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Gov. J.B. Pritzker is greeted by lawmakers after delivering his first budget address to a joint session of the Illinois House and Senate at the Illinois State Capitol in Springfield on Wednesday. "We will work together earnestly to solve the state's problems," Pritzker said.

Pritzker's proposal: New taxes, spending

In first budget address, governor lays groundwork, looks to work with state GOP

BY DAN PETRELLA
 AND RICK PEARSON
 Chicago Tribune

Comparing Illinois' financial morass to the challenges the state faced during the Great Depression, Gov. J.B. Pritzker used his first budget address Wednesday to lay out the initial stages of a multiyear road map that ultimately depends upon voters approving a graduated income tax.

In a 37-minute speech, Pritzker vowed to end the days

of ideological warfare that fueled a record budget impasse under his defeated predecessor, Republican Bruce Rauner. He sought both compromise and patience — asking Republicans to work with the state's one-party Democratic rule and urging all legislators to take the long view by enacting multiyear fiscal changes to stabilize Illinois' shaky finances.

"Budgeting will not be done anymore by taking the state hostage, or by court orders, consent decrees and continu-

ing appropriations but instead by debate and compromise and a return to regular order. We will work together earnestly to solve the state's problems. We will disagree at times on important things, but the work we all came here to do will get done," Pritzker said.

"To get to fiscal stability and eliminate our structural deficit, there's no quick fix. It took decades to get us into this mess. It will take at least several years to get us out of it," he said. "We must therefore embrace a mul-

tiyear approach with fair principles and smart investments in our people. Our state does well when our people do well."

Pritzker said his \$38.7 billion spending plan for the budget year that begins July 1 was balanced, but based on a "regressive tax structure that I do not favor and that puts the greatest burden on working families." It was a continuation of his campaign-themed pitch to replace the state's constitu-

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Smollett goes from victim to charged

'Empire' TV actor hit with felony rap; could face up to 3 years

BY JEREMY GORNER,
 MEGAN CREPEAU,
 WILLIAM LEE
 AND TRACY SWARTZ
 Chicago Tribune

In little more than three weeks, "Empire" actor Jussie Smollett went from a sympathetic victim of a racist, anti-gay attack to an accused liar whose allegedly staged assault further roiled divisions across the country.

Smollett, 36, was charged Wednesday evening with disorderly conduct, a felony, after allegedly filing a false police report about an attack he said occurred as he walked to his apartment building in Streeterville last month. If convicted, he could face probation to three years in prison.

"Like any other citizen, Mr. Smollett enjoys the presumption of innocence," Smollett's attorneys, Todd Pugh and Victor Henderson, said in a statement. "Particularly when there has been an investigation like this one where information, both true and false, has been repeatedly leaked. Given these circumstances, we intend to conduct a thorough investigation and to mount an aggressive defense."

While Chicago police initially launched a hate crime investigation, authorities had recently said they were looking into whether Smollett paid two brothers he knew to stage the attack on Jan. 29. The brothers appeared before a grand jury earlier Wednesday, according to their attorney, Gloria Schmidt.

"There was a point where this story needed to be told, and they manned up and they said, 'You know what, we're going to correct this,'" Schmidt told reporters.

Schmidt declined to give much detail about the evidence

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Anti-Daley ad invokes Rauner comparison

The television ad war between mayoral candidate Bill Daley and a dark money political committee seeking to discredit his candidacy intensified Wednesday as the group released an ad seeking to explicitly link him with unpopular former Republican Gov. Bruce Rauner. **Page 4**

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High court limits 'excessive fines'

The Supreme Court ruled unanimously Wednesday that the Constitution's prohibition on excessive fines applies to state and local governments, limiting their abilities to impose financial penalties and seize property. **Page 10**

WHITE SOX

Anderson far from short on confidence

The day after Manny Machado said no, the sun did, indeed, come up at White Sox camp. And shortstop Tim Anderson is happy to have the spotlight back on him. **Chicago Sports**



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Mourners hug as Aurora police officers enter the Gabel-Dunn Funeral Home to pay respects to Trevor Wehner on Wednesday in Sheridan.

Mourners remember intern killed in shooting

Sheridan man, in first day on the job, was youngest Aurora victim

BY SARAH FREISHTAT
 The Beacon-News

Hundreds of mourners packed the village of Sheridan's small funeral home Wednesday to remember Trevor Wehner, a 21-year-old Northern Illinois University student killed on the first day of an internship when a gunman opened fire inside an Aurora warehouse.

During a brief religious service, Wehner was remembered as family-oriented, someone who could change the atmosphere of a room just by walking in and who liked to

tease and play jokes. Mourners listening to the pastor's prayers packed the funeral home's chapel and filled the entryway, standing in every available space.

Wehner was the youngest of five people killed by a gunman at the Henry Pratt Co. in Aurora on Friday.

He was active in the small town where he grew up, according to an online obituary, where census figures put the population around 2,700 but locals estimate it's only about 700, once you factor out

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Grundy official vows to identify Jane Doe

Body exhumed to help solve mystery of woman found dead in ditch in 1976

BY ALISON BOWEN
 Chicago Tribune

In a cardboard box on a gurney in the Morris, Ill., coroner's office are two pieces of a skull. On the wall above Brandon Johnson's desk is a sketch of the woman it belonged to. Eventually, in a small cemetery on a nearby rural road, Johnson hopes to add a headstone with the woman's name to the mounds of dirt that mark her recently exhumed grave.

The bones belong to Grundy County's only unidentified person, says Deputy Coroner Johnson, who exhumed the woman's remains in December. He feels it is his calling to name the dead. Specifically, to identify this woman, whom officials call Jane Seneca Doe because her body was found lying in a ditch along a Seneca, Ill., highway, about an hour and a half southwest of Chicago.

"There's a constant reminder of what I'm doing, and to keep trying," Johnson, 27, said. The sketch of the young African-American woman with a round face watches him, day after day.

She was found Oct. 2, 1976, her body's naked limbs tan-



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A drawing of Jane Seneca Doe is taped to the wall in Grundy County Deputy Coroner Brandon Johnson's office.

gled, and a green plastic bag and sweater with a \$15.99 price tag still attached pulled over her head. Officials suspected she had been shot somewhere else and dumped along the highway. An autopsy showed she died from a gunshot wound in the back of her head.

She was perhaps 20 years old, 5 feet 7 inches and about 150 pounds, according to the coroner's report in 1976. On the line for "name" was typed, "Unknown Negro Woman."

For more than 40 years, that's all that's been known about a young woman whose life ended violently, anonymously.

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CHICAGO TRIBUNE'S UNSCRIPTED PRESENTS JACOB TOBIA

Come meet writer, producer and author Jacob Tobia. From interviewing former U.S. Presidents to working with queer and trans youth, Jacob helps others embrace the full complexity of gender and their own truth, even when that truth is messy. Jacob's soon-to-be-released memoir "Sissy: A Coming-of-Gender Story" follows Jacob's story from the moment a doctor put "male" on the birth certificate though Jacob's work today. With fierce honesty, wildly irreverent humor, and wrenching vulnerability, Sissy takes readers on an odyssey sure to make you never think about gender — both other people's or your own — the same way again.

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Mayoral candidates Garry McCarthy, from left, Gery Chico, Amara Enyia, La Shawn Ford and Lori Lightfoot.



JOHN KASS

Mayoral matchups and politics of subtraction

Matchups are everything in Chicago mayoral politics. And with just days before voters go the polls on Feb. 26, it's time to think of matchups.

The two candidates with the most votes next Tuesday will face each other in the April runoff for control of Chicago.

And since every politician in Chicago is considering the possible matchups for the next phase, why shouldn't voters?

Who wins in Preckwinkle vs. Daley? Vallas vs. Preckwinkle? Mendoza vs. Preckwinkle? Daley vs. Mendoza? Lightfoot vs. Mendoza? Lightfoot vs. Daley?

One cliché about politics is that it is all about addition. But that's a lie.

In Chicago, with 14 candidates running, the race is about subtraction. It's about subtracting votes from others to benefit someone else.

What are Jerry Joyce and Bob Fioretti doing in the race? They have no chance to win, but they appeal to voters who'd never cast ballots for Bill Daley. So, what are they doing?

Think. They're taking those anti-Daley votes away from someone like former Chicago Public Schools CEO Paul Vallas. So Bill Daley benefits. That's how this works.

And Amara Enyia and LaShawn Ford are in the race, but do they have a realistic shot to win? No. Enyia might do well in a future challenge of U.S. Rep. Danny K. Davis, who is tired and old and just endorsed businessman Willie Wilson for mayor.

But Enyia and Ford will get the votes of those African-Americans opposed to Cook County Board President Toni Preckwinkle. In reality, they're cutting votes away from former federal prosecutor Lori Lightfoot.

"This is part of the cynical game isn't it?" Lightfoot asked me months ago. "Subtraction."

Yeah. You can't teach the world to sing along the Chicago Way.

So the time for Chicago voters to think this out is now, today, not a week from now, when the matchups for April will be decided. The election is still close, with most candidates separated by only 3 or 4 percentage

points.

Yes, I admit talking April runoff matchups is all about speculation. But every politician in town is doing the same. I may be wrong and if I am you will tell me to eat this column. Fair enough. Here goes:

What if the candidates in the runoff are Preckwinkle and Daley? Who becomes mayor then?

Toni Preckwinkle becomes the next mayor of Chicago. She will defeat Bill Daley.

She's got the ground game, with the Chicago Teachers Union and the SEIU backing her. They eat property taxes to survive. And they'll get out the vote. There are no real ward organizations to help Bill Daley.

Daley has the endorsements of the Chicago Tribune and Crain's Chicago Business. He has collected \$7.2 million, mostly from business leaders, and a once-magic political name that now may very well be a curse.

History will note that Daley did not get help from Illinois House Speaker Michael J. Madigan. He's no fan of Daley. History will also note that business leaders put all their eggs into Daley's basket and stood by as Preckwinkle grabbed them and made a nice, tasty omelet for her union friends.

With cheese. African-American voters would realize that Preckwinkle gives black Chicago one last chance at taking the 5th floor of City Hall from those pink guys who've run Chicago for 50 years.

Though identified now as a Hyde Park elitist, matched up against a Daley, she'll be the African-American candidate championing poor forgotten neighborhoods. Many will say they've had enough of the Daley name.

Black voters know that Chicago's African-American population has dropped significantly, with many rushing off to Atlanta and the suburbs. The Latino population has been rising inexorably in the sanctuary city by the lake.

Latinos will move to Daley. Progressive whites will move closer to Preckwinkle.

And in a Daley vs Preckwinkle

matchup, she will be the next mayor. At least, that's how I see it.

What if former Chicago schools CEO Paul Vallas were to face Preckwinkle?

I acknowledge my bias here — years ago, I wanted Vallas to be elected governor over Dead Meat Blagojevich, but City Hall wanted Blago.

Her record of generally supporting tax increases, and her support of controversial and ousted Cook County Assessor Joe Berrios — whose property tax assessments hurt minorities and the poor — will become an issue. Labor will try to portray Vallas as anti-union. But police, firefighters, city workers and many teachers would flock to him.

He'd win. If Lightfoot were matched against Daley, she'd carve him up in debate and leave a mess. She'd do the same with Mendoza.

Perhaps the best campaign for Chicago would be Lightfoot vs. Vallas, a campaign of ideas in a broken city. But the establishment can't allow Vallas and Lightfoot near City Hall.

How about Illinois Comptroller Susana Mendoza vs Preckwinkle?

This would be an out-and-out brawl. Mendoza would represent a Latino-white ethnic coalition. Preckwinkle would reach out to blacks and progressives.

I know one thing: Preckwinkle and Mendoza would beat each other silly with a giant pink pillow looking remarkably like Ald. Edward M. Burke, 14th, who is under federal investigation and on a federal wire. They'd knock the stuffing out of Burke and each other.

Who'd win?

I can't say. I'm no soothsayer. I'm just a newspaperman.

Wake up Chicago.

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5 things to be angry about — including ‘Crazy Bernie’ Sanders, sex robots and the Cubs



REX W. HUPPKE

In an age of perpetual fear and outrage, I want to make your life easier. So here are today's five things you should be terrified and angry about:

1. Sex robots are going to kill us all. (Assuming we all decide to have sex with robots.)

A cybersecurity expert told the British newspaper the Daily Star that hackers could gain control of sex robots and use them to attack their freaky human love partners.

“Often these robots can be upwards of 200 pounds and very strong,” said Nicholas Patterson, a cybersecurity lecturer at Deakin University in Australia. “Once a robot is hacked, the hacker has full control and can issue instructions to the robot. The last thing you want is for a hacker to have control over one of these robots. Once hacked they could absolutely be used to perform physical actions for an advantageous scenario or to cause damage.”

This is terrifying for two reasons. First, there are apparently things called “sex robots.” Second, and perhaps more importantly, if these sex robots are hacked by a foreign adversary, they could instantly wipe out America's strategic reserve of creepy dudes who look at their Roomba and think, “Oh, yeah. I'd like to get with that.”

OK, maybe that part isn't so terrifying. It might just be a new form of natural selection.

But you should certainly feel angry that hackable sex robots exist. It's just one more thing to worry about.

2. The Chicago mayoral election is coming up and there's still no canine candidate.

As you probably know, there are 342 people running to become the next mayor of Chicago. It's impossible and extremely boring to remember all the candidates' names, so I refer to them



PATRICK SEMANSKY/AP 2018

Sen. Bernie Sanders, I-Vt., on Tuesday announced a second run for the White House. He was the Democratic runner-up to Hillary Clinton in 2016.

collectively using the gender-neutral name Sam.

Sam is neither exciting nor inspiring. That's why Chicago deserves a canine mayoral candidate. Dogs are inherently good, many are tough on crime (barking) and, like many Chicago politicians, they are easily bribed.

We should all be outraged that none of the 342 candidates who make up Sam are dogs. It's species-ist, and it's robbing voters of a chance to elect a truly noble mayor who would capture the city's heart, generate vast numbers of viral videos and readily agree to be paid in Snausages.

3. Bernie Sanders is running for president.

If you're a Republican, you should be terrified because Sanders is a socialist masquerading as a Democrat and he will absolutely come and take all your money while changing America's name to “Venezuela 2.0” and doing untoward things like giving people health care and decent

pay.

If you're a Democrat who doesn't love Sanders and wants to make a slightly critical comment of him, you should be equally terrified, because Sanders' cult-like supporters will swoop down on you like a swarm of online locusts and “actually” you to death while wishing great harm on your family and everyone you hold dear. That's because they are open-minded and believe in fairness.

4. Something involving a Kardashian has happened.

When anything involving a Kardashian happens, we should all be angry, because whatever the insipid Kardashian development is, it will find a way to creep into our news feeds and take up space in our minds, which are already preoccupied worrying about Bernie Sanders and killer sex robots, not necessarily in that order.

What is the new Kardashian thing that has happened? I don't

know. There are so many Kardashians I can't keep them straight, so I just refer to them all as Sam, which gets confusing since that's also the name of the Chicago mayoral candidates.

I'm fairly sure Sam Kardashian has split up with someone who I'll call Biff Whatever, likely because Biff cheated on Sam (OMG!) or otherwise did something so vacuous that it lowered the collective IQ of all humanity.

Regardless of the true nature of the Kardashian-related incident, we should all be enraged that it's distracting us from making sure a fine city like Chicago gets the Labrador retriever mayor it needs.

5. The Chicago Cubs have become your Fox News-adjunct uncle.

The ostensibly non-bonkers team chairman, Tom Ricketts, tried to smooth over revelations that his dad, Joe — better known as “the one with all the money” — likes to wallow in the fever

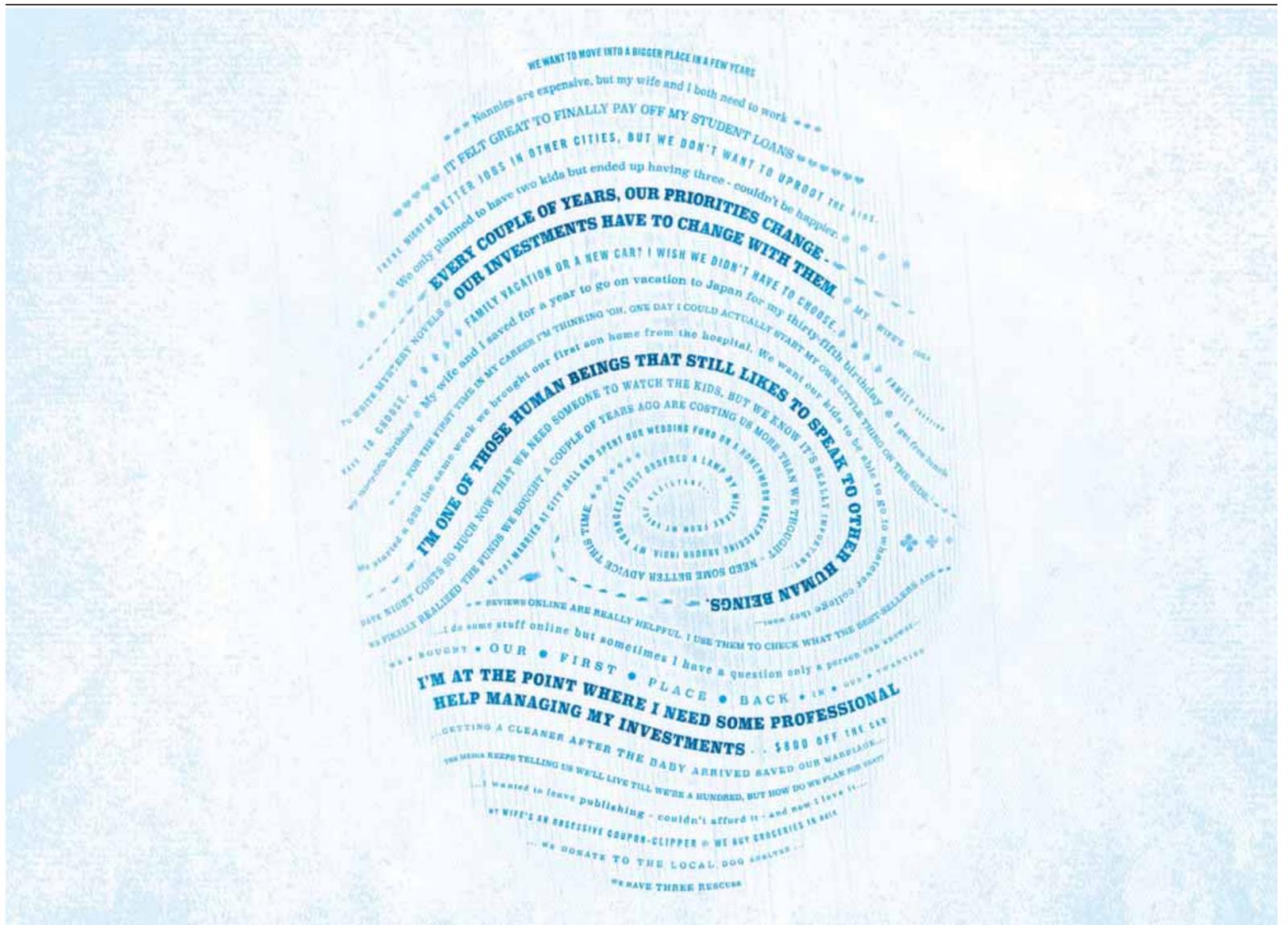
swamps of racist right-wing conspiracy theories. The younger Ricketts did this in the most ineffective way possible, saying what amounted to: “Nah, dad's not racist! He just sent some bad emails! I LOVE MY DAD AND HIS MONEY!”

To make the once-lovable losers even less likable, the team has partnered with Sinclair Broadcasting to create a subscription-based Cubs television station. Sinclair Broadcasting is a wildly conservative operation that forces its stations to air right-wing propaganda pieces aimed at scaring people like the elder Ricketts into thinking Muslims are coming to America to steal their apple pie.

If I was a Cubs fan and wasn't so distracted by Sam Kardashian, I'd be furious about this news. But then again, what does it matter?

We're all going to die from hacked sex robot attacks anyway.

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Anti-Daley ad seeks to invoke Rauner

'Dark money' political committee seeks to discredit candidacy

BY GREGORY PRATT
Chicago Tribune

The television ad war between mayoral candidate Bill Daley and a dark money political committee seeking to discredit his candidacy intensified Wednesday as the group released an ad seeking to explicitly link him with unpopular former Republican Gov. Bruce Rauner.

With less than a week until the Feb. 26 election, an independent political committee called Fight Back for a Better Tomorrow began airing an attack ad on Daley titled "The Real Bill Daley 2.0."

The ad says Daley "was hand-picked by Bruce Rauner to co-chair his transition team, laying the framework for Rauner's reckless policies."

"And as Rauner drove Illinois billions into debt, Daley stood by and did nothing," the ad says.

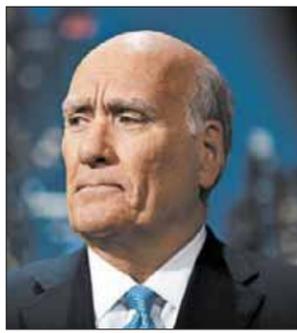
Referring to Daley's campaign receiving \$2 million in contributions from Citadel CEO Ken Griffin, who state records show donated \$36 million to Rauner's political committee, the ad says, "Now Daley is the only candidate funded by Bruce Rauner's biggest donor."

"Daley even said he was proud to take \$2 million from Rauner's billionaire Wall Street buddy," the ad says. "Now we should trust Bill Daley to be different from Bruce Rauner? Let's get real."

Griffin, Illinois' wealthiest man, also previously gave Rauner's political committee a \$20 million check, believed to be the largest single donation from an individual to a candidate in U.S. history.

Daley's campaign hit back at the ad, releasing a statement saying he is a proud "longtime Democrat." The statement also noted that he served as former President Barack Obama's White House chief of staff and was U.S. Commerce secretary for Bill Clinton.

The campaign also challenged the charge that Daley laid the



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An anti-Bill Daley ad links the Chicago mayoral candidate to former Gov. Bruce Rauner.

framework for Rauner's most unpopular policies when he served as a transition co-chair, noting that the Better Government Association rated the claim false when analyzing Illinois Comptroller Susana Mendoza's attempts to link Daley with the budget crisis.

"Bill is the only person in the race with the ability and experience to ensure every Chicago

neighborhood prospers," Daley campaign manager Jorge Neri said in a statement.

Fight Back for a Better Tomorrow last week disclosed its spending \$714,000 on television ads against Daley. This week, it reported receiving \$500,000, bringing its total to \$1.2 million.

Fight Back for a Better Tomorrow isn't required to disclose all its funders — and it won't, a spokesman said. But the political committee shares a Countryside address with the International Union of Operating Engineers Local 150. Ed Maher, a spokesman for Local 150, acknowledged in a statement that 150 is "but one" of the organizations funding the ads and slammed Daley.

"Workers have a right to be concerned that Bill Daley is being funded by Ken Griffin, who contributed more than \$30 million to fund Bruce Rauner's radical anti-worker agenda," Maher said. "Workers are uniting to communicate this concern with voters, and it is beyond ironic for Daley to dismiss us through an ad paid for

with \$2 million in Griffin's money."

Earlier this week, the Daley campaign ran an ad of its own titled "Check the Facts," which features a voice-over wondering, "Why are dark money PACs invading Chicago airwaves to smear Bill Daley?"

Daley's ad pushing back urges voters to "check the facts" before listing his work in the White House under Clinton and Obama, and saying he's running for mayor "to shake up city government."

That phrase is similar to Rauner's pledge to "shake up Springfield."

Daley's ad also notes Daley's plan to temporarily freeze property taxes, and says he has plans to fight gangs and reform the Chicago Police Department. "So turn off the dark money noise. Bill Daley for Mayor. Because facts don't lie," the voice-over concludes over an image of Daley standing with his arms crossed.

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Should an \$850 bonus equal a \$20,000 pension boost?

After long legal battle, state courts say no

BY JOE MAHR
Chicago Tribune

The Illinois courts have closed the door to the creative math that allowed one western suburb's retired police officers to use a one-time \$850 bonus to boost their retirement take by as much as six figures.

The state Supreme Court allowed to stand two lower courts' rulings that found the practice illegal in west suburban Countryside. The Supreme Court's decision in late January led to a perfunctory order Wednesday in Cook County to officially close the case.

A handful of retirees have collected more than \$100,000 each in extra pension checks — money they'll get to keep.

The judges ruled that retirees shouldn't have to give that money back, but that taxpayers also shouldn't have to make up for it.

Countryside stopped setting aside cash for the spiked portion of the pensions seven years ago, when it filed a lawsuit to ask the courts officially declare them illegal. The suburb calculated that about \$2 million in extra pensions were paid out since then, and it's unclear how the pension fund will make up that hole.

The legal developments were cheered by Countryside's current mayor, Sean McDermott. In a prepared statement, he called it a "hard won victory for Countryside taxpayers."

The judges ruled that retirees shouldn't have to give that money back, but that taxpayers also shouldn't have to make up for it.

The appeal was sought by a separate pension board controlled by current and retired officers. The board's attorney did not immediately respond to questions from the Tribune.

For years, retiring police officers in Countryside had been given a one-time \$850 pay bump in their last paycheck. Because its retirees' pensions are based on the final rate of pay, the pension board said that \$850 in the last paycheck really meant the final rate of pay was the equivalent of a \$20,400 annual pay rate boost.

The math behind that decision? There are 24 pay periods a year. And \$850 multiplied by 24 is \$20,400.

The creative math was quietly adopted in some suburbs in past decades as a way for a mayor to ink a lower-wage contract with a police union while leaving the hefty pension headache to some future mayor, according experts previously interviewed by the Tribune. But state pension regulators caught wind of the practice and warned suburbs it violated state law on how pensions had to be calculated.

Countryside, however, was different. While other officers and pension boards abandoned the tactic, its pension board — controlled by current officers and retirees — refused. The refusal

came as a new administration at City Hall pushed back, arguing that the practice hadn't actually been approved by the suburb's past leaders.

A 2010 Chicago Tribune investigation on padded pensions highlighted how Countryside's ex-police chief, Timothy Swanson, used the tactic to boost his pension by 20 percent to start at \$84,555 a year.

Before he became chief, he was among those in the police union who negotiated the creative math with the suburb's then-labor attorney, court records show. Later on, Swanson would go to prison for theft and fraud relating to actions uncovered by the suburb's leaders and highlighted in a 2012 Tribune investigation.

Swanson lost his pension after the conviction. But the pension board still paid out the higher pensions to others who had seen their final checks boosted. The board argued that, no matter what the suburb's new leaders said, the suburb had agreed to the deal years earlier, and the deal was legal. Among those on the board when it decided to keep cutting fatter checks was Lou Moravecek, who collected an extra \$243,926 from the practice, according to Countryside calculations.

Countryside records show Moravecek was one of seven



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Former Countryside police Chief Timothy Swanson, shown in 2012, helped negotiate the creative pension math with the suburb's then-labor attorney. The provision boosted his pension by 20 percent.

retirees to collect more than \$100,000 extra over time, until a 2017 Cook County ruling ordered the board to stop the tactic and start paying those retirees as if the \$850 bonus had boosted their final annual pay rate just \$850. For Moravecek, it meant a roughly \$20,000 drop in his annual pension, to about \$80,000, according to Countryside calculations.

That order was part of a broader Cook County ruling that deemed the practice illegal. An appeals court agreed last fall. The

pension board asked the state Supreme Court to hear the case, but that court announced Jan. 31 that it wouldn't — effectively cementing the decisions made by the lower courts.

Moravecek could not be located for questions but in the past has declined to comment and referred questions to the pension board's attorney, Thomas Radja, who did not respond to an email or voice-mail.

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'No Drama Obama' in a legal box of his own making

Planned Jackson Park presidential center remains alive



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Cityscapes

Those who seek to build grand edifices in Chicago's lakefront parks do so at their own risk.

That's one takeaway from a federal judge's surprising Tuesday decision not to dismiss a lawsuit challenging the location of the Obama Presidential Center in historic Jackson Park. But the setback doesn't doom the promising plans for the center.

The judge set a relatively fast timetable for the next stages of the case, meaning the project could be slowed by months, not years.

In addition, the deep Chicago roots of Barack and Michelle Obama make it unlikely that they'll follow the "my way or the highway" course of "Star Wars" creator George Lucas. Confronted with similar legal delays in 2016, Lucas abandoned his

plan for a narrative arts museum near McCormick Place. Instead, he's building the museum in Los Angeles.

Another key difference is that Barack Obama is just 57 years old. Lucas, in contrast, was his early 70s during the legal dispute and repeatedly stressed that he wanted to see his museum built during his lifetime.

"They're going to soldier on," predicted veteran Chicago real estate lawyer Jack Guthman, who is not involved in the case.

Indeed, Kate Berner, a spokeswoman for the Obama Foundation, the nonprofit charged with building the center, gave no indication Tuesday that the Obamas would shift the center's location to New York City and Honolulu, which also vied for the facility.

"We look forward to developing a lasting cultural institution on the South Side," Berner said in an email.

At the heart of the Lucas and Obama cases is the public trust doctrine, which holds that governments are obligated to protect certain natural resources, like the formerly submerged lands along Chicago's lakefront, for the public's use.

The Lucas museum would have been built on such formerly submerged lands east of Lake Shore Drive. It's not clear if the

Obama center would be too. The center, which would consist of a museum tower, a forum building and another building housing a Chicago Public Library branch, would be located west of the drive.

But following the trail blazed by opponents of the Lucas museum, the ad hoc group Protect Our Parks contends that the city of Chicago is illegally ceding control of land by giving the Obama Foundation a \$10, 99-year lease to 19 acres in Jackson Park. That land should be held in trust for the public, Protect Our Parks contends.

I'm an architecture critic, not a lawyer, but in my view, at least, there's a crucial difference between the two projects.

While there will be an admission charge to the Lucas museum, which will be on the museum tower's upper floors, the public will have free access to the low-rise forum and library buildings. It also will have free access to the lobby and lower level of the museum tower as well as a top-level "sky room" that overlooks Jackson Park, the University of Chicago and the lake-

front. The center's architects, Tod Williams and Billie Tsien of New York, have consistently portrayed those interior areas as *extensions* of public space.

That's one of the reasons I have supported the project while still expressing concern about the visual impact of its planned 235-foot museum tower on the sylvan setting of Jackson Park, which was originally designed by the great landscape architect Frederick Law Olmsted.

The project also would improve its corner of Jackson Park by closing an intimidating, multi-lane stretch of Cornell Drive and replacing it with parkland.

Still, there's no doubt that the former president, often called "No Drama Obama," is in a box of his own making. Obama invited this legal drama by choosing Jackson Park over another site that would have put much of the center across the street from nearby Washington Park. The imposing tower also put a target on the project's back.

In his decision, U.S. District Judge John Robert Blakey made clear that he wasn't deciding the legal merits of the case. He was clearing away parts of the case that didn't belong, like the assertion by Protect Our Parks and individual plaintiffs that the

center will cause them aesthetic and environmental harm.

In addition, the judge appears to have the case on what — in the legal world at least — is considered a tight schedule. There will be a Feb. 27 conference between the two sides, followed by 45 days of fact discovery, and a "firm six-week schedule" before a decision on what comes next, including, possibly, a trial.

The judge "seems to think it's appropriate to move this along and come to a conclusion," Guthman said after I read him that portion of the decision. "He's setting very firm, reasonably short dates on every aspect of this."

Already facing delays in the mandatory federal review process for the center, the Obama Foundation has pushed back a planned 2018 groundbreaking to this year. There now appears to be little chance of opening the center by the initial planned date of 2021.

But is the center irreparably harmed and will Obama be forced to go to Plan B? Not yet.

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Fed judge denies Sterigenics' motion to lift ban

Company seeking to use ethylene oxide at Willowbrook plant

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A federal judge Wednesday denied Sterigenics' emergency motion to lift a ban on its use of ethylene oxide at its Willowbrook sterilization plant.

Sterigenics wanted the court to block the Pritzker administration from using authority in state law that allows the Illinois EPA to force the closure of any polluter that poses an "imminent and substantial endangerment" to public health.

The ban is "causing a crisis," Sterigenics attorney Gerard Kelly told Judge Matthew Kennelly in federal court in the Loop. Kelly contended that the company is suffering harm. "We're already

getting calls from our customers."

Its customers, mostly medical supply companies, will be in the lurch without its product because it will take four or five months to find a new place to get what they need, he said.

The ethylene oxide sterilization process is "the only method," Kelly told the judge, adding that none of the others have been approved by the Food and Drug Administration.

But Steve Sylvester, an attorney for Illinois Attorney General Kwame Raoul's office, called the substance a "known human carcinogen. This is very dangerous stuff. It's also explosive, very explosive."

Sylvester added that new environmental data that came in Tuesday were "even more alarming," citing readings recorded by the U.S. EPA that were higher than previous test results.

But Kelly argued these "most

recent" and "extraordinarily high" readings are "impossible to connect to our facility" because they were not taken at the plant but in the community near the facility.

The "simple truth" is that what the company does is "save lives" and it is "absolutely permitted." Those are the untarnished facts, though they might not be the "popular facts," Kelly told the judge.

The company's legal arguments are similar to its filings in a separate, bipartisan legal action by lawyers for Raoul and Robert Berlin, the DuPage County state's attorney.

The judge's ruling Wednesday was due in part to deciding that federal court is not the appropriate forum, Raoul spokeswoman Annie Thompson said in a statement. The next court date was not immediately scheduled, she added.

In response to an intense public

outry about toxic air pollution that left surrounding neighborhoods with some of the highest cancer risks in the nation, Gov. J.B. Pritzker ordered the Illinois EPA on Friday to step in and shut down Sterigenics a week after the Trump administration told residents it still didn't have enough evidence to take action against the Oak Brook-based company.

The Chicago Tribune first reported that federal and state officials began taking a closer look at Sterigenics in late 2017 after determining the cancer risks in one census tract near the facility are more than nine times higher than the national average. By the time the U.S. EPA quietly posted its findings online in August, another federal agency had estimated the effects could be significantly more dire, prompting demands from local, state and federal lawmakers for an in-depth investigation.

About 19,000 people in southeast DuPage County live within a mile of the Willowbrook facility. Four schools and a day care center are in the area, including Hinsdale South High School in Darien and Gower Middle School in Burr Ridge.

Lauren Kaeseberg, a spokeswoman for Stop Sterigenics, a Willowbrook community group, during a break Wednesday told reporters it was "completely exaggerated" and "baloney" for Kelly to characterize the ban as a health care crisis.

"We're thrilled that the judge agreed with us," another Stop Sterigenics spokeswoman, Joanna Chlystek, who has a 4-year-old daughter and lives a mile from the plant, said after the ruling. "It's one day at a time until they leave. There's no room for them in Willowbrook."

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Coroner vows to get answers for Jane Doe

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But Johnson is making progress — exhuming the body allowed for an examination of her teeth, providing a better age estimate and a way to match dental records. Circulating the new sketch has already led to tips. And he's hoping that analyzing her bones will create a DNA profile that could, possibly, lead to finding her family.

He's working against a clock. If there are any family members still alive — after all, she would be in about her 60s had she lived — he'd like to reach them before the end of the year. "I feel dedicated to solve this and give her the name that she deserves," he said. "Everybody needs to be home for the holiday."

Robin Henderson-Mitchell, 54, and her father, Tom Henderson, vividly remember that fall afternoon in 1976. Robin and her grandfather found the body after lunch while riding their tractor to a soybean field. It was harvest season.

Robin, who was 12 at the time, spotted something to the right of the road. She thought it was a deer. Her grandfather found her father, who called the police and rode the tractor back out himself.

"It didn't look like a deer to me," said Tom, now 75. "When I got close enough, I could see it was a body."

Robin and her dad have thought of the young woman throughout the past four decades, as they heard nothing more since the discovery. "Where did she come from? What kind of life did she have?" Tom said. "I always prayed that somebody would find out who she was, but they never did."

Robin, now a mother of three and a grandmother, said she still thinks about that young woman's mother. "There's family out there," she said, "worrying and wondering what happened."

The county coroner, John Callahan, was himself just out of high school when her body was found.

"It's always been on my mind, always," he said. "Bothered me, just the fact that there's somebody here in a grave that is unknown. Somebody's missing a daughter, or a wife, or a child."

But the office did not have the bandwidth to fully investigate until it got a deputy, said Callahan. Johnson, who started in 2015, devotes nearly all of his work hours to this case. Reopening a cold case involves many steps, some dramatic, some routine. Exhuming the body was the biggest step so far.

Callahan and Johnson thought they'd have to wait until spring, but the third week in December was unusually warm. They brought a backhoe and screens to sift soil in case they found bones encased in dirt. But in the end, with a backhoe and two men shoveling, it took about an hour and a half to reach a metal box.

They used the backhoe to lift the coffin from the ground. Inside was a body so well preserved they could see teeth and hair. "It was a very exciting day," Callahan said.

In January, they sent her mandible and a femur to the University of North Texas Center for Human Identification in Fort Worth, a lab run by the National Missing and Unidentified Persons System, known as NamUs. A lab analysis of the bones should result in a DNA profile, which could match family who have submitted DNA, or who might come forward after seeing the circulated sketch.

"That coroner's office is doing



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Deputy Coroner Brandon Johnson handles the femur bone and hair samples of Seneca Jane Doe at the Grundy County coroner's office in Morris. Johnson was preparing to send her femur bone and hair samples to the University of South Florida for isotope testing.



STACEY WESCOTT/CHICAGO TRIBUNE

Tom Henderson and his daughter, Robin Henderson-Mitchell, stand in a wooded area along Route 6 in Grundy County near the location where they found the dead body of Jane Seneca Doe in October 1976.

an amazing job," Melissa Gregory, a regional program specialist at NamUs, said about Grundy County. If she could spark the same initiative in other coroner's offices, she said, "I would do that."

Before exhuming the body, Johnson examined NamUs profiles. He sees the same names over and over. Alice. Susan. Jennifer. Some women's height and weight might match Jane Seneca Doe's, but not her dental records. Others seem like a fit until the person's last known contact turns out to be a date after their Jane Seneca Doe was found.

He has sifted through hundreds of other people's daughters, sisters, mothers. Unknown, unclaimed. "I see these pictures over and over again," he said. "It just boggles my mind, that I've been going through the system now for almost two years, and I still keep seeing a lot of the same people." NamUs estimates about 4,400 unidentified bodies are recovered each year, and about 1,000 remain unidentified after a year — what agencies consider cold cases.

In Illinois, new legislation requires coroners and law enforcement to work with NamUs on unidentified cases. Not every state submits information, which can

limit the ability to match data across states. Gregory said NamUs records show 323 cases of missing persons in Illinois and 179 unidentified cases.

Every month, Johnson checks NamUs for new leads. Every day, he pages through a manila folder with printouts of profiles from NamUs, from the FBI's National Crime Information Center, from the Doe Network — a nonprofit with volunteers who work with law enforcement to close cold cases.

And he follows up on tips from all across the country. Tips arrive from people who think the sketch resembles their sister, friend, daughter, a volleyball coach who hadn't been heard from in years.

Recently, a Chicagoan in her 80s reached out after she saw the sketch. Her daughter disappeared around the same time. Johnson went to her Englewood home, where the walls were lined with photos of her daughter. He swabbed her cheek and sent it to be tested for a match against DNA found on the sweater collected at the scene in 1976.

"Even when I called her with the bad news after Thanksgiving, when the results came back, she was very positive," he said. "She's



BRANDON JOHNSON PHOTO

The coffin containing the remains of Jane Seneca Doe is exhumed from Braceville Gardner Cemetery in December.

hopeful she could find out more about her daughter before her death."

Matching DNA with potential family members is not as simple as plugging it into a website like ancestry.com or 23andMe. Neither site works voluntarily with law enforcement or accepts third-party DNA — meaning people cannot submit someone else's. When the lab run by NamUs creates a DNA profile, it goes into a national database maintained by the FBI with DNA from offenders and missing people. But just as with online ancestry sites, people can only match with profiles already in the database. So investigators hope for a hit in the federal database, and if not, they can submit to others. But that can become expensive. The DNA Doe Project, which also seeks to use DNA to identify people, offers online fundraisers to help law enforcement afford testing.

Johnson feels he is inching closer toward finding out her name. After the exhumation, a Naperville dentist examined her teeth and provided a better idea of her age. Officials initially estimated 18 to 23, Johnson said. Now, he believes she was anywhere from 15 to 27 years old. That opens the range of tips to pursue and missing people to consider.

"We've taken things from ice cold to room temperature," Johnson said.

Last fall, he and Callahan went to the Grundy County Sheriff's Department, where some evi-

dence remains. They held the red, white and black patterned sweater found on her body. They examined nine photos taken in 1976. They read reports from officers at the time, who compared accounts from different counties of missing women.

To keep interest alive, Johnson runs a Facebook group and an Instagram account devoted to the case.

Within months, they hope to hear back on the testing of the bones. Johnson is considering options to further analyze the sweater, or an age-regression sketch, which could show Jane Seneca Doe as a girl and catch the attention of a former teacher, childhood friend or family member.

"To be unknown, she was somebody in life," he said. "She had a name, and she deserves to have her name back after all of these years."

He knows that, somewhere, this woman has a family. That family does not know what happened to her; they do not know her bones are in a cardboard box on a steel gurney in a town where people still remember the day she was found. They do not know her last moments. Maybe they never will. But Johnson can at least try to find her family.

If he never does, he still plans to place a headstone at her grave. It will read, "Known only to God."

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Man charged in fatal shooting at homeless camp

'Lite-Brite man' killed in incident Monday at site known as 'Tent City'

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Douglas Robinson's baby blue bicycle — his prized possession — was still parked in front of his tent the day after he was killed. He had taped small, colored Christmas lights across the old-fashioned bike's frame and wired them to a battery.

Robinson often turned the lights on when he rode the bicycle at night. His friends called him the "Lite-Brite man."

Robinson's friend Shawna Cole flicked on the bike's lights at the South Loop homeless encampment, and they twinkled weakly under a late afternoon sun. "You really need to see it at night," she said.

Cole, 34, stood protectively near the bicycle and Robinson's other possessions Tuesday afternoon. Police say the 57-year-old man was shot and killed Monday by another man who lived in the encampment.

Cole and others who live in what they call "Tent City" are still trying to make sense of the burst of violence. Robinson was shot around 4:45 p.m. at the camp, which is set up on a grassy embankment near the Taylor Street ramp onto the Dan Ryan Expressway.

Those who live there said that while people sometimes squabble over donated items, they rarely see arguments escalate into serious violence.

"This don't happen here," said Kendra McCarroll, who also lives in the camp. "We're a community here."

Several residents said they believe the two men were fighting over a propane heater. The Cook County state's attorney's office on Tuesday charged George A. Arroyo, 57, with one count of murder, according to the Illinois State Police. A judge on Wednesday ordered him held without bond.

Robinson had lived in the encampment for at least several years and had a large blue tent with a generator, according to several people who live there. They called

the tent the "honeycomb hideout" because of its shape.

Robinson's tent could fit around 10 people inside and often served as a hangout. He called part of the tent the "gazebo," which was his sanctuary, Cole said.

Another Tent City resident, who didn't want to be identified, said Robinson was like a brother to him and looked out for him and others when they first moved in.

"He was a nice guy," said another resident of the encampment who did not want to give his name. "He doesn't deserve to die like this."

McCarroll also thought of Robinson like family, and Cole dated him on and off for several years.

McCarroll said she leaned on Robinson for support when she had a miscarriage earlier this month. She was about 4 1/2 months pregnant when she lost the baby.

"Doug cried with me," she said.

Now, Cole and McCarroll are supporting each other as they mourn Robinson.

"We've been holding each other and crying together," McCarroll said.

Robinson's sister, Zelda, and her husband visited Douglas Robinson while he was homeless, bringing him food and other things he needed, like the generator in his tent. They tried to find him a place to live and get him off the streets, but Tent City felt like home to him and he didn't want to leave, Zelda Robinson said. The last time she saw him was in November when she brought him a Thanksgiving meal.

She said she'll remember the way he could find humor even in difficult situations.

"Douglas was a kind soul, very loving, very warm ... he was a sweet man," Zelda Robinson said.

She recalled her brother drawing as early as 5 years old, she said. He loved to paint murals, make clay sculptures and create art out of cardboard. He collected rocks and painted smiling faces on them. He took odd jobs as a painter,

but he always had an art project he was working on.

Zelda Robinson remembered a mural he painted on his wall back when he lived in an apartment. It portrayed a garden with trees, flowers, birds and a pond, and it overwhelmed her when she first walked in, she said, though she worried about what his landlord would think.

"I'll deal with that another time," her brother told her. "Right now, I want to be outside and it's cold in Chicago. I need to be in nature."

He was the youngest of seven children in his family, Zelda Robinson said. The two were close when they were young and looked out for each other. After their mother died when Douglas was 8, the siblings left Chicago to live with relatives in the South. They were separated for some years but reconnected when Zelda Robinson was in her 20s. Zelda said her mother's death had a deep effect on her brother, "a trauma that he never came out of."

In the wake of the shooting, a community activist called on city officials to make permanent housing available for people living in the encampment.

"Let's get these people off of the streets, and we don't have to worry about propane tanks and fires over here or murders," said activist Ja'Mal Green.

The homeless encampment was briefly evacuated during the cold snap in late January when one of the portable propane tanks used to heat the camp exploded. Citing the hazard, the Chicago Fire Department confiscated about 100 other propane tanks.

During that time, a good Samaritan, later revealed to be South Side business owner Candice Payne and a group of other friends and business owners, paid for hotel rooms for more than 100 homeless people, including many of those displaced when the camp was evacuated.

"Shelters, heaters, these are Band-Aids," Green said. "They go to a shelter, they get put out early in the morning. Where're they going to go? They're going to come right back to Tent City. We need real solutions here."

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Volunteers walk near Douglas Robinson's blue bike Wednesday at the homeless encampment known as "Tent City" near Taylor Street and Desplaines Avenue. Robinson was shot and killed by another resident of the encampment, investigators believe.

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Pritzker proposes new taxes and spending

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tionally mandated flat-rate income tax with one that boosts rates on higher wage earners.

"Ultimately, our chief responsibility to the people of Illinois is to set this state on a path to sustainable growth with an income tax system that is fair," the billionaire heir to the Hyatt hotel fortune said.

"It is not fair that I pay the same tax rate as a teacher, a child care worker, a police officer or a nurse. And efforts to simply increase the income tax rate across the board fuels further income inequality and kicks the can down the road for our children and grandchildren to solve our ongoing budget issues. The state needs a fair tax, and I am going to be relentless in pursuing one over the next two years," he said.

Pritzker said his office intended to begin "immediate" discussions with lawmakers on proposed income tax rates under a graduated tax system. He noted the state is faced with a \$3.2 billion budget deficit. To offset this and address an ongoing pension shortfall, Pritzker said he would push for new revenue through legalizing marijuana and sports betting and by enacting a tax on insurance companies to help cover state Medicaid costs.

While the governor said he would "reject imposing additional income, retirement and sales taxes on the middle class," his proposal is built around new taxes that would hit middle-class taxpayers, including a tax on e-cigarettes, an increase in the cigarette tax and a statewide tax on plastic bags similar to the one in place in Chicago.

Pritzker's proposal estimates \$402 million in new revenue from sports betting, legalized marijuana and a new statewide nickel-per-bag tax on plastic bags, a levy that could come on top of Chicago's 7-cent bag tax.

He is also backing a 32-cent-per-pack increase in the current \$1.98-per-pack cigarette tax that would raise an additional \$55 million. The cigarette tax was last raised in 2012 when it was 98 cents per pack. Applying the state's wholesale tobacco tax to e-cigarettes would generate an additional \$10 million.

Pritzker would generate an additional \$89 million from a higher tax structure on successful video gaming terminals; \$75 million by reducing a deduction retailers take for collecting state sales taxes; \$94 million by decoupling the state income tax from a federal tax break for foreign income; \$175 million from an amnesty-type program for delinquent tax filers; and \$6 million by phasing out a private-school scholarship tax credit program enacted as part of a plan to improve public school funding.

Pritzker also would enact an assessment program on managed care insurance organizations to generate \$390 million for Medicaid funding.

Those proposals alone would



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House Speaker Mike Madigan, left, and Senate President John Cullerton, right, congratulate Gov. J.B. Pritzker after his first budget address Wednesday at the Illinois State Capitol in Springfield.

generate nearly \$1.3 billion, Pritzker's budget office anticipates.

On top of that, as part of a multipronged, multiyear effort to deal with the state's massive unfunded pension liability, Pritzker would save \$878 million in the next budget year by extending the state's required pension payment schedule by seven years.

Together, the governor's revenue proposals and the lower pension payment would fill nearly \$2.2 billion of the state's \$3.2 billion budget hole. The remaining \$1 billion would come from a variety of sources, including "natural revenue growth" as a result of a stronger economy and the minimum wage increase that takes effect Jan. 1, and transfers of cash from other state funds, Pritzker spokeswoman Jordan Abudayyeh said in an email.

Critics immediately assailed Pritzker's proposal on extending the pension payment schedule as a repeat of the policy from past years of kicking the can down the road that increased the pension debt exponentially.

House Republican leader Jim Durkin of Western Springs called the governor's proposal a return "to the bad years of 20 years ago where we shortchanged pension systems."

"That is what got us into our problems with the pension systems today," he said.

Durkin said Republicans will continue calling for changes to the

pension systems that would lower costs by reducing benefits. But those changes would require an amendment to the Illinois Constitution and would be of questionable legality. Pritzker has rejected that approach.

"Throughout my campaign I said that we must pay the pensions that are owed, and the (state) Supreme Court has ruled that," the governor said, acknowledging court rulings that overturned previous attempts at cutting pension costs.

In addition to extending the payment deadline, Pritzker's plan calls for selling state assets and issuing up to \$2 billion in new bonds to put cash into the pension systems and dedicating \$200 million in revenue from the graduated income tax to pension payments. It also would make permanent a plan to reduce the state's roughly \$134 billion in pension liabilities by allowing state public workers to sell a portion of the value of their post-retirement cost-of-living adjustments. The plan estimates a \$125 million savings in the state's pension contribution next budget year.

Republicans aren't alone in expressing doubts about this approach.

Ratings agencies Fitch Ratings and S&P Global Ratings on Tuesday each raised questions about the Pritzker administration's proposal.

"Recent pension proposals from

Illinois' new governor are an important first step in addressing the state's significant fiscal challenges," Fitch Ratings said in a note. "But whether or not they are implemented, Fitch anticipates Illinois' long-term liability burden will remain elevated and amongst the highest for U.S. states for the foreseeable future."

Meanwhile, S&P Global warned in a new report that states like Illinois could hurt their credit ratings by tapping assets to cover pension costs.

"(Asset transfers) provide the potential to supplement required contributions into pension plans, freeing up revenues for government services," S&P Global said in a news release. "However, over the longer term, if assets prove to be illiquid or improperly valued, future pension costs could escalate."

Pritzker said his budget prioritized spending in three areas: education, health and human services, and public safety.

He proposes spending an additional \$630 million on education, including more money for early childhood programs, elementary and secondary education, and public universities and community colleges. He also plans \$542 million in added spending on social services, including money to provide child care assistance for the parents of 10,000 more children and hire 126 more child welfare workers at the Department of Children and Family

Services.

Democratic House Speaker Michael Madigan credited Pritzker for recognizing "the magnitude" of the state's challenges but said only that his majority was ready to work with the new governor and Republicans to "bring all options to the table for honest negotiation" and "make the tough decisions."

Pritzker made only a passing reference to another major budgetary item, the state's need for a massive public works program to repair roads, bridges and other state facilities. He told lawmakers they "must be prepared to make a big investment in our transportation and infrastructure" and promised a plan would be introduced in the spring session. But he provided no details of what projects it would contain or how it would be funded, such as through a gas tax increase.

Despite the added spending and new revenue contained in his first state spending blueprint, Pritzker told lawmakers he was presenting "a constrained budget — more austere than I would like."

That characterization raised eyebrows among Republicans.

"I can't agree with that," Durkin said. "All I saw and heard was more spending."

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Actor Smollett charged with felony

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presented to grand jurors. She did say the brothers got money from Smollett at some point, and said she believes the brothers have been in contact with the actor at least once since the alleged attack was reported.

She did not expect any charges to be filed against her clients, and said authorities did not offer them any deals or immunity. "You don't need immunity when you have the truth," she said.

The brothers spent "countless hours" cooperating with police, Schmidt said, and she urged Smollett to come clean as well. "I think that Jussie's conscience is probably not letting him sleep right now, so I think that he should unload that conscience and just come out and tell the American people what actually happened."

Schmidt declined to tell reporters how her clients got involved or their role in the incident.

Police spokesman Anthony Guglielmi said "detectives will make contact with (Smollett's) legal team to negotiate a reasonable surrender for his arrest."

The actor is scheduled to appear in court for a bond hearing Thursday afternoon.

His attorneys met with prosecutors and detectives earlier in the day, but it was unclear if the actor was present, according to Guglielmi. Besides Pugh and Henderson, Smollett is represented by high-profile Los Angeles-based lawyer Mark Geragos, who has represented celebrities like pop star Michael Jackson, R&B singer Chris Brown and actress Winona Ryder.

Smollett, who is African-American and openly gay, has said he was walking from a Subway sandwich shop to his apartment in

the 300 block of East North Water Street around 2 a.m. Jan. 29 when two men walked up, yelled racial and homophobic slurs, hit him and wrapped a noose around his neck. Smollett said they also yelled, "This is MAGA country," referring to President Donald Trump's campaign slogan.

Police took the two brothers, 25 and 27, into custody last week after they were captured by surveillance cameras in the area around the time of the alleged attack. Guglielmi called them "potential suspects" last Friday morning, but they were released 12 hours later.

Guglielmi said that, after talking with them, detectives were investigating whether Smollett paid the brothers to stage the attack. Information from the brothers also allowed investigators to discover where the rope used for the noose had been purchased, according to a law enforcement source.

The shift in the investigation's focus came amid often bitter public debate and stinging skepticism on social media — doubts that Smollett addressed in a national TV interview and in a strongly worded statement after the brothers were released.

"Jussie Smollett is angered and devastated by recent reports that the perpetrators are individuals he is familiar with," read the statement from his attorneys. "He has been further victimized by claims attributed to these alleged perpetrators that Jussie played a role in his own attack. Nothing is further from the truth."

The statement said one of the brothers was Smollett's personal trainer, the first time the actor had acknowledged knowing either of them. The two also reportedly worked with Smollett on "Empire."

As many as 20 detectives were assigned to the case in the weeks following Smollett's report, and nearly every camera in the Streeterville neighborhood was checked for video that might show the attack. Some police sources privately expressed doubts after finding little, if any, corroborating evidence or video of a crime.

Police did release an image of two men seen in the area of Smollett's building around the same time, but it was blurry and dark. Smollett said his music manager was on the phone with him at the time and would support his story, but the actor refused to turn over his full phone records, instead handing police redacted records.

The reported attack drew both outrage and support on social media from fellow celebrities, politicians and presidential hopefuls. Trump weighed in, saying: "It doesn't get worse, as far as I'm concerned."

As doubts grew, Smollett proclaimed his innocence through representatives and during a national television interview on ABC's "Good Morning America."

A major break in the case came Feb. 13 when police arrested the two brothers after they arrived at O'Hare International Airport from Nigeria. Police also raided the men's North Side town home, seizing items as the brothers were questioned by detectives.

As prosecutors fanned out on the case Wednesday, Cook County State's Attorney Kim Foxx announced she had recused herself from the case last week "out of an abundance of caution" because she spoke to one of Smollett's relatives after the alleged attack and acted as a go-between with police, one of Foxx's aides told the Tribune.



WILLY SANJUAN/AP 2017

Actor Jussie Smollett was charged Wednesday evening with disorderly conduct, a felony, after allegedly filing a false police report.

"State's Attorney Foxx had conversations with a family member of Jussie Smollett about the incident and their concerns, and facilitated a connection to the Chicago Police Department who were investigating the incident," said Robert Foley, a senior adviser to Foxx. "Based on those prior conversations and out of an abundance of caution, last week State's Attorney Foxx decided to remove herself from the decision-making," he said.

Foley would not comment further. First Assistant State's Attorney Joe Magats is now overseeing the case.

There is also a federal investigation that is still pending.

A week before the alleged attack, Smollett told police he received a threatening letter at work. Witnesses told police a postal worker dropped off the letter at the Chicago studio where "Empire" is filmed. It was post-marked in southwest suburban Bedford Park on Jan. 18 and bore two American flag stamps. The letters "MAGA" were written in the upper-left corner of the envelope.

Federal authorities are looking into the origin of the letter. The

status of their investigation was not known Wednesday.

Meanwhile, production of "Empire" continued Wednesday as cast and crew try to wrap up the final episodes of Season 5. Filming took place at the Ferrara Bakery on the Near West Side. It's unclear which cast members participated in the shoot because crew members put cardboard over the bakery's doors and security guards patrolled Taylor Street by the shop's entrance.

Also Wednesday, representatives for the Fox network, which produces and airs "Empire," reiterated support for Smollett while denying media reports that his role on the show is being reduced or eliminated altogether.

"Jussie Smollett continues to be a consummate professional on set and as we have previously stated, he is not being written out of the show," the statement from Fox read.

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Aurora gets healing advice from cities scarred by slayings

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The Beacon-News

From Thousand Oaks, Calif., to Orlando, Fla., cities across the country traumatized by high-profile shootings in workplaces, schools and entertainment venues offered advice this week to Aurora, the latest city to join a grim brotherhood after Friday's warehouse shooting.

The insight came in from Aurora, Colo., now linked with Aurora, Ill., by more than just a name, and from Parkland, Fla., where a gunman killed 17 in a high school one year and one day before last week's shooting. Barely 30 miles northwest of Aurora, DeKalb shared its experience days after gathering at a memorial to commemorate 11 years since a gunman opened fire on campus of Northern Illinois University. Tallahassee, Fla., offered advice about three months after a gunman shot six women in a yoga studio, killing two.

In the coming days and weeks, after the national attention dissipates and the dead are buried, the community will have to come together and heal, they said. And finding answers, if there are any, will take time.

In Aurora, Colo., when a gunman opened fire in a movie theater in 2012, killing 12, the city faced its biggest crisis ever, said Mayor Bob LeGare. The weeks after the shooting were full of memorial services, a visit from the president of the United States and arranging memorial funds. There was outreach and care for those closely involved in the shooting.

In the days and weeks afterward, the most important focus was mental health care for the community, LeGare said. Health care providers and nonprofit organizations formed a "resilience center," which remains open and offers resources to help connect residents to health services. Faith leaders, public school counselors, state health organizations and private therapist can also help, said LeGare, who was a member of the city council at the time of the Colorado shooting.

"It's providing services to anybody who needs it," LeGare said. "Because it's not necessarily just the people that worked there or who were close to the family members involve. It could be just any resident of your community who goes to work and they're just, like, dreading going to work wherever they work, because of the possibility of the same thing happening."

He cautioned that as groups seek to plan memorials or other recognition, the families of those killed should be closely involved. Don't let a random act of violence define the community, he said.

LeGare and others recommended community members, lawmakers and elected officials pause before taking action, whether that be to pass laws or establish memorials.

Todd DeAngelis, chief communications officer for the city of Parkland, Fla., said pausing can help ensure decisions are made in a rational way. The city of Parkland is just now discussing the idea of a memorial, one year after the shooting at the city's Stone-man Douglas High School,

and it wants to be sure that whatever they establish strikes the right tone because it is intended to be in place forever.

The city received an outpouring of support after the shooting, from both the community and others across the country. The community will not let the shooting define Parkland, he said. Officials have seen resilience and resolve from the community.

"There's something about this town, a character about it, that existed before and seems to have percolated to the top even more so after (the shooting)," he said. "That, I believe, is what will define the city."

That was a sentiment echoed by mayors and city managers across the country. In Tallahassee, Fla., where a gunman entered a yoga studio in November and shot six women, two fatally, and pistol-whipped a man before killing himself, City Manager Reese Goad said he was surprised how quickly the community came together and sought to heal.

But he was also surprised how long it took to get answers, to the extent there were any, in the form of a final report documenting the history of the shooter and the lead-up to the incident. The community wanted answers and people wanted to react, but it takes time, he said.

"We wanted to make sense of what happened," he said. "But it's a pointless tragedy. You can't make sense of it, and you never will."

Days after the Tallahassee shooting, a gunman killed 12 at a bar in Thousand Oaks, Calif. Mayor Rob McCoy said political and religious organizations from outside the community rushed to the city bringing their own views and opinions. Inside the community, everyone wanted to help, to put together a plan and organize an event.

Take the lead from city leaders and first responders, and focus on healing, he said. A single location for residents to gather to grieve helped, he said — in his city's case, it was crosses brought in by Aurora's cross man Greg Zanis. And pray, he said.

The shooting occurred days after an election, and suddenly none of the politics seemed to matter, he said.

In the weeks after a shooter killed five students and injured 17 on the campus of Northern Illinois University, the DeKalb community looked for answers, said Mayor Jerry Smith, who was active in community organizations at the time of the shooting. They were stunned, he said.

But eventually, Smith said, they rallied around lyrics from the NIU Huskies' fight song: "Forward, together forward." The line remains a mantra for the community, he said.

Eventually, the community came out stronger, he said. Still, the memory will endure.

"The grieving will never go away," he said. "The pain about what happened in DeKalb 11 years ago will never go away, and Aurora will be similar."

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Mourners gather Wednesday at the Gabel-Dunn Funeral Home during services for Trevor Wehner.

Intern killed in Aurora shooting mourned

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nearby Sheridan Correctional Center. It's the kind of town where everyone knows just about everyone by their first name, they said.

Before Wehner's funeral Wednesday evening, what seemed like the entire town — even some from nearby towns who were only distant acquaintances — filed into the Gabel-Dunn Funeral Home filled with wreaths and photo collages to pay their respects. Many came because they shared mutual friends or know a sibling. They showed up because it's a small town, out of respect, they said. All of Sheridan, it seems, has been shaken by Wehner's death.

"If you don't know him, you know a lot of people who do," said 18-year-old Jack McIntyre, who came from nearby Lisbon to attend the visitation.

After paying respects to Wehner's family, many stopped by a Subway restaurant and gas station in the center of town, where they remembered a young man who was going places.

"He's one of those that never got into trouble," said Johnnie Stewart. "The kid seemed to be a little wise



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Flowers sit around a memorial for Trevor Wehner outside the Henry Pratt Co.

for his age."

Stewart's wife, Cheri Stewart, said Wehner was involved in the community his whole life, and he had the perfect personality to work in human resources. He was dating his high school sweetheart, she said.

At first there was anger, then sorrow, then hurt that someone so young could be killed, Johnnie Stewart said. But the town has banded together. He recalled seeing teachers from the local grade school at Wehner's visitation.

"When something like this tragedy happens, you always remember, and it's always in the back of your mind," he said.

T.J. Hinckley, who worked with Wehner at a local resort, recalled him as a joker. He would tease their manager over their walkie-talkies, and he rarely was without a little grin on his face, Hinckley said.

Down the street, a sign outside the Methodist church read "Trevor Wehner forever in our hearts." At a house nearby, yellow and purple streamers wrapped a tree and a sign partially hidden by a wooden American flag read "RIP Trevor."

Born in Aurora, Wehner was a senior at Northern Illinois University studying human resources and business, according to his obit-

uary. He had already graduated from Illinois Valley Community College in Oglesby, where he played baseball, and from Serena High School, not far from Sheridan. The community college planned to observe a moment of silence in his honor Wednesday at 1:24 p.m., the time police say they began receiving calls of the shooting.

Wehner loved sports, especially baseball, and the games Magic, League of Legends and World of Warcraft. He took part in activities in town such as "nerd day," a monthly event at the American Legion where people gathered to play tabletop and card games.

His obituary highlighted his smile and described how he was fun-loving, full of silly jokes and comments. He is survived by "a town full of friends," it said.

"Trevor never met a stranger," his online obituary said.

He is survived by several family members, including his parents, stepfather, three grandparents, three brothers, a sister, and "the love of his life."

Freelance reporter Linda Girardi contributed.

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT, CHANCERY DIVISION

TINA GARCIA,
JORGE GARCIA, &
SHANNON MATTES,
Individually and As Representatives of a Class
of Similarly Situated Persons,
Plaintiffs,
vs.
GREYSTAR RS HM, LLC,
GREYSTAR RS MANAGEMENT, LLC,
GREYSTAR REAL ESTATE PARTNERS, LLC,
ONE SUPERIOR PLACE LEASEHOLD, LLC,
347 CHESNUT LAND LLC,
Defendants.

Case No. 17 CH 10751

NOTICE OF CLASS ACTION AND PROPOSED SETTLEMENT YOU MAY BENEFIT FROM READING THIS NOTICE

TO: Those persons who entered into a lease or a renewal at any property in Chicago owned and/or managed by Defendant Greystar RS Management, LLC on or after August 4, 2015, and who have claims pursuant to Section 5-12-170 of the Chicago Residential Landlord and Tenant Ordinance ("CRLTO"), based on the Landlords' alleged failure to provide its Chicago Tenants with a CRLTO Security Deposit Interest Rate Disclosure when rental agreements were initially offered or renewed.

IF YOU WISH TO RECEIVE A PORTION OF THE CLASS SETTLEMENT YOU MUST FILE A CLAIM FORM, WHICH IS AVAILABLE ON THE DOCUMENTS TAB AT WWW.GARCIASETTLEMENT.COM.

THE CLAIM FORM MUST BE SENT TO THE THIRD PARTY ADMINISTRATOR ("TPA") BY US MAIL SO THAT IT IS POSTMARKED ON OR BEFORE MARCH 8, 2019, OR SUBMIT THE COMPLETED CLAIM FORM BY EMAIL SO THAT IT IS RECEIVED ON OR BEFORE MARCH 8, 2019.

If you do not wish to be part of the Settlement, you may submit a written request for exclusion pursuant to the instructions below.

WHAT THIS CLASS ACTION LAWSUIT IS ABOUT?

On August 4, 2017, Plaintiffs filed a class action complaint in the Circuit Court of Cook County, Chicago, Illinois. Plaintiffs' class action complaint alleged that Defendants violated the Chicago Residential Landlord and Tenant Ordinance ("CRLTO") by failing to attach to leases and renewals the required security deposit interest rate disclosure of the CRLTO pursuant to CRLTO Section 5-12-170. Defendants did not collect security deposits. The Plaintiffs and Defendants have reached a proposed settlement of the Lawsuit. The Court has preliminarily approved the Settlement, has appointed Aaron Krolik Law Office, P.A., and Mark Silverman Law Office Ltd. as Counsel for the Class ("Class Counsel"), and has approved this notice. This notice explains the nature of the Lawsuit and the terms of the Settlement and informs you of your legal rights and obligations.

THE FINAL FAIRNESS AND APPROVAL HEARING

YOU ARE NOT OBLIGATED TO ATTEND THIS HEARING BUT MAY DO SO IF YOU PLAN TO OBJECT TO THE SETTLEMENT.

A hearing will be held by the Court to consider the fairness of the proposed Settlement and to decide whether to issue a final approval of the Settlement. At the hearing, the Court will be available to hear any objections and arguments concerning the fairness of the proposed Settlement, including the amount of the Attorneys' Fees and Costs awarded. The hearing will take place before the Honorable Judge Peter Flynn on March 28, 2019 at 2:00 p.m. in Room 2408 of the Richard J Daley Center, Chicago, IL 60602.

THE PROPOSED SETTLEMENT

Summary of the Benefits Under the Settlement:

1. You will receive \$80 per lease or renewal paid to each person who was initially offered a rental agreement and/or renewal at any affected property under a Defendant's management within the two (2) year time period before the case was filed. The payment will be in the form of a check mailed to the address provided on the Class Member's Claim Form. Each lease or renewal shall be the source of a total recovery of \$80, such that multiple individuals under the same lease or renewal shall be treated as one Class Member, and entitled jointly to one total payment of \$80 to be divided equally between all of the claimants who submit valid claims and who have claims under the same lease or renewal. You will also have the right to terminate your lease early by giving a written notice to Defendants specifying a date of termination not more than 30 days from the date of their written notice, but only if, your current rental agreement or renewal was offered to you without an attached summary of security deposit interest rates.

2. In order to receive a benefit, a Claim Form, available on the Documents Tab at www.GarciaSettlement.com, is required to be filed. Class Members must file a claim by March 8, 2019 or, submit a written exclusion or objection to both counsel within that same period of time. Any non-response will be deemed a waiver of your claim.

3. If a Class Member submits a timely signed claim form and provides an address, then Defendants shall, 30 days after entry of an Order Granting Final Approval, mail checks in the aggregate amount of \$80 per rental agreement or renewal to each Class Member's address on his/her claim form.

4. Checks shall all indicate on their face that they shall be void after 90 days. After checks become void the funds included in any such checks shall become deemed "unclaimed" funds.

5. Any funds that would have been payable to any Class Members that submit timely exclusions shall also become deemed "unclaimed" funds.

Recovery to Plaintiffs: Subject to Court approval the two Garcia Plaintiffs shall receive one incentive award of \$3,500 and the Plaintiff Mattes shall receive another incentive award of \$3,500. This agreement reflects both the sums that Plaintiffs claimed as a Member of the Class as well as an incentive award in connection with the Plaintiffs' services as representatives of the Class during the pendency of this litigation.

Attorneys' Fees and Costs: Class Counsel Aaron Krolik Law Office P.A. and Mark Silverman Law Office Ltd. have requested that the Court award attorneys' fees and costs payable by Defendant in the amount of \$130,000. This request is based on the litigation costs incurred and the amount of hours worked by Class Counsel at their normal hourly rate. The costs of administering the Settlement Agreement is to be reimbursed or paid by the Defendants.

Cy Pres Award: Defendants are to pay 40% of all unclaimed funds to a cy pres recipient Youth Build USA as approved by the Court, 150 days after the entry of the Final Approval date. Any remaining unclaimed funds are to revert to Defendants.

Unless you exclude yourself from the Settlement, you will be part of the Class and bound by the Settlement. Regardless of whether you submit a Claim Form, if you stay in the Class you will release the Defendant for all claims this Settlement resolves, as of the date of Final Approval of this Settlement, which is anticipated to be March 28, 2019, arising out of your relationship with Defendant (except for claims of bodily injury).

WHAT TO DO IF YOU WISH TO RECEIVE MONEY FROM THE SETTLEMENT: If you wish to obtain the benefits of the Settlement, and you are a Class Member, then you must submit a completed Claim Form to the TPA, by U.S. mail at Garcia v Greystar c/o Third Party Administrator PO Box 58043, Philadelphia, PA 19102-8043, or email at info@garciasettlement.com. If you submit the Claim Form by email it must be received no later than March 8, 2019; if you submit the Claim Form by mail it must be postmarked no later than March 8, 2019.

REPRESENTATION BY CLASS COUNSEL – OR YOUR OWN ATTORNEY: As a Member of the Class, your interests will be represented by the attorneys for Plaintiffs without any additional charge to you. If you wish to participate on your own or through your attorney, an appearance must be filed with the Clerk of the Circuit Court, Chancery Division, by March 8, 2019. If you participate through your own attorney, it will be at your expense.

WHAT TO DO IF YOU OBJECT TO THE SETTLEMENT: If you object to the Settlement and do not wish to exclude yourself from the Class Action, you must submit your objection in writing to the Clerk of the Circuit Court of Cook County, Chancery Division, Richard J Daley Center, 50 West Washington Street, Chicago, Illinois 60602. The objection must be mailed to the Clerk of the Circuit Court postmarked on or before March 8, 2019. Your objection must include the name and case number and reasons for your objection. On the same date that you mail your objections to the Clerk of the Court, you must also mail copies of that objection to Class Counsel and Defense Counsel, as follows:

Class Counsel:
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Chicago, IL 60606 Chicago, IL 60606

Defense Counsel:
Ms. Margaret Fitzsimmons and Mr. Josh Kantrow
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550 West Adams Street
Suite 300
Chicago, Illinois 60661

Your written objections must include detailed reasons explaining why you contend that the Settlement should not be approved. It is not sufficient to simply state that you object. Provided that you have submitted a written objection, you may also appear at the Final Fairness and Approval Hearing.

WHAT TO DO IF YOU WISH TO BE EXCLUDED FROM THE SETTLEMENT: You have the right to exclude yourself from both the Class and the Settlement by submitting a written request for exclusion to the TPA by US mail so that it is postmarked on or before March 8, 2019, or submit a written request for exclusion by email so that it is received on or before March 8, 2019. Your request for exclusion must state your name, address, the name and number of the case, and a statement stating you wish to be excluded from the Settlement.

WHAT IF THE SETTLEMENT IS NOT APPROVED? If the Settlement is not approved, the case will proceed as if no settlement had been reached. There can be no assurance that, if the Settlement is not approved, the Class will recover more than is provided in the Settlement or anything at all.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: The description of the case in this Notice is general and does not cover all of the issues and proceedings thus far. In order to see the complete file, including a copy of the Settlement Agreement, you may visit the office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court of Cook County, Chancery Division, Richard J Daley Center, 50 West Washington Street, Chicago, Illinois 60602, Room 802, where you may inspect and/or copy the court file for this case at your own expense.

In addition, you or your attorney may direct questions to Class Counsel: Mark Silverman Law Office Ltd., 225 W. Washington, Suite 2200, Chicago, IL 60606, tel. (312) 775-1015, email: Mark Silverman at mark@depositolaw.com or Aaron Krolik at akrolik@securitydepositlaw.com.

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NATION & WORLD

High court limits 'excessive fines'

Unanimous ruling hits states relying on property seizures

By **ROBERT BARNES**
The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — The Supreme Court ruled unanimously Wednesday that the Constitution's prohibition on excessive fines applies to state and local governments, limiting their abilities to impose financial penalties and seize property.

The decision delighted critics of civil asset forfeiture, who welcomed it as a new weapon in their war against what's been labeled "policing for profit" — the practice of seizing cash, cars and other property from those convicted, or even suspected, of committing a crime.

Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg, on her second day back on the bench after undergoing cancer surgery in December, announced the court's decision, saying the Eighth Amendment's Excessive Fines Clause protects against government retribution at all levels.

"For good reason, the protection against excessive fines has been a constant shield throughout Anglo-American history: Exorbitant tolls undermine other constitutional liberties," Ginsburg wrote. "Excessive fines can be used, for example, to retaliate against or chill the speech of political enemies. ... Even absent a political motive, fines may be employed in a measure out of accord with the penal goals of retribution and deterrence."

Groups as diverse as the American Civil Liberties



J. SCOTT APPLEWHITE/AP
Visitors wait to enter the Supreme Court amid a winter storm that blanketed the nation's capital Wednesday.

Union and the U.S. Chamber of Commerce warned the Supreme Court of abuses, with the chamber touting a national study that found "60 percent of the 1,400 municipal and county agencies surveyed across the country relied on forfeiture profits as a 'necessary' part of their budget."

The case at the court involved Tyson Timbs of Marion, Ind., who had his \$42,000 Land Rover SUV seized after his arrest for selling a couple hundred dollars' worth of heroin. Timbs has sued to get it back, and while Wednesday's decision did not dictate that outcome, it gave him a new day in court.

"Increasingly, our justice system has come to rely on fines, fees and forfeitures to fund law enforcement

agencies rather than having to answer to elected officials for their budgets," said Scott Bullock, the president and general counsel of the Institute for Justice, which represented Timbs. "This is not just an ominous trend; it is a dangerous one."

The ACLU's brief said that in 2017, 10 million people owed more than \$50 billion in criminal fines, fees and forfeitures. It described how a \$100 ticket for a red-light violation in California carried an additional \$390 in fees, and how New Jersey's fine of \$100 for marijuana possession could lead to more than \$1,000 penalty for a poor person represented by a public defender.

The issue has been divisive at the federal level as well.

Democratic Attorney General Eric Holder restricted the Department of Justice's reliance on civil asset forfeitures, but Republican Jeff Sessions championed the program.

But those issues were largely missing in Ginsburg's nine-page opinion. The issue, Institute of Justice Lawyer Wesley Hottot said at oral argument in the case, was a simple matter of "constitutional housekeeping."

The Constitution's Bill of Rights protects against actions of the federal government. But the Supreme Court over time has applied it to state and local governments under the due-process clause of the 14th Amendment. In 2010, for instance, the court held that the Second Amendment ap-

plied to state and local government laws on gun control.

The Eighth Amendment states: "Excessive bail shall not be required, nor excessive fines imposed, nor cruel and unusual punishments inflicted." Two of those commands — regarding bail and cruel and unusual punishments — have been deemed to apply to state and local governments. But until now, the ban on excessive fines had not.

The Indiana Supreme Court was among a handful of state high courts that had said that part of the Eighth Amendment did not apply to state actions.

Timbs provided the test case. The factory worker said before the Supreme Court hearing that he became reliant on painkillers

after a foot injury. He moved from Ohio to Marion, Ind., to live with his aunt and to try to make a fresh start.

With money he received from a life insurance policy after his father's death, Timbs bought the Land Rover. "The rest of the money I spent on drugs," he said.

After he pleaded guilty to selling to an undercover agent, Timbs was sentenced to home detention, probation and a court-supervised treatment program for addiction. Indiana then hired a private law firm to file a lawsuit forcing Timbs to forfeit the car, under a state law that allows seizure of vehicles used "to facilitate violation of a criminal statute."

Timbs sued to get the car back, and a judge agreed, citing the Excessive Fines Clause and saying "forfeiture of the Land Rover ... was grossly disproportionate to the gravity" of the crime.

But the Indiana Supreme Court held that the excessive-fines clause did not apply to the states. Three other states — Michigan, Mississippi and Montana — also take that position.

The Supreme Court's opinion does not take a position on whether Indiana's seizure of the Land Rover was excessive. It holds only that the Indiana Supreme Court was wrong to say that the Eighth Amendment did not apply.

But Ginsburg noted the lower court's finding that the value of Timbs' vehicle was "more than four times the maximum \$10,000 monetary fine assessable against him for his drug conviction."

U.S. and Russia vie to ease Venezuelan crisis

Kremlin decries opposition plan to move aid from Colombia

By **JOSHUA GOODMAN**
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Associated Press

MOSCOW — Call it the aid wars.

The Trump administration is accusing President Nicolas Maduro of starving Venezuelans by blocking tons of American-supplied humanitarian aid stored next door in Colombia.

In Russia, the Kremlin sees the opposition's plan to force it across the border as a reckless pretext for ordering a foreign military intervention.

As tensions in Venezuela mount ahead of a Saturday showdown over humanitarian aid, both sides are digging in, highlighting how the South American nation's crisis has become the latest fault line in a battle for global influence by the former Cold War adversaries.

At stake is the future of Venezuela, a country once wealthy from its oil reserves now gripped by hyperinflation and widespread shortages of food and medicine. Opposition leader Juan Guaido last month declared himself the country's right-

ful president, a claim backed by the U.S. and dozens of other nations that argue Maduro's re-election last year was fraudulent because most opposition candidates were barred from running.

Russia, long a staunch Maduro ally, has remained firmly behind the socialist leader.

Russian state news agencies said Wednesday that a Russian shipment of medicine and medical equipment had arrived in Venezuela. The reports did not give the size of the shipment or say what it contained, though they cited a diplomatic source as saying the delivery was made under the aegis of the World Health Organization.

Hours earlier Maduro had said 300 tons of medicine and other aid was on its way from Russia.

Carlos Romero, an international affairs professor at the Central University of Venezuela, said that Russia's support for Maduro is more symbolic than consequential when compared to the intense pressure against the government being exerted by the U.S. in what he called "Washington's backyard."

Still, he said the two global powers were on a collision course in Venezuela, making it harder to negotiate a de-escalation of tensions.

"The fate of Venezuela is in the hands of outsiders," said Romero, who has advised Venezuela's opposition in the past. "It's like two trains heading toward one another on the same track and every day that passes they gain speed."

Guaido has called for "caravans" of tens of thousands of Venezuelans to join forces Saturday to carry the U.S. aid from Colombia into Venezuela, despite Maduro's objections and the barricading of a key bridge linking Venezuela and the Colombian border city of Cucuta, where the aid is stored.

The Kremlin has sharply criticized the plan as reckless, accusing Guaido of seeking a pretext to call for a U.S. military intervention.

"If the organizers really want to just deliver some kind of humanitarian aid to the needy, why not use the specialized U.N. agencies that have extensive and invaluable experience in car-



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Venezuelans cross the Simon Bolivar bridge Wednesday at the border with Colombia.

rying out such operations?" Foreign Ministry spokeswoman Maria Zakharova said in a statement.

Foreign Minister Sergey Lavrov reaffirmed strong criticism of Washington's policy on Venezuela, saying Wednesday that calls this week by President Donald Trump on the Venezuelan military to drop support for Maduro represent a flagrant violation of international law.

"This is undoubtedly a direct violation of the U.N. Charter and a direct intervention into the domestic affairs of an independent country," Lavrov said. "When you listen to some representatives of the U.S.

administration, it seems that diplomacy is simply ignored."

Lavrov said he hopes "reason will prevail" and the Venezuelan opposition will engage in talks with Maduro to resolve the crisis. He noted a strong opposition in the region to U.S. military interference.

Dmitry Rozental, a deputy head of the Russian state-funded Institute for Latin America in Moscow, said that the Kremlin will continue to offer political support for Maduro — but while carefully weighing its actions.

"Russia will offer moral support, humanitarian aid and some economic assist-

ance," he said. But, "the Russian leadership won't place Venezuelan interests above the interests of Russia."

Meanwhile, at least one aid group warned against security forces or political actors being left to decide who receives aid and where it is distributed, while acknowledging that emergency food and medicine is badly needed in Venezuela.

"It is regrettable that aid has become a pawn in the political chess match between the governments of the United States and Venezuela," Provash Budden of the global humanitarian organization Mercy Corps said.

After surgery, Cohen's prison date postponed

Judge grants 60-day delay for recovery

By **LARRY NEUMEISTER**
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Associated Press

NEW YORK — President Donald Trump's former personal lawyer Michael Cohen was granted a few more weeks of freedom Wednesday after his lawyer said he is still recovering from shoulder surgery and needs to prepare for con-

gressional testimony.

U.S. District Judge William Pauley III approved the delay from March 6 to May 6 without comment after Cohen's lawyer said physical therapy and anticipated testimony before three congressional committees made it hard for him to quickly get his affairs in order.

They noted prosecutors did not object to a "one-time" 60-day delay. A spokesman for the office said Wednesday that prose-

cutors declined to comment.

Cohen, Trump's former private lawyer and fixer, is expected to testify before three congressional committees next week, including the House oversight committee.

Cohen will testify at 10 a.m. Feb. 27, the committee's chairman, Rep. Elijah Cummings, D-Md., said in a statement.

Cohen, 52, was sentenced to three years in prison after pleading guilty to lying to

the Senate intelligence committee and campaign finance violations.

He acknowledged lying about his role in a Trump business proposal in Moscow and paying two women who alleged affairs with Trump.

In the request for a delay dated Wednesday, Cohen attorney Michael Monico cited a "more fulsome letter" sent to Pauley eight days ago by Cohen that was sealed.

Monico said Cohen needs

to be monitored by his physician for recovery.

His congressional testimony, Monico added, "will require Mr. Cohen to spend substantial time in preparation that will limit the time he has to get his affairs in order and spend time with his family, especially given such a short period between the anticipated hearings and the present reporting date."

The Washington Post contributed.



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A New York judge on Wednesday postponed Michael Cohen's prison sentence.

Some see Trump's wall as land grab

Texas landowners fear eminent domain laws leave few options, may mean property loss

BY RACHEL ADAMS-HEARD
Bloomberg News

Gary Jacobs looks out over the Rio Grande from the deck of the clubhouse at a public golf course in Webb County, Texas. It's a sunny morning, quiet except for the chirping birds and the thwack of clubs hitting balls.

"Where are you going to put the 30 feet?" he asks.

On this side of the river, a 270-acre plot of land Jacobs and his wife donated to boost the profile of Laredo, a border town about 160 miles south of San Antonio. On the other side, Mexico.

Jacobs, like most of Laredo's 260,000 residents, is talking about President Donald Trump's border wall, a project that's engulfing not just the border, but Washington and almost 1 million federal workers who went unpaid during the federal government's partial shutdown.

Texas, a state where Trump defeated Hillary Clinton by 9 percentage points in the 2016 presidential election, illustrates the political complexity of his push. After Trump declared a national emergency last week to access billions

of dollars in funding, some landowners along the U.S.-Mexico line say they see a government land grab in their future.

The logistics of building a barrier are challenging enough. Thousands of creeks called "arroyos" carry rainwater from South Texas thunderstorms to the expansive river, which flows into the Gulf of Mexico. A wall could act as a dam, trapping water on the U.S. side and potentially complicating how Mexicans and Americans share the river for their water supply, Jacobs says.

But his bigger problem with the wall is constitutional.

"The way the eminent domain laws are written, we have no rights," says Jacobs, who was a former chief executive of Laredo National Bank before retiring. "That's the issue. It's not what they're going to build. It's how they're taking the land."

The first lawsuit challenging the administration's emergency declaration argues that Trump violated the U.S. Constitution's separation of powers when he invoked the National Emergencies Act. Sixteen states



Mauricio Vidaurri, whose family's land dates to 1750, is an inspector for U.S. Customs and Border Protection.

have filed a separate lawsuit.

Property seizure laws set up in the 1800s leave ranchers and landowners few options. Often, work will already be underway or even finished before a judge rules on whether the money paid to property owners was fair restitution. Apart from the U.S. government claiming eminent domain to build roads, oil and gas companies will use it to lay pipelines through private property. Now, there's Trump's wall.

"Philosophically, that's abhorrent to me," says

Jacobs, 77, who considers himself a Republican though he's voted for Democrats in the past.

Slap Texans with about 20 cases of eminent domain and Trump's wall support among the state's Republicans will take a hit, said Mark Jones, a political scientist at Rice University in Houston.

"Just as Texas Republicans are very supportive of having a strong level of border security, they also are very supportive of property rights," he said.

It's a particularly delicate

issue in Laredo. At a Starbucks about two miles off the city's main highway, a father and son can be heard debating the merits of the wall and the threat illegal immigration poses to residents. Business owners are reluctant to speak publicly.

While Jacobs condemns the wall, he makes it clear that he advocates stricter enforcement of immigration laws and supports the local Border Patrol.

It's a sentiment shared by Mauricio Vidaurri, whose family's land along the Rio Grande dates back to 1750.

"We welcome Border Patrol to come in and put their sensors, their cameras," Vidaurri says as he drives his pickup through a gate that leads to one of eight 140-acre plots he shares with his siblings. A few years ago, a house on his sister's land was damaged by what he thinks was a drug smuggler. Border Patrol came in and installed video cameras and ground sensors, and they haven't had a problem since.

"The feral hogs are more of a problem," he says. Vidaurri works as an inspector for U.S. Customs and Border Protection, so he says he understands the need for strict immigration laws. As a landowner, he says a wall isn't the right way to go about it.

The wall threatens to cut through earth that literally contains his family's past. Both his father and grandfather are buried in a family cemetery on the property. In the southeast corner of the lot, an American and U.S. Marine Corps flag wave — an ode to his father's service during World War II.

Now, that same government may send a letter any day saying it's taking the land for a border wall.

"It's cruel, man. It's just cruel," he says. "I'm really, really scared that they're going to take my land."

House Dems planning block of Trump's emergency declaration

BY ALAN FRAM
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — House Democrats will file a resolution Friday aimed at blocking the national emergency declaration that President Donald Trump has issued to help finance his wall along the Southwest border, teeing up a clash over billions of dollars, immigration policy and the Constitution's separation of powers.

That could set up a vote by the full House by mid-

March, if not sooner. The battle is over a declaration that Trump, whose border wall was the most visible trademark of his presidential campaign, is using to try spending billions of dollars beyond what Congress has authorized to start building border barriers.

Passage by the Democratic-run House seems likely. The measure would then move to the Republican-controlled Senate, where there may be enough GOP defections for approv-

al.

On Wednesday, Sen. Susan Collins of Maine became the first Republican senator to publicly express support of a congressional resolution disapproving of Trump's emergency declaration, saying she would vote for it.

Trump has promised to veto the House measure. It seems unlikely Congress could muster the two-

thirds majorities in each chamber needed to override a veto.

Aides to Rep. Joaquin Castro, D-Texas, were circulating a letter Wednesday to other congressional offices seeking additional co-sponsors to his one-page resolution. "We are planning to introduce it on Friday morning," said the letter, which was obtained by The Associated

Press.

Castro's measure, which described Trump's emergency declaration, says it "is hereby terminated." Castro chairs the Congressional Hispanic Caucus.

Congress approved a vast spending bill last week providing nearly \$1.4 billion to build 55 miles of border barriers in Texas' Rio Grande Valley while preventing a renewed government shutdown. That measure represented a rejection of Trump's demand for \$5.7 billion to construct more

than 200 miles.

Besides signing the bill, Trump also declared a national emergency that he says gives him access to an additional \$6.6 billion that would be taken from a federal asset forfeiture fund, Defense Department anti-drug efforts and military construction projects.

Democrats and some Republicans say there is no emergency at the border and say Trump is improperly declaring one to work around Congress' rejection of the higher amounts.



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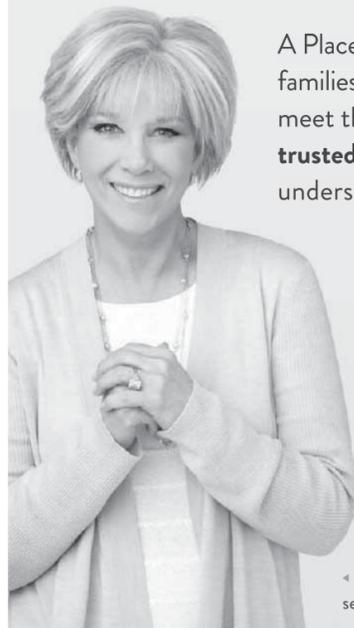
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Coast Guardsman made terror plans, officials say

Lieutenant had a political and media hit list, filing shows

BY LYNH BUI
The Washington Post

A U.S. Coast Guard lieutenant and self-identified white nationalist has been arrested after federal investigators uncovered a cache of weapons and ammunition in his Maryland home that authorities say he stockpiled to launch a domestic terrorist attack targeting politicians and journalists.

Christopher Paul Hasson called for “focused violence” to “establish a white homeland” and dreamed of ways to “kill almost every last person on earth,” according to court records filed in U.S. District Court in Maryland. Though court documents do not detail a specific planned date for an attack, the government said he had been amassing supplies and weapons since 2017 at the latest, developed a spreadsheet of targets that included House Speaker Nancy Pelosi, D-Calif., and searched the internet using phrases such as “best place in dc to see congress people” and “are supreme court justices protected.”

“The defendant intends to murder innocent civilians on a scale rarely seen in this country,” the government said in court documents filed this week, arguing that Hasson should stay in jail awaiting trial.

Hasson, of Silver Spring, is expected to appear before a judge for a detention hearing Thursday in federal court in Greenbelt.

Hasson was arrested on illegal weapons and drug charges Friday, but the government says those charges are the “proverbial tip of the iceberg.”

Officials with the U.S. attorney’s office in Maryland outlined Hasson’s alleged plans to spark chaos and destruction in court documents, describing a man obsessed with neo-fascist and neo-Nazi views.

“Please send me your violence that I may unleash it onto their heads,” Hasson wrote in a letter that prosecutors say was found in his email drafts. “Guide my hate to make a lasting impression on this world.”

A magistrate judge ordered that the Office of the Federal Public Defender represent Hasson.

Hasson has been working at the U.S. Coast Guard headquarters in Washington since 2016, according to

court documents filed by prosecutors. He also served in the U.S. Marine Corps from 1988 to 1993 and in the Army National Guard for about two years in the mid-1990s.

Agents with the FBI field office in Baltimore and the Coast Guard Investigative Service arrested Hasson on Friday, FBI Baltimore spokesman Dave Fitz confirmed.

A Coast Guard spokesman, Lt. Cmdr. Scott McBride, said Wednesday that Hasson no longer works at Coast Guard headquarters.

“An active duty Coast Guard member stationed at Coast Guard Headquarters in Washington, D.C., was arrested last week on illegal weapons and drug charges as a result of an ongoing investigation led by Coast Guard Investigation Services, in cooperation with the FBI and the Dept. of Justice,” McBride said in a written statement. McBride declined to comment further, citing the open investigation.

Court documents do not detail what prompted federal law enforcement to begin investigating Hasson, but they say Hasson has been studying the 1,500-page manifesto of right-wing terrorist Anders Beh-



U.S. ATTORNEY'S OFFICE IN MARYLAND

A stockpile of weapons authorities say they found in Christopher Hasson's apartment. He was arrested Friday.

ring Breivik, who unleashed two attacks in 2011 that killed 77 in Norway.

They say Hasson’s attack preparations resembled Breivik’s.

The manifesto outlined how Breivik planned and prepared his attacks with the aim of providing an outline for others planning similar terrorist operations, the U.S. court filings say.

Breivik took steroids and narcotics, believing it would heighten his abilities to carry out attacks. When law enforcement raided Hasson’s apartment, they said they found a locked container loaded with more than 30 vials of what appeared to be human growth

hormones. He has also ordered more than 4,200 pills of the narcotic tramadol since 2016, along with synthetic urine to allegedly bypass possible random drug screenings at work, they said.

Breivik encouraged identifying targets and traitors.

In recent weeks, they said, Hasson developed a spreadsheet of targets that included top Democratic congressional leaders and media personalities. The list includes “JOEY,” what prosecutors say is a reference to former Rep. Joe Scarborough, R-Fla., who works for MSNBC; “cortez,” an alleged reference to freshman Rep. Alexandria Ocasio-

Cortez, D-New York; and “Sen blumen jew,” presumably about Sen. Richard Blumenthal, D-Conn.

Authorities seized 15 firearms, including several shotguns and rifles, and more than 1,000 rounds of ammunition from his basement apartment, after executing a search warrant this month.

Authorities said Hasson harbored extremist views for years.

“The defendant is a domestic terrorist,” the government said in court filings, “bent, on committing acts dangerous to human life that are intended to affect governmental conduct.”



DELIL SOULEIMAN/GETTY-AFF

A truck carries children Wednesday from Baghouz in Syria's Deir Ezzor province.

Civilians evacuate IS-held Syrian enclave under siege

BY SARAH EL DEEB
Associated Press

BAGHOUZ, Syria — Girls and boys stared out of the back of trucks, their faces dirty, their eyes filled with terror, exhaustion and uncertainty, as hundreds of men, women and children were evacuated Wednesday from the Islamic State group’s last enclave in eastern Syria. The evacuation may signal an imminent end to the territorial rule of the militants self-declared caliphate that once stretched across much of Syria and Iraq.

Their condition pointed to the squalor the Islamic State, abbreviated as IS, has been reduced to in the tiny tent camp on the banks of the Euphrates River.

Food and water have been running out in the pocket, where some 300 IS militants along with hundreds of civilians — believed to be mostly their families — have been under siege for more than a week by U.S.-backed Syrian Democratic Forces, or SDF. Conditions have been so bad that at least 60 people previously evacuated from the militants’ shrinking territory subsequently died of

malnutrition or exhaustion.

SDF fighters surrounding the patch of land have been unable to carry out a final assault on it because of the presence of the civilians. It was unclear how after days of militants preventing civilians from leaving, the organized evacuation of hundreds was possible. SDF officials did not say how many were in the convoy or how many remain in the pocket.

Adnan Afrin, an SDF spokesman, said a number of IS fighters were hiding among the civilians evacuating the enclave and were later arrested. He didn’t elaborate.

SDF officials said clashes overnight, airstrikes and special operations facilitated the movement of the hundreds of civilians toward exits already designated by the SDF and trucks that had been sent for evacuation. SDF officials said earlier that some militants asked for an exit, a request they declined. Instead, they said a military operation would follow the evacuation and separation of civilians.

The enclave’s recapture by U.S.-backed Syrian fight-

ers would spell the territorial defeat of IS and allow President Donald Trump to begin withdrawing American troops from northern Syria, as he has pledged to do, opening a new chapter in Syria’s eight-year civil war.

Few believe, however, that ending the group’s territorial rule will end the threat posed by an organization that still stages and inspires attacks through sleeper cells in both Syria and Iraq.

In past weeks, nearly 20,000 have walked for hours through a humanitarian corridor to exit the militants’ last patch of territory along the river. Many paid smugglers and some have come under fire from the militants for attempting to leave. Evacuations had been halted last week when the militants closed all the roads out of the tiny area.

There were reports of IS militants surrendering, but the U.S.-led coalition said those reports could not be verified.

In a tweet, it said the SDF continue to receive civilians attempting to escape to safety and the most hardened IS fighters still remain in Baghouz.

U.S.: Ala. woman who joined Islamic State can't return

BY MATTHEW LEE
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Associated Press

WASHINGTON — An Alabama woman who joined the Islamic State group in Syria won’t be allowed to return to the United States with her toddler son because she is not an American citizen, the U.S. said on Wednesday. Her lawyer is challenging that claim.

In a brief statement, Secretary of State Mike Pompeo gave no details as to how the administration made their determination.

“Ms. Hoda Muthana is not a U.S. citizen and will not be admitted into the United States,” he said. “She does not have any legal basis, no valid U.S. passport, no right to a passport nor any visa to travel to the United States.”

But her lawyer, Hassan Shibly, insisted Muthana was born in the United States and had a valid passport before she joined the Islamic State in 2014. He says she has renounced the terrorist group and wants to come home to protect her 18-month-old son regardless of the legal consequences.

“She’s an American. Americans break the law,” said Shibly, a lawyer with the Florida chapter of the Council on American-Islamic Relations. “When people break the law, we have a legal system to handle those kinds of situations to hold people accountable, and that’s all she’s asking for.”

Muthana and her son are now in a refugee camp in Syria, along with others who fled the remnants of the Islamic State.

Shibly said that the administration argues that she didn’t qualify for citizenship because her father



CHRIS O'MEARA/AP

Hassan Shibly, attorney for Hoda Muthana, disputes the government’s contention that his client isn’t American.

was a Yemeni diplomat. But the lawyer said her father had not had diplomatic status “for months” before her birth in New Jersey.

President Donald Trump said later Wednesday on Twitter that he was behind the decision, tweeting that “I have instructed Secretary of State Mike Pompeo, and he fully agrees, not to allow Hoda Muthana back into the Country!”

The announcement came a day after Britain said that it was stripping the citizenship of Shamima Begum, 19, who left the country in 2015 with two friends to join the Islamic State and recently gave birth in a refugee camp.

It also comes as the U.S. has urged allies to take back citizens who joined IS but are now in the custody of the American-backed forces fighting the remnants of the brutally extremist group that once controlled a vast area spanning parts of Syria and Iraq.

Muthana’s lawyer said she was “just a stupid, naive, young dumb woman,” when she became enamored of Islamic State, believing it was an organization that protected Muslims.

Shibly said she fled her

family in Alabama and made her way to Syria, where she was “brainwashed” by IS and compelled to marry one of the group’s soldiers. After he was killed, she married another, the father of her son.

After her second husband was also killed she married a third IS fighter but she “became disenchanted with the marriage,” and decided to escape, the lawyer said.

Most people born in the United States are accorded so-called birthright citizenship, but there are exceptions. A person born in the U.S. to an accredited foreign diplomatic officer is not subject to U.S. law and is not automatically considered a U.S. citizen at birth.

Muthana, who dodged sniper fire and roadside bombs to escape, is ready to pay the penalty for her actions but wants freedom and safety for the son, her lawyer said.

In a handwritten letter released by Shibly, Muthana wrote that she made “a big mistake” by rejecting her family and friends in the United States to join the Islamic State.

“To say that I regret my past words, any pain that I caused my family and any concerns I would cause my country would be hard for me to really express properly,” she wrote.

Napkin, genealogy site lead to Minn. man's arrest in '93 stabbing

The Associated Press

MINNEAPOLIS — A businessman has been charged with fatally stabbing a Minneapolis woman in 1993 after investigators ran DNA evidence from the murder scene through a genealogy website and obtained his DNA from a discarded napkin.

Jerry Westrom, 52, was charged with second-degree murder in the death of Jeanne Ann “Jeanie” Childs, 35, whose naked body was found in her blood-covered

apartment. He was released from jail after posting \$500,000 bond last week.

Westrom was arrested after detectives decided to take another look at the cold case by conducting new tests on DNA samples and running them through an online genealogy website, which turned up Westrom as a possible suspect, according to prosecutors.

Investigators then used the internet to determine where Westrom would be in public, and secretly trailed him to his daughter’s hockey

game in Wisconsin in January. That’s where investigators confiscated a napkin he’d used and tossed in the trash, according to police.

Public genealogy databases have been used in other recent cases, including the capture last April of the suspected Golden State Killer in Northern California. Prosecutors allege former police Officer Joseph DeAngelo is responsible for at least a dozen killings and about 50

rapes in the 1970s and '80s. A public database also helped police arrest a 55-year-old

Washington man linked to the 1987 killing of a young Canadian couple.

Westrom appeared in a Minnesota courtroom Friday where his wife, children and 20 other supporters looked on from the gallery. Several members of Childs’ family were also at the hearing in Hennepin County District Court.



Westrom

palm and foot prints were discovered at the scene, investigators said.

The case was reopened in 2015 by a Minneapolis homicide detective and an FBI special agent, who decided to take another look because of advances in DNA testing. Samples from the scene were sent to the state Bureau of Criminal Apprehension and a private DNA company.

The samples were later run through the genealogy website.

Westrom’s next court date was set for March 13.

Vietnam's memorial to N. Korea

14 tombstones mark war deaths of pilots fighting against U.S.

BY HAU DINH AND GRANT PECK
Associated Press

BAC GIANG, Vietnam — In a rice field in northern Vietnam, 14 headstones are an enduring symbol of the wartime friendship of Vietnam and North Korea. They mark the original burial ground of North Korean pilots who died while secretly fighting alongside Vietnamese comrades against U.S. Air Force and Navy planes in the Vietnam War.

The role of North Korea is a footnote in the sweeping history of that conflict, one that speaks mostly of the fraternal relations of two nations that separately fought bruising armed conflicts against the United States in the context of the Cold War. Decades later, the communist nations' friendship is apparent as Vietnam gets ready to host the second summit between President Donald Trump and North Korean leader Kim Jong Un next week.

"When they died, Vietnamese people treated them the same as Vietnamese martyrs who sacrificed for the country," Duong Van Dau, the caretaker of the memorial, said last week. On the high ground where the fallen pilots were interred, their tombs all face northeast, toward their homeland.

South Korea's role in the war is much better known. From 1964 to 1973, Seoul deployed more than 300,000 military personnel to help the U.S. effort in South Vietnam against the communists.

By contrast, the North Korean air force contingent deployed near Hanoi in what was then called North Vietnam — the communist half of the war-torn Southeast Asian nation — had 200 to 400 personnel, including



HAU DINH/AP

War veteran Duong Van Dau walks between rows of headstones at a memorial for North Korean fallen pilots in Bac Giang province, Vietnam.

about 90 pilots over more than two years, according to postwar Vietnamese accounts.

In September 1966, according to Vietnamese historical documents obtained and translated by CIA analyst-turned-scholar Merle Pribbenow, Hanoi accepted an offer by Pyongyang to send three companies of pilots who would form a regiment equipped with 30 aircraft in total. They were to wear North Vietnamese uniforms and Vietnam would provide the aircraft, facilities and equipment.

It was timely assistance. Vietnam's fleet of aging Russian-made MiG-17 fighters was taking heavy losses defending against the U.S. bombing campaign against North Vietnam, Operation Rolling Thunder. China and Russia provided material assistance, but the number of trained Vietnamese pilots was shrinking by attrition.

The first North Korean contingent, also destined to fly MiG-17s, were sent before the end of 1966 to Kep

air base in Bac Giang province, 40 miles northeast of Hanoi, to aid in training and to carry out combat missions.

"The agreement was signed by the two governments, but we didn't know anything about it. I did know that North Korea wanted to send pilots to Vietnam so that they could practice and gain experience with the aim of building its air force," Vu Ngoc Dinh, one of the Vietnamese pilots who served alongside the Koreans, recalled in an interview with Istvan Toperczer, a Hungarian air force officer turned historian.

"The pilots were their best ones whose parents or relatives were working for the Politburo of the North Korean Central Party Committee," Dinh is quoted saying in Toperczer's book "MiG Aces of the Vietnam War."

"They sent their pilots and commanders to Vietnam and we provided the hardware they required during their service," Dinh

said. "They kept everything secret, so we didn't know their loss ratio, but the North Korean pilots claimed 26 American aircraft destroyed."

"Although they fought very bravely in the aerial battles, they were generally too slow and too mechanical in their reactions when engaged, which is why so many of them were shot down by the Americans," Dinh said.

Dau, the cemetery caretaker, is also a war veteran. He joined the army and marched south in 1966 to fight for the communist side in South Vietnam. He was discharged three years later after getting shot in the knee in fighting just outside of Saigon, now called Ho Chi Minh City.

"For the North Korean pilots who fought to protect our country and died for our country, I salute them," Dau said.

In 2002, the remains of the pilots were repatriated from Vietnam to North Korea in a ceremony held by the military of both coun-

tries. But the headstones remain, lined up in two rows behind a memorial marker with an inscription in Vietnamese: "Here used to lie 14 North Korean comrades."

Since the repatriation, the number of visitors to the site has declined. But Dau said he would continue to care for the gated memorial to the fallen pilots.

Only in 2000-2001 was the participation of the North Korean pilots officially acknowledged by Hanoi and Pyongyang. Since then, there has been a trickle of additional details about North Korea's involvement in the Vietnam War, teased out mostly from Vietnamese memoirs and state press accounts and Eastern European diplomatic archives.

What has also emerged is a revisionist view of North Korea's assistance, which suggests Pyongyang would have been happy to see Hanoi fight to the last Vietnamese.

"Sinking deeper and deeper into the quagmire of

the Vietnam War, the U.S. government did not want to open a new front in Korea if it could help it," wrote Balazs Szalontai, a Hungarian historian of North Korea. He alleges that North Korea's then-leader, Kim Il Sung, "had much to gain from keeping America bogged down in Vietnam" and for that reason went out of its way to sustain North Vietnam's struggle.

Conversely, "the very fact that North Korea's assistance to Hanoi was strongly motivated by self-interest also implied that Pyongyang would not take kindly to any steps that could potentially enable the U.S. to get off the Indochinese hook and refocus its attention on the Korean Peninsula," he noted in an essay on nknews.org, a website with news and analysis about North Korea.

When Washington and Hanoi began peace talks in Paris in 1968, North Korean aid began to tail off sharply, and Pyongyang greeted the 1973 Paris Peace Accords coldly, Szalontai noted.



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Russian President Vladimir Putin delivers a state-of-the-nation address in Moscow.

Putin sharply warns against more U.S. missiles in Europe

BY AMIE FERRIS-ROTMAN
The Washington Post

MOSCOW — Russian President Vladimir Putin said Wednesday that his country's new missiles would point toward the United States if Washington deploys missiles in Europe.

Putin emphasized that Russia will only respond if the United States makes the first move, but his remarks were among the strongest yet on a potential new arms race after the countries' mutual pullout from a Cold War-era nuclear weapons treaty.

"Let me be loud and clear," Putin told lawmakers gathered at a historic hall near the Kremlin for an annual address that is akin to the U.S. State of the Union speech.

He continued with a message to Europe, saying Russia would be "forced to create and deploy types of weapons" that can be used against nations that pose "direct threats." And in a clear reference to the United States, Putin said the Russian missiles also could be trained on where "the centers of decision-making are located."

Putin also used the speech to note that testing of a nuclear-capable glider

and underwater drone is complete and the two missiles are ready to join the country's arsenal this year.

After his speech, state-run television showed footage of the 80-foot-long drone, called Poseidon, being released underwater.

Speaking just weeks after President Donald Trump pulled out of the landmark Intermediate-range Nuclear Forces Treaty, Putin blamed the U.S. for violating the terms of the treaty by deploying Tomahawk cruise missiles in Romania and Poland. Putin withdrew from the INF Treaty in response.

Russia has also violated the treaty repeatedly, although Moscow denies this.

The INF treaty banned production, testing and deployment of land-based cruise and ballistic missiles with a range of 310 to 3,410 miles.

The intermediate-range weapons were seen as particularly destabilizing as they take less time to reach targets compared to intercontinental ballistic missiles. That would leave little time for decision-makers, raising the chance of a nuclear war over a false launch warning.

The INF Treaty also irked the U.S. and Moscow when it came to China. As a

non-signatory, China is free to boost its arsenal and develop weapons.

Current terms dictate that Moscow and Washington now have a six-month negotiation window to seek ways to resolve their differences before a full withdrawal from the treaty, although there is widespread speculation that they will not strike a new deal.

Putin said any U.S. moves to place new missiles in Europe — ones that "can reach Moscow within 10-12 minutes" — posed a serious threat, and would leave Moscow with no choice but to retaliate.

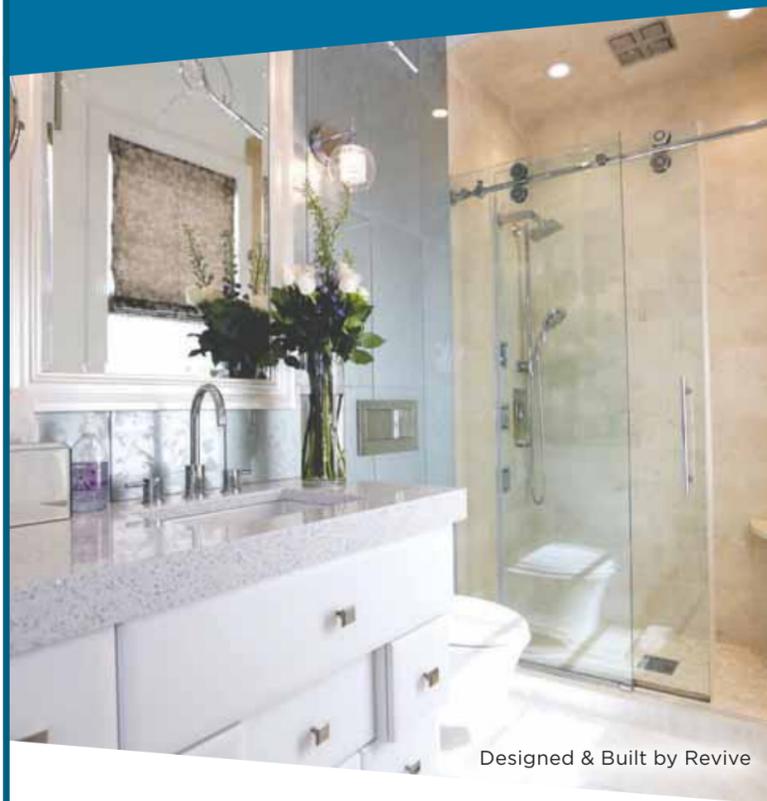
The new hypersonic glider, called the Avangard, which Russia claims can travel 20 times as fast as the speed of sound, is the type of weapon that the Pentagon has also been working on. But U.S. officials have warned in recent months that their efforts lag behind those of their potential rivals such as Russia.

The nuclear-propelled, nuclear-capable underwater drone — designed to travel thousands of miles before detonating outside a coastal city, causing a tsunami — will be released into the water this spring, the Kremlin says.

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Government headed to paying for nearly half of U.S. health tab

WASHINGTON — A federal report estimates that government at all levels will be paying nearly half the nation's health care tab in less than 10 years. Driving the increase is traditional Medicare, which is experiencing an enrollment surge as baby boomers shift out of private coverage. The report from the federal Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services projects that U.S. health care spending will

surpass \$5.9 trillion in 2027. Federal, state and local governments will be paying 47 percent of the nation's health care costs in 2027, up from 45 percent currently. The federal share is 31 percent. Some 2020 Democratic presidential contenders are calling for a government-funded "Medicare-for-all" system. President Donald Trump warns that would be "socialism."

El Chapo's lawyers concerned by juror misconduct allegations

NEW YORK — El Chapo's lawyers raised concerns of potential juror misconduct after a member of the jury at the Mexican drug lord's trial told VICE News that at least five members of the jury looked at media coverage of the case against a judge's orders. Joaquin "El Chapo" Guzman was convicted Feb. 12 on drug and conspiracy charges that could put him behind bars for

decades. Jurors deliberated for six days after three months of testimony. Guzman's lawyer, Eduardo Balarezo, said the issues raised in the VICE article "are deeply concerning and distressing." "The juror's allegations of the jury's repeated and widespread disregard and contempt for the Court's instructions, if true, make it clear that Joaquin did not get a fair trial," Balarezo said.

Buzz Aldrin's son tries to stop dad from moving assets

ORLANDO, Fla. — Buzz Aldrin's son is trying to stop his father from transferring assets in the latest dispute between the Apollo 11 moonwalker and two of his children over whether he is capable of managing his affairs. Andrew Aldrin's lawyer sent a letter to an associate in Morgan Stanley's private wealth-management division with instructions not to transfer any assets from two financial ac-

counts in the trust, which names the younger Aldrin as trustee. Buzz Aldrin, 89, has tried to terminate the trust and wants the assets distributed to him. Morgan Stanley asked a Florida court last week to decide if it should follow the instructions of Buzz Aldrin or his son. Aldrin has sued his children for misusing credit cards, transferring money, and slandering him by saying he has dementia.



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New Neptune moon: An artist's impression of Neptune and its newest and tiniest inner moon, Hippocamp, a 21-mile-wide moon named after the mythological sea horse. Hippocamp was discovered in images taken with NASA's Hubble Space Telescope.

Feds share terror watch list with 1,400 private groups

WASHINGTON — Muslims who have been put on the government's secretive terrorism watch list are demanding to know more about the 1,441 private entities that have access. The number was revealed through litigation in federal court in Alexandria, Va. It's one of a half-dozen lawsuits related to the watch list filed by the Council on American-Islamic Relations. On Friday, CAIR will ask a federal judge to force the government to release the names of the private entities and explain how they access the list.

The massive, classified database was created after the 9/11 terrorist attacks to track people deemed potentially dangerous who had not committed crimes. In litigation, CAIR has argued that the terrorism database and the no-fly list that comes out of it ensnare and stigmatize innocent people. In a deposition last October, an FBI official said he was "not aware of any" private entities that had access to the database through the National Crime Information Center. In a court filing, the FBI acknowledged that more

than 1,000 actually did have that access. These firms are providing criminal justice services, according to the FBI — for example, private prisons, university police and private security companies that work in government facilities or hospitals. The Transportation Security Administration also shares watch list information with airlines. But lawyers for CAIR say they believe the dissemination goes further, citing plaintiffs who say they have had trouble getting loans or keeping bank accounts open without explanation.

Netanyahu strikes deal with far-right parties

JERUSALEM — Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu reached a preliminary election deal with two fringe religious-nationalist parties in a bid to unify his hard-line bloc ahead of April elections. Netanyahu's Likud party announced it would reserve the 28th spot on its

parliamentary list for the Jewish Home party and grant it two Cabinet ministries in a future government if it merges with the Jewish Power party. Jewish Power comprises hard-line religious nationalists who have cast themselves as successors to the banned Kahanist move-

ment, which dreamed of turning Israel into a Jewish theocracy and advocated removal of its Palestinians. Recent polls project Likud winning about 30 of Parliament's 120 seats, while Jewish Home and Jewish Power may not have enough support to enter Parliament on their own.

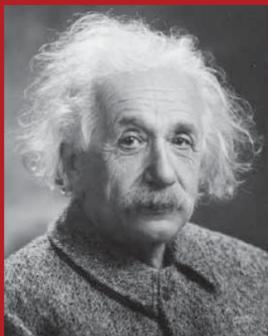
Disgusted with Brexit's hard line, 3 quit May's party

LONDON — With Britain's chaotic departure from the European Union just weeks away, three prominent lawmakers abruptly resigned Wednesday from Prime Minister Theresa May's Conservative Party, saying the government has surrendered control to reckless, hard-line Brexiters who are endangering the country's future. The Conservative members of Parliament who resigned will join a new "Independent Group" of lawmakers formed earlier this week by eight legislators who quit the opposition Labour Party. Pollsters now report that it is more likely for voters to self-identify as "leavers" or "remainers" than to don traditional party labels. At a news conference after their defection, they said others were likely to join them.

In California: Teachers in Oakland are getting ready to walk off the job Thursday over classroom conditions and pay. The union representing 3,000 teachers said that educators planned to say goodbye to students, "barring an unlikely change from the district." The walkout would affect 36,000 students at 86 schools.

In Pakistan: India halted a key bus service this week with the Pakistani-controlled part of Kashmir, cutting the only land route linking the divided Himalayan region. The development comes in the wake of last week's suicide bombing in Kashmir against Indian troops, where at least 40 Indian soldiers were killed.

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EDITORIALS

If Jussie Smollett lied, look at the harm he caused Chicago — and America

As TV actor Jussie Smollett told the tale, he was the victim of a politically motivated hate crime on a downtown Chicago street at 2 a.m. on a January morning. That's the story the Chicago Police Department investigated for more than three weeks.

But on Wednesday night, authorities disputed that version of events. The Cook County state's attorney's office charged Smollett with felony disorderly conduct for allegedly filing a false report that described an attack with racist and homophobic elements. If that's true, it would mean Smollett manufactured a nonevent — an elaborate, irresponsible hoax. It would mean he created a sympathetic role for himself as the target of an ugly, bigoted attack. It would mean the two men he identified as his assailants didn't perpetrate any such assault. It would mean Smollett, who appears on the Chicago-filmed show "Empire," invented this incidence of evil and then stuck to his story, even as suspicions arose that he was responsible.

Smollett's story about a hate crime riveted America. Smollett said he was attacked by two men who hit him and yelled slurs. They wrapped a rope around his neck, he said, splashed a chemical akin to bleach on him and shouted "This is MAGA country!" as if to connect their deed to President Donald Trump via his "Make America Great Again" campaign catchphrase.

As suspicions about his story began to build, Smollett doubled down, appearing Feb. 14 on ABC's "Good Morning America" to reiterate his victimhood. But amid that face-saving interview, he spoke an understated truth: "You do such a disservice when you lie about things like this," Smollett told Robin Roberts.

A *disservice*? That and much more. Smollett hasn't been found guilty of a crime here. But if the police contention that he lied is borne out, that would mean



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"Empire" star Jussie Smollett was charged with disorderly conduct on Wednesday.

he is guilty of shameful injustices at great cost to other people: That he fabricated a vicious assault, thus wasting police resources in a city that is struggling to contain gun violence and solve crimes. The

police clearance rate for homicides and shootings in Chicago is atrociously low. Yet CPD spent three weeks investigating Smollett's report, siphoning attention away from legitimate victims.

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If Smollett's story was bogus, the damage goes deeper: Smollett's celebrity status generated intense national interest in his shocking allegation, exploiting the bleak narrative that America in 2019 is a place where intolerance not only occurs, but flourishes. If police are correct, Smollett's deceit put Chicago on that map when it wasn't warranted.

Some in the national news media pushed the story without professional skepticism, as if his claim didn't need to be verified. On social media, people with political or ideological agendas fanned the flames. Presidential candidates sounded off. His story took them all in. We're grateful that reporters at the Tribune and other Chicago outlets avoided speculation and stuck to the facts in a murky situation. For its part, CPD maintained message discipline, allowing detectives to work the case without publicly challenging Smollett's account until Wednesday afternoon.

Smollett has received emotional support from family and friends, and we hope they stick with him. But if it turns out that he concocted his story, he should explain himself. The point wouldn't be to humiliate Smollett but to make clear that falsely reporting a vicious crime with racial and homophobic overtones aggravates divisions and stokes mistrust. The point would be to make this clear to this city and America: There was no "MAGA country" attack in Chicago on Jan. 29.

4 takeaways from Pritzker's first budget address

Credit Gov. J.B. Pritzker for not staggering off the dais Wednesday while reciting Illinois' financial quandaries: alarming unfunded pension liabilities, a \$3.2 billion budget shortfall and \$15 billion in unpaid bills. Oh, we almost forgot the \$700 million Illinois paid in late fees on its invoices last year, enough to send 12,000 students to a four-year college. That's what out-of-control deficit spending looks like.

During his first budget address, Pritzker didn't shy away from the state's challenges. But he adopted an optimistic tone, channeling Illinois' 28th governor, the upbeat and energetic Henry Horner, who served during the Great Depression when half the state's workforce couldn't find a job. We'll see how long Pritzker can sustain a rosy outlook. Our four takeaways from his speech:

The taxman cometh

Pritzker emphasized that he wants a graduated state income tax. "I am proposing this path forward because I truly believe this is what is best for Illinois," he said. Illinois currently has a flat individual income tax rate of 4.95 percent, a structure

that is codified in the Illinois Constitution (although lawmakers can change the rate).

Changing to a graduated tax requires a three-fifths vote of the General Assembly to put the question on a ballot, and then approval by voters statewide. How much new money would a graduated income tax extract from taxpayers — and who would get squeezed? Those questions matter in part because Illinois has a shrinking base of taxpayers: Illinois lost residents for the fifth straight year in 2018 with a net loss of 45,116 people, the worst year of the five.

People debating whether to stay or leave likely will factor into their calculation the desire of Pritzker and many fellow Democrats to collect more tax revenue.

Toking for dollars

Pritzker said he believes legalizing recreational cannabis would generate \$170 million for the next budget in licensing fees. Proposals being discussed would allow Illinois residents 21 years and older to possess up to 30 grams of cannabis. Need a visual on that measurement? If you scooped up a pile of snow in your cupped hands, it's about that much. Households

could have five plants apiece.

Municipalities still could ban dispensaries within their borders. Conversely, they could welcome dispensaries and apply their own taxes to marijuana sales. Wonder which they'll choose.

Is Illinois prepared to manage such a complicated program? Not yet. But with Pritzker using his bully pulpit to advocate, legalization is gaining momentum. Time to spice up the Tribune's annual holiday baking competition. We even spotted a recipe for "weed milk." Pair your brownies with that, Illinois.

This creates more taxpayers — how?

Pritzker did mention the need to grow the state's tax base, but mostly in platitudes: Invest in job training, fund anti-violence programs, strengthen the social safety net and attract talent. The cannabis industry could expand entrepreneurship and job opportunities, he said, along with passage of a bricks-and-mortar capital bill. How it would be funded, he didn't say. But lawmakers love big-picture infrastructure programs that allow them to cut ribbons

back home.

Pritzker also spoke of growing the economy by increasing the number of minority-owned businesses eligible for state contracts and by working with downstate lawmakers on a revitalization plan for that region of the state. But employers looking for new reasons to keep or create jobs here, rather than locating in lower-tax states, didn't hear many specifics that would improve Illinois' competitiveness.

Kicking the pension can

Pritzker's plan to address \$134 billion in unfunded liabilities relies on notions calibrated to not offend public employees unions: shoring up the pension funds with additional money from tax revenues; the sale of unspecified state assets; borrowing up to \$2 billion by selling pension bonds; stretching out the current payment schedule; and making permanent an employee buyout program. Taken together, it's more can-kicking. The only way to save the pension funds, and protect taxpayers, is to amend the Illinois Constitution's pension clause. No, Pritzker didn't say anything about that.

WHAT OTHERS ARE SAYING

Democrats who think the Trump rallies are just Mussolini-like stage events that will turn off most voters are talking themselves out of winning the election before it has begun. Any disinterested person watching Mr. Trump in El Paso would have to admit that by now, with a lot of practice, he's producing political performance art at a high level. Matching it will be tough. ...

Now think of the list of Democrats competing for the party's presidential nomination, put any of them in your mind's eye in a one-on-one competition with Donald Trump — the debates, the campaign's omnipresent media glare — and ask yourself: Which one of them has what it's going to take to stay in the ring with this personality?

I'm not saying Mr. Trump is unbeatable. I am saying that to beat him the Democrats are going to need a lot more than "Trump is the devil and we need Medicare for All." And they're going to need a candidate who does more than fill their identity-politics punch list. They need someone who can compete in public every day with the devil himself.

Progressives and their media affiliates can produce all the Trump fear and loathing they want. If their candidate can't hold a stage with him, they won't win.

Daniel Henninger, The Wall Street Journal

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President Donald Trump speaks to the Venezuelan-American community at Florida International University in Miami on Monday.

Trump and Venezuela: We've seen this movie before



STEVE CHAPMAN

When it comes to foreign policy, it's never clear whether American presidents have forgotten past failures or they have studied them closely in order to duplicate them. Whatever the case, Donald Trump's aggressive policy toward Venezuela has many precedents that suggest pessimism is in order.

At a speech in Miami on Monday, he called on the Venezuelan military to overthrow President Nicolas Maduro, the leftist strongman whose socialist policies have turned the oil-rich country into a riot of economic disarray. Trump's speech came on the heels of new U.S. economic sanctions meant to help topple the regime.

The administration has recognized opposition leader Juan Guaido, who has proclaimed himself the legitimate president following rigged elections last year.

It has set a deadline of Saturday for the Maduro regime to allow trucks to bring food and medicine over the border from Colombia.

Trump threatened members of Venezuela's military with retribution if they remain loyal to Maduro. He held out the prospect of U.S. military inter-

vention, saying, "All options are open." In January, national security adviser John Bolton was seen holding a notepad with the words "5,000 troops to Colombia."

In this effort, the administration is not drawing on successful interventions of the past. It's taking the blooper reel as a guide. We have ample experience to indicate this approach won't work and could lead us into disaster.

Barack Obama provided a lesson in the perils of assuming that a firm U.S. push will bring down a besieged autocrat. During the heady days of the Arab Spring, as protests roiled Syria, he announced, "The time has come for President (Bashar) Assad to step aside." That was eight years ago, and Assad had the last laugh on Obama, who was faulted for failing to back up his words with forceful action.

Obama's faith that vocal support for the opposition would turn the tide was unfounded. Trump is courting a similar error. Should the Venezuelan military ignore his plea and Maduro keep his grip on power, the administration would have to choose between Obama-like ineffectuality and military action.

The latter, of course, involves the prospect of shedding American blood in an effort to restore democracy to a country of no strategic importance to the United States. As we discovered in Somalia (1993) and Lebanon (1983), even small-scale missions can turn shockingly bloody, exacting a far higher price than the American people

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are prepared to pay.

The administration's demands may do more to help Maduro than to hurt him. Latin Americans have long, unhappy memories of U.S. domination and meddling in the internal affairs of our neighbors, and Trump is hardly a president to allay suspicions about our motives. Just the opposite: He bears a resemblance to corrupt populist caudillos, who have so often impeded democracy in the region. Venezuelans may figure he wants to seize Venezuela's oil as he thinks we should have done with Iraq's.

Americans may not recall that in 2002, George W. Bush endorsed a coup against Maduro's immediate predecessor, Hugo Chavez, which removed him from office — for all of 47 hours. Chavez then regained power and held on to it until his death in 2013.

If Maduro doesn't fall, the administration may have to fall back on economic pressure and diplomatic isolation. If you want to gauge how well that is likely to work, consider the case of Cuba's Communist government,

which has withstood Washington's hostility for nearly 60 years.

That regime also fended off the 1961 U.S.-supported Bay of Pigs invasion, mounted by exiles bent on overthrowing Fidel Castro. Despite the widespread assumption that the revolution would perish with him, it survived his 2016 demise.

If Maduro does fall, though, there is hardly a guarantee of a happy outcome. Obama's decision to use air power against Libyan dictator Moammar Gadhafi helped bring him down, but in the aftermath, Libya fell into a chaotic civil war that is still going on. Even in the worst of places, regime change is an unreliable formula for peace, prosperity or democracy.

Trump ran on an "America first" theme, promising that the U.S. would stop jumping into foreign crises and conflicts in the name of spreading our values. But when a socialist despot sows turmoil in our hemisphere, he falls back on the old-fashioned American policy of wielding a big stick.

We can't say we haven't seen this movie before. There is always the slim chance that the campaign against Maduro will succeed. If it fails, the consequences will be unpleasant, but they won't be surprising.

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PERSPECTIVE

'Global warming,' 'climate change' and the danger of euphemisms



VICTOR DAVIS HANSON

The reinvention of vocabulary can often be more effective than any social protest movement. Malarial swamps can become healthy "wetlands." Fetid "dumps" are often rebranded as green "landfills."

Global warming was once a worry about too much heat. It implied that man-made carbon emissions had so warmed the planet that life as we knew it would soon be imperiled without radical changes in consumer lifestyles.

Yet in the last 30 years, record cold spells, inordinate snow levels and devastating rains have been common. How to square that circle?

Substitute "climate change" for global warming. Presto! Any radical change in weather could be perceived as symptomatic of too much climate-changing carbon dioxide in the atmosphere.

Suddenly, blizzards, deluges and subzero temperatures meant that typically unpredictable weather was "haywire" because of affluent Westernized lifestyles.

Affirmative action originated as a means of making up for past prejudices against the African-American community, which comprised about 12 percent of the population.

By the late 1960s, slavery, Jim Crow and institutionalized segregation were finally considered unique stains on the American past, to be redeemed in the present by set-aside programs in college admissions and hiring predicated on racial considerations.

The problem with affirmative action is that the very name implied redress for historical wrongs that could be "affirmed" by compensatory action for a particular minority of the population. But lots of other groups wished to be included in an

ever-expanding catalog of the oppressed.

Mexican-Americans were soon added on the basis on past biases. Yet weren't Asian-Americans discriminated against in the past as well, especially during the construction of the railroads in the 19th century and during the Japanese-American internments of World War II?

Then, a host of other nonwhite groups — especially newly arriving immigrants with no prior experience of supposed American racism — sought inclusion in set-aside categories. By the 1980s, a new and vaguer term, "diversity," had increasingly replaced "affirmative action."

Diversity meant that it was no longer incumbent upon job or college applicants to claim historical grievances or prove that they were still victims of ongoing and demonstrable discrimination from the white-majority population. Diversity also meant members of any group that declared itself nonwhite — from Arab-Americans to Chilean-Americans — were eligible for advantages in hiring and college admissions.

Unlike affirmative action, diversity meant that about 30 percent of the country — in theory, more than 100 million Americans — were suffering as aggrieved minorities, regardless of income or class.

If united simply by shared nonwhite-victim status, the resulting new pan-minority group could prove a far more formidable catalyst for particular political agendas.

"Illegal alien" — a term still used by official government agencies — described any foreign national residing in the U.S. without government sanction. But when the numbers of those who fit the old classification grew, and the number of people invested in relaxed immigration policies expanded across the political spectrum, the term gradually metamorphosed.

If "alien," a Latinate word deriving from the idea of "other" or "different," sounds too outer space-like, why not substitute "immigrant"? Yet "illegal immigrant" still sounded as if breaking federal immigration laws was somehow a serious legal matter. So the vague "undocumented immigrant" superseded the old term.

As the numbers of those crossing the

southern border grew and the power of those invested in expanded immigration — employers, identity-politics activists, Democratic operatives, the Mexican government — peaked, even more euphemisms emerged to downplay illegality.

Often, "undocumented" was dropped, leaving just "immigrants" — conflating applicants who waited years for legal entry with those who swarmed the border illegally.

Increasingly we now hear just "migrants" — a vague term that further divorces illegal immigration from reality by conflating the acts of leaving and entering the country.

Democrats used to self-identify as "liberals." The Latin etymology means "free," as in the context of "free" thinkers not burdened by oppressive traditions, ideological straitjackets and unworkable norms.

But the problem with "liberal" is that even conservatives occasionally used the term, as in "classical liberals" who judged issues by facts and reason rather than rigid orthodoxy.

Moreover, "liberal" included little notion of evolution and advancement. So gradually, "progressive" has eclipsed the stuffy "liberal."

"Progressive" infers an activist, not a neutral, ideology — one that is always moving the country in the supposedly correct direction.

After all, who favors "regression" in any field over "progression," an inherently positive noun implying beneficial advancement?

A liberal Democrat was once someone seen as a free thinker. But "progressive" implies that one is more action-orientated and has an evolutionary agenda, not just a methodology.

Beware of euphemisms. Radical changes in vocabulary are usually admissions that reality is unwelcome or indefensible.

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VOICE OF THE PEOPLE

Don't neglect South Side needs

Having just finished reading mayoral profiles, I found that four of the suggestions would benefit Chicago citizens. Gery Chico would like to repurpose the closed schools as community centers with affordable housing, retail, job training and mental health centers. Garry McCarthy and Susanna Mendoza would like to reinvigorate the local schools by making them the anchor of the community for children and adult services. Willie Wilson would like to reopen Meigs Field, which I heartily support. But the one idea that I think will help the South Side of Chicago was offered by Jerry Joyce: to finally build that third airport on the South Side. For too long, in the area where South Works stood, the land has lain fallow.

It was once a great source of jobs for the young people living on the south end of Chicago. If not an airport, bring other industry so this neglected part of Chicago could once again be a great source of economic opportunity. This area needs more attention than Lincoln Yards.

It is time Chicago aldermen finally realize that their neglect of this area has been a contributing factor to the hopelessness of the people on the South Side. Who knows? More factories, more jobs, may curtail the violence there.

— Judy Arkes, Chicago

We need mayor who will unify us

I will add this letter to those you are receiving opposed to your endorsement of Bill Daley for mayor. I think that the priority of business has been tried for the last several decades, and still the city remains divided with a poor and black South Side and a prosperous North Side. This year there are other candidates who are much better suited to uniting the city. Your paper has regularly endorsed the moneyed one. It is the thinking that what is good for Ken Griffin is good for Chicago. I think the name for the paper should be changed to the Chicago Wall Street Tribune. You are out of touch with Chicagoans and out of touch with your own news staff.

— Gerald Talsky, Chicago

Endorsements are a help

Endorsements of candidates for political office published by the Tribune are valuable because the summary of the reasons a particular candidate is being endorsed allows the voting public to gain an understanding of the candidate's background qualifications and important positions without having to spend time ferreting out this information on their own. This is especially true this year with the large number of candidates running for mayor of Chicago and the amount of available time people have to spend on such a task.

— Michael Barnett, Naperville

Wall a poor fix for bigger issues

Crime and outright murder by undocumented foreigners — or anyone — is an absolute tragedy and something that must be countered by strong border security. With that said, I do not believe that fundamental problems are solved by simple solutions. Another wall? In addition to the other walls we have built around ourselves and the divides we have constructed against each other? Other presidents have constructed walls and fences, and the problem of illegal immigration remains.

Our nation has the ability to stop these atrocities; whether it be human trafficking or innocent Americans being killed. We will have to work with the countries from which people are fleeing and encourage their right to development by embracing democratic practices and the free market.

— Henry Wilson, Barrington

A police officer's daughter's loss

I came across the heart-wrenching photo of young Grace Bauer and her grandfather ("Anniversary of a tragedy," a look back at the death of police Cmdr. Paul Bauer) in the Feb. 14 Tribune. I can't throw this photo out; it will remain on my refrigerator door.

I'm the wife of a retired law enforcement officer and the mother of a beautiful dark-haired daughter very much like Grace. She's older now but, like Grace, she is an example of the proud love of a daughter for her father who left every day for a job he loved. It has indeed been a horrific year for families of our law enforcement community. And then, Aurora happens

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Don't blame #MeToo for ruining the most iconic kiss photo in history

BY MONICA HESSE

If you have been alive and in possession of eyeballs at any point in the last 75 years, chances are you have seen the photograph of George Mendonsa kissing Greta Zimmer Friedman on V-J Day in 1945. He: a sailor, ecstatic to not have to return to the Pacific. She: a dental assistant, celebrating the war's end on her lunch break in Times Square. The photograph was published in *Life* magazine and showed Mendonsa bending Friedman backward as her white uniform rode up her thighs.

George Mendonsa died this week, after a long career as a Rhode Island fisherman and a long marriage to his wife, Rita. Within 24 hours of his passing, a Sarasota statue that re-created his and Friedman's famous kiss was defaced. On Friedman's aluminum leg, in red spray paint, someone had written, "#MeToo."

As such as any image, the picture of Mendonsa and Friedman has defined American perception of romance. It's Richard Gere nipping at Julia Roberts' fingers with a jewelry box; it's John Cusack with a boombox, beneath Ione Skye's window. Mendonsa's grip around Friedman's waist is fervent; her body is limp as if overwhelmed by the passion of his embrace. Behold, the superlative ideal of a perfect kiss.

Neither of them were identified until years after the photograph was published

— a handful of other men and women had also claimed to be the famous photo subjects — which allowed a daydreaming public to invent a fanciful backstory: Were the couple reunited lovers? Were they star-struck strangers drawn together by joyful attraction?

The truth was more pedestrian: Mendonsa, tipsy on a few drinks, had been on a date with his girlfriend at Radio City Music Hall when he heard about the end of the war. They dashed into the street where he saw Friedman, whose uniform reminded him of the nurses he'd served with overseas. Kissing her, he later said, was a spontaneous act of gratitude.

Friedman, for her part, was caught off guard. "I did not see him approaching, and before I know it I was in this vise grip," Friedman once told an interviewer.

"I felt he was very strong, he was just holding me tight ... it wasn't really a romantic event," she told the Library of Congress. "It wasn't my choice to be kissed."

Maybe it could be wonderful and exciting to be kissed, by surprise, by a stranger, at the end of a long and terrible war. But when you hear Friedman's description of it, the whole thing starts to sound unpleasant. The whole photo starts to look unpleasant too: the way her head is locked into the crook of his elbow, unable to move or avoid his lips.

A man just died, and the thing he was most famous for is a thing that's actually

super weird.

It's exhausting, sometimes, to exhume and re-examine old stories, and discover they don't look how you wished they would. But such is history, especially romantic history, especially the versions published in magazines or on screen. Cusack's character? Creepy. Gere's? In "Pretty Woman," he's a hero because he ... learns to treat a sex worker like an actual human?

In the hours after Mendonsa's death, I watched reactions spread online — many of which amounted to, "Today, this iconic photo might be considered an assault."

Some folks meant it indignantly: See how crazy the world has become? Others also meant it indignantly, but the opposite way: How dare we honor this bad man?

I'd like to think of it more as a statement of fact. Today, this iconic photo might be considered an assault. It doesn't mean Mendonsa was a monster. It doesn't mean humans were bad in 1945. It just means that stories don't always behave as we'd like. Our fantasies can be punctured by the reality of other people's feelings.

A kiss based on one person's joy and another person's non-consenting shock isn't really a perfect kiss. And actually, it never was.

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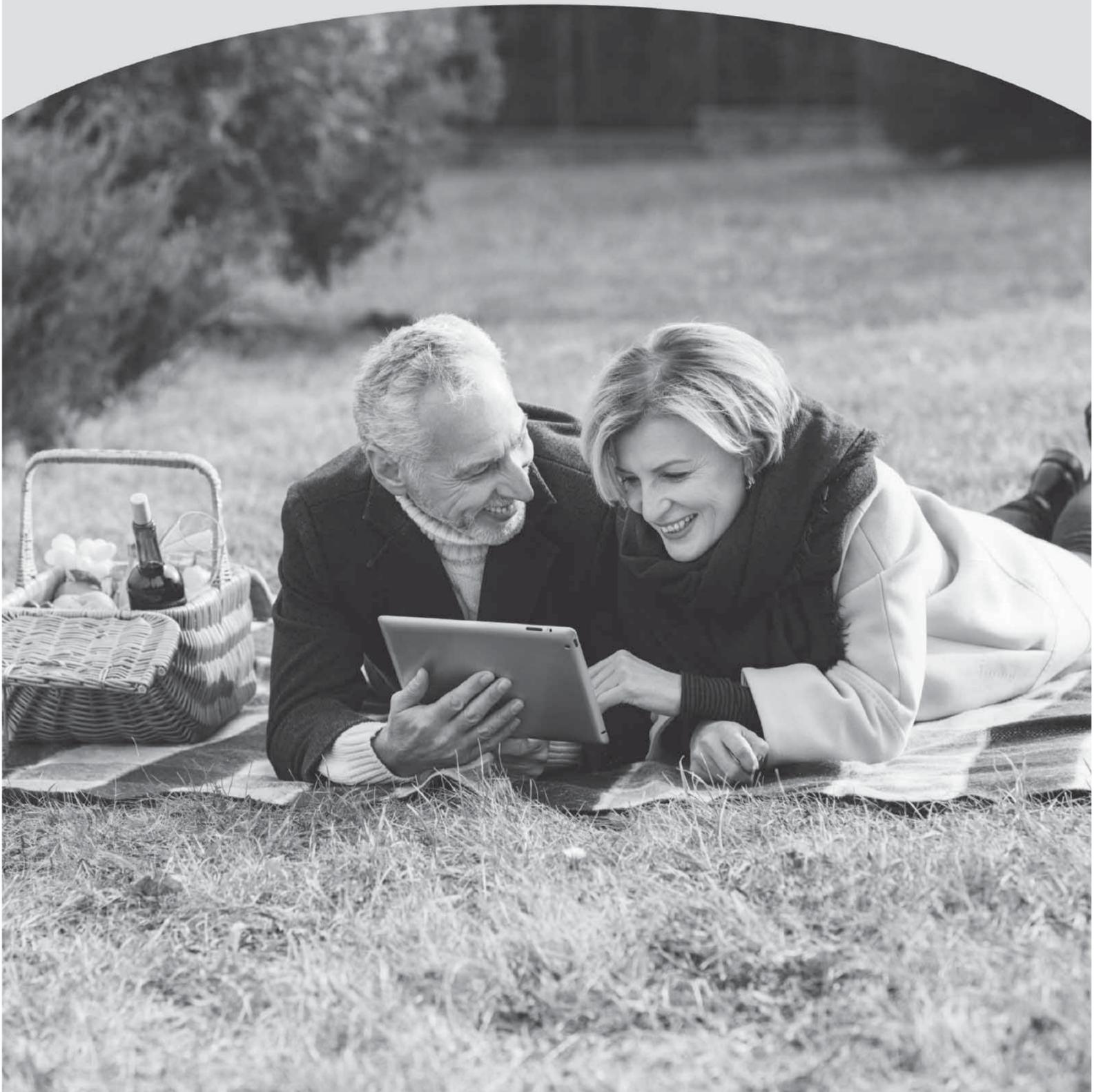
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U.S. joins suit against firms bought by Abbott

Mail-order supply companies accused of Medicare scams

By **LISA SCHENCKER**
Chicago Tribune

The U.S. government has joined a lawsuit against companies bought by Abbott Laboratories, alleging they fraudulently billed Medicare for unnecessary devices for diabetic patients and paid kickbacks to those patients.

The lawsuit, which was first filed by a whistleblower in 2013, alleges that mail-order diabetic testing supply company Arriva Medical LLC and its parent company Alere Inc. participated in a scheme to defraud Medicare and offer patients kickbacks before north suburban-based Abbott acquired the companies in 2017.

Arriva allegedly required all new customers to receive new glucose meters, regardless of whether they already had them — billing Medicare for medically unnecessary equipment, according to the Justice Department.

Arriva also allegedly paid kickbacks to Medicare beneficiaries by not attempting to collect co-payments from them for the meters or diabetic testing supplies bought in connection with the meters. Waiving co-pays in order to entice Medicare beneficiaries to buy a company's products is illegal under the Anti-Kickback Statute. The company also allegedly paid kickbacks to Medicare beneficiaries in the form of free glucose meters, according to the Justice Department.

Abbott spokeswoman Darcy Ross said in a statement Wednesday that Arriva stopped operating shortly after Abbott bought it in 2017. The federal government stopped allowing Arriva to bill Medicare in 2016 after the company billed the program for medical equipment for a patient who had already died, according to the Department of Justice.

"This matter relates to activities that took place prior to the acquisition and was previously disclosed by Alere in financial filings," Ross said.

Abbott bought Alere in 2017 after legal battles over the deal. The deal was first announced in February 2016, but Abbott then tried to scrap it, saying in a lawsuit that Alere had "suffered a series of damaging business developments." Alere then sued Abbott to try to force it to go through with the acquisition. Both companies dropped their lawsuits after Abbott agreed to buy Alere for \$5.3 billion, a lower price than first agreed upon.

The lawsuit was originally brought by Gregory Goodman, a former sales representative at Arriva. In successful whistleblower lawsuits, the whistleblower is entitled to a portion of the money the government is able to recover. In intervening in the lawsuit, the government also added a reimbursement consultant for Arriva as a defendant.

The lawsuit was filed under the False Claims Act. Those found guilty of violating that act are liable for three times the amount of the government's losses, plus financial penalties for each false claim.

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Samsung unveils smartphone with foldable screen

Highly-anticipated device retails for almost \$2,000.

■ Google reveals Nest's microphone, alarming owners. **Stories, Page 3**

Public funds for Lincoln Yards megaproject closer to fruition



BRIAN CASSELLA/CHICAGO TRIBUNE

Land is cleared near Throop Street and Wabansia Ave. inside the Lincoln Yards proposed development site.

Approval for TIF financing puts Sterling Bay nearer to \$6B plan



RYAN ORI
On Real Estate

The developer of the proposed Lincoln Yards megaproject on Tuesday won approval for \$900 million in tax increment financing to support new

infrastructure around the riverfront site, a step that moves the 55-acre North Side project closer to fruition.

The Community Development Commission, a mayor-appointed panel that reviews the creation of TIF districts, voted 10-0 to create the Cortland/Chicago River TIF district. The TIF district still requires various approvals before it's established, and its ultimate cost could rise

as high as \$1.3 billion.

The panel's support of the project at the end of a five-hour meeting came amid protests from some aldermen and community groups that want key decisions about the project halted until after the upcoming city elections.

The approval is an important step for Chicago developer Sterling Bay, which says it will spend \$6 billion to turn formerly industrial land along the Chicago River into about 15 million

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George Fred Keck's House of Tomorrow in the Beverly Shores area of the Indiana Dunes is shown in 1933.

Wanted: Someone with big bucks and a big heart

House of Tomorrow from 1933-34 World's Fair in disrepair on Indiana shore

An architectural wonder of Chicago's 1933-34 World's Fair may be on its way to a brighter future — if, that is, somebody is willing to spend nearly \$3 million to restore the fabled House of Tomorrow but not own it.

Designed by Chicago architect George Fred Keck and situated near Beverly Shores, Ind., the 12-sided, glass-sheathed house is revered in architectural circles as a forerunner of mid-20th century glass houses. It was a pioneer in passive solar heating. And the door of its attached garage rose at the push of a button.

For years, though, the House of Tomorrow has sat empty atop a wind-blasted sand dune in what was just designated the Indiana Dunes National Park.



BLAIR KAMIN
Cityscapes

To change that, a nonprofit historic preservation group, Indiana Landmarks, announced Wednesday that it is offering a 50-year lease to the house to a qualified individual or party who would restore the building to federal standards.

Would-be restorers will need to prove three things: They have the financial resources to pull off the job in two to three years. They agree to restore the

house rather than significantly alter it. And they or their contractor have previous experience with other sizable restorations.

The job is "different than just fixing up your bedroom," said Todd Zeiger, director of Indiana Landmarks' northern regional office. It shouldn't be "your first rodeo."

After the world's fair, the House of Tomorrow and four other houses displayed at the event were taken by barge and truck to the Indiana Dunes along the southern edge of Lake Michigan.

Chicago developer Robert Bartlett planned to use them to promote his dream of turning the area into a vacation destination, but the Great Depression interceded.

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WARREN SKALSKI / TNS

Hemp oil and other CBD products are displayed at the Mokena Park District's January Flea Market.

Chicago to start tracking shops that sell CBD

Officials want info in case additional rules are needed

By **ALLY MAROTTI**
Chicago Tribune

As CBD products become more common on store shelves throughout Chicago, city officials are keeping track of businesses that say they are selling the increasingly trendy products.

The move comes as officials around the country start to crack down on

retailers selling certain kinds of CBD products. Short for cannabidiol, CBD is a cannabis compound that does not get users high but is often touted for its relaxation benefits. It has been used in everything from teas and dog treats to bath bombs.

Illinois and Chicago permit the retail sale of CBD products, as long as they are derived from hemp, another plant in the cannabis family, and have less than 0.3 percent of the psychoactive cannabis

compound THC. If a firm discloses in its business license that it is selling CBD products, the city is making note of it in case additional regulations are adopted, Lilia Chacon, spokeswoman for the Department of Business Affairs and Consumer Protection, said in an email.

Tom Fisher, owner and founder of Botanic Alternatives in Logan Square, said he expects the industry to become more regulated. Botanic Alternatives started out as a vape shop, but now 85 percent of its

business is CBD products.

Some of the crackdowns have involved edible CBD products. In New York City, local health inspectors have confiscated baked goods containing CBD at coffee shops and bakeries. Officials in Ohio told some business owners to stop selling CBD products or risk having them taken off shelves.

Fisher said he's not worried. He learned how to adjust to regulations on the fly while operating in

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MICHAEL TERCHA/CHICAGO TRIBUNE 2016

The House of Tomorrow, built for the 1933-34 World's Fair in Chicago and shown in 2016, awaits restoration in a historic district in Beverly Shores, Ind.

Restoration requires rehab expertise and deep pockets

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The houses deteriorated until the early 2000s, when Indiana Landmarks began leasing them from the National Park Service, which controls what formerly was the Indiana Dunes National Lakeshore before becoming a national park. In turn, the landmarks group gave long-term leases for the homes to people who put sweat equity and private money into restoring them.

Since then, the four other houses—the flamingo-pink Florida Tropical House, the woody Cypress Log Cabin, the glistening Armco-Ferro House and the Art Deco Wieboldt-Rostone House—have been restored. The projects cost roughly \$2 million apiece, Zeiger said.

It takes an individual with a special mix of financial resources, architectural know-how and burning idealism to do the job.

As Bill Beatty, the longtime resident of the Florida Tropical House, told

me when I visited three years ago, “From a financial standpoint, it’s one of the dumbest things I’ve ever done. From a personal standpoint, it’s one of the best things I’ve ever done.”

Now the preservationists want to bring a faster version of the same approach to the House of Tomorrow, which at this point consists of little more than a steel frame and poured concrete floors covered in house wrap.

To speed the restoration, Indiana Landmarks worked with Chicago architects, including bKLL Architecture and the BauerLatoza Studio, to prepare architectural drawings. The National Park Service, which owns the house, has signed off on the plans, Zeiger said.

This isn’t the first time that preservationists have mounted a restoration campaign for the House of Tomorrow.

In 2016, after the National Trust for Historic Preservation gave the house an honorific designation of a “National

Treasure,” Indiana Landmarks said it would borrow funds to jump-start the restoration. It set a goal of beginning work in 2017 and finishing the project by 2019.

Asked about the delay, Zeiger said it took longer than expected to complete the architectural drawings, get them approved and prepare leasing arrangements.

At this stage, Indiana Landmarks wants to ensure that the house remains a single-family home—it can’t become a vacation home or an Airbnb. New exterior glass will be needed, though the plans call for the glass to be insulated and double-paned—an energy-conscious departure from the single-paned original windows.

“We’d like to make it the new House of Tomorrow,” Zeiger said.

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Sterling Bay closer to public funds for project

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square feet of office and residential towers, retail and restaurant space, and other uses.

If the Community Development Commission’s recommendation is supported by the City Council, as much as \$900 million in tax dollars would go toward creating new roads, bridges, intersections and other improvements that would help accommodate an expected 24,000 jobs and 6,000 residential units on the site. The city also could provide up to \$400 million in tax-exempt bonds or notes to help fund infrastructure costs, according to the city’s planning department.

The proposal also includes 21 acres of riverwalk and other park space, as well as a new Metra train station and an extension of The 606 trail.

Ald. Brian Hopkins, 2nd, spoke at Tuesday’s meeting in support of TIF funding for the project, saying it will address an already dire need for new infrastructure in the area.

“We need it today,” he said. “The time to act is now.”

Hopkins said rejecting Lincoln Yards would be a missed opportunity and mentioned Amazon’s recent decision to pull out of plans to create 25,000 jobs in New York after facing strong opposition from local officials.

Lincoln Yards’ zoning process has accelerated since January, when Hopkins announced he supported the project after Sterling Bay said it would drop plans to include a 20,000-seat soccer stadium and multiple Live Nation Entertainment venues in the development.

The Chicago Plan Commission, which last month voted 10-0 in favor of the revised development plan, on Thursday will consider a resolution recommending authorization of the new TIF district. Chicago’s Joint Review Board in January backed the use of \$900 million in TIF funds for Lincoln Yards. The project still must pass muster with the City Council’s finance

and zoning committees and eventually the full City Council.

Although it’s one of the most ambitious developments proposed on the city’s North Side, Lincoln Yards has encountered vocal opposition amid an upcoming election to replace Mayor Rahm Emanuel. The use of TIF funds, often a controversial topic, has generated cries from opponents who say that publicly funded infrastructure around Lincoln Yards would be a public subsidy to Sterling Bay and its investors.

Sterling Bay’s efforts to obtain zoning approval also have come amid scandals involving Ald. Ed Burke, 14th, a property tax appeals lawyer, and Ald. Danny Solis, 25th, who had been head of the City Council’s zoning committee.

The Lincoln Yards site is on the east and west sides of the Chicago River, between North and Webster avenues. The 168-acre TIF district is generally bounded by Wester, Clybourn, North and Elston avenues and Besly Court, according to city documents.

TIF funds would include \$800 million for new bridges, an extension of The 606 elevated trail, a reconfigured intersection of Armitage, Elston and Ashland avenues, and other infrastructure improvements.

There also would be \$100 million in separate costs, including \$25 million each for site preparations; surveys, analysis and legal costs; job training; and funds toward affordable housing construction, according to the city’s planning department.

Sterling Bay would pay \$490 million for initial phases of infrastructure improvements, and would be reimbursed over the course of several years as the TIF district generates tax revenue.

Before Tuesday’s meeting, a coalition including several Chicago aldermen held a news conference to voice objections to approving the TIF district, and many aspects of the development itself. The group

called for putting decisions on Lincoln Yards on hold until after a new mayor and City Council are voted into office.

Aldermen who spoke out against Lincoln Yards include aldermen whose wards border Lincoln Yards, Scott Waguespack, 32nd, and Michele Smith, 43rd. The group also includes aldermen John Arena, 45th, Deb Mell, 33rd, and Robert Maldonado, 26th; former Cook County Clerk David Orr; and organizations including Friends of the Parks and affordable housing advocacy groups.

The group said there aren’t enough guarantees that Sterling Bay will live up to its obligations in creating infrastructure, and urged city officials to delay voting on Lincoln Yards until after elections.

“The fast track smells,” Orr said during the news conference.

Before and during Tuesday’s meeting, Smith said Sterling Bay would collect interest and management fees as part of the TIF package, and said the city does not have strong enough guarantees that Sterling Bay will follow through on its infrastructure obligations.

David Reifman, head of the city’s planning department, emphasized during Tuesday’s meeting that the city would be protected because Sterling Bay would fund infrastructure up front, regardless of whether its development ultimately succeeds.

Specific terms will be negotiated in a development agreement between the city and the developer, he said.

Smith also reiterated her call for the city to acquire the nearby General Iron site, and convert that and other properties near Lincoln Yards into a 24-acre public park.

Ald. James Cappleman, 46th, the new zoning chair, previously has called for Sterling Bay to provide more affordable housing units on the site.

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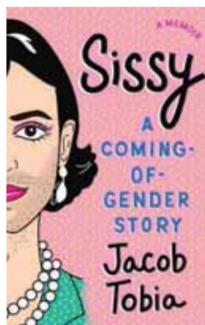
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the vape industry, and his store sells a diverse array of products, insulating him if one product category becomes an issue. Additionally, Fisher said he has taken care to work with CBD companies that have regulation on their radar.

“Ultimately, the FDA is going to get involved and everybody is readying for that,” Fisher said. “The companies we’re doing business with have already spent the money.”

One of the companies that Botanic Alternatives works with is Sopris Health and Wellness, which sells CBD oils, salves and other items. The Colorado com-

pany has its products made in FDA-compliant facilities, said founder Bryan Ward. He said regulations could be a competitive advantage for some CBD companies.

“A lot of companies are in this space as a bit of a gold rush,” Ward said. “The second things get difficult, I think they’re going to bolt.”

The U.S. market for CBD products grew by more than 80 percent in 2018, to about \$591 million, according to Chicago-based Brightfield Group, which does market research in cannabis-related industries.

Helping the industry along is a law President Donald Trump signed in December legalizing industrial hemp farming, which

could propel the industry to \$22 billion by 2022, Brightfield estimates.

CBD shops around Chicago have been hiring more employees to handle increased demand in recent months, and some are considering opening suburban locations. An Ohio-based company said last week that it plans to open 300 shops that sell CBD-infused beauty products at malls throughout the country this year, at least eight of which are set to open in the Chicago area by summer. Until recently, the products were sold mostly online or in vape shops.

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Savings Update

Americans leaving information on the table when choosing a bank

In today’s world of ever-increasing digital information, checking other buyers’ reviews is an easy way to inform our own consumer choices. But new survey data shows that while Americans are pretty savvy at utilizing reviews for choosing a restaurant or hotel, they’re rarely tapping this guidance in deciding where to bank.

The online survey conducted by The Harris Poll on behalf of Ally Bank asked approximately 2,000 U.S. banking consumers how much they considered reviews when choosing their financial institution, as well as how much reviews played into their decision-making on other fronts.

They found that almost 9 in 10 (87 percent) said checking online reviews and ratings before buying a product or service was at least somewhat important, and 78 percent indicated they trust online reviews as much as a personal recommendation.

Yet, when it came to banks and financial institutions, only 3 in 10 Americans (31 percent) said they had used on-

line reviews to choose a financial provider in the previous year.

Even worse, 15 percent reported they didn’t know reviews of banks and financial institutions existed, and a full quarter (25 percent) said even though reviews were available, they opted not to check them.

Compare that to other common consumer decisions, where a much heftier half of survey respondents relied on reviews to choose a restaurant (53 percent) or a hotel (49 percent). Choosing a vacation spot also beat out checking bank reviews, with 36 percent of consumers reporting they had considered reviews in their travel decision.

“People seek advice online for a number of daily purchases but accept the status quo when it comes to banking,” said Diane Morais, president of consumer and commercial banking products at Ally Bank. “They can and should expect more from their bank just like they do for other purchases.”

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EMarketer: Digital ads to top print, TV

Forecasts signal landmark shift in wooing consumers

BY HAMZA SHABAN
The Washington Post

This year, the money spent on digital advertising in the United States will surpass that on traditional ads for the first time, according to forecasts by market research firm eMarketer, representing a landmark inversion of how advertisers budget their resources and highlighting the rise of digital media as platforms to seek consumers' attention.

By the end of the year, eMarketer expects companies to spend nearly \$130 billion on digital ads, compared with about \$110 billion on traditional advertisements, or about 54.2 percent of the ad market vs. 46.8 percent, respectively. According to the research firm's projections, spending

on digital ads will continue to outpace that of traditional ads. By 2023, digital ads will capture more than two-thirds of all ad spending, according to the estimates.

The increase in digital ad dollars will come, in part, from sharp declines in key print ad formats including directories such as the Yellow Pages, whose ad spending will fall by 19 percent, and the print versions of newspapers and magazines where ad spending is expected to decrease by about 18 percent, eMarketer said. Ad spending on TV will decline 2.2 percent this year, to about \$71 billion, eMarketer said.

"The steady shift of consumer attention to digital platforms has hit an inflection point with advertisers, forcing them to now turn to digital to seek the incremental gains in reach and revenue which are disappearing in traditional media advertising," eMarketer's



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EMarketer projects Google, one of the top two digital advertisers in the nation, will see a slight share drop this year.

forecasting director Monica Peart said in a statement.

The top two digital advertisers in the country — Google and Facebook — are expected to maintain their dominant hold on ad dollars, as the tech giants' combined ad revenue will command about 59 percent of the market, according to the forecasts. EMarketer projects Google's share will

drop slightly from 38.2 percent to 37.2 percent; Facebook's share is expected to remain "virtually unchanged" rising by less than half of a percentage point from 21.8 percent to 22.1 percent this year.

While Facebook has been rocked by scandals, and is negotiating with the Federal Trade Commission over a multibillion-dollar

fine tied to its privacy practices, the company's market share increase will be driven by Instagram, eMarketer said.

"There's strong demand for ads in Instagram Stories, and Instagram still benefits from the perception that it's less impacted by the challenges core Facebook has faced," eMarketer analyst Debra Aho Williamson said in a statement.

Amazon, Microsoft and Verizon round out the top five digital advertisers, and the latter two are expected to lose ground in ad spending.

Amazon's advertising business is projected to grow by more than 50 percent in 2019, claiming a total of nearly 9 percent of the digital ad market.

"The platform is rich with shoppers' behavioral data for targeting and provides access to purchase data in real-time," Peart said. "This type of access was once only available

through the retail partner, to share at their discretion. But with Amazon's suite of sponsored ads, marketers have unprecedented access to the 'shelves' where consumers are shopping."

Last week, Amazon canceled its plans to build a second headquarters in New York after the company was met with resistance from local politicians, unions and community activists who criticized the project as an unfair deal. Opponents of the plan highlighted their concerns of the rising cost of living, deteriorating infrastructure, and the preferential treatment given to corporations such as Amazon, which is valued at nearly \$800 billion and extracted almost \$3 billion in tax subsidies for the planned expansion.

More than two-thirds of spending on digital ads this year will be dedicated to ads on mobile devices, eMarketer said, totaling more than \$87 billion.



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Samsung announced a new foldable smartphone Wednesday that will cost \$1,980.

Galaxy Fold is different, but also almost \$2,000

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Associated Press

SAN FRANCISCO — Samsung unveiled a highly anticipated smartphone with a foldable screen in an attempt to break the innovative funk that has beset the smartphones market.

But it's far from clear that consumers will embrace a device that retails for almost \$2,000, or that it will spark the creative renaissance the smartphone market apparently needs.

The Galaxy Fold, announced Wednesday in San Francisco, will sell for \$1,980 when it is released April 26.

Consumers willing to pay that hefty price will get a device that can unfold like a wallet so it can work like a traditional smartphone with a 4.6 inch screen or morph into something more like a mini-tablet

with a 7.3 inch screen.

When fully unfolded, the device will be able to simultaneously run three different apps on the screen.

"Get ready for the dawn of a new era," declared DJ Koh, who oversees Samsung's smartphone division. The new phone, he said, "answers skeptics who said everything has already been done."

Samsung is hoping the Galaxy Fold will spur more people to upgrade their phones and reverse a recent slump that saw its smartphone sales fall 8 percent last year. But some analysts were skeptical.

Phones like the Galaxy Fold "are likely to sell to a very limited market of technology aficionados who like big screens and have big wallets," said IDC analyst Ramon Llamas.

Samsung also released new Galaxy S10 phones that boast fancy cameras,

sleek screens covering the entire front of the devices and at least 128 gigabytes of storage.

The new phones are able to take wider-angle shots than previous models and can charge other devices, including wireless headphones and smartwatches. A fourth S10 model, due out this spring, will have faster wireless speeds through the emerging 5G network.

But those improvements aren't a big leap from the smartphones released during the past few years by Samsung, Apple and other top manufacturers. With the pace of smartphone innovation seemingly locked in baby steps, consumers are holding on to their existing devices for longer periods than they have in the past.

Consumers' reluctance to upgrade has been compounded by smartphone

sticker shock, which the Galaxy Fold seems unlikely to alleviate. Prices for some existing phones have soared above \$1,000.

Samsung is offering a slightly smaller S10 model for \$750 in an attempt to make smartphones more affordable, but the higher-end models sell for \$900 and \$1,000.

Two of Samsung's new models, the S10 and the S10 Plus, are largely incremental upgrades of last year's S9 and S9 Plus, although they are designed differently. The lowest-priced "essentials" model, the S10e, has most of the same features, but is 5 percent smaller than the S10 in volume. The S10e also lacks curved edges, a signature feature for many Samsung phones.

All three S10 models will come out March 8, with pre-orders starting Thursday.

Southwest says it felt \$60 million sting from government shutdown

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Southwest Airlines warned Wednesday that the U.S. government shutdown hit its sales harder than previously estimated.

The political stalemate that ended last month will reduce first-quarter revenue by \$60 million as the aftereffects lingered on, Southwest said in a regulatory filing. When the discounter reported earnings late last month, it estimated the impact would be \$10 million to \$15 million for Jan. 1 through Jan. 23. Uncertainty over whether there would be a second shutdown hurt demand.

"With more of first quarter under our belt now, and a higher percentage of March bookings in place, we feel like we are at the point where we can reasonably quantify the total impact from the shutdown," Southwest said by email. Fares for bookings close to travel dates have been strong compared with last year, however, "So we are hopeful that the softness in demand is a temporary issue."

Revenue for each seat flown a mile will rise 3 percent to 4 percent this quarter, the carrier said. It previously projected that the measure of pricing power would increase 4 percent to 5 percent.

The 35-day shutdown, which ended Jan. 25, caused security delays at airports and put some government travel on hold. But since Southwest's service is largely domestic, it doesn't have the same buffer from international flights as American, Delta and United.

"While this is a material increase in the hit to revenues, we think the impact on earnings is likely to be muted," said CFRA analyst Jim Corridore. "We also do not see this an issue with fundamental air-travel demand, but a temporary first-quarter impact." Nevertheless, he said other airlines may also lower their revenue guidance in coming weeks.

Southwest stock dropped 5.2 percent to \$54.66 at 11:57 a.m. in New York after sliding as much as 6.1 per-

cent, the biggest intraday decline in three months. American fell 1.4 percent, while Delta and United each slipped 1.2 percent. Southwest had climbed 2.4 percent this year through Tuesday, the most on a Standard & Poor's index of the five biggest U.S. airlines.

The standoff in Washington was "maddening," Southwest CEO Gary Kelly said last month. "Everyone needs to be on notice and on guard that this shutdown could harm the economy and it could harm air travel." He said that government bookings were clearly hurt by the shutdown.

At the same time, Kelly said a "relatively small part" of the airline's business travel is tied to government contracts. "Our exposure is relatively low compared to others perhaps, but it's still meaningful."

The U.S. shutdown also delayed approval of the airline's planned flights to Hawaii. Goldman Sachs downgraded Southwest's stock to sell from neutral while slashing its price target to \$54 from \$66. The new service, which is expected to begin next month, will pressure profit margins by forcing the airline to discount early flights more than it had expected, analyst Catherine O'Brien said in a note to clients Wednesday.

"We now expect initial flights to have a one to one-and-a-half month selling window, putting more pressure on management to fill planes in a shorter time frame," she said.

The company meanwhile is grappling with what it called an "unprecedented number" of aircraft taken out of service for mechanical issues. The carrier said it is investigating the cause, including whether the groundings are related to ongoing talks with a labor union. The Aircraft Mechanics Fraternal Association said Southwest was attempting to divert attention from safety issues.

Bloomberg's Ryan Vlastelica contributed.

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Google reveals Nest's mic, alarming owners

BY TAYLOR TELFORD
The Washington Post

The worst kind of microphone is a hidden microphone.

Customers were caught off guard in early February when Google announced its home security system, Nest Secure, would be able to act as an AI-powered Google Assistant after a recent update.

"With the flip of a switch in the Nest app, you can set the Secure as an always-listening Assistant speaker," the company said in a blog post.

Until then, customers weren't aware that Nest Secure had a microphone at all.

Google said it had made an "error" in failing to include the microphone in



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Nest Secure security system had been on the shelves for 18 months before Google said it had a microphone feature.

technical specifications, Business Insider first reported.

"That was an error on our part," a Google spokesperson said in a statement. "The microphone has never been on and is only activated when users spe-

cifically enable the option."

The microphone was included to allow additional features to be added to the technology, Google said, like the ability to detect broken glass.

But many people were unsettled by the possibility

of Google having access to homes without customers' knowledge.

Tensions around privacy practices have risen since it was discovered that Facebook had allowed developers to access users data, and that 87 million users had their data compromised by political consultancy firm Cambridge Analytica.

In Senate hearings in September, tech leaders from Google and Apple told lawmakers it was time for federal privacy legislation.

Google has also come under fire after an investigation by the Associated Press in August revealed Google had been secretly recording customers' location information in Android phones, even if they had opted out of tracking.

Wintrust Financial to acquire Gold Coast's Oak Bank for \$46 million

Wintrust Financial Corp. has agreed to acquire the parent of Oak Bank for \$46 million.

Oak Bank, which operates one banking location, in Chicago's Gold Coast neighborhood, has approximately \$196 million in assets, \$143 million in loans and \$158 million in deposits.

"This transaction is a great opportunity to expand our market presence in the heart of the city of Chicago," Edward Wehmer, President and CEO of Rosemont-based Wintrust, said in a

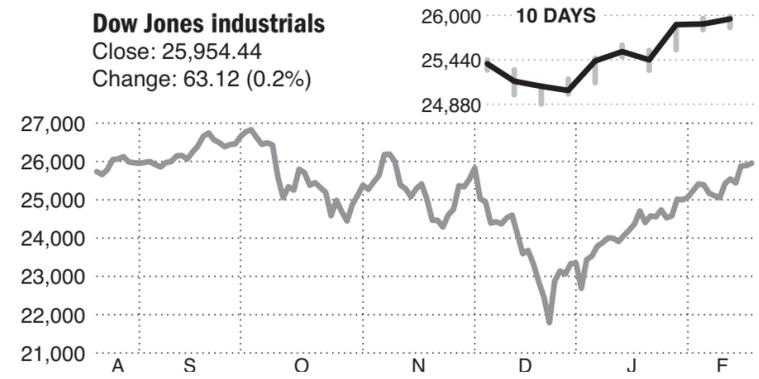
news release. "Oak Bank has a wonderful reputation for providing outstanding customer service using a community banking approach. We look forward to continuing that tradition and to providing its customers with an expanded array of products, services and resources."

Wintrust's acquisition of Rush-Oak Corp., which is subject to approval by banking regulators, is expected to close in the second quarter.

— Chicago Tribune

MARKET ROUNDUP

Dow High: 25,986.20 Low: 25,846.48 Previous: 25,891.32



Nasdaq	S&P 500	Russell 2000
+2.30 (+.03%)	+4.94 (+.18%)	+7.19 (+.46%)
Close: 7,489.07	Close: 2,784.70	Close: 1,581.66
High: 7,513.70	High: 2,789.88	High: 1,583.34
Low: 7,455.25	Low: 2,774.06	Low: 1,573.96
Previous: 7,486.77	Previous: 2,779.76	Previous: 1,574.47

10-yr T-note	Gold futures	Yen	Euro	Crude Oil
+0.01 to 2.65%	+3.20 to \$1,343.30	+0.18 to 110.84/\$1	-0.0008 to .8811/\$1	+0.81 to \$56.90

Major market growth and decline

5-day % change			30-day % change			1-year % change		
DOW +1.61	NASD +.93	S&P +1.15	DOW +5.61	NASD +6.59	S&P +5.53	DOW +4.66	NASD +3.75	S&P +3.09

COMMODITY	AMOUNT-PRICE	MO.	OPEN	HIGH	LOW	SETTLE	CHG.
WHEAT (CBOT)	5,000 bu minimum- cents per bushel	Mar 19	490	493.50	475.75	480.75	-9
CORN (CBOT)	5,000 bu minimum- cents per bushel	Mar 19	371.50	373.50	368.50	370.75	+1
SOYBEANS (CBOT)	5,000 bu minimum- cents per bushel	Mar 19	902	905	893.25	902.50	+1.75
SOYBEAN OIL (CBOT)	60,000 lbs- cents per lb	Mar 19	29.74	30.04	29.62	29.96	+0.22
SOYBEAN MEAL (CBOT)	100 tons- dollars per ton	Mar 19	305.90	306.30	302.70	305.20	-0.20
LIGHT SWEET CRUDE (NYMX)	1,000 bbl.- dollars per bbl.	Mar 19	55.94	57.55	55.48	56.90	+0.81
NATURAL GAS (NYMX)	10,000 mm btu's, \$ per mm btu	Mar 19	2.660	2.689	2.631	2.636	-0.026
NY HARBOR GAS BLEND (NYMX)	42,000 gallons- dollars per gallon	Mar 19	1.5643	1.6010	1.5506	1.5981	+0.0343

Source: The Associated Press

LOCAL STOCKS

Stocks listed may change due to daily fluctuations in market capitalization. Exchange key: N=NYSE, O=NASDAQ

STOCK	XCHG.	CLOSE	CHG.	STOCK	XCHG.	CLOSE	CHG.
Abbott Labs	N	75.54	+5.4	Equity Lifesty Prop	N	108.01	-1.06
AbbVie Inc	N	79.99	-5.3	Equity Residential	N	72.68	-0.85
Allstate Corp	N	95.06	+4.4	Exelon Corp	N	48.13	-0.02
Aptargroup Inc	N	102.26	+7.1	First Indl RT	N	33.99	-0.18
Arch Dan Mid	N	41.97	+1.2	Fortune Brds Hm&Sec	N	47.83	+2.3
Baxter Intl	N	74.13	+6.6	Gallagher AJ	N	80.49	+1.2
Boeing Co	N	421.55	+5.29	Grainger WJ	N	311.04	-3.61
Brunswick Corp	N	52.29	+3.9	GrubHub Inc	N	81.68	-1.86
CBOE Global Markets	N	95.15	+9.9	Hill-Rom Hldgs	N	104.38	+2.0
CDK Global Inc	O	57.90	-4.0	IDEX Corp	N	143.17	+6.3
CDW Corp	O	94.79	+1.1	ITW	N	143.61	+3.6
CF Industries	N	44.58	+2.57	Ingredion Inc	N	93.50	+4.2
CME Group	O	175.59	+1.29	Jones Lang LaSalle	N	164.28	-5.8
CNA Financial	N	45.66	+3.9	Kemper Corp	N	82.18	+5.9
Caterpillar Inc	N	140.31	+4.51	Kraft Heinz Co	O	48.26	+4.9
ConAgra Brands Inc	N	24.03	+0.2	LKQ Corporation	O	26.97	-0.3
Deere Co	N	159.88	+2.62	Littelfuse Inc	O	187.69	+1.57
Discover Fin Svcs	N	71.62	+4.3	MB Financial	O	45.99	+6.4
Dover Corp	N	92.08	+6.6	McDonalds Corp	N	180.49	+1.24
Equity Commonwh	N	32.79	-0.1	Middleby Corp	O	118.68	+1.18
				Mondelez Intl	O	47.99	-1.1
				Morningstar Inc	O	125.77	+4.0
				Motorola Solutions	N	139.21	+3.0
				NiSource Inc	O	26.28	-0.66
				NiSun Trust Cp	O	93.47	+1.1
				Old Republic	O	21.19	+1.1
				Packaging Corp Am	N	100.72	+2.28
				Paylocity Hldg	O	86.52	-1.3
				US Foods Holding	O	45.84	+6.4
				Teleph Data	N	36.81	+2.2
				TransUnion	N	63.04	+2.5
				Tribe Media Co A	N	46.43	+0.9
				US Banc	N	35.50	+2.1
				USG Corp	N	43.22	+0.3
				Uta Salon Cosmetics	O	306.31	+1.66
				Ventas Inc	O	88.50	-7.4
				United Contl Hldgs	N	63.33	-1.40
				Walgreen Boots Alli	O	71.80	-2.63
				Wintrust Financial	O	75.64	+1.23
				Zebra Tech	O	199.85	+5.3

MOST ACTIVE STOCKS

NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE

STOCK	CLOSE	CHG.
Tahoe Resources Inc	3.79	-1.1
Gen Electric	10.10	-0.3
Bank of America	29.41	+2.8
CVS Health Corp	64.22	-5.66
Ford Motor	8.94	+1.1
Freepport McMoRan	13.35	+2.6
New Residential Inv	16.40	-6.2
Chesapck Enrgy	2.75	+0.7
EnCana Corp	6.90	+0.9
Devon Energy	30.27	+1.96
Barrick Gold	13.76	+2.1
CocaCola Co	45.10	+2.7
Pfizer Inc	42.20	-4.0
AT&T Inc	30.85	+2.2
Vale SA	12.23	+0.4
Nokia Corp	6.10	-0.7
Bausch Health Cos	24.05	-1.14
Snap Inc A	9.24	-0.4
Brist Myr Sqb	51.30	-0.6
Sprint Corp	6.31	-0.2
Weatherford Intl Ltd	.82	-0.0
Kinross Gold	3.80	+0.3
Ambev S.A.	4.83	-0.6
Eli Lilly	122.66	+5.3

LARGEST COMPANIES

Based on market capitalization

STOCK	CLOSE	CHG.
Alibaba Group Hldg	170.71	+5.3
Alphabet Inc C	1113.80	-4.76
Alphabet Inc A	1120.59	-5.92
Amazon.com Inc	1622.10	-5.48
Apple Inc	172.03	+1.0
Bank of America	29.41	+2.8
Berkshire Hath B	206.16	+4.7
Exxon Mobil Corp	78.53	+3.0
Facebook Inc	162.56	+2.7
JPMorgan Chase	105.69	+5.1
Johnson & Johnson	136.35	+6.6
Microsoft Corp	107.15	-5.6
Pfizer Inc	42.20	-4.0
Procter & Gamble	99.28	-7.1
Royal Dutch Shell B	64.60	+2.5
Royal Dutch Shell A	63.29	+1.4
Unitedhealth Group	269.51	-9.0
Visa Inc	144.73	+2.9
WalMart Strs	99.88	-2.32

LARGEST MUTUAL FUNDS

Based on total assets

FUND	NAV	CHG	1-YR %RTN
American Funds AMCPA m	30.94	...	+3.8
American Funds AmrnBAlA m	26.56	+0.5	+3.6
American Funds CptWldGrInCA m	64.92	+2.7	-4.3
American Funds CptIncBldrA m	59.67	+1.7	-6
American Funds FdmTlInvSA m	58.04	+1.8	+1.3
American Funds GrfAmrcA m	47.81	+0.3	+3.3
American Funds InvCAMrcA m	21.96	+0.9	+1.4
American Funds NwPrspctVA m	36.89	+1.1	-8
American Funds WAMTInvSA m	44.95	+1.7	+4.8
DFA EMktCorEq	20.76	+1.8	-10.9
DFA IntlCorEqIns	12.88	+0.6	-9.8
Dodge & Cox Inc	13.51	...	+2.8
Dodge & Cox IntlStk	40.61	+2.2	-11.0
Dodge & Cox Stk	193.09	+3.8	+1.7
DoubleLine TtRetBdl	10.46	...	+3.8
Fidelity 500IdxInsPrm	97.04	+1.9	+4.6
Fidelity Contrafund	12.20	+0.1	+3.1
Fidelity ContrafundK	12.20	...	+3.2
Fidelity TtMktIdxInsPrm	79.30	+1.5	+4.7
Fidelity USBdlIdxInsPrm	11.37	-0.1	+3.5
Franklin Templeton IncA1 m	2.29	+0.1	+3.6
Metropolitan West TtRetBdl	11.49	-0.1	+3.7
PIMCO IncInstl	10.94	...	+3.2
PIMCO TtRetIns	10.03	...	+2.9
Schwab SP500Idx	42.68	+0.9	+4.6
T. Rowe Price BCGR	109.11	-0.2	+7.5
T. Rowe Price GrStk	64.71	-0.2	+5.6
Vanguard 500IdxAdmrl	257.84	+5.1	+4.5
Vanguard DivGrIn	26.84	+0.5	+9.7
Vanguard EqIncAdmrl	73.07	+3.9	+4.4
Vanguard GrIdxAdmrl	77.91	+0.3	+5.2
Vanguard HCAdmrl	88.05	-0.7	+10.0
Vanguard InTrnGdAdm	9.53	...	+3.6
Vanguard INTTEAdmrl	14.03	+0.1	+4.0
Vanguard InsIdxIns	253.51	+5.0	+4.5
Vanguard InsIdxInsPlus	253.53	+5.0	+4.6
Vanguard InsTtSMInPls	60.77	+1.2	+4.9
Vanguard MDCpldxAdmrl	197.06	+4.3	+3.6
Vanguard PrmCpAdmrl	134.74	+1.9	+5.9
Vanguard STInvmGrdAdmrl	10.52	+0.1	+2.9
Vanguard SmCpldxAdmrl	74.23	+2.1	+6.7
Vanguard TrgtRtr2020Inv	30.44	+0.6	+1.7
Vanguard TrgtRtr2025Inv	18.25	+0.4	+1.1
Vanguard TrgtRtr2030Inv	33.29	+0.8	+1.1
Vanguard TrgtRtr2035Inv	20.46	+0.5	+8
Vanguard TtBMIdxAdmrl	10.53	-0.1	+3.4
Vanguard TtBMIdxIns	10.53	-0.1	+3.4
Vanguard TtInBdxAdmrl	21.98	...	+5.0
Vanguard TtInBdxIns	32.99	+0.1	+5.1
Vanguard TtInSdxAdmrl	27.72	+1.6	-7.4
Vanguard TtInSdxIns	110.85	+6.2	-7.4
Vanguard TtInSdxInsPlus	110.88	+6.3	-7.4
Vanguard TtInSdxInv	16.57	+0.9	-7.5
Vanguard TtSMIdxAdmrl	69.74	+1.3	+4.8
Vanguard TtSMIdxIns	69.76	+1.4	+4.8
Vanguard TtSMIdxInv	69.71	+1.3	+4.7
Vanguard WngtInAdmrl	68.60	+1.1	+3.8
Vanguard WlslyInAdmrl	62.08	+1.3	+4.4
Vanguard WndrInAdmrl	61.55	+2.1	+1.4

TREASURY YIELDS

DURATION	CLOSE	PREV.
3-month disc	2.38	2.395
6-month disc	2.44	2.455
2-year	2.48	2.48
10-year	2.65	2.64
30-year	3.00	2.99

SPOT METALS

	CLOSE	PREV.
Gold	\$1343.30	\$1340.10
Silver	\$16.157	\$15.947
Platinum	\$834.20	\$821.00

INTEREST RATES

Prime Rate	5.50
Discount Rate Primary	3.00
Fed Funds Target	2.25-2.50
Money Mkt Overnight Avg.	0.62

FOREIGN EXCHANGE

A U.S. Dollar buys ...

Argentina (Peso)	39.6660
Australia (Dollar)	1.3945
Brazil (Real)	3.7290
Britain (Pound)	.7657
Canada (Dollar)	1.3158
China (Yuan)	6.7207
Euro	.8811
India (Rupee)	71.018
Israel (Shekel)	3.6083
Japan (Yen)	110.84
Mexico (Peso)	19.1979
Poland (Zloty)	3.82
So. Korea (Won)	1121.99
Taiwan (Dollar)	30.79
Thailand (Baht)	31.09

FOREIGN MARKETS

INDEX	CLOSE	CHG./%
Shanghai	2761.22	+5.6/+2
Stoxx600	371.46	+2.5/+7
Nikkei	21431.49	+128.8/+6
MSCI-EAFE	1869.91	+14.2/+8
Bovespa	96910.69	-748.4/-8
FTSE 100	7228.62	+49.5/+7
CAC-40	5195.95	+35.4/+7

d - Deferred sales charge, or redemption fee.
m - Multiple fees are charged, usually a marketing fee and either a sales or redemption fee.
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OBITUARIES

KARL LAGERFELD

Iconic fashion couturier reinvented Chanel brand

By **THOMAS ADAMSON AND SAMUEL PETREQUIN**
Associated Press

Chanel's iconic couturier, Karl Lagerfeld, whose accomplished designs as well as trademark white ponytail, high starched collars and dark enigmatic glasses dominated high fashion for the past 50 years, has died. He was around 85 years old.

Such was the enigma surrounding the German-born designer that even his age was a point of mystery for decades, with reports he had two birth certificates, one dated 1933 and the other 1938. In 2013, Lagerfeld told French magazine "Paris Match" he was born in 1935, but in 2019 his assistant still didn't know the truth — telling AP he liked "to scramble the tracks on his year of birth — that's part of the character."

Chanel confirmed that Lagerfeld, who had looked increasingly frail in recent seasons, died early Tuesday.

"An extraordinary creative individual, Lagerfeld reinvented the brand's codes created by Gabrielle Chanel: the Chanel jacket and suit, the little black dress, the precious tweeds, the two-tone shoes, the quilted handbags, the pearls and costume jewelry," Chanel said in a statement.

"Thanks to his creative genius, generosity and exceptional intuition, Karl Lagerfeld was ahead of his time, which widely contributed to the House of Chanel's success throughout the world," the brand's CEO Alain Wertheimer said. "Today, not only have I lost a friend, but we have all lost an extraordinary creative mind to whom I gave carte blanche in the early 1980s to reinvent the brand."

Lagerfeld was one of the hardest-working figures in the fashion world, holding down the top design jobs at LVMH-owned luxury label



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Karl Lagerfeld's high-end designs trickled down to low-end retailers, giving him enormous impact on the industry.

Fendi from 1977, and Paris' family-owned powerhouse Chanel in 1983. He lost around 90 pounds in his late 60s to fit into the latest slim-line fashions.

Though he spent virtually his entire career at luxury labels catering to the very wealthy — including 20 years at Chloe — Lagerfeld's designs quickly trickled down to low-end retailers, giving him an almost unprecedented impact on the entire fashion industry.

At Chanel he served up youthful designs that were always of the moment and sent out almost infinite variations on the house's classic skirt suit, ratcheting up the hemlines or smothering it in golden chains, strings of pearls or pricey accessories. They were always delivered with wit.

Although he spent much of his life in the public eye, Lagerfeld remained a largely elusive figure. Even as he courted the spotlight, he made an apparently deliberate effort to hide what was going on behind his trademark dark shades.

The son of an industrialist, who made a fortune in condensed milk, and his violinist wife, Lagerfeld was born into an affluent family

in Hamburg, Germany.

At age 14, he went to Paris with his parents and attended school in the City of Light. His fashion career got off to a precocious start when, in 1954, a coat he designed won a contest by the International Wool Secretariat. His rival, Yves Saint Laurent, won that year's contest in the dress category.

Lagerfeld apprenticed at Balmain and in 1959 was hired at another Paris-based house, Patou, where he spent four years as artistic director. After a series of jobs with labels including Rome-based Fendi, Lagerfeld took over the reins at Chloe, known for its romantic Parisian style.

He also started his own label, Karl Lagerfeld, which though less commercially successful than his other ventures was widely seen as a sort of sketchpad where he worked through his audacious ideas.

In 1982, he took over at Chanel, which had been dormant since the death of its founder, Coco Chanel, more than a decade earlier.

After his widely known relationship with a French aristocrat who died of AIDS in 1989, Lagerfeld insisted he prized his solitude above all.

Chicago Daily Tribune

ON FEBRUARY 21 ...

In 1437 James I, King of Scots, 42, was assassinated in Perth by a group of conspirators led by Walter, Earl of Atholl; his 6-year-old son succeeded him as James II.

In 1613 Mikhail Romanov, 16, was unanimously chosen by Russia's national assembly to be czar, beginning a dynasty that would last three centuries.

In 1794 Mexican revolutionary Antonio Lopez de Santa Anna was born. He became president of Mexico and led the attack on the Alamo.

In 1838 American inventor Samuel Morse gave his first public demonstration of the telegraph.

In 1866 Lucy Hobbs became the first woman to graduate from a dental school, the Ohio College of Dental Surgery in Cincinnati.

In 1878 the first telephone directory was issued, by the District Telephone Company of New Haven, Conn.

In 1885 the Washington Monument was dedicated.

In 1916 the World War I

Battle of Verdun began in France.

In 1965 former Black Muslim leader Malcolm X, 39, was shot to death in New York by assassins identified as Black Muslims.

In 1972 President Richard Nixon began his historic visit to China as he and his wife, Pat, arrived in Shanghai.

In 1974 hockey player Tim Horton, for whom the Canadian chain of doughnut restaurants Tim Hortons is named, died in a car accident outside St. Catharines, Ontario; he was 44.

In 1975 former Attorney General John Mitchell and former White House aides H.R. Haldeman and John Ehrlichman were sentenced to 2 1/2 to 8 years in prison for their roles in the Watergate cover-up.

In 1988 television evangelist Jimmy Swaggart tearfully confessed to his congregation in Baton Rouge, La., that he was guilty of an unspecified sin, and said he was leaving the pulpit temporarily. (Reports linked Swaggart to an admitted prostitute, Debra Murphy.)

In 1992 Kristi Yamaguchi of

the U.S. won the gold medal in women's figure skating at the Winter Olympics in Albertville, France; Midori Ito of Japan won the silver and Nancy Kerrigan of the U.S. won the bronze.

In 1996 the Space Telescope Science Institute announced that photographs from the Hubble Space Telescope confirmed the existence of a black hole equal to the mass of 2 billion suns in a galaxy some 30 million light-years away.

In 2000 consumer advocate Ralph Nader announced his entry into the presidential race, bidding for the nomination of the Green Party.

In 2002 the State Department declared that Wall Street Journal reporter Daniel Pearl was dead, a month after he had been abducted by Islamic extremists in Pakistan. **Also in 2002**, at the Winter Olympics in Salt Lake City, American Sarah Hughes jumped from fourth to first to win the women's figure-skating gold after a near-flawless performance, leaving teammate Michelle Kwan to settle for a bronze.

In 2003 Michael Jordan became the first 40-year-old in NBA history to score 40 or more points, getting 43 in the Washington Wizards' 89-86 win over the New Jersey Nets.

In 2005 Israel freed 500 Palestinian prisoners in a goodwill gesture.

In 2013 Drew Peterson, a former Bolingbrook, Ill., police sergeant, was sentenced to 38 years in prison for the murder of his third wife, Kathleen Savio.

In 2018 Billy Graham, the Southern Baptist minister who converted millions worldwide to Christianity with his simple faith and folksy charm, died; he was 99.

WINNING LOTTERY NUMBERS

ILLINOIS	INDIANA
Feb. 20	Feb. 20
Powerball 27 49 50 51 52 / 2	Lotto 04 14 22 35 40 43
Powerball jackpot: \$282M	Daily 3 midday 911 / 0
Lotto jackpot: \$10.5M	Daily 4 midday 6753 / 0
Pick 3 midday 954 / 4	Daily 3 evening 809 / 7
Pick 4 midday 8291 / 5	Daily 4 evening 3534 / 7
Lucky Day Lotto midday 08 18 25 34 36	Cash 5 03 24 27 39 45
Pick 3 evening 384 / 2	
Pick 4 evening 9397 / 5	MICHIGAN
Lucky Day Lotto evening 02 30 39 41 44	Feb. 20
Feb. 22 Mega Millions: \$224M	Lotto 01 08 13 23 27 35
	Daily 3 midday 084
	Daily 4 midday 8080
	Daily 3 evening 237
	Daily 4 evening 1626
	Fantasy 5 06 09 11 23 29
	Keno 16 17 18 27 31 33
WISCONSIN	
Feb. 20	
Megabucks 10 13 14 20 27 28	35 38 40 44 46 49 50 52
Pick 3 998	53 54 57 67 70 73 74 79
Pick 4 5685	
Badger 5 03 04 08 14 27	
SuperCash 11 12 14 15 34 35	

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Death Notices

Anderson, Diane M.

Diane M. Anderson, nee Hanus, age 74, beloved wife for 51 years to Robert F. Anderson. Loving mother of Dave (Kimberly) and Mark (Anna). Dearest sister of Rita Shipoyor. Dear aunt of many nieces and nephews. Also survived by her beloved canine companion, Gracie. Retired Chicago Public School teacher. Visitation Saturday, February 23, 2019 from 12:00 Noon - 3:00 p.m. with a Funeral Service to follow at 3:00 p.m. at **Colonial Chapel**, 15525 S. 73rd Ave. (155th/Wheeler Dr. & Harlem) Orland Park, IL. Cremation private. Express your thoughts and condolences at colonialchapel.com 708-532-5400



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Bogart, Henry "Hank"

Henry "Hank" Bogart, 97, beloved husband of Alice "Lis", nee Winternitz, for 71 wonderful years; loving father of Jean (Dr. David) Chernicoff and Jessie (Steven) Pearl; cherished grandfather "Hoppy" of William (Bruna) Chernicoff, Jacki (Mark) Woodger, Joshua (Julie) Pearl, Daniel (Shana) Pearl and Melissa (Matt) Atkinson; adored Great Hoppy of nine; treasured friend of many. Chapel service Friday 10 AM at **Shalom Memorial Funeral Home**, 1700 W. Rand Road, Arlington Heights. Interment Shalom Memorial Park. Shiva will be at Sedgebrook, 800 Audubon Way, Lincolnshire, Friday following the service to sundown and Saturday 6 PM to 9 PM. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Illinois Holocaust Museum & Education Center at www.ilholocaustmuseum.org. For information and condolences, 847.255.3520 or www.shalom2.com



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Bohmann, R.S.M., Sister Mary Jonella

Sister Mary Jonella Bohmann, R.S.M. Beloved Sister of Mercy for 68 years. Devoted daughter of the late Hildegard nee Thielen & Clarence Bohmann. Cherished sister of Agnes (Wayne) Clark, Tom (Toni) Bohmann, Jerry Bohmann, Barbara Adsit, Dan (Judie) Bohmann, & the late Joseph Bohmann & John Bohmann. Loving aunt & great aunt of many nieces & nephews. Visitation Saturday at Mercy Circle, 3659 W. 99th St. in Chicago from 9:00 am until 10:15 am with a Welcoming at 8:30 am. Mass of Christian burial Saturday at 10:30 am at Mercy Chapel, 3659 W. 99th St. in Chicago. Interment Holy Sepulchre Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, memorials to the Sisters of Mercy would be greatly appreciated. Arrangements entrusted to **Thompson & Kuenster Funeral Home**. thompsonkuensterfuneralhome.com 708-425-0500

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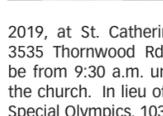
Brage, Erik Brynolf

Erik Brage, 91, peacefully passed away Thursday, February 14, 2019 at Birchwood Nursing Home in Chicago, IL. He is survived by his children, two daughters in Sweden, Sharon and Christina Brogie and four children here, Katrina, Michael, Arne and Anders (Laurie). Erik was predeceased by his wife, Mildred. Erik was a chef for many years at his own restaurants and then later an executive chef at private country clubs in the northwest suburbs of Chicago. In addition to his children, Erik is survived by 11 grandchildren and six great grandchildren.

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Cameron, Regina

Regina Cameron, 75, of Glenview, IL, died Monday, February 18th, 2019. She was the beloved mother of Conor and Brendan; caring sister of Mary Beeler, Frank (Julie) Cameron, Peg (Bob) Ciraldo, Mike (Wendy) Cameron, Jane (Jamie) Allen and the late Tom (Mary Ellen) Cameron Jr. The funeral Mass will be held at 11:30 a.m. Saturday, February 23, 2019, at St. Catherine Labouré Catholic Church, 3535 Thornwood Rd, Glenview, IL. Visitation will be from 9:30 a.m. until the time of the funeral at the church. In lieu of flowers, please contribute to Special Olympics, 103 Schelter Rd #25, Lincolnshire IL 60069 OR St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis, TN 38105. Funeral information 847-998-1020.



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Rolnicki, Marilyn

Marilyn Rolnicki, nee Madej, aka "simply the best" Tina Turner impersonator to get a party going, left us peacefully February 18, 2019. She was in the loving embrace of family and friends after a valiant battle with pancreatic cancer. Wife and soul mate of Kenneth Rolnicki (1941-1999), devoted mother of Melissa Rolnicki and Heather Fisher (Chad Fisher), loving sister of Christina and Ted (1936-2017) (Lynn Madej,) fun "Kiki" grandma to Kenny Rolnicki and Sienna and Sloane Fisher.

Marilyn retired from Good Shephard Hospital, Barrington, after 35 years of service, and will always be remembered for being generous with her time, love and compassion for others. She was, as the song goes, simply the best.

A celebration of how Marilyn enriched all of our lives will be held in the Spring. Donations in her honor to JourneyCare Care Center would be sincerely appreciated.

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Schneider, George A.

George A. Schneider, U.S. Army Vietnam Veteran. Beloved husband of the late Sharon L. nee Hansen. Loving father of Richard Schneider, Jeff Schneider & the late Heather Jansen. Cherished stepfather of Kevin (Beth) Blazejak, Michele (Mike) McNicholas & Tommy (Ann) Horning. Adored grandfather of Eric, Sean, Brian, Kylie, Alison, Caitlin, Kameron, Kory, Zachary, Lia, Jeremy, Leighann, Eric & Brian. Resting at **Thompson & Kuenster Funeral Home**, 5570 W. 95th St., Oak Lawn where Service will be held Saturday at 11:00 am. Interment Resurrection Cemetery. Visitation Saturday from 9:00 am until time of Service at 11:00 am. thompsonkuensterfuneralhome.com 708-425-0500

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Skonieczny, Clarence

Clarence S. Skonieczny, age 79, of Thomson, Illinois, passed away Tuesday, February 19, 2019 at Mercy Living Center in Clinton, Iowa. A Funeral Mass will be held at 11:00 a.m., Friday, February 22, 2019 at St. John the Baptist Catholic Church, Savanna. Visitation will be held from 9:00 to 11:00 a.m., prior to the Mass at Antl Hall. A second visitation will also be held from 9:00 to 11:00 a.m., Saturday, February 23, 2019 at Colonial Funeral Home in Chicago, Illinois. Burial will take place on Saturday, February 23, 2019 in St. Adalbert Catholic Cemetery in Niles. Online condolences may be left for the family at www.lawjonesfuneralhome.com

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Soukup, Jane Rose

Jane Rose Soukup, beloved wife of the late Robert J. Soukup; loving mother of Susan Dunklau and Christine (Edmund) Kenealy; dear grandmother of seven; fond sister of Terrence (Sylvia) Zdeb and the late Dorothy Pitts. Visitation Saturday 9:00 a.m. until the 11:00 Chapel Service at Modell Funeral Home, 7710 S. Cass Ave., Darien. Interment Queen of Heaven Cem. For funeral info: (630) 852-3595 or www.modelldarien.com

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Sweeney, Dr. Howard E. "Bud"

M.D., F.A.C.P., F.A.C.E.; Loving husband of Margaret "Peggy", nee Berry, for 57 years; Beloved father of Coleen, Christine (Timothy) Johnson, Michael (Karen), and Timothy Sweeney; Special grandfather to Timothy "TJ" Johnson, Courtney Johnson (fiancé Mick Maley), Michael Sweeney, Emma Sweeney (fiancé Patrick McGlynn), and Jill Sweeney; Special "grandpuppy" to Molly; Bud also treasured his in-laws, Mickey and Karen Berry, the late Bob and Keen Furlong, Dan and Pat Jones, and Marty and Peach Berry; He also had a special love for his many nieces and nephews; He was a dedicated and highly respected physician; Board Certified in Internal Medicine, Endocrinology, and Nuclear Medicine, practicing at Mercy Hospital for almost 50 years when he retired in 2016; He served as a Clinical Professor of Medicine at the University of Illinois, and was the Director of the Diabetic Treatment Center at Mercy Hospital; Bud was instrumental in developing a unique program for the hearing impaired and deaf at Most Holy Redeemer in honor of his children, Coleen and Timmy; His quest for knowledge was never-ending; A lover of nature - he knew all the trees and birds on his property in Wisconsin, and loved watching the sunset from his golf cart; Visitation Saturday 10:00 a.m. until time of chapel prayers 12:30 p.m. at Curley Funeral Home, 6116 W. 111th Street, Chicago Ridge to Most Holy Redeemer Church, 9525 S. Lawndale Ave., Evergreen Park; Mass 1:30 p.m. Interment Private; For Funeral Info 708-422-2700, or www.curleyfuneralhome.com

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Tennant, Bernetta Foreman Braun

Bernetta Foreman Braun Tennant, 91, of Olympia Fields, IL. Formerly of Flossmoor, IL and Pittsburgh, PA. Devoted wife, loving mother and grandmother, loyal friend and mentor. Preceded in death by her childhood sweetheart and husband of 35 years, Dr. Benjamin L. Braun, her second husband, love and companion of 25 years, Dr. Maurice M. Tennant, her daughter Renee Braun Langhamer, her parents Louis and Alice Foreman, and her sister, Pearl (Bernard) Zolot. Survived by her two sons, Mayor Paul S. (Mib) Braun, and Judge Bennett J. (Wendy) Braun, son-in-law Mark (Renee) Langhamer, and her grandchildren Brooke Braun and Ryan Braun. Bernetta lived the American Dream, growing up in modest circumstances, earning a college degree which led to a 40 year career in business, both in small businesses she owned, as well as key positions at Balmoral Park Racetrack, Blue Island School District 130 and Prairie State College, all while raising a family. Bernetta loved the daily challenges of work and was a trail-blazing career woman in an era when few married women worked outside the home in a supervisory role. In addition to Bernetta's family and work career, she was active in many charitable and volunteer organizations including Eastern Star, Hadassah, Pioneer Women, and National Council for Jewish Women. Bernetta's shining personality, strong sense of integrity and inexhaustible work ethic led to success in anything she tackled, and she instilled those values in her children. In retirement, she traveled the world. Bernetta was especially proud to serve as a founding and longtime board member of Southwest Infinitec, which provides assistive devices and technology for disabled children and adults. Service Friday, February 22 at 11:00 AM at Temple Anshe Sholom, 20820 S. Western Avenue, Olympia Fields, IL 60461. Interment at Beverly Cemetery, Blue Island. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to: Hadassah, www.hadassah.org. Arrangements by **Chicago Jewish Funerals** - Buffalo Grove Chapel, 847.229.8822, www.cjinfo.com

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Traxler, James Theodore

Dr. James T. Traxler passed away on February 11, 2019 after a long battle with cancer. He is survived by his beloved wife, Gabrielle and their children, Lisanne, Peter, Martine, Karen and Madeleine. He is also survived by his grandchildren, Logan, Zoe, Tate, Laura, Sally, Margaret and Frances and his brother, Roger and sister, Mary Jo. He was a wonderful husband, father, scientist, and friend. Rest in Peace.

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Walenga, Patricia A. "Pat the brat"

Patricia A. Walenga, (nee Grady) "Pat the Brat", age 67 beloved wife of the late Steve L., loving mom of Kristine (Taras) Tchoryk, Mickey (Ryan) Riley; will be missed by many furry friends and all her brats. Lifelong Troop Leader, Historian, and Master Trainer for GCNWI. Flowers are welcome or specific donations to the Girl Scouts Museum of Greater Chicago & N/W Indiana. Visitation Friday, from 3 to 9 p.m. Funeral Service 7 p.m. at Kolbus - John V. May Funeral Home, 6857 W. Higgins Ave. Chicago. For info www.kolbusmayfh.com or (773) 774-3232.

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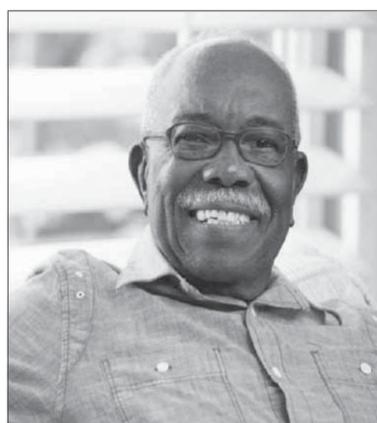
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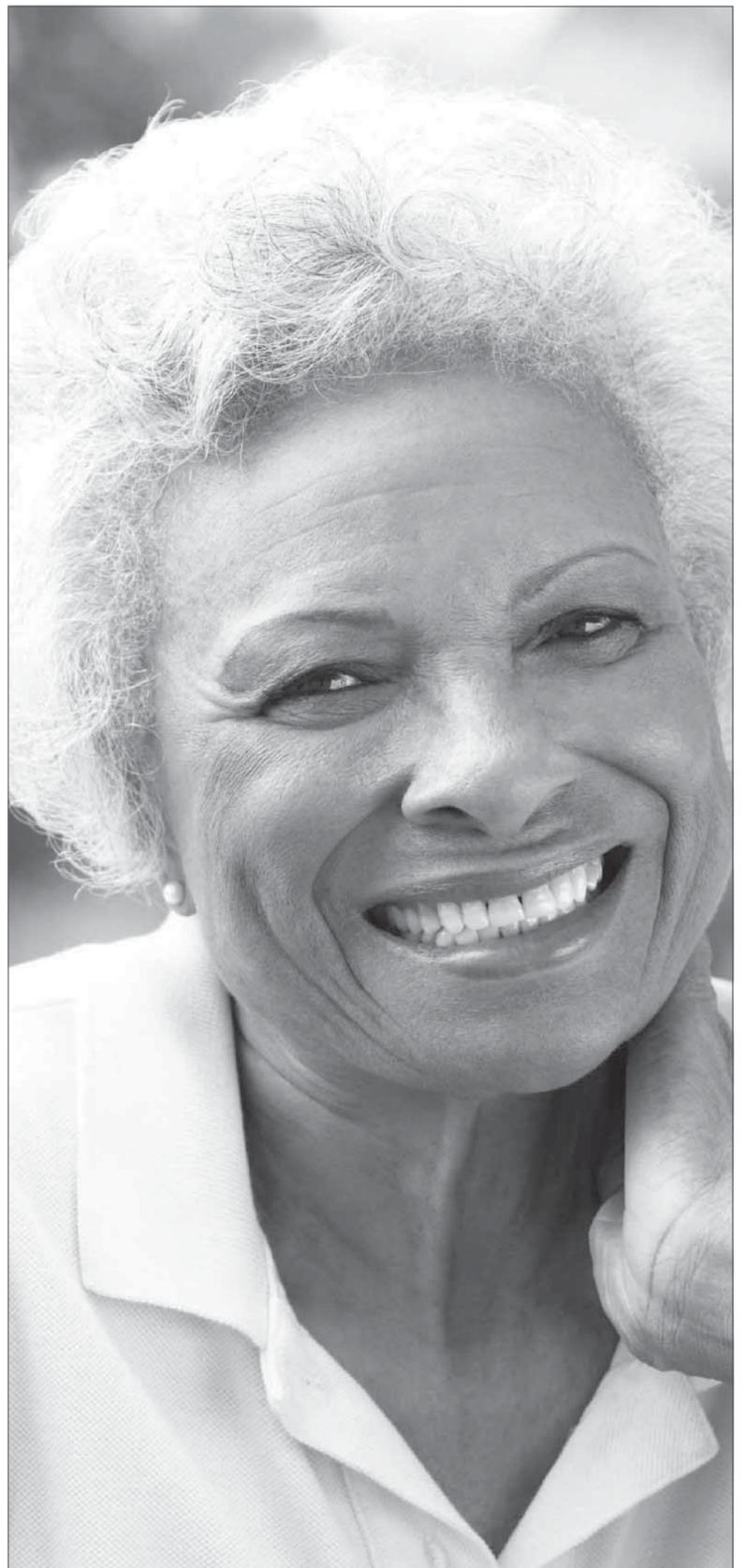
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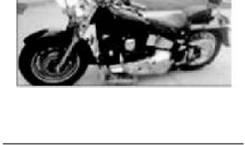
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Rescheduled Trustees' Meeting for the ATU Local 900 Pension Plan. Due to severe weather, the trustees' meeting for the ATU Local 900 Pension Plan scheduled for January 30, 2019 has been rescheduled for February 26, 2019 at 10 am. The meeting will be held in the 3rd Floor Meeting Room at 547 W Jackson Blvd., Chicago, IL, 60661. You may contact the Fund's legal counsel at (312) 372-1361.

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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 Americal Wheeler

MINOR(S) CHILD(REN) OF Senora Wheeler (Mother)

JUVENILE NO.: 17JA000533

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

NOTICE IS GIVEN YOU, Devonte White aka Davontia White (Father), respondents, and to All Whom It May Concern, that on February 11, 2018, a petition was filed under the Juvenile Court Act by KIM FOX...

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DOROTHY BROWN, CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS February 21, 2019

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS JUVENILE JUSTICE AND CHILD PROTECTION DEPARTMENT CHILD PROTECTION DIVISION

IN THE INTEREST OF Chasity Logan AKA Chastity Logan

MINOR(S) CHILD(REN) OF Kaamilah Paterson (Mother)

JUVENILE NO.: 18JA01179

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

NOTICE IS GIVEN YOU, Christopher Logan (Father), respondents, and to All Whom It May Concern, that on December 17, 2018, a petition was filed under the Juvenile Court Act by KIM FOX...

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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 Dason Armenta

MINOR(S) CHILD(REN) OF Ashley Armenta-Martinez (Mother)

JUVENILE NO.: 19JA00070

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 FOX...

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DOROTHY BROWN, CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS February 21, 2019

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS JUVENILE JUSTICE AND CHILD PROTECTION DEPARTMENT CHILD PROTECTION DIVISION

IN THE INTEREST OF Santos Silva (Father), respondents, and to All Whom It May Concern, that on October 13, 2018, a petition was filed under the Juvenile Court Act by KIM FOX...

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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 Delilah Foster Zahara Foster Rose Foster

MINOR(S) CHILD(REN) OF Carmen Foster (Mother)

JUVENILE NO.: 19JA00053 19JA00054 19JA00055

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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 Destiny Sosa AKA Destiny Klima

MINOR(S) CHILD(REN) OF Debra Klima (Mother)

JUVENILE NO.: 17JA00125

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

NOTICE IS GIVEN YOU, Debra Klima (Mother) and Cipriano Morales (Father), Unknown (Father), respondents, and to All Whom It May Concern, that on August 8, 2018, a petition was filed under the Juvenile Court Act by KIM FOX...

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...

UNLESS YOU appear, you will not be entitled to further written notices or publication notices of the proceedings in this case, including the filing of an amended petition or a motion to terminate parental rights.

UNLESS YOU appear at the hearing and show cause against the petition, the allegations of the petition may stand admitted as against you and each of you, and an order of judgment entered.

DOROTHY BROWN, CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS February 21, 2019

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS JUVENILE JUSTICE AND CHILD PROTECTION DEPARTMENT CHILD PROTECTION DIVISION

IN THE INTEREST OF Eva Kennedy

MINOR(S) CHILD(REN) OF Angela Kennedy (Mother)

JUVENILE NO.: 18JA01114

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

NOTICE IS GIVEN YOU, Andino Medina (Father) Any And All Unknown Fathers Any, respondents, and to All Whom It May Concern, that on November 27, 2018, a petition was filed under the Juvenile Court Act by KIM FOX...

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...

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DOROTHY BROWN, CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS February 21, 2019

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS JUVENILE JUSTICE AND CHILD PROTECTION DEPARTMENT CHILD PROTECTION DIVISION

IN THE INTEREST OF Eva Kennedy

MINOR(S) CHILD(REN) OF Angela Kennedy (Mother)

JUVENILE NO.: 18JA01114

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

NOTICE IS GIVEN YOU, Angela Kennedy (Mother), respondents, and to All Whom It May Concern, that on November 27, 2018, a petition was filed under the Juvenile Court Act by KIM FOX...

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...

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DOROTHY BROWN, CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS February 21, 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 Jada Mc Donald AKA Jada D'lonna McDonald Chance Baldwin AKA Chance Alfonso Lee Baldwin

MINOR(S) CHILD(REN) OF Joquetta Robinson (Mother) AKA Joquetta Mc Donald

JUVENILE NO.: 16JA01112 16JA01111

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 FOX...

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...

UNLESS YOU appear, you will not be entitled to further written notices or publication notices of the proceedings in this case, including the filing of an amended petition or a motion to terminate parental rights.

UNLESS YOU appear at the hearing and show cause against the petition, the allegations of the petition may stand admitted as against you and each of you, and an order of judgment entered.

DOROTHY BROWN, CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS February 21, 2019

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS JUVENILE JUSTICE AND CHILD PROTECTION DEPARTMENT CHILD PROTECTION DIVISION

IN THE INTEREST OF Allyson Mitchell (Mother)

MINOR(S) CHILD(REN) OF Allyson Mitchell (Mother)

JUVENILE NO.: 18JA00909

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

NOTICE IS GIVEN YOU, Unknown (Father), respondents, and to All Whom It May Concern, that on September 13, 2018, a petition was filed under the Juvenile Court Act by KIM FOX...

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...

UNLESS YOU appear, you will not be entitled to further written notices or publication notices of the proceedings in this case, including the filing of an amended petition or a motion to terminate parental rights.

UNLESS YOU appear at the hearing and show cause against the petition, the allegations of the petition may stand admitted as against you and each of you, and an order of judgment entered.

DOROTHY BROWN, CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS February 21, 2019

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS JUVENILE JUSTICE AND CHILD PROTECTION DEPARTMENT CHILD PROTECTION DIVISION

IN THE INTEREST OF Mariah Kennebrev

MINOR(S) CHILD(REN) OF Elizabeth Henry (Mother)

JUVENILE NO.: 18JA01175

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

NOTICE IS GIVEN YOU, Randy John Lee (Father), respondents, and to All Whom It May Concern, that on December 13, 2018, a petition was filed under the Juvenile Court Act by KIM FOX...

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...

UNLESS YOU appear, you will not be entitled to further written notices or publication notices of the proceedings in this case, including the filing of an amended petition or a motion to terminate parental rights.

UNLESS YOU appear at the hearing and show cause against the petition, the allegations of the petition may stand admitted as against you and each of you, and an order of judgment entered.

DOROTHY BROWN, CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS February 21, 2019

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS JUVENILE JUSTICE AND CHILD PROTECTION DEPARTMENT CHILD PROTECTION DIVISION

IN THE INTEREST OF Nimyah Robinson

MINOR(S) CHILD(REN) OF Wakhonda Tyus (Mother)

JUVENILE NO.: 18JA01105

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

NOTICE IS GIVEN YOU, George Robinson (Father), respondents, and to All Whom It May Concern, that on November 19, 2018, a petition was filed under the Juvenile Court Act by KIM FOX...

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...

UNLESS YOU appear, you will not be entitled to further written notices or publication notices of the proceedings in this case, including the filing of an amended petition or a motion to terminate parental rights.

DOROTHY BROWN, CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS February 21, 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 Rashaud D Simmons

A MINOR NO. 2018JD01995

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

Notice is given you, Unknown (Father), respondents, and to ALL WHOM IT MAY CONCERN, that on December 11, 2018, a petition was filed under the Juvenile Court Act by KIM FOX...

UNLESS you appear at the hearing and show cause to the contrary, an order of judgment by default may be entered against you for the relief asked in the petition.

DOROTHY BROWN, CLERK OF COURT February 21, 2019

ASSISTANT STATE'S ATTORNEY: A. Brannon, J. Ruggiero ATTORNEY FOR: THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS ADDRESS: 1100 South Hamilton CITY/STATE: Chicago, Illinois 60612 TELEPHONE NUMBER: (312) 433-7000 ATTORNEY NO.: 33182

CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT, COOK COUNTY OF ILLINOIS

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS JUVENILE JUSTICE AND CHILD PROTECTION DEPARTMENT CHILD PROTECTION DIVISION

IN THE INTEREST OF Theresa Gina Evans AKA Theresa Evans AKA Gina Evans

MINOR(S) CHILD(REN) OF Sarah Bimbo (Mother)

JUVENILE NO.: 17JA00522

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

TAKE NOTICE

TO: Chicago Title Land Trust Company as Successor Trustee to First National Bank &...

TAKE NOTICE

TO: Anselmo Lindberg & Associates LLC; Lonnie L. Marks Jr.; Lonnie L. Marks;...

TAKE NOTICE

TO: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc.; Phillip L. Beckham Jr.; First Midwest Bank, Successor Trustee to Beverly Bank and Trust Company as Trustee u/a dated 11/13/1969 and...

TAKE NOTICE

TO: Manager/Rent Collector of 175-179 W. 154th St.; Jonas Liggins; Cynthia Travier; Tommie Dunlap; Barr Management Ltd; Midland Funding LLC; LPF Mortgage, Inc; Joe...

TAKE NOTICE

TO: Noreen Whitehurst; Chicago Title Land Trust Company u/a dated 5/11/1984 and...

TAKE NOTICE

TO: Portfolio Recovery Associates, LLC; Deutsche Bank National Trust Company as Trustee on Behalf of the Certificateholders of the Morgan Stanley ABS Capital I Inc...

TO: Anneca Carpenter; Bobby Scott, Sr.; Shermish Mitchell; Tasheima Mitchell; Patricia Edinger; Ashna Scott; Kory Kloeber; Edgar Hernandez; Juan Carlos...

TO: US Attorney General; IRS; US Attorney; Maureen Jamrock; MB Financial Bank, N.A; Leonard Jamrock; Occupant, 15447 Dickman Ct., Dolton, IL; Cook County Clerk; Parties in occupancy and possession; any unknown owners and occupants. TAX DEED NO. 2019COTD000421. FILED: 2/1/2019. TAKE NOTICE. County of Cook. Date Premises Sold 6/6/2016. Certificate No. 14-0005031. Sold for General Taxes of (year) 2014. Sold for Special Assessment of (Municipality) and special assessment number N/A Warrant No. N/A Inst. No. N/A. THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES. Property located at: 15128 Dorchester Ave., Dolton, Illinois. Legal Description or Property Index No. 29-11-427-022-0000. This notice is to advise you that the above property has been sold for delinquent taxes and that the period of redemption from the sale will expire on 6/5/2019. The amount to redeem is subject to increase at 6 month intervals from the date of sale and may be further increased if the purchaser at the tax sale or his or her assignee pays any subsequently accruing taxes or special assessments to redeem the property from subsequent forfeitures or tax sales. Check with the county clerk as to the exact amount you owe before redeeming. This notice is also to advise you that a petition has been filed for a tax deed which will transfer title and the right to possession of this property if redemption is not made on or before 5/31/2019. This matter is set for hearing in the Circuit Court of this county in Room 1704, Richard J. Daley Center, 50 West Washington Street, Chicago, Illinois at 9:30 a.m., on 6/19/2019. You may be present at this hearing but your right to redeem will already have expired at that time. YOU ARE URGED TO REDEEM IMMEDIATELY TO PREVENT LOSS OF PROPERTY. Redemption can be made at any time on or before 6/5/2019 by applying to the County Clerk of Cook County, Illinois at the Office of the County Clerk in Chicago, Illinois. For further information contact the County Clerk. ADDRESS: 118 North Clark Street, Room 434, Chicago, Illinois 60602. TELEPHONE: (312) 603-5645. MTAG CUST ATCF II, LLC, Purchaser or Assignee. Dated: 2/13/2019. Pub: 2/21, 22, 23/2019 6148652

TO: Maria Hilda Fernandez; Myrion Stevens; Teresa Herrera; Calderon Ramirez; Jose Villegas; James Morris; Occupant, 200 E. 157th St., Harvey, IL; Cook County Clerk; Parties in occupancy and possession; any unknown owners and occupants. TAX DEED NO. 2019COTD000424. FILED: 2/1/2019. TAKE NOTICE. County of Cook. Date Premises Sold 6/6/2016. Certificate No. 14-0005178. Sold for General Taxes of (year) 2014. Sold for Special Assessment of (Municipality) and special assessment number N/A Warrant No. N/A Inst. No. N/A. THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES. Property located at: 15447 Dickman Ct., Dolton, Illinois. Legal Description or Property Index No. 29-11-427-022-0000. This notice is to advise you that the above property has been sold for delinquent taxes and that the period of redemption from the sale will expire on 6/5/2019. The amount to redeem is subject to increase at 6 month intervals from the date of sale and may be further increased if the purchaser at the tax sale or his or her assignee pays any subsequently accruing taxes or special assessments to redeem the property from subsequent forfeitures or tax sales. Check with the county clerk as to the exact amount you owe before redeeming. This notice is also to advise you that a petition has been filed for a tax deed which will transfer title and the right to possession of this property if redemption is not made on or before 5/31/2019. This matter is set for hearing in the Circuit Court of this county in Room 1704, Richard J. Daley Center, 50 West Washington Street, Chicago, Illinois at 9:30 a.m., on 6/19/2019. You may be present at this hearing but your right to redeem will already have expired at that time. YOU ARE URGED TO REDEEM IMMEDIATELY TO PREVENT LOSS OF PROPERTY. Redemption can be made at any time on or before 6/5/2019 by applying to the County Clerk of Cook County, Illinois at the Office of the County Clerk in Chicago, Illinois. For further information contact the County Clerk. ADDRESS: 118 North Clark Street, Room 434, Chicago, Illinois 60602. TELEPHONE: (312) 603-5645. MTAG CUST ATCF II, LLC, Purchaser or Assignee. Dated: 2/13/2019. Pub: 2/21, 22, 23/2019 6148656

TO: Charrell Conley Baxter; Olivia Scurlcio; Cleo Parrish; Alexis Baxter; Ronald Fountain; Zornia Scroggins; Theresa Johnson; Eric Johnson; Olivia Conley; Charrell M. Conley; Occupant, 15208 Winchester Ave., Harvey, Illinois. Legal Description or Property Index No. 29-19-208-056-0000. This notice is to advise you that the above property has been sold for delinquent taxes and that the period of redemption from the sale will expire on 6/5/2019. The amount to redeem is subject to increase at 6 month intervals from the date of sale and may be further increased if the purchaser at the tax sale or his or her assignee pays any subsequently accruing taxes or special assessments to redeem the property from subsequent forfeitures or tax sales. Check with the county clerk as to the exact amount you owe before redeeming. This notice is also to advise you that a petition has been filed for a tax deed which will transfer title and the right to possession of this property if redemption is not made on or before 5/31/2019. This matter is set for hearing in the Circuit Court of this county in Room 1704, Richard J. Daley Center, 50 West Washington Street, Chicago, Illinois at 9:30 a.m., on 7/12/2019. You may be present at this hearing but your right to redeem will already have expired at that time. YOU ARE URGED TO REDEEM IMMEDIATELY TO PREVENT LOSS OF PROPERTY. Redemption can be made at any time on or before 6/5/2019 by applying to the County Clerk of Cook County, Illinois at the Office of the County Clerk in Chicago, Illinois. For further information contact the County Clerk. ADDRESS: 118 North Clark Street, Room 434, Chicago, Illinois 60602. TELEPHONE: (312) 603-5645. MTAG CUST ATCF II, LLC, Purchaser or Assignee. Dated: 2/13/2019. Pub: 2/21, 22, 23/2019 6148667

TO: Crystal Leyva; Taxpayer of 16211 Winchester Ave., Markham, IL, Danta Turner; Lenita Johnson; Rebecca Leyva; Danya Walker; Occupant, 16211 Winchester Ave., Markham, IL; Cook County Clerk; Parties in occupancy and possession; any unknown owners and occupants. TAX DEED NO. 2019COTD000105. FILED: 1/11/2019. TAKE NOTICE. County of Cook. Date Premises Sold 6/6/2016. Certificate No. 14-0005260. Sold for General Taxes of (year) 2014. Sold for Special Assessment of (Municipality) and special assessment number N/A Warrant No. N/A Inst. No. N/A. THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES. Property located at: 16211 Winchester Ave., Markham, Illinois. Legal Description or Property Index No. 29-19-222-046-0000. This notice is to advise you that the above property has been sold for delinquent taxes and that the period of redemption from the sale will expire on 5/31/2019. The amount to redeem is subject to increase at 6 month intervals from the date of sale and may be further increased if the purchaser at the tax sale or his or her assignee pays any subsequently accruing taxes or special assessments to redeem the property from subsequent forfeitures or tax sales. Check with the county clerk as to the exact amount you owe before redeeming. This notice is also to advise you that a petition has been filed for a tax deed which will transfer title and the right to possession of this property if redemption is not made on or before 5/31/2019. This matter is set for hearing in the Circuit Court of this county in Room 1704, Richard J. Daley Center, 50 West Washington Street, Chicago, Illinois at 9:30 a.m., on 6/19/2019. You may be present at this hearing but your right to redeem will already have expired at that time. YOU ARE URGED TO REDEEM IMMEDIATELY TO PREVENT LOSS OF PROPERTY. Redemption can be made at any time on or before 6/5/2019 by applying to the County Clerk of Cook County, Illinois at the Office of the County Clerk in Chicago, Illinois. For further information contact the County Clerk. ADDRESS: 118 North Clark Street, Room 434, Chicago, Illinois 60602. TELEPHONE: (312) 603-5645. MTAG CUST ATCF II, LLC, Purchaser or Assignee. Dated: 2/13/2019. Pub: 2/21, 22, 23/2019 6148738

TO: U.S. Bank N.A., as Trustee Successor in Interest to LaSalle Bank N.A. as Successor by merger to LaSalle Bank N.A. as Successor for Certificateholders of Bear Stearns Asset Backed Securities 1 LLC. Asset-Backed Certificates Series 2007-F51; U.S. Attorney General; Taneal R. Jones; Damien Park; Occupant, 16216 Justine St., Markham, IL; Cook County Clerk; Parties in occupancy and possession; any unknown owners and occupants. TAX DEED NO. 2019COTD000452. FILED: 2/1/2019. TAKE NOTICE. County of Cook. Date Premises Sold 6/6/2016. Certificate No. 14-0005308. Sold for General Taxes of (year) 2014. Sold for Special Assessment of (Municipality) and special assessment number N/A Warrant No. N/A Inst. No. N/A. THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES. Property located at: 16216 Justine St., Markham, Illinois. Legal Description or Property Index No. 29-20-122-066-0000. This notice is to advise you that the above property has been sold for delinquent taxes and that the period of redemption from the sale will expire on 6/5/2019. The amount to redeem is subject to increase at 6 month intervals from the date of sale and may be further increased if the purchaser at the tax sale or his or her assignee pays any subsequently accruing taxes or special assessments to redeem the property from subsequent forfeitures or tax sales. Check with the county clerk as to the exact amount you owe before redeeming. This notice is also to advise you that a petition has been filed for a tax deed which will transfer title and the right to possession of this property if redemption is not made on or before 5/31/2019. This matter is set for hearing in the Circuit Court of this county in Room 1704, Richard J. Daley Center, 50 West Washington Street, Chicago, Illinois at 9:30 a.m., on 7/12/2019. You may be present at this hearing but your right to redeem will already have expired at that time. YOU ARE URGED TO REDEEM IMMEDIATELY TO PREVENT LOSS OF PROPERTY. Redemption can be made at any time on or before 6/5/2019 by applying to the County Clerk of Cook County, Illinois at the Office of the County Clerk in Chicago, Illinois. For further information contact the County Clerk. ADDRESS: 118 North Clark Street, Room 434, Chicago, Illinois 60602. TELEPHONE: (312) 603-5645. MTAG CUST ATCF II, LLC, Purchaser or Assignee. Dated: 2/13/2019. Pub: 2/21, 22, 23/2019 6148730

TO: Shayla Harris; Sandra Harris; Frank Harris; Moore; Payne; Oncora Loan Servicing, LLC; HSBC Bank USA, N.A., as trustee, on behalf of Ace Securities Corp. Home Equity Loan Trust, Series 2007-WM2, Asset Backed Pass-through Certificates; MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC.; Structure Funding; Vera Washington; GANCO; Occupant, 294 Crandon Ave., Unit 1 & Unit 2, Calumet City, IL; Cook County Clerk; Parties in occupancy and possession; any unknown owners and occupants. TAX DEED NO. 2019COTD000143. FILED: 1/14/2019. TAKE NOTICE. County of Cook. Date Premises Sold 6/6/2016. Certificate No. 14-0005060. Sold for General Taxes of (year) 2014. Sold for Special Assessment of (Municipality) and special assessment number N/A Warrant No. N/A Inst. No. N/A. THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES. Property located at: 294 Crandon Ave., Calumet City, Illinois. Legal Description or Property Index No. 29-12-201-028-0000. This notice is to advise you that the above property has been sold for delinquent taxes and that the period of redemption from the sale will expire on 5/31/2019. The amount to redeem is subject to increase at 6 month intervals from the date of sale and may be further increased if the purchaser at the tax sale or his or her assignee pays any subsequently accruing taxes or special assessments to redeem the property from subsequent forfeitures or tax sales. Check with the county clerk as to the exact amount you owe before redeeming. This notice is also to advise you that a petition has been filed for a tax deed which will transfer title and the right to possession of this property if redemption is not made on or before 5/31/2019. This matter is set for hearing in the Circuit Court of this county in Room 1704, Richard J. Daley Center, 50 West Washington Street, Chicago, Illinois at 9:30 a.m., on 6/19/2019. You may be present at this hearing but your right to redeem will already have expired at that time. YOU ARE URGED TO REDEEM IMMEDIATELY TO PREVENT LOSS OF PROPERTY. Redemption can be made at any time on or before 6/5/2019 by applying to the County Clerk of Cook County, Illinois at the Office of the County Clerk in Chicago, Illinois. For further information contact the County Clerk. ADDRESS: 118 North Clark Street, Room 434, Chicago, Illinois 60602. TELEPHONE: (312) 603-5645. TRLB, LLC, Purchaser or Assignee. Dated: 2/13/2019. Pub: 2/21, 22, 23/2019 6146164

TO: John W. Merritt; Barbara Marie Merritt; Occupant, 445 E. 157TH PL, SOUTH HOLLAND, IL; Cook County Clerk; Parties in occupancy and possession; any unknown owners and occupants. TAX DEED NO. 2019COTD000161. FILED: 1/14/2019. TAKE NOTICE. County of Cook. Date Premises Sold 6/6/2016. Certificate No. 14-0005126. Sold for General Taxes of (year) 2014. Sold for Special Assessment of (Municipality) and special assessment number N/A Warrant No. N/A Inst. No. N/A. THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES. Property located at: 445 E. 157TH PL., SOUTH HOLLAND, Illinois. Legal Description or Property Index No. 29-15-203-031-0000. This notice is to advise you that the above property has been sold for delinquent taxes and that the period of redemption from the sale will expire on 6/5/2019. The amount to redeem is subject to increase at 6 month intervals from the date of sale and may be further increased if the purchaser at the tax sale or his or her assignee pays any subsequently accruing taxes or special assessments to redeem the property from subsequent forfeitures or tax sales. Check with the county clerk as to the exact amount you owe before redeeming. This notice is also to advise you that a petition has been filed for a tax deed which will transfer title and the right to possession of this property if redemption is not made on or before 5/31/2019. This matter is set for hearing in the Circuit Court of this county in Room 1704, Richard J. Daley Center, 50 West Washington Street, Chicago, Illinois at 9:30 a.m., on 6/19/2019. You may be present at this hearing but your right to redeem will already have expired at that time. YOU ARE URGED TO REDEEM IMMEDIATELY TO PREVENT LOSS OF PROPERTY. Redemption can be made at any time on or before 6/5/2019 by applying to the County Clerk of Cook County, Illinois at the Office of the County Clerk in Chicago, Illinois. For further information contact the County Clerk. ADDRESS: 118 North Clark Street, Room 434, Chicago, Illinois 60602. TELEPHONE: (312) 603-5645. TRLB, LLC, Purchaser or Assignee. Dated: 2/13/2019. Pub: 2/21, 22, 23/2019 6146164

TO: Alvaro Estrada; Carolina Estrada; Inland Bank & Trust; Efrain Ramirez Gallegos; Laura Solena Ramirez; Jose Vasquez; Felipe Lopez Sanchez; Salvador Martinez; Gabriela Hernandez; Hilda Hernandez; Monica Robinson; Maida Maldonado; Jimmy Samaniego; Occupant, 15740 Woodbridge Ave., Harvey, Illinois. Legal Description or Property Index No. 29-19-219-050-0000. This notice is to advise you that the above property has been sold for delinquent taxes and that the period of redemption from the sale will expire on 6/5/2019. The amount to redeem is subject to increase at 6 month intervals from the date of sale and may be further increased if the purchaser at the tax sale or his or her assignee pays any subsequently accruing taxes or special assessments to redeem the property from subsequent forfeitures or tax sales. Check with the county clerk as to the exact amount you owe before redeeming. This notice is also to advise you that a petition has been filed for a tax deed which will transfer title and the right to possession of this property if redemption is not made on or before 5/31/2019. This matter is set for hearing in the Circuit Court of this county in Room 1704, Richard J. Daley Center, 50 West Washington Street, Chicago, Illinois at 9:30 a.m., on 7/12/2019. You may be present at this hearing but your right to redeem will already have expired at that time. YOU ARE URGED TO REDEEM IMMEDIATELY TO PREVENT LOSS OF PROPERTY. Redemption can be made at any time on or before 6/5/2019 by applying to the County Clerk of Cook County, Illinois at the Office of the County Clerk in Chicago, Illinois. For further information contact the County Clerk. ADDRESS: 118 North Clark Street, Room 434, Chicago, Illinois 60602. TELEPHONE: (312) 603-5645. MTAG CUST ATCF II, LLC, Purchaser or Assignee. Dated: 2/13/2019. Pub: 2/21, 22, 23/2019 6148662

TO: Illinois Dept. of Healthcare and Family Services; Discover Bank; Curtis Ross; Geneva K Ross; Danielle Davis; Jenniea Ross; City of Chicago; Occupant, 15314 Winchester Ave., Harvey, IL; Cook County Clerk; Parties in occupancy and possession; any unknown owners and occupants. TAX DEED NO. 2019COTD000426. FILED: 2/1/2019. TAKE NOTICE. County of Cook. Date Premises Sold 6/6/2016. Certificate No. 14-0005211. Sold for General Taxes of (year) 2014 (including 2nd 2011). Sold for Special Assessment of (Municipality) and special assessment number N/A Warrant No. N/A Inst. No. N/A. THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES. Property located at: 15314 Winchester Ave., Harvey, Illinois. Legal Description or Property Index No. 29-19-216-045-0000. This notice is to advise you that the above property has been sold for delinquent taxes and that the period of redemption from the sale will expire on 6/5/2019. The amount to redeem is subject to increase at 6 month intervals from the date of sale and may be further increased if the purchaser at the tax sale or his or her assignee pays any subsequently accruing taxes or special assessments to redeem the property from subsequent forfeitures or tax sales. Check with the county clerk as to the exact amount you owe before redeeming. This notice is also to advise you that a petition has been filed for a tax deed which will transfer title and the right to possession of this property if redemption is not made on or before 5/31/2019. This matter is set for hearing in the Circuit Court of this county in Room 1704, Richard J. Daley Center, 50 West Washington Street, Chicago, Illinois at 9:30 a.m., on 7/12/2019. You may be present at this hearing but your right to redeem will already have expired at that time. YOU ARE URGED TO REDEEM IMMEDIATELY TO PREVENT LOSS OF PROPERTY. Redemption can be made at any time on or before 6/5/2019 by applying to the County Clerk of Cook County, Illinois at the Office of the County Clerk in Chicago, Illinois. For further information contact the County Clerk. ADDRESS: 118 North Clark Street, Room 434, Chicago, Illinois 60602. TELEPHONE: (312) 603-5645. MTAG CUST ATCF II, LLC, Purchaser or Assignee. Dated: 2/13/2019. Pub: 2/21, 22, 23/2019 6148668

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TO: Manager/Rent Collector of 175-179 W. 154th St.; Jonas Liggins; Cynthia Travier; Tommie Dunlap; Barr Management Ltd; Midland Funding LLC; LPF Mortgage, Inc; Joe Ann Dunlap; Tareisha Dunlap; The Peoples Gas Light & Coke Company, City of Chicago; James Williams; Occupant, 179 W. 154th St., Harvey, IL; Cook County Clerk; Parties in occupancy and possession; any unknown owners and occupants. TAX DEED NO. 2019COTD000427. FILED: 2/1/2019. TAKE NOTICE. County of Cook. Date Premises Sold 6/6/2016. Certificate No. 14-0005205. Sold for General Taxes of (year) 2014. Sold for Special Assessment of (Municipality) and special assessment number N/A Warrant No. N/A Inst. No. N/A. THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES. Property located at: 175 W. 154th St., Harvey, Illinois. Legal Description or Property Index No. 29-18-115-021-0000. This notice is to advise you that the above property has been sold for delinquent taxes and that the period of redemption from the sale will expire on 6/5/2019. The amount to redeem is subject to increase at 6 month intervals from the date of sale and may be further increased if the purchaser at the tax sale or his or her assignee pays any subsequently accruing taxes or special assessments to redeem the property from subsequent forfeitures or tax sales. Check with the county clerk as to the exact amount you owe before redeeming. This notice is also to advise you that a petition has been filed for a tax deed which will transfer title and the right to possession of this property if redemption is not made on or before 5/31/2019. This matter is set for hearing in the Circuit Court of this county in Room 1704, Richard J. Daley Center, 50 West Washington Street, Chicago, Illinois at 9:30 a.m., on 6/19/2019. You may be present at this hearing but your right to redeem will already have expired at that time. YOU ARE URGED TO REDEEM IMMEDIATELY TO PREVENT LOSS OF PROPERTY. Redemption can be made at any time on or before 6/5/2019 by applying to the County Clerk of Cook County, Illinois at the Office of the County Clerk in Chicago, Illinois. For further information contact the County Clerk. ADDRESS: 118 North Clark Street, Room 434, Chicago, Illinois 60602. TELEPHONE: (312) 603-5645. MTAG CUST ATCF II, LLC, Purchaser or Assignee. Dated: 2/13/2019. Pub: 2/21, 22, 23/2019 6148665

TO: Wanda Moore; Michael Moore; BMO Harris Bank, N.A.; Toccara L Wilson; Tonia Foster; Timothy A Davis; Wanda Warren; Tonia M Kelly; James A Davis; Call Union Drainage District; Occupant, 16145 Jackson Ave., Valley Creek Estates, IL; Cook County Clerk; Parties in occupancy and possession; any unknown owners and occupants. TAX DEED NO. 2018COTD008513. FILED: 12/15/2018. TAKE NOTICE. County of Cook. Date Premises Sold 6/6/2016. Certificate No. 14-0005253. Sold for General Taxes of (year) 2014. Sold for Special Assessment of (Municipality) and special assessment number N/A Warrant No. N/A Inst. No. N/A. THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES. Property located at: 16145 Jackson Ave., Valley Creek Estates, IL. Legal Description or Property Index No. 29-19-214-043-0000. This notice is to advise you that the above property has been sold for delinquent taxes and that the period of redemption from the sale will expire on 5/31/2019. The amount to redeem is subject to increase at 6 month intervals from the date of sale and may be further increased if the purchaser at the tax sale or his or her assignee pays any subsequently accruing taxes or special assessments to redeem the property from subsequent forfeitures or tax sales. Check with the county clerk as to the exact amount you owe before redeeming. This notice is also to advise you that a petition has been filed for a tax deed which will transfer title and the right to possession of this property if redemption is not made on or before 5/31/2019. This matter is set for hearing in the Circuit Court of this county in Room 1704, Richard J. Daley Center, 50 West Washington Street, Chicago, Illinois at 9:30 a.m., on 6/12/2019. You may be present at this hearing but your right to redeem will already have expired at that time. YOU ARE URGED TO REDEEM IMMEDIATELY TO PREVENT LOSS OF PROPERTY. Redemption can be made at any time on or before 6/5/2019 by applying to the County Clerk of Cook County, Illinois at the Office of the County Clerk in Chicago, Illinois. For further information contact the County Clerk. ADDRESS: 118 North Clark Street, Room 434, Chicago, Illinois 60602. TELEPHONE: (312) 603-5645. MTAG CUST ATCF II, LLC, Purchaser or Assignee. Dated: 2/13/2019. Pub: 2/21, 22, 23/2019 6144899

TO: Batina Platt; Cynthia Banks; Kenyan Jackson; Jaylan A. Houston; Camp Taura; Jada M. Houston; Lukasz Kotulski; Lean Skinner; Kenna Jackson; Brenda Platt; Call Union Drainage District; Kristi Brantley; Occupant, 16530 Westchester Ave., Markham, IL; Cook County Clerk; Parties in occupancy and possession; any unknown owners and occupants. TAX DEED NO. 2018COTD008492. FILED: 12/15/2018. TAKE NOTICE. County of Cook. Date Premises Sold 6/6/2016. Certificate No. 14-0005254. Sold for General Taxes of (year) 2014. Sold for Special Assessment of (Municipality) and special assessment number N/A Warrant No. N/A Inst. No. N/A. THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES. Property located at: 16530 Westchester Ave., Markham, Illinois. Legal Description or Property Index No. 29-19-416-035-0000. This notice is to advise you that the above property has been sold for delinquent taxes and that the period of redemption from the sale will expire on 5/31/2019. The amount to redeem is subject to increase at 6 month intervals from the date of sale and may be further increased if the purchaser at the tax sale or his or her assignee pays any subsequently accruing taxes or special assessments to redeem the property from subsequent forfeitures or tax sales. Check with the county clerk as to the exact amount you owe before redeeming. This notice is also to advise you that a petition has been filed for a tax deed which will transfer title and the right to possession of this property if redemption is not made on or before 5/31/2019. This matter is set for hearing in the Circuit Court of this county in Room 1704, Richard J. Daley Center, 50 West Washington Street, Chicago, Illinois at 9:30 a.m., on 6/12/2019. You may be present at this hearing but your right to redeem will already have expired at that time. YOU ARE URGED TO REDEEM IMMEDIATELY TO PREVENT LOSS OF PROPERTY. Redemption can be made at any time on or before 6/5/2019 by applying to the County Clerk of Cook County, Illinois at the Office of the County Clerk in Chicago, Illinois. For further information contact the County Clerk. ADDRESS: 118 North Clark Street, Room 434, Chicago, Illinois 60602. TELEPHONE: (312) 603-5645. MTAG CUST ATCF II, LLC, Purchaser or Assignee. Dated: 2/13/2019. Pub: 2/21, 22, 23/2019 6144570

TO: Donna Hayes; Jamar Smith; Earline Smith; Michael Cole; Alexis Ruff; Illinois Attorney General; Illinois Dept. of Revenue; Occupant, 16026 Emerald Way, Chicago, IL; Cook County Clerk; Parties in occupancy and possession; any unknown owners and occupants. TAX DEED NO. 2019COTD000453. FILED: 2/1/2019. TAKE NOTICE. County of Cook. Date Premises Sold 6/6/2016. Certificate No. 14-0005303. Sold for General Taxes of (year) 2014. Sold for Special Assessment of (Municipality) and special assessment number N/A Warrant No. N/A Inst. No. N/A. THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES. Property located at: 16026 Emerald Way, Chicago, Illinois. Legal Description or Property Index No. 29-21-102-063-0000. This notice is to advise you that the above property has been sold for delinquent taxes and that the period of redemption from the sale will expire on 6/5/2019. The amount to redeem is subject to increase at 6 month intervals from the date of sale and may be further increased if the purchaser at the tax sale or his or her assignee pays any subsequently accruing taxes or special assessments to redeem the property from subsequent forfeitures or tax sales. Check with the county clerk as to the exact amount you owe before redeeming. This notice is also to advise you that a petition has been filed for a tax deed which will transfer title and the right to possession of this property if redemption is not made on or before 6/5/2019. This matter is set for hearing in the Circuit Court of this county in Room 1704, Richard J. Daley Center, 50 West Washington Street, Chicago, Illinois at 9:30 a.m., on 7/12/2019. You may be present at this hearing but your right to redeem will already have expired at that time. YOU ARE URGED TO REDEEM IMMEDIATELY TO PREVENT LOSS OF PROPERTY. Redemption can be made at any time on or before 6/5/2019 by applying to the County Clerk of Cook County, Illinois at the Office of the County Clerk in Chicago, Illinois. For further information contact the County Clerk. ADDRESS: 118 North Clark Street, Room 434, Chicago, Illinois 60602. TELEPHONE: (312) 603-5645. MTAG CUST ATCF II, LLC, Purchaser or Assignee. Dated: 2/13/2019. Pub: 2/21, 22, 23/2019 6148734

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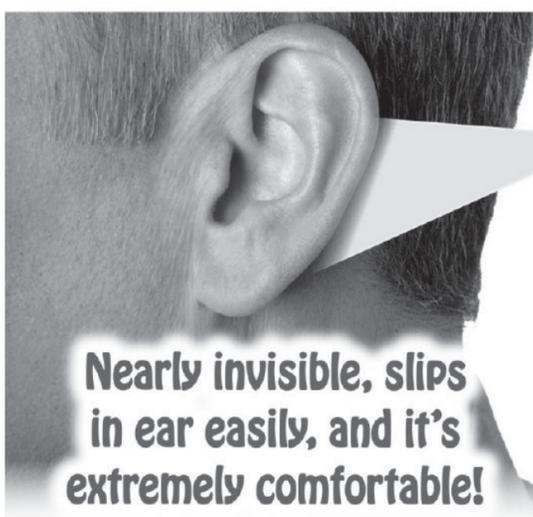
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THE DAY AFTER MANNY MACHADO SAID NO TO THE WHITE SOX, THE SUN DID, INDEED, COME UP.
AND SHORTSTOP TIM ANDERSON IS HAPPY TO HAVE THE SPOTLIGHT BACK ON HIM.

By **TEDDY GREENSTEIN** | Chicago Tribune

GLENDALE, Ariz. — The White Sox are no longer taking Manny Machado questions.
OK, that's not a rule. It's an advisory for visiting media.
"As a family, we're very, very excited for him and his new chapter starting out in San Diego," first baseman/designated hitter Yonder Alonso said Wednesday of his brother-in-law Machado, who agreed to a 10-year, \$300 million deal with the Padres. "(But) inside this room, the 60-plus players plus the coaching staff, the front office, it's always been about the guys in here."

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'We're going to be South Side regardless. Nobody's decision determines what we've got going on in this locker room. We have a great group of guys here. We're going to do something special.'

The White Sox are moving in the right direction.

Either ride with us or get run over. We know who's on the boat with us and which way we want to sail'

WHAT'S NEXT FOR THE WHITE SOX?



PAUL SULLIVAN
On the White Sox

GLENDALE, Ariz. — The White Sox weren't going to win the American League Central with Manny Machado, but watching him sign a 10-year, \$300 million deal with the Padres should make things a bit easier for the Indians.

"Generally speaking, it's fine by me when the best talent winds up out of our division," Indians President Chris Antonetti told me Tuesday night.

"But there are a lot of great leaders within the division that are building some great teams, so we know we'll have our work cut out for us competitively."

Sure, Chris.

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The White Sox work out Tuesday in Glendale, Ariz. But the Tribune can confirm that the sun did rise Wednesday as well. **BRIAN CASSELLA/CHICAGO TRIBUNE**



BLACKHAWKS 5, RED WINGS 4 (OT)

Hawks' marathon man wants Cup before finish line

By **JIMMY GREENFIELD**
Chicago Tribune

DETROIT — When athletes reach milestones it often casts a spotlight, which is why the revelation that Duncan Keith had played his 30,000th minute in the NHL caught the eye of the hockey world.

Word that Keith was about to hit that mark — more than any other player has played since he

entered the league in 2005-06 — began getting passed around on social media.

Then, when Keith played a season-high 26 minutes, 17 seconds on Thursday against the Senators to arrive at 30,012 — which includes regular-season and playoff minutes — for his storied career, the Blackhawks



Keith

highlighted it in their postgame notes.

Eventually, the news trickled down to Keith and he put the magnitude of his accomplishment in perspective before the Hawks took on the Red Wings Wednesday at Little Caesars Arena.

"At the end of the day," Keith said. "I don't know if I really think

about those things a whole lot."

Hear that hockey world? Keith isn't having it with your high praise and wonderment. He's still too busy living out his dream of being an NHL player and trying to get the Hawks back to the playoffs. After all, he can't win his fourth Stanley Cup if the Hawks don't reach the postseason.

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Team goes into try-hard mode

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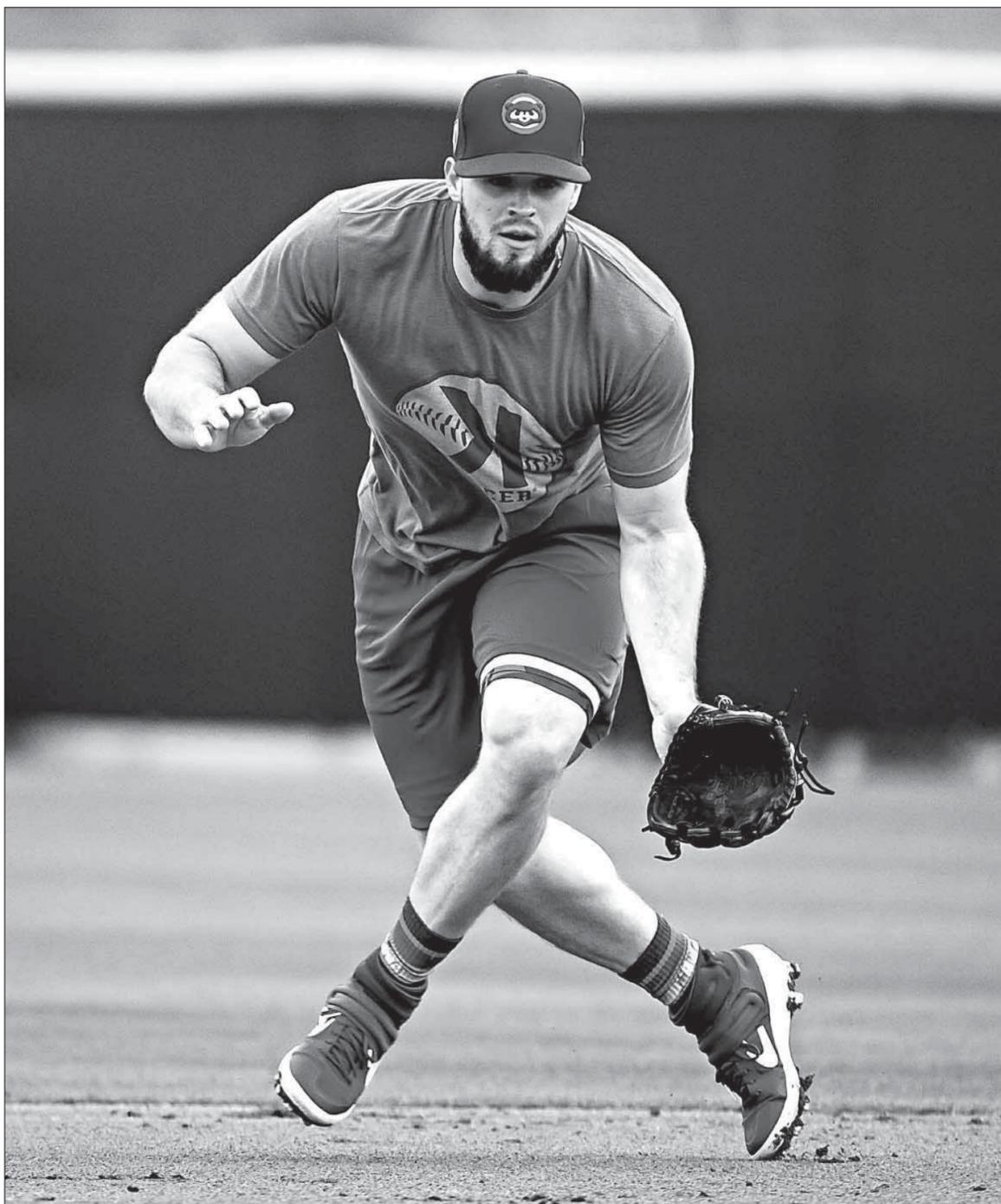
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David Bote, taking grounders last week in Cubs camp, benefited from offseason therapy to undo a slight hunch in his posture.

His arrow points up

Therapy helps Bote realign posture to stand straighter

BY MARK GONZALES | Chicago Tribune

MESA, Ariz. — David Bote is standing taller than his listed 6-foot-1 frame.

But his heightened stature has nothing to do with his knack for clutch hits and versatility as a rookie on a seasoned Cubs team last year.

Shortly after last season, Bote received postural therapy through Tyler Skovron, a Dallas-based specialist recommended by teammate Cole Hamels.

The treatment loosened the tightness in Bote's upper body, which once caused him to walk with a slight hunch and limited his range. Bote's increased flexibility — and range — should make him a more attractive option around the infield and perhaps the outfield for manager Joe Maddon as shortstop Addison Russell serves the final 28 games of a 40-game suspension.

"People said I now look bigger and say how much weight I've put on," Bote said. "I really haven't put on extra weight. I'm better stacked. I'm more open in the chest area and not so rounded, more vertical. I can move easier and have better range of motion."

"When you're hunched, things are going to be a problem."

Hamels said the Cubs and Rangers were extremely receptive in allowing Skovron to speak to and treat interested players.

"When you feel instantly a little bit better, your curiosity is there," Hamels said. "And guys are saying, 'try it for a week,' and guys love it."

Considering that Bote, 25, was an 18th-round pick in the 2012 draft who didn't reach the majors until the third



week of the 2018 season, he is the least of the Cubs' concerns entering the season.

As a rookie, Bote showed an ability to play multiple positions and a knack for performing in key moments. He delivered a two-run, pinch-hit double in his fourth major-league game to lead the Cubs to a 4-3 comeback win over the Marlins on May 8, and he hit a grand slam off Ryan Madson with two outs in the ninth inning for a 4-3 win over the Nationals on Aug. 12.

But Bote isn't taking anything for granted. Bote returned to the Cubs' spring complex in the middle of October to recondition his body.

The first part of Bote's offseason was devoted to lifting and training, while the latter part shifted to baseball work and tweaking his swing in an effort to cut down on his strikeout rate.

Bote played 74 games in six stints with the Cubs and 61 games at Triple-A Iowa. He admitted he felt fatigued toward the end of the season.

"Until you go through it, it's hard to feel it," he said. "But we've got unbelievable

"People said I now look bigger and say how much weight I've put on. I really haven't put on extra weight. I'm better stacked."

< Cubs infielder David Bote

things in place to help us recover."

After spending 6½ seasons in the minors, Bote understands that major-league service time is precious. But playing time might be hard to come by, especially since Ian Happ wants to be considered for more playing time at second base — Bote's best position — and Russell's potential return likely would shift Javier Baez to second.

And the playing time Bote received at third base last year will be diminished by the return of a healthy Kris Bryant.

"Tony Clark says every day you're paying rent to this game," Bote said, referring to the players union chief. "The game owes you nothing. So it's that same mindset as I've had in the minor leagues of getting to the field and almost embracing the fact that this could be my last day and taking that approach of I need to be ready for my teammates."

Maddon admits he has a soft spot for guys like Bote who have persevered through the minors and have a relentless desire to improve.

"He does have adjustments to make, and he knows that," Maddon said. "He's very self-aware."

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Generation gap vanishing with Maddon



PAUL SULLIVAN
On the Cubs

MESA, Ariz. — Joe Maddon's quest to communicate with his millennial players was off to a fine start less than two weeks into Cubs camp.

"Very groovy," Maddon said after Wednesday's workout.

I think Maddon meant "on fleek," though I didn't have my baby boomer-to-millennial translation guide handy.

Either way, Maddon is diving head first into his new reality — speaking the millennials' language — even if no one really knows why the Cubs are so obsessed with the need to communicate in their preferred style.

The saga of Maddon and the millennials began in the offseason when president Theo Epstein said he wanted his manager and coaches to better understand the younger generation that dominates the clubhouse.

"It's incumbent on us to not just sit there and say, 'Players have changed, they don't get it, they don't listen, they don't care,' or 'We don't understand them,'" Epstein said at the Cubs Convention. "We have to learn the lens from which they view the world and learn the best way of communicating with them because they've grown up with a totally different upbringing than we did and with the devices that are omnipresent."

That was fine with Maddon, who this winter read "Managing Millennials for Dummies."

On Wednesday Maddon said he has "a millennial baseball mind" because he was born "right around" 1981.

"So I think I understand where they're coming from," he said.

Actually Maddon was born in 1954. But since he was on a roll no one fact-checked him.

Entering his 14th year as a major league manager, Maddon admitted he's sometimes repeated the same messages in spring training. It happens. There are only so many ways you can tell a player how to bunt or hit the cut-off man.

But he also wanted to be a hands-on coach more this spring, and his words appear to be sinking in.

"For whatever reason this year, I don't know (why), when the student is ready the teacher will appear," he said. "They're repeating a lot of stuff back at me."

"It's all really good. It's like they're wide open. They're seeking information and it's not lip service. It's not contrived. They're earnestly into learning right now. It's been kind of fun actually."

One thing Maddon has done is keep the meetings shorter, a good lesson for anyone managing people.

Starter Kyle Hendricks, 29, confirmed Maddon's message is getting through.

"I guess technically I'm a millennial," Hendricks said. "I don't know what exactly it entails, but I think I'm close enough. The guys a little younger than me are definitely millennials."

"But I definitely can get it. I think with every generation you look for how you can communicate best. That's their job as a leader, to communicate in the best possible way. Joe has always done an unbelievable job at that, and you can see it already, starting this camp."

"His ideas and messages are flowing right through into this clubhouse, and we're all loving it so far."

Whether millennial ballplayers are that much different than their predecessors is something I never contemplated until Epstein brought it up. The game definitely has changed from when I began covering it 30-something years ago, but the most glaring difference from the late 1980s to 2019 is the higher salaries.

Kyle Schwarber, who turns 26 in March, said he doesn't feel his age makes any difference in how he approaches the game.

"I met with Joe in the offseason and he was talking about wanting to be more involved with what we're doing," Scharber said. "I said 'That's fine.' I don't know how that (relationship) is supposed to be, but he's been great with me. I know he's done a lot of good things for us."

Hendricks said the difference between the old-school players and their millennial successors "may be just all the phone stuff and social media" in the 21st century.

"Your focus (changes)," he said. "It's easy to get away from the task at hand, I think for us, because there is so much stimuli."

Maddon said he doesn't agree with some of the "derogatory" descriptions of millennials, who often are portrayed as overly sensitive to criticism. He now understands they prefer to communicate via texts or emails.

"It's like any other group," he said. "You just get to know people, you treat people well, treat people with respect and it all turns out. My biggest takeaway is to understand the ability to concentrate, which we all lack these days."

Maddon said his job is to present the information "clearly" to the millennials and "get to the point" of the subject matter.

Maybe that's why the Cubs' daily schedule on the clubhouse bulletin board included a quote from Will Ferrell's character in the comedy, "Talladega Nights: The Ballad of Ricky Bobbyie."

"If you're not first, you're last." The message was understood by millennials and Gen Xers alike.

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CUBS NOTES

Maddon's solution to plug leadoff hole: 'Rickey'

BY MARK GONZALES | Chicago Tribune

MESA, Ariz. — Cubs manager Joe Maddon provided a witty response when asked Wednesday about his ideas for the leadoff spot, which appears to have mostly the same cast of characters as last season.

"Get Rickey Henderson back," Maddon quipped. "That would be awesome."

The Cubs used 10 players in the leadoff spot in 2018. Albert Almora Jr. is likely to get the majority of starts against left-handers, and switch hitter Ben Zobrist has been effective against right-handers.

Another consideration is that Maddon likes to use a run producer at the top of the order, especially when the starting pitcher bats eighth.

"I like to have it all," Maddon said.

Almora (46) started the most games last year in the leadoff spot, followed by Anthony Rizzo (31), the since-departed Daniel Murphy (30), Zobrist (27) and Ian

Happ (13). Willson Contreras and Kyle Schwarber each batted leadoff once in 2018.

No shortcuts: Coach Brian Butterfield resembled an inspector as he closely scrutinized the Cubs' baserunning drills.

"That's a good technique day," Butterfield said as he watched many of the runners take proper leads and precise angles as they rounded the bases.

During fielding drills, David Bote worked out at third base with Kris Bryant, and Happ and Daniel Descalso shared reps at second base.

It was an eventful workout for shortstop Javier Baez, who tossed a soft lob that accidentally struck coach Franklin Font in the upper back. Baez was nearly beamed by Oscar De La Cruz during live batting practice.

Maddon said Bryant's swing looked "very familiar" to his old swing before he

hurt his left shoulder last May. "I have every reason to believe he's going to take it into a game," Maddon said.

As advertised: Descalso joined the Cubs with a knack for hitting well in late-inning situations, and he has fit in seamlessly with his teammates.

"He's a pro's pro," Maddon said. "He's definitely rooted in old-school tendencies. He's one of those guys who could have played any generation for any manager under any circumstances. He would have fit in extremely well. I love his influence."

Extra innings: Zobrist remains away with an excused absence. Maddon said Zobrist has remained in contact with President Theo Epstein. ... Jen-Ho Tseng will start Saturday's exhibition opener against the Brewers. ... Inclement weather forecast for Thursday has postponed the team's annual golf tournament.

WHITE SOX



BRIAN CASSELLA/CHICAGO TRIBUNE

White Sox shortstop Tim Anderson, center, has no shortage of confidence heading into the 2019 season.

Anderson brims with belief

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Asked if he was ready to stop answering Machado questions, Alonso laughed and asked, "What do you think?"

Shortstop Tim Anderson put it even more plainly: "(Bleep), yeah."

"We're going to be South Side regardless," Anderson said. "Nobody's decision determines what we've got going on in this locker room. We have a great group of guys here. We're going to do something special. The White Sox are moving in the right direction."

"Either ride with us or get run over. We know who's on the boat with us and which way we want to sail."

Machado's decision is good for Anderson. It means he keeps his stranglehold on shortstop.

Not that Anderson ever considered having to move.

"I don't think it was a question for him in his mind," manager Rick Renteria said. "And I don't think there was ever a question for any of us. He has shown a

tenacity to improve as a shortstop.

"He has shifted from being a basketball player who plays baseball to a baseball player that used to play basketball."

Anderson led Hillcrest High School in Tuscaloosa, Ala., to a state basketball title. He didn't start playing baseball until his junior year in high school and blossomed at East Central Community College, enough to get drafted 17th overall by the Sox in 2013.

Asked when he feels he shifted from a basketball player to a baseball player, he said: "Probably recently. I've been feeling like an athlete just playing, and now I'm learning the game more. Maturing more. I'm excited where I'm at and the direction I'm headed."

"Some of the plays I made last year were just off athleticism. If I take that and put that with learning the game, the sky's the limit."

As for football, Anderson still isn't ready to talk about Alabama's 44-16 loss to Clemson in the

national title game.

"C'mon, now I'm having a bad morning," he said. "I'm a little shaken up, but we'll be back."

Extra innings: The Sox announced pitchers for their split-squad Cactus League opener Saturday against the Dodgers and A's. Donn Roach, Jordan Stephens, Jose Ruiz, Thyago Vieira, Ryan Burr and Carson Fulmer are slated to face the Dodgers, and Jordan Guerrero, Colton Turner, Randall Delgado, Zach Thompson and Evan Marshall are scheduled to pitch against the A's. Renteria said the "main guys" such as Carlos Rodon and Reynaldo Lopez will begin with work on the back fields. ... Renteria isn't ready to confirm his opening-day starter or even that it would be Rodon or Lopez. The Sox open March 28 in Kansas City. The home opener is April 4 against the Mariners.

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What's next for the Sox?

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The Indians finished 13 games ahead of the second-place Twins last year and should cruise to the postseason again in 2019, even after doing virtually nothing in the offseason.

Outside of Cleveland, the rest of the AL Central is operating under an unofficial no-compete clause. The Sox, Royals and Tigers all are rebuilding while the Twins hired a rookie manager in Rocco Baldelli and might finish .500 if they're lucky.

So it's the Indians versus the rebuilds.

"I wouldn't say that's how we look at it," Antonetti said. "All the teams in our division have a story to tell about why they're on a good path. There's a lot of young talent in the division, and young talent often emerges very quickly. It's not kind of a linear progression."

"We've seen it even with our own team. A group of guys take a really big step forward really quickly, and I think there are a few teams in our division that have the ability to do that."

Are the Sox one of those teams?

It's possible but unlikely in Year 3 of the rebuild, especially with Machado taking the Padres' offer.

General manager Rick Hahn isn't expected to spend the savings on another big-name free agent this year but insisted the Sox will be aggressive with free agency down the road.

"The money will be spent," he said Tuesday. "It might not be spent this offseason but it will be spent at some point. This isn't money sitting around waiting to just accumulate interest. It's money that's trying to be deployed to put us in the best position to win some championships."

Well, if the Sox's reported \$250 million offer for Machado is accurate, hopefully the money is accumulating interest somewhere over the next nine months before the next free-agent class becomes available. No need to stash it under Chairman Jerry Reinsdorf's mattress.

Hahn labeled Machado's decision Tuesday as a "tough day personally." All the work that went into trying to reel in the superstar shortstop went for naught.

"From a fan standpoint, or whatever fan element is in me, that's the one that hurts," he said. "I'm fortunate I can mope around a little bit today and be pissed off and feel whatever range of emotions I'm guessing most Sox fans are feeling."

"But (Wednesday) I get to get up and go to that big league clubhouse and look around that room and see how much talent has already been accumulated, and then I get to go down to the minor-league side and meet with (director of player development) Chris Getz and his staff and talk about what's coming on that side."

Of course, most of the Sox's top prospects aren't even up yet, though Eloy Jimenez is knocking at the door. Yoan Moncada and Tim Anderson are really the only position players on the major-league roster assured of being around in another five years.

The projected starting lineup includes four players 31 or older — Jon Jay (33), Jose Abreu (32), Yonder Alonso (31) and Wellington Castillo (31). All should be trade bait by July, including Abreu — if he doesn't sign an extension.

So what do Sox fans have to look forward to in 2019?

"We're going to see a fair amount of Eloy over the course of the summer, and that's going to be a lot of fun for everybody," Hahn said. "Initially some young guys like Dylan Cease or Seby Zavala or Zack Collins or some of the outfielders in Double A are probably going to force our hand at some point over the course of the summer and perhaps bring similar type of excitement that we saw from Michael Kopech when he came up late last year."

"Even though we're entering Year 3 of this rebuild, which is probably early in terms of a team being very compelling on the field, as (manager Rick Renteria) said the other day, 'Some of the flowers are starting to bloom.' We may not have the full bouquet yet. ... We believe it's going to be a compelling product that's going to be even more so over time."

Let's hope there are more roses than dandelions.

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BLACKHAWKS

Hot but staying cool

DeBrincat unimpressed with himself despite very productive season

BY JIMMY GREENFIELD
Chicago Tribune

DETROIT — By any measure, Alex DeBrincat is having a remarkable season.

The Blackhawks sharpshooter has 60 points in 60 games and already has far surpassed last season's 52-point total with 22 games remaining before Wednesday's matchup against the Red Wings.

DeBrincat's assessment of his season so far?

"It's a work in progress," he said.

DeBrincat's modesty can be traced to a rookie season he felt was inconsistent and a teammate in Patrick Kane whose accomplishments are historic. Kane has 90 points this season and took an 18-game point streak and 17-game assist streak into Wednesday's game.

It's debatable whether DeBrincat's rookie season was inconsistent. His longest stretch without a point was four games, which matches his longest stretch this season. He did have goalless

streaks of eight games and 13 games, however. His longest streak without a goal this season is seven games.

"Seeing (a) guy like Kane have 18 straight, that's something you work towards," DeBrincat said. "You want to be the best player on the ice every game, so there's always room to improve. But it's nice to get better."

DeBrincat grew up in suburban Detroit and had a hat trick in his lone game against the Red Wings at Little Caesars Arena during his rookie season.

"It's nice playing in front of your family and friends," he said. "No matter who you are, it's always a fun game to play in."

Two minutes from history: When Dylan Strome lost his stick and the Senators' Matt Duchene looked like he was about to make a pass to an open teammate in front of the net, Dominik Kahun had no choice.

Kahun used his stick to impede Duchene and was called for hooking, his first penalty of the season as well as his NHL career. He was aware that no NHL player had ever gone an entire 82-game season without a penalty while playing in every game, but he said it wasn't important to him.

"It would have been something special for sure," he said. "I knew (it was) going to happen because there's so many games. But I didn't think about it like, 'Today I can't take a penalty because of the record.' I just play and it just happened."

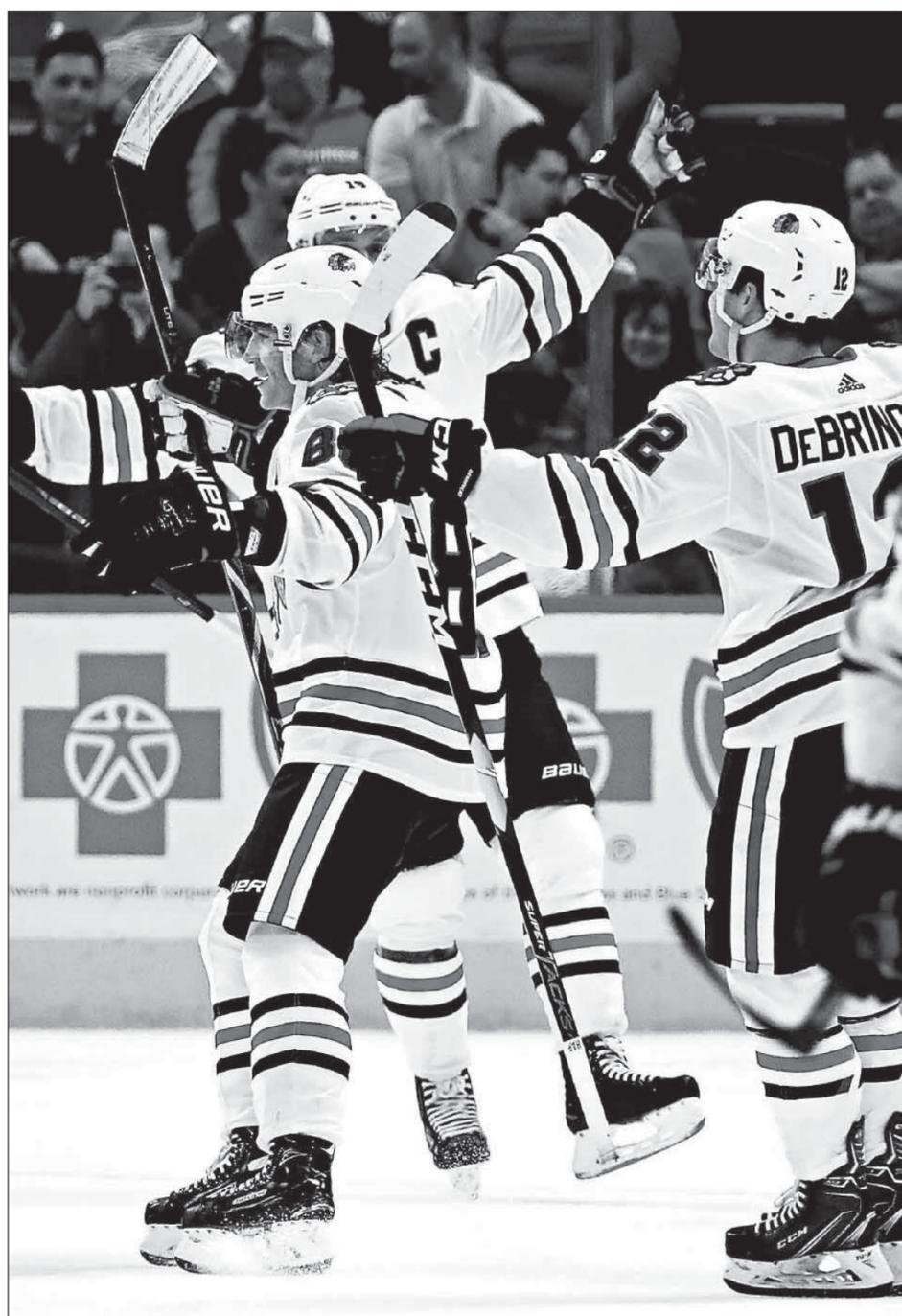
It turned out to be a good penalty as the Hawks killed it off and ended up with an 8-7 victory.

Crawford goes to Detroit: When coach Jeremy Colliton met with the media on Tuesday shortly before the team left for the short flight to Detroit, he told reporters Corey Crawford would not be going.

But when the team took the ice for Wednesday's morning skate, Crawford was there with his teammates.

"It was a little bit of a late change of plans," Colliton said. "Just the fact that he was able to practice with us was another chance to get him out there and get him a little extra work too. Good to see him."

There is still no timetable for Crawford, who hasn't played since he suffered a concussion Dec. 16, to take the tests required for him to be medically cleared to play in games. Colliton said it could be next week.



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HAWKS RECAP

Patrick Kane's second goal of the game 2:42 into overtime gave the visiting Blackhawks a 5-4 victory over the Red Wings and moved the Hawks — for a short time — into the final Western Conference playoff spot. The Avalanche later beat the Jets 7-1 to move ahead of the Hawks, though the Avs and Hawks are tied with 61 points. The Hawks won for the 10th time in 12 games despite allowing three third-period goals, including Andreas Athanasiou's second of the period with 1:26 to play that sent the game to overtime. For the full story from Wednesday's game, go to chicagotribune.com/sports

Keith wants another chance for a Cup

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"It was always a dream as a kid to be in the NHL and play in the best league in the world," Keith said. "And that's all I ever wanted to do. The Stanley Cup is the goal and it still is. But those other things, certainly proud of those things too. Playing a lot of ice time is just kind of part of working on my game and hopefully the coaches can keep having trust in me. That's something that's got to be earned."

"Fortunate to play in a great organization and play with a lot of great players. Goes by fast. Every year just seems like it goes by faster and faster."

Keith has led the Hawks in ice time each of his 14 seasons, and he will likely make it a 15th straight when this season is in the books. Keith's 22:48 of ice time leads Patrick Kane (22:16) but if that's where he ends up it would be a

career-low.

That Keith is human and subject to the aging process didn't seem possible when he was playing monster minutes in his prime. During the 2011-12 season, when Keith averaged a career-high 26:54 per game, he played over 30 minutes a game six times — with a high of 32:13 — and topped at least 29 minutes on 18 occasions.

The season-high of 26:17 he logged against the Senators? That would have been the 48th-most minutes he played in 2011-12.

At 35, Keith is slowing down. That's been apparent for a couple seasons and playing all those minutes during long playoff runs may have added up and factored into how many minutes he can play now.

"They probably do," Hawks coach Jeremy Colliton said. "I think how you get around that is how he takes care of himself. He's

extremely conscientious with how he trains and how he eats. He's a true pro. He knows how to prepare himself. I'm happy to give him some practices off and some morning skates off. I think he's pretty good at understanding what he needs to do to get ready."

"If he doesn't skate I'm never worried about it. He's gonna be ready to play."

Keeping himself in such great shape is what's made him a coaches dream all these years, and why he has a chance to keep playing into his 40's.

"I never felt like I was satisfied or content," Keith said. "Still don't. There's another Cup there and I think that's what motivates players. As soon as you start taking a breath or resting is when everything passes you by."

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COLLEGE BASKETBALL



CHUCK LIDDY/TNS

Duke's Zion Williamson holds his knee after falling to the floor when his shoe fell apart during Wednesday's game against North Carolina.

COLLEGE BASKETBALL ROUNDUP

Lost sole: Williamson injured in Duke defeat

Associated Press

Luke Maye took full advantage of a freak injury to Duke freshman sensation Zion Williamson, finishing with 30 points and 15 rebounds to lead No. 8 North Carolina past the No. 1 Blue Devils 88-72 on Wednesday night in Durham, N.C.

A star-studded crowd that included former President Barack Obama, Spike Lee and Hall of Fame outfielder Ken Griffey Jr. packed into Cameron Indoor Stadium looking for another highlight-filled show from Williamson — arguably college basketball's most exciting player.

But the Atlantic Coast Conference's second-leading scorer went down during the Blue Devils' opening possession.

Williamson grabbed his right knee in pain after slipping awkwardly and falling when his left shoe fell apart as he planted hard while dribbling near the free-throw line. The blue rubber sole ripped loose from the white shoe from the heel to the toes along the outside edge, with Williamson's foot coming all the way through the large gap.

He walked off with a slight limp but under his own power before heading to the locker room with no shoes on.

Cameron Johnson added 26 points and Garrison Brooks had 14 to help the Tar Heels (21-5, 11-2 ACC) earn their most lopsided win at Duke in 30 years.

By winning its ninth in 10 games and beating a top-ranked team for the first time since 2013, North Carolina pulled into a first-place tie with the Blue Devils (23-3, 11-2).

RJ Barrett matched a season best with 33 points and fellow freshman Cameron Reddish added a season-high 27 for Duke, but the rest of the team combined to score just 12.

Duke looked lost without Williamson. Meanwhile, North Carolina took advantage of the Zion-sized hole in the lane, scoring 32 of its first 34 points in the paint and finishing with a 62-28 scoring advantage there.

The Tar Heels never trailed. They increased their lead to 22 on Johnson's layup with about 16 minutes left and held on.

Eight nights after the Blue Devils rallied from 23 down in the final 10 minutes to win at Louisville, they couldn't come up with another comeback — especially without Williamson.

Villanova upset: Jessie Govan had 21 points and 11 rebounds,

Mac McClung scored 21 points and Georgetown beat No. 17 Villanova 85-73 in Washington, snapping a nine-game losing streak against the Wildcats.

Georgetown (16-10, 6-7 Big East) beat a ranked opponent for the first time since 2017, and second-year coach Patrick Ewing earned his first win against a top-25 foe in eight tries.

Villanova (20-7, 11-3) lost consecutive conference games for the first time since realignment in 2013 — a span of 104 games.

Phil Booth had 26 points, and Eric Paschall added 16 as Villanova lost for the third time in four conference games after starting 10-0 in Big East play. Colin Gillespie scored 13 points after having a career-high 30 in the teams' first meeting.

Florida tops LSU: Kevauughn Allen highlighted a 21-point performance with a pair of 3-pointers late in overtime, and Florida beat No. 13 LSU 82-77 in Baton Rouge, La.

Jalen Hudson and Noah Locke each scored 15 for Florida (15-11, 7-6 SEC), which has won three straight on the heels of competitive losses to Kentucky, Tennessee and Auburn.

Naz Reid had 16 points and 15 rebounds for LSU (21-5, 11-2), which lost for only the second time in 16 games.

Louisville falls: Elijah Hughes scored 18 points and Oshae Brissett had 16 to lead four players in double figures as Syracuse beat No. 18 Louisville 69-49 in Syracuse, N.Y.

Syracuse (18-8, 9-4 ACC) found the mark from behind the arc against Louisville, hitting 11 3-pointers.

The Cardinals (18-9, 9-5) were coming off two tough games. They blew a 23-point second-half lead and lost to top-ranked Duke just over a week ago and Saturday barely eked out a 56-55 win over Clemson. The slump continued against the Orange. Jordan Nwora had 11 points on 3-of-13 shooting to lead Louisville.

Howard leads Marquette: Markus Howard scored 28 points and Theo John added 15 points and 11 rebounds as No. 11 Marquette pulled away in the second half for a 79-69 win over visiting Butler.

Butler (15-12, 6-8 Big East) held an eight-point lead early in the second half, but Marquette (22-4, 11-2) erased it by going on a 25-7 run.

LOCAL ROUNDUP

Cats continue to slide as losing streak hits 7

Associated Press

Kaleb Wesson had 22 points and eight rebounds and Ohio State overcame a sluggish start to beat Northwestern 63-49 on Wednesday night in Columbus, Ohio.

Kyle Young and Duane Washington Jr. each added eight points for the Buckeyes (17-9, 7-8 Big Ten), who snapped a two-game losing streak and kept their hopes alive of staying on the NCAA tournament bubble with five regular-season games remaining.

Northwestern (12-14, 3-12) lost its seventh in a row and hasn't won since the middle of January.

After an ugly first half by both sides, Ohio State made seven of its first 10 shots to start the second half. The Wildcats kept it close until C.J. Jackson and Wesson hit back-to-back 3-pointers to put Ohio State up by 10 with nearly nine minutes left, and the Buckeyes cruised from there.

Vic Law led Northwestern with 10 points.

The teams combined for just three points in the first four minutes.

The first half ended with Ohio State leading 24-20. Northwestern shot 29.2 percent for the half, and the Buckeyes weren't much better (37.5 percent).

Loyola 70, Evansville 58: Marques Townes scored 21 points and Cameron Krutwig had 18 as the Ramblers (17-11, 10-5) defeated the Purple Aces (10-18, 4-11) at Gentile Arena to remain in a tie for the Missouri Valley Conference lead with Drake.

Bruno Skokna added 13 points for Loyola, hitting all three of his 3-point attempts.

Creighton 79, DePaul 67: Ty-Shon Alexander led five players in double figures for the host Bluejays (14-13, 5-9 Big East), who handed the Blue Demons (13-12, 5-9) their third straight loss. Max Strus had 18 points and eight rebounds for DePaul, which also had five players in double figures.

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GOLF

Stricker's Ryder captaincy a major accomplishment

Hasn't won a big one but will
lead U.S. at Whistling Straits

By DOUG FERGUSON | Associated Press

Steve Stricker paid his dues to become a Ryder Cup captain, and it had nothing to do with winning a major.

He didn't make his first team until he was 41 for the 2008 matches at Valhalla, a rare U.S. victory, and he played in two more. He spent the next six years in the back room as an assistant captain to Tom Watson, Davis Love III and Jim Furyk, and he was captain of the formidable U.S. team at the 2017 Presidents Cup.

Stricker was appointed Ryder Cup captain Wednesday, his seventh straight time taking part in the matches, this time in charge of a U.S. team trying to win back the gold trophy in his home state of Wisconsin.

It was hardly a surprise with the 2020 matches going to Whistling Straits, an hour north of Milwaukee, where Stricker was introduced Wednesday. He had his doubts when his name first was mentioned five years ago, aware each of the 28 previous American captains had won a major.

"I was thinking they're not going to have me. I haven't won a major," he said. "But it kept going further along, me putting in the time last year, the Presidents Cup a couple of years ago, and the PGA of America and Ryder Cup committees saying they wanted to move off from that."

All that matters now is bringing the Ryder Cup back home. Tiger Woods, one of three players on the Ryder Cup committee, said Stricker was a unanimous choice.

"Everyone knows he's such a nice guy, but beneath all of that exterior is this fieriness and this competitiveness, and he's also one of the more detail-oriented guys that we know," Woods said. "He'll be prepared, he'll be understanding and he's very good at communicating with the players and getting their opinions but also putting his foot down when he has to."

Europe, which has appointed Padraig Harrington as its captain for the 2020 matches, has won seven of the last nine, including a 17½-10½ victory outside Paris last year. That ended badly for the Americans, mainly from Patrick Reed telling the New York Times he blamed Jordan Spieth for them not playing together and Furyk for benching him twice.

Stricker is all about looking ahead and said he has spoken to Reed.

"We had a good conversation," Stricker said. "I kind of asked him what to expect, and he said: 'I've got your guys' back. I'm



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Steve Stricker beams after he was named the 2020 U.S. Ryder Cup captain at a news conference Wednesday in Milwaukee.

there for the team.' He's every bit committed. He knew what happened and was not comfortable with it, not happy with how that transformed. We're here about moving forward, pointing toward the next team, and I hope to have him as part of this team. We have a long ways to go."

The Mexico Championship, which starts Thursday, is the first tournament in which Ryder Cup points can be earned for the U.S. team. Reduced points are available this year in the World Golf Championships, Players Championship and majors, with full points at every event starting in 2020 (extra for majors).

Stricker wept after each of his 12 wins on the PGA Tour, so imagine being introduced in his home state as a Ryder Cup captain. He didn't get one sentence out before he tried to choke back tears.

"I'm an emotional guy. I'm truly humbled," Stricker said. "I'm very passionate about this competition. We want to win this more than ever. I want to help any way I can."

Now it's about continuity, and that was clear with Stricker's first appointment as an assistant — Furyk, who he said would have been his choice even without the plan for immediate past captains to be assistants the next time.

Another change PGA of America President Suzy Whaley announced Wednesday is the timetable for qualifying and being a captain's pick. Qualifying will end after the 2020 BMW Championship at Olympia Fields, the second of three FedEx Cup playoff events, and all four picks will be announced two days after the season-ending Tour Championship.

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BULLS



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The Bulls insist the role of veteran Robin Lopez (42) will not be reduced as they head toward the end of the season far back in the standings.

Bulls write tanking out of their plans

Unlike last season, no mandate to play kids instead of try to win

By K.C. JOHNSON
Chicago Tribune

Try telling the Bulls they have nothing left to play for in the final 24 games except draft lottery positioning.

"I don't think the fan base wants a team to lose on purpose," Zach LaVine said after a Wednesday evening workout at the Advocate Center that ended the All-Star break. "They want players who are competitive and want to win."

Unlike when the Bulls exited the break last season, there's no organizational mandate to prioritize lottery positioning over player development. At this point a year ago, management ordered coach Fred Hoiberg to remove Justin Holiday and Robin Lopez from the starting lineup.

On Wednesday?
"We have not discussed a diminished role for (Lopez) at all," coach Jim Boylen said. "RoLo is a big guy for the team and understands how we want to play. His screening is essential to making everyone better. His ability to screen and roll and catch the ball in the pocket makes us all better."

In other words, keep the good offensive vibes rolling that followed the trade for Otto Porter Jr., who helped the Bulls enter the break 2-2 in the four games since his acquisition from the Wizards. LaVine said the Bulls worked on some offensive wrinkles utilizing his and Porter's versatility.

The first practice after the break always has a similar vibe to the first day of training camp. Players are relaxed, rested and optimistic. For LaVine, he was able to rest his nagging ankles that have been plaguing him.



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Bulls coach Jim Boylen says he will "continue to coach and develop and demand good basketball and better play."

"The way the team is trending with our spacing, we're starting to shoot more 3-pointers," LaVine said. "I'm still going to be aggressive going to the hole. (Porter) is a knockdown shooter; you can't leave him. So if I drive his side of the floor, I know pretty much I am going to have an open lane or a one-on-one with the big."

The Bulls are in attack mode, not tank mode.

"My marching orders are to continue to coach and develop and demand good basketball and better play and honor the things we've talked about — playing for 'Bulls' across their chest, competing at a high level, playing the right way," Boylen said. "From my vantage point, I'm worried about us growing, and you grow when you have pressure put on you. You grow when you have something

ASK THE REPORTER K.C. JOHNSON

How would Porter, Williamson fit?



Is Otto Porter Jr. likely to be around for the long haul? Or is he a temporary piece that'll be a trade-deadline candidate?

— Luke A., Grand Forks, N.D.

I assume you mean trade deadline 2020 because this season's deadline passed the day after the Bulls acquired Porter from the Wizards. And it's a tough hypothetical to answer because you don't know where the Bulls will land in the draft lottery. If they get lucky and secure the No. 1 pick, Zion Williamson obviously is the pick. But you have Lauri Markkanen at power forward and Porter at small forward. Do the Bulls then entertain trade offers for the No. 1 pick? I'd doubt it and assume they would draft Williamson. In that scenario, I could see the Bulls shopping Porter at some point, although he's such a solid player and exactly the type of veteran the Bulls need to help stabilize some of the younger players. Porter has a \$28.4 million player option for the 2020-21 season that you have to assume he will exercise. So perhaps at the 2021 trade deadline he'll be shopped again as an expiring contract? What needs to be emphasized after all this speculation is the Bulls obviously value Porter greatly because they made the move to acquire him. And his play will be extremely beneficial to the rebuild. If the Bulls don't land the No. 1 pick in the draft lottery, I'd say it's almost certain Porter is here for the duration of his deal. And he might even be so even if the Bulls do luck into Williamson.

Otto Porter Jr. looks to be a good fit at small forward and fits well with Lauri Markkanen and Zach LaVine. If the Bulls luck out and get the No. 1 pick, they have to get Zion Williamson. Where does Zion play? Or is it better to drop to No. 2 or No. 3 and draft Ja Morant or RJ Barrett?

— T. Stevens, Kernersville, N.C.

It's never better to drop. Luck into the highest pick possible. The No. 1 pick opens up a world of possibilities. Do you make a run at Anthony Davis with a package centered on the No. 1 pick? If the Bulls somehow get lucky to own the first pick and no trades materialize, you draft Williamson with no questions asked and worry about fit later. He's that special of a talent.

at stake. So I'm going to keep pushing these guys to grow as a team.

"As far as the other stuff, continue to build our culture of competitiveness and that the team is first and we care for each other and the franchise. We've got a young crew that needs to be held accountable and developed. And that's what I'm going to do."

Layups: Kris Dunn practiced with contact after missing the final game before the break with a lower back bruise. ... Weather delayed Lopez's flight from Portland, Ore., and he arrived as the Bulls huddled to end practice. Boylen said Lopez worked out afterward on his own. Asked if Lopez would be fined, Boylen said he planned to talk to Lopez.

Hoiberg has time, seeks best timing

Ex-Bulls coach bound to get back into game; only question is when

By K.C. JOHNSON
Chicago Tribune

Fred Hoiberg wants to work in basketball again. That's what he has been telling people since the Bulls fired him Dec. 3.

When that will happen, even Hoiberg doesn't know. Where it will happen and on what level — NBA or NCAA — also is to be determined.

But Hoiberg is too much of a competitor not to get back in the game.

At the invitation of Iowa State coach Steve Prohm, the man who replaced him when Hoiberg left his alma mater to take the Bulls job in 2015, Hoiberg returned to Ames, Iowa, this week and spoke to the current Cyclones team.

He also jumped on the ESPN2 telecast Tuesday night of Iowa State's matchup with Baylor and spoke to reporters from the Ames Tribune and Des Moines Register. "I'm thankful for the opportunity that I got with Chicago," Hoiberg told the Des Moines Register. "There's a lot of things, when I reflect on my time, that I'm proud of. There's a lot of things, when I look back, I'm going to look to be better at before moving on to the next opportunity."

Hoiberg has been mentioned as a potential candidate in UCLA's upcoming search. Other prominent college opportunities surely will open once the NCAA tournament concludes.

But Hoiberg has told people his preference is to remain in the NBA, where he went 115-155 with one playoff appearance in three-plus seasons with the Bulls. When the Timberwolves fired Tom Thibodeau a little more than a month after the Bulls fired Hoiberg, sources indicated the Timberwolves placed Hoiberg on their list of candidates for both the coaching and executive positions Thibodeau held.

Most speculation is centered on the Timberwolves giving interim coach Ryan Saunders the opportunity to keep the job past this season. That would leave a potential executive position, depending on what happens with general manager Scott Layden.

Like any open-minded person in an open-ended phase of his life, Hoiberg seemed to keep his options open in comments to the Ames Tribune.

"When I was just getting out of coaching (the Bulls), that was the first thing on my mind and still is," Hoiberg said. "But if the right front-office opportunity came about, that is something I would look at."

There's also this option: Sit out next season, collect the \$5 million the Bulls owe him as long as he doesn't land another job and continue the family time and personal development that has defined his last two months.

Hoiberg spent a day with Steve Kerr's staff and the Warriors. He has watched his twin sons, Sam and Charlie, play high school basketball for Hinsdale Central and also spent time with Tom Izzo at Michigan State, where his oldest son, Jack, is a walk-on. A recent clip of the left-handed guard sinking a step-back 3-pointer went viral on social media.

The Bulls paid Thibodeau for a full season that he used as a sabbatical, visiting coaches he respected and dabbling in broadcasting. Hoiberg has no designs on the latter. But if the right opportunity doesn't present itself in the coming months, he can wait for one.

He just can't wait forever. He's too competitive. And he has too much desire to coach again.



CHRIS SWEDA/CHICAGO TRIBUNE

Former Bulls coach Fred Hoiberg wants to get back into the game, either in the NCAA or the NBA.

NBA

Sore knee to sideline 76ers' Embiid for a week

Associated Press

All-Star Joel Embiid will miss at least a week with a sore left knee.

The 76ers center underwent an MRI, which revealed no structural damage. He will undergo physical therapy.

Embiid, averaging 27.3 points

and 13.5 rebounds in 54 games, was the No. 3 pick of the 2014 draft and missed his first two seasons with multiple foot and knee injuries.

"It's reached the stage where he felt uncomfortable with it," coach Brett Brown said. "It's a little bit of tendinitis."

The Cavaliers' Kevin Love returned to the practice floor with his teammates Wednesday after the All-Star break. The five-time All-Star, who recently came back after missing more than 50 games due to foot surgery, said he plans to play Thursday against the Suns. ... Goran Dragic and Derrick Jones

Jr. practiced Wednesday and are pushing the Heat's game Thursday against the 76ers. Dragic has played in only two of his team's last 41 games and had knee surgery in December. Jones got bone bruises in his right knee after a fall last month. ... The Heat signed Emanuel Terry to a 10-day contract.

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JOSE JUAREZ/AP

Streaming stars such as Tyler "Ninja" Blevins have powered that surge of Apex Legends, a battle royale video game that has stormed the market since its release three weeks ago.

Royale rumble: There's a new game in town now

By JAKE SEINER
Associated Press

NEW YORK — For the first time since its meteoric rise, "Fortnite" is no longer a no-doubt victory royale atop the video game industry.

"Apex Legends" — a battle royale from Electronic Arts — has charged into the market and smashed "Fortnite" records for downloads and viewership since its release three weeks ago. Tyler "Ninja" Blevins and other streaming stars have powered that surge, as has the emergence of an 18-year-old "Apex" superstar. Esports teams are already scrambling to sign talented players and invest long-term, while others are raising concerns about overcommitting to the suddenly volatile battle royale genre.

Developed by Respawn Entertainment and published by EA, "Apex" has shaken the industry by building on many of its shining successes. It has pulled popular elements from other battle royales — a type of video game where players are dropped into a map and fight in a last-man-standing format against up to 100 other gamers — while making a few key changes.

Like "Fortnite" and "PlayerUnknown's Battlegrounds," "Apex" is free to download and play, making its money by selling outfits and other upgrades for use in the game. Among its key differences: "Apex" players compete exclusively in teams of three and can choose characters with varying abilities, features essential to team-based esports like "League of Legends" and "Overwatch."

The game also went hard after the existing battle royale audience. EA recruited Blevins, Richard "KingRichard" Nelson and other famous gamers, asking them to put down "Fortnite" and stream "Apex" following its release Feb. 4. Blevins alone has over 13 million subscribers on Twitch, immediately giving "Apex" a massive audience. It's unclear if EA paid those influencers to play the game, and EA did not respond to repeated requests for comment.

"Apex" had 25 million downloads in its first week, crushing the "Fortnite" mark of 10 million over its first two weeks after launching in 2017.

"I think 'Apex' has caught everybody by storm," said Andy Miller, CEO of NRG Esports, which rosters teams across various video game titles. "They did a phenomenal job of getting the influencers to play it first, feeding the market on Twitch and then watching every-



ELECTRONIC ARTS/TNS

Apex Legends from Electronic Arts has made a rapid splash in the competitive world of esports.

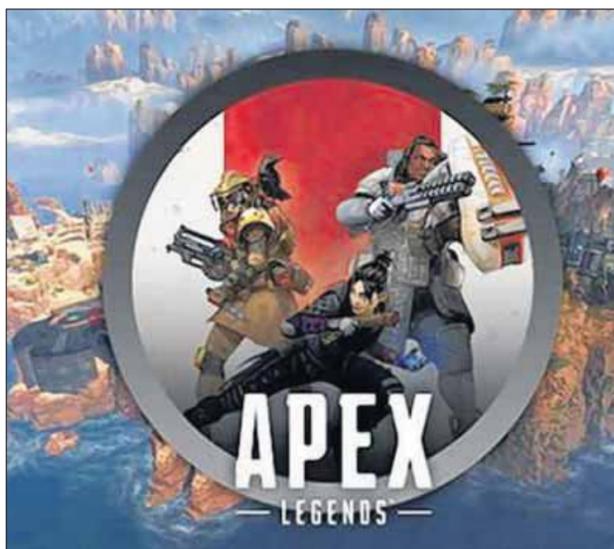
body starting to play the game, and the game is good."

Six days after the game launched, NRG announced it was recruiting "Apex" players, making it the first esports organization to seek a pro specifically for that title. General manager Jaime Cohenca led the search, combing through applications and Twitch streams. With the game being so new, Cohenca wasn't entirely sure what he was looking for other than an "exceptional talent."

He "knew immediately" when he came across Dizzy.

Coby "Dizzy" Meadows is an 18-year-old from Florida, and he is believed to be the best "Apex" player in the world. NRG signed him Feb. 12, and later that day, Meadows made major waves in the esports community by killing 33 of his 59 opponents in one match — a viral moment that generated nearly 500,000 views on YouTube alone. The next day, Meadows teamed up with Blevins and Nelson, also an NRG player, to win the \$200,000 Twitch Rivals Apex Legends tournament against a lineup of streaming megastars.

Behind big draws for Dizzy, Ninja and KingRichard, "Apex" smashed another "Fortnite" record that day: 8.28 million hours



ELECTRONIC ARTS/TNS

Apex Legends has shaken up the genre by making a few key changes

of "Apex" were streamed on Twitch, topping the "Fortnite" mark of 6.6 million from July 20, per The Esports Observer.

Meadows has played regularly with Blevins and Nelson since. They won another tournament together later that week, and in the finals, Meadows had as many

kills on his own as the entire opposing team.

"We knew this was a kid we had to take a flyer on," Cohenca said. "Dizzy was a rock star."

The question now: What comes next for "Apex," "Fortnite," and the stars and companies building up around their popularity? No

doubt, NRG's fast move on Meadows has paid off, and other top esports organizations have since begun recruiting their own "Apex" pros. But it's still not clear what kind of scene they're staffing up for.

Epic Games, the developer behind "Fortnite," hasn't prioritized that game's competitive sphere in the same way that companies behind "League of Legends" or "Overwatch" have. Top "Fortnite" players like Blevins aren't necessarily stars because they win every tournament. Ninja is a skilled gamer, for sure, but what has separated him is that he's entertaining, a talent that pairs well with a goofier game like "Fortnite."

"Apex" lacks those cartoonish vibes, and its rules and structure could lend it better to competitive esports — where skill and teamwork become more important than engaging on Twitch. EA has experience building leagues around its games, too, most notably with sports titles like Madden and FIFA.

Right now, it's unclear where "Apex" is going, and for how long it can hold that space. That's part of why Ari Segal, CEO at Immortals, has been hesitant to invest in battle royale players. He remains cautious, especially now that "Apex" has drawn up such a spectacular blueprint for entering the market.

"It's a well-oiled flywheel that likely means new battle royale games will increasingly be able to launch to faster and larger success, at least initially," he said.

Immortals and NRG are at opposite ends of that spectrum, in many ways. NRG already has plans to build out a full "Apex" team so it's ready to put a talented squad in the field no matter the competitive and streaming structure. It also plans to maintain its "Fortnite" roster, which features entertaining streamers like Nelson.

Segal's concern is that if one battle royale can so quickly pull eyeballs from the others, how do you build around each title? Formerly an executive with the NHL's Arizona Coyotes, his ambitions are to turn Immortals into a longstanding franchise like those in traditional sports. Quickly turning over rosters to keep up with the hot new thing isn't part of his plan.

"We believe that by selling sizzle, your customer is buying sizzle, and that by definition will flame out," Segal said. "We're not selling sizzle; we're building community."

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NHL TRADE DEADLINE

Set to hit road

Plenty of players will be in motion

PAUL SANCYA/AP

Red Wings forward Thomas Vanek, facing the Predators last month in Detroit, is a veteran of trade-deadline deals. He has switched teams three times at the deadline.

BY JOHN WAWROW | Associated Press

Thomas Vanek remembers waking up in Edmonton, Alberta, and turning on the TV in his hotel room to find out where he was heading.

It was March 5, 2014, the NHL's trade-deadline day, and Vanek's bags were packed. He knew he had played his final game a few days earlier for the Islanders after rejecting the team's bid to sign the pending free agent to a contract extension.

It wasn't until the deadline passed when Vanek's phone started ringing. It wasn't his agent, the Islanders or some other team's general manager.

"I got a message from a reporter saying, 'The Montreal media wants to talk to you,'" said Vanek, recalling how he found out he'd been traded to the Canadiens. "That was probably the hardest one because it was my first trade-deadline deal."

It wouldn't be his last.

The 35-year-old Vanek, now in his second stint with the Red Wings, has been dealt twice more at the deadline. GM Ken Holland informed Vanek he was being traded to the Panthers on March 1, 2017. And he learned through a friend's text message that the Canucks had sent him to the Blue Jackets on Feb. 26, 2018.

Though the one-year contract he signed with the Wings last summer includes a no-trade clause, there remains a chance he'll move once again before this season's deadline Monday.

"There's a reason I came back to Detroit because I like it here," he said. "But at the same time, who knows what's going to happen? Kenny's always talking. So if something comes up that makes complete sense, then we'll take a look at it."

The trading has already begun, with the most notable featuring the Maple Leafs' acquisition of defenseman Jake Muzzin in a deal with the Kings on Jan. 28.

Otherwise, the trade market remains bottled up with more prospective buyers than sellers. Of the 31 teams, 25 were in contention or within six points of their conference's eighth and final playoff spot entering play Wednesday night.

Among the more notable players considered on the market are Artemi Panarin of the Blue Jackets, Derick Brassard of the Panthers, Gustav Nyquist of the Red Wings, Kevin Hayes and Mats Zuccarello of the Rangers, and Blue Jackets goalie Sergei Bobrovsky. And then there are the Senators, who are attempting to determine the trade status of forwards Matt Duchene, Mark Stone and Ryan Dzingel, all of whom are eligible to become free agents this summer.

Last year's deadline featured 18 trades involving 37 players, including the Sabres dealing Evander Kane to the Sharks, the Blues sending Paul Stastny to the Jets and



MARK HUMPHREY/AP

Ex-Hawk Ryan Hartman had an odd trip to his new team when he was traded last year.

the Rangers moving Ryan McDonagh and J.T. Miller to the Lightning.

Few of the deals made an impact in their teams' respective playoff runs. The Lightning reached the Eastern Conference finals, but they were defeated by the eventual Stanley Cup champion Capitals, whose most notable late-season addition was defenseman Michal Kempny, acquired from the Blackhawks a week before the deadline.

The expansion Golden Knights reached the Stanley Cup Final despite getting limited production from trade-deadline addition Tomas Tatar. The Sharks made it to the second round before being eliminated but re-signed Kane.

None of the deals came close to matching what's considered the NHL's gold standard on March 10, 1980. That's when

the Islanders acquired Butch Goring from the Kings to spark what became a run of winning four consecutive championships. Goring wasn't happy about the deal, which also sent forward Billy Harris and defenseman Dave Lewis to the Kings.

"It was very upsetting because I was on the second year of a six-year contract and had made a commitment to basically spend my entire career in L.A.," Goring recalled.

It didn't take long to get over the shock for the then-30-year-old, who had scored 20 or more goals nine times during his 10-plus seasons with the Kings.

With Goring, the Islanders closed the season 8-0-4 and lost just six times in the playoffs in winning the Final in six games over the Flyers. The following year, Goring was named the playoff MVP.

He called the adjustment joining a

star-packed Islanders team less intimidating than it might have been as a younger player.

"I came into that dressing room and I didn't have anything to prove. I had a pretty strong reputation about who I was and what I couldn't do," Goring said. "I wasn't taking Bryan Trottier's job. I was there to be who I was."

Now an Islanders broadcaster, Goring refers to the trade as the "icing on the cake" of his career.

"Nobody knew much about Butch Goring, as I played all those years in L.A. There was no exposure," he said. "And now everyone remembers who you are. The great thing about the trade deadline is everybody talks about Butch Goring."

Deadline day

Vanek wondered if the deadline falls too late in the season for players to become comfortable with their new surroundings.

"The only thing you can control is being a good person, being a good teammate," he said. "But at the same time, the team that gets you, they want you to be productive. And that's the hard part."

Goring doesn't think so, noting the trade deadline used to be 26 days before the end of the season and now is 40.

"If you're going to acquire a player that's going to be a difference-maker, he's going to adapt in a hurry," Goring said.

Holland backs the current deadline.

"For those teams that are buyers, you still have 20 games to get that player acclimated to your system," he said. "For the teams that aren't sure if they're buyers or sellers, it gives them more time."

Hartman's headaches

Ryan Hartman won't soon forget what happened when the Blackhawks traded him to the Predators at last year's deadline.

With a stop-over in Toronto, it took him eight hours to fly from Chicago to Winnipeg, where he joined the Predators. And that was after beginning the day contending with a flat tire. He used Uber to get to the Hawks practice and then had to use it again — this time with all his equipment — to return home and pack before heading to the airport.

"I had an issue with it all year and someone told me at the beginning of the year, 'You're going to end up getting a flat tire at the worst time possible,'" Hartman said. "Sure enough."

Game of the week

The Avalanche visit the Blackhawks on Friday night in a game between two Western Conference wild-card contenders.



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Northwestern University history professor Daniel Immerwahr has written the book "How to Hide an Empire."

FALSE BORDERS

A fascinating look at how American mainlanders historically disregard the places — and people — of places like Puerto Rico, U.S. Virgin Islands

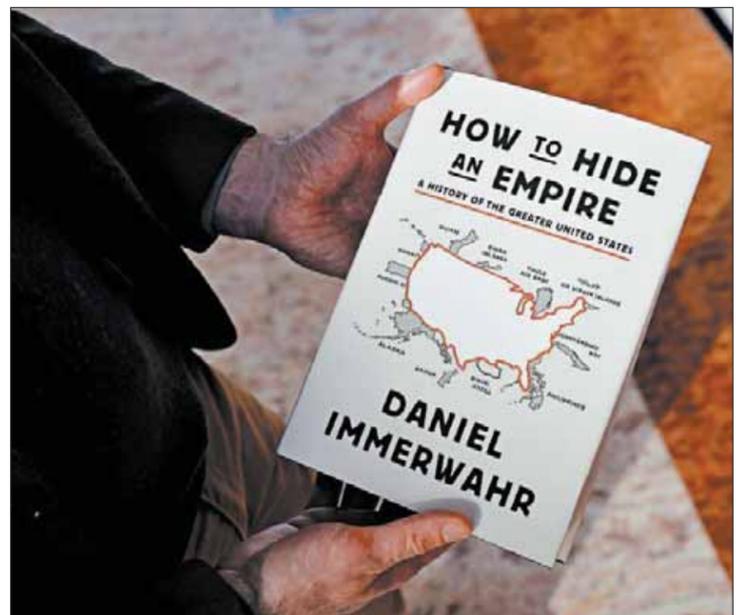
BY CHRISTOPHER BORRELLI
 Chicago Tribune

Daniel Immerwahr is not an outwardly provocative guy. He is slender and mild, from suburban Philadelphia, comes off serious, but not arrogant, smartly appointed, but not flashy. His office in the history department at Northwestern University is standard issue, rectangular, lined with books, a few personal artifacts, but nothing striking. He has a tattoo on his right arm of the Charles Demuth painting "I Saw the Figure 5 in Gold." Otherwise: a casting director's dream of a young, unpretentious history professor.

But there are different ways to be a history professor, he says, waving a hand as if to introduce each. "There are different modes. One is outrage — the tragic history of what modernity has wrought. Some go for antiquarian — 'How different and weird the past was!' But the feeling I most prize as a historian is 'Holy (expletive)! I didn't know that!'"

Take "How to Hide an Empire," his new book.

At a glance, it looks like a dive into the history of American territorial (yawn) expansion. And it is, a deeply researched, often revelatory reframing of history as seen through the islands,



Daniel Immerwahr's book explores U.S. expansion to international territories.

prairies and military bases that the United States has claimed as its own. It is about how "mainland" Americans came to regard — or perhaps, disregard — places like Puerto Rico and the Northern Mariana Islands, along with the U.S. citizens in those territories. It is about, as Immerwahr describes, the

nation as a "pointillist empire."

And yet, even if you set aside that premise, as much as this is a story of neglect and violence — it's an absorbing, entertaining read. You learn something amazing on almost every page. Did you

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'Purchased Lives' tells America's tale of human trafficking

BY STEVE JOHNSON
 Chicago Tribune

"Purchased Lives," the new exhibition about the slave trade within America at the Illinois Holocaust Museum, has dozens of ways to break your heart and dozens more to boil your blood.

There are ships' manifests of human beings sold downriver to be resold to other humans; one such tallied 48 men, 10 women, 43 children aged 10 to 17, and 10 younger children. There are tales of children taken from parents and wives from husbands so that the plantation owners of the lower South could reap greater profit from the harvest of their crops. And there are quotations hanging on scrolls from formerly en-

slaved people, raw human testimony to the crimes against humanity alleged Christians granted themselves the right to commit.

But it is a wall of post-Civil War newspaper clippings at the very end of this harrowing exhibition that might be the most wrenching of all, if only for the seeming equanimity with which people describe having had their families torn apart.

Mr. Editor — I wish to inquire of Mr. John Stewart if he could tell me anything about Sallie that your father bought from Mr. Cornelius Vaughn. When she was sold to your father she was about ten years old.

Dear Editor — I wish to inquire for my uncles, Frank, Sam and Joe, who went

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 A public auction notice for "A Valuable Gang of Georgia and South Carolina Field Hands."

IN PERFORMANCE: 'Twilight Bowl' ★★★

College divides young Wisconsin women in Goodman production

BY CHRIS JONES
 Chicago Tribune

The consortium of universities known as the Big Ten has famous football and basketball programs (Go Buckeyes!), and a plethora of other varsity sports from lacrosse to judo to 10-pin bowling, where the dominant Big Ten team in recent years is the University of Nebraska, Lincoln (Go Cornhuskers!). But I doubt you know about the Big Ten Theatre Consortium, a group of heartland training programs that decided there were insufficient plays out there offering juicy and challenging roles for the college-age women whose presence dominates their programs.

So they set about paying

playwrights to write a few.

One of the results of the Big Ten project, Rebecca Gilman's "Twilight Bowl," opened Tuesday night at the Goodman Theatre, following an initial production at University of Iowa. Gilman went to graduate school there (Go Hawkeyes!) and now teaches at Northwestern University (Go Wildcats!), so she has Big Ten bonafides as solid as those of this critic.

Gilman surely came through for her sponsors. Not only does "Twilight Bowl" feature six college-age women as its sympathetically drawn characters, but everybody gets a monologue or two and thus their moment in the

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Chris Stapleton is nominated as producer and artist for album of the year for "From A Room: Volume 2."

Stapleton leads ACM Awards nominations

Chris Stapleton and Dan + Shay lead the 54th Academy of Country Music Awards with six nominations each, while Grammy album of the year winner Kacey Musgraves comes in with five nominations.

Reba McEntire, who is hosting the show for a record 16th time, announced the nominees in top categories Wednesday. The top category, entertainer of the year, is all-male for the second year in a row, which includes Stapleton, Jason Aldean, Luke Bryan, Kenny Chesney and Keith Urban. And Musgraves is the sole female artist in the album of the year category along with Stapleton, Dan + Shay, Eric Church and Dierks Bentley.

Stapleton is nominated twice as producer and artist for album of the year for "From A Room: Volume 2," which he won last year for "From A Room: Volume 1." He also seeks to win his second consecutive male artist of the year trophy and is nominated twice for song of the year for "Broken Halos," for which he is also nominated as a producer.

Dan + Shay could make good on their first Grammy win for best country duo/group performance for "Tequila," which has earned them three nominations as a duo at the ACMs. They are also nominated for vocal duo of the year, album of the year for their self-titled release and musical event of the year for a duet with Kelly Clarkson.

The ACMs will be aired April 7 on CBS from the MGM Grand Garden Arena in Las Vegas.

— Associated Press



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Markle in NYC for rumored baby shower:

Meghan Markle has been spotted at several swanky venues in New York City, cradling her baby bump as she visited friends for what is rumored to be a baby shower. The Duchess of Sussex was seen Tuesday entering the Mark hotel on Manhattan's Upper East Side. As photographers waited outside the Mark, a high-end boxed crib and pink flowers were delivered. Meghan and Prince Harry announced the pregnancy in October.

Moore helps unveil sex misconduct policies:

Oscar-winning actress Julianne Moore has helped New York Gov. Andrew Cuomo's administration unveil the governor's series of initiatives aimed at improving the lives of women in New York. Moore joined Lt. Gov. Kathy Hochul on Tuesday at Lincoln Center in Manhattan for an event launching Cuomo's Women's Justice Agenda. Moore is a leader of the Time's Up movement.

Lipa leads Brit Awards noms:

Dua Lipa, Anne-Marie and George Ezra lead nominations for the U.K. music industry's Brit Awards. Lipa, whose star status was cemented with two Grammy Awards earlier this month, is up for four trophies. Pink is due to receive an award for outstanding contribution to music during the ceremony at London's O2 Arena, hosted by comedian Jack Whitehall.

Feb. 21 birthdays: Singer Mary Chapin Carpenter is 61. Actor William Baldwin is 56. Actor Titus Burgess is 40. Actress Jennifer Love Hewitt is 40. Actress Ellen Page is 32.



ASK AMY

By AMY DICKINSON

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Partners ponder angles on infidelity

Dear Readers: I've stepped away from the Ask Amy column for two weeks to work on a new writing project. I hope you enjoy these edited "best of" columns in my absence. The questions and answers were first published 10 years ago. Today's theme is: unhappy partners.

Dear Amy: Several years ago, I had a one-night stand with a married woman. I later learned that she had a child. DNA testing proved the child is mine. I feel horrible knowing there is a daughter out there who is mine but loves another man who is not her biological father. I've turned into a hermit and am unhappy.

The mother has decided she wants to clear the air now, six years later. She has lived a lie all this time, and I'm messed up knowing I have a child I may never know. Where do we go from here?
— Desperate

Dear Desperate: Where you go is straight to the truth. You know the old saying "The truth will set you free"? It's true, and you will feel better when you are no longer living a lie. You should tackle this one step at a time, and it would be best to do so with some mentoring and support.

You would benefit greatly from seeing a counselor who could sit with you, listen and offer emotional support and professional advice. Your child is still young. It is not too late to establish a relationship with her. You also have legal and financial issues to consider. People who care about you will not judge

you harshly, especially when they see you are trying to do the right thing. You need to tell the truth for your daughter's sake and your own. (May 2009)

Dear Amy: My wife died seven years ago. Two weeks ago, I was reading a travel diary she kept while in Europe on business. My wife and I were not married at the time but had been a couple for 12 years.

My wife was staying in a converted castle for a seminar with other managers. I read in her journal that one day she had lunch and dinner with a man named Jerry. I was destroyed. I have brought this up to a few friends and relatives, and most of the women said the same thing — that it was just lunch and dinner.

I am angry that she accepted the invitation at all. I know I don't have any way to get the truth, and I also have no recourse. I talked to an old girlfriend of hers who said my wife was a "one-man woman." Sure, I'm thinking, maybe one man at a time. Am I being too critical?
— Devastated Husband

Dear Devastated: Being angry, confused or upset is one thing. But when you start slinging accusations and insinuations around about someone who can't defend her own reputation, you seem irrational and even cruel.

I can think of several reasonable explanations for your wife's actions. As her loving husband, your instinct should not be to jump to the harshest conclusion but to assume the very best about someone whom you loved and who

presumably loved you. You need to get a grip about this, but if you find you are obsessing, still angry, and can't let it go, see a counselor. (September 2009)

Dear Amy: My husband has a female friend that he just can't seem to part ways with. They talk on the phone and send text messages. The other day he dropped off a bottle of wine at her house. What should I do? He says if I keep the house clean, he will stop seeing her.
— Upset Wife

Dear Upset: His offer of a deal means he knows what he is doing is wrong, and he is using this as leverage. Carmela Soprano would have told her husband, Tony: "I'll give YOU a deal: You can stop texting her and you clean the house."

After you explain to your husband that his behavior is disrespectful and is interfering with your marriage, get busy. Find ways to boost your self-esteem through healthy pursuits. Prepare to have a calm conversation with your husband that starts with the phrase, "Well, now that you've gotten my attention, let's talk about our marriage." (September 2009)

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sun. Moreover, the themes of the play are dear to the mission of these great land-grant universities. In essence, the play looks at the divide that opens up between lower-middle class women living in a small Wisconsin town, based on who does and does not go to college.

"Twilight Bowl" is not recruitment propaganda, nor is it uncritical of some of today's college students. It pokes easy fun at Maddy (Angela Morris), a wealthy student (from Winnetka, where else?) who has come home with one of the young women who hang together at the Twilight Bowl, where some of them work. And a character named Brielle (Mary Taylor) finds happiness without going to college. On the other hand, Jaycee (Heather Chrisler) ends up going to prison and Clarice



LIZ LAUREN PHOTOS

Anne Thompson, Heather Chrisler, Hayley Burgess and Becca Savoy in the world premiere of "Twilight Bowl" at the Goodman.

(Hayley Burgess), a hotel maid working two jobs, finds herself resenting Sam (Becca Savoy), who makes it to Ohio State on a bowl-

ing scholarship. Gilman is kind to everyone, including Sharlene (Anne E. Thompson), the conservative Christian in

the group, and a dogged friend who ends up doing a great deal of good. Still, this is very much a play about the importance of getting out of dead-end situations, and the rifts that come between young people from much the same background are made not just by the different decisions they make, but by the hidden inequity in their circumstances. The fate of the women, the play implies, is very much linked to the functionality, or lack thereof, of their parents. And, in its best moments, "Twilight Bowl" amplifies one of the truths very much evident to those committed to expanding equity in higher education — a major factor preventing more success from first-generation college students is their own lack of ambition. Ninety percent of class mobility is believing it's possible.

I wouldn't say that the 90-minute "Twilight Bowl," set entirely in the bar of a bowling alley, will be viewed as one of the major works from a writer I've been reviewing, and have admired, for decades. It is more of a character study than Gilman's more structurally ambitious, and richly plotted, other works. But this play really captures the difficulty that so many



Heather Chrisler in the world premiere of "Twilight Bowl" at the Goodman Theatre.

peer groups of friends feel when it comes to the nexus of love and jealousy; being genuinely happy for someone else is a crucial skill that the characters learn in many ways during this play. And the piece is a vehicle for some very talented young performers, all working here under the direction of Erica Weiss.

Chrisler, playing a role quite different from her usual outings, is both forceful and compelling. Taylor is very funny. And Savoy — playing the woman who gets out to Columbus and knows she cannot return — has avoided falling so much in love with her character that she cannot reveal her prejudices and flaws. It's a fine performance.

With the exception of a few forays into the overly broad, Weiss' production always feels alive, real, raw and in the moment; the women have formed a mutually dependent ensemble, which is the only way to play characters whose intense friendships have so intertwined their fates.

Few plays exist about

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small-town Wisconsin. Even fewer serious plays. Even fewer serious plays that make you feel like the writer actually knows these communities. Many metro Chicagoans — this one included — spend occasional time in small towns up north, envying the sense of belonging and loving the people, but likely also feeling eager to get back to the city and its opportunities. "Twilight Bowl" captures much of how that feels, except the work comes from the point of view of those young people who face a terribly difficult decision about home.

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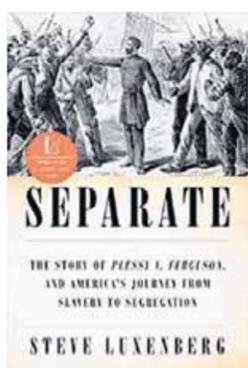
How court bolstered 'separate but equal'

By ERIC FONER
The Washington Post

A few years ago legal scholar Jamal Greene published an article that identified the worst Supreme Court decisions in U.S. history. High on the list was *Plessy v. Ferguson*, the 1896 case in which the court upheld a Louisiana law requiring rail companies to provide "equal but separate" coaches for white and black passengers. Legally mandated segregation, the court ruled, did not violate the 14th Amendment's guarantee to all persons of equal protection of the laws.

Thanks to the iconic status achieved six decades later by *Brown v. Board of Education*, which overruled it with regard to public education, *Plessy* is undoubtedly the most widely known of a series of late-19th-century Supreme Court decisions that eviscerated what Republican leader Carl Schurz called the "constitutional revolution" after the Civil War — the three amendments that ended slavery and sought to establish legal foundations for equal citizenship regardless of race.

But few Americans know much about the people central to the case. They include Albion W. Tourgee, who as a judge fought the Ku Klux Klan in Reconstruction North Carolina and argued the case before the court; Henry Billings Brown, a scion of the New England elite who wrote the 7-1 decision; John Marshall Harlan, the slave-owning Kentuckian who fought for the Union in the Civil War and became the lone dissenter in *Plessy*; and members of the Citizens' Committee of New Orleans, descendants of the city's



'Separate'

By Steve Luxenberg,
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prewar mixed-race free black community, who initiated the effort to overturn the Separate Car Act.

As Steve Luxenberg makes clear in "Separate," blacks saw the law as an affront to their rights as citizens, which included equal treatment in places of public accommodation and entertainment and by transportation companies.

With financial help from a local railroad company — which disliked the expense of separate cars, as there were often few, if any, black passengers — the Citizens' Committee arranged for the light-skinned Homer Plessy to enter a whites-only coach and for the conductor to have him arrested when he refused an order to leave.

Tourgee thought the fact that Plessy could easily have passed for white showed the absurdity of trying to write racial classifications into law and empowering train conductors to determine a passenger's race. He also insisted the law's purpose was not simply to separate riders but to degrade blacks.

Writing for the court's

majority, Brown did not confront most of Tourgee's arguments but blamed blacks for being oversensitive.

In his dissent, Harlan issued the oft-quoted rebuke to the majority: "Our Constitution is color-blind." The "thin disguise" of equal facilities, he wrote, could not obscure the fact that enforced separation was an expression of racial dominance rooted in slavery and therefore violated not only the 14th Amendment, with its guarantee of equal treatment, but also the 13th, which had abolished that institution. The decision, Harlan correctly predicted, would unleash a flood of laws segregating every part of Southern life. Of course, separate institutions were never equal. For more than half a century, Plessy would provide the legal foundation for the system of racial inequality known as Jim Crow.

"Separate" reminds us that our history is not simply a narrative of greater and greater freedom. We live at a moment not unlike the 1890s, with its retreat from the ideal of equality.

Just a few years ago the court invalidated key provisions of the Voting Rights Act of 1965. President Donald Trump recently announced a plan to abrogate the clause of the 14th Amendment that recognizes as citizens virtually all persons born in the U.S. One cannot help wondering which constitutional provision will be next.

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BOOK REVIEW

Dynamic look at families separated at the border

By KRISTEN MILLARES YOUNG
Special to The Washington Post

Some days, it seems the distances between us cannot be closed. "Lost Children Archive," Valeria Luiselli's new novel, highlights our common humanity and challenges us, as a nation, to reconcile our differences.

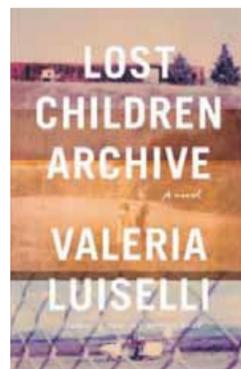
It begins with an epigraph, a translation of the migrant's prayer — "To leave is to die a little./ To arrive is never to arrive." What follows is an epic road trip across the U.S., echoing the narrative framework of her last book, "Tell Me How It Ends: An Essay in 40 Questions." In that book, a work of nonfiction, she drove toward the U.S.-Mexico border with her husband and children.

In both, Luiselli, a New Yorker born in Mexico City, argues for our country's responsibility to care for migrant children whose lives and families were made fragile by ruinous American policies, from the failed war on drugs to destabilizing interventions in the democratic affairs of our southern neighbors.

In spinning "Tell Me How It Ends" into a work of fiction, Luiselli widens her lens to capture the unruly intimacies of marriage and parenthood.

The unhappy couple at the center of the story — she a radio reporter, he in pursuit of recording more arcane sounds — are no longer tethered by the project that brought them together: to create a soundscape of New York so the languages and ephemera of that great, teeming city will not be erased in its ongoing project to remake itself.

Luiselli nails the joys and discontents that accumulate in parents who



'Lost Children Archive'

By Valeria Luiselli, Knopf,
400 pages, \$27.95

lose sight of their own happiness amid the hustle, the health insurance, the groceries, the laundry. The road trip in "Lost Children Archive" is occasioned by the husband's move to the Southwest. Accompanying the couple are their children, a boy and a girl produced by prior relationships, who know their new little family will split up upon arrival.

Despite the layers of pain — the immediate collapse of the marriage set against the brutal deportation of migrant children — the narrator resists self-pity or, as she puts it, becoming someone she would eventually disdain. Every dissolution has two players.

The family drives from one tense roadside exchange to the next amid myriad disintegrations, lightened momentarily by ecstatic splashing in a guitar-shaped motel pool. Throughout, Luiselli weaves lyric flashes of Americana in all of its decayed glory — "we see more churches than people, and more signs for places than places them-

selves" — with inquiries into why we, a nation of ragged individuals, exhibit so little compassion for brave kids fleeing death to arrive at our border.

Although President Donald Trump has made false and racist claims about immigrants to generate support for a border wall, the inhumane federal treatment of migrant children began before his presidency. Under President Barack Obama, the U.S. government fast-tracked the immigration proceedings of unaccompanied migrant Central American children, which sounds like a good thing until Luiselli's narrator points out — factual references give the novel urgency — that children who could not find a lawyer within 21 days were sent back to the country they'd escaped.

"Lost Children Archive" unfolds in four parts, interspersed with annotated contents of archival boxes belonging to various family members and containing bibliographies, maps, migrant mortality reports, photos and notes. It concludes with reprints of Polaroids provided by the author, but nominally taken by the fictional stepson, chronicling their family's journey to the very same canyons where so many people have faced their end. Arguing for compassion, again and again, in recurrent narrative parallels, Luiselli refuses to resign herself to a lesser world.

Even now, she writes, children are "traveling alone on trains, crossing the desert, sleeping on the ground under the huge sky."

Kristen Millares Young is the author of "Subduction," a novel forthcoming from Red Hen Press in 2020.

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know American expansion (through military bases in England) helped create the Beatles? Or the role that "Peruvian guano lords" played in U.S. history? Or that Hoover was obsessed with standardizing screws?

Or that Godzilla is really an American creation?

Or that each of these seemingly disparate facts, in a way, are linked? Immerwahr is not the conspiratorial sort of history professor, and yet it's not hard picturing him before one of those large blackboards on "The Wire," drawing a spiderweb of connections and relationships. He laughs at this. "Actually, as I was working on a draft," he said, "I seriously sent my agent a note: 'Godzilla, the peace sign, 9/11, military bases ...' then in all caps with like eight exclamation points, 'IT'S ALL CONNECTED!!!!!!' That was exactly the feeling I was getting, that feeling of strange and obscure details suddenly revealed to be important."

"How to Hide an Empire" builds towards a single, reality-scrambling concept: that the familiar map of the United States you know, sea to shining sea, Atlantic to Pacific, Canada to Mexico, is wrong. This, in other words, is a different argument about borders. We spoke recently at Northwestern. The following is an edited version of a longer conversation.

Q: Why start with Pearl Harbor?

A: What is familiarly remembered as Pearl Harbor is in fact an empire-wide attack by Japan on the United States' Pacific holdings. In a matter of hours, Japan attacks the Philippines, Hawaii, Wake Island and Guam, but it's remembered as an attack on Hawaii. There is an amazing moment later where Nixon, who fought in the Pacific, is talking about Hawaii and says it's the only U.S. territory

struck during World War II. And he served there. That kind of memory is forged in the day or two after the attack when you see drafts of FDR's speech and he's trying to figure out how to narrate this event. Militarily the damage done in the Philippines is arguably just as bad or worse than Hawaii. Just after the invasion and bombing, Eleanor Roosevelt describes the attack as a bombing of Hawaii and the Philippines. His secretary of state narrates it this way. In the end, the Philippines is conquered, one million people die there — that's just Philippine numbers. It's the bloodiest event to ever take place on U.S. soil. But (in the days after the initial 1941 attack), the Philippines is crossed out of speeches, presumably because of a sense it is insufficiently domestic. Places with more white people sold better as "the United States." There's also the question of what the public backs. In polls right before Pearl Harbor, the public is asked if it supports a military defense of the Philippines.

Q: And they say no.

A: Exactly — about 55 percent of the mainland public is even unwilling to see a military defense of Hawaii.

Q: So why does the U.S. use Hawaii as the central narrative to rally support?

A: It had a much larger white population (than the Philippines). It's more receptive to settlement. It's not a state yet but incorporated territory, so potentially admissible to statehood, whereas the Philippines is unincorporated and under U.S. law, as a Supreme Court justice notoriously put it, is "foreign in a domestic sense." But even Hawaii was tricky for FDR because of politics. Rand McNally's atlas still listed Hawaii as foreign land.

Q: You write about an incident between Kalamazoo schoolchildren and Rand McNally, on

"There are five inhabited U.S. territories now and four were facing existential threats. ... That's the front lines of history, but the mainland tends to be fairly unaware."

— Daniel Immerwahr, author of 'How to Hide an Empire'

this point.

A: Right, these seventh-grade girls there, they write to Rand McNally asking, "How can you list Hawaii as foreign when we're fighting a war because the U.S. was hit at Hawaii?" Rand McNally responds — and this is so rich — that "although Hawaii belongs to the United States it is not an integral part of this country. It is foreign to our continental shores and therefore cannot be logically shown under the United States proper." The girls respond that it's an alibi rather than an explanation. And they're right.

Q: Why the unwillingness from Americans to place U.S. territories in the national imagination?

A: A lot of reasons. But I think the U.S. showed an unusual form of commitment to a form of empire that involves continuous expansion and demographic swamping — basically, pushing indigenous people aside as settlers from the East Coast pushed west. That experience imprinted on the national mythology. Yes, it has territories but some get to be states and, according to the Northwest Ordinance, the way for territories to become states is to fill up with white people once indigenous people are displaced. That is the model for much of the 19th century and it proves a hard idea to break. A big part of the story the United States tells about itself is that it's exceptional, it doesn't impose itself on countries, it is not imperial. Compare that to Britain. For a long time they're quite proud of the idea they are civilizing the world through empire.

Q: They describe themselves as an empire.

A: They even created a holiday called Empire Day. Around the same time, the United States begins a holiday called Flag Day, which is about venerating a flag that includes the stars for every state but nothing at all for its territories.

Q: What is a difference between territory and commonwealth?

A: There are legal distinctions, but really "territory" covers it all. Puerto Rico is a territory but its legal designation is commonwealth. Commonwealth status intends to suggest an in-between status, between colony and independent country. It implies that some powers will be locally controlled apart from the mainland (government). "Colony," though, is interesting. At the moment when a lot of U.S. territories were acquired Teddy Roosevelt and Woodrow Wilson were happy to openly refer to them as colonies. Because that's what they were. But within a decade or so, euphemism sets in and the government gets uncomfortable with the C-word and starts calling them territories. Which is comfortable because "territory" encompasses places like Kansas and Montana, and again, a history of territories becoming states, therefore a part of our mythology that doesn't challenge the idea that the U.S. is a republic, not an empire.

Q: What about "focus groups"? Cornelius Rhoads turns Puerto Rico into a focus group.

A: Or a laboratory. He views it that way. He's this Harvard-trained guy hired by the Rockefeller Foundation who goes to Puerto Rico to study the effect of hookworm disease on anemia. Because he's in Puerto Rico, not Cam-

bridge, he feels he has a license to run all kinds of experiments, including depriving some patients of treatment and inducing anemia in others. He refers to Puerto Ricans as "experimental animals." He composes a letter in which he says Puerto Rico is beautiful but its population is objectionable and the best thing would be to exterminate Puerto Ricans. He says he started by killing eight patients and seeks to transplant cancer in 13 more. Then that letter is discovered and becomes a scandal. He claims he was angry and drunk when he wrote it. There is a (U.S.) investigation. But he faces no charges and is never questioned by the government — which later discovers an even worse letter, then destroys the evidence.

Q: Do you see consistency between that history and criticism of how negligent the U.S. federal government was toward Puerto Rico after Hurricane Maria in 2017? Speaking of which, there was a massive typhoon last fall in the U.S. territory of the Northern Mariana Islands, 180 mph winds, that many here never heard about.

A: Typhoon Yutu. The worst storm to hit the United States since the 1930s, did irreparable damage. And it barely made a bent on the mainland conscience. I could find almost no reporting on it. But let's just do the math: Hurricane Maria hits Puerto Rico, Hurricane Irma hits the U.S. Virgin Islands just before that, Typhoon Yutu hit Northern Mariana a few months ago. Also in 2017, North Korea threatens to fire missiles at Guam. There are five inhabited U.S. territories now and four were facing existential threats. (American Samoa is the fifth.) That's the front

lines of history, but the mainland tends to be fairly unaware of what is going on with them, which fuels a federal neglect.

Q: Did the U.S. always intend to expand beyond the East Coast of North America?

A: Well, the borders were nebulous from the get go. The United States needed to grow to a degree to firm up its place among empires — to give it some heft. A lot of the founders speak eagerly about expansion, but it wasn't clear how fast that would happen or in what direction. Jefferson is most interested in the Caribbean. He's eyeing Cuba. But the notion that the U.S. had to push west? That was far from obvious at the founding.

Q: How many people live in its territories today?

A: The number is changing, partly because of depopulation in Puerto Rico. But about four million. It's a lot of people.

Q: Is this a radical approach to American history?

A: No, not very. A lot of historians have studied U.S. territories and military bases for a long while. What I've been frustrated by is that despite shelves of research, many U.S. historians still haven't done a great job of absorbing that knowledge. Take the *Journal of American History*, the major U.S. history journal among American historians. In the last 50 years, aside from book reviews, it has published only one article about the Philippines — one! I can't imagine British historians being so cavalier about India. So no, this book is not really radical. This is not new information. And yet, yeah, a lot of historians of the United States, for a long time, have found it easy to ignore places that are the United States. That attitude is what I hope this book can change.

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from Kemper Co., Miss. Their mother's name is Penny Pollock. Joe ran away from Dr. A Brown during the war, and the last I heard of him he was in Chicago.

Dear Editor — I wish to inquire for my sister Martha, who was sold from us at Jackson, Tennessee, to Tom Boyle, near Bolivia, Tennessee. She was seven years old at the time. We all belonged to John Green ... Mother and all the children but Martha are living together in Texas.

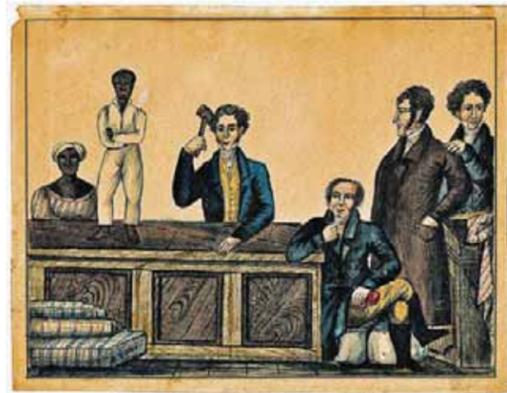
They were called "Lost Friend" ads in one newspaper that published them for free, and these tales of separation and the hope of reunion ran, the exhibition tells us, almost until World War I.

"Purchased Lives," developed by the Historic New Orleans Collection, is the first exhibition about slavery that the Skokie museum has offered. It is in keeping with its mission of telling stories of inhumanity and resilience, histories that relate back to the central concern of the Holocaust.

Subtitled "The American Slave Trade from 1808 to 1865," the exhibition underscores how central buying and selling people was to the economy of the U.S. and especially New Orleans. The date is significant because an act of Congress ended the transatlantic slave trade at the end of 1807. While Africans being forced into ships and delivered to the U.S. may be the dominant image of slavery some people carry, the institution thrived for decades as a purely domestic practice.

"This show is about the domestic slave trade," said curator Erin Greenwald, leading a tour for Holocaust Museum docents shortly after "Purchased Lives" opened. "From 1808 to 1865 more than one million people were forcibly moved from the Upper to the Lower South."

Tobacco had faltered in



Top: A stereograph photoprint of workers hoeing cotton dated after the Civil War demonstrates continued American interest in items related to slavery. **Left:** An 1831 ink and watercolor work entitled "Slave Auction." **Right:** Interior view of a room with a rotunda ceiling during an auction of slaves, artwork, and goods.

the north, cotton and sugar were on the rise in the south, and "counties in Virginia essentially were emptied out," she said.

And New Orleans, at the end of the Mississippi River and accessible by coastal routes, did a thriving business in flesh. This is the origin, she said, of the phrase about being sold down the river.

New Orleans was less circumspect about its slave sales than some other Southern cities. Marketplaces sprang up. One of them, active well into the Civil War, took place in one of the city's grandest public

spaces, the rotunda of the St. Louis Exchange Hotel.

"Six days a week, men, women and children were being sold from four different auction blocks under the rotunda," said Greenwald, a New Orleans-based historian and curator. "This is a location of terror."

Yet the original documents Greenwald has assembled show this hotel and its auction blocks touted as a tourist attraction for people visiting the city, even decades after slavery was ended. And the papers also demonstrate just how ordinary this practice was. People kept

precise records of their property. They recorded deeds of sale to file at the courthouse. They announced public auctions because of course the seller wanted a big crowd on hand.

This record of the business of slavery is plenty powerful, but the exhibit augments it with key artifacts. Walking down its first corridor you encounter the proud portrait of one of New Orleans' most active slave traders. You want to find something haunted in his eyes, but most of what you see is prosperity advertising itself.

"Being a slave trader in the antebellum South was not something people were ashamed of," the curator said.

An iron and brass work sits in the middle of a later gallery, looking almost like a decorative piece with its two bells dangling from artfully curled stalks fused to a circular base. "Slave collar with bells," says the placard. It was used to punish captives who had tried to run away, said Greenwald. It weighs about six pounds.

A New Orleanian might take deeper interest in the plentiful city maps showing

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Where: Illinois Holocaust Museum, 9603 Woods Drive, Skokie

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sites of slave markets and properties that were used as pre-auction holding pens — prisons. An outsider won't fail to miss the broader point: This practice was pervasive and entirely normalized.

In New Orleans "there are 52 confirmed sites where people were bought and sold in large numbers," she said.

Slave traders were hardly the only business people complicit. "You could get a mortgage on a person," Greenwald said, explaining that \$1,000, which was what a man might cost in the 1850s, translates to about \$35,000 today. And because mortgages were written, people sometimes couldn't make payments and so banks sold their property — people — in foreclosure. Banks themselves were slave traders.

Medial records, showing who was treated, where they were from and who paid the bill became invaluable historical records, like the giant ledger book on display from a still-extant New Orleans hospital. So, too, were popular culture items, like the stereograph photos mounted on an exhibit wall, used in the precursors to Viewmasters by people wanting to witness exotic places.

One group of cards people could buy, Greenwald said, was the "Louisiana Slavery Set."

It is after all of this that people will come upon the "Lost Friend" ads, the vivid record of displacement and the power of family.

"They are snapshots of loss and movement," Greenwald said. "In 1912 people are still looking for friends and loved ones lost."

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WATCH THIS: THURSDAY



Tyler Henry

"Hollywood Medium With Tyler Henry" (7 p.m., 10:30 p.m., E!): Host Tyler Henry freely confesses to being star-struck when he meets one of this famous Tinseltown clients, but given that he claims to be able to communicate with the dead, the guy obviously has one heck of an ice-breaker. Henry opens his fourth season by delivering messages from beyond to the family of actress Rebel Wilson ("Isn't It Romantic").

"The Big Bang Theory" (7 p.m., CBS): Their long-standing friendship faces a major test when the guys (Johnny Galecki, Jim Parsons, Kunal Nayyar, Simon Helberg) hear that Sheldon's frenemy/arch-nemesis Wil Wheaton (guest starring as himself) is hosting a celebrity game of Dungeons and Dragons in the new episode "The D & D Vortex." Among the stars scheduled to appear are William Shatner, Joe Manganiello, Kareem Abdul-Jabbar and Kevin Smith.

"Siren" (7 p.m., FREE): When Ryn (Eline Powell) encounters resistance from some of the mermaids she's trying to help assimilate into the community, she starts to wonder whether she herself is forsaking her true nature and becoming too human in the new episode "Primal Instincts." Maddie (Fola Evans-Akingbola) lands in a dangerous situation while trying to help her mother. Ben (Alex Roe) reconciles with Xander (Ian Verdun) so they can work together.

"Million Dollar Listing Los Angeles" (8:01 p.m., 10:31 p.m., Bravo): In the new episode "Brother Dearest," David's brother Michael asks James and David to find him a property he can develop, a quest that eventually leads the trio to the storied house where much of the Faye Dunaway movie "Mommie Dearest" was filmed. Elsewhere, Josh Flagg's control-freak issues are triggered.

"Kindred Spirits" (9 p.m., 12 a.m., TRAVEL): A new episode called "The Shadow of Death" takes paranormal investigators Amy Bruni and Adam Berry to Waverly Hills Sanatorium in Louisville, Ky. Closed in 1961, the facility has earned a reputation as one of the most haunted hospitals in the eastern United States, a claim that Amy and Adam are eager to investigate.

"Desus & Mero" (10 p.m., 11 p.m., Showtime): The premium channel's first late-night talk show is this weekly half-hour hosted by Desus Nice (born Daniel Baker) and The Kid Mero (aka Joel Martinez), two longtime real-life acquaintances who meshed seamlessly when they launched their popular podcast, which eventually became a TV show on Viceland. Viewers can expect plenty of loose, off-the-cuff conversation with guests from the worlds of pop culture, sports, music and politics.

TALK SHOWS

"Conan" (10 p.m. 11:30 p.m., TBS): Actor Steven Yeun; comic Corey Rodrigues.*

"The Tonight Show Starring Jimmy Fallon" (10:34 p.m., NBC): Actor Ken Jeong; actress Kate Upton; Anderson Paak performs.*

"The Late Show With Stephen Colbert" (10:35 p.m., CBS): Actress Annette Bening; political commentator Ana Navarro; Ben Platt performs.*

"Jimmy Kimmel Live" (10:35 p.m., ABC): Celebrity guests and comedy skits.*

* Subject to change

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THURSDAY EVENING, FEB. 21

	PM	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00
BROADCAST	CBS 2	Big Bang Theory (N)	Young Sheldon (N)	(8:01) Mom (N) ©	Fam: "Drunk in Love." (N)	S.W.A.T.: "Pride." (N) ©	News (N) ♣	
	NBC 5	The Titan Games (N) ©	Brooklyn Nine (N)	Will & Grace (N) ©	Law & Order: Special Victims Unit (N) ©	NBC 5 News (N) ♣		
	ABC 7	Grey's Anatomy: "I Want a New Drug." (N) ©	(8:01) A Million Little Things: "the rosary." (N)	How to Get Away With Murder (N) ©	News at 10pm (N) ♣			
	WGN 9	blackish ©	blackish ©	Last Man Standing ©	Last Man Standing ©	WGN News at Nine (N)	WGN News at Ten (N)	
	Antenna 9.2	Alice ©	Alice ©	B. Miller	B. Miller	Johnny Carson ©	3's Comp.	
	This TV 9.3	Love and Death (PG,75) ***	Woody Allen. ©			Alice (PG-13,90) ***	Mia Farrow. ©	
	PBS 11	Chicago Tonight (N)	Lady You Shot Me: Life and Death of Sam Cooke (N) ©			Regional F. Lewis (N)	The Interview Show	
	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	
	H&I 26.4	Star Trek ©		Star Trek: Next		Star Trek: Deep Space 9	Star Trek ♣	
	Bounce 26.5	The Game	The Game	Last Call	In the Cut	The Trumpet Awards ♣		
	FOX 32	Gotham: "Ace Chemicals." (N) ©		The Orville: "Identity, Pt. 1." (N) ©		Fox 32 News at Nine (N)	Modern Family	
	Ion 38	Chicago P.D. ©	Chicago P.D. ©	Chicago P.D. ©	Chicago P.D. ©	Chicago P.D. ©	Chicago ♣	
	TeleM 44	Exatlon EE. UU. (N)	Betty en NY (N) ©			El barón (N) ©	Chicago (N)	
	CW 50	Charmed ©	Legacies (N) ©			The Good Wife ©	Chicago ♣	
	UniMas 60	Tres Milagros	Atrapada			Rosario Tijeras	Tiro de	
WJYS 62	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Joyce Meyer	Robison	Christian	Dn. Carson	Monument	
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CABLE	AE	The First 48 (N) ©	The First 48 (N) ©			(9:01) 60 Days In (N) ©	First 48 ♣	
	AMC	The Day After Tomorrow (PG-13,04) **	Dennis Quaid. ©			(9:35) The 5th Wave ♣		
	ANIM	River Mon	River Mon	River Mon	River Mon	River Monsters: "Amazon Apocalypse." ♣		
	BBCA	Planet Earth: Life ©	Planet Earth: Life ©			Planet Earth: Life ©	Premier (N)	
	BET	(5) School Daze ('88) **	Harlem Nights (R,'89) **	Eddie Murphy, Richard Pryor. ♣				
	BIGTEN	Women's College Basketball: Iowa at Indiana. (N) ©	Million Dollar LA (N)	BIG Show	BIG Show	The Journey		
	BRAVO	Top Chef (N) ©	Million Dollar LA (N)	CNN Tonight (N)	CNN Tonight (N)	Watch (N) ♣		
	CLTV	News at 7	News (N)	News at 8	News (N)	SportsFeed ©	Politics	
	CNBC	Shark Tank ©	Shark Tank ©	Shark Tank ©	Shark Tank ©	Shark ♣		
	CNN	Anderson Cooper 360 (N)	Cuomo Prime Time (N)	CNN Tonight (N)	CNN Tonight (N)	Tonight (N) ♣		
	COM	The Office	The Office	The Office	The Office	Broad City	Other Two	
	DISC	Building Off the Grid ©	Building Off the Grid ©	Building Off the Grid ©	Building Off the Grid ©	Off Grid ♣		
	DISN	Sydney-Max	Coop	Raven	Raven	Sydney-Max	Coop	
	E!	Hollywood Medium (Season Premiere) (N)	Chrisley	Chrisley	Chrisley	Dating (N)	Busy	
	ESPN	College Basketball (N)	College Basketball: Teams TBA. (N) (Live) ©	College Basketball: Teams TBA. (N) (Live)	College Basketball: Teams TBA. (N) (Live)	SportCtr (N)		
	ESPN2	College Basketball (N)	College Basketball: Teams TBA. (N) (Live)	College Basketball: Teams TBA. (N) (Live)	College Basketball: Teams TBA. (N) (Live)	Basketball		
	FNC	Tucker Carlson (N)	Hannity (N) ©	The Ingraham Angle (N)	The Ingraham Angle (N)	Fox News		
	FOOD	Chopped: "Bowled Over."	Chopped ©	Chopped ©	Chopped ©	Beat Bobby	Beat Bobby	
	FREE	Siren: "Primal Instincts." (N)	(8:01) Monsters, Inc. (G,'01) *** © (SAP)			700 Club ♣		
	FX	Star Trek Into Darkness (PG-13,13) ***	Chris Pine, Zachary Quinto. ©			Star Trek ♣		
	HALL	The Convenient Groom (NR,'16)	Vanessa Marcil. ©	Summer Villa (NR,'16)	Victor Webster. ♣	Watch (N) ♣		
	HGTV	Flip or Flop	Flip or Flop	Flip-Flop (N)	Flip or Flop	Hunters (N)	Hunt Intl (N)	
	HISTV	Swamp People ©	Swamp People (N)	Swamp People (N)	Swamp People (N)	Truck Night (N)	Swamp ♣	
	HLN	Forensic	Forensic	Forensic	Forensic	Forensic	Forensic	
	IFC	(4:30) Gladiator ('00) ***	Braveheart (R,'95) ***	Mel Gibson, Sophie Marceau. ©				
	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)	The Last Word (N)	11th Hour ♣		
	MTV	Ex on the Beach (N) ©	Game of Clones (N) ©	(9:02) Ex on the Beach	Ex on the Beach	Clones ♣		
	NBCSCH	NHL Hockey: Capitals at Maple Leafs (N)	Fight Sports: World Class Championship	Boxing	Boxing			
	NICK	SpongeBob	SpongeBob	The SpongeBob Movie: Sponge Out of Water ***		Friends ©		
	Ovation	(6:30) The Jewel of the Nile (PG,'85) **	Captain Cook (N)	Pacific (N) ♣				
	OWN	20/20 on OWN ©	20/20 on OWN ©	20/20 on OWN ©	20/20 on OWN ©	20/20 ♣		
OPX	NCIS ©	NCIS ©	NCIS ©	NCIS ©	NCIS ♣			
PARMT	Friends ©	Friends ©	Lip Sync (N)	Lip Sync	My Cousin Vinny (R,'92) *** ©			
SYFY	(6:03) Harry Potter and the Chamber of Secrets (PG,'02) ***	Daniel Radcliffe. ♣	Deadly ♣					
TBS	Seinfeld	Seinfeld	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Conan ©		
TCM	8 1/2 (NR,'63) ****	Marcello Mastroianni, Claudia Cardinale.	La Strada ('54) **** ♣					
TLC	Dr. Pimple Popper ©	Dr. Pimple Popper (N)	My 600-Lb. Life (N) ♣					
TLN	IMPACT	Wretched	Significant Insights	Life Today	Like You	Humanit ♣		
TNT	NBA Basketball: Celtics at Bucks (N Subject to Blackout)				Basketball (N Subject to Blackout)			
TOON	Adventure	Adventure	Amer. Dad	Amer. Dad	Burgers	Burgers		
TRAV	The Dead Files ©	The Dead Files (N) ©	Kindred Spirits (N) ©	Kindred Spirits (N) ©	Dead Files ♣			
TVL	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	Two Men	Two Men		
USA	NCIS: "What Lies Above."	NCIS: "Rendezvous."	NCIS: "House Divided."	NCIS: "House Divided."	NCIS ♣			
VH1	Are We Done Yet? (PG,'07) *	Ice Cube, Nia Long. ©	Wild 'n Out	Wild 'n Out	Wild 'n Out	Wild 'n Out		
WE	Growing Up Hip Hop ©	Growing Up Hip Hop (N)	Marriage- Stars (N)	Marriage- Stars (N)	Hip Hop ♣			
WGN America	Last Man	Last Man	Last Man	Last Man	Last Man	Last Man		
PREMIUM	HBO	Deadpool 2 (R,'18) ***	Ryan Reynolds. ©	Crashing	High Main.	True Det ♣		
	HBO2	2 Dope Queens ©	Last Week	Won't You Be My Neighbor? ('18) ***	About Tm ♣			
	MAX	Vanilla Sky (R,'01) **	Tom Cruise, Penélope Cruz. ©	(9:20) American Made ♣				
	SHO	Shameless (7:40) Den of Thieves (R,'18) **	Gerard Butler. ©	Desus				
	STARZ	(6:46) Erin Brockovich (R,'00) ***	Julia Roberts.	Counterpart ©	Takers ***			
STZNC	(6:10) The Proposal **	Eat Pray Love (PG-13,'10) **	Julia Roberts. ©					

IN PERFORMANCE: 'Divorce Diaries'

A cast of comics riff on relationships

BY ZACH FREEMAN
Chicago Tribune

Most people don't particularly relish delving into the failures they've experienced in life, especially not in front of a group of strangers. But most people aren't stand-up comics. On any given night, a stand-up might rehash a number of embarrassing or difficult life experiences for the edification of an audience. With that — and a specific life experience of her own in mind — New Jersey comedian and teacher (and divorcee) Michele Traina has created a comedy show centered on the dissolution of marriage (her own and others).

But despite its catchy and precise title, "Divorce Diaries" — a show Traina hosts monthly in New York City and which she brought to the Zanies stage in Chicago for two nights this week — is more an outlet for talking about relationships in general than divorce specifically. Make no mistake, the "D" word definitely gets thrown around a lot and two large Chicago divorce law firms were represented — and repeatedly name-checked — in the audience Tuesday night, but Traina and the three other comedians she brought to the stage covered a wide range of topics in their material.

Traina played both host and opening comedian, taking the stage in a short, tight black dress and red heels with a wine glass in one hand while delivering a 20-minute set mixing introductory remarks and jokes. "I'm a single mom, too," she said early on. "That's why I'm dressed like a slutty babysitter."

Matthew Gill — a recently divorced Chicago native — took the stage next for a quick 12-minute set, joking that his ex-wife had had an "emotional affair" before adding that "the thing about an 'emotional



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Comedian, Michele Traina, is seen performing during her show, "Divorce Diaries" at Zanies on Feb. 19 in Chicago.

affair" was that it included sex. Gill touched on moving back to Chicago after his divorce and explored various types of relationships through time, before concluding that, "You need to be a dysfunctional person to be in a functional relationship."

"How gorgeous is he?" Traina asked after his set. "Who would want to divorce you?"

Chicago comic Liz Stockwell — celebrating her "one year anniversary of divorce" — came up next, with a 12-minute set talking about her current dating habits, her family history and a brief discussion of her

ex-husband. "I was divorced two days after Christmas," she said happily. "Best gift I ever gave myself."

The structure of the show at this point — a host and two comedians, all circling around the topic of divorce, while hitting on other tangentially related relationship fodder — worked pretty well as a facilitation tool for a thematic comedy gimmick. In fact, it's a fitting set-up for any subject-specific stand-up show to follow, providing easy transitions between comedians and giving a throughline for a variety of comics to carry

through the night.

But the introduction of Traina's third guest — Los Angeles-based comedian Doug Bass — also introduced a brief improvisational interlude to the show where Traina and Bass took argument suggestions from the audience and then improvised one minute arguments. This section — and a later interactive section where audience members wrote down something they would like to say to an ex and then Traina and Bass incorporated those phrases into improvised scenes — were the roughest of the night, throwing off the stand-up

groove and not delivering many laughs in the process. These sections could be shortened or removed completely and replaced with an additional comic or two giving more perspective on their failed relationships.

Bass — an odd fit as the "only married comic up here" — gave a solid 18-minute set about his job as a dog walker, his marriage of two-and-a-half years and attending a group sex party with his wife, before closing out the show with the improvisation with Traina.

A good premise and a smart way to showcase various comics while main-

taining a focus on a single topic, "Divorce Diaries" works best when comedians are opening up about their own relationship experiences, divorced or not. At the end of the night Traina thanked the audience for coming and noted in parting, "The point is to heal through laughter."

"Divorce Diaries" continues 8 p.m. Wednesday at Zanies, 1548 N. Wells St., 312-337-4027 and www.zanies.com/chicago

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Horoscopes



Today's birthday (Feb. 21): Profit through rising professional influence this year. Team coordination raises your game. Adapt to surprises. Breakthroughs in family, love and romance inspire shared support through social changes. Together you're unbeatable next winter; it supports you past a family obstacle.

Aries (March 21-April 19): Today is a 7. Accept an offer of assistance. A partner's opinion is important. Underscore your statements with feeling. Listen respectfully, and share your gratitude.

Taurus (April 20-May 20): 8. Physical action means more than talk. Practice your moves. Extend your reach, and push your performance to new levels. Things may be getting busy. **Gemini** (May 21-June 20): 8. Relax, and enjoy the view. Share it with someone nice. Talk about what you love, and make promises to advance your creative vision.

Cancer (June 21-July 22): 7. Pursue domestic tranquility. Handle chores and repairs. Relax into your cozy nest. Consider long-range home improvement plans. Get feedback from housemates for a shared vision.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22): 8. Your research takes off. One clue leads to another. Find a cozy spot to catch up on the reading. Summarize your observations, and share.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): 9. Focus on generating and processing income. Keep a positive cash flow by monitoring it closely. Persuade with a clear pitch and compelling case.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): 9. You're getting stronger and more confident. Step into a role you've been longing to play. Check another personal milestone or accomplishment off your list.

Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): 6. Lay low, and find a private place to think and make plans. Avoid risk or hassle, and choose the easier option. Your imagination is going wild.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): 8. You have friends in high places. One good turn deserves another. Strengthen connections by showing up for others. Share support and resources.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): 8. Career matters occupy your time over the next two days. Optimism rules. Keep your objective in mind. Don't divulge a secret.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): 7. Pursue an education dream. Your studies develop and grow over the next few days. Re-view your itinerary and plan. Consider travel opportunities and cultural exchange.

Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20): 8. To avoid potential problems, play the game exactly by the book. Tackle detailed chores over the next few days. Monitor shared finances, and stay in communication.

— Nancy Black, Tribune Content Agency

The Argyle Sweater By Scott Hilburn



Bliss By Harry Bliss



Bridge

North-South vulnerable, South deals

North
 ♠ Q 5
 ♥ J 10 9 4 3
 ♦ Q
 ♣ A J 9 7 5

West
 ♠ A 6 4
 ♥ K Q 8 7 2
 ♦ J 9
 ♣ 6 4 3

East
 ♠ 7 3
 ♥ A 6 5
 ♦ A K 10 7 6 4
 ♣ 10 2

South
 ♠ K J 10 9 8 2
 ♥ Void
 ♦ 8 5 3 2
 ♣ K Q 8

South in today's deal was the late Bill Root. Root was not only a great player, he was also a beloved personality and he was recognized as the pre-eminent bridge teacher of his time. He taught tens of thousands of bridge players over the years, mostly in New York and South Florida. Study the

hand above and decide whether you would prefer to play or defend.

East won the opening diamond lead with his king and quickly shifted to a trump, but it was already too late for the defense. West won with

his ace and continued the suit, preventing any diamond ruffs, but Root had five spade tricks to go with five club tricks and he scored up his doubled contract. Had West ducked the ace of spades, Root would have ruffed a diamond and emerged with a doubled overtrick, as East would have had no entry to his diamonds.

Despite this result, we would choose to defend and lead a low trump. Should Root lead a diamond to try and get a diamond ruff, East would win and return his remaining trump. West would win his ace and lead his last diamond. Note that declarer's eight spot would stand up as a stopper in diamonds, but to no avail. West would simply ruff the fourth round of diamonds for down two.

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Baby Blues By Rick Kirkman and Jerry Scott



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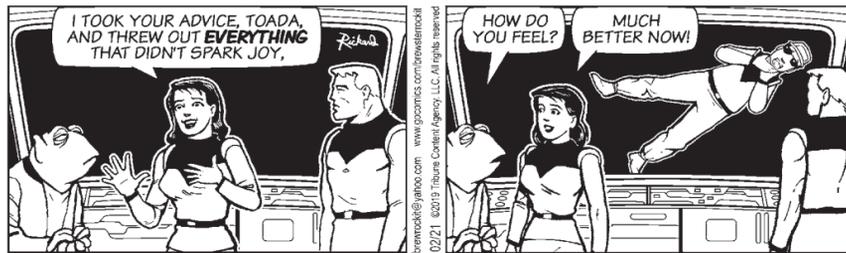
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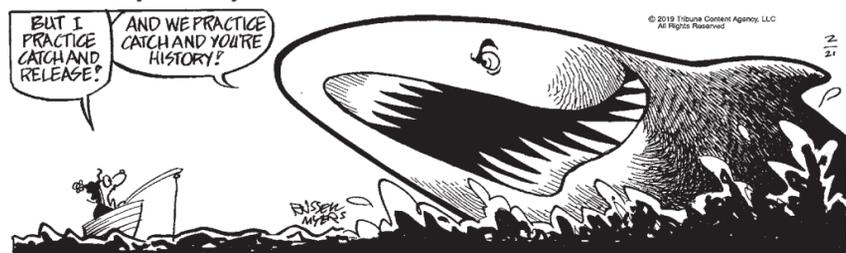
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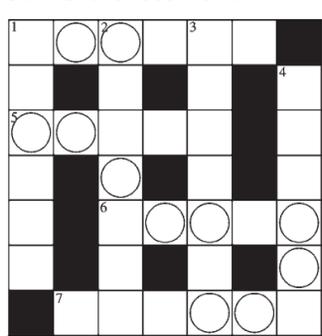
Broom-Hilda By Russell Myers



Trivia Bits

About 90 percent of the world's earthquakes occur in the Pacific region known by what name?
A) Devil's Right Hand
B) Field of Diamonds
C) Ring of Fire
D) Rock Island Line
Wednesday's answer: Blossom, Bubbles and Buttercup — but not Begonia — are the Powerpuff Girls.
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Jumble Crossword



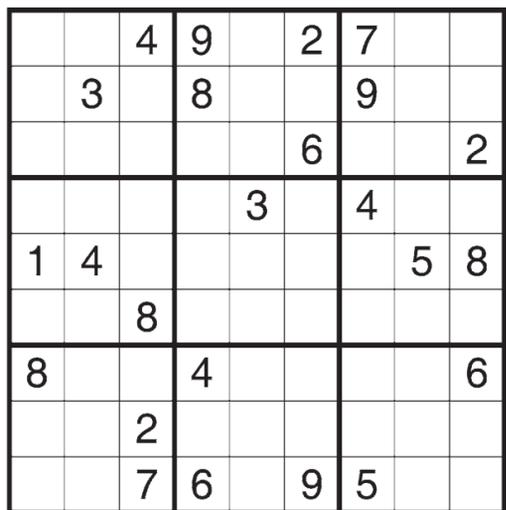
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1. Involve, engress
5. ___ pants
6. Storage place
7. Touch lovingly
ANSWER
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CLUE DOWN
1. ___ Pie
2. Al Lewis sitcom role
3. Brief look
4. Free
ANSWER
ISOKME
RAGPAND
ILSPEGM
ASGRIT

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.
2-21-19
CLUE: ___ met his wife while they were students in college.
BONUS [Circled letters: O, O, K, A, S, S, R, S, R, I, G, T, A, K, I, N, F, I, D, O, L, I, N, G, L, I, N, G, H, A, I, R, N, E, T, A, B, B, E, Y, A, O, L, E, R, D, D, E, F, I, V, E, M, A, N, R, O, T, A, T, I, O, N, L, O, C, A, C, I, D, S, A, P, E, S, H, E, R, D, S, S, E, C, C, H, A, L, I, C, E, B, E, A, T, S, M, E, P, A, N, D, A, T, O, T, S, K, I, A, L, I, N, E, S, T, R, A, T, E, G, I, S, T, U, T, E, S, G, E, S, E, U, R, D, U, S, I, L, T, C, O, N, O, T, E, S, T, I, P, O]

Sudoku 1 2 3 4

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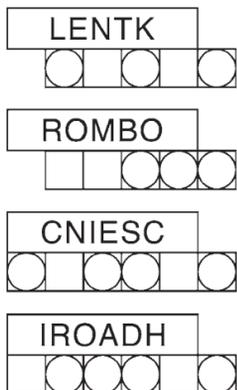
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Wednesday's solutions

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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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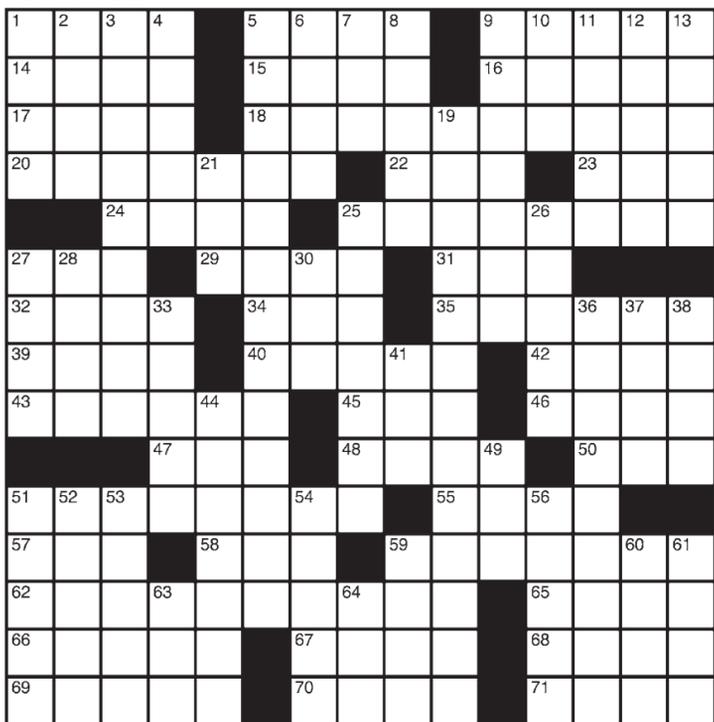
Wednesday's answers

Jumbles: ABATE MESSY ACCENT SKIMPY
Answer: She could hand-sew a hem very quickly and made it — "SEAM" EASY

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Crossword

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Across
1 '90s-'00s Olympic soccer notable
5 Literary captain
9 Leaks slowly
14 Burn soother
15 Zippo
16 Computer text code
17 They're not loyal
18 Unyielding
20 Golfing group
22 Base for money
23 Swallowed
24 "Harry Potter" reporter ___ Skeeter
25 Not much
27 Anthem contraction
29 Blue, on the Danube
31 Noir hero
32 Lose oomph
34 Movie SFX
35 Purim heroine
39 Centers of attention
40 What unfixed malfunctions usually do
42 Flight-related prefix
43 "Burnt" color
45 Coastal bird
46 Sound of an angry exit
47 LSU conference
48 Chicago-style pizza chain, informally
50 Education org.
51 Started, as a conversation
55 Car dealer's abbr.
57 Acct. that may be rolled over
58 Half a numbers game
59 Seattle pro
62 Going back, in a way
65 Arch type
66 Often harmful bacteria
67 Basmati, for one
68 "What, will these hands ___ be clean?": Lady Macbeth
69 Thick
70 "Futurama" creator
71 "Baseball Tonight" channel
9 French holy women
10 Bilingual subj.
11 Grand display
12 Mary-in-mourning sculpture
13 Agreed (with)
19 Skillet dish with ham and peppers
21 Wagering shorthand
25 Supercharge, and a hint to what's literally hiding in the four longest Down answers
26 Take the role of
27 Does in
28 Morlock victims
30 Memorable time
33 Informal brand
36 FAQ spots
37 Q.E.D. word
38 Type of tomato
41 Spigoted server
44 Suit go-with
49 Fed. benefits agency
51 Located
52 Jiffy
53 Hispanic penguin in "Happy Feet"
54 Render harmless
56 Lake Geneva river
59 Religious offshoot
60 Bawl
61 "Ol' Man River" composer
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Wednesday's solution
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1 Roxie ___, "Chicago" role
2 "There oughta be ___"
3 Grand Prix, for ___
4 Soccer superstar
Lionel
5 Edible elephant, say
6 Fabled also-ran
7 Hubbub
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THURSDAY, FEB. 21 NORMAL HIGH: 37° NORMAL LOW: 22° RECORD HIGH: 67° (1930) RECORD LOW: -11° (1873)

2 sunny days will reign and then it is set to rain

LOCAL FORECAST

HIGH 36 **LOW** 20

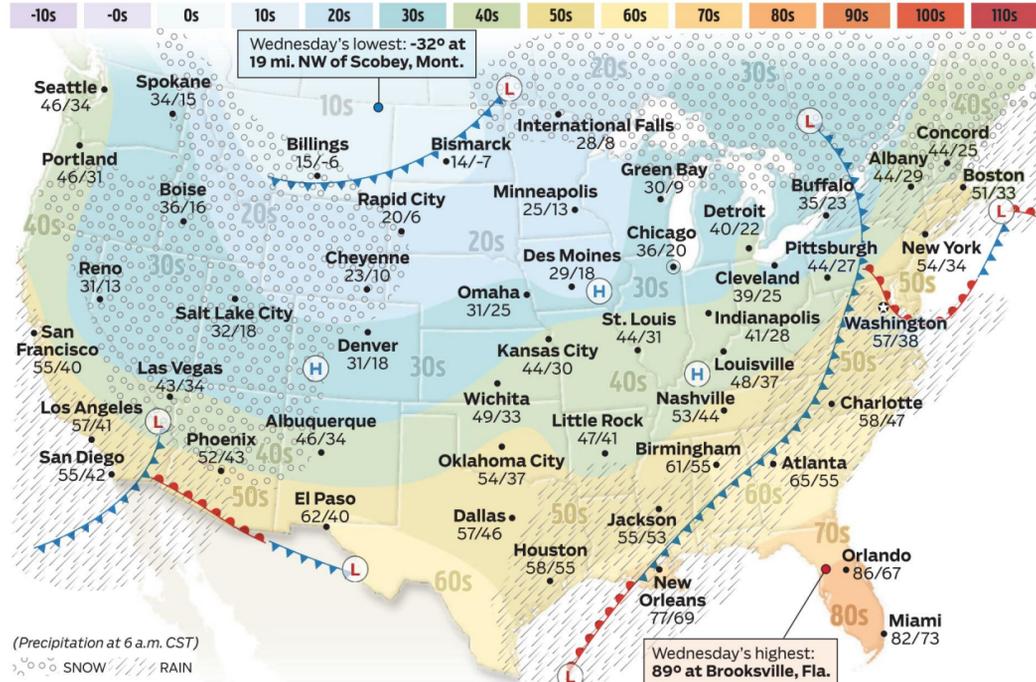
■ High pressure approaches bringing mostly sunny skies. Breezy with west winds 8-10 mph with gusts to 15 mph.

■ Seasonable start to the day with the temperature in the low to mid 20's at sunrise. High temperature close to the normal high of 37.

■ Mostly clear skies overnight help the temperature drop and to the mid teens inland, low of 20 closer to the lake.

■ Winds diminish to 3-6 mph at night and turn to the northeast.

NATIONAL FORECAST



After a cloudy Wednesday that started with snow followed by rain, Thursday and Friday should be brighter. High pressure will break the cloud cover and bring sunshine. Temps will be slightly above normal Friday and Saturday, reaching 40 each day.

Saturday will bring rain to the region. Rainfall accumulation of over 1/4 inch is possible through the day on Saturday. Saturday will have relatively light winds but they will increase rapidly overnight. Strong northwest winds will bring colder temperatures Sunday with wind gusts potentially higher than 50 mph.

Snow affected the Washington, D.C., area Wednesday. Dulles Airport in Virginia had 4.7 inches of snow Wednesday — a record for Feb. 20. Baltimore received 4.5 inches of snow. Heavy snow also fell in Minnesota, with some locations receiving over 10 inches.

FRIDAY, FEB. 22

HIGH 40 **LOW** 33

Mostly sunny and seasonably warmer with a high near 40. Light east winds 5-8 mph. Clouds increase at night with a chance of freezing rain changing to rain. SE winds 5-8. Fairly steady temperatures with a low near 33.

SATURDAY, FEB. 23

HIGH 42 **LOW** 35

Cloudy with rain, which may be steady at times. High of 42 but may be closer to 50 far south. Cloudy with rain continuing at night. Light SE winds 4-7 turn west and increase dramatically with gusts to 40 mph overnight.

SUNDAY, FEB. 24

HIGH 35 **LOW** 16

The day starts cloudy with a chance of flurries in the morning. Peaks of sun by the afternoon. NW wind 20-30 mph with gusts possibly to 50 mph. Partly cloudy at night with gusty NW wind and single digit wind chills.

MONDAY, FEB. 25

HIGH 30 **LOW** 22

A partly cloudy start to the day with clouds increasing in the afternoon. NW winds 8-12 mph turn to the west and diminish in the afternoon. Mostly cloudy with a chance of light snow showers or flurries overnight.

TUESDAY, FEB. 26

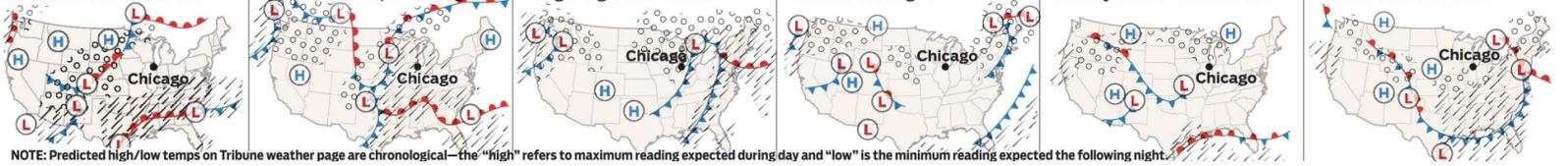
HIGH 33 **LOW** 29

Cloudy with accumulating snow possible. Highs in the low 30's. South winds 10-15 mph with gusts to 25 shift to NW by evening. The chance of snow continues into the evening. Overnight temperature steady with a low near 30.

WEDNESDAY, FEB. 27

HIGH 30 **LOW** 15

Some clouds early but becoming sunny. A little colder brisk northwest wind 12-16 mph and gusts to 25 mph. Clear and very cold at night with a low in the mid teens. NW winds 7-11 mph reinforce the cold air.



NOTE: Predicted high/low temps on Tribune weather page are chronological—the "high" refers to maximum reading expected during day and "low" is the minimum reading expected the following night.

ASK TOM

Dear Tom,
What happened to the "hurricane house" that was built in the Florida panhandle when Hurricane Michael struck there in 2018?
Brian Keelen

Dear Brian,
The "Sand Palace," the house constructed from 2017 into early 2018 in Mexico Beach, on the Gulf Coast of the panhandle of Florida, was built to withstand 250 mph winds. Hurricane Michael made landfall directly over Mexico Beach on Oct. 10, 2018, with sustained winds of 155 mph.

Catastrophic destruction occurred in Mexico Beach and buildings in entire neighborhoods were reduced to foundation slabs, but the Sand Palace was practically undamaged. Owners Russel King and Lebron Lackey were amazed. "We built it for the big one, but we had no idea that the big one would come so soon," Lackey said.

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Late-season arctic blast hits second half of next week

SNOWFALL TOTALS

Chicago area totals through 7 a.m. WED.

LOCATION	TOTAL
Rockford	1.0"
Oak Forest	0.9"
Midway	0.6"
Arlington Heights	0.6"
Romeoville	0.3"
O'Hare	0.2"

Western/Northern Midwest snowfall (Tuesday-Wednesday)

Russell, Minn.	11.0"
Eden Prairie, Minn.	10.0"
Sibley, Iowa	10.0"
St. James, Minn.	10.0"
Tea, S.D.	10.0"
Marshall, Minn.	9.8"
Hills, Minn.	9.7"
Lynd, Minn.	9.5"
Washington, Minn.	9.0"

ANOTHER FREEZING DRIZZLE AND FREEZING RAIN EVENT WEDNESDAY MORNING

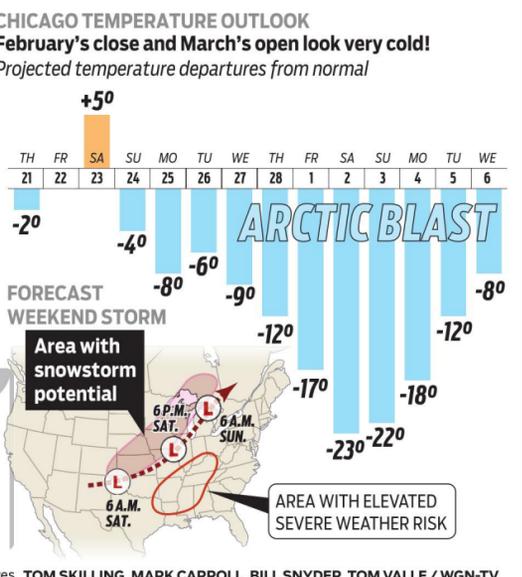
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LOCATION	BEGAN	ENDED
O'Hare	9:50 a.m.	11:24 a.m.
Midway	9:50 a.m.	11:24 a.m.
DuPage	9:16 a.m.	11:23 a.m.
Aurora	9:02 a.m.	12:52 p.m.
Wheeling	10:34 a.m.	10:52 a.m.
Waukegan	10:40 a.m.	11:26 a.m.

Record breaking February snowfall in Minneapolis-St. Paul

2019 Snowfall through 6 p.m. Feb. 20, 2019

Rank	Snowfall	Year
#1	31.5"	(2019)
#2	26.5"	(1962)
#3	24.2"	(1909)
#4	23.7"	(1967)
#5	19.7"	(2004, 1936)



CHICAGO DIGEST

WEDNESDAY TEMPERATURES

LOCATION	HI	LO	LOCATION	HI	LO
Aurora	36	28	Midway	37	29
Gary	39	30	O'Hare	35	27
Kankakee	37	29	Romeoville	37	28
Lakefront	37	28	Valparaiso	40	30
Lansing	37	28	Waukegan	36	29

CHICAGO PRECIPITATION

PERIOD	2019	NORMAL
Wed. (through 4 p.m.)	0.09"	0.07"
February to date	2.04"	1.18"
Year to date	4.00"	2.91"

CHICAGO SNOWFALL

PERIOD	O'HARE	MIDWAY
Wed. (through 4 p.m.)	0.2"	0.6"
Season to date	41.2"	38.9"
Normal to date	27.2"	28.4"

LAKE MICHIGAN CONDITIONS

	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Wind	W 11-22 kts.	NE 4-12 kts.
Waves	Ice floes	Ice floes
Wed. shore/creeper water temps	34°/32°	

U.S. SNOW COVER

FEB. 20	2019	2018
Area covered by snow	57.5%	41.3%
Average snow depth	7.1"	4.8"

TRACKING THE COLD

SINCE OCT. 15	O'HARE	MIDWAY
SUB-32° highs	31 days	28 days
Subzero lows	6 days	6 days

CHICAGO AIR QUALITY

Wednesday's reading: Good
Thursday's forecast: Good
Critical pollutant: Particulates

SUNRISE/SET TIMES

	6:38 a.m.	5:31 p.m.
Sun		
Moon	8:14 p.m.	8:08 a.m.

THURSDAY PLANET WATCH

PLANET	RISE	SET
Mercury	7:20 a.m.	6:47 p.m.
Venus	4:27 a.m.	1:56 p.m.
Mars	9:06 a.m.	10:49 p.m.
Jupiter	2:38 a.m.	11:49 a.m.
Saturn	4:28 a.m.	1:45 p.m.

BEST VIEWING TIME DIRECTION

Planet	Time	Direction
Mercury	Not visible	
Venus	5:45 a.m.	115° SE
Mars	7:00 p.m.	415° SW
Jupiter	5:45 a.m.	22° SE
Saturn	5:45 a.m.	95° SE

SOURCE: Dan Joyce, Triton College

MIDWEST CITIES				OTHER U.S. CITIES				WORLD CITIES							
THURS./FRI.	FC	HI	LO	THURS./FRI.	FC	HI	LO	THURS./FRI.	FC	HI	LO	THURSDAY	FC	HI	LO
Illinois	cl	44	37	sh	46	43		Albany	pc	59	44	pc	63	46	
Carbondale	sh	39	24	cl	44	35		Albuquerque	pc	44	29	pc	40	19	
Champaign	sh	39	24	cl	44	35		Amarillo	pc	61	32	pc	62	33	
Decatur	sh	39	24	cl	44	35		Anchorage	ss	27	13	pc	24	13	
Moline	cl	32	17	cl	35	25		Asheville	sh	60	49	rn	53	42	
Peoria	cl	32	17	cl	35	25		Aspen	sh	29	17	sn	30	11	
Quincy	cl	42	27	pc	45	37		Atlanta	ts	65	55	rn	63	50	
Rockford	pc	30	25	pc	45	36		Atlantic City	pc	53	34	sh	44	34	
Springfield	sh	40	25	pc	45	36		Austin	sh	60	49	ts	59	55	
Sterling	cl	29	7	su	36	29		Baltimore	pc	54	36	sh	46	35	
Indiana	sh	43	31	sh	47	39		Billings	sh	15	-6	su	24	12	
Bloomington	sh	45	37	sh	48	44		Birmingham	ts	61	55	ts	74	63	
Evansville	sh	45	37	sh	48	44		Bismarck	pc	14	-7	sh	13	-2	
Fort Wayne	cl	39	23	pc	41	30		Boise	pc	35	19	pc	36	27	
Indianapolis	cl	41	28	sh	45	37		Boston	pc	51	33	su	43	25	
Lafayette	cl	39	23	sh	43	34		Brownsville	sh	73	63	pc	79	69	
South Bend	pc	35	21	pc	40	29		Buffalo	sh	35	23	pc	36	25	
Wisconsin	sh	30	9	pc	34	24		Burlington	pc	40	25	pc	34	17	
Green Bay	sh	30	9	pc	34	24		Charlotte	ts	58	47	rn	50	41	
Kenosha	pc	32	12	cl	36	29		Charlottesville	pc	72	61	cl	68	56	
La Crosse	su	28	10	pc	37	28		Charlottesville WV	pc	53	37	sh	48	42	
Madison	pc	29	7	pc	35	28		Chattanooga	ts	55	47	rn	54	52	
Milwaukee	pc	31	13	pc	35	28		Cheyenne	ts	23	10	sh	27	14	
Wausau	sh	25	10	pc	32	22		Cincinnati	cl	44	32	sh	46	38	
Michigan	pc	40	22	pc	37	27		Cleveland	pc	39	25	sh	36	31	
Detroit	pc	40	22	pc	37	27		Colo. Spgs	pc	35	19	pc	40	21	
Grand Rapids	pc	30	13	pc	38	26		Columbia MO	sh	44	29	pc	44	38	
Marquette	cl	32	17	cl	35	25		Columbia SC	sh	70	57	sh	60	45	
St. Ste. Marie	su	30	22	pc	34	24		Columbus	cl	42	28	sh	43	35	
Traverse City	sh	31	19	pc	37	27		Columbus OH	pc	44	25	su	39	14	
Iowa	pc	26	13	pc	33	20		Crane Christi	sh	64	58	ts	71	65	
Ames	pc	26	13	pc	33	20		Dallas	sh	57	46	ts	55	52	
Cedar Rapids	pc	27	9	pc	33	29		Daytona Bch.	sh	82	66	pc	82	66	
Des Moines	pc	29	18	pc	35	32		Denver	pc	31	18	sh	31	21	
Dubuque	su	30	10	pc	38	29		Duluth	pc	31	13	sh	32	26	
El Paso	su	62	40	pc	61	34		El Paso	su	62	40	pc	61	34	
Fairbanks	pc	-8	-10	pc	9	-1		El Paso	su	62	40	pc	61	34	
Fargo	sh	19	3	sn	19	12		Fairbanks	pc	-8	-10	pc	9	-1	
Flagstaff	sn	24	15	sn	27	3		Fargo	sh	19	3	sn	19	12	
Fort Myers	pc	85	67	pc	87	69		Flagstaff	sn	24	15	sn	27	3	
Fort Smith	sh	55	40	sh	52	47		Fort Myers	pc	85	67	pc	87	69	
Fresno	ts	52	33	pc	53	33		Fort Smith	sh	55	40	sh	52	47	
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Grand Junc.	sh	36	24	ss	36	15		Fresno	ts	52	33	pc	53	33	
Great Falls	ss	12	-6	pc	16	3		Grand Junc.	sh	36	24	ss	36	15	
Harrisburg	pc	48	31	sh	43	29		Great Falls	ss	12	-6	pc	16	3	
Hartford	pc	51	30	pc	45	23		Harrisburg	pc	48	31	sh	43	29	
Helena	pc	13	-7	pc	3	8		Hartford	pc	51	30	pc	45	23	
Honolulu	pc	81	65	pc	81	66		Helena	pc	13	-7	pc	3	8	
Houston	ts	58	55	ts	73	69		Honolulu	pc	81	65	pc	81	66	
Houston	ts	58	55												

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Home wedding prep

BY JENNA SCHUSTER
HomeAdvisor

Hosting your wedding at home — whether it's your own home, or that of a family member or friend — is an appealing option. Not only does it cut down on costs, but it also allows for a truly personalized event and an intimate gathering for guests. Of course, this kind of wedding requires some significant prep work on the home front. And the more consideration you give to things like home repairs and extra bathrooms, the less stressful your planning will be. Here are some ways to prepare your house for such a celebration.

Spruce up your landscape: If you're hosting a backyard wedding, the first thing on your list should be landscaping. Hire a landscaping professional to visit your home, identify issues like a sloped yard, uneven ground or unattractive gardening, and come up with solutions. If you'd like your flowers to be in bloom for your nuptials, consult with your pro to find bulbs that bloom in that season. And as the wedding date approaches, turn off your sprinklers a few days ahead of time to avoid muddy ground.

Make important home repairs: You want your home to be at its absolute best for the big day. So, take the opportunity to hire a handyman and fix what's broken around the house. Things like creaky doors, chipped paint and dripping faucets not only detract from the beauty of your home, but they're also some of the easiest and most affordable repairs to make. It could take as little as a day to make these quick upgrades, and they will be well worth addressing before you host guests.

Rent a backup generator: Even a small home wedding will put strain on your electrical system. Most residential systems are built to sustain a single family — not 40 of your closest friends. To avoid a power outage or circuit breaker trip, rent a backup generator for your big day. This way, you can plug in curling irons, hire a DJ and put up extra lights without a hitch. Consider consulting with a professional electrician to make sure everything will go smoothly.

Hire a cleaning service: Cleaning is the last thing you want to be doing the week of your wedding. Invest in a cleaning service to take care of the hassle



DREAMSTIME

Getting married at home is a great way to have the low-key wedding of your dreams — but there are some important things to consider, from landscaping to bathrooms.

for you, so you can focus on more important things like decorating and coordinating with caterers. Treat yourself and book an additional cleaning for the day after your wedding, so you don't have to spend your honeymoon scrubbing the floors.

Get bonus bathrooms: Like your electrical system, your bathroom was probably not built to handle a rush of people. Rent a port-a-potty to spare your plumbing and prevent a long bathroom line. If you're worried about the look of your portable toilet, spend

a little extra and get a cottage-style Pretty Potty. Pretty Potties come in many different styles and offer more amenities than a regular port-a-potty. You might consider having a half-bath installed in your home instead. Your guests will thank you.

FINDS

Eve Room checks air quality in your home

BY GREGG ELLMAN
Tribune News Service

Checking, monitoring and knowing your home's air quality is simple, easy and fast with the wireless Eve Room air-quality monitor with Apple HomeKit Technology. Air quality is such a critical aspect that Eve is correct when referring to its product as your home's health at a glance.

Inside is precision sensor technology for reading indoor air quality, temperature and humid-

ity sensors, which can be checked via the Eve app and Siri. There is a 1.54-inch touch control display on the front that shows the readings as well as a choice of menus depending on your preferences.

Almost everything produces volatile organic compounds. When left indoors, VOC emissions can quickly rise to unhealthy or even harmful levels. Once the Eve Room alerts you to these harmful levels, the solution can be as easy as opening a door or window.

Humidity levels can be unknown and are often the cause of headaches or even house plants not doing well. The app shows when the levels are off, and you even get a breakdown by hours, days, months and years to see if there's a pattern to help you find the cause.

The compact, 2.1-by-2.1-by-0.5-inch device doesn't stand out in a room and has an anodized aluminum body. You'll have to recharge (micro-USB) its battery every six weeks. Or it can be set up with the

included USB cable to an AC power source for a permanent power supply

Information the Eve Room collects is transmitted with Bluetooth, so there's no hardware bridge needed. With HomeKit, an iPhone or iPad with iOS 11.4 or later is required. To use it with automation and remote access, you'll need an Apple HomePod voice assistant speaker or AppleTV with tvOS 11 or later, which can both serve as a home hub. www.evehome.com, \$99.95



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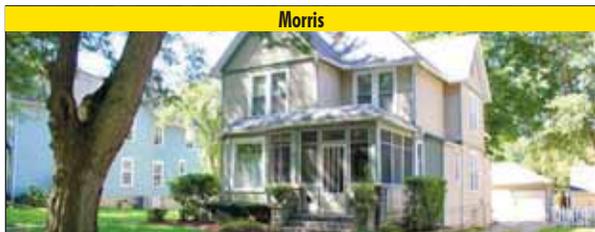


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Floors are key step in good design

Many surfaces now available to set the tone for your room

BY MELISSA RAYWORTH
Associated Press

A stunning sofa or a beautiful wall color might catch your eye when you enter someone's home. But flooring is the key to any room, says interior designer Elina Cardet.

As the visual base for every other design choice, "flooring is the most important decision," says Cardet, interior design director at Perkins+Will's Miami office. Beauty matters, as does durability and comfort: "You're going to be barefoot on this floor," she points out.

Recent technological innovations have created a wide variety of flooring options.

Cardet and two other interior design experts — Lauren Rottet of Rottet Studio in Houston and Jacqueline Touzet of Touzet Studio in Miami — offer advice on making this key design decision:

Hardwood choices

There are many synthetic versions of hardwood floors these days — products that promise to look and feel like solid wood but cost less. Some can look lovely, these designers agree. But they advise moving cautiously.

"There's not enough history to know if it's going to hold up," says Rottet, whereas hardwood offers durability and longevity. "A beautiful wood floor is classic."

Cardet suggests that "if it's possible and your

budget allows it, to try to invest in hardwoods that are certified, to make sure it comes from a forest that was well-managed."

Which style of hardwood should you choose? Wide plank floors are popular now. But Rottet points out that because they have fewer joints than narrower plank floors, there is less opportunity for the floor to expand and contract over time. The occasional crack might appear, depending on your climate, and may need to be patched with wood putty and restained. Wide planks also tend to be more expensive.

So the traditional, narrower wood planks can be a more practical choice.

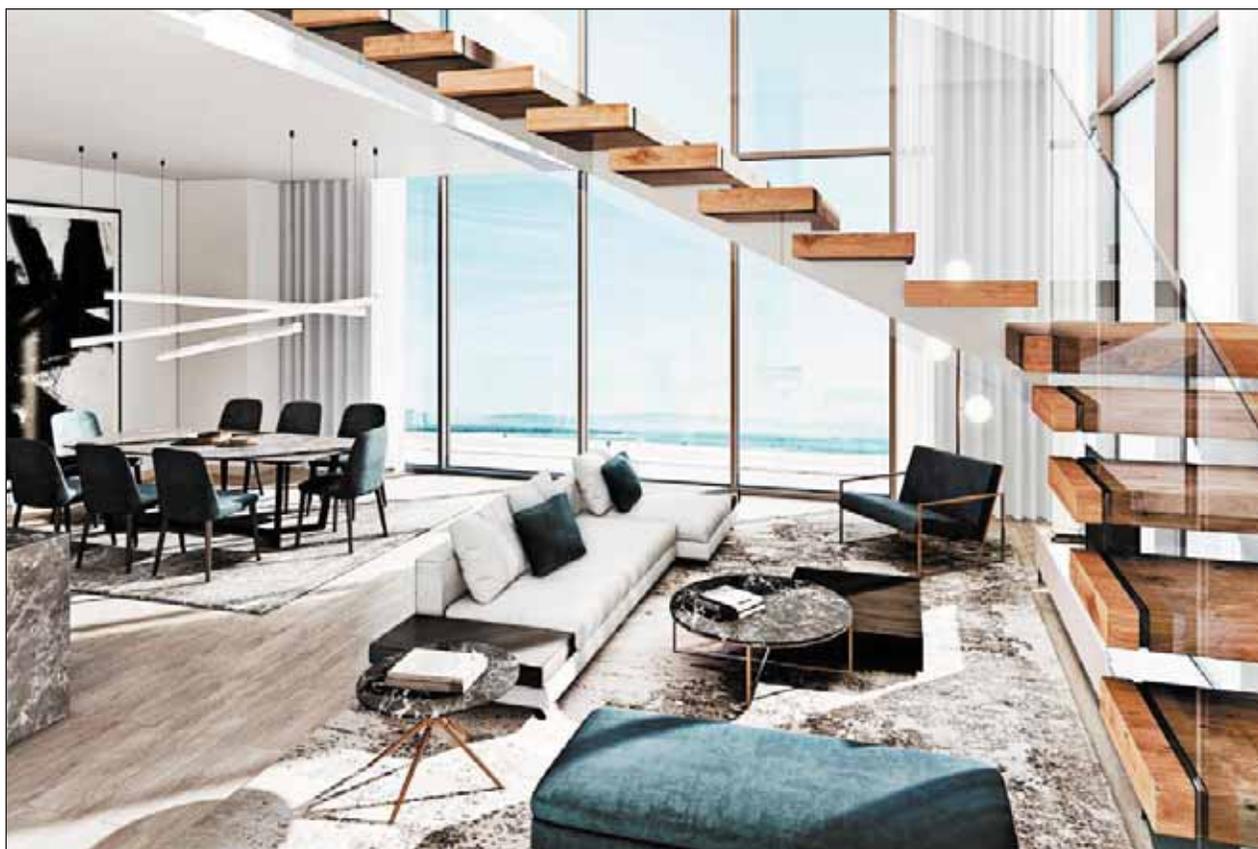
New techniques and colors

Cerusing is a technique involving sanding the wood, putting white paint on it, and then sanding it again to create contrast and draw attention to the beauty of the grain. It creates what these designers describe as a "smoky" look.

You can also find wood floors that have been "smoked" through a traditional process from the arts and crafts movement that involves adding ammonia to the air when the wood is being processed. Touzet says the result gives the flooring a range of colors.

What shade of stain should you choose?

Light-colored floors can make a room feel larger, but Rottet says some light oak floors can fade to a yellowish color. Gray is also popular for wood floors right now. But "you have to be careful with gray," she says, "because it can bleach toward green."



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Light-colored flooring will make a room feel spacious, designer Elina Cardet says of this rendering by Perkins+Will Dubai.



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Designer Jacqueline Touzet says terrazzo flooring, as shown in this Florida entryway, is a great choice because of its durability and long-lasting beauty.

Keep in mind that a floor that gets lots of direct light may change appearance over time.

Dark brown, nearly black shades can also be beautiful, Rottet says. Just be aware that you may need to sweep often. Darker

shades, whether in wood or ceramic tile, will also help a space feel warmer, Cardet says.

Overall, Cardet suggests making conservative choices with flooring colors and styles, then getting creative with area rugs that

can be replaced if your taste changes.

Considering concrete and tile

Concrete floors are trendy and can be beautiful. But over time, cracks can form; and there's little that can be done to prevent them. Some people don't mind the look, so use concrete only if cracks won't bother you.

Concrete floors also don't absorb sound well.

Another option is large porcelain tiles that look similar to concrete or stone.

"We love terrazzo instead of concrete," Touzet says. "It's been around for centuries, and you can get the aggregates pretty fine, so it almost looks like a concrete floor."

Porcelain is generally durable, although it can chip. Cardet recommends "through-body" tile, which is made of the same material all the way through. It can be more expensive, but because the color isn't just on the surface, the look of the floor isn't ruined if there are chips.

In choosing tile or stone,

many customers are increasingly aware of durability. "We have been seeing less of limestones that are superprecious and soft," Touzet says. "People want an ease of living with their floor, not constantly maintaining it, putting a sealant on it."

Secret savings

If you don't have the budget to do an entire room in hardwood but wish you could, Rottet has a creative solution: Put down carpeting throughout the room, but add a wood border that's several inches thick around the edges of the room. It will appear as though your carpeting is actually a rug sitting on top of hardwood.

Carpeting is less popular these days, Touzet says, because of concerns about dust and air quality. But you can find a low-pile carpet and choose natural materials such as wool to avoid those issues.

And one affordable, retro trend that may be returning: high-end vinyl floors with the look of stone or wood.



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A hiking boot that is mid-cut, claspings just above the ankle, offers more ankle support, balance and protection against things you may bump into while gardening.

When choosing gardening boots, look for comfort

BY TIM JOHNSON
Chicago Tribune

I am looking for some advice on buying a pair of boots for gardening. I have not had good luck finding something that I can garden in for long periods of time.

— Jennifer Anderson,
Highwood

Just like having the right tools makes a gardening job easier, having the right gear makes the gardener more comfortable and prevents injuries.

I like to use hiking boots for my gardening work boots. They provide good support and adequate protection when working outside in different conditions. It is important to choose a boot with a snug fit at the heel and wiggling room for your toes in front. When I buy boots, I look for comfort (including how hot they might be in summer) first and then their stability, durability and water resistance.

Most stores selling out-

door recreational gear will have a variety of hiking boots to choose from. Look first at boots designed for light hiking versus heavy backpacking or mountaineering. I prefer a boot that is mid-cut, claspings just above the ankle, as this style offers more ankle support, balance and protection against things you may bump into while gardening.

Boots made of synthetics are often nylon and polyester. They break in easily, feel light on your feet and will dry quickly but will have less water resistance than all-leather boots. I use a boot that is split-grain leather, which is made of half leather and half synthetics, so the material is breathable, helping to keep my feet comfortable in the heat of summer. You gain some water resistance and durability with this style. Full-grain leather hiking boots will most likely be too heavy and hot for comfortable gardening.

Be sure to bring socks of

similar thickness to what you use for gardening when you try on the boots. I use socks that I wear in summer when testing boots. My thicker socks for cold weather late in the season still work OK but with a little tighter boot fit. Different types of socks will alter your boot fit. Your feet typically swell a bit during the day, so time your shopping toward the end of the day to avoid buying boots that are too small.

Some stores can customize footbeds for your boots if you continue to have troubles with the fit. If you want to go one step further, you can work with a podiatrist for custom-molded orthotics.

Be sure to do some light walking about in the boots to break them in some before tackling a full day of gardening in them.

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Slim trees the ideal fit for tight spots in yards

BY BETH BOTTS
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We all love trees with graceful, spreading branches, but sometimes spreading branches just won't fit. Fortunately, there's a solution for tight spots: slim trees.

"Some tree species naturally don't get very wide," said Julie Janoski, Plant Clinic manager at the Morton Arboretum in Lisle. "Breeders also have developed narrower cultivated varieties." There's increasing demand for trees that work in small yards and skinny parkways.

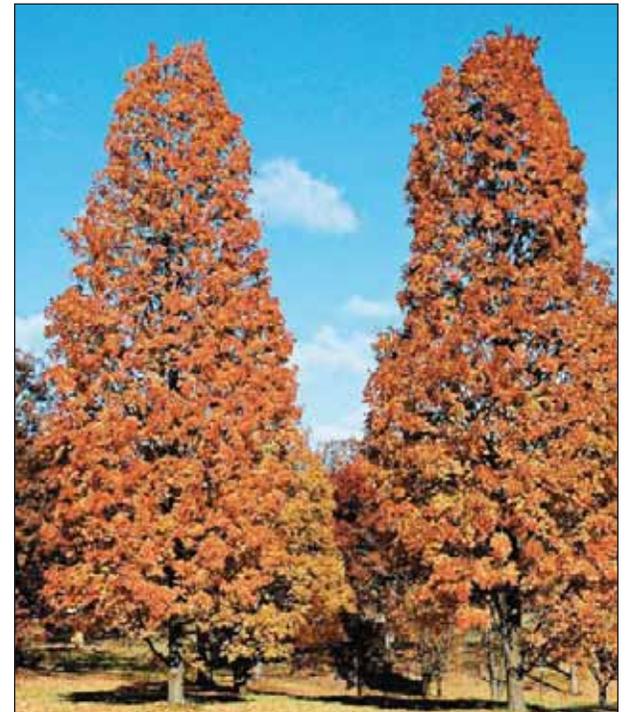
If you're planning to plant a tree this year, winter is a good time to start research to find the species or cultivated variety that will work best in your yard. The tree's mature size is one of the critical factors.

Any tree looks small as a sapling in the nursery or garden center. "What matters is how wide it will get when it's fully grown," Janoski said. A young spruce or fir that is only 18 inches wide in its nursery pot may eventually spread 30 or 40 feet across.

For tight spaces, look for species or cultivars that naturally grow more like a pillar than a cone or a lollipop, staying relatively slender for their height. These trees will usually be labeled as "columnar" or "fastigiate."

"Columnar" is a general term used for trees and shrubs that tend to be less horizontal than vertical, like a column. "Fastigiate" means something more specific: having branches that grow upward and stay close to the trunk rather than reaching outward.

These terms refer to a form, not a specific size, so it's essential to check the mature width of each kind of tree you're considering. "There are trees that are columnar that get wider



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Some varieties of sugar maple trees have a shape that is columnar, or tall and narrow, and can fit into tight spaces in yards and parkways.

than you'd expect," Janoski said.

Where can you plant slim trees? "A columnar tree can be an exclamation point in your landscape, because its form is such a contrast to other trees," Janoski said. Columnar trees are useful as hedges and privacy screens.

Here are a few of Janoski's suggestions for narrow trees to consider. Learn more at mortonarb.org/search-trees.

Armstrong Freeman's maple (*Acer x freemanii* "Armstrong"): Grows 15 to 20 feet wide and 50 to 70 feet tall, with leaves that turn orange to red in fall.

Firespire American hornbeam (*Carpinus caroliniana* "J.N. Upright"): Grows 10 feet wide and 20 feet tall with red-orange fall color.

Kindred Spirit Ware's oak (*Quercus x warei* "Nadler"): Grows 6 feet wide and 40 feet tall. This cross between English oak and swamp white oak is

named for the late Arboretum scientist George Ware.

North Pole Eastern arborvitae (*Thuja occidentalis* "Art Boe"): Grows 3 to 5 feet wide and 12 to 15 feet tall, with feathery evergreen foliage.

Slender Silhouette sweet-gum (*Liquidambar styraciflua* "Slender Silhouette"): Just 6 to 8 feet wide when 60 feet tall. Sweet-gum has lovely fall color but may not be fully hardy in northern Illinois.

Standing Ovation downy serviceberry (*Amelanchier alnifolia* "Obelisk"): Grows 4 feet wide and 15 feet tall, with white flowers in spring and orange fall color.

For tree and plant advice, contact the Arboretum's Plant Clinic (630-719-2424 or plantadvice@mortonarb.org).

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Truss systems can accommodate attic

BY TIM CARTER
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Q: I grew up in an older home with an attic. I love storing things up there. When I watch new homes being built, all I see are trusses with all sorts of cross supports that make it impossible to have an attic. Can you have an attic with a modern truss? Is it hard to do? What about traditional stairs up into an attic? Can you have those instead of the flimsy pull-down stairs?

A: This question reminds me of an embarrassing and enlightening moment I had as a very young builder. I was building a home for a friend, and he had purchased the plans from a company that had hundreds of plans in a book. The house called for normal trusses, and that's what I ordered. The roof was moderately steep and the overall height of the trusses was about 13 feet.

After the trusses were set and the roof sheathing was on, my friend visited the site on a weekend. He looked up into the maze of lumber above his head while we stood in the entrance hall and said, "Wow, what a massive waste of space. Why didn't you create an attic up there?"

My reply was that I ordered the trusses the way they were shown on the plan and that was that. It's important to realize this was before the internet existed and I had only seen normal trusses early in my career.

On my next visit to the lumber company I asked a salesman, "Can a truss be made that has an attic in it?" The salesman pulled out a book and showed me numerous truss designs that allowed a large square or rectangle to be made in each truss! Oh my, imagine the possibilities!



TIM CARTER PHOTO

Attic space can easily be carved out in new homes with the use of specially designed trusses instead of a normal truss system.

The good news for you should you be building a new home, adding a large room addition or even building another structure with a pitched roof is that you can have a bonus room built within the roof trusses for a very reasonable upcharge.

The steeper the pitch of the roof over the structure, the larger the room can be in the attic. I'm typing this column right now in my small man cave that's above my garage. Fortunately, the builder of this home used attic trusses over the large garage to create a vast storage area. I installed windows on each end wall of this

space and built a wall at one end to create a small, cozy ham radio shack/office for myself. It's a perfect hideaway and allows me to work and talk with people I can't see undisturbed.

Houses with low-sloped roofs can have special trusses that resemble attic trusses. These are called storage trusses, and they resemble a crawl space under a home. You can crouch down and move around in the storage trusses to retrieve stored items.

Old houses were typically framed with traditional rafters that allowed an opening to be created in the floor for a tradi-

tional staircase. You're never supposed to cut any member of a prefabricated roof truss, so how can you make a wide staircase opening that's perpendicular to the run of the trusses?

It's easy. A truss designer uses software that creates two giant girder trusses that allow for a full-sized staircase up into the new attic space. All you have to do is draw the staircase on the floor plan where you want it to go up into the attic and the truss manufacturer will make the magic happen for you. The carpenters on the job, with the help of a small crane, can put all the trusses and

other pieces together in less than a day.

Q: Can you help me? I'm on a very tight budget and desperately need an extra flat work surface that can be a desk for my son to do his homework as well as a hobby area. Another key point is I have virtually no tools, and my building skills are poor. What can I do to solve this problem in less than a day?

A: I think all of us have been faced with this predicament at one point. Fortunately, there's a solution that requires no tools whatsoever! You may find a perfect used desk at a yard or garage sale or online websites that have local yard sale groups.

The fastest way to create a flat desk surface is to use a simple hollow-core door that just about any home center or traditional lumber yard stocks. Doors are usually 24, 30 or 32 inches wide and 72 or 80 inches tall. A 24-by-72-inch door makes for a marvelous desk surface. The doors are normally 1 3/8-inches thick and quite strong.

Visit a large retailer that sells storage products and you're going to discover stackable plastic drawers or drawer carts on wheels. I went online and found a set of two carts that would support the door and put the working surface of the door just about at the right height.

The drawer carts have three drawers in each one and measure 14.5 inches wide by 12.5 inches deep and 26 inches high. You place one at each end of the door and the void space between them provides plenty of room for your legs. If you need the top of the desk to be higher, just stack a few spare books on top of the drawers to get the top of the desk about 29 inches off the floor. Enjoy your new and easy desk.

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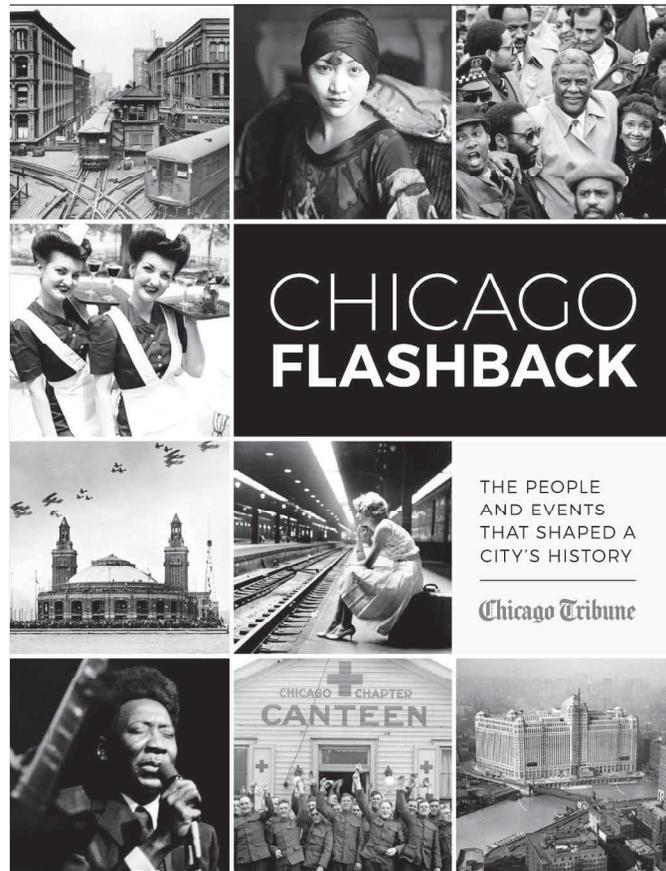
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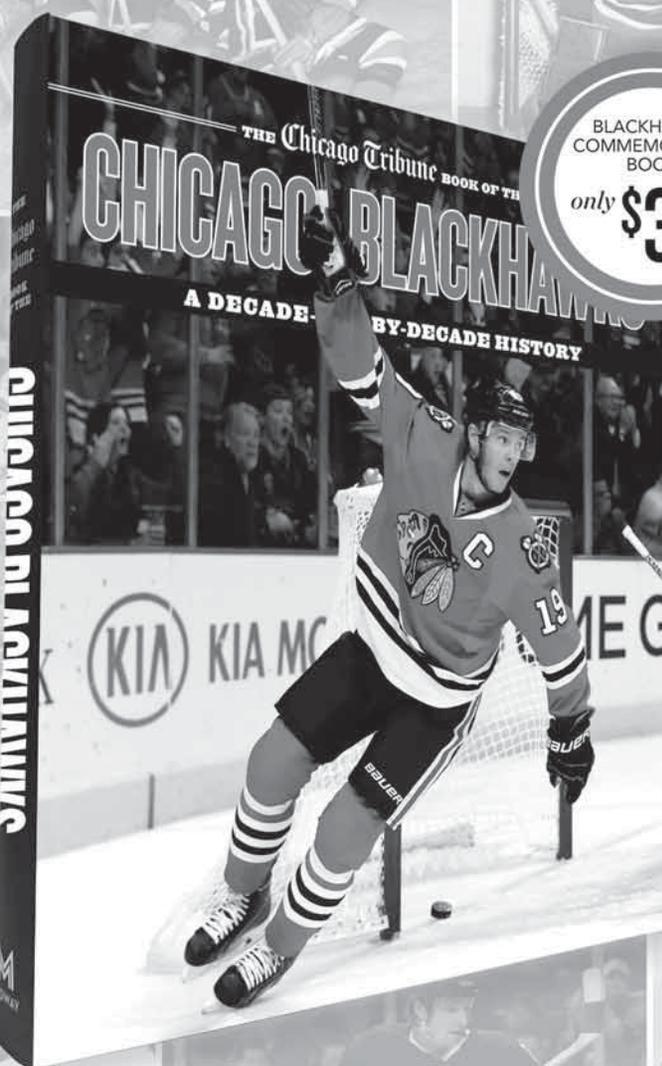
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A midwinter checkup can catch problems like damage to weather stripping and caulk.

HOME REMEDIES

What you should look for in a midwinter inspection

BY PAUL F. P. POGUE
Angie's List

Halfway through winter, you may be tempted to stay in a warm and cozy cocoon inside your house. And who could blame you? But even if you thoroughly prepared your home for the cold months, the best-laid plans can go awry. Perform a midwinter checkup to ensure your home stays in good shape for the remaining cold weeks and the spring to follow. Even if you don't find emerging problems, this checkup can help you determine your home improvement priorities for the year to come.

Inspecting your interior: Walk through your house and study it as if you're seeing it for the first time. Perform a room-by-room sweep and write down the condition of major elements such as windows, doors, trim and molding. Take note of potential problem areas, especially things that have fallen victim to wear and tear that you might overlook

every day.

Check your HVAC filter and change it if necessary. Even if you changed it recently, heavy-duty conditions, such as the recent polar vortex that swept through much of the nation, can easily load up your filter with debris and gunk.

Examine your windows and doors and feel for air drafts. See if your windows open and close smoothly and keep a tight seal afterward. Winter weather and excess moisture can give wood windows a serious beating. You'll spend less money to repair the problem if you identify it early.

Check the weather stripping and caulk you set up earlier in the season. Wear and tear can catch up to them very quickly.

Checking for problems outside: Winter wreaks havoc on siding, especially aluminum and vinyl. Walk around your home to see if pieces have become loose, damaged or pulled away. Loose siding can allow water to enter the space behind it, causing water damage and mold growth.

Check your foundation for mold, cracks and water damage.

Take a look at your gutters to verify they're clear of winter gunk and buildup. If necessary, hire a gutter cleaner to clear them out.

When the temperature is above freezing, sweep up the remnants of salt or other ice-melting agents on your sidewalks. You don't want to track that into your home, and too much runoff into your lawn can damage your grass.

Check bushes and trees for dead limbs and branches. Trim away damaged portions as quickly as you can. Dead branches pose a hazard, and you'll get the best results if you trim them before they begin spring growth.

If you've experienced significant ice damming on your roof, or large icicles hanging from your gutters, check your attic insulation. An excessively warm attic can lead to ice dams. Don't wait to address ice dam problems; they can cause serious roof damage and lead to expensive leaks.

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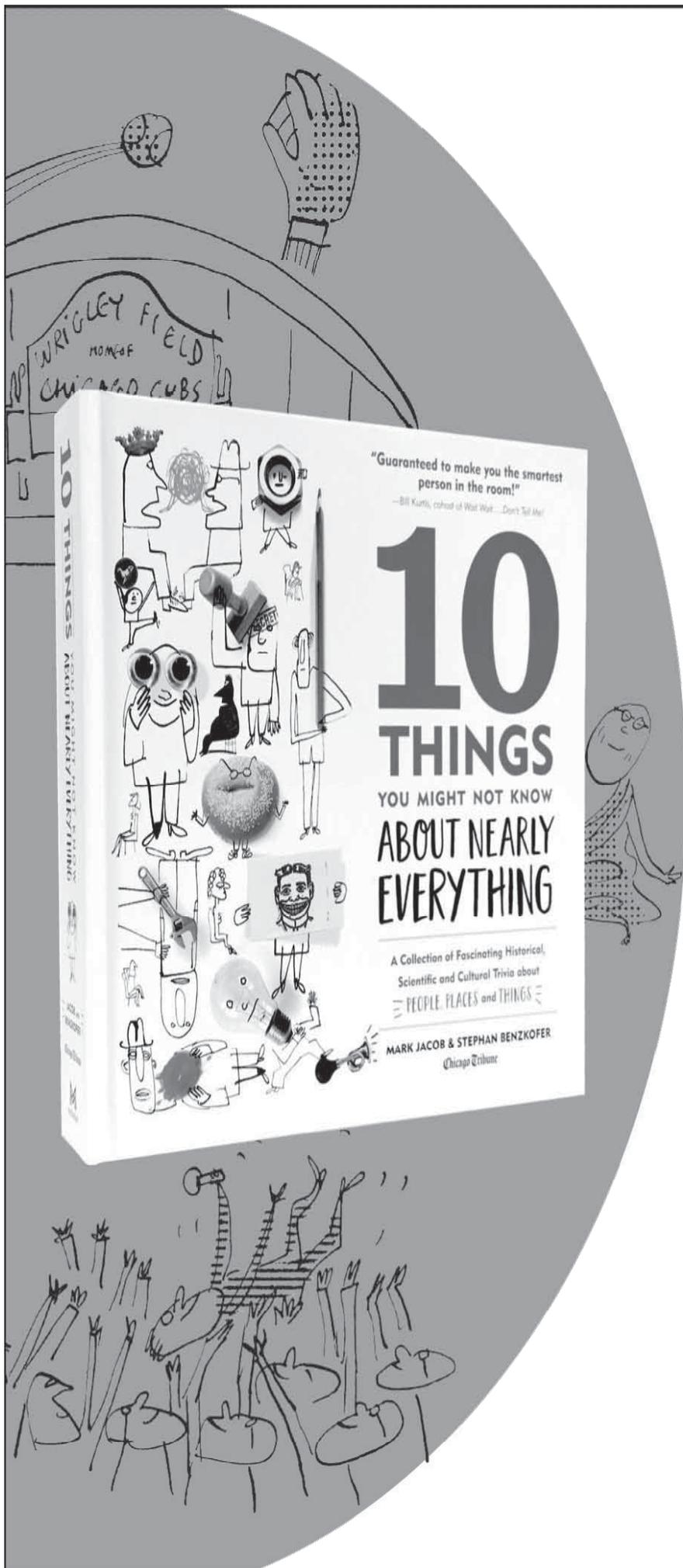
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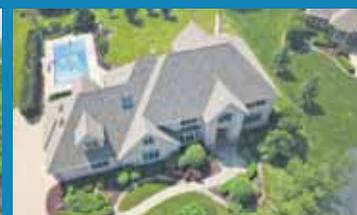
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