



Harvest Bible Chapel pastor out

MacDonald fired for conduct 'harmful to' Chicago-area church

BY PATRICK M. O'CONNELL AND MORGAN GREENE
Chicago Tribune

James MacDonald, the senior pastor and founding member of Harvest Bible Chapel, has been fired, the church announced early Wednesday morning. The announcement comes nearly one month after church elders said MacDonald, a popular preacher who attracted thousands of worshippers to his network of churches in Chicago and the suburbs each weekend, was taking an "indefinite sabbatical."

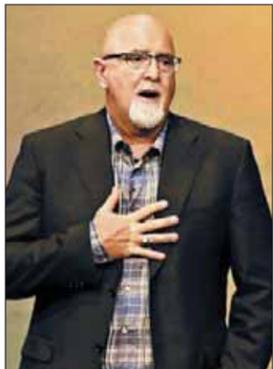
A statement by church elders cited "conduct that the Elders believe is contrary and harmful to the best interests of the church" as the reason for MacDonald's immediate termination, effective Tuesday.

The decision to remove MacDonald as senior pastor of one of the Chicago area's most prominent evangelical Christian churches "accelerated" on Tuesday, elders said, when "highly inappropriate recorded comments made by Pastor MacDonald were given to the media and reported." They also cited "other conduct under consideration."

The move was made with "heavy hearts," the statement said.

MacDonald's leadership has been under scrutiny for weeks. Since the pastor stepped away from his everyday church duties on Jan. 16, a series of text messages and audio recordings

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STACEY WESCOTT/CHICAGO TRIBUNE
James MacDonald, pastor of Harvest Bible Chapel, first stepped away from his everyday duties earlier this year.



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Grace Bauer and her grandfather attend Wednesday's memorial for her father in Chicago.

Anniversary of a tragedy

Slain police Cmdr. Bauer is remembered a year later

BY MADELINE BUCKLEY | Chicago Tribune

It's difficult for Jason Ziegler to walk past the Thompson Center, even a year after Chicago police Cmdr. Paul Bauer was shot and killed at the bottom of a stairwell there.

Ziegler works nearby, and the prominent Loop building is impossible to miss, but he still bypasses Randolph Street sometimes when walking in the area.

"It's hard to avoid," he said.

But Ziegler returned to the government center Wednesday afternoon for a memorial for Bauer, a friend who was killed Feb. 13, 2018.

Bauer was downtown meeting with aldermen when he responded to a radio call on a fleeing suspect. He chased Shomari Legghette, 44, to the top of a stairwell and strug-

gled with him.

The confrontation continued to the bottom of the stairs, where police say Legghette took out a handgun and fired seven shots. Legghette has

been indicted on 56 felony counts, including murder and gun charges.

Just before 2 p.m. Wednesday, around the time Bauer was killed, dispatchers read a remembrance over the police radio.

Bauer was the highest-ranking police officer to be killed in the line of duty in decades. The shooting resulted in a federal conviction for an unlicensed gun dealer and spurred legislation that gives the state more oversight over Illinois gun dealers. His death also was the first of a string of losses that marked a difficult year for the department.

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"Paul embodied integrity. Paul was also one who enjoyed a good laugh."

— The Rev. Dan Brandt, Chicago police chaplain and pastor of Cmdr. Paul Bauer's church

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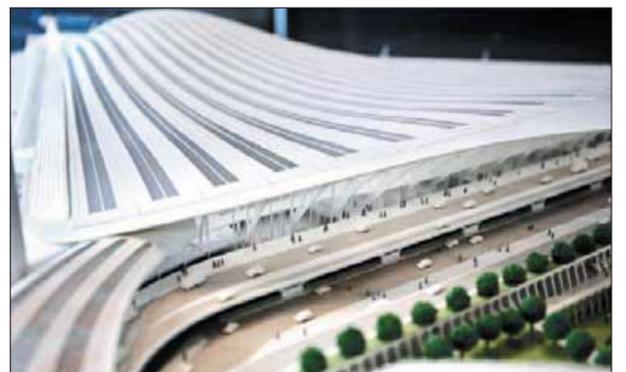
The shades were drawn last month when a glittering array of architects presented their plans for the massive O'Hare International Airport expansion in a high-ceilinged downtown lecture hall. Other glass walls that would have let people peek in were papered over.

The architects included Zurich-based Santiago Calatrava, designer of the bird-shaped

addition to the Milwaukee Art Museum, and Chicago's Jeanne Gang, best known for her curvaceous Aqua Tower.

At stake: A prestigious commission worth millions of dollars in fees and the right to reshape the core of the nation's busiest airport.

The secretive deliberations hinted at what was to come: A selection process cloaked in confidentiality, leaving the public in the dark about such critical issues as whether their plans can be built on budget and how well (or not) the designs would serve the airlines and travelers. It has also led to rampant speculation, especially among the five competing architectural teams, about who might get the job and when



BRIAN CASSELLA/CHICAGO TRIBUNE

Among the proposals for the O'Hare Airport expansion is one by Santiago Calatrava, seen on display at the Chicago Architecture Center.

the winner will be announced.

Call it the Great O'Hare Guessing Game.

Even Mayor Rahm Emanuel, who has made choosing the expansion architect a priority before he leaves office in May, insists he doesn't know when he'll announce the winner.

"I literally have no idea. This is

being run by procurement," Emanuel texted me Tuesday, referring to the city's Department of Procurement Services, which handles the awarding of contracts. A spokeswoman for the department says that the winner will be announced before April 1.

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Fannie May

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JOHN KASS

Don't believe her if she says don't waste the money

In her supreme wisdom, Betty said I might not want to write about politics today.

"Just once. Take a break. It's Valentine's Day," she said. "Does it always have to be politics, politics, politics?"

She knows that every four years, there's an election in Chicago.

And in the political world, the fangs come out. The political weasels stand up on their hind legs and begin to sing. Legions of trolls, liars, backstabbers and one-eyed jacks all begin grabbing at something.

But I love politics in the city of tribes, all of them fighting over what's left of Chicago.

Is it the conflict, the leverage? I love Chicago politics like a National Geographic producer loves hyenas, or perhaps dung beetles, fighting over precious, life-sustaining and somewhat moist treasures. I might even narrate in my native South Side Chicagoese.

Dung beetles, hyenas, it's relative. But covering politics along The Chicago Way — dealing with the knaves and the grasping one-eyed jacks means one thing:

To survive, you grow a hard bark around your heart. And a hard bark is just the wrong thing for Valentine's Day.

"During campaigns, it's like 'Hello? John? Are you in there?'" Betty said. "Take a break from politics."

OK, honey.
"Please?"

OK.
Well, I said, I can pick up some Champagne and various cheeses and kale chips for me, and we could watch a movie on cable. How about "Manchester by the Sea"?

"We tried that one," she said. "Remember? You ruined Valentine's Day a couple years ago. Can we watch 'A Star is Born'?"

She wants to see it. But it's been remade a zillion times. And the man dies.

I just hate it when the guy dies in a love story.

The death of the guy just doesn't say Valentine's Day to me. Don't mis-

understand. I don't want the woman to die either.

If I want death and depression, we might as well watch "Manchester by the Sea" again.

It's just as bad when the dog dies in a movie. Maybe worse. But when the man dies in a love story, or the woman, you ask yourself, OK, great, what's the point now?

Just imagine if in the classic Valentine's Day rom-com "Notting Hill" that Hugh Grant has a heart attack just as Julia Roberts says, "I'm just a girl, standing in front of a boy, asking him to love her."

Would anybody watch it?

No.
And who would watch the classic Valentine's Day five-hankie tearjerker "Random Harvest" if Ronald Colman — the plucky English army officer with double amnesia — dies of consumption or whatever they died of then, and never snaps out of it to realize the truth:

That he loved the lovely Greer Garson so very, very much.

Or what if Colman died of a brain-eating amoeba or a bullet or a taxi? The man's still dead and wasn't able to tell Greer Garson he loves her.

And no matter how many times they remake "A Star is Born," the story arc demands that he die so the star may truly be "born."

Are we insects, feeding off a partner for the necessary nutrients to fly away?

But I didn't say any of that to Betty. I nodded and said I was probably just too depressed to write about Chicago politics for once.

"And don't waste money on flowers," she said, before she left for school, using her teacher's voice.

Oh, OK, I won't.

A friend of mine with political anger issues, a tough Chicago Fire Department paramedic boss named Pat who punches a heavy bag in his garage, says that he once was tempted to believe his wife, Marilyn.

"She said what Betty said: 'Don't waste money on flowers,' so I'm like, 'OK, thanks honey. I'm cheap. I won't

waste it,'" said Pat. "But then Lori asked me what I was getting Marilyn for Valentine's Day."

Lori was a Chicago Fire Department paramedic chief. And she was Pat's best friend.

"Lori says, 'What are you getting Marilyn?' And I said 'Nothing. We've been married so long, she doesn't want anything.'"

"And Lori says, and I'll never forget this, she says, 'You go get Marilyn some flowers right now or I'll kick you in your (special purposes) so hard you'll be crying for a month.'"

Naturally, knowing that Lori would make good on her threat about the kick, Pat immediately drove off and got Marilyn some flowers.

A few hours later, Lori called to make sure. She asked Pat, "What did Marilyn say?"

Pat told Lori that his wife was upset that he wasted the money on flowers.

"'You're such a (deleted) liar,' said Lori. 'I'm going to kick you to death at work tomorrow.' And it's true. I did lie, and Lori knew I lied. Marilyn never said the Valentine flowers were a waste of money."

What did she say?

"I'm not going to tell you what she said. But she liked the flowers."

After I heard that story, I happened to drive by the local florist.

"I've got a dozen yellow roses for you," said the florist. "I knew you'd stop by."

Betty loves yellow roses. I always get some.

And when she came home from school, she saw the roses on the counter and smiled. All the fretting over politics and one-eyed jacks and knaves just went away.

It was everything.

Happy Valentine's Day.

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3 easy ways to fix Chicago's traffic crisis



REX W. HUPPKE

Chicago, I'm told, has a traffic problem.

I haven't noticed it because I choose not to believe in traffic. If I have to stop or slow down because I'm surrounded by a large number of other drivers on the road, I simply assume it's because they're all excited to see me and want to get a closer look. (It's just one of the many burdens that comes with being eye candy.)

But according to reporting by my colleague Mary Wisniewski, Chicago is now ranked third in the nation for traffic congestion, worse even than Los Angeles and New York, two cities known for traffic and little else.

The rankings were put together by INRIX, a company that describes itself as "a specialist in mobility analytics," which I'm pretty sure is just a made-up description, like "specialist in agile ham swindling" or "extrapolator of immeasurable magnanimousness."

For the sake of argument, let's

assume INRIX is legitimate and our fine city really is one of the worst traffic hubs in America. Trevor Reed, a transportation analyst at INRIX who probably aspires to one day become a specialist in either mobility analytics or agile ham swindling, told Wisniewski: "Congestion costs Americans billions of dollars each year. It will continue to have serious consequences for national and local economies, businesses and citizens in the years to come."

When you put it that way, this traffic business sounds pretty bad. But don't worry. As a specialist in farcically analytical mobility, I have some solutions to Chicago's traffic woes.

Solution No. 1: Jet Packs.

I have long advocated for the proliferation of jet packs, largely because I grew up in the 1970s and 1980s and was effectively guaranteed that in the future we would all have jet packs.

It's now the future. Gimme my jet pack.

While the technology may not be quite where it needs to be, I feel confident Chicago traffic could be reduced dramatically if the city would issue jet packs to me and about 500,000 other drivers in exchange for our cars.

Each day, we masters of the sky would soar to work, looking down at the relatively light traffic below with a casual smirk while occasionally colliding with other smirking jet pack users and plummeting to our deaths.

The interstates would be far less congested, aside from occasional backups caused by spatula crews cleaning up fallen smirking jet packers.

Solution No. 2: We all stop working.

It's possible this is an even better solution than the jet packs, and it would certainly involve fewer fiery mid-air collisions.

What's the main cause of Chicago's traffic? It's people going to work.

Why are they going to work? Because they need money. If they didn't need money, they would just sit home all day and watch Netflix and be happy they didn't have to interact with humans, a notably dreadful species.

Here's the thing about money: Some have none, some have a little and some (who aren't me) have a lot. Yet we all work, piling into cars and turning Chicago roadways into parking lots.

But if we all stopped working and pooled our money, maybe we

could get by just fine. I realize the wealthiest among us are going to have to carry the load, chipping-in-wise, but I'm OK with that because I'm not one of the wealthiest among us.

And it's not like we're all going to need that much. We'll get rid of our cars, we won't have to buy gas and the only expenses will be rent or mortgage, the monthly Netflix fee and snacks.

As a specialist in equitable fiduciary re-allotment, I feel confident in this plan and encourage the wealthiest Chicagoans, in the name of eradicating our city's traffic crisis, to begin sending me stop-working money as soon as possible.

Solution No. 3: Rebrand traffic.

Who are we to let a bunch of fancy-pants analytical mobility specialists tell us traffic is a bad thing. This is Chicago. We decide what's bad (Wisconsin) and what's good (all encased meat products).

So why don't we embrace our traffic? No. 3 in the country in terms of traffic congestion? Let's shoot for No. 1.

Because traffic is only bad if you look at it in terms of pollution, lost time, lost productivity, increased stress and slow de-

scents into madness. We should put a more positive spin on spending an hour not moving on the Kennedy Expressway.

Don't say Chicago is No. 3 in the country for traffic. Say we're No. 3 in the country for pre- and post-work mobile mindfulness programs, for it's only when traveling 1/2 mph on a road ironically named an "expressway" that one can find true enlightenment.

We can call it Tantric Traffic. Our motto can be, "Chicago: Unburdened By the Mental Construct of Time."

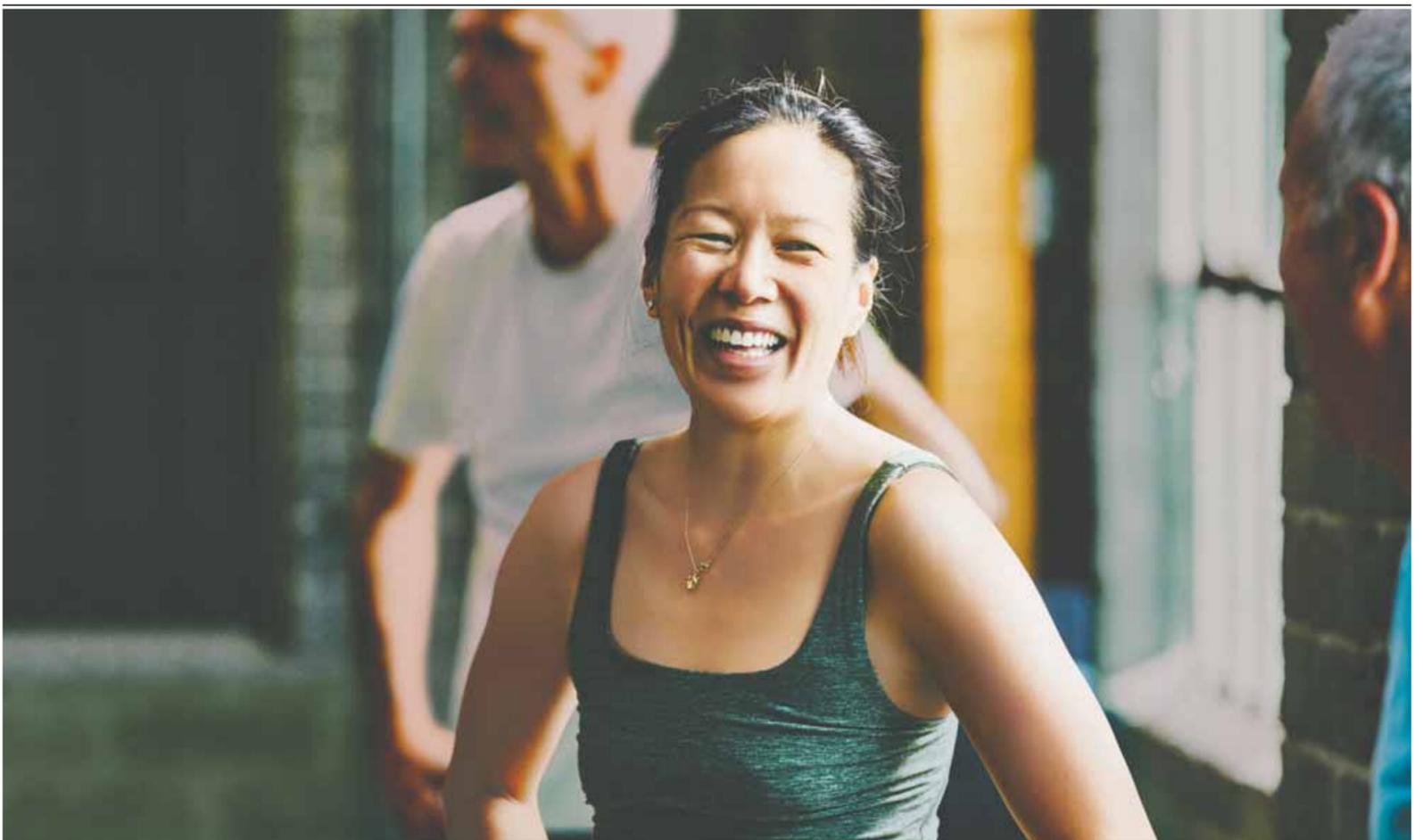
Soon, people will flock to the city to experience our rejuvenating traffic or to spend a few hours enjoying the cleansing Jane Byrne Interchange Meditation Journey.

With more visitors comes more traffic, making the brand self-reinforcing. Eventually we'll all be so Zen we won't care whether we're moving or not.

And that's when I'll fly my jet pack to all the wealthy people's homes and steal their money so I can just sit at home and watch Netflix and never have to sit in traffic or talk to another annoying human again.

Problem solved. You're welcome.

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4 more cases tossed after being tied to corrupt cop

BY MEGAN CREPEAU
Chicago Tribune

Jermaine Coleman, Jabal Stokes and 10 other men were hanging out near the Ida B. Wells public housing complex one day in 2006 when Chicago police Sgt. Ronald Watts' crew came to round them up.

"I was outside playing with my kids or whatever and they just come around, three, four cars deep," Coleman said Wednesday.

After they were all arrested, each of the men was confronted with the kind of shakedown Watts' team was notorious for, according to Joel Flaxman, Coleman and Stokes' attorney.

Ten of the men went

along, paying a bribe or giving up information, he said. But Coleman and Stokes did not, so Watts and the other officers framed them on phony drug charges.

"We think we got (charged with) trespasses, but when we got back to the holding cells, we got heroin cases," Coleman said Wednesday. "A few years of my life gone down the drain for nothing, 'cause I'm outside chilling in front of a project building."

On Wednesday, Coleman and Stokes' drug convictions, along with those of two other men, were tossed out as the Cook County state's attorney's office reviews cases connected to the disgraced ex-sergeant.

"I'm just happy justice finally got done," Coleman told reporters after a brief hearing before Cook County Circuit Judge LeRoy Martin Jr.

It was the latest in a cascade of exonerations for people arrested by Watts and his crew. So far, 63 people have had Watts-related convictions tossed out in recent years, and attorneys have asked prosecutors to review dozens more.

Prosecutors on Wednesday were granted power to subpoena people, not just documents, giving them additional tools to investigate Watts-related cases.

Watts reigned over a decadelong run of corruption centered largely on the

Ida B. Wells homes on the South Side. He and his crew were accused of operating a protection racket, forcing residents and drug dealers to pay up or face bogus charges.

"Watts used to pull up on people, grab them. You ain't got what he want, he taking you to jail," said Germain Sims, another man whose drug case was tossed out Wednesday.

Sims and Coleman left the hearing with smiles. The other two men whose convictions were thrown out remain in custody in unrelated cases.

Watts and Officer Kallatt Mohammed were finally arrested in 2012 after they shook down a drug courier who actually was an FBI

informant. Watts was sentenced to 22 months in prison and moved to Las Vegas after he was released.

In pending lawsuits involving him, Watts has invoked his Fifth Amendment right against self-incrimination more than 40 times, according to court records.

Fifteen Chicago police officers tied to Watts have been placed on desk duty pending an investigation into their conduct. Cook County prosecutors have said they will no longer rely on 10 officers who had close ties to Watts, citing concerns about their credibility.

The scandal, one of the largest to hit the Chicago Police Department in decades, was a stark example of

the breakdown in trust between police and communities, particularly in minority neighborhoods with high rates of crime and poverty.

Flaxman, who represents all four men cleared Wednesday, called on Chicago's next mayor to address Watts' legacy, particularly with so many of his former team still on the city payroll.

"Every time we're here, we thank the county for hearing these voices and taking action for justice," he said. "And every time we're here, we say that it's time for the city to do the same thing and finally act on these investigations."

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CHRIS SWEDA/CHICAGO TRIBUNE

Illinois Comptroller Susana Mendoza used a mock "Jeopardy" game show panel Wednesday in her critique of Bill Daley.

Daley deflects jabs over \$1M campaign donation

Rivals criticize hefty sum from hedge fund titan

BY GREGORY PRATT
Chicago Tribune

Mayoral candidate Bill Daley defended himself from criticism Wednesday over a \$1 million campaign contribution from Illinois' wealthiest resident, who also was a top backer of former Republican Gov. Bruce Rauner.

Earlier in the day, Daley's campaign reported the infusion of campaign money from billionaire hedge fund executive Ken Griffin, who in previous years donated \$36 million to Rauner's political committee and combined with his then-wife gave departing Chicago Mayor Rahm Emanuel-affiliated committees about \$1.3 million. The donation from the Citadel CEO brings Daley's campaign war chest above \$7.5 million with 13 days to go in the Chicago mayor's race.

"I'm not going to be the mayor of anybody but the people of Chicago, OK?" Daley said at an afternoon news conference in the Loop.

Daley's campaign reported the \$1 million donation from Griffin on Wednesday, pushing him even further ahead of the 14-candidate field in campaign fundraising and giving him a major boost leading into the home stretch of the Feb. 26 mayoral election. Daley has increasingly been getting support from big business interests that backed Emanuel as he seeks to finish in the top two and make a nearly certain April 2 runoff.

Some rivals pounced on news of the donation.

Illinois Comptroller Susana Mendoza stood in front of a mock "Jeopardy"



ABEL URIBE/CHICAGO TRIBUNE

Bill Daley reported a \$1 million donation from Ken Griffin on Wednesday, adding to his already deep campaign chest.

game show panel Wednesday afternoon calling Daley "Rauner's Mayor." Mendoza used the \$1 million contribution to link Daley with the unpopular former governor, whose transition committee Daley also co-chaired after the 2014 election. Unlike her, she said, Daley wasn't critical of Rauner through the state's lengthy and messy budget impasse.

"I'm not the brother or the son of a mayor," Mendoza said. "I'm just a 5'3" Latina from Chicago who had the courage to stand up to Bruce Rauner when Bill Daley didn't and, worse yet, stood silently by as he inflicted irreparable damage on the people of Illinois and our finances."

Mendoza also tried to link Daley to the last four years of his brother's mayoral administration, during which former Mayor Richard M. Daley leased the city's parking meters and financial problems festered. Mendoza said Daley was "the No. 1 adviser to Mayor Daley during those last four years, which were caretaker years of his administration."

"There was no innovation, there was no more transformational thinking," Mendoza said. "This is

when he kicked the can down the road for future generations."

Asked about Mendoza's Rauner criticism, Daley said he joined Rauner's transition committee as a message to people "that when an election is over, you should join together to try to help if you're asked (by) someone from another party. I don't think there's anything wrong with that."

Chicago Teachers Union President Jesse Sharkey, who supports Cook County Board President Toni Preckwinkle for mayor, in a statement said, "this is Bill Daley's week to try and out-Rahm all the other Emanuel clones in the mayor's race by taking this million dollar handout from Ken Griffin — the same Ken Griffin who said the number of school closings in 2013 that disproportionately affected Black and brown students and their families 'should've been 125.'"

Sharkey said Daley can be expected to follow Emanuel in being friendly to corporate interests such as Griffin's.

Preckwinkle also has launched a digital ad criticizing Daley for not supporting a \$15 minimum

wage. Daley said he supported the city passing a \$13 minimum wage and noted that the state is on the verge of raising it to \$15. The state Senate just passed a measure that would increase the state's minimum wage to \$15 an hour by 2025, though it's likely to be tweaked.

"There are many people I've heard, I'm for it, but I've heard from a lot of small businesses and concern of the impact," he said. "Let's see how it works."

Meanwhile, Daley also said he hasn't received campaign advice from his brother, the former mayor, but said he believes his last name is a personal blessing. "Politically, we'll find out," Daley said.

"All I could ask from the first day I announced this campaign was ask people to listen to me, give me a fair shake as to what I've done in my life, who I am, whether you like Rich Daley or Richard J. Daley or whoever or not, just give me a chance and make a judgment around who I am," Daley said. "I think the people of Chicago are fair."

Daley also said he was honored that the Chicago Tribune Editorial Board, which is separate from the newsroom, endorsed him on Wednesday. Daley said the endorsement "stressed the issues I've been trying to stress: economic growth, fighting crime and keeping taxes down and the future of this city."

Much like celebrities feign surprise at winning major awards such as a Grammy or an Oscar, political candidates typically act surprised when they're endorsed.

Daley was no different. "I said, 'Russians must've hacked the Tribune website,'" Daley quipped.

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Defamation suit filed against CTU for mailer

City Council candidate sues union over allegations in letter to 13th Ward folks

BY JUAN PEREZ JR.
Chicago Tribune

A college student running to oust the prominent alderman of Illinois House Speaker Michael Madigan's home ward sued the Chicago Teachers Union for defamation this week, adding another layer of intrigue and a second lawsuit to the campaign.

DePaul University student David Krupa sued the union and one of its members in Cook County court — while also naming Madigan, 13th Ward Ald. Marty Quinn and the influential 13th Ward Democratic Organization as potential defendants in one of Chicago's latest cases of hardball politics.

Krupa and Quinn's bitter battle over a city Democratic stronghold has already landed in federal court over alleged campaign violations. This week's fight is over a Feb. 1 letter printed on CTU letterhead and addressed to 13th Ward residents from teacher Jeanine Muir.

Muir's letter accused Krupa of unspecified "cyberstalking and cyberbullying" and urged residents to not vote for the 19-year-old candidate in the Feb. 26 election.

Krupa on Wednesday described those allegations as "a completely fabricated lie."

"Mr. Krupa harassed and bullied me through breaching a school computer system and posting disturbing language and images that shocked me and my students," Muir wrote in her letter, which includes a brief disclosure that it was paid for by the CTU's political action committee.

"My sense of personal safety and security were violated, and this letter is part of my effort to hold him accountable for his behavior," she wrote.

Krupa's suit denies the allegations and contends his reputation has suffered from "false criminal allegations arising from a powerful Machine union and a staff member at a school where his opponent's wife is an employee."

Krupa and attorney Tony Peraica have demanded at least \$4 million in damages from Muir and the CTU.

"This is a completely fabricated lie," Krupa told a small group of reporters Wednesday at City Hall.

Quinn, in a statement, said the "baseless lawsuit is a new low for Tony Peraica, the Republican Party and its latest pawn, David Krupa."

"These outrageous lawsuits are a disservice to the

residents of the 13th Ward who are trying to focus on the issues that matter most to them," Madigan said in a statement.

Peraica is a former Republican Cook County Board member who also is representing a former Madigan opponent in a lawsuit alleging one of Chicago politics' oldest and most effective tricks: putting sham candidates on the ballot to siphon away votes from a more formidable foe.

A union spokeswoman did not respond to requests for more details about the circumstances behind the alleged harassment.

"CTU letterhead is appropriate for a communication from a member on a matter of public information and public interest," union spokeswoman Chris Geovanis said in a statement this week. "(Muir) remains committed to protecting her students — including their privacy as they move forward after this incident."

Geovanis said Muir reported the situation to CPS and was "satisfied the conduct was terminated."

Krupa filed a federal lawsuit last month alleging that Quinn, Madigan and their political organizations entered into "an agreement to engage in a campaign of intimidation, harassment and illegal tactics" to damage Krupa's challenge for the 13th Ward City Council seat.

The lawsuit also takes exception with a challenge Quinn filed against Krupa's petition signatures.

By law, candidates for alderman are required to submit 473 valid signatures to get on the ballot. Krupa submitted 1,729 signatures, the Tribune previously reported.

But a challenge from the Quinn campaign included affidavits from 2,796 residents who said they were revoking their signatures for Krupa.

Only 187 of those matched signatures contained in Krupa's paperwork, and there were more than 1,000 people seeking to revoke their signatures than Krupa's paperwork even contained.

Quinn's campaign dropped the challenge, and the Chicago Board of Election Commissioners voted last month to refer the controversy to federal and county prosecutors. Madigan and Quinn rebutted that lawsuit in a statement that described the complaint as "blatant defamation."

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Chef Sonny Dervishi stands at Tutto Italiano at the intersection of South Wells Street and Ida B. Wells Drive on Wednesday.

WELLS AND WELLS

Congress Parkway gets a new name and Chicago gets a new intersection

BY ELYSSA CHERNEY
Chicago Tribune

For 25 years, chef Sonny Dervishi has been telling customers who called in orders that his Italian restaurant is at Congress and Wells.

So on Tuesday — a day after city officials celebrated the renaming of Congress Parkway to Ida B. Wells Drive — Dervishi learned that now, technically, he will be located at Chicago's newest intersection: Wells Street and Wells Drive.

"It will be interesting to see the response from out-of-towners," Dervishi said Tuesday at Tutto Italiano as opera music blared during

the lunch hour. "People who have been coming here for a while will be OK."

After years of calls for a befitting honor for pioneering civil rights activist and investigative journalist Ida B. Wells, the Chicago City Council approved the name change in July. Some of the new street signs have now gone up, and Google Maps reflects the change, but some people who work in and visit businesses on Wells Street say the new name may cause confusion.

The new Ida B. Wells Drive runs from Grant Park east to the Eisenhower Expressway. At its western end it intersects with the north-south Wells Street —

which, by the way, is named for William Wells, an Army captain who died in 1812 while fighting Potawatomi in the Battle of Fort Dearborn in what is now Chicago.

Ida B. Wells, also known by her married name, Wells-Barnett, reported on lynchings of black men, was prominent in the suffragist movement to win women the right to vote and lived in Chicago for nearly 40 years, becoming a political strategist.

To avoid any confusion about these two streets, the Chicago Department of Transportation is encouraging businesses to inform regular customers about the name change, said spokesman Michael Claffey. Not

all the Congress street signs have been switched out yet, but they will be in the coming days, he said.

"We think in time people will become accustomed to the name change," Claffey said.

At O'Neil's on Wells, a few doors down from Tutto Italiano, bartender Sheila Glascott said she thinks the name change may confuse customers at first, especially people not familiar with the area.

But one man, a commodities trader having a beer nearby, offered a solution: Just call it the Ida Drive.

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Opponents question status of Dunes pavilion project

BY AMY LAVALLEY
Post-Tribune

Four years after the public first learned about a proposal to rehabilitate the pavilion at Indiana Dunes State Park and build an adjacent banquet center, little of the work has taken place, and the project is far from complete.

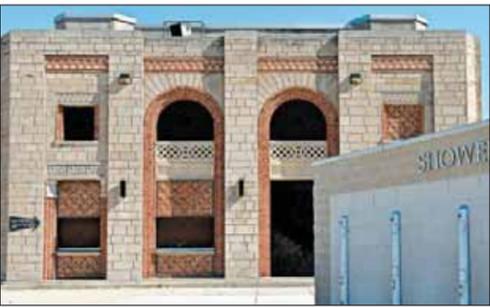
A comfort station of bathrooms and changing rooms is in place and the pavilion has been gutted. Other than some necessary roof repairs and the construction of an elevator shaft, though, no additional construction work to transform the pavilion has taken place, said Jim Sweeney, co-founder of Dunes Action, a grassroots community organization that formed shortly after plans for the pavilion were made public in February 2015.

"Nothing physical has happened since then. I think it gives credibility to the arguments we've been giving," Sweeney said, which decried the project for its lack of public input and the use of beachfront property for the planned banquet center. "There's been no word on the banquet center — not a peep — and that's what riled people up."

Pavilion Partners, led by Valparaiso businessman Chuck Williams, entered into a public-private partnership with the Indiana Department of Natural Resources to restore the pavilion and build the banquet.

Almost from the beginning, the project generated controversy, from the sale of alcohol, which ultimately resulted in a change in state law, to perceived secrecy on the part of state officials, the terms of the long-term lease agreement between Pavilion Partners and the DNR, and whether the plans for the pavilion still focused on outdoor recreation.

This week, two additional documents appeared on an Indiana Department of Natural Resources website dedicated to the project. Those include an August letter from DNR director Cameron Clark to Roger Knowlton, recreation grants chief with the National Park Service, out-



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Pavilion Partners partnered with the Indiana Department of Natural Resources to restore the Dunes pavilion in 2015.

lining modifications to the plans for the pavilion, and an October response from Knowlton noting that the revised plans "addressed most of the concerns" raised by the NPS.

Williams referred any questions about an update on the project to the DNR. Officials there did not respond to a request for comment on the status of the project.

"Four years in, we're pretty confident with our ultimate goals. We don't want a banquet center on the beach and we want the pavilion restored without major modifications to its exterior," Sweeney said.

Challenges, however, remain. The latest documents posted on the DNR website are part of an ongoing look into whether the work at the pavilion would trigger a conversion, or finding replacement property elsewhere, because the renovation would diminish the amount of the structure used for outdoor recreation purposes.

"Based on these details, and assuming the revised plans and explanations do not change, we do not view the alterations to the pavilion as triggering a conversion of use," Knowles, with the park service, wrote to the DNR's Clark in October.

Additionally, in the spring, then-Porter County Prosecutor Brian Gensel appointed a special prosecutor to investigate whether unauthorized construction activity had taken place at the pavilion. At the time, Gensel said he was stepping aside from the investigation because of his personal and profes-

sional relationship with Williams.

In late December, Senior Prosecuting Attorney David Thomas declined to pursue a case in the matter.

"I have struggled with this case. Personally, I see great value in historic preservation," he wrote to Dunes Action, noting he also visited the site to see if it changed his perspective. "It did not, and in fact, strengthened a decision not to file the charge."

Dunes Action also has repeatedly requested, to no avail, a public meeting to discuss the latest plans for the pavilion. Dunes Action first made the request in September, and Clark responded with a letter noting two public meetings on the project in 2015, and the creation of a DNR website dedicated to the plans for the pavilion.

Sweeney responded and noted that the public had no chance to learn about the lease until it was already signed, and the two meetings held about it were done at Dunes Action's behest, focusing on the proposed banquet center and not on detailed plans for the pavilion "showing a rooftop structure and the two modified balconies."

Dunes Action also submitted comments about inaccuracies in the website that went unheeded, Sweeney said in his letter.

"We are asking once again for a public meeting so that there can be give and take about these plans," Sweeney wrote in October.

Amy Lavalley is a freelance reporter for the Post-Tribune.

Watchdog investigating possible cop in blackface

BY JEREMY GORNER
Chicago Tribune

The city's police watchdog is investigating an allegation that a Chicago police officer was photographed wearing blackface at a party, officials said Wednesday.

The photo posted Monday on Facebook appears to show a man in blackface wearing a sailor's costume next to a woman wearing what appears to be a mermaid costume. It is unclear when the photograph was taken. The Facebook page also shows another picture of what it says is the same man, identified as an officer clad in Chicago police dress blues, as well as information about citizen complaints and two lawsuits filed against the officer.

The Tribune could not independently confirm the identity of the man in the photo. City officials declined to identify the man in the photo, but a spokesman for the Civilian Office of Police Accountability — the city agency that reviews allegations of excessive force and racial bias against Chicago police officers — said it was aware of the photograph and is investigating.

"COPA has been made aware and is investigating an allegation that a Chicago Police Department officer posed in blackface," said COPA spokesman Ephraim Eaddy. "COPA is in the early stages of its investigation and has not yet identified that the individual is a member of the Chicago Police Department. However, such actions if committed by a member of the department would be deemed unacceptable and undermining of the public's trust."

Chicago police spokesman Tom Ahern said he was not allowed to discuss the case because it's being handled by COPA.

Controversy surrounding blackface and its racist depiction of African-Americans has come to the fore this month after Virginia Gov. Ralph Northam was accused of wearing blackface in a photo more than 30 years ago.

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Ex-spokeswoman sues mayoral hopeful

Alleges Enyia failed to pay for campaign work

BY DAVID HEINZMANN
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Chicago mayoral hopeful Amara Enyia's former campaign spokeswoman sued her Wednesday, alleging the candidate has refused to pay her \$24,000 for four months of work.

"I had an agreement with her," Kristi Kucera told the Tribune. "She never paid me. I sent her invoices. I sent her a demand letter ... my lawyer met with her lawyer."

Enyia posted a response to the suit on Facebook on Wednesday afternoon, stating that Kucera "understood she was working on a volunteer basis given the early stage of the campaign, but she decided to resign before we could agree on a paid position."

Kucera disputed that, saying she worked without immediate compensation while the campaign tried to raise money. "We had talked about me getting paid, that was the intention," Kucera said. "From the beginning, I told her my rate. I was never a volunteer."

The breach of contract suit is the latest development involving Enyia's handling of financial matters. The first big campaign contribution that Enyia received, from rapper Kanye West, was used to pay \$73,000 in fines she had racked up with the Illinois State Board of Elections from her 2015 mayoral bid.

Last week, the Tribune reported that Enyia did not report \$21,000 in income to the IRS on her 2017 tax return — one-third of her income in that year. That misstep occurred as Enyia already faced a nearly \$10,000 IRS lien for unpaid taxes in



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Chicago mayoral candidate Amara Enyia speaks during a news conference on Feb. 6 in Chicago.

previous tax years. In addition, she has been sued over unpaid rent and unpaid student loans.

Kucera was the campaign's main contact for reporters from August through mid-December. She caused a minor stir when she resigned from the campaign via news release. "In light of several unknown and troubling factors that I was not privy to during the campaign, I am unable to effectively continue in this role," Kucera wrote.

She declined to elaborate on what she found troubling. The spokeswoman who replaced Kucera on the campaign also has since departed Enyia's camp, and a third staffer is now handling her media relations.

The breach of contract complaint filed in Cook County alleges that Kucera sought payment when she left the campaign Dec. 12. About a month later, Kucera's lawyer sent a demand letter to Enyia, according to the suit.

"This has nothing to do with anything other than wanting to be paid for your work," Kucera said.

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Judge clears inmates to testify in cop killing trial

BY MEGAN CREPEAU
Chicago Tribune

Three inmates who say they heard fellow detainee Anton Carter confess to killing a Chicago police officer can testify at Carter's murder trial this spring, a Cook County judge ruled.

The decision from Judge Stanley Sacks on the jailhouse informants came last month. But in a surprise move, he kept his rulings secret from everyone except the attorneys on the case — then reversed course Friday, saying it was a misstep to keep everything under wraps.

The court file was not available for viewing until Wednesday, when a Tribune reporter was able to access Sacks' formerly secret rulings.

Sacks found that all three inmates, currently behind bars on felony convictions, are reliable enough to take the stand. "The court finds particularly significant that no deal, no promises, no inducements or benefits were made by the state," his written ruling states.

Sacks singled out one witness, Isiah Johnson, who in court last month backed off his previous statements entirely and alleged that police promised him award money for talking about the slaying.

But Johnson's more recent statements were contradicted by his previous sworn testimony at a grand jury, Sacks wrote, when he said no promises or threats were made to him.

Johnson and two other men took the witness stand in Sacks' courtroom last month under a law that took effect Jan. 1, allowing judges to assess the reliability of potential jailhouse informants before deciding whether they can take the stand.

Such testimony has long been criticized as inherently unreliable, as many say those witnesses

are prone to lie in hopes of leniency from authorities.

Prosecutors say Carter, whose first name in court documents is also spelled "Antwon," in 2010 shot off-duty Chicago police Officer Michael Bailey during an attempted carjacking in the Park Manor neighborhood in 2010.

Bailey, 62, was washing his new Buick, an early retirement gift to himself a few weeks ahead of leaving the department, after his shift as an overnight bodyguard for then-Mayor Richard M. Daley.

Carter was charged after allegedly bragging to several fellow inmates about the slaying while he was behind bars on an unrelated case.

On the eve of trial late last month, Sacks suddenly sealed the court file, issued a gag order preventing attorneys from speaking about the case and said his rulings on pretrial motions would remain secret.

Attorneys representing the Chicago Tribune filed a motion for access to the judicial records and to lift the gag order. The motion said there was no basis for the documents to be suppressed, and that if the practice was continued, it "threatens to have a corrosive effect on trust in the judicial system."

A contrite Sacks said Friday the order was a misstep. He unsealed the pretrial motions and rulings and nixed the gag order. Sacks cautioned journalists to "use sound judgment" while covering the approaching murder trial, which now is scheduled to begin May 13.

The trial was initially slated to begin at the end of January, but was postponed after Sacks unexpectedly did not appear in court on the day jury selection was scheduled.

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Esquire deserves the flak its getting



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Balancing Act

I wouldn't mind hearing what a white, American boy has to say about school shootings, toxic masculinity, #MeToo and a divided country.

We're engaged in a long, layered, sometimes uncomfortable, sometimes illuminating conversation around sexual harassment, representation, bias, race, power. I want anybody and everybody to join in.

Problem is Esquire found a white, American boy who didn't have much to say about any of the above topics and then devoted a cover story to him.

The cover headline reads: "An American Boy: What it's like to grow up white, middle class, and male in the era of social media, school shootings, toxic masculinity, #MeToo and a divided country."

Inside, the introduction reads, "Ryan Morgan is a high school senior from West Bend, Wisconsin. Like all 17-year-olds, he thinks a lot about what he wants to do with his life, because everyone keeps telling him he's supposed to have it figured out. He'd rather just talk about his girlfriend or cool sneakers or the Packers."

The writer, Jennifer Percy, asks Ryan about #MeToo. "I've heard of that," he answers. "What does it mean again?"

"On school days, Ryan wakes up around 5:30 a.m.," Percy writes. "It sucks," he says. "It's not hard to get up, but I wish I could just stay in bed." He goes to the local water-utility headquarters at 6:30, where he has an

apprenticeship that earns him course credit and a small paycheck. "It's kind of like a job thing," he says.

At 9:30, he comes back home and gets ready for school.

"His mom drives him at 11:30 so he can have lunch in the cafeteria with his friends," Percy writes. "He has a driver's permit, but he's not taking his driver's test until later in the fall. 'It sucks,' he says. 'My mom has to drive me everywhere, but whatever.'"

The article bumps along like that for several pages. Ryan talks about a fight he got in once with a girl. "She smacked him in the face," Percy writes. "He smacked her back. She clawed at him, and he fell into a row of computers. ... Ryan thinks that if he were a girl, he wouldn't have been punished."

The right-leaning Washington Examiner called the article "stupidly boring." That was among the nicer descriptors I read Tuesday, when the issue went public. LGBTQ activist Charlotte Clymer called it "hot garbage."

"It's Black History Month," Clymer tweeted. "What if Esquire had done a profile on a Black young woman in West Bend? What about a Black LGBTQ person? What about a Black young man? How about a Black teacher negotiating the intersections facing them? Or a Black parent in this town?"

"Hey @Esquire," musician Mikel Jollett tweeted. "Trayvon Martin was also 17. He also grew up in the age of social media. He also liked video games and sports and had the right to make some mistakes. Instead of a magazine cover, he got a funeral. We know about Ryan's experience. We need to understand Trayvon's."

"Latest episode of

@NPRItsBeenAMin is everything that Esquire piece is not," National Public Radio's "It's Been a Minute" host Sam Sanders tweeted. "We go to East Oakland ahead of the anniversary of #Parkland, to talk about the everyday gun violence that plagues black and brown kids throughout the country."

Esquire deserves the flak. Because the problem isn't just that the article doesn't deliver what the cover promised.

The magazine set up the premise that white, American boys are at a unique and particular disadvantage at this moment in time. The reader note from editor in chief Jay Fielden explaining the story called life "a fresh hell."

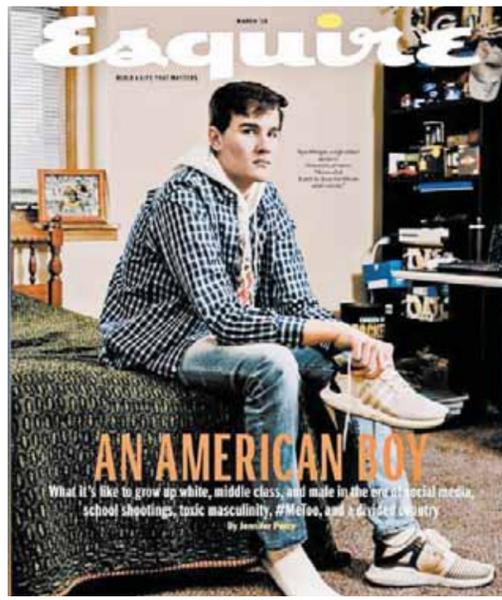
"We disagree as a country on every possible cultural and political point except, perhaps, one: that private life, as a result, has also become its own fresh hell," Fielden writes. "This has made the very social fabric of modern democratic civilization — water-cooler BS, chats with cabbies and total strangers, dinner parties, large family gatherings — sometimes feel like a Kafkaesque thought-police nightmare of paranoia and nausea, in which you might accidentally say what you really believe and get burned at the stake."

The story grew out of his worry about the trickle-down effect.

"The task of grappling with the world has to be more complicated for kids than it's ever been," he writes.

(Boys, that is. His own daughters, he writes, are doing fine. "They are experiencing childhood as, for the most part, still that very magical and important thing: childhood.")

Then the magazine profiled a kid whose life is



Esquire magazine's March 2019 cover.

"Hey @Esquire, Trayvon Martin was also 17. ... Instead of a magazine cover, he got a funeral. We know about Ryan's experience. We need to understand Trayvon's."

— Mikel Jollett, musician

devoid of paranoia, nausea, stake-burning or anything approaching fresh hell.

I'm glad for Ryan. I don't want any child's life to be hell.

But life is hell for a lot of kids — kids who live around or in the wake of gun violence, kids who've suffered or are suffering from sexual violence, kids who are mercilessly bullied, kids whose brains have been hijacked by opioids, kids who live on the streets, kids who don't know when they'll eat next.

Esquire asked readers to consider a different sort of plight. The plight of a kid suffering none of life's harshest conditions, nor appearing to give them all that much thought.

It's hard to see what illumination or perspective that adds to our long, layered national conversation — about school shootings, toxic masculinity, #MeToo, a divided country, the

"social fabric of modern democratic civilization," as Fielden put it.

Apparently Ryan's story is part of one of a series on "Growing up in America today."

If Esquire wants to enlighten us, educate us, guide us through this period that its editor in chief has described in such dire terms, it's going to need to dig deeper.

Here's hoping future installments recognize that America is also filled with stories and perspectives that we haven't, historically, heard or seen all that much about. America is also black and Latino and Asian and gay and Muslim and Jewish. America is shifting and evolving and fumbling toward progress.

Let's hear stories that help us make sense of it all. This one did not.

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Wheeling man charged in wife's death in hot tub

By **GEORGE HOUDE**
Chicago Tribune

A Wheeling man was charged with involuntary manslaughter after allegedly closed the lid over a backyard hot tub while his wife was struggling to get out, police said.

Eric Huska, 58, was arrested Saturday night at his home in the 300 block of Marion Court. The death of his wife, Laura Huska, 57, was ruled a homicide caused by drowning from entrapment, according to the Cook County medical examiner's office. Wheeling police Deputy Chief Todd Wolff said alcohol was a major factor in the death.

According to a news release from Wheeling police, an investigation revealed that there was an outdoor video surveillance recording of the incident. The video showed Laura Huska was in distress and trying to get out of the hot tub on her own, police said.

Eric Huska initially attempted to help his wife out of the tub. Then, police said, he "partially closed the lid of the hot tub" while his wife was still in it.

The husband went into the residence but later returned and found his wife "floating unresponsive inside the closed hot tub," police said in the news release. He then called 911.

Police were called to the home at 6:45 p.m. Wheeling paramedics attempted life-saving measures and transported the woman to Glenbrook Hospital, where she was pronounced dead.

Wolff described the lid as heavy and 6 to 8 inches thick. The hot tub is next to an outdoor pool, he said.

According to court clerk records, Huska was released from jail on a \$10,000 personal recognizance bond, meaning he did not have to post any money.

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Kane Co. looks to help inmates

By **GLORIA CASAS**
The Courier-News

Kane County Sheriff Ron Hain plans to start a pilot program in which detainees addicted to opioids get medically assisted treatment as they go through withdrawal while in county jail custody.

He also told the Kane County Board on Monday that he has provided Narcan to correctional officers and has reinstated strip searches of new jail inmates after a shakedown last month turned up nearly 20 bags of heroin.

Opioid withdrawal involves "uncontrollable sweating, diarrhea and vomiting," Hain said.

"Currently, our medical staff is only able to provide them with Pepto-Bismol, an ibuprofen, some Tums and a clean-up broom. And the cycle repeats every single day at the Kane County jail."

The jail had 340 detainees last year who went through opioid withdrawal while in custody, Hain said.

To date there have been 34 people this year, he said. Jails around the country are implementing medically assisted treatments using drugs that eliminate overdose symptoms and inhibitors, which make the brain and body crave more opioids, the sheriff said.

Kane County will work with Lighthouse Recovery to provide prescriptions for detainees and follow up drug treatment counseling, he said.

A 30-person pilot program, available to Kane County residents only, is set to start within the next 30 days, Hain said. It'll be a quarterly program with the sheriff's office reassessing it each time, he said. He plans to give the county board an update in six months.

The \$25,000 program is funded in-house from the sale of commissary items, Hain said.



GLORIA CASAS/COURIER-NEWS
Sheriff Ron Hain said he plans to start a program for jail detainees going through opioid withdrawal.

"We are finally going to have medically assisted treatment eliminating withdrawal and provide counseling," Hain said.

The newly elected sheriff has been busy launching diversion programs and implementing new policies since being sworn into office in December, he said.

He is now equipping correctional officers with Narcan, a treatment that stops the effects of an overdose, and reversed a policy created three years ago in which detainees weren't strip searched before entering general jail population, Hain said.

He changed that policy after a shakedown last month resulted in 18 bags of heroin, some laced with fentanyl, being confiscated from detainees, he said.

Hain's working on a long-term plan to lease 20,000 square feet of space at the jail to an addiction treatment center, which could provide detainees treatment as well as walk-ins, he said.

County board members didn't ask any questions. Chairman Chris Lauzen said Hain's plan will be discussed further at a Judicial and Public Hearing meeting later this week.

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Harvest's lead pastor ousted

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have been released, including those broadcast on Erich "Mancow" Muller's morning radio show on WLS-AM 890. Muller joined Harvest and once was friends with MacDonald, but their relationship had soured in recent months.

Audio recordings aired on Muller's show Tuesday morning, in which MacDonald appears to disparage his critics, may have been the last straw for church leadership, which in recent weeks had been determining the best path forward for Harvest and attempting to determine MacDonald's role in its future.

Muller said Wednesday afternoon that MacDonald is "a carnival barker actor" who was running the church as "essentially a giant Ponzi scheme."

"This is a guy who is a good salesman and a good peddler for Jesus Christ, and for those of us who were looking for more of Christ in our lives, we became gullible victims in his scheme," said Muller, who on his show Wednesday morning spoke of his sadness about how the situation deteriorated. "What happens is, he manipulates people to make money."

"This has been a real spiritual sucker-punch," Muller told the Tribune. He declined to specify how he obtained the recordings.

Harvest's spokeswoman did not respond to requests for comment, and MacDonald could not be reached.

Florida fallout

In the January message to church members announcing that MacDonald was temporarily stepping aside, the pastor himself described actions that "can only be called sin" as the primary reason he was taking leave.

The church was embroiled in a lawsuit during the fall, when it sued two former church members, their wives and a journalist, alleging defamation and deceptive trade practices.

The church decided to drop the lawsuit after a judge ruled that church documents and messages were subject to discovery and could not be sealed from the public, according to a Jan. 7 post on Harvest's website from the Executive Committee of Elders.

While MacDonald was not supposed to preach in Chicago during the sabbatical, the January announcement indicated he may work at Harvest's newest location in Naples, Fla., where he had preached during the first two Sundays in January.

Blindsided by the announcement, the campus pastor in Naples spoke out against the arrangement. Two days later, he said, he was fired.

John Secrest, whose church joined the MacDonald network of Harvest churches last summer, said he was stunned by the turn of events and the announcement that MacDonald would be stepping aside but perhaps still preaching at the Naples location.

During a recent interview with the Tribune, Secrest said he did not think MacDonald should be able to work in Naples until the internal matters were cleared up.

He even indicated that perhaps the best path forward was to sever the formal partnership between the Florida campus and the Illinois churches. Secrest, who described a scenario in which church leaders and ordinary members in Naples were kept in the dark regarding developments, said his requests and suggestions were rebuffed.

After Secrest outlined his concerns about the MacDonald situation in an emailed letter to his flock in Florida, he was fired for insubordination.

"We didn't sign up for all of this drama that has nothing to do with us," Secrest said. "I told them this is just unconscionable, please don't do this. ... We got sucked into something that on the surface seemed attractive, but under the sur-



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In audio recordings made public Tuesday, James MacDonald appears to disparage his critics, which may have been the last straw for church leadership.



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A former warehouse in Rolling Meadows the church moved to in 1995 remains Harvest Bible Chapel's flagship campus.

"I am grieved that people I love have been hurt by me in ways they felt they could not express to me directly."

— James MacDonald, in a statement

face was very toxic."

After Secrest was dismissed, Harvest posted a statement on its website updating church members. The letter stated that MacDonald "agrees it is wise for him to remain out of all leadership involvement of Harvest Bible Chapel, including preaching on any campus" during his sabbatical.

The elders' letter also stated that recent events, including "the termination of the Lead Pastor of the Naples Campus" had church leadership reviewing its structure and decision-making process.

"As we strongly desire to make wise, God-honoring decisions, we will be building a team of people to review our current structure," stated the letter posted on the Harvest website. "It is our hope that this team of Elders, staff, church members and experienced outside counsel will help us move forward in a healthy way."

In announcing MacDonald's sabbatical, church elders had said Harvest Bible was embarking on a thorough examination of the church's financial, organizational, leadership and management policies with the help of two outside ministries that "specialize in helping churches resolve issues in God-honoring ways."

Although the exact nature of MacDonald's "sin" was not specified in the pastor's online statement, or in a series of social media posts he has made since New Year's, Harvest has been the target of a barrage of criticism from a few vocal former members who have accused church leadership of financial mismanagement and dishonest operations.

"I have carried great shame about this pattern in certain relationships that can only be called sin," MacDonald said in a statement posted on the church's website. "I am grieved that people I love have been hurt by me in ways they felt they could not express to me directly and have not been able to resolve."

A sudden partnership

Secrest said he was taken aback when he received a phone call over the summer from MacDonald and the leadership team at Harvest Bible Chapel. The Harvest leaders proposed a merger and formal partnership between MacDonald's Chicago network and Secrest's small church in Naples.

Secrest, a pastor with three decades of experience, had opened the church in 2015 after attending training sessions at Harvest. The Florida church was considered an independent church, loosely affiliated with MacDonald's Chicago-area campuses but operating on its own, first out of the Greater Naples YMCA, then later at its own building.

Secrest said he was hesitant to create the partnership. He said he enjoyed the autonomy of operating his own church and worried about the ramifications of becoming part of a larger network of Illinois-based churches. But MacDonald's call had certain appeal, he said, especially to elders at his church who welcomed the celebrity of MacDonald, and the possibilities for growth and attention that may come with it.

"It was kind of intimidating, frankly," Secrest said.

After three years as an independent church, Naples signed a formal ministry agreement with Harvest Bible Chapel, becoming another campus in the MacDonald-led network. Secrest said he was assured of local control and minimal meddling from Harvest, but that the executive leadership team in Chicago was officially in charge. Instead, according to Secrest, the agreement amounted to what he called "a takeover."

"One of the things I'm learning is, I should have known better," said Secrest, 54, who attended Trinity International University in Deerfield and has worked at several churches, including what is now called The Orchard Evangelical Free Church in Arlington Heights, before starting the

Naples church. "It's a painful place to be. But in my conscience, I feel I did the right thing."

A charismatic preacher

MacDonald started the conservative evangelical church when he was 27, and members first met in 1988 at Rolling Meadows High School. Seven years later, in 1995, the congregation moved into a former warehouse that remains its flagship along Illinois Highway 53 in Rolling Meadows.

Since then, MacDonald developed a reputation as a talented and charismatic preacher, drawing thousands of parishioners to his sermons, which are presented live at churches, on simulcasts, satellite radio and social media. He has more than 1 million followers on Facebook and was a member of Donald Trump's spiritual advisory team during the presidential campaign. MacDonald stepped down when a video of Trump speaking in vulgar terms about women surfaced.

MacDonald's sons, Landon and Luke, are on Harvest's leadership team as lead pastors. Landon MacDonald is executive pastor of student ministries, and Luke MacDonald is executive ministry pastor, according to Harvest's website.

The lawsuit Harvest filed against the bloggers and others laid bare some of the issues Harvest has been grappling with for years.

In the early 2000s, Harvest embarked on an ambitious expansion plan, aiming to form "10 churches in 10 years."

Since then the church has opened locations in Elgin, Highland Park, Niles, Crystal Lake, Aurora, Chicago and Naples, Fla. In 2006, the Harvest church in Crystal Lake defaulted on a \$6 million mortgage, according to the defamation lawsuit.

And from 2005 to 2007, "rapid growth and construction overruns (resulted) in Harvest's implementation of an extensive revision of its financial system and controls, including

Harvest's establishment of an audit committee, a finance committee, and a compensation committee," according to the church's filing in court. In 2017, Harvest Bible Chapel split from another network of churches, the Harvest Bible Fellowship.

The two former members of Harvest who were sued, Ryan Mahoney and Scott Bryant, have been some of the most vocal critics of MacDonald, publishing a series of online critiques of MacDonald and church management in a blog they started in 2012. They detailed what they assert are questionable financial dealings, infighting among elders and a general toxic administrative culture.

Mahoney and his wife, Melinda; Bryant and his wife, Sarah; as well as writer and radio contributor Julie Roys all were sued in the fall by Harvest leadership over the online postings and comments about the church. According to the suit, Melinda Mahoney and Sarah Bryant were named as defendants because they provide "material support" and "funds for computer(s) that are used to create, edit, host and maintain" the bloggers' website, The Elephant's Debt.

After learning of MacDonald's termination, Mahoney and Bryant released a statement to the Tribune saying, "We recognize that many people at Harvest Bible Chapel are hurting today. We are hoping and praying for better days ahead for your community."

Church leaders have announced they have started a process of reconciliation with "individuals who have left our fellowship or have complaints against us" and "asking God to enable us to confess our sins and make needed changes in our leadership."

In their statement Wednesday morning regarding MacDonald's termination, former church members Mahoney and Bryant said many of the stories they have been hearing about Harvest and MacDonald have recently come to light.

"Seven years ago, we began to publicly air just a few of the stories that former elders and pastors had begun to share with us in private," the two wrote. "While they did not allow

us to share many of these stories, we published accounts and documents about finances, power and control as a means of pointing to the much deeper issues that were swirling around MacDonald and Harvest. As of the end of 2017, we felt that we had said all that we could to warn the people of Harvest about this toxic scenario."

Church members react

There was no mention of MacDonald at Sunday's 9 a.m. service at the campus in Rolling Meadows.

A packed house sang along to the live band and lifted up their hands as the stage lights pulsed. The sermon came via video feed from visiting pastor Robby Gallaty of Tennessee and involved the story of the blind beggar Bartimaeus, who threw off his cloak — the one thing his livelihood depended on — and walked toward Jesus.

Gallaty shared his own story of overcoming addiction and asked the crowd about the cloak keeping them from going all-in for God.

After the service, a number of attendees said they were praying for MacDonald and for the church. Others said they were following the rumors on Twitter and hoped more than one side of the story would surface.

"There's a lot of good that comes out of here," said Jorge Cotto, 49, of Franklin Park. "When someone has an agenda and all they want to do is focus on someone's mistakes instead of focusing on the whole person, then you're not doing anyone justice but yourself. This isn't a social club. This is a church. ... You can't lose hope in people. You can't lose faith in people."

Jen Thorman, 34, of Arlington Heights, said she has been a member of the church for years.

"We love this church very, very much," she said after Sunday's service. "This is a rough season for our church. However, we remain very hopeful because the Bible says the gates of hell will not prevail against the church. And the church is not one person. ... We know that the church will prevail and whatever is in darkness will come to light. It seems to be a purification for our church."

After MacDonald's exit was announced, Thorman said she felt a mixture of sadness and relief.

"This is a hard but necessary day for our church," Thorman said in a text. "James and Harvest are not synonymous though. Harvest is the thousands of people that fill it who are loving, kind and gracious. We will keep pressing on for God's glory. By His grace, better days are ahead for us."

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A peek at the O'Hare projects

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Architectural insiders are also in the dark.

"I know nothing," said Lynn Osmond, president of the Chicago Architecture Center, the nonprofit group that hosted the architects' presentations at its new 111 E. Wacker Drive headquarters.

The city's desire for confidentiality was so strict that Osmond wasn't allowed inside her own organization's lecture hall to witness the presentations, she said. And the imposition of confidentiality pervaded the lecture hall itself.

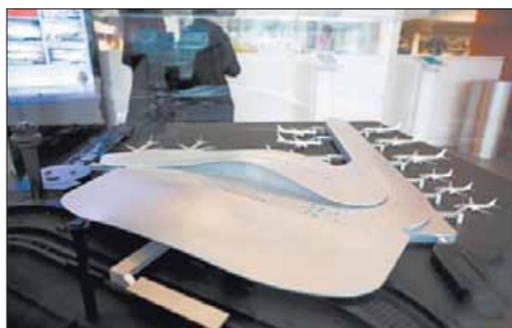
In addition to the drawn shades and papered-over windows, the architects were not told the identities of the committee members to whom they were presenting their plans, people familiar with the deliberations said. Often in contests like this, such introductions are made, letting architects know an evaluation committee's qualifications and areas of expertise.

"This whole process has been pretty weird," said one person familiar with the deliberations, who asked not to be identified.

The global terminal will replace O'Hare's aging Terminal 2 and will handle domestic and international flights. The idea is to make it easier for passengers using O'Hare's terminals 1 and 3, the hubs of United and American airlines, to make connections between U.S. and overseas flights.

The terminal will form the heart of O'Hare's \$8.5 billion expansion, the largest and most expensive terminal revamp in the airport's 74-year history.

The other teams competing for the project are led by Denver-based Curtis Fen-



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Proposals for the O'Hare revamp, above and above right, will see the airport's aging Terminal 2 replaced.

dress, whose credits include Denver's tentlike airport; London-based Norman Foster, architect of Hong Kong's international airport; and Chicago's Skidmore, Owings & Merrill, which has designed major airports as well as the Willis and Trump Towers.

By displaying three-dimensional models of the competing plans at the architecture center, and allowing people to vote for their favorite design, city officials conveyed an image of transparency and public engagement.

But the selection process is not exactly an open book. More than 41,000 people took part in the voting, according to the city's Department of Aviation.

City officials believe the results, which they call

"public feedback," should only be made public when the selection of the winning architect is announced. Releasing the results now could "impede the work" of the city-appointed committee charged with evaluating the designs, Cathy Kwiatkowski, a spokeswoman for the Procurement Department, said in an email.

The question remains: Is the committee going to see the results now even if they're not released to the public? And will the committee take the results into account?

The city has also kept under wraps the identities of the committee members, who include city officials and airline representatives, on the grounds that naming them would subject them

to lobbying.

Several people who attended the architects' presentations, however, recognized Rebekah Scheinfeld, the city's transportation commissioner, as one of the evaluation committee's judges. Mike Claffey, a spokesman for the city's Transportation Department, declined to comment.

Besides putting the competing architects on edge, the lack of information has led to a quiet public relations war, with the teams releasing online videos that tout their plans and relevant background. Foster's, for example, notes that he is an airline pilot and shows him in a cockpit piloting a plane.

The vacuum also has led to speculation about the timing of the announcement of the winner. One theory, apparently shot down by Emanuel's tweet, has it that the mayor will announce the winner before the Feb. 26 mayoral election that will winnow a large field to two finalists.

The theory's proponents seized on the fact that the display of the global terminal models at the architecture center was extended to Feb. 17 from its scheduled closing date of Jan. 31. The models would have provided a good backdrop for an announcement, they figured.

In fact, the exhibition

was extended at the architecture center's request, Osmond said, adding that more than 3,000 people have viewed the display since it opened Jan. 17.

A little-noticed wrinkle of the O'Hare contest is that it will result in the awarding of not one, but two design contracts — one for the global terminal, the other for two satellite concourses that will serve the terminal.

Once a contract is negotiated with the winning team, city officials have said, Chicago will enter negotiations with the second-place team for the other two concourses.

But such contracts tend to be enormously complex and require a long time to negotiate, according to architects who have done airport work.

That raises one of the biggest questions of the Great O'Hare Guessing Game: Whether a contract will be signed by the time Emanuel leaves office — and whether his successor will be bound to back the winning design.

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Slain police commander honored

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By the end of 2018, three more officers would die in the line of duty: Samuel Jimenez, who was killed in a shooting at Mercy Hospital in November, and Conrad Gary and Eduardo Marmolejo, who were hit by a train in December while pursuing a suspect. At least five officers also died by suicide in 2018 and early 2019.

A March 2018 Tribune article traced the path of the Glock 26 9 mm used in Bauer's shooting, starting from its first legal sale from a gun store in Wisconsin. Thomas Caldwell, an unlicensed gun dealer who had been warned by federal agents to get certified, legally bought the so-called Baby Glock from its original owner and sold it to a man he met on a website that sells guns to buyers without background checks.

Caldwell is serving a three-year federal prison

sentence for illegally hawking firearms.

In the aftermath of Bauer's death and other high-profile gun crimes, lawmakers approved legislation that requires gun retailers to be licensed by the state in addition to the federal government. Then-Gov. Bruce Rauner vetoed the bill, but Gov. J.B. Pritzker signed a similar measure into law in January.

On Wednesday, more than 100 people joined a number of police officials and several mayoral candidates, including former police Superintendent Garry McCarthy, near the scene of the shooting to honor the slain Near North commander.

The Illinois State Police honor guard paid tribute during the ceremony. The Rev. Dan Brandt, a Chicago police chaplain who also served as pastor of the Bauer's church in Bridgeport, spoke at the event.

"Paul embodied integri-

ty," Brandt said. "Paul was also one who enjoyed a good laugh."

A Chicago Police Department bagpiper ended the ceremony with a rendition of "Amazing Grace."

Family and friends of the police commander crowded into the Thompson Center atrium, many donning memorial buttons distributed last year after the shooting.

Angelica Prado keeps her button set aside at home. When she spots it inadvertently, the grief washes over her.

"It comes and goes," Prado said.

She stood along the outer circle of attendees with Ziegler and other parents whose children are friends with Bauer's daughter Grace.

"This day has been looming in my mind for a few weeks now," said Michelle Myers.

The death set off a feeling of uncertainty among their



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Chicago police chaplain Dan Brandt, center, and others memorialize Cmdr. Paul Bauer.

children, who feel the suddenness of the loss as they try to support Grace, Myers said.

Grace sat with her mother in the front row of seats lined up on the ground floor of the center, clutching a bouquet of white flowers.

She smiled and shook hands with officers and other officials.

The adults who have known her since she was a young child said she displayed a poise that she is known for, befitting her first name. In the past year, they

have watched her excel in school and passionately participate on the debate team amid the tragedy.

"She was a rock for the funeral and wake," Ziegler said.

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Air Force defector helped Iran, U.S. says

Ex-intelligence official charged with revealing secrets

BY ERIC TUCKER
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — A former U.S. Air Force counterintelligence specialist who defected to Iran despite warnings from the FBI has been charged with revealing classified information to the Tehran government, including the code name and secret mission of a Pentagon program, prosecutors said Wednesday.

The Justice Department also accused Monica Elfriede Witt, 39, of betraying former colleagues in the U.S. intelligence community by feeding details about their personal and professional lives to Iran. Four hackers linked to the Iranian government, charged in the same indictment, used that information to target the intelligence workers online, prosecutors said.

Witt had been on the FBI's radar at least a year before she defected after she attended an Iranian conference and appeared in anti-American videos. She was warned about her activities but reassured agents that she would not provide sensitive information about her work if she returned to Iran. She was not arrested.

"Once a holder of a top secret security clearance, Monica Witt actively sought opportunities to undermine the United States and support the government of Iran—a country which poses a serious threat to our national security," said FBI executive Assistant Director Jay Tabb.

Tabb said "she provided



Monica Elfriede Witt appears on an FBI wanted poster. The former U.S. Air Force counterintelligence specialist has been charged with revealing classified information to the Tehran government.

information that could cause serious damage to national security," though he did not provide specifics.

Witt remains at large in Iran, as do the four hackers, who prosecutors say were acting on behalf of the government-linked Iranian Revolutionary Guard, prosecutors said. That group has been designated by the U.S. government as promoting terrorism.

The hackers, using imposter Facebook personas, targeted those same officials and were even able at one point to join a private Facebook group composed primarily of retired government workers, the indict-

ment says. The hackers sent the targets messages and emails that purported to be legitimate but instead contained malicious software that, if opened, would have given them access to the officials' computer and network.

Witt, a Texas native, served in the Air Force from 1997 to 2008, where she was trained in Farsi — the predominant language of Iran — and was deployed overseas on classified counterintelligence missions, including to the Middle East. She then found work as a Defense Department contractor.

She defected to Iran in

2013 after being invited to two all-expense-paid conferences in the country that the Justice Department says promoted anti-Western propaganda and condemned American moral standards. She was a Defense Department contractor at the time.

The Treasury Department on Wednesday sanctioned the New Horizon Organization, which sponsored the conferences. U.S. officials say the conferences, which promote Holocaust denial and conspiracy theories, serve as a platform for Iran to recruit and collect intelligence.

Witt first traveled to a

"Hollywoodism" conference in 2012, when she appeared in Iranian videos in which she identified herself as a former U.S. service member. She was warned that May by FBI agents that she was a potential target for recruitment by Iranian intelligence.

"She chose not to heed our warning that travel to Iran could potentially make her susceptible to recruitment," Tabb said. "She continued to travel."

She attended the same conference the following year and was hired by an unnamed individual to assist in the filming of an anti-American propaganda

commercial.

Given free housing and computer equipment, she went to work for the Iranians, turning over information about a classified Defense Department program and assembling into "target packages" research she conducted into the family lives, locations and missions of former colleagues.

The indictment includes snippets of dialogue between Witt and the person who recruited her, identified only as Individual 1.

In 2012, for instance, the person wrote her, "should I thank the sec of defense? For me? Well, I loved the work, and I am endeavoring to put the training I received to good use instead of evil.?? Thanks for giving me the opportunity," according to the indictment.

Using a typed smiley-face, she later told the same, unnamed person, "If all else fails, I just may go public with a program and do like Snowden." That's a reference to Edward Snowden, who leaked classified U.S. information.

"Our intelligence professionals swear an oath to protect our country, and we trust them to uphold their oath. With good reason," said Assistant Attorney General John Demers. "But every great while, one of these trusted people fails us."

Officials would not elaborate on why the indictment was brought six years after her detection, except to say they had to move classified intelligence into an unclassified format for a pending criminal proceeding.

Parkland to quietly mark anniversary of massacre

BY TERRY SPENCER
Associated Press

PARKLAND, Fla. — The communities and families terrorized by the Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School massacre will spend Thursday's anniversary visiting graves, packing meals for the needy and contributing to other service projects as they quietly remember the 14 students and three staff members who lost their lives.

Victims' families say they will mourn out of the public eye.

The Parkland school will be on a half-day schedule: Stoneman Douglas students will serve breakfast to first responders and will be dismissed nearly three hours before the time the shooting began, about 2:20 p.m.

Many say they will avoid school altogether. Students at other Broward County schools will also work on service projects and observe a moment of silence.

A ceremony honoring the victims will be held in a park near the school where students also will prepare meals for disadvantaged children.

A nondenominational, temporary temple will open



WILFREDO LEE/AP
Tony Montalto, with son Anthony, said they will "simply reflect." Montalto's daughter was shot dead.

in neighboring Coral Springs, where half the school's students live. Visitors will be allowed to mourn, contemplate, leave mementos and write message on its walls.

The temple will remain open until May, when it will be burned in a purification ceremony.

For the victims' families, there is no day without pain, so while Thursday may cut a bit deeper, in some ways it won't be any different than the previous 364 days.

The families remain outspoken in their demand that school Superintendent Robert Runcie be fired and against the reinstatement of suspended Sheriff Scott Is-

rael, saying their inaction and mistakes allowed the shooting to happen.

Still, most who have spoken publicly say they plan to spend Thursday quietly.

Jaime Guttenberg's family, will visit her grave, while Nick Dworet's family will go to the beach where his ashes were scattered in the ocean. Athletic Director Chris Hixon's family is preparing for a race in his honor on Saturday.

"We are going to simply reflect and remember," said Tony Montalto, president of the victims' families' organization, Stand With Parkland. "That is the best thing."

Montalto's 14-year-old daughter Gina died in the shooting.

Stoneman Douglas students will mark the tragedy by working on service projects. They can also receive mental health counseling and visit therapy dogs. Volunteers will provide massages and manicures.

Security will be heightened at Stoneman Douglas and throughout the district.

Maintenance workers will be kept out of Broward schools to avoid banging and loud noises that might upset some students and



BRYNN ANDERSON/AP
At a nondenominational, temporary temple in neighboring Coral Springs, Fla., where half the school's students live, visitors will be allowed to mourn and contemplate.

their teachers.

Mickey Pope, the district's chief of student-support services, said the staff worked with mental health counselors, community groups, the victims' families and others for four months to devise a plan that they believe will honor those killed and allow students and staff to mourn.

Many Stoneman Douglas students are skipping school Thursday. For some it's too emotional; others don't want to be in the spotlight.

Jessie Frengut, a senior, said she and friends, including one wounded in the attack, are going to a farm to

spend time with animals trained to comfort people with post-traumatic stress disorder.

"It will just be better for us if we do something on our own," she said.

Alexis Grogan, a junior, said she'll spend the day picking up beach trash, dedicating her work to those who died.

"I survived something, and I don't want to waste what I call a second chance at life because those who have passed don't get that," she said. "We have to make a difference for them."

San Francisco-area artist David Best began building temples honoring the dead

in 2000 at Nevada's Burning Man festival after a protegee died in a motorcycle accident. He has since built them worldwide, including in Northern Ireland for those killed in political strife and in Nepal for the 2015 earthquake victims.

Like those structures, the Stoneman Douglas temple will be burned.

This creation, "The Temple of Time," represents the indefinite period it will take for the community to come to grips with the slayings. Best rejected naming it "The Temple of Healing" because he said that is impossible for the victims and their families.

Judge finds Manafort lied to investigators in Russia probe

BY CHAD DAY
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Paul Manafort intentionally lied to investigators and a federal grand jury in the special counsel's Russia probe, a judge ruled Wednesday.

The ruling by U.S. District Judge Amy Berman Jackson was another loss for the former Trump campaign chairman, who faces years in prison in two separate criminal cases stemming from special counsel Robert Mueller's investiga-

tion.

It hurts Manafort's chance of receiving a reduced sentence, though Jackson said she would decide the exact impact during his sentencing next month.

The four-page order resolves a dispute that had provided new insight into how Mueller views Manafort's actions as part of his broader probe of Russian election interference and any possible coordination



Manafort

with associates of President Donald Trump.

Jackson found there was sufficient evidence to say Manafort broke his plea agreement by lying about three of five matters that prosecutors had singled out.

That included his misleading the FBI, prosecutors and a federal grand jury about his interactions with Konstantin Kilimnik, his co-defendant who the

FBI says has ties to Russian intelligence.

Prosecutors had accused Manafort of lying about his discussions with Kilimnik about a possible Ukrainian peace plan.

During a sealed hearing, Mueller prosecutor Andrew Weissmann said one of the discussions — an Aug. 2, 2016, meeting at the Grand Havana Club cigar bar in New York — went to the "larger view of what we think is going on" and what "we think the motive here is."

"This goes, I think, very much to the heart of what the Special Counsel's Office is investigating," Weissmann said. "That meeting and what happened at that meeting is of significance to the special counsel."

The meeting occurred while Manafort was still in a high-ranking role in the Trump campaign.

Rick Gates, Manafort's longtime deputy and also a Trump campaign aide, also attended.

Prosecutors also accused Manafort of lying about

sharing polling data with Kilimnik during the 2016 presidential campaign, an allegation that became public accidentally when Manafort's attorney flubbed redactions in a court filing.

Manafort's attorneys had argued that he didn't intentionally mislead investigators but rather forgot some details until his memory was refreshed.

They also said the special counsel hadn't shown that the topic at issue was material to the investigation.

Experts: U.S. exit an opening for ISIS

Ethno-sectarian tensions could be exploited by group

By MELISSA ETEHAD
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The fragile bond that has held together a coalition of ethnic and religious groups in the long-running and rugged fight against Islamic State would probably dissolve once the U.S. pulls its remaining troops from Syria — opening the door for the militant group to again rise as a dominant force in the region.

A quick drawdown of American troops in Syria, experts say, would inflame existing tensions among Kurdish militias, the Turkish government and Sunni Muslims — an unlikely bloc that the U.S. has helped hold together only because of their shared interest in defeating the self-styled Islamist caliphate fighters.

Weeks after President Donald Trump said he would withdraw American troops from Syria based on his assertion that Islamic State had been defeated, the militant group staged a suicide bombing attack Jan. 16 in the northern Syrian city of Manbij, killing two U.S. service members, a Defense Department contractor and a civilian Defense worker, as well as more than a dozen civilians and Kurdish militia members.

When the withdrawal is completed, the coalition's resolve to finish off the job could be undermined if Turkey, the Kurds and the Sunnis turn on one another.

"What the U.S. has tried to do with its presence in Syria was to manage this ethnic-sectarian tension," said Stephen Biddle, who served as a strategic adviser to U.S. Army Gen. Stanley McChrystal in Afghanistan and Gen. David Petraeus in Iraq. "And to try to diminish the underlying conditions that gave rise for support of ISIS."

The ethno-sectarian rifts that have been simmering under the surface in north-



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An attack last month on a convoy in northeastern Syria killed five members of a Kurdish-led force accompanying U.S. troops.

ern Syria are part of a complex chess game involving groups with competing agendas and historical resentments.

Getting them to avoid bloody entanglements — let alone fight against Islamic State — has been a tall order even with the presence of U.S. troops.

Most of the multiethnic militias fighting Islamic State fall under the umbrella of the Syrian Democratic Forces, or SDF, which the U.S. helped form in 2015. The coalition is dominated by Kurdish militias known as the People's Protection Units, or YPG, but it also includes other fighting groups of Arabs and Assyrians.

With the U.S. gone, tensions could flare, allowing remaining Islamic State fighters and sympathizers to step into the breach.

The U.S.-backed Kurdish militias have long harbored aspirations for an independent nation. There are significant Kurdish popula-

tions in Iraq, Turkey, Iran and Syria.

In northern Iraq, Kurds have been able to govern semi-autonomously. Kurdish militias in Syria view defeating Islamic State as one step toward further achieving full autonomy, but this makes neighboring Turkey nervous.

The Turkish government views Kurdish militias as part of an ongoing separatist movement that it has long sought to vanquish in southeastern Turkey.

The withdrawal of U.S. troops would leave Kurdish militias vulnerable to the Turkish government, which has already threatened to attack the Kurdish militias once the U.S. leaves Syria.

Without the U.S. watching over Kurdish militias, Sunnis would be left with no protection against the other groups.

"Politically, we are keeping Kurds and Sunnis from getting upset with each other and keeping Turkey on their side of the border,"

Biddle said. "Both those functions help stabilize the politics in the region."

This leaves Kurdish militias open to attack — unless they turn to Syria's Alawite government for protection.

The Sunni population in northeastern Syria have been spared the presence of the country's tyrannical government for years because the Syrian government has had difficulty projecting its power that far afield.

But a shift in alliances would change that, stoking fears of the Sunni population which, like the Turkish government, feels threatened by the Kurds' quest for autonomy and also by the oppressive Syrian government.

Sunnis would be left with only one group to turn to for protection — Islamic State.

"ISIS prospers when the Sunni community feels depressed and believes it needs ISIS to survive," Biddle said.

"It would create an op-

portunity for Islamic State militants because they can present (the group) as saviors of Sunnis."

Although Islamic State no longer controls major cities in Iraq or Syria, the United Nations estimates that the militant group still has up to 30,000 fighters in Iraq and Syria, many of them living among the local population, holed up in tunnels or camped out in the desert areas near the Iraq-Syria border, surviving by exploiting the lack of functioning governments in territory disputed by Arabs and Kurds in northeastern Syria.

Using improvised explosive devices and booby-trapping houses, the group has continued to cause considerable damage to the Syrian Democratic Forces, Col. Sean Ryan, a spokesman for the U.S.-led coalition fighting Islamic State, said recently.

Last month, Islamic State militants launched an attack against the coalition

near the Sahjan oil field in Dair Alzour in eastern Syria, resulting in heavy fighting.

And despite Trump's assertions, U.S.-led coalition forces conducted 469 airstrikes against Islamic State targets in northeastern Syria between Dec. 16 and 29, according to data released by the American military.

The level of tension between coalition members will depend on future events, such as the possibility of rapprochement between the Kurds and the Syrian government and the timing of the U.S. removal of its 2,000 troops.

But the planned scenario mirrors the underlying conditions that caused Islamic State to prosper after President Barack Obama withdrew U.S. forces from Iraq in 2011.

There, the militant group known as al-Qaida in Iraq took advantage of the Shiite Muslim-led Iraqi government's sectarian nature to recruit marginalized Sunni Muslims. Some of those fighters split off and rebranded their forces in 2013 as Islamic State.

Sen. Lindsey Graham, R-S.C., drew attention to this after the Islamic State attack in Manbij, saying Trump's decision to withdraw from Syria has emboldened the militants.

"I saw this in Iraq. And I'm now seeing it in Syria," Graham said at last month's confirmation hearing for attorney general nominee William Barr.

The attack in Manbij underscores how the U.S.-led coalition has been tasked with defeating an evolving and complex threat and how removing U.S. troops is premature, said Daniel Byman, a senior fellow in the Center for Middle East Policy at the Brookings Institution.

"The caliphate is largely destroyed but a powerful underground insurgency still exists," Byman said. "ISIS has an extensive network and has the ability to intimidate the population."



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Tribesmen loyal to Houthis show support in December in Yemen for peace talks. Asserting authority over war powers, the House's resolution seeks to stop U.S. involvement.

House OKs measure to end U.S. military support in Yemen

By KAROUN DEMIRJIAN
The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — The House on Wednesday passed a resolution to end U.S. military support for the Saudi-led coalition operating in Yemen, a repudiation of President Donald Trump's continued cooperation with and defense of the kingdom and its crown prince, Mohammed bin Salman.

The measure passed 248 to 177, and was supported by 230 Democrats and 18 Republicans.

It marks the end of a months-long campaign from the legislation's sponsors, whom House Republicans blocked last year from bringing the measure to the floor — even as a bipartisan majority of the Senate voted to approve it.

House Speaker Nancy Pelosi, D-Calif., had promised a vote on the measure when Democrats took over the House this year.

The war-powers legislation now heads back to the Senate, where sponsors said they are "hopeful" that similar numbers of Republicans and Democrats will vote for it when it comes up in the next few weeks.

But even if they manage to pass the resolution in that body, Trump is already

threatening to veto the measure — and Congress does not have the votes to override it.

The president's advisers on Monday warned that the war powers resolution raised constitutional concerns and was "flawed" in its premise, as U.S. forces were not fighting on the ground in Yemen. Their statement also stressed that the United States had already curtailed the aerial refueling of Saudi planes, and that other forms of assistance the U.S. was providing, such as intelligence sharing and logistical support, wouldn't fall under the auspices of the War Powers Resolution.

The measure would also "harm bilateral relationships in the region," the president's advisers wrote.

Its sponsors, however, rejected that notion.

"This is exactly the type of hostilities that the framers of the War Powers Resolution contemplated," Rep. Ro Khanna, D-Calif., said in an interview.

But before the resolution passed the House, lawmakers attached an amendment to it stating that the measure would not restrict the collection and sharing of intelligence as the president deems appropriate. Intelligence sharing is a

major piece of U.S.-Saudi cooperation, since the administration ended the practice of refueling planes.

The House also voted to attach an amendment to the legislation condemning anti-Semitism, an apparent response to comments made this week by Rep. Ilhan Omar, D-Minn., for which she has apologized.

Trump has called on her to resign, prompting a re-tort from Oman that Trump had "trafficked in hate your whole life," and charges from Democrats that Trump, who has refused to condemn white supremacists, was being hypocritical.

Republican opponents of the Yemen resolution argued that by focusing solely on ending U.S. support for Saudi Arabia's campaign, the resolution "sends a green light to the Houthis and their Iranian backers to press on," as House Foreign Affairs Committee ranking member Mike McCaul, R-Texas, put it.

Democrats objected to Republicans characterizing the resolution as soft on Iran, stressing that its chief motivation was to address the humanitarian crisis in Yemen caused by Saudi Arabia's efforts to date to block aid from reaching those in need.

NASA rover finally bites dust on Mars after 15 years

By MARCIA DUNN
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CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. — NASA's Opportunity, the Mars rover built to operate for three months but kept going and going, rolling across the rocky red soil, was pronounced dead Wednesday — 15 years after it landed on the planet.

The six-wheeled vehicle that helped gather crucial evidence that Mars might have been hospitable to life was spry until eight months ago, when it was doomed by a ferocious dust storm.

Flight controllers tried numerous times to make contact, and sent one final series of recovery commands Tuesday night, along with one last wake-up song, Billie Holiday's "I'll Be Seeing You," in a somber exercise that brought tears to team members' eyes.

There was no response from space, only silence.

Thomas Zurbuchen, head of NASA's science missions, broke the news to the Opportunity team at what amounted to a wake at the space agency's Jet Propulsion Laboratory in Pasadena, Calif., announcing the demise of "our beloved Opportunity."

Given the silence from space, "it is therefore that I'm standing here with a sense of deep appreciation and gratitude that I declare the Opportunity mission as complete," Zurbuchen told a packed auditorium. "It's an emotional time."

The golf cart-size Opportunity outlived its twin, the Spirit rover, by several years. The two slow-moving vehicles landed on opposite sides of the planet in 2004 for a mission meant to last 90 Mars days, which are 39 minutes longer than a day on Earth. Opportunity set endurance and distance records that could stand for decades.

Trundling along until



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NASA's Mars rover Opportunity set endurance and distance records that could stand for years, if not decades.

communication ceased last June, Opportunity roamed a record 28 miles around Mars and worked longer than any other lander.

Opportunity was a robotic geologist, equipped with cameras and instruments at the end of a robotic arm for grinding away layers, taking microscopic images and analyzing the composition of the rocks and soil.

Its greatest achievement was discovering, along with Spirit, evidence that Mars had water flowing on its surface and might have been capable of sustaining microbial life.

Opportunity was exploring Mars' Perseverance Valley, fittingly, when the fiercest dust storm in decades hit and contact was lost. The storm was so intense that it darkened the sky for months, preventing sunlight from reaching the rover's solar panels.

When the sky finally cleared, Opportunity remained silent, its internal clock possibly so scrambled that it no longer knew when to sleep or wake up to receive commands. Flight controllers sent more than 1,000 recovery commands, all in vain.

With project costs reaching about \$500,000 a

month, NASA decided there was no point in continuing.

"This is a hard day," said project manager John Callas. "Even though it's a machine and we're saying goodbye, it's still very hard and very poignant, but we had to do that."

Callas said the last-ditch attempt the night before to make contact was a sad moment, with tears and a smattering of applause when the operations team signed off. He said the team members didn't bother waiting around to even see if word came back from space.

Scientists consider this the end of an era, now that Opportunity and Spirit are both gone.

Opportunity was the fifth of eight spacecraft to successfully land on Mars, all belonging to NASA.

Only two are still working: the nuclear-powered Curiosity rover, prowling around since 2012, and the recently arrived InSight, which this week placed a heat-sensing, self-hammering probe on the dusty red surface to burrow into the planet like a mole.

Three more landers — from the U.S., China and Europe — are due to launch next year.

Venezuela's crisis of socialist faith

Not just leaders, but very economic model questioned

By ANTHONY FAIOLA
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CARACAS, Venezuela — Since the eruption of protests against President Nicolas Maduro last month, Flor Blanco, a 57-year-old seamstress, has repeatedly clashed with her husband over a question at the core of the crisis here: Did socialism kill Venezuela?

Blessed with the world's largest oil reserves, this South American nation was once the region's richest per capita. Twenty years after the launch of the late Hugo Chavez's Bolivarian Revolution, it is now one of the poorest. Blanco's husband, a loyalist of Maduro — Chavez's anointed successor — still calls socialism society's great equalizer that gave the poor dignity. But like more and more Venezuelans, Blanco is questioning not just a man — Maduro — but an economic model.

"My husband doesn't see the reality," she said, gesturing in anger at her cheekbones, razor-thin from lack of food. "Look at us — we're skinny. We can't buy food or clothes. Socialism? For me it's a farce."

In Washington — where Republicans are seizing on Venezuela to score points against those Democrats who have newly embraced the term — the debate has focused as much on socialism as it has on Maduro's own failings.

But socialism's role in Venezuela's collapse, observers say, is not as clear as either side likes to think. At least fleetingly, socialist policies propped up by state petrodollars helped bolster the country's status as one of the Western Hemisphere's most equitable societies. But state-heavy policies that distorted prices and exchange rates, coupled with corruption, mismanagement and official repression, turned Venezuela's economic landscape into scorched earth.

Though perhaps worsened by Maduro's stewardship, experts say an economic comeuppance was inevitable.

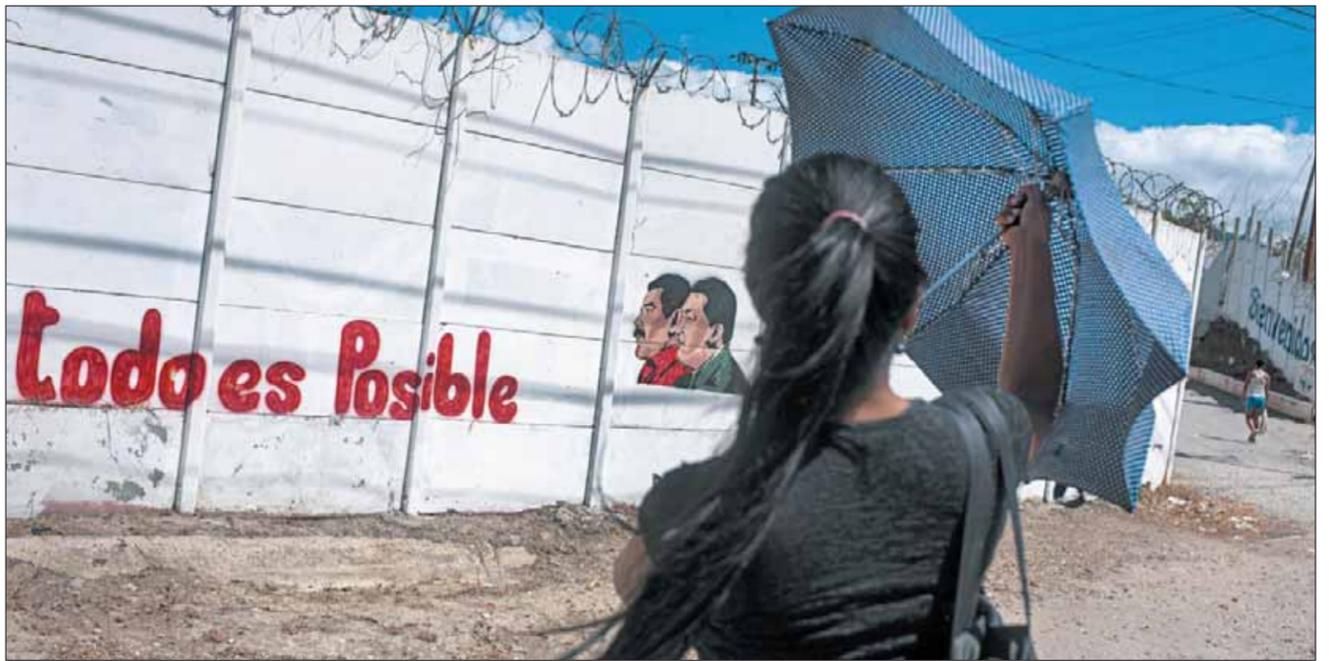
"All the wrongs were created under Chavez," said Henkel Garcia, head of Econometrica, a Caracas-based financial analysis firm. "The economy only survived as long as it did because of high oil prices."

Among the Venezuelans taking to the streets, many have fully rejected socialism and Maduro for years, and sense a historic moment to rid Venezuela of both.

But others still see him as simply an inept steward of Chavez's far-left ideals. They want him — but not socialism — gone.

Today, roughly a third of the nation, pollsters say, still appears to back socialism — although only half that many remain loyal to Maduro.

"Chavez made mistakes, but he had a true social



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A woman opens an umbrella in front of a painting of Nicolas Maduro and Hugo Chavez, with "All is Possible" written in Spanish, in Guarenas this month.

Trump, Colombia work to send aid to Venezuelans

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WASHINGTON — President Donald Trump and his Colombian counterpart — the two Western Hemisphere leaders with the most at stake in ousting Nicolas Maduro — huddled Wednesday at the White House to search for a way to get millions of dollars' worth of humanitarian aid into Venezuela.

According to a senior administration official and people familiar with the discussions, Trump and Ivan Duque talked about how to enlist regional leaders to break the military blockade stopping the aid and turn Maduro's loyal generals against him.

They also discussed how the United States can continue supporting Colombia, which is Washington's most important ally in the fight and faces the brunt of the humanitarian crisis spilling out of Venezuela.

"Duque is the key player in all of this obviously because of the border," a senior administration official said, who was not authorized to speak publicly about administration policy. "You're looking at a country who had to endure more than a million Venezuelans inside their borders. For them it's a national security issue, just like it is for us."

The two men are working closely with their teams on how to support the 35-year-old Venezuelan opposition leader and self-proclaimed acting president, Juan Guaido, who has promised that tens of millions of dollars' worth of food and medicine will be delivered to the people starting Feb. 23 without any real explanation of how.



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Colombian President Ivan Duque, left, and President Trump work on backing the Venezuelan acting president.

Trump and Duque touched on some of those challenges during public comments where the two, sitting by a fireplace, lamented the state of affairs in Venezuela.

"Really, we're trying to get food to people," Trump said. "You have people starving in Venezuela. It just shows what can happen with the wrong government."

They met previously in September at the United Nations General Assembly and appear to be comfortable together. Duque was comfortable enough to twice interject himself into questions to Trump about U.S. priorities on Venezuela and to give the Colombian's perspective and support for the opposition.

It was only when drugs came up that the

discussion seemed to get tense; Trump turned to look directly at Duque after saying that Colombia needed to do more to eradicate drug production.

"I wouldn't say that at this moment you're ahead of schedule, but hopefully you will be at some time in the near future," Trump said, triggering Duque to interrupt a third time and defend his government's efforts to meet goals to eradicate drugs.

But it was the crisis in Venezuela that was the central issue that brought the two leaders together.

The Maduro government has blocked a bridge connecting the once oil-rich nation to Colombia as humanitarian aid, requested by Guaido, has collected along the border.

The Trump administration is wrestling with how to get the aid to Venezuela without using force, possibly by sea or air. They're also studying the feasibility of having Venezuelans fill backpacks and bags to carry aid into the country to be distributed.

The administration has offered amnesty from U.S. sanctions to top ranking military officials and urged rank-and-file members to disobey Maduro and allow the aid to enter the country.

While Trump and Duque met at the Oval Office, the administration's new special envoy for Venezuela, Elliot Abrams, told members of Congress that they've been unsuccessful in efforts to turn leaders of the military against Maduro, but that they're seeing positive signs.

"We're hearing a lot of discontent in the military," Abrams said at a House Foreign Affairs hearing Wednesday. "If you're a general looking down at the ranks, you know that your own people in the army are starving."

conviction," said Juan Barreto, a mayor of metropolitan Caracas during Chavez's years, who broke with Maduro three years ago. "Maduro's system has absolutely nothing to do with socialism. Maduro, quite simply, is a despot."

With hyperinflation causing acute shortages of food and medicine, more and more former Chavistas, as adherents of Chavez's ideals, are saying mea culpas and increasingly turning out against Maduro.

"Before I die, I want socialism gone from Venezuela," said Yessid Merlano, a 50-year-old waiter.

When Chavez first rose to power in 1999, Venezuelans faced an initial recession. But from 2003 to 2007, Chavez presided over a period of robust growth,

largely due to strong global oil prices. The economy tanked again when oil prices fell and Wall Street collapsed in 2008, but the contractions of the later Chavez era were relatively short and mild — nothing like what Venezuela is living now.

Merlano was drawn in by the promise of a worker's paradise. Relying on Chavez's programs to help the poor, he moved his family out of the slums and into a government-built apartment complex complete with hibiscus-filled gardens and mountain views. Regulated prices and an artificially strong currency allowed his family of three to dine in style in front their new flat-screen TV.

Scarcities of food and medicine first surfaced

years ago but are now so chronic that he and millions of other Venezuelans have shed pounds and sought work abroad. Before returning to Caracas last year, he spent 10 months working as a laborer in neighboring Colombia, "where all I saw were Venezuelans begging in the streets," he said.

"I feel guilty that I was a Chavista," he said. "It's all my fault, all the suffering."

A partial police state, Venezuela is a distant, ruthless cousin of European socialism. There is no comparing it to free Canadian health care or high French tax rates.

But it is also not communist Cuba or North Korea, where foreign investment and private ownership are strictly limited. Although

many of them have fled the nation, wealthy Venezuelans still own private companies and mansions in elite neighborhoods.

Some say it is wrong to pin the collapse on an economic system. During the Chavez era, for instance, Bolivia also embraced big-state structures under its leftist President Evo Morales, witnessing a sustained period of economic growth.

"I don't buy the whole 'socialism caused this' argument; that's a U.S. political football," said Moises Naim, a fellow at the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace who was Venezuela's minister of trade and industry in 1989. "Venezuela also had corruption, ineptitude."

It wasn't just nationalizing and taking over compa-

nies but creating a system that bankrupted the public and private sector."

Maduro has insisted the humanitarian crisis is manufactured by the foreign press while blaming his enemies — chiefly the United States — for imposing sanctions on oil sales last month that will hurt the nation. Government critics, however, mismanaged state policies became a tool to keep the socialists in power, destroying the country in the process.

In the 2000s, Chavez purged skilled managers, engineers and technicians from the state-owned oil giant PDVSA, stocking it with government loyalists. That set it up for a catastrophic failure as global prices fell from record highs.

Trump claims victory on agreement

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Trump and his aides have also signaled that he is preparing to use executive action to try to secure additional money for the wall by tapping existing federal dollars without any congressional sign-off so he can show supporters he's continuing to fight. That could lead to resistance in Congress or federal court.

But assuming there are no surprises in the final text, "I think he's going to sign it," conservative Rep. Mark Meadows, R-N.C., a close ally of the president, said Wednesday.

He warned, though, that "it would be political suicide" if Trump signed the deal and then failed to take action to secure additional funding for the wall using his executive powers.

Swallowing the deal would mark a major concession by Trump, who has spent months insisting the situation at the southern border represents a national

security crisis that demands an impregnable wall.

He also had insisted he would accept nothing less than \$5.7 billion for the barrier — a demand that forced the 35-day partial shutdown that left hundreds of thousands of federal workers without paychecks and Republicans taking the brunt of the blame. There is no appetite for a repeat.

The tentative deal lawmakers reached this week would provide less than \$1.4 billion for border barriers while keeping the government funded through the end of September. While some conservatives, Fox News commentator Sean Hannity among them, have balked at the deal, other allies of the president have urged him to sign it and move on.

In private conversations since the deal was first announced, Trump has complained, calling the committee members poor negotiators, said a person familiar with the conversa-

tions who was not authorized to speak publicly.

He has also made clear that he wanted more money for the wall and has expressed concern the plan is being framed as a defeat for him in the media.

There is little doubt the deal will pass Congress, barring 11th-hour surprises, with "no" votes most likely coming from liberal Democrats and conservative Republicans.

Democratic leaders are selling it as solid compromise that will keep the government open.

At a Cabinet meeting Tuesday, Trump said he wasn't "thrilled" or happy with the deal, but made clear that, if he does sign the legislation, he is considering supplementing it by moving money from what he described as less important areas of government.

The White House has been laying the groundwork for Trump to use executive action to bypass Congress and divert money into wall



SUSAN WALSH/AP

President Trump tells a law enforcement group, "It's going to be a great, powerful wall."

construction. He could declare a national emergency or invoke other executive authority to tap funds including money set aside for military construction, disaster relief and counterdrug efforts.

Democrats and Republicans on the Hill were trying on Wednesday to put the final touches on the legislative text, while working through several snags, in-

cluding whether to include a simple extension of the Violence Against Women Act as Senate Republicans want or move a new, longer-term bill separately, as House Speaker Nancy Pelosi, D-Calif., is pushing.

Democrats were also pressing to make sure employees of federal contractors got back pay for wages lost during the last shutdown — something Sen. Roy

Blunt, R-Mo., said was a no-go for the president.

The haggling meant a House vote won't come before Thursday night at the earliest. Trump told reporters he would be taking "a very serious look" at the final text once the White House receives it.

Lawmakers need to pass some kind of funding bill by midnight Friday to avoid another shutdown.

Dingell loss leaves void on Twitter

Longtime Mich. congressman's dry sense of humor drew over 260K followers

By **ANTONIA NOORI FARZAN**
The Washington Post

WASHINGTON —During his 59-year tenure as the longest-serving member of Congress, John Dingell uncovered government fraud, fought for universal health care, helped to pass the Civil Rights Act and fiercely defended the automotive industry. He also got to be very good at Twitter.

"Someone told me that the man behind everyone's favorite cup of coffee might run for President and I just want to wish @TimHortons the very best," Rep. Dingell, D-Mich., tweeted last week, after Starbucks founder Howard Schultz announced that he was weighing a bid. "You have my support."

Last week, after news broke that Dingell had died at 92, there was a collective sense of mourning on the site where he had developed a cult following for his self-effacing humor, charmingly grumpy observations and sarcastic political commentary.

"I know he was an icon, a legislative giant," CNN commentator Ana Navarro wrote. "I know he leaves behind a meaningful legacy. I know his loss is heart-breaking for Debbie and their loved ones. But man, I am really going to miss @JohnDingell's tweets."

Dingell's unexpected journey to social media celebrity began in July 2014, when a since-deleted tweet accidentally sent by the Environmental Protection Agency's Office of Water invited followers to download "Kim Kardashian: Hollywood" from the iOS App Store.

"I'm the last original author of the Clean Water Act, but I have no idea who/what a Kardashian is and I rarely play games," Dingell, then 88, replied. "You OK,

@EPAwater?"

The next day, he posted, "Staff has now informed me of what a Kardashian is. I'm only left with more questions."

The viral Kardashian exchange cemented his fame as possibly the only politician who knew how to have fun online, and prompted BuzzFeed News to name him "probably the best person on Twitter." Afterward, Dingell, who had announced that he planned to retire at the end of 2014, began to share his thoughts on the platform regularly, weighing in on subjects ranging from "Sharknado 2" ("So it's a tornado full of sharks? That's what the entire film is about?") to the 313th anniversary of Detroit's founding ("No, I wasn't there at the time.")

Dingell's "mastery of Twitter showed it can be done at any age," South Bend, Ind., mayor and Democratic presidential candidate Pete Buttigieg wrote, as fans joked that they were deleting their accounts now that the site's best user, who had over 262,000 followers as of Friday morning, had died.

"Now ... it is official ... there is no joy left in Twitter," MSNBC's Stephanie Ruhle wrote.

After he retired in 2015, Dingell regularly turned to Twitter to express his outrage with President Donald Trump and the Republican Party. "Burn this entire administration down," he tweeted in January, after Commerce Secretary Wilbur Ross said that he didn't understand why furloughed federal workers needed to visit food banks during the government shutdown.

But rather than hurl shrill, impassioned invective at Trump and his associates, Dingell typically preferred to crack jokes at their



BRENDAN SMIALOWSKI/GETTY-APP

Former Rep. Rep. John Dingell died last Thursday at the age of 92. His death was confirmed and mourned on Twitter.

expense. When Melania Trump showed up to tour a shelter for migrant children in her now-infamous Zara jacket — which read "I REALLY DON'T CARE, DO U?" — across the back — his response was to tweet, "Boy did I pick an awkward day to wear my jacket with 'Be Best' scribbled on the back."

"Safe to say @realDonaldTrump has had the least productive first 100 days in office," he wrote in April 2017. "Except maybe Harrison, who died of pneumonia on Day 31."

Last August, Dingell told Detroit's WDIV-TV that the wry commentary reflected his concerns about the direction the country was heading in. "I'm scared to death," he said. And yes, he confirmed, it was really him tweeting.

"John Dingell can say, 'When you're 92 you can get away with saying a lot of things that the rest of us can't,'" his wife, Rep.

Debbie Dingell, D-Mich., who was elected to his seat in Congress after he retired, told the NBC affiliate.

When the longtime congressman wasn't taking shots at politicians, he could often be found venting his frustrations with the Detroit Lions and the Michigan Wolverines, his two favorite teams. He also displayed a more whimsical side, repeatedly referencing his love of Hostess cupcakes and cracking jokes about his advanced age.

■ May 21, 2018: "I've made it nearly a century without knowing who Jordan Peterson is and I'll be damned if you internet miscreants ruin that for me."

■ May 12, 2016: "Either my hearing aid is failing me or Paul Ryan just called 'Trump' a very warm and genuine person. Either scenario needs to be fixed ASAP"

Though most Twitter users are many decades

younger than him, Dingell's dry sense of humor was a perfect fit for the platform. As it turned out, the persona that he had crafted — a cantankerous old man despairing at the state of the world — had a lot in common with the millennials tweeting, "lol everything is terrible."

■ Jan. 1, 2019: "Happy New Year or whatever?"

■ Nov 7, 2017: "99% of you people don't even deserve 140 characters."

■ Aug 22, 2017: "We should have all just stared at the eclipse."

But unlike, say, the individual behind the Nihilist Arby's parody account, Dingell also turned to Twitter to express sincerely held convictions.

"I signed up to fight Nazis 73 years ago and I'll do it again if I have to," he wrote in August 2017, after a white supremacist rally in Charlottesville, Va., ended in deadly chaos. "Hate, bigotry,

& fascism should have no place in this country."

"In a way, Twitter lets us behind the curtain, and he did it in an authentic and enjoyable way," Erin Meyers, an associate professor of communications and journalism at Michigan's Oakland University, told the Detroit News. "You didn't feel like he was grandstanding or putting on an act like others. He had a Michigan-ness about his tweets. He kept it real."

Dingell posted his last tweet the day before succumbing to complications from prostate cancer.

"The Lovely Deborah is insisting I rest and stay off here, but after long negotiations we've worked out a deal where she'll keep up with Twitter for me as I dictate the messages," he wrote, referring to his wife. "I want to thank you all for your incredibly kind words and prayers. You're not done with me just yet."

The high costs of climate change

U.S. has experienced 241 \$1-billion weather disasters since '80: NOAA data

By **BRADY DENNIS AND CHRIS MOONEY**
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The number of billion-dollar weather disasters in the United States has more than doubled in recent years, as devastating hurricanes and ferocious wildfires that experts suspect are fueled in part by climate change have ravaged swaths of the country, according to data released by the federal government Wednesday.

Since 1980, the United States has experienced 241 weather and climate disasters where the overall damage reached or exceeded \$1 billion, when adjusted for inflation, according to data from the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration. Between 1980 and 2013, according to NOAA, the nation averaged roughly half a dozen such disasters a year. Over the most recent five years, that number has jumped to more than 12.

"We had about twice the number of billion-dollar disasters than we have in an average year over the last 40 years or so," Deke Arndt, chief of the monitoring branch at NOAA's National Centers for Environmental Information, told reporters

Wednesday.

NOAA said 14 separate weather and climate disasters, costing at least \$1 billion each, hit the United States during 2018. The disasters killed at least 247 people and cost the nation an estimated \$91 billion. About \$73 billion was attributable to Hurricanes Michael and Florence and the wildfires that raged across the West.

Yet 2018 did not set the record for the most expensive year for such disasters. That belongs to 2017, when Hurricanes Harvey, Irma and Maria combined with devastating Western wildfires and other natural catastrophes caused \$306 billion in total damage. They were part of a historic year that saw 16 separate events that cost more than \$1 billion each.

But the most recent numbers continue what some experts call an alarming trend.

"There's this knot in your stomach where you know there is some big piece of this that is probably coming from climate change, but at the same time, there are a lot of moving parts," said Solomon Hsiang, a public policy professor at the Uni-



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Little was left untouched in a mobile home park in Port Aransas, Texas, after Hurricane Harvey made landfall.

versity of California at Berkeley, who has studied how natural disasters affect societies.

Many factors contribute to the cost of any one disaster. For instance, a hurricane that hits a heavily populated area, such as Hurricane Sandy in 2012 or Hurricane Harvey in 2017, is likely to have a far higher economic impact than one that hits a less crowded part of the country. The nation's growing population, inconsistent building codes and the fact that many cities and infrastructure sit near coasts or along rivers also play a role. But increasingly, experts say, so does climate change.

"The recent past is likely prologue," said Mark Muro, a senior fellow at the Brook-

ings Institution, who has studied the economic impact climate change is likely to have on different parts of the country in the coming decades.

Climate change has helped to shape the severity of at least some of the natural disasters in recent years, said Kerry Emanuel, a top hurricane expert at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. For instance, Emanuel has published research suggesting the enormous rainfall Hurricane Harvey dumped on Houston was made more possible because of climate change.

However, that's different than saying that the overall aggregate damage figures are definitely rising because of climate change. That hasn't been proven to a 95

percent certainty, Emanuel said, but there are reasons to suspect climate change is playing a notable role.

"If you're assessing a risk — a risk you have every reason to think exists — nobody would ever require that certainty," Emanuel continued. "Generals in the battlefield would never wait for 95 percent certainty."

There are also projections that the impact of climate change should soon be making itself felt in the cost of at least some disasters. A 2014 analysis by the Rhodium Group, for instance, projected that by 2030, the average damage from hurricanes and nor'easters, to the East and Gulf coasts in particular, should be \$3 billion to \$73 billion higher each year. That's if

climate change continues unabated.

The trend is an unsustainable one, Hsiang said.

"These costs are enormous. If we really continue to sustain costs like this going forward, many elements of the way we've managed resources in society are just not financially sustainable," he said. "We are spending huge amounts of money on disaster relief... We're always responding to a disaster by picking up the pieces after they occur."

While fires and hurricanes are responsible for the bulk of disaster-related damages and headlines, other events routinely surpassed the billion-dollar mark over the years. They include droughts, hailstorms and tornadoes.

FEMA director who weathered disasters and controversy resigns

By **JOEL ACHENBACH, WILLIAM WAN, LISA REIN AND NICK MIROFF**
The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — Less than two years into a tenure marked by five major hurricanes, multiple lethal wildfires and a tense relationship with his boss, Federal Emergency Management Agency Administrator William "Brock" Long resigned Wednesday "to go home to my family," as he put it in an official statement released by the

agency. Peter Gaynor, who has served as Long's deputy, will assume acting administrator duties.

"This is one of the toughest decisions I have ever had to make. Thank you for an incredible journey and for the support you have shown me," Long wrote in a letter to FEMA staff.

Long clashed with Homeland Security Secretary Kirstjen Nielsen last



Long

September, when Nielsen appeared intent on forcing Long out of his job in the middle of hurricane season. Just as Hurricane Florence began slamming into the Carolinas, the feud intensified as an internal investigation became public, conducted by the inspector general from Nielsen's department who were looking into Long's use of government vehicles to travel between Washing-

ton and his home in North Carolina.

Long, who had many years of experience in emergency management, easily won Senate confirmation when nominated to the FEMA post two years ago. He was plunged into crisis almost immediately, when Hurricane Harvey slammed into Texas and dropped multiple feet of rain, flooding Houston and killing dozens of people. That was followed quickly by hurricanes Irma and Maria and controversy over the ad-

ministration's response to the latter's devastation in Puerto Rico, which led to a death toll of nearly 3,000.

This past year saw two more hurricanes, Florence and Michael, and fatal wildfires in California. Meanwhile Long became entangled in the controversy over his use of government vehicles. Long's improper use of government resources cost taxpayers \$94,000 in staff salary, \$55,000 in travel expenses and \$2,000 in vehicle maintenance, the Department of Homeland

Security's inspector general determined last year.

FEMA officials have said that Long took corrective steps in recent months to resolve the travel issue, which stemmed from the long-standing practice of FEMA administrators traveling in vehicles equipped with emergency communications gear.

"He took the travel issue so personally that he never got over it," said another FEMA official who was not authorized to speak to reporters.

The guru of Bezos blackmail drama

Lifelong fascination with threats makes Gavin de Becker the man for the job

BY TIM ELFRINK
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The Washington Post

Park Dietz recalled meeting Gavin de Becker in 1983, when Dietz was a young forensic psychiatrist researching the delusions of stalkers, and de Becker was an up-and-coming security consultant to Hollywood stars.

De Becker had fewer than two dozen celebrity clients at the time, Dietz recalled, but thousands of deranged letters in storage bins at his home in the Los Angeles area. Dietz and his assistants spent the summer in a movie trailer set up in the driveway, sifting through recorded insanity. "It was extraordinary," Dietz told The Washington Post.

Among the ramblings and threats of violence were live rifle cartridges, fake bombs and a tape of the sender "speaking to the celebrity in a halting manner with music in the background," as Dietz recorded in his final report.

Thirty-two letter writers had sent poems. Four had sent utility bills. One had enclosed a dog's head.

"Nobody had ever studied such a thing before," Dietz said. "And de Becker had gotten interested in this all on his own."

In decades to come, de Becker's collection of letters would grow to occupy a warehouse — and his client list would swell until he became arguably the world's foremost expert on threatening messages.

Now he is also at the center of investigations into a different kind of threat — the National Enquirer's alleged extortion attempt against Amazon founder Jeff Bezos.

Bezos, who owns The Washington Post, hired de Becker this year to find out how the Enquirer obtained

private texts showing his relationship with former TV anchor Lauren Sanchez. On Feb. 7, the billionaire published emails that appear to show the tabloid threatening to publish intimate photos unless he ends de Becker's probe.

The source of the tabloid's fury, according to the emails, were reports about de Becker's view that the Enquirer's story was politically motivated and linked to associates of President Donald Trump.

De Becker has spent decades investigating those trying to intimidate his clients in Hollywood, the business world, and even Planned Parenthood in one early case. Described by Bezos as "one of the smartest and most capable leaders I know," the security guru emerged from a violent childhood to essentially create a new industry of threat prediction.

In his best-selling 1997 book "The Gift of Fear," de Becker describes being physically abused for years by his mentally ill, drug-addicted mother. As a child, he wrote, he once watched as his 33-year-old mother repeatedly shot his stepfather. The man survived, but de Becker's mother continued to beat him viciously, he told the Los Angeles Times in 2002, before she killed herself when he was 16.

This personal trauma merged with 1963 assassination of President John F. Kennedy, which de Becker later told the Los Angeles Times "was the first world event that had any impact on me personally," and left him fascinated with trying to keep public figures safe.

De Becker's grandfather rented a Beverly Hills apartment so he could attend the local school district, where he made friends with future stars such as Carrie Fisher and made his first moves into celebrity protection.



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Security expert Gavin de Becker wrote the 1997 best-seller "The Gift of Fear."

Rosemary Clooney invited him to move in after his mother's death and he became her "de facto road manager," the Times reported. Clooney's son, the actor Miguel Ferrer, later used de Becker as a model for his "Twin Peaks" character, FBI Agent Albert Rosenfield.

Soon he was working security for Elizabeth Taylor, Shaun Cassidy, and Dean Martin's ex-wife, Jeanne Martin.

"Gavin turned that whole business around and invented it, really. He ran a protective detail the way the Secret Service would operate," Cassidy told the Times.

He founded his now-famed firm, Gavin de Becker and Associates, in 1978. John Monahan, a University of Virginia psychologist who also specializes in threat assessment, recalled meeting him around that time, and being impressed

enough that the two men remained in contact for decades. "He is a true pioneer in the area of threat assessment," Monahan said.

Within a few years of establishing his company, de Becker's research was acclaimed enough that President-elect Ronald Reagan hired him to protect guests at his first inauguration, the Times reported, and then invited him onto a Justice Department advisory board.

By the end of the decade, he would count Robert Redford, Jane Fonda and Joan Rivers as clients.

He worked carefully to sort the threats those celebrities faced into categories, from harmless superfans to legitimately dangerous characters. And the method he worked out soon blossomed into a unique tool: the MOSAIC threat assessment systems. He saw the program as a direct extension of the skills he had

learned watching his mother — a systematic way to anticipate bloodshed.

"The way I broke down the individual elements of violence as a child became the way the most sophisticated artificial intuition systems predict violence today," he wrote in "The Gift of Fear." "My ghosts had become my teachers."

In its early days, his programs were largely used by police to protect high-risk residents such as politicians or judges, the Los Angeles Times reported in 1997. De Becker later expanded MOSAIC to profile domestic abusers and to try to curb violence in schools. Now, MOSAIC is available as a free online questionnaire that can be used by anyone interested in obtaining "comprehensive assessments" of threats.

As de Becker worked to protect celebrities, he sometimes came into direct conflict with the tabloid

papers that aggressively cover them — including the National Enquirer. In 1990, the tabloid faced lawsuits from Elizabeth Taylor and Roseanne Barr, and a wave of stories alleging the paper paid people to be phony sources.

Few of de Becker's famed investigations have approached the ongoing Bezos case in terms of sheer public interest, though. As Bezos wrote last week on Medium, he asked the consultant to figure out how the Enquirer had obtained his private texts after the tabloid published its report on his relationship with Sanchez.

That investigation, as The Post reported on Tuesday, led de Becker to point the finger at Michael Sanchez, Lauren's brother. Michael Sanchez is a "pro-Trump Hollywood talent manager," The Post reported, who is acquainted with Roger Stone, Trump's longtime ally who was recently indicted by special counsel Robert Mueller, and former Trump adviser Carter Page. De Becker told the Daily Beast that "strong leads point to political motives" behind the Enquirer story.

In the emails published by Bezos, officials for American Media Inc., the parent company of the National Enquirer, demanded that both he and de Becker renounce those claims. Instead, Bezos made the demands public.

As the turmoil rages over Bezos' claims, the foreword to the Kindle edition of de Becker's 1997 bestseller may offer another window into his view of the proceedings.

"Most human predators ... seek power," he writes. "To destroy or damage something is to take its power. This applies equally to a political movement, a government, a campaign, a career, a marriage, a performance, a fortune, or a religion."

"To push a pie into the face of the world's richest man is to take his power," he adds, "if only for a moment."

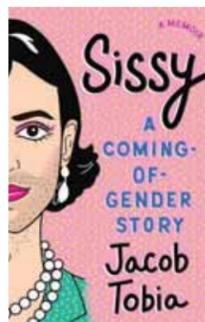


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Road signs replaced to reflect North Macedonia name change

SKOPJE, North Macedonia — It's official: The Republic of North Macedonia has replaced Republic of Macedonia as part of a historic deal with Greece.

The government gazette formally published the name deal Wednesday, opening the way for the renamed country's accession to NATO and eventually the European Union. The United Nations announced late Wednesday

that it had been officially notified that the North Macedonia name agreement with Greece had gone into effect.

As a first practical move, workers were replacing road signs on the border with Greece to reflect the name change. Later, the country will change signs at airports and on official buildings, web pages and printed materials. Passports and currency will be replaced over the coming years.

Police detective is killed by friendly fire in New York City

NEW YORK — A New York City police detective was shot and killed by friendly fire Tuesday night as officers confronted a robbery suspect who turned out to be armed with a replica handgun, Commissioner James O'Neill said.

Det. Brian Simonsen, 42, was struck in the chest as multiple officers fired on the suspect at a cell-phone store in Queens, O'Neill said. Simonsen, a

19-year NYPD veteran, was pronounced dead at a hospital.

The suspect, Christopher Ransom, a 27-year-old with an extensive criminal record, was armed with an imitation firearm, O'Neill said. He was wounded and is hospitalized in stable condition. Police have charged Ransom with murder, robbery, assault, aggravated manslaughter and menacing.

Rep. Adam Kinzinger deploys to border with Air National Guard

WASHINGTON — Rep. Adam Kinzinger, R-Ill., has been deployed to the U.S.-Mexico border with his Air National Guard unit, his office announced Wednesday.

Kinzinger's communications director, Maura Gillespie, said in a statement that the lawmaker will stay within the U.S. as he has done on his previous border missions since being elected to Congress in 2010.

"The Congressman is humbled to serve his ... community here in the People's House and equally proud to serve as a reconnaissance pilot in the Air Guard," she said.

Kinzinger of Channahon represents Illinois' 16th Congressional District. He is a lieutenant colonel in the Air National Guard and has flown 120 combat missions in Iraq and Afghanistan as an Air Force pilot.



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People hold hands to form a human chain Wednesday in Dresden, Germany, to mark the 74th anniversary of the firebombing of city. On Feb. 13-15, 1945, Allied forces bombed the city center in a strike at the Nazi heartland, killing an estimated 25,000 people.

As Trump, Omar spar, House warily considers reprimands

WASHINGTON — Rep. Ilhan Omar rejected President Donald Trump's call for her resignation by accusing him of having "trafficked in hate your whole life" while she has tried to make amends with her Jewish colleagues for her anti-Semitic comments.

The freshman Minnesota Democrat, who fired back at Trump in a tweet Wednesday, has faced a widespread backlash for suggesting that Israel's allies in U.S. politics were motivated by money rather than principle.

During a Cabinet meeting Tuesday, Trump said

"anti-Semitism has no place in the United States Congress," called an apology by Omar "lame" and said she should resign from Congress or give up her seat on the House Foreign Affairs Committee.

Omar, who has publicly apologized, has been huddling with Jewish members to express her regret, several Democrats said.

Omar's apology tour comes as Democratic leaders have floated what amounts to an ultimatum to Republicans eager to rebuke the lawmaker. While Republicans said earlier this week that they

may force a vote in the full House against Omar — such as a privileged resolution disapproving of her actions — senior House Democrats have suggested that they might retaliate, putting Republicans in the equally awkward position of having to reprimand their top leader.

Democrats have privately discussed repudiating House Minority Leader Kevin McCarthy for an election-time tweet in which he suggested a band of wealthy Jewish donors were trying to "buy" the midterm elections. McCarthy deleted the tweet.

Miss. advances abortion ban after fetal heartbeat

JACKSON, Miss. — Mississippi is working toward enacting one of the strictest abortion laws in the nation, in a race with other states to push a legal challenge to the more conservative U.S. Supreme Court.

The Mississippi House and Senate passed separate bills Wednesday to ban

most abortions once a fetal heartbeat is detected, about six weeks into pregnancy. Efforts to pass similar bills are underway in Florida, Kentucky, Ohio, South Carolina and Tennessee.

Mississippi enacted a 15-week abortion ban last year. The only abortion clinic in the state filed a lawsuit and

a federal judge declared the law unconstitutional. The state has asked a federal appeals court to overturn the ruling.

The House and Senate must agree on a single version to send to Republican Gov. Phil Bryant, who says he will sign it.

House panel approves bill to expand gun checks

WASHINGTON — A key House committee approved a bill Wednesday to require background checks for all sales and transfers of firearms, a first step by majority Democrats to tighten gun laws after eight years of Republican rule.

The House Judiciary Committee voted in favor of the bill 23-15, sending it to the House floor. If approved by the full House, the bill would be the most significant gun-control legislation approved by either chamber of Congress in at least a decade.

Democrats have pledged additional gun legislation, including restrictions on high-capacity magazines.

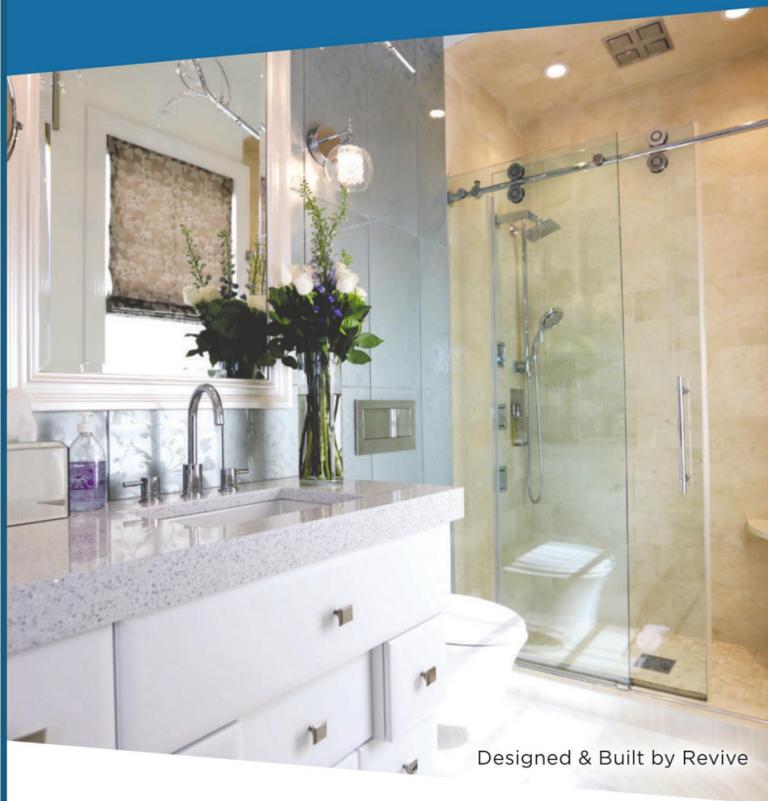
The vote on the bill came after a contentious, daylong hearing in which Republicans offered a series of amendments, all of which were blocked by Democrats.

In Afghanistan: The Taliban will hold a previously unexpected round of peace talks with the United States in Pakistan on Monday, ahead of scheduled meetings in Qatar a week later, the insurgent group said in a statement Wednesday.

The talks are aimed at finding a negotiated end to Afghanistan's 17-year war.

In California: The Dixie School District in San Rafael north of San Francisco is keeping its name. Members of the school board voted Tuesday evening to reject 13 suggestions for new names proposed by residents who believe the name is racist and reflects the district's original ties to supporters of the Confederacy.

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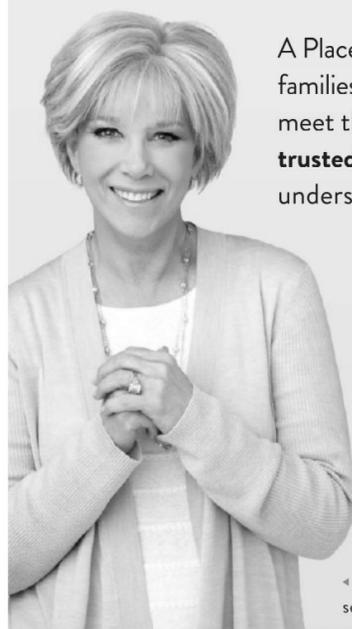
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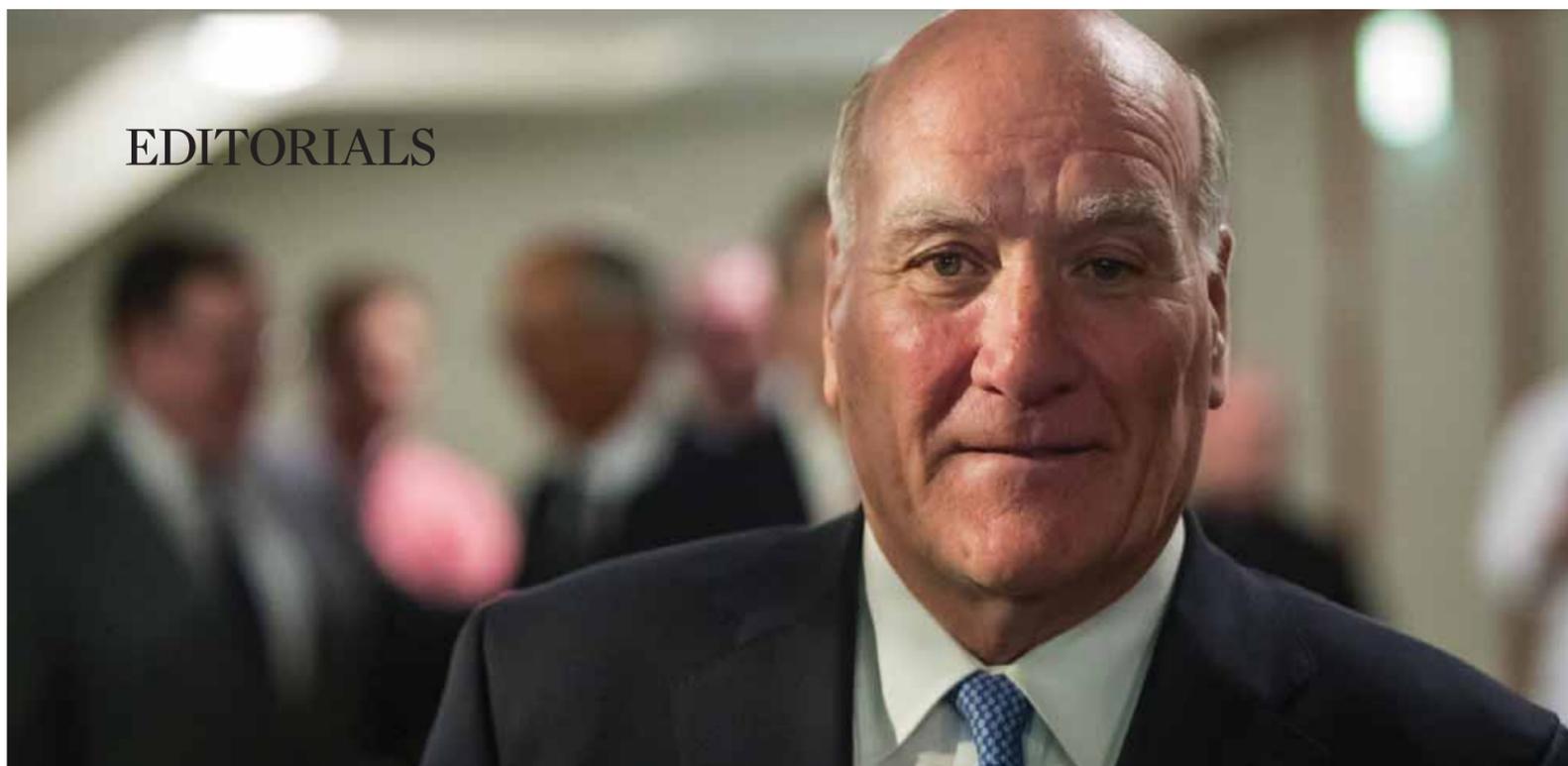
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Bill Daley, to build Chicago

There's the Chicago you know, a sharp-elbowed town with its aspirations, its inequities, its mounting challenges. And there's the better Chicago you envision — the city that doesn't crackle with gunfire, that pays its debts without forever raising taxes, that gives its every schoolchild a fighting chance at a better life.

Now come with us to yet another Chicago, the one its citizens will shape with their votes. That is, come four fleeting but rugged years forward to 2023. Describe that Chicago.

Will its schools still be shedding children by the thousands every year?

Will its young people who do collect diplomas have career prospects brighter than the corner streetlights where, today, many of them while away early adulthood?

Will that future Chicago have the money to hire more police officers and detectives, to pay its enormous public pension debt, to rescue the deteriorating infrastructure of its residential neighborhoods?

Will it, by its ordinances and regulations, still open its arms to businesses large and small that will put people to work in its neighborhoods and downtown?

Or will that Chicago of 2023 be even closer to destitute, its future constricted and compromised, its prospects declining as its population shrinks?

In endorsing a candidate for mayor, we dwell on this city's fraught finances and hope you'll let us explain. The 21-word synopsis: Chicago has an abundance of taxation. But Chicago does not have enough employers, or enough taxpayers contributing revenue to City Hall.

Chicago's tipping point

Without a thriving economy, without more new businesses and new jobs, a city this challenged and ambitious will not continue to reinvent itself, will not be the vital destination it has been for two centuries. By 2023, Chicago likely will have

tipped its future toward renewed prosperity or gentle decline.

With this choice for mayor, Chicagoans can look forward to four years of small ball and acrimony or four years of outreach to national and global economies. In this race Chicago has an exceptional field of candidates, with specialists from many disciplines: policing, criminal justice, local government administration and more.

We're drawn instead toward a candidate who speaks broadly of building Chicago. Toward a native Chicagoan who looks outward to a nation and world that wrongly think they already have Chicago figured out: It's that glassy, glossy downtown flanked by neighborhoods rife with poverty and crime. We were struck in the closing moments of a candidate debate when **William "Bill" Daley** spoke to Chicago's immediate future:

"The next mayor of this city has got to be the salesperson for this city. Correct the problems — whether it's corruption, whether it's the inequity in our city, the history of racism in the city or the country — address them. But move this city forward. ..."

We want someone on Five — the mayor's office, City Hall's fifth floor — who lives that forward-focused credo. When a German manufacturer or a Boston pharmaceutical company considers locating in Hegewisch or North Lawndale and wonders how the locals would react, we want the answers to come from a mayor as comfortable talking with corporate decision-makers as with patrons in a neighborhood tavern.

We also want a mayor who can explain to Chicagoans that if their city lurches toward insolvency, with its pension funds played out and its debts driving up taxes on people who remain here, then all of us can forget about more money for better police training, for better schools, for better mental health services, for rebuilt streets, for all the excellent priorities being voiced by candi-

dates who have two ideas of how to pay for them: more borrowing, higher taxes.

"... If we don't move forward with economic growth, all those good things we want to do for those who are not as fortunate as we are — we will have a hard time accomplishing them. ..."

Yes, we're endorsing a Daley.

If reawakening the Daley dynasty gives you pause, fair enough. It gives us pause, too. Richard I and Richard II served as mayor for more than two decades apiece. Find us a Chicagoan who doesn't have strong opinions about those men and their reigns. In talking with voters we've heard everything from anger to admiration to jealousy. We aren't nostalgic for old days and old ways. None of us is searching for those mayors, and in 2019, neither of them is on the ballot. Instead all of us are seeking the best mayor for the next four years. That process would be less freighted with controversial history if Bill Daley's name were Bill Doe.

Provided, that is, that Bill Doe had the same skills and expertise that Bill Daley offers Chicagoans. He has spent much of his career immersed in national and global policy and finance. He served as commerce secretary to one Democratic president and as chief of staff to another. We can think of no candidate for mayor, anywhere, ever, with a record that distinguished. Ask around: Daley doesn't boast about it, but he has a fiercely loyal network of allies in governance and finance. They speak of him as a guy who gets things done. In 2000 he ran Al Gore's presidential campaign. Gore later said that if Daley had come on board a week earlier, Gore thinks he would have won.

The traits Clinton and Obama valued

Listen to Daley speak. He understands why Chicago matters globally, and how its position as a business and finance hub fuels

its economy and thus supplies jobs. Securities markets would trust his stewardship, a crucial consideration for a deeply indebted City Hall. That said, Daley is campaigning to improve the Chicago beyond 121 N. LaSalle St., hustling for investments in its neighborhoods and renewal of its dead zones. Many of the candidates voice that priority. How many of them can make something happen?

We also appreciate Daley's candor. He recognizes the need to reform the politics that, yes, nurtured him and his forebears. He supports downsizing the City Council into a more crisp legislative body. He advocates ditching the tradition of aldermanic privilege that has turned council members into mini-mayors.

And he is the only candidate for mayor who'll say aloud what others know but dare not admit in a union town: If Illinois state and local governments are to contain their worsening public pension crisis, then lawmakers in Springfield must give voters the option of amending the state constitution's rigid pension clause.

One more reason why, in this field of 14, Daley stands apart.

"... My experience as President Clinton's commerce secretary, as President Obama's chief of staff, gives me a perspective on the needs of this city. ... I ask for your support because I think I'm the best person in this race to lead our city."

We happen to concur. The Tribune Editorial Board endorses Bill Daley to be the next mayor of Chicago. He is the candidate we most trust to manage the financial decision-making, boost job creation and lead this city forward.

We hope voters come to the same conclusion about him that Presidents Clinton and Obama reached when they brought him to the White House: He delivers outcomes.

Bill Daley, to build Chicago.

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

Democrats need an identity-politics intervention. Having unleashed race, gender, sexual orientation and class as the defining issues of American politics, these furies are now consuming their authors. Where's Barack Obama when Democrats need him? ...

Imagine the cognitive Democratic dissonance if Virginia Lt. Gov. Justin Fairfax, who is black, is forced to resign because of unproved accusations of sexual assault that he denies, while the two white men survive despite racial offenses that they admit. If Democrats think these furies will be confined to Virginia, look at Elizabeth Warren as she launches her presidential campaign. It turns out she wrote "American Indian" on her 1986 registration card for the Texas legal bar — confirmation that she had claimed Native American ancestry. ...

Republicans can hardly believe their luck as they watch Democrats destroy themselves with the same weaponized outrage that has long been used against them. ... When this poison was directed at Republicans, we lamented how this wasn't good for America. Now that the attacks are on Democrats, we say the same: This is no good for the country or the Democratic Party. ... The ideology of race, gender and class is now so deeply ingrained on the political left that no one dares to challenge it. That leaves Mr. Obama, the only Democrat with the personal and political standing to explain the perils of using race and gender as all-purpose, indiscriminate political weapons. ... Democrats may be too far gone to listen, in which case the only discipline would be political defeat.

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PERSPECTIVE

Sleazy journalism can serve the public good

By **STEPHEN MIHM**

There are plenty of reasons to sympathize with Jeff Bezos in his battle with the National Enquirer. If true, the accusations of blackmail brought by the billionaire founder of Amazon would be just the latest outrage from the tabloid, which has made a specialty of scabrous reporting, and ethically questionable tactics and techniques.

But that doesn't mean we should always applaud the campaigns of powerful moguls to silence sleazy newspapers. History shows that even the most odious publications and the worst practices of scandal sheets can inadvertently play an important role in maintaining the freedom of the press. There's no better illustration than the sordid story of the Saturday Press.

In the early 20th century, hundreds if not thousands of small, local newspapers began imitating the yellow journalism style pioneered by William Randolph Hearst. These papers, most of them small-time weeklies, wallowed in the gutter. They viciously attacked minorities; they also published lurid stories of sex and crime as well as what one historian has described as "grossly exaggerated accounts of malfeasance by public officials."

The editors displayed a brazen disregard for journalistic ethics, creating entirely bogus stories or hyping more modest scandals with salacious details. Then, copy in hand, they would approach the person they implicated in funny business, threatening to go public unless the victim made it worth their while to stay silent. Most victims acceded to editorial demands: Extortion was difficult to prove in court.

Among the editors accused of this practice was a miscreant from Minnesota named Howard Guilford, who had a hand in several scandal sheets. It's little surprise that the wealthy and powerful hated Guilford, and they may have been behind trumped-up accusations of counterfeiting and other crimes leveled against him. More credible, though, were multiple charges of libel and extortion, though he was only found guilty on a couple of occasions.

In 1915, Guilford published the Twin City Reporter, a paper that trafficked in sex, and attacks on the wealthy and powerful, but also went after the Salvation Army, the Catholic Church and other institutions. In addition, it aimed a constant stream of epithets and invective against minority groups.

The Twin City Reporter eventually went under, but Guilford joined up with another lowlife named Jay Near a decade later to publish the Saturday Press in Minneapolis. In the first issue, the duo claimed: "No blackmail ever dirtied our hands although we are aware that the taint of blackmail sullies our reputations."

With that out of the way, they promised to clean up the city, which was, by almost universal assent, one of the most corrupt in the country, thanks to bootlegging and other forms of organized crime. Guilford and Near wasted no time, immediately accusing the police, the mayor and the county district attorney, Floyd Olson, of corruption.

These charges were accompanied by rank anti-Semitism.

"There have been too many men in this city who have been taking orders from JEW GANGSTERS ... Therefore we have Jew gangsters practically ruling Minneapolis. It is Jew thugs who have 'pulled' practically every robbery in this city ... Practically every vendor of vile hooch, every



CHICAGO HERALD AND EXAMINER

Tribune Editor Col. Robert R. McCormick's support of a scandal sheet's suit led to a Supreme Court ruling on freedom of the press.

owner of a moonshine still, every snake-faced gangster and embryonic yegg (a safecracker) in the Twin Cities is a JEW!"

Minnesota's legislature had passed a measure called the Public Nuisance Abatement Law a few years earlier. This statute, which took direct aim at scandal sheets, used the "prior restraint" doctrine to empower the state to suppress newspapers deemed "malicious, scandalous, and defamatory." This perfectly captured the editorial line of the Saturday Press.

After the paper called Olson a "Jew lover," the district attorney filed suit under the law, shutting it down for defaming the Jewish community, the police and just about everyone else of importance in the Twin Cities. After a jury found the paper guilty of the charge, Guilford abandoned the cause. But Near took the case to the state Supreme Court, arguing that the state law infringed on the freedom of the press.

Near's attorney made a novel, if honest, argument: "Every person does have a constitutional right to publish malicious, scandalous, and defamatory matter, though untrue, and with bad motives, and for unjustifiable ends." The state, he argued, could not quash such stupidity in advance; it could only prosecute the newspaper after the fact.

Chief Justice Samuel B. Wilson, writing in the majority opinion, didn't buy it: "No agency can hush the sincere and honest voice of the press; but our Constitution was

never intended to protect malice, scandal, and defamation, when untrue or published without justifiable ends."

The court ruled against Near and ordered the Saturday Press shuttered for the foreseeable future.

But by this time, other newspapers, most notably the Chicago Tribune, decided to lend their support to Near — not because they admired him, but because they believed a deeper issue was at stake. Col. Robert R. McCormick, the Tribune's publisher, had already been sued by the city of Chicago for libel. He had won that suit; now he hoped to help Near win his legal battle too.

From late 1929 to 1931, the case rolled toward the U.S. Supreme Court, underwritten by McCormick and the American Newspaper Publishers Association. In June 1931, the Supreme Court handed down a narrow, 5-4 decision in favor of Near and declared the Minnesota statute unconstitutional.

The four conservative judges dissenting in the case focused on the fact that Guilford and Near had been disreputable, anti-Semitic rabble-rousers for many years. The judges lambasted the duo's earlier "criminal" partnership at the Twin City Reporter, and argued that the law that had closed their subsequent collaboration at the Saturday Press was an appropriate response to publishers who "contrive and put into effect a scheme or program for oppression,

blackmail or extortion."

Chief Justice Charles Evan Hughes, writing for the majority, ignored the indefensible character of Guilford and Near, as well as the assertion that Olson may have in fact enjoyed an "impeccable" reputation prior to the attacks on his character. A bigger question was at stake: "The fact that liberty of the press can be abused does not make less necessary the immunity of the press from previous restraint."

The case became a landmark decision that established new, expansive definitions of freedom of the press. It has since become the basis of important decisions that have nothing to do with the rants of a couple of Minnesota anti-Semites. When The New York Times fought an attempt to halt the publication of the Pentagon Papers, for example, Near v. Minnesota played a starring role, buttressing its case.

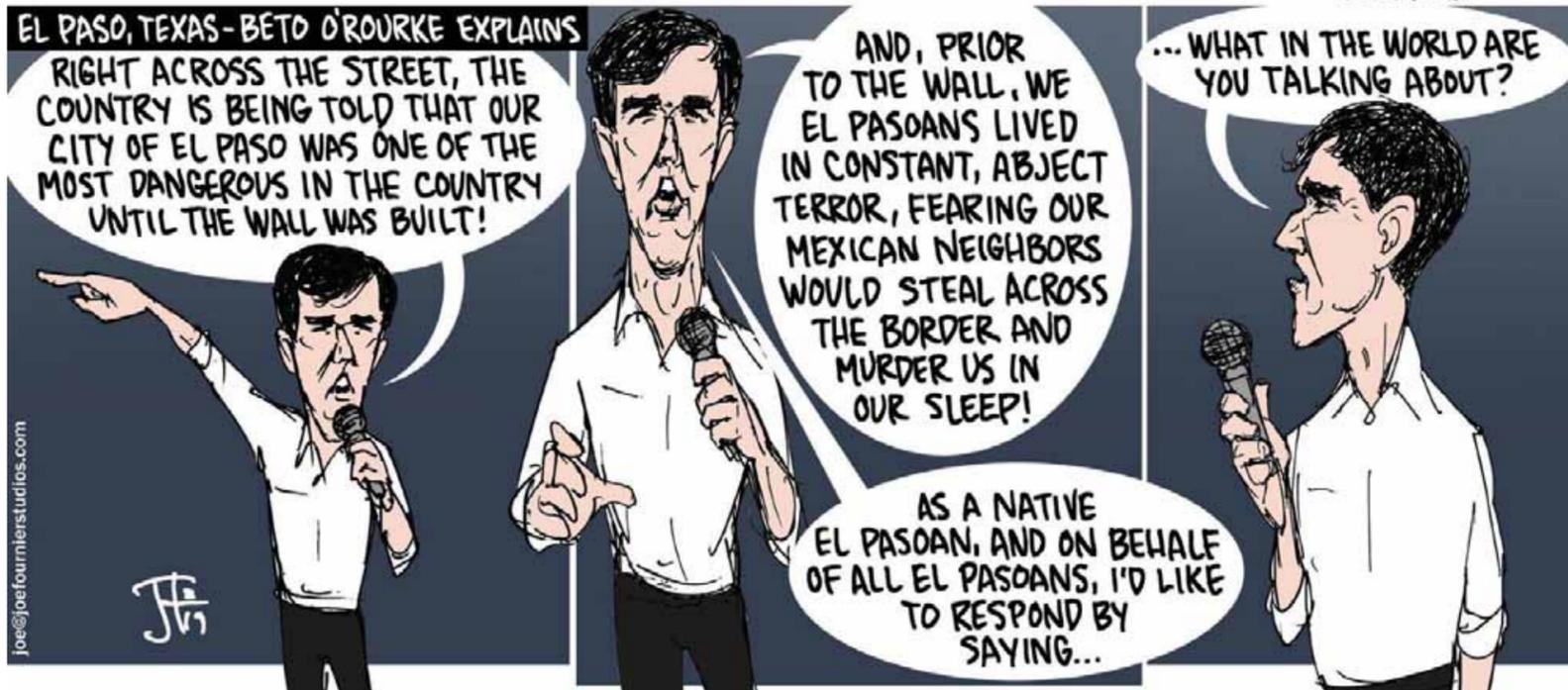
Which brings us back to the National Enquirer. At the moment, the issues in the Bezos imbroglio look pretty pedestrian. But should the billionaire pursue a legal case on the grounds of privacy or libel law, courts will rule in ways that could have profound implications for the freedom of the press down the line.

Bloomberg

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PERSPECTIVE



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As young people attain higher education and leave small-town Iowa, immigrants move in. These areas couldn't survive without them.

Help wanted: Rural America needs immigrants

BY ART CULLEN

President Donald Trump argues that keeping immigrants and refugees out of our country is a matter of vital national security. He has made it his campaign thesis and shut down the government over it. Here in Storm Lake, Iowa, where the population is about 15,000 and unemployment is under 2 percent, Asians and Africans and Latinos are our lifeline. The only threat they pose to us is if they weren't here.

That's been the case for years all over rural Iowa and southern Minnesota, in the heart of the Corn Belt, where anyone who wants a job cutting hogs or laying block or working as an orderly can get one.

One part of the rural condition in America today is that, after college, our young people go to Des Moines or some city beyond for a job in finance or engineering that simply doesn't exist in the old, county seat towns of 5,000 people. "Everybody has to go someplace else," Iowa State University regional trade economist Dave Swenson says of the youth exodus. "There isn't a Plan B or Plan C."

As rural counties are drained of young people with higher educations, immigrants flow into the vacuum. The influx began 40 years ago and continues today. First, Laotians from Thai refugee camps (they fought alongside us in Vietnam) came to Iowa in the 1980s. A land debt crisis later that decade blew up the family farm and foreclosed the future of so many young people and small businesses. The farm boys who once raised hogs by day and worked the night shift at the packing houses lit out for Texas and the oil rigs. Young Latino men, mainly from the Mexican state of Jalisco, came in to work the

meatpackers' kill floors. Now, the pigs are raised in huge confinement buildings, not family farms, and Latinos keep them clean.

So long as there is corn, there will be hogs and turkeys and eggs in Iowa. Somebody will have to do that work. Now, the Storm Lake Elementary School is 90 percent children of color, and about three-fourths of those are Hispanic — mainly from Mexico, Honduras, Guatemala and El Salvador. We could employ 500 more workers easily if we could find, and find housing for, them.

Without the newcomers we do have, Storm Lake would be half its current size. Next door, the population of Pocahontas County has been nearly halved since 1970; if the current trend continues, there will be nobody left to turn out the lights by 2050. We're fortunate by comparison. Storm Lake grows its own welders, nurses and food processing machinists. A student who attends high school for five years can take vo-tech or college-prep classes through a unique, charter school program involving the local high school, Iowa Central Community College and Buena Vista University. Those kids graduate with a training certificate or an associate of arts degree. Those students enter the workforce as teacher aides, machinists or certified nursing assistants. The pay is about \$25 an hour.

The big agricultural processing companies will bid for low skills until there simply is no one left to bid for. The demand for meat cutters seems endless. Smaller towns run buses to Storm Lake to pick up immigrants for day work in those factories. They'll pay you \$18 an hour at Tyson to slice pork, plus a hefty signing bonus. The workforce is overwhelmingly immigrant, well over half Latino. Tyson

insists they are all legal, yet we figure about a third of the immigrant community in general here might be without papers — who knows? If the meatpackers can't find workers here, they will pick up shop and move somewhere else, like so many Iowa manufacturers before them.

In keenest demand here are health care workers — orderlies, nursing assistants and cafeteria workers to toil for about \$12 to \$15 an hour in one of Iowa's largest industries: nursing homes. Iowa has more than 510,000 residents over the age of 65. The average age of an Iowa farmer is 63.

The need for workers has made it hard for those who can't find them to stay in business. Masonry contractor Steve Tate has decided at age 63 to wind things down. "If I were 20 years younger, I'd stick my neck out," said Tate. "But even when jobs are out there to bid now, I don't know how I could bid them if I didn't know I could get reliable help."

Storm Lake's crime rate last year reached a 27-year low. It is more diverse than ever. Some 30 languages or dialects are spoken here. But the community knows it will wither up and blow away without its young people. Like it or not, legal or not, our young people are predominantly Latino. If there is to be a wall, there will have to be a door for immigrants to find their way here as the better-educated leave for the brighter lights and greener urban pastures.

The Washington Post

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What's an endorsement, and why does the Chicago Tribune do them?

Opinion staff

- Talking to community leaders and specialists in such fields as public finance, crime and education.
- Reading current and archival stories from the Chicago Tribune and other news organizations.
- Checking campaign finance reports — who's giving money to whom? — and other public records.

What qualities do you look for in a candidate?

We like candidates who are independent thinkers; we check whether they've diverged from their political allies on major votes. But many factors — experience, character, knowledge of issues — inform each endorsement. Our philosophy is guided by the Chicago Tribune's statement of principles, including a belief in limited government, personal responsibility, free markets and freedom of expression. You can read more about those ideas at chicagotribune.com/principles.

How do you ultimately decide whom you'll endorse?

After all of our research, reporting and interviews, the editorial board meets to discuss candidates for major endorsements. It's often a spirited conversation, as every member brings unique perspectives.

The final decision rests with the Editorial Page Editor. We rarely opt out of endorsing in a race. If voters have to decide, so do we.

Who writes the endorsements?

We spread around the work. In each election cycle, almost every board member writes at least one endorsement. But the writer's name does not appear because the endorsement is written on behalf of the Chicago Tribune Editorial Board. The endorsements are not our personal opinions.

Why do you sometimes later criticize candidates you endorsed?

Politicians we endorse don't get a free pass after election day. Both news reporters and the editorial board will keep watching how elected officials govern, whether we endorsed them or not.

Don't endorsements just make people mad?

Well, yes. Some newspapers have abandoned the practice. Endorsements require hundreds of hours of work in a time of shrinking resources. They can antagonize readers. They often require us to hold our nose and settle for the less awful of the choices. And they allow partisans to dismiss us as Republican shills or Democratic lapdogs. We think it's worth it to engage in this examination of the candidates and the issues.

Can I use endorsements in the voting booth?

Yes. You are allowed to take notes into the voting booth. You can take a printout of our endorsements or look at a mobile version on your smartphone.

How can I tell you what I think of your endorsements?

Write to us! Send a letter to the editor at letters@chicagotribune.com.

VOICE OF THE PEOPLE

We need ranked choice voting

Mary Schmich this week detailed the chaotic mayoral race and the anxiety it's giving all of us ("Not sure who should lead Chicago next? Join the club," Feb. 10). But she didn't mention that ranked choice voting is a simple cure for it. Instead of voting for just one candidate, ranked choice voting lets you rank candidates. If your first choice doesn't win, your vote goes to your second choice, until a candidate has a majority. There are no spoilers, no strategic voting, no anxiety.

— Robert Middlekauff, Chicago

Change would improve voting

With 14 candidates in the running for Chicago mayor, perhaps it would be best for the city Board of Election Commissioners to postpone the Feb. 26 mayoral election until ranked choice voting can be put into place. It increases the likelihood that a runoff election would not be needed, and if needed, I'm convinced that a significantly larger percentage of residents would be happy or somewhat happy with the runoff candidates.

— David Thiessen, Woodstock

Never-ending apologizing

Regarding the costumes aldermanic candidate Daniel La Spata and his friends wore during La Spata's bachelor party several years ago: The groom, dressed as a banana, ran through a park chased by his monkey-masked pals, trying to get away without slipping, presumably to peals of laughter. The dreaded words "insensitivity" and "bigoted" are now bandied about because the merry group posed with some African-American children who were nearby, apparently enjoying the fun, not realizing that monkey masks and a banana head were somehow meant to be offensive to them.

Just in case I should ever become a public figure, I'd like to offer a pre-emptive apology to anyone I may unintentionally offend at any time in my life, past or future, especially primates and fruits.

— Pam Pugh, Hamlet, Ind.

Personal evolution messy

My fellow liberal friends: Be careful that your quest for purity doesn't turn into another Inquisition where you burn all heretics for sins of 20 to 30 years ago. Sure, the Virginia governor did something really stupid decades ago. But since then, he apparently has led a good life and has been a good governor. Can you honestly say you never did something you now regret?

— Art Cerf, Park Ridge

Don't tax retirement income

In the last few years, buckets of ink have been devoted to the "Illinois Exodus." Now there are calls to increase taxes on retirement income, which would accelerate the exodus. While there may be many who would love to flee the state but cannot because they have jobs here, retirees have no such tether. Taxing their retirement income more would provide the needed push to get them out.

Who cares if they flee? Considering they spend a lot on medical services, are mostly insured and consume fewer state resources, we should.

— Peter VandeMotte, Mundelein

Support bill to help cut carbon

The "Green New Deal" is indeed a valuable step in terms of combating global warming. But it remains purely aspirational without a practical legislative program.

Fortunately, such legislation exists in the form of the Energy Innovation and Carbon Dividend Act. This bill is aimed at cutting America's carbon emissions by at least 40 percent, reducing air pollution and creating jobs. Best of all, it's bipartisan. I would hope the backers of the Green New Deal would also support this bill.

— David Graves-Pomeranz, Chicago

Don't insult police officers

In the commentary ("In Chicago, even going to church while black can be dangerous," Feb. 13) about going to church while black and the Chicago Police Department consent decree, Fraternal Order of Police Chicago Lodge 7 magazine editor Mitchell Krugel is quoted mentioning two priorities for officers: "getting home to the family and getting to the pension." The former is top priority, of course, but the latter? I would think many of Chicago's finest would cringe at the mention of "getting to the pension" as a priority. Would police officers like to hear that their children's teachers are prioritizing getting to their pensions?

— George Buchheit, North Riverside

Chicago, ban balloon releases

I'd like to ask the city of Chicago to help clean up Lake Michigan's shoreline, the longest freshwater shoreline in the world, by banning the mass release of balloons. If Connecticut, Virginia, Florida, Tennessee, California and the Clemson Tigers can do it, why not Chicago?

— Mary McKSchmidt, Holland, Mich.

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March food stamps coming early

March 1 delivery meant to ease gaps caused by government shutdown

BY ALEXIA ELEJALDE-RUIZ
Chicago Tribune

Illinois food stamp recipients will get their March benefits early in order to reduce a timing gap caused by last month's federal government shutdown.

Benefits will be loaded into all accounts March 1, the state's Department of Human Services announced Wednesday. Normally, recipients of the Supplemental Nutrition Assis-

ance Program, or SNAP, get their monthly benefits at staggered intervals during the first two weeks of the month.

The early March disbursement aims to ease benefit gaps that may have resulted when Illinois' 1.8 million food stamp recipients got their February benefits weeks early, in the midst of the government shutdown. State officials worried that people might not realize those benefits, loaded into accounts by Jan. 20, would have to last



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them through February, and food pantry executives braced for increased demand if people found them-

selves running out of food between disbursements.

SNAP is funded by the U.S. Department of Agriculture, which ensured funding for February benefits during the partial government shutdown by employing a temporary workaround that required it to disburse those benefits early. Some 38 million low-income people nationwide use SNAP to buy groceries.

After the five-week shutdown ended Jan. 25, March benefits were funded through a federal stopgap budget. April and May SNAP benefits will depend on a new federal budget deal being reached, accord-

ing to the Illinois Department of Human Services, which distributes SNAP benefits in the state.

The agency plans to issue April benefits between April 1 and April 10. May benefits will be on the regular schedule.

Another shutdown could begin Saturday if President Donald Trump doesn't reach an agreement with Democrats over border security.

The changes do not affect the amount of benefits people receive, just the timing.

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U.S. Customs and Border Protection agricultural specialists inspect flowers at Miami International Airport.

Getting roses for Valentine's Day?

Thank inspectors who worked without pay during shutdown

BY JENNIFER KAY
Associated Press

MIAMI — Throughout the five-week government shutdown, one essential government service continued at Miami International Airport: checking for exotic bugs in bunches of roses destined for Valentine's Day bouquets.

U.S. Customs and Border Protection agriculture inspectors kept up their round-the-clock inspections without pay just as the pre-holiday rush of flower imports started to peak.

About 90 percent of cut flowers imported into the U.S. every year come through the Miami airport. Border Protection agriculture specialists check those goods by hand, stem by stem, for stowaways that could threaten U.S. crops.

"Chances are, if you buy a loved one flowers this Valentine's season, they came through this port of entry," said Christopher Maston, the agency's port director at Miami's airport.

Valentine's Day is the No. 1 holiday for most florists, and the industry cautiously monitored the shutdown for any delays in getting their flowers through customs. A bigger concern was the weather —



Agricultural specialist Janette Jimenez inspects flowers last week for pests that could threaten U.S. crops.

a snowstorm just before Feb. 14 could derail deliveries. While a delay would be inconvenient, it would not hurt the blooms, said Christine Boldt, executive vice president of the Association of Florida Importers of Florida.

"As long as flowers are kept cold, they will stay dormant and they will be fine," Boldt said.

Rose growers start their carefully timed production plans three or four months early, in order to have the flowers blooming for Feb. 14. The roses begin arriving in Miami soon after New Year's Day, and the push continues through Valentine's Day.

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Electric truck startup Rivian generating buzz

BY ROBERT CHANNICK
Chicago Tribune

Rivian may be a no show at this week's Chicago Auto Show, but the electric truck manufacturer is generating a lot of buzz amid reports that Amazon and General Motors may soon become investors.

Sources say Rivian plans an announcement on Friday that may shed light on new equity partners for the company, which has yet to begin production. Rivian spokesman Michael McHale declined to comment Wednesday.

The nascent manufacturer, which debuted its prototype all-electric truck and SUV models at the Los Angeles Auto Show in November, is gearing up to begin building the vehicles at the shuttered former Mitsubishi plant in downstate

Normal beginning in 2020.

Industry analysts believe Rivian could become the Tesla of trucks, creating a niche coveted by consumers and automakers alike. The company, which has already raised nearly \$700 million in funding, will likely need additional backing.

"Clearly, they need capital because this is such a capital-intensive business," said Michelle Krebs, a Detroit-based analyst for Auto-trader.

Founded by CEO RJ Scaringe in 2009, Rivian employs about 700 people at its Michigan headquarters, technology and engineering operations in California and the Mitsubishi plant in Normal, which the company bought for \$16 million from a liquidation

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Losing Instagram followers? Here's why

BY ALLY MAROTTI
Chicago Tribune

Instagram worked to resolve an issue Wednesday that caused some users to see changes in their follower numbers.

The issue sparked outrage among Chicago-area users, who turned to Twitter for answers. Facebook-owned Instagram responded to the concerns on Twitter Wednesday morning.

"We're aware of an issue

that is causing a change in account follower numbers for some people right now. We're working to resolve this as quickly as possible," Instagram tweeted.

Other users joked about the issue, some assuming Instagram was purposefully deleting inactive accounts.

Instagram did not respond to a request for comment.

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Chicago suburb cracks top 10 on list of wealthiest places in U.S.

BY SHELLY HAGAN AND WEI LU
Bloomberg News

The annual Bloomberg Richest Places index ranks Atherton, Calif., as America's richest place for the third year in a row.

The California town has lots of in-state company: More than half of the top 100 richest places were either in the tri-state area — New York, New Jersey and Connecticut — or California. Still, a number of Mid-

west and Southwest areas made the cut and a handful are in the top 20. One Chicago suburb — Glencoe — even made the top 10 for the first time.

In Atherton, residents made an average of \$450,696 in 2017, a \$7,293 increase from the prior year, according to the Bloomberg index.

Billionaires who have called Atherton home include Google's Eric Schmidt and Facebook's Sheryl Sandberg. Both

Google and Facebook have headquarters within 10 miles of Atherton, which is nestled inside the nation's tech hub dubbed "Silicon Valley." Stanford University is just two miles down the road from the town.

Atherton Mayor Bill Widmer said the tree-lined streets and lot sizes of at least one acre offer the residents privacy.

"We value a semi-rural environment," said Widmer, who moved to Atherton in 1996. "There are few

sidewalks and many places don't have street lights."

Scarsdale, N.Y., a wealthy suburb north of Manhattan, moved up to the No. 2 spot on this year's list as its residents enjoyed a \$30,000 increase, on average, in annual household income from the prior year, pushing Cherry Hills Village, Colo., to the No. 3 spot. Top school districts are one reason why residents choose to live there.

"We moved here as many did because of the out-

standing school system," said Scarsdale Mayor Dan Hochvert, a 40-year resident. "That is one of the primary drivers."

Accessibility to a city center is also a key characteristic of all three. Just as Atherton is accessible to San Francisco and Scarsdale is a train's ride away from New York City, Cherry Hills Village is a 15 to 20 minute drive to both downtown Denver and the city's tech center.

"It happens to be located

kind of beautifully," said Steve Blank, a managing broker at Sotheby's International Realty in Denver.

Big wigs living in Cherry Hills Village include Super Bowl-winning quarterback Peyton Manning and Denver Broncos General Manager John Elway.

The bar to make it among the top 100 places was raised to \$209,000 in annual income from \$198,000 a year earlier. Four places

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Companies making moves amid trade war

Corporate action reflects fear that tariffs will never end

By DAVID J. LYNCH
The Washington Post

After enduring nearly a year of the U.S.-China trade war, a growing number of corporations are moving operations, breaking global supply chains into regional networks and shelving planned investments.

The corporate actions reflect a realization that even if President Donald Trump and Chinese President Xi Jinping strike a bargain, friction-free trading between the two countries is likely a thing of the past. At least some of the president's more than \$250 billion in tariffs on Chinese products are likely to remain in place indefinitely, according to several trade analysts.

"It is dawning on them that the tariffs might not come off," said economist Mary Lovely of Syracuse University's Maxwell School of Citizenship and Public Affairs. "Companies are saying... these things we thought would be tempo-



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President Trump was optimistic Tuesday: "Things are going well with China. China wants to make a deal very badly."

rary will be permanent."

Senior U.S. and Chinese officials are scheduled to meet Thursday in Beijing in hopes of paving the way for a deal that averts Trump's threat to raise tariffs on \$200 billion in Chinese products to 25 percent from 10 percent on March 1.

Any agreement, which awaits an as of yet unscheduled meeting between the two leaders, will come too late for manufacturers that

have stopped waiting for the world's two largest economies to patch up their differences. As export orders wobble, many Chinese factories have begun producing more for the growing domestic market, and Chinese authorities intend to reduce their dependence upon American customers they now regard as fickle.

Over the past year, Trump — who famously describes himself as "a tariff

man" — has imposed three sets of tariffs on China plus separate levies on imported steel and aluminum. None have been lifted, even those on Canadian and Mexican metals, which the administration promised to eliminate when a new North American trade deal was reached.

Since the ratcheting up of trade barriers began March 22, companies have been whipsawed by multi-

ple rounds of talks intended to settle the conflict and Trump's periodic threats to escalate it, including by imposing tariffs on all \$505 billion in Chinese products entering the United States.

At the White House on Tuesday, Trump sounded optimistic about prospects for a negotiated solution. "Things are going well with China. China wants to make a deal very badly," he told reporters.

While any accord would presumably forestall the threatened tariff increase to 25 percent, it's not clear if the current 10 percent levy would continue. Some officials have suggested that it remain in place to encourage China to implement promised reforms designed to address U.S. complaints about compulsory or illicit efforts to acquire American technology.

The president also suggested that if negotiators are close to a deal by March 1, he might let the deadline "slide for a little while."

Such uncertainty has been unavoidable for companies caught between the United States and China.

The apparel and footwear industry dodged

the worst of the first round of tariffs only to see products such as backpacks, handbags, gloves and coats caught in the latest salvo.

Some retailers have begun the lengthy process of switching their orders from Chinese factories to suppliers in other Asian countries, said Rick Helfenbein, president of the American Apparel and Footwear Association.

"This is going to be a fact of life for the next 10 or 20 years," he said. "Once you go, you don't go back."

The corporate shifts come amid evidence of accumulating economic damage. U.S. exports to China have dropped for four consecutive months compared with 2017 figures, according to the Commerce Department. Through the first 11 months of last year, the United States ran up a record \$382 billion trade deficit — larger than the 12-month figure for 2017.

The president says his tariffs on imported goods will bring manufacturing jobs back to the United States. But the levies may also be encouraging some research and development work to move abroad.

Walmart wants what Amazon has

Retailers looking for alternate revenue streams

By MATTHEW BOYLE
Bloomberg News

Walmart is big in almost every way — 4,755 stores, 1.5 million employees and \$380 billion in revenue in the U.S. alone. But one part of the world's largest retailer remains minuscule.

"We have a tiny ad business," CEO Doug McMillon told investors in October. "It could be bigger."

With about 300 million shoppers visiting its stores each month, according to Forrester Research, and millions more on its websites, Walmart draws in more people than Google, Facebook or Amazon. That audience, and the purchase data they generate, are catnip for big advertisers such as Coca-Cola and Kraft Heinz. But Walmart and other retailers historically haven't done enough to convert that data into dollars, particularly online.

Having watched Amazon.com build a massive advertising business, brick and mortar stores are looking to do the same. Walmart, Target Corp. and grocery chains Kroger Co. and Ahold Delhaize are quietly courting big brands with a sales pitch that goes something like this: Facebook might know what your customers like, and Google might know what they want, but only we know what they actually buy.

"They have a nice story to tell advertisers," said David Tiltman, head of content at of WARC, an advertising analysis firm. "What we see now is a more sophisticated approach to ad sales than retailers have had in the past."

That push comes at a critical moment, as mainstream retailers are under attack from the likes of Amazon, deep-discount chains and digital upstarts embraced by coveted millennials. Walmart and others have spent billions to jazz up their own websites and build out services such as home delivery, but those investments crimp earnings. The tailwinds retailers enjoyed



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last year from tax cuts and brisk consumer demand will dissipate in 2019, and looming Chinese tariffs could muddle the outlook further.

All that uncertainty makes alternate revenue streams crucial, especially for grocers, which generate much skimpier margins than, say, fashion or luxury retailers. Kroger wants to generate \$400 million in additional profit by 2020, with some of that coming from a new marketing unit that places web ads for the likes of Unilever and General Mills Inc. Target's in-house media network has hundreds of clients including Oreo cookie maker Mondelez International. Walmart has hired executives from NBC Universal and CBS to help boost its advertising business.

The potential is vast: Last year, U.S. ad sales hit a record \$208 billion, according to researcher Magna, and for the first time ever, 50 per-

cent of that spending was online. Facebook and Google combined gobble up more than half of those digital dollars, according to eMarketer, while Amazon gets only 5.5 percent.

That's an opportunity for retailers, which already have long-standing relationships with the big consumer brands that quietly pay them millions every year for prime shelf space. Those brands are also shifting marketing dollars away from traditional ad agencies, showcased by last week's surprise sales decline from French ad giant Publicis Groupe SA. But Walmart and its ilk will have to move fast: Amazon's ad business doubled in size last year, and 97 percent of brands who advertise on Amazon find it valuable, according to Feedvisor, which sells advertising and pricing software used by Amazon sellers.

Retailers have tried to capitalize on advertising be-

fore. About 20 years ago, Walmart unveiled its own in-store television network that showed product ads, movie trailers and music videos. By 2004, Walmart TV had 180 million monthly viewers, but the advent of digital media upended its channel. Now, retailers are paring data harvested from purchases and loyalty with analytical tools that promise advertisers bigger bang for their buck.

Take Coca-Cola, which is running two campaigns right now with Peapod Digital Labs, a new entity formed by Stop & Shop owner Ahold Delhaize last year to boost its online growth. Before, Coke would have worked with a digital media company that relies on third-party data "which would get us close to the pin, but not close enough," said Jim D'Isidoro, director of shopper marketing for Coca-Cola North America. Now, with Ahold's data, he

knows whether the ad translated into a sale among the customers he targeted. "It's always been elusive to tease out the impact of the digital media we've run," he said. With Ahold, "we will have a better idea of what our return on investment is, and that gives us encouragement to invest more."

Coke's not alone. "Many consumer product companies are looking at their marketing spending and thinking the retailers' ecosystem might be a better place to spend it," said Bryan Gildenberg, chief knowledge officer at Kantar Consulting. Those in-house media networks will become a vital piece of retailers' business models, Forrester predicts, as they lure clients away from established ad agencies.

If that sounds far-fetched, consider Alibaba. The Chinese e-commerce giant already generates more than 60 percent of its revenue

from advertising and last year acquired a stake in a digital ad firm. "The path forward for many retailers will depend on creativity and realizing profits in other ways," UBS analyst Michael Lasser said.

As they pursue that path, Amazon's ad network will continue to blossom, however. Executives at the online giant ominously said in January that they see potential for advertising not only on Amazon's sites "but also potentially beyond," meaning across the entire web, in Whole Foods Market stores, and even on their delivery boxes.

For traditional retailers, advertising is yet another front in their battle with the online giant.

"In an Amazon world," said Tory Gundelach, a former Target and Kroger executive who's now at Kantar Consulting, "retailers have to make money beyond just selling products."

Prada plans diversity panel after blackface outrage

Associated Press

MILAN — Italian brand Prada said Wednesday it is forming a diversity council to "elevate voices of color within the company and fashion industry at large," a move that follows accusations of racism in the luxury fashion world.

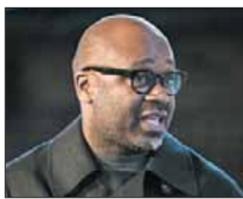
Two Americans, artist Theaster Gates and film director Ava DuVernay, will chair the council, Prada said. The group will work to develop "diverse talent" and

create more opportunities for students of color, the luxury fashion house said.

Gates said his work "amplifies the voices that have been absent from the broad cultural conversations," and he was happy to work with Prada to help make the company more "reflective of the world today."

Prada apologized in December and withdrew bag charms that resembled black monkeys with exaggerated red lips.

Critics said the charms



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recalled the blackface caricatures that long propagated racist stereotypes in the



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United States.

The fashion world controversy intensified after a

similar misstep this month by Gucci.

Another prominent African-American director, Spike Lee, said he would wear neither Prada nor Gucci until they included black designers.

"Prada is committed to cultivating, recruiting and retaining diverse talent to contribute to all departments of the company," said Miuccia Prada, CEO and creative director.

"In addition to amplifying voices of color within

the industry, we will help ensure that the fashion world is reflective of the world in which we live."

She said the initiative would "help us grow not only as a company, but also as individuals."

Blackface caricatures popularized in 19th century minstrel shows also have attracted renewed attention in the United States after old photos emerged of white politicians in Virginia wearing blackface or condoning it.

Groupon falls short in fourth quarter

By The Associated Press

Chicago-based Groupon on Tuesday reported fourth-quarter profit of \$46.2 million.

On a per-share basis, the company said it had profit of 8 cents. Earnings, adjusted for stock option expense and non-recurring costs, came to 10 cents per share.

The results missed Wall Street expectations. The average estimate of seven analysts surveyed by Zacks Investment Research was for earnings of 13 cents per share.

The online daily deal service posted revenue of \$799.9 million in the period, exceeding Street forecasts. Seven analysts surveyed by Zacks expected \$785.1 million.

For the year, the company reported a loss of \$11.1 million, or 2 cents per share, swinging to a loss in the period. Revenue was reported as \$2.64 billion.

In the final minutes of trading on Tuesday, the company's shares hit \$3.96. A year ago, they were trading at \$5.14.

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Dems question pledges in T-Mobile-Sprint deal

By MARCY GORDON AND TALI ARBEL
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Democratic lawmakers are challenging a pledge by T-Mobile and Sprint not to raise prices or hurt competition if their \$26.5 billion merger goes through.

Although T-Mobile says it won't raise prices for three years, Rep. Frank Pallone, D-N.J., chairman of the House Energy and Commerce Committee, said he isn't sure that Trump administration regulators are willing to hold T-Mobile to that promise.

"How can we be sure that consumers who can least afford to pay more are not harmed by the merger?" Pallone asked at a House subcommittee hearing Wednesday.

The deal would combine the nation's third- and fourth-largest wireless companies and create a behemoth the size of industry giants Verizon and AT&T.

Congress doesn't have authority to rule on the merger, but members are able to use the forum to ask pointed questions. Now that Democrats control the House, they have convened its first merger-review hearing in eight years.

T-Mobile US CEO John Legere and Marcelo Claure, Sprint Corp.'s executive chairman, defended the merger and said American consumers would get more and pay less.



Marcelo Claure, left, Sprint Corp.'s executive chairman, and T-Mobile US CEO John Legere defended the merger.

Complicating their argument is that urban consumers are paying 22 percent less for cellphone service following AT&T's failed bid to acquire T-Mobile in 2011, a combination rejected by federal regulators as anti-competitive. That data comes from the Bureau of Labor Statistics price index for wireless telephone service.

T-Mobile subsequently launched aggressive promotions and made consumer-friendly changes such as ditching two-year contracts and bringing back unlimited data plans, moves that its rivals soon copied.

Merger opponents claim those benefits will disappear if T-Mobile and Sprint no longer competed against

each other. Unions have voiced concerns about potential job losses.

The T-Mobile-Sprint deal faces reviews by the Justice Department and the Federal Communications Commission.

U.S. wireless carriers had been unable to get a merger deal through under President Barack Obama. But after President Donald Trump's election, a more business-friendly FCC deemed the wireless market "competitive" for the first time since 2009, a move that some experts believe could make it easier to win approval for a merger.

The companies also say that the combination would allow them to better compete — not only with Veri-

zon and AT&T, but also with Comcast and others as the wireless, broadband and video industries converge.

The combined company, to be called T-Mobile, would have about 127 million customers.

T-Mobile promised earlier this month not to raise prices for three years following the merger. Among wireless carriers, they have the largest numbers of low-income customers, who are frequent users of prepaid phone plans.

The three-year price pledge is an "empty promise" full of loopholes and difficult for regulators to enforce, says a group called the 4Competition Coalition, which includes labor

unions, public interest advocates, satellite TV and cable company Altice and rural wireless companies.

Some analysts see T-Mobile's offer to keep a lid on prices as a signal that the deal isn't likely to be approved.

Analysts at New Street Research say the Justice Department may not be buying T-Mobile's argument that combining with Sprint will bring lower consumer prices. Moreover, the head of Justice's antitrust division doesn't like merger conditions requiring regulators to keep an eye on the combined company's behavior for years.

The companies also are promising they would have more employees after the merger, especially in rural areas, than they do as stand-alone carriers. T-Mobile has promised to deliver as many as 5,600 new jobs and five new call centers by 2021.

But an analysis by the Communications Workers of America labor union found that job cuts could number up to 30,000, mostly because T-Mobile would close thousands of overlapping stores.

"This merger as currently structured would kill American jobs, lower wages and raise prices to enrich to foreign companies," Chris Shelton, the union's president, told the House subcommittee. "These are two companies with long histories of violating workers' rights. I can tell you that a promise to keep stores open is meaningless."

Agriculture inspectors worked without pay during shutdown

Roses, from Page 1

"It's a one-day holiday centered around the rose," Boldt said.

All year long, the volume of roses and other flowers coming into Miami is vastly larger than anywhere else in the U.S.: Over 6 billion cut flower stems were examined here in 2018, compared with just under 1 billion processed at all other ports from Boston to Honolulu.

But roughly 20 percent of the annual flower imports to Miami arrive just in the four weeks before Valentine's, Marston said. The delicate cargo flies in on 95 to 100 daily flights, mostly from Colombia and Ecuador, compared with a dozen or so daily flights the rest of the year, according to Border Protection.

Last year, agriculture inspectors in Miami examined 1.3 billion cut flower stems and kept over 2,100 pests from leaving the airport during the Valentine's season.

By comparison, this year agricultural specialists at Los Angeles International Airport processed more than 16 million cut flower stems and intercepted 191 pests between Jan. 1 and Feb. 7, Border Protection said.

More than 66 percent of the LAX flowers were from Colombia, 24 percent from Ecuador, 2.5 percent from Mexico and 1.7 percent from the Netherlands.

In Miami, inspectors wear gloves and masks as they work at long tables in cold, brightly lit rooms.



Agricultural specialist Janette Jimenez attempts to dislodge any pests from flowers during an inspection at Miami International Airport.

They unwrap each bouquet, pick through its stems and shake it upside down over a placemat-size piece of white paper. Everything that falls onto the paper — leaves, flower buds and what appear to be specks of dirt — is examined for aphids, mites, moths and other insects.

Last week, some bouquets arriving in Miami from Colombia already had red hearts printed on their wrappers. The roses, carnations and other flowers come packed in thousands of long boxes stacked floor to ceiling, from cockpit to

tail, in refrigerated airplanes. Forklifts take them to into cold warehouses for inspections, and then they are moved into other cold storage facilities until they reach consumers.

Ten percent of Border Protection's agriculture specialists work in Miami, out of 335 ports nationwide. "That gives you some kind of perspective on how big the agriculture operation is here," Marston said.

With or without another shutdown, another flower-focused holiday looms on inspectors' calendars: Mother's Day.

Electric truck startup Rivian generating investor interest

Rivian, from Page 1

firm in Jan 2017. Rivian secured \$200 million last year from Standard Chartered Bank, and previously raised more than \$450 million in equity financing from investors including Saudi company Abdul Latif Jameel and Sumitomo Corporation of America.

In addition to \$4 million in local incentives, Rivian is set to receive \$49.2 million in state tax credits over 15 years if it meets employment and investment targets for the Normal facility. Those goals include creating 1,000 new jobs by 2024.

Amazon spokeswoman Angie Quennell said in an email Wednesday the company doesn't comment on speculation.

GM would neither confirm nor deny its interest in Rivian, but issued a statement supporting the company's mission.

"We admire Rivian's contribution to a future of zero emissions and an all-electric future," GM said in an email Wednesday.

Krebs could not confirm that Amazon and GM were in talks with Rivian, but said their investments would make sense.

Amazon was among several investors in a \$530 million funding round announced earlier this month



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Sources say Rivian plans an announcement on Friday that may shed light on new equity partners for the company.

by autonomous vehicle startup Aurora Innovation. A future delivery service pairing self-driving technology with an all-electric truck fleet would be logical, Krebs said.

"Amazon is an obvious player. For them, it's not that much money, but it does fit into their ideas for a future commercial fleet," Krebs said. "I've always thought electric and autonomous make the most sense when you use them in commercial fleet, because you can plan rides and charging."

Krebs said Detroit's Big Three automakers are focused on trucks, SUVs and an electric future, which could explain GM's potential interest in Rivian.

"GM is a truck leader, they're focused on becoming an all-electric company," Krebs said. "I don't know if they see something with Rivian they don't necessarily have — that is not clear to me."

Adam Jonas, an equity analyst with Morgan Stanley, issued a bullish note on Rivian Monday, calling it the "next serious competition" to take market share from Tesla in the electric vehicle segment. The company "will take elevated importance in investors' minds as EVs become the focus" of automakers' investment and strategy, he said.

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Glencoe makes Bloomberg top 10 list of wealthiest U.S. places

Places, from Page 1

made their top 100 debut this year including two in California: Tamalpais-Homestead Valley in Marin county and beach city Del Mar; Jericho in New York's Long Island and Medina, Minn.

Wealth is further concentrated specifically in six counties: Westchester, Bergen and Fairfield counties outside of Manhattan; Chicago's Cook County; Los Angeles County; and Montgomery County in Maryland, bordering Washington, D.C..

Rounding out the top ten are Los Altos Hills and Hillsborough in California; Short Hills, N.J.; Highland

Park in Texas; Darien in Connecticut; Bronxville in New York; and Glencoe.

Glencoe, on the North Shore, climbed five spots to land the last spot in the top 10 for the first time. The village, known for the Chicago Botanic Garden, had mean household income of \$339,883, according to a Census Bureau estimate.

Rumson, a wealthy corner of Monmouth County, N.J., ascended 19 spots into the top 20. Its residents who commute to NYC can choose from two different ferry services that are within a 15 minute drive.

Bernardville, another New Jersey town, jumped 31 spots and the average income increased \$30,000 to

\$231,336.

Florida moved down the exclusivity list. The same four places in Florida made the top 100 list but three of them ranked lower this year versus last. Indian River Shores, near Vero Beach, dropped out of the top 50 as the average annual income decreased by \$20,000.

Bloomberg evaluated inflation-adjusted household data for all U.S. "places," as defined by the Census, with a minimum of 2,000 households and ranked them based on average household income. Nearly 6,250 met the criteria. Average household income excluded households without any type of income.

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Savings Update

What is a step-up or rising rate CD?

Certificates of deposit are generally pretty straightforward: You choose a term and the bank pays you a fixed interest rate as long as you keep your funds there until maturity.

But some banks will throw a specialty CD or two onto their menu. One is the step-up CD, and its name can sometimes confuse. So let's dig into what step-up certificates are, and what they're not.

Step-up and rising rate CDs are usually the same thing. Both pay pre-established interest rates that increase at intervals throughout the term. For instance, a five-year step-up CD may pay 0.5% in Year 1, then 1.0% in Year 2, and so forth until it pays 2.5% in Year 5.

That means your true earnings are a blended rate that averages the various tiers. In the example above, the CD would pay an actual rate of 1.5% over five years.

Of course, if you cash out early on a step-up CD, not only will you be hit with an early withdrawal fee, but you'll miss out on the higher rates you would have earned in later years.

Shopper beware that there are also bump-up and raise-your-rate CDs. With these, you can choose to raise your CD's APY to the bank's current (presumably higher) rate, usually once or twice during the term.

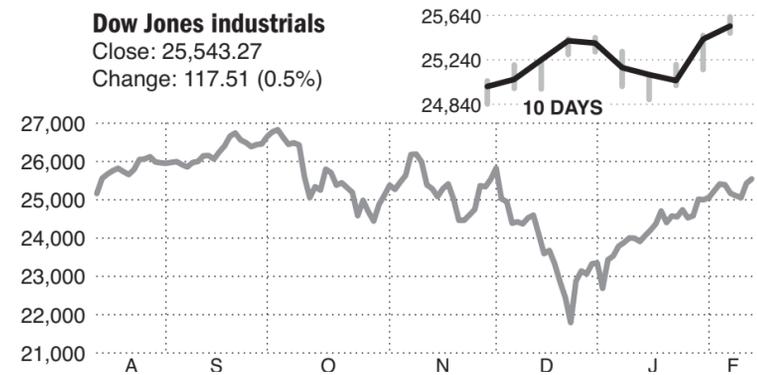
Also note that some banks have begun interchanging these terms. So while the definitions above are traditionally true, you may see a CD marketed as a step-up when actually it's a bump-up.

Step-up CDs are typically advertised with their highest rate highlighted, so be sure to read the fine print on what the blended rate will be. It's likely you can earn more by shopping diligently among the fixed-rate certificates. In any case, be sure you understand exactly what it is you're looking at.

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MARKET ROUNDUP

Dow High: 25,625.95 Low: 25,480.86 Previous: 25,425.76



Nasdaq	S&P 500	Russell 2000
+5.76 (+.08%)	+8.30 (+.30%)	+4.71 (+.31%)
Close: 7,420.38	Close: 2,753.03	Close: 1,542.94
High: 7,461.67	High: 2,761.85	High: 1,545.74
Low: 7,413.84	Low: 2,748.63	Low: 1,536.25
Previous: 7,414.62	Previous: 2,744.73	Previous: 1,538.23

10-yr T-note	Gold futures	Yen	Euro	Crude Oil
+0.02 to 2.70%	+1.60 to \$1,310.80	+0.47 to 110.99/\$1	+0.0048 to .8873/\$1	+0.80 to \$53.90

Major market growth and decline

5-day % change			30-day % change			1-year % change		
DOW +.60	NASD +.61	S&P +.78	DOW +5.52	NASD +5.48	S&P +5.23	DOW +2.61	NASD +3.87	S&P +2.02

COMMODITY	AMOUNT-PRICE	MO.	OPEN	HIGH	LOW	SETTLE	CHG.
WHEAT (CBOT)	5,000 bu minimum- cents per bushel	Mar 19	519.75	524	518.75	522.25	+2.25
CORN (CBOT)	5,000 bu minimum- cents per bushel	Mar 19	377.50	379	376.25	378.75	+0.75
SOYBEANS (CBOT)	5,000 bu minimum- cents per bushel	Mar 19	916.75	920	913.75	916.50	-1
SOYBEAN OIL (CBOT)	60,000 lbs- cents per lb	Mar 19	30.27	30.39	29.95	29.99	-0.34
SOYBEAN MEAL (CBOT)	100 tons- dollars per ton	Mar 19	309.20	310.40	308.20	310.10	+0.90
LIGHT SWEET CRUDE (NYMX)	1,000 bbl.- dollars per bbl.	Mar 19	53.35	54.60	53.27	53.90	+0.80
NATURAL GAS (NYMX)	10,000 mm btu's, \$ per mm btu	Mar 19	2.665	2.669	2.558	2.575	-0.113
NY HARBOR GAS BLEND (NYMX)	42,000 gallons- dollars per gallon	Mar 19	1.4331	1.4718	1.4285	1.4651	+0.0379

LOCAL STOCKS

STOCK	XCHG.	CLOSE	CHG.	STOCK	XCHG.	CLOSE	CHG.
Abbott Labs	N	74.38	-.68	Equity Lifesty Prop	N	108.24	+16
AbbVie Inc	N	80.79	+.86	Equity Residential	N	73.29	+75
Allstate Corp	N	94.00	+1.09	Exelon Corp	N	47.90	-.02

MOST ACTIVE STOCKS

STOCK	CLOSE	CHG.
Gen Electric	10.37	+0.39
Ambev S.A.	4.86	-.12
EnCana Corp	6.40	-.29

LARGEST COMPANIES

STOCK	CLOSE	CHG.
Alibaba Group Hldg	169.40	+6.9
Alphabet Inc C	1120.16	-1.21
Alphabet Inc A	1128.63	+1.05

LARGEST MUTUAL FUNDS

FUND	NAV	CHG	1-YR %RTN
American Funds AMCPA m	30.69	+0.09	+5.5
American Funds AmcnBAlA m	26.29	+0.03	+3.6
American Funds CptWldGrInCA	m46.31	+1.11	-3.1

NASDAQ STOCK MARKET

STOCK	CLOSE	CHG.
Adv Micro Dev	22.85	+0.03
Activision Blizzard	44.57	+2.90
Micron Tech	41.68	+1.28

TREASURY YIELDS

DURATION	CLOSE	PREV.
3-month disc	2.38	2.37
6-month disc	2.44	2.42
2-year	2.52	2.49
10-year	2.70	2.68
30-year	3.03	3.02

SPOT METALS

	CLOSE	PREV.
Gold	\$1310.80	\$1309.20
Silver	\$15.624	\$15.660
Platinum	\$791.80	\$789.60

INTEREST RATES

Prime Rate	5.50
Discount Rate Primary	3.00
Fed Funds Target	2.25-2.50
Money Mkt Overnight Avg.	0.62

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Canada (Dollar)	1.3250
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India (Rupee)	70.857
Israel (Shekel)	3.6480
Japan (Yen)	110.99
Mexico (Peso)	19.4175
Poland (Zloty)	3.85
So. Korea (Won)	1125.06
Taiwan (Dollar)	30.84
Thailand (Baht)	31.37

FOREIGN MARKETS

INDEX	CLOSE	CHG./%
Shanghai	2721.07	+49.2/+1.8
Stoxx600	364.97	+2.2/+0.6
Nikkei	21144.48	+280.3/+1.3
MSCI-EAFE	1833.21	+8.2/+0.5
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OBITUARIES

LYNDON LAROUCHE 1922-2019

Conspiracy theorist built national political machine

BY TIMOTHY R. SMITH
The Washington Post

Often described as an extremist crank and fringe figure, Lyndon LaRouche cut a shadowy and alarming path through American politics for a half-century. He built a political organization often likened to a cult and ran for president eight times, once while in prison for mail fraud.

In recent decades, he operated from a heavily guarded compound near Leesburg, Va.

LaRouche, who built a worldwide following based on conspiracy theories, economic doom, anti-Semitism, homophobia and racism, died Feb. 12. He was 96.

His political organization, Larouche PAC, confirmed the death but did not say where or how he died.

LaRouche drew headlines for his more outrageous claims: that England's Queen Elizabeth II was a drug trafficker and that the International Monetary Fund created and spread the AIDS virus.

He also said the CIA, KGB and British intelligence officials were plotting to assassinate him, according to a 1985 Washington Post profile that had interviews with followers.

LaRouchians, as the group was known, never numbered more than 3,000, according to some estimates, but were a vocal, sometimes disturbing presence on the American political landscape. They heckled, harassed and threatened opponents.

His followers "made extraordinary inroads into American politics, surpassing the achievements of any other extremist movement in recent American history," wrote Dennis King, a New York-based LaRouche expert in his 1989 book "Lyndon LaRouche and the



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Lyndon LaRouche's group ran several hundred candidates a year in local elections, taking many seats in the 1980s.

New American Fascism."

"They built a nationwide election machine that fielded thousands of candidates in Democratic primaries in the mid-1980s, frequently picking up 20 percent or more of the vote and winning dozens of nominations for public office," he wrote.

His National Democratic Policy Committee ran several hundred candidates a year in state and local elections and won many local seats and Democratic Party posts in the 1980s.

LaRouche candidates often ran disguised campaigns on mainstream tickets in an effort to trick voters into voting for them; one of their methods was to campaign under a misleading slogan such as "F.D.R. Democrats."

During the 1984 presidential election, LaRouche received more than 76,000 votes, his highest count. He aligned his followers with the strong military and defense posture of the Reagan White House.

His campaigns proved lucrative. By raising \$5,000 in 20 states, he qualified for federal matching funds that brought his organization millions over the years.

His operation suffered a

massive blow in 1988 after he was convicted of income-tax evasion, mail fraud and a scheme that took money without permission from the credit-card accounts of elderly donors. He served five years of a 15-year sentence and ran his 1992 campaign from a federal prison in Rochester, Minn.

Lyndon Hermyle LaRouche Jr. was born in Rochester, N.H., on Sept. 8, 1922, and grew up in Lynn, Mass. His father, an executive at a shoe-manufacturing firm, also edited an anti-communist paper.

LaRouche Jr. was a conscientious objector at the outbreak of World War II and served as an Army medic in Burma, according to the 1985 Post profile.

One of LaRouche's cellmates in Minnesota was disgraced televangelist Jim Bakker. In his autobiography, Bakker wrote that LaRouche was good-humored much of the time and impervious to the taunts of other inmates. He also was convinced their cell was bugged.

"To say that Lyndon was slightly paranoid," Bakker wrote, "would be like saying the Titanic had a bit of a leak."

Chicago Daily Tribune

ON FEBRUARY 14 ...

In 1778, the American ship Ranger carried the recently adopted Stars and Stripes to a foreign port for the first time as it arrived in France.

In 1859 Oregon was admitted to the Union as the 33rd state.

In 1894 comedian Jack Benny was born Benjamin Kubelsky in Chicago.

In 1895 Oscar Wilde's final play, "The Importance of Being Earnest," opened in London.

In 1903 the Department of Commerce and Labor was established. (It was divided into separate Departments of Commerce and Labor in 1913.)

In 1912 Arizona became the 48th state.

In 1920 the League of Women Voters was founded in Chicago; its first president was Maud Wood Park.

In 1929 the St. Valentine's Day Massacre took place in a Chicago garage as seven rivals of Al Capone's gang were gunned down.

In 1945 Peru, Paraguay,

Chile and Ecuador joined the United Nations.

In 1962 first lady Jacqueline Kennedy conducted a televised tour of the White House.

In 1979 Adolph Dubs, the U.S. ambassador to Afghanistan, was kidnapped in Kabul by Muslim extremists and killed in a shootout between his abductors and police.

In 1984 6-year-old Stormie Jones became the world's first heart-liver transplant recipient, at Children's Hospital of Pittsburgh; she lived until November 1990.

In 1985 CNN reporter Jeremy Levin, who was being held hostage by extremists in Lebanon, was freed.

In 1988, hours after learning that his sister had died of leukemia, American Dan Jansen lost his bid for a gold medal at the Winter Olympics in Calgary, Alberta, when he fell during the 500-meter speed-skating event.

In 1989 Iran's Ayatollah Khomeini called on Muslims to kill Salman Rushdie, author of "The Satanic Verses," a novel condemned as blasphemous.

In 1993 the body of James Bulger, a 2-year-old boy who had been lured away from his mother in a Liverpool, England, shopping mall two days earlier, was found along a stretch of railroad track. (Two 10-year-old boys were later convicted of murdering James.)

In 1997 American Airlines and its pilots union continued contract talks as the clock ticked down to a midnight strike deadline. (The pilots did strike, but President Bill Clinton immediately intervened, ordering a 60-day "cooling off" period.)

In 2001 the Kansas Board of Education approved new science standards restoring evolution to the state's curriculum.

In 2003, in a dramatic showdown, major powers rebuffed the United States in the U.N. Security Council and insisted on more time for weapons inspections in Iraq.

In 2006 Iran said it had resumed uranium enrichment; Russia and France immediately called on Iran to halt its work.

In 2008 a former student dressed in black walked onto the stage of a lecture hall at Northern Illinois University and opened fire on a packed class; Steven Kazmierczak killed five students before committing suicide. Also in 2008 Republican campaign dropout Mitt Romney endorsed John McCain for the party's presidential nomination.

In 2018 17 people were shot to death and several others wounded at Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School in an affluent part of Broward County, Florida; Nikolas Cruz, 19, was arrested, and students at the school organized an anti-gun protest that soon spread across the country.

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Ahern, John Patrick

John Patrick Ahern, age 59, late of Homewood, IL. Beloved husband of Marcia nee Newton. Loving father of Bryan (Mary Claire) Ahern and Mark (Lauren) Ahern. Fond grandfather of Molly and Bridget. Son of the late Gerald and Mary Ahern. Brother of Jerry (Katie), Mike (Cathy), Tom (Karyn), Kevin (Vicki), Pat (Katy), Mary (Jon) Krunnfusz and the late James (Kim) Ahern. Loving son-in-law of Marilyn Newton. Dear uncle, cousin, nephew and friend to many. Resting at the **Tews-Ryan Funeral Home**, Sunday, February 17th, from 1:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. Prayers Monday 9:15 a.m. at funeral home to St. Joseph Church, 17951 Dixie Hwy. Homewood. Mass 10:00 a.m. Interment Holy Sepulchre Cemetery. www.tews-ryanfh.com or 708-798-5300.



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Barmus, Elsa F.

Elsa F. Barmus, nee Assenheimer, age 81. Beloved wife of the late Romualdas. Loving mother of Daria (Manfred) Meyer and Anita Szymczak. Cherished grandmother of Marcus (Alice), Matthew and Morgan (Fiancée Landon Mitchell) Meyer and Stephanie (Tim) Luther and Laura (Steve DavyRomano) Szymczak. Great grandmother of Michael and Maximilian Meyer and Declan, Mallory and Adelyn Luther and Isla and Remi DavyRomano. Dear sister of Willy (Sandra) Kulhanek and the late Roland (the late Shirley) Kulhanek. Visitation Friday 4-9 PM at **Modell Funeral Home** 7710 S. Cass Avenue, Darien, where a Funeral Service will be held Saturday at 10:00 AM. Interment Fairmount Willow Hills Cemetery. For info: 630-852-3595- or www.modelldarien.com

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Baumann Jr., Gunther H. P. 'Bigboy, G, Uncle G'

56 Died on Feb. 11, 2019 in Chgo.Hts,IL Born on Feb 20, 1962 Predeceased by Edeltraut Baumann his Mother, Survived by his Dts Katherine Baumann Chgo Hts,IL and Anna Baumann St.Louis, MO. Father Gunther Baumann Sr. and, Sister Karin (Steven) McNeil and Nephews William and Steven McNeil Jr. all of So Chgo Hts,IL Great Nephew Steven W. McNeil and Great Niece Olivia McNeil. Aunts and Uncles Willi(Moui)Schoen, Hannelore(Jim) Cox, Irene(Chi)Diep, Helga(Dean)LaFontain, Karin(Arnold)Evers Orland Park,IL Irmgard(Heinz) Weber and Gisela(Hans)Lehmann both of Germany and Many Cousins. He graduated from Bloom Trail H.S. in 1980, Earn his Ass. Degree in Technology at MIT in Morrison, IL 1982 His B.S. in Computer Technology from Columbia Univ. in IL. He loved to Laugh, Play Jokes and kept his sense of humor all the way to the end. Concerts, Music, Skiing, Fishing, BBQ'S with Family and Friends, Chicago Bears, Partying, and German Shepherds (Rex). He had many Very Close Friends that He considered to be his Family. He is being Cremated. Donations can be made to the National Pancreatic Cancer Foundation Online go to donate and fill in, or can mail to NPCF P.O.Box 1848, Longmont, CO 80502 1-800-859-6723

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Bleadon, Phyllis

Phyllis Bleadon, nee Wildman, age 93. Beloved wife of the late Jacob "Jack." Cherished mother of Benjamin (Beverly), Laurel (Wes Maffei), Bleadon-Maffei Miriam (Darren) Qunell. Loving grandmother of Joey, Sarah, and Jacqueline Bleadon, Sam, Ely, and Jon Qunell. Dear sister of the late Jane Beederman and the late Iris Wildman. A Skokie resident for 61 years, former chemist with Regis Technologies, music lover and classical pianist. Services Thursday at 1pm at Temple Beth Israel, 3601 Dempster, Skokie, followed by burial at 3 PM at Westlawn Cemetery, 7801 W. Montrose, Norridge. In lieu of flowers contributions in her memory to Temple Beth Israel will be appreciated. Info Mitzvah Memorial Funerals, 630-Mitzvah (630-648-9824) or www.MitzvahFunerals.com.



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Clark, William Frank 'Bill'

William "Bill" Clark, 72, of Chicago passed away on February 9, 2019 at Northwestern Hospital after suffering cardiac arrest. Bill was born on Jan. 21, 1947 in Chicago. He graduated from Harper HS and ultimately achieved a Master's Degree in Education. His greatest joy in life was being a father to Jennifer and Christine (Joshua Keesecker) and a grandfather to Cecilia (11), Rocco (9), and Elijah (5). He is also survived by his devoted sister Michele Wilde, his former wife Katheen Coglianesse (DeVivo) and many friends. He leaves a legacy of intellectual curiosity, zest for life, and boundless generosity. A funeral service will be held at St. Gertrude's Church 1420 W. Granville Ave. at 12:00pm Saturday 2/16/19. All are welcome.

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Convey, Thomas J

Thomas J. Convey, retired C.F.D.; beloved husband of the late Janet nee White; loving father of Thomas Joseph Jr., Michael, Terry and Carrie; cherished grandfather of Mason, Megan, Tiffany, and Casey; dearest great grandfather of Dax; loving son of the late Sarah "Sadie" and Michael, natives of Swinford, Co. Mayo, Ireland; dear brother of Michael, John (Brother Kevin, FSC), and the late Mary "Kay" Perrone; fond uncle and friend to many. Korean War Veteran and City of Chicago Fireman for 38 years. Visitation Friday 3-9 PM and Saturday 9:30 AM until time of prayers 11:45 AM at **Gibbons Family Funeral Home** 5917 W. Irving Park Rd. (1/2 Block East Of Austin) to Saint Juliana Church, Mass 12:30 PM. Interment Maryhill Cemetery. For info 773-777-3944 or www.GFFH.com

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Eslinger, PhD, Ellen Therese

aged 62, born May 22, 1956, died October 15, 2018 at her home in Oshkosh, WI. Retired DePaul University Professor of History. Daughter of Norman and Dolores Eslinger (both deceased). Survived by her six siblings, Mary (Patrick) Bauer, Maureen (Jeffery) Dahlen, John (Tina) Eslinger, Patricia Pappageorge, Thomas Eslinger, and Moira (Robert) Morris, and 15 nieces and nephews. A private family memorial was held October 28, 2018 in Oshkosh, WI where some of her ashes were scattered on Lake Winnebago. Her remaining ashes will be interred beside her paternal grandmother in Mt. Carmel Cemetery. Family and friends will gather for a committal service to be held on Saturday February 16 at 10 am in the Chapel at Queen of Heaven Cemetery, 1400 S. Wolf Road, Hillside.

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Ferrarini, Emil B.

Emil B. Ferrarini 88, of Elmhurst, IL. Beloved husband of the late Patricia nee Corrigan. Loving father of Bill, Margaret (Ken) Bartels, Katie (Patrick) Byrne and Marty (Patti). Cherished grandfather of Amy Hatfield, Joe (Rachel) Ferrarini, Nicole (Jay) Filas, Brittany (Phil) Dorjath, and Jake (Annicc) Meding. Mike (Emma) Ferrarini, Jennifer Ferrarini, Bridget Byrne, Nick Ferrarini and Frank Ferrarini. Great grandfather of 7. Fond brother of the late Eddie, Jack, Mello, Tom, Anthony, Marianna and Teddy. Uncle and great uncle of many. Family and friends may gather for a 9:30 a.m. Memorial Mass on Saturday Feb 16, 2019 at Mary Queen of Heaven Church 426 N. West Ave, Elmhurst, IL. 60126. In lieu of flowers Memorials may be made to The Pulmonary Fibrosis Foundation at <https://bit.ly/emilferrarini> For information 630-832-4161 or www.steuerlefh.com

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Gaspari, Isabelle M. 'Lee'

Isabelle M. "Lee" Gaspari, nee Simonetti, of Addison, IL, age 89. Beloved wife of the late Richard M.; loving mother of Corinne (late William) Hill, Margaret (Tony) Severino, George (Kerri) Gaspari, Eleanor (John "Jay") West, Carol (Michael) Fields, Frank (Anne) Gaspari, Deborah (Denis) Murphy and the late Richard M. Gaspari, Jr.; proud grandmother of 23; great-grandmother of 14; dear sister of Bettie (Otto) Caputo and the late Peter, Mario, Tony and Margaret; fond aunt of many nieces and nephews. Visitation Friday, February 15, 2019 from 3:00 to 9:00 p.m. at **Humes Funeral Home**, 320 W. Lake St., Addison (2 Mi. W. of Rt. 83, 2 Mi.E. of Rt. 53). Funeral Saturday 9:00 a.m. from the funeral home to Holy Ghost Church, Wood Dale for 10:00 a.m. Mass. Interment Mt. Carmel Cemetery. For further info 630-628-8808.

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Grib S.J., Fr. Philip J.

Fr. Philip J. Grib S.J., passed away on Friday, Feb. 8, in Chicago, at age 80. He entered the Society of Jesus in 1964 and was ordained to priesthood in 1972. He was a graduate of St. Ignatius College Prep in Chicago and completed undergraduate studies at Xavier University in Cincinnati. He went on to earn a J.D. from University of Chicago and a Ph.D. from the Catholic University of America. Fr. Grib taught history and English at Loyola Academy and Law and Moral Theology at Loyola University. In addition, he worked as a campus minister and spiritual director. Upon retirement from teaching he spent the last 19 years of his life as a pastoral associate at St. Eugene's Parish. Fr. Grib was also an accomplished musician and co-founder of the "Brighton Park Connection", a local well known polka band. He was preceded in death by his brother Bob, who was also a member of Society of Jesus, and is survived by several cousin on both sides of his family. Fr. Grib will, lie in state, Saturday Feb. 16 at St. Eugene's Parish, 7958 West Foster Avenue, Chicago, from 9:30am until time of Mass at 11:00am interment following at All Saints Cemetery, Des Plaines. In lieu of flowers donations may be made to St. Eugene's School Endowment Fund.

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Harrington, Marjorie J.

Marjorie "Marge" J. Harrington, nee Whitting, age 92, passed away on Wednesday, February 13, 2019, surrounded by her family. She was preceded in death by her beloved husband Robert E. Loving mother of Robert (Patti), Daniel (Mary Lou), George (Mary), Karen, Joanne (Kieran) Madden, and Patrick (Marigayle); proud grandmother of Robert (Harmony), Maura (Jeff) Kopp, Emily, Dan, Megan (Brian) Holoubek, Colleen, Brian (Libby), Michael, Michael Madden (fiancé Angela Zhao), Erin Madden, Patrick, Kevin, Peggy, Kitty, and Jimmy; great-grandmother of 8; dear sister of the late George Whitting; and loving godmother of Neil Harrington and Nancy W. Faber; also survived by many nieces and nephews. Visitation Friday at St. John of the Cross Church 5005 S. Wolf Rd., Western Springs from 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. followed by a Mass of the Resurrection at 11:15 a.m. Interment Queen of Heaven Catholic Cemetery, Hillside, IL. In lieu of flowers, donations on behalf of Colleen Harrington to Bethshan Association, 12927 Monitor Avenue, Palos Heights, IL. 60463; Bethshan.org. Arrangements entrusted to **Peterson-Bassi Chapels**. Information 773.637.4441



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Helfer, Gail E.

Gail E. Helfer, 62. Beloved daughter of the late Herman and Frieda Helfer; cherished sister of Harvey (late Regina) Helfer and the late Joel (Evie) Helfer; caring aunt of Cliff, Zachary (Megan), Jeffrey, and Rachel (fiancé Bobby Devereaux) Helfer. Funeral service Friday, Feb. 15, 10:30 AM at **Weinstein & Piser Funeral Home**, 111 Skokie Blvd, Wilmette. Interment Memorial Park. Memorial contributions to NAMI, www.nami.org, or the American Cancer Society, www.cancer.org appreciated. For info: 847-256-5700.



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Hendricks, Virginia B.

Virginia B. Hendricks 86, of Elgin, IL. passed away on February 12, 2019. Virg was born March 4, 1932 in Wausaukee, WI. She was the second youngest of eleven children to John & Monica Mirek. On October 15, 1955 she married Kenneth H. Hendricks and enjoyed 63 years of marriage which was her greatest happiness. In addition to her husband, she is survived by five children, Jacque (John) Petrakis, Kim (Jay) Urbain, Kenneth (Lori) Hendricks, Mary (Dan) Harris, and Jennifer (Mike) Winger. Also surviving are 29 grandchildren and great grandchildren. Virginia loved her family, the Cubs, a good trip to the boat and wine. Virginia was preceded in death by her parents and her ten siblings. Funeral mass Friday, Feb. 15, at 11:00 AM at St. Thomas More Catholic Church, 215 Thomas More Drive, Elgin where she was a parishioner. Visitation Friday morning at the church from 9:30 AM until the time of mass. In lieu of flowers, donations to the Ronald McDonald House. Laird Funeral Home, Elgin is assisting the family. 847-741-8800 or www.lairdfamilyfuneralservices.com

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ILLINOIS
Feb. 13
Powerball 02 08 14 24 69 / 26
Powerball jackpot: \$242M
Lotto jackpot: \$9.75M
Pick 3 midday 677 / 4
Pick 4 midday 5443 / 9
Lucky Day Lotto midday
02 12 14 15 37
Pick 3 evening 374 / 2
Pick 4 evening 9820 / 4
Lucky Day Lotto evening
01 02 18 21 44

Feb. 15 Mega Millions: \$190M

WISCONSIN
Feb. 13
Megabucks 11 20 28 29 30 45
Pick 3 831
Pick 4 3896
Badger 5 02 09 15 21 24
SuperCash 13 22 27 29 31 38

INDIANA
Feb. 13
Lotto 09 16 21 22 35 38
Daily 3 midday 607 / 0
Daily 4 midday 3592 / 0
Daily 3 evening 843 / 9
Daily 4 evening 9293 / 9
Cash 5 07 15 26 27 36

MICHIGAN
Feb. 13
Lotto 04 11 37 38 39 46
Daily 3 midday 017
Daily 4 midday 5648
Daily 3 evening 842
Daily 4 evening 1816
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Keno 05 07 12 15 21 22
25 28 31 36 43 48 49 51
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Jaworski, Helen

Helen Jaworski, nee Bochenek, age 78. Beloved wife of Czeslaw "Chester" Jaworski; loving mother of Dorothy (Peter) Kapetan, Jerzy Jaworski and Renata (Eric) Tarasiewicz; dear grandmother of Nicholas, Jeremy, Grace, Sara, Payton and Griffin. Helen was the youngest of 13 siblings; fond aunt of many. Visitation Friday Feb. 15th from 4:00 PM until 9:00 PM at the **SKAJA Terrace Funeral Home** 7812 N. Milwaukee Ave in Niles. Funeral Saturday 9:15 AM to Immaculate Conception Church for mass at 10:00 AM. Entombment St. Adalbert Mausoleum. Funeral info: 847-966-7302 or www.skajafuneralhomes.com.

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Kippes, James

James Walter Kippes, 56, of Chicago passed away peacefully on February 9, 2019. He was born May 11, 1962 in Chicago to James F. Kippes and Elleene J. Paull. Beloved husband of Sarah Louise nee Sedlacek; loving father of Kristin, Heather, Patrick, Jimmy and James; cherished Grandfather of 11 grandchildren. Visitation Fri. February 15, 3:00 pm to 9:00 pm with service at 7:00 pm and Sat. February 16, 3:00 to 7:00 pm at **Lakeview Funeral Home**, 1458 W. Belmont, Chicago, IL 60657. Interment Private



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Lechner, Lawrence Robert

Lawrence Robert Lechner, beloved husband of Patricia, nee Hagarty, and the late Francoise, nee Southway. Dear father of Eric(Jessica), Brian(Dr. Alison), Danielle Hackett (Chris), Marc(Maureen), Mary Ellen Yep (Peter), and Robert & Fiance' Grace Daly, Elizabeth, Sarah, Kathryn and Anne. Dear brother of LaVerne Mikhail(Dr. Edward Mikhail) Dr. Leslie Smith(Dr.Ford Ebner), Laurel Weingarten,(Jeff Prozman), Lisa Nail (Dr. Steve Nail). Grandpa to Jax, Casey, Lilly, Francoise, Julia, Andrew Lechner and Abigail Yep. Also survived by many nieces and nephew. Larry was former President of A.W. Zengler Cleaners and current President of Lechner & Sons Uniform Rental. Larry was a longtime Northbrook Rotarian and an avid fisherman and many shoals of fish are rejoicing that he will no longer be fishing the Great Lakes. Visitation Friday, Feb.15 from 3 to 8pm at St. Norbert Catholic Church, 1809 Walters Avenue, Northbrook , where funeral Mass will be celebrated Saturday, Feb.16 at 1:00pm, interment private. Donations can be made to The Willows Academy for Girls, 1015 Rose Avenue, Des Plaines, IL60616 or Northridge Preparatory School, 8320 Ballard Road, Niles, IL 60714.



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Leonard, Pauline

Pauline Leonard (nee Coglianes), age 96, of Oak Lawn; formerly of Chicago. Beloved wife of the late Andrew Leonard for 51 years; loving mother of Linda (Dale) Fausch and Don (Nancy) Leonard; dear grandmother of Andrew (Katie Dato) Leonard, Marisa (John) Holloway, Laura (Mark) Dietsch, and Phillip Leonard; fond great-grandmother of Addison, Delilah, and Hadley; loving sister of Antoinette, Theresa, and Michael. Visitation Saturday, Feb. 16 from 11am until time of Mass, 12pm at St. Francis Xavier Church, 124 N. Spring Ave. LaGrange. Interment St. Mary Cemetery, Evergreen Park. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations to The Community Center Foundation in Palos Park are appreciated. Arrangements entrusted to **Hallowell & James Funeral Home**, Countryside. Funeral info: 708-352-6500 or hjfunerals.com

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Ludwig, Nancy A.

Nancy Ann Ludwig, 62, died Tuesday morning in the same farmhouse where she had lived since she was 20 years old. Along the way she raised four sons and was the guiding force behind numerous small businesses that she and her husband, Howard, launched together.



She was raised by Robert and the late Carol Lorek in Lemont's Pleasantdale subdivision. She was the oldest of four children and greatly enjoyed spending time with her sisters, Jeannie (Grodecki) and Sandy (Thompson) as well as with her brother, Bobby Lorek.

She married Howard Ludwig in 1976. The pair met at Lemont High School and married shortly thereafter. Their union produced four children, Howard A. (Katie), Matthew (Tessa), Brian and Thomas (Malgorzata).

Howard and Nancy Ludwig quickly transformed their dirt-floor farmhouse into a loving and bustling home. Besides their boys, the pair also raised several thousand hogs and together produced countless bushels of corn and soybeans on the farm that sits tucked behind Ludwig's Feed Store.

Other business ventures included the sale of pumpkins, Christmas trees, sunflowers, pulverized black dirt, culvert pipes and more. Howard and Nancy Ludwig also briefly operated a chemical trucking business, which Nancy was all too happy to sell.

Their signature business remains Country Landscape and Supply.

Nancy Ludwig handled all of the paperwork for these many business ventures. She was a consistent voice of reason and a steady hand when it came to child rearing as well as corporate decision making.

She was also a compassionate mother and a loving wife. She made the best pork roast anyone has ever tasted and more gallons of iced tea than anyone could imagine. The woman who spent most of her life with her hair in a bun was also known to wake up her teenage sons by pulling on their toes.

Nancy Ludwig was also a true friend. She enjoyed going out to dinner and Downtown plays. She never missed a wedding or a baby shower.

In later years, she embraced the role of grandmother for Howard D. (Bubba), Peter, Matthew (Moose), Alivia, Nick, Parker, Elliana and Milena. She will be remembered for her overly generous birthday and Christmas gifts as well as the bowl of jelly beans she kept stocked by the front door.

Visitation for Nancy Ludwig will be from 3-8 p.m. Friday at St. Bernard's Catholic Church, 13030 W. 143rd St., Homer Glen. The funeral Mass will be held at 10 a.m. also at St. Bernard's with visitation from 9-10 a.m.

In lieu of flowers, donations to St. Bernard's Catholic Church are welcome.

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Miller, Carmella A.

Carmella A. Miller nee Spiguzza. Beloved wife of the late Henry Miller Jr. Loving mother of Mildred "Sandi" (Cornelius "Neil") Gaskin & Joseph H. Miller. Mother in law of Susan Miller. Cherished grandmother of Neil (Shannon) Gaskin, Mary Jo (Tim) Razik, Roseanna (James) Stanton, Henry J. Miller II, Guy (Kelly) Ott & Rosemary Ott. Proud great grandmother of Presley Marie, Serena, Jack Henry, Connor, Evan & Neil V. Devoted daughter of the late Marie nee Trilla & Sam Spiguzza. Dear sister of the late Guy & Marie Spiguzza & Joseph Spiguzza. Fond sister in law of Donald Miller, Pat (Bill) Spicer, Mildred McGeehee & the late Doris Pratt, Elsie Miller, Lillian Dowey, Evelyn Miller, Jerry Miller, Wayne Miller & Robert Miller. Treasured aunt of many nieces & nephews. Funeral Saturday 9:30 am from **Thompson & Kuenster Funeral Home**, 5570 W. 95th St., Oak Lawn to St. Bernadette Church, Evergreen Park, for Mass at 10:30 am. Entombment St. Mary Cemetery. Visitation Friday from 3:00 pm until 9:00 pm. thompsonkuensterfuneralhome.com 708-425-0500

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Mulligan, Michael Joseph

Michael Joseph Mulligan age 70, of Chicago, passed away February 10, 2019.

Mike is the loving father to Michael (Laura), Kathleen (Andrew) Macklin, Martin, Joseph, Colleen (Timothy) Pleace, and Brendan (Brianna) Mulligan; amazing Papa to Connor, Layla, the late John, Bridget, and Jameson Macklin; big brother to Patrick (Diane), Daniel (Mary), Terrence, Catherine (Lee) Swendsen, and Antoinette (James) Dudek; former spouse to Nancy Mulligan; loving son to the late Michael and Helen Mulligan; fun uncle to many; devoted guardian to Dozer, Finnegan, and Vern.

A Vietnam War Veteran, he honorably served in the US Army and US Army Reserve. Retired Chicago Police Sergeant, serving in the Chicago Police Department for 41 years. In retirement, he became the most sought after babysitter, dog watcher, and chauffeur. Food aficionado, movie critic, and loudest cheerleader for all kids' sporting events.

Visitation will be Friday, February 15, 2019 from 3-9 pm at Andrew J. McGann & Son Funeral Home (10727 S. Pulaski Rd.; Chicago, IL 60655). Mass of Christian Burial will be Saturday, February 16, 2019 at 10:30 am at St. Rita of Cascia Shrine Chapel; 7740 S. Western Ave.; Chicago, IL 60620. Burial at St. Patrick Catholic Cemetery in Rochelle, IL at a later date.

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Naughton, Patrick Joseph

Patrick Joseph Naughton, 68. Devoted son of the late Emmett and Ann Naughton. Beloved brother of Michael J. (Jacklyn), Kevin W. (Deborah) and Brian (Lisa) Naughton. Proud uncle of Michael (Mickie), Peter (Lucy) Naughton, Bridget (Paul) Hengels, Brian, Shawn, Courtney and Kristin Naughton. Dear great uncle of Garrett, Liam, Jack and Gavin. Fond cousin and friend of many. Family and friends will meet Saturday, February 16th at **Olson Burke Sullivan Funeral & Cremation Center**, 6471 N Northwest Hwy. Chicago for visitation from 1:00 pm until time of funeral service at 7:00 pm. Private inurnment at a later date.

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Nichols, Donna Lammering

Donna Rae Lammering Nichols, age 66, passed away on February 11, 2019. She was born on October 18, 1952 in Chicago, IL and was raised in Munster, IN. Donna graduated from Purdue University where she received her B.S. and M.S. degrees. She married her beloved husband Richard Carter Nichols on June 18, 1977.

Donna had an enthusiasm for life and lived it with joy, grace, and faith. She was devoted to her family, friends, and teaching children. As a dedicated elementary school teacher, her career spanned 25 years as a teacher in both IN and IL before her retirement in 2012. Donna will be remembered for her caring heart for family and friends. Her positive approach to life was an inspiration to all.

Donna is survived by her husband, Richard Carter Nichols; daughters Christen (Leo) Morand and Kimberly (Mark) Fletcher; son Eric (Chelsey) Nichols; grandchildren Noah Fletcher, Lucy Morand, Claire Morand, Benjamin Fletcher, Robert Morand and Hannah Fletcher; mother Elsie Lammering; sister Dale (Dan) Doogs; brother Richard (Patti) Lammering; and many cousins, nieces and nephews, and friends. She was preceded in death by her father Donald R. Lammering.

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O'Keefe, Philip J.

Philip J. O'Keefe, age 71, of Oak Lawn, IL passed away February 9, 2019. Loving husband of Margaret "Peggy" nee Vendl. Dearest father of Christine (Patrick) Bogdovitz, Cathleen (Michael) Grillo, Karen (Aaron) Emmert and Nicole O'Keefe. Beloved brother of Margaret "Peggy" O'Keefe. Proud Grandpa of 11 grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents Leo and Antoinette nee Pietraszewski O'Keefe. Funeral Saturday 8:45 am from Blake-Lamb Funeral Home, 4727 W. 103rd St., Oak Lawn to St. Albert the Great Church, 5555 W. State Road, Burbank; 9:30 am Mass. Visitation Friday from 3:00 to 9:00 pm. Interment St. Mary Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, memorials to the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society or St. Jude would be appreciated. For info: call 708-636-1193 or www.blakelamboaklawn.com

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Paulson, Audrey

Audrey Paulson, age 89, passed away on February 11, 2019. Beloved wife of the late Gerhardt Paulson. Loving mother of Barbara (the late David) Suk, the late Laura Paulson, Timothy Paulson, and Sandra (Gregory) Salazar. Grandmother of eight and great-grandmother of 5. Visitation, Friday, February 15, 2019 from 4:00-8:00PM at **Damar-Kaminski Funeral Home & Crematorium**, 7861 S. 88th Avenue, Justice, Illinois. Funeral, Saturday, February 15, 2019, 11:00AM Service and time of Remembrance to be held at the funeral home. Interment, Resurrection Cemetery, Justice, Illinois.

For more info, 708-496-0200 or www.kaminskifamilyfuneralhomes.com

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Reid, Margaret C. 'Peg'

(nee Loye) beloved wife of the late Michael Joseph Sr.; devoted mother of Michael Jr. (Laurie), Thomas (Maureen), John, Brian (Ambika) and Robert; proud and cherished grandmother of Brianna (Alex), Ryan, Michael (Alex), Megan, Clark and Lila; great grandmother of Kennedy and Conor; dear sister of the late Patrick, Francis, Anne, John (Eileen), Mary (Bernard) Donahue and Agnes Loye; fond aunt of many. Long time SW District Chief of the Chicago Public Library branches. Visitation Monday 3-9 p.m. at **Cooney Funeral Home** 625 Busse Hwy Park Ridge. Funeral Tuesday, prayers at 9:15 a.m. going to St. Norbert Church for 10 a.m. Mass. Interment Sacred Heart Cemetery. In lieu of flowers contributions may be sent to the Irish American Heritage Center Library, 4626 N. Knox Ave. Chicago, IL 60630. For more info call 847-685-1002 www.cooneyfuneral-home.com

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Riley, Joan

Joan Riley, loving mother of Melody Lewis and Kathleen Hess; dear grandmother of Brad, Serena, Gregory, Kristin and great grandmother of Zoie and Gavin; fond sister of David Whittenberg. Joan worked of PMC for 35 years and was a member of Bethany Baptist Church in Harwood Heights. Visitation Friday 3:00pm until 9:00pm at The Countryside Funeral Homes and Crematory, 950 South Bartlett Rd., Bartlett. Funeral Saturday 11:30am at the funeral home. Burial will follow in Lakewood Memorial Park. In lieu of flowers, donations in her name to The American Cancer Society appreciated. Info (630)289-7575 or www.countrysidefuneralhomes.com

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Sargeant, Roger Wayne

Roger Wayne Sargeant of Naperville, IL, departed this life Sunday, February 10 after a lengthy illness. He was 81 years old. He was born on January 18, in Cabery, IL to the late Wayne and Edna (Wilson) Sargeant. He grew up in Chatsworth IL and graduated Northern Illinois University in 1961 with a degree in education.

He later went on to earn a master's degree in education. It was at Northern Illinois University he met his wife Lillian and they were married in 1961. He spent his entire career teaching, which was his passion and retired from Naperville Central High School in 2002 after over 30 years there.

Roger is survived by his wife of 58 years, Lillian Barton Sargeant, his daughter Susan Buczkowski of Oak Park, IL, his son Thomas Sargeant, of Westchester, IL, daughter-in-law Jodee Sargeant, and his grandsons Franklin and Leo Buczkowski of Oak Park, IL, as well as his sister Kay Brown of South Bend, IN and his sister-in-law Nancy Sargeant of Woodbridge, VA. He was preceded in death by Richard (Red) Sargeant, his brother who passed away April 18, 2018. He is also survived by nephews and nieces and many friends.

He was a wonderful husband, father, friend and grandfather. He loved all sports (played racquetball daily), traveling, his family, his dogs and jokes (good and bad). He will be remembered for his incredibly optimistic attitude, good nature and kind heartedness.

Roger lived the last five months of his life at Belmont Village in Oak Park. The family would like to thank the amazing staff for their wonderful, devoted care and kindness.

A visitation in Celebration of Life is scheduled for Saturday, February 16 at Belmont Village, 1035 Madison Avenue, Oak Park IL. (6th floor town hall) from 2:00 - 3:00 p.m. In lieu of flowers, contributions can be made to the Michael J. Fox Foundation for Parkinson's Research (<https://www.michaeljfox.org/>).

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Schelhammer, Heinz J. 'Chip'

Beloved husband of Maureen (nee Dockery); loving father of Maura (Bryan) Wilburn, Heinz J.III, and Neil; proud grandfather of James, George, and Caroline Wilburn; devoted son of Barbara and the late Heinz Sr; dear brother to Debra Summers, Laura Linnane, and Kim (Jacky) Bullock. Fond uncle to so many. A friend to one and all. President of Plumbers Local 130 UA since 2003 and a proud member for over 40 years. Served as an Officer: President, June 2003; Vice President, July 2002 Executive Board, Sept.1992 Finance Committee, April 1985 Initiated as a member on Oct. 26,1978; Night Instructor, Plumbers Local 130, JAC Apprentice Training Program, Graduate of United Association Instructor Program, Visitation Saturday 3-9 p.m. and Sunday 2-9 p.m. at **Cooney Funeral Home** 625 Busse Hwy Park Ridge. Funeral Monday, family and friends are asked to meet at St. Paul of the Cross Church for Mass at 10 a.m. Friends are asked to meet at the church. Interment All Saints. Info 847-685-1002 www.cooneyfuneralhome.com

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Schillmoeller, Henry J.

Henry J. Schillmoeller, 89, resident of Elk Grove Village for 37 yrs. passed away peacefully on Feb. 2nd in Prescott, AZ. Born Sept. 28, 1929, Henry attended Northwestern University where he played baseball for the Wildcats until the spring of 1951. During his college years, he was named to membership in the Phi Beta Kappa Society and was also awarded a Fulbright Scholarship to study at the prestigious Sorbonne University in Paris. After college, he taught accounting to GIs stationed in Europe. From 1956 to 1959, he worked for Colgate Palmolive in Germany as an assistant sales director. In 1960, he joined his father as an accountant for the Schillmoeller & Krofi Construction Co. in Chicago. Survived by his loving wife Edith (nee Wandrach) of 60 yrs; 5 children - Henry, Joseph, Renata Carico, Sonja Hickey and Christine Thompson; and 13 grandchildren. Son of late Henry and Anna Schillmoeller (nee Harig); brother of late Edward Schillmoeller. Visitation Sat. Feb. 16 from 9am until the time of service at 12 p.m. at **Grove Memorial Chapel** 1199 S. Arlington Hts. Rd., EGV. Interment St. Michael Cemetery - Palatine. Info 847-640-0566 or grovememorialchapel.com

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Schwartz, Hazel

Hazel Schwartz, nee Ofsaiof, age 92, beloved wife of the late Sam, cherished mother of Susan (Leslie) Plass and the late Stuart, loving grandmother of Felicia (Andrew) Siegel and Jodi (Adam) Levin and great-grandchildren Alexis, Jordan, Noa, Asher and Ivy, dear sister of Alan (Kathy) Stevens, fond aunt and great-aunt of many. Graveside services Friday 3 PM at Westlawn Cemetery (Memorial Section) 7801 W. Montrose Ave., Norridge. Contributions in Hazel's name to JourneyCare, www.journeycare.org would be appreciated. Info: **Mitzvah Memorial Funerals**, 630-MITZVAH (630-648-9824) or www.mitzvahfunerals.com



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Sievers, August C. 'Augie'

August C. Sievers, Jr., age 87, beloved husband of Rosemary Sievers, nee Rouse; loving father of Mary Rose Sievers (Loreto Peter) Alonzi, II, August C. (Lori) Sievers, III, John Sievers, Thomas (Ann) Sievers and Robert Sievers; dear grandfather of Loreto Peter Alonzi, III (Elizabeth Bollwerk), the late Christopher Alonzi, Nicholas (Laura) Alonzi, Jaclyn Sievers (Eric) Homala and Nicole Sievers; great grandfather of Anthony Christopher Alonzi and George Frederick Alonzi; loving brother of Nicholas Scott (Nancy) Sievers and the late Lucy Sievers Holt; beloved uncle to many nieces and nephews. Augie was a proud graduate of the Northwestern Military and Naval Academy and attended Northwestern University. Augie was also a longtime member and Governor of the International Wine and Food Society of Chicago. Visitation Friday, February 15, 2019, 4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at Donnellan Family Funeral Home, 10045 Skokie Boulevard, at Old Orchard Road, Skokie, IL 60077. Funeral Service Saturday, February 16, 2019, 11:00 a.m. at Saint David's Episcopal Church, 2410 Glenview Road, Glenview, IL 60025. Interment private, All Saints Cemetery, Des Plaines, IL. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Misericordia, 6300 Ridge Avenue, Chicago, IL 60660. Info: www.donnellanfuneral.com or (847)675-1990



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Smith, Bennie J 'Smitty'

Age 83, passed Feb 5th 2019. He served in the Navy Reserves, married in 1954 and a 30yr Inland Steel worker. He's survived by his wife Eunice Smith, 2 sons(Kevin, Terence) 2 daughters (Kristal, Tara) 2 grandchildren and 2 great grandchildren. Memorial services held Fri Feb 15th at 11am at **Guy and Allen** funeral home 2959 W 11th in Gary, IN

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Soso, Richard P.

Richard P. Soso, age 69, Retired CFD, passed away surrounded by his family on February 11. Rich was the beloved husband of Joan, nee Hallisy, loving Dad of Katie (Tom Webb), RJ (Meghan) and Maureen (PJ) Kadowski. Dear Dida of Morgan and Lizzie. Rich was predeceased by his parents, Mary and Richard Soso and was best friend and brother to Daniel (Lorie). Rich spent his life surrounded by loving grandparents, aunts, uncles, cousins, nieces, nephews and countless friends. Once you were Rich's friend, you were in it for life. Starting with his Rockwell family, then at Morgan Park High School, at Rainbow Beach and South Shore Beach as a Lifeguard Captain, and at Ridge Park as a Swimming Coach, Rich made life-long friends. After graduating from Southern Illinois University, where he was a member of the TKE Fraternity, Rich worked at Hines Veteran's Hospital as a Corrective Therapist and as a teacher for Chicago Public Schools, before joining the Chicago Fire Department in 1977. Rich was a 40 year member of Chicago Firefighters Union Local 2, a 50 year member of the Croatian Fraternal Union and a regular of the Dobro Jutro Breakfast Club. Our family wants to thank the compassionate and caring nursing staff of Cardinal Bernardin Cancer Center. In lieu of flowers, donations to the Bone Marrow Transplant Unit at Loyola Medical Center in Maywood would be appreciated. Funeral Friday, February 15, 2019, 10 a.m. from the Thompson-Kuenster Funeral Home, 5570 W. 95th Street, Oak Lawn, to St. Christina Church for 11 a.m. Mass. Interment Holy Sepulchre Cemetery. Visitation Thursday from 3 to 9 p.m. 708-425-0500 or www.thompsonkuensterfuneralhome.com

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Szafarski, Stanley F

Stanley F Szafarski, age 83 of Marengo, IL passed away peacefully February 11th, 2019. He is survived by his wife Patricia, his son Frank (Laura Rose) and his grandsons Joshua and Coy. A private celebration of his life will be held at a later date.

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Wolf, Lynne

Daughter of Danny and Pauls Segal, Mother to Scott and "cosmo", passed on Feb 7, 2019 in Surprise Arizona. She loved her friends, Mah-jong, Ribs, and Af's Roast Beef. Services March 8, 2019 at Waldheim Cemetery 11am.



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Zemsky, Eugene M.

Eugene M. Zemsky, beloved husband of Delores nee Schultz. Loving father of Alan (Jeanette) Zemsky, Judy (Samuel) Greenberg and the late David Zemsky. Proud Popple of David, Arielle and Leah. Dear brother of the late Stuart (the late Linda) Zemsky. Fond brother in law, and uncle of many. Devoted son of the late Morris and Harriet Zemsky and son in law of the late Louis and Sadie Schultz. Service Friday 9AM at **Chicago Jewish Funerals**, 8851 Skokie Blvd (at Niles Center Road), Skokie. Interment Westlawn. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Eugene and Delores Zemsky Charitable Foundation, 4181 S. Archer Ave., Chicago, IL 60632. Arrangements by **Chicago Jewish Funerals** - Skokie Chapel, 847.229.8822, www.cjfinfo.com

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2218 WAUKEGAN RD GLENVIEW, ILLINOIS, 60025

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The true name and residence Address of the owner is: **Albert Levy**
29 E. Madison Street, Suite 700 Chicago, Illinois, 60602

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The true name and residence Address of the owner is: **Rebecca Vega**
5647 N Ashland Ave Chicago, Illinois, 60640

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2022 W Melrose Street Apt 2F Chicago, Illinois, 60618

LEGAL NOTICES GOVERNMENT/EDUCATION

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS JUVENILE JUSTICE AND CHILD PROTECTION DEPARTMENT CHILD PROTECTION DIVISION

IN THE INTEREST OF Arianna Mendoza-Allen Travis Allen, Jr
MINOR(S) CHILD(REN) OF **Cristina Mendoza (Mother)**

JUVENILE NO.: **18JA00973 272**

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

NOTICE IS GIVEN YOU, **Unknown (Father)**, respondents, and to **All Whom It May Concern**, that on **February 28, 2018**, a petition was filed under the Juvenile Court Act by **KIM FOXK** in this court and that in the courtroom of Judge **Nicholas Geanopoulos** in the Cook County Juvenile Court Building, 1100 So. Hamilton Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, ON **03/08/2019** at **11:30 AM** in CALENDAR 17 COURTROOM K, or as soon thereafter as this case may be heard, an adjudicatory hearing will be held upon the petition to have the minor declared to be a ward of the court and for other relief under the Act.

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DOROTHY BROWN, CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS
February 14, 2019

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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 Denzel Chris Carter

MINOR(S) CHILD(REN) OF **Shantineer Hill (Mother)**

JUVENILE NO.: **16JA00697**

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

NOTICE IS GIVEN YOU, **Unknown (Father)**, respondents, and to **All Whom It May Concern**, that on **January 29, 2019**, a petition was filed under the Juvenile Court Act by **KIM FOXK** in this court and that in the courtroom of Judge **Bernard Sarley** in the Cook County Juvenile Court Building, 1100 So. Hamilton Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, ON **02/28/2019**, at **9:30 AM** in CALENDAR 9 COURTROOM I, or as soon thereafter as this case may be heard, a hearing will be held upon the petition to terminate your parental rights and appoint a guardian with power to consent to adoption.

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DOROTHY BROWN, CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS
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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 Elijah Coleman

MINOR(S) CHILD(REN) OF **Sophia Ivory (Mother)**

JUVENILE NO.: **18JA00674**

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

NOTICE IS GIVEN YOU, **Unknown (Father)**, respondents, and to **All Whom It May Concern**, that on **July 18, 2018**, a petition was filed under the Juvenile Court Act by **KIM FOXK** in this court and that in the courtroom of Judge **Patricia Martin** in the Cook County Juvenile Court Building, 1100 So. Hamilton Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, ON **02/28/2019**, at **01:30 PM** in CALENDAR 3 COURTROOM C, or as soon thereafter as this case may be heard, an adjudicatory hearing will be held upon the petition to have the minor declared to be a ward of the court and for other relief under the Act.

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IN THE INTEREST OF Isabelle Konarkowska

MINOR(S) CHILD(REN) OF **Natalia Konarkowska (Mother) AKA Natalia Kornakowska**

JUVENILE NO.: **18JA00994**

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

NOTICE IS GIVEN YOU, **Natalia Konarkowska AKA Natalia Kornakowska (Mother), Issac Tavizon (Father) All Unknown Fathers Any**, respondents, and to **All Whom It May Concern**, that on **October 9, 2018**, a petition was filed under the Juvenile Court Act by **KIM FOXK** in this court and that in the courtroom of Judge **Andrea Buford** in the Cook County Juvenile Court Building, 1100 So. Hamilton Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, ON **03/08/2019**, at **9:30 AM** in CALENDAR 4 COURTROOM D, or as soon thereafter as this case may be heard, an adjudicatory hearing will be held upon the petition to have the minor declared to be a ward of the court and for other relief under the Act.

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DOROTHY BROWN, CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS
February 14, 2019

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS JUVENILE JUSTICE AND CHILD PROTECTION DEPARTMENT CHILD PROTECTION DIVISION

IN THE INTEREST OF Jalee Pierce

MINOR(S) CHILD(REN) OF **Tierra Pierce (Mother)**

JUVENILE NO.: **16JA00270**

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

NOTICE IS GIVEN YOU, **Kawanis Webb (Father)**, respondents, and to **All Whom It May Concern**, that on **October 19, 2018**, a petition was filed under the Juvenile Court Act by **KIM FOXK** in this court and that in the courtroom of Judge **Nicholas Geanopoulos** in the Cook County Juvenile Court Building, 1100 So. Hamilton Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, ON **03/08/2019**, at **10:30 AM** in CALENDAR 17 COURTROOM K, or as soon thereafter as this case may be heard, a hearing will be held upon the petition to terminate your parental rights and appoint a guardian with power to consent to adoption.

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February 14, 2019

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS JUVENILE JUSTICE AND CHILD PROTECTION DEPARTMENT CHILD PROTECTION DIVISION

IN THE INTEREST OF Sumaya Tucker

MINOR(S) CHILD(REN) OF **Tierra Pierce (Mother)**

JUVENILE NO.: **16JA00271**

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

NOTICE IS GIVEN YOU, **Torrence West (Father), Unknown (Father)**, respondents, and to **All Whom It May Concern**, that on **October 19, 2018**, a petition was filed under the Juvenile Court Act by **KIM FOXK** in this court and that in the courtroom of Judge **Nicholas Geanopoulos** in the Cook County Juvenile Court Building, 1100 So. Hamilton Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, ON **03/08/2019**, at **10:30 AM** in CALENDAR 17 COURTROOM K, or as soon thereafter as this case may be heard, a hearing will be held upon the petition to terminate your parental rights and appoint a guardian with power to consent to adoption.

THE COURT HAS AUTHORITY IN THIS CASE TO TAKE FROM YOU THE CUSTODY AND GUARDIANSHIP OF THE MINOR, TO TERMINATE YOUR PARENTAL RIGHTS AND TO APPOINT A GUARDIAN WITH POWER TO CONSENT TO ADOPTION. YOU MAY LOSE ALL PARENTAL RIGHTS TO YOUR CHILD. IF THE PETITION REQUESTS THE TERMINATION OF YOUR PARENTAL RIGHTS AND APPOINTMENT OF A GUARDIAN WITH POWER TO CONSENT TO ADOPTION, YOU MAY LOSE ALL PARENTAL RIGHTS TO THE CHILD.

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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 of judgment entered.

DOROTHY BROWN, CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS
February 14, 2019

LEGAL NOTICES GOVERNMENT/EDUCATION

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS JUVENILE JUSTICE AND CHILD PROTECTION DEPARTMENT CHILD PROTECTION DIVISION

IN THE INTEREST OF

MINOR(S) CHILD(REN) OF **Tierra Pierce (Mother)**

JUVENILE NO.: **16JA00745**

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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. **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)

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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:** Under general supervision, conducts physical inventories of a wide variety of stocked items and performs related procedures involving the identification, cataloging and general inventory management of materials and equipment. **Pay:** \$59,237.62 per year

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FORECLOSURES

F18030331 LCARE IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT, CHANCERY DIVISION Lakeview Loan Servicing, LLC Plaintiff, vs. Nestor R. Moreno aka Nestor Moreno; Unknown Owners and Non-Record Claimants Defendants. CASE NO. 19 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 Judicial Circuit, by said plaintiff praying 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 SOUTHWEST QUARTER OF SECTION 29, TOWNSHIP 40 NORTH, RANGE 13, EAST OF THE THIRD PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN, IN COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS. P.I.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 defendants, file your answer to the complaint in the said suit or otherwise make your appearance therein, in the Office of the Clerk of the Court at Cook County on or before 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 630-428-4620 | 866-402-8661 | 630-428-4620 (fax) Attorney No. Cook 58852, DuPage 293191, Kane 031-26104, Peoria 1794, Winnebago 3802, IL 03126232 ilpleadings@AnselmoLindberg.com THIS LAW FIRM IS DEEMED TO BE A DEBT COLLECTOR. Pub: 2/7, 14, 21/2019 6128342

FORECLOSURES

F18110182 CNLR IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT, CHANCERY DIVISION CitiMortgage, 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 Judicial Circuit by said plaintiff praying for the foreclosure of a certain mortgage conveying the premises described as follows, to-wit: LOT 95 IN JOHNSON'S SUBDIVISION OF LOT 26 (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.I.N.: 25-16-212-039-0000 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 0432747154 and for other relief, that Summons was duly issued out of the above Court against you as provided by law and that said suit is now pending. NOW THEREFORE, unless you, the said above named defendants, file your answer to the complaint in the said suit or otherwise make your appearance therein, in the Office of the Clerk of the Court at Cook County on or before 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 630-428-4620 | 866-402-8661 | 630-428-4620 (fax) Attorney No. Cook 58852, DuPage 293191, Kane 031-26104, Peoria 1794, Winnebago 3802, IL 03126232 ilpleadings@AnselmoLindberg.com THIS LAW FIRM IS DEEMED TO BE A DEBT COLLECTOR. Pub: 2/7, 14, 21/2019 6127886

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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 HEIRS 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; CARY ROSENTHAL 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, 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, a 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, Edward R. Peterka (6220416) MANLEY DEAS KOCHALSKI LLC Attorneys for Plaintiff One East Wacker, Suite 1250, Chicago, IL 60601 Phone: 312-651-6700; Fax: 614-220-5613 Atty. No.: 48928 Email: sef-erpeterka@manleydeas.com FILE NUMBER: 18-027835 One of Plaintiff's Attorneys Pub: 2/7, 14, 21/2019 6127746

F18120066 CPN IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT, CHANCERY DIVISION Nationstar 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 Curry, Jr. Calendar 57 NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION The requisite affidavit for publication having been filed, notice is hereby given you, Mose Hibbler, and UNKNOWN OWNERS and NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS, defendants in the above entitled cause, that suit has been commenced against you and other defendants in the Circuit Court for the Judicial Circuit by said plaintiff praying for the foreclosure of a certain mortgage conveying the premises described as follows, to-wit: ALL OF LOT 4 AND THE NORTH 1/2 OF LOT 5 IN JOHN WOODBRIDGE JR'S SUBDIVISION OF THE NORTH 1/2 OF BLOCK 15 OF THE CIRCUIT COURT PARTION OF THE NORTHEAST 1/4 OF THE NORTHWEST 1/4 AND THE NORTHWEST 1/4 OF THE NORTHEAST 1/4 OF SECTION 31, TOWNSHIP 38 NORTH, RANGE 15, EAST OF THE THIRD PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN, IN COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS. P.I.N.: 21-31-210-003-0000 Said property is commonly known as 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 0506846163 and for other relief, that Summons was duly issued out of the above Court against you as provided by law and that said suit is now pending. NOW THEREFORE, unless you, the said above named defendants, file your answer to the complaint in the said suit or otherwise make your appearance therein, in the Office of the Clerk of the Court at Cook County on or before 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 630-428-4620 | 866-402-8661 | 630-428-4620 (fax) Attorney No. Cook 58852, DuPage 293191, Kane 031-26104, Peoria 1794, Winnebago 3802, IL 03126232 ilpleadings@AnselmoLindberg.com THIS LAW FIRM IS DEEMED TO BE A DEBT COLLECTOR. Pub: 2/7, 14, 21/2019 6127784

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, 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, a 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, Edward R. Peterka (6220416) MANLEY DEAS KOCHALSKI LLC Attorneys for Plaintiff One East Wacker, Suite 1250, Chicago, IL 60601 Phone: 312-651-6700; Fax: 614-220-5613 Atty. No.: 48928 Email: sef-erpeterka@manleydeas.com file number: 18-027662 One of Plaintiff's Attorneys Pub: 2/7, 14, 21/2019 6127729

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. 2018CH14274 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 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 18 in the Resubdivision of Block 22 (Except Lots 28, 29, 30 and 31) in Penrock 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 2, AKA, 2521 North Springfield Avenue, Chicago, IL 60647 13-26-317-018-0000 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, a 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 (6303885) MANLEY DEAS KOCHALSKI LLC Attorneys for Plaintiff One East Wacker, Suite 1250, Chicago, IL 60601 Phone: 312-651-6700; Fax: 614-220-5613 Atty. No.: 48928 Email: sef-zmanchester@manleydeas.com file number: 18-029131 One of Plaintiff's Attorneys Pub: 2/7, 14, 21/2019 6127875



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Eloy's time of arrival up in the air

Likely headed to Sox in 2019, but it might not be when camp breaks

GLENDALE, Ariz. — Rick Hahn sighed when asked at the general managers meetings in November whether Eloy Jimenez could break camp with the White Sox.

"We'll have this conversation eight more times in February and March," he replied.



PAUL SULLIVAN
On the White Sox

That sounded like a challenge. Fittingly, after the first official workout of spring training Wednesday at Camelback Ranch,

Hahn twice was asked the Eloy question: What does he have to do to make the team?

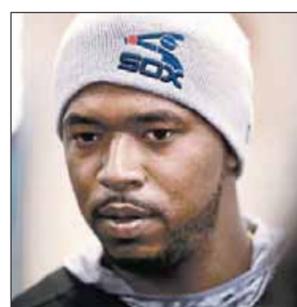
Pick your favorite reply. Response A: "From our standpoint, we want everyone in camp to approach each day as if they have a chance to make the big-league club. Certainly there are some guys at different points in their development that are far more likely to report to Double A or Triple A, given where they are. And Eloy is someone who is right

on the doorstep of making an impact in Chicago.

"Whether that starts opening day or at some point over the course of the season remains to be seen. He looked like he's in great shape; he obviously took his physical training very seriously this past offseason. (We're) excited to see how he looks out there."

Response B: "We're just going

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CHRIS SWEDA/CHICAGO TRIBUNE

White Sox GM Rick Hahn expects Eloy Jimenez to reach the major leagues this season.



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BRIAN CASSELLA/CHICAGO TRIBUNE

Cubs starting pitcher Yu Darvish gets ready to throw Wednesday in Mesa, Ariz. Darvish hasn't pitched since May 20 because of an elbow injury that eventually required surgery.

Here's the pitch

Maddon wants help from defense so he can squeeze more innings out of starting rotation

By **MARK GONZALES** | Chicago Tribune

MESA, Ariz. — Cubs manager Joe Maddon marveled over the way ace Jon Lester has refined his pitching style over a 13-year career.

"It sucks because it means you're getting old," Lester joked Wednesday.

The pressure on the Cubs starting rotation this year is no laughing matter.

The Cubs return four of their five starters from the final two months of last season. But left-handers Lester and Cole Hamels and Lester both turned 35 in the winter and don't throw as hard as they once did. Optimism surrounds the return

of Yu Darvish, but he hasn't pitched since May 20 because of an elbow injury that eventually required surgery.

Jose Quintana suffered bouts of wildness and threw only 174 1/3 innings — marking the second consecutive season he has failed to pitch 200 innings after reaching that mark four straight seasons with the White Sox.

Kyle Hendricks had a rough June, going 1-4 with a 7.03 ERA, but recovered and went 9-3 the rest of the way.

Despite Darvish's ballyhooed Turn to **Cubs, Page 3**

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■ What you need to know about Cubs' new TV network.

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RICK DANZL/AP

Is Ayo Dosunmu NBA-ready now?

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BLACKHAWKS

Cupid's hockey stick hit them all — hard

Players recall the first time they fell in love with cold steel on ice

By **JIMMY GREENFIELD**
Chicago Tribune

The memories are a little fuzzy. The feelings as strong as ever.

When Dylan Strome was about 7, his beloved Maple Leafs were playing the hated Senators in a "Battle of Ontario."



UP NEXT
Devils at Blackhawks
7:30 p.m. Thursday, WGN-9

"It was crazy," Strome said. "People were making songs. Someone flew a plane over Ottawa that had (a banner) on the back and it said, 'Leafs Suck' and so the Leafs fans were all in a rage about that. I remember just getting all my Leafs gear on and going to my

buddy's house and watching the entire game."

It doesn't matter where a future NHL player grew up — Canada, the United States or even Britain — at some point a love of hockey takes hold and they fall hard.

To mark Valentine's Day, the Tribune asked several Blackhawks to recall the first time they were struck by Cupid's, well, hockey stick.

For Strome, who grew up in Mississauga, Ontario, about an

hour outside Toronto, that Leafs-Senators series in 2003 was the beginning.

"That was when I felt like everyone loved hockey so much that this was what you did," Strome said. "It was on TV and your parents talked about it and you talked about it. It was just what you loved to do. If you're growing up and (hockey's) always on TV, you just kind of fall in love

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BRIAN CASSELLA/CHICAGO TRIBUNE

Fans wanting to watch Jason Heyward, Kyle Schwarber and the Cubs on TV after 2019 must have the Marquee Sports Network.



PHIL ROSENTHAL

In '20, Cubs on TV not free

So the Cubs finally have unveiled their long-anticipated, much-discussed plan to start their own cable television channel.

The Cubs' Marquee Sports Network will launch in partnership with Sinclair Broadcast Group in 2020.

What else can I tell you?

This is going to cost me, isn't it?

Yep, but you knew that already. It's a cable network. The Cubs and Sinclair will negotiate carriage agreements with cable and satellite carriers such as Comcast, RCN, Dish and DirecTV, as well as streaming services available in the ballclub's designated market.

Those sort of deals typically include a monthly fee charged year-round for each of a service's subscribers — whether they watch the channel or not.

How much?

We don't know yet. It could be in the range of \$5 per subscriber per month, but that's only informed speculation. Whatever the Cubs and Sinclair charge will be passed along to cable and satellite consumers.

Naturally. What if I'm a cable customer but don't want to subscribe to a Cubs network?

It probably doesn't matter. Marquee will seek to be treated like ESPN, which is subsidized by all cable customers in their bills each month regardless of whether they watch it. Until actual deals are struck, however, no one knows for sure how it will play out.

That's doesn't seem fair.

That's the TV biz these days. The media world has changed. Everything costs.

But baseball games on over-the-air TV don't cost me anything if I use my digital antenna.

Good point. But you're not going to see many Cubs games on over-the-air TV once Marquee launches.

What?

You'll still get some Saturday regular-season games on FOX-32 as part of the broadcast network's Major League Baseball national TV package. Apart from that, you're out of luck because everything else will be on cable.

But WGN and ...

After this season, the Cubs are saying WGN-9 and ABC-7 no longer will broadcast games. Games that aren't in an exclusive window for one of MLB's national partners, such as Sunday night on ESPN, will run on Marquee.

None of this sounds very fan-friendly.

The Cubs would argue a network dedicated to the Cubs should be a fan fantasy, and in theory the money from the channel could help pay for players and improve the team.

So this isn't just something to make money for the Ricketts family?

I'm not their accountant. For all I know, proceeds could be earmarked for upgraded internet security to ensure family emails aren't made public. They get to run the team the way they want.

What if I'm a cord-cutter and don't subscribe to cable, satellite or some other service?

It's possible Marquee may become available via live streaming for those who either don't subscribe to cable or whose TV provider doesn't come to terms on carrying the channel. It's too early to know.

Wait, you're saying my cable or satellite carrier might not pick up this service?

Don't forget that's a lot of money to add to people's bills at a time when many people are abandoning traditional cable and satellite TV for streaming services.

It's not as though Marquee is the only network out there. This may not be a slam dunk for the Cubs and Sinclair.

But there are a lot of Cubs fans.

True, and there will be pressure on service providers from those fans to pick up Marquee. Sinclair also is expected to try to leverage its nearly 200 local TV stations around the country as well as Tennis Channel to get deals done with cable and satellite providers. There still may be some holdouts, though.

Still, we're talking about the Cubs.

In Los Angeles, they were talking about the Dodgers and that team's network asked — and continues to ask after two straight National League pennants — for a carriage fee high enough to cover the amount it has promised the ballclub. Plenty of carriers have balked, meaning fans across wide swaths of Southern California still do not have access to the bulk of the team's games on TV.

Sinclair sounds familiar. Why do I know that name?

It's the nation's largest TV station owner. It's a partner in Jerry Reinsdorf's multi-platform sports network, Stadium, along with Tennis Channel.

I don't think that's it.

Sinclair has been mentioned among the bidders trying to purchase the Fox regional sports networks from Disney, which is being forced by regulators to sell the channels to gain approval of its \$71.3 billion acquisition of 21st Century Fox entertainment assets.

Maybe. But I feel like it's something else.

It pushes a lot of commentary with a conservative slant and failed in its bid to buy Tribune Media, the parent company of WGN-9 and WGN-AM 720, because what should have been a politically

friendly Federal Communications Commission objected to what it saw as potential "misrepresentation or lack of candor" in the company's application.

Bingo.

The Cubs have said Sinclair will have nothing to do with content, just distribution. Programming will come from the team's in-house Cubs Productions.

Every indication is that current Cubs announcers Len Kasper and Jim Deshaies will remain in place. It's expected there also will be roles for radio's Pat Hughes and Ron Coomer.

Anyone else?

It is still a year away. Crane Kenney, the team's president of business operations, told reporters at the Cubs Convention last month he expected it to be operational in time to carry all home spring training exhibition games next year.

What other programming will be on Marquee besides Cubs games?

The Cubs say there will be extensive pregame and postgame shows, archival games and other shows, as well as some other local sports for when it's not baseball season. There probably will be biographical programs featuring old Cubs and programming highlighting ballplayers' non-baseball activities.

Some saw the "talk show" Ryan Dempster hosted at the Cubs Convention — in which Kris Bryant called St. Louis "boring" — as a harbinger of a possible Marquee show for Dempster.

The Cubs also conceivably could cut a deal for, say, proprietary content from the Bears, though obviously not their games.

What happens to NBC Sports Chicago after this season?

With the end of its original 15-year deal in which the Cubs, White Sox, Bulls and Blackhawks have been equity partners, NBC Sports Chicago will relaunch with the White Sox, Bulls and Blackhawks as its main attractions.

Look for it to cover the Cubs extensively, but it will do so without games. And remember you're already paying for that channel.

I miss the superstition. If I live outside the Cubs' official MLB market, will I be able to get the Cubs channel?

Kenney said at the Cubs Convention that the Cubs have asked permission to make their home TV feed available in neighboring areas. But he said MLB rejected the proposal even after other Midwest teams said they had no objection.

Knowing they have to sell this channel next season puts a lot of pressure on the Cubs to win this season, doesn't it?

That's for sure.

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Dempster eager to pitch talk show on new network

By PAUL SULLIVAN | Chicago Tribune

MESA, Ariz. — Now that the Cubs have announced the launch of their new television network in 2020, the search for programming to fill out the 24-hour schedule begins.

One of the early favorites to get a spot is the "The Ryan Dempster Show," a talk show featuring the former Cubs pitcher and current MLB Network analyst as host.

Dempster has been doing his routine for a few years at the Cubs Convention, and he's ready to go prime time, late night or even early morning if called upon.

Dempster and Cubs third baseman Kris Bryant created a splash last month when Bryant called St. Louis a "boring" city and Dempster said it was one town he never wanted to play in. The interview quickly went viral and drew some harsh criticism from Cardinals catcher Yadier Molina, who wrote on his Instagram page: "Only stupid players and losers make comments like the ones made by Bryant and Dempster."

So what does Dempster have in mind for a potential gig on the Cubs' Marquee Sports Network?

"I don't want think it's something that could be a nightly show," Dempster said Wednesday at Cubs camp. "I think that's pretty lofty expectations. I'm still trying to kind of learn my craft. But I think it's something that could be done once a week, or once a month to start."

"It's a lot of fun. I judge it because I know the (Cubs players) that come on all have fun. When I got done with the show, texting with (Rick Sutcliffe and Ryne Sandberg), and they love doing that. It's a great way to see the personal side of the players, hear interesting stories."

"Hearing (Ben Zobrist) walk through his at-bat in Game 7 of the World Series '16, those are pretty special moments, to be able to share those with fans and give that in-depth look."

Dempster also hopes to bring in celebrities — such as Eddie Vedder and Bill Murray — to talk baseball.

"They love the game of baseball and they love the Cubs, and they can share those stories and see that side (of them) too," he said. "That's a little bit more fun for them. How many times has Eddie talked about music or Bill Murray talked about comedy?"

"But to sit there and talk about baseball? Everybody loves doing it. You go to the bar and sit there and talk about the game. ... To be able to share that and hear those real moments with the players is cool."

Dempster already has a title — "Off the Mound With Ryan Dempster" — and a producer for his show, and he said he'd be interested in exploring any opportunities the Cubs had in mind. A Cubs source said the idea already was under consideration and Dempster is a natural fit for the network.

As for the over-the-top reaction by Molina to Dempster's interview with Bryant at the Cubs Convention, Dempster said it was just "entertainment" and he harbors no grudge against St. Louis or the Cards.

"I know there was some stuff said by Yadi, but anybody who has ever talked to me about St. Louis and the Cardinals knows that I've always said they were one of the best franchises in baseball," he said. "They play the game the right way."

"St. Louis Cardinals fans are amazing fans. That (opinion) has never changed. When you're in a comedy setting, a late-night talk-show setting in a room full of about 3,000 Cubs fans, you're allowed to have a little bit of fun, the same way I've poked a little fun at the White Sox or poked a little fun at the Dodgers."

"If I was doing a Cardinals show, I'd poke a little fun at Cubs fans. It's just how it is."

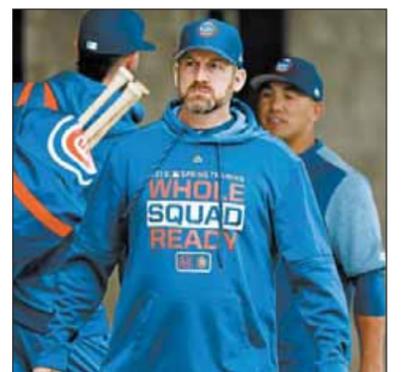
Dempster doesn't feel it's necessary to reach out to Molina to mend fences, believing the story has been a bit overblown.

"There are way better storylines than this," he said before the first Cubs workout of spring training. "A lot more exciting things than that."

Dempster offered Molina an open invitation to appear as a guest on his talk show "any time" in the future.

Stay tuned.

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Former Cubs pitcher Ryan Dempster, who arrived at the team's spring camp on Wednesday, is interested in appearing on the Cubs' Marquee Sports Network.

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Lester: It's 'sad' when stars are unsigned

BY MARK GONZALES
Chicago Tribune

MESA, Ariz. — Cubs starter Jon Lester said he's not involved in talks designed to break the free-agent iceberg but acknowledged it's a "sad time" when superstars Bryce Harper and Manny Machado are among about 100 unsigned players.

"We got two of the greatest superstars in the game, faces of baseball that don't have teams, and we're starting spring training," Lester said Wednesday.

"It sucks on our end. Something has to give. We got to figure out what's actually going on with this stuff and get these guys who had pretty good years sitting at home right now. We got to figure out what's going on right now."

Lester, 35, who signed a six-year, \$155 million free-agent contract with the Cubs before the 2015 season, wasn't sure if the lack of free-agent signings would cause more players to follow the lead of Phillies pitcher Aaron Nola, who agreed to a four-year, \$45 million contract. The deal bought out Nola's final three arbitration years with two team options covering the first two seasons of his free agency.

"I played with guys who aren't scared to go year-to-year and try it out in free agency," Lester said. "And I've played with guys who wanted that security."

Meanwhile, Lester remained confident in the Cubs' chances despite the lack of offseason moves.

"I probably wouldn't show up if we didn't have a chance to win the World Series," Lester said. "I just don't want to go about my business. This season is way too long and too hard to go through the

motions and not win.

"It's the same group that won in 2016. We added some good pieces that we need, and our younger guys have gotten better. They've gone through some seasons and ups and downs, and I think we're in a good place. It's a matter of being healthy."

Darvish at ease: A more relaxed Yu Darvish revealed he felt pressure to immediately live up to his six-year, \$126 million contract last season.

"At that time last year, I didn't say anything about that," Darvish said Wednesday. "But I was thinking, 'I have to do something for the Cubs; like win 20 games or something.'"

"This year I want to be myself."

Refreshed and ready: Reliever Steve Cishek feels strong after pitching in a career-high 80 games last season.

"I don't really think about it too much," Cishek said of any lingering exhaustion. "I try not to. It was fun to be able to be in that many games. With the position players, they're out there almost every day. As a competitor, I hope to be out there almost every day, but it's not possible as a pitcher. I pitched 80 games, and it was fun to be a part of it and to be able to do something like that."

Cishek was thrilled to learn of manager Joe Maddon's "Own It Now" slogan for 2019.

"It's the whole theme of the urgency we're talking about all offseason," Cishek said.

Extra innings: Pitcher Kendall Graveman, who is recovering from Tommy John surgery, was placed on the 60-day injury list. The Cubs' 40-man roster is at 39.

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White Sox first baseman Yonder Alonso, being introduced at SoxFest last month, said he talked to his brother-in-law Manny Machado on Tuesday but it was "100 percent" not about baseball.

'U' never know

If Sox sign Machado, he'll have a home in 'Hurricane Corner'



TEDDY GREENSTEIN
On the White Sox

GLENDALE, Ariz. — Jon Jay and Yonder Alonso have adjoining lockers in a section of the White Sox spring training clubhouse. Warren Sapp and Michael Irvin would love to party there.

Jay and Alonso worship at the altar of "The U," aka the University of Miami, where both played college baseball. A miniature version of the Miami football team's turnover chain hangs between the lockers, and Jay is so devoted to his alma mater, he wore an orange, green and white headband Wednesday.

The area has been dubbed "Hurricane Corner."

If Manny Machado signs with the Sox, Jay and Alonso will become his two-man entourage.

There's even an empty locker next to Jay's, and when someone joked that a certain \$200 million man should fill it, Jay joked: "I demanded an empty locker next to me. Just kidding, it just worked out that way. That might be one of the perks of being around a little bit longer."

If that locker goes empty all through camp and Machado signs elsewhere, "Hurricane Corner" should be renamed.

Try "Boulevard of Broken Dreams."

General manager Rick Hahn and manager Rick Renteria can smile all they want and say stuff like "it's an exciting time in Chicago right now for us" (Renteria) and "it's hard not to really start feeling good about the dreams we've had around here getting closer to reality" (Hahn).

But if the Sox can't reel in Machado after bringing in his friend (Jay) and brother-in-law (Alonso) while — oh, yeah — offering at least \$200 million, then, man, what does it say?

At least one website has the Sox as the favorites to land the Miami native.

BetOnline.ag, according to B/R Betting (an offshoot of Bleacher Report), posted odds Tuesday on the Sox of minus-150, meaning you would have to wager \$150 to win \$100. The Yankees (plus-200), Padres (plus-600) and Phillies (plus-750) trailed in this mythical race.

Here's guessing those odds coincided with the Tuesday tweet from Rawlings showing the color combo of Machado's new gloves — black and white.

"I like the color scheme," Hahn said Wednesday. "Is he signing with the Raiders?"

"Look, we try to be disciplined and not spend too much time trolling around Instagram looking for clues. We certainly don't want to spend any time negotiating through the media or talking about where things sit publicly until there's some finality."

So is Hahn talking with Machado's people? Or are we in a silent phase?

"I'm not going to get into any conversations whatsoever about where things sit with any free agent," Hahn replied. "It doesn't serve us any good to send messages through the media. We talk directly."

Insiders — i.e. media folk who claim to have a direct line to Sox decision makers — put the team's chances of signing Machado at 50-50. Which, of course, tells us nothing.

When will a decision be made? You'd have a better chance of guessing the release date of the Mueller report.

Media swarmed the lockers of Jay and Alonso on Wednesday morning, hoping for a sign or slip-up.

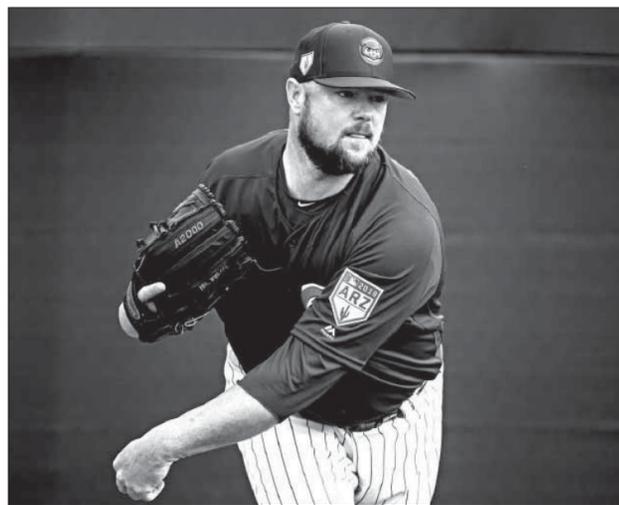
"I have no idea what Manny's doing," Jay said. "I've dealt with free agency, and even with my best friends, I don't talk about that stuff because it's a private matter. There are a lot of emotions involved. You don't want to report one thing, and then the next day it goes away or whatever."

"Manny's a heck of a player, has a great work ethic. He'll do tremendous things for a team. But Manny's going to do what's best for Manny and his family."

Alonso said he talked to Machado on Tuesday but not about baseball. "One hundred percent, I can tell you that," he said.

Perhaps they talked about Devin Hester. Or Ray Lewis. Or Clinton Portis.

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Jon Lester warms up Wednesday during spring training in Mesa, Ariz. Lester would like to know what's going on with unsigned free agents.

Maddon: Defense must help starting rotation

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arrival last February, the Cubs rotation failed to live up to expectations for most of the season.

"When you have (quality starting pitching), you have a shot," Maddon said. "When you don't have it, it's not like having a quarterback in football. It's really hard to win."

"We have it, and we have a great group, an experienced group with wonderful leadership qualities about them. It's not just about the five (starters). It's the other guys who are lurking who are capable."

Mike Montgomery proved capable as a midseason addition to the rotation after Tyler Chatwood's struggles.

Maddon admitted it would be "very difficult" for Chatwood to earn a starting spot in spring training.

Chatwood enters the second season of a three-year, \$38.5 million contract. He led the majors with 95 walks last year and finished 4-6 with a 5.30 ERA. He is receiving special attention from new pitching coach Tommy Hotovy this spring to improve his control.

The Cubs are banking on their starters to perform better than they did in the first half, when they failed to pitch past the fifth inning numerous times because of high pitch counts or ineffectiveness.

That ended up taxing a bullpen that finished second in the majors with a 3.35 ERA despite pitching 39.8 percent of the staff's innings.

Maddon acknowledged he needs to squeeze more innings out of his rotation with some help from his defense.

"If you make the plays you're supposed to make, that could cut down on 10 to 15 pitches in that

inning for that pitcher," Maddon said. "If pitchers control the running game and keep runners at first base with zero or one out ... (it's easier to) get out of the inning."

"All of these things add up, and I want them to be aware of what adds up. (If) you're able to complete these tasks, all of a sudden starters pitch deeper into games, and bullpens become less utilized. We're not dramatically opposed to pitchers going (deeper) into games or throwing 100 to 105 pitches. I encourage that. But part of that is making plays you're supposed to."

Lester rebounded from a rough 2017 season to post an 18-6 record and 3.32 ERA and earn his fifth All-Star selection. But he realizes he needs to be more creative. His fastball averaged 94 mph in 2009 but dipped last season to 91, according to the 2019 Bill James Handbook.

Lester posted a 4.50 ERA in the second half, and his WHIP swelled from 1.191 in the first half to 1.5 in the second half.

"I'm not going to be able to throw 95 anymore," Lester said. "And I think the quicker you can deal with that, the better. Now we've got to deal with that scouting report, (it's) that more important. I've got to go after guys' weaknesses more. I can't be just throwing up there and relying on stuff."

"I'll continue to work on the things I'm good at and try to refine the things I'm not so good at as far as my changeup. Maybe I'll try to get more play on it throughout the season. First, you've got to look yourself in the mirror and say you've got to make an adjustment. And after that, it's on you to do it."

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WHITE SOX NOTES

Kopech may have to beat 'boredom'

BY TEDDY GREENSTEIN
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GLENDALE, Ariz. — White Sox manager Rick Renteria now calls Michael Kopech "Kopey." That's unfortunate.

Better news, though, is that the Texas flame-thrower played catch Wednesday and remains on schedule after Tommy John elbow surgery in September.

"Michael is exactly where he should be right now," general manager Rick Hahn said. "He needs to be on one of those mounds a year from today, and he's well on his way to doing that. There is no need to accelerate the thing whatsoever. ... The biggest challenge is going to be the mental side of it and perhaps boredom, for lack of a better description."

Kopech signed autographs as he left the practice fields Wednesday. Asked how he's dealing with the boredom, he said having four dogs at home helps.

Central casting: New catcher James McCann brings a swagger.

He revealed that part of his motivation for signing with the Sox was to remain in the AL Central, calling it a "bonus" to face the Tigers 19 times. That's the organization that non-tendered him after four-plus big-league seasons.

McCann, 28, sounds eager to work with the Sox's young pitchers, sharing wisdom gleaned from catching the likes of Justin Verlander and Max Scherzer.

"I want to come in and help the young guys," he said. "I have a specific expertise as far as having faced all these guys for the last five years, so I know the scouting reports. I know what we see as an opposing hitter."

Asked if there's any nugget of info gained from his days in Detroit that he would decline to reveal to his new teammates, McCann replied: "Absolutely not. I want to beat them 19 times this year."

Next step: Yoan Moncada might feel like the forgotten prospect. But asked whom he's most curious about in camp,

Renteria pointed to the strikeout-prone second baseman.

"How Yoan is continuing to improve," Renteria said. I know he's been very conscientious about what he did over the course of the winter, so we're looking forward to seeing how he does. It's the third year, so we expect a lot."

Not done? Hahn said the Sox still could make several moves this spring.

But Wednesday was more of a day to take stock in the rebuild and enjoy a new beginning — the 2019 season.

Regarding the rebuild, Hahn said: "We know we're entering Year 3, have really been at it in earnest for 26 or 27 months. But you are starting to see the fruit of the hardship and labors on the scouting and trade side. Our coaches have done a tremendous job creating this winning-type culture."

And he offered this upbeat take on the day pitchers and catchers reported: "It's a good day for the baseball soul in you."

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Tom Petermann, 43, of Park Ridge delivers winning pitch at the White Sox speed pitch competition for fans at the Guaranteed Rate Field on Wednesday.

White Sox fans satisfy their need for speed

BY PHIL THOMPSON
Chicago Tribune

For someone trying to win a pitching contest by clocking the highest speed on the radar gun, it's curious that White Sox fan Tom Petermann would find inspiration in Mark Buehrle. Masterful pitcher though he was for the Sox, he wasn't exactly known for his velocity. "I was here for the perfect game" on July 23, 2009, Petermann, 43, of Park Ridge said. "If you go back to the footage from that, you see a guy jumping around right after the final out (on) Comcast, that's me." Petermann, a civil engineer and partner at Eriksson Engineering Associates, didn't need to be perfect Wednesday at Guaranteed Rate Field, he just needed to throw harder than 99 other amateurs competing in the Sox's speed-pitch challenge. The grand prize: a trip to spring training at Camelback Ranch in

Glendale, Ariz. The former Rolling Meadows High School pitcher's path to victory circle seemed assured when he gunned it 76 mph on the first of his two pitches from the home bullpen in left field. But two contestants later, 24-year-old Crystal Lake resident Andy Gertonson matched him to force a one-pitch playoff. In the overtime, Gertonson, a former Chicago State Cougars outfielder, clocked 72 mph on his throw, but Petermann edged him — at 73. "I thought the gun was a little slow but I'm happy that I won," Petermann said. "94 is the highest I've ever thrown," he said. "It's fantastic to be out here. Even though it's cold it's great to be out here in the bullpen. I'm so happy my dad and one of my best friends is with me so they got to see it." He and dad, who he's taking with him to Glendale, are "long-time die-hard Sox fans." He said

he was planning to go to spring training anyway. Petermann said he expected relatives and co-workers to be more keyed up about him winning the one-pitch showdown than he was. He was just thinking, "Oh, please don't slip. The ground is really slick. You really don't have anything to push off of. You're just hoping you don't fall over." Meanwhile, nine runners-up will get a pair of tickets to the home opener April 3. The other 90 will receive two ticket vouchers to select home games. Anyone who hit 93 mph or higher would have gotten a bonus prize. The White Sox live-streamed the competition on its Facebook page. The Sox pitch-off was inspired by last month's field goal challenge outside Goose Island's brewery.

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Eloy's ETA is still TBD

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to have to see how he looks. He is going to be, in our opinion, a tremendous player for the White Sox for a long time, and we all think he's going to make a significant impact on this team this year and spend the bulk, if not all, of the season in Chicago. When exactly that time starts remains to be seen, but he looked real good today and was manhandling "Twig" in (batting practice). If Twig is starting in Kansas City, then he probably should be on the team. "Twig," by the way, is 59-year-old White Sox scout Bryan "Twiggy" Little, who played five years in the majors as a middle infielder in the 1980s and is not contemplating a comeback as a pitcher. As much as I enjoyed both responses, the most honest reply would have been: "Do I look crazy?"

As everyone knows by now, the Sox retain Jimenez's services through 2025 if he remains in the minors for the first two-plus weeks of 2019. But if he starts out the season with the Sox, he'll become a free agent after 2024. Would Hahn make the irrational decision to start Jimenez's service-time clock March 28 instead of waiting a couple of weeks, thus reducing seven years of team control of baseball's No. 3 prospect to six?

Theoretically, it's not impossible. Stranger things have happened, such as a starting pitcher slicing up his teammates' throw-back uniforms before a start because he didn't feel comfortable wearing one. But realistically, it's a no-brainer. Most Sox fans would probably prefer sacrificing a few weeks of watching Eloy Now in April at Sox Park for an extra season of Eloy Prime in 2025. The reason Jimenez's future is such a hot topic for Sox fans is, well, the designated hot topic isn't signed yet, and there was no news Wednesday on the Manny Machado front. Until he shows — if he shows — Eloy is the Show at the Ranch. The service-time issue wouldn't be a thing if teams didn't keep sticking it to their marquee

prospects, including the Cubs' Kris Bryant in 2015 and the Braves' Ronald Acuna last year. Last spring, Acuna hit .432 with a 1.247 OPS in the Grapefruit League but was demoted to Triple A nevertheless. "He's obviously looked very good," Braves general manager Alex Anthopoulos said at the time. "We just want him to get into the flow, keep doing what he was doing and he'll find his way back here, hopefully very soon." The "flow?" Is that one of Major League Baseball's new analytics? Acuna eventually made his way up to the Braves on April 25 and turned into one of the top young players in the league. The Sox expect Jimenez to quickly reach great heights too, and he obviously expects that of himself. As he wrote in The Players Tribune last summer: "I'm beyond ready."

Jimenez never got the call from Hahn last September, and his agents publicly complained. Hahn later said, "Eloy has been saying since A ball that he's ready, which is wonderful." Ready or not, Jimenez tried to downplay the controversy at SoxFest, where he vowed not to complain if the inevitable happens. "It's one of my goals," he said of making the opening-day lineup. "But if I don't make the team I'm going to accept it." That really was the only thing Jimenez could say. He knows it's unfair, and if not for this silly rule in the collective bargaining agreement he'd be a shoo-in for opening day. The players union had a chance to get rid of the loophole in the last CBA, which went into effect in 2017. The Sox can't be blamed for taking advantage of a flawed rule after so many other teams have done the same thing. But that decision is still weeks away, and Jimenez has to prove himself again in the Cactus League to make his case. For now, the Sox survived the first day of camp with no real issues, and Conversation No. 1 about the Eloy question was in the books. Only six or seven more to go.

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38 Alpha's follower

39 Big ___; London landmark

40 Sparkle

41 Medium-sized dog

42 Gawked

44 Go by, as time

45 Argument

46 Terre __, IN

47 Dome-shaped home

50 Go out with

51 Major TV network

54 Cause severe & lasting anguish

57 Ladder rung

58 Fires, slangily

59 NASCAR driver

60 German man's title

61 ___ Park, NY; FDR's hometown

62 ___ over; faints

63 Uneasy

DOWN

1 Holier-than-thou person

2 Forbidden item

3 Speaking deliriously

4 20th letter

5 Gems

6 Fails to include

7 ___ off; falls asleep

8 Suffix for consider or compassion

9 "For ___ a jolly good fellow..."

10 Stinging insect

11 Grew gray

12 Become worn at the edges

13 Turner & Danson

19 "___ Your Wagon"; Broadway musical

Solutions

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21 Quite

24 Dumbo's "wings"

25 Listen

26 Puncture

27 Loses color

28 "Trees" or "The Road Not Taken"

29 Surprising

30 Cracker spreads

32 Lean-to

33 Soothing drink

35 Unclothed

37 Murdered

38 Yacht or tug

40 Wedding party member

41 Miserable

43 Stir up

44 Diners

46 Eye color

47 Uncomfortable skin sensation

48 Elephant's color

49 Come to shore

50 Numbered cubes

52 Titanic's downfall

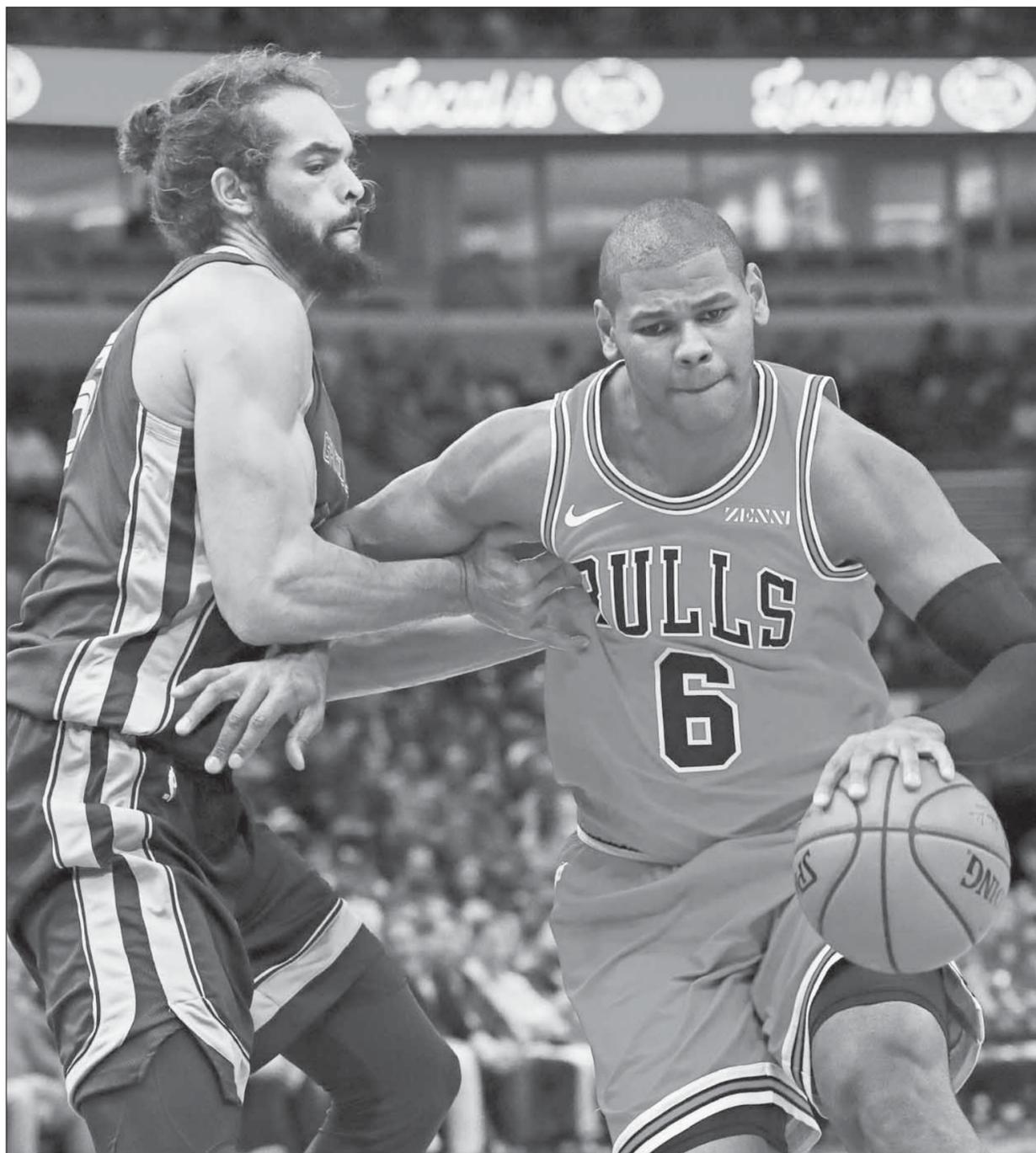
53 Lively

55 Actress Joan Van ___

56 Edison's monogram

57 "Murder, ___ Wrote"

BULLS



ARMANDO L. SANCHEZ/CHICAGO TRIBUNE

Grizzlies center Joakim Noah guards Bulls forward Cristiano Felicio before fouling him during the first half of Wednesday night's game.

BULLS 122, GRIZZLIES 110

'Chicago so special'

Noah has only fond memories of his time with Bulls

By K.C. JOHNSON
Chicago Tribune

Joakim Noah almost retired. That's how low things went for the passionate player long considered the heart and soul of the Bulls, the one who shouted out to the fans in the United Center's 300 level and said he played for the man selling newspapers on the corner on a cold winter's night.

But Noah didn't retire, and on Wednesday he returned for his third time as a visitor and first since the Knicks waived him and he signed with the Grizzlies. And, yes, he still unleashes primal screams.

"The main reason I didn't retire is I just didn't want to leave the game like that," Noah said, referencing his shoulder and knee surgeries and a 20-game PED suspension in 2017.

"I worked too hard my whole life to end it like that. I hadn't had peace on the court in years and I wasn't enjoying playing basketball anymore. And I've always

BULLS RECAP
The Bulls snapped their franchise-record 11-game home losing streak with a 122-110 victory over the Grizzlies behind Otto Porter Jr.'s career-high 37 points and Robin Lopez's season-high 25 points. Lauri Markkanen added his fifth straight double-double along with a career-high six assists, while Ryan Arcidiacono posted a career-high 11 assists. Markkanen is the first Bull since Scottie Pippen in 1995 to have five straight games with at least 20 points and 10 rebounds. Joakim Noah finished with eight points, three rebounds, three assists and two blocks in 20 minutes.

been somebody who loved basketball, loved to compete, loved to be in the locker room with my teammates. So I wanted to find that again and I worked my ass off to be in this position.

"There's always people comparing (me) to what it was or saying you're not as good as you used to be, but that's not what it is to me. I have my kids; my daughter's able to watch me play. My people are able to watch me

play. And I can end this thing on my note."

If it sounds as if Noah is philosophical, it's because he is.

Even in his more youthful days, the free-spirited Noah always tried to take a big-picture view on most aspects of his career, both on and off the court. But now in his 12th season and banished by the Knicks after a confrontation with then-coach Jeff Hornacek, Noah has even more perspective.

"I don't really want to talk about those times," Noah said of his Knicks days. "It was definitely tough, but everybody goes through adversity."

"There are a lot of life lessons that go with playing this game. It's made me a stronger person. I don't regret those times because they've made me who I am today."

What Noah did talk about — happily, readily — was his Bulls run.

"The years here in Chicago were just so special," he said. "I feel I learned so much. In that 10-year span we were really going for it, going for a championship. I feel there were a couple years there where we really had a chance, (but) there can only be one champ."

"I got to see a lot of my old teammates a couple weeks ago when we played Minnesota. Just to see my guys happy, I think that's what it's all about. I know we've all gone through a lot. We all have our different journeys. Those guys are my brothers for life. I think there's even championship teams that don't have that kind of bond. It was a special bond."

"I'm just happy to see my old teammates doing well. To me, that's almost as important as winning a championship."

After that game, Noah took a picture alongside Timberwolves Derrick Rose, Luol Deng and Taj Gibson — all former Bulls teammates. They've all been through a lot. They're all still standing.

"Being away from the game because of my suspension and because of injuries, it was tough," Noah said. "It just made me appreciate and realize how much I miss the game. So I'm just happy to be in this situation and I don't take the game for granted."

"It feels good to be healthy and competing again. I just feel very blessed to have another opportunity to play basketball."

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BULLS NOTES

Agent says Bulls had planned to keep Portis

By K.C. JOHNSON
Chicago Tribune

In an interview with the website HoopsHype, Bobby Portis reiterated what he said Saturday in Chicago: He doesn't "have anything negative to say about anyone in the Chicago Bulls organization. They're a first-class organization and they do everything the right way."

But Portis related his view of the trade, which some saw as criticism when he said he didn't "think it was done the right way." Portis disputed that take on social media, and his visit to the Bulls locker room after Saturday's game as a member of the Wizards reflects someone who still cares for the organization.

Mark Bartelstein, Portis' Chicago-based agent, told the Tribune on Wednesday his client and the Bulls are on the same page.

"(General manager) Gar (Forman) made it very clear to me they had no interest in trading Bobby and wanted him there long term," Bartelstein said. "However, like with anyone else, they had to listen to offers coming in. A day before the deadline, he didn't think anything was going to happen. There's no doubt in my mind that Gar and (executive vice president John Paxson) were sincere about their desire to re-sign him."

"I told Bobby, 'They love you. They want to get a deal done this summer and have no interest in trading you. But if the right offer comes about, absolutely you can get traded.' The analogy I said to Bobby — these weren't Gar's words, they were mine — was, 'If the Warriors offer Kevin Durant and the Lakers offer LeBron James, you're getting traded.' Basically, if somebody offers something the Bulls can't refuse."

Bartelstein's take squares with the version Portis related to the website. He didn't think he was getting traded because talks with the Wizards didn't start until just before last Thursday's deadline.

Perception is reality? Joakim Noah played for the Bulls when they were the toast of the town, representing the franchise with pride. Recently signed by the Grizzlies, Noah fielded a question about the state of his old franchise.

"It's the least of my worries," he said. "I know what the Bulls mean to this city. Basketball is about winning and losing games, and they've got a young squad trying to figure it out."

"When you play in a big market, there's a high demand, but it's important to realize it's never as good as people say it is (and) it's never as bad as people say it is."

Injury report: Ryan Arcidiacono started in place of Kris Dunn, who sat with the lower back bruise he suffered Monday against the Bucks. The All-Star break arrives at a good time for the Bulls because Zach LaVine also is battling sore ankles and a sore right quadriceps.

Denzel Valentine, out for the season after left ankle surgery, has shed his walking boot. Wendell Carter Jr., also out for the season, will have the pin in his surgically repaired left thumb removed next week. That's also when the Bulls will re-evaluate rookie Chandler Hutchison, out indefinitely with a fracture in his right foot.

When Hawks fell for hockey

Blackhawks, from Page 1

with it."

Growing up in Winnipeg, the seats that Jonathan Toews would sit in at Winnipeg Arena with his dad were hardly the best in the house. They were in the far reaches of the arena, best known as the nosebleeds, and when you sat in certain spots it wasn't even possible to see the videoboard.

The stairs were steep, the sight lines terrible, and 8-year-old Toews was in heaven.

"I remember sitting in the nosebleeds at a Jets game and my dad was trying to get me some candy and some popcorn and I didn't want to leave my seat," Toews said. "I was glued to the game right from the get-go. That was probably where it all started for me, just being in an atmosphere like that watching pro hockey and going home and never wanting to put your stick down and always wanting to play."

Connor Murphy had a far

different perspective than Toews growing up but with the same result. Murphy's dad, Gord, was an NHL player, so he spent time in dressing rooms and even skated with his dad's teams occasionally.

"I hit an age where I started playing travel hockey," Murphy said. "And then I got to see a couple practices and go into the dressing room and see what that atmosphere is like. It just felt like another level. It clicks with you how big of a stage it is and how it's the best of the best. That just sparks a passion and love for it."

Brendan Perlini was born and raised in England before moving to Detroit as a teenager. While he played hockey, his friends in England were into cricket and soccer. Perlini marches to the beat of his own drum, and he enjoyed being one of few who played hockey. That made it feel special.

But it wasn't until he came to the United States and he faced tougher competition that his relationship with hockey changed.

"When we moved to Detroit we had, myself included, four first-round NHL picks (on our team)," Perlini said. "Those guys were so much better that I think that's when I got the bug to become better. I don't know if I fell in love with hockey, so to speak, but I loved the aspect of always improving and getting better. That is my driving force."

Frozen ponds and backdoor rinks are hockey's playgrounds. Part of the romanticism of playing on outdoor rinks comes from waiting all summer for winter to return and create an unforgettable hockey environment.

"A lot of my love for the game came from playing on the outdoor rinks in Canada," said Hawks goalie Cam Ward, who grew up in Edmonton. "I remember the cold weather, I remember the snow, just going out there and having fun with your friends. Despite that weather you'd be lugging your skates out to the outdoor rink and having the greatest time."



CHRIS SWEDA/CHICAGO TRIBUNE

Blackhawks captain Jonathan Toews and teammate Connor Murphy came to love hockey from very different perspectives.

Alex DeBrincat, who grew up near Detroit, tried to reach back into his memory and recall when his love for hockey developed.

"I feel like I've loved hockey ever since I could remember anything," DeBrincat said. "Hockey's always been my whole life. As a kid playing on the pond we had so much fun out there with my

brother and our friends. My dad used to build a rink every year, so that's probably where most of it came from."

"Being able to have such a good time with your friends and really have no cares in the world."

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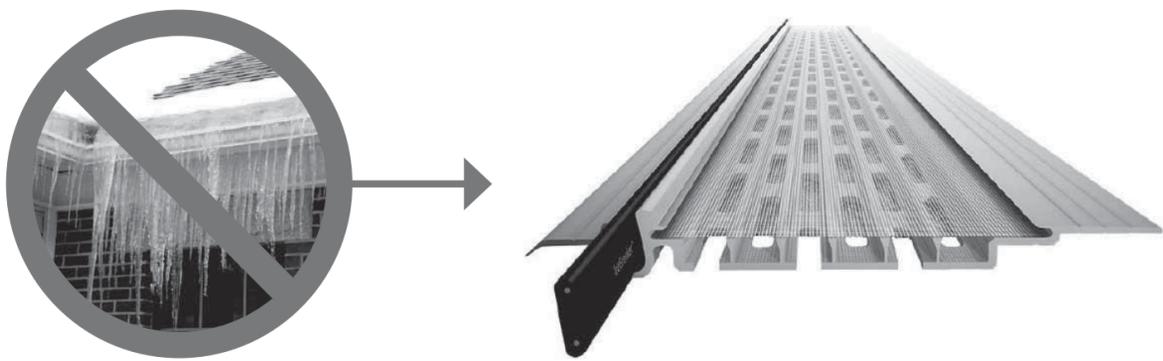


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SCOREBOARD

CALENDAR

TEAM	THU	FRI	SAT	SUN	MON	TUE	WED
				ALL-STAR GAME 7 TNT			
	NJ 7:30 WGN-9, AM-720		CBJ 7:30 NBCSCH, AM-720		OTT 7:30 NBCSCH, AM-720		@DET 6:30 NBCSN, AM-720

THURSDAY ON TV/RADIO

TIME	PROGRAM	NETWORK
7 p.m.	Thunder at Pelicans	TNT
5 p.m.	Men's College Basketball	
5 p.m.	St. Francis at Fairleigh Dickinson	CBSN
6 p.m.	Illinois at Ohio State	ESPN2, WSCR-AM 670
6 p.m.	Houston at UConn	ESPN
6 p.m.	Tulsa at Tulane	ESPN
7 p.m.	Alabama-Birmingham at Marshall	CBSN
8 p.m.	Murray State at Austin Peay	ESPN2
8 p.m.	Arizona at Utah	ESPN
10 p.m.	Gonzaga at Loyola Marymount	ESPN2
10 p.m.	Saint Mary's at Santa Clara	ESPNU
WOMEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL		
5 p.m.	Minnesota at Purdue	BTN
7 p.m.	Nebraska at Maryland	BTN
GOLF		
1 p.m.	Genesis Open	Golf Channel
9 p.m.	ISPS Handa Australian Open	Golf Channel
NHL		
7:30 p.m.	Devils at Blackhawks	WGN-9, WGN-AM 720
SKIING		
10:30 a.m.	FIS Alpine World Championships	NBCSN

COLLEGE BASKETBALL

HOW MEN'S AP TOP 25 FARED WEDNESDAY

- Tennessee (23-1) beat South Carolina 85-73. Next: at No. 5 Kentucky, Saturday.
- Duke (22-2) did not play. Next: vs. N.C. State, Saturday.
- Gonzaga (23-2) did not play. Next: at Loyola Marymount, Thursday.
- Virginia (21-2) did not play. Next: vs. Notre Dame, Saturday.
- Kentucky (20-4) did not play. Next: vs. No. 1 Tennessee, Saturday.
- Michigan (22-3) did not play. Next: vs. No. 24 Wake Land, Saturday.
- Nebraska (17-8) did not play. Next: at Wyoming, Saturday.
- North Carolina (19-5) did not play. Next: at Wake Forest, Saturday.
- Houston (23-1) did not play. Next: at UConn, Thursday.
- Marquette (21-4) did not play. Next: vs. Butler, Wednesday.
- Michigan State (20-5) did not play. Next: vs. Ohio State, Saturday.
- Purdue (17-7) did not play. Next: vs. Penn State, Saturday.
- Villanova (20-5) beat Providence 85-67. Next: at St. John's, Sunday.
- Kansas (19-6) did not play. Next: vs. West Virginia, Saturday.
- Texas Tech (20-5) beat Oklahoma State 78-50. Next: vs. Baylor, Saturday.
- Louisville (17-8) did not play. Next: vs. Clemson, Saturday.
- Florida State (19-5) beat Wake Forest 88-66. Next: at Georgia Tech, Saturday.
- Kansas State (19-5) did not play. Next: vs. No. 23 Iowa State, Saturday.
- LSU (20-4) did not play. Next: at Georgia, Saturday.
- Wisconsin (17-8) did not play. Next: vs. Illinois, Saturday.
- Iowa (19-5) did not play. Next: at Rutgers, Saturday.
- Virginia Tech (19-5) beat Georgia Tech 76-68. Next: at Pittsburgh, Saturday.
- Iowa State (18-6) did not play. Next: at No. 18 Kansas State, Saturday.
- Maryland (19-6) did not play. Next: at No. 6 Michigan, Saturday.
- Buffalo (21-3) did not play. Next: at Toledo, Friday.

HOW WOMEN'S AP TOP 25 FARED WEDNESDAY

- Baylor (22-1) beat Kansas State 69-48. Next: vs. Oklahoma, Saturday.
- Louisville (23-1) did not play. Next: vs. No. 20 Miami, Sunday.
- Oregon (23-1) did not play. Next: vs. No. 9 Oregon State, Friday.
- UConn (22-2) did not play. Next: at UCF, Sunday.
- Mississippi State (22-1) did not play. Next: vs. Missouri, Thursday.
- Notre Dame (23-3) beat Boston College 97-47. Next: at No. 12 N.C. State, Monday.
- Maryland (22-2) did not play. Next: vs. Nebraska, Thursday.
- Marquette (21-4) did not play. Next: at St. John's, Friday.
- Oregon State (20-4) did not play. Next: at No. 3 Oregon, Friday.
- Stanford (19-4) did not play. Next: at UCLA, Friday.
- North Carolina (17-6) did not play. Next: vs. Georgia, Thursday.
- N.C. State (22-2) did not play. Next: vs. Syracuse 77-73, 6:30 Notre Dame, Monday.
- Gonzaga (22-2) did not play. Next: vs. San Diego, Thursday.
- Iowa (19-5) did not play. Next: vs. Illinois, Thursday.
- Texas (20-5) did not play. Next: vs. Kansas State, Sunday.
- Syracuse (18-6) did not play. Next: at N.C. State 77-73, Wake Forest, Sunday.
- Kentucky (20-5) did not play. Next: vs. Arkansas, Sunday.
- Iowa State (18-6) lost to TCU 76-69. Next: vs. Oklahoma State, Saturday.
- Arizona State (16-6) did not play. Next: vs. Colorado, Friday.
- Miami (21-5) did not play. Next: at No. 2 Louisville, Saturday.
- Florida State (20-4) did not play. Next: at Clemson, Thursday.
- Texas A&M (18-5) did not play. Next: vs. LSU, Thursday.
- Rutgers (17-6) did not play. Next: vs. Ohio State, Thursday.
- Michigan State (17-6) did not play. Next: at Wisconsin, Thursday.
- South Dakota (22-3) did not play. Next: at Western Illinois, Saturday.

THURSDAY'S RESULTS

W	L	OT	PTS	GF	GA
Kent St.	67	6	Michigan	54	
Miami (Ohio)	70	N	Illinois	54	
Oral Roberts	65	N	Dakota St.	54	
S. Dakota St.	82	Nebraska-Omaha	38	10	59
EAST					
Albany (NY)	56	Mass.-Lowell	53		
American U.	67	Loyola (Md.)	56		
Oklahoma	88	Kansas	67		
Birmingham	58	UMBC	46		
Boston U.	61	Colgate	53		
Cuernock	73	Lehigh	68		
Holy Cross	47	Navy	44		
St. Louis	77	Hartford	59		
N.C. State	77	Syracuse	72		
Niagara	74	Canisius	53		
Notre Dame	97	Boston College	47		
Saint Joseph's	55	UMass	54		
Saint Louis	67	Duquesne	63		
Vermont	51	New Hampshire	50		
SOUTH					
Belmont	89	Tennessee	65		
Cincinnati	89	Memphis	69		
Fordham	58	Davidson	42		
Lamar	94	Northwestern	70		
Richmond	57	Bonaventure	49		
Stephen F. Austin	97	McNeese	58		
Illinois	61	UCF	59		
SOUTHWEST					
Abilene Christian	64	Nicholls	48		
Campbell	87	Hampton	84		
Florida	66	Vanderbilt	57		
Florida Gulf Coast	57	NJIT	55		
Florida St.	88	Wake Forest	66		
Gardner-Webb	77	Chas. Southern	74		
George Mason	80	UMass	75		
Georgia Southern	75	South Alabama	65		
Georgia St.	77	Troy	63		
Kennesaw State	93	Seton Hall	70		
Liberty	74	Lipscomb	66		
Louwood	72	High Point	59		
Memphis	79	East Carolina	69		
Miami	65	Clemson	64		
North Florida	80	Kennesaw St.	57		
SE Louisiana	70	Incarinate Word	64		
Tennessee	85	South Carolina	73		
UCF	78	South Florida	65		
UNC-Asheville	57	UNC-Upstate	53		
VCU	81	Richmond	60		
Wintthrop	93	Presbyterian	85		
SOUTHWEST					
Houston Baptist	75	Cent. Arkansas	69		
San Antonio	71	Texas A&M-CC	59		
Stephen F. Austin	67	McNeese	57		
WOMEN					
Akron	91	Ball St.	61		
Baylor	71	Kansas St.	48		
Bowling Green	78	Buffalo	72		
Cent. Michigan	79	W. Michigan	53		

AHL

WESTERN CONFERENCE

CENTRAL	W	L	OL	SOL	PT	GF	GA
G. Rapids	28	16	3	4	63	149	144
Iowa	27	16	4	3	61	167	144
WOLVES	27	16	5	1	60	172	143
Rockford	23	21	3	5	54	123	144
San Jose	22	20	9	1	54	135	143
Milwaukee	24	20	3	2	53	158	149
San Antonio	24	21	4	0	52	130	139
Manitoba	23	21	2	5	51	125	148

WEDNESDAY'S RESULTS

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BASKETBALL

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NBA	W	L	PCT	GF	GA
WINDY CITY	21	2	4	74	20
Fort Wayne	19	17	528	3/5	
Grand Rapids	17	19	472	2/3	
Canton	12	23	343	7	
Wisconsin	9	25	257	10	

WEDNESDAY'S RESULTS

Salt Lake City	126	Stockton	118	
Capital City	117	Delaware	115	
Fort Wayne	127	Lakeland	123	
Maine	130	Erie	128	
OT	Santa Cruz	114	Raptors	111
Iowa	136	Memphis	119	
Texas	122	South Bay	105	

THURSDAY'S SCHEDULE

Stockton	at Cleveland
San Antonio	at Charlotte
Charlotte	at New Orleans
Atlanta	at Oklahoma City
OKC	at New Orleans

TRANSACTIONS

BASEBALL
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WOMEN'S NBA

Utah 5, San Diego 4 (OT)
 Bakersfield 4, Stockton 1

NBA

EASTERN CONFERENCE

ATLANTIC	W	L	PCT	GB	L10	STK	HOME	AWAY	CONF
Toronto	43	16	.729	-	7-3	W-6	15-9	11-11	27-10
Boston	37	21	.638	5½	7-3	W-2	23-8	14-13	27-10
Philadelphia	37	21	.638	5½	6-4	W-1	23-7	14-14	21-15
Brooklyn	30	29	.508	13	4-6	L-7	17-13	13-16	21-17
New York	10	47	.175	32	0-10	L-18	4-23	6-24	6-34

SOUTHEAST	W	L	PCT	GB	L10	STK	HOME	AWAY	CONF
Charlotte	27	29	.482	-	5-5	L-1	19-9	8-20	20-16
Miami	26	30	.464	1	4-6	W-1	11-16	15-14	14-19
Orlando	26	32	.448	2	6-4	W-1	15-11	11-17	18-15
Washington	24	34	.414	4	3-7	L-2	17-11	7-23	17-23
Atlanta	19	38	.333	8½	4-6	W-1	9-15	10-22	12-26

CENTRAL	W	L	PCT	GB	L10	STK	HOME	AWAY	CONF
Milwaukee	43	14	.754	-	8-2	W-2	23-5	20-9	30-8
Indiana	38	20	.655	5½	6-4	L-1	22-8	16-12	27-11
Detroit	26	30	.464	16½	6-4	L-1	17-13	9-17	17-19
Chicago	14	44	.241	29½	3-7	W-1	6-23	8-21	10-25
Cleveland	12	46	.207	31½	3-7	L-1	7-22	5-24	10-29

WESTERN CONFERENCE

SOUTHWEST	W	L	PCT	GB	L10	STK	HOME	AWAY	CONF
Houston	33	24	.579	-	6-4	L-1	20-9	13-15	21-16
San Antonio	33	26	.559	1	6-4	W-1	22-7	11-19	24-19
Dallas	26	31	.456	7	5-5	L-2	9-9	6-22	14-20
New Orleans	25	33	.431	8½	3-7	L-2	16-11	9-22	15-21
Memphis	23	36	.390	11	4-6	L-2	14-15	9-21	15-21

NORTHWEST	W	L	PCT	GB	L10	STK	HOME	AWAY	CONF
Denver	39	18	.684	-	8-2	W-2	25-4	14-14	24-10
Oklahoma City	37	19	.661	1	9-1	W-4	20-7	17-12	21-14
Portland	33	23	.589	5½	6-4	L-2	23-8	10-15	19-19
Utah	32	25	.561	6½	6-4	L-1	18-10	14-15	19-16
Minnesota	27	30	.474	11½	4-6	L-2	19-10	8-20	17-22

PACIFIC	W	L	PCT	GB	L10	STK	HOME	AWAY	CONF
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COLLEGE BASKETBALL



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Ayo Dosunmu reaches out to acknowledge a greeting as he leaves the floor in Champaign after an Illinois victory over Minnesota.

ILLINOIS

An immediate hit

Illini fans love freshman Dosunmu, but will they have him after this year?

BY SHANNON RYAN | Chicago Tribune

The State Farm Center crowd chants his name after big 3-pointers: “A-yo! A-yo!”

Illinois fans jockey for position to high-five him after games. He was just named Big Ten Freshman of the Week after dropping 24 points on then-No. 9 Michigan State in the Illini’s most stunning upset of the season.

There’s no doubt Ayo Dosunmu is a bona fide star in Champaign. That’s both good news and bad news for Illini fans, who have longed for a potential program-changing player.

Dosunmu speaks passionately about his adoration of Illinois. It’s why he chose to play at his home-state school after being a top-40 national recruit at Morgan Park.

But will that be enough to keep him there for four years? Or even next year?

“I really don’t like to focus on that,” Dosunmu told the Tribune on Wednesday. “It would be selfish. I’m just trying to be the best I can be. We’re trying to focus on what’s at hand.”

Entering Thursday’s game at Ohio State, Dosunmu is averaging 14.1 points, 4.2 rebounds and 3.2 assists to 2.3 turnovers while shooting 44.7 percent from the field and 36.4 percent on 3-pointers. He worked on developing his jump shot during the offseason before college, and the commitment to defense he established at Morgan Park hasn’t wavered in Champaign.

Mock NBA draft boards recently have taken note of Dosunmu. Sports Illustrated listed him No. 32 on its updated board this week, praising his “mature decision-making and well-rounded skill set” that “make him an intriguing long-term bet.” ESPN’s latest mock draft had Dosunmu going 26th with a comparison to the Nuggets’ Malik Beasley, who was picked 19th in 2016 after one season at Florida State.

Dosunmu’s father, Quam, said the family will weigh the pros and cons of his son turning professional after the season, but he said it makes sense for Ayo at least to test the NBA waters and get feedback without losing his eligibility.

“There’s nothing set in stone,” Quam Dosunmu told the Tribune. “This isn’t the ’80s and ’90s, where you say you’re going and you can’t come back (to college). For me to tell you he won’t (get NBA feedback), I’d be lying.”

“If he (hears he) needs one more year, OK, he needs one more year. If everyone says he’s guaranteed (to be drafted), there is stuff we’ll look at.”

At a celebration in October 2017 to announce his commitment to Illinois, Ayo Dosunmu said he hoped to have the option to be a one-and-done player.



RICK DANZL/AP

NBA scouts like Ayo Dosunmu’s frame, range of skills and defensive motor but say the freshman guard needs to mature physically and show more explosion.

“I know he’s not a four-year player,” Quam Dosunmu said Wednesday. “We never said that. We knew that from the get-go. His goal is to be an NBA player.”

NBA scouts who have seen Dosunmu play more than once and who talked to the Tribune on the condition of anonymity said he’s not ready. His body needs to mature, they said, and he needs to show a higher level of athleticism and explosion. While his 6-foot-5 frame, range of skills and defensive motor are assets, they said he needs time.

“My assessment is he’s nowhere near ready,” one scout said. “If he comes out, he would go undrafted.”

A return to Illinois next season would be met with cheers in Champaign.

The Illini (9-15, 5-8) haven’t crawled out of the depths of the Big Ten, but they head to Ohio State with a three-game winning streak and have shown signs of life that have

revitalized hope around the program. Dosunmu and freshman big man Giorgi Bezhanishvili are major reasons.

“We’re just trying to get better and better,” Dosunmu said. “We have a great coaching staff that lets us know we can play better basketball.”

Quam Dosunmu said his son has been “ecstatic” at Illinois: “He loves college life.” And Ayo is pleased with how the coaching staff has developed his game.

“He’s a different player than he was in Maui,” Quam said. “He’s a different player from November to December to 2019. He sees things different. He’s playing better defense. The most important thing is he’s growing.”

Will he have grown enough by the end of the season to make a leap?

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RUTGERS 59,
NORTHWESTERN 56

Wildcats suffer fifth straight loss

BY JOHN JACKSON | Associated Press

Geo Baker and Montez Mathis scored 12 points apiece, Eugene Omoruyi added 11 and Rutgers rallied in the second half for a 59-56 victory over Northwestern on Wednesday night at Welsh-Ryan Arena.

Baker also had five rebounds and five assists as Rutgers (12-12, 5-9 Big Ten) snapped a three-game losing streak.

Northwestern (12-12, 3-10) has dropped five straight.

“It’s frustrating,” Northwestern coach Chris Collins said. “I really feel for the guys. Their attitudes have been great. They’re working really hard. Nobody likes losing. It’s not fun. You have to roll up your sleeves and find a way.”

“That’s two in a row now. Iowa, where we had a lead late, and tonight we had the ball at the rim to take the lead with 10 seconds left.”

Vic Law led the Wildcats with 17 points, and A.J. Turner added 11. Law had another rough shooting night, going 6 of 16 from the field.

The Scarlet Knights got their second conference road win of the season despite shooting 8 of 15 from the free-throw line and 3 of 16 on 3-pointers. Rutgers did shoot 48 percent from the field in the second half after a slow start.

Both teams shot below 35 percent overall in the first half, resulting in a 22-22 tie.

The Scarlet Knights picked up their pace offensively early in the second half. Leading 42-41, Rutgers ran off seven straight points for a 49-41 advantage with six minutes to play.

The Scarlet Knights couldn’t score consistently enough down the stretch to put the game away. Law’s 3-pointer with 1:04 remaining trimmed the NU deficit to 55-53.

Myles Johnson answered at the other end down low and was fouled by Dererk Pardon with 37.7 seconds left. Johnson missed the free throw — Rutgers’ seventh free-throw miss to that point.

After a Rutgers turnover, Law worked into the lane for a potential game-winner, but his eight-footer in traffic with 13 seconds to go hit off the front rim, and the Scarlet Knights came up with the loose ball.

Omoruyi was fouled with 9.2 seconds left and hit both free throws for a three-point lead. Law’s 30-foot attempt at the buzzer missed badly.

COLLEGE BASKETBALL NOTES

Coach K: Not aware of rape allegation

Associated Press

Duke coach Mike Krzyzewski said he has “no knowledge” of a woman’s allegation that she was sexually assaulted by a former Blue Devils player and he believes the school should and will investigate.

Lawyer Nancy Erika Smith has said her client, Meredith Watson, was raped by a player while she was a student at Duke. The New York Times and other publications identified the player as Corey Maggette, who has denied the allegation. The reports cited a friend of Watson, R. Stanton Jones, who said she told him about the alleged assault at the time.

Watson also said Virginia Lt. Gov. Justin Fairfax sexually assaulted her while they were students at Duke in 2000. Smith said Watson told a high-ranking administrator about the assault by a player but was dissuaded from filing a complaint or notifying police.

Maggette played at Duke in the 1998-99 season and then left for the NBA.

Krzyzewski was asked about the allegation after Duke’s 71-69 victory over Louisville on Tuesday night in Louisville, Ky. He said he wasn’t aware of the details.

Tennessee 85, South Carolina 73: Admiral Schofield had 21 points and 10 rebounds as No. 1 Tennessee won its school-record 19th consecutive victory.

Tennessee owns the longest active winning streak of any active Division I team and is 11-0 in Southeastern Conference competition for the first time in school history.

The Volunteers (23-1, 11-0 SEC) also earned their 23rd straight home win.

Bradley 61, Loyola 54: The Ramblers went cold on free throws and 3-pointers, and the result was a Missouri Valley road loss in Peoria.

They shot 5-for-20 on 3s and 5-for-11 at the free-throw line. The Braves trailed 26-22 at halftime but outscored Loyola 39-28 in the second half.

Marques Townes scored 15 points to lead the Ramblers (16-10, 9-4), whose conference lead fell to one game over Drake and Missouri State. Cameron Krutwig added 13 points and 11 rebounds, and Darrell Brown scored a game-high 21 points for Bradley (13-12, 5-7).

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American skier Mikaela Shiffrin competes in the women's super G at the alpine ski World Championships on Feb. 5 in Are, Sweden.
PONTUS LUNDAHL/TT/AP

SKIING

End of an era

Vonn's retirement signals change for American team

BY ANDREW DAMPF
Associated Press

ARE, Sweden — It was a telling sign that in Lindsey Vonn's last race there was only one other American skier competing.

Two days later, the U.S. couldn't even enter a squad for the team event at the world championships because it didn't have enough skiers available.

And as for the men's slalom team, the one that produced the likes of Bode Miller and Ted Ligety? Well, that's been practically eliminated.

"We are dwindling," Vonn said. "I can't remember a time being on the U.S. Ski Team that there weren't two or three people that could have taken the four spots [in each race]. We always had a full quota."

With Vonn's retirement following that of Miller and Julia Mancuso in recent years, and with Ligety nearing the end of his career, it marks the end of a golden generation for the U.S. team.

Vonn, Miller, Mancuso and Ligety won a combined 40 medals at major championships — 15 at the Olympics and 25 at the worlds — stretching back to 2002.

"We had a solid group of people that were consistently winning or getting on the podium, making world championship and Olympic medals," Vonn said. "And now we're gone."

The only U.S. skier who has won a race this season is Mikaela Shiffrin, who is breaking record after record and is on course for a third straight overall World Cup title.

"That will kind of make us look like we're a top nation but we don't have as much depth behind her as we would like to have," said Tiger Shaw, the president of U.S. Ski and Snowboard. "So that's our mission now."

Three years ago, the U.S. federation undertook a deep-dive, "Moneyball"-type analysis to study all of the world's top ski teams. The idea behind "Project 2026," aimed for a revival by the 2026 Olympics, was to draw a graph depicting what the best skiers were doing when they were at the age of 21, 22 — or younger — and to develop team qualifying criteria based on those results.

"Part of that is a message to everyone in the United States. Look, to be one of the best in the world, here are the waypoints. You need to be at these levels," Shaw said. "So if you get underneath this curve you're on the team automatically. It doesn't mean we don't add people by discretion and make exceptions for injury but we needed to send a message to Americans that it is damn tough to become one of the better racers in the world."

The results so far, though, have been smaller World Cup teams because the criteria to qualify became so demanding.

Veteran slalom specialist Dave Chodounsky left the team after last season when he learned that he would have had to pay his own travel expenses.

"It's sad," Ligety told The Associated Press. "Last year we had Nolan Kasper scoring points and Mark Engel and Dave Chodounsky and AJ Giniss. We have guys that can ski elite slalom, it's just that the criteria changed this year in a way that none of those guys could have the opportunity within the team."

"Even if the criteria didn't change they had an opportunity for skiing within the team but



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Mikaela Shiffrin is the sole remaining consistent winner for the U.S. Ski Team following the retirement of Lindsey Vonn.

paying. How can Daver, who is the same age as I am, justify that?" added the 34-year-old Ligety, who plans to ski for at least one more season. "Trying to start a family and all that stuff. That's a hard reality."

U.S. skiers have struggled with funding issues for years but Shaw says the problem is almost solved, with the cost of competing on the C and D teams down to \$8,000 annually and the fee for the development team \$10,000.

"The goal is to get it down so the A, B and C teams have no costs at all," Shaw said. "It may take another one or two years but we're in a good place financially now."

The overall travel costs for all of the federation's 186 athletes across all sports — Alpine skiing, freestyle, snowboarding, etc. — is about \$5 million annually, according to Shaw.

The federation's overall budget is \$34-36 million — 30 percent of which is covered by donors.

Bryce Bennett, a 21-year-old downhiller from Squaw Valley, Calif., who has had three top-five World Cup results this season, was supposed to pay \$10,000 in travel fees this season but got that covered by a B team fundraiser.

"There's a lot of complaining. But our program is good," Bennett said. "Our American downhiller crew is a good group of guys and a good coaching staff. We get what we need and we make it happen. I'm sure it's not ideal but is it ever going to be ideal? We're not bumming it."

Bennett said the bigger problem is the laser-like focus on the Olympics.

"We're very focused on the medals," he said. "But it's a huge process behind winning those medals. There's a lot of details involved — the equipment, your tactics, your technical ability. Strength and conditioning, mentally. And I think those get overlooked and overshadowed by the medals. You got to focus on the process and spend a lot of time on that process and not on the external result."

"If you're not competitive on the World Cup there's no chance you're going to be

competitive at world championships or Olympics," Bennett added. "You can't come in once in a while, do a World Cup and show up at a big event and expect to do well. No chance."

The U.S. has two more rising speed skiers in Jared Goldberg and Ryan Cochran-Siegle, who was second after the downhill portion of the combined at the worlds. The downhill team is captained by 36-year-old Steven Nyman, a three-time World Cup winner, and 30-year-old Travis Ganong, the last U.S. man to win a World Cup race, a downhill in Garmisch-Partenkirchen, Germany, more than two years ago.

When Miller was racing and breaking into the speed events, Daron Rahlves was already winning downhills and they fed off each other's success.

"It's hard to say how much feeding off it was but we definitely had a team that was strong," Miller told the AP. "The confidence goes up. Ski racing has a lot to do with confidence."

"We have had always had talented skiers in the U.S. It's just a matter of if they can find that confidence and get into the mode of winning and that was something that I was kind of the catalyst for," Miller added. "You had to think of going into races to win, not just to try to compete. If you're just going in to compete you end up fifth and 10th and 20th. That's a different mindset."

The women's speed team is also well stocked — but currently depleted by injuries to Laurene Ross, Breezy Johnson, Jacqueline Wiles and Alice McKennis.

Alice Merryweather, the 2017 world junior champion, was the only other American in Sunday's downhill besides Vonn. She finished 22nd.

"I think Alice is a very good skier and she has the potential to be on the podium," Vonn said. "I'm hoping that she can punch in there and be the future of our speed team, and hopefully get some other girls in there as well."

The tech teams — beyond Shiffrin — are where the real problems lie. But there has

been progress.

Dartmouth student Nina O'Brien, for instance, scored her first World Cup points in both slalom and giant slalom this season, and Paula Moltzan finished in the top 20 four times in slalom.

In GS, Tommy Ford recorded three top-six finishes in December and January.

Then there's 21-year-old River Radamus, who won three gold medals at the 2016 Youth Olympics and two silvers at the junior worlds.

With an eye on the future, longtime men's head coach Sasha Rearick was reappointed to take over the development program at the end of last season.

Still, there's a general feeling that some talent has been lost because of the funding issues in recent years.

"I know from talking to people on the Park City ski team, their goal is not to make the U.S. Ski Team; the goal is to get a college scholarship now," said Ligety, who is from Park City. "So the whole goal system of everybody in the U.S. has changed to want to be an elite ski racer racing World Cup but my pathway there is through college and get good enough that I'm skipping all these little steps to race World Cup and not having to pay. That whole system has killed our talent pool."

So will there ever again be a generation like the one with Vonn, Miller, Mancuso and Ligety?

"You never know. Next year you could have somebody else. I was ranked 300th in the world and then the next year I was top 30," said Ligety, who won his first Olympic gold medal when he was 21. "Guys will pop out in the U.S. that I've never heard of."

"Bode, nobody ever heard of him up until the day he got [11th] place in his first World Cup. Especially on the men's side, there can be some kid that goes through some physical maturity and figures out a couple things in his skiing and all of a sudden he's in there on the World Cup. That happened to both Bode and I."

The wait starts now.

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Anatole Ngamukol of French professional club Reims has filed suit against the team, claiming he was engaged in workplace bullying.

French footballers head to court to fight bullying

BY JOHN LEICESTER
Associated Press

PARIS — As it does with many footballers, the day finally came when Anatole Ngamukol's club told the attacker it was time for him to move on.

Embarking on a new season in the French league, Reims decided it had no further use for the player who had helped the French side climb out of the second division. He'd turned 30 a few months earlier and hadn't been scoring many goals. The club in northeastern France's Champagne region wanted out of the contract.

Ngamukol, however, had other ideas. Without attractive job offers from other teams, with a family to feed and another kid on the way, the player who'd previously plied his trade in Spain and Switzerland decided he would rather stay in Reims to see out the last year of the two-year contract the club had signed with him less than 12 months earlier.

And that, he says, is where things got nasty.

Rather than let him try to play his way back into the side, Ngamukol says Reims packed him off to purgatory, sending him to train with its reserve team, where he was banned from playing any matches and sometimes made to practice alone, running loops around the pitch while coaches worked with his erstwhile teammates, honing their skills and tactics. This cold shoulder was the team's way, he suspects, of managing him out — applying pressure to get him to quit, thus avoiding honoring a deal that no longer suited the club.

In France, footballers use an English word to describe such treatment: "le loft." Evoking an image of being locked in an attic, it refers to the no-man's land where clubs park players they no longer want but cannot get rid of immediately or who, for one reason or

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Anatole Ngamukol

another, have fallen out of favor with coaches and club officials.

Excluded from the first team, distanced from teammates, players subjected to the most extreme forms of "lofting" have described themselves as being suddenly ostracized, ordered to train with youth teams, the reserves or alone, and subjected to petty humiliations including the loss of access to lockers, parking places, showers and other facilities.

Speaking in an Associated Press interview, Ngamukol says Reims officials told him: "You'll not get a single minute, no playing time at all, you won't even be part of the pro team."

The complete disappearance of the player who had made 29 appearances for Reims the previous season, when the club topped Ligue 2 to win promotion to France's top flight, didn't pass unnoticed. His son wanted to know why Daddy was no longer appearing on television. People stopped him during his grocery shopping in Reims to ask why he wasn't playing.

"It's a tough experience, especially knowing that I'd done nothing to merit being demoted to the 'B' team," the 31-year-old says. "It's a punishment."

Often, players suffer their exclusion in silence and quietly agree to leave the club with a payoff, the French players' union says. It says "lofters" are often fearful that complaining publicly will dissuade other clubs from hiring them.

"Most of all, they're scared that if they sue their club then all of football will say, 'We're not taking this player because he's not compliant and wants to defend his rights, and he won't roll over if we

have a problem with him.' They prefer to take more malleable players," says David Terrier, vice president of the National Union of Professional Footballers.

"So players don't dare stand up to the clubs, because they are scared that they'll be imprisoned by the football system and black-listed," he says.

Not Ngamukol.

He and another more famous former "lofter," ex-Paris Saint-Germain star Hatem Ben Arfa, are both turning to French courts for redress. In both cases, their lawyers are arguing that in excluding the players from first-team action, Reims and PSG subjected Ngamukol and Ben Arfa, respectively, to workplace bullying.

Ben Arfa's suit was filed Feb. 1 with a Paris labor tribunal. Considered one of the most talented French players of his generation, Ben Arfa joined PSG, France's star club, in 2016. But after scoring twice in a French Cup quarterfinal in April 2017, he never played for PSG again to the end of his contract in June 2018, an exile of nearly 70 matches.

Why? Seemingly because the midfielder offended PSG's president by criticizing him in front of the club's owner, says Ben Arfa's lawyer, Jean-Jacques Bertrand.

"It was very banal, especially since it was said without malice," Bertrand said in an AP interview. "Apparently, the president took it very badly."

Outwardly, Ben Arfa put on a brave face. After the first 12 months without playing, he posted a photo of himself posing with an anniversary cake and the caption: "A year in the cupboard must be celebrated."

But inside, his lawyer says, Ben Arfa was suffering.

"The aim is to make him crack," Bertrand said. "The club did everything to push him to leave."

The suit seeks 7 million to 8 million euros (\$8 million to \$9.1 million) from PSG in lost earnings and a symbolic 1 euro in damages for workplace harassment, he said.

Contacted for comment, PSG said it expects to be vindicated and "regrets" what it called the "stubbornness" of Ben Arfa and his attorney.

Ngamukol's suit, backed by the players' union, was filed Tuesday with a Reims local court. It argues that by parking him in the reserves, the club sought to exert "psychological pressure" to make him agree to an early end to their contract. It accuses both the coach and general manager of Reims of workplace harassment, which is punishable in France by up to two years imprisonment and \$34,000 in fines.

The club declined to comment on the case to the AP. The Reims newspaper L'Union quoted the club president, Jean-Pierre Caillot, as saying, "We wanted to free him from his contract so he could continue on his path elsewhere. He didn't understand that. We don't harass or discriminate against anyone."

The club fired Ngamukol in circumstances both sides dispute in October 2018. After three months without a team, he found a new club this January, signing with German third-division side Fortuna Cologne until the end of the season.

The rules that govern French football, signed by the players' union, the French league and

others, allows clubs to temporarily, but not permanently, send first-team players off to train in separate groups, for example if they're not needed for upcoming matches or are recovering from injury. And coaches, of course, can field, or not field, who they want in first-team matches.

But the players' union says French clubs are abusing the system and have growing numbers of "lofters" on their books. By its count, 145 players in Ligue 1 and 2 — more than 10 percent of the total player workforce in France's top 40 clubs — have been parked, more or less permanently, on clubs' sidelines this season.

Some simply aren't playing well enough to be in their clubs' first teams, the union says. But there also are others being punished because of contract wrangles or other disputes with their clubs, and young players on their first professional contracts that clubs have parked while waiting to sell them.

The highest-profile player in the doghouse this season is PSG's Adrien Rabiot. Reportedly because he has refused to sign a new contract, the Paris club hasn't fielded Rabiot since December, punishing itself as well as him, because the 23-year-old's skills and presence have been sorely missed in PSG's vulnerable midfield.

"Unfortunately, a lot of players find themselves in 'lofts,'" Terrier, the union vice president, told the AP. "The impression, once again, is that football is a legal no-man's land."

Ngamukol hopes his suit might change that.

"It's a collective issue. There are many other players going through this and we have to say, 'Stop!'" he says. "It is not easy but I want my kids to be proud of me and you have to uphold your dignity. When you are trampled on every day, it hurts psychologically."



Riley Smith plays Levi Scott on Fox's "Proven Innocent."

MICHAEL BECKER/FOX

Replanting roots in Chicago

Riley Smith again plays an ex-con on Fox's 'Proven Innocent'

BY TRACY SWARTZ
 Chicago Tribune

Riley Smith briefly played an ex-con on "The Playboy Club" before the show was canceled in 2011. Though the NBC drama didn't last long, it was notable because it was one of the first major series to be based at Cinespace Chicago Film Studios on the West Side.

Now Smith is back in Chicago, at Cinespace, playing an ex-con. This time he stars on Fox's "Proven Innocent,"

which is scheduled to premiere at 8 p.m. Friday. Smith plays Levi Scott, who along with his sister, Madeline, spent 10 years behind bars before being exonerated of the murder of Madeline's best friend, Rosemary Lynch.

"You see two very different sides of the result of being wrongfully convicted of a crime and spending time in jail, which is Madeline is proactive and takes control of her life and becomes a lawyer to defend people like herself, and Levi, he's had a tougher road," Smith told the

Tribune.

"He's had a dark cloud kind of following him throughout his life since getting out of jail. He was the kind of guy who had a lot going for him, and then this really stunted him. He's dealt with substance abuse issues that he's battling and has now, I think, gotten over. Yet everybody in town still thinks he's guilty."

"Proven Innocent" focuses on the Chicago criminal defense firm Madeline

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Fox's legal drama can't muster much of a case



NINA METZ
 Chicago Close-up

As new shows premiere from every corner imaginable, network TV is still where you'll find certain staples. That's a good thing, I think. The old standbys, when done well, are a nice palate cleanser to more inventive or experimental shows you'll find on premium cable or streaming.

As cop shows and hospital shows continue find new life, it's been a long few years since a legal drama along the lines of "Boston Legal" or "The Good Wife" got anyone excited, let alone had multi-season staying power.

Fox isn't going to break that losing streak with "Proven Innocent." Premiering Friday, it is a sad trombone of a show with a title that sounds like a Scott Turow knockoff. The best of TV's legal dramas run on a combination of wit, detective work, moral ambiguities and the power of a good argument and "Proven Innocent" seems lost on all fronts.

Oh, and it takes place (and was filmed) in Chicago — a decision that seems guided by "Well, we have to set it somewhere" more than anything. The show's sense of location is so generic as to be beside the point.

The premise: After being wrongfully convicted of her friend's murder, Madeline Scott (Rachelle Lefevre) is now partner in a small law firm that specializes in similar cases.

Each week she and her colleagues — fellow attorney Easy Boudreau (Russell Hornsby), investigator Bodie Quick (Vincent Kartheiser) and podcaster Violet Bell (Nikki M. James) — work from their enormous light-filled, brick-walled loft office to undo the wrongs of the criminal justice system. Kelsey Grammer plays the prosecutor who put Madeline in prison and is now her Forever Nemesis in court as she argues the innocence of her clients.

Madeline's brother, a recovering addict, also served time in prison and both he and his sister are still haunted by their friend's death — the solving of which looks to be an ongoing storyline.

The show is sleek but without nuance and its cast of characters are barely sketched out. That kind of thing can be less of an issue on procedurals where everyone sort of fills an archetype, but "Proven Innocent" wants you to care about these people and be invested in them as individuals — it simply doesn't give you reason to.

Madeline in particular comes across as a collection of personality traits and a backstory that makes her seem more like an idea of a person than an actual human being. When meeting with clients (Fox made available the first and fourth episodes), she often will have a flashback to her own memories, her own pain — a narrative device that has a weird effect of making you want to shake her and say: "Not everything is about you, Madeline."

Also, the show hates journalists! When a newspaper reporter stops Madeline outside the courthouse and asks her to dinner, she points out the obvious conflict of interest. To which he smoothly replies that he's prepared to hand off the story to another reporter: "I would lose a Pulitzer for a date

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Snow? What snow?

5 balmy things to know about the annual Orchid Show

BY STEVE JOHNSON
 Chicago Tribune

Last night, it literally stormed ice. As I write this, there is fresh snow on the ground. A space heater blows warmed air onto me, and my feet are wrapped in thick winter boots.

But switch to a different tab in my browser, and I return to another world: photo after photo of fascinating, lush, colorful flowers. Monday I was at Chicago Botanic Garden, taking in the annual Orchid Show. And I learned at least five things about the exhibit celebrating the flower, abundant in the wild, notoriously difficult to grow at home.

1. The Orchid Show theme this year is appropriate as balm for a particularly wintry stretch of the Midwest's cold season: the tropics. The tropics are so named because they exist in that central belt of Earth between the Tropic of Cancer, which starts just south of Florida, and the Tropic of Capricorn, which cuts through Madagascar. And there's a reason two-thirds of the world's flowering plants live there: The average temperature ranges from 77 to 82 degrees, and in the region's rainforests, it can rain 400 inches a year. Do not think about what that would be as snow.

2. Photo opportunities abound. You

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The Miltonia Hybrid/Pansy Orchid is on display in The Orchid Show at the Regenstein Center of the Chicago Botanic Garden in Glencoe.

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John Legend plays Marvin Gaye's "Mercy Me" on Tuesday at Motown Records' 60th anniversary show.

Wonder, Legend at Motown tribute

Stevie Wonder jammed with his harmonica, John Legend crooned while playing the piano and Ciara pranced onstage dressed like Rick James on Tuesday night at Motown Records' 60th anniversary concert.

Wonder closed out the all-star lineup at the "Motown 60: A Grammy Celebration" at the Microsoft Theater in Los Angeles. The tribute hosted by Smokey Robinson and Cedric the Entertainer will air April 21 on CBS.

Motown founder Berry Gordy said he fulfilled his dreams of creating a record label to make music for "all people." The legendary music mogul started the historic label in 1959, and it was home to numerous music artists, including Marvin Gaye, Michael Jackson, The Temptations and Diana Ross.

"My dream was to make music for all people," Gordy said. "I want to thank all of you."

Some of Motown's greatest hits were on display: Legend covered Gaye's "Mercy Me" and Ne-Yo sang The Jackson 5's "I'll Be There." Ciara sported a Rick James-like braided wig during her rendition of "Give It to Me Baby."

Another highlight included the "First Four Bars" segment hosted by Cedric the Entertainer. The house band played several Motown hits, and random audience members grabbed the microphone and sang the opening to songs like "My Girl" and "I Heard It Through The Grapevine."

— Associated Press



JORDAN STRAUSS/INVISION

Perry's shoes pulled: Katy Perry's fashion line has pulled two types of shoes after some people compared them to blackface. In a statement released Tuesday by the singer and company, they said the shoes were "envisioned as a nod to modern art and surrealism." Perry says she was saddened when she learned they were being compared to blackface and were "immediately removed" from the company's website.

McGraw pays tribute to Hill's late father: Country star Faith Hill's father has died at 88. Ted Perry's passing was revealed by Hill's husband, fellow artist Tim McGraw, in a series of Twitter posts Tuesday. McGraw wrote that Perry died last week. "He was the sweetest, kindest most gentle man I've ever known," McGraw tweeted, along with a video and photo tribute to his late father-in-law.

People reveals 'most stylish' stars: People magazine on Wednesday released its list of Hollywood's most stylish stars. The magazine calls Lupita Nyong'o a trailblazing beauty and Emma Stone the modern romantic. Nicole Kidman is the elegant icon, Emily Blunt the queen of whimsy and Tracee Ellis Ross is considered avant-garde. Kacey Musgraves is a rule-breaker and Rihanna is a showstopper. As for men, Timothy Chalamet is considered a trendsetter.

Feb. 14 birthdays: Actress Meg Tilly is 59. Actor Simon Pegg is 49. Singer Rob Thomas is 47. Actor Jake Lacy is 34. Actor Freddie Highmore is 27.



ASK AMY

By AMY DICKINSON

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Young athlete tries funding shortcut

Dear Amy: I just received a GoFundMe request from the mother of a young man who wants to travel with his football team to play an out-of-state game.

His coach helped him put together the request. There was no mention of what this young man is doing to earn money for the trip — just the begging.

His parents both work and live a country club life. They have not yet contributed to the page. I can easily give, but this "ask" puts me on the spot, since it will be obvious if I don't contribute. What say you?
— *Wondering Friend*

Dear Wondering: For those who don't know, GoFundMe allows people to set up online accounts to ask people — friends, contacts and strangers — for donations.

From your narrative, it seems probable that the football players are being encouraged to "earn" or otherwise raise the money to travel. Asking for donations is not the same as earning. And in encouraging this method of raising money, this coach is undermining one of the positive lessons learned on the sports field: the value of hard work. Does the wide receiver wait on the field and ask for the ball? No, he runs and works and positions himself for the catch.

You can assume this request is coming from the mother because the son is too young to set up an account. Like most people, I have received GoFundMe requests for a variety of causes, ranging from offsetting a colleague's medical costs (yes) to travel expenses for a family to go get their new dog (um, no).

Some GoFundMe requests seem almost designed to insult a working person. Others seem viable and valid but come from strangers. And some requests are easily fulfilled.

It costs nothing to launch a request (GoFundMe takes an ample percentage of the donations), and because it is done at a cyber-distance (through the internet), the person asking doesn't even have to make eye contact or answer questions.

Anybody can ask for anything. Remember this, as you ignore this GoFundMe ask. And if the mother knows that you are ignoring it, so what?

Dear Amy: I live in a condo complex. I have a lovely neighbor with whom I've become close since I moved in.

I work full time and have house cleaners come every other week while I am at work. They arrive around 7 a.m.

My neighbor has made several comments over the past couple of months about their early arrival time and the amount of noise they make. Today, she texted me saying, "It would be sooo nice to have them a bit later, say eight?"

I cannot dictate what time they arrive and, frankly, it works out well for me that they are there very early. I checked our city's noise regulations and the time period is 10 p.m. to 7 a.m. (meaning it's OK to make noise after 7 a.m.).

She is in her 70s, retired, and goes to bed very early (8 p.m.).

I am a very quiet neighbor otherwise. I do not want to ruin my relationship with her. I enjoy her,

and we have keys to each other's places, so we help each other out. I am terrible at addressing situations like this. Help?
— *Clean Machine*

Dear Clean Machine: I'm assuming that no local ordinances or condo rules are being violated. You could ask your cleaners to vacuum or perform other noisy tasks until 8 a.m., but in my mind, other than vacuuming, cleaning isn't particularly noisy. If they play music while they are working, you could ask them to also keep the volume low until after 8.

Respond to your neighbor, "I'm sorry this seems to bother you so much, but this is the only time the cleaners can come. I cannot adjust their schedule. I've asked them to try to be quieter before 8 a.m., but that's the best I can do. Thank you so much for putting up with this. I'm glad it's only twice a month."

Dear Amy: I was gobs-macked by your answer to "What's Ap(propriate)" regarding his wife's texting flirtation. By saying, "Each party in a marriage has the right to live out their own personal dreams," you endorsed her behavior!
— *Upset*

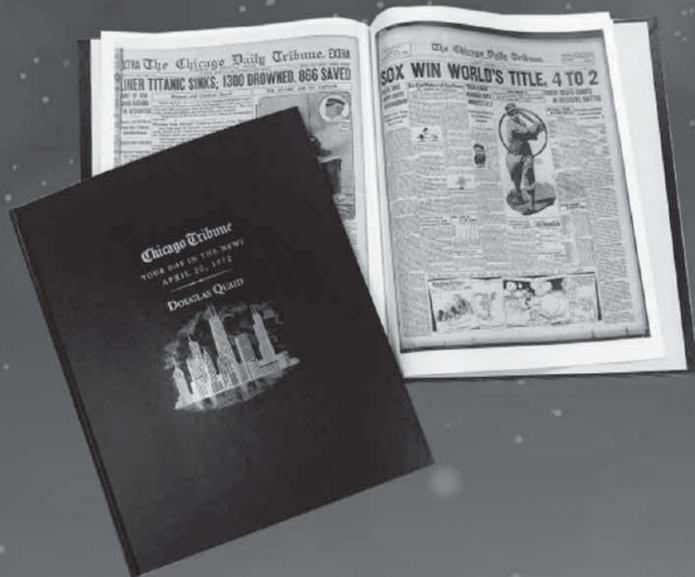
Dear Upset: I absolutely did not endorse her behavior. I also said, "This is not quite the marriage YOU want to be in," and encouraged this husband to confront his wife.

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A visitor walks through a greenhouse in The Orchid Show at the Regenstein Center of the Chicago Botanic Garden in Glencoe.

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can be the most aesthetically challenged human you know, and you will still take good photographs at the show. Just get close and fill the frame with those feathery petals in lurid pink, spotted tangerine or white with smears of scarlet and mustard. For more atmosphere, try to get a show with the show's waterfall as backdrop. And you will not be alone as you shoot; everyone else, it seems, is also trying to capture these exotics, to turn pistils into pixels, as it were. Tuesday mornings from 8:15 to 9:45 a.m. is especially for photographers, who are allowed to bring in tripods and monopods during those 90 minutes.

3. Orchids don't come cheap. The botanic garden, on Lake Cook Road near Glencoe, is raising funds to build new facilities on the south end of its campus where, in future years, it will be able to grow some native Midwestern orchids. But for



The Phalaenopsis Hybrid/Moth Orchid is on display in The Orchid Show.

now, the 10,000 or so flowers are brought in, and there is an admission charge of \$12 for adult non-members.

4. Orchids can party. Thursday evenings feature "Orchids After Hours," which is either flowers revealing their innermost fantasies or a kind of tropical-drinks and appetizers

'In the Tropics: The Orchid Show'

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set-up designed to let people make seeing the fancy flowers into a night out. And Tuesday and Thursday mornings at 10 a.m., musicians are brought in for an hour to serenade visitors and/or the flowers.

5. The botanic garden encourages you to get muddy, to be more than a passive orchid enjoyer. On weekends there is an orchid marketplace, and on March 9-10 the Illinois Orchid Society will hold its spring show, a judged competition, and sale. Finally, on March 28, many of the plants featured will be part of the traditional Post-Orchid Show Plant Sale. And the tropical interlude will be officially over.

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IN PERFORMANCE

Superb Strauss, mixed Brahms at Orchestra Hall

Concertgebouw makes rare Chicago appearance on tour

By HOWARD REICH
Chicago Tribune

When a great ensemble — such as the Royal Concertgebouw Orchestra — tours the world, listeners pay attention.

This explains the large crowd that poured into Orchestra Hall on Tuesday night, including members of the Chicago Symphony Orchestra presumably checking out the competition.

And though the CSO brooks few threats when it comes to tonal brilliance and comprehensive virtuosity, the musicians from Amsterdam offered allures of their own.

Not surprisingly, the tour de force on a bread-and-butter program was Richard Strauss' "Ein Heldenleben" ("A Hero's Life"). The epic work long has been a test not only of an orchestra's technical acuity but also its expressive and timbral range. Conductors, too, are challenged by a sprawling piece that encompasses multiple scenes and ever-shifting moods but nonetheless demands continuity and flow.

From the opening phrases of "Ein Heldenleben," it was clear that this was going to be a charismatic reading. Conductor Daniel Harding drew from these players an impassioned statement of the work's dominant theme, the depth and sheen of the strings, especially, doing justice to its innate grandeur. Regardless of how thick Strauss' orchestration became, Harding articulated layers of instrumental color, thereby averting the bombast that can emerge in the



ARMANDO L. SANCHEZ / CHICAGO TRIBUNE

Daniel Harding leads the Royal Concertgebouw Orchestra in Orchestra Hall on Tuesday evening.

opening pages and beyond.

When the hero of the title faced his adversaries, Harding did not hold back, encouraging the winds to produce sharp instrumental attacks and emphasize piquant dissonance. The passages in which the hero (represented by strings) confronted his critics (personified by cackling winds) made for a bracing joust, foreshadowing tumult yet to come.

The vast section in which Strauss evoked the sometimes loving, sometimes tempestuous charac-

ter of his wife stands practically as a tone poem within a tone poem. No one carries a greater responsibility here than the solo violinist, who becomes the embodiment of this heroine. Violinist Liviu Prunaru offered a vivid, larger-than-life portrayal, thanks to the scope of his sound and the dramatic rhetoric of his delivery. By turns tender and animated, sweet of tone and brittle of attack, this solo illuminated the nuances of Strauss' writing.

Every hero must conquer enemies, and the

battle section of "Ein Heldenleben" separates great orchestras from very good ones. The Concertgebouw's account stood apart from most thanks to its clarity and precision, not least from the offstage trumpets.

The serenity of the work's closing pages, notable especially for the radiance of the Concertgebouw's brass chorale, attested to conductor Harding's control of this performance but also its profundity.

The other landmark on the program, Brahms' Sym-

phony No. 4, proved a bit less persuasive, at least in its opening movement. Though conductor Harding drew an enviably delicate sound in the ineffably expressive opening phrases, the reading ultimately proved too brisk and unyielding to capture the dark, brooding, autumnal message of this music. There was no questioning the plushness of the orchestra's corporate sound, but much of the meaning and subtext of this music was lost.

Matters improved as the

performance evolved, however, conductor Harding drawing welcome bloom of phrase and gentleness of gesture in the second movement and alternately chamber-like intimacy and lean muscularity in the finale.

All of which made one admire the Concertgebouw anew, but, by contrast, the CSO also.

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IN PERFORMANCE 'The Total Bent' ★★★★★

Best storefront show of winter

Story of father-son musicians with civil rights echoes

By KERRY REID
Chicago Tribune

As sleet and snow slashed the air outside on Tuesday night, a theatrical fire blazed onstage at the Den Theatre. In "The Total Bent," the polymath known as Stew, perhaps best known for his semi-autobiographical musical "Passing Strange," and his longtime collaborator Heidi Rodewald put a combustible assortment of narrative and musical influences together. Director Lili-Anne Brown's staging for Haven Theatre (in association with About Face Theatre) lights the match and delivers one of the most robust and moving shows you're likely to see this winter.

Stew's narrative doesn't diligently connect all the dots in this story about a father and son, set during an era with echoes of the 1960s civil rights movement. Instead of "Montgomery," we're in "Bluntgomery," where a bus boycott by black citizens is underway and gospel singer Joe Roy (Robert Cornelius) is in the studio with his son, Marty (Gilbert Domally), hoping to find a crossover hit. A smarmy British producer (who hasn't actually produced anything, but since when has lack of a resume kept a white guy from elbowing his way in?) shows up and sets Joe and Marty against each other. The fact that Marty is apparently gay adds to the rift between him and Joe.

That's the bare-bones summary for an impressionistic show that you feel in your bones and marrow, even as plot elements don't neatly cohere in your head. At various points, "The Total Bent" (which takes its title from a Martin Luther King, Jr. speech) made me flash on everything from August Wilson's "Ma

When: Through March 10
Where: The Den Theatre, 1333 N. Milwaukee Ave.
Running time: 1 hour, 40 minutes
Tickets: \$35 at haventheatrechicago.com

Rainey's Black Bottom" in its tense studio-as-battlefield setting to Toni Morrison's "Song of Solomon" in its intertwining of the mystical with the historical.

But that makes it sound like heavy lifting when it's mostly a raucous unapologetic celebration of black artists who find themselves caught between staying true to a vision and staying alive. At one point, Eric Lindahl's Brit producer, Byron Blackwell, declares to the black musicians "You lot can't take a moment to preserve your culture because you're so busy surviving." To which Jermaine Hill's band leader, Deacon Charlie, retorts, "And whose fault is that?"

Survival comes in many forms in this show. We see Cornelius' charismatic Joe reject his son's gospel protest song which opens the show. Joe objects to the lyric "That's why he's Jesus and you're not, whitey," which is repeated 12 times. "One for every apostle," as Marty points out. Subsequently Joe goes on television to exhort black people to stop protesting — "Shut up and get back on the bus."

Marty, accompanied by backup singers and dancers Abee and Andrew (Breon Arzell and Michael Turrentine), ends up taking Britain by storm. But his appeal to mostly white audiences causes a Rolling Stone critic to dub him "an electric Uncle Tom." Arzell (who also provides the stunning choreography in the show) and Turrentine move adroitly from near-burlesque comic relief figures to sounding boards and consciences for the anguished Marty.



AUSTIN D. OIE PHOTO

Michael Turrentine, Gilbert Domally and Breon Arzell in "The Total Bent."

Cornelius brings world-weary devil-may-care charm to his Joe, who wants to sell records, but isn't naive about race in America. (When asked by a reporter "How'd you defeat the Nazis?" he responds "I practiced at home.") But it's Domally's incandescent performance — part James Brown, part Tina Turner, but never merely derivative — that shows us the inexorable strain of being a star while trying to hang onto your soul. It's a familiar conundrum, but Domally builds bit by bit upon Marty's sensuality, swagger, rage and confusion until he seems to implode and explode simultaneously.

References to his mother, Mary, who seemingly wrote the songs that his father made famous (he tips his hat to her in a song where she's re-imagined as Mary Magdalene) adds a filip of family secrets, even if they're not fully explained. Marty is trying to bridge the sacred and profane in a way his father never could — appropriate for a man who talks about the twin influences of the Bible and Jean Genet and who isn't willing to sacrifice any part of his identity to fit in. "I want to bring the wrong one to church one day," he declares.

The score, featuring a blistering array of funk,

gospel, soul, blues and rock, fills the small space at Haven with a six-piece band under Hill's musical direction. Brown (who also directed "Passing Strange" with now-defunct Baili-

wick Chicago in 2011) keeps Stew and Rodewald's musical manifesto in near-perfect calibration between being "ironically detached" (as Marty is described at one point) and delivering a

full-throated *cri de coeur* for musical salvation.

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From left to right, Nikki M. James, Rachelle Lefevre, Russell Hornsby and Vincent Kartheiser star on Fox's new series "Proven Innocent."

Meet the cast of 'Proven Innocent'

BY TRACY SWARTZ
Chicago Tribune

The Tribune visited the "Proven Innocent" set at the Cinespace Chicago Film Studios on the West Side in October. The cast members of the Fox legal drama, which is scheduled to premiere at 8 p.m. Friday, discussed their characters and some fun Chicago moments.

Kelsey Grammer

"Proven Innocent" character: Power-hungry State's Attorney Gore Bellows is also running to be Illinois attorney general. He prosecuted Madeline Scott and her brother, Levi, more than a decade ago for the murder of Rosemary Lynch. They were exonerated years later. Now Bellows frequently faces off against Madeline Scott, who became an attorney focused on freeing innocent people like herself from prison.

Credits: "Cheers," "Frasier," "Boss"
Chicago moment: Grammer was not on set when the Tribune visited, but he's no stranger to Chicago. While in town playing Chicago Mayor Tom Kane on the Starz series "Boss" years ago, Grammer got the name of his fourth wife, Kayte, tattooed on his

nether regions at a Noble Square tattoo parlor.

Russell Hornsby

"Proven Innocent" character: Ezekiel "Easy" Boudreau runs a Chicago criminal defense firm with Madeline Scott. She contacted him from prison for help with her own murder case. He previously worked in reinsurance regulation. "He's had a mid-life ascension," Hornsby told the Tribune. "He's chosen a different path, working for the people, looking to free people, and it really has created for him a sense of purpose I think that wasn't there before. Also pairing up with Madeline I think has really challenged him in a wonderful way, which has caused him to care again."

Credits: "The Hate U Give," "Grimm," "Creed II"

Chicago moment: "I was here for the storm of 2011, in January. I was shooting 'Shameless.' It was colder than a pimp's heart, and the snow just was falling incessantly," Hornsby said with a laugh. "Proven Innocent" "is the longest I have shot here. I did theater at the Goodman many moons ago. I was in a play called 'Jitney' at the old Goodman, the one over, you know, across the way. That was in the

summer" of 1999.

Nikki M. James

"Proven Innocent" character: Violet Price is the firm's social media director, who hosts a weekly podcast that reviews the firm's cases. "One of the biggest real-life challenges about these kinds of cases is getting media attention. When someone goes to jail, you assume that they're in jail because they did the thing that they were accused of and convicted of doing. And so I think in the context of what the firm is doing, Violet is shining a light on her cases because attention is how you get movement," James said.

Credits: "The Good Wife," "BrainDead," "The Book of Mormon" on Broadway

Chicago moment: James tweeted this on Jan. 22: "I'm a public transportation fan and I take the CTA regularly. Chicagoans be warned, I will always tell you to move in and take off your backpacks."

Vincent Kartheiser

"Proven Innocent" character: Bodie Quick is the firm's investigator. "He's kind of light-hearted and likes to have fun at work and tell jokes, sarcasm and

dry. He's a little bit goofy. He likes to dress up in weird outfits, and he likes to go undercover even though it's usually not necessary," Kartheiser told the Tribune.

Credits: "Mad Men," "My Friend Dahmer," "Angel"

Chicago moment: "I love Chicago. I have family here. My dad was born and raised here in the suburbs. I'm familiar with the city," Kartheiser said. "We have our family reunion out in McHenry every year."

Rachelle Lefevre

"Proven Innocent" character: After being released from prison for a murder she didn't commit, Madeline Scott attends Yale Law School and partners with Easy Boudreau. "On the one hand, Madeline's a really good lawyer, really together and really purposed, and on the other hand, (she) missed all the things that everybody does in their 20s," Lefevre told the Tribune.

Credits: "Under the Dome," "Twilight," "A Gifted Man"

Chicago moment: "I shot (an episode of) 'Electric Dreams' here for Amazon and then (this) pilot, so now we're back," Lefevre said. "I have family in Mount Prospect, which is a smaller town — a little city, but smaller — and so when we wanted to do road

trips or have a little adventure, we would come to Chicago."

Riley Smith

"Proven Innocent" character: Levi Scott and his sister served 10 years in prison for killing Rosemary Lynch, a murder they did not commit. Scott struggles with post-prison life. "I was pretty much in character for the whole pilot. And then once we got picked up to series, I was like, I can't live like this. I have to have my own life and not be depressed all the time," he told the Tribune.

Credits: "Nashville," "The Messengers," "90210"

Chicago moment: "I did a movie called 'Make it Happen,' and that was maybe in 2006, '07, '08, somewhere in there," he said. "We shot most of it in Winnipeg, Canada, but we had to come get exteriors in Chicago. It was crazy because I did a scene on the Kinzie (Street) bridge where I'm having a little walk-and-talk with a girl and you're looking from the Kinzie bridge down the river towards Wolf Point. I now live there on Wolf Point in one of the buildings and all of that is brand new."

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Scott (played by Rachelle Lefevre) runs with Easy Boudreau (Russell Hornsby), who helped free Scott from prison. Scott and Boudreau take on clients they believe have been wrongfully convicted while Scott searches for Lynch's killer. The duo frequently face off against State's Attorney Gore Bellows (Kelsey Grammer), who prosecuted Scott and still believes she's guilty. Nikki M. James ("The Good Wife") and Vincent Kartheiser ("Mad Men") also star on the hour-long drama.

The Tribune visited the "Proven Innocent" set at Cinespace in October. Actor/director Mario Van Peebles was directing this particular episode, and much of the action took place at the firm's office. The office seems much bigger on the small screen, but it's just a production space at Cinespace. It's a short walk to the show's other main location — the courtroom where Scott and Boudreau try their cases. It's probably the nicest, cleanest courtroom in Cook County.

Though the Fox network doesn't have a great track record with series set and filmed in Chicago — recall the short-lived shows "The Mob Doctor," "The Chicago Code" and "APB" — "Proven Innocent" stars who talked to the Tribune say their show provides entertainment while also exploring the reasons for and the consequences of locking up innocent people.

"It was not lost on me that there was injustice in the justice system. I wasn't unaware of that. What I didn't know about were all the particular ways in which



ADRIAN BURROWS/FOX

Reassuring a client, from left: guest star Liza Colón-Zayas, Russell Hornsby and Rachelle Lefevre.

it could go wrong. And we take that on, episode by episode, so there's racial and religious bias, jury bias, as well as prosecution misconduct, Lefevre said. "DNA plays a huge role, so we have episodes where we deal with DNA (and) witness testimony, which is something that I actually noticed is being talked about more, in terms of how we remember or how we misremember things, so we deal with the human element."

The pilot filmed here in spring 2018, and some of those scenes were reshot after it was picked up to series in May. Grammer replaced "13 Reasons Why" star Brian d'Arcy James, a Northwestern University alum. Filming of Season 1, which features 13 episodes, wrapped last week.

Danny Strong, one of the production producers, said via spokeswoman that Chicago was chosen for the setting of "Proven Innocent" because of its "rich history," "tremendous architecture" and Midwestern location. It's also home to Northwestern law school's Center on

Wrongful Convictions, which represents imprisoned clients with claims of actual innocence, raises public awareness about wrongful convictions and advocates for criminal justice reform.

"Most significantly, I love Chicago and wanted to keep shooting there," said Strong, who also co-created the Fox drama "Empire," which is filmed at Cinespace and around Chicago.

The actor Smith said the pilot script hooked him, but he was really on board when he found out "Proven Innocent" was filming in Chicago. The Iowa native said filming here has brought back memories of "The Playboy Club" and other projects he has shot here over the years.

"Chicago has grown so much. It's blown my mind," he said. "I've always said like, Chicago is my first home. I've been trying for 20 years to get series to last here, and so I'm like, maybe this is the one, that way we can settle down and make some roots in Chicago."

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Metz

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with you."

What exactly does the conversation with his editor sound like when he gets back to the office? "Hi, I'm attracted to the attorney handling the case I'm reporting on, so I asked her out and someone else will have to do the story — smell ya later."

That's not how this works. That's not how any of this works!

If the show were the least bit campy I wouldn't be so bent out of shape. But "Proven Innocent" is so convinced of its moral rectitude and righteousness that this kind of storytelling claptrap can't help but feel hacky and deeply uninspired.

Look: If the show actually wanted to criticize journalism, there are a lot of real-world things it could focus on — like the fact that newsrooms at major newspapers are overwhelmingly white and male and this shapes how stories about crime are covered. I'd love to see a fictional TV show delve into that. Or even just acknowledge it.

Speaking of which: Any of the law firm's employees could have been the point-of-view character — it's a choice that show creator David Elliot (working with "Empire" cocreator Danny Strong) made this primarily Madeline's story, with everyone else relegated to supporting player. How do you hire the great Russell Hornsby — who really should have been part of the awards conversation this year for his performance in "The Hate U Give" — and give him so little to do? Now, a show told from Easy's vantage point?

That's something I would watch. Someone please build a show around Hornsby; I don't see "Proven Innocent" being long for this world and I suspect he might be available.

With everything that's happening in the world right now, it can feel like the concept of fair play is dead and gone and the stealth emotional power of legal dramas is that they argue otherwise. For a while there, "Bull" on CBS was a decent enough offering — that is until it was revealed late last year that the show is in fact an exercise in hypocrisy behind the scenes. Star Michael Weatherly was accused of repeatedly sexually harassing actress Eliza Dushku, examples of which were caught on camera and serious enough to result in the network paying her a \$9.5 million settlement.

Over on ABC there's "For the People," which premiered last spring as a fun if not overly original take on the genre; only about 2.5 million people watched but apparently that was enough for a renewal. It returns for Season 2 next month, as does the much-admired "Good Wife" spinoff "The Good Fight," which will be back for a third season on CBS All Access. And HBO has announced that it's rebooting "Perry Mason" with Matthew Rhys (of "The Americans") in the title role.

I'll rest my case by noting that someone really needs to find a way to make "LA Law" available on streaming. Until then, thank your lucky gavel that "Law & Order" appears to syndicated in perpetuity.

"Proven Innocent" airs 8 p.m. Fridays on Fox.

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WATCH THIS: THURSDAY



Ben McKenzie

"Gotham" (7 p.m., FOX): Series star Ben McKenzie directed the new episode "13 Stitches," which finds his TV alter ego, Detective James Gordon, putting together what looks to be an unlikely team to protect the city from Eduardo Dorrance (guest star Shane West) and his Delta Force. Elsewhere, even as Lee Thompkins (Morena Baccarin) resurfaces, Barbara (Erin Richards) drops a bombshell on Gordon that could change his life forever.

"The Top 14 Greatest Valentine's Day Movies of All Time" (7 p.m., CW): Having given much the same treatment to Christmas movies, Dean Cain places similar attention on films that pull at the heartstrings as host of this special. "Sleepless in Seattle," "Love Actually," "Pretty Woman" and "The Notebook" are among the titles cited, with clips shown to remind viewers what made them fall in love with the featured romantic stories in the first place.

"Siren" (7 p.m., FREE): Ryn (Eline Powell) tries to find an alternative to housing the newly arrived mermaids, since the dynamics within the pack prove to be far too volatile to make hiding them a real possibility in the new episode "Oil & Water." Meanwhile, Ben (Alex Roe) serves as a mentor to Levi (Sedale Threath Jr.) as the imposing warrior merman tries to master how human men behave on land. Maddie (Fola Evans-Akingbola) continues to struggle with her mother.

"Bring It!" (8 p.m., 12:01 a.m., Lifetime): The new episode "A Boy, a Kiss, and a Choreographer" features a battle of the duos, as Coach D breaks the team into pairs for a choreographing challenge — and the winning duet will represent the Dancing Dolls at an elite competition. Celebrity choreographer Dondraico Johnson is drafted by Coach D to train the male dancers from the ground up.

"Mom" (8:01 p.m., CBS): Out of all the friends in her recovery group, Christy (Anna Faris) finds herself the only one with absolutely no plans, romantic or otherwise, on Valentine's Day, so Bonnie (Allison Janney) takes her on a mother-daughter date in the new episode "Sparkling Banter and a Failing Steel Town." As it turns out, virtually nobody's evening goes as planned.

"Truck Night in America" (9:03 p.m., 12:06 a.m., History): A new episode called "Duck Night in America" features a new challenge called Travel Trailer, wherein trucks go flying through the air and get soaked in Whiteout, leaving a messy trail of debris. In the Green Hell portion, danger lurks almost everywhere you may not be looking at any given moment.

TALK SHOWS

"Conan" (10 p.m. 11:30 p.m., TBS): Actor Aubrey Plaza.*

"The Tonight Show Starring Jimmy Fallon" (10:34 p.m., NBC): Model Kendall Jenner; actor Fred Armisen; Florida Georgia Line performs.*

"The Late Show With Stephen Colbert" (10:35 p.m., CBS): Actor Bradley Cooper; Democratic presidential hopeful Pete Buttigieg; chef Jacques Torres.*

"Jimmy Kimmel Live" (10:35 p.m., ABC): Actor Ben Affleck; comic Dane Cook; Bring Me the Horizon performs.*

* Subject to change

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THURSDAY EVENING, FEB. 14

		MOVIES						
	PM	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00
BROADCAST	CBS	2	The Big Bang Theory	Young Sheldon	(8:01) Mom (N) ©	Fam (N) ©	S.W.A.T.: "Fallen." (N) ©	News (N) ♣
	NBC	5	The Titan Games (N) ©	Brooklyn Nine (N) ©	Will & Grace (N) ©	Law & Order: Special Victims Unit: "Brothel." (N)	NBC 5 News (N) ♣	
	ABC	7	Grey's Anatomy: "I Walk the Line." (N) ©	(8:01) A Million Little Things: "the rock." (N) ©	How to Get Away With Murder (N) ©	News at 10pm (N) ♣		
	WGN	9	Blackhawks Extra (N) ©	NHL Hockey: New Jersey Devils at Chicago Blackhawks. From the United Center in Chicago. (N) (Live) ©	WGN News at Ten (N)			
	Antenna	9.2	Alice ©	Alice ©	B. Miller	B. Miller	Johnny Carson ©	3's Comp.
	This TV	9.3	Return to Me (PG, '00) ***	David Duchovny, Minnie Driver. ©	Some Like It Hot ***			
	PBS	11	Chicago Tonight (N)	DuSable to Obama: Chicago's Black Metropolis ©	Shinemen	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 © (Part 1 of 2)	Star Trek: Next	Star Trek: Deep Space 9	Star Trek ♣		
	Bounce	26.5	Scandal ©	Last Call	In the Cut	Something New (PG-13, '06) ***		
	FOX	32	Gotham: "13 Stitches." (N) ©	The Orville: "Deflectors." (N) ©	Fox 32 News at Nine (N)	Modern Family		
	Ion	38	Chicago P.D. ©	Chicago P.D. ©	Chicago P.D. ©	Chicago ♣		
	TeleM	44	Exatión EE. UU. (N)	Betty en NY (N) ©	El barón (N) ©	Chicago (N)		
CW	50	Greatest Valentine's	Legacies: "Malivore." ©	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	Jesús	Mi marido tiene familia	Amar a muerte	Noticias (N)			
CABLE	AE	The First 48 (N) ©		The First 48 (Season Finale) (N) (9:01) 60 Days In (N) ©		First 48 ♣		
	AMC	Jurassic Park (PG-13, '93) ***		Sam Neill, Laura Dern. ©		Jurassic ♣		
	ANIM	River Mon	River Mon	River Mon	River Mon	River Monsters: "Face Ripper." © ♣		
	BBCA	Planet Earth: "Deserts."		Planet Earth: "Ice Worlds."		Planet Earth ©	Premier (N)	
	BET	*(5:54) The Wood ('99) **		Tyler Perry's I Can Do Bad All By Myself (PG-13, '09) **		© ♣		
	BIGTEN	Women's College Basketball (N)		B1G Show		The Journey	B1G Show	
	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	Daily (N) ♣
	DISC	Building Off the Grid ©		Building Off the Grid ©		Off Grid ♣		
	DISN	Disney's Descendants 2		Sydney-Max	Bizaardvark	Bunk'd ©	Bunk'd ©	Raven
	E!	Fifty Shades of Grey (R, '15) **		Dakota Johnson, Jamie Dornan. ©		Dating (N)	Busy (N)	
	ESPN	College Basketball (N)		UFC Unleashed (N)		UFC Main Event (N)	SportCtr (N)	
	ESPN2	College Basketball (N)		College Basketball (N)		Basketball		
	FNC	Tucker Carlson (N)		Hannity (N) ©		The Ingraham Angle (N)	Fox News	
	FOOD	Chopped: "Surf and Turf."		Chopped ©		Beat Flay (N) Beat Bobby	Beat Bobby	
	FREE	Siren: "Oil & Water." (N)		Beauty and the Beast (G, '91) ****		© (SAP)	700 Club ♣	
	FX	Happy Death Day (PG-13, '17) **		Jessica Rothe. ©		Happy Death Day (PG-13, '17) **	© ♣	
	HALL	The Story of Us (NR, '19)		Maggie Lawson. ©		Valentine in the Vineyard (NR, '19) ♣		
	HGTV	Flip or Flop	Flip or Flop	Flip-Flop (N) Flip or Flop	Flip or Flop	Hunters (N) Hunt Intl (N)	Hunters	
	HIST	Swamp People ©		Swamp People (N)		Truck Night (N)	Swamp ♣	
	HLN	Forensic	Forensic	Forensic	Forensic	Forensic	Forensic	
	IFC	*(6) Airplane! ('80) ***		© Crocodile Dundee (PG-13, '86) ***		Paul Hogan. ©	Crocodile ♣	
	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) ©		Ex on the Beach ©		Catfish: The TV Show ©	Catfish ♣	
	NBCSCH	Pregame (N) Basketball		Fight Sports: Boxing		Postgame		
	NICK	SpongeBob	SpongeBob	Ice Age: The Melttdown (PG, '06) **	©	Friends ©		
	OVATION	*(6:30) Romancing the Stone (PG, '84) ***		© Captain Cook (Series Premiere) (N)		Pacific (N) ♣		
	OWN	20/20 on OWN ©		20/20 on OWN ©		20/20 ♣		
	OXY	NCIS ©		NCIS ©		NCIS ♣		
	PARMT	Friends ©	Friends ©	Lip Sync (N) Lip Sync	The Wedding Singer (PG-13, '98) ****			
SYFY	*(6:30) Harry Potter and the Goblet of Fire (PG-13, '05) ***		© Daniel Radcliffe.		Victor ♣			
TBS	Seinfeld	Seinfeld	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Conan (N)	
TCM	The Philadelphia Story (NR, '40) ****		© Cary Grant.		Father of the Bride (NR, '50) ****			
TLC	Dr. Pimple Popper		Dr. Pimple Popper (N)		My 600-Lb. Life (N) ♣			
TLN	IMPACT	Wretched	Significant Insights (N)		Life Today	Like You	Humanit ♣	
TNT	NBA Basketball: Thunder at Pelicans (N Subject to Blackout)		Inside the NBA (N) ©					
TOON	Adventure	Adventure	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	King	
USA	Thor: The Dark World (PG-13, '13) **		© Chris Hemsworth. ©		Thor: The Dark World ♣			
VH1	Barbershop: The Next Cut (PG-13, '16) ***		© Ice Cube. ©		How High (R, '01) * © ♣			
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	Valentine's Day (PG-13, '10) **		© Jessica Alba.		(9:05) True Detective	Logan *** ♣	
	HBO2	2 Dope Queens ©		Crashing		High Main.	(9:10) Buried (R, '10) *** © ♣	
	MAX	Black Widow (R, '87) **		© Debra Winger.		(8:45) Body Heat (R, '81) ***	© William Hurt. ♣	
	SHO	Marshall (PG-13, '17) ***		© Chadwick Boseman.		Black Mon	Black Snake Moan ***	
	STARZ	*(6:56) Outlander ©		(7:57) Outlander ©		(8:54) Outlander ©	Counter ♣	
STZNC	*(5:42) Love Actually ***		© Love Actually (R, '03) ***		© Hugh Grant, Laura Linney. ©			

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Horoscopes



Today's birthday (Feb. 14): Win with strong community support this year. Planning, coordination and attention to details pays off. Domestic changes could surprise. Your physical performance builds this summer, before a restful and contemplative cool

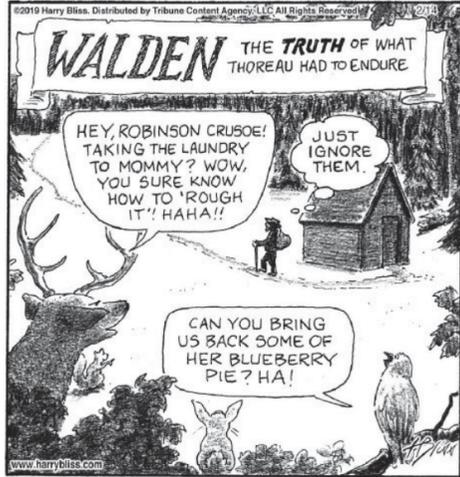
down. Winter brings a new vision that inspires a healthy shift. Strengthen connections to grow.
Aries (March 21-April 19): Today is an 8. With focus you can grow your savings over the next 45 days, with Mars in Taurus. Self-esteem grows with your account balances.
Taurus (April 20-May 20): 9. It could get lucrative. You're motivated and empowered, with Mars in your sign. Take advantage of this energy burst to realize a personal dream.
Gemini (May 21-June 20): 8. Take care of yourself. Clean closets, garages and attics over six weeks, with Mars in Taurus. Clear out clutter, organize and make plans.
Cancer (June 21-July 22): 7. Friends are your secret power. Together anything seems possible, with Mars in Taurus over the next six weeks. Coordinate and strategize privately.
Leo (July 23-Aug. 22): 8. Take bold action. Advance in your career over six weeks, with Mars in Taurus. Pour energy into professional growth and development. Friends can help.
Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): 7. A business trip could be fun. Your wanderlust grows, with Mars in Taurus. Research and study fulfills provides satisfying results. Learn by visiting the source.
Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): 8. Expand your horizons. Grow your family assets with careful tending. Collaborate for a shared financial goal over the next six weeks, with Mars in Taurus.
Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): 8. Partnership flowers over the next six weeks, with Mars in Taurus. Work together for a shared vision. Your collaboration could get lucrative. Patiently build.
Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): 8. Collaborate on practicalities with your partner. Take your physical performance to new levels. The next six weeks, with Mars in Taurus, could be energizing.
Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): 9. Get moving! Your actions speak louder than words over the next six weeks. Romance and passion take new focus. Practice what you love.
Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): 8. Get cozy with someone sweet. Improve your living conditions, with Mars in Taurus over six weeks. Home beautification, repairs and renovation especially satisfy.
Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20): 6. Home draws you in. You're intent on getting the whole story. Writing projects flow with ease. Get the word out, with Mars in Taurus.

— Nancy Black, Tribune Content Agency

The Argyle Sweater



Bliss



Bridge

Neither vulnerable, South deals

North		East	
♠ A J 10 7 4	♥ A 9 5	♠ 5	♥ K J 10 3
♦ 4 2	♣ Q 6 4	♦ J 9 7 6	♣ K 9 8 3
West		South	
♠ 3	♥ Q 8 7 6 2	♠ K Q 9 8 6 2	♥ 4
♦ K 8 3	♣ J 10 7 2	♦ A Q 10 5	♣ A 5

North, perhaps, overbid his hand a little. He could have jumped to four spades at his second turn to show a minimum game force, but he liked his heart holding opposite a singleton so he made the more encouraging bid of three spades. South could hardly be faulted for bidding the slam.

The bidding:

South	West	North	East
1♠	Pass	2NT*	Pass
3♥**	Pass	3♣	Pass
4NT	Pass	5♥	Pass
6♠	All pass		

*Game-forcing spade raise
 **Shortness in hearts

Opening lead: Six of ♥

A successful diamond finesse was all he needed, but it was not to be. West won with the king and led another heart.

South had to rely on his vivid imagination to think of a lie of the cards that would let him take the rest of the tricks. He found one! He needed for East to have started with the king of clubs and at least four diamonds to the jack. He ruffed the heart high and cashed the ace of clubs. He crossed back to dummy with a trump and ruffed dummy's last heart. South unblocked the high spade in his hand and then led a spade to dummy to cash the last spade. In the three-then ending, East was not able to keep more than two diamonds along with the king of clubs, so a diamond to the 10, followed by the ace and five of diamonds, gave South the 12 tricks that he needed. Well played!

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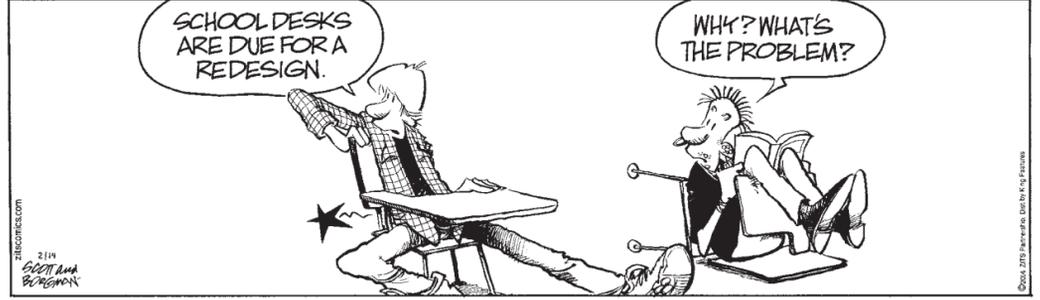
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Baby Blues



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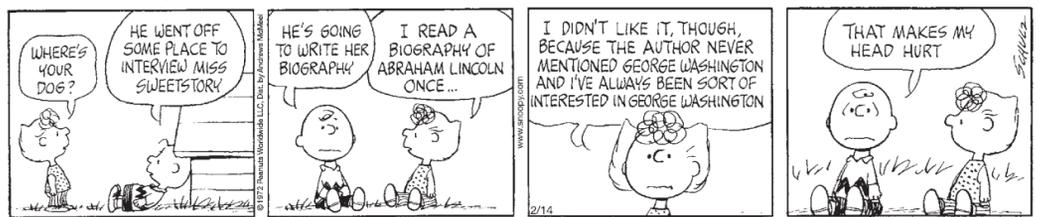
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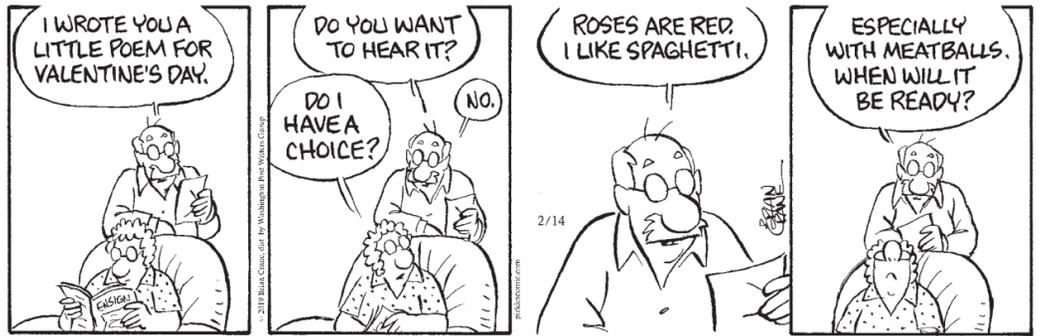
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Classic Peanuts



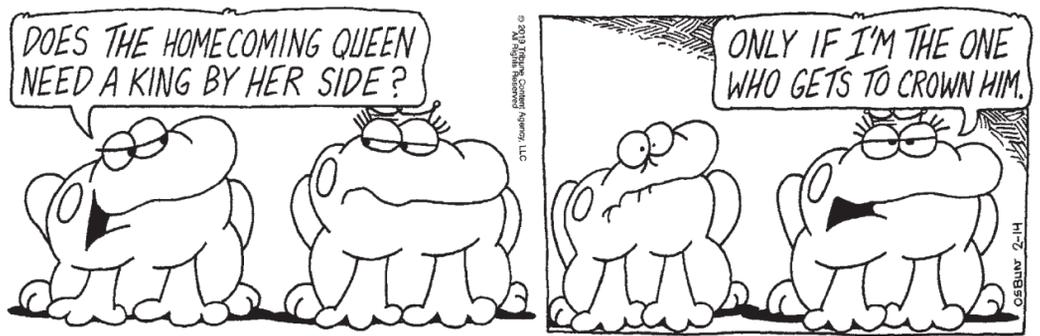
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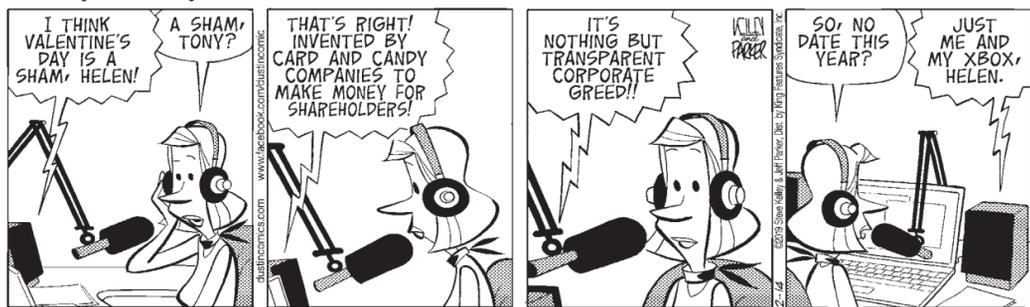
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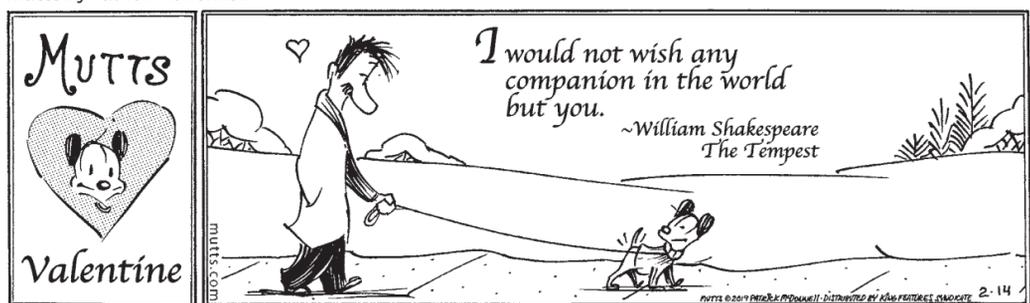
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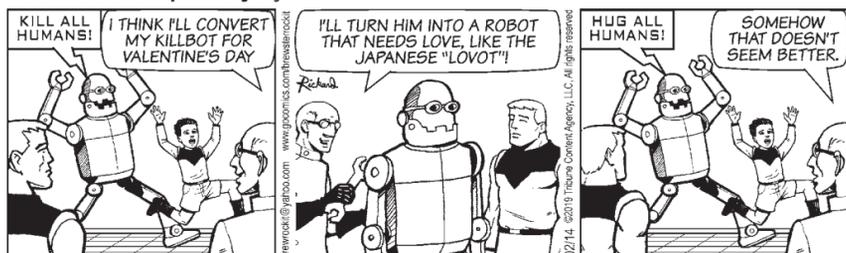
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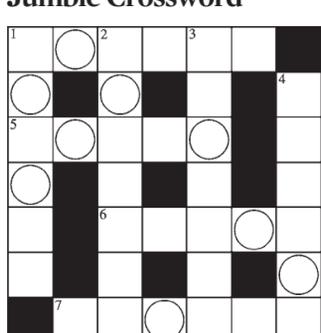
Broom-Hilda By Russell Myers



Trivia Bits

As of Jan. 3, 2019, how many women are voting members in the U.S. House of Representatives?
 A) 102
 B) 137
 C) 240
 D) 256
 Wednesday's answer: Leonardo da Vinci's painting "The Last Supper" can be found in the Church of Santa Maria delle Grazie in Milan.
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Jumble Crossword



CLUE ACROSS
 1. Damp
 5. Type of young bird
 6. Bert's bud
 7. Greek goddess

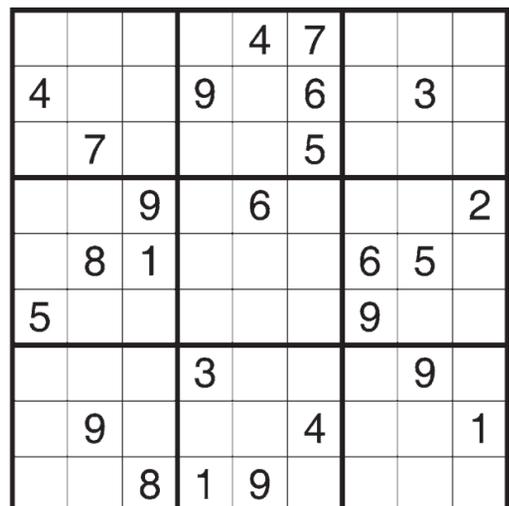
CLUE DOWN
 1. Walk-in _____
 2. Illness
 3. Early show
 4. Theater

How to play - Complete the crossword puzzle by looking at the clues and unscrambling the answers. When the puzzle is complete, unscramble the circled letters to solve the BONUS.

BONUS _____
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 ANSWERS: 1-A-Clammy 5-A-Crowet 6-A-Ermie 7-A-Nashua 1D-Crozet 2D-Falmer 3D-Mastine 4D-Chemra 5D-Will Smith
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Sudoku 1 2 3 4

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4	6	5	9	3	1	7	2	8
9	7	1	5	2	8	3	4	6
8	3	2	7	6	4	5	1	9
6	5	4	1	8	7	2	9	3
2	9	3	4	5	6	8	7	1
1	8	7	2	9	3	6	5	4
7	1	8	3	4	2	9	6	5
5	2	6	8	1	9	4	3	7
3	4	9	6	7	5	1	8	2

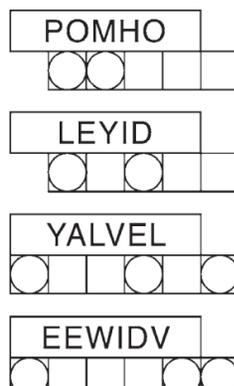
Complete the grid so each row, column and 3-by-3 box in bold borders contains every digit 1 to 9.

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.



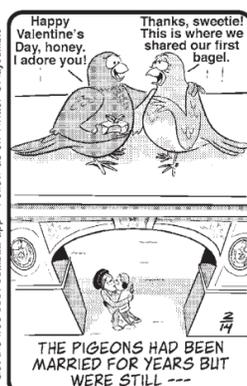
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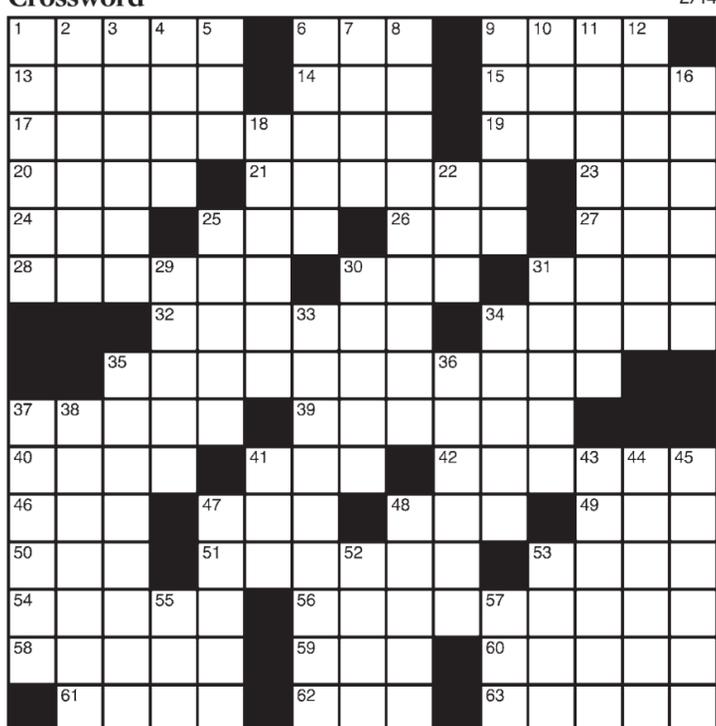
Jumbles: FINCH EMPTY WILLOW COPPER
 Answer: He needed to get started on his new novel and would begin -- "WRITE" NOW

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Crossword

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Across
 1 Queen, e.g.
 6 Fell for the joke
 9 Put away for future reference
 13 ArkivMusic.com purchase
 14 Sch. with a Tempe campus
 15 Flooded
 17 "Little Book of Mind-Power" author
 19 Battery inventor Alessandro
 20 Stand food
 21 Danish city named for a Norse god
 23 Place for a shot
 24 Gate info
 25 Conversation stumbles
 26 Gives the nod
 27 Hasty escape
 28 Superman specialty
 30 Wrigley Field feature
 31 Like beds in cleaned hotel rooms

Down
 32 Peter of "9-1-1"
 34 Tunisian currency
 35 Takes a casual drive ... and a literal description of 10 puzzle answers
 37 Bearings
 39 Casual eatery
 40 Ending to avoid?
 41 Interject
 42 Touchdown site
 46 "Well, --di-dah!"
 47 Shooting initials
 48 "Jeopardy!" record-setter Jennings
 49 Spa emanation
 50 Source of some '60s trips
 51 1840s-'50s home to Liszt
 53 End of an old boast
 54 Military camp
 56 Luxury accommodations for bigwigs
 58 Church offering
 59 Prefix with warrior
 60 1960 Wimbledon champ Fraser
 61 Laryngitis symptom
 62 Spied
 63 Fire

Wednesday's solution
 EWES SAFES TINS
 MAGI ALIVE ONEA
 BLOC HAVEASNACK
 ELM LIME SPENCE
 READABOOK OREOS
 NEWS LARS
 ARIAS HAUNT ZOO
 ICRANTGETTOSLEEP
 MAC UTILE BONDS
 ADOS DREG
 SABRE TAKEAWALK
 ARLENE CESS REO
 COUNTSHEEP EDNA
 CARA POLLO REIN
 ORBS YEAST AINNS

Down
 1 Wi-Fi conduit
 2 Raise from three to four stars, as a hotel
 3 Classic cameras
 4 So
 5 Singer Carly ___ Jepsen
 6 Gets thinner on top

7 "So THAT's what's going on here!"
 8 Hoops goofs
 9 BFFs
 10 ___ Jima
 11 Space cadet's world
 12 Erik of "CHiPs"
 16 Work (out) with effort, as an agreement
 18 Cosmetics giant
 22 What's up?
 25 Pierre's bills
 29 Designer fragrance
 30 "To repeat ..."
 31 Trivial
 33 PC storage options
 34 "Hands of Stone" boxer Roberto
 35 Fortune 500 IT company
 36 Frisky whiskered critters
 37 Polo need
 38 Excited
 41 Tap outflow
 43 Tiki bar cocktail
 44 Small battery
 45 Swindle
 47 Win the first four World Series games
 48 "Whammo!"
 52 Flaky mineral
 53 Contender
 55 Acidity nos.
 57 German conjunction

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Ideas for your flex room

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Whether it's due to design configurations or remodeling, many homes have an extra space that's not necessarily a bedroom but still added square footage.

Realtors typically call these flex rooms or bonus rooms.

These tucked-away spaces often turn into the default storage room, becoming cluttered and unusable.

If you have a flex room, try turning it into a usable space that adds value to your home's square footage and enjoyment for you.

Play time: Getting the most out of your home's usable space is always a good idea, and flex rooms can help you create a specialty space you might not otherwise have. A terrific use for growing families is to turn your flex room into a playroom. Adding bookshelves and a tepee tent, you can create a reading nook to encourage young ones to take off on wild adventures between the covers of a book.

This is also a great play space for adults or teens. If there's enough room, a flex space makes a terrific game room. Add a table for playing cards or a billiards table. Or, turn it into a man cave decorated with your team's colors and memorabilia. Give a corner of the room over to a bar for adult enjoyment, or to pump up the fun add a foosball table that will draw your teen's friends to your house and keep them occupied.

Creative use: There are so many ways to use a flex room. Here are some creative ways to turn the bonus area into a useful space.

■ Because cribs are small, a flex room makes a terrific spot to convert to a nursery.

■ For budding writers or entrepreneurs, a flex room can become the new headquarters to a startup or a place to escape to for quiet contemplation.

■ If you've always dreamed of a library, create your own home library or study with some rich wall colors, plenty of bookshelves, a comfy reading chair and a lamp.

■ If your flex room is near your



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Turn your home's bonus space into a playroom for your kids.

bedroom, why not turn it into a closet masterpiece? Just remember, a small space can make a big closet.

■ Hobbies and crafts are another wonderful use for a flex room. Outfit the space with a table and shelving (to store supplies), and you'll have a spot to work on your favorite hobbies. Wall space can

be used to show off your creations.

■ If heading to the gym is a chore, turn your flex room into a mini gym for getting in your workouts at home.

Multiuse space: Give your bonus room even more flexibility by turning it into a multiuse room.

If your flex room is a study, consider adding a pullout sofa, futon or day bed that doubles as seating and a bed for overnight guests. Or turn it into a bedroom for siblings who don't want to share anymore.

A trundle bed comes in handy for extra sleeping space for sleepovers and saves space too.



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White and taupe create a sense of calm and serenity.

Get cozy and aspire to *hygge* at home

BY CATHY HOBBS
Tribune Content Agency

The Danish are considered to be among the happiest people in the world. *Hygge* is the Danish term for cozy contentment.

Looking to incorporate a sense of *hygge*? Here are ways to achieve this relaxing sense of style.

1. Add candles. Nothing signals calm and relaxation more than candles.

2. Create a relaxation area in your home specifically dedicated as a place to recharge.

3. Add natural fragrance, which can help provide a sense of calm. Consider scents such as juniper, fig, pine and sage.

4. Create a predominately white or cream color palette. Soothing colors will automatically help create a sense of calm.

5. Play music, from soothing sounds such as water to sounds such as bells and chimes.

6. Incorporate cozy throws and soft toss pillows.

7. Share a sense of *hygge* with your

guests. Welcome them with their own cozy throw and provide slippers.

8. Add light. Allow the maximum amount of natural light to enter a room.

9. Incorporate greenery. From fresh flowers to plants and trees, greenery not only helps to add freshness to a space but will also help improve overall indoor air quality.

10. Incorporate nature. Natural elements such as wood can help warm a space.

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A focal point in this dining room is its coffered ceiling.



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The lavender ceiling stands out in this bathroom.

Making statements through ceilings

BY KRISTINA ORREGO
The Washington Post

What does the Sistine Chapel have in common with a house for a family of eight in Lutherville, Md.? The ceilings in these spaces demand that you look up.

“Statement ceiling” is a term designers use to describe a ceiling that’s been given extra attention, sometimes even making it a focal point of a room. And Elizabeth Reich of Jenkins Baer Associates, an interior design company in Baltimore, said that “statement” can be anything a person wants it to be.

“The ceiling is a huge part of the overall impact on how you’re going to feel in the space,” she said. “There’s a lot of different ways you can make it stand out and give the space a lot more character.”

Reich recently posted an Instagram photo of an ornate ceiling at the Wal-

ters Art Museum in Baltimore. In the picture, a wooden staircase winds around a light-blue stained-glass statement ceiling.

“That was just a gorgeous feeling in the stairwell,” she said. “Historically, when they built these, they paid a lot of attention to those kinds of architectural details, and they had these amazing craftsmen who turned your plain ceiling into a masterpiece.”

Although what Reich saw in the museum isn’t realistic to replicate in the average home, she believes ceilings in any kind of room — living rooms, bedrooms, dining rooms, powder rooms — can be enhanced.

So what’s the best way to maximize a ceiling’s potential? Reich and other designers shared their favorites.

A lot of people forget about their vertical real estate, said Quintece Hill-Mattauszek, an Alexandria, Va., designer who is a self-

“There’s a lot of different ways you can make it stand out.”

— Elizabeth Reich, interior designer, on a room’s ceiling

proclaimed “pattern fanatic,” unafraid of using vibrant, bold patterns to liven up a ceiling.

“A lot of times when you’re in a bedroom, you’re on your back,” Hill-Mattauszek said. “So it’s nice to see something really cool.”

Reich says interesting wallpaper is particularly smart for powder rooms because their small size means not much is needed to make a big impact.

“You can also do a contrast wallpaper on the ceiling to add texture or graphic interest,” she wrote in an email. “It’s always fun to do something unexpected in a powder room.”

For wallpaper on a bedroom ceiling, she said, she’s

used grass cloth for a calming effect.

“I tend to like the ceilings in bedrooms to be beautiful and serene, since this is your place to relax and unwind,” she wrote. “I prefer texture to graphics in a bedroom.”

Coffered ceilings can provide a timeless look, and beams or planks can add character that will complement many styles.

One of Reich’s favorite projects was a Lutherville home that she says exemplifies the way changing the ceiling can transform a space.

“We decided to eliminate the skylights that were in the original ceiling because the room gets a ton of natu-

ral light, and they weren’t symmetrical to the room,” Reich wrote. “We took out the high peak and added a flat section to the ceiling, which made the room feel more intimate,” and added planks, crossbeams and arches.

Baltimore artist Kelly Walker faux-painted the entire ceiling in a weathered teak finish, which allowed some of the natural knots to show through.

Andrea Houck, an interior designer based in Arlington, Va., loves statement ceilings — especially in dining rooms, powder rooms and master bedrooms — and is working on a silver dining room ceiling in McLean.

She recently dedicated a blog post to the design element, calling the ceiling a “fifth wall.” She described ceilings she’d painted in verdant green and soft blue, and highlighted some of her favorite rooms by other

designers, including a bathroom by designer Amanda Nisbet with white walls and a lavender ceiling.

Without the unexpected ceiling color, she said, Nisbet’s white bathroom “would be a little bit predictable and mundane.” And the finishes — high-gloss on the walls and matte on the ceiling — provide contrast.

Alternately, a high-gloss ceiling could formalize a space, Reich said. Any colors can be used to create a lacquer, or high-gloss, finish, but dark colors, such as blue, work particularly well, she said.

“I think a ceiling is another piece that people just can’t forget about,” Houck said.

“It’s so important. You can just tweak the color ever so slightly and totally change the feeling in the room.”

Kristina Orrego is a freelance writer.



CHICAGO BOTANIC GARDEN

A cyclamen plant can provide an easy eight weeks of winter color when given proper care.

For a winter plant with flowers, try a cyclamen

BY TIM JOHNSON
Chicago Tribune

I am planning to buy a plant to cheer up a sick friend. Do you have a suggestion for something I can buy now that has flowers?

— Beth Stone, Lake Forest

A cyclamen is a good choice that can provide an easy eight weeks of winter color when given proper care. Success growing a cyclamen starts with the correct environment. It will perform best when kept in a north window with bright, indirect light in a cool room of 55 to 65 degrees.

These temperatures are not typically possible to maintain in most homes, though. If the temperature of your home is over 70 degrees during the day and over 65 degrees at night, your cyclamen may start to yellow and the flowers will fade more rapidly, but this is not necessarily a reason to avoid buying this plant for a few weeks of color.

Cyclamens that are sold as houseplants are Mediterranean and cannot tolerate temperatures below 40 degrees, so be sure to protect them when transporting the plants home. In nature, these cyclamens

grow in cool, humid environments. There are also hardy cyclamen that can be grown outside in your garden.

Cyclamen are sensitive to both over- and under-watering. Start with a potting medium with excellent drainage and a container with holes in the bottom for the water to drain out of the pot. Water your cyclamen plant only when the soil is dry to the touch, but do not wait so long that it shows visible signs of being too dry (such as wilting leaves and flowers).

Water enough to keep the plant evenly moist and never soggy. Try to avoid splashing the crown of the plant or the foliage when watering, as this can promote disease. Be sure that when you water the plant, you thoroughly soak the growing medium and let any excess water drain away.

Remove fading flowers and their stems and yellowing leaves as needed. Fertilize once every month to two with water-soluble fertilizer mixed at half strength. When cyclamens get too much fertilizer, it can affect their ability to bloom again.

Most gardeners find it too difficult to force the

plant to bloom again the next season and end up buying a new plant. After a cyclamen blooms, it will go into a dormant state with the leaves turning yellow and falling off. Stop watering the plant once you see the signs that the leaves are all dying back. Place the plant in a cool, somewhat dark place. Remove dead foliage and let the plant sit for a couple of months. Another option is to remove soil from the tuber and store it in peat moss or vermiculite in a dark, cool (50-degree) location for its dormant period.

Later in spring or early summer, check the tuber for new growth. As soon as growth begins, repot the tuber with its top half exposed and bottom half planted in a fresh growing medium. Resume normal watering and fertilize with a dilute 10-10-10 or 15-15-15 mix twice a month.

Cyclamens can benefit from summers growing outside in a protected spot in the garden where they receive early morning sun. Bring the plant indoors before autumn frost.

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Like humans, plants find numerous ways to pair up

BY BETH BOTTS
Chicago Tribune

There's a lot of wooing going on at this time of year — chocolates, roses, sometimes rings — all in the service of pairing up. Plants pair up too, but they do it differently from us.

Understanding the variety of ways plants reproduce can make a difference to a gardener, according to Julie Janoski, Plant Clinic manager at the Morton Arboretum in Lisle. “For example, some shrubs, such as holly, winterberry and juniper, won't have their pretty berries unless they're near a plant of the opposite sex,” she said. “A male plant is needed to provide pollen to the female plant, which forms the berries.”

Species that usually have separate male and female plants are said to be dioecious. Dioecious trees include ginkgo, sassafras and willow.

When you're choosing plants, it's useful to know whether it's dioecious and which sex it is. “Ginkgo trees are beautiful, but you may want to choose a male rather than a female, because only the female trees have fruit,” Janoski said. Many people find the fruit messy and malodorous. On the other hand, male trees of dioecious species tend to produce lots of pollen, which can aggravate allergies.

To get berries on holly, currant or spicebush shrubs, you'll need to buy both male and female plants. Plants should be labeled as male or female in the garden center. “If a dioecious species is very commonly planted, such as juniper, there may already be a male plant in the neighborhood to help your female plant have berries,” Janoski said. Pollen knows no property lines.

Sometimes the sex of a



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Ginkgo trees are among the species that have separate male and female plants. Many plants combine male and female reproductive organs in each bloom.

plant is irrelevant to us. Both spinach and asparagus are generally dioecious, but since we eat spinach leaves and asparagus stalks before pollination takes place, most of us don't care how these plants get pollinated.

Other plants, such as oak, walnut and pine trees, have both male and female reproductive organs on the same plant, although that doesn't necessarily mean they pair up with themselves, Janoski said. “Wind or insects may carry pollen from the male flowers to female flowers on the same plant or another plant,” she said. Plants that have both male and female flowers are said to be monoecious.

For example, spruce and pine trees have small, inconspicuous male cones along their branches to produce pollen for the large seed-bearing female structures we know as pine cones. The trees depend on wind to carry pollen from the male cones to the female cones.

In the majority of plants, including lilies, roses, tomatoes and apple trees, a single flower is usually

both male and female, with both kinds of reproductive organs. However, to avoid inbreeding, a lily's female parts won't form a seed from male pollen of the same flower. Butterflies, moths, bees or hummingbirds need to help by picking up pollen from a flower's male parts and carrying it to a different bloom.

Attracting pollinators is the reason the flowers are large and conspicuous, with sweet, enticing nectar.

Plants are surprisingly variable when it comes to reproduction. In some species, a single plant may have flowers with both types of sexual organs or just one.

“There are a lot of different strategies for making more plants,” Janoski said. Some involve pairing up and some don't.

“Nature always finds a way,” she said.

For tree and plant advice, contact the Arboretum's Plant Clinic (630-719-2424 or plantadvice@mortonarb.org).

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Rotting shed needs lift to make repairs last

BY TIM CARTER
Tribune Content Agency

Q: I have a quaint outdoor shed that I've neglected. The wood at the bottom is rotting and the shingles must be replaced. I recently discovered it's not to code in my county. I want to repair it and improve it, but I'm told the shed has to be moved and enlarged. This makes me sad because it's a perfect size and I like where it is on my lot. What are my options?

A: When I peered at the photos you sent me, I immediately saw one problem that led to the wood rot. The shed was placed or built too close to the soil. The rear of the shed has soil piled up against the wood.

You've come to the right place for help. Not only was I a builder and remodeler for more than 30 years, I also served on my village's planning and zoning board for eight years. I've got a fairly good grasp of zoning codes that restrict sheds and similar accessory structures.

It's important to realize you may have received bad advice. You can't always trust the spoken word when it comes to zoning issues. I always get a copy of the zoning code and read it. I want to see exactly where it says such-and-such is not allowed. Ask the person who told you to move and enlarge the shed to point this out in the current zoning documents.

First and foremost, your shed may not be in viola-



TIM CARTER PHOTO

This shed has seen better days, but it can be restored and improved with moderate skills. The first step is to get it off the soil.

tion. I don't have a copy of your zoning code, but it very likely has a grandfather clause. Simply put, if something that was fine to do years ago has become illegal because of new regulations, the offending thing normally can stay in place.

However, some codes do have restrictions about the amount of improvement that can be done to a grandfathered shed or structure. You have to read your code and see what it says. If there's an upper-limit percentage of repair, you can sometimes jump through a

loophole and make the repairs over a period of time so at no given time do you bump up against the upper limit of the allowable repairs.

Let's assume you discover you can repair the shed and it can stay in its current location. Here's how I would proceed with the repairs.

I would strongly urge you to raise the shed up into the air so the bottom of the wood siding is at least 6 inches away from the soil. Since sheds don't weigh much, three small hydraulic car jacks may be all you

need. Perhaps a few neighbors have these.

You'll probably have to slide new 4-by-4 boards under the existing floor beams on each side of the shed to lift it. The hydraulic jacks will be set under these 4-by-4s, two under one of them and the third in the middle of the other. You'll pump all three jack handles so the shed pops up out of the ground, is level front to back and side to side, and is at the right height. Place a solid concrete block under the 4-by-4s or the floor beams to provide solid support be-

tween the shed and the soil.

Most homeowners don't think about wind, but it can be a major concern with outdoor sheds such as yours. Strong winds can cause a shed, or even a small house, to tumble across your yard. Investigate using hold-down anchors to make sure your shed stays put when the next fierce thunderstorm, or worse, blasts through your backyard.

The rotted portions of the wood siding can be replaced with new siding. You can go back with wood, but you might want to

choose fiber concrete as it will last longer. You just have to cut away the rotten wood by coming up a foot or so and cut a straight line.

You'll have to slide a piece of z-flashing up under the remaining siding after you make this cut. But before you do that, paint the fresh-cut edge of the existing siding with two or three coats of paint. This will help prevent wood rot in the future. The top of the z-flashing slides up behind the existing siding and the front edge laps over the top of the replacement siding.

The roof shingles are perhaps the easiest part of the project. Use a flat garden spade to remove the shingles and inspect the sheathing to ensure there's no rot. If you detect rotten roof sheathing, replace it.

There are videos on YouTube that show you how to install simple asphalt shingles. It's key to have a metal drip edge on the sides and bottom edge. Some shingle manufacturers have installation videos that show what to do. You'll be amazed at how easy it is to install shingles, and since you're not that high up, it's relatively safe.

Keep in mind that if you install a thin piece of copper 6-12 inches wide at the top of the shingles on both sides of the roof, you'll never have to install new shingles again in your lifetime. I discovered three years ago that copper that washes down onto shingles prevents asphalt from becoming brittle. This means your new shingles can last for 40 or 50 years.

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Carbon monoxide is generated any time a fossil fuel is burned.

HOME REMEDIES

How to protect your home against carbon monoxide

BY PAUL F. P. POGUE
Angie's List

Carbon monoxide is an odorless, colorless gas that can be easily generated by many home appliances. Although it presents a danger any time of year, it is a particular concern during colder months, when families run furnaces and heaters more frequently.

Carbon monoxide poses significant risks inside the home. Symptoms include headaches, dizziness, upset stomach and confusion. Too much carbon monoxide can be fatal. Every year, it sends more than 20,000 Americans to the emergency room and kills more than 400, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

Where carbon monoxide comes from: Any appliance or motor that burns fuel generates carbon monoxide, including fireplaces, portable heaters, gas-powered generators, gas-powered furnaces and appliances, and automobiles.

As long as these motors vent carbon monoxide exhaust outside, you're safe. So the most important step in protecting your home is making sure your appliances are regularly

inspected and maintained. A licensed HVAC technician will always check a furnace's venting during a seasonal tuneup.

Your stove, dryer and fireplace can all generate carbon monoxide, and it can back up into the home if the vents get stopped up. Make sure the chimney flue remains clear of obstructions, keep your dryer vents clean and run your kitchen exhaust fan when you use your stove.

Carefully read and follow the directions to any fuel-powered device you purchase. Never use a portable generator or grill indoors.

You can further protect yourself with a carbon monoxide monitor and alarm. If you do purchase an alarm, make sure it is battery-powered or has a battery backup, and check the batteries regularly. Verify that the alarm is certified through Underwriters Laboratories. Place alarms near sleeping areas so they'll alert everyone in the household even while they're asleep. The Environmental Protection Agency cautions not to rely exclusively on alarms, as they can create a false sense of security. An alarm is no replacement for well-maintained appliances.

Take care with your garage: An attached garage can be a source of carbon monoxide leakage. Cold weather tends to depressurize homes, which can help draw in carbon monoxide from attached garages.

But you can protect your home from garage leaks with a few basic steps. Garage-based appliances such as water heaters and furnaces still need to be properly vented. Be sure not to idle your car for long periods in a garage. Seal up the walls connecting the attached garage to the home, and make sure the door between garage and living area is tightly sealed with weather-stripping. An energy auditing specialist can confirm that your garage is safely protected from leaks. Consider installing an exhaust fan in your garage and run it on a timer whenever you enter or leave the garage in a car.

If you suspect that you or any family member is suffering from carbon monoxide poisoning, the EPA suggests you turn off combustion appliances, leave the house and get fresh air immediately. Go to the emergency room and tell the physician you suspect carbon monoxide poisoning.

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Exciting trends available in new home designs

Buyers today are looking for open concept floor plans, but many other trends in home design can maximize the livability of their new homes.

One priority can lead to another, and this process is true when selecting the features for a new home. For example, the popular open concept floor plan can lead to other priorities, such as the need for abundant storage. A large open space with multiple functions can become cluttered if residents don't have ample storage.

"Buyers today prefer a more casual living style with maximum flexibility," says Jeremy Lund, sales manager for Shodeen Homes. "Some buyers prefer to have no specific room definitions in their open concept living areas, so they have almost complete flexibility in using the space and arranging furniture.

"Another outcome of the popularity of open concept floor plans is the need for ample storage on the main floor along with full basements, a standard feature in Shodeen Homes. Larger pantries and oversized islands with storage features are both attractive and practical. Mud rooms/owner entries minimize clutter in the main living area. More elaborate bathrooms are trending, with freestanding tubs and large multi-head showers for a spa experience," he says.

Buyers prefer wood floors these days, and Lund points to a smart inclusion to preserve them.

"In Shodeen homes, we include a humidifier/dehumidifier to keep the moisture in the home's environment in a healthy balance for both residents and wood flooring," he says.

Ranch plans will continue to grow in popularity during 2019, according to Pat Curran, president of West Point Builders' Ashcroft Place and The Townes at Ashcroft Walk in Oswego.

"Fifty percent of our single-family home

sales have been ranches," Curran says.

"They are also popular among our townhome buyers who also are selecting our townhome plan with a first-floor master bedroom. Basements are more in demand than ever before, and we include full basements in the townhomes and partial basements (or optional full basements) in the single-family homes. Basements provide extra space for living areas and storage, and buyers can opt for finished basements.

"Buyers today want updated architecture but many want to mix the flexible open concept spaces with traditional touches. One example is the kitchen garden window shown in our single-family model home," Curran says. "This decorative and practical option brings in the outdoors, enhances the light and is a great place to raise kitchen herbs and other plants. Other available traditional touches include the specialty trims, cabinetry and wide selection of fireplaces and surrounds in both the single-family and townhomes. Because we are a semi-custom builder, we offer an extensive array of options to personalize and customize the homes."

Smart home technology will continue to be a priority with buyers as more and more innovations come to market, says Jennifer Mencias, sales director for the Chicago Division of Toll Brothers.

"Buyers continue to prefer open concept floor plans and opportunities for personalization," Mencias says. "Technology is considered a necessity, and buyers prefer to have remote control and the various components hidden in a closet or the basement. Charging stations for the family's devices and additional outlets are important, as are mud rooms. Buyers want



Open concept floor plans remain popular with new home buyers allowing plenty of opportunities to personalize the layout design during the construction process.



A new trend in home design offered by Toll Brothers is beam ceilings. The ceilings are reminiscent of the past but offer a modern, timeless look.

to combine practicality with luxury.

"An exciting new trend that we are seeing at Toll Brothers is our option for post and beam ceilings," Mencias says. "These ceilings are reminiscent of the past yet have a modern feel that is both dramatic and timeless. Other favorites include second-floor family rooms in addition to

flex space on the main floor, and white and light gray painted cabinets are still the leading choice of buyers. They want homes that are beautiful but also easy to live in."

For more information, visit shodeenhomes.com, westpointbuilders.com and tollbrothers.com.

NEW HOMES MARKETPLACE



Courtesy of Mary Lynn Photography

There is still time to own a new Shodeen home and enjoy the benefits of new construction at Blackberry Creek in Elburn.

Time running out to build new at Shodeen's Blackberry Creek

Buyers still have time to build a new ranch, two-story or first-floor master plan at Blackberry Creek, an established Elburn neighborhood with on-site elementary school.

Located five miles west of Randall Road off Keslinger Road, Blackberry Creek is a 625-acre master-planned community, featuring ponds, walking trails, parks and playgrounds in addition to Kaneland School District's Blackberry Creek Elementary School. Shodeen Homes offers a collection of home designs ranging from 2,089 to 3,341 square feet in size with prices starting from the \$330s as well as homes for quick delivery priced from the low-\$400s.

"Blackberry Creek has been popular with first-time, move-up and 'right-size' buyers who appreciate our open concept floor plans and value the benefits of new construction," says Anna Harmon, director of Marketing and Public Relations for Shodeen Homes. "Of course, one of the most significant benefits of new construction is that everything is new and just how you want it the day you move in. You're not tackling endless renovation projects. However, today's savvy new home shoppers also understand the energy-efficiency benefits and up-to-code safety features in a new versus a resale home as well as the peace-of-mind that comes with having a new home warranty."

According to Lantz Rakow, president of D&H Energy Management Company, new homes, on average, are 30 percent more energy efficient than homes that were built just 10 years ago.

Rakow explains a projected HERS Index is given to all Shodeen homes: The lower the HERS Index the better the homes energy

efficiency. Features that contribute to a better HERS score include energy efficient windows, insulation, spray foam and energy-efficient furnaces, water heaters and appliances.

"We test all Shodeen houses for air infiltration," Rakow says. "Their use of spray foam in rim joists and detailed air sealing of the home's enclosure has contributed to a home built to operate for less money. An energy-efficient new home costs its owners a lot less to operate, and while buyers may be able to save money on the front end by purchasing an older home, some of the monthly savings is lost in paying higher utility bills."

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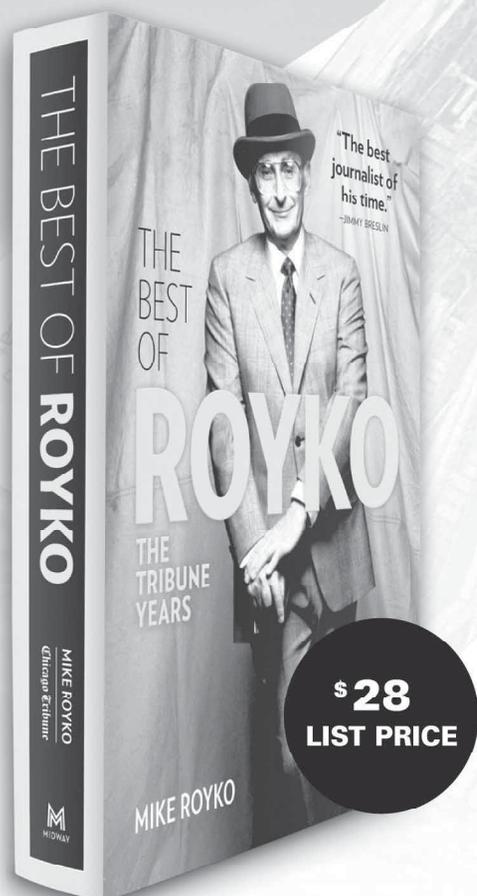
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