy and its leader, Bob O'Neill, raises questions about how the organization "came to occupy a unique space in which the Park District's rules did not apply and very few questions were asked."

For years, the conservancy obtained special event permits at a discounted rate meant for nonprofits and resold those permits with markups of up to \$25,000 to promoters of for-profit festivals, the report found. The conservancy raised about \$1 million since 2002, purport-

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BETRAYED

Judge to CPS: Boy's sexual past off-limits

History was sought on teen allegedly raped by another

By **DAVID JACKSON**
 Chicago Tribune

Lawyers for the Chicago Board of Education wanted to question the family of a student who had reported being raped about the boy's prior sexual history.

On Wednesday, a judge said no.

In a sharply worded order from the bench, Cook County Circuit Judge Kathy Flanagan said she would not permit that line of questioning to go forward.

"It is off-limits, totally off-limits," Flanagan said. "I don't think it is relevant. I don't think it is admissible."

The family of the student had filed a lawsuit against the board after the boy, at the age of 15, allegedly was raped three times in 2016 by a classmate at Bogan High School who had a history of sexual aggression. The case was featured in the Tribune's 2018 "Betrayed" investigation, which examined hundreds of police reports about alleged sexual abuse of students by school workers and by their peers.

Both students had devel-

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Flooding in Will County after ice jam breaks up

Ken and Paula Chamberlin climb over ice chunks as the Kankakee River rises into residential areas due to an ice jam breaking up near Wilmington on Wednesday. Water was receding by the afternoon, much to the relief of residents and emergency workers. **Chicagoland, Page 4**



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■ A story published Friday misstated who was the first woman to run for a major political party's presidential nomination. The first woman to do so was Sen. Margaret Chase Smith. The Tribune regrets the errors.

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Ralph Northam, center, walks down the reviewing stand in 2018 with Justin Fairfax, right, and Mark Herring in Richmond, Va.



JOHN KASS

As we lurch toward 2020, whither the Democrats?

America has been told, relentlessly, that the nation became officially and irrevocably unhinged in November 2016.

That's when a vulgar reality TV star flipped off the calcified Washington establishment, became president and triggered much hysterical weeping and teeth-gnashing among pundits and other palace guardians who play journalists on TV.

But as we lurch toward the 2020 presidential campaign, what of the Democrats?

Is the party of the angry American left — moving ever leftward and angrier by the minute — any more stable than Republicans of two years ago?

No. There's a frenzy among the Democrats unleashed by the upcoming presidential campaign. We haven't seen its like except in those Hieronymus Bosch paintings of hell.

The Democratic center has collapsed. Moderates are hunted down and cast out by the hard left that pulls the party's chain. The late poet Maya Angelou famously warned that "when someone shows you who they are, believe them the first time."

And that's the scary part. What are Democrats showing the nation other than that many of them want to take us to Venezuela?

"It concerns me that so many voices within the Democratic Party are going so far to the left," said former Starbucks CEO Howard Schultz, who's thinking about running for president as an independent and wondering how Democrats can possibly pay for all the things they're promising, from universal health care to free college, free everything.

Now the left that rules the party wants his head on a pike.

The Democratic Party itself has become unbound in an orgy of the extreme. They're fixated on the sin of some Democrats wearing blackface decades ago. And this becomes their fig leaf to cover a push for late-term abortions and in some cases, infanticide.

That doesn't win elections. That loses elections. But they don't want to hear it. Addiction to anger overwhelms them now.

How else to explain those standing ovations and the wild applause in the

New York Senate chamber when abortion up until birth, for any reason, was approved and signed into state law?

Gov. Andrew Cuomo had the One World Trade Center lit up pink in victory over helpless infants. And then he insisted that he was Roman Catholic and an altar boy. Cuomo's skin must be made of wood.

Wood can't blush. Wood can't feel any shame. And apparently, neither does the old altar boy.

Most Americans don't support abortion deep into the third trimester. Most Americans wouldn't applaud in triumph. They'd feel shame for those clapping, like the old altar boy thumping his chest in victory. And they'd feel sorrow for the babies.

That's most people. But Democratic politicians in New York felt the need to display triumph, loudly and stridently. The leftward tilt of the Democratic Party is almost a desperation, a hunger of the zealous.

This has already hurt presidential candidate Sen. Kamala Harris, the California Democrat. She made it clear she wants to get rid of private health insurance. "Let's eliminate all of that," Harris said. "Let's move on."

Let's eliminate all that? Harris tried to walk that back, but she went too far. It is a disaster for her. But a rival for the Democratic nomination, Sen. Elizabeth Warren of Massachusetts is worse off. Warren finally and formally hammered the Faux into her own Fauxcahontas narrative.

The Washington Post reported that Warren had identified herself as "American Indian" on a 1986 registration for the state bar of Texas, though she was not Native American. She foolishly took the infamous DNA test that proved she's no more Native American than my late Sicilian father-in-law.

Warren had insisted she didn't use her "minority" status to climb the career ladder.

Ah, but of course she did just that. She danced the dance of race and favor. She didn't check her privilege. Instead, she checked the box that said minority.

Now there's another wildfire consuming the party of identity politics:

The Virginia Democratic Black Face Spectacular.

Democratic Gov. Ralph Northam, who won office accusing his opponents of racism, apologized for being in a racist medical school yearbook photo. Then he said he wasn't in the photo but had worn blackface for a Michael Jackson dance contest in the 1980s. He almost moonwalked for reporters until his wife stopped him.

Then Virginia Attorney General Mark Herring, a Democrat, admitted he, too, wore blackface in the '80s. And the beneficiary of all the chaos, Democratic Lt. Gov. Justin Fairfax, was ready to succeed Northam when he was accused of sexual assault.

When Supreme Court Justice Brett Kavanaugh was dragged through the mud in his bloody confirmation hearing, unfairly accused without evidence of being a sexual predator, Democrats and media allies shrieked that we had to believe the women making the accusations.

But are Democrats insisting that Fairfax's accuser be believed?

No. The talk of Democrats wearing blackface has all but covered up something else that Northam, a pediatrician, said about aborting a child who had been delivered.

"When we talk about third-trimester abortions, these are done with the consent of — obviously — the mother, with the consent of the physicians — more than one physician, by the way. ... If a mother is in labor, I can tell you exactly what would happen. The infant would be delivered.

"The infant would be kept comfortable. The infant would be resuscitated if that's what the mother and the family desired, and then a discussion would ensue between the physicians and mother."

A discussion. You mean the discussion that America isn't having about the value of human life.

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Joe Ricketts' racist emails require more than lame Cubs response



REX W. HUPPKE

In an email obtained by Splinter News, the father of Chicago Cubs Chairman Tom Ricketts wrote that he is tired of the "Political Correct, Multi-cultural and Diversity aspects of our culture."

In another email, 77-year-old Joe Ricketts wrote: "I think Islam is a cult and not a religion."

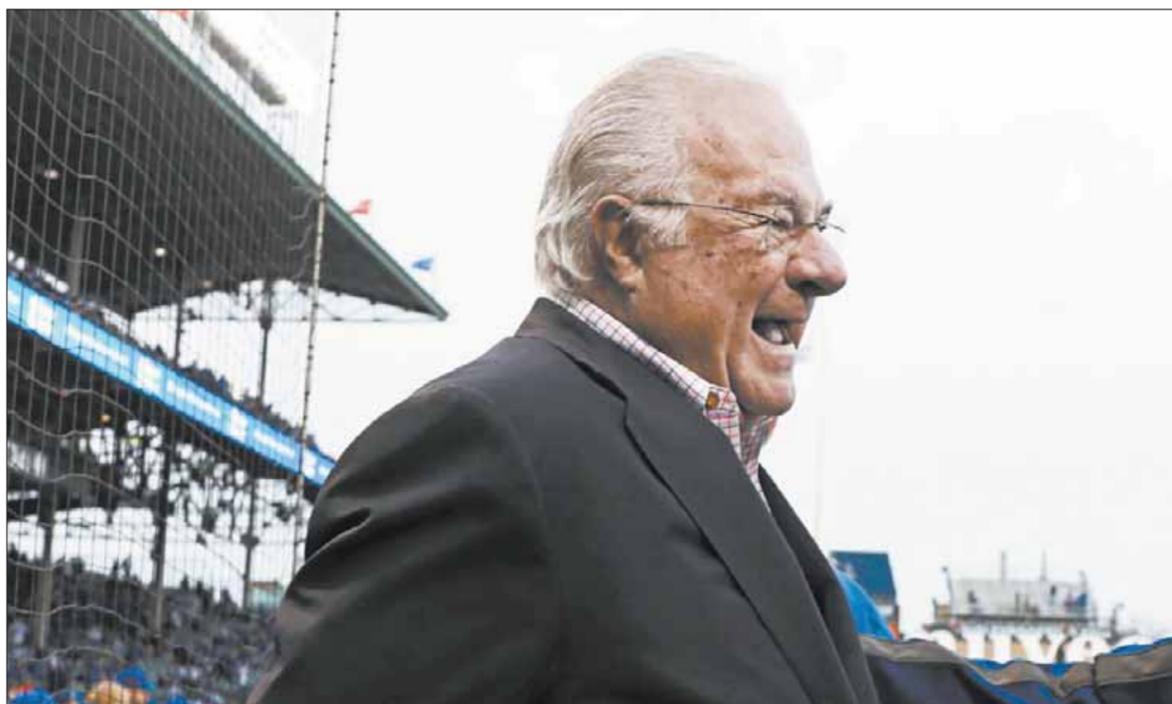
And after reading a message forwarded to him that encouraged people like Joe Ricketts to "BE PROUD TO BE WHITE!" and used slurs like "Nigger," "Kike," "Camel Jockey," "Beaner" and "Gook," Ricketts responded by writing: "I like this."

How these emails were obtained is unclear, but neither the elder Ricketts nor the Cubs have denied their authenticity. Tom Ricketts released a statement condemning the emails, saying "the language and views expressed in those emails have no place in our society."

And Joe Ricketts himself? He released the following statement: "I deeply regret and apologize for some of the exchanges I had in my emails. Sometimes I received emails that I should have condemned. Other times I've said things that don't reflect my value system. I strongly believe that bigoted ideas are wrong."

To which I say: Yeah, right. Nothing says white, male privilege quite like having your racist and Islamophobic worldview exposed and then thinking you can paper over it by saying, "Oh no, that's not how I really feel."

The emails contain racist conspiracy theories about former President Barack Obama being a radical Muslim,



JOHN J. KIM/CHICAGO TRIBUNE

Joe Ricketts appears at Wrigley Field before the Chicago Cubs face the Los Angeles Angels on April 12, 2017.

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fear-mongering nonsense about Muslim invaders and textbook white supremacist talking points. And it's clear that Ricketts was all-in.

One email sent to Ricketts carries the subject line "Why there are no Italian Muslims" and includes this comment from the sender: "sand diggin' raghead bastards." Ricketts reply was: "This is cute."

Regarding Obama, Ricketts wrote: "My impression is that the President is more sympat-

ric to Muslims than Christians/Jews. We are a Christian country and I feel like this is just a continuation of the assault on Christianity in America. My feeling are that I don't like it."

Joe Ricketts may not be involved in the day-to-day operation of the Chicago Cubs, but it was his money that allowed the Ricketts family to buy the team in 2009, and it's his family that now needs to answer for their father's easy embrace of outright racism.

A simple "This is not who we are!" from Cubs management and a "This is not who I am!" from the family patriarch isn't going to cut it. If the organization wants all of its fans — not just the hopefully small portion that might share Joe Ricketts' worldview — to believe the Cubs organization takes this seriously, how about an attempt to address the problem?

The hateful garbage Joe Ricketts was circulating and buying into does immeasurable harm to our society. It's peddled by opportunists looking to amp up fear and resentment while deadening people's ability to separate facts from lies.

The Ricketts family certainly has money to promote the media literacy needed to fight this tide of racist and xenophobic online rhetoric. And the

younger Rickettses now have a case-in-point in their father who, if he actually regrets any of those emails (and that's a big "if"), could help show others how easy it is to succumb to hate.

It's an opportunity. And it's almost a necessity for one of the most high-profile organizations in Chicago.

Whether the Rickettses like it or not, the curtain has been pulled back on a truly dark side of their family.

They can say it has nothing to do with the Cubs all they want. But without taking serious action to address this level of intolerance, a lot of Cubs fans and Chicagoans in general will be left to wonder just how far the apples fell from the tree.

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Plan: Ill. minimum wage to hit \$15 in 2025

Senate Democrats start advancing bill; Pritzker supportive

BY DAN PETRELLA
Chicago Tribune

Illinois Senate Democrats on Wednesday started advancing a bill that would raise the state's minimum wage to \$9.25 per hour on Jan. 1 and to \$15 per hour by 2025.

Senate Majority Leader Kimberly Lightford, a Maywood Democrat who for years has been attempting to raise the minimum wage from \$8.25, filed her proposal Wednesday after more than a week of behind-the-scenes negotiations with labor leaders, business groups and Gov. J.B. Pritzker's administration. A Senate committee approved the bill hours later on a party-line vote, and the full Senate could vote as early as Thursday.

Lightford has said her goal is for the legislature to pass the bill in time for Pritzker to sign it into law before delivering his first budget proposal to lawmakers

Feb. 20. If that happens, it would be a major early victory for Pritzker and Democrats who control most of Springfield. It also would be a clear early affront to Republican lawmakers and business leaders despite the new governor's inaugural pledge to work with them.

The proposal still could change, but senior Pritzker adviser Emily Miller told a Senate panel the governor supports Lightford's bill.

"Illinois (minimum wage) workers have not had a raise since 2010," Miller told the Senate Executive Committee. "And we are very excited to join with the leadership of Leader Lightford and all of the community organizations and the labor movement, who have been pushing for this for so long."

The bill calls for a \$1 hourly pay hike at the beginning of next year, followed by a 75-cent increase to \$10 on July 1, 2020. The minimum wage would then increase by \$1 per hour each year on Jan. 1 until it hits \$15 per hour in 2025. The proposal also would preserve

the way restaurants and other employers with tipped workers count gratuities toward employees' wages.

Lightford's bill proposes a tax credit that would help employers with 50 or fewer full-time employees offset some of the cost of raising wages. Employers would be able to claim a tax credit for 25 percent of the cost in 2020, and the credit would scale back annually, then eventually phase out completely.

Employers would be able to continue paying a lower wage to workers younger than 18 if they work fewer than 650 hours in a year. The minimum wage for younger employees — currently \$7.75 per hour — would increase to \$8 on Jan. 1 and peak at \$13 per hour in 2025.

The legislation needs to win approval from the full Senate and House. And some top business groups continue to push back, so the proposal still could change in the coming days or weeks.

The Illinois Retail Merchants Association, for ex-

ample, wants to set the minimum wage at different levels in different parts of the state because the cost of living and doing business in many areas downstate is lower than in Chicago. Similar plans have been adopted in New York and Oregon. Chicago and Cook County have had a head start on raising the minimum wage. The city's \$12 hourly rate will rise to \$13 on July 1, when the county's minimum wage will also increase, from \$11 to \$12.

"Today's vote was carried out without the concerns of the business community in mind, particularly retailers in downstate and suburban communities who are less able to absorb such a dramatic increase in labor costs compared to their counterparts in the city of Chicago," Rob Karr, president and CEO of retail group, said in a statement.

Some business groups, most notably the Illinois Restaurant Association, are backing the bill.

"I'm a realist," said Kevin Vaughan, corporate secretary of the restaurant association and owner of

Vaughan Hospitality Group, which has pubs and restaurants in Chicago and Orland Park. "I understand that the \$15 minimum wage is going to become law in Illinois. The question is: How do we get there in a way that doesn't cause businesses to cut too many hours and staff or cause struggling businesses to close their doors?"

While Lightford's bill is "a tough pill to swallow," he said, it "strikes a balance between the needs of small businesses and the people we employ around the state."

In addition to echoing businesses' concerns, Republicans in Wednesday's Senate hearing also questioned how higher wages would affect Illinois' finances. State agencies and universities employ workers who earn minimum wage, and the state reimburses social service providers who care for the elderly and people with disabilities, among other services.

In a letter to Senate members, Pritzker promised his budget proposal

that's due in two weeks would account for those costs.

"As I have said consistently, I am committed to enacting a balanced budget," Pritzker wrote. "A balanced budget must ensure children, families, small businesses, public colleges and universities, and community-based organizations have the resources they need to give their workers a raise. Our balanced budget will do precisely that."

While increasing the minimum wage would bring in additional state money in the form of income and sales taxes, the new revenue would be outweighed by increased expenses, according to the administration's estimates.

The governor's letter to lawmakers did not say how he intends to make up the difference, and his aides did not provide specifics during the Senate committee hearing or during a House committee hearing held at the same time.

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Matt Hauert, right, checks on his flooded property as the Kankakee River rises near Wilmington on Wednesday.

To Kankakee River neighbors, flooding just price of 'paradise'

Will Co. residents shrug off water as ice jam breaks up

BY ALICIA FABBRE
Chicago Tribune

Water was receding on the Kankakee River in Will County on Wednesday afternoon, much to the relief of residents and emergency workers who were forced to deal with flash flooding after a mile-long ice jam on the waterway broke up earlier in the day.

About 5:30 a.m. Wednesday, ice broke off from the jam, causing water to rush downstream near Wilmington and prompting officials to urge some people to evacuate.

A flood warning was still in effect as of Wednesday afternoon for the Kankakee River near Wilmington, affecting Will, Grundy and Kankakee counties, according to the National Weather Service's Chicago office.

The Phelan Acres subdivision, in Wilmington Township northwest of Wilmington, was evacuated earlier in the day, but by midafternoon all roads in the area were open and residents were allowed to go back to their homes, according to the Will County sheriff's office. There was also flooding in the McIntosh subdivision. In all, about 10 residents were evacuated, officials said.

Emergency personnel

continued to monitor the situation for "unpredictable" changes, according to the sheriff's office.

Officials had warned last week that as the weather warmed, a 7-mile-long ice jam on the Kankakee River might suddenly clear, leading to flash flooding. Officials in Wilmington, about 60 miles southwest of downtown Chicago, prepared people for the possibility of flooding. The river typically experiences some ice jamming each winter.

"It is what it is," said homeowner Matt Hauert,

"I don't get bothered by the water or ice. This happens almost every year."

— Ken Chamberlin, a Wilmington Township resident

who bought his riverfront home in Wilmington Township two years ago. "Last year we got it too."

Hauert said he was in his kitchen when he heard a noise like thunder about 8 a.m. and noticed the water coming into his yard. He and his wife took their son to a babysitter's home and got to higher ground just up the drive from their home. Within 20 minutes, he had 3 feet of water in his garage, he said.

But thanks to three sump pumps — including an industrial-sized one — there was only about an inch of water in his basement. He had his refrigera-

tors and toolbox on stilts set 24 inches above the ground.

Though he was busy dealing with cleanup, Hauert said he wouldn't trade his riverfront home.

"You deal with it one or two days out of 365 days," he said. "The other 363 days you are living in paradise."

Resident Ken Chamberlin was also taking things in stride.

"I don't get bothered by the water or ice," said Chamberlin, a longtime riverfront homeowner off Hollyhock Lane in Wil-

ington Township. "This happens almost every year."

After advising some residents to leave Wednesday morning, officials were slightly optimistic by about noon, noting that there had not been a significant change in conditions. In fact, a gauge on the Kankakee River at an Interstate 55 overpass indicated water levels had gone down.

At their height, water levels at the overpass reached 13.2 feet, Will County Emergency Management Director Harold Damron said. The highest level recorded on the river at that location is 13.8 feet.

In the summer, under normal conditions, the river typically is around 4 1/2 feet there, Damron said.

Damron said the county secured permission for unrestricted use of a siphon that draws warm water from the Dresden Generating Station's cooling lake into the river to help thaw ice and clear out a channel for water to flow and keep ice moving downstream.

"If we hadn't been able to do that, the situation would have been much worse," Damron said.

The county is only allowed to use the cooling lake water twice a year for a period of two weeks each time. Damron said the county secured the permits to use the siphon once they "saw the ice jam for what it was."

Emergency officials said they would continue to monitor the river and the remaining ice jam.

Crews from about 25 agencies in Will, Grundy and Kankakee counties helped during the emergency situation, Channahon Fire Protection Chief John Petrakis said. Crews were stationed throughout the village of Wilmington and at two staging areas.

Flooding was also a concern in Minooka and Coal City, according to the weather service.

"Turn around, don't drown!" the weather service urged in a tweet.

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Suburban family sues cruise ship operator

After suffering stroke on board, woman wasn't airlifted

BY ELYSSA CHERNEY
Chicago Tribune

Lila Kohn Gale was on a cruise eating dinner with her husband and son when she had a stroke on the first night aboard, just four hours after the ship left the docks in Fort Lauderdale, Fla., her family says.

But instead of contacting the Coast Guard for a medevac or turning back to the South Florida coast, the Holland America Line ship continued toward the Bahamas and took Gale, a therapist from north suburban Highland, via tugboat to a hospital on Grand Bahama island that did not have a working CT scanner or neurology specialists, according to a federal lawsuit filed Monday.

The suit claims cruise ship operators demonstrated "shocking and appalling negligence and callous disregard for human life" in failing to provide proper and prompt medical care to Gale despite having a doctor on board when she lost consciousness on the March 2018 cruise.

When doctors at the Bahamian hospital determined they could not treat Gale, her family had to wait overnight until the airport opened so an air ambulance could take her to a hospital in Fort Lauderdale, according to the lawsuit. The court filing asserts that Gale, who was rushed into surgery at the Florida hospital, would have suffered less brain damage from the hemorrhage if she had received treatment sooner.

"I want justice," Gale's husband, John, said Monday. "I want no one to have to go through this ... watching his wife lie on a bed in a crappy hospital in the Caribbean where time is of the essence because the airport is closed. It was by far the worst day of my life."

Sally Andrews, vice president of public relations at Holland America, declined to comment on the lawsuit.

John Gale, 68, said he and his wife loved traveling and started taking cruises several years ago. The couple married in 2002 after meeting on Match.com, Gale said. Gale said his wife was born in Argentina and worked as a bilingual therapist and counselor.

"She's brilliant and vivacious, and she is loved by everybody who knows her," Gale said. "She has more friends than I do, and I grew up here."

But these days Lila Gale, who goes by Lisette, needs



FAMILY PHOTO

Lila "Lisette" Kohn Gale and her husband, John Gale, visit in her room at a nursing home on Monday.

round-the-clock care and attention, according to the lawsuit. The 65-year-old cannot walk and struggles with language while her memory, perception and concentration skills have been impaired, the lawsuit says. John Gale said his wife lives at a nursing home in Highland Park and that he does not expect her to recover enough to come home.

The lawsuit, which seeks in excess of \$75,000 and was filed in Seattle, where Holland America is based, specifically faults the company, saying it failed to contact the Coast Guard for an air evacuation even though it advertises having that capability in the case of a medical emergency.

"Instead of being properly assessed and properly air-evacuated to a competent and capable medical facility, Mrs. Gale was treated like a piece of lost luggage," the lawsuit says. "She went untreated on the vessel and declined as the hours passed by."

Cruise ships are required to contact the Coast Guard if they are in U.S. territorial waters when someone aboard suffers an injury or medical emergency requiring more than basic first aid, said Petty Officer 2nd Class Jonathan Lally, based in Miami. The Coast Guard can perform medevacs in international waters using such aircraft as MH-60 Jayhawk and MH-65 Dolphin helicopters.

The Holland America ship was in international waters, likely less than 100 miles from the South Florida coast, when Gale had her stroke, and within range for the Coast Guard to perform a medevac, said Gale's attorney Thomas Scolaro. Gale's care was delayed by 15 hours because she was not immediately airlifted from the ship, Scolaro said.

"I've consulted with neurosurgeons around the country ... and had they had made the attempt to get her to an acute care center sooner, she should would have had a significantly better outcome," Scolaro said.

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Susana Mendoza, left, and Toni Preckwinkle were among the participants in a mayoral forum organized by Crain's Chicago Business on Wednesday.

Preckwinkle finds herself under fire in Chicago mayoral forum

Rival candidates pounce as Feb. 26 election looms

BY BILL RUTHHART AND GREGORY PRATT
Chicago Tribune

If facing the most political attacks were the sole measure of a candidate's chances of winning, then Cook County Board President Toni Preckwinkle would have emerged Wednesday night as the undisputed front-runner in Chicago's crowded race for mayor.

During a debate hosted by Crain's Chicago Business and WGN Radio, Preckwinkle found herself on the receiving end of a number of opponents' political shots, from her status as a leader of the Cook County Democratic Party establishment to her ties to embattled Ald. Edward Burke, who faces an attempted extortion charge amid an ongoing federal investigation that continues to shake City Hall.

After an opening question on what the candidates would do to reverse Chicago's long history of public corruption, Crain's columnist and moderator Greg Hinz turned the heat up on Preckwinkle, asking whether any of her fellow candidates onstage believed the fact that she took large sums of campaign contributions raised by Burke disqualified her from becoming Chicago's next mayor.

While none of the other eight candidates onstage answered with an unequivocal yes, a couple were ready to pounce. Preckwinkle tried to cut the issue off, however, by answering first.

"Let me just say, I returned all his money, and I've taken the strongest stand against him," Preckwinkle said of Burke. "If he's guilty of the crimes he was accused, he ought to be in jail."

Preckwinkle also noted she stripped Burke of his party position in charge of judicial slating in addition to announcing she would return \$116,000 raised during a fundraiser the alderman hosted at his home for her in January 2018 while she ran for a third term as county board president.

Preckwinkle took both of those actions in January after Burke was charged with attempting to shake down a business owner seeking permit approvals in his ward in exchange for property tax appeals business at Burke's law firm and a \$10,000 campaign contribution that the Chicago Tribune has reported was intended for Preckwinkle. The county board president has said she was unaware of Burke's efforts to secure the contribution and has not been accused of any wrongdoing.

After Preckwinkle offered her defense, former federal prosecutor Lori Lightfoot immediately responded by painting Preckwinkle's stance that she's been toughest on Burke as a fallacy. After the FBI raided Burke's City Hall and ward offices in November, Lightfoot called on Preckwinkle and state Comptroller Susana Mendoza to return contributions from Burke while railing against other candidates Bill Daley and Gery Chico for their long-standing ties to the 50-year incumbent alderman as veterans of Chicago's tight political circles.

"With due respect, mad-

ame president, you took those actions only after the red-hot glare of publicity was shined upon you, and only after I called for you to do it," Lightfoot said. "You took weeks to even acknowledge you got the money."

The exchange was part of a forum held at Venue Six10 in the Loop less than three weeks before the Feb. 26 election. Nine of the 14 candidates on the mayoral ballot participated, including Lightfoot, Mendoza, Preckwinkle, City Hall veteran and attorney Chico, former U.S. Commerce Secretary Daley, activist and Austin Chamber of Commerce Director Amara Enyia, former Chicago police Superintendent Garry McCarthy, former Chicago Public Schools CEO Paul Vallas and businessman Willie Wilson.

Crain's publisher Jim Kirk said at the event's opening that the publication kept the number of participants to nine "in order to allow enough time to hear each candidate's point of view." Not invited were former Ald. Bob Fioretti, state Rep. La Shawn Ford, tech entrepreneur Neal Sales-Griffin, Beverly attorney Jerry Joyce and Bridgeport attorney John Kozlar.

On the question of how to "restore integrity to City Hall" and why they would be the most trusted to accomplish that task, Mendoza used the opportunity to take a shot at Preckwinkle. The comptroller started by noting how she and nearly the rest of the field all favored outlawing aldermanic prerogative, the practice that allows City Council members to have veto power of zoning and permitting in their

wards and was at the center of Burke's alleged shakedown.

"I think almost every candidate running for mayor today agrees this has to end, with the exception of President Preckwinkle, who still defends it," Mendoza said. "It's a policy of the past, and we believe we need to clean up corruption, it starts with that."

Preckwinkle responded by noting she favored banning any outside income or side jobs by alderman, but did not directly address why she won't ban aldermanic prerogative.

"We should have no tolerance for corruption in the city of Chicago," she said. "I think the beginning has to be no dual employment. I was elected alderman in 1991. I never held any outside employment. I think that's the critical step that we have to take. People shouldn't have to decide whether you're looking out for the interests of your clients or your constituents."

Preckwinkle previously has said it would be unrealistic to expect aldermen to vote to weaken their own power of aldermanic prerogative.

On another question about what candidates would say to the high percentage of undecided voters, Preckwinkle talked up her roots as an alderman in the liberal bastion of Hyde Park on the South Side.

"I'm the most progressive candidate in this race," Preckwinkle said, before noting her City Council record of creating affordable housing and pushing for improved wages for workers. "I got elected (as alderman) on my third try. I beat the machine after

three tries by 109 votes."

That pitch ignored Preckwinkle's status atop the power structure of the Cook County Democratic Party, a fact that Wilson didn't let slide when it came his turn to answer the question.

"I heard one of the opponents just said she's not part of the machine, but she's the chairman of the machine," Wilson said. "So that doesn't make sense."

Mendoza also jumped in, slamming Preckwinkle for "only challenging five women of color" on their petition signatures needed to get on the ballot, including her and Lightfoot.

"You can't really call yourself a progressive and then challenge two of the leading women of color on this panel," Mendoza said. "We had absolutely legitimate petitions, yet had to go through this nonsense, which is part of the politics of the past. We don't need more of that. At this point, you literally are the boss of the party bosses."

As the crowd stirred, Preckwinkle responded by stressing her progressive bona fides, including working at the county to make health care more accessible, reducing the county jail's population by keeping low-level offenders out of jail and changing policies within the Democratic Party.

"I am grateful for the opportunity to lead the party, because I have taken my progressive credentials into the party," Preckwinkle said, noting she passed a sexual harassment policy and pushed for not automatically retaining poor judges. "I'm proud of it."

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Enyia releases Spanish-language television ad

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Using the release of her first Spanish language campaign commercial as the backdrop, mayoral candidate Amara Enyia said if she's elected she will bring together a diverse coalition of voices from neighborhoods across Chicago.

In the commercial titled "Sanctuary," Enyia says that as the daughter of immigrants, she can relate to the journey of Hispanic Chicagoans.

"You came here looking for better ... in a country, city that sometimes makes you believe you don't belong," she says in the commercial as the camera flashes images of Latino residents working as barbers, mechanics and bakers.

Enyia revealed the commercial at a news conference where she stood with aldermanic candidates in four wards: Jose Rico in the

12th; Jaime Guzman in the 14th; Joseph Williams in the 15th; and Angela Clay in the 46th.

Enyia said the ad is part of her strategy to elevate new voices that will remake city government as more inclusive and more diverse by drawing in residents from overlooked and often ignored neighborhoods. It is already airing on TV, her spokesman said.

"We are running for office because we want to turn the page on a corrupt system that completely ignores people of color, completely ignores neighborhoods," she said. "The politics of division must end. This means we cannot divide ourselves. We cannot pit one group against another; pit one generation against another; pit one community against the other."

Enyia said she chose to host her news conference in Garfield Park because it's

one of the communities that is under-resourced and overlooked.

"We are often told in our communities that 'We don't have enough,'" she said, referring to what she sees as the typical answer residents get when asking for more resources. "We know that this is a city of abundance. There is more than enough for all of us. ... We have to fight together, we have to build together."

The latest campaign ad comes just as Enyia has been facing questions about her personal finances and resume. A Chicago Tribune investigation found that Enyia did not report to the IRS \$21,000 paid to her by Chris Kennedy's governor campaign, for which she worked as a consultant for several months. And she has been sued over rent and student loans, faced a lien for unpaid federal taxes and been fined tens of thousands of dollars for failing

to file quarterly campaign finance reports.

On Wednesday, Enyia defended herself publicly for a second time and said her troubles are like those of many struggling Chicago residents and helps her identify even more closely with their plight. She also said there have been elected officials with stellar personal finances who have mismanaged city money.

"Part of the problem we're seeing in government is we have individuals who have been in office for decades and still we are experiencing the result of their leadership, which is a city that is suffering financially," she said. "We've had individuals who had absolutely stellar personal financials and yet they've brought the city to the brink of financial ruin."

Enyia supporter Chance the Rapper has announced he is throwing her a benefit concert this weekend with



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Chicago mayoral candidate Amara Enyia greets people before a news conference on Wednesday.

guest performers. On Wednesday, Enyia said she didn't have more details about the event.

At the news conference, nearly all the candidates for aldermanic seats talked about how their communities were affected by closed mental health centers and schools, and they talked about the need for affordable housing.

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Lightfoot's new TV ad targets corruption

In spot, calls herself an 'independent progressive'

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Former federal prosecutor Lori Lightfoot unveiled her mayoral campaign's first television ad Wednesday, calling herself an "independent progressive" and shaming rivals for their ties to embattled Ald. Edward Burke.

Lightfoot's ad also marks the first commercial in this year's Chicago mayor's race to specifically address the political scandal that has rocked City Hall since FBI investigators raided Burke's government offices in late November. The commercial also takes aim at candidates who have direct ties to the longtime alderman, who is facing a public corruption charge in federal court.

"Candidates try distancing themselves from Ed Burke," Lightfoot says in the ad, titled "Light," before photos of City Hall veteran Gery Chico, Cook County Board President Toni Preckwinkle, Illinois Comptroller Susana Mendoza and former U.S. Commerce Secretary Bill Daley appear on the dimly lit screen. "The truth is, they're all tied to the same broken Chicago machine. Except me."

At that point, the lights flick on and Lightfoot appears on screen, where she says, "I've prosecuted corrupt aldermen and held police accountable. Now, I'm running for mayor to finally make City Hall work for you."

Speaking directly into the camera, Lightfoot says she supports an elected school board, "making all neighborhoods safe and reducing the unfair tax burden on working families."

"Shady backroom deals haven't served us. It's time to bring in the light," Lightfoot says.

Lightfoot's campaign said it's spending \$280,000 to air the ad on broadcast and cable television, and the ad also is being promoted digitally.

The race to succeed Emanuel repeatedly has been rocked by developments in the federal probe against Burke, first with the November FBI raids of Burke's ward and City Hall offices and then again in January when the 50-year incumbent alderman was charged with trying to shake down a fast food magnate who needed permits approved for a Burger King renovation in his 14th Ward.

Then came revelations that longtime Ald. Danny Solis wore an undercover wire on Burke and others and that federal agents in 2014 recorded powerful House Speaker Michael Madigan making a pitch for legal business to a developer seeking zoning approval from Solis.

Madigan and Solis have not been charged with any wrongdoing.

The 14 mayoral candidates have since released ethics proposals meant to curb public corruption. They also have bickered over who has the best anti-public corruption credentials and who was bandwagon-jumping with their ethics proposals.

Lightfoot first entered the race last May, months before Mayor Rahm Emanuel made the surprise announcement that he would not seek re-election.

Since then, Daley, Chico, Mendoza and Preckwinkle all announced campaigns to succeed Emanuel, drawing criticism from Lightfoot and other candidates who call the latecomers political opportunists. All four of them have ties to the 75-year-old Burke, who for decades has represented his Southwest Side ward and until recently controlled the City Council's Finance Committee.

The February election is Feb. 26. If no candidate wins more than 50 percent of the vote, the top two will face off in an April 2 runoff.

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No charge for girl tased in struggle with cops

Case dismissed against CPS teen in 'disturbing incident'

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Days after a video went viral, felony charges have been dropped against a 16-year-old girl who was shocked with a Taser after biting one Chicago police officer and kicking and punching another during a scuffle at a West Side high school that sent all three tumbling down a staircase.

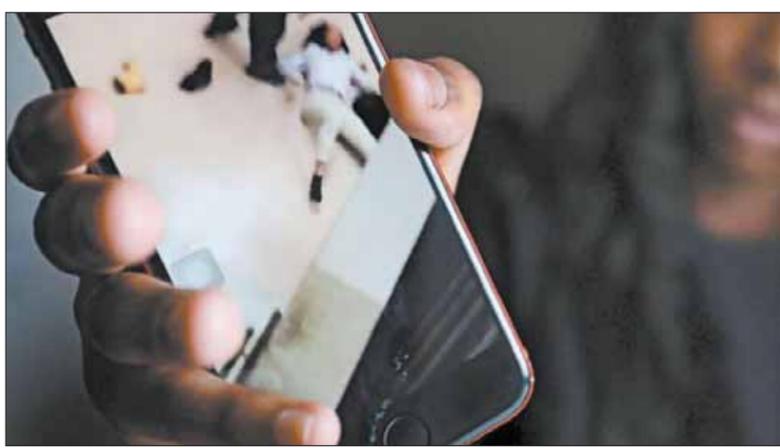
Prosecutors did not say why they were dismissing the two counts of aggravated battery against the junior, and even the judge acknowledged not knowing the reason.

"OK, so the state is choosing to dismiss all charges today," Judge Sanju Oomen Green told the girl, who was standing next to her attorney and her father. "I don't know why."

The Tribune is not identifying the girl because she is a minor.

The state's attorney's office released a brief statement afterward saying only, "Based on a review of the evidence, we concluded that in the interest of justice, we will not pursue charges and today asked the court to dismiss the case."

The girl's attorney said



ANTONIO PEREZ/CHICAGO TRIBUNE
A female Marshall High School student, 16, who was shocked with a Taser, plays the cell-phone video showing part of her struggle with police.

he believes the actions of the officers contributed to the decision.

"It was excessive force by the police," lawyer Andrew M. Stroth said. "An unarmed 16-year-old girl was punched, tased and kicked for no reason."

Chicago police spokesman Anthony Guglielmi said the officers "did not do anything wrong." But since force was used, the Civilian Office of Police Accountability will investigate the incident as a matter of routine "to see if it was handled appropriately," Guglielmi said.

"If it wasn't, they'll be held accountable. As of now,

they're on medical leave."

Department policy on Taser use does not include specific age limits but does state: "People who are at a greater risk of serious injury or death from Taser use include, but are not limited to, children, pregnant women and the elderly."

The Chicago Public Schools said in a statement it is asking the district's inspector general to review the incident and will cooperate with the COPA investigation. "This disturbing incident has absolutely no place in our schools," it said.

The girl does not deny biting the officer and struggling with both officers in a

stairwell at Marshall High School around 10 a.m. Jan. 29.

The officers had been called after the girl got into a confrontation with the assistant principal, according to Chicago police.

She had been removed from class after pulling out her cellphone, which is against school rules.

She was told to wait in another room but didn't want to go. "I got mad and started walking around," she told the Tribune.

A security officer started following her and eventually called police and her father. "I was mad," the girl said. "I went to the second floor at

the top of the stairs. The police came up the stairs and they was like, you need to get your coat and go to the in-school room. I was like, 'I don't want to go in there.'"

The girl said she started walking away, and one of the officers "put his hand out in front of me. He like pushed me toward the stairs. That's when everything happened."

She said one of the officers hit her and the other held her down with his leg. That's when she bit one of the officers and was shocked with a Taser in the back as the three tumbled down the stairs. The girl said she pulled the Taser prongs out herself.

Her father, Laurentio Howard, said he arrived at the school to see his daughter "rolling" down a flight of stairs "with police on top of her."

One of the officers was yelling, "She bit me, she bit me!" Howard recalled. The other officer had his "foot on my daughter's stomach and her back. She couldn't breathe. ... She has asthma too."

"I don't know how I held it together," Howard said.

The girl was taken by ambulance to Mount Sinai Hospital and was later charged. During an initial court appearance, she was ordered to wear an electronic monitoring bracelet.

A few days later, a cell-phone video surfaced showing part of the struggle. The girl is seen lying on her back, hitting and kicking at the two officers on either side of her.

At one point, an officer holding a yellow Taser in his right hand puts his foot on her leg to keep her from kicking while the other officer tries to grab her arm. The three soon disappear down a stairwell.

The video was shown on several TV news shows and was eventually posted on YouTube, where it had more than 10,690 views.

On Wednesday morning, the girl appeared before the judge and, in a hearing that lasted only minutes, was told the charges were being dropped.

"I feel relieved, I can get back to school," she said, smiling.

Her attorney said Chicago Public Schools needs to find a better way to deal with confrontations involving students.

"This case is about failed leadership of the Chicago public school system, it's about failed leadership at Marshall High School," Stroth said. "We want schools to be a safe place where they don't have to worry about police using excessive force."

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Watchdog's report raises questions

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edly for the Chicago Park District and Grant Park, but none of the funds actually went to the district, Inspector General Will Fletcher's office found.

About 80 percent of the conservancy's revenue in 2017 went toward O'Neill's salary and benefits — which has fluctuated over the years but in 2017 was about \$52,000 — with the remainder covering the organization's expenses and reimbursements to O'Neill, according to the report.

The inspector general recommended the Park District consider having the Internal Revenue Service as well as city and state taxing authorities review the conservancy's operations.

The Grant Park Conservancy was established in 2002 as a nonprofit "that enables Chicago's Grant Park to respond and adapt to the changing needs of its users."

Although neither the conservancy nor O'Neill is named in the report, the investigation focuses on "Person 1," "the president and only employee" of a "nonprofit" associated with Grant Park who was also president of the Grant Park Advisory Council until he was suspended from that role in 2017. O'Neill served as president of the council, and is the conservancy's president and only salaried employee, according to tax records filed with the Illinois attorney general's office.

O'Neill, "a vocal supporter and also a source of aggravation" for the Park District, according to Fletcher's report, has been involved in the two Grant Park organizations for decades and "has been the subject of debate in the Grant Park community for nearly as long." As an activist, O'Neill inspired Mayor Richard M. Daley and the Park District to clean up Grant Park for the 1996 Democratic Convention by offering up photos of birds roosting in broken light posts.

Over the years, he advocated for Chicago's 2016 Olympics bid, joined in debate over the controversial Chicago Spire, moderated public meetings over harbor improvements and became synonymous with Grant Park.

In an interview Wednesday, O'Neill denied all allegations of wrongdoing, called the report a "witch hunt" and a "hit job," and said he was considering taking legal action against the Park District. He said the investigation traces back to a small group of community members disgruntled by the Grant Park

Skate Park, a project with which he was associated.

"What motivates me is a healthy quality of life, and I love Chicago and my roots run deep," O'Neill said. "And never, ever would I do anything unethical or commit a crime, in this case."

The Chicago Park District is reviewing the IG's report, "and while it does not agree with all of the report's assertions, we are committed to enacting any recommendations to further safeguard any future misconduct by advisory councils or its members," spokeswoman Michele Lemons said in a statement.

The Park District asked O'Neill to step down as president of both the Grant Park Advisory Council and the Grant Park Conservancy in November 2017, pending investigation, Lemons said. He also has been banned from membership in park advisory councils.

Kelly LeRoux, a University of Illinois at Chicago associate professor who studies issues of nonprofit performance and accountability, reviewed the report and said it indicated poor oversight by the Park District.

"It's the lack of oversight really that encourages this opportunistic behavior," LeRoux said. "There are ways to do this legitimately, and if you want to set up a friend group or a park-supporting nonprofit, it's perfectly fine to do that. But I think they may have to start from scratch."

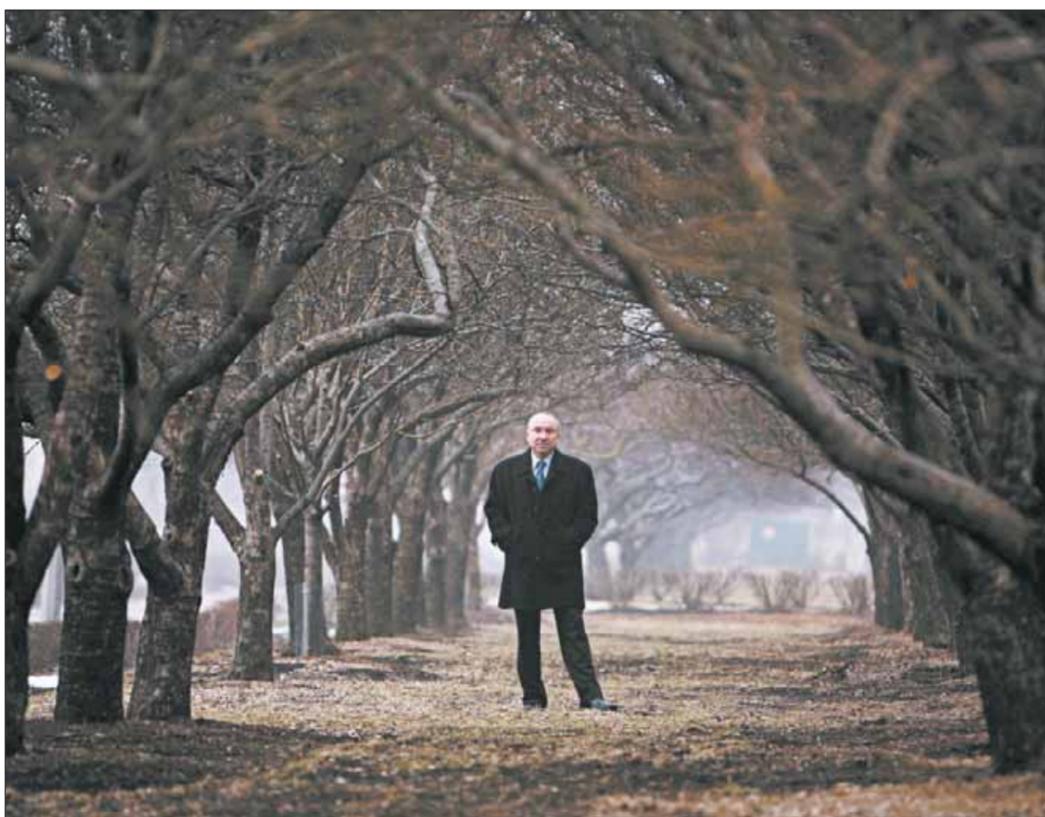
Events fail to benefit District

For years, the Grant Park Conservancy obtained special event permits, some discounted more than 50 percent, and then sold them for additional "donations" of \$10,000 to \$25,000 to corporate promoters, according to Fletcher's report.

The practice appears to violate Park District code, which states that "No permit or conditionally approved permit application may be transferred."

Even with the extra money charged by the conservancy, the promoters paid significantly less than they would have for full-price permits, according to the report. For example, a \$100,000 permit for a three-day festival would cost the conservancy \$50,000 with the discount. So even with a "donation" of an additional \$25,000, the promoter was still paying less by going through the conservancy.

The loser in the conservancy's setup was the Park District, which missed out on tens of thousands of dollars in revenue and re-



ANTHONY ROBERT LA PENNA/FOR THE CHICAGO TRIBUNE
Bob O'Neill of the Grant Park Conservancy is shown at Hutchinson Field in Grant Park in 2008.

ceived no contribution from the conservancy, according to the report.

O'Neill negotiated permits between promoters and the Park District, according to the report. He went to park officials and "threatened" that a festival would leave Grant Park for Wrigley Field unless the Park District reduced permit fees, even though the promoter later told the IG's office it had no plans to leave Grant Park, according to the report.

One promoter told the inspector general they would not have gone through the conservancy if they knew most of the funds raised paid O'Neill's salary. Another told the office they thought it was a requirement to partner with the conservancy and didn't know they could negotiate directly with the Park District.

Fundraising events listed on the conservancy's website include the Windy City Wine Festival and Chicago Ale Fest.

A spokeswoman for the Chicago Ale Fest declined to comment, and others did not respond to requests for comment from the Tribune.

In 2016, the Park District tried to reduce the permit discounts offered the conservancy because the "organizers are for-profit entities that are making money on public property," according to Fletcher's report, meaning the Park District was aware of the corporate promoters. But O'Neill continued to enjoy the maximum nonprofit discount.

"The Park District came to us and asked us to have those events," O'Neill said. "It's just a technicality. They just built the donation to the

conservancy into that contract. There was no intent to deceive or do anything."

O'Neill said he had no idea the conservancy was in violation of Park District rules and said the issue was not raised by the district.

"And then the Park District comes back and tries to hang us with it," O'Neill said. "It's completely unfair. Because what we were doing was what the Park District was telling us to do."

Rogue 'fitness attraction'

In November 2017, several months after the conservancy installed and opened a "fitness attraction" in the park, O'Neill was suspended as president of the Grant Park Advisory Council.

The fitness attraction — "exercise equipment and an uneven bars obstacle course" — was installed on some unused tennis courts without a permit or the Park District's authorization. It was positioned by O'Neill as a preview of a proposed \$3 million "fitness park" for which the conservancy solicited donations and corporate sponsorships, also without approval from the Park District. O'Neill presented the sponsorship campaign at a joint meeting of the conservancy and advisory council, "which raised the risk of misleading the public that the Park District was behind (the) fundraising efforts," according to the report.

O'Neill denied any attempt to mislead. "Never would we ever say the conservancy is affiliated with the Park District," he said. "We're an independent

organization."

Illinois law prohibits a third-party from fundraising on behalf of a governmental entity absent a written agreement, according to the IG's report, and there was no such agreement made between the Park District and conservancy.

"There has to be a formal agreement in place in order for this group to be out fundraising for the Park District," said LeRoux, the UIC professor.

O'Neill said he requested a formal agreement but never received one. And he said money did go back to the Park District, in the form of rental fees from festivals organized by the conservancy.

But even though the "fitness attraction" was open to the public for several weeks during the summer, the Park District "apparently didn't know it was there or that it had not been authorized," said Fletcher's report.

The Park District cleared the space in July 2017, and O'Neill was subsequently suspended from the council after investigations by the IG and the department of risk management began, according to Fletcher's report.

'More akin to a booster club'

Before he was suspended from the advisory council, O'Neill conflated his two leadership roles by using the council to raise money for the conservancy "at the expense of the Grant Park community and the Park District," according to Fletcher's report.

Some members of the conservancy's board of directors were supportive of O'Neill, said the report. But

one former board member said the conservancy was "more akin to a 'booster club.'" O'Neill said the board chair, along with the treasurer, was never interviewed by the inspector general's office.

From 2015 to 2017, the advisory council maintained a balance between \$75 and \$100, according to bank records obtained by the office of the inspector general. Meanwhile, tax filings examined by the inspector general show the conservancy has raised more than \$1 million since 2002.

O'Neill was prohibited from receiving compensation as the council president, according to Park District rules, but leveraged his role in the council to raise funds for the conservancy. About 80 percent of the conservancy's revenue has gone toward O'Neill's salary.

The conservancy reported \$64,734 in total revenue in 2017, according to state 990 tax forms reviewed by the Tribune, and O'Neill received \$51,582 in compensation and benefits.

Over the years, O'Neill's salary has ranged from about \$90,000 in 2007 to about \$20,000 in 2012, according to state tax forms.

"I'm making less money than I made in 1990," O'Neill said. "So that's pretty pathetic, by the way. ... I don't even own a car."

Still, O'Neill said he has no plans to give up his work with the conservancy, council or Park District.

"It would be a big loss because of all the stuff we've done," O'Neill said.

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reformer, putting forth several good-government proposals and criticizing an entrenched political culture that he says can breed corruption. He's pitching that message even as opponents say that his father and brother helped foster that very system.

Daley's campaign declined to make him available for an interview. "Bill Daley has been vetted multiple times at the highest level of government and has been given a top security clearance," campaign spokesman Peter Cunningham said in a statement. "At a time when Chicago is facing serious issues around crime, taxes, education and the city's future, the Tribune's focus on ancient history is irrelevant."

Until now, the 70-year-old Daley always has campaigned for or advised other politicians, including his brother, former Mayor Richard M. Daley. After several flirtations with running for office, Bill Daley has put himself out there for the first time — and drawn the scrutiny that comes with it.

His resume includes accomplishments in the world of business and government; he was commerce secretary for President Bill Clinton and chief of staff for President Barack Obama. But Daley also has been linked to controversies involving his insider status.

During a 2006 federal trial on hiring fraud inside the mayor's office, Bill Daley was listed as sponsoring four people on a once-secret clout list of those who were seeking positions and promotions in his brother's City Hall. Many of the people on that list had done political work for the then-mighty Hispanic Democratic Organization, which worked to elect Mayor Daley's political allies and punish his enemies. Later, evidence at a 2009 federal corruption trial linked Bill Daley to the creation and rise of HDO.

Beyond Chicago, Daley's name surfaced in the business world as part of a scandal involving JPMorgan Chase and other banks giving coveted jobs to relatives and friends of Chinese government officials. Daley was an executive at JPMorgan.

The Wall Street Journal, citing internal bank emails, reported in 2015 that JPMorgan, at Daley's suggestion, hired the son of a Chinese commerce minister even though the son was unqualified for the position.

The following year, the bank agreed to pay more than \$264 million in sanctions, including a \$72 million fine, for "its role in a

scheme to corruptly gain advantages in winning bank deals by awarding prestigious jobs to relatives and friends of Chinese government officials," according to the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission. Daley was not accused of any wrongdoing.

But it's his family's legacy in Chicago that Daley has found himself defending during the campaign. It's the 14th time a Daley has run for mayor in the last 19 elections. Mayoral candidate LaShawn Ford, a state lawmaker, pressed Daley to acknowledge he's benefited from the "family business."

"I'm not ashamed of anything about my family, no question about it," Daley said during an endorsement session before the Chicago Tribune editorial board. "I'm very proud of my family. And, I'm proud of what I've done as a person in my life, my professional life and my personal life."

The story of Bill Daley finally passing his insurance exam involved political grudges, paybacks and old-fashioned Illinois chicanery. The Tribune pieced together the long-forgotten tale based on interviews, old newspaper stories and court records, including grand jury testimony of the state worker who was accused of fixing the test and another who said he looked on as his friend did it.

The Daleys' entry into the insurance business began in 1971, when John Daley got his license and went to work for an Evanston company. Mayor Daley steered millions of dollars in city insurance business to the firm, and John Daley received more than \$100,000 in commissions. The mayor defended his actions, famously telling his critics, "If I can't help my sons, then they can kiss my ass."

Bill Daley first took the state insurance exam in July 1972 but failed. He took the test again in March 1973 and received a passing grade. That summer, Bill and John Daley set up shop as Daley & Daley Insurance in Bridgeport, at the time an Irish neighborhood the Daley family called home for decades.

Around that time, then-Gov. Dan Walker was feuding with Mayor Daley after having defeated the party's favored candidate, Paul Simon, in the 1972 Democratic primary. When Walker took office, his aides pulled the Daley brothers' insurance exams and said they found irregularities.

"A clout system for issuing professional licenses cannot and will not be tolerated," Walker told reporters. "Enough is enough. It is perfectly natural for a



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Mayor candidate Bill Daley greets Wayne Watson, a former president of Chicago State University, earlier this month.



AP

A grand jury indicted Robert Wills on perjury charges for lying about tampering with Bill Daley's test.

father to help a son along in business, but not at taxpayers' expense."

Ronald Stackler was Walker's assistant director of insurance. "I'd been around Chicago long enough to know this stuff goes on," he said in a recent interview. "The fix was in. It didn't appear to us that they took the exam seriously. It was like they knew they were going to pass."

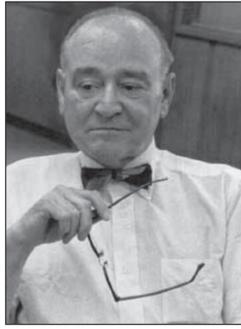
Stackler, now 81 and living in California, said he remembers the controversy well, even all these years later. To this day, he keeps a framed copy of a 1975 Chicago Tribune editorial headlined "Stackler wins, Daley loses" about how Mayor Daley unsuccessfully tried to retaliate against him.

For their part, the Daleys said they knew nothing about any alleged improprieties. The accusations, they said, were politically motivated by Walker and others.

John Daley told reporters he passed the test. When reporters tried to question Bill Daley, according to news accounts, John cut them off and answered for his younger brother: "It's the same with him; he took the test and passed it."

Bill Daley repeated several times, "It's not fair."

In March 1974, Republican Cook County State's Attorney Bernard Carey convened a grand jury to



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Gordon Casper administered Bill Daley's insurance broker's test in Chicago in March 1973.

investigate insurance department licensing procedures and focused on the Daley brothers' tests. (Carey has since died.)

Bill Daley's exam drew attention, in part because his answers were written in two different inks and appeared to have different handwriting.

Prosecutors called in experts from the U.S. Department of Treasury's document section to examine the ink and handwriting. They concluded that in addition to Bill Daley's penmanship, there also was writing on the test by Wills, a former feed grain salesman who had landed a job in the state's insurance department in 1969.

Daley had left six questions blank which Wills filled in with the correct answers, according to a report from the handwriting experts to Cook County prosecutors. Those included questions on contractual liability, fire liability insurance, and loss payable. In addition, the experts found that Wills changed another of Daley's wrong answers to the correct one. The changes bumped Daley's failing test score of 55 to 75, state records showed.

Nicholas Iavarone was the Cook County prosecutor who investigated the test-fixing allegations.

Some handwriting was

"slanted to the left," and some "slanted to the right and was straight up," Iavarone recalled recently about the test penmanship.

Iavarone summoned Wills to appear before the grand jury. Wills told Iavarone that he had no experience in the insurance business before being hired, and suggested that he may have inadvertently misgraded test papers.

"Now, I wasn't the only one that didn't have no prior insurance experience and I am sure that I am not the only one that put a paper out that the man had failed and he passed it," Wills said.

Wills testified that he never changed an answer or filled in the blanks on anyone's test.

In June 1974, the grand jury indicted Wills on perjury charges for lying about tampering with Bill Daley's test.

Wills' friend and former co-worker, Gordon Casper, was given immunity from prosecution. Casper, who has since died, laid out for prosecutors what he said happened in his kitchen late one Sunday morning.

Casper had administered the insurance broker's test in Chicago on a Friday in March 1973, and took the exams back to his Springfield apartment. Among those taking the test was Bill Daley. Casper said that Sunday, he received a call from Wills asking if he could stop by. Casper said yes, and testified what happened next.

Wills asked to look over Daley's exam, but showed no interest in the tests of the 140 or so other people who also had taken it.

"So, (Wills) looked at the paper and said, 'Well, several questions (Daley) didn't answer. I'd like to do a favor for a friend of mine and fill them in,'" Casper said under oath.

That friend was the late Cecil Partee, then a state senator and a political ally and confidant of Daley's

father, Mayor Richard J. Daley.

Wills had recently been fired from the insurance department stemming from the test scandal, a point that would prove crucial later on.

Wills was talking to Partee about getting another job in state government, Casper said. Wills "more or less promised he'd do what he could do" for Daley's exam, testified Casper.

Casper and Wills drank a beer in the kitchen as Wills filled in answers on the test for the next 20 to 35 minutes. Wills later told Partee "it was all taken care of," Casper said.

Partee acknowledged to reporters that he got Wills another, higher-paying job in state government a short time later. Partee declined to answer prosecutors' questions at the time.

When Wills went to trial later in 1974, the prosecution's first witness was Bill Daley.

Prosecutors asked Daley if he left any answers blank on his test. "I don't recall," he replied. When they asked if the handwriting in the disputed answers was his, Daley replied, "It may or may not be. I can't be sure," according to news accounts of his testimony. "I'm not an expert. I can't be sure."

Wills, who has since died, did not testify. A judge convicted Wills of perjury for lying to the grand jury, and sentenced him to four years of probation.

The guilty verdict was thrown out, however. An appeals court noted that Wills told the grand jury he never filled in blanks or changed answers on anyone's exams "while he was employed" with the state's insurance department. That, the court found, was literally true.

Wills had been fired and was no longer employed by the state when Daley's test was altered.

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CPS lawyer barred from seeking alleged victim's sexual past

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opmental disabilities and should have been closely supervised, according to school records reviewed by the Tribune.

In defending against the family's lawsuit, the board last month asked the court for permission to question the siblings of the alleged victim about his prior sexual experiences. The questioning would have taken place in depositions at lawyers' offices.

The proposal outraged the lawyer for the family, Carolyn Daley Scott, who noted in a court motion that Illinois laws sharply limit inquiries about a rape victim's past unless they pertain directly to prior encounters with the alleged assailant. The victim's sexual history has no bearing on whether he or she was raped, state laws say.

"This is precisely the conduct that results in victims not wanting to come forward and report sexual assaults in Chicago Public Schools as they fear their character will be attacked and the Board will continue to humiliate and embarrass the victim," Daley Scott wrote in a court motion. The board, she added, was



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At Bogan High School, a 15-year-old boy with developmental disabilities allegedly was raped three times by another.

"on a fishing expedition for inadmissible evidence to further humiliate, embarrass, and shame a disabled minor who was sexually assaulted at (his school)."

Among other findings, the Tribune reported in "Betrayed" that in-house lawyers for the district sometimes investigated abuse allegations and then used the investigative files to attack the credibility of victims who sued to hold them responsible for what happened. Experts said the arrangement created a clear conflict of interest.

In one case detailed in the series, district lawyers

asserted that a 16-year-old student had "factually consented" to sex with her track coach and that she had fabricated details of his violent assaults — even though the same Law Department had previously investigated the student's allegations and found her account credible.

In response to "Betrayed," CPS removed responsibility for investigating allegations of teacher-on-student abuse from its Law Department and placed it with an independent inspector general. The district also created a new Office of Student Protec-

tions and Title IX to deal specifically with student-on-student sexual misconduct and to help provide victims and families with support and counseling.

But the practice of attacking victimized students continues in Cook County civil court, in Daley Scott's view.

"It is shameful," Daley Scott said in court of the effort to question her client's siblings about his sexual history.

The proposal to question the student's family was written by Mara Warman, the school board's assistant deputy general counsel, who did not appear in court Wednesday, and by a private attorney hired by the board, Elizabeth Grover. At the hearing, Grover bristled at the suggestion that they were seeking to shame the alleged victim.

"I do take issue that my motive is to humiliate," Grover told Flanagan. "The questions would be extremely limited."

But Flanagan said she would prohibit "any inquiry into what ... the siblings know or don't know."

After Wednesday's hearing, district spokesman Michael Passman told the Tribune that "the ruling

sought by CPS would not have subjected the student to additional questioning or risked retraumatization."

Passman added that the district "has made significant reforms to better protect all Chicago students so that no student has to experience the horrendous abuse alleged in this case."

One attorney for rape survivors — Christine Evans, director of programs for the Chicago Alliance Against Sexual Exploitation — read the court pleadings at the Tribune's request and said she agreed emphatically with the judge's ruling.

"This type of request is often put out there to intimidate survivors from coming forward. We have this history of blaming the victim for the sexual violence done to them, as if the victim was asking for it," Evans said. "If I was a student and I heard about this, it would have a possible chilling effect on just coming forward to my school."

Identified only as John Doe in public records, the teenage student was the subject of a Tribune story that exposed shortfalls in CPS' handling of reports that he had been sexually assaulted by a classmate who was bigger and had a

history of violent outbursts and sexual aggression.

Each student had a special-education plan that required constant supervision, their school records showed. But the alleged victim was at particular risk because he was unable to sense danger, according to school reports that mandated close supervision by a school aide.

Yet the larger boy allegedly was able to attack the other student three times in a year, twice in a school bathroom and once during an off-campus Special Olympics field trip, also in a bathroom, the Tribune found.

The aggressive student was allowed to be alone with the other boy even though he had been found two years earlier in a bathroom stall with a different boy whose pants were pulled down, according to the pending lawsuit. And after those incidents, he allegedly went on to sexually attack a third student in a bathroom while unsupervised, according to school and police records.

A trial is set for September, Flanagan said in court.

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This is a good time for people to stop saying, 'I don't see race'



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Liam Neeson telling The Independent he walked the streets looking for a black person (he didn't use the word person) to kill as a way to avenge his friend's rape is an outrage.

As writer and humanitarian Frederick Joseph put it, "Liam Neeson being ready to take any Black life over what one person allegedly did just shows how meaningless and inconsequential black lives are to some."

Neeson's remarks going public the same week we're debating whether Virginia Gov. Ralph Northam should resign over a photo in his 1984 medical school yearbook of a guy in blackface palming around with a guy in a Klansman robe?

The same week we're learning about the racist, Islamophobic emails shared by Joe Ricketts, billionaire dad to Cubs owner Tom Ricketts?

That ought to be a wake-up call.

Not necessarily to people of color, who are hardly shocked by the news — even when it arrives in triplicate — that racists walk and work among us.

But to white folks, particularly those who still say — often with the best of intentions — *I don't see race*. Or, *I don't see color*. Or, *I'm raising my children to be colorblind*.

I hear those phrases all the time. I've heard them this week, in response to the Ricketts story.

Let's talk about why those phrases don't help us become who we ought to be: a society that fully sees our diversity — in race, ethnicity, religion,

lived experiences — and celebrates that diversity as our strength, our gift, our richness.

I want people to see that I'm black, my friend Jen once told me over lunch at Cafe Selmarie.

We were talking about the gift of being able to raise our kids around classmates and friends and adults who don't all look the way they do. We were talking about how we hope they're growing up to understand and respect and even cherish one another's different skin tones and languages and faiths and foods.

Which is different from looking past those differences. Or trying not to see them at all. It's living with your eyes and heart wide open, as opposed to seeing only what you have in common with a person.

"It's insulting because the person is negating a huge part of who I am," Chicago writer and actor Tania Richard told me Tuesday.

Richard hosts a weekly Tania's Take podcast on race and intersectionality and works as a diversity and inclusion consultant. I asked her if people ever say, "I don't see color," or, "I don't see race," in her diversity and inclusion workshops.

"Constantly," she said. I asked her how that feels to hear.

"They are literally not seeing me," she said. "And they are acting as if race has no impact on our culture. They are removing themselves from the equation and taking no responsibility, doing no self-reflection and denying my experience."

Because here's the thing: We don't live in a colorblind world. Saying you're raising your kids to be colorblind, saying you don't see race, you don't see color — it tunes out the reality of a whole bunch of people with whom you're walking this Earth.

Liam Neeson sure saw color when he was leaving pubs and walking the streets with a crowbar, looking for a black person to kill. Joe Ricketts sure saw race (and religion) when he wrote, "I like this," about a message using a bunch of racist slurs and encouraging him to "BE PROUD TO BE WHITE." Gov. Northam sure wasn't colorblind when he either posed for or selected (his story keeps changing) a black-face/Klansman photo in medical school in the '80s.

The words and worldview contained in Ricketts' emails and Northam's yearbook photo and Neeson's interview have very real, often life-threatening or life-ending ramifications for people of color. Saying, "I don't see color," sounds like, "I don't see what people of color experience." Two black men getting arrested for waiting for a friend at Starbucks. A black teenager getting shot at for asking directions to his school. A group of black women having the police called on them for golfing too slowly.

We should be hearing and seeing more about each other, not less. This week, Richard said, can help us get there.

"It's an easy way to say, 'Hey, look everybody. It's hiding in plain sight,'" she said.

Seeing a person's race isn't the same as resenting a person's race or fearing a person's race or judging a person by race. It's an attempt to see and respect and celebrate a person's full humanity.

Let's leave this week vowing to try that. Eyes and hearts wide open.

Join the Heidi Stevens Balancing Act Facebook group, where she hosts live chats every Wednesday at noon.

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Naperville councilman calls for state rep to quit

Pol said city had history of white supremacist policies

BY ERIN HEGARTY
Naperville Sun



Coyne



Stava-Murray

Naperville City Councilman Kevin Coyne called for state Rep. Anne Stava-Murray's resignation Tuesday, saying her comments about the city of Naperville having white supremacist policies are a new low for "ugly rhetoric."

"She justifies her apparent disdain for Naperville — which she represents — through sweeping generalizations about our community," Coyne said at the Naperville City Council meeting.

"Not only has she not attempted to walk back these comments, she continues to echo them. Her comments strike at the very heart of what Naperville is all about. For if there is any city, anywhere, that has done more to promote public safety, strong education and the promotion of diversity, please, representative, point us to it."

Stava-Murray, a Naperville resident elected this fall to the District 81 seat, posted her comments in response to message left on her Facebook page from someone who called Naperville people "bullies" and "horrible people" and claimed to have left a job in Naperville because "they ran me outta there."

Stava-Murray has defended her response, in which she said she has wanted to leave the city herself because of Naperville's "history of white supremacist policies," but has not commented specifically on Coyne's demand for her resignation.

Coyne said Stava-Murray has a "fundamental misunderstanding" of Naperville and what it means to represent constituents.

"I believe it is clear from her conduct that there is no

who suggested the council hold a listening session with people of color to hear about their experiences.

"I'm sure there will be some parts of this experience that will make us uncomfortable, even angry, but progress doesn't fall into our laps by accident," he said. "It takes a lot of courageous work and a willingness to let someone else's voice come to the center."

Will County Board member Mimi Cowan, of Naperville, said it is important that white residents talk to people of color when exploring issues of race and social justice in the city. "I hope we'll make progress as far as seeking out those voices and not just waiting for them to come to us," she said.

Councilman John Krumpal did not address Stava-Murray's comments directly but defended the city's residents.

"Naperville has always been a welcoming community to my non-traditional family," he said. "And Naperville will always be a welcoming community to any and all walks of life. It's simply who we are."

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Last 5 years 5 hottest on record

2018? 4th hottest and 2019 could be hotter, experts say

By **TONY BARBOZA**
Los Angeles Times

All five of the hottest years on record have occurred in the last five years, according to global temperature data released Wednesday by NASA and the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration.

While 2018 was slightly cooler than the three prior years, Earth still had its fourth-warmest year since scientists began keeping records in 1880, the federal agencies said. Their separate analyses add to decades of evidence that the burning of fossil fuels, the clearing of forests and other human activities are releasing heat-trapping greenhouse gases into the atmosphere and causing the planet to warm.

Last year's average global surface temperature was 1.42 degrees Fahrenheit above the 20th-century average, according to NOAA.

The warmest year was 2016, followed by 2017, 2015, 2018 and 2014, according to NASA's rankings.

All five of those years were exceptionally warm, with only slight differences that were driven by natural variations in the weather, including the alternating cool and warm cycles from El Nino and La Nina.

"You get ups and downs — years that are a little bit warmer, a little bit cooler — but the long-term underlying trend is very, very clear," said NASA climatologist Gavin Schmidt, who worked on the space agen-



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Kyla Samuels, 6, and Joseph Concepcion, 4, cool off during a heat warning July 1 in Chicago. Only 2016, 2017 and 2015 proved to be hotter than 2018, according to NASA. The current El Nino means 2019 will likely be hotter.

cy's analysis. "It's the long-term trends that are having impacts on ice, on severity of droughts, on heat waves, on sea level rise and wildfires."

The combination of rising greenhouse gases and a mild El Nino underway in the Pacific Ocean means it's likely that 2019 will be hotter than 2018. Scientists say there's a good chance this year will wind up ranking among the top five hottest on record.

NOAA and NASA each analyze temperature measurements from thousands

of sites around the world, including weather stations and ships and buoys spread across the world's oceans.

The two agencies use much of the same data but perform independent analyses with minor differences in methods that yield slightly different rankings. NASA, for instance, ranked 2015 as the third-warmest year on record while NOAA found it was 2017. But in the long-term, the two agencies agree on the pace and trajectory of global warming.

Temperatures in 2018 were higher than average

across much of the globe, including most of the lower 48 United States, and the Arctic is warming two to three times faster than the global average, federal scientists said. Those higher temperatures continue to drive the decline in sea ice in the Arctic. The average annual sea ice extent was 4 million square miles in 2018, the second smallest extent in records going back to 1979, NOAA reported.

Those observations are at odds with President Donald Trump's statements attacking the scientific consensus

on climate change. Icy cold weather across the Midwest and East Coast last week prompted Trump to tweet a plea to global warming: "Please come back fast, we need you!"

Scientists say such remarks confuse short-term natural variations — that is, weather — with long-term shifts in the climate that are driven by human activity. That natural variation is why climate scientists look primarily at temperature trends over long timescales and don't give too much significance to a single hot

or cold year.

"But these are warm years that have persisted over a five-year period, and they sit on top of a long-standing, increasing trend over the last one-and-a-half centuries," said Waleed Abdalati, director of the Cooperative Institute for Research in Environmental Sciences at the University of Colorado at Boulder who was not involved in the federal reports. "That's a clear upward signal. It drives home the point that this trend is robust."

Global warming is also increasingly evident in local measurements, where daily records for high temperatures are toppling more than twice as often as daily records for low temperatures, said Gerald Meehl, a senior scientist at the National Center for Atmospheric Research.

"If there was no warming of average temperatures, there would be about an even chance of a daily record high maximum or daily record low minimum occurring," said Meehl, who was not involved in the report.

The NASA and NOAA reports are consistent with analyses by other governments, including the Japan Meteorological Agency and the European Union's Copernicus Climate Change Service, both of which also said that 2018 was the fourth-warmest year on record.

An independent analysis released last month by Berkeley Earth calculated that in 2018, 85 percent of the Earth's surface was significantly warmer than the planet's average temperature from 1951 to 1980.

Top 3 Democrats in Va. under fire amid scandals

AG admits blackface; woman details account against Lt. Gov.

By **ALAN SUDERMAN**
Associated Press

RICHMOND, Va. — The political crisis in Virginia spun out of control Wednesday when the state's attorney general confessed to putting on blackface in the 1980s and a woman went public with detailed allegations of sexual assault against the lieutenant governor.

With Gov. Ralph Northam's career hanging by a thread over a racist photo in his 1984 medical school yearbook, the day's developments threatened to take down all three of Virginia's top elected officials, all Democrats.



Fairfax

The twin events began with Attorney General Mark Herring issuing a statement admitting he wore brown makeup and a wig in 1980 to look like a rapper during a party when he was a 19-year-old student at the University of Virginia.

Herring, who has been among those calling on Northam to resign, said that he was "deeply, deeply

sorry" about the costume and that the days ahead "will make it clear whether I can or should continue to serve."

Then, within hours, Vanessa Tyson, the California woman whose sexual assault allegations against Lt. Gov. Justin Fairfax surfaced earlier this week, put out a detailed statement saying Fairfax forced her to perform oral sex on him in a hotel room in 2004 during the Democratic National Convention in Boston.

The Associated Press typically does not identify those who say they were sexually assaulted, but Tyson issued the statement in her name. Tyson, a 42-year-old political scientist who is on a fellowship at Stanford University and specializes in the political discourse of sexual assault, said, "I have no political motive. I am a proud Democrat."

Fairfax, who is in line to become governor if Northam resigns, has repeatedly denied her allegations, saying that the en-

counter was consensual and that he is the victim of a political smear.

"At no time did she express to me any discomfort or concern about our interactions, neither during that encounter, nor during the months following it, when she stayed in touch with me, nor the past 15 years," he said in a statement.

Tyson said she suffered "deep humiliation and shame" and stayed quiet about the allegations as she pursued her career, but by late 2017, as the #MeToo movement took shape and after she saw a news article about Fairfax's campaign, she took her story to The Washington Post, which decided months later not to publish a story.

The string of scandals that began when the yearbook photo came to light last Friday could have a domino effect on Virginia state government: If Northam and Fairfax fall, Herring would be next in line to become governor. After Herring comes House Speaker Kirk Cox, a Republican.

Democrats have expressed fear that the uproar over the governor could



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Attorney General Mark Herring says he wore blackface to dress as a rapper in college.

jeopardize their chances of taking control of the GOP-dominated Virginia legislature this year. The party made big gains in 2017, in part because of a backlash against President Donald Trump, and has moved to within striking distance of a majority in both houses.

At the Capitol, lawmakers were dumbstruck over the day's developments, with Democratic Sen. Barbara Favola saying, "I have to take a breath and think about this. This is moving way too quickly."

GOP House Majority Leader Todd Gilbert said it would be "reckless" to comment. "There's just too much flying around," he said.

Herring, 57, went public after rumors of a blackface photo of him began circulating at the Capitol.

Herring made a name for himself nationally by playing a central role in bringing gay marriage to Virginia, and he had been planning to run for governor in 2021. If he resigns, the legislature gets to pick his replacement.

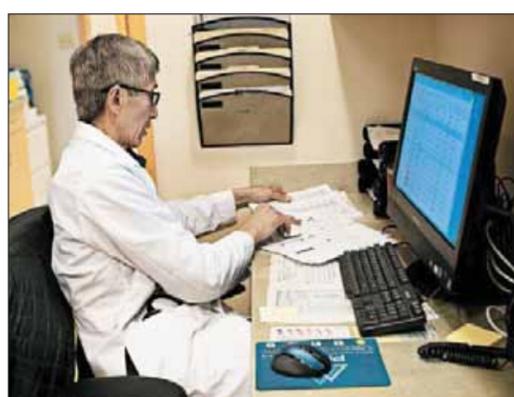
In his statement, Herring said he and two friends dressed up to look like rappers they listened to, admitting: "It sounds ridiculous even now writing it."

"That conduct clearly shows that, as a young man, I had a callous and inexcusable lack of awareness and insensitivity to the pain my

behavior could inflict on others," he said. But he also said: "This conduct is in no way reflective of the man I have become in the nearly 40 years since."

Northam has come under pressure to resign after the discovery of a photo on his profile page in the Eastern Virginia Medical School yearbook of someone in blackface next to a person in a Ku Klux Klan outfit.

He admitted at first that he was in the photo without saying which costume he was wearing, then denied it a day later. But he acknowledged he once blackened his face to look like Michael Jackson at a dance contest in Texas in 1984, when he was in the Army.



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Dr. Giac Chan Nguyen-Tan remembers a page he designed for the 1984 yearbook was changed without his knowledge.

Yearbook staff at odds over racist photo

By **BEN FINLEY**
Associated Press

NORFOLK, Va. — The racist yearbook photo that could sink Virginia Gov. Ralph Northam's career may have been mistakenly placed on his profile page — but even if it were put there intentionally, it's unlikely that many students would have noticed, according to alumni who put together the publication or submitted pictures to it 35 years ago.

Dr. Giac Chan Nguyen-

Tan, a physician practicing in Connecticut, remembers that a page he laid out for the 1984 Eastern Virginia Medical School yearbook was changed without his knowledge before publication.

"Could (the offensive photo) have been slipped in there? Absolutely," he said, adding that he doesn't remember laying out Northam's page, which ended up including a photo of one person in blackface and another dressed in a Ku Klux Klan outfit.

Fellow yearbook staffer Dr. William Elwood disagrees.

Elwood said he doubts any photos were mixed up — and he says it's unlikely that someone could have pulled a prank because a limited number of people had keys to the yearbook room.

Regardless of how the photo got there, it's possible not many noticed what was in the yearbook; few students enrolled in the intense medical school program took the publication

seriously — or even looked at it — after it was published, several classmates said. For many, the yearbook was simply not a priority.

Northam and his former roommate, Dr. John "Rob" Marsh, rushed off to the military after graduation. Others embarked on their residencies.

"The yearbook comes out in the fall when you're gone," said Marsh, who roomed with Northam for two years before graduating in 1983.

SNAP benefits gap will hurt many

Early allotment could leave many recipients short

BY JOE DAVIDSON
The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — David Gardner is a poor man in a high-cost city.

Unemployed since 2015, the 34-year-old Washington D.C. resident struggles to get by on a \$405 monthly Social Security disability payment and SNAP, the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program often called food stamps.

Trying to protect people like Gardner from being punished by the 35-day partial government shutdown that ended last month, officials at the Department of Agriculture, which runs SNAP, decided in early January to provide the February food benefit sooner than usual.

“We want to assure states, and SNAP recipients, that the benefits for February will be provided,” Agriculture Secretary Sonny Perdue said on Jan. 8. “Our motto here at USDA has been to ‘Do Right and Feed Everyone.’ With this solution, we’ve got the ‘Feed Everyone’ part handled. And I believe that the plan

we’ve constructed takes care of the ‘Do Right’ part as well.”

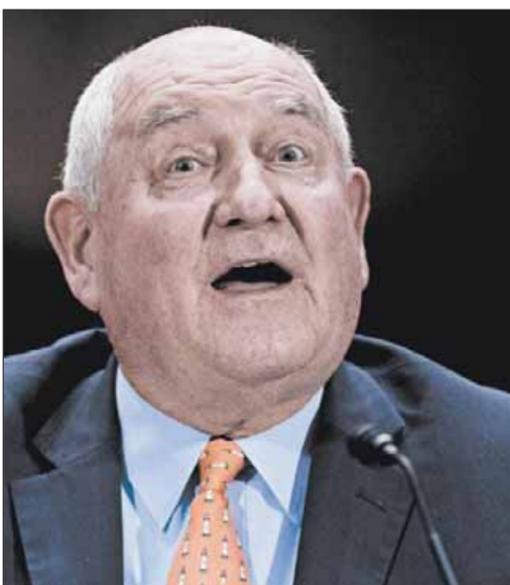
That attempt to “do right,” however, potentially has an unfortunate consequence — a gap in food assistance for people like Gardner.

Working with state governments, USDA did get February’s benefits to recipients early, about two weeks early in Gardner’s case. That’s good.

The not-so-good side is he and others now have a longer-than-usual wait before they can get their March allotments. They won’t lose any benefits, but the gap between the distribution could leave millions scrambling.

“About 15 million households, which include about 30 million people, could experience a gap between monthly SNAP payments of more than 40 days. More than 4 million low-income households, including 8 million people, could experience a gap of more than 50 days,” says a new report by Dottie Rosenbaum, a senior fellow with the Center on Budget and Policy Priorities.

About 90 percent of recipients face a gap of more than 40 days, according to the Center’s analysis,



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Ag Secretary Sonny Perdue’s agency, which runs SNAP, decided to give February’s benefit sooner than usual.

though it says a “SNAP law requires that ‘no household experience an interval between issuances of more than 40 days.’”

“The much-longer-than-usual gap between benefit receipt for February and March will cause some households whose budgets already are extremely tight to face heightened difficul-

ties affording food as they await their March benefits,” Rosenbaum said.

“In turn, this will place additional strain on the emergency food network and other community resources, which already are stretched.”

Heightened difficulties? Listen to Gardner.

“I’m out of food right

now,” he said. “My food stamps are gone for February. ... I actually am living off of Oodles of Noodles.”

He used the last of his February benefit on Wednesday to buy 30 packs of Oodles of Noodles: “I got to eat at least one time a day.”

Gardner also frequents food banks. They and other food assistance charities have high demand at the end of each month because SNAP benefits aren’t enough to cover a month’s worth of food.

The same day the Center published its report, the department’s Food and Nutrition Service urged recipients to “Carefully budget your SNAP benefits to extend through February.”

But that’s difficult to do even under regular circumstances.

“It’s well documented that SNAP benefits normally run out for most households before the end of the month,” Rosenbaum wrote.

“Within a week of receiving SNAP, households redeem over half of their SNAP allotments.”

“SNAP benefits are not intended to cover the entire month for most households,” Rosenbaum said, and they don’t.

The average per-person monthly SNAP benefit in 2018 for the more than 40,300 SNAP recipients, according to Agriculture Department data, was \$125.25. That’s less than \$4.50 a day.

SNAP’s monthly benefits are “never enough to feed one person let alone a family,” said Kierstin Quinsland, housing director at Miriam’s Kitchen, an organization that serves the homeless and the hungry in the District. “That’s why food pantry lines are longer at the end of the month, because people’s stamps have run out.”

For the current difficulties, “USDA is reviewing this issue and expects to provide guidance to SNAP State agencies in the near future,” Mike Illenberg, a USDA spokesman, said by email.

“The Administration continues to work to ensure that low-income Americans have access to the nutrition they need, even while full-year appropriation is pending in Congress.”

Gardner expects the coming weeks to be hungry ones. He applied for additional Social Security benefits, he said, “so maybe I’ll go get me a couple of more packs noodles.”

Bipartisan panel closes in on border security deal

Republicans: They won’t get Trump \$5.7B for his wall

BY JOHN WAGNER, MIKE DEBONIS, ERICA WERNER AND ELISE VIEBECK
The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — Congressional negotiators worked toward a deal Wednesday that could increase fencing along the U.S.-Mexico border without delivering President Donald Trump the wall money he wants, as pressure built to reach agreement ahead a government shutdown deadline next week.

A bipartisan committee of House and Senate lawmakers traded offers behind the scenes, with committee Democrats saying money for border barriers was on the table, and Republicans acknowledging they won’t get Trump the \$5.7 billion he has sought for his wall.

Lawmakers hope to have a tentative deal by Friday or soon thereafter, to allow time for it to pass the House and Senate by Feb. 15. That’s when funding runs out for a large portion of the federal government, causing another partial shutdown, if Congress and Trump don’t act first.

Leaders of both parties made clear that, after the nation’s longest-ever government shutdown ended late last month with Trump signing a short-term spending bill that includes no new money for his wall, they want to reach finality soon to avoid another federal funding lapse.

Few are eager to prolong the uncertainty by passing yet another stopgap spending bill. Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell, R-Ky., argued in a private meeting with senators Wednesday against passage of another short-term



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House Appropriations Chairwoman Nita Lowey, D-N.Y., said Wednesday that “everything is on the table.”

funding bill, according to a Republican with knowledge of the exchange who spoke on the condition of anonymity to describe it.

Committee members declined to divulge details of negotiations. But after Democrats started out last week offering no money for physical barriers of any kind at the border, House Appropriations Chairwoman Nita Lowey, D-N.Y. — leading the conference committee negotiations — said Wednesday that “everything is on the table.”

Another committee Democrat, Rep. Henry Cuellar, D-Texas, who represents a border district, spoke of enhanced fencing or other types of barriers along portions of the 2,000-mile border — as long as local residents and authorities agree, and sensitive areas such as butterfly habitats are protected.

There already are hundreds of miles of walls and fences of various kinds along the border, which lawmakers of both parties have been funding for years. Trump’s \$5.7 billion request would build 230 more miles of steel barriers.

Trump’s advisers are hopeful that congressional negotiators can reach a deal, but he has not shown any willingness to back down from his insistence that taxpayer money be

used to construct parts of a wall along the Mexico border. The president renewed his demands for a wall in his State of the Union address on Tuesday night, and is expected to make the case again Monday during a rally in El Paso, Texas.

House Speaker Nancy Pelosi, D-Calif., said she thinks House and Senate negotiators could reach a deal by the end of this week if “left to their own devices.” She said that she would be willing to support any compromise border security legislation they produce, and that she has urged the White House to adopt the same “hands-off” posture.

She said she had relayed her hope to Vice President Mike Pence “that the White House will have the same hands-off policy as I have vis-a-vis the appropriators.”

Pence on Wednesday defended Trump’s tactic of shutting down the government and said he could not guarantee that another closure will be averted.

“I never think it’s a mistake to stand up for what you believe in, and I think what the American people admire most about this president is he says what he means and he means what he says in a very real sense,” Pence said in an interview on “CBS This Morning.”

Some federal staffers still haven’t received back pay

Government mum on number owed shutdown money

BY MICHELLE R. SMITH
Associated Press

Nearly two weeks after the end of the longest government shutdown in U.S. history, many federal workers are still reeling financially and waiting to be made whole by government agencies that have struggled with payroll glitches and delays in ensuring everyone gets paid.

Thousands have not yet received full back pay while scrambling to catch up on unpaid bills and repay unemployment benefits — all while another government shutdown looms next week.

“President Trump stood in the Rose Garden at the end of the shutdown and said, ‘We will make sure that you guys are paid immediately.’ And here it is, it’s almost two weeks later,” said Michael Walter, who works for the U.S. Department of Agriculture food safety inspection service in Johnstown, Pa., and only got his paycheck Wednesday. He said two co-workers told him they still had received nothing.

The government has been short on details about how many people are still waiting to be paid.

A spokesman for the Department of Interior, which handles payroll for more than five dozen government offices, did not answer when asked how many workers were due back pay, but said a “small group of employees” had not received anything. Spokesman Russell Newell said others received “interim payments of back pay” that would be made up in the next pay period.

The Census Bureau acknowledged Tuesday that about 250 employees, or 6 percent of its work force,

had yet to receive back pay. A spokesman said they expected those workers to be paid by Friday.

Other affected agencies include the Federal Aviation Administration, where two unions representing FAA workers said their members had not yet received all of their back pay.

Doug Church of the National Air Traffic Controllers Association said members who worked during the shutdown had not gotten overtime, which he said was a violation of the Fair Labor Standards Act. They also had not received the extra pay they were due for working nights and holidays, he said.

David Verardo, a union local president, said he was still owed \$2,000 and estimated that the 1,000 workers his union represents at the National Science Foundation in Alexandria, Va., are each due \$1,200 to \$3,000 for the two pay periods they missed.

In addition to the pay delays, workers are struggling with issues like navigating the bureaucracy of paying back unemployment benefits and the looming question of whether there would be another shutdown after Feb. 15.

Trish Binkley, a tax examiner at the Internal Revenue Service in Kansas City, Mo., is setting aside money, including her tax refund and an emergency loan she got from her credit union, in case of another shutdown.

She received two unemployment checks of \$288 each during the shutdown before getting a letter informing her she was ineligible for the benefits —



Binkley



Blum

even though she had been told she qualified. Binkley has paid the money back, but worries about another shutdown.

The shutdown motivated Cheryl Inzunza Blum to re-evaluate her career as a government contract lawyer representing immigrants in federal court in Tucson, Ariz. She has not been paid since before the shutdown began.

Blum realized she must diversify her solo law practice and plans to do more personal injury work. For the long term, she enrolled in an online course in international relations at Harvard Extension School to educate herself on what drives migration, and hopes to work on solutions to the issues surrounding immigration.

“I did it because I don’t want to go through this again,” she said. “I want to carve out another career, I really do.”

Among the groups hardest hit by the shutdown are contract workers who are not entitled to back pay.

The shutdown affected some 2,000 people with disabilities who got their government contract jobs with help from the nonprofit SourceAmerica, according to John Kelly, its vice president of government affairs and public policy.

Nearly 60 percent still had not been called back to their jobs.

It’s been a difficult time for those workers, who often have a hard time finding a job in the first place, Kelly said. Their jobs include custodial and mail-room work at agencies like NASA, the Coast Guard and the Department of the Interior, he said.

Which is way up? Check your trusty compass

Magnetic north pole is on the move — and speeding up

BY SETH BORENSTEIN
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — North isn’t quite where it used to be.

Earth’s north magnetic pole has been drifting so fast in the last few decades that scientists say that past estimates are no longer accurate enough for precise navigation.

On Monday, they released an update of where

magnetic north was, nearly a year ahead of schedule.

The magnetic north pole is wandering about 34 miles a year.

It crossed the international date line in 2017, and is leaving the Canadian Arctic on its way to Siberia.

The constant shift is a problem for compasses in smartphones and some consumer electronics.

Airplanes and boats also rely on magnetic north, usually as backup navigation, said University of Colorado geophysicist Arnaud Chulliat, lead author of the newly issued World Mag-

netic Model.

GPS isn’t affected because it’s satellite-based.

The military depends on where magnetic north is for navigation and parachute drops, while NASA, the Federal Aviation Administration and U.S. Forest Service also use it.

The U.S. National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration and United Kingdom tend to update the location of the magnetic north pole every five years in December, but this update came early because of the pole’s faster movement.

The movement of the

magnetic north pole “is pretty fast,” Chulliat said.

Since 1831 when it was first measured in the Canadian Arctic it has moved about 1,400 miles toward Siberia.

Its speed jumped from about 9 mph to 34 mph since 2000.

The reason is turbulence in Earth’s liquid outer core. There is a hot liquid ocean of iron and nickel in the planet’s core where the motion generates an electric field, said University of Maryland geophysicist Daniel Lathrop, who wasn’t part of the team monitoring

the magnetic north pole.

“It has changes akin to weather,” Lathrop said. “We might just call it magnetic weather.”

The magnetic south pole is moving far slower than the north.

In general Earth’s magnetic field is getting weaker, leading scientists to say that it will eventually flip, where north and south pole changes polarity, like a bar magnet flipping over.

It has happened numerous times in Earth’s past, but not in the last 780,000 years.

When it reverses, it won’t

be like a coin flip, but take 1,000 or more years, experts said.

Lathrop sees a flip coming sooner rather than later because of the weakened magnetic field and an area over the South Atlantic has already reversed beneath Earth’s surface.

That could bother some birds that use magnetic fields to navigate.

An overall weakening of the magnetic field isn’t good for people and especially satellites and astronauts. The magnetic field shields Earth from some dangerous radiation, Lathrop said.

Deported U.S. adoptee sues S. Korea

Private adoption agency also blamed for negligence during 'child export' frenzy

By **KIM TONG-HYUNG**
Associated Press

SEOUL, South Korea — Adam Crapser lives in limbo, a stranger in South Korea, the country of his birth.

Forcibly separated from his wife, children and friends in America, he is isolated by language and culture, left alone to navigate this sprawling city he's been expelled to four decades after being sent to adoptive parents in Michigan at age 3.

Crapser was abused and abandoned by two sets of adoptive parents in the United States; then he was deported after run-ins with the law because none of his guardians filed citizenship papers for him. He said that he has struggled in South Korea with intense anxiety and depression, even as he searches for answers about why his life has become defined by displacement.

That's led him to file a landmark lawsuit against South Korea's government and a private adoption agency, the Seoul-based Holt Children's Services, over what Crapser calls gross negligence regarding the way he and thousands of other Korean children were sent to the United States and other Western nations without accounting for their future citizenship.

The \$177,000 civil suit, which was described ahead of its expected filing earlier this week by Crapser's lawyers in a Seoul court, exposes a dark side of South Korean adoptions, which exploded as a business during the 1970s and '80s when many children were carelessly and unnecessarily removed from their families.

The country was then at the height of a so-called "child export" frenzy pushed by military dictatorships that focused on economic growth and reducing

the number of mouths to feed. There was no stringent oversight of adoption agencies, which were infamous for aggressive child-gathering activities and fraudulent paperwork as they competed to send more children abroad at faster speeds.

Crapser's case also highlights the shaky legal status of possibly thousands of South Korean adoptees in the United States whose parents may have failed to get them citizenship, potentially leaving them vulnerable to deportation if they acquire a criminal record in a country that's becoming increasingly aggressive about going after undocumented immigrants.

Crapser, who was named Shin Seong-hyeok by his Korean mother, is one of five adoptees who the Seoul government confirms now live in South Korea after being deported from the United States. Several of the deportees have reportedly dealt with mental health issues and served jail time in South Korea for assault and other crimes.

Activists say the South Korean government has done a poor job tracking deported adoptees and that the real number is almost certainly larger. Officials wouldn't provide details about the other deportees.

In South Korea, human rights lawsuits against the government can drag on for years and are rarely successful because the burden of proof in non-criminal cases is entirely on the plaintiffs, who often lack information and resources. Even if Crapser wins, the payout will likely be significantly smaller than what was demanded, considering past cases, according to Soh Rami, one of his lawyers.

Crapser said the amount of money is less important than forcing officials from Holt and the government



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South Korean adoptee Adam Crapser was deported after four decades in the U.S.

into a courtroom to face questions of accountability. He said the government and Holt are responsible for failing to follow through on his adoption and ensuring that his American parents naturalized him. Because he wasn't a citizen, U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement officials ordered him deported in November 2016 over criminal convictions, including unlawful possession of a firearm and assault.

His lawsuit will also attempt to hold Holt and the government accountable for supposedly fraudulent paperwork over his adoption status. Most South Korean adoptees, including Crapser, were documented as abandoned, even in cases where they had known parents or were simply lost, which made them easily adoptable under U.S. laws. He also seeks to hold the government responsible for allowing foreigners to adopt babies without actually visiting South Korea, which Crapser blames for screening failures that led to his adoption by abusive parents.

"It's a daily struggle to survive and to continue to

want to push forward and want some justice and want some accountability and want some answers," said Crapser, now 43. "For everything to fall apart and for everything to happen the way it has, most people wouldn't be alive here to talk."

Kim Ho Hyun, Holt's president, said the agency followed the laws and procedures of the time and that it was mainly the responsibility of U.S. parents and institutions to ensure that adoptees obtained citizenship. Seong Chang-hyeon, an official from South Korea's Ministry of Health and Welfare, said the government is trying to improve welfare services for deported adoptees while also consulting with Washington over possible U.S. legal changes that could prevent adoptee deportations.

The U.S. State Department referred questions to the Department of Homeland Security, which couldn't be reached for comment.

Living in a cramped one-bedroom apartment in Seoul, Crapser said the deportation has seriously

strained his marriage, and he often sinks into dark moods over his inability to be actively involved in the lives of his children.

He described the difficulties of being stuck in a country where he doesn't speak the language, including dismissive treatment at public offices and monthly visits to a psychiatrist who can't really speak English. He has eight more years before he's eligible to return to the United States.

About 200,000 South Koreans were adopted overseas during the past six decades, the majority to American couples. More than 4,000 Korean children were sent abroad in 1979, the year Crapser arrived in the United States.

Agency board members with ties to the military dictators of the day were less worried about child welfare than maintaining a business that brought in as much as \$20 million a year by some estimates, critics say.

Reached on the telephone, Crapser's birth mother, Kwon Pil-ju, sobbed and said she felt like she had "horribly sinned" against her son. She said she

was single, disabled and desperately poor, and that she finally decided to give her children away because of fears that they'd starve. They also have problems communicating — he can't speak Korean, she can't speak English, and they don't always have someone who could interpret.

Crapser said he "definitely didn't win the lottery" when it came to his American parents. He and a sister were sent to what he says was an abusive couple in Michigan. In 1986, the couple abandoned Crapser, then 10, and his sister, and he ended up with Thomas and Dolly Crapser, who he said would sometimes slam their children's heads against walls, strike them with kitchen utensils and burn them with heated objects. Repeated calls to the Crapser home went unanswered.

In 1991, the couple was arrested on charges of physical child abuse, sexual abuse and rape. They were reportedly convicted in 1992 on multiple counts of criminal mistreatment and assault. Kicked out of his parents' house after an argument, Crapser pleaded guilty to burglary after he said he later broke into the home to retrieve a Korean-language Bible and a stuffed dog that came with him from a Korean orphanage. He was later convicted of unlawful possession of a firearm and assault.

Crapser thought he had turned a corner, opening a barber shop and an upholstery business and starting a family, when he was served his deportation paperwork in 2015 after a green card application triggered a background check.

"It's heartbreaking. A lot of the depression that I deal with, a lot of the hopelessness that I feel at times is attributed to the separation from my family that I created and not being able to be actually involved in their life every day like I was," he said.



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An immigration official checks a fuel tanker, cargo trailers and makeshift fencing, used as barricades by Venezuelan authorities to block humanitarian aid from entering.

Venezuela military blocks bridge to halt aid delivery

Aid worker: They will find other way to deliver supplies

By **CHRISTINE ARMARIO AND SCOTT SMITH**
Associated Press

CUCUTA, Colombia — The Venezuelan military has barricaded a bridge at a key border crossing, issuing a challenge Wednesday to a U.S.-backed effort by the opposition to bring humanitarian aid into the troubled nation.

The Tienditas International Bridge was blocked a day prior by the Venezuelan National Guard with a giant orange tanker, two large blue containers and makeshift fencing near the border town of Cucuta, Colombian officials said.

The bridge is at the same site where officials plan to store humanitarian aid that opposition leader Juan Guaido is vowing to deliver to Venezuela. The Trump administration has pledged \$20 million in aid, and Canada has promised an additional \$53 million.

The squabble is the latest front in the battle between

Guaido and President Nicolas Maduro, who is vowing not to let the supplies enter the country. Maduro argues Venezuela isn't a nation of "beggars" and has long rejected receiving humanitarian assistance, equating it to a foreign intervention.

Looking up at the giant containers blocking the bridge Wednesday, aid worker Alba Pereira shook her head and dismissed the barricade as another government ploy. She said that humanitarian volunteers would find a way to get the aid into the country.

"It's a means of intimidation, but I don't think it will accomplish anything," said Pereira, director of the nonprofit Entre Dos Tiersas, which aids Venezuelans migrants.

Roughly 40 countries around the world have backed Guaido, who swore himself in as president in late January contending that as head of the opposition-led National Assembly he is Venezuela's rightful leader because Maduro's re-election last year was a sham.

Guaido says the emergency shipment is a "test"

for Venezuela's armed forces, which will have to choose if they allow the much needed aid to pass, or if they instead obey orders. No details have been released on exactly how the opposition plans to get the shipments into Venezuela.

Soaring hyperinflation has forced millions of Venezuelans to flee or go hungry as they struggle to find or afford basic items like food and medicine.

U.S. Secretary of State Mike Pompeo said Venezuelans desperately need the emergency supplies that the U.S. and other countries are preparing to provide.

"Venezuela's military under Maduro's orders is blocking aid," Pompeo tweeted. "The Maduro regime must LET THE AID REACH THE STARVING PEOPLE."

Guaido on Wednesday accused Maduro's government of rejecting the assistance because officials often handed out imported food and medicine in exchange for bribes.

Speaking to farmers, Guaido said the transitional government is taking steps to make Venezuela self-reliant.

EU chief slams planless Brexiteers

By **LORNE COOK AND JILL LAWLESS**
Associated Press

BRUSSELS — European Council President Donald Tusk took a swipe Wednesday at some Brexit-backers in Britain, wondering aloud what "special place in hell" might be reserved for those who had no idea how to deliver the country's exit from the European Union.

With less than two months to go until Britain is due to leave the EU and concern mounting about a potentially chaotic departure, Tusk, who chairs meetings of EU leaders, also appeared to dash any British hopes that the bloc would reopen discussions over the Brexit deal that was overwhelmingly rejected by U.K. lawmakers last month.

"I have been wondering what a special place in hell looks like for those who promoted Brexit without even a sketch of plan how to carry it out safely," Tusk told reporters after talks with Irish Prime Minister Leo Varadkar.

As the men shook hands, Varadkar told Tusk "they will give you terrible trouble in the British press" over the comments — which, as predicted, drew outrage from British Brexiteers.

House of Commons Leader Andrea Leadsom, a pro-Brexit Conservative, said Tusk's remark was "pretty unacceptable and pretty disgraceful. It totally

demeans him."

Sammy Wilson of Northern Ireland's Democratic Unionist Party tweeted that Tusk was a "devilish euro maniac doing his best to

keep the United Kingdom bound by the chains of EU bureaucracy and control."

Britain is scheduled to leave the EU on March 29.

British Prime Minister Theresa May is due in Brussels on Thursday with what she says is a parliamentary mandate to re-open the withdrawal agreement, sealed between the EU and her Conservative government in November after 18 months of intense negotiations.



Tusk

Brexit riots could make royals also leave

By **JENNIFER HASSAN**
The Washington Post

LONDON — Did somebody say "Quexit"? Queen Elizabeth II and members of the British royal family are to be secreted away to an undisclosed location outside London if a no-deal Brexit scenario incites riots, British media reported Sunday.

With Britain's scheduled exit from the European Union March 29, Prime Minister Theresa May is running out of time, lawmakers can't stop squabbling, and Brits are stockpiling everything from bicycle parts to bottles of wine.

Uncertainty is rife, but thanks to plans dating to the Cold War, the queen, at least, will be saved.

"These emergency evacuation plans have been in existence since the Cold War but have now been repurposed in the event of civil disorder following a no-deal Brexit," a source from the British Cabinet Office told the Sunday Times.



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Queen Elizabeth II, center, and the British royal family are to be secreted away outside London if a no-deal Brexit scenario incites riots, British media reported Sunday.

"If there were problems in London, clearly you would remove the royal family away from those key sites," Dai Davies, the former head of royal protection at Scotland Yard, told the Times.

The royals remained in Buckingham Palace during World War II, despite fears for their safety. For many Brits, the monarchy represents stability in periods of upheaval.

When the palace was bombed with the king and queen inside, the queen

mother famously wrote in a letter soon after: "The children will not leave unless I do. I shall not leave unless their father does, and the king will not leave the country in any circumstances."

Writing for the Telegraph, Iain Duncan Smith, a former leader of the Conservative Party, called the royal evacuation plan "Project Fear on steroids," and lawmaker Jacob Rees-Mogg told the Mail on Sunday that the plans showed unnecessary panic.

Schiff says his panel plans sweeping probe

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branch, under the Constitution's system of checks and balances, and would be "delinquent" if it failed to do so.

Schiff indicated his committee's investigation will be sweeping. It will include "the scope and scale" of Russian intervention in the 2016 presidential election, the "extent of any links and/or coordination" between Russians and Trump's associates, whether foreign actors have sought to hold leverage over Trump or his family and associates, and whether anyone has sought to obstruct any of the relevant investigations.

"We're going to do our jobs, and the president needs to do his," Schiff said. "Our job involves making sure that the policy of the United States is being driven by the national interest, not by any financial entanglement, financial leverage or other form of compromise."

The California Democrat also announced a delay in an upcoming closed-door interview with Trump's former fixer and personal lawyer, Michael Cohen, "in the interests of the investigation." The interview was originally scheduled for Friday. It will now be held on Feb. 28, Schiff said.

Schiff said he could not speak about the reason for the delay.

Hours after the meeting was pushed back, a document was filed, and then deleted, under seal in the criminal case against Cohen brought by special counsel Robert Mueller's office.

The court's docket did not contain any details about the nature of the document.

A later notice said the document had been "incorrectly filed in this case."

Trump shot back, calling Schiff nothing but a "political hack" who has "no basis to do that."



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House Speaker Nancy Pelosi says Congress has a constitutional duty to oversee the executive branch and would be "delinquent" if it failed to do so.

"It's not about partisan investigations. We all have to be accountable. And it's a new day."

—Rep. Elijah Cummings of Maryland

"It's called presidential harassment," Trump said during an event at the White House as he announced his new pick to head the World Bank.

After eight years in the minority, House Democrats are releasing their bottled-

up legislative energy. Their agenda goes beyond oversight of Trump's administration and Russian election interference to the bread-and-butter issues of jobs, health care and the economy that propelled them to the House majority.

The intelligence committee voted Wednesday to send Mueller the transcripts from the panel's earlier Russia investigation. Republicans ended that probe in March, concluding there was no evidence of conspiracy or collusion between Russia and Trump's presidential campaign. Democrats strongly objected at the time, saying the move was premature.

Also Wednesday, one House committee held its

first hearing on gun violence in years.

Two others gavelled in to address climate change.

Three more were debating protecting people with pre-existing medical conditions and the Affordable Care Act.

The Foreign Affairs Committee was to debate the war in Yemen, and consider a war powers resolution to halt U.S. involvement.

Rep. Elijah Cummings of Maryland, the chairman of the Oversight Committee, said Trump has to understand "that he has to be accountable. And the way we do that is through investigations."

"It's not about partisan investigations," said Cum-

ings. "We all have to be accountable. And it's a new day."

The new Congress was off to a rough start as the 35-day government shutdown jammed the agenda and stifled the energetic freshmen class that swept Democrats to power in the midterm election.

With the longest government closure over, for now, the new majority is eager to deliver on its promises before the next election shifts attention yet again.

James Curry, an associate professor of political science at the University of Utah, said Democrats have a short window to capture the public's attention.

"They want to show voters they can legislate, they

can run the government, they can do the things they said they're going to do," he said. "Reality," Curry added, "is obviously more complicated than that."

Much of the House's legislation will fall flat in the Senate, where Republicans retain control, and Majority Leader Mitch McConnell is expected to ensure his chamber serves as a backstop to prevent Democratic bills from landing on Trump's desk.

The more likely result is that the legislative agenda sets the stage for the next election, in 2020, when voters will be assessing not only the performance of the new House majority but also which party they prefer in the White House.

'Theater committee' gets a little brash

5 fiery freshmen sit on panel probing the White House

BY LAURIE KELLMAN AND MARY CLARE JALONICK
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — It's known as "the theater committee" for its high profile, high-drama role investigating President Donald Trump's White House. And now, five of the fiercest Democratic freshmen in the House are players on that stage.

Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez, Katie Hill, Rashida Tlaib and others now have seats on the powerful House Oversight and Reform Committee — a sign that Democratic leaders want their social media savvy and star power front and center of investigations into the Trump administration. In return, the new members get a platform on which to polish their good-government bona fides. And the bet among senior Democrats is that more experienced committee members will help harness the newcomers' energy, fame and know-how as the blandly-named panel turns its spotlight on the White

House ahead of the 2020 elections.

"I consider myself to be a little bit of a justice and truth-teller," said Rep. Ayanna Pressley, D-Mass., referring to her background as a prosecutor. "I think I'm in good company."

On the mission, yes. But the newcomers' styles will depend in part on how solidly they won their districts in the November elections.

"Mine is going to be a very fact-based approach," said Hill, a liaison to Democratic leaders who will serve as vice chairman for Rep. Elijah Cummings, D-Md., and flipped a Republican stronghold in California. "I am not going to go in there with a set agenda as much as seeking the truth."

Added Rep. Harley Rouda, a former Republican who also represents a swing California district: "We have an obligation as members of Congress to provide appropriate oversight regardless of whether it's Republicans or Democrats or otherwise," he said. Rouda called himself "somewhat centrist, and I'm going to carry that into that committee as well."

It's an apt home for the outspoken new members. Real-time drama — on mat-

ters ranging from former President Bill Clinton and former Secretary of State Hillary Clinton to Hurricane Katrina and steroids in sports — was the panel's trademark long before Trump and the Democratic freshmen came to Washington.

"You walk in here, into the back room, you muster your righteous indignation and you step out on the stage and ask somebody: 'How could you? What were you thinking? When did you first know?'" said Rep. Thomas Massie, R-Ky., a committee member and outspoken conservative who was appointed to the panel when Barack Obama was president. "You can make a grandma feel bad about making cookies for her grandkids."

Though theatrical, the committee has real power to "at any time conduct investigations of any matter," according to its charter, using as tools subpoenas and the fact that lying to Congress is a crime. And Cummings, the new chairman, is promising serious probes that could have consequences for Trump and administration officials who saw relatively little oversight under the Republican-led House. Cummings



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Democratic Reps. Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez and Rashida Tlaib are on the House Oversight and Reform Committee.

has promised to look at conflicts of interest within the administration and is one of several chairmen who will lead investigations into Trump's ties to Russia.

For now, Cummings is repeating two guiding words to keep the newcomers' enthusiasm productive: "efficiency" and "effectiveness."

"They are very articulate, they are very sharp," said Cummings. "And I'm sure that working very closely with the leadership of our committee, that they will be disciplined about what they put out to the media."

His comments reflect an acute awareness among senior Democrats that this

group eschews a script and likes to improvise. Tlaib's vow on Trump to "impeach the mother---er," on Day 1 of the new Congress ran afoul of Pelosi's dictum to not speak of impeachment in any serious way at least until special counsel Robert Mueller reports on his Russia probe. Tlaib apologized for the distraction.

Cummings, the freshmen say, is encouraging them to speak up.

"He's made very clear that a lot of what he wants to do with his leadership is to cultivate the talent and the potential within the committee and the party overall," said Ocasio-Cortez, D-N.Y., who said she

wants to focus on immigrant protections and the environment.

For those who opt for a splashy confrontation, there's plenty of precedent during Republican control. A joint meeting of the oversight and judiciary panels last year erupted into a yelling match virtually from the first question to former FBI Agent Peter Strzok.

There's almost an art to the absurdity, Massie suggested. When his hypothetical grandma comes up with an answer about her cookies, "You say, 'I'm sorry, I've only got five minutes, I've got to move on to the next question. What about the applesauce?'"

Study: Age of wealthiest in U.S. is getting younger

You know how this ends: Rich get richer

BY BEN STEVERMAN
Bloomberg News

The rich are getting richer, and younger.

A survey of U.S. investors with \$25 million or more finds their average age dropped by 11 years since 2014, to 47. These fabulously rich Americans, whose ranks have more than doubled since the depths of the Great Recession, are younger than less wealthy millionaires. The

average age of those with at least \$1 million is 62, a number that hasn't budged in years.

The finding suggests a "vast generational transfer of wealth" is "just beginning," said George Walper Jr., president of the Spectrem Group, which conducted the study.

The sample size was small — 185 Americans with more than \$25 million in net worth — but the findings are consistent with other research on the top 0.1 percent.

Those over 65 hold more than a third of U.S. wealth, a

number that hasn't risen as quickly as the share of elderly Americans in the population, University of California at Berkeley economists Emmanuel Saez and Gabriel Zucman found in a 2016 paper. In fact the very wealthiest group of Americans "is actually getting younger."

Where is this new money coming from? A new generation of millionaires and billionaires probably owe as much to inheritances as to self-made fortunes. "There may be more Mark Zuckers at the top of the wealth distribution than in

the 1960s, but also more Paris Hiltons," Saez and Zucman wrote.

About 172,000 U.S. households have net worths of at least \$25 million, Spectrem estimated in 2018. That's up from 84,000 in 2008.

About nine in 10 investors under 38 attributed their success to "inheritance" and "family connections" in the Spectrem survey.

But the same proportion said "hard work" and "running my own business" played a role. About 70 percent of the richest in-

vestors said they're still working.

Even as more young people entered the top 0.1 percent, most of their millennial and Generation X compatriots were struggling. Americans 75 and older are the only age group whose median net worth rose from 2007 to 2016, according to the Federal Reserve Survey of Consumer of Finances released in July 2018. Typical Americans age 35 to 54 saw their wealth — heavily concentrated in housing — plunge by more than 41 percent in that time frame.

Meanwhile, the richest Americans are using complex estate planning techniques to transfer wealth to their children, grandchildren, and beyond.

Ninety-one percent of investors with \$25 million or more keep assets in a trust, Spectrem found, and half have three or more trusts set up.

The Spectrem survey also suggests the typical rich person is much less generous.

Of respondents with at least \$25 million, just 15 percent give away \$100,000 or more annually.

NEWS BRIEFING

Staff and news services

Holocaust survivors receive reparations for deportations

WASHINGTON — More than seven decades after World War II, 49 Holocaust survivors are receiving \$402,000 each from the French government in reparations for the French trains that deported them to Nazi concentration camps, the State Department said Wednesday.

Thirty-two surviving spouses of deportees who died after the war will receive up to \$100,500 each, officials said.

The payments fall under a 2014 U.S.-France agreement in which the French government offered \$60 million in reparations for Holocaust deportations. In exchange, the U.S. government asked courts to dismiss any lawsuits against the French railway, known as SNCF, and the French government.

Experts said the agreement is unique because it also includes compensation for heirs.

Conviction upheld for woman who urged boyfriend's suicide

BOSTON — A young woman who as a teenager encouraged her boyfriend through dozens of text messages to kill himself is responsible for his suicide, Massachusetts' highest court ruled Wednesday in upholding her involuntary manslaughter conviction.

The Supreme Judicial Court said in a unanimous decision that Michelle Carter's actions caused Conrad Roy to die in a truck filled with toxic gas

in a deserted parking lot nearly five years ago.

"After she convinced him to get back into the carbon monoxide filled truck, she did absolutely nothing to help him: she did not call for help or tell him to get out of the truck as she listened to him choke and die," Justice Scott Kafker wrote.

Carter, now 22, was sentenced to 15 months in jail, but has remained free while pursuing appeals.

Boyfriend of admitted Russian spy faces unrelated charges

PIERRE, S.D. — The boyfriend of a Russian woman who admitted she was a secret agent for the Kremlin is charged with fraud in South Dakota.

The South Dakota U.S. Attorney's Office said Wednesday that 56-year-old Paul Erickson pleaded not guilty to 11 counts of wire fraud and money laundering.

The charges appear unrelated to the case of 30-year-old Maria Butina,

who pleaded guilty in December for trying to infiltrate conservative political groups.

Prosecutors say Erickson defrauded "many victims" from 1996 through 2018 in a variety of development schemes.

Erickson in 2015 helped arrange speeches in South Dakota for Butina to talk about freedom and entrepreneurship at a school, at a university and a teenage Republican camp.



Rescue workers carry a woman who was one of six people pulled from an eight-story building that collapsed Wednesday in Istanbul. Officials said two people died and several others were trapped inside. The building had 43 residents in its 14 apartments.

Trump predicts territory ISIS holds will be cleared next week

WASHINGTON — President Donald Trump predicted Wednesday that the Islamic State group will have lost by next week all the territory it once controlled in Iraq and Syria. He said the U.S. will not relent in fighting remnants of the extremist organization despite his decision to withdraw U.S. troops from Syria over the objections of some of his most senior national security advisers.

The president told representatives of a 79-member, U.S.-led coalition fighting the Islamic State group that the militants held a tiny percentage of the vast

territory they claimed as their "caliphate."

"It should be formally announced sometime, probably next week, that we will have 100 percent of the caliphate," Trump said.

U.S. officials have said in recent weeks that the Islamic State group, also known as ISIS, has lost 99.5 percent of its territory and is holding on to less than 2 square miles, in the Middle Euphrates River Valley, where the bulk of the fighters are concentrated.

But there are fears the impending U.S. pullout will imperil those gains. Trump told coalition members

meeting at the State Department that while "remnants" of the group were still dangerous, he was determined to bring U.S. troops home. He called on coalition members to step up and do their "fair share."

Even as Trump and Secretary of State Mike Pompeo defended the withdrawal, some military leaders, renewed their concerns.

While the withdrawal would fulfill a Trump goal, top military officials have pushed back for months, arguing the Islamic State group remains a threat and could regroup.

Palestinians: U.S.-backed Mideast summit 'futile'

RAMALLAH, West Bank — A senior Palestinian official says the Palestinians have not been invited to next week's Mideast conference in Poland and have no desire to participate unless the U.S. changes its policies.

Nabil Abu Rdeneh, spokesman for Palestinian

President Mahmoud Abbas, said Wednesday that current U.S. policies will "only lead to futile results."

The U.S. and Poland are sponsoring the Feb. 13-14 conference, which they say is aimed at promoting peace and security in the region. Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu

plans on attending.

The Palestinians accuse the Trump administration of being unfairly biased in favor of Israel, and say they will reject any U.S. peace initiative unless it endorses an independent Palestinian state in the West Bank and Gaza Strip, with east Jerusalem as its capital.

Mexican authorities surround caravan

PIEDRAS NEGRAS, Mexico — A caravan of about 1,600 Central American migrants was surrounded Wednesday by Mexican authorities in an old factory a short distance from Texas, where they hoped to seek asylum even as U.S. authorities sent extra law enforcement and soldiers to stop them.

The migrants arrived Monday in Piedras Negras, Mexico, across the Rio Grande from Eagle Pass, Texas. The caravan is the first in recent months to head toward Texas instead of California.

But Mexican police and soldiers are holding the caravan in the factory and not letting them go elsewhere, in part to prevent a mass attempt by migrants to cross the Rio Grande. Only migrants who receive a humanitarian visitor visa from Mexico were to be allowed to leave the factory, officials said.

In Africa: The U.S. is scaling back its security assistance to Cameroon after credible allegations that the Cameroonian military carried out human rights violations, the State Department said Wednesday. Cameroon is a key U.S. security partner, and about 300 U.S. troops are based there to train and assist its military.

In Michigan: Former Rep. John Dingell, 92, the longest-serving member of Congress in American history, is receiving hospice care, a person familiar with the situation said Wednesday.

His wife, Rep. Debbie Dingell, tweeted Wednesday morning that she was with him at their home in Dearborn.



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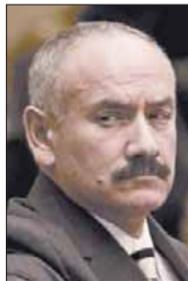
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EDITORIALS

Our choices for Chicago City Council: Wards 30-39

The Tribune Editorial Board continues its endorsements in contested races for aldermanic seats in the Feb. 26 municipal election.

There is no contested race in Ward 32, 36 or 38.



30th Ward: Ald. **Ariel Reboyras** keeps the focus on serving residents of this Northwest Side ward. A 98-unit senior housing development opens soon. When real estate investors come looking to build, he says he pushes for 20 percent of units to be set aside for affordable housing. "Gentrification is a welcoming sign of change," he tells us. "However, we need to make

sure the folks who want to stay in our area can afford to stay." That's a smart approach for a city that needs faster job growth. As chairman of the City Council Public Safety Committee, Reboyras has played a key role in policing reforms in the wake of the scorching U.S. Justice Department investigation of Chicago Police Department abuses. Of the federal consent decree that will lock in training, supervision and accountability reforms, Reboyras tells us: "I'm going to make sure we're going to follow it to a 'T.'" Challenger Jessica W. Gutierrez, daughter of former U.S. Rep. Luis Gutierrez, impresses, but not enough to undercut the incumbent. She says she wants to be a progressive voice on citywide issues who strives to improve public services in the ward. Also running is Edgar "Edek" Esparza. Reboyras is endorsed.



31st Ward: The steady stream of people and jobs leaving Chicago has to be reversed — ASAP. Ald. **Milagro "Milly" Santiago** sees the effects of the exodus firsthand in her Near Northwest Side ward, where working-class families are withering under the weight of rising taxes and violent crime, and pulling up stakes. A former television reporter at Telemundo and Univision,

Santiago wants to ramp up the share of affordable housing in her ward, which includes parts of the Hermosa, Belmont Cragin and Logan Square neighborhoods. She's also a proponent of reforms that would prevent the use of aldermanic privilege to thwart the construction of affordable housing. We liked her spunk in 2015, when we endorsed her over longtime incumbent Ray Suarez, and for that reason we hope she never becomes one of the council's low-energy aldermen. Running against her are Felix Cardona Jr. and Colin Bird-Martinez. Santiago is endorsed.

33rd Ward: Nurturing investment that brings commerce and jobs, without allowing that growth to push out middle-class families. That's the mission in this North Side ward, where the price of housing continues to soar. "How do we keep the character of the ward while still promoting local businesses and investment?" asks **Katie Sieracki**, who is running against incumbent Deb Mell and another challenger, Rossana Rodriguez-Sanchez. Sieracki suggests slowing down the raft of two- and four-flat teardowns by



providing longtime residents incentives to buy those buildings, provided they're owner-occupied and maintain affordable rents. Mell, who succeeded her father, Dick Mell, in 2013, has yet to distinguish herself on the council. We did not endorse her in 2015, and cannot back her now. Rodriguez-Sanchez, a far-left candidate, backs a commuter tax and the implementation of rent control. Sieracki's our choice.



34th Ward: When we backed Ald. Carrie Austin for this Far South Side ward four years ago, the endorsement came with a note attached: Stop putting the brakes on ethics reform. Did Austin get the message? Nope. She has continued to block attempts to expand the authority of the city's inspector general to scrutinize aldermen and their fiefdoms, starting with the workers' compensation program long overseen by Ald. Ed Burke, now facing a corruption charge. She also has been one of 11 aldermen to vote with Mayor Rahm Emanuel 100 percent of the time on divided votes from mid-2017 up until the end of last year. Austin scores points for her efforts to revitalize the ward, but that doesn't offset her penchant for road-blocking reform. Time for a change. **Preston Brown Jr.** is a lawyer who wants new businesses and jobs to reach people who live in the ward's West Pullman, Washington Heights, Roseland and Morgan Park neighborhoods. Brown acknowledges that the city's financial woes are wide and deep, but says the best place to start meeting shortfalls is by "eliminating the waste, fraud and abuse in the City Council." With the hope that he'll fight to make his ward and Chicago friendlier to employers, Brown gets our endorsement.



35th Ward: If only Ald. Carlos Ramirez-Rosa kept his promise. He was 26 when, four years ago, voters chose him over three-term incumbent Rey Colon to represent this ward. We liked Ramirez-Rosa's youth and independence, and endorsed him over Colon. A former organizer for the Illinois Coalition for Immigration and Refugee Rights, Ramirez-Rosa campaigned on a pledge to rein in City Hall's reckless borrowing binge. "As alderman, I will only support fiscally responsible policies that prioritize essential city services while paying down existing debts," we remember him assuring residents of the ward, which includes parts of Logan Square, Avondale, Hermosa, Irving Park and Albany Park. And only days ago, he told us, "I've consistently said, no new borrowing." We're troubled by Ramirez-Rosa's memory lapse. In 2016, Ramirez-Rosa joined in the City Council's 46-0

vote to borrow \$600 million to pay for construction projects and legal settlements. More debt, bigger financial abyss for City Hall and taxpayers. His opponent, **Amanda Yu Dieterich**, is intelligent, a strong communicator and promises to chart an independent course. We believe her. "Currently, the mayor can spend millions of dollars to reward aldermen for continuing to be a rubber stamp," she told us. Sounds good, now back it up with your council votes. Yu Dieterich is endorsed.



37th Ward: Emma Mitts has been alderman of this ward, which includes parts of Austin, West Garfield Park and West Humboldt Park, since 2000. Her biggest coup has been bringing the city's first Walmart and 500 jobs to the Austin neighborhood. In the past, though, we've called her the "go-along, get-along" alderman, and she still is. On issues involving divided votes, she has a

record of always, always voting with Mayor Rahm Emanuel. That includes her support in 2016 for \$600 million in borrowing that Emanuel pushed in order to pay for construction projects and legal settlements. Her take on ethics reform? In 2016, she voted to shield aldermen from the full scrutiny of the city inspector general's office. We didn't endorse her in 2015, and we cannot endorse her now. **Deondre Rutues**, 31, says the city must "keep residents from leaving in droves." When the jobs go, people go — which is why Rutues doesn't support taxes that would drive commerce away, like a commuter tax and a financial transactions tax. What attracts businesses? A primed, skilled labor force — which is why Rutues backs beefing up CPS with technical education. "We need this at the high school level, that's where you curate your curiosity," he says. Also on the ballot: CPS teacher Tara Stamps. Rutues is endorsed.



39th Ward: For the first time since 1965, this Far Northwest Side ward will be represented by someone outside the Laurino family. Voters are fortunate to be able to choose among four capable, engaged candidates. **Samantha "Sam" Nugent**, an attorney and former chief of staff for the Cook County Department of Homeland Security, says that despite the suburban quality of neighborhoods like Sauganash and Edgebrook, the 39th has crime issues. Her priority involves more patrol officers: "It's about community policing and driving up and down those streets with your windows down." Nugent, who snagged an endorsement from U.S. Rep. Mike Quigley, says the City Council should operate more transparently with greater oversight by the City Hall inspector general. She notes, sensibly, that responsible aldermen have no reason to fear additional scrutiny. Also running: architect Robert Murphy, Chicago police Officer Joe Duplechin and Casey Smagala, who works for the Albany Park Community Center. Nugent is endorsed.

As the Feb. 26 Chicago election approaches, you'll find the mayoral and aldermanic candidates' answers to our surveys, and our endorsements, at chicagotribune.com/candidates. To find more information about the mayoral candidates, go to chicagotribune.com/mayorsrace.

WHAT OTHERS ARE SAYING

Margaret Thatcher famously said the problem with socialism is that you "always run out of other people's money." The trouble with resisting socialism is that until the money runs out, free-spending progressive policies are remarkably seductive. Their appeal comes from what economists call lying prices: advertised prices that don't reflect the full cost of what you're buying. ...

For many politicians, lying prices are actually a goal. Policies that set dishonest prices or fudge budgets can fuel the growth of government and lure voters leftward. Sen. Bernie Sanders and his socialist followers use such sleight of hand to obscure the vast costs of proposals for "free college" and "Medicare for all."

Recent history demonstrates that the price of each new government program rarely tells the whole story. In the past decade taxpayers were charged \$27.2 trillion for federal services that cost \$35.6 trillion, adding more than \$9 trillion to the national debt. Our tax bills told us that Uncle Sam's good works were about 26 percent cheaper than their real cost.

And Sam's nose is growing thanks to rising deficit projections and the unfunded future costs of entitlements like Social Security and Medicare. Official projections put the present value of these two unfunded liabilities at \$50 trillion over the next 75 years. Boston University economist Laurence Kotlikoff calculates that the total U.S. fiscal gap is more than four times that amount and that closing it would require a tax hike of more than 60 percent.

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U.S. Rep. Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez, D-N.Y., has proposed raising the top marginal tax rate from 37 percent to 70 percent on income above \$10 million.

Ocasio-Cortez wants to soak the rich. Here's why that's a bad idea.



STEVE CHAPMAN

Every so often, a rising young Democratic star comes along with an idea that boldly challenges the status quo. Today, it's Rep. Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez of New York, who wants to raise the top income tax rate. In 1982 it was Sen. Bill Bradley of New Jersey, who proposed an overhaul of income taxes that "seemed revolutionary and impossible," The Washington Post said in 1986.

Bradley wanted to seal up loopholes that mainly benefited upper-income people while lightening the load on middle-income individuals and removing many low-income people from the rolls. The result was the historic 1986 tax reform, put together in negotiations with the Reagan administration.

It had the support of most Senate Democrats, including Joe Biden, John Kerry and Ted Kennedy. Oh, and it featured a big change in the top rate — cutting it to 28 percent from 50 percent.

Ocasio-Cortez proposes to move in the opposite direction by boosting the top marginal rate from 37 percent to 70 percent on income above \$10 mil-

lion. It might satisfy the common urge on the left to punish the super-rich. But as an economic policy, it is short on virtues.

She and other supporters are fond of noting that in the 1950s and early 1960s, the top rate on individual income topped 90 percent, even as the economy and the living standards of ordinary people improved at a healthy clip. These facts are supposed to prove that high rates are harmless or even beneficial.

What Ocasio-Cortez and others forget is that back then, it wasn't Republicans who perceived that the punitive rates were damaging. It was President John F. Kennedy, who in 1963 proposed a sharp cut.

"Our obsolete tax system exerts too heavy a drag on private purchasing power, profits and employment," he said. "It discourages extra effort and risk. It distorts the use of resources." His effort bore fruit in 1964, after his assassination. The points JFK made are as relevant now as they were then.

One consequence of nearly doubling the top rate, says University of Michigan economist Joel Slemrod, is that high-income people would use every method possible to avoid the higher levy. That's what they did in the 90 percent days, and there are more escape routes now.

"Bitcoin makes it easy to make financial transactions opaque," he told me. "The ability to move money offshore is much greater than it was 40

"The ability to move money offshore is much greater than it was 40 years ago."

— Joel Slemrod, University of Michigan economist, on one route for the wealthy to avoid higher tax rates

years ago."

Capital gains are currently taxed at a lower rate than ordinary income — a maximum of 20 percent for assets held for a year or more. If the 70 percent rate were not extended to capital gains, clever rich people and their accountants would look for ways to take their income in the form of capital gains, reducing their tax liability. If the high rate did apply to capital gains, they'd simply avoid capital gains by not selling assets.

"Historically, only a minority of millionaire taxpayers earn over \$1 million in consecutive years, and their millionaire status is mainly driven by their choice to realize capital gains," says Daniel Heil, an economist at the Hoover Institution at Stanford. "So a 70 percent tax rate on capital gains would simply lead to deferring realizations until taxpayers are well below the new bracket." Or they could avoid the taxes forever by passing this property on to their children when they

die.

It's true that high rates probably wouldn't deter the typical business mogul from working and investing just as much as before. But in the long run, they would discourage activities that benefit the economy, workers and consumers. Over time, that effect can foster stagnation.

As Hoover Institution economist John Cochrane writes, "High tax countries do not immediately see people staying home from work. But they do not see vibrant business formation and human capital investment." If Steve Jobs had been deterred from building Apple into the tech giant it became, he would have made far less money, but the rest of us would have lost far more from innovations that would not have occurred.

The point of our tax system should be to raise the amount of money needed to provide for the tasks we expect the federal government to perform — in the way that is likeliest to enhance growth, progress and happiness.

Onerous rates would undermine those goals in a myopic indulgence of populist impulses. Democrats used to understand that.

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Joe Ricketts, with wife Marlene, during the World Series at Wrigley Field. Ricketts is under fire over the content of some emails.

A Muslim Cubs fan's response to Joe Ricketts

BY JIHAD SHOSHARA

"Everybody In." That's the Cubs' slogan, and I remember well the first time I felt "in" with them: Aug. 6, 1984. My parents took us to Wrigley Field, where we watched Keith Moreland smack a grand slam to beat the Montreal Expos, and I was hooked. On the one hand, I was like most teenagers in Chicago who were seeing the then-rare excitement of a playoff baseball team that summer. On the other, I yearned to feel "in" because in the rest of my life I definitely felt "out."

Growing up in Chicago as a Muslim kid with a funny name, I often felt isolated and sometimes bullied. I grasped at any opportunity to join with popular culture and show my classmates that I was American too. Being a Cubs fan gave me that chance. Decades of cheering them on bonded me, along with hundreds of thousands of Chicago Muslims,

to our American identity and our non-Muslim friends and neighbors.

You might expect, therefore, that the leaked private emails from Joe Ricketts, whose family owns controlling interest in the Cubs, would cause me concern. The emails released Monday by Splinter News reveal that the TD Ameritrade billionaire traded not just in high-value stocks but also in low and bigoted tropes — with a particular obsession with Islam. Statements such as "Islam is a cult ... based upon 'kill the infidel'" and jokes built on the idea that in the future Muslim people do not exist appear to outnumber offensive emails regarding African-Americans and Mexicans.

It may then come as a surprise that Ricketts' emails aren't my major concern. They were private and never intended for release, so while I find his sense of smug superiority abhorrent I also acknowledge that it is hatred that he worked assiduously hard to mask.

What I, and I expect millions of American Muslims, find more disturbing is that Ricketts and the Cubs organization believe that nonspecific, milquetoast disavowals are sufficient to deal with the Islamophobia his emails have unveiled.

Saying "I strongly believe bigoted ideas are wrong" is like announcing that winter is cold. What American Muslims hear behind such an insipid apology is that the Cubs family patriarch has a problem with our existence — and is only sorry that he got caught. I love the Cubs, but I love my family and my country more. As an American and a Muslim, I won't continue to support an organization willing to take my money but not willing to stand up for my right to be both. Until the Cubs works collaboratively with my community to call out bigotry with concrete measures, I'm out.

Jihad Shoshara is a pediatrician in Naperville.

Racial bias influences health care — and it starts in the exam room

BY MONICA MAALOUF

"No doctor has ever reminded me that I am black before," the patient said, laughing and nodding his head to let me know he appreciated my advice.

Just as he was startled by my open recognition of his race, so too was I startled by his reaction.

As his physician, I felt the issue I'd raised wasn't worth ignoring; if anything, I viewed it as the "elephant in the exam room," desperately begging to be called out: Black patients continue to suffer higher morbidity and mortality from colon cancer, compared to any other racial group, according to a 2016 study published in the *Journal of Clinical and Translational Gastroenterology*, and that is a fact that warrants discussion in the doctor's office.

In 2002 the Institute of Medicine, a national consortium of experts, published a 700-page report on racial and ethnic disparities in health care. The group examined more than 100 individual studies and concluded, overwhelmingly, that health disparities exist. While the report emphasized that the reasons behind health status disparities "are complex and poorly understood," evidence suggests that both socioeconomic differences and "direct and indirect consequences of discrimination" are at play.

We are now nearly two decades out from the original publication of many of the studies examined by the IOM, yet we are still grappling with stark disparities in both disease outcomes and treatment. And, although "the incidence and mor-

Being a young black child with appendicitis, for instance, means you are less likely than a white child to get pain medication in an emergency room.

tality rates of colorectal cancer in the United States has steadily declined" over the years, according to the 2016 study, "reductions have been strikingly much slower among African-Americans."

This fact shouldn't shock anyone, given the reality that health systems, and health training environments, are poorly equipped to tackle the crisis of disparate treatment and disparate outcomes.

In 2016, the Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education, conducted a study of physician training programs nationwide and concluded that few programs "appeared to have a formal strategy for addressing health care disparities or a systematic approach to identifying variability in the care provided to ... known vulnerable patient populations."

Furthermore, there is growing evidence published in recent years, highlighting the fact that practitioners' implicit biases often shape treatment decisions and health outcomes.

Being a young black child with appen-

dititis, for instance, means you are less likely than a white child to get pain medication in an emergency room.

Being a black patient in an intensive care unit means you might not get as much time with your physician as a white patient. And when it comes to colon cancer, physicians are much less likely to even bring up screening modalities with black patients compared to whites.

The data have led me to believe that we, as a scientific community, have done an amazing job highlighting a problem. Truthfully, the problem of health disparities has not only been highlighted, it's been written in bold font and ALL CAPS.

What we have yet to do, however, is come up with systematic approaches for tackling this issue and supporting our most marginalized patients.

For the patient I brought up earlier, who was sitting in my exam room asking me if he should get a colonoscopy, I knew we had to discuss it.

As a black man, the numbers are not in his favor. By acknowledging race with him, I hoped that whatever implicit bias I might have as a practitioner would become explicit. By bringing race to the forefront, I hoped it would no longer fall to the side.

We have to chisel away at this disparity, and as a primary care physician, I can do so by starting the conversation, one patient at a time.

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VOICE OF THE PEOPLE

President hit a home run

The vast majority of Americans who watched President Donald Trump's State of the Union speech liked it and agreed with him on the most important issues.

CBS just released a scientific poll on it, and the results clearly show that President Trump hit a home run: 76 percent of Americans who watched his speech liked it, 72 percent liked his ideas on illegal immigration, 71 percent agreed with him that we have a crisis at the border and 78 percent thought his second meeting with North Korea was a good idea.

The vast majority of Americans agree with President Trump and what he is trying to get done for our country. I didn't think that 76 percent of Americans could agree on anything!

— Randy Rossi, Grayslake

Media focused on wrong thing

Donald Trump's State of the Union address was one of president's best outings. Rather than recognize that, the media focused on the antics of House Speaker Nancy Pelosi, Sen. Chuck Schumer and other Democrats showing disdain for his remarks.

Granted, President Trump has made some significant gaffes since taking office, but that shouldn't give Democrats or the media carte blanche to be imbecilic.

— Dean Dranias, Plainfield

Nancy Pelosi acted like a child

My parents taught me that there is a difference between respecting a person and respecting the position that person holds.

I was very disappointed in House Speaker Nancy Pelosi's junior high school antics during the president's State of the Union address.

A person of character exhibits appropriate behavior at all times; regardless of how she feels about Donald Trump, Pelosi's behavior displayed a lack of class.

— James Vogt, Western Springs

Trump hurts our credibility

Reaching new heights of hypocrisy as he further degrades the republic, our Prevaricator in Chief delivered an absolute parody of a presidential speech.

People of a certain age remember presidents of both parties delivering speeches that were profound intellectual and sincere calls to unite and fight against the evils of racism and bigotry.

In this era, we all are held captive by a president bereft of intellectual understanding of the imminent environmental crisis and devoid of moral character.

We are the laughingstock of the world and rightly so.

— Edward Juillard, Chicago

DCFS chief's exit good news

As the lawyers for the children in Illinois' child welfare agency, we share an interest in ending the revolving door of leadership at the Department of Children and Family Services ("Gov. Pritzker, DCFS' revolving door puts kids at risk," Feb. 3). We strongly take issue with the assertion, though, that departing acting Director "B.J." Walker has positively impacted the lives and safety of our clients.

Just last year, in the face of reports that DCFS youths placed at the Chicago Lakeshore Hospital on the North Side were in an unsafe environment, Walker delayed removing the children.

Instead, she continued to authorize new admissions to the facility — as evidence of physical and sexual abuse mounted.

Walker's record at DCFS is decidedly dismal.

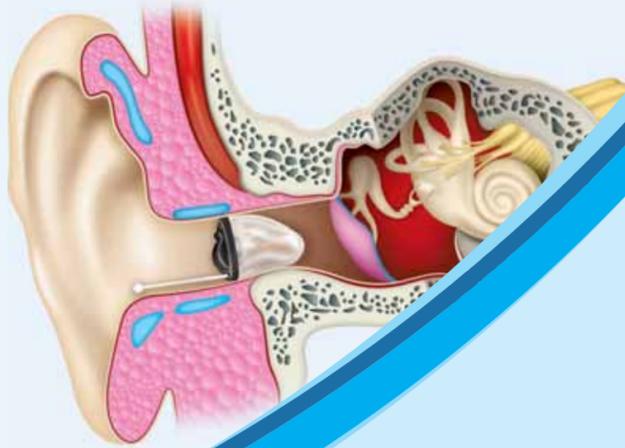
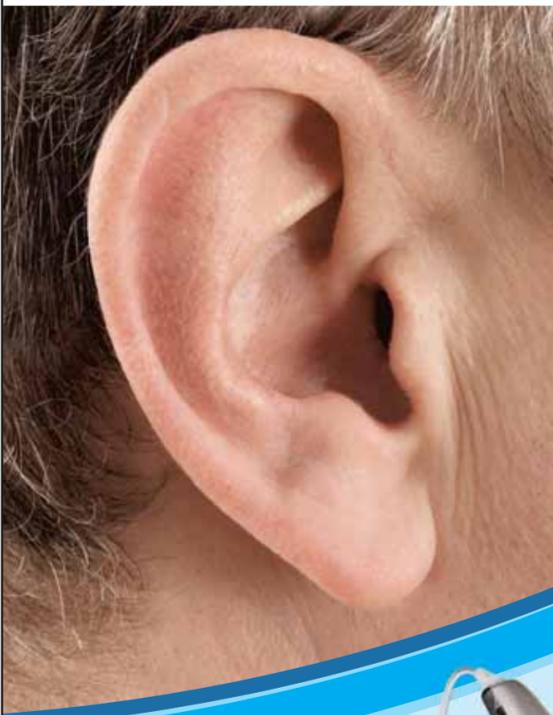
She impeded meaningful work toward developing services and resources to assist DCFS children most in need of care. She failed to address the roiling crisis of children remaining hospitalized beyond medical necessity. DCFS under her watch has done little, if anything, to develop stable, noninstitutional in-state placements for youth who need more than traditional foster homes can offer. These children can live in a foster setting with appropriate services tailored for the individual needs of each child.

It would have been troubling for Walker to remain at DCFS. She had no concrete vision for improving the department. Her departure opens the possibility for Illinois to build a child welfare system that provides targeted services to address the needs and desires for each child. Gov. J.B. Pritzker should nominate a director who is creative, open and innovative, and unafraid to roll up his or her sleeves to develop, encourage and implement new services and programs that benefit the children in DCFS, elevating children's safety over all others.

Sometimes a change in leadership is necessary to remove impediments to real change. This change can be good for DCFS and the children who rely on the state for their care.

— Benjamin Wolf, legal director, American Civil Liberties Union of Illinois

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Chicago Tribune BUSINESS

CFPB plans to curb rules on payday lending

By **KEN SWEET**
Associated Press

NEW YORK — The nation's federal financial watchdog said Wednesday that it plans to roll back most of its consumer protections governing payday lenders.

The move is a win for the payday lending industry, which argued the government's regulations could kill off a large chunk of its business. It's also a loss for consumer groups, who say payday lenders exploit the poor and disadvantaged with loans that have annual interest rates as much

as 400 percent.

The cornerstone of the regulations was a requirement that lenders make sure borrowers could afford to repay a payday loan without being stuck in a cycle of debt, a standard known as "ability to repay." This standard would be repealed under the new rules.

Critics of the payday lending industry have argued that without these underwriting standards, the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau's new regulations are effectively toothless.

The announcement was the first rollback of regulations under

the CFPB's new director, Kathy Kraninger, who took over the bureau late last year. Mick Mulvaney, who was appointed by President Donald Trump's as acting director of the bureau in late 2017, announced a year ago that the bureau was intending to revisit the rules.

Under President Barack Obama, the CFPB spent close to five years working on a process to nationalize the regulation of the payday lending industry, which is mostly regulated at the state level.

CFPB did propose keeping one part of the payday lending regula-



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A manager of a financial services store makes a loan in Ballwin, Mo. Consumer protections are being rolled back.

tions: a ban on the industry from making multiple debits on a borrower's bank account, which con-

sumer advocates argued caused borrowers hardship through overdraft fees.

Expedia files suit against United

Says airline could stop listing fares with online agency after Sept. 30

By **JUSTIN BACHMAN**
Bloomberg News

Online travel agency Expedia Group says United Airlines has threatened to withhold fare data as soon as next week as part of faltering contract talks between the companies.

Such a move would halt Expedia's ability to sell United's flights for trips after Sept. 30, the travel seller said in a lawsuit filed Monday in federal court in New York. It would also threaten Expedia's ability to change itineraries that are already booked. The agency has sold about 2,000 tickets for United flights after Sept. 30, according to the filing.

Expedia owns the Orbitz, CheapTickets, Hotwire and Travelocity brands, among others.

The lawsuit adds to a long-standing battle between airlines and travel agents over the costs of distributing tickets. Carriers have sought to entice more travelers to book directly, following the model at discount Southwest Airlines. In 2017, JetBlue Airways removed its fares from a dozen online agencies to reduce selling costs.

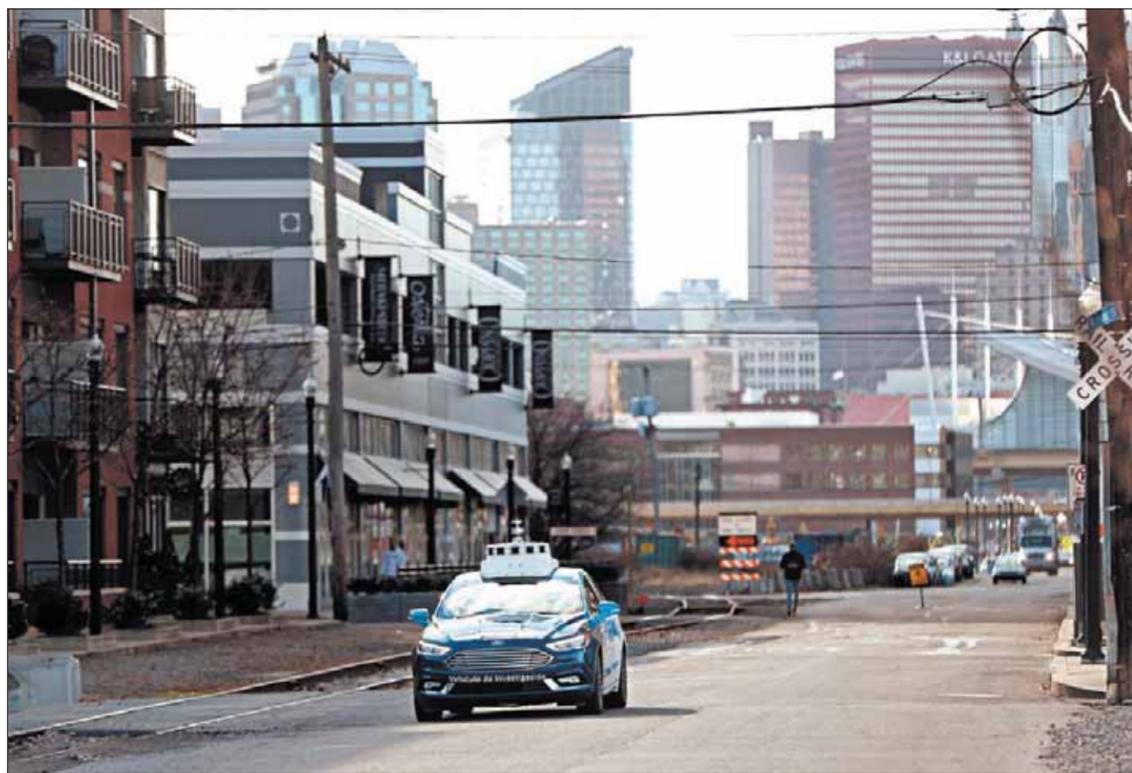
The United contract dates to 2012 and was "reaffirmed" after negotiations in 2013 and 2016, Expedia said in the lawsuit, which was partially redacted. In August, the airline "demanded to renegotiate" the terms of the contract, which had more than a year remaining, Expedia said.

Alleging that United has breached the contract, Expedia is seeking to restrain the Chicago-based carrier from removing its fare data.

United Continental Holdings said it expects its fares won't be listed on Expedia sites in the U.S. and Canada as of Oct. 1. News of the lawsuit was first reported by Skift.com.

"For months, Expedia has refused to engage in constructive discussions with United about a new contract," United said in a statement Tuesday. Travel agencies such as Expedia and meta-search sites such as Kayak sold 70 million United tickets in 2018, the airline said.

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A test vehicle from Argo AI, Ford's autonomous vehicle unit, navigates through the district near the company offices in Pittsburgh.

Self-driving has a long way to go

Researchers see big hurdles to clear before autonomous cars are common

By **TOM KRISHER**
Associated Press

PITTSBURGH — In the world of autonomous vehicles, Pittsburgh and Silicon Valley are bustling hubs of development and testing. But ask those involved in self-driving vehicles when we might actually see them carrying passengers in every city, and you'll get an almost universal answer: Not anytime soon.

An optimistic assessment is 10 years. Many others say decades as researchers try to conquer a number of obstacles. The vehicles themselves will debut in limited, well-mapped areas within cities and spread outward.

The fatal crash in Arizona involving an Uber autonomous vehicle in March slowed progress, largely because it hurt the public's perception of the safety of vehicles. Companies slowed research to be more careful. Google's Waymo, for instance, decided not to launch a fully



An Argo AI self-driving vehicle has a sensor and camera array on the roof to navigate.

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Troubled J.C. Penney plans to shift away from appliances and furniture

By **MATT TOWNSEND AND JORDYN HOLMAN**
Bloomberg News

J.C. Penney Co. plans to stop selling major appliances as new Chief Executive Officer Jill Soltau overhauls the troubled department store chain.

The retailer will also end sales of furniture in U.S. stores, and will sell the category online. These changes take effect Feb. 28, the company said Wednesday.

Soltau, who stepped into the role in October, began a mission to streamline the 116-year-old retailer, closing underperforming stores and clearing out slow-moving goods to kick-start sales and improve margins. The company made the move to "better meet customer expectations, improve financial performance and drive profitable growth," it said in a statement.

"Optimizing the allocation of store space will enable us to

prioritize and focus on the company's legacy strengths in apparel and soft home furnishings, which represent higher margin opportunities," it said.

Then-CEO Marvin Ellison had led the move into appliances in 2016, and the strategy was costly to implement because the company had to train employees or hire new ones who could sell the products. The idea was to fill the

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J.C. Penney employee Erik Tuttle stands by as customer Tara Midlekauff takes a photo. The chain will soon stop selling appliances.

Leaving the kingdom behind

Saudis struggle with exodus of foreign workers

BY KAREEM FAHIM
The Washington Post

RIYADH, Saudi Arabia — Mohammed Iqbal joined the throng of foreign workers bound for Saudi Arabia during the oil boom of the 1970s, after recruiters from Pepsi visited his native India and dangled an opportunity in the kingdom driving a delivery truck.

The workers arrived from Asia and the Middle East, often on short-term contracts, to satisfy the Saudi government's ambitious development plans. But Iqbal stayed, raising three children and finding work over the decades, even as the Saudi government's priorities changed and its control over the foreign labor market tightened.

Recent shifts, however, have forced Iqbal to consider pulling up stakes at 60.

The government has imposed fees on the dependents of expatriate workers and restricted foreigners from working in certain sectors. Rising costs, as part of an economic overhaul intended to make Saudi Arabia less dependent on oil, have hit low-wage foreign workers especially hard. The result has been an exodus of foreigners from the labor force.

The abrupt outflow has also illustrated the steep challenges facing Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman as he tries to remake the Saudi economy. A central pillar of his plan involves creating employment for Saudi citizens in the private sector, where jobs are now overwhelmingly held by foreigners. In the short term, though, Saudi citizens have not filled the jobs that expatriates are vacating, adding to the pressure on business owners already struggling



SALWAN GEORGES/WASHINGTON POST

Christian Lacap, a Philippine native who works in a Saudi Arabian restaurant, is looking for work in another country.

with an economic downturn.

Between early 2017 and the third quarter of last year, more than 1.1 million foreigners left the workforce in Saudi Arabia, according to the latest figures from the government statistics agency. It is not the first recent large-scale exodus of foreigners: Hundreds of thousands left or were deported in 2013 and 2017. But while that was largely the result of a government crackdown on people violating a work visa sponsorship program, the latest flight appears to reflect broader hardships and unease, among foreigners and Saudi citizens alike.

The upheaval has added to a sense of uncertainty in the country as Saudi leaders grapple with a depressed economy, struggle to attract foreign investment and try to repair the kingdom's im-

age after the murder of Washington Post contributing columnist Jamal Khashoggi by Saudi officials in Istanbul four months ago.

There are signs that the exodus has caught the government by surprise. Late last year, Saudi officials were reportedly considering lifting or easing the fees imposed on expatriate workers because of the harm the policy had caused the economy, according to Bloomberg News. But Saudi officials have yet to announce any change in the policy, and the fees remain in place.

In the long term, the flight of foreigners serves one of the government's most urgent priorities: finding jobs for the more than half of the Saudi population that is under the age of 30 — and in doing so, staving off the kind of youth dissatisfaction that has led to pro-

tests in other Arab countries and unnerved the Saudi leadership.

A major concern has been a spike in the unemployment rate over the past two years to as high as 12.9 percent. The increasing jobless rate is forcing the government to revise its short-term unemployment goals and further exposes the gap between the expectations of Saudi workers and the jobs that are becoming available to them — in lower-wage construction or retail jobs, for example — as the foreigners leave.

Karen Young, an expert on the political economy of the Persian Gulf states at the American Enterprise Institute, said that while it was good news that more Saudi women were entering the workforce, many with higher education degrees were not finding positions that matched their skills.

The business environment in Saudi Arabia has also suffered because of the crown prince's more aggressive policies, including the arrests of hundreds of business executives, public officials and royal family members in a so-called "anti-corruption" sweep last year. As the crackdown spooked international investors, "local investors complain of new hurdles to license and register businesses, and comply with new hiring policies" that require the hiring of Saudi citizens, Young said.

The government's response — to focus on "pump-priming," or increased government capital expenditures, was in line with what many economists would suggest to start growth when foreign investment and the local economy were sluggish, Young said. "The govern-

ment cannot spend its way out of this forever," she added.

In immigrant neighborhoods, the exodus is immediately apparent. Buildings are empty, stores staffed by foreign workers are struggling or shuttered, and nearly everyone knows families who have left or are strongly leaning toward heading home.

Those leaving or considering it include single men who spent a few years in Saudi Arabia, building up their savings or sending their earnings to family back home. And as the expatriates have embarked on an anxious search for work outside the kingdom, their home countries are bracing for the impact of a potentially dramatic decrease in remittance payments.

Christian Lacap, originally from the Philippines, had worked in Jiddah for the past seven years, but said he decided to leave Saudi Arabia because of price hikes imposed by the government.

Saudi citizens, with better-paid government jobs, could absorb the rising costs. "But it's big for us," he said. "We have minimum salaries. It's too hard."

Lacap, who works in a restaurant, did not have a job lined up back in the Philippines and was hoping to go to another country — maybe South Korea or Canada — where the prospects were better, he said. He said he doubted whether a Saudi worker would take his job.

Others, such as Iqbal, said they were holding out for now. He had lost his last job, at a market research company that had downsized as it struggled to pay the new government fees.

"No one wants to live here. Everyone is going back to India," he said, adding that he had planned to work in Saudi Arabia for at least another five or six years. "I'm very sad, but what can I do?"



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Alberta, Canada town Fort McMurray has been tied to the oil industry since the 1960s.

Alberta oil town battles camps to hike population

BY ROBERT TUTTLE
Bloomberg News

Fort McMurray, the remote Canadian town largely built by the oil-sands industry, is trying to limit the ability of those companies to fly in out-of-town workers.

The town that sits in the middle of the world's third-largest crude reserves is drafting a bylaw to limit the construction of temporary worker housing known as man camps, as it seeks to push producers to hire locally or have workers settle there.

The aim is to boost population, local businesses and housing prices in a place that endured the grim double whammy in 2016 of a devastating fire and plunging oil prices.

"We want more people living in this region and calling this home," Don Scott, mayor of the Regional Municipality of Wood Buffalo, which encompasses the town, said in a phone interview recently.

"It's going to give a lot more people in this region a lot more opportunity."

The region's councilors voted in favor of a motion to stop man camps within a

47-mile radius of town.

Fort McMurray's fight against man camps is the latest headache for producers who have had to deal with opposition to pipelines and a production curtailment imposed by Alberta to try to boost local crude prices.

Preventing producers from setting up new camps would only further discourage investment at a time when capital spending is set to decline for a fifth straight year, said Karim Zariffa, executive director of the Oil Sands Community Alliance, a local trade organization representing the industry.

"Any sort of moratorium imposed on industry is basically a moratorium on development, exasperating lack of investor confidence in the oil-sands sector," he said, adding that oil-sands companies are trying to attract people to live locally.

"This is a draft only and may never be approved, but there is a risk that it will (although timing and wording are uncertain) and if so, may affect 61 camps and 27,256 workers within the boundary," Kirk Wilson, an analyst with Beacon

Securities, said in a note last week.

In past years, most oil-sands projects were either canceled or put on hold as majors including Royal Dutch Shell and ConocoPhillips sold their operations to local producers like Canadian Natural Resources and Cenovus Energy.

Few new oil-sands projects have been announced since 2014, with Imperial Oil Ltd.'s 75,000-barrel-a-day Aspen project being a notable exception last year.

Located about 460 miles north of Calgary, Fort McMurray's average temperature in January was nearly minus 1 Fahrenheit, according to data from Environment Canada.

The town's history has been tied to the oil industry since the 1960s, when what is now Suncor Energy Inc. first started mining the sticky bitumen from the local soil.

Fort McMurray was then just a small, remote outpost along the Athabasca River, connected to southern Alberta by a single dirt road.

Today, it hosts hotels, swanky restaurants and a massive sports center.

ANALYSIS

America's female labor force participation not all-time high

BY HEATHER LONG
The Washington Post

In President Donald Trump's State of the Union address Tuesday, one of the lines that received the loudest bipartisan applause was when Trump celebrated job gains for women.

"No one has benefited more from our thriving economy than women, who have filled 58 percent of the new jobs created in the last year. All Americans can be proud that we have more women in the workforce than ever before."

Democrats — and many Republicans — jumped from their seats and applauded.

Trump added, "Don't sit yet: You're gonna like this. ... We also have more women serving in Congress than at any time before," which launched even more cheers, especially from Democratic congresswomen, and chants of "U-S-A! U-S-A!"

There's just one problem — America's female labor force participation rate is not at an all-time high. It's so low that leaders of other countries make fun of the United States for not having more women in the workforce.

When Trump said the United States has "more women in the workforce than ever before," he was referring to the fact that 76.8 million women are employed. That is the most ever, but it just means the female population has been growing.

America's female labor force participation rate peaked at 60.3 percent in 2000. It is now 57.5 percent. This is the proportion of women 16 and older who are working or actively searching for employment.

What's particularly striking is that the United States used to be a leader in getting women into the working world. In 1985, the United States ranked sec-



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President Trump said he was "first president to include in my budget a plan for nationwide paid family leave."

ond — behind only Sweden — for labor force participation of women in their prime working years (ages 25 to 54).

Today the United States has fallen to ninth place, behind Germany, Canada, Australia, Japan and others.

Japanese Prime Minister Shinzo Abe recently took a swipe at Trump — and prior U.S. presidents — for America's poor track record.

"The rate of female labor participation has hit 67 percent, an all-time high for Japan and higher than, say, in the U.S.," Abe said in a speech at the World Economic Forum in Switzerland in late January.

As the U.S. Labor Department has chronicled, women's labor force participation grew rapidly from the 1960s to 2000 but then plateaued. The International Monetary Fund, among many other organizations, says boosting the rate of working women would generate a huge bump in growth. It's crucial for countries like the United States, Japan and Germany that have aging populations with fewer people likely to be in the workforce in coming years.

Other nations have introduced parental leave and universal preschool to make it easier for working parents. The United States remains the only advanced

economy that has no paid maternity leave.

Trump also received a lot of bipartisan applause Tuesday when he said he was "proud to be the first president to include in my budget a plan for nationwide paid family leave."

But he didn't call on Congress to pass legislation to make it happen, and he quickly turned to the more divisive issue of abortion.

Democrat Stacey Abrams, who gave the official Democratic response, also did not call explicitly for paid parental leave.

Women's labor force participation has risen slightly in the past year — from 56.7 percent in January 2018 to 57.5 percent in January 2019.

But it's still far below the male rate of 69.3 percent, and the Labor Department predicts only modest gains through 2024, mostly from women older than 55 staying in the workforce.

There has been widespread attention to American men dropping out of the labor force because of blue-collar job losses and opioid addiction. Now there's hope the focus will turn to increasing women's participation.

Missouri Republican Rep. Ann Wagner shouted "Yes!" when Trump mentioned paid parental leave, a reminder of the bipartisan appeal.



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After protests over a new pay system, Instacart is changing how it compensates those who pick up and deliver orders.

Instacart adjusting pay after uproar over tipping policy

BY ELLEN HUNT
Bloomberg News

Instacart is changing a controversial policy on how it pays workers who pick up and deliver grocery orders, after protests over a pay system instituted last fall.

The San Francisco-based startup said it would give workers the full tips from customers and stop docking parts of the tips from fees Instacart pays them. It will also offer back pay.

The retreat illustrates a delicate balance gig-economy startups struggle to maintain between keeping prices low for customers and paying their workers fairly. Fees associated with food delivery orders are often opaque for both customers and workers. Small changes to policies can have outsized effects on how much workers take home.

Instacart made a change in November to its compensation system, in which the company sometimes pays workers less if they receive a certain amount in tips.

In January, workers organized a campaign against

the new pay system. They said that under the new policy, some of the tips that customers gave through the Instacart app wouldn't go directly to the worker but would instead be used to offset a \$10 minimum payment per job guaranteed by Instacart. The issue was further highlighted by the story of an Instacart worker who was paid 80 cents for a particular delivery.

In a blog post on Wednesday, Instacart Chief Executive Officer Apoorva Mehta wrote that the company will now always separate tips from the compensation from the company.

Instacart also raised the guaranteed pay for some jobs and said it would retroactively pay its workers for the amounts that tips were used to offset the job pay.

"These changes were designed to increase transparency while also keeping pace with a rapidly-evolving industry," Mehta wrote. "In doing so, we've tried, in good faith, to balance those needs, but clearly we haven't always gotten it right."

Spotify acquires pair of podcasting firms

Deal part of firm's goal of turning out original programs

BY MAE ANDERSON
Associated Press

NEW YORK — Spotify is making a bigger bet on podcasts as it looks to bring a Netflix-like model of original programs to the audio world. The music-streaming pioneer gobbled up two podcasting companies, Gimlet and Anchor, on Wednesday.

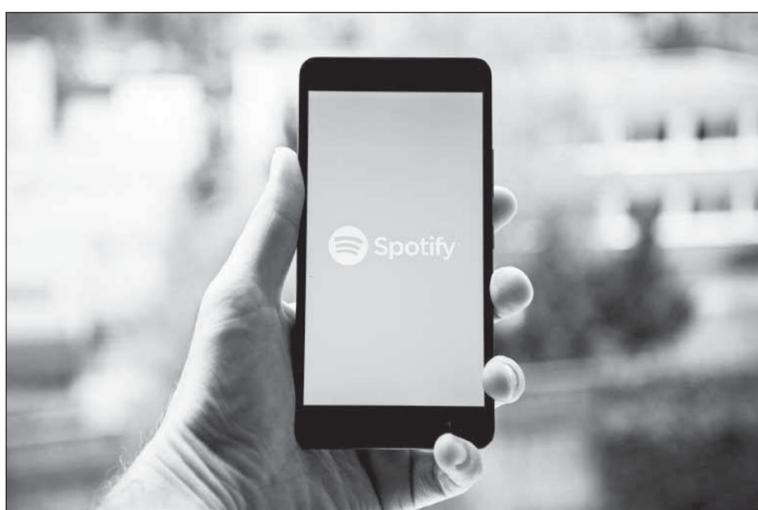
Although streaming is becoming an increasingly popular way to listen to music, Spotify and other services such as Pandora have struggled to make money because of the royalties and other fees that they have to pay recording labels, songwriters and performers.

The acquisitions are about "expanding our mission from just being about music to being about all of audio and being the world's leading audio platform," CEO Daniel Ek said Wednesday on CNBC. The company didn't disclose terms of its podcasting deal.

Spotify, which is based in Stockholm and went public in April 2018, charges \$10 a month for its premium ad-free music service. It also offers a free ad-supported service.

Apple has become Spotify's primary rival since the tech giant launched its own music streaming service in 2015.

But although it has been outgunned financially, Spotify has been able to stay a step ahead of Apple in terms of subscribers. It counted 96 million subscribers in the fourth quarter, up 36 percent from a year ago.



KSINAN PETER/TNS

Spotify charges \$10 a month for its premium ad-free music service.

Meanwhile, Apple's music-streaming service has more than 50 million subscribers, according to CEO Tim Cook.

Pandora, YouTube, iHeartRadio, Google, Amazon and others also offer music streaming and podcasts.

In a blog post Wednesday, Ek said that Spotify has become the second-biggest podcasting platform in less than two years.

There are many ways to listen to most podcasts — among them, streaming services, downloads and podcast-specific apps like Castbox and Stitcher for Podcasts.

It wasn't clear if Spotify will distribute its new podcasts exclusively, make them widely available, or choose some intermediate step such as allowing other services to distribute them following a window of Spotify exclusivity. Spotify did not return a request for comment.

Spotify is seeking ways to become sustainably

profitable. The company reported a surprise fourth-quarter profit Wednesday, boosted by a strong holiday season and a promotion with Google Home. But it forecast a loss for 2019 even as it continues to invest in original content.

Spotify has produced some original podcasts, including one series with comedian Amy Schumer and another with rapper and broadcaster Joe Budden.

Spotify is hoping to emulate Netflix, which has poured billions into developing original shows and movies. That strategy has produced some hits such as the series "Stranger Things" and the thriller "Bird Box."

The podcast industry is much smaller but growing. Podcasts broke into the mainstream with the success of "Serial," a 2014 investigative journalism series about a murder that became a cultural phenomenon, yielding not just tens of millions of downloads,

but eventually also a new trial for the convicted killer.

U.S. podcast ad revenue jumped 86 percent in 2017 to \$314 million, according to research from the Interactive Ad Bureau and PriceWaterhouseCoopers. That's dwarfed by digital video ad spending, which totaled \$11.9 billion in 2017.

An estimated 73 million people tune in to some form of podcast on a monthly basis, according to Edison Research. They're particularly popular with the coveted millennial demographic.

Gimlet Media has a podcast studio with dedicated intellectual-property development, production and advertising capabilities. Gimlet is known for producing the podcast "Homecoming," a fictional thriller, which was made into an Amazon series starring Julia Roberts. Anchor has a platform of tools for podcast creators as well as an established and rapidly growing creator base.

Self-driving cars not there yet

Driving, from Page 1

autonomous ride-hailing service in the Phoenix area and will rely on human backup drivers to ferry passengers, at least for now.

Here are the problems that researchers must overcome to start giving rides without humans behind the wheel:

Inclement weather: When snow is heavy enough to cover the pavement, it blocks the view of lane lines that vehicle cameras use to navigate their way. Researchers so far haven't figured out a way around this. That's why much of the testing is done in warm-weather climates such as Arizona and California.

Heavy snow, rain, fog and sandstorms can obstruct the view of cameras. Light beams sent out by laser sensors can bounce off snowflakes and think they are obstacles. Radar can see through the weather, but it doesn't show the shape of an object needed for computers to figure out what it is.

"It's like losing part of your vision," says Raj Rajkumar, an electrical and computer engineering professor at Carnegie Mellon University.

Researchers are working on laser sensors that use a different light beam wavelength to see through snowflakes, said Greg McGuire, director of the MCity

autonomous vehicle testing lab at the University of Michigan. Software also is being developed so vehicles can differentiate between real obstacles and snowflakes, rain, fog, and other conditions.

But many companies are still trying to master the difficult task of driving on a clear day with steady traction.

"Once we are able to have a system reliably perform in those, then we'll start working toward expanding to those more challenging conditions," said Noah Zych, Uber's head of system safety for self-driving cars.

Pavement lines and curbs: Across the globe, roadway marking lines are different, or they may not even exist. Lane lines aren't standardized, so vehicles have to learn how to drive differently in each city. Sometimes there aren't any curbs to help vehicles judge lane width.

For instance, in Pittsburgh's industrial "Strip District," where many self-driving vehicles are tested, the city draws lines across the narrow lanes to mark where vehicles should stop for stop signs. Sometimes the lines are so far back and buildings are so close to the street that autonomous cars can't see traffic on the cross street if they stop at the line. One workaround is to program vehicles to stop for the line and creep forward.

"Is it better to do a double

stop?" asked Pete Rander, president of Argo AI, an autonomous vehicle company in which Ford has invested heavily. "Since intersections vary, it's not that easy."

Dealing with human drivers: For many years, autonomous vehicles will have to deal with humans who don't always play by the rules. They double-park or walk in front of cars. Recently in Pittsburgh, an Argo backup driver had to take over when his car stopped during a right turn, blocking an intersection when it couldn't immediately decide whether to go around a double-parked delivery truck.

"Even if the car might eventually figure something out, it's shared space, and it's socially unacceptable" to block traffic, Rander said.

Humans also make eye contact with other drivers to make sure they're looking in the right direction, something still being developed for autonomous vehicles.

Add to that the antagonism that some feel toward robots. People have reportedly been harassing Waymo's autonomous test vehicles near Phoenix.

The Arizona Republic reported in December that police in suburban Chandler have documented at least 21 cases in the past two years, including a man waving a gun at a Waymo van and people who slashed tires

and threw rocks. One Jeep forced the vans off the road six times.

Left turns: Deciding when to turn left in front of oncoming traffic without a green arrow is one of the more difficult tasks for human drivers and one that causes many crashes. Autonomous vehicles have the same trouble.

Waymo CEO John Krafcik said in a recent interview that his company's vehicles are still encountering occasional problems at intersections.

"I think the things that humans have challenges with, we're challenged with as well," he said. "So sometimes unprotected lefts are super challenging for a human, sometimes they're super challenging for us."

Consumer acceptance: The fatal Uber crash near Phoenix last year did more than push the pause button on testing. It also rattled



KEITH SRAKOCIC/AP

The camera and laser sensors can't see through heavy snow or figure out where to go if lane lines are covered.

consumers who someday will be asked to ride in self-driving vehicles.

Surveys taken after the Uber crash showed that drivers are reluctant to give up control to a computer. One survey by AAA found that 73 percent of American drivers would be too fearful to ride in a fully self-driving vehicle. That's up from 63 percent in late 2017.

Autonomous vehicle

companies are showing test passengers information on screens about where the vehicles are headed and what its sensors are seeing. The more people ride, the more they trust the vehicles, says Waymo's Krafcik.

"After they become more and more confident they rarely look at the screens, and they're on their phones or relaxing or sleeping," he said.

Department store shifting focus

J.C. Penney, from Page 1

void left by Sears Holdings Corp., which hadn't yet filed for bankruptcy but was already reining in store count. But J.C. Penney wasn't alone. Home Depot and Lowe's expanded their appliance offerings, and even Bloomingdale's jumped into the market late last year — adding some high-end LG Electronics products, such as refrigerators and washing machines.

J.C. Penney would eventually push appliances into about 600 stores. Meanwhile, furniture, including couches and bedroom sets, was being sold in about 100 locations. It's now pulling most furniture, except from select Puerto Rico stores. Mattresses will continue to be available in more than 450 physical locations, it said.

Trent Kruse, J.C. Penney's head of investor relations, said on a conference

call with analysts in November that appliances were among product categories that underperformed in the third quarter.

Same-store sales, a key gauge of a retailer's health, slumped 5.4 percent in the three months that ended Nov. 3, far worse than the 0.8 percent decline projected by analysts.

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Savings Update

Are longer CDs taxed at a different rate?

If you've ever invested money in stocks or mutual funds, you're likely aware that capital gains (and losses) come in two flavors: short-term and long-term. And the time you notice this is usually during tax season, since the two types are taxed differently.

But what if you've invested some of your savings in safer certificates of deposit? CDs come in short and long terms, and everything in between, so do their tax rates vary?

The answer lies in how CD returns are classified. Unlike stocks and mutual funds, which grow through dividends and price appreciation, or capital gains, what you earn on CDs is interest income. And when it comes to interest income on your tax return, the IRS employs a "one size fits all" policy.

That means it makes no difference whether your earnings are from a 6-month certificate or a 6-year certificate, or even a savings or money market account. Interest income is interest income, period.

You may also wonder when CD earnings become a taxable event. Does it depend on when you cash out the CD or when it matures? Again the answer is no, as certificate earnings become taxable whenever the bank or credit union applies the interest — usually monthly or quarterly — regardless of when you withdraw it.

One exception is CDs opened within an IRA. Because the same rules apply to all IRA investments, interest earned on retirement CDs is not taxable until the funds are dispersed post-retirement.

Whether you own one certificate or a portfolio of dozens, the tax implications of CDs are straightforward, and unfazed by any attempt to strategize term lengths. So invest in whatever CDs make the best sense for you, and know that your bank will report the interest income lump sum in time for tax seasons.

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MARKET ROUNDUP

Dow High: 25,439.04 Low: 25,312.06 Previous: 25,411.52



Nasdaq	S&P 500	Russell 2000
-26.80 (-.36%)	-6.09 (-.22%)	-2.21 (-.14%)
Close: 7,375.28	Close: 2,731.61	Close: 1,518.02
High: 7,410.77	High: 2,738.08	High: 1,520.89
Low: 7,346.72	Low: 2,724.15	Low: 1,511.18
Previous: 7,402.08	Previous: 2,737.70	Previous: 1,520.23

10-yr T-note	Gold futures	Yen	Euro	Crude Oil
-0.01 to 2.69%	-4.70 to \$1,309.50	-0.01 to 109.96/\$1	+0.0036 to .8800/\$1	+0.35 to \$54.01

Major market growth and decline

5-day % change			30-day % change			1-year % change		
DOW +1.50	NASD +2.68	S&P +1.89	DOW +6.33	NASD +6.01	S&P +5.67	DOW +2.00	NASD +4.58	S&P +1.86

COMMODITY	AMOUNT-PRICE	MO.	OPEN	HIGH	LOW	SETTLE	CHG.
WHEAT (CBOT)	5,000 bu minimum- cents per bushel	Mar 19	527	531.25	524.25	526	-1.25
CORN (CBOT)	5,000 bu minimum- cents per bushel	Mar 19	380.50	380.75	379	380	-0.75
SOYBEANS (CBOT)	5,000 bu minimum- cents per bushel	Mar 19	920	922.50	917.50	921.75	+1.50
SOYBEAN OIL (CBOT)	60,000 lbs- cents per lb	Mar 19	30.37	30.91	30.28	30.90	+0.52
SOYBEAN MEAL (CBOT)	100 tons- dollars per ton	Mar 19	309.30	310.10	308.60	309.00	-0.50
LIGHT SWEET CRUDE (NYMX)	1,000 bbl.- dollars per bbl.	Mar 19	53.73	54.30	52.86	54.01	+0.35
NATURAL GAS (NYMX)	10,000 mm btu's, \$ per mm btu	Mar 19	2.685	2.720	2.651	2.662	...
NY HARBOR GAS BLEND (NYMX)	42,000 gallons- dollars per gallon	Mar 19	1.4241	1.4620	1.3980	1.4591	+0.0332

LOCAL STOCKS

Stocks listed may change due to daily fluctuations in market capitalization. Exchange key: N=NYSE, O=NASDAQ

STOCK	XCHG.	CLOSE	CHG.	STOCK	XCHG.	CLOSE	CHG.
Abbott Labs	N	73.49	+0.38	Equity Lifesty Prop	N	108.37	+0.06
AbbVie Inc	N	79.08	-0.61	Equity Residential	N	73.00	+0.05
Allstate Corp	N	92.56	+3.60	Exelon Corp	N	47.32	+0.03
Aptargroup Inc	N	101.59	+0.52	First Indl RT	N	32.38	-0.22
Arch Dan Mid	N	41.87	-0.28	Fortune Brds Hm&Sec	N	44.88	-0.52
Baxter Intl	N	71.77	+0.93	Gainger WJ	N	78.40	-0.06
Boeing Co	N	111.11	+0.93	GrubHub Inc	N	303.52	+3.53
Brunswick Corp	N	49.27	-0.55	Hill-Rom Hldgs	N	83.95	+4.08
CBOE Global Markets	N	95.04	-0.06	IDEX Corp	N	102.30	+1.17
CDK Global Inc	O	53.16	-1.13	ITW	N	138.19	-0.16
CDW Corp	O	85.39	-0.14	Ingredion Inc	N	137.57	-0.27
CF Industries	N	42.42	-0.53	Jones Lang LaSalle	N	92.84	-0.59
CME Group	O	177.76	-1.02	Kemper Corp	N	144.92	-0.89
CNA Financial	N	46.41	+0.16	Kraft Heinz Co	O	75.93	-0.32
Caterpillar Inc	N	130.54	-1.46	LKQ Corporation	O	47.69	-0.45
ConAgra Brands Inc	N	21.92	-0.17	Littelfuse Inc	O	27.03	-0.14
Deere Co	N	163.68	-0.53	MB Financial	O	184.11	-0.78
Discover Fin Svcs	N	69.02	-0.16	McDonalds Corp	O	44.22	-0.25
Dover Corp	N	87.93	-0.26	Middleby Corp	O	176.18	-1.39
Equity Commonwealth	N	32.39	-0.09				

MOST ACTIVE STOCKS

NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE

STOCK	CLOSE	CHG.
Snap Inc A	8.59	+1.55
Gen Electric	10.47	-1.16
Vale SA	11.36	-0.75
Chesapeake Energy	2.50	-0.10
Sthwstn Energy	3.98	-0.26
Bank of America	28.73	-0.05
Itau Unibanco Hldg	9.81	-0.40
Weatherford Intl Ltd	.90	-0.01
Twitter Inc	34.16	-2.21
Ford Motor	8.72	-0.03
Aurora Cannabis Inc	7.57	-0.33
Arlo Technologies	3.86	-3.71
EnCana Corp	6.73	-0.07
Nokia Corp	6.05	+0.01
Ambev S.A.	4.88	-0.15
AT&T Inc	29.56	-0.07
Petrobras	16.22	-0.41
Freeport McMoran	11.91	+0.04
Cleveland-Cliffs Inc	11.08	+0.61
Kinross Gold	3.38	-0.06
General Motors Co	39.91	+0.61
Keycorp	16.49	+0.13
Coty Inc	7.44	-0.37
Pfizer Inc	42.33	+2.22

LARGEST COMPANIES

Based on market capitalization

STOCK	CLOSE	CHG.
Alibaba Group Hldg	171.52	-0.31
Alphabet Inc C	1115.23	-30.76
Alphabet Inc A	1122.89	-28.98
Amazon.com Inc	1640.26	-18.55
Apple Inc	174.24	+0.06
Bank of America	28.73	-0.05
Berkshire Hath B	206.01	-1.81
Exxon Mobil Corp	75.26	-0.33
Facebook Inc	170.49	-0.67
JPMorgan Chase	103.74	-0.05
Johnson & Johnson	133.00	+1.19
Microsoft Corp	106.03	-1.12
Pfizer Inc	42.33	+2.22
Procter & Gamble	97.92	+0.48
Royal Dutch Shell B	65.31	+0.13
Royal Dutch Shell A	63.84	+0.16
Unitedhealth Group	269.50	+3.19
Visa Inc	141.49	-1.04
WalMart Strs	95.64	+0.04

LARGEST MUTUAL FUNDS

Based on total assets

FUND	NAV	CHG	1-YR %RTN
American Funds AMCPA m	30.50	-0.03	+3.5
American Funds AmrnBAlA m	26.22	-0.04	+2.4
American Funds CptWldGrInCA m	m46.23	-0.16	-4.5
American Funds CptInclBldrA m	58.88	-0.08	-1.6
American Funds FdmTlnvSA m	56.96	-0.13	+3
American Funds GrfAmrCA m	47.06	-0.21	+2.7
American Funds IncAmrCA m	21.66	-0.02	+3
American Funds InvCAMrCA m	36.23	-0.10	-1.6
American Funds NwPrspctVA m	41.20	-0.14	+1
American Funds WAMTlnvSA m	44.02	-0.08	+3.3
DFA EMktCorEq	20.74	-0.12	-10.7
DFA IntlCorEqIn	12.70	-0.05	-10.8
Dodge & Cox Inc	13.48	...	+2.1
Dodge & Cox IntlStk	40.24	-0.09	-12.0
Dodge & Cox Stk	189.26	-0.18	+5.5
DoubleLine TIRetBdl	10.43	...	+3.2
Fidelity 500IdxInPrm	95.06	-0.20	+3.4
Fidelity Contrafund	12.17	-0.07	+3.3
Fidelity ContrafundK	12.17	-0.07	+3.4
Fidelity TlMktIdxInPrm	77.53	-0.16	+3.4
Fidelity USBdlIdxInPrm	11.35	...	+2.6
Franklin Templeton IncA1 m	2.27	...	+2.7
Metropolitan West TIRetBdl	10.47	...	+2.7
PIMCO IncInclst	11.93	...	+2.4
PIMCO TIRetIns	10.01	...	+2.2
Schwab SP500Idx	41.81	-0.08	+3.3
T. Rowe Price BCGR	107.68	-0.46	+7.6
T. Rowe Price GrStk	63.89	-0.36	+5.7
Vanguard 500IdxAdmrl	252.58	-0.54	+3.3
Vanguard DivGrIn	26.23	-0.04	+7.7
Vanguard EqInAdmrl	71.13	-0.07	+2.3
Vanguard GrIdxAdmrl	76.47	-0.30	+4.5
Vanguard HCAdmrl	86.29	-0.03	+8.6
Vanguard InTrnGdAdm	9.51	+0.01	+2.6
Vanguard INTTEAdmrl	13.99	+0.01	+3.2
Vanguard InslIdxIn	248.35	-0.52	+3.3
Vanguard InslIdxInPlus	248.36	-0.53	+3.4
Vanguard InslTSMInPls	59.41	-0.13	+3.5
Vanguard MdcpldxAdmrl	191.47	-0.22	+1.9
Vanguard PrmCpAdmrl	132.67	...	+5.1
Vanguard STInvmGrdAdmrl	10.50	...	+2.2
Vanguard SmCpldxAdmrl	70.11	-0.13	+4.7
Vanguard TrgtRtr2020Inv	31.81	-0.03	+8
Vanguard TrgtRtr2025Inv	18.02	-0.03	+5
Vanguard TrgtRtr2030Inv	32.84	-0.07	+1
Vanguard TrgtRtr2035Inv	20.16	-0.05	-3
Vanguard TtBMDIdxAdmrl	10.51	...	+2.4
Vanguard TtBMDIdxIn	10.51	...	+2.4
Vanguard TtInBIdxAdmrl	21.91	+0.01	+4.6
Vanguard TtInBIdxIn	32.87	+0.01	+4.6
Vanguard TtInSIdxAdmrl	27.40	-0.14	-8.5
Vanguard TtInSIdxIn	109.58	-0.55	-8.4
Vanguard TtInSIdxInPlus	109.60	-0.56	-8.4
Vanguard TtInSIdxInPrm	16.38	-0.08	-8.5
Vanguard TtISMIdxAdmrl	68.18	-0.15	+3.5
Vanguard TtISMIdxIn	68.20	-0.14	+3.5
Vanguard TtISMIdxInPrm	68.16	-0.14	+3.4
Vanguard WngtInAdmrl	67.42	-0.07	+2.3
Vanguard WlslyInAdmrl	61.28	-0.02	+2.8
Vanguard WndrInAdmrl	60.18	-0.06	-6

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3-month disc	2.37	2.35
6-month disc	2.43	2.43
2-year	2.51	2.51
10-year	2.69	2.70
30-year	3.04	3.04

SPOT METALS

	CLOSE	PREV.
Gold	\$1309.50	\$1314.20
Silver	\$15.656	\$15.790
Platinum	\$813.80	\$819.90

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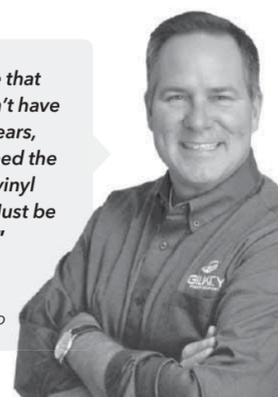
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OBITUARIES

GEORGE KLEIN 1935-2019

Radio personality and friend of Elvis Presley

BY ADRIAN SAINZ
Associated Press

MEMPHIS, Tenn. — George Klein, the deep-voiced radio personality who became friends with Elvis Presley in high school and stayed close to the King of Rock 'n' Roll throughout his career, has died. He was 83.

Presley's former wife, Priscilla Presley, told The Associated Press that Klein died Tuesday at hospice in Memphis, Tennessee. Priscilla Presley said Klein had been suffering from illness, including pneumonia, for about two weeks. She said she had been in constant contact with Klein and Presley's other close friends, including Jerry Schilling and Marian Justice Cocke, while Klein was ill.

Klein met Elvis Presley in 1948 at Humes High School in Memphis and they were close friends until the rock 'n' roll icon died in 1977. Klein was part of Presley's entourage, known as the "Memphis Mafia," and enjoyed telling stories about

the times he and Presley spent together.

Priscilla Presley said her former husband liked Klein's outgoing personality, his loyalty, and his sense of humor. She called their friendship a "guy's thing," with their own inside jokes and "their own language."

Elvis Presley used to affectionately call Klein "GK." "Their friendship was golden, truly golden," she said in a phone interview from Los Angeles on Tuesday night. "I don't think I've ever heard George say anything bad about anybody."

Presley served as Klein's best man, and Klein was a pallbearer at Presley's funeral. Klein appeared in his friend's film, "Jailhouse Rock." When Presley was posthumously inducted into the Rock & Roll Hall of Fame in 1986, Klein made the acceptance speech.

"Personally, Elvis was a great friend to me," Klein said in the speech. "You know, I never saw Elvis refuse an autograph. I never saw Elvis refuse a handshake. I never saw Elvis

refuse to take a picture with anyone."

Klein hosted a radio show featuring Presley's music on Sirius XM. He had also hosted radio and television shows in Memphis dating to the 1960s. Klein was known throughout the city, speaking at charity events for no pay, Priscilla Presley said.

University of Kentucky basketball coach John Calipari, a former head coach at the University of Memphis, said on Twitter that he would talk basketball with Klein before and after games.

"He has been an unbelievable ambassador for the city, for Graceland, for Elvis Presley and his family," Calipari wrote.

In recent years, several friends of Elvis Presley — Scotty Moore, Red West, D.J. Fontana — have died. Priscilla Presley said she has thought about that, and calls it "a reality check."

"It hits home," she said. "He's the last of our history, in many ways."

Funeral arrangements have not been released.

Chicago Daily Tribune

ON FEBRUARY 7 ...

In 1497, "The Bonfire of the Vanities" took place in Florence, Italy, as followers of Dominican friar Girolamo Savonarola burned a huge pile of items considered to be sinful distractions, such as books, artwork, fine clothing and cosmetics.

In 1795 the 11th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution, dealing with states' sovereign immunity, was ratified.

In 1812 author Charles Dickens was born in Portsmouth, England.

In 1817 America's first public gas street lamp was lighted in Baltimore at the corner of Market and Lemon streets (now East Baltimore and Holliday streets).

In 1857 a French court acquitted author Gustave Flaubert of obscenity for his serialized novel "Madame Bovary."

In 1861 the general council of the Choctaw Indian nation adopted a resolution declaring allegiance with the South "in the event a permanent dissolution of the American Union takes place."

In 1867 author Laura Ingalls Wilder was born in Lake Pepin, Wis.

In 1885 author Sinclair Lewis was born in Sauk Centre, Minn.

In 1904 a fire began in Baltimore that raged for about 30 hours and destroyed more than 1,500 buildings.

In 1936 President Franklin D. Roosevelt authorized a flag for the office of the vice president.

In 1943 the government announced the start of shoe rationing, limiting consumers to buying three pairs per person for the remainder of the year.



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In 1948 Gen. Dwight Eisenhower resigned as Army chief of staff and was succeeded by Gen. Omar Bradley.

In 1944, during World War II, the Germans launched a counteroffensive at Anzio, Italy.

In 1962 President John F. Kennedy imposed a full trade embargo on Cuba.

In 1964 the Beatles began their first American tour as they arrived at New York's John F. Kennedy International Airport.

In 1971 women in Switzerland won the right to vote.

In 1974 the island nation of Grenada won independence from Britain.

In 1983 Elizabeth Dole was sworn in as the first female secretary of transportation by the first woman to sit on the U.S. Supreme Court, Justice Sandra Day O'Connor.

In 1984 space shuttle astronauts Bruce McCandless II and Robert Stewart went on the first untethered space walk. **Also in 1984** a 12-year-old boy publicly identified only as David, born without immunity to disease, touched his mother for the first time after he was removed from a germ-free "bubble" at Texas Children's Hospital in Houston.

In 1986 Haitian President-for-Life Jean-Claude Duvalier fled his country, ending

28 years of his family's rule. **Also in 1986** Filipinos went to the polls in elections that would result in a disputed victory for President Ferdinand Marcos over challenger Corazon Aquino.

In 1990 the Soviet Union's Communist Party agreed to let other political parties compete for control of the country, giving up its monopoly on power.

In 1991 Jean-Bertrand Aristide was sworn in as Haiti's first democratically elected president.

In 1995 Ramzi Yousef, later convicted of masterminding the 1993 World Trade Center bombing, was arrested in Islamabad, Pakistan, after two years as a fugitive.

In 2001 the Senate voted to release \$582 million in dues owed the United Nations.

In 2003 Colombian guerrillas bombed the exclusive El Nogal social club in Bogota, killing 36 people and injuring 160 others.

In 2005 Ellen MacArthur, a 28-year-old Englishwoman, broke the solo around-the-world sailing record, completing the 26,000-mile circumnavigation after 71 days, 14 hours, 18 minutes and 33 seconds at sea.

In 2006 Abu Hamza al-Masri, a radical Muslim cleric linked to 9/11 plotter Zacarias Moussawi, was sentenced in London to seven years in prison for inciting followers to kill non-Muslims.

In 2014 a Cook County jury convicted three Florida men of mob action and explosives counts, but not terrorism charges, for their actions before the 2012 NATO summit in Chicago. (The so-called NATO 3 — Brent Betterly, Jared Chase and Brian Church — were later sentenced to 5 to 8 years in prison.) **Also in 2014** the opening ceremony of the Winter Olympics, believed to be the most expensive Games at \$51 billion, kicked off in Sochi, Russia.

In 2017 three tornadoes struck southeastern Louisiana, injuring at least 20 people, destroying homes and businesses and leaving about 10,000 residents without power.

In 2018 Chicago-based Tronc announced the sale of the Los Angeles Times, San Diego Union-Tribune and other California-based assets to Los Angeles biotech billionaire Patrick Soon-Shiong for \$500 million in cash.

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Abderholden, Dolores Raila

Dolores Raila Abderholden, 92, of Antioch, IL, died January 30, 2019, at home in her sleep after a full life of stepping up to challenges, whether changing her ambitions to become a registered nurse during World War II, to raising six children with her husband Dr. Edward R. Abderholden, to actively supporting women's rights.

She was born at home Nov. 21, 1926 and grew up in Marquette Park on Chicago's south side, daughter of Frank and Janet (Kuizinas) Raila, with her brother Dr. Frank Raila and sister, Florence (Lessner) Raila, both of whom preceded her in death. She was studying aeronautical engineering at Wilson Junior College and worked nights at the Foote Brothers Gear and Machine Corporation's defense plant when her brother Frank was listed as missing in action during the Battle of the Bulge she gave up her interest in flying to join the Army Nurse Corps in 1944.

She began her studies through St. Bernard Hospital and then enrolled in the nursing program at Loyola University. She completed her nursing degree in 1948 and was graduated with a Bachelor's Degree of Nursing Education from Loyola University in 1950. She studied at Loyola's Lakefront campus on the north side, but also at Loyola's Lewis Towers campus near downtown, where she met another student named Ed during night classes. He asked if he could borrow her book "The Basic Works of Aristotle" for their Metaphysics class.

They were married at Maternity of the Blessed Virgin Mary Church, Chicago, on Jan. 29, 1950. She taught post-partum care at St. Francis Hospital in Evanston until the birth of her first child. She then worked part-time at night and on weekends at St. Bernard, Henrotin, Northwestern Memorial and St. Elizabeth Hospitals while her husband went to medical school fulltime at her urging. They moved to the Frances Cabrini Homes, public housing that was available to veterans like her husband, along with other medical student families. They later moved to St. Sylvester Roman Catholic Church parish in Chicago.

In 1958 they moved to Antioch with three children and immediately became involved in St. Peter Catholic Church, where she joined the women's club and became a Cub Scout den mother. She also joined the Wilmot Mountain Ski Patrol in Wilmot, Wis., and her family became involved in the local PM&L Theater, where she was a board member at one point, and helped with making costumes for the various productions. In Oliver Twist, all six children took the stage. She supported PM&L throughout her life.

She became involved in social causes, supporting the social, economic and reproductive rights of women. She marched for the Equal Rights Amendment in Springfield and Washington D.C., where she planned to meet her daughter coming separately from St. Paul, Minn. That could have been a challenge in a large crowd, but to their delight there were no problems. She also joined the Chicago chapter of the National Organization for Women. Later she marched against then Russian leader Mikhail Gorbachev when he visited Minneapolis, Minn., in 1990, joining others in protest against communism and to support the Baltic States, including Lithuania, which was her mother and father's homeland.

She was deeply passionate of her ethnic heritage and passed it on as the family genealogist for both the Raila and Abderholden families and she also led a trip to Lithuania for a dozen of her children and grandchildren to visit relatives.

She was a member of the Balzekas Museum of Lithuanian Culture, Chicago, and used the genealogy department at the Lithuanian World Center, Lemont, and was a member of the Waukegan/Lake County Chapter of the Lithuanian-American Community Inc., known for Lithuanian Independence Day events in Libertyville she liked to attend.

Her varied interests led her to join the Antioch Woman's Club (50 years of service citation), the Antioch Mental Health Association as a member and later president, Antioch Garden Club, The Red Hat Society, the local bridge and library book clubs, a women's golf league, the opera buffs started with a small group of friends and she was a regular subscriber to Goodman Theater, Chicago, and the Marriott Theater, Lincolnshire.

She was a life member of the Lakes Region Historical Society and curated the exhibit "Women & History" with the American Association of University Women, Chain of Lakes Chapter at the Lake County Forest Preserve District museum in 1983 that encouraged study of woman's history to show the diversity of women's achievements in society.

Travelling was also a joy, either across the country (especially national parks) or overseas to most countries in Europe (including multiple trips to Lithuania), Africa (including Kenya and Egypt), China and the Bahamas.

A trip to the island Bimini in the Bahamas with just her husband would make it into family lore because they went deep sea fishing and were told not to expect any blue marlin, no one had caught any for weeks. Yet on her turn a marlin hit and she refused to give up the rod and reel, landing an over 6-foot blue marlin after a long struggle, later displaying it prominently over the fireplace. She said she retired from fishing because she wasn't going to ever catch a bigger fish.

She was also preceded in death by her husband Ed, grandson Christopher Abderholden and son Mark Abderholden.

Survivors include her son Edward and his children Ned, Lauren and Brooke (Rich Zerillo), daughter Sue and Lee Keller and their children Ona and Eva; and sons Frank and Sue (Wolff) and their children Elizabeth and Katherine; Jim and Linda (Lambert) and their children Blaise (Kayla Mahler), Tyler (Jessie Baggett) and their son Ellis; daughter-in-law Anne Marie (Brunner) and children Katharina, Alex, Joanna, and Isabelle; Dr. Guy and Juliann and their children, Max, Sam and Maggie; grandson Jeremy Lazar (his son Kade); and Lithuanian cousins Regina Kazakeviciene, Dranthon Raila, Mindaugas Raila, and Dr. Birute Raila.

The family would also like to thank her caregivers for their work over the years, especially Char Cherry. Visitation will be held from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday, February 10, 2019 at the STRANG FUNERAL HOME OF ANTIOCH, 1055 Main St., Antioch. Funeral Services 9 a.m. Monday, February 11, 2019 from the funeral home to St. Peter Catholic Church, 557 Lake St. Antioch. Mass of Christian Burial 10 a.m. Interment will immediately follow in Hillside Cemetery, Antioch. In lieu of flowers, Dolores requested donations to the Antioch Public Library District, 757 Main St. Antioch, IL 60002, to support women's history and literature.

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Blaber, Josephine D.

Josephine Blaber nee Dooley, brilliant and prolific artist, cherished and trend-setting mom and grandma, age 88, of Oak Park and Palm Springs, CA. Jo was a graduate of St. Luke's and Trinity in River Forest and St. Mary of the Woods IN, and a longtime member of St. Edmund parish, as well as president of the Palm Springs CA Museum Artists Council. She was preceded in death by her beloved husband of 50 years, Leo B. Blaber Jr., and is survived by her dear brother Dick (Barbara) Dooley, her loving children Mary, Wendy (Bill) Cook, Mark (Maureen), Peter (Heather), Christina (Eric) Blake, Vincent (Loly), David (Pilar), Barbara (Mark) Jenig, Ramona (Mike Cosgrove). She will be dearly missed by her grandchildren Kylie, Brendan, Peter, Erin, Christopher, Justin, Nicole, Kelly, Spencer, Stacia, Melissa, Michael, Natasha, and Maverick. Visitation Sunday, February 10, from 3 p.m. to 8 p.m. at Drechsler, Brown & Williams Funeral Home, 203 S. Marion St., Oak Park. Prayers Monday, February 11th at 10:15 a.m. from the funeral home to St. Edmund Church, 188 S. Oak Park Ave., Oak Park for funeral Mass at 11 a.m. Interment All Saints Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, memorial gifts in her honor may be sent to St. Edmund Church, 188 S. Oak Park Ave., Oak Park, IL, 60302, stedmund.org, or to Operation Smile Train <https://www.smiletrain.org>. Funeral info: drechslerbrownwilliams.com or 708-383-3191

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Bryar, Jessica

A noble and tireless public servant for 20 years, Jessica Lynn Bryar, age 46, passed away on February 3. Jessica was a formidable advocate and a vocal champion for children and families in need of representation, especially the most vulnerable. Her leadership, compassion, and dedication to ensuring equity and justice for those she served were inspiring to everyone fortunate enough to know her.

As Chief in the Civil Division of the Cook County Public Defender's office, she represented the needs of indigent individuals in the Child Protection and Mental Health divisions of the Circuit Court of Cook County. She was a proud member of the Civic Leadership Academy ('17), served on the American Bar Association's National Alliance for Parent Representation Steering Committee, and Illinois Department of Children and Family Service's Cook County Transformation Team. Jessica earned her J.D. from Loyola University Chicago School of Law and B.A. from Boston College.

Jessica was loved and respected by a host of family, friends, and colleagues who appreciated her remarkable and steady kindness and grace, her hearty laugh, and her quiet but indomitable inner strength. Her passionate celebration of life, positive spirit, and vibrant outlook leave a lasting impression on us all. Jessica was a loving daughter, caring sister, and nurturing aunt. She is survived by parents Cicely Bryar and George Bryar; siblings Sharon (Bob) Eichinger, Julie (Tom) Smith, Liz (Terry) Raser, Paul (Jen), Colin (Sarah) and Kevin (Denise) Bryar. She was "Fancy Aunt Jess" to 16 nieces and nephews. Service will be held Saturday, February 9 at St. John Fisher Church (10234 S. Washtenaw Avenue, Chicago, IL 60655). Visitation begins at 9:00 am with Mass to follow at 11:00 am.

In lieu of flowers, contributions to the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society of Chicago, 954 W. Washington Blvd., #305, Chicago, IL, 60607, or the charity of your choice are appreciated.

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Casey, Robert 'Bob'

Robert B. Casey entered eternal rest on February 2, 2019 at the age of 86. Bob was born in Chicago on February 1, 1933. He is survived by his wife of 66 years, Joan; their three children, Karen, Bill (Bev), Jim (Barb); eight grandchildren; seven great-grandchildren, and two great-great-grandchildren. Bob joined the Chicago Police Department in 1955.

Working his way up the ranks, Bob retired in 1988 as the Commander of the 001 District after 33 years of dedicated service. Memorial services in Durango, Co. will be private. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the Michael J. Fox Foundation.

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Chiang, George L.C.

George L.C. Chiang, age 76, of Joliet, IL, passed away on Monday, February 4, 2019. He was born December 20, 1942 in Shanghai, China. He was employed as a tax consultant. George is survived by his loving wife; Barbara (nee Meyer) Chiang, children; Eric (Jami) Chiang and Jennifer Chiang; two grandchildren; Everett and Chloe Chiang and brother; David Chiang; Carolyn Chiang mother of his children. He was preceded in death by his parents Victor and Esther (nee Ren) Chiang and a brother, Edward Chiang. Services are private. Arrangements entrusted to Beidelman-Kunsch Funeral Homes & Crematory, 24021 Royal Worlington Dr., Naperville. Info: 630-922-9630 www.beidelmankunsch.com

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Cimoch, Arthur F.

Arthur F. Cimoch of Arlington Heights, formerly of Mt. Prospect, beloved husband of Eleanor; loving father of Cynthia (Thomas) and Kathleen (Steven); loved grandfather of Robert (Athena) and Stephen (Rachel); Cherished great grandfather of Haley,

Parker, Lila, Nora, Jasmine and Alex; cherished brother of Ronald (Pauline). He was preceded in death by his parents and siblings. Visitation from 2 until 6 pm, Sunday at the Glueckert Funeral Home Ltd., 1520 N. Arl. Hts. Rd., Arl. Hts., and from 9 am until time of Funeral Mass at 10 am, Monday, at St. Cecilia Church, 700 S. Meier Road, Mt. Prospect. Interment All Saints. In lieu of flowers memorials to Buddy Foundation, 65 W. Seegers Road, Arl. Hts., IL, 60005 or to an animal shelter of the donor's choice appreciated. Funeral information and condolences can be given at www.GlueckertFuneralHome.com or (847) 253-0168.

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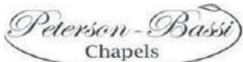
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Ciran III., George S.

George S. Ciran III., age 42. Beloved father of Landen, Shire, Drake and Berkley. Husband of Angela. Cherished son of Sharon and Lance Rudy and George Jr. (Cynthia). Loving brother of Shauna Carava, Alexandria Rudy, Bethany (Steven) Smith. Husband of Angela. Memorial service Saturday at PETERSON-BASSI CHAPELS 6938 W. North Avenue 1PM-4PM with a prayer service at 3:30PM. Future inurnment private. Info 773.637.4441 or www.petersonfuneralhome.com



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Dahlem, Mark D.

Mark David Dahlem, 48, of Cary, IL, Palatine Police Officer for over 23 years. Born August 21, 1970 in Ottawa, IL, passed away February 5, 2019. Beloved husband of Kimberly, nee Kacen. Proud father of Abigail and Jack Dahlem. Loving son of Janet Beguin. Dear brother of Paul Dahlem. Mark has donated his brain and spine to Northwestern Memorial Hospital for brain cancer research. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made in Mark's name to Harley Helping Hands Foundation, <https://harleyhelpinghands.org/donate.html>. Visitation Friday, February 8, 2019 from 3-9 PM at Smith-Corcoran Funeral Home, 185 E. Northwest Hwy., Palatine. Funeral Saturday, February 9, 2019 at 10:30 AM at Holy Family Catholic Church, 2515 W. Palatine Road, Inverness. Interment will be private. 847-359-8020 or www.smithcorcoran.com.



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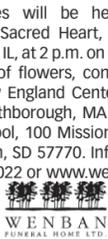
Dhein, Donna Joanne

Donna Joanne Dhein, age 64, died on Saturday, February 2, after a battle with lung cancer. She is survived by her children Megan Rowe, Tim, M.D. (Emily, M.D.) and Beth; grandchildren Robby Henrich and Joseph; mother Joanne Dhein; siblings Trish Dhein, Susan (Cliff, D.D.S.) Hartmann, Donald (Marta) Dhein, Jill (Robert) Pellican, Molly Dhein Hirt and Joanne (Jeffrey) England. She was preceded in death by her father, Donald Dhein, M.D. Visitation will be SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 9, at 9:30 a.m. until time of funeral mass at 11 a.m. at St. Raymond de Penafort Church, 301 S. I-Oka, Mt. Prospect, IL 60056. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Gilda's Club Madison.

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Dunne, Jr., Maurice Francis 'Moose'

Maurice ("Moose") Francis Dunne, Jr., 92 years old, passed away peacefully in his sleep on January 19, 2019, in Clearwater, Florida. Born in Chicago, IL on November 30, 1926, and a longtime-resident of Lake Forest, IL, Harbor Springs, MI, and Clearwater, FL, he was preceded in death by his wife of 50 years, Eleanor "Ellie" Isham Dunne, and is survived by his sons, Ralph & Meath (Teresita) Dunne; his granddaughters, Katherine & Eleanor Dunne; and his daughter, Tara (Keith) Stocker. Moose, as he was known to all, was a true Renaissance man; relentlessly curious, endlessly passionate and thoroughly meticulous in everything he did. He took particular pride in his service to the nation as a Merchant Marine in WWII, and was proud to boast both early and often, "WWII Veterans for Obama," much to the consternation of some of his good friends in his many coffee groups. His war-time service interrupted his college education, which was conducted at Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Northwestern University, and University of Michigan, the latter two for which he played football in the tradition of Dunne men playing collegiate ball, another point of great personal pride, as was his membership of the Delta Kappa Epsilon DKE fraternity. He went on to receive his MBA from Harvard University. He identified strongly as an Irish Catholic, becoming a "Knight of the Holy Sepulchre" (a Roman Catholic order of knighthood) and valued faith, family, tradition and public service above all else, frequently reflecting on his memories of his grandfather, Edward Fitzsimmons Dunne, the only person to serve as both Governor of Illinois and Mayor of Chicago. After an early career in advertising, Moose was appointed CEO of the Advanced Management Institute, ultimately transforming it into the Lake Forest Graduate School of Management, a multi-campus leader in the Midwest of online and offline MBA programs. He was a vigorous proponent of education, serving on the boards of schools as varied as Lake Forest College, Woodlands Academy of the Sacred Heart, The Centre for Medieval & Renaissance Studies, and Walsh College of Accounting. Informally, he counseled countless high school students on college admissions and selections, as well as many more recent college graduates in pursuit of a career or life counseling. In his retirement, he loved nothing more than pursuing his own education through Rotary, international travel, reading, and summer sessions at the Bay View Association in Petoskey, MI, as well as winter sessions at OLLI—the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute at Eckerd College, FL, where he loved attending lectures, panels, concerts, and plays. He also loved golf, which he played at clubs as varied as Onwentsia and Shoreacres (IL), Wequetonsing and Bay Harbor Golf Clubs (MI), and Belleaire Golf and Country Club (FL). One of his favorite books was Tom Brokaw's The Greatest Generation, of which he was one of the last survivors. Memorial services will be held at Woodlands Academy of the Sacred Heart, 760 E. Woodleigh Road, Lake Forest, IL, at 2 p.m. on Saturday, February 9, 2019. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to the New England Center for Children, 33 Turnpike Rd., Southborough, MA 01722 or the Red Cloud Indian School, 100 Mission Drive, Pine Ridge Indian Reservation, SD 57770. Info: www.wenbanfh.com



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Fiala, James P.

James P. Fiala, age 72, beloved husband of Holly, nee Harrison; loving father of Rebecca and Joshua; dear brother of Robert (Paula); devoted uncle and cousin. Memorial Service Saturday 3:00 p.m. at St. Andrews Episcopal Church, 1125 Franklin Street, Downers Grove, IL., Int. Private. In lieu of flowers donations to American Battlefield Trust and St. Andrews Episcopal Church appreciated. Arrangements entrusted to **Modell Funeral Home**. For info: 630-852-3595 or www.modelldarien.com

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Fornkahl, Elizabeth

Survived by her daughter Vicky and sons Jim and John. Services will be held at Ford & Sons Funeral Home in Cape Girardeau, Missouri, on Friday, February 8, 2019, from 4:00pm to 8:00pm. Interment to be at St. Mary Cemetery, Cape Girardeau, Missouri, on Saturday, February 9, 2019, at 11:00am.

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Gallas, Lorraine

Lorraine Gallas nee Manny. Beloved wife of the late Ronald; loving mother of Ronald (Denise), Lynn (Bob) Maynard and Richard (Michelle); dear grandmother of Kylie, MacKenzie (Steven), Collin and Jami; fond aunt to many nieces and nephews and second mom to many. Visitation Thursday 4:00 – 9:00pm at THE ORIGINAL RAGO BROTHERS FUNERAL HOME, 7751 W. Irving Park Rd., Chicago, Funeral Friday 9:00am for Mass at Divine Savior Church at 9:30am. Int: St. Adalbert Cemetery. For info: ragobrothersfuneralhome.com or 773-276-7800

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Gutof, Richard S.

Richard S. Gutof, 78 Devoted husband to Anita nee Weisz, loving father to Daniel Gutof and Deborah (Walter Vanderschraaf) Gutof and dotting Papa to Devon and Lucas. Richard will also be remembered as a gentle and kind brother to Dale (Bruce) Samian and proud Uncle to Robin, David (Dolly), Jacob and the late Howard. Richard has an endless community of friends and admirers. His charm, his wit and his infectious smile captured the hearts of everyone he met, and in this way, his spirit lives on in all of us. Service Friday, 1:30 pm at Congregation B'nai Jehoshua Beth Elohim, (BJBE) 1201 Lake Cook Road, Deerfield, IL 60015 Interment is private. In lieu of flowers, contributions to Congregation BJBE and the Salvation Army Metropolitan Divisional Headquarters, 5040 N. Pulaski Road, Chicago, IL 60630 would be appreciated. Arrangements by Chicago Jewish Funerals – Skokie Chapel, 847.229.8822, www.cjinfo.com



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Hays, Patricia

Hays, Patricia, was the last policewoman to retire from the Chicago Police Department, and was a member of the very first graduating female class inaugurated in 1967. She loved being a trailblazer and enjoyed the close knit community of her female compatriots. Hays, 78, died on February 4 of complications related to lung cancer. Loving mother to Kathy Dobrzynski and Toddie Hays-Sesterhenn. Cherished grandmother of Joshua, Jeffrey and Dianna Dobrzynski, and Kadence Sesterhenn. Graveside funeral service Saturday, Feb. 9, 1pm, at Rosehill Cemetery, 5800 N. Ravenswood, Chicago. Info 773-561-6874 or www.drakeandsonfuneralhome.com

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Jensen, Ralph Harry

Ralph Harry Jensen, 83, of Barrington; cherished husband of Delores (nee Anderson) Jensen; loving father of Scott (Deb) Jensen, Bruce (Catherine) Jensen, and Patricia (David) Jacobsen; devoted grandfather of Eric Jensen, Jacqueline (Joel) Werner, Kyle Jensen, Cara Jensen, Cody Jensen, Anne Jacobsen, and Kirsten Jacobsen; dear brother of Janet (Paul) Wauchope. Memorial gathering 4PM followed by a memorial service at 5PM, Monday, March 4, 2019 at Barrington's White House, 145 W. Main Street, Barrington, IL 60010. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be given to Barrington Rotary Charities, P.O. Box 42, Barrington, IL 60011 or JourneyCare <https://journeycare.org/donate>. Arrangements by Davenport Family Funeral Home and Crematory, Barrington. For information, please call 847-381-3411 or visit www.davenportfamily.com to leave an online condolence for the family.



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Lach, Gregory A.

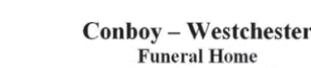
Gregory A. Lach, Age 49, of Bloomington, IL, formerly of Chicago, passed away December 24, 2018. Beloved father of Tyler and Matthew; Loving son of Richard (Teresa) and Carole (John) Cifone. Memorial Visitation Sunday, February 10, from 3:00 p.m. to the Time of Memorial Service 7:00 p.m. at **Kolbus-John V. May Funeral Home** 6857 W. Higgins Ave., Chicago. Interment Private. For info: 773-774-3232 or www.kolbusmayfh.com.



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McKinnon, Mary T.

Mary T., nee Benedetto, of Bellwood, age 90. Beloved wife of the late Vernon J. McKinnon; loving mother of Patty (Ken Duggins) McKinnon, Doug (Lynne) McKinnon, Grace (Jonathan Weeks) McKinnon Weeks; proud grandmother of Saralyn, Jocelyn, Ian, Emily, Ben, Will, Sadie and Simon; dear sister. 1946 graduate of Steinmetz High School. Active member within the Bellwood and Berkeley-Hillside Presbyterian Churches for many years. Family and friends will be received at the **Conboy-Westchester Funeral Home**, 10501 W. Cermak Rd., Westchester (2 blks. W. of Mannheim Rd.) on Saturday, February 9, 2019 from 9:30 a.m. until time of chapel service 11:00 a.m. Interment Mt. Emblem Cemetery. Memorials to Multiple Sclerosis Society appreciated. For further info: 708-F-U-N-E-R-A-L.



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McNamara, Otis A.

Otis A. McNamara, Veteran USMC, WWII. Beloved husband of the late Eileen, nee Banahan. Dear father of Brian (Betty), Kevin (Joan) and the late Denis (Mary). Loving grandfather of 9 and great grandfather of 2. Dear brother of Joan Considine and brother in law of Dolores Webber. Fond uncle of many nieces and nephews. Resting at **Beverly Ridge Funeral Home**; 10415 S. Kedzie Ave. Saturday 10:00 a.m. until time of service 11:00 a.m. Interment St. Mary Cemetery. Memorial Mass to be held at a later date. 773-779-4411



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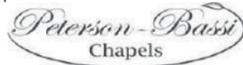
Michalak, Joseph

Beloved husband of Janice; loving father of Jillian, Michele, Stephanie, and Joseph; beloved son of the late Joseph and Sophie Michalak; fond grandfather of Liliانا and Everly; dear brother of Paul (Denise), Maryanne, and the late Gerald Michalak; brother in law of Nancy Dissette; fond uncle of Rebecca, Eric (Candy), and Jackie (Mark); great uncle of Jacob, Ryan, and Nick. Visitation Friday 3 p.m. to 9 p.m., Funeral Services Saturday 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. Chapel Services 11 a.m. at **Michael Coletta Sons Funeral Home** 544 W. 31st St. (Chicago) Interment Private. For Service Info (312)225-8500 or colettasonsfuneralhome.com

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Molony, Therese M.

Therese M. Molony nee Furlong, 92, joined her Savior and reunited with her late husband John and daughter Dorothy on January 30, 2019. Toasting her love and long life are her children Tom, Patricia (Mike) Andrew, Mary (Mike) Ary, John (Marietta), Casey Early, many grandchildren, great grandchildren, a great-great grandchild, nieces, nephews, close friends, former co-workers and members of her bridge groups. In lieu of flowers, please honor Therese's memory by supporting Catholic education at St. Malachy School <https://www.stmalachychicago.com/get-involved/> Memorial visitation 9AM Saturday, February 9, 2019 at St. Celestine Church, 3020 N. 76th Court, Elmwood Park, IL. Mass of Christian Burial at 10AM-followed by Inurnment at Mt.Carmel Cemetery, Hillside, IL. Arrangements entrusted to Peterson-Bassi Chapels 773-637-4441 or www.petersonfuneralhome.com



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Moyer Sr., Kevin W.

Suddenly, beloved husband and soul mate of Christine (nee Mullan); loving father of Megan (Jerry) Muradian, Chrissy (Ken) Triptow, Katie (Herb) Bartlett and Kevin (Jill) Moyer Jr.; proud and cherished Papa of Evan, Mia, Nolan, Mason, Landon, Easton, Lily, Wyatt, Hazel, Aiden and Kyle; devoted son of Rosaleen and the late William Moyer; dearest son-in-law- of David and Ida Mullan; dear brother of Mike (Teena Grutman), Colleen (Sam) Chapetta, Billy (Belinda), Patrick (Nancy), Danny and the late Tommy Moyer; fond uncle of many nieces and nephews and a friend to all. Visitation Friday 3-9 p.m. at **Cooney Funeral Home** 625 Busse Hwy Park Ridge. Funeral Saturday at South Park Church in Park Ridge (1330 Courtland Ave). Service at 10:30 a.m. Interment private. Info 847-685-1002 www.cooneyfuneralhome.com

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O'Driscoll, Jeremiah 'Kevin'

O'Driscoll, Jeremiah "Kevin" age 58, loving father of Brendan, beloved son of the late Jeremiah (Ellen) O'Driscoll, beloved brother of Thomas (Suzanne), Sean (Donna), Mary Pat (Eamon) Henry, Julieann (Jeff) Tornabene, and the late Patrick (Beth), former spouse Paula, fond uncle of many nieces and nephews. Visitation 11:30am-12:30pm, Saturday Feb. 9, 2019 at St. Juliana Church, 7201 N. Oketo Ave. Chicago, IL. 60631. Memorial Mass to follow at 12:30pm. Interment private. Arrangements by **Czachor Funeral Home**; For funeral info; 773-547-3840

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Pirok, Emil C. 'Mel'

Emil (Mel) C. Pirok, born March 4, 1929, went to be with the Lord, on February 1, 2019. He was the loving husband of 61 years to Judy M. Pirok (nee Gilbo), the devoted father of Susan Tingler, Jeffrey Pirok, Jane McParland, and Lynne Duffy, cherished grandfather to seven grandchildren and three great-grandchildren, and dear brother to Pauline (Pinky) Pirok. He was preceded in death by 8 siblings. Mel was a well respected History teacher at Niles Township High School (East and West) for over 30 years. He showed us love, strength and compassion and will be in our hearts forever. Memorial service will be held on Saturday, March 2, 2019, 10:00 AM at Park Ridge Community Church, 100 Courtland Avenue, Park Ridge, IL 60068. Luncheon immediately following. Memorials preferred to American Macular Degeneration Foundation or Parkinson's Foundation.

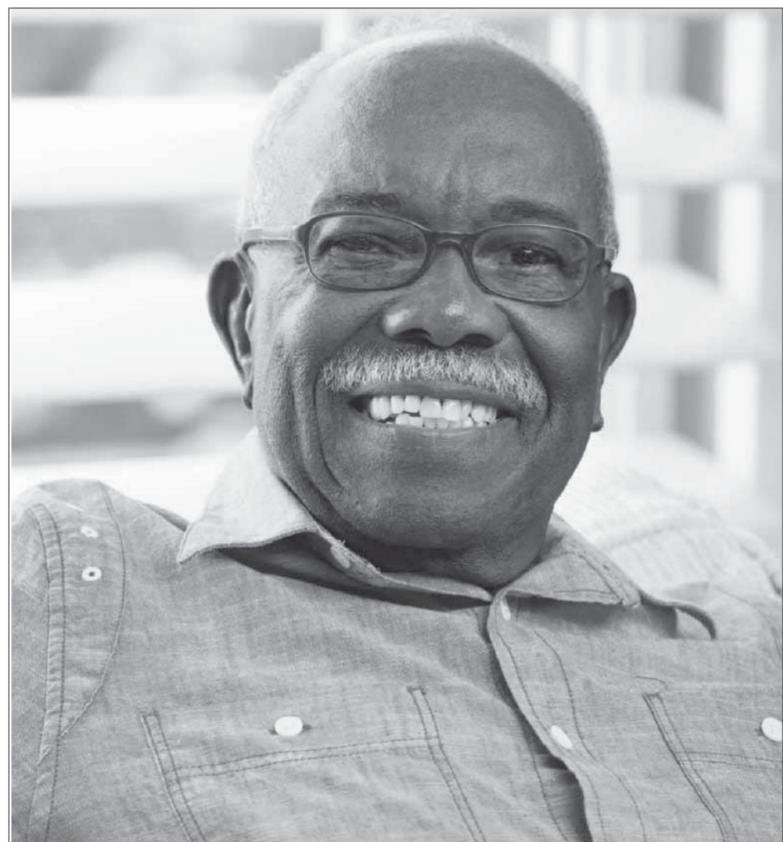
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Robertson, Alistair Laurence Hope

On Wednesday, January 30th, 2019, Alastair Laurence Hope Robertson, big-hearted father, grandfather and husband died at the age of 69. Alastair was born in Cape Town, South Africa in 1949 to Laurence Moncrieff and Mary Carruthers (Marsh) Hope Robertson. In 1979, he received his Masters of Science in Business Administration from University of Bath and then immigrated to the United States, with his then wife (Jennifer d.) and daughter. He spent his career working in the global access industry and has been the president of his company Universal Equipment since 1998. In 2013, he married Beth (Campbell) Robertson. Alastair raised four children and was a fun loving grandfather to eight grandchildren, Andrew, Leonard, James, Graham, Jack Paul, Reagan, Sadie and Reid. Alastair had a passion for international travel and especially enjoyed traveling to Asia. He was a proud member of the South African community in Chicago. His loyalty, generosity and big laugh will not be forgotten.

Alastair is survived by his four children Keri (Robert), Glenn (Jennifer), Struan (Danielle) and Brent (Kate) and their children, as well as his wife, Beth and her three children Amanda, Greg and Mary. His siblings Jane, Libby, Gavin and Donald also survive him. A memorial will be held, Friday February 8th 4-8pm at Hyatt Lodge on McDonald's Campus in Oakbrook, IL. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be directed to Re:New Project for Refugee Women www.renew-project.org.

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Schmidt, James M.

James M. Schmidt, 87, of Chicago, passed away on Monday, February 4, 2019 at St. Joseph Medical Center in Joliet.

He was born January 3, 1932 in Bloomington, Ill. to Christopher Schmidt and Doris Schmidt, nee Greenman. The family moved to Chicago when he was young and he spent most of his life in the Mayfair neighborhood.

James served in the U.S. Navy as a Seabee during the Korean War. He married Dorothy Brasel on October 20, 1957 and they had two sons.

He worked as a union plumber for 50 years, was Scoutmaster for Boy Scout Troop 904 and a leader for VFW Niles Memorial Post 7712.

Survived by two sons, Martin (Sandi) Schmidt and Robert Schmidt (Elizabeth Brohan); four grandchildren, James Patrick (Jean) Schmidt, Michael Schmidt (Becky Saladino), Ryan Schmidt and Matthew Schmidt; and two great-grandsons.

Preceded in death by his parents; his wife, Dorothy; and his siblings.

Visitation Friday, February 8, from 4-8 p.m. at Markiewicz Funeral Home, 108 Illinois Street, Lemont, IL. Viewing from 9-10 a.m. followed by funeral Mass at 10 a.m. on Saturday, February 9, at SS. Cyril and Methodius Catholic Church, 608 Sobieski Street, Lemont, IL. Interment All Saints Cemetery, Des Plaines.

Memorials may be sent to BSA Troop 904 or Niles Memorial VFW Post 3579.

For information, (630) 257-6363 or www.markiewiczfh.com.

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Simeoni, Alfred Louis 'Fred'

Fred Simeoni, 87, died peacefully on 4 February, 2019. Survived by his wife of 28 years Julie, sister Linda Kozlowski (Jerry), son John (Cindy), daughter Tina White (Mark), 4 grandchildren and 2 great grandchildren. Preceded by wife of 36 years Lucy (Gardner). Visitation before mass at Visitation Church in Elmhurst at 0800 on 9 February.

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Stroz, John D.

John D. Stroz beloved husband of Denise (nee Niemiec) Stroz. Loving father of Jennifer (Scott) Gumienny and Jaclyn Koehler. Proud grandfather of Vivian, Blair, and Scott Gumienny II. Dear brother of Regina (John) Wall and Susan (Kenneth) Niemiec. Devoted son of the late Fabian "Bill" and Ruby Stroz. Fond uncle of many nieces and nephews. Visitation Friday 3-9 p.m. Funeral Saturday 9:15 a.m. at the Robert J. Sheehy and Sons Funeral Home, 4950 W. 79th Street, Burbank, IL to Our Lady of the Ridge Church, 10811 Ridgeland Avenue, Chicago Ridge, IL, Mass 10:00 a.m. Interment private. www.sheehyfh.com 708-857-7878

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Walker, Dora Ann

Dora Ann Walker nee Hughes, February 5, 2019, age 58. Late of Glenwood, formerly of Hazel Crest. Beloved wife of David A. Walker. Dear mother of David (Amber) Walker and Kari (James) Jamich. Cherished grandmother of Johnathan, Sean, Anastasia and Logan. Loving daughter of Jeanne (the late Frank Pope) and the late Ronald Hughes. Fond sister of Johnny (Trudie) Hughes and Daniel (Rose) Pope. 40 year employee of Mi-Jack Inc. Resting at the **Tews-Ryan Funeral Home**, 18230 Dixie Hwy., Homewood Friday February 8th from 2:00-9:00 p.m. Service 11:00 a.m. Saturday. Interment Chapel Hill Gardens South. www.tews-ryanfh.com or 708 798-5300.

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Walters, Albert Arthur

Albert Arthur Walters age 59, passed away Monday, February 4, 2019 surrounded by his loving family. Al grew up in Chicago and graduated from Wright College and Milliken University where he majored in art which then led to his career as a jeweler. He was employed at Persin and Robbin Jewelers in Arlington Heights for 25 years. He was also a longtime member of Boy Scout Troop 979 where he made the highest rank as an Eagle Scout. Beloved father to Julia (former wife Inna); cherished brother to Lynne Shah (Sajjad), Karen, Carl (Sally), Mike (Karen) and loving companion to Heather Solano. Preceded in death by his parents Albert and Marthan Walters. Visitation will be held on Friday, February 8, 2019 from 3:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at **Cooney Funeral Home** 625 N. Busse Hwy, Park Ridge, IL 60068. Visitation will resume at the funeral home on Saturday, February 9th from 10:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. In lieu of flowers, memorial gifts may be directed to the Les Turner ALS foundation or JourneyCare Hospice Foundation in Barrington, IL. A special thanks to the Les Turner ALS Foundation and JourneyCare Hospice in Barrington, IL for all their care, help and support. For information, please call 847-685-1002 or visit www.cooneyfuneralhome.com

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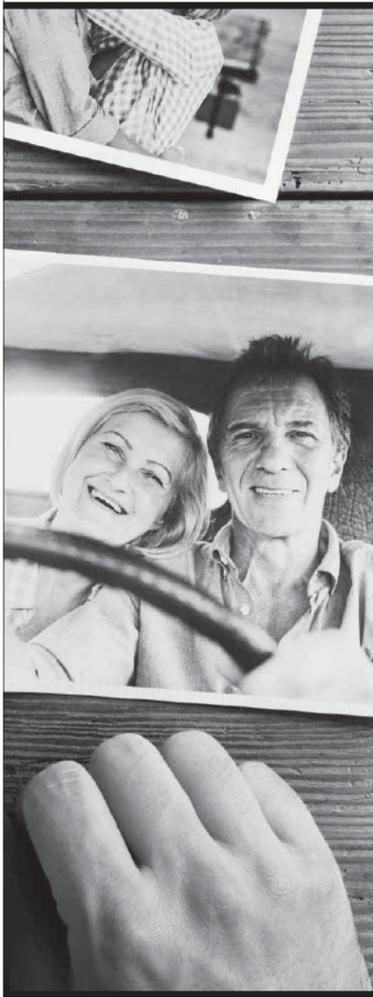
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the owner is: Albert Levy
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Chicago, Illinois, 60602

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in relation to the use of an Assumed Business
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File No.
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Date: January 22, 2019
Under the Assumed Name of: A Little
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK
COUNTY, ILLINOIS JUVENILE JUSTICE AND
CHILD PROTECTION DEPARTMENT CHILD
PROTECTION DIVISION

IN THE INTEREST OF
Angel Botello

MINOR(S) CHILD(REN) OF Elizabeth Trilla-
Waszak (Mother)

JUVENILE NO.: 18JA01113

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

NOTICE IS GIVEN YOU, Unknown (Father),
respondents, and to All Whom It May
Concern, that on November 26, 2018, a
petition was filed under the Juvenile Court
Act by KIM FOXX in this court and that in the
courtroom of Judge Demetrios Kottaras in the
Cook County Juvenile Court Building,
1100 So. Hamilton Avenue, Chicago, Illinois,
ON 03/01/2019 at 10:30 AM in CALENDAR
7 COURTROOM G, or as soon thereafter as
this case may be heard, an adjudicatory
hearing will be held upon the petition to
have the minor declared to be a ward of the
court and for other relief under the Act.

THE COURT HAS AUTHORITY IN THIS
CASE TO TAKE FROM YOU THE CUSTODY
AND GUARDIANSHIP OF THE MINOR, TO
TERMINATE YOUR PARENTAL RIGHTS AND
TO APPOINT A GUARDIAN WITH POWER TO
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PETITION REQUESTS THE TERMINATION OF
YOUR PARENTAL RIGHTS AND APPOINTMENT
OF A GUARDIAN WITH POWER TO CONSENT
TO ADOPTION, YOU MAY LOSE ALL PARENTAL
RIGHTS TO THE CHILD.

UNLESS YOU appear, you will not be entitled
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notices of the proceedings in this case,
including the filing of an amended petition
or a motion to terminate parental rights.

UNLESS YOU appear at the hearing and
show cause against the petition, the
allegations of the petition may stand
admitted as against you and each of you,
and an order or judgment entered.

DOROTHY BROWN, CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT
COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS
February 7, 2019

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK
COUNTY, ILLINOIS JUVENILE JUSTICE AND
CHILD PROTECTION DEPARTMENT CHILD
PROTECTION DIVISION

IN THE INTEREST OF
Camaya Brown

MINOR(S) CHILD(REN) OF Cara Brown
(Mother)

JUVENILE NO.: 18JA00298

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

NOTICE IS GIVEN YOU, Unknown (Father),
respondents, and to All Whom It May
Concern, that on March 28, 2018, a
petition was filed under the Juvenile Court
Act by KIM FOXX in this court and that in the
courtroom of Judge John Huff in the
Cook County Juvenile Court Building, 1100
So. Hamilton Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, ON
02/22/2019 at 9:30 AM in CALENDAR 14
COURTROOM N, or as soon thereafter as this
case may be heard, an adjudicatory hearing
will be held upon the petition to have the
minor declared to be a ward of the court
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COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS
February 7, 2019

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK
COUNTY, ILLINOIS JUVENILE JUSTICE AND
CHILD PROTECTION DEPARTMENT CHILD
PROTECTION DIVISION

IN THE INTEREST OF
Genesis Rodriguez

MINOR(S) CHILD(REN) OF Jessica Rodriguez
(Mother)

JUVENILE NO.: 17JA01357

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

NOTICE IS GIVEN YOU, Juan Carlos Laboy
(Father), respondents, and to All Whom It
May Concern, that on December 22, 2017,
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minor declared to be a ward of the court
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COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS
February 7, 2019

LEGAL NOTICES

The Metropolitan Water Reclamation
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Electrical Operator I (Original)

Application Filing Period: January 25, 2019
through February 22, 2019. Examination Date:
March 16, 2019 at Chicago High School for
Agricultural Sciences (CHAS), 3857 West
111th Street, Chicago, IL. Scope of
Examination: Knowledge of Electrical
Operator I practices. Nature of Position and
Duties: Attends, operates, and cleans electrical
control equipment at a sewage treatment plant,
in a pumping station, or a lock, during an
assigned rotating shift. Pay: \$46.86 per hour

Electrical Operator II
(Original & Promotional)

Application Filing Period: January 25, 2019
through February 22, 2019. Examination Date:
March 16, 2019 at Chicago High School for
Agricultural Sciences (CHAS), 3857 West
111th Street, Chicago, IL. Scope of
Examination: Knowledge of Electrical
Operator II practices. Nature of Position and
Duties: Has charge of, attends to, operates and
cleans electrical control equipment at a sewage
treatment plant or pumping station. May
supervise lower level Electrical Operators. Pay:
\$49.20 per hour

Legal Assistant (Original & Promotional)

Application Filing Period: February 1, 2019
through March 1, 2019. Examination Date:
March 23, 2019 at Chicago High School for
Agricultural Sciences (CHAS), 3857 West
111th Street, Chicago, IL. Scope of
Examination: Knowledge of legal assistant
practices. Nature of Position and Duties:
Under general supervision of attorneys and/or
a Senior Legal Assistant, performs entry-level
paralegal work in support of District activities.
Pay: \$67,032.16 per year

Senior Legal Assistant (Promotional)

Application Filing Period: February 1, 2019
through March 1, 2019. Examination Date:
March 23, 2019 at Chicago High School for
Agricultural Sciences (CHAS), 3857 West
111th Street, Chicago, IL. Scope of
Examination: Knowledge of senior legal
assistant practices. Nature of Position and
Duties: Under general supervision of attorneys,
performs more advanced paralegal work in
support of District activities. Pay: \$79,107.08
per year

Stores Specialist (Original)

Application Filing Period: January 25, 2019
through February 22, 2019. Examination Date:
March 23, 2019 at Chicago High School for
Agricultural Sciences (CHAS), 3857 West
111th Street, Chicago, IL. Scope of
Examination: Knowledge of stores specialist
practices. Nature of Position and Duties:
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STATE OF INDIANA) IN THE CARROLL SUPERIOR COURT
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COUNTY OF CARROLL) CAUSE NUMBER: 08D01-1812-JT-000015

IN THE MATTER OF THE TERMINATION
OF THE PARENT-CHILD RELATIONSHIP:
AMK - DOB 11/29/2003
AND
DEBRA KLIMA (BIOLOGICAL MOTHER)

SUMMONS FOR SERVICE BY
PUBLICATION & NOTICE OF
TERMINATION OF PARENTAL RIGHTS
WILLIAM KLIMA, SR. (BIOLOGICAL FATHER)

TO: Debra Klima
William Klima, Sr.
Whereabouts unknown

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN to the above noted parent whose whereabouts are
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answer the Petition for Termination of your Parental Rights of said child.

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all parental rights, powers, privileges, immunities, duties and obligations including
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You are entitled to representation by an attorney, provided by the State if applicable,
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on said petition and termination of your parental rights may be entered against you, in
your absence, without further notice.

1/17/19 /s/ Andrea Miller
Clerk

Morgan L. Willis, #26152-10
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Application Filing Period: January 25, 2019 through February 8, 2019. **Examination Date:** February 23, 2019. **Location:** To be announced. **Scope of Examination:** Knowledge of machinist practices. **Nature of Position and Duties:** Under supervision, performs skilled manual work in connection with the operation of precision machine tools used in fabricating metal parts. Installs, repairs and maintains mechanical equipment in the shop and in the field. **Pay:** \$48.38 per hour

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Application Filing Period: January 25, 2019 through February 8, 2019. **Examination Date:** February 23, 2019 at MWRD Main Office Building Annex, 111 E. Erie Street, Chicago, IL. **Scope of Examination:** Knowledge of master mechanic practices. **Nature of Position and Duties:** Under direction, coordinates and directs the repair, maintenance and installation of mechanical equipment and the repair and alteration of structures at sewage treatment and disposal plants, pumping plants and related facilities. **Pay:** \$124,882.16 per year

Pollution Control Technician I (Original)

Application Filing Period: February 1, 2019 through February 8, 2019. **Examination Date:** March 9, 2019 at Northside College Preparatory High School, 5501 North Kedzie Street, Chicago, IL. **Scope of Examination:** Knowledge of Pollution Control Technician I practices. **Nature of Position and Duties:** Under supervision gathers samples of water from streams, waterways, and industrial waste discharges for use in laboratory analysis and performs related duties as required. **Pay:** \$29.07 per hour

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In the Circuit Court of Cook County, Illinois. Notice is given to you, Thomas Tavera, Dejan Vojic, and Anteo Yanga, addresses unknown, that on the 15th day of February, 2019, a Motion for Default Judgement will be presented in the matter of Burda v. Central Square Condo, et al., Case No. 17 CH 006569, before Judge Anna M. Loftus, Courtroom 2410 at 10:00 a.m. Unless you appear at the hearing and show cause against the Motion, the Motion will stand and an order of judgement will be entered. You will not be entitled to further written notices or publication notices of this matter.

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F180620227FVTSV RLM IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT, CHANCERY DIVISION Wilmington Savings Fund Society, FSB d/b/a Christiana Trust, not individually but as trustee for Pretium Mortgage Acquisition Trust Plaintiff, vs. Christine Carter, Beverly Trust Company NKA Suburban Bank & Trust CO not personally but as trustee on behalf of trust #8-9415 dated 8-9415; Portfolio Recovery Associates LLC, Midland Funding LLC; Unknown Beneficiaries of the Beverly Trust Company NKA Suburban Bank & Trust CO not personally but as trustee on behalf of trust #8-9415 dated 8-9415; Unknown Owners and Non-Record Claimants Defendants. CASE NO. 17 CH 372 10111 South Eberhart Avenue, Chicago, Illinois 60628 Curry, Jr. Calendar 57 NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION The requisite affidavit for publication having been filed, notice is hereby given you and other defendants in the Circuit Court for the foreclosure of a certain mortgage conveying the premises described as follows, to wit: LOT 9 IN BLOCK 1 IN DIVERSEY HIGHLANDS BEING A SUBDIVISION OF THE NORTH QUARTER OF THE NORTH HALF OF THE EAST HALF OF THE SOUTHEAST QUARTER OF SECTION 29, TOWNSHIP 40 NORTH, RANGE 13, EAST OF THE THIRD PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN, IN COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS. P.L.N.: 13-29-407-010-0000 Said property is commonly known as 2735 North Parkside Avenue, Chicago, Illinois 60639, and which said mortgage(s) was/were made by Nestor R. Moreno and recorded in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds as Document Number 1427557047 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 defendant, 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 MARCH 11, 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. 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 ipleadings@AnselmoLindberg.com THIS LAW FIRM IS DEEMED TO BE A DEBT COLLECTOR. Pub: 1/24, 31, 2/7/2019 6101369

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F18030331 LCARE IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT, CHANCERY DIVISION Lakovick Services, LLC Plaintiff, vs. Nestor R. Moreno aka Nestor Moreno; Unknown Owners and Non-Record Claimants Defendants. CASE NO. 18 CH 16134 2735 North Parkside Avenue, Chicago, Illinois 60639 Curry, Jr. Calendar 57 NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION The requisite affidavit for publication having been filed, notice is hereby given you, Nestor R. Moreno aka Nestor Moreno, 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 foreclosure of a certain mortgage conveying the premises described as follows: to wit: LOT 9 IN BLOCK 1 IN DIVERSEY HIGHLANDS BEING A SUBDIVISION OF THE NORTH QUARTER OF THE NORTH HALF OF THE EAST HALF OF THE SOUTHEAST QUARTER OF SECTION 29, TOWNSHIP 40 NORTH, RANGE 13, EAST OF THE THIRD PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN, IN COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS. P.L.N.: 13-29-407-010-0000 Said property is commonly known as 2735 North Parkside Avenue, Chicago, Illinois 60639, and which said mortgage(s) was/were made by Nestor R. Moreno and recorded in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds as Document Number 1427557047 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 defendant, 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 MARCH 11, 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. 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 ipleadings@AnselmoLindberg.com THIS LAW FIRM IS DEEMED TO BE A DEBT COLLECTOR. Pub: 2/7, 14, 21/2019 6128342

F18120066 CPN IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT, CHANCERY DIVISION NatioStar Mortgage LLC d/b/a Champion Mortgage Company Plaintiff, vs. Mose Hibbler, Secretary of Housing and Urban Development; State of Illinois Department of Healthcare and Family Services; Unknown Owners and Non-Record Claimants Defendants. CASE NO. 18 CH 89 8011 South Escanaba Avenue, Chicago, Illinois 60617, and which said mortgage(s) was/were made by Mose Hibbler and Alberta Wainwright and recorded in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds as Document Number 050846163 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 defendant, 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 March 11, 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. 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 ipleadings@AnselmoLindberg.com THIS LAW FIRM IS DEEMED TO BE A DEBT COLLECTOR. Pub: 2/7, 14, 21/2019 6127784

F18110213 FITH IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT, CHANCERY DIVISION Fifth Third Mortgage Company Plaintiff, vs. Debra L. Davis aka Debra Davis; Federal Home Loan Bank of Indianapolis; Neighborhood Lending Services, Inc.; Midland Funding LLC; Illinois Housing Development Authority; Secretary of Housing and Urban Development; Unknown Owners and Non-Record Claimants Defendants. CASE NO. 18 CH 15385 7428 South Harvard Avenue, Chicago, Illinois 60621 Spratt Calendar 64 NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION The requisite affidavit for publication having been filed, notice is hereby given you, Debra L. Davis aka Debra Davis, 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 foreclosure of a certain mortgage conveying the premises described as follows, to wit: LOT 5 IN BLOCK 7 IN KATHERINE HOFMANN'S SUBDIVISION, BEING A SUBDIVISION OF THE SOUTH 1/2 OF THE NORTH 1/2 OF THE SOUTH 1/2 OF THE SOUTH 1/2 OF THE NORTH 1/2 OF THE NORTH 1/2 OF SECTION 28, TOWNSHIP 38 NORTH, RANGE 14, EAST OF THE THIRD PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN, IN COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS. P.L.N.: 20-28-223-026-0000 Said property is commonly known as 7428 South Harvard Avenue, Chicago, Illinois 60621, and which said mortgage(s) was/were made by Debra L. Davis and recorded in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds as Document Number 0907633120 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 defendant, 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 25, 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. 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 ipleadings@AnselmoLindberg.com THIS LAW FIRM IS DEEMED TO BE A DEBT COLLECTOR. Pub: 1/24, 31, 2/7/2019 6101326

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F18110182 CNLR IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT, CHANCERY DIVISION CHIMortgage, Inc. Plaintiff, vs. Sandra D. Edwards aka Sandra Edwards; Citibank, N.A.; Sierra View Holdings Inc.; Unknown Owners and Non-Record Claimants Defendants. CASE NO. 19 CH 56 223 West 106th Street, Chicago, Illinois 60628 Lyle Calendar 56 NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION The requisite affidavit for publication having been filed, notice is hereby given you, Sandra D. Edwards aka Sandra Edwards, 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 foreclosure of a certain mortgage conveying the premises described as follows: to wit: LOT 95 IN JOHNSON'S SUBDIVISION OF LOT 20 EXCEPT THE WEST 33 FEET THEREOF IN THE SCHOOL TRUSTEE'S SUBDIVISION IN SECTION 16, TOWNSHIP 37 NORTH, RANGE 14, EAST OF THE THIRD PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN, IN COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS. P.L.N.: 18-14-212-039-0000 Said property is commonly known as 223 West 106th Street, Chicago, Illinois 60628, and which said mortgage(s) was/were made by Sandra D. Edwards and recorded in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds as Document Number 083274154 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 defendant, 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 March 11, 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. 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 ipleadings@AnselmoLindberg.com THIS LAW FIRM IS DEEMED TO BE A DEBT COLLECTOR. Pub: 2/7, 14, 21/2019 6127886

MANLEY, DEAS, KOCHALSKI LLC One East Wacker - Suite 1250 Chicago, IL 60601 IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS, NATIONSTAR MORTGAGE LLC D/B/A CHAMPION MORTGAGE COMPANY, Plaintiff, v. THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT; UNKNOWN OWNERS AND LEGATEES OF HAZEL L. COX, DECEASED; TIMEPAYMENT CORP; CAPITAL ONE BANK (USA), N.A.; FAYE REED SMITH; STATE OF ILLINOIS; UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS; RAYMOND SMITH; CAROL SHERMAN; AS SPECIAL REPRESENTATIVE OF HAZEL L. COX, DECEASED; THE UNKNOWN HEIRS AND LEGATEES OF FRED A. COX, DECEASED, Defendants. CASE NO. 2018CH05815 The requisite affidavit for publication having been filed, notice is hereby given you, Unknown Heirs and Legatees of Hazel L. Cox, Deceased, Faye Reed Smith, Unknown Owners and Non-Record Claimants, The Unknown Heirs and Legatees of Fred A. Cox, Deceased, and the said above named defendants, that the said suit has been commenced in the Circuit Court of 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 West 40 feet of the East 174 feet of the North 125 feet of block 11 Stony Island Heights, a subdivision in the Southwest Quarter of Section 1, Township 37 North, Range 14 East of the Third Principal Meridian, Cook County, Illinois. 1741 East 91st Place, Chicago, IL 60617. 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 March 11, 2019, default may be entered 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 <http://www.illinoiscourts.gov/faq/gethelp.asp> or contact the Clerk of this Court, Zachariah L. Manchester (6308385) 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: self-zmanchester@manleydeas.com file number: 18-029131 One of Plaintiff's Attorneys Pub: 2/7, 14, 21/2019 6127739

MANLEY, DEAS, KOCHALSKI LLC One East Wacker - Suite 1250 Chicago, IL 60601 IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS, BANK OF AMERICA, N.A., Plaintiff, v. UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS; UNKNOWN HEIRS AND LEGATEES OF ANNA W. HOLDER, DECEASED; MYCHON KIRKLAND; JULIE FOX, AS SPECIAL REPRESENTATIVE FOR ANNA W. HOLDER, DECEASED. Defendants. Case No. 2018CH10305 The requisite affidavit for publication having been filed, notice is hereby given you, Unknown Owners and Non-Record Claimants, Unknown Heirs and Legatees of Anna W. Holder, Deceased, 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 13 in Block 16 in Gross Subdivision of Blocks 15, 16, 17 and 18 and the North half of Blocks 23 and 24 in Dauphin Park Addition, a Subdivision of the East half of the North East Quarter of Section 3, Township 37 North, Range 14 East of the Third Principal Meridian, in Cook County, Illinois. 607 East 88th Street, Chicago, IL 60619 25-03-210-003-0000 Now, therefore, unless you, Unknown Owners and Non-Record Claimants, Unknown Heirs and Legatees of Anna W. Holder, Deceased, 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 March 11, 2019, default may be entered 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 <http://www.illinoiscourts.gov/faq/gethelp.asp> or contact the Clerk of this Court, Shara A. Netterstrom (6294499) 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: self-epeterka@manleydeas.com file number: 18-027662 One of Plaintiff's Attorneys Pub: 2/7, 14, 21/2019 6127729

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MANLEY, DEAS, KOCHALSKI LLC One East Wacker - Suite 1250 Chicago, IL 60601 IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS, FIFTH THIRD MORTGAGE COMPANY, Plaintiff, v. VIRGINIA DELEON; GLADYS DELEON, AKA GLADYS V. DELEON; STATE OF ILLINOIS; UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS, Defendants. Case No. 2018CH05815 The requisite affidavit for publication having been filed, notice is hereby given you, Virginia Deleon, Gladys Deleon, AKA Gladys V. Deleon, Unknown Owners and Non-Record Claimants, that the said suit has been commenced in the Circuit Court of 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 18 in the Resubdivision of Block 22 (Except Lots 28, 29, 30 and 31) in Pennock in the West 1/2 of the Southwest 1/4 of Section 26, Township 40 North, Range 13 East of the Third Principal Meridian, in Cook County, Illinois. 2521 North Springfield Avenue Apartment, AKA 2521 North Springfield Avenue, Chicago, IL 60647 16-26-317-018-0000 Now, therefore, unless you, Virginia Deleon, Gladys Deleon, AKA Gladys V. Deleon, 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 March 11, 2019, default may be entered 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 <http://www.illinoiscourts.gov/faq/gethelp.asp> or contact the Clerk of this Court, Zachariah L. Manchester (6308385) 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: self-zmanchester@manleydeas.com file number: 18-029131 One of Plaintiff's Attorneys Pub: 2/7, 14, 21/2019 6127875

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. GLORIA L. CLENNA, AKA GLORIA CLENNA; WILLIAM FRANCIS; UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS, Defendants. Case No. 2019CH00128 The requisite affidavit for publication having been filed, notice is hereby given you, Gloria L. Clenna, Aka Gloria Clenna, William Francis, 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 thirty-three (33) in Block twelve (12) in Chatham Fields, being a subdivision of the Northeast Quarter of Section thirty-four (34), Township thirty-eight (38) North, Range fourteen (14) East of the Third Principal Meridian, in Cook County, Illinois. 8013 South Rhodes, Chicago, IL 60619 20-34-211-004-0000 Now, therefore, unless you, Gloria L. Clenna, Aka Gloria Clenna, William Francis, 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 25, 2019, default may be entered 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 <http://www.illinoiscourts.gov/faq/gethelp.asp> or contact the Clerk of this Court, Shara A. Netterstrom (6294499) 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: self-sannetstrom@manleydeas.com file number: 18-083802 One of Plaintiff's Attorneys Pub: 1/24, 31, 2/7/2019 6101360

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Parker, Portis sent to Wizards

Bulls acquire forward Porter before dropping ninth straight decision

By K.C. JOHNSON
Chicago Tribune

Anthony Davis hugged some well-wishers and said his good-byes on Wednesday night at the United Center.

The Pelicans' All-Star big man wasn't traded. Jabari Parker, his former Chicago Public League rival, was.

In a surreal scene playing out

mere minutes before the Bulls' lost their ninth straight home game with a 125-120 decision against the Pelicans, Davis' future employer remained unresolved while Parker joined Bobby Portis en route to the Wizards.

Lauri Markkanen scored 30 points with 10 rebounds, while Zach LaVine scored 28 points. Julius Randle scored 19 of his 31 points in the fourth quarter for the injury-depleted Pelicans. The nine straight home defeats tie a Bulls franchise record.

Getting realistic about their 2019 free agency options, the Bulls

delved deep into their projected salary cap space to acquire Otto Porter Jr.

Porter, a 6-foot-8 wing who is averaging 12.6 points, 5.6 rebounds and 2 assists in his sixth season, slots in as the starting small forward, a role the Bulls signed Parker to fill before quickly shelving that experiment.

Porter, 25, is due \$55.7 million over the next two seasons. That contract carries a \$28.4 million player option in 2020-21 that he almost certainly will exercise.

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Jabari Parker (2) and Bobby Portis posed during the Bulls' media day on Sept. 24. Parker and Portis were dealt to the Wizards on Wednesday.

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Devil's advocate

JIMMY GREENFIELD | On the Blackhawks

Let's not make a deal: Hawks are playoff contenders and need to act like it



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Probability that the Blackhawks make the playoffs, according to *hockeyreference.com*, even after winning their fifth consecutive game Tuesday night against the Oilers.

Don't do it, please. Don't be upset the Blackhawks are making a run at the playoffs. Resist the urge to be anything less than thrilled that Patrick Kane is playing like a man possessed, that Jonathan Toews has recaptured a prime that appeared to be gone, and that the Hawks' power play is practically a sure thing.

Resist feeling conflicted when Erik Gustafsson is blasting overtime goals from the point like a youthful Brent Seabrook, when veteran Cam Ward and rookie Collin Delia are taking turns standing tall in the net or when Alex DeBrincat snipes another wrist shot past an unprepared goaltender.

Resist the idea that coach Jeremy Colliton doesn't have the Hawks believing in themselves.

But above all, resist being in any way angry that the Hawks are winning. That's the cardinal sin of fandom. Don't go there.

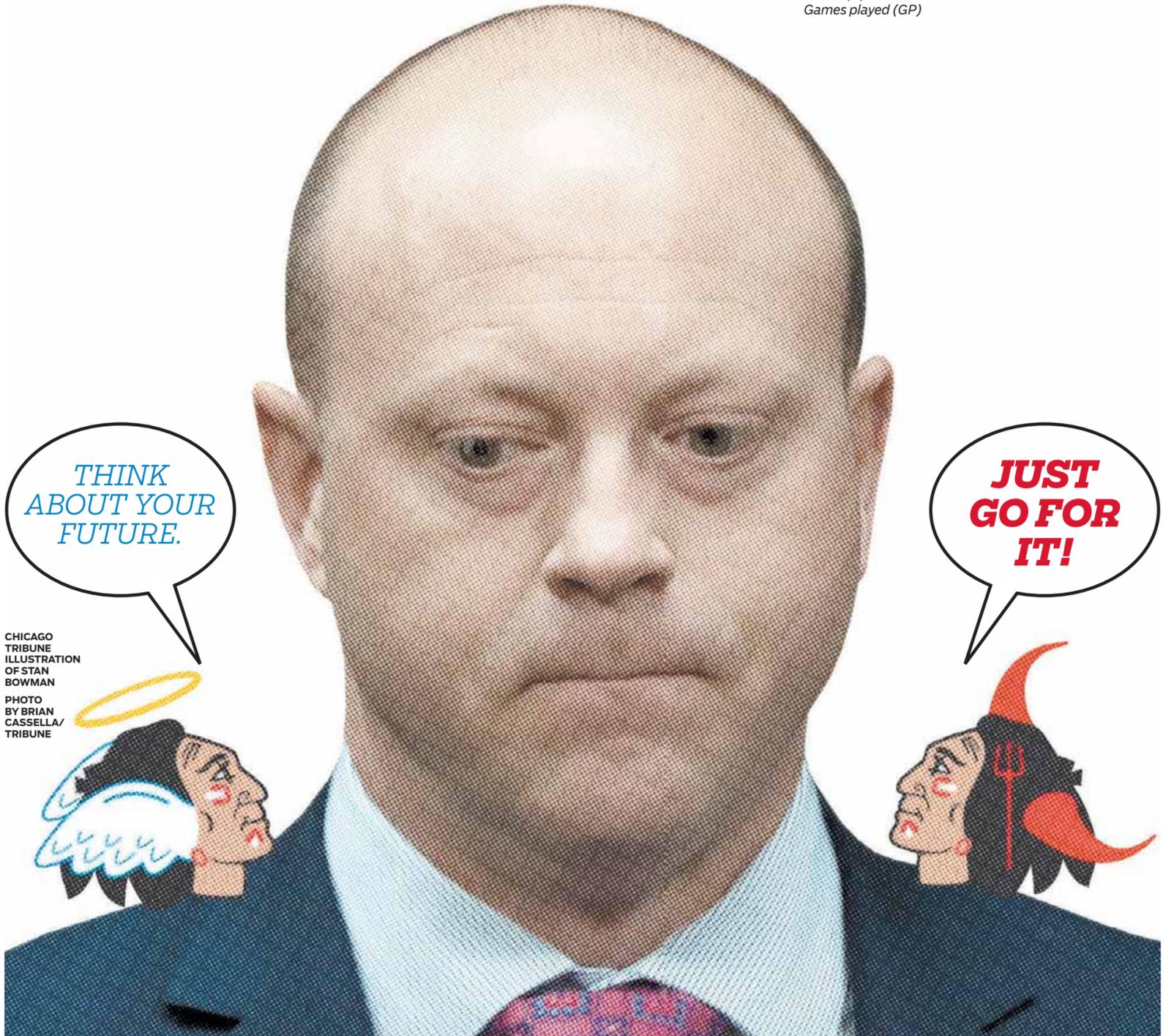
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DEVIL IS IN THE DETAILS

Wild-card race in the West (top 2 make it)

Team	P	GP
1 Wild	57	53
2 Canucks	54	54
3 Blues	53	51
4 Avs	52	52
5 Coyotes	51	53
6 Oilers	51	53
7 Hawks	51	54
8 Ducks	51	54
9 Kings	48	53

Points (P)
Games played (GP)



CHICAGO TRIBUNE ILLUSTRATION OF STAN BOWMAN
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TOP OF THE SECOND



PHIL ROSENTHAL

MLBeef: Make a call on DH

And you thought the ballgames took too long?

Here it is, 46 years after the American League adopted the designated hitter and Major League Baseball continues to dither over whether National League pitchers should grab a bat and take their cuts at the plate.

Either have the National League take on the DH or make American League pitchers hit — but choose one and get on with it.

How is it baseball is still wrestling with this?

Interleague play has been around since 1997. MLB standardized virtually everything between the two leagues three years later, unifying the disparate AL and NL umpiring staffs. Everything but the DH.

Among the changes that entailed was the end of varying strike zones for the leagues, a product of how NL and AL home-plate umpires wore their chest protectors. It was a small distinction but notable nonetheless.

So how about we make a call on the DH? All or nothing. Now.

No other pro sports league operates like this.

Imagine if the NFL's NFC teams kicked off from the 35 yard-line while AFC teams teed up on the 30; if Western Conference teams in the NBA had different rules for 3-point shots than the Eastern; or if some NHL teams weren't allowed to pull their goalie.

Personally, if you're asking, I'd take the DH in the NL. Almost every other pro baseball league in the world has it. This is the sport today, and the NL should try to play it.

Cubs fans and other NL purists may mourn the change in strategic options, but everything evolves. They already had to get used to it for all road interleague games anyway.

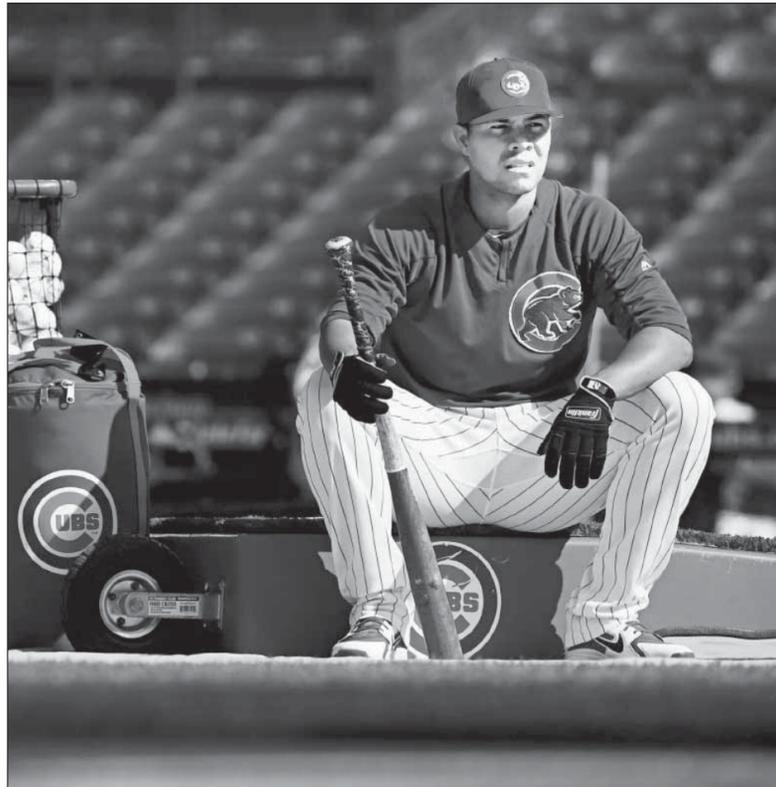
That said, I've always enjoyed watching guys like Ken Brett, Carlos Zambrano and Fergie Jenkins hit and despise the notion of treating pitchers like thoroughbreds or delicate flowers.

Pitch counts and coddled arms bore me more than pitchers flailing away at the plate.

Watching pitchers try to bat not only is often amusing but sometimes yields an unexpected delight. Recall the Mets' Bartolo Colon chugging around the bases after taking James Shields deep or Brewers reliever Brandon Woodruff stunning Dodgers ace Clayton Kershaw in last year's NL Championship Series.

That sort of thing reminds you of playing ball with your friends when you were a kid, and someone unexpectedly connected just so.

But the prospect of more consistently putting the ball in play rather than having one batter in the lineup who nearly always goes down meekly trumps whatever subtle



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Do we really need to see pitchers such as the Cubs' Jose Quintana handle a bat?

charm pitchers' sporadic at-bat success may yield.

The game needs more ground balls, fewer strikeouts.

More critically, if owners want to enact pace-of-play rule changes, as they're talking about, like having a three-batter minimum for relief pitchers, the players union is going to need something in return.

Universal DH has topped the union wish list for some time, but National League owners aren't crazy about taking on the payroll cost of adding a solid veteran hitter to the roster.

(That's assuming they pay to add a solid veteran hitter. Given the tepid free-agent market of late, it's hard to say what owners are willing to spend money to get despite what they may need.)

Then again, think about how costly it was to have Cubs reliever Pedro Strop strain his left hamstring running to first in mid-September. If you own a ballclub, everything has a price.

There's going to need to be some give and take.

A DH is a way for old fan favorites to stay longer in the game, and these days baseball needs as many fan favorites as it can produce.

Incidentally, the three-batter minimum idea for relievers fits nicely within my "let's not treat hurlers like Faberge eggs" mindset, but I'd be more comfortable if I felt I fully grasped the real-game implications such a restriction would have.

If MLB is determined to speed up the game, what would happen if pitchers were required to be fully warmed up when called in from the bullpen, saving the time of having them throw from the mound once they get there?

No, I'm not out to injure anyone. Just throwing the idea out there. Sorry.

But see how quickly you can get a consensus to a rule-change proposal.

So DH or no DH, whatever. MLB needs to get off the fence and bring the game into alignment with itself.

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ASK THE REPORTER MARK GONZALES

Batting leading off ... for the Cubs ...



Is Joe Maddon going to play musical chairs at the leadoff spot?

— Jeffrey K. Claeson

He has little choice but to use multiple leadoff hitters and multiple lineups. The only difference from last year is that you won't see Ian Happ at the top as much as he was early last season. With Daniel Murphy gone, this creates more opportunities for Albert Almora. I still think there's a scenario where Ben Zobrist bats leadoff at least once a week. Maddon likes Zobrist batting behind Rizzo, but the switch-hitting Zobrist can work deep counts and help his teammates. If Willson Contreras can return to his 2017 form, I can see Zobrist hitting more at the top. If Bryant or Rizzo are batting leadoff, it's an indication the offense is struggling.

I guess a healthy Yu Darvish and Kris Bryant are almost like adding two big-time free agents, but are the Cubs going to do anything about the closer role, or will it be by committee until Brandon Morrow comes back?

— Bill Patterson

The closer role is tentatively set with Pedro Strop handling the majority of the closer duties until Morrow returns. Some setup relievers can't handle the closer duties on a short-term basis, but Strop did very well after Morrow was sidelined in the second half. I also can see newcomer Brad Brach spelling Strop on occasion, but Brach is well-suited for setup duty.

Are the Cubs going to get a power lefty for the bullpen?

— Chris Myers

With Andrew Miller and Britton off the market, the Cubs may need to settle for an effective reliever who can retire left-handed batters. Right-handed reliever Tony Barnette, who held left-handed hitters to a .167 average last season for the Rangers, could be a sleeper if he's healthy. The available free-agent lefties include Jake Diekman, Tony Sipp, Xavier Ceden, Dan Jennings, Jorge De La Rosa and Boone Logan. The Cubs may wait until the asking prices drop even more to their liking.

Can we just start spring training?

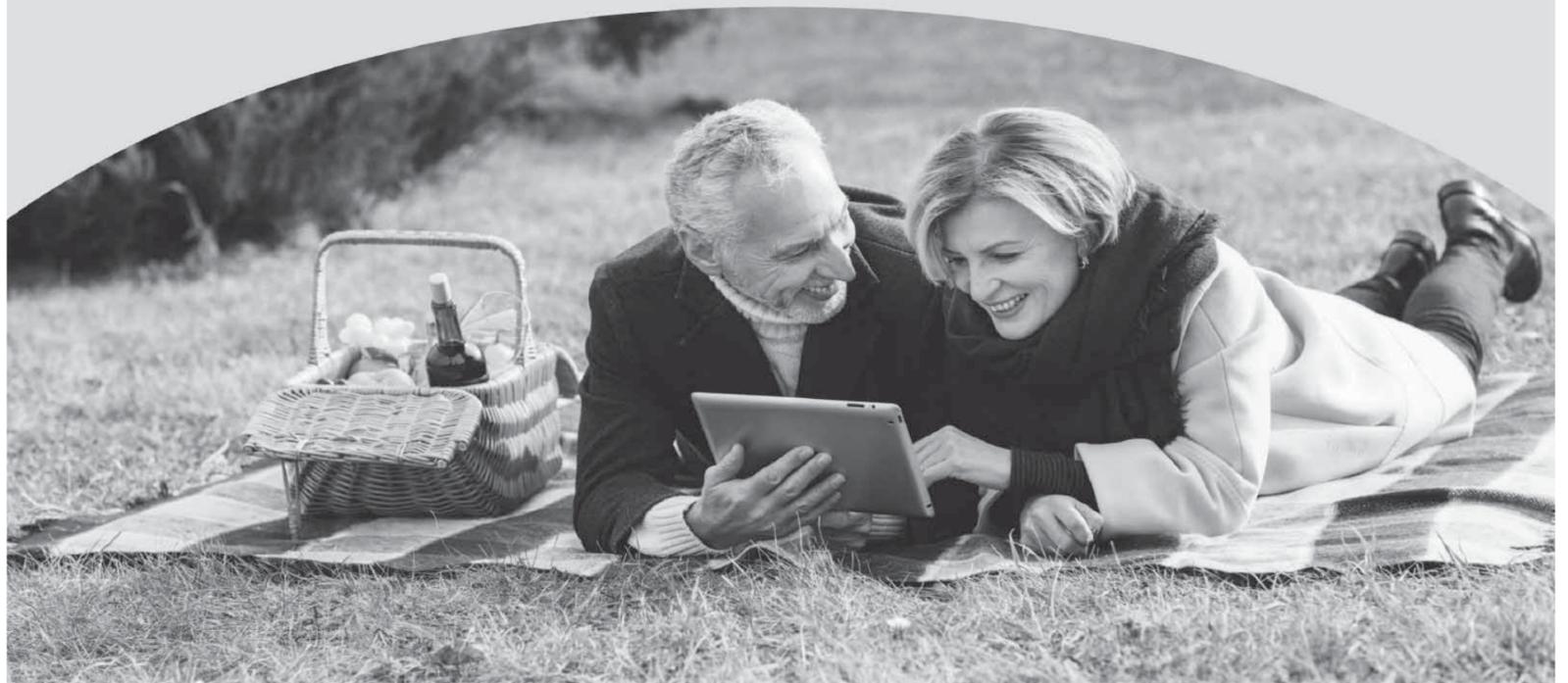
— Steve Preis

I think we're all in agreement that a short playoff stint can make for a very, very long offseason.

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COLLEGE FOOTBALL

Signs of the time

Four-star defensive end Isaiah Foskey picks Notre Dame, and other National Signing Day news

BY LAMOND POPE, SHANNON RYAN AND JOEL BOYD | Chicago Tribune

Illinois

I The Illini added a pair of linebackers to the 11 players they signed in December, getting the day started by announcing the signing of four-star prospect Shammond Cooper from St. Louis' Trinity Catholic High School.

Three-star linebacker Tarique Barnes of Memphis, Tenn., brought the class to 13 players. While it's the Big Ten's lowest-ranked class in the composite rankings, that's largely a function of its small size. In terms of average player rating, Illinois' class ranks seventh in the conference, and its three four-star signees — including cornerback Marquez Beason and quarterback Isaiah Williams — trail only five Big Ten teams.

"It's an excellent class," coach Lovie Smith said at a news conference in Champaign. "The players we're bringing in, they had options."

Cooper is Illinois' highest-rated linebacker recruit in more than 12 years, according to 247Sports.com. He is ranked 17th nationally at inside linebacker and fourth in Missouri at any position after finishing his high school career with 456 tackles and 11 sacks.

Illinois was considered a likely landing spot for Cooper thanks to his strong ties with Cory Patterson, his former high school coach who is now an Illini assistant coach, and Williams, his high school teammate who signed with the Illini in December.

But Cooper did not rush the commitment process, checking out teams such as Missouri and Texas before announcing his commitment to the Illini on Jan. 3 at the Under Armour All-America Game. He canceled a planned trip to Florida State two weekends ago.

ILLINI'S CLASS

- **Tarique Barnes** LB, Memphis, Tenn.
- **Marquez Beason** CB, Duncanville, Texas
- **Seth Coleman** DE, Melbourne, Fla.
- **Shammond Cooper** LB, St. Louis
- **Kyron Cumby** RB, Plano, Texas
- **Nick Fedanzo** RB, Montini
- **Evan Kirts** OL, Brother Rice
- **Griffin Moore** TE, Bloomington, Ill.
- **Moses Okpala** DE, St. Louis
- **Keith Randolph** DE, Belleville West
- **Joseph Thompson** CB, Phillips
- **Casey Washington** WR, Pflugerville, Texas
- **Isaiah Williams** QB, St. Louis

Smith finalizes staff on defense, promotes his son

The Smith family will make a significant stamp on Illinois' 2019 defense.

Coach Lovie Smith announced Wednesday he will remain the Illini's defensive coordinator after taking on the dual roles last season following Hardy Nickerson's resignation in late October. And he announced his son Miles Smith will be promoted to a full-time on-field assistant as linebackers coach.

Lovie Smith also announced the hiring of former Florida Atlantic assistant Keynodo Hudson as cornerbacks coach.

"I feel great about where we are with our defensive staff," Smith said in a statement. "Keynodo and Miles both bring terrific energy and enthusiasm to our program."

"(Hudson) will be an outstanding addition to the defensive backs room. He adds to our strong contacts in the state of Florida and is a fast-rising coach in the profession. Miles proved himself on the practice field and in the meeting room last fall and has earned the opportunity for this permanent position."

Miles Smith joined the coaching staff last year as a graduate assistant, then spent the 2018 season filling in as cornerbacks coach after Donnie Abraham resigned in August. Lovie Smith said Wednesday that Miles was responsible for recruiting linebacker Tarique Barnes, one of two 2019 prospects Illinois added on national signing day.

Lovie Smith said his son's lack of a long coaching resume shouldn't be a deterrent.

"I hire the best coaches to help us win — period," he said. "You don't have to have a lot of experience to be a good football coach."

As for his own role, Lovie Smith said he has seen more defensive-minded coaches take on the coordinator job.

"The best chance for us to be successful is for me to move into that role," Smith said in Champaign. "I'm pretty excited about it."

Illinois finished last in the Big Ten last season in scoring defense (394 points allowed per game) and total defense (508.3 yards per game).

— Shannon Ryan



LUIS SINCO/LOS ANGELES TIMES

Defensive end Isaiah Foskey, right, of Concord, Calif., signed with Notre Dame.

Notre Dame



Isaiah Foskey said he was nervous as he reached to grab a hat and disclose his college destination.

"I'll be continuing my education and football career at the University of Notre Dame," Foskey said as he put on a Notre Dame hat during a live ESPN broadcast Wednesday.

Foskey, a four-star defensive end from De La Salle High School in Concord, Calif., became the final member of Notre Dame's 2019 recruiting class, joining 21 players who signed during the early period in December.

"Isaiah, you were worth the wait," coach Brian Kelly tweeted. "I am thrilled to have this explosive edge defender round out our 2019 recruiting class."

The 6-foot-4, 233-pound Foskey is the No. 211 prospect nationally, the No. 28 recruit in California and the No. 13 weak-side defensive end in the 247Sports.com composite rankings. Ohio State, Michigan, Washington and California were his other finalists.

He's the fifth defensive lineman in Notre Dame's class, which is ranked 15th in the nation. All five are four-star recruits, and three of them — tackles Jacob Lacey and Hunter Spears and end NaNa Osafo-Mensah — were among the Irish's 10 early enrollees. Foskey and end Howard Cross

IRISH'S CLASS

- **K. Abdur-Rahman** WR, Edwardsville, Ill.
- **Litchfield Ajavon** S, Baltimore
- **JD Bertrand** LB, Roswell, Ga.
- **Jay Bramblett*** P, Tuscaloosa, Ala.
- **Quinn Carroll*** OL, Edina, Minn.
- **Brendon Clark** QB, Midlothian, Va.
- **Zeke Correll*** OL, Cincinnati
- **Howard Cross** DE, Paramus, N.J.
- **Osita Ekwonu** LB, Charlotte, N.C.
- **Isaiah Foskey** DE, Concord, Calif.
- **Kyle Hamilton** S, Atlanta
- **Cam Hart** WR, Baltimore
- **Jack Kiser*** LB, Royal Center, Ind.
- **Andrew Kristofic*** OL, Gibsonia, Pa.
- **Jacob Lacey*** DT, Bowling Green, Ky.
- **Marist Liufau** LB, Honolulu
- **John Olmstead*** OL, N. Brunswick, N.J.
- **NaNa Osafo-Mensah*** DE, Fort Worth
- **Isaiah Rutherford** CB, Sacramento
- **Hunter Spears*** DT, Garland, Texas
- **KJ Wallace** CB, Atlanta
- **Kyren Williams*** RB, St. Louis

* — Early enrollee

are expected to arrive in South Bend this summer.

"We're looking forward to (Foskey) being an impact player on the defensive line who will bring a physicality and attitude to our defensive unit," defensive coordinator Clark Lea tweeted.

AROUND THE NATION

The Top 10 classes

Narrow losses to Alabama are becoming a hard habit for Georgia to break. The Crimson Tide beat the Bulldogs in overtime to win the 2017 national title and scored with 1:04 remaining to win last season's SEC championship. And a year after Georgia ended Alabama's seven-year reign atop the recruiting rankings, the Tide edged the Bulldogs again Wednesday to finish with the nation's consensus No. 1 class. Georgia had the top class in Rivals.com's rankings, but Alabama was No. 1 on ESPN.com and 247Sports.com to secure the top spot in 247's composite rankings.

- 1. Alabama:** The Tide lost a pair of four-star commitments in defensive end Khris Bogle (Florida) and cornerback Christian Williams (Miami). But they offset with defensive tackles Ishmael Sopsher and Byron Young.
- 2. Georgia:** Kirby Smart pulled off the stunner of the day by flipping five-star wide receiver George Pickens from Auburn. That gave the Bulldogs a nation-high five composite five-stars, including No. 1 overall recruit Nolan Smith.
- 3. Texas:** The biggest drama occurred two weeks ago when five-star wide receiver Bru McCoy, who signed with USC in the early period, enrolled at Texas after Trojans offensive coordinator Kliff Kingsbury left for the NFL.
- 4. Texas A&M:** Jimbo Fisher's first full recruiting cycle in College Station landed the nation's No. 2 defensive tackle, DeMarvin Leal, and the No. 3 offensive tackle, Kenyon Green.
- 5. LSU:** Losing Sopsher to Alabama stung, but the Tigers signed his high school teammate, wide receiver Devonta Lee, and added cornerbacks Maurice Hampton and Jay Ward to the nation's top corner, Derek Stingley.
- 6. Oklahoma:** It was a quiet signing day for the Sooners, who added only one player to a class that includes the nation's top quarterback, Spencer Rattler, and five-star wide receivers Jadon Haselwood and Theo Wease.
- 7. Oregon:** Mario Cristobal pulled in the Pac-12's best class in his first full cycle in Eugene, highlighted by beating out his former employer, Alabama's Nick Saban, for the nation's No. 2 recruit, defensive end Kavon Thibodeaux.
- 8. Michigan:** The Wolverines signed all but one member of the Big Ten's best class during the early period, including the nation's No. 1 safety, Daxton Hill, who flipped from Michigan to Alabama and then back to the Wolverines.
- 9. Florida:** The Gators were one of the biggest movers on signing day, flipping Bogle from Alabama and beating out Georgia for four-star cornerback Kaiir Elam to surge into the top 10.
- 10. Clemson:** The national champs lost out to Mississippi for five-star running back Jerrion Ealy, but they have nearly a full class already on campus. Seventeen of the Tigers' 29 signees were early enrollees.

BIG TEN RANKINGS

With national ranking in parentheses			
1. Michigan (8)	5. Purdue (25)	9. Iowa (40)	13. Rutgers (60)
2. Penn State (13)	6. Wisconsin (27)	10. Minnesota (42)	14. Illinois (62)
3. Ohio State (14)	7. Mich. St. (30)	11. NU (49)	
4. Nebraska (20)	8. Indiana (38)	12. Maryland (59)	247 composite

Northwestern



The Wildcats, who signed 18 players in December, added the only running back in their 2019 class: three-star prospect Evan Hull of Maple Grove, Minn., who committed to Northwestern on Jan. 28.

The 5-foot-11, 183-pound Hull brings speed and depth to a running back room that lost Jeremy Larkin last fall to a medical retirement and Solomon Vault and Chad Hanaoka after the season to graduation. Hull will compete with John Moten IV, Drake Anderson and Jesse Brown for carries behind returning starter Isaiah Bowser.

WILDCATS' CLASS

- **Tommy Adebawore** DE, Kansas City, Mo.
- **Coco Azema** S, Cypress, Texas
- **Dominick D'Antonio** OL, Woodstock, Ga.
- **Wayne Dennis** WR, Tampa, Fla.
- **Connor Foster** OL, Milford, Ohio
- **Zachary Franks** OL, Baltimore
- **Bryce Gallagher** LB, Raynham, Mass.
- **Jason Gold** DE, League City, Texas
- **Thomas Gordon** SB, Houston
- **Rod Heard*** CB, Farmington, Mich.
- **Genson Hooper-Price** WR, Houston
- **Evan Hull** RB, Maple Grove, Minn.
- **Michael Jansey*** LB, Batavia
- **Brandon Joseph** S, Coll. Station, Texas
- **Bryce Kirtz** WR, Brownsburg, Ind.
- **Cameron Mitchell** CB, Bolingbrook
- **Duke Olges** DT, New Trier
- **Conrad Rowley** OL, Independence, Mo.
- **Malik Washington** WR, Lawrenceville, Ga.

* — Early enrollee

N. Illinois



The Huskies signed 16 players in December and added three more Wednesday — the first recruits for new coach Thomas Hammock, who

was hired last month after Rod Carey took the Temple job.

After going heavy in the early period with speedy skill players (five wide receivers and three cornerbacks), NIU added depth up front with offensive lineman J.J. Lippe of Milwaukee and defensive end James Ester of Detroit, then signed a sixth receiver in Mohamed Toure of Irvington, N.J.

"We want to build our team from the inside out," Hammock said in a statement, "and offensive line and defensive line are two areas we wanted to make sure we did not miss. Then we wanted a receiver who could come in and compete immediately."

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- **Logan Zschernitz** OL, Spencer, Wis.

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Area recruits

Simeon wide receiver Alante Brown, the No. 12 prospect in Illinois in the composite rankings, signed with Texas Tech over finalists Florida State, Iowa State, Pittsburgh and Tennessee. Brown, who played quarterback for the Wolverines, decommitted from Michigan State last month while on an official visit to Florida State, but the Red Raiders got his final visit last weekend and overtook the Seminoles.

Elsewhere in the area, first-year Eastern Illinois coach Adam Cushing landed a big piece for his team when Perspectives lineman Dominic Moore signed with the Panthers.

The 6-foot-7, 285-pound Moore is the No. 34 prospect in Illinois and the state's third-highest-ranked player who's headed to an FCS program, behind Batavia linebacker Luke Weerts (North Dakota State) and Simeon wide receiver Rashaan Palmer (Southeast Missouri). EIU listed Moore as a defensive lineman, although Illinois had recruited him as an offensive tackle.

Montini cornerback Jermari Harris, who committed to Iowa on Monday, and Hubbard defensive end Kenny Givens, who flipped from Toledo to Kansas State on Tuesday, also signed their letters of intent.

COLLEGE BASKETBALL



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Notre Dame's Prentiss Hubb, left, looks to pass around Miami's Chris Lykes during the first half of Wednesday night's ACC game.

MIAMI 62, NOTRE DAME 47

A continuing struggle

'Canes hold Irish to 32 percent shooting in 6th loss in 7 games

BY STEVEN WINE | Associated Press

CORAL GABLES, Fla. — Junior guard Dejan Vasiljevic had 15 points and a career-high 10 rebounds and Miami used stout defense to break a five-game losing streak by beating Notre Dame 62-47 on Wednesday.

The Irish shot a season-low 32 percent (18-for-56), and their point total was also a season low. They shot a season-worst 4-for-28 (14 percent) from 3-point range.

"Miami's defense really bothered us," Notre Dame coach Mike Brey said. "We just couldn't score. I would give Miami's defense credit, not us missing shots."

The Irish (12-11, 2-8 ACC) missed 23 of their final 24 3-point tries. Miami, using a mix of zone and man-to-man defense, forced 14 turnovers that led to 16 points.

Miami (10-12, 2-8) climbed out of last place in the league. Notre Dame has lost six of its past seven games.

"We had enough of losing," Vasiljevic said.

Notre Dame's John Mooney had 11 points and six rebounds — the first time in nine games that he failed to achieve a double-double.

The Irish backcourt struggled mightily, with T.J. Gibbs scoring two points on 1-of-9 shooting and Prentiss Hubb scoring three while shooting 1 of 7 and committing six turnovers.

The Hurricanes forced 14 turnovers, which led to 16 points. Miami also had a

rebounding advantage and a 16-6 edge in second-chance points.

The Irish made five of their first six shots to grab a nine-point lead, but then cooled off. They went 8½ minutes without a basket midway through the game as Miami outscored them 16-2 to take a 34-23 lead.

Anthony Lawrence had 11 points, 12 rebounds and two steals for Miami, while Ebuka Izundu made all seven of his shots for 14 points and added seven rebounds.

Izundu was shaken up and briefly left the game with 15 minutes left but returned.

Miami's Lykes had 11 points to win his matchup with Hubb, his high school teammate in Washington.

Notre Dame plays at home Sunday against Georgia Tech. The Yellow Jackets were victorious when the teams met last month.

COLLEGE BASKETBALL ROUNDUP

Committee ready to see NET results

Associated Press

The selection committee that chooses the NCAA tournament field is getting its first use of a new rankings formula that uses factors such as offensive and defensive efficiency when evaluating teams.

The committee is holding orientation meetings this week in Indianapolis. The work includes using the NCAA Evaluation Tool (NET) rankings to help choose the top 16 seeds to this point ahead of a Saturday reveal, which comes about a month from Selection Sunday on March 17.

"The main thing about this tool is it's current," committee chairman Bernard Muir said Wednesday. "We want to remain current. Over the years, I'm sure future committees will continue to look at the tool. For right now, we feel like this is a great first start and we'll see in the offseason whether we need to review the tool at all."

The NCAA announced in August that it was moving to the more analytical NET incorporating factors such as game results, strength of schedule, game location, scoring margin and net efficiency at both ends of the court. That came after using the RPI since 1981, which focused on winning percentage, strength of schedule and opponent's strength of schedule.

Still, there's a feeling-out process with the change.

For example, NET caps victory margin at 10 points to avoid teams running up the score. And Virginia Tech coach Buzz Williams said after his No. 11 Hokies lost Monday to No. 16 Louisville that the rankings formula was one reason he called a timeout down 11 with 21 seconds left.

The Hokies got a late 3-pointer to fall 72-64.

"According to all the research I've found, if you win by 10 or more, that helps," Williams said. "If you lose by 10 or more, that hurts. So 21 seconds left, you'll see a lot of that. It's been going on. I think it's just now kind of coming to the surface. The basket at the end, it was in a losing effort, but decimal points maybe it matters even though we don't know the formula."

"But some of the smart people are hinting that it does matter."

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4 Acting award
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14 Come in second
15 Most populous Hawaiian island
16 West or Sandler
17 Occurring shortly after giving birth
19 Facial twitch
20 Cowboy's shoes
21 Roper's rope
22 Necklace fastener
24 Sick
25 Black-and-blue mark
27 Man of the cloth
30 Is a breadwinner
31 Tremble
33 Embrace
35 "Get lost!"
36 Eyeglasses, for short
37 First word, often ___ up; arrange
39 ___ from; besides
40 ___-miss; haphazard
41 Benumb
43 Singer Bobbie
44 Immature flower
45 Sudden forward rush
46 Kareem ___-Jabbar

49 Sheets of ice on the sea
51 Curved bone
54 Rowdy
56 TV's "What's My ___?"
57 At ___; immediately
58 Banquet
59 Suffix for confer or insist
60 Long-haired oxen
61 Trait transmitters
62 Turkish chief's title

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2 Wrong
3 Onyx or sapphire
4 Set oneself against
5 Single-masted sailboat
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BULLS NOTES

'March Man' Mirotic has plan

Forward aims to finish strong, then turn focus to free agency

By K.C. JOHNSON | Chicago Tribune

For the 2017 offseason, the Bulls let Nikola Mirotic attempt to set his price in restricted free agency, but no offer sheet from another team materialized and he re-signed for two years and \$27 million.

That contract, which the Bulls traded to the Pelicans in February 2018, expires this summer. Mirotic will be an unrestricted free agent for the first time.

"I'm very excited," Mirotic said. "My focus now is to get healthy and finish strong this season. You know I'm March Man as well. March is coming."

That's a playful nod to Mirotic's reputation for having big months for the Bulls just as the NCAA tournament action heated up. Speaking of postseason action, that's also Mirotic's focus until this offseason.

"We have to step up, try to make the playoffs," Mirotic said. "I'm going to try to make free agency simple, do what's best for me and my family. We're happy in New Orleans. In July, we're going to take a deep breath and see what's going on."

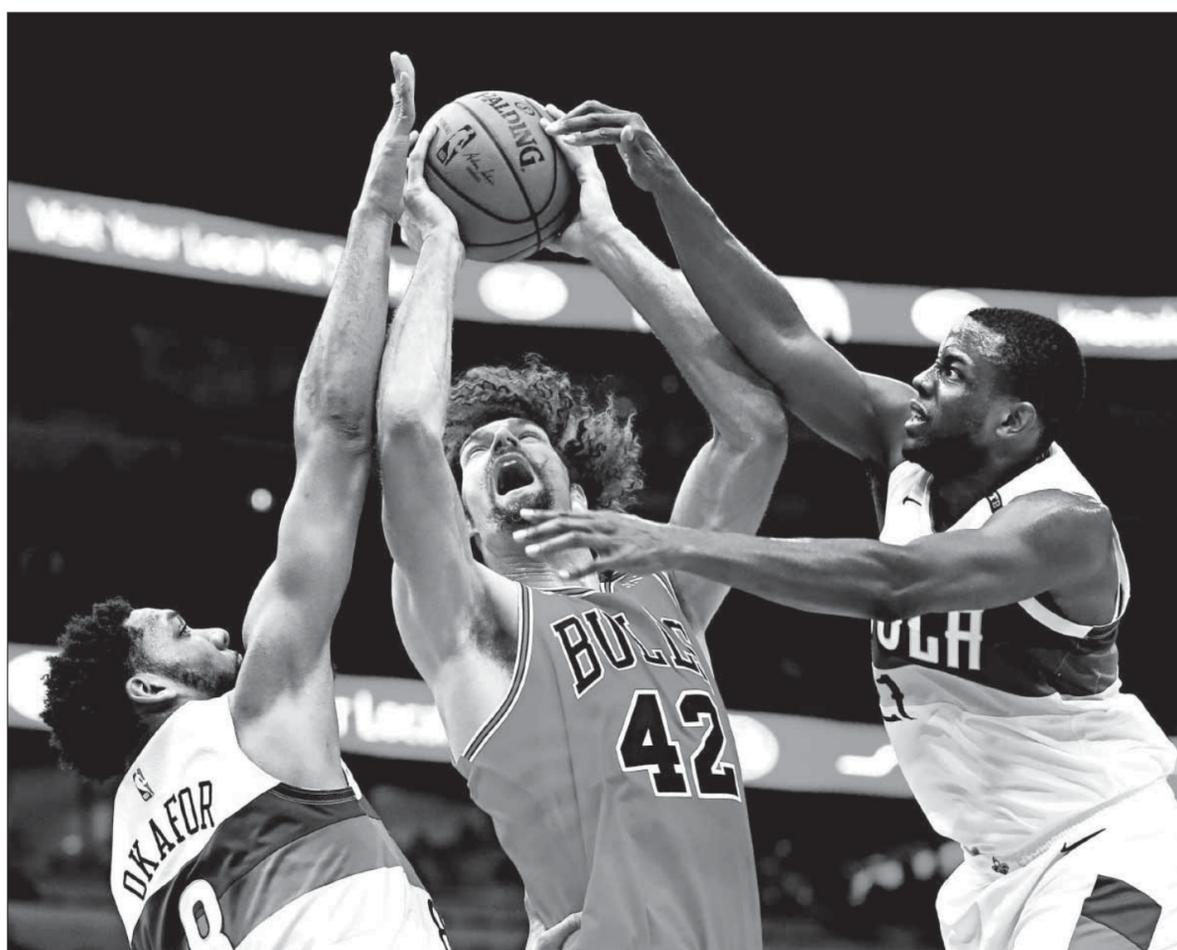
"I want to be on a team that's in the playoffs and can fight for a championship and is a good organization. My goal is to be a starter as well, but that's not a priority. My first priority is my family."

Mirotic still hasn't played at the United Center as a visitor. Last season's trade occurred after the Pelicans made their lone visit. Mirotic missed a Sept. 30 exhibition with left Achilles tendinitis and was out Wednesday with a right calf strain that has sidelined him since he last played Jan. 23.

"It feels more in the past now," Mirotic said of his time with the Bulls. "It was great seeing the guys in preseason. I had a great experience here, a lot of great things. I appreciate all the love and support from the fans and organization, the chance they gave me to succeed here."

"It was time for me to move on. And it was perfect for me. Moving to New Orleans was a good shot. And I'm playing my best basketball and enjoying playing."

The Bulls don't need a power forward, which is why Mirotic ruled out a free-agency return.



JOHN J. KIM/CHICAGO TRIBUNE

Bulls center Robin Lopez is sandwiched by Pelicans defenders Jahliil Okafor, left, and Darius Miller during the second quarter Wednesday.

Local flavor: With the Anthony Davis saga unsettled, Jahliil Okafor, another Chicagoan, is making the most of his latest opportunity. The Young product is averaging 18.9 points and 10.4 rebounds over his last eight games.

"I think my chemistry with my teammates is really picking up and the coaches are trusting me more and more every day," Okafor said. "They're letting me play my

game. I'm just getting more comfortable."

On his third team in four seasons, the former No. 3 pick of the 76ers spent time Tuesday night with his family, who attended the game.

"It's very satisfying," Okafor said of his recent run of strong play. "It makes it all worth it in the end, especially when you put a lot of work in your craft. It's been very enjoyable."

Scouting report: Okafor played some pickup games last summer with fellow Duke product Zion Williamson, the projected No. 1 overall pick whom the Bulls would love to land.

"He's phenomenal," Okafor said. "I was blown away by how strong he is. He's a freak of nature. And he's just a great kid off the court. You can see how his teammates really enjoy playing with him. That speaks volumes."

Bulls trade Parker, Portis

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The move, which also includes the Bulls sending out a protected 2023 second-round pick, is a sign management isn't convinced it could land a player better than Porter in free agency. And with the cap rising, the Bulls still project to have roughly \$19 million to work the edges of free agency to add more veterans.

The Wizards deemed Porter expendable Tuesday, when they ruled out All-Star guard John Wall for 12 months after he ruptured his left Achilles tendon in a fall at home. That's the same day Portis, who turned down a four-year extension offer last fall, reiterated his desire to remain a Bull.

Portis looked emotional as he left the United Center. He'll be back quickly. The Wizards visit on Saturday.

By then, Porter could be launching 3-pointers — he's a career 39.9 percent shooter from that range — and playing the above-average defense for which he's known. He missed 10 games in December with a quadriceps strain.

"I know he's a really good 3 and D player," Bulls guard Zach LaVine said. "We're going to welcome him with open arms."

The move closes the books on Parker's disastrous homecoming, which featured first Fred Hoiberg shelving the Parker-at-small-forward experiment and moving him to a reserve role and later Jim Boylen moving Parker completely out of the rotation for a stretch.

But Parker, as he did throughout time in Chicago after signing a two-year, \$40 million free-agency deal as the Bulls' main offseason acquisition, took the high road.

"It's growth," Parker said. "I'm a positive guy. I never have regrets. I grew from this experience, me personally. From a situation that was tricky, I did what I could to grow. I came here because I'm a city kid. I do it for the fans. I tried to do everything I could to show them that I appreciated the city."

Parker, who had been hoping for a new home since Boylen pushed him out of the rotation in mid-December, wasn't surprised by the move.

"I'm grateful for a chance to play somewhere, good minutes," he said. "I hope I can be used the way I'm capable of playing."

LaVine defended Parker.

"It sucks he didn't get the way he wanted to come here, Chicago kid. I don't think he got the fair end of the stick on that one," LaVine said. "I know he's one of the most talented dudes on the team. He handled his tough situation really well."

Parker said he and Portis found out mere minutes before they were going to get dressed for the game. He offered a humorous response when asked if he and Portis were expecting to play versus the Pelicans.

"Yeah, I mean him more than me," Parker said.

Portis' emotional departure underscored Parker's genuine surprise that Portis got dealt. Not only did the Bulls try to extend their 2015 first-round pick last fall, they often cited his enthusiasm, passion and work ethic as important ingredients.

"Bobby is pretty much like the main glue



JOHN J. KIM/CHICAGO TRIBUNE

Pelicans forward Anthony Davis talks to a team trainer during a timeout in the game against the Bulls on Wednesday night.

of the team, big-time voice," LaVine said. "It sucks man. He's one of my best friends on the team."

"He's a big-time NBA player. He's going to be successful wherever he is in the league. He puts in a lot of hard work. I go to the gym a lot at night. He's one of the only dudes I see in there consistently. He's going to deserve whatever he gets."

While turning down that extension offer, Portis thanked ownership and management for even negotiating with him and said he had "Bulls DNA."

"It's the business," Parker said. "It's just surprising to me because Bobby is — quote, unquote — the leader, the captain of our team and just a guy they loved. For him to get moved is obviously bitter. I was shocked because he plays big minutes for our team. I was just feeling sorry for his situation. But hey, that's just how it goes."

Davis participated in the morning shootaround, even swishing a halfcourt shot, but isn't allowed to return from his healed finger injury until his situation is resolved or the trade deadline passes at 2 p.m. Thursday.

Until then, the Bulls will continue trying to unload Robin Lopez.

"I'm going to go practice and then I'm planning to get on a plane," Lopez said of his Thursday plan. The Bulls fly to New York.

Timothe Luwawu-Cabarrot, acquired last week from the Thunder, made his Bulls debut with nine points on 3 of 11 shooting.

Parker witnessed this season of upheaval up close. Asked for his advice on what the Bulls should do, he used present tense one more time.

"We have some great talent. Be consistent with guys. Give them the opportunity to grow. Give them the chance they have to be free on the floor," Parker said. "When I came in the league, I didn't know everything at once. It's going to take time, patience. That's what J-Kidd (former Bucks coach Jason Kidd) did with me and Giannis (Antetokounmpo). He let us go through our mistakes, let us develop as men and as players. I see a similar situation with guys on this team."

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Johnson has words for his critics: 'I'm far from done'

After worst season, veteran poised to get career back on track

By **JENNA FRYER**
Associated Press



Johnson

CHARLOTTE, N.C. — Jimmie Johnson, one of the most polite and professional athletes in sports, rarely gets rattled. Unless he is being trolled on social media.

Johnson's patience was very much tested last season, the worst of his NASCAR career. He could handle the losing, the internal struggles at Hendrick Motorsports and the final races with longtime crew chief Chad Knaus.

It was the strangers who suggested his best days are over that got under Johnson's skin and forced him to clap back on Twitter. His responses were sometimes humorous if out of character for Johnson, until he stumbled upon a post that called him a "has been" and told him to retire.

"I'm far from done JA," Johnson wrote in a rebuke last October.

The retort is now his mantra as Johnson heads into the 2019 season determined to prove he is still capable of winning a record eighth Cup championship. He had shirts printed and distributed to friends, and five-time IndyCar champion Scott Dixon recently honored his NASCAR contemporary with a video of him exercising in a "I'm not done yet JA" shirt.

Johnson has seven championships, tied with Hall of Famers Richard Petty and Dale Earnhardt for most in NASCAR, and with 83 career victories he is just two wins shy of sole possession of fourth place on the all-time list.

Johnson has nothing to prove to anyone, but his aggravation is real at the suggestion he should hang it up.

"I get to say when I'm done," Johnson said. "It did weigh on me and I can't wait to win and win often. I think that would be something really nice to say back to all those people that suggested that I was washed up and done."

Johnson begins his 18th season next week at Daytona International Speedway, where he will lead a new-look No. 48 team. Lowe's had sponsored his car since his 2002 rookie year but left NASCAR at the end of last season.

Ally Financial Inc. is Johnson's new sponsor and its paint scheme and color palette are the first significant changes to

the No. 48 Chevrolet since the team launched with Johnson.

There has been a change at the top, too, as team owner Rick Hendrick split Johnson and Knaus. It was Knaus who built the team from scratch, back in 2002, and he and Johnson had been together from the start.

Although successful, the duo had their disagreements and Hendrick on at least one occasion threatened to separate them. They won their seventh title together in 2016, but the need for a change emerged the very next season when Johnson won three races but never truly contended for the title.

Hendrick Motorsports was in a deep rebuild and all four of its teams suffered last year, but the struggles were most glaring for Johnson. It was his first winless Cup season and he finished a career-low 14th in the final standings. Hendrick had made a midseason decision to move Knaus in 2019 to driver William Byron while Kevin Mendeering, an Xfinity Series crew chief, was promoted to one of the biggest jobs in racing.

Hendrick believes the change was overdue.

"It's no different than an NFL team when you've got a really good coach and a really good quarterback and a really good team, but for some reason it is tired and you need a spark," Hendrick said. "You just can't keep going back again and again and again trying to hold it together. Chad needed a new challenge and so did Jimmie. The combination, they both had tremendous desire, but it just needed something fresh."

"Jimmie has now got a guy who is very technical, but Jimmie is a champion and he wants to lead the team now."

Johnson got a kick out of Dixon, the top IndyCar driver of his era, wearing that shirt last month. The two have become friendly over the years and Dixon understands why Johnson gets so angry at his critics.

"It's an important part of racing, you're always going to have people that love someone, hate somebody else and most of the time the guy who's successful gets hated on a lot," Dixon said. "That's not fun to see the same guy win all the time. Jimmie's done a very good job of that."

"With Jimmie, I don't think he needs that motivator, but it's also important to use it and turn it into a positive to help yourself. Which I think he's very good at. He wants to punch someone out!"

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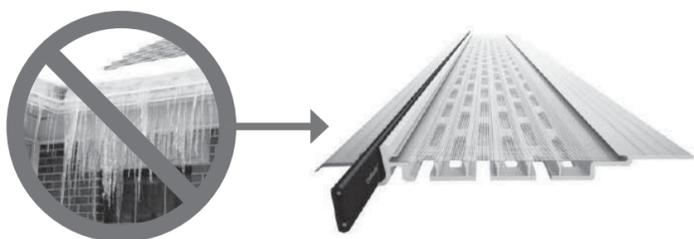


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COLLEGE BASKETBALL

HOW AP MEN'S TOP 25 FARED WEDNESDAY

- Tennessee (21-1) did not play. Next: vs. Florida, Saturday.
- Duke (20-2) did not play. Next: at No. 3 Virginia, Saturday.
- Virginia (20-1) did not play. Next: vs. No. 2 Duke, Saturday.
- Gonzaga (21-2) did not play. Next: vs. San Francisco, Thursday.
- Kentucky (19-3) did not play. Next: at Mississippi State, Saturday.
- Nevada (22-1) beat Colgate 98-82. Next: vs. New Mexico, Saturday.
- Michigan (21-2) did not play. Next: vs. No. 19 Wisconsin, Saturday.
- North Carolina (18-4) did not play. Next: vs. Miami, Saturday.
- Michigan State (18-5) did not play. Next: vs. Minnesota, Saturday.
- Marquette (19-4) did not play. Next: vs. No. 14 Villanova, Saturday.
- Purdue (16-6) did not play. Next: vs. Nebraska, Saturday.
- Virginia Tech (18-4) did not play. Next: at Clemson, Saturday.
- Houston (21-1) did not play. Next: at UCF, Thursday.
- Kansas (17-6) did not play. Next: vs. Oklahoma State, Saturday.
- Villanova (19-4) beat Creighton 64-57. OT. Next: at No. 10 Marquette, Saturday.
- Buffalo (19-1) did not play. Next: vs. Nebraska, Saturday.
- Louisville (17-6) did not play. Next: at No. 22 Florida State, Saturday.
- Iowa State (18-5) did not play. Next: vs. TCU, Saturday.
- Texas Tech (18-5) did not play. Next: at Oklahoma, Saturday.
- Wisconsin (17-6) did not play. Next: at Tennessee, Saturday.
- Iowa (17-5) did not play. Next: at Indiana, Thursday.
- Louisville (18-6) beat Mississippi State 92-88. OT. Next: vs. Auburn, Saturday.
- Florida State (17-5) did not play. Next: at Kansas, Saturday.
- Buffalo (19-1) did not play. Next: vs. Central Michigan, Thursday.
- Marquette (19-4) beat Nebraska 60-45. Next: vs. No. 15 Purdue, Tuesday.
- Cincinnati (19-3) did not play. Next: at Memphis, Thursday.

HOW AP WOMEN'S TOP 25 FARED WEDNESDAY

- Baylor (20-1) did not play. Next: vs. TCU, Saturday.
- Louisville (21-1) did not play. Next: vs. No. 15 Syracuse, Thursday.
- Oregon (21-1) did not play. Next: at California, Friday.
- Notre Dame (21-2) did not play. Next: at No. 25 Miami, Thursday.
- UConn (20-2) beat East Carolina 118-55. Next: vs. Temple, Saturday.
- Mississippi State (21-1) did not play. Next: vs. No. 10 Michigan, Saturday.
- Oregon State (19-3) did not play. Next: at No. 11 Stanford, Friday.
- Marquette (19-3) did not play. Next: vs. Georgetown, Friday.
- N.C. State (21-1) did not play. Next: at No. 24 Florida State, Thursday.
- Maryland (20-2) did not play. Next: vs. Northwestern, Thursday.
- Stanford (18-3) did not play. Next: vs. No. 7 Oregon State, Friday.
- South Carolina (16-5) did not play. Next: vs. Mississippi, Thursday.
- Gonzaga (21-2) did not play. Next: at Portland, Saturday.
- Texas (18-5) did not play. Next: at Kansas, Saturday.
- Syracuse (17-4) did not play. Next: at No. 23 Michigan, Thursday.
- Iowa (17-5) did not play. Next: vs. No. 23 Michigan State, Thursday.
- Utah (18-3) did not play. Next: vs. Southern Cal, Friday.
- Texas A&M (18-4) did not play. Next: at Missouri, Thursday.
- Kentucky (18-5) did not play. Next: at Auburn, Saturday.
- Arizona State (15-6) did not play. Next: at Washington State, Thursday.
- Rutgers (17-5) did not play. Next: vs. No. 10 Maryland, Sunday.
- Iowa State (17-5) did not play. Next: vs. West Virginia, Saturday.
- Florida State (19-3) did not play. Next: at No. 16 Iowa, Thursday.
- Louisville (18-6) did not play. Next: vs. No. 9 N.C. State, Thursday.
- Miami (19-5) did not play. Next: vs. No. 4 Notre Dame, Thursday.

TUESDAY'S RESULTS

MEN	WOMEN
MIDWEST	MIDWEST
Bethel (Minn.) 88, St. Mary's (Minn.) 83	Bethel (Minn.) 86, St. Mary's (Minn.) 68
Bradley 79, N. Iowa 71	Cent. Michigan 81, Ball St. 63
Calvin 81, Trine 76	Dartmouth 81, Richmond 59
Evansville 80, Indiana St. 70	Hope 56, Calvin 48
Lakeland 80, Aurora 78	Kansas St. 72, Kansas 62
Macalester 60, Carleton 57	Kent St. 55, W. Michigan 51
Missouri St. 65, S. Illinois 59	Miami (Ohio) 65, E. Michigan 58
N. Dakota St. 65, N. Dakota 70	Minnesota 65, Indiana 61
N. Western (Minn.) 89, Wis.-Superior 66	N. Illinois 88, Bowling Green 47
Olivet Nazarene 74, Cardinal Stritch 73	North Central (Ill.) 60, Carthage 58
Siena Heights 92, Indiana Tech 78	Northwestern Ohio 53, Madonna 50
Wis. Lutheran '78, Concordia (Wis.) 76	Ohio St. 78, Penn St. 73
Wis.-Eau Claire '70, Wis.-Stout 61	Olivet Nazarene 90, Cardinal Stritch 74
Wis.-Oshkosh 83, Wis.-Platteville 81, OT	W. Illinois 90, Purdue Fort Wayne 61
Wis.-River Falls 60, Wis.-La Crosse 58	Wisconsin 70, Wis.-River Falls 51
Wis.-Stevens Pt. 65, Wis.-Whitewater 47	Wis.-Oshkosh 65, Wis.-Platteville 43
EAST	Wis.-Stout 74, Wis.-Eau Claire 61
Bucknell 84, Loyola (Md.) 72	Wis.-Superior 81, N. Western (Minn.) 59
Fordham 85, UMass 67	Wis.-Whitewater 70, Wis.-Stevens Pt. 58
Georgetown 76, Providence 67	EAST
Hartford 70, UMB 61	Buffalo 73, Toledo 63
Holy Cross 56, Army 42	Fordham 54, Saint Louis 51
Lafayette 79, Boston U. 72	Hartford 79, Boston U. 72
Mass.-Lowell 72, New Hampshire 62	La Salle 77, Rhode Island 71
Navy 77, American U. 67	Maine 66, Vermont 45
St. Bonaventure 51, Duquesne 49	New Hampshire 54, Mass.-Lowell 46
Stony Brook 85, Binghamton 59	Saint Joseph's 66, Davidson 54
Temple 81, UConn 63	Stony Brook 68, Binghamton 53
VCU 60, George Washington 50	UConn 118, East Carolina 55
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BLACKHAWKS



Crawford likes motor city

Blackhawks goalie feels right at home being under the hood of a muscle car

BY PHIL THOMPSON | Chicago Tribune

Corey Crawford ran through the features on his 1970 Chevy Chevelle like a used-car salesman trying to persuade a reluctant shopper.

"As you see here, we got (a) brand-new exhaust," he said as he crouched and pointed underneath the vehicle, which was on a lift at Nortown Auto in the Goose Island neighborhood. "We did the suspension, Hotchkis suspension, over here. ... We did four-piston disc brakes all around. People usually don't do that for restorations. They usually keep drum brakes, usually in the back.

"All new mechanical, new engine, fuel-injected, automatic transmission, put a new driveshaft in here to handle the power. Something a little bigger, stronger."

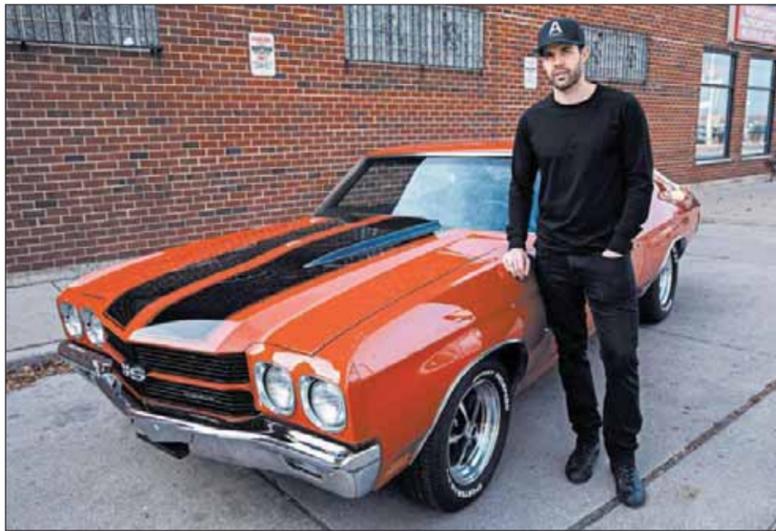
The veteran Blackhawks goaltender's infatuation with cars dates to his days as a teen in Chateaugay, Quebec, a suburb of Montreal.

"I always liked cars growing up," he said. "I liked Dodge Vipers. Obviously, I like the super cars — Ferraris, Lamborghinis — then I started to get into muscle cars a little more. One of my buddies, his dad had a couple muscle cars. He had a Chevelle and Camaro."

Crawford's hobby continued to grow in his early 20s, and he would watch Mecum Auctions on TV. Crawford and friends brought cars to a quarter-mile track to open them up, but he laughs when asked about his top speed: "I don't think I'm allowed to say."

He also recalled a recent visit to the track at the Route 66 Raceway in Joliet that got the better of him.

"It hits you like a punch in the chest when they take off," Crawford said. All the exhaust too; the exhaust gets in your eye. You got tears (that) come down your face



from the exhaust. We had burnt rubber all on our face. ... It almost looked like what baseball players do with the (eye black)."

He's particular about his rides, though. Crawford prefers fuel-injected muscle cars over the traditional carbureted. His first muscle car was a '69 Chevelle, which he bought in Bloomington, Ill., already restored. But it was a '69 Camaro that fueled his current obsession with becoming an amateur grease monkey.

In 2014 Crawford's friend found the car's seller in Arizona.

"Me and my buddy drove in a rental out into the desert and met him on the side of the road, so there was nothing around," Crawford said.

Crawford wasn't fond of the Camaro's bright yellow color, so he took it to Nortown to have it repainted dust blue. But there was one caveat: The owner had to let Crawford help.

Jimmy Bielarz was surprised by the request.

"It's not like you get customers that want to come and help work on cars," the

Corey Crawford sits in the 1970 Chevy Chevelle SS he restored with help from his friends at Nortown Auto in Chicago.

■ Raffle tickets for Corey Crawford's car, starting at \$40, are available at chicagoblackhawks.com/community and outside Section 120 at the United Center until Feb. 17. The winner will be announced the next day, and proceeds support the Chicago Blackhawks Foundation.

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Nortown owner said. "I agreed to it. We came up with a fair price and we did it.

"We didn't even know each other, really. We just started working on it one night and kind of built our relationship up from there."

Crawford, who hasn't played since Dec. 16 because of a concussion, started his restoration project two summers ago after he and Bielarz shopped for the Chevelle in Mundelein in May 2017. The base-model Chevelle, with a white body and red interior, was remade as a clone of the SS — red with black interior.

With the mechanics' guidance, Crawford installed new parts but left the more dangerous work — such as cutting and welding — to the professionals.

"I'm not really good at wiring, but it's something I enjoy," he said.

Crawford was a quick study, much to Bielarz's surprise.

"When we did the Chevelle, he ordered all the parts," Bielarz said. "He knew exactly what he wanted."

Added Crawford: "We were working from 5 to 10, 10:30, 11 most nights. It was a process, but it was a lot of fun too."

Having finished his last restoration project in October, Crawford would like to work on more classics in the future but likely only for charity. He'll wait to see how successful the raffle is for the '70 Chevelle before launching another.

"Hopefully we can raise a lot of money and keep doing this," he said.

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A bit of ice advice: Hawks are playoff contenders, need to act like it

Greenfield, from Page 1

I'm sorry if your dreams of drafting Jack Hughes or Kaapo Kakko are being interrupted by real life, but the fact is the Hawks' charge toward the playoff is happening and it needs to be seen through. The talk of the Hawks being sellers as the Feb. 25 trade deadline approaches needs to be shut down.

Nobody should be going anywhere, at least not for the time being. General manager Stan Bowman should let his fellow GMs know he's hitting the pause button until he knows exactly what he has on his hands.

Things are tenuous enough that the Hawks' flirtation with the playoffs could go up in a puff of smoke by next week. There will be losses here and there, of course, but even a two-game losing streak can do irreparable damage when you've been as bad as the Hawks have been most of the season.

Let Colliton coach this team. Let these players finish whatever it is that they've started.

Remember as well that the Hawks are batting six other teams for a single wild-card spot. It's not enough to finish ahead of a few of them, they have to finish ahead of all of them.

The odds still tell us the postseason remains an unlikely outcome. According to hockey-reference.com, the Hawks have a 9.7 percent chance of making the playoffs. That's about a 400 percent increase from their odds before their recent five-game winning streak.

It's still as low as it is because they've played as many (or more) games as all of the contenders. But that shouldn't keep

Thursday's game at the United Center against the Canucks — the current leader for the last playoff spot — from having a playoff atmosphere.

If the Hawks beat the Canucks and the Blues lose on the road to the Lightning, the Hawks are guaranteed to be within one point of the final wild-card spot.

One point. With nearly two months remaining and the Hawks having survived the most difficult part of their schedule, this is not the time to give up. Not after what this team has gone through. There was a traumatic head coaching change, a painful yet fruitful trade of Nick Schmaltz, the return and subsequent loss of Corey Crawford, and the humiliation of two eight-game losing streaks.

This isn't to say the Hawks should go full speed ahead in the other direction and sacrifice a significant piece of their future. None of their prized defensive prospects — Adam Boqvist, Henri Jokiharju and Ian

Mitchell — should be considered as a trade chip.

If the time comes for the Hawks to be sellers, it will be evident. If they remain contenders past the Feb. 25 trade deadline or end up with fewer pingpong balls in the draft lottery, so be it.

"There's a belief," Colliton said after Tuesday's 6-2 road win over the Oilers. "It's nice for them to get rewarded for the good things they're doing. It makes it easier for us to continue to deliver the message of how we're going to team. It makes my job easier to coach the team."

Let Colliton coach this team. Let these players finish whatever it is that they've started.

The Hawks seemed to be on their way to the No. 1 pick in the draft. Now they are in a playoff race.

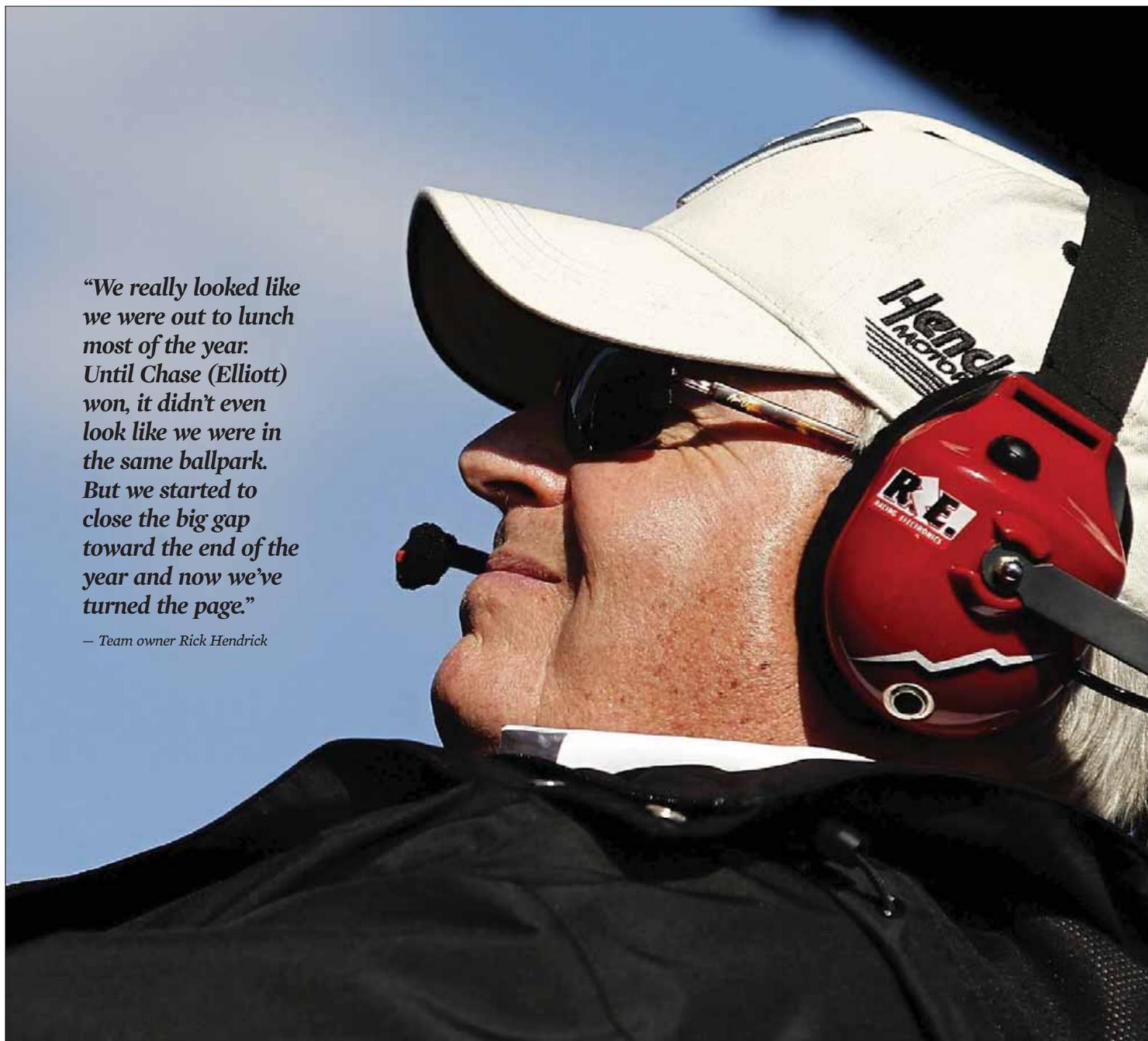
That's a good thing. Always.

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“We really looked like we were out to lunch most of the year. Until Chase (Elliott) won, it didn’t even look like we were in the same ballpark. But we started to close the big gap toward the end of the year and now we’ve turned the page.”

— Team owner Rick Hendrick



JEFF ZELEVANSKY/GETTY

Rick Hendrick's drivers won only three races last year and the team owner said his organization is far too good to perform so poorly. He vowed 2019 will be better for Jimmie Johnson, Chase Elliott, Alex Bowman and William Byron.

A vow to rebound

Owner Rick Hendrick is fired up over the worst season in team history and guarantees improvements in 2019

BY JENNA FRYER
Associated Press

DAYTONA BEACH, Fla. — Rick Hendrick worked too hard building NASCAR's top organization to tolerate mediocrity. If his teams had simply been average last season he might not rate it as one of the worst in team history.

The Hendrick cars were pretty bad — seven-time NASCAR champion Jimmie Johnson failed to win for the first time in his Cup career — and it took 22 races for the organization to get its first victory. The final tally showed just three Chase Elliott victories and the organization with 12 Cup titles was locked out of the championship-deciding finale for the second consecutive year.

In a wide-ranging interview with The Associated Press, Hendrick guaranteed this year will be much improved.

“Last year sucked. I ain’t gonna do that no more,” Hendrick said. “I’m too competitive to do that and our organization is too good to be doing that.”

The season was not entirely surprising considering the upheaval to both the driver lineup and the behind-the-scenes operations.

The roster was stacked just three years ago with Jeff Gordon, Dale Earnhardt Jr., Kasey Kahne and Johnson but looks dramatically different as Hendrick begins his 36th season in the Cup Series.

Gordon retired after the 2015 season, Earnhardt was sidelined most of 2016 because of concussion-related ailments and he retired the next year. Kahne was released for underperforming and Hendrick suddenly had two high-profile rides to fill. Elliott had already replaced Gordon, and the newest vacancies were filled by William Byron, a rookie last season, and Alex Bowman, who had bounced around looking for a competitive ride until he filled in for Earnhardt in 2016.

Bowman is 26, Elliott is 23 and Byron celebrated his 21st birthday during the offseason. Johnson is entering his 18th fulltime Cup season and turns 44 this September.



TERRY RENNA/AP

Rick Hendrick's motorsports team has adapted to an internal reorganization, the new Chevy Camaro and its overhauled driver roster. Hendrick said he's too competitive to tolerate another subpar season.

Johnson was surrounded by inexperienced newcomers at the same time Chevrolet made a body change to its Cup entrant and switched to the Camaro. Although Bowman won the Daytona 500 pole in the Camaro's debut, and Chevy driver Austin Dillon won the race, that was the lone highlight for most of the season. Chevy didn't win again until Elliott's first career victory in August and Camaro drivers totaled just four victories. Ford won 19 races in its outgoing Fusion and Toyota scored 13 wins in its Camry.

Hendrick completed a massive restructuring before the 2018 season and its resources were stretched thin as all four teams were moved into one shop for the first time. The teams had previously been split in pairs, and the consolidation put everyone in the same building with the crew chiefs working as a quartet.

So much change at one time had an impact on performance.

“We really looked like we were out to lunch most of the year,” Hendrick said. “Until Chase won, it didn’t even look like we were in the same ballpark. But we started to close the big gap toward the end

of the year and now we’ve turned the page.”

Hendrick had built his team from nothing and weathered the tightest of financial situations. All-Star Racing barely made it through the first two months of its inaugural 1984 season.

Hendrick had a 5,000-square-foot shop with eight employees and a legendary crew chief in Harry Hyde. But he didn't have a driver, a sponsor or solid prospects. A deal with Richard Petty to run the Daytona 500 didn't materialize and the seat was offered to Tim Richmond. Hendrick pulled the offer when Geoff Bodine stopped in the shop one day and offered to wait in the lobby until Richmond made his decision.

Hendrick figured he had five races to find the sponsor needed to fund the business and Hyde later talked him into stretching it another three weeks. He was just about out of money when Hendrick allowed Northwestern Security Life to put its logos on Bodine's car for free at Martinsville Speedway, the eighth race of the season and probably the last unless

Hendrick stumbled upon serious financial intervention.

That race at Martinsville was the moment that saved what is now Hendrick Motorsports. Bodine pulled off a near-miracle and won the race, and the overjoyed Northwestern executives agreed to fund the rest of the season.

That 1984 season was always the one Hendrick considered his most difficult in NASCAR.

Then came 2018 and uncharacteristic struggles across the board.

“It was the toughest year I had in racing that I can remember,” Hendrick said. “There were dark days before that, the year we almost closed, but after you’ve won as much as we have, it was rough to go through. I knew it was going to be tough, but I didn’t know it was going to be that tough. The reorganization, bringing on two young drivers and we were just behind when we started the season. And when you are that far off, nobody else is waiting for you to catch up.”

The worst is behind the organization, Hendrick said, and he's encouraged about this season.

He split Johnson and longtime crew chief Chad Knaus at the end of the year and has tasked Knaus with building another team around Byron the same way he did when he launched Johnson's team in 2002. A new racing package for this season should benefit both Bowman and Byron because neither had much experience under the old rules.

Hendrick was not as visible last season as years past, perhaps because fishing in Florida was more enjoyable than watching his teams struggle. It led to speculation that Gordon, who owns a stake in Hendrick, is poised to take over, a move the boss doesn't see happening soon.

“I don’t think Jeff will ever want to do the day to day, every single day,” Hendrick said. “But I would hope one day that if he wants to, when I am done, and I don’t know when that day will come for me because I’ve still got a lot I want to do. But he has input, we talk about drivers and plans. But I am 69, I feel good, I still love this, I grew up racing and it was all I knew. This was all I always cared about and the dream about starting by building a car in a bathroom, to riding in here today and looking at this place (Hendrick Motorsports), I get excited like a kid.”

“Last year fires me up and is a reminder ‘This is not who we are and how we run and we need to get after it right now.’”

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In coming weeks, the NHL is expected to allow an additional iPad Pro on every bench containing a "Coaching Insights" application with 60 league-generated real-time stats.

Coming soon behind the bench: A tidal wave of advanced stats

Seattle's new NHL team must prepare by hiring a top-flight analytics group who can be creative and able to collaborate with the front office, coaches and players

BY GEOFF BAKER | Seattle Times

Seattle's incoming NHL team will soon face a hiring decision potentially just as important as the general manager and coach.

That's because new puck and player tracking technology unveiled at the recent NHL All-Star Game in San Jose could soon be felt as resoundingly as any Milan Lucic or Tom Wilson bodycheck. The technology will be fully implemented next season with sensors embedded in player shoulder pads and in 40 pucks per game, transmitting data to antennae positioned in arena rafters.

Fans watching a television broadcast of a game will be able to see, among other things, how fast a player is skating, his ice time logged per shift and how hard was that slap shot he just took. More importantly for teams, they will soon have an estimated 10,000 data events per game to sift through — up from the current 350 — in order to glean an advantage over opponents.

Ah, but there's the issue. Data is great. But having reams and reams of it means nothing to sports teams without the proper analytics staff to interpret what it all means and best implement it.

NHL Seattle senior adviser Dave Tippett agreed Friday that the city's team will need a top-flight analytics department to keep pace. But he and others want a more detailed look at the data next season before deciding what that analytics department should focus on and who should be hired based on specific expertise.

"To me, there's some stuff that possibly could help the game planning and the rest is more of what I'd call 'fan-friendly' stuff that's more for watching on TV," Tippett said. "For instance, I want to know how fast a player reacts to a situation rather than how fast he skates."

That said, Tippett knows there will likely be uses for the data that no one's even thought of yet. He has some initial ideas.

"There may be ways of watching patterns of where the players are and how they play together," Tippett said. "It will be interesting to watch and see what new stuff comes out of it that we can't already get."

And how teams, especially the creative ones, put the information to use.

One of the biggest advantages gleaned off new pitch-and-hit-tracking technology in Major League Baseball this past decade had nothing to do with anyone actually pitching or hitting the ball.

Instead, the smarter, quick-thinking teams figured out how to incorporate the new data into how they positioned infielders in anticipation of having balls hit their way. From 2011 through 2017, the number of infield shifts in MLB increased twentyfold as all teams and their analytics departments gradually caught on.

Today, there's debate as to whether such shifting truly works anymore as hitters — with help from analytics specialists — devise ways to counteract the defensive shifting ploy.

So, if recent sports history has taught us anything, it's that Seattle's NHL analytics group will need to be creative, adaptable to changing trends and — most importantly — collaborative with the front office, coaches and even players.

After all, the data means nothing without the delivery method.

MLB teams in recent years like the Houston Astros began employing data "translators" to break down complex information and relay it to players in an on-field manner. The Philadelphia Phillies, among others, allow fielders to use laminated note cards on opposing hitters so they can best position themselves. MLB even issued an edict last season that pitchers can use similar note cards on the mound to gauge stats tendencies of hitters they're about to face.

In the NHL, teams are allowed to keep three iPads on the bench during games so coaches and players can study video clips taken in real time. NHL coaches have become increasingly adept at incorporating detailed video into their player analysis — breaking down clips into ever-smaller, specific bits to glean information they need.

And now, in coming weeks, the NHL is expected to allow an



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Tod Leiweke, right, who is poised to usher in a new NHL franchise as the CEO of the Seattle Hockey Partners group, appears with NHL Commissioner Gary Bettman, center, and deputy commissioner Bill Daly.

additional iPad Pro on every bench containing a "Coaching Insights" application with 60 league-generated real-time stats. The move is part of a lead-in to next season's broader data dump, giving coaches a greater ability to employ data as it's received.

The iPad Pro stats will deliver data as obscure as unblocked shot attempts and successful backhanded shots in shootouts. It will allow coaches to set thresholds for player ice time and warn them when they've approached their limit. And the application will allow teams to privately customize their own proprietary data within it.

"There's a lot of information out there, but coaches are still writing it down on pieces of paper," NHL senior vice president of business development and innovation David Lehanski told NHL.com. "They're not using it the way that they could use it because there really hasn't been a platform that will allow them to do it easily and efficiently and to quickly customize it to see what they want to see."

Tippett was one of those video-adept coaches, having worked behind the bench for much of the last decade and this one after an NHL playing career in the 1980s and 1990s. He's excited to see what the new tools bring to a league widely considered the slowest of the "Big 4" to embrace analytics.

But Tippett also knows many NHL teams already use stats far more advanced than much of the general public is aware of.

While a few teams have been widely praised by fans and the media for their analytics usage — the Tampa Bay Lightning, Toronto Maple Leafs and Carolina Hurricanes among them — Tippett said other clubs also have been very successful without getting noticed.

"Some teams may talk more about it than others do," Tippett said. "But they're all doing it and a lot of them are very good at it, but you may not hear that much about them because they don't want you to know."

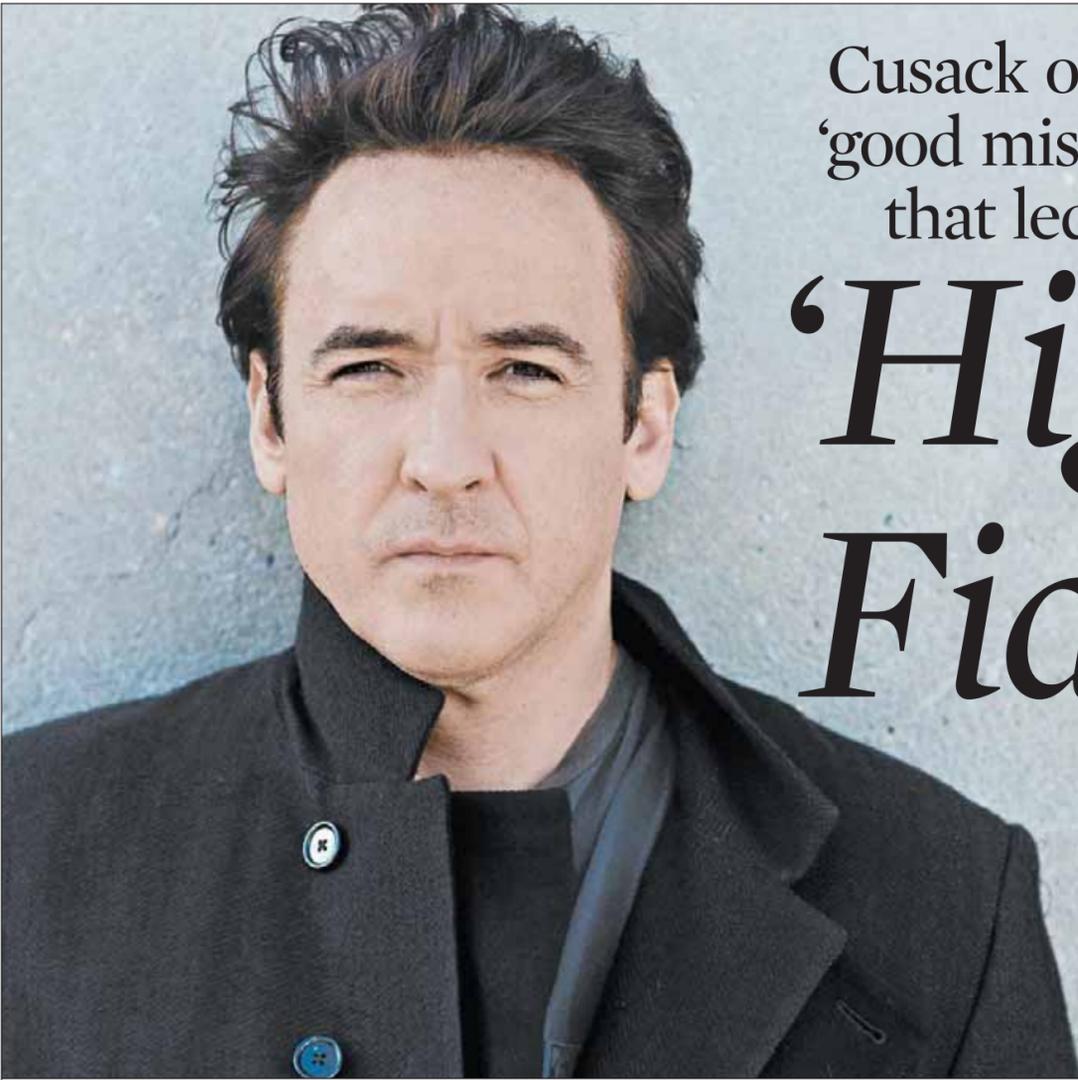
So, Seattle's team in 2021-22 will inevitably start off behind

some squads with long-established analytics departments. But the team does already have one inherent advantage: It will have the time to gauge the impact of next season's data dump and then tailor a new department around it rather than having to overhaul how an existing analytics group does its work.

Worth noting: NHL Seattle CEO Tod Leiweke worked for years in Tampa with Lightning stats guru Michael Peterson, Tippett once played in Hartford with now ex-Hurricanes GM Ron Francis, who helped usher in Carolina's analytics era and is now a potential Seattle GM candidate. So the Seattle team will have some resources to consult ahead of careful hiring they must do for analytics positions about to be made tougher by an onslaught of information.

And while local NHL fans will have to wait a while to see how well that hiring goes, they can have fun in the meantime watching game broadcasts that should become a lot more informative and entertaining.

Cusack on the 'good mischief' that led to 'High Fidelity'



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Actor John Cusack will revisit "High Fidelity," followed by a no-holds-barred question-and-answer session, at the Genesee Theatre in Waukegan on Sunday.

BY JESSI ROTI | Chicago Tribune

John Cusack still feels like he and friends/fellow "High Fidelity" screenwriters DV. DeVincentis and Steve Pink "got away with something" when it comes to what has become one of his most beloved films. "Good mischief," he says over a cappuccino at Rosebud on Rush near his downtown apartment, before cracking a smile. "It did have an edge; a bone-on-bone truth about it. The idea of trying to get that movie made now, from a big studio, I just don't think it'd happen. We were getting away with it for different reasons, but mainly we didn't have to sanitize it. It was a different era in the film business."

For the last few months, Cusack has been traveling to different screenings of the film that include moderated, live Q&A sessions with fans, one of which is set to take place at the Genesee Theatre in Waukegan on Sunday. Through mid-May, additional screenings will take the actor from California to Washington, D.C., before wrapping up in Dallas.

Based on the 1995 novel of the same name set in London by English writer Nick Hornby,

the "High Fidelity" movie has become an often-cited classic — appealing to fans of Cusack's Everyman charmer roles and music buffs loving any celebration of music and vinyl culture reflected on the big screen.

Moving the story stateside, Cusack and company shot across Chicago's North Side in the Uptown, Lincoln and Wicker Park neighborhoods, and featured some of the city's most memorable music spaces — including the now-shuttered



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Jack Black, from left, Todd Louiso, Cusack, and Lisa Bonet in a scene from "High Fidelity." Bonet's daughter, Zoe Kravitz, will appear in a remake of the film.

Lounge Ax and original Double Door. Since its release in 2000, "High Fidelity" has turned into a time capsule of sorts for locals, transporting viewers to a specific time and place before the city's big gentrification boom. The film was even voted

the "Truest Chicago movie" by Esquire in 2015.

"It's a little bit like when you go to New York nowadays. It's like a Disney version of CBGB's New York back in the day. Even the decay seems like a patina of decay," Cusack says of the

Chicago the movie captured when filming in 1999. "Gentrification has happened, but it does capture a window into Chicago that hopefully isn't going to fully go away.

"The Double Door is opening somewhere else, they're redoing the Uptown Theatre. Thalia Hall in Pilsen is super cool. I love all those old structures, that *feel* of (the city). We had a lot of that in 'High Fidelity.'"

Starring as emotionally stunted-yet-endearing record store owner Rob Gordon, the film follows his lovelorn past and present as his 30-something self attempts to pinpoint why he keeps repeating relationship mistakes as a way to explain his most recent breakup with live-in lawyer girlfriend Laura (Iben Hjejle). All while managing his ragtag Championship Vinyl staff: Jack Black as the hilariously eccentric Barry and actor Todd

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'Modern Family' an incredible legacy

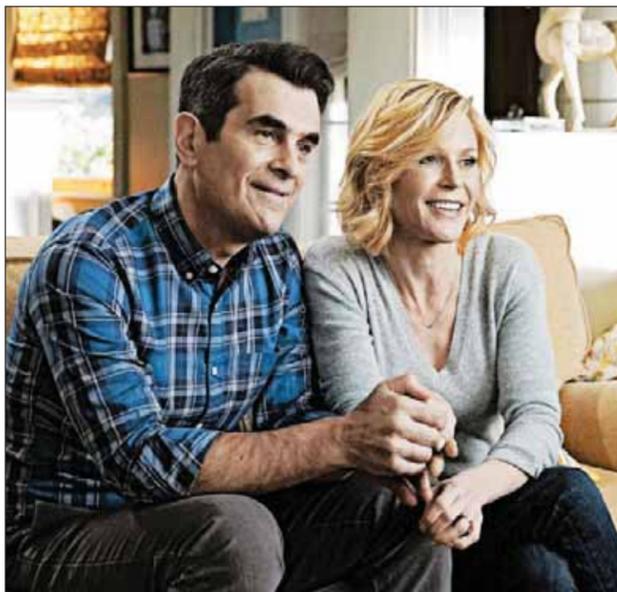
BY STEVEN ZEITCHIK
 The Washington Post

Like its anchor couple, "Modern Family" was formed by shotgun marriage.

The veteran sitcom creators Steve Levitan ("Just Shoot Me") and Christopher Lloyd ("Frasier"), reasoning they'd find more Hollywood success together than apart, came together expressly to make a network sitcom. They scored a hit out of the gate in 2009 with their story of the extended clan of Claire and Phil Dunphy — only to have their differing sensibilities lead to a falling out by the second season.

But instead of acrimoniously ending things, they agreed to split custody of the ABC show, alternating which episodes each oversaw. "Modern Family" went on to become one of the biggest television phenomena of the current age.

ABC on Tuesday announced that this fall will mark the show's last season, its 11th. "Chris and Steve have created one of the most seminal and iconic comedies in television history," ABC Entertainment president Karey Burke told reporters at the Television Critics Association in Pasadena, Calif., in announcing the



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This image released by ABC shows Ty Burrell, left, and Julie Bowen in a scene from "Modern Family."

ending of "Modern Family."

It's indeed tough to overstate the success of the series, which regularly has drawn more than 10 million viewers per episode and is one of only two sitcoms in history to win the Emmy for outstanding comedy five different times, all consecutive.

Yet for all its success, the show also has a complicated legacy. In many respects, it helped define the current business landscape. And that's why it — and anything like it — can probably never exist again.

At the time that "Modern Family" entered the scene, the entertainment world looked a lot more

like it had for decades and a lot less like it does today. Netflix has just begun streaming its content instead of just sending it by red envelope. Original programming outside of the traditional television set wasn't on anyone's mind — "House of Cards" was more than three years away from debuting. Apart from one win for "Sex and the City," the broadcast networks had taken every outstanding-comedy Emmy ever.

And "Modern Family" was positioned to reap all these benefits of a linear world. The show, produced by Twentieth Century

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Late-night hosts deliver live jabs after State of the Union



STEVE JOHNSON

The big question, as President Trump's State of the Union speech moved toward epic length Tuesday night, was whether the late-night shows that chose to go live to mark the event would end up being early-morning shows instead.

"The evening went on. And on," said Stephen Colbert on CBS' "Late Show." "GOP lawmakers stood up and sat down so many times it sounded like they were making popcorn with their kneecaps."

"This was not a particularly good speech, but what it lacked in quality it made up in length," he also said. "This speech was like watching paint lie."

Trevor Noah on Comedy Central's "The Daily Show" showed the familiar tableau of the president with the speaker of the house behind him, but in the clip he chose she was looking at a large paper.

"Nancy Pelosi got bored and just started looking through the menu halfway through," Noah said. "I kept expecting a waiter

to come over with an order of Buffalo wings."

The length, said Colbert, "was kind of the Republicans' fault. They were giving him standing ovations between syllables."

Both NBC shows were live or live-ish, too. Seth Meyers on "Late Night" you expect it from; lampooning the Trump era has been his bread and butter. But having Jimmy Fallon of "The Tonight Show" shoot his monologue and first guest segment after the annual presidential summation was something new.

"Trump gave his speech in front of the most diverse Congress ever," Fallon said. "It was so diverse Trump was like, 'Oh God, the caravan is coming from inside the house.'"

Up on the dais, he added, "Pelosi and (Vice President Mike) Pence look like two siblings watching 'Fifty Shades of Grey' together."

Doing good old-fashioned live television once in a while is a Trump-era innovation begun by Colbert, who has credited live shows with helping him find his sea legs as "Late Show" host. The fact that so many now are willing to do the extra work to be as up-to-the-minute about this president as possible is a

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Bradley Cooper co-wrote the screenplay, starred in and directed "A Star Is Born."

Cooper 'embarrassed' after director snub

Moments after he learned his movie "A Star Is Born" was nominated for multiple Oscars, Bradley Cooper admitted one emotion stood out first: embarrassment.

That's because the actor and filmmaker realized he wasn't nominated for best director for the movie in what many consider to be one of this year's biggest Oscar snubs.

"I was in New York City at a coffee shop and I looked down at my phone and (my publicist) had texted me and they said congratulations on these other things, but they didn't tell me the bad news," Cooper recalled during a sitdown with Oprah Winfrey. "I went, 'Oh wow,' and the first thing I felt was embarrassment, actually felt embarrassed that I didn't do my part."

The film, in which Cooper stars with Lady Gaga, was his directorial debut and is up for best picture at this year's Academy Awards, which air Feb. 24 on ABC. Other nominations include best adapted screenplay; Cooper for best actor; Gaga for best actress; and Sam Elliott for best supporting actor.

Cooper was nominated for his directorial work on "A Star Is Born" at multiple other award shows but came up short at major ceremonies including the Golden Globes and the Directors Guild Awards.

"The truth is you feel like a loser," Cooper told Winfrey during the "Oprah's SuperSoul Conversations From Times Square" event. "That's the only downside. The award show ends and ... they avoid you a little bit and then they do say, 'It was a good movie.' Thanks, thanks."

— New York Daily News



FRAZER HARRISON/GETTY

Jennifer Lawrence is engaged to boyfriend Cooke Maroney, her publicist confirmed Wednesday. People magazine reported in June that the 28-year-old Academy Award winner was dating Maroney, who is the director of an art gallery in New York City. Lawrence has finished filming her fourth installment of "X-Men: Dark Phoenix," expected in theaters in June.

Kardashian influence: An inmate whose life sentence was commuted thanks in part to Kim Kardashian West has a book deal, along with deals for film and television rights. Alice Marie Johnson's "After Life: My Journey From Incarceration to Freedom" comes out May 21. "I feel humbled that the telling of my story gives hope and my years of pain were not in vain," Johnson said. Johnson, 63, served more than 20 years without parole for non-violent offenses before President Trump commuted her sentence last year.

Swift burglar sentenced: A man who broke into Taylor Swift's townhouse in New York City and took a nap has been sentenced to six months in jail, according to the New York Post. Officers found 22-year-old Roger Alvarado asleep in the pop star's home in the Tribeca neighborhood of Manhattan in April. Swift was not home during the break-in.

Feb. 7 birthdays: Actor James Spader is 59. Singer Garth Brooks is 57. Comedian Eddie Izzard is 57. Comedian Chris Rock is 54. Actor Ashton Kutcher is 41. Actress Tina Majorino is 34. Singer Bea Miller is 20.



ASK AMY

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Boyfriend disappears into dark web

Dear Amy: In the past year, "Steve," my boyfriend of several years, has disappeared into the underbellies of Twitter and 4chan. He used to listen to an assortment of news sources. Now he gets most of his news off the trollish "alt-right" sections of those sites. (I'm NOT writing to you about his political stance — I have largely checked out and find political polarization ridiculous.)

Steve has become increasingly and self-admittedly anti-Semitic, and he has adopted offensive terms from his internet hangouts that he finds hilarious. He spends a lot of time trying to convince me that his favorite author isn't a Nazi (I disagree).

He makes purposely inflammatory tweets under an anonymous account and has been banned more than once. I thought this was a reaction to the political and social climates surrounding white men — and that it would pass. It hasn't. I get morbid and inappropriate humor. I'm not easily offended. I'm a passionate advocate of the First Amendment, even when the words are distasteful. But this feels wrong.

Steve knows I disagree, but he continues. I have not stressed how deeply this bothers me, and that's on me. It's affecting our otherwise good relationship, and I want my boyfriend back. How do I bring this up after shamefully allowing it for this long?

— Ms. Internet Troll

Dear Ms. Troll: Your boyfriend's hate speech is on him. You do you.

I can't imagine how your relationship with this guy can be "otherwise good" when he admits being anti-Semitic, admires someone you believe is a Nazi, and has been banned by a famously loose social media site (a user has to dive into seriously threatening territory to get banned from Twitter).

I don't believe that partners should police each other and "allow" or prohibit any particular behavior or expression. But what does Steve have to do before you exercise your rights and say, "I don't like the man you've become. I'm out of here"? At some point, ignoring hate or focusing only on the good stuff that affects you personally makes you part of the problem. You're at that point.

Here's a quote attributed to Edmund Burke: "A very great part of the mischiefs that vex the world arises from words." Burke is also thought to have coined this famous phrase: "The only thing necessary for the triumph of evil is that good men do nothing."

I'm not saying your guy is evil. But if you are "good," then you should stand for something. So stand, already!

Dear Amy: I have been seeing someone for four months. I feel pretty emotionally connected to him. Recently when I raised the idea of exclusivity, he said he has been active on dating apps. He said that while he has not slept with anyone else, he has gone on a few dates.

He says he can see a committed relationship with me in the future but has a few things to sort out

before doing so. I am uneasy. Is this a sign that he feels something is missing in our relationship? Is this a red flag?

— Worried

Dear Worried: Your boyfriend is telling you what he wants. He is not promising exclusivity, and if you continue to date him expecting that he will settle in and choose you, you will probably be disappointed. At four months in, if he was as into you as you are to him, and if he felt ready and able to commit to exclusivity, he would be locking it down.

It's possible that the only "things" he needs to sort out are other women. And there's nothing wrong with that, as long as he is honest with you (and them). If you two are sexually active, guard against STDs and pregnancy.

Dear Amy: "No Solution" was complaining about her sister, who was facing sudden financial hardship and asking family members to pitch in for her daughter's dance classes.

Thank you for being so compassionate and keeping your answer child-focused. This might be the girl's only extracurricular experience during a tough time.

— A Fan

Dear Fan: Many parents would rather skip a meal than see their kids go without a joyful experience; in my mind, that's how it is supposed to be.

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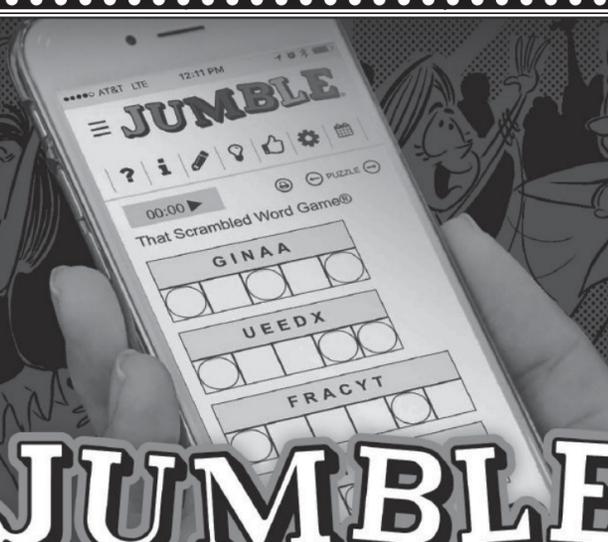
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5 minutes with 'Chopped' host Ted Allen

BY EMILY HEIL
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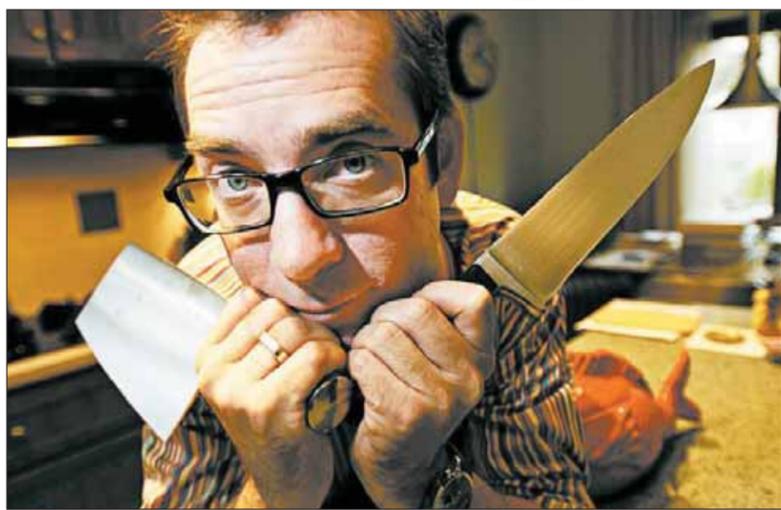
As the host of the Food Network show "Chopped," the one where competing chefs are assigned wacky ingredients and tasked with melding them into restaurant-worthy dishes, Ted Allen has seen his share of dubious combinations.

But two things he's sure go together? Kids and college. When he's not ordering chefs to open their baskets, he's volunteering as an ambassador for Reach Higher, former first lady Michelle Obama's initiative aimed at encouraging high schoolers to get college degrees.

Allen—who left behind a career in journalism (including a time at Chicago magazine) when he was cast as the food expert in the original "Queer Eye"—was in Washington, D.C., last week for a dinner celebrating the group's school counselors of the year. We sat down with him to talk about why kids should go to college, the "dirty secret" lurking in his pantry and the sneaky way "Chopped" ups the drama.

Q: How did you get involved with Reach Higher?

A: I told a friend in the PR department of Food Network that I would really like to cook at the White House Easter Egg Roll because I'd seen some of my colleagues doing it. And it happened in 2016—I made toad-in-the-hole on this tiny stage for a group of children, which



Ted Allen in his Chicago kitchen.

was fun.

So I was mingling with the cast of "Blackish" and I was waiting in line behind Shaq to get my picture taken with the Obamas in the Blue Room. It was a very exciting, beautiful, wonderful day. And a guy from this organization corralled me on the way out and said, "Would you like to do an event celebrating an organization Michelle Obama has launched?"

Fast forward to an armory with three or 4,000 screaming college-bound high school seniors. And Robert De Niro, and Aidy Bryant and Jay Pharoah from SNL were there. Common performed and Mrs. Obama was there. And just the energy that radiated back—I don't know if you ever had 4,000 high school

kids screaming at you at once, but it's pretty awesome. What I wish I had done with my life was to become a rock star. That might be as close as I get.

And I thought what could be better? Many people are raised in families where there are no financial issues where it's just expected that you go to school, but a lot of families are not like that, and a lot of kids never dreamed that they could handle it academically or financially or whatever. So what a wonderful initiative this is to tell those kids out there that may not realize it, "Hey, you could do this. Your life could be a lot richer." And I don't even mean just financially. But financially, too.

Q: So what about your

college experience informs what you're doing now? I am guessing you didn't major in hosting a Food Network competition show.

A: I loved college so much that I think I spent five years at my undergrad school. I ridiculously dabbled in an MBA for about five seconds and realized that I hated that. But my teachers had always told me that I was good at writing and I thought, "OK I'll go into journalism and I'll take the lousy pay." I found a grad school program at NYU, so then I fell in love with both journalism and New York City. And I finally figured out that magazines paid better than your average weekly community weekly... wait, I'm not sure I answered your question.

Q: What do you tell kids? What did college do for you that you think it could for them?

A: A college education opens a whole new world of possibilities for you, and not just in terms of your job. It gives you a chance to explore—things like history, or you might learn a language. Date a lot of people, have a lot of fun, go see some bands! I mean I kind of wish I was still in college. It was such fun. But I will say I also like getting paid.

Q: Yeah, there's that. So President [Donald] Trump recently served fast food in the White House. What do you make of that?

A: There's no way those burgers worked—they were freezing cold, right? Because the only way you could have done that would be to keep them in some sort of a heated appliance. So that was error number one. And then there were a lot of students from Clemson that chose not to attend those festivities, and I would have joined them in that response.

Q: Clearly, you're a political person. Who's your candidate in 2020?

A: I'm baffled. It's too soon to know. There are many wonderful candidates from my side of the aisle, but who knows who's the most electable? It's a tough one. Why is it always tough for my side? I mean, so many of them would be good at the job and work hard and go to work... maybe even earlier

than 11 in the morning.

Q: I have to ask you about "Queer Eye." How is the reception to this iteration of the show different from the reception to the original version, and what does that tell you about where we've moved?

A: With the original "Queer Eye," I will never forget watching Matt Lauer trying to wrap his mouth around the word "queer." The provocative quality that word carried back then was part of what got people's attention and freaked them out. We were funnier, and I think these guys [in the new cast] are more about emotion.

Even though we had lots of laughs and made fun of people's apartments and their porn and their bongos or whatever we'd find, it's very powerful to have five people really care about you, which we did. We were soulful, genuine people, and so are the new guys. I don't know if you know this, but Antoni Porowski [the current "Queer Eye" food expert] worked for me for three years.

Q: Right, he was your assistant. So my colleague interviewed him and asked him what he would serve President Trump, and he said "a subpoena."

A: Haaa! Well played, young Antosh! Well played.

Q: So what would you serve President Trump?

A: I don't think I'd serve him anything.

Johnson

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good thing for comedy, if not necessarily for the republic.

"The president was interrupted 105 times by applause and once by Robert Mueller," said Meyers.

"Everybody who was anybody who was not indicted was there," Colbert said.

"Are you saying the investigations are hurting the economy?" Meyers responded to one of Trump's remarks. "If anything, you've created thousands of jobs for lawyers."

All the comics took note of the evening's starkest, most effective visual, the female Democratic lawmakers who all wore white in honor of women's suffrage (and who presented an overwhelming contrast with the other side of the room).

"So the Democratic side was a sea of white and the Republican side was also a sea of white," said Colbert. For the latter, of course, he meant the faces of the mostly men there.

"The governor of Virginia was like, 'Oh, sure, when they do it, it's OK,'" said Fallon, referencing Ralph Northam's troubles over a Ku Klux Klan costume photo discovered on his med-school yearbook page.

"I noticed the guys all got together, too, and decided to wear navy suits," joked Norah O'Donnell, the "CBS This Morning" host who, with her co-hosts, filled Colbert's first guest spot. (Fallon indulged in network logrolling, too, bringing on Savannah Guthrie of NBC's "The Today Show"; the CBS folks were far sharper.)

Two of the hosts noticed Trump's tie was crooked.

"Mike Pence was like, 'This is the way ties should be from now on,'" said Noah.

"Trump is so unpopular even his tie has moved to the left," said Meyers.

But overall Meyers' offering was strangely static. His later-night show had the most time to prepare yet used the fewest post-speech jokes, the fewest video clips from the speech.

Noah, by contrast, was on the air 97 minutes sooner, at 10 p.m. CST or just 40 minutes after Trump finished talking,



SCOTT KOWALCHYK/AP
Stephen Colbert of "The Late Show with Stephen Colbert."

and managed to deliver a monologue that was rich with that night's videotape. His staff even whipped together a supercut of all the menace words Trump used, an effective rejoinder to any commentators who might be fooled by the parts of the speech where the president offered flowery phrases about unity.

"Look at that," Noah said, as First Lady Melania Trump was introduced, "an immigrant got the first standing ovation of the night."

Twice, he and Colbert did versions of the same joke, but Noah was on air first so: bragging rights.

They noticed Trump talked about the economy being "hot" in a strangely personal way. Said Noah in Trump voice, "The economy is so hot it could totally be my daughter."

Colbert's slightly more sly version: "It is so hot, if it wasn't my economy perhaps I'd be dating it."

And again, both shows noticed Trump seemed to threaten Congress over the possibility of more investigations and did almost exactly the same joke: "Nice country you got here," Colbert said in mob-guy voice. "Shame if something happened to it."

A few other strong lines of the evening:

Noah on the president's teleprompter use: "He read really well. I don't know if he's ready for a second term, but he's definitely ready for the second grade."

Meyers on the "USA, USA" chants in the House chamber: "Said (Education Secretary) Betsy DeVos, 'I was told there would be no spelling.'"

Colbert on the moment when Trump told the Democratic congresswomen they were standing too soon: "Trump trying to tell women what to do is why they won."

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Cusack

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Louiso as his timid foil Dick, and well-meaning, mutual friend Liz—portrayed by sister Joan Cusack.

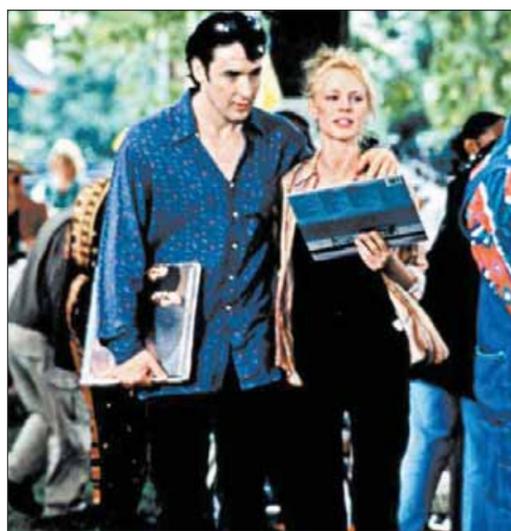
Questions from audiences have run the gamut, from the actors' performances to the film's adaptation of the book and its soundtrack (of which he still heaps praise on then-Disney recording executive "magician" Kathy Nelson and fellow executive Joe Roth) to the Chicago connections—what he refers to as the "inside baseball" stuff about how it all came together. But he's found fan interest in the lines blurred between himself and the character he's played more interesting.

"One person said, 'You've played so many comically dark characters, are you OK?'" he recalls. "Which, I thought they were trying to assess my psychological state of making movies back then—but like, really intricately. I thought 'Well that's pretty interesting. You've really paid attention.'"

"I don't know whether to be insulted or flattered," he laughs. "But it's all very sweet." The role of Rob Gordon in particular, is arguably one of Cusack's most authentic. Growing up in Evanston, the actor was well-versed on the alternative scene picking up steam in Wicker Park on his visits to the city. In past interviews he's said that while reading Hornby's novel, he'd imagine the Chicago equivalents of Rob's hangouts—which ultimately added to the film and his character's more lived-in sensibilities.

"If I had to guess why people still want to see or talk about it now, I would say it's because it has the ambiguities of characters that make it relatable," Cusack explains. "(Rob's) sort of a passive-aggressive womanizer. I mean, that's one way to think about it. But the ambiguity of people is interesting and that character was interesting to me. Usually there's a bunch of things true at once. Some are good, some contradict the other ones—that's how people really are. That's exciting to me, but it can be confusing for some people. But I like the trouble. I like that people can say 'No, he's an a-----' or he's this."

"I think I just like mischief," he reiterates. "I trust mischief." When asked about Disney's announced reboot of "High Fidelity" as a series



TOUCHSTONE PICTURES
John Cusack, left, and Iben Hjejle play a couple who break up in the 2000 film "High Fidelity."

for its planned streaming service starring actress/musician Zoe Kravitz (daughter of original cast member Lisa Bonet, who portrayed singer Marie De Salle, and musician Lenny Kravitz) as the main character, he clarifies a previously made statement that those involved would "f--- it up."

"I don't know Zoe, but I think the idea of a female perspective is cool. I hope it works out for her," he says. "But when people say they're using something you've done, you just feel like they're gonna milk it for money. It feels like the Hollywood sleaze machine." "If it's a woman telling secrets about how women really are, in the way the book and movie were for men, I mean let's face it—both sexes are crazy. We're all crazy," he continues. "So if they tell the truth, it's probably going to be pretty interesting. If they tell the truth."

Cusack appreciates the way the film continues to resonate with audiences, though he says he doesn't like to look back. He admits he's part of the cycle of actors who come in and out of vogue and that projects—a few planned for television—he's hoping to get off the ground just haven't found their place yet. While 2018 saw the actor take on smaller roles ("Distorted," also featuring Christina Ricci, was released in June), "Never Grow Old," an upcoming western from director Ivan Kavanagh set in the American frontier in 1849 in which he stars opposite Emile Hirsch, is currently in post-production and slated for a March 2019 release.

In recent years, he's become better known for his politics (he's a strong

the actor's "mask." "I feel like you can check stories that you know to be misleading or have half-truths and put it out into the world and sort of, it just feels like a minimal public service," he says of his social media use. "If you were pretending you gave a s--- about other human beings and knew how politics worked and could call out who was actually hurting people, I think you can do that."

"If the light's coming at me, I'll point it somewhere else. I think that's a good use of having a platform, that's conscious," he continues. "But at the end of the day too, you don't want to be so set where if you ask me something personal, I can't tell the truth about it. I'll answer. It's not like I'm trying to hide."

Tickets to Sunday's 6 p.m. showing of "High Fidelity" plus a live conversation with John Cusack start at \$52. Visit www.geneseetheatre.com for complete details.

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BOOK REVIEW

Marlon James' bloody new epic haunts

BY RON CHARLES
The Washington Post

Stand aside, Beowulf. There's a new epic hero slashing his way into our hearts, and we may never get all the blood off our hands.

Marlon James is a Jamaican-born writer who won the 2015 Man Booker Prize for "A Brief History of Seven Killings," his blazing novel about the attempted assassination of Bob Marley. Now, James is clear-cutting space for a whole new kingdom. "Black Leopard, Red Wolf," the first spectacular volume of a planned trilogy, rises up from the mists of time, glistening like viscera. James has spun an African fantasy as vibrant, complex and haunting as any Western mythology, and nobody who survives reading this book will ever forget it. That thunder you hear is the jealous rage of Olympian gods.

"We tell stories to live," says Tracker, the indefatigable narrator, who tells a lot of stories but doesn't let many people live. When the novel opens, Tracker is rotting in a dungeon where he recently stabbed, crushed and blinded his five cellmates. They had it coming — or most of them did — and in any case, it's a perfect introduction to a lonely hero who will leave behind so many dead bodies over the next 600 pages that this book should be interred instead of shelved.

Thrown out of the house as a teenager, Tracker casts off everything that reminds him of his father — including all clothing. "The lion needs no robe and neither does the cobra," Tracker

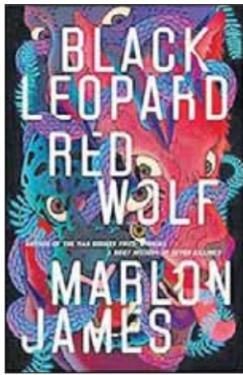
announces. "People would look at me with the scorn they save for swamp folk." Stomping around naked must be good for business, though, because he quickly makes a name for himself as a kind of medieval private investigator. "It has been said that I have a nose," he admits, but it's more like a superpower: the ability to track people by their scent over hundreds of miles. He finds missing wives, errant husbands and secret mistresses. It helps that he's also protected by a spell ensuring that "nothing borne of metal" can cut him.

Tracker's success eventually gets him an assignment that becomes the novel's central storyline. In a time of cataclysmic political upheaval and rumors of war between competing kingdoms, powerful people want to retrieve a missing boy. Who this boy is, who took him and even who wants him back are questions that remain as mysterious as where the boy might be. Tracker is convinced the child is dead, but the case touches a deep sorrow in him, and he agrees to join a gang of contentious characters who are convinced they can find him.

"Ocean's Eleven" has got nothing on this ensemble. Tracker's team includes a reticent buffalo, a witch who rises up from a puddle of oil, an archivist who's also a master swordsman and a melancholy giant who won't stop lamenting his kills. But the most endearing of these characters is Tracker's lover, a man who changes at will into a leopard. He's a typically feline companion: unpre-



Marlon James in his Minneapolis home in 2014.



'Black Leopard, Red Wolf'

By Marlon James, Riverhead, 620 pages, \$30

dictably hot or cold. James creates wonderful banter between them, and he's fearless about exploring the sexuality of these two virile heroes. His Tracker and Leopard are Achilles and Patroclus with more fur and fury. As Leopard exclaims after a night of loud

carousing: "Fantastic beasts, fantastic urges."

Harvesting mythology and fantasy from the rich soil of Africa — from the Anansi tales to the Sundiata Epic and so much more — James hangs a string of awesome adventures on this quest for the missing boy. Tracker and his violent companions explore lush jungles, cities in the sky and a dark forest where the memory of elephants charges through the trees. Dare to enter this realm, and you'll confront a catalog of the continent's creatures: ferocious trolls, giant bats and a bloodsucking fiend made entirely of flies. Clearly, Hollywood special effects are still playing catch-up with the magic our very best fantasy writers can spin. But, frankly, it's one intimate encounter with a hyena that will haunt your nightmares.

As these bloody stories and their mysteries pile up, I sometimes felt as lost as Tracker does in the woods, despite the inclusion of James' five hand-drawn

maps. About halfway through, when a witch asks, "Who are you that demands that I make things clear to you?" she could have been screaming directly at me. (A list of characters at the front of the book contains more than 80 names, which is almost more intimidating than clarifying.) But I didn't much mind the bouts of discombobulation because I was always enchanted by James' prose, with its adroit mingling of ancient and modern tones. (The chapter epigraphs are in the West African language of Yoruba.) He's constructed this book with the same joints as the old epics: episodes of gripping intensity linked loosely together in an arc that resolves itself only at a distance. Scene by scene, the fights are cinematic spectacles, spell-binding blurs of violence set to the sounds of clanging swords and tearing tendons.

Beneath all these hair-raising fights and chases thrum profound issues of

identity and freedom that resonate in our own far less brawny era. It's particularly fascinating to see James revise the racist palette of Western symbolism. In Tracker's world, the richest, most gorgeous colors are shades of brown and black, and nothing is more corrupt, more vile and disgusting than the work of the White Scientists. The treatment they subject Tracker to is unspeakable.

Honestly, you'll want to read "Black Leopard, Red Wolf" wearing a smock. It's an extraordinarily violent story, including a surfeit of sexual attacks. The ancient world is not a pretty or kind place: Men, women and children are tortured and raped to death. But that only makes Tracker's concealed tenderness more poignant. Cast out, he feels the pain that all discarded beings feel, especially the littlest and most despised ones. He'd cut out my tongue for saying it, but beneath that impervious exterior is a kind and gentle soul.

BOOK REVIEW

Abdurraqib's riveting, poetic take on A Tribe Called Quest

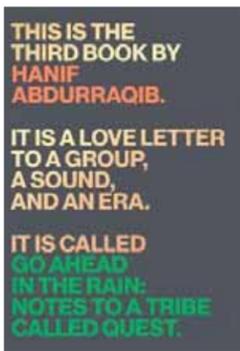
BY GEOFF EDGERS
The Washington Post

If you can remember back to Nov. 12, 2016, A Tribe Called Quest appeared, seemingly out of nowhere, and basically staged a musical takeover of "Saturday Night Live." It had been 7,349 days since their last record and yet there stood Tip and Jarobi, backs turned to the camera to salute a sprawling mural of the fallen Phife Dawg, as "The Space Program" kicked in.

Sonically, the song is classic Tribe, built on beats and groove and a Paleozoic sample from an Andrew Hill Blue Note record. But content-wise, "The Space Program" manages to be more of the moment than the moment itself. Never mind that it was probably mixed down at a point in the presidential campaign when white suburbia still believed pantsuit flash mobs would rule the day. Tribe seemed to know what was coming. Only four days after Donald Trump took the White House, Tip had shifted out of stun mode. He stalked the camera to lead a resolute chant of "Let's Make Something Happen."

As Hanif Abdurraqib writes in his riveting and poetic new book on Tribe, we shouldn't have been all that surprised by the group's re-emergence on "We Got It From Here ... Thank You 4 Your Service," its sixth and final album: "Black folks have been creating with their backs against the wall for years, telling the future, speaking what is coming to the masses that aren't eager to hear it until what's coming actually arrives, looming over them."

There are two general models for musical histories: the deeply reported biography (think Peter



'Go Ahead in the Rain'

By Hanif Abdurraqib, University of Texas, 216 pages, \$16.95

Guralnick) and the impressionistic takes found in the wildly uneven 33 1/3 series and Rob Sheffield's stellar "Dreaming the Beatles." In "Go Ahead in the Rain: Notes to A Tribe Called Quest," Abdurraqib opens Door No. 3. He keeps to the chronology enough to allow the uninitiated in, charting the birth of Tribe, the parallel and sideways movements that emerged and the group's slow fizzle, collapse and re-emergence. Abdurraqib's gift is his ability to flip from a wide angle to a zoom with ease. He is a five-tool writer, slipping out of the timeline to deliver vivid, memoiristic splashes as well as letters he's crafted to directly address the central players, dead and living. He is a grown man, a cultural critic, an important voice, but he's also an awkward kid huddled in the back seat of the school bus, that "Beats, Rhymes and Life" cassette wearing out his Walkman. He brings everything to the game, whether a cosmic vignette about Leonard Cohen or an unexpected curveball that some-

how morphs into connective tissue.

A Tribe Called Quest was formed in the mid-'80s, a collaboration between two kids from Queens, Kamaal Ibn John Fareed and Malik Izaak Taylor, whom we would come to know as Q-Tip and Phife Dawg. DJ Ali Shaheed Muhammad and MC Jarobi White joined by the time they recorded their debut, 1990's "People's Instinctive Travels and the Paths of Rhythm."

They had a sense of humor and an undeniable talent at grabbing sampled grooves, and they weren't afraid of the music their parents loved, particularly jazz. Tribe broke up in 1998 for the same reasons most bands collapse. And their unexpected return would serve as a defiant but heart-breaking coda. Phife's battle with diabetes ended eight months before the last album would arrive. He was 45.

We get the full picture in "Go Ahead in the Rain." We watch Tip emerge as the sonic scientist and Phife as the flaky, even reluctant participant.

The beauty of being both a true fan and a professional is that you can embrace even the low points and yet analyze with pinpoint accuracy when your heroes have fallen short. And as you search for the perfect ending, you'll realize there seldom is one.

"Not every story in music ends with a group forced to throw in the towel due to a great and impossible loss, and not every story should," Abdurraqib writes. "But had it not, I would want A Tribe Called Quest to return again and again, giving me the doses of updated nostalgia that I might need when no other music could provide it. At least now, I think, we can lay them to rest."

BOOK REVIEWS

February releases

BY BETHANNE PATRICK
The Washington Post



"Rock Needs River: A Memoir about a Very Open Adoption" by Vanessa McGrady (out now)

Adoptions in the U.S. were once conducted with sealed files and sealed lips. Some have gotten much more open, but McGrady took it to a different level when she invited the homeless biological parents of her adopted daughter to live with her. Nothing went according to plan, and McGrady chronicles her non-fairy-tale path to parenthood with uncommon candor.

"Bowlaway" by Elizabeth McCracken (out now)

Imagine the Great American Novel with a female protagonist who starts a New England candlepin bowling dynasty, and you'll have some idea of this delicious family saga. Bertha Truitt arrives in Salford, Mass., early in the 20th century with a bowling ball, a candlepin and 15 pounds of gold. When she marries black doctor Leviticus Sprague, tongues wag — but she'll give them much, much more to talk about.

"On the Come Up" by Angie Thomas (out now)

Thomas' young-adult debut, "The Hate U Give," and its subsequent movie adaptation, examined racism and police brutality, giving voice to experiences many of us never see (too often deliberately). Her sophomore effort proves she's a force. We're back in Garden Heights, this time following Brianna, a young woman determined to make it as a rapper.

"The Age of Light" by Whitney Scharer (out now)

Do you know the name Lee Miller? Too many people recognize the incredibly gifted photographer simply as the muse to her more famous lover, Man Ray. But they'll have a better sense of her after reading Scharer's debut novel, which shows how a woman brave enough to record the horrors of Nazi concentration camps could be cowed by a paramour.

"The Hiding Place" by C.J. Tudor (out now)

Tudor's 2018 "The Chalk Man" was a stand-out mystery novel with a fresh voice and a spooky plot. "The Hiding Place" is even better. When schoolteacher Joseph Thorne returns home to Arnhill, he has reasons that involve a long-missing sibling.

"The Source of Self-Regard: Selected Essays, Speeches, and Meditations" by Toni Morrison (Feb. 12)

Divided into three parts — a prayer for the 9/11 dead, a meditation on Martin Luther King Jr. and a eulogy for James Baldwin — this book is a must. Naturally, it's also about Peter Sellers, Toni Cade Bambara, Morrison's own novels and much more. "A writer's life and work are not a gift to mankind," she writes. "They are its necessity." Too true.

"American Spy" by Lauren Wilkinson (Feb. 12)

Wilkinson reminds us of a less-covered side of the Cold War with her debut set in 1986 Africa. FBI

agent Marie Mitchell is stationed in Burkina Faso, and when she's assigned to shadow Thomas Sankara, "Africa's Che Guevara," the personal, political and professional collide for her in unforgettable ways.

"The Care and Feeding of Ravenously Hungry Girls" by Anissa Gray (Feb. 19)

Sisters Althea, Viola and Lillian have always been forces of nature, but none are prepared for the swirling vortex that envelops them when Althea and her husband are arrested. Viola and Lillian do their best to pick up the pieces, including caring for the couple's twin teenage daughters.

"The Border" by Don Winslow (Feb. 26)

In the last in Winslow's Cartel trilogy, DEA stalwart Art Keller finds himself not just at war with druglords but with his own government when he discovers that the incoming administration is in bed with the enemies he's been fighting for decades.

"The Priory of the Orange Tree" by Samantha Shannon (Feb. 26)

Shannon follows up her fantasy trilogy "The Bone Season" with the tale of the matriarchal House of Berethnet that rules Inys. Queen Sabran the Ninth must conceive a daughter if she is to retain power.

Bethanne Patrick is the editor, most recently, of "The Books That Changed My Life: Reflections by 100 Authors, Actors, Musicians and Other Remarkable People."

WATCH THIS: THURSDAY



Samantha Smith and Jeffrey Dean Morgan

"Supernatural" (7 p.m., CW): One of the great things about this long-running series is that, by its nature, a character's death doesn't necessarily mean he or she is off the show. That proves to be dramatically true in the show's 300th new episode, entitled "Lebanon," which finds Sam and Dean Winchester (Jared Padalecki, Jensen Ackles) in that Kansas town seeking an uncanny solution to a current dilemma. Samantha Smith guest stars.

"The First 48 Presents: Homicide Squad Atlanta" (8 p.m., 12:03 a.m., AE): Frustrated by the lack of progress in finding leads in the brutal murder of Bridget Shiel, Detective Lowe organizes a vigil on the first anniversary of the crime in a bid to give her family some closure, plus — with any luck — to turn up something helpful to the investigation, in the new episode "Hot Sun, Cold Blood." A tip leads the detectives on a wild chase, but the best evidence they have is some DNA they haven't been able to match.

"Kindred Spirits" (9 p.m., 12 a.m., TRAVEL): The new episode "A Haunting in Gettysburg" sends paranormal investigators Amy Bruni and Adam Berry to that historic Pennsylvania city to investigate reports of a mirror that is said to be haunted. During the course of their exploration, some abnormal activity leads to serious unease when an otherworldly entity suddenly becomes physical. Ultimately, Amy and Adam develop a theory that the mirror in question may be an uncanny sort of portal.

"The Rap Game" (9:03 p.m., 1:04 a.m., Lifetime): Hip hop superstar Lil Jon helps celebrate the So So Def 25th anniversary, while a shocking writing scandal sweeps through the house and generates plenty of turbulence in the new episode "Def 25." As things progress, two artists go head-to-head in a battle like none before, one that threatens to demolish a friendship.

"The Other Two" (9:30 p.m., Comedy Central): Continuing to enjoy what appears to be an endlessly charmed life, Chase (Case Walker) finds an easy rapport and even the prospect of an adolescent fling as he collaborates with another up-and-coming singer in the new episode "Chase Gets a Girlfriend." Having to watch their golden-boy kid brother effortlessly sidle into romance forces both Brooke and Cary (Heléne Yorke, Drew Tarver) to confront the bumpy relationships in their own lives. Ken Marino and Molly Shannon also star.

TALK SHOWS

"Conan" (10 p.m. 11:30 p.m., TBS): Actor Nick Kroll.*

"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): Actor Chris Pratt; TV personality Meghan McCain; Beirut performs.*

"Jimmy Kimmel Live" (10:35 p.m., ABC): Actress Jennifer Connelly; actor Richard E. Grant; singer-songwriter Miley Cyrus; record producer Mark Ronson.*

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Family

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Fox Television, would gather titanic audiences for a sitcom. For much of its run it averaged at least 11 million viewers per season, boosted by the way it represented a changed definition of the American family (and the ethnic, sexual and racial identities that can be seen on an American family sitcom). In its third season it averaged nearly 13 million viewers, many of them in the coveted 18-49 demographic.

In contrast, NBC's "30 Rock," another repeat comedy-E Emmy winner from the 21st century, averaged under 6 million most seasons.

The ad sales were similarly monstrous and old-school. At its peak 30-second ads on "Modern Family" went for a quarter of a million dollars, among the highest ever for a sitcom. (That is, when the show wasn't engaging in some bolder forms of sponsorship.)

By putting its own spin on a familiar motley-family concept and docu-comedy style, the show turned things around for ABC. Far removed from its TGIF heyday of the 1990s, the network needed comedy hits. "Modern Family" came along just in time, its Wednesday slot not only lining its own pockets but giving a boost to other network sitcoms such as "The Middle" and "The Goldbergs."

Most importantly, though, it provided a charge to the wider landscape. "Modern Family" brought back the idea that a TV comedy, even as viewership and consumer mind-share began to fragment, could both be broadly watched and a critical hit. There have been some other long-running broadcast-network comedy smashes in the current era; "The Big Bang Theory" comes to mind.

But "Modern Family" stands out a single-camera comedy — cinema-style shooting, no laugh-track — that still garnered a massive audience.

And the show repeated the rewards. "Modern Family" generated not just the usual local syndication deals but a splashy one on USA Network, which paid as much as \$1.5 million per episode. It even got sold and repackaged in places like Chile and Greece.

Its role was testified to by the Disney-Fox acquisition, as executives cited it as the kind of jewel that ABC wanted not just to air but to own. The show was so big that at the start of its cable reruns had the feel of a new series launch.

"Modern Family" even had some old-fashioned network-cast salary disputes as la the epic clashes between Friends and NBC/Warner Bros. in the 1990s — the kind of thing that happened when the networks needed their stars in a way few streamers, with the elevation of brand and writer, rarely do.

And yet. All this success is a reminder of just why it was possible when it came on — and how it could never be possible again.



KELSEY MCNEAL/ABC

Sofia Vergara plays Gloria on ABC's "Modern Family."

The end of "Modern Family," along with "Big Bang" at the end of this current television season, will also in all probability mean the end of an era. The highest-rated sitcoms now on broadcast television are either very new ("Young Sheldon") or very old ("The Conners"). The odds that any could achieve what Jay Pritchett and his Closet Empire did are remote at best.

Because the current landscape is too fractured, too diffuse, to give us broad comedy hits. At the very least it is unlikely to give us quality comedy hits; the people who can make them simply do not need a broadcast network's money when there's so much of it sloshing around elsewhere.

Not for nothing are the other broadcast comedies that lasted to their 11th season — "Cheers," "The Jeffersons," "M*A*S*H — a who's-who of TV history, these are not tricks we'll likely see in the 21st century.

If you want an idea of how "Modern Family" comes from another business age, here it is: the show is not on Netflix. Yep. Not on now, never has been. Twentieth knew it could monetize the show much better with these syndication deals than selling it to a streamer.

The show's scripts have by wide consensus been declining creatively for a while, as writers exhaust storylines and reach for contrivances and guest stars. Many fans began dropping off the "Modern Family" wagon a while ago — its viewership began declining in the 7th season, a trend that has only accelerated since.

But the inevitable writerly ebb and flow of a TV show is only part of the story here, and doesn't hit at the more underlying business factors that will prevent a phenomenon of its ilk from happening again. "Modern Family" may be getting long in the tooth creatively, leading to its demise. But from a business standpoint, it's nothing less than a dinosaur, and its species could well soon be extinct.

THURSDAY EVENING, FEB. 7

	PM	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00
BROADCAST	CBS 2	Big Bang Theory (N)	Young Sheldon (N)	Big Brother: Celebrity Edition (N) ©	Will & Grace (N) ©	S.W.A.T.: "The B-Team." (N) ©	Law & Order: Special Victims Unit: "Part 33." (N)	News (N) ♦
	NBC 5	The Titan Games (N) ©	Brooklyn Nine (N)	Brooklyn Nine (N)	Will & Grace (N) ©	How to Get Away With Murder (N) ©	NBC 5 News (N) ♦	
	ABC 7	Grey's Anatomy: "Girl-Friend in a Coma." (N) ©	(8:01) A Million Little Things: "Someday." (N) ©	Last Man Standing ©	Last Man Standing ©	WGN News at Nine (N)	WGN News at Ten (N) ♦	
	WGN 9	blackish ©	blackish: "THE Word." ©	Last Man Standing ©	Last Man Standing ©	WGN News at Nine (N)	WGN News at Ten (N) ♦	
	Antenna 9.2	Alice ©	Alice ©	B. Miller	B. Miller	Johnny Carson ©	3's Comp.	
	This TV 9.3	Cadillac Man (R,'90) ♦♦	Robin Williams. ©			What's the Worst ♦		
	PBS 11	Chicago Tonight (N)	Independent Lens ©			One Night in March ©	Interview Show (N)	
	The U 26.1	7 Eyewitness News (N)	The Game	Engagement	Broke Girl	Broke Girl	Seinfeld ©	
	MeTV 26.3	Andy Griffith	Andy Griffith	Gomer Pyle	WKRP Cincinnati	Hogan Hero	Hogan Hero	C. Burnett
	H&I 26.4	Star Trek ©	Star Trek: Next			Star Trek: Deep Space 9	Star Trek ♦	
	Bounce 26.5	Scandal ©	Last Call	In the Cut		Major Payne (PG-13,'95) ♦♦		
	FOX 32	Gotham: "Year Zero." ©	The Orville: "Ja'loja." ©			Fox 32 News at Nine (N)	Modern Family	
	Ion 38	Chicago P.D.: "Fallen." ©	Chicago P.D. ©			Chicago P.D.: "Politics." ©	Chicago ♦	
	Telem 44	Exatión EE. UU. (N)	Betty en NY (N) ©			El barón (N) ©	Chicago (N)	
CW 50	Supernatural (N) ©	Legacies (N) ©			The Good Wife ©	Chicago ♦		
UniMas 60	Tres Milagros ©	Atrapada ©			Rosario Tijeras ©	Tiro de ♦		
WJYS 62	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Joyce Meyer	Robison	Christian	Dn. Carson	Monument	
Univ 66	Jesus	Mi marido tiene familia	Amar a muerte				Noticias (N)	
CABLE	AE	The First 48 (N) ©	The First 48 (N)			(9:01) 60 Days In (N) ©	First 48 ♦	
	AMC	I, Robot (PG-13,'04) ♦♦	Will Smith, Bridget Moynahan. ©			The Punisher (R,'04) ♦♦		
	ANIM	Crikey! It's the Irwins	The Secret of			River Monsters © ♦		
	BBCA	Planet Earth: Africa ©	Planet Earth: Africa ©			Planet Earth: Africa ©	Premier (N)	
	BET	♦ Tyler Perry's Temptation	(7:55) Big Mommas: Like Father, Like Son (PG-13,'11) ♦♦					
	BIGTEN	♦ Wm. Basketball (N)	Women's College Basketball (N)				Basketball	
	BRAVO	Top Chef (N) ©	Million Dollar LA (N)			(9:01) Backyard Envy (N)	Watch (N) ♦	
	CLTV	News at 7	News (N)	News at 8	News (N)	SportsFeed ©	Politics	
	CNBC	Shark Tank ©	Shark Tank ©			Shark Tank ©	Shark ♦	
	CNN	Anderson Cooper 360 (N)	Cuomo Prime Time (N)			CNN Tonight (N)	Tonight (N) ♦	
	COM	The Office	The Office	The Office	The Office	Broad City	Other Two	
	DISC	Building Off the Grid ©	Building Off the Grid (N)			Building Off the Grid ©	Off Grid ♦	
	DISN	Raven	Raven	Bunk'd ©	Bizaardvark	Bunk'd ©	Bunk'd ©	
	DI	Chrisley	Chrisley	Chrisley	Chrisley	Chrisley	Dating (N)	
	ESPN	♦ College Basketball (N)	College Basketball: Teams TBA. (N) (Live) ©			TBA. (N) (Live) ©	SportCtr (N)	
	ESPN2	♦ College Basketball (N)	College Basketball: Teams TBA. (N) (Live)				Basketball	
	FNC	Tucker Carlson (N)	Hannity (N) ©			The Ingraham Angle (N)	Fox News	
	FOOD	Chopped: "Plum Luck."	Chopped ©			Beat Flay (N) Beat Bobby	Beat Bobby	
	FREE	Siren: "Natural Order." (N)	(8:01) Miss Congeniality (PG-13,'00) ♦♦			© (SAP)	700 Club ♦	
	FX	Mike and Dave Need Wedding Dates (R,'16) ♦♦	©			Mike and Dave Need Wedding Dates		
	HALL	Valentine in the Vineyard (NR,'19) ©				All Things Valentine (NR,'15) © ♦		
	HGTV	Flip or Flop	Flip or Flop	Flip-Flop (N)	Flip or Flop	Hunters (N)	Hunt Intl (N)	
	HIST	Swamp People ©	Swamp People (N)			Truck Night (N)	Truck ♦	
	HLN	Forensic	Forensic	Forensic	Forensic	Forensic	Forensic	
	IFC	♦ Fast Times at Ridgemont	Footloose (PG,'84) ♦♦	Kevin Bacon, Lori Singer. ©				
	LIFE	Bring It! (N) ©	Bring It! (N) ©			(9:03) The Rap Game (N)	Rap Game	
MSNBC	All In With (N)	Rachel Maddow Show (N)			The Last Word (N)	11th Hour ♦		
MTV	Ex on the Beach (N) ©	Floribama Shore (N) ©			Floribama	Ex on the Beach ©		
NBCSCH	Pregame (N)	NHL Hockey: Vancouver Canucks at Chicago Blackhawks. (N) (Live)				Postgame		
NICK	SpongeBob	SpongeBob	Ice Age: The Melttdown (PG,'06) ♦♦			Friends ©		
OVATION	The Golden Child (PG-13,'86)	♦♦ Eddie Murphy.			Alinea in Residence	Vegas Vac ♦		
OWN	20/20 on OWN ©	20/20 on OWN ©			20/20 on OWN ©	20/20 ♦		
OPY	Chicago P.D. ©	Chicago P.D. ©			Chicago P.D. ©	Chicago ♦		
PARMT	Friends ©	Friends ©	Lip Sync (N)	Lip Sync	Forrest Gump (PG-13,'94) ♦♦♦	© ♦♦♦		
SYFY	♦ The Fast and the Furious	2 Fast 2 Furious (PG-13,'03) ♦♦	Paul Walker. ©			Deadly ♦		
TBS	Seinfeld	Seinfeld	Big Bang	Big Bang	Drop/Mic	Joker's Wild		
TCM	All About Eve (NR,'50) ♦♦♦	Bette Davis, Anne Baxter. ©				A Letter to Three Wives ♦		
TLC	Dr. Pimple Popper ©	Dr. Pimple Popper (N)			My 600-Lb. Life (N) ♦			
TLN	IMPACT	Wretched	Tommie	Glory	Life Today	Like You		
TNT	NBA Basketball: Lakers at Celtics (N Subject to Blackout)					Basketball (N Subject to Blackout)		
TOON	Samur. Jack	Amer. Dad	Amer. Dad	Burgers	Burgers	Family Guy		
TRAV	The Dead Files ©	The Dead Files (N) ©			Kindred Spirits (N) ©	Dead Files ♦		
TVL	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	Two Men	Two Men		
USA	NCIS: "Power Down."	NCIS: "Child's Play."			NCIS: "Faith." ©	NCIS ♦		
VH1	Bad Boys (R,'95) ♦♦	Martin Lawrence, Will Smith. ©				Bad Boys II (R,'03) ♦♦		
WE	Growing Up Hip Hop ©	Growing Up Hip Hop (N)			Marriage- Stars (N)	Hip Hop ♦		
WGN America	Last Man	Last Man	Last Man	Last Man	Last Man	Last Man		
PREMIUM	HBO	Tag (R,'18) ♦♦	Ed Helms. ©			(8:45) True Detective	(9:45) Man on Fire ♦♦	
	HBO2	Crashing	High Main.	Cop Out (R,'10) ♦	Bruce Willis. ©		Crashing	
	MAX	Look Away (NR,'18)	India Eisley.			(8:45) Upgrade (R,'18) ♦♦♦	Logan Marshall-Green.	
	SHO	♦ (6:45) Tombstone (R,'93) ♦♦♦	Kurt Russell.			7 Days in Entebbe (PG-13,'18) ♦♦		
	STARZ	♦ (6:25) Ray (PG-13,'04) ♦♦♦	Jamie Foxx. ©			Counterpart ©	Duplex ♦♦♦	
	STZNC	♦ (6:01) Runaway Bride ♦♦	Out of Time (PG-13,'03) ♦♦			Denzel Washington.	Scream 2 ♦	



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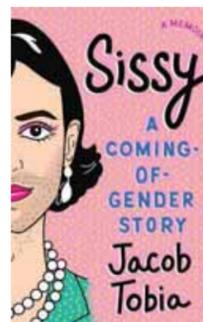
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Horoscopes



Today's birthday (Feb. 7): Participate with a powerful team this year. Strengthen support structures. Expect the unexpected at your house. Summer energizes and invigorates you before a peaceful pause to review plans. Purposeful inspiration this winter illuminates healthy changes. Contribute for a shared passion.

Aries (March 21-April 19): Today is a 6. It's a good time to learn a new game. Make profitable plans. Consider long-term savings and compound interest.

Taurus (April 20-May 20): 7. Friends help you make an important connection. Community participation amplifies your energy. Coordinate who will do what, and get into action for a shared cause.

Gemini (May 21-June 20): 8. A professional vision seems within reach. It's time to back up talk with action. Team coordination prepares a well-oiled push.

Cancer (June 21-July 22): 9. Embark on a trip or exploration. Check reservations and go. Travel with someone whose company you enjoy. Expand your horizons. Seize the day.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22): 8. Study growth strategies for your shared money. How can you generate rising value? Discuss it with your partner. Determine your best options, and take action.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): 8. Keep an open mind and heart. A collaborative opportunity is worth pursuing. Keep long-term goals in mind. Strengthen your partnership with active participation.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): 9. Dive into physical action with gusto. Practice your routines to grow stronger. Slow down to go over the new stuff, until you're comfortable with the tempo.

Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): 8. You're especially lucky in love. Talk is cheap; back up your promises with clear action. Impress someone you care about by providing excellence.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): 7. Energize a domestic project. Long-term improvements are easier than you thought. Get family on board for a positive change. A little elbow grease makes big impact.

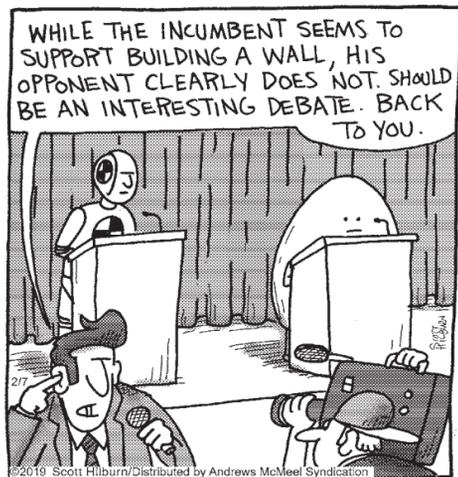
Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): 8. You're especially clever with words and communication. Prepare your message, and set it up to reach a wide audience. Write, edit and publish.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): 9. Full speed ahead with a profitable venture. Your past work speaks well for you. Use the right equipment for the job. Prioritize long-lasting quality.

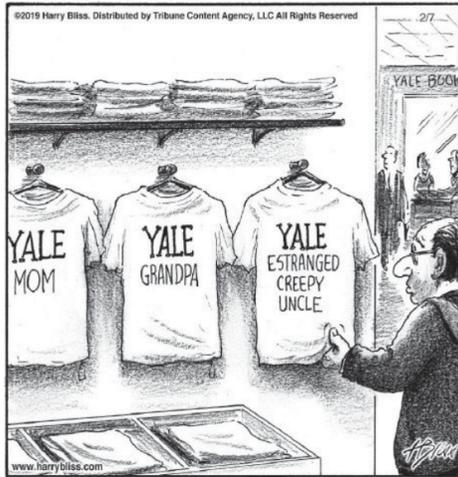
Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20): 9. Good news comes from far away. A brilliant discovery or headline changes your options. Take bold steps to realize a personal dream. Push ahead.

— Nancy Black, Tribune Content Agency

The Argyle Sweater



Bliss



Bridge

Both vulnerable, South deals

North		East	
♠ J 6 5	♥ A Q 10 5 4	♠ Q	♥ Q
♦ 10 9 8 4	♣ 6	♦ K 2	♥ A J 10 8 7 5 4 2
♠ A 10 9 2	♥ 7 5 3	♦ A J 10 8 7 5 4 2	♣ 8 6
♦ Q 9 3	♣ J 9 2	South	
		♠ K 8 7 4 3	♥ A Q J 6
		♦ K	♣ K 7 3

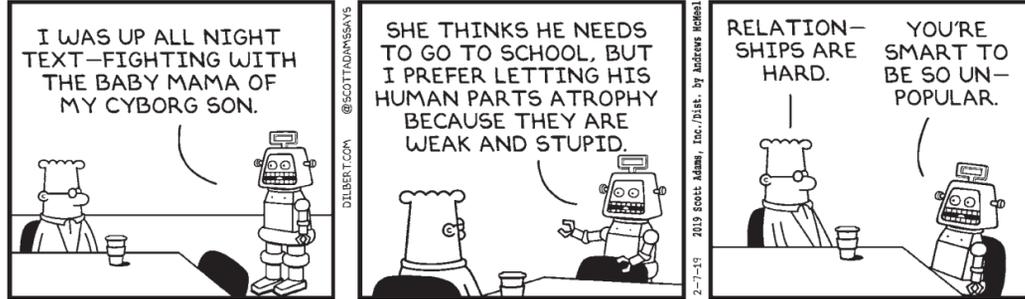
The vulnerability kept East-West from competing to five diamonds. It would have cost 500 points, assuming East dropped the offside king of trumps. This would have shown a small profit if North-South made their vulnerable game, but when a sacrifice is going to be that expensive, it's not such a bad idea to just pass and defend. You might defeat the contract, or declarer might not find the winning line of play.

The club's Saturday night duplicate was raging when Hard Luck Louie found himself declarer in today's deal. The opening diamond lead went to East's ace, and East shifted to the queen of spades. "That's a good break for me," thought Louie, as he covered with his king. West won and continued with the 10 of spades, covered by the jack and ruffed by East. The nine of spades eventually became the setting trick. "I hate my life," said Louie.

Lucky Larry declared the same hand with the same defense. He gave the queen of spades a long look and decided that East would never have shifted to that card with a doubleton. Any spade losers would never go away, so the lead had to be a singleton. Larry did not cover the queen but allowed it to hold the trick instead. He won East's club shift, drew trumps with the aid of a finesse, and conceded a trick to the ace of spades, making four. Nice play!

— Bob Jones
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Baby Blues



Zits



Mr. Boffo



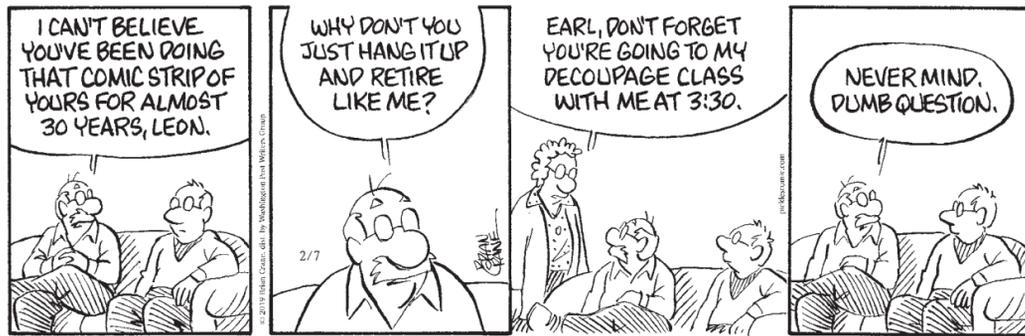
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Classic Peanuts



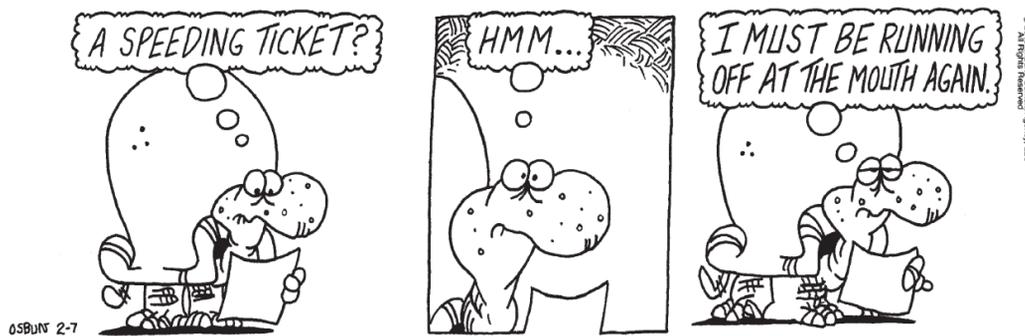
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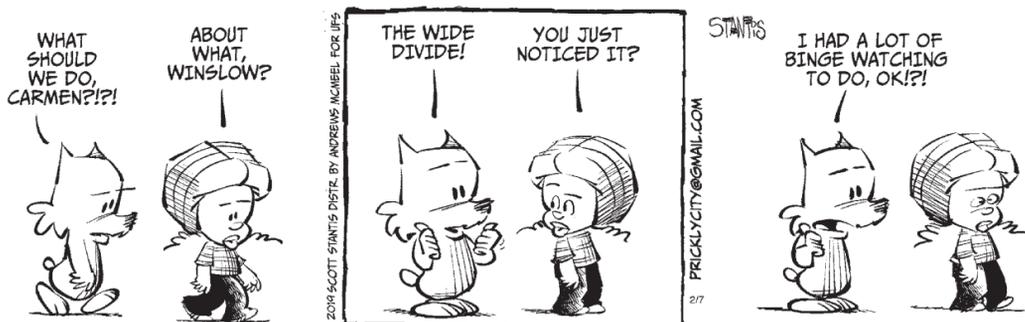
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Animal Crackers



Prickly City



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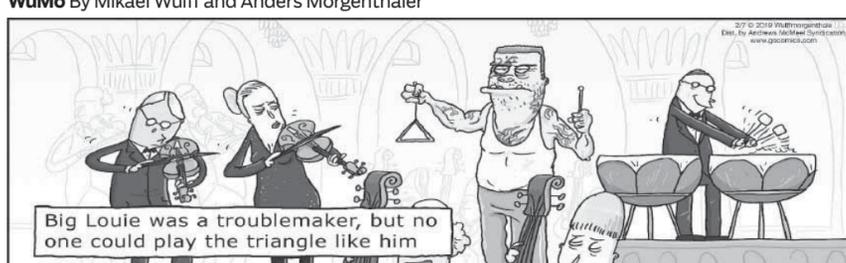
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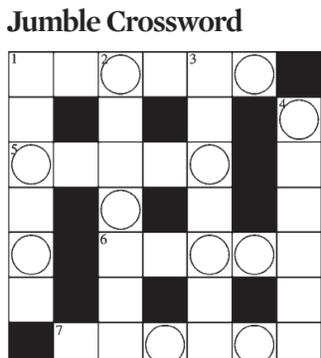
Broom-Hilda By Russell Myers



Trivia Bits

The first Japanese-born player in the NBA was Yuta Tabuse, who appeared with which Pacific Division team in 2004?
 A) Golden State Warriors
 B) Los Angeles Clippers
 C) Phoenix Suns
 D) Sacramento Kings
 Wednesday's answer: Bessie Smith will forever be known as the "Empress of the Blues."
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Jumble Crossword



CLUE ACROSS
 1. Wait around
 5. ___ syrup
 6. Habit, custom
 7. Nullify

CLUE DOWN
 1. Flexible
 2. Eighth planet
 3. Lift up
 4. Trial, test

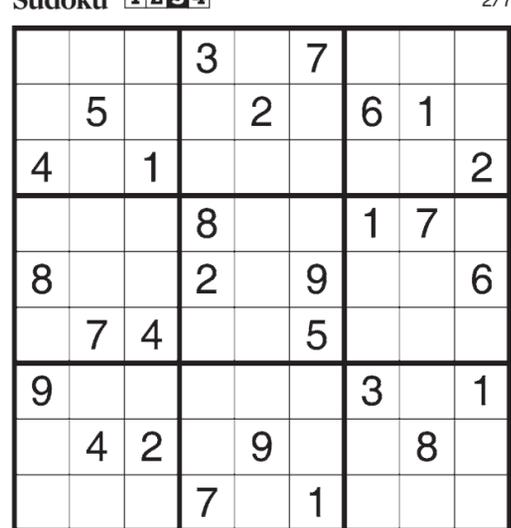
ANSWER
 GELNRI
 EAPML
 SEAUG
 PEELRA

ANSWER
 MRELIB
 ENEUNTP
 ETEAEL
 ROADLE

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Sudoku 1 2 3 4

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9	1	6	4	8	2	5	7	3
2	8	3	5	6	7	1	9	4
5	3	7	6	2	4	9	8	1
8	6	9	7	1	5	4	3	2
1	2	4	3	9	8	7	6	5
6	5	1	8	7	3	2	4	9
3	9	8	2	4	1	6	5	7
7	4	2	9	5	6	3	1	8

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.

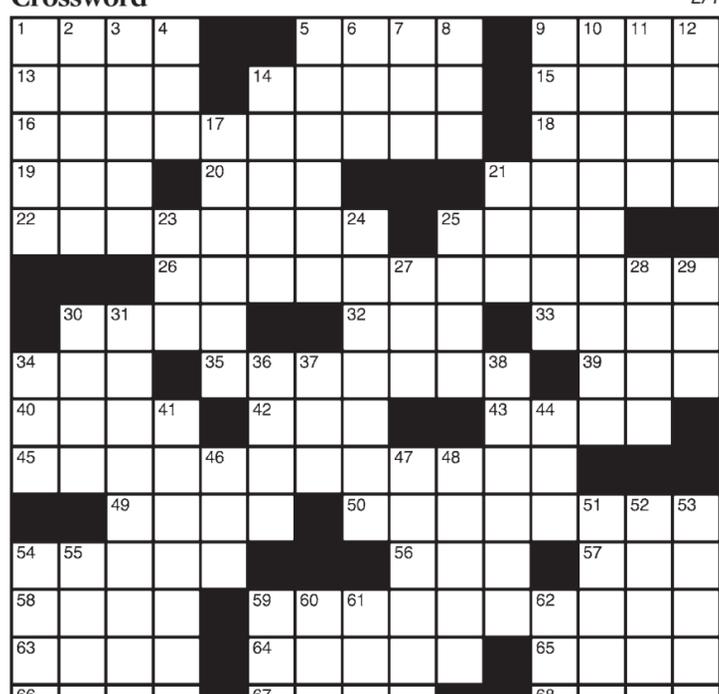
HAFIT
 HESOW
 KMYISP
 SIRALO

Answer here

Wednesday's answers
 Jumbles: FACET SHIFT GLOOMY ORIGIN
 Answer: The subdivision where they chose to build their dream home had — LOTS TO OFFER
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Crossword

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Across
 1 Correspondence sign-off
 5 Musical series set at McKinley High
 9 "Wealth of Nations" author Smith
 13 Pot for paella
 14 Speaks up?
 15 Bit of folklore
 16 Mature gentle treatment?
 18 B'way hit signs
 19 News letters
 20 "Have some"
 21 Decides not to delete
 22 Bodega miss
 25 Roe-producing fish
 26 Mature sprightly piano classic?
 30 Canaanite deity
 32 Half a cocktail
 33 Handler of "Sex and the City"
 34 Costa del ___

Down
 11 Boatloads
 12 Food in a hall
 14 Braid
 17 Notable Ford of the '70s
 21 "___ Persisted": children's book about inspirational women
 23 Andean tuber
 24 Pit-digging insect
 25 Handmade blade
 27 Eastern "way"
 28 Second-oldest Ivy
 29 NBC show since 1975
 30 Portend
 31 Versatile
 34 Bro or sis
 36 Rich rocks
 37 Political initials since 1884
 38 Exceedingly
 41 Asmara's nation
 44 Poetic sphere
 46 Rental ad abbr.
 47 Veto
 48 Brownish gray
 51 Birdie topper
 52 Jagged, as a leaf's edge
 53 Carnival attractions
 54 Data unit
 55 Musician's forte?
 59 Place for a chemical peel
 60 Lang. of the Torah
 61 ___ minérale: French spring supply
 62 Gratified

Wednesday's solution
 HAFIT
 HESOW
 KMYISP
 SIRALO

Down
 1 Phony
 2 Run secretly to the chapel
 3 Dispatched, as a dragon
 4 Ankle pic
 5 Cavern
 6 Brit's facilities
 7 Bud on a spud
 8 Snaky curve
 9 On the line
 10 Stunt performer, say

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THURSDAY, FEB. 7

NORMAL HIGH: 33°

NORMAL LOW: 18°

RECORD HIGH: 59° (1925)

RECORD LOW: -10° (1875)

A very cold Friday will follow Thursday's rain

LOCAL FORECAST

HIGH 39 | **LOW** 5

■ **Winter Weather Advisory in effect for far north, northwest and west suburbs for freezing rain until 9 a.m.**

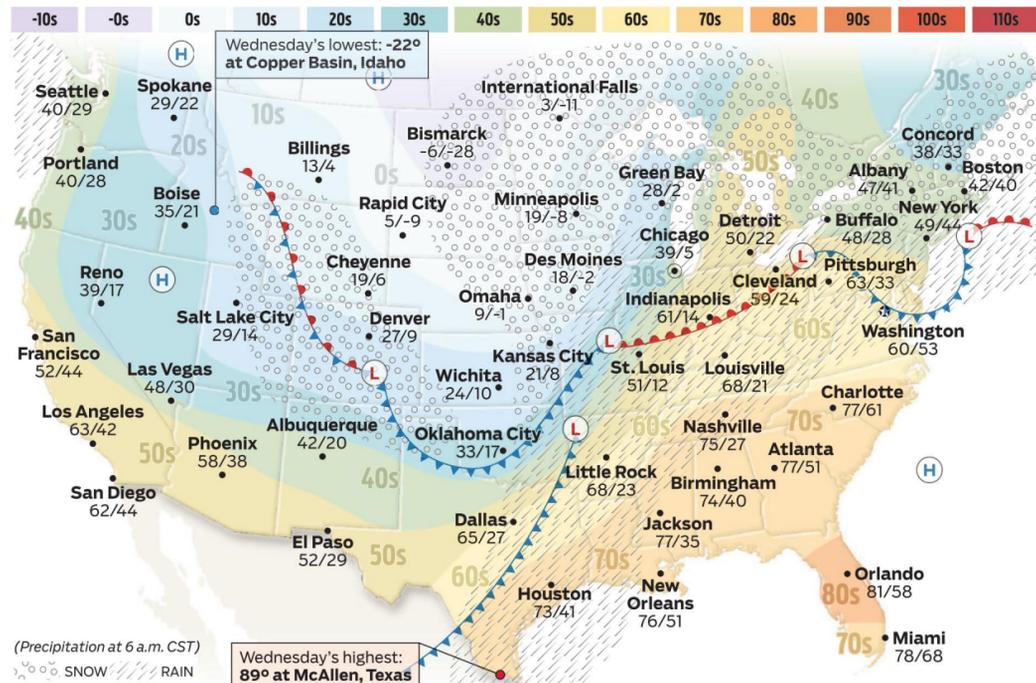
■ Rain likely, diminishing in the afternoon and ending near sunset. Over 0.50" of rain possible.

■ Highs ranging from the mid 30's north, to upper 20's in the city and near 50 degrees far south.

■ NE winds 7 to 10 mph shift SW and increase to 20 to 25 mph gusting to 30 mph in the afternoon.

■ Temperature drops quickly after sunset and into the single digits by morning with a wind chills near -10.

NATIONAL FORECAST



Some areas may see more than 0.50 inches of rain Thursday. February precipitation totals may exceed half the normal monthly total by Thursday. A large difference in temperatures will set up from north to south Thursday, with highs in the mid-30s in the far north suburbs and near 50 degrees in the far south.

Much colder air is on the way as North Dakota and Montana are under a wind chill advisory Thursday. Central and northern Wisconsin is under a winter storm warning, with some locations possibly getting 11 inches of snow.

The temperature will start in the single digits on Friday morning. Sunshine will be abundant during the day Friday, but the high temperature will only reach the teens and gusty west winds will keep wind chills below zero.

FRIDAY, FEB. 8

HIGH 16 | **LOW** 2

Skies clear after a chance for a few flurries early morning. Windy and much colder with a high in the mid-teens. West winds 14 to 30 mph produce daytime wind chills of zero to 10 below. Clear, cold overnight with a single-digit low.

SATURDAY, FEB. 9

HIGH 26 | **LOW** 19

Sunny and cold. Highs in the mid 20s. Much lighter winds shift from the north to the south at 4 to 7 mph. Increasing clouds overnight with a low temp near 20. Light snow showers possible by sunrise Sunday morning.

SUNDAY, FEB. 10

HIGH 30 | **LOW** 23

Accumulating snow possible by late morning. Cloudy with a high near 30. Light south winds turn to north by evening. Light snow showers/flurries through the evening, ending before sunrise Monday morning.

MONDAY, FEB. 11

HIGH 32 | **LOW** 25

Light snow and flurries end before sunrise. Partly sunny. Wind shifts from NE to east at 7 to 10 mph. High temp just below the normal of 34. Cloudy overnight; a chance of snow showers and flurries and a low in the mid 20's.

TUESDAY, FEB. 12

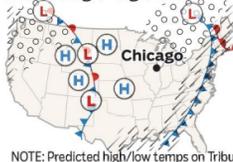
HIGH 34 | **LOW** 20

Early light snow/snow-showers continue through the day with accumulating snow possible. Near normal high temp in the mid 30's. South winds 10 to 15 mph gusting to 20 mph. Cloudy overnight with a chance of light snow.

WEDNESDAY, FEB. 13

HIGH 30 | **LOW** 16

The day starts cloudy with some lingering flurries. Skies become partly sunny with a high approaching 30. West winds 10 to 15 mph. Clear at night helps drop the overnight low to the mid-teens.



NOTE: Predicted high/low temps on Tribune weather page are chronological—the "high" refers to maximum reading expected during day and "low" is the minimum reading expected the following night.

ASK TOM

Dear Tom,
Measuring snowfall by just sticking a yard stick in the ground seems inaccurate. How is snow accurately measured?
—R. Brod

Dear R.,
We passed your question to Frank Wachowski, the Midway Airport observer, who has been measuring Chicago's snow for more than 60 years. New snowfall is measured on a snow board—a 2-foot square piece of plywood painted white to reflect heat. The observer pushes a ruler down to the board's surface and measures the depth of the snow to the nearest tenth of an inch. The board is cleaned off every six hours, with the summation of the six-hour totals providing the day's snowfall total. Depth is also recorded and measured to the nearest inch by averaging the depth of accumulated snow in as many as 10 spots where the effects of blowing and drifting are minimized.

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Temps tumble Thursday night; arctic blast hits Friday

TUESDAY'S FREEZING RAIN
Tuesday's start time of freezing precipitation

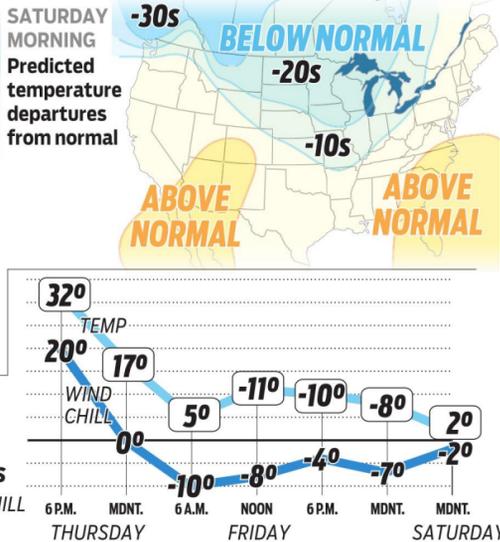
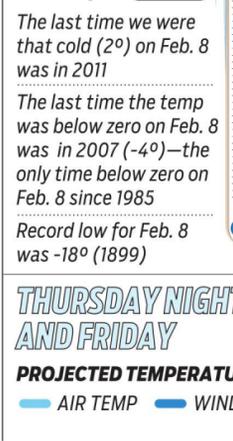


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Feb. 8, 2019 forecast low temp 20°

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The last time the temp was below zero on Feb. 8 was in 2007 (-4°)—the only time below zero on Feb. 8 since 1985

Record low for Feb. 8 was -18° (1899)



MIDWEST CITIES

THURS./FRI.	FC	HI	LO	FC	HI	LO
Illinois	ts	64	16	su	27	16
Carbondale	ts	54	8	su	27	16
Champaign	ts	54	8	su	27	16
Decatur	ts	51	8	su	27	16
Moline	ts	51	8	su	27	16
Peoria	ts	51	8	su	27	16
Quincy	ts	51	8	su	27	16
Rockford	ts	51	8	su	27	16
Springfield	ts	51	8	su	27	16
Sterling	ts	51	8	su	27	16
Indiana	ts	63	14	su	24	11
Bloomington	ts	63	14	su	24	11
Evansville	ts	63	14	su	24	11
Fort Wayne	ts	63	14	su	24	11
Indianapolis	ts	63	14	su	24	11
Lafayette	ts	63	14	su	24	11
South Bend	ts	63	14	su	24	11
Wisconsin	ts	58	10	su	24	11
Green Bay	ts	58	10	su	24	11
Kenosha	ts	58	10	su	24	11
La Crosse	ts	58	10	su	24	11
Madison	ts	58	10	su	24	11
Milwaukee	ts	58	10	su	24	11
Wausau	ts	58	10	su	24	11
Michigan	ts	50	22	su	26	13
Detroit	ts	50	22	su	26	13
Grand Rapids	ts	50	22	su	26	13
Marquette	ts	50	22	su	26	13
St. Ste. Marie	ts	50	22	su	26	13
Traverse City	ts	50	22	su	26	13
Iowa	ts	57	17	su	24	11
Ames	ts	57	17	su	24	11
Cedar Rapids	ts	57	17	su	24	11
Des Moines	ts	57	17	su	24	11
Dubuque	ts	57	17	su	24	11

OTHER U.S. CITIES

THURS./FRI.	FC	HI	LO	FC	HI	LO
Albany	ts	47	41	su	46	21
Albuquerque	ts	55	26	su	48	28
Albany	ts	47	41	su	46	21
Amarillo	ts	50	14	su	43	21
Anchorage	ts	29	25	su	41	34
Asheville	ts	75	35	su	49	25
Aspen	ts	16	-5	su	32	12
Atlanta	ts	77	51	su	55	35
Atlantic City	ts	49	40	su	56	23
Austin	ts	68	35	su	42	37
Baltimore	ts	58	48	su	57	26
Billings	ts	13	4	su	24	-4
Birmingham	ts	74	40	su	47	32
Bismarck	ts	-6	-28	su	-9	-16
Boise	ts	35	21	su	38	30
Boston	ts	42	40	su	56	24
Brownsville	ts	80	54	su	56	47
Buffalo	ts	48	28	su	32	16
Burlington	ts	39	37	su	45	12
Charlotte	ts	77	61	su	64	35
Charlottesville	ts	68	57	su	68	43
Charlottesville	ts	72	37	su	41	17
Chattanooga	ts	76	38	su	46	29
Cheyenne	ts	19	6	su	34	16
Cincinnati	ts	66	21	su	27	14
Cleveland	ts	59	24	su	34	16
Colorado Springs	ts	28	8	su	39	20
Columbia MO	ts	34	8	su	23	10
Columbia SC	ts	81	61	su	74	41
Columbus	ts	65	21	su	26	14
Corpus Christi	ts	38	33	su	47	17
Croft Christi	ts	14	46	su	49	43
Dallas	ts	65	27	su	47	35
Daytona Bch.	ts	76	56	su	76	57
Denver	ts	27	9	su	39	24
Des Moines	ts	19	-2	su	4	-11
El Paso	ts	52	29	su	57	34
Fairbanks	ts	20	12	su	22	15
Flagstaff	ts	-4	-17	su	-7	-21
Flagstaff	ts	33	7	su	41	21
Fort Myers	ts	82	60	su	82	64
Fort Smith	ts	55	19	su	42	23
Fresno	ts	56	34	su	58	43
Grand Junction	ts	33	12	su	36	20
Great Falls	ts	15	7	su	12	-10
Harrisburg	ts	54	47	su	53	21
Hartford	ts	44	38	su	54	23
Helena	ts	16	4	su	21	7
Honolulu	ts	81	68	su	80	65
Houston	ts	73	41	su	48	32
Int'l Falls	ts	-3	-11	su	-3	-24
Jackson	ts	77	35	su	46	35
Jacksonville	ts	79	59	su	79	59
Jamez	ts	32	20	su	30	19
Kansas City	ts	21	8	su	25	11
Las Vegas	ts	48	30	su	52	33
Las Vegas	ts	68	24	su	31	16
Lexington	ts	68	24	su	31	16
Lincoln	ts	10	0	su	21	10
Little Rock	ts	68	23	su	42	24
Los Angeles	ts	63	42	su	62	47
Louisville	ts	68	21	su	30	18
Macon	ts	80	60	su	63	42
Memphis	ts	71	25	su	38	24
Miami	ts	78	68	su	76	70
Minneapolis	ts	22	-8	su	-1	-17
Mobile	ts	70	53	su	57	41
Montgomery	ts	79	50	su	55	39
Montgomery	ts	79	50	su	55	39
New Orleans	ts	76	51	su	53	43
New Orleans	ts	76	51	su	53	43
New York	ts	49	44	su	56	26
Norfolk	ts	72	61	su	70	31
Oklahoma City	ts	33	17	su	38	24
Omaha	ts	9	-1	su	7	-7
Orlando	ts	81	58	su	80	58
Palm Beach	ts	78	67	su	78	68
Palm Springs	ts	61	40	su	64	43
Philadelphia	ts	52	45	su	58	24
Phoenix	ts	58	38	su	68	43
Pittsburgh	ts	63	33	su	38	16
Portland, ME	ts	39	34	su	50	16
Portland, OR	ts	40	28	su	40	33
Providence	ts	42	39	su	55	22
Raleigh	ts	80	62	su	68	52
Rapid City	ts	5	-9	su	19	0
Reno	ts	39	17	su	41	25
Richmond	ts	69	63	su	67	28
Rochester	ts	48	32	su	38	18
Sacramento	ts	53	37	su	48	40
Salem, Ore.	ts	43	30	su	43	33
San Diego	ts	62	44	su	62	48
San Francisco	ts	52	44	su	50	45
San Juan	ts	83	72	su	81	72
San Antonio	ts	71	41	su	45	39
San Diego	ts	62	44	su	62	48
San Jose	ts	59	49	su	59	49
Santa Fe	ts	32	11	su	40	21
Savannah	ts	79	58	su	75	46
Seattle	ts	40	29	su	38	30
Shreveport	ts	71	31	su	47	34
Sioux Falls	ts	3	-14	su	-1	-7
Spokane	ts	29	22	su	29	16
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Tulsa	ts	62	15	su	36	20
Washington	ts	60	35	su	60	27
Washington	ts	60	35	su	60	27
Wichita	ts	24	10	su	33	18
Wilkes Barre	ts	48	39	su	49	15
Yuma	ts	63	39	su	67	42
Algeria	ts	83	70	su	83	70
Algeria	ts	83	70	su	83	70
Amsterdam	ts	69	42	su	68	43
Ankara	ts	50	39	su	50	39
Athens	ts	52	42	su	52	42
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Ways to promote health and wellness at home

BY DAN DICLERICO
HomeAdvisor

Unless you're a consummate traveler or office-bound workaholic, home is where you spend most of your time. That means it has a major impact on your overall wellness, in ways you might not even realize. From the pros at HomeAdvisor, here are five home improvement projects that will make your home a healthier place to spend your days and nights.

Turn your bedroom into a sleep sanctuary: Upward of 70 million Americans suffer from some sort of sleep problem, according to the American Academy of Sleep Medicine. If you're among them, giving your bedroom a makeover could help pave the way to a good night's sleep.

Controlling light, sound and temperature are the three keys. Here's how to go about it: Install blackout blinds on windows to manage outside light pollution. Hiring a pro for the project will cost around \$700, according to HomeAdvisor's True Cost Guide. If



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New kitchen appliances can be a step toward healthy living. Home cooking is healthier than eating out.

you live in a noisy neighborhood, deploy a white noise machine or air purifier to create a background hum. As for temperature, if you haven't yet upgraded to a programmable thermostat, make the switch now so that your bedroom will automatically adjust to an optimal 65 degrees F dur-

ing the overnight hours. Pros typically charge \$165 for thermostat installation.

Update the cooking appliances: Home cooking is healthier than eating out, plus it will save hundreds, if not thousands, over the course of the year. The stove is the engine of

the kitchen, but don't discount the power of small appliances to inspire healthful cooking. A new blender, for example, will whip up veggie-packed morning smoothies. Another favorite with nutritionists: multi-cookers, which make it easy to have a steady supply of heart-

healthy grains, such as quinoa and farro, as well as batches of homemade yogurt.

Bring in more natural light: Windows always rank high on HomeAdvisor's Homeowner Happiness Index, which identifies the home features that bring owners the most joy. Exposure to sunlight is critical to the control of the body's circadian rhythms, which goes back to sleep quality. Natural light also cuts down on energy costs. The average cost to install windows throughout the home is around \$5,000, according to HomeAdvisor's True Cost Guide, but a single unit can be added for a few hundred dollars.

Clear the air you breathe: When we think of air pollution, most of us imagine smokestacks belching toxic fumes into the sky. But indoor air pollutants are often two to five times higher than outdoor levels, according to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency.

To minimize pollutants, bring fresh air into the

home by cracking windows when the weather is conducive. Exhaust fans are also essential for the exchange of indoor and outdoor air; installing a bath fan costs \$375 on average, according to HomeAdvisor's True Cost Report, while whole-house systems start at around \$1,500. If your home has forced air heating and cooling, remember to change the filters regularly. Lastly, be diligent about vacuuming, especially if you have four-legged friends.

Create a connection to the outdoors: The technical term is biophilia, or the human desire to be close to nature. A walk in the woods is one form, but so is dinner with the family on the backyard patio or deck. It's no wonder these outdoor structures rank as high as windows on HomeAdvisor's Homeowner Happiness Index. Not ready to drop thousands on a new deck? A cozy seating area set around a fire pit will connect you to nature, in all its primordial glory, for as little as a few hundred dollars.

Carving out space for a home gym

BY KATHRYN WEBER
Tribune Content Agency

Having a home gym is perfect for anyone who wants to exercise more and wants a way to be able to do it conveniently and avoid excuses like the weather or inconvenience. Plus, with a gym in your home you'll be able to work out, clean up and go about your day without having to lug it all in and out of a car or wipe down someone else's sweat from your favorite exercise

machine.

If you have a spare bedroom, finding space for your gym is solved. But what if you don't? Basements and garages are tempting gym spots, but if they're not heated or air-conditioned that could discourage you from exercising. Instead, look for a corner of a room where you could create a gym space.

No matter what type of exercise you prefer, there are several things you'll want to do whether you lift

weights, walk on a treadmill or do yoga. The first is to find good flooring. Look into interlocking gym mats that you can use to outline your gym or your gym space. These mats are terrific for almost any type of exercise.

Second is lighting. Make sure you have adequate lighting from windows or from overhead fixtures. If there's a window in your gym area, consider adding a large leaning mirror to the opposite wall. However, if

you're converting a room into a gym, give some thought to adding mirror on one wall. The mirror will help to keep you motivated and check your form at the same time. Overhead, add a track lighting style fixture to brighten up your gym area.

Other ideas for your gym include adding a TV so you can watch and ride your exercise bike or run on the treadmill. Give your gym some musical inspiration with Bluetooth speakers so



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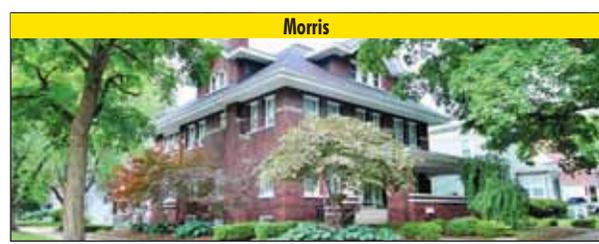
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LDB Homes built this three-bedroom, 2,100-square-foot spec home on a challenging 25-by-100-foot lot. It turned out to be exactly what Adam and Ari Atkins needed.



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The great room is lined with window after window, welcoming warm light into the kitchen, dining and living areas.

House makes the most of a skinny lot

BY SANDY DENEAU
DUNHAM

The Seattle Times

SEATTLE — There were a lot of potential pitfalls on the narrow path to Adam and Ari Atkins' brand-new modern home.

Starting with the narrow lot itself: a seriously, severely, almost-prohibitively skinny 25-by-100-foot rectangle in a residential neighborhood in southeast Seattle.

Builder Donald Baptiste of LDB Homes, though, had a vision — and quite a bit of trouble finding an architect to execute it.

"I knew, with the height restrictions and the narrow lot, it'd be difficult to get square footage and light," he says. "I knew I really needed architects who could innovate and think outside the box."

Enter Castanes Architects, not big fans of any box at all.

"Donald said, 'We've got this lot. Nobody wants to do it,'" says founding architect Jim Castanes. "It's got to be

fun. In order for it to be fun, it's got to be challenging. (Project designer/manager) Jordan (Cowhig) and I put our heads together and thought, 'Let's drop the house into the dirt.' In Seattle, as space gets tight, you're going to see that."

"We do like a challenge," Cowhig says. "The lot is only 25 feet wide. We started designing floor plans with the 18-foot height limitation. We'd push underground to create two stories."

(The partially buried project originally was called "The Upside-Down House" but, Baptiste says, "That quickly changed because Jordan embraced the house. It's now 'The Jordan.'")

"They came up with this great design," Baptiste says. "It was a challenge, and a lot of fun. They were truly the only ones; all the other ones told me I was crazy."

Meanwhile, the Atkinses were feeling a little loopy themselves. They'd been looking for the perfect house for a while.



The Atkinses customized their brand-new baby's nursery with shelves, a peaked ceiling and storage over the closet.

"We didn't want a town house," Ari says. "Adam wanted to just turn the key and move. I wanted a lot of character. With a lot of spec homes, they're cookie-cutter and sterile. We were at our wits' end and taking a break, and this house popped up. It really met both of what we loved: We could completely move

right in, and it didn't look like a box."

Instead, the new 2,100-square-foot, three-bedroom home looks like a creatively geometric, brilliantly light-filled, extremely spacious challenge met — or, better, exceeded.

"The house is very deceiving from the outside; it looks small," Cowhig says.

"It's interesting from the street. The roof, dictated by code, makes the upstairs light and bright. It ended up as an odd zigzag thing, trying to find every piece to take advantage of, and the pop-outs on the sides add volume."

Inside, extra-special elements add a functional, beautiful, custom touch that's not necessarily customary in a spec home: bookmatched walnut cabinets, 9-foot ceilings, a chef's kitchen, a Herman Miller Nelson Saucer Bubble Pendant over the dining area, windows designed by Cowhig flooding the airy staircase with natural light.

"When we did this house, it was really important to pay attention to the details — things like architecture walls," Baptiste says. "Most people wouldn't do that, but it's important to the aesthetic. Like the cedar fence — most would go with a regular pine. You can see if you've got an ugly fence. And the aluminum shelves: We could've stuck wood up there. We wanted

to do a technologically automated smart house, as maintenance-free as possible. The siding, they don't ever have to paint."

And that, especially now, is met with great appreciation by its young — and likely very sleepy, lately — homeowners.

"We were spending so much money with a baby on the way," Ari says. "It's so livable and low-maintenance and easy."

The Atkinses' baby is home now, tucked from time to time in a sweet, peaked-ceiling nursery just for him. "It's the only room with customization," Adam says. They added shelves, a nanny cam and storage over the closet.

Homebuilding, home designing and homebuying challenges behind them, a newly expanded family settles into its new and expressive family home. It is a happy resolution all-around.

"This is my favorite house," Baptiste says.

Ari responds: "Mine, too."



MORTON ARBORETUM

Abnormal plant growth that looks like a bundle of twigs, traditionally called a witch's broom, can have a variety of causes, including insects, fungi and genetic mutations.

Witch's brooms usually aren't cause for concern

BY BETH BOTTS
Chicago Tribune

With the branches bare, you may notice something odd on a tree or shrub — a dense bunch of twigs growing on a branch. Its evocative name, “witch's broom,” dates to the Middle Ages, when brooms were often made of twigs, and odd things in nature were assumed to be caused by bad magic.

We now know that witch's brooms can have a variety of causes, according to Sharon Yiesla, plant knowledge specialist at the Morton Arboretum in Lisle. “It's a symptom, not a disease in itself,” she said.

Witch's brooms can result from a wide range of diseases or insects, and some kinds of trees are prone to them for varying reasons. For example, in sycamores, they are usually due to a fungal disease called anthracnose. In hackberry trees, they seem to be caused by the interaction of a powdery mildew fungus and a tiny wormlike mite.

In roses, they are often due to a virus that infects

the plant with rose rosette disease.

Parasitic plants, such as dwarf mistletoe, also can lead to witch's brooms.

Weather can be a factor. When harsh winter cold kills off the bud at the tip of a branch from which new growth would normally form, a tree or shrub may respond with a witch's broom farther back.

“Sometimes it's a genetic mutation,” Yiesla said. The chance mutation changes the genes of the branch, so that the witch's broom grows differently than the rest of the plant. Conifers such as pine, fir, spruce and juniper often have such mutations.

Plant breeders look for witch's brooms with interesting or useful differences — for example, causing a plant to be especially dense and compact, or grow tall and slender, or have variegated leaves. A number of cultivated varieties have been developed from witch's brooms.

Should you be concerned if you see a witch's broom on a tree or shrub? “If it's just one, there's not much to worry about,”

Yiesla said. “Prune it out and that may be the end of it.” Be sure to disinfect your pruning tools between cuts to make sure you don't spread a disease.

If you see a number of witch's brooms in a plant's branches, it's worthwhile to investigate the cause. “It may or may not be serious,” Yiesla said.

Much depends on the species of the plant. For example, although witch's brooms are common in hackberry trees, they don't usually affect the tree's growth or health. In roses, on the other hand, rose rosette disease is deadly.

A professional arborist will know which tree species are prone to witch's brooms and why. “An arborist also can help you figure out whether it's worth pruning them out,” Yiesla said.

For tree and plant advice, contact the Arboretum's Plant Clinic (630-719-2424 or plantadvice@mortonarb.org).

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Simple steps will extend how long cut flowers last

BY TIM JOHNSON
Chicago Tribune

I have started buying cut flowers on a regular basis this year and would like some tips on how to make them last longer.
— Rebecca Martin, Morton Grove

Fresh cut flowers can brighten up a room and lift up your spirits, especially during winter. You can take some simple steps to prolong their display time.

Florists and floral sections of grocery stores keep cut flowers in buckets of water. Some shops may also keep flowers in coolers. The cool temperatures help keep the flowers fresher, and the water keeps them alive. Flowers wilt quickly without water, with a resulting reduction in display time at home in a vase.

Try to buy your flowers from a vendor with a high turnover to ensure that you are getting fresh flowers. If the flowers are showing brown edges, choose another bunch rather than taking a chance on old or dried out flowers. I also look for petals that have dropped off any flowers as a sign that the bunch of flowers is past its prime. Remove any severely wilted leaves or petals and foliage that you find once you get the flowers home.

Generally, the flowers you purchase are in a bunch that is held together with a rubber band or twine, which gets bundled in cellophane or paper at checkout. It is best to get them home and in water as quickly as possible and to minimize exposure to excessively hot or cold temperatures during transit.

If you have a long way to travel or lots of errands to run (more than an hour), bring a bucket of water with you, or wrap the stem bottoms in damp paper towels. Be sure to ask for a



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sleeve for extra protection if the temperature outside is near or below freezing.

Wash your vase with hot, soapy water, and rinse well before putting the flowers in it. This helps remove any microorganisms and keeps the water clearer. Remove any leaves that will be submerged in the water from the bottom of the stems.

Cut off the bottom 1 to 2 inches of the stems at a 45-degree angle while you hold the flowers under running water or in a bowl of water. Cutting on an angle increases the surface area for water intake. Making the cuts underwater helps prevent extra air from going into the stems. Warm water is best to start with.

If you are unable to cut the stems underwater, place them in water as quickly as possible. You may need to cut more off the stems to fit your particular vase, so trim stems to the appropriate size before cutting them underwater. Keep them in fresh water until you are ready to transfer to a vase or arrangement.

Use a sharp knife or pruners to cut the ends of the stems and avoid squishing them when they are cut. A sharp pair of garden shears works best to cut woodier and thicker stems. If you have the time and patience, trim a bit off

the ends of the flower stems and change the water every other day or so to encourage a steady flow of water and nutrients to the flowers.

Tap water is generally fine to use. But soft water — which has higher amounts of sodium — is not so good for the flowers. Distilled water also works. Add commercial flower preservative, which comes in packets, to the water. Follow directions on the packets. These usually work better than homemade solutions.

Add a small amount of bleach to the water (no more than a quarter teaspoon per quart of water) to help keep the water clean and bacteria from building up. The flowers can be damaged if too much bleach is added. Add water to the vase as needed.

Cut flowers last longer at cooler temperatures. Keep them away from direct sunlight and hot areas and drafts as well as cold drafts near a window or a door in winter. Avoid placing your arrangement near ripening fruit, which releases tiny amounts of ethylene gas that can age flowers prematurely. Most cut flowers benefit from a daily mist of water.

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Even small greenhouse benefits from foundation

BY TIM CARTER
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Q: My guess is you're not a gardener, but I do need your help. I'm about to purchase a small greenhouse kit and wonder if there are any special foundation requirements. The manufacturer doesn't have much to say about this. What's the best thing to do so I preserve my investment, as the small structure costs several thousand dollars?

A: You must have hacked into my floodlight camera and seen my pathetic attempt at growing tomatoes along the edge of my driveway. The gardener in my family is my wife. She has hundreds of orchids spread out in just about every room of our home. She's mastered the art of getting the many different varieties to bloom, bloom and re-bloom with her tender loving care.

I'm aware of many small greenhouse kits as my wife has had me look at them. There are quite a few designs, and they range from simple aluminum-tube frames covered with plastic to small, exquisite structures that resemble real greenhouses made with aluminum frames.

While it's always best to defer to the manufacturer about exactly how to install a product, you'll never go wrong adding a liberal dose of common sense. The greenhouses that have lots

of parts to put together will react much differently to ground movement than the one-piece molded fiberglass or plastic units that are astonishingly stable.

Frost heave is the biggest threat to these small greenhouse kits or any small pre-fabricated shed you might buy from a home center or dealer. If you live in an area where frost doesn't penetrate into the soil, you've got little to worry about.

Frost heave in the soil can be uneven, and that's where the trouble begins. One side of your new greenhouse kit may lift up 2 inches or more, and the other side experiences little lift. The structure starts to get twisted and parts may break. The biggest issue with uneven lift is ill-fitting doors and windows or vents that might not open or close properly.

Your local building and zoning code may regulate what you have to do, but often the codes exempt structures that are under a certain square footage. Be sure to check to ensure you're complying with your local regulations.

At the very least, you may want to construct a simple foundation for the kit using treated lumber that's allowed to be in contact with the soil. I'd remove the topsoil down about 12 or 18 inches and fill the trench with crushed stone that's about the size of a grape. Level this gravel

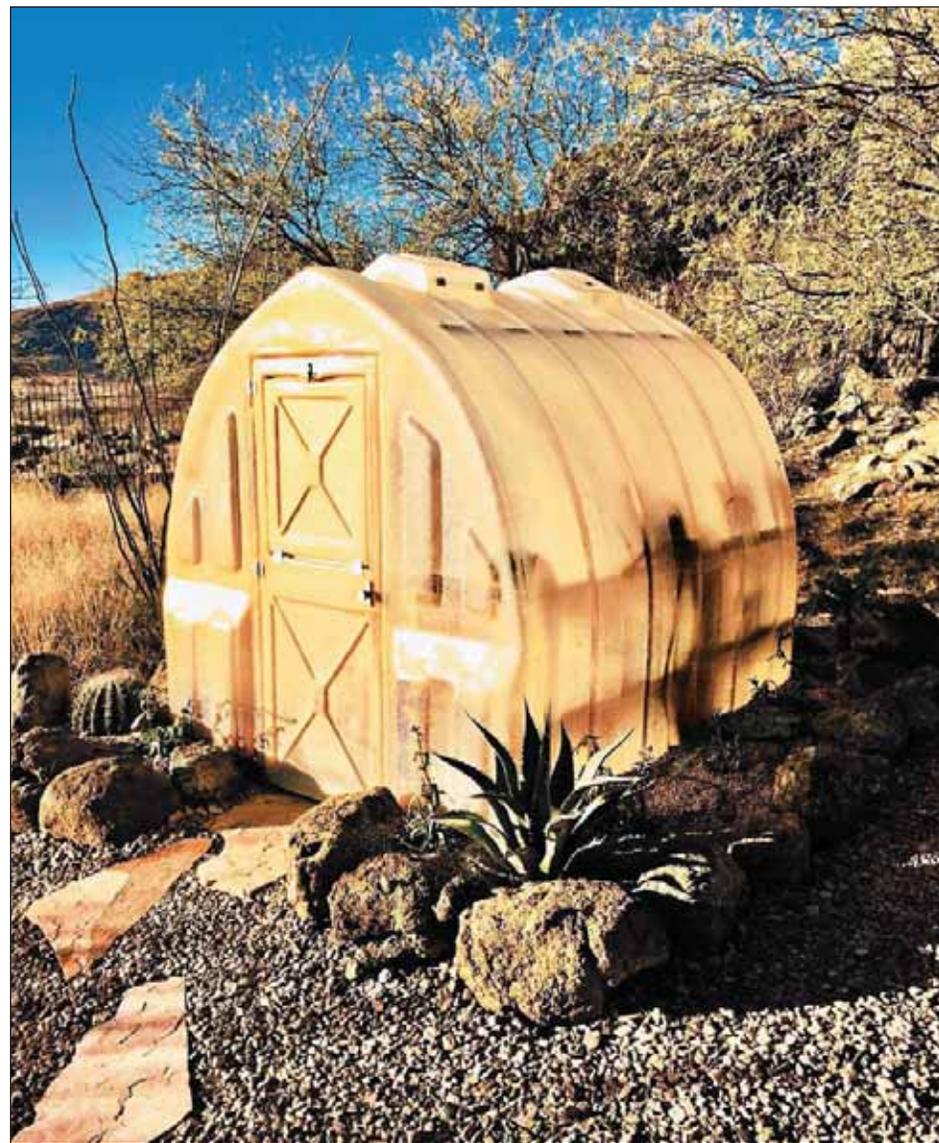
and place a treated lumber 4x6 frame on it for the kit to rest on. Create simple overlap joints at the four corners and use through bolts to interlock the four pieces that make up the square or rectangle.

You need to also be very concerned about wind. Strong winds can blow over one of these kits. Pay very close attention to the instructions about how to tie down the greenhouse or shed so it doesn't tumble across your yard during the next violent windstorm.

Q: Some remodeling was done in my older apartment building, and I think it's going to fall down! Lots of work was done, including installing new plumbing drain pipes. The old ones were black metal but the new ones are white plastic. Every morning and night I hear these loud pops and cracks in the walls that never used to happen. It only happens when my neighbor above me is taking a shower or bath. Is the tub and shower going to come crashing down on me?

A: This situation reminds me of what happened at the second house I remodeled 44 years ago. I removed cast iron drain pipes to a second-floor bathroom and replaced them with new state-of-the-art PVC pipes. I thought I was doing myself a favor.

Being a wet-behind-the-



TIM CARTER PHOTO

Small fiberglass greenhouses usually don't require a foundation but they are susceptible to high winds and frost heave.

ears builder remodeler, I had no idea that the PVC pipes reacted violently to hot water. As soon as anyone started to run hot water in a sink or the shower/tub, I'd hear popping and cracking as the PVC expanded and rubbed against the framing lumber.

After a few minutes, the

popping would stop as the PVC pipe reached the same temperature as the water. But after the water stopped flowing, the annoying cracking and popping would return as the PVC pipe cooled back down to the ambient room temperature.

I also started to notice

that each time someone flushed a toilet it sounded like there was a waterfall in my wall. Ugh! The noises never happened with the cast iron drains. This is why I'm installing cast iron drain lines in my daughter's new home. I want her to have a quiet house, and so does she.

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Angie's List

You get what you pay for, as the saying goes, and there are some areas where you shouldn't skimp on quality — building materials and contractor services, for example. When you cut corners in important areas, you'll typically end up paying a lot more in the long run. You might have higher operating costs, have to pay extra to fix the mistakes made the first time around or replace something years before you should have to.

Insulation: Properly insulating your home improves comfort, increases energy efficiency and reduces heating and cooling costs. According to the Energy Star program, nine out of 10 American homes are underinsulated, so this is an easy way to boost efficiency. Aim for the highest R value achievable within your budget.

Caulk: Less expensive caulking materials aren't as flexible as higher-quality options, and they typically won't adhere to surfaces for as long. For a lasting result, use the best possible caulk for the job. The

higher quality makes a big difference; premium caulk can last 10 times longer than cheaper options.

Windows: Windows are expensive and labor-intensive. You also don't tend to replace them for many years after you install them. So, this is a job you definitely want to get done right the first time. Choose the most efficient windows you can afford specific to your climate. You can cut heating and cooling costs by as much as 33 percent by paying extra for low-e storm windows.

Paint: Not all paints are created equal. Lower-quality paint tends to fade faster and require more volume for coverage than higher-quality options, particularly in highly saturated colors. This is one area in which the benefit is immediately obvious. Economy-grade paint may require two to three additional coats to achieve the same effect.

Roof replacement: Roofing is one of the biggest and most expensive jobs you'll do on your house, and the consequences of a poor roofing job can be catastrophic. So hire a reputable roofing contractor to install

the best-quality product you can afford. Also, higher-quality materials generally have longer warranties, sometimes 50 years or more, so you'll likely only have to pay for this project once.

Kitchen appliances: You'll be putting appliances through heavy use for years, especially the bigger ones, like a refrigerator or oven. Higher-end models are likely to last much longer, and you'll get a longer warranty. Space matters too. You might save a few bucks by reducing the storage space of a fridge or the usable area of an oven, but over the years, you might regret the small savings at the cost of convenience.

Hiring a qualified professional: The lowest bid won't necessarily be the cheapest. Check references carefully, and always be sure you're working with a contractor who's licensed, insured and experienced. You want someone who has done your specific kind of job before. Also, never skip important permits and inspections. If a contractor waves off the permitting process as no big deal, that's a red flag.

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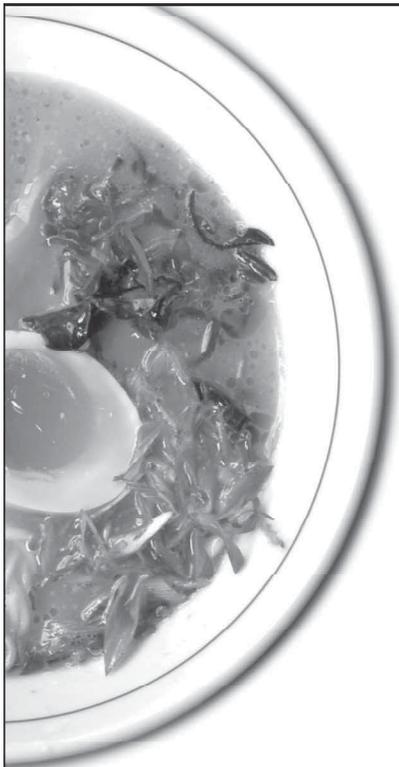
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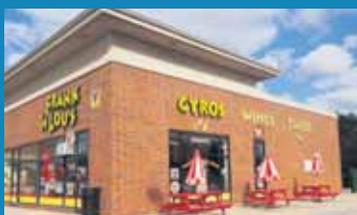
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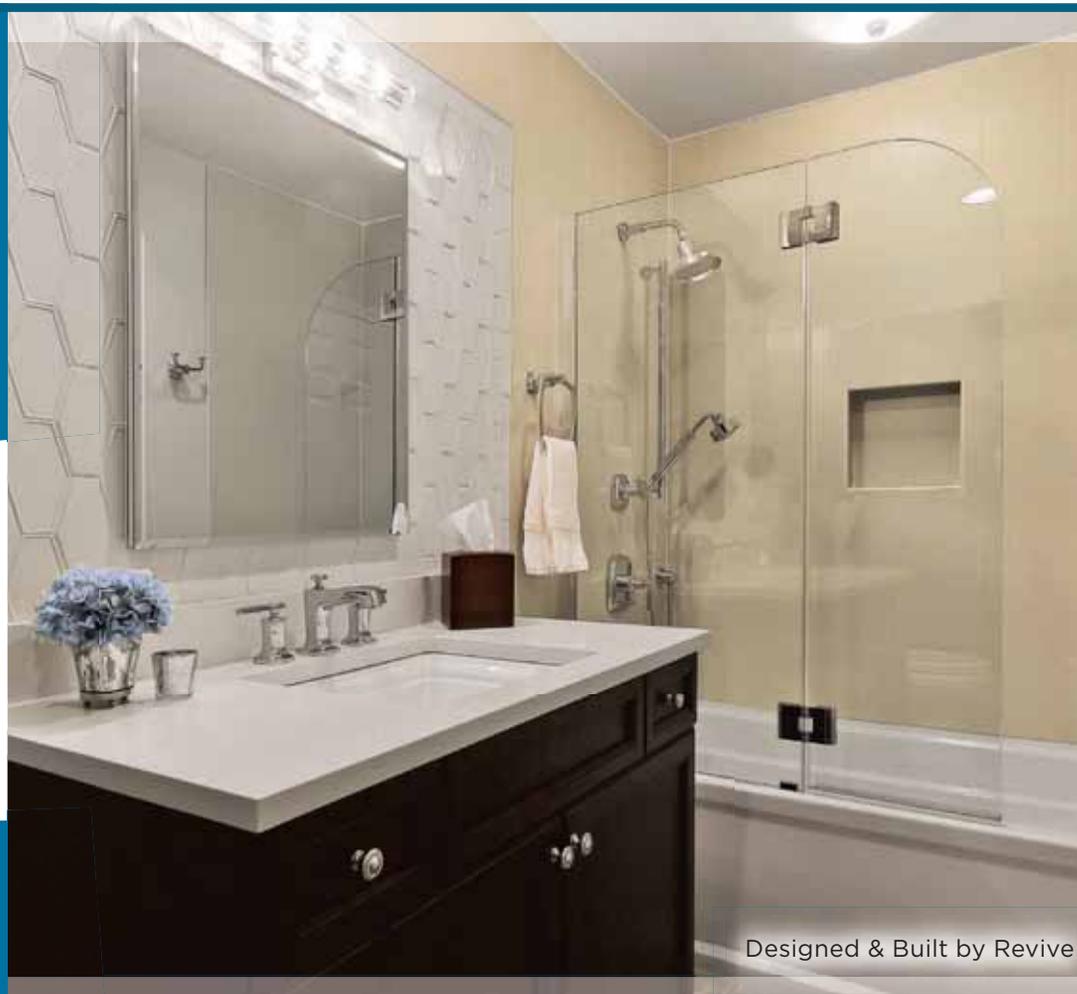
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