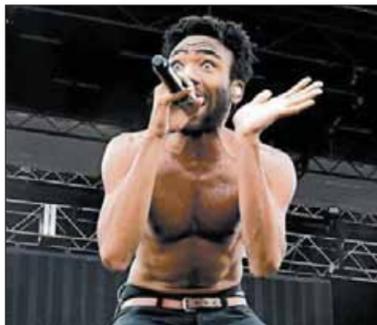


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Report: 'Horror scale' of child sex abuse

Attorneys who have represented victims release list of nearly 400 Illinois priests, lay people accused of crime

BY ELYSSA CHERNEY AND ANNA KIM
Chicago Tribune

Attorneys who represent victims of sexual abuse by priests have released what they say is the most comprehensive list yet of Catholic clergy with ties to Illinois

who have been accused of misconduct against children.

The list includes about 400 priests and lay people who at one time served in parishes or schools or otherwise worked in the state, with accusations spanning more than a half-century. That number far exceeds the roughly 200

priests who already have been publicly identified by Illinois' six Catholic dioceses, including the Chicago Archdiocese.

"The data reveal the horrifying scale of priests sexually assaulting minors to the present day," the report said. "Perhaps most shocking among the discoveries is that some perpetrators were intentionally transferred and retained in trusted positions with direct access to children even after they

were known to sexually abuse children."

Many of the priests named in the new report already have been publicly identified in news stories and court records, even if they don't appear on dioceses' official lists. The dioceses generally used different standards for publicly identifying priests, in some cases omitting clergy when claims against them could not be substantiated or when an allegation

was made after the priest died.

The new study, called the Anderson Report, takes a broader approach, including any priest, seminarian or religious employee — in some cases of Catholic orders outside the dioceses — who has ever been accused of child sexual abuse, regardless of whether the claim was found credible or the alleged abuse occurred in Illinois.

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Spate of suicides by city cops raises alarm

6 deaths in 8 months draw attention of national experts

BY MADELINE BUCKLEY AND ANNIE SWEENEY
Chicago Tribune

A dozen or so police officers gather once every month in the basement of an office building and talk — about handling holidays with families, about nightmares so bad they are reluctant to share a bed at night.

Most of the officers were involved in a shooting while on duty, and here they share stories of what that has meant. Sometimes they cry.

"This is what trauma looks like," says Carrie Steiner, a former Chicago cop turned therapist who runs the counseling center. "This is what PTSD (post-traumatic stress disorder) looks like."

Responding to that trauma is now a top challenge for the Chicago Police Department, where alarms are sounding after six officers killed themselves over the last eight months.

Last week, after the most recent suicide, Superintendent Eddie Johnson convened a small meeting of command staff and told them officer wellness was now his priority. To keep neighborhoods safe, his officers need to be healthy, he told the group.

Johnson formed a task force to examine the department's mental health services, according to his spokesman, Anthony Guglielmi, who was at the meeting.

And in a sign of changing attitudes, Johnson also sent his officers a note about the latest death, saying, "we must do everything we can to ensure that our fellow officers have the support needed to get through the challenges of this very difficult job."

Such acknowledgment of suicide among the ranks — even in private messages to his officers — is something Johnson has started doing only recently, Guglielmi said.

All this comes two years after the U.S. Justice Department warned the department that its care of officers was severely lacking.

Now, with the loss of six

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Jennifer Hollenbeck and Zach Connell make their way home from school through the flooded neighborhood along the Rock River on Tuesday in Edgemere Terrace in Roscoe, Ill. Record flooding prompted communities near the Rock River to evacuate.

Rising water, rising concern

BY TONY BRISCOE AND MORGAN GREENE
Chicago Tribune

Climate change disrupting life in Great Lakes region — and it's only going to get worse

As the Rock River began to rise near the riverfront village of Machesney Park, homeowner Jack Dillon assembled a crew of contractors, friends and family to shore up his two-story house.

The team fortified the perimeter with stacks of sandbags.

They arranged and operated an elaborate network of nearly a dozen pumps to divert water. By Tuesday morning, after many neighboring homes had succumbed to the floodwater, Dillon tearfully recalled how strangers helped him stave off

major damage.

"We had 12 people on payroll, and then we had neighbors and friends chip in. But there were people we didn't even know," said Dillon, who noted he hadn't slept in 2 1/2 days. "One man made me cry. He had to be 70,

and he came down three times to help pick up a load of bags.

"There's a lot of bad people in the world, but there are some awful good ones," Dillon said with a shaky voice.

A powerful storm, known as a "bomb cyclone," walloped the Midwest and unleashed widespread flooding, including in

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Mayoral candidates question each other

Mayoral candidates Lori Lightfoot, left, and Toni Preckwinkle prepare for Wednesday night's debate at ABC 7 Chicago. Preckwinkle questioned if Lightfoot has the experience to do the job. Page 4

Chicago adventurer going to Everest in fundraising quest

Goal: \$1M for Lurie Hospital by finishing Explorers Grand Slam

BY JOHN KEILMAN
Chicago Tribune

Chicago adventurer Alexander Pancoe has traveled to some of the most desolate places on Earth and scaled mountains with fearful body counts. But the most danger he has faced in his quest to achieve the Explorers Grand Slam, a feat that involves

scaling the highest mountain on each continent and trekking to each pole, didn't happen atop a wind-scarred alpine peak or a patch of arctic ice.

Pancoe, 32, said he was training by himself in July at Snowmass Mountain in Colorado, not far from the glittering Aspen ski resort, when a rock he was using as a handhold broke, sending him hurtling into a jagged stone that plunged deep into his leg.

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Tom Skilling's forecast High 48 Low 35

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JIM WEBER/AP

Democratic presidential candidate Elizabeth Warren is in favor of getting rid of the Electoral College.



JOHN KASS

Is this idiocracy or a rush to the 'Hunger Games'?

I've just taken a good, long hit on the Kasshish pipe, and now my eyes are finally open to the wisdom of Sen. Elizabeth Warren of Massachusetts.

Kasshish makes you see reality, but it also gives you the munchies, so if you don't mind, I'd very much like a plate of "Cold Omelets with Crab Meat," the "authentic" Cherokee recipe Warren published in the "Pow Wow Chow" cookbook, back when she was vigorously Native American.

But her identity politics isn't the issue. Her wisdom is the issue, in wanting to toss the Electoral College on the ash heap of history.

Sen. Kamala Harris wouldn't mind tossing out the Electoral College, either, nor would other 2020 presidential candidates of the Creative Destruction Party, all of whom want real change in this country. Not fake change, but the real Green New Deal.

These candidates don't mind packing the Supreme Court or giving 16-year-olds the right to vote or letting the majority rule us in all things.

We've been talking about real change for some time now. But years have passed, and now it appears that "everybody" agrees we are running out of time.

As some scientific-sounding expert said once in a movie, Americans have not become smarter, they've become more stupid with each passing year.

"The years passed, mankind became stupider at a frightening rate. Some had high hopes that genetic engineering would correct this trend in evolution," he said. "But sadly, the greatest minds and resources were focused on conquering hair loss and prolonging erections."

As we lurch toward idiocracy — the real thing, not the movie — we must change course.

Before I began smoking Kasshish, I'd wasted much of my time puffing away on Hopium, reading conservative journals and holding onto the old-fashioned belief expressed in the Constitution that the rights of the minority were important too.

But since we only have 12 years to

live, like the climate scientists say, who the heck has got time for minority rights?

If Houston will soon be underwater, like Beto says, then we don't have the time to let passions cool before making rash decisions. Those decisions that could plunge us into chaos and bring forth the rule of the mob — which would invariably be followed by imposition of federal martial order, just like those old dead European dudes warned us about.

Let's just do it. Let's pack the Supreme Court to get the judicial decisions we want.

Let's give 16-year-olds the right to vote to get the voters we want. The 14-year-olds will complain, so we'll have to give them that right as well. Who can withstand the whining of an adolescent? I certainly can't.

Let's also finally get rid of that ridiculous dusty relic called the Electoral College so we can get the political results most of us want, unless, of course, you happen to live in a poor, rural area and your name is Katniss Everdeen.

"My view is that every vote matters," Warren, the Massachusetts Democrat, said to wild applause at a CNN town hall in Mississippi. "And the way we can make that happen is that we can have national voting, and that means to get rid of the Electoral College!"

Yay! Abolishing the Electoral College was also supported in concept by Harris, who sat next to Jimmy Kimmel to discuss political philosophy.

"There's no question that the popular vote has been diminished in terms of making the final decision about who's the president of the United States, and we need to deal with that, so I'm open to the discussion," Harris said.

There's no question about a lot of things, Sen. Harris, including whether making prostitution legal would truly empower sex workers, as you're saying now, or whether, as you said some time ago when serving as a prose-

cutor, it would "empower pimps and human traffickers ... to exploit their victims without repercussion."

Beto also thinks there is reason to abolish the Electoral College.

"I think there's a lot of wisdom in that," he said in a video on Twitter. "You had an election in 2016 where the loser got 3 million more votes than the victor. It puts some states out of play altogether."

That's brilliant. Beto knows what plants crave. It's the electrolytes.

It's all in the Constitution, so getting rid of it won't happen as easily as Warren, Harris and Beto might wish or leaders of the House of Representatives might want.

But it could happen if a huge majority of the states say it should be so.

Democrats don't much like the Electoral College, and they've liked it even less after Hillary Clinton won the popular vote in 2016 but lost the votes of the states.

The presidency is our only office subject to a national election, and the founders created the Electoral College to prevent heavily populated states like New York and California from exerting their will on the rest of us, in the manner of Emma Stone putting her foot down on that poor little rabbit in "The Favourite."

As Warren and Harris and Beto tell us of the wonders of the future, none of us think of ourselves as the rabbit about to scream.

We're always the foot. And so, when all this happens, when their plans come to fruition and the toilet paper and food disappear, as in Venezuela, I call dibs on the tapirs in the zoo.

I hear they're easy to roast over coals.

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Trump's attacks on McCain and Conway are truly bringing dignity back to the presidency



REX W. HUPPKE

Since Donald Trump became president, so many amazing things have happened, according to Donald Trump.

But the thing I most appreciate is how he has, at long last, re-stored dignity to the office of the presidency.

Why, just Wednesday morning, he responded to criticism from the husband of one of his top advisers, Kellyanne Conway, by dignifiedly tweeting: "George Conway, often referred to as Mr. Kellyanne Conway by those who know him, is VERY jealous of his wife's success & angry that I, with her help, didn't give him the job he so desperately wanted. I barely know him but just take a look, a stone cold LOSER & husband from hell!"

This is a textbook presidential display of dignity. In fact, there's an entire chapter on it in my soon-to-be-published book "Presidential Dignity Throughout American History" that recalls how, during the 1860 presidential campaign, Abraham Lincoln sent what was known then as a "parchment tweet" describing his Southern Democratic opponent John Breckinridge as a "TOTALLY STUPID LOSER and henpecked husband from hades!"

A total class act.

In other recent acts of dignity, Trump has resumed his attacks on John McCain, a war hero and longtime Republican senator who died of brain cancer last August.

From the Oval Office on Tuesday, Trump said: "I was never a fan of John McCain, and I never will be." Over the weekend, he falsely referred to the senator in a tweet as "last in his class' (Annapolis) John McCain."

Any student of presidential dignity knows that a true statesman waits until after a highly respected politician and war hero is dead and unable to defend himself before insulting that politician's intelligence and telling the world you hate him.



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President Donald Trump, reacted to criticism from George Conway, above, the husband of one of Trump's top advisers, Kellyanne Conway, by referring to him as Mr. Kellyanne Conway.

In a series of more than 50 dignity-heavy tweets this weekend, the president of the United State of America attacked: an Ohio union president; a former secretary of state ("Crooked Hillary"); a former Vice President Joe Biden ("low I.Q. individual");

the entire Democratic Party ("The Radical Left Democrats"); "Saturday Night Live" ("not funny/no talent"); and the free press ("Corrupt Media" and "FAKE NEWS MEDIA!")

He also achieved peak office-of-the-presidency dignity by

retweeting comedian Larry the Cable Guy, who was retweeting actor and conspiracy theory peddler James Woods.

It's just refreshing to have a president who gets the basic standards of American political decency and decorum.

Unlike that former occupant of the White House, Barack "Hussein" Obama.

Remember back in 2015 when Obama appeared in a lighthearted BuzzFeed video promoting the Affordable Care Act? It was disgraceful, and it led Fox News host Greta Van Susteren to say: "I yearn for my president looking presidential and serious right now."

She was white about that. The yearning was so great.

Also in 2015, Obama de-dignified the office of the presidency by allowing himself to be interviewed by three popular YouTube stars, who asked him questions on foreign policy, education and other issues.

Conservative radio host and dignity warrior Rush Limbaugh declared: "You talk about beneath the dignity of the office, maybe setting a new low. President Obama with YouTube interviews."

It's a wonder the nation managed to recover.

In 2014, Republican House Speaker John Boehner described Obama's use of "execution action" in an op-ed published on CNN's website: "It is utterly beneath the dignity of the office."

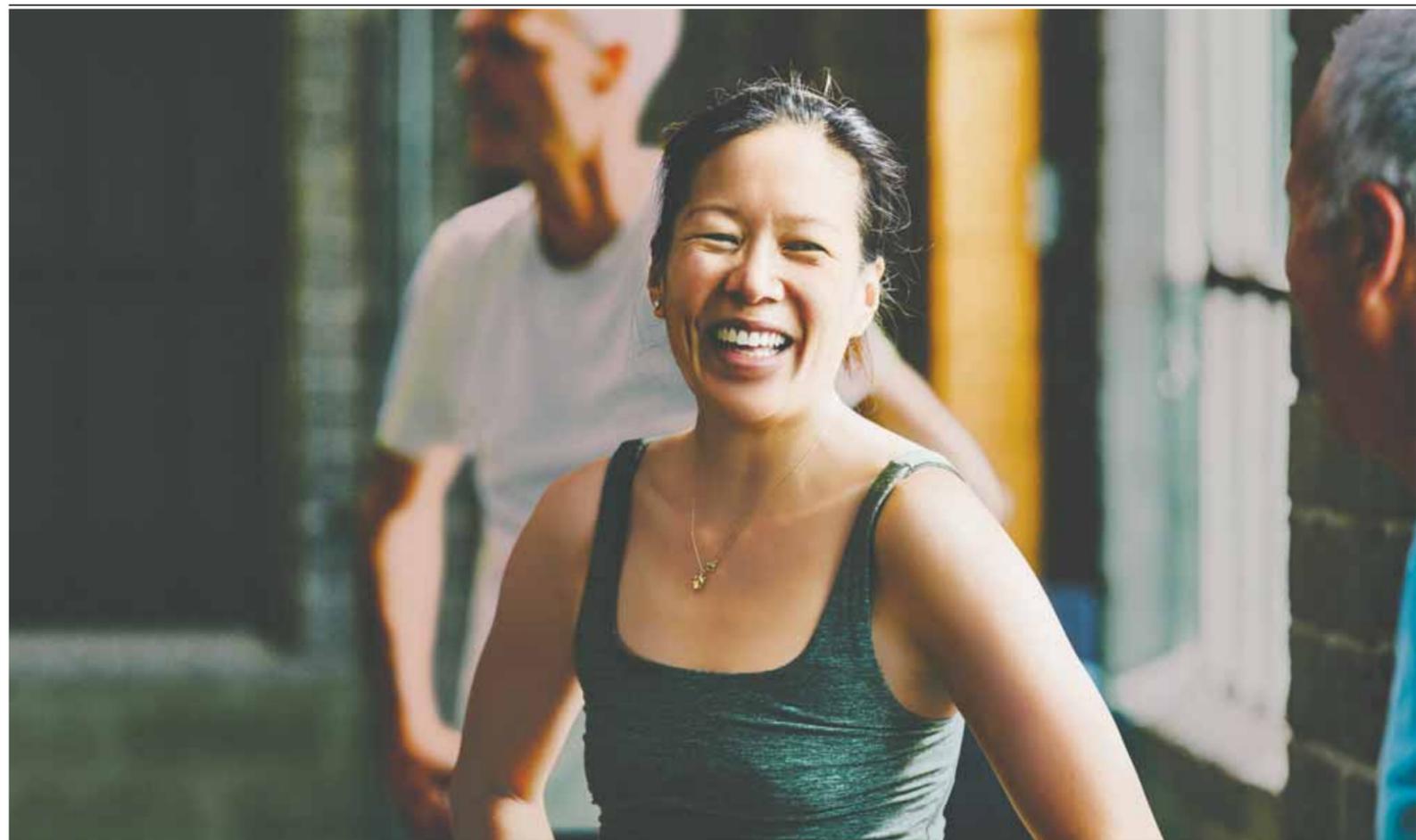
(Obama's executive actions were notably different from Trump's recent executive action to circumvent Congress and fund a border wall because Trump's executive action is heroic and, if anything, above the dignity of the office.)

For all intents and purposes, Obama sucked the dignity out of the office of the presidency.

So we should thank our lucky stars that President Trump has now filled the Oval Office to its rooftop with dignity by appropriately labeling people losers, husbands from hell and stupid dead war heroes.

Trump has done it his way. And we can conclude from the past comments of Obama's many critics — those who now praise Trump's behavior as bold and authentic — that Trump's approach is truly the white way to preserve the dignity of the office.

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ELECTION 2019

Preckwinkle seizes on experience

In TV debate, questions whether Lori Lightfoot prepared to run Chicago

BY BILL RUTHART
AND JUAN PEREZ JR.
Chicago Tribune

In some ways, the state of Chicago's race for mayor boiled down to a single moment in a televised debate Wednesday night when Cook County Board President Toni Preckwinkle and former federal prosecutor Lori Lightfoot were given the opportunity to ask each other a question.

Trailing in recent days in fundraising and with her campaign's TV ads falling off the air this week, Preckwinkle took the opportunity to go on the attack, casting Lightfoot as a corporate attorney who doesn't have the public service experience to run a large government enterprise like Chicago.

Enjoying a groundswell of new support and endorsements in the city's Northwest and Southwest sides and in its Latino neighborhoods, Lightfoot gave Preckwinkle a softball question on the historic nature of the race, which the county board president again used to attack her opponent.

"Change is not simply words, it's action. Balancing a budget is a difficult, challenging process," Preckwinkle said to Lightfoot. "The city has a huge budget. What's the biggest budget that you've ever managed? It's a complicated, difficult process. How can people believe you can run this government, let alone change it?"

Lightfoot responded by saying she helped manage many city budgets during her tenure as chief of staff in the city's Office of

Emergency Management and Communications, as a chief oversight official in the Chicago Police Department and as the top deputy in the city's procurement department under former Mayor Richard M. Daley before becoming a partner at Mayer Brown, one of the nation's largest law firms.

"I have a wealth of experience, not only as a senior executive in different departments in the city, but I've also, in my private practice life, helped small businesses, middle-market businesses really try to navigate the sometimes difficult world of city government," Lightfoot said. "But what I think is most important is it's not about our resume, it's about our resolve. It's about our resolve to form a city that is inclusive, that is responsive, and a city government that is open and transparent and is doing everything it can to move people forward."

Lightfoot then posed a question to Preckwinkle, noting how one of them will become the first African-American female elected mayor of Chicago and asking her to discuss the race's significance.

Preckwinkle took her answer in a different direction, again trying to draw a distinction between her long career in public service as a teacher, alderman and county board president and Lightfoot's background as a City Hall appointee and corporate attorney.

"You know, I think it's true that this is a historic time. But it's also true that we took very different paths to get where we are," Preckwinkle said. "I worked to bring change, to actualize change, to transform the institutions I represented and the communities I represented. And let me just say, that's hard work. Resolve isn't



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Chicago mayoral candidates Lori Lightfoot, left, and Toni Preckwinkle took part in a debate Wednesday at ABC 7.

good enough. It takes patience and courage to do this work."

She went on to criticize Lightfoot for her work at Mayer Brown saying, "While I was transforming our health care system, increasing access and improving the quality of care, my opponent was working for a law firm that defends tobacco companies and polluters."

Lightfoot pointedly took the high road and didn't respond to the law firm criticism.

"Well, I will actually answer the question," Lightfoot said. "I hope this campaign and the fact that one of us as African-American women is going to be the next mayor of the city really gives hope to young girls that are out there and young men that are out there to know what my parents taught me: that anything is possible if you actually have the opportunity and take advantage of it and use it as a ladder up."

The exchange was the highlight of the second one-on-one televised debate ahead of the April 2 runoff election that aired live on ABC-Ch. 7. The discussion didn't cover a lot of new ground but gave each candidate the

opportunity to touch on their plans for education, crime reduction, urban development, city revenue and more.

Afterward, Lightfoot said she wasn't surprised Preckwinkle went on the attack, saying her campaign has determined "their path to victory is to try to demonize and destroy me."

"I think people are seeing right through that," Lightfoot said.

Following the debate, Preckwinkle said while the election may be a historic one, she still has a responsibility to draw a distinction between herself and Lightfoot.

Asked whether going on the offensive while Lightfoot sought to stay above the fray signaled Preckwinkle was behind in the race, the county board president dismissed the suggestion.

"No," she said. "I think it's very important that voters understand that there are profound differences between us, given the fact that this is an historic election between two African-American women."

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Kelly asks permission to travel

Says he's struggling financially, wants to go to Dubai for concerts

BY MEGAN CREPEAU
Chicago Tribune

R&B singer R. Kelly wants a Cook County judge's permission to travel to Dubai next month to perform in concerts, arguing it would be "a hardship" on his children if he can't make the trip because he needs the money to pay off child support, among other expenses.

Kelly is barred from leaving Illinois as a condition of his release on \$1 million bond as he awaits trial on 10 counts of aggravated criminal sexual abuse. He also surrendered his passport.

In a court filing Wednesday, Kelly's lawyer, Steven Greenberg, said the singer signed a contract before his arrest last month to perform three to five shows in Dubai, located in the United Arab Emirates.

Kelly is supposed to meet with the royal family while he is there and plans to fly by private jet, according to the filing. Greenberg told the Tribune on Wednesday that the concert promoter will pick up that expense.

Greenberg said Kelly poses no risk to flee, noting that he never failed to appear in court when he faced child pornography charges in Cook County years ago. A jury acquitted Kelly of those charges in 2008.

The court filing said Kelly has been struggling financially as his reputation has come under increasing attack in recent months. Some streaming services have removed his songs, and his record company has canceled his contract, Greenberg said.

"Mr. Kelly has a job that requires he be allowed to travel," the filing said. "He cannot work, and consequently cannot making a living if he is confined to Illinois, or even the United States."

The filing goes on to point out that Kelly has "struggled of late" to pay child support and other child-related expenses.

"Denying him the opportunity to work would be a hardship on his children," Greenberg wrote.

Earlier this month, Kelly was jailed for three nights after he was unable to pay more than \$161,000 in child support by a deadline set by a judge. The court fight has been sealed from public view for reasons never explained publicly.

Kelly is slated to appear Friday at the Leighton Criminal Court Building, Judge Lawrence Flood, who is presiding over the criminal charges faced by Kelly, could consider the travel request then.

In bombshell indictments last month, Kelly, 52, was accused of sexually abusing three girls and one woman over the course of more than a decade. He has pleaded not guilty and vehemently denies the accusations.

While Wednesday's filing concerns Kelly's travel needs, Greenberg took the opportunity to attack the case more broadly, promising to challenge each charge on statute-of-limitations grounds and accusing State's Attorney Kim Foxx of pursuing the case only to earn accolades.

"Most if not all of these allegations were all investigated years ago, and charges were not brought," Greenberg wrote. "There is little if anything that has changed other than State's Attorney's desire to thrust herself into the spotlight of the #metoo movement."

Greenberg also called Foxx's objectivity into question. Stephanie "Sparkle" Edwards, a star prosecution witness at Kelly's child pornography trial who could be called to testify in the pending charges, performed at a luncheon attended by Foxx in 2016.

A spokesman for the office has previously confirmed to the Tribune that Edwards performed at a get-out-the-vote event held by supporters of Foxx during her campaign that year.

"State's Attorney Foxx took a photo with Stephanie Edwards at the event as she did with thousands of others along the campaign trail," senior adviser Robert Foley said in a statement. "The Chief Ethics Officer determined this would not create a conflict. However, we cannot confirm or deny Stephanie Edwards' involvement in any case."

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On shadow day, students get a light kitchen lesson

Executive chef Chris Gawronski teaches Simeon Career Academy juniors Haley Lewis, from left, Shariya Logwood, Jada Wilson and Diamoni Lewis how to make pasta as they work in the kitchen of Acanto on Michigan Avenue during a job shadow day Wednesday.

Pritzker receives mixed reviews in early state poll

Numbers for Madigan rate lower than Trump

BY RICK PEARSON
Chicago Tribune

Little more than two months after his inauguration, Democratic Gov. J.B. Pritzker is drawing mixed reviews from state residents, according to a statewide poll released Wednesday by the Paul Simon Public Policy Institute at Southern Illinois University.

At the same time, the poll found deep disapproval for the job President Donald Trump is doing as the 2020 presidential contest approaches — a point of potential concern for state Republican candidates who will be on the next general election ballot.

The survey also found the millions of dollars that former GOP Gov. Bruce Rauner used to demonize Michael Madigan over the past five years have taken a

toll on voter attitudes toward the veteran House speaker, who has a lower job approval than the controversial president.

The poll of 1,000 voters was conducted March 11 to March 18 for the Simon Institute and had an error margin of 3.1 percentage points. The sample results skewed to a majority of male voters, and the results were not weighted to reflect the state's racial or ethnic voting population.

For Pritzker, who took office Jan. 9, the job approval rating provides a base point for his four-year term — one in which he promised to pursue a broad social agenda as well as the imposition of a graduated-rate income tax to help cover the state's budget imbalance and its massive pension debt.

The survey found 40 percent of voters approved of the job Pritzker was doing compared with 38 who disapproved — within the poll's margin of error. An additional 22 percent said they neither approved nor disap-

proved, or didn't know enough to answer.

At the equivalent time period early in his term as governor, Rauner's job approval was 37 percent compared with 31 percent who disapproved. Nearly one-third of voters had no opinion or had not decided.

Pritzker's largest approval rating came from Chicago, where 50 percent approve and 28 disapprove. Among suburban voters, 40 percent approve and 26 percent disapprove. Downstate, which has trended more Republican and is a region where Rauner had his biggest support in his unsuccessful run against Pritzker, half of the voters disapproved of the current Democratic governor's job while 34 percent approved.

In a state that Trump lost to Hillary Clinton by 17 percentage points, 59 percent of voters surveyed disapproved of the president's job performance, while only 39 percent had a positive view. More than 83 percent of

those voters dissatisfied with Trump's job performance said they "strongly disapproved."

The poll showed continued suburban disapproval for Trump, a factor evident in last year's midterm elections that saw two congressional seats in once-traditional Republican areas flip to Democrats. The survey found 6 in 10 suburban voters disapproved of Trump's job performance compared with 39 percent who approved.

Madigan, the nation's longest-serving House speaker who has held the post since 1983 with a two-year interruption in the mid-1990s, fared worse than Trump on job approval.

The survey found 71 percent of voters statewide said they disapproved of the job performance of the Southwest Side lawmaker. Only 20 percent approved, with 10 percent undecided or expressing no opinion.

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Metra reveals plan to buy at least 200 new rail cars

Move could help decrease system delays

By MARY WISNIEWSKI
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Metra on Wednesday announced plans to buy at least 200 new rail cars, which could help cut delays on the system.

The commuter railroad is putting out a request for proposals for 200 to 400 cars that are compatible with its diesel locomotives. Currently, Metra has 848 diesel rail cars, with an average age of 30. Some cars are more than 60 years old.

Also at Wednesday's monthly board meeting, Metra announced that funding is available to build the long-awaited Peterson/Ridge station in Chicago's West Ridge neighborhood, and the agency plans to buy eight new low-emission locomotives.

New rail cars would replace

older cars, and could have a different design that would accommodate more people and allow for easier boarding.

That could help with delays, which in part can be caused by doors on old cars getting stuck during inclement weather. Another cause is slow boarding, which can be alleviated by more seats on cars, more doors and fewer stairs, Metra officials said.

The new cars would make for a better customer experience and cut maintenance costs, said Metra CEO Jim Derwinski.

"Safety, reliability and an improved modern passenger experience will be important aspects to Metra in this procurement," Derwinski said in a statement. A typical bi-level car currently holds 140 people.

Metra has been plagued in the last year by multiple delays on the system, caused by old equipment, overcrowding, bad weather, freight interference, a recent Am-

trak computer mishap and the implementation of Positive Train Control, new federally mandated safety technology. Faulty doors caused delays during January's extreme cold snap, while broken air conditioning systems led to overcrowding and delays on trains last summer.

Metra's on-time performance dropped to 88.2 percent in February. Its average on-time performance on most of the system between 2014 and 2018 was 95.5 percent.

Metra can pay for about 200 new cars using both financial reserves and existing federal and local funding. Proposals will be due in August, and Metra hopes to finalize it by the end of the year. The railroad also hopes that the state legislature will pass a capital bill to provide more funding for new equipment. There has not been a capital bill in 10 years.

Metra said it plans to spend a total of \$56 million, including \$14

million from a settlement with the Volkswagen car company, to buy eight "Tier 4" locomotives, which are the lowest-emission type of diesel locomotive. Illinois received about \$109 million from \$15 billion in settlements with the German car company after it admitted to installing secret software that allowed U.S. diesel vehicles to emit up to 40 times more pollution than legal limits. The Illinois portion of the settlement is intended for clean-air programs. Derwinski told reporters that the new locomotives would probably go on the BNSF line.

Several board members directed sharp criticism at Amtrak, which owns Union Station. Last month, an Amtrak worker holding a live wire fell off a ladder and struck computer equipment, which shorted out the system and led to delays that affected more than 60,000 Chicago-area commuters. Amtrak admitted to mak-

ing a series of errors, the most significant of which was upgrading servers during rush hour. Board member Rodney Craig noted that Amtrak's mistakes at Union Station are "seriously affecting our brand."

Metra officials announced that Gov. J.B. Pritzker had released \$15 million to build the Peterson/Ridge station, which has been planned for several years. Metra will find a contractor for the project along the Union Pacific North Line this summer.

Metra announced a station evaluation policy that will look at stations which are "underperforming" in terms of the number of boarding passengers, and try to identify ways to increase the number of customers. "One of the outcomes of the study could be the combination of stations," Derwinski told reporters. "This is not a station closure list."

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Suicides drawing attention

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officers to suicide since last summer, national experts are calling for immediate action to understand what is going on and what needs to be done.

"It's definitely worrying and suggestive of a problem I think really demands attention," said Florida State University professor Thomas Joiner, a leading researcher on suicide who will be in Chicago this week for a forum on suicide in law enforcement.

'Ground Zero'

Since 2011, the number of Chicago police officers who have died by suicide each year has fluctuated between two and four. But the pace quickened last summer, and the department has experienced nearly a suicide a month since July.

Two detectives, three officers, a sergeant. They were assigned to the mass transit unit and technical services, they were assigned to districts and worked as investigators.

Five were men, and the average age was 43. All but one died from a self-inflicted gunshot wound. One died by carbon monoxide poisoning inside a car. Three either were in their squad car or parked outside their district station.

While suicide in general is on the rise in the United States, research suggests there is an elevated risk for suicide among law enforcement. One 2013 analysis found the risk for officers was as much as 69 percent higher, though experts caution more research is needed.

Nowhere is that risk more apparent than in Chicago.

"Chicago is kind of like ground zero with the number of suicides that are happening on a monthly basis now at this point," said Daniel Hollar, who chairs the department of behavior and social science studies at Bethune-Cookman University in Florida. "These are people who are answering calls of duty to protect lives. We need to do our job to make their jobs safer."

Hollar is organizing the forum in Chicago. Among the issues up for discussion is what role Chicago's relentless violence problem plays in officer suicide. Hollar said they will also talk about other factors, including whether familiarity with death makes suicidal officers more likely to follow through with their plans.

The urgency to understand what is happening — nationally, not just in Chicago — is supported by national figures showing more officers die by suicide than in the line of duty.

In 2016, 171 officers across the country were killed in the line of duty, while 140 committed suicide. In 2018, 163 died by suicide and 150 in the line of duty, according to Blue HELP, an organization launched four years ago to raise awareness about officers' mental health.

"I think it's a call to action, a wake-up call, telling our administrators (and) command staff: 'Isn't it time you do something?'" said Nicholas Greco, who serves on the organization's board and trains departments and officers on wellness.

'Stay. We need you.'

The most recent suicide to hit the department occurred March 10 when an off-duty Chicago police detective was found dead from a gunshot wound at his Near West Side home.

But this time was different. In the days that followed, Superintendent Johnson met with a



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Police from western suburbs attend a presentation on suicide given by Carrie Steiner, a former Chicago police officer who's now a therapist.



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"If an officer goes and tries to get help and feels no improvement, they're going to think something's wrong with them and that nothing's working."

—Carrie Steiner, a former Chicago cop turned therapist

small group that included Robert Sobo, head of the department's employee assistance program, and Chief Barbara West, in charge of the Bureau of Organizational Development. He told those gathered that the most important thing now facing him as superintendent is officer wellness and suicide, Guglielmi said.

"If they are not well," Johnson said, "I can't expect them to safeguard our neighborhoods."

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"This is to the brave souls who keep us safe," she said in a commentary published in the Tribune on March 11. "Stay. We need you. If you are feeling alone and unsure, if you can't feel the ground beneath your feet or see any light in the darkness, know that you are loved and important in the world."

This wasn't the first time the department has been put on notice about the well-being of its officers.

In January 2017, the U.S. Justice Department concluded the Chicago police force did not have an "overarching officer wellness plan that includes robust counseling programs, comprehensive training, functioning equipment and other tools to ensure officers

are successful and healthy."

At the time, the department had just three clinicians in its employee assistance program, or EAP, for more than 13,000 officers. By comparison, the report noted, the Dallas Police Department staffed three counselors for a police force of about 3,400. The Miami-Dade Police Department staffed six for a force of 2,900 officers and 1,700 civilians.

"EAP counselors are overextended," the report found. "At the end of 2015, EAP's three clinicians had provided 7,498 mental health consultations/appointments."

Those findings were incorporated in a federal consent decree that sets a 2020 deadline for reforms that include staffing at least 10 clinicians — and ensuring that officers have access to non-emergency counseling within two weeks of a request and emergency counseling within 24 hours.

West said Tuesday that the department has already initiated some reforms. It has trained 300 officers for teams of peer support officers for each of the city's 22 police districts. The department has launched a video series aimed at dispelling myths about seeking help, including the idea that officers automatically lose their job if they admit they are struggling. Surviving family members and some top brass are featured in the videos, talking about getting help over the years.

"We have to take a hard look at ourselves and see what we can do differently and better," West said.

The department has been slow to hire the clinicians required by the judge's order, with only two hires since the DOJ report was

released. Meanwhile, department records show requests for help from officers are sharply rising.

The Los Angeles Police Department — a smaller department in a city that sees less violence — has 16 clinicians in the behavioral sciences services who are assigned to each of the department's divisions to promote earlier intervention and reduce the stigma around asking for help.

Guglielmi said the department is working to expand its staff of clinicians from five to 11, and is currently conducting interviews.

Steiner, who operates a counseling center in Lombard, said the department should look for professionals with experience treating trauma and PTSD because family problems often stem from work stress. Misdiagnosing the root of the problems can be harmful, she said.

"If an officer goes and tries to get help and feels no improvement, they're going to think something's wrong with them and that nothing's working," Steiner said. "They're going to feel hopeless, and hopeless equals suicide."

When treating officers, Steiner said she uses several evidence-based methods for treating trauma, including cognitive behavior therapy and exposure therapy.

For example, she uses a replica gun to help officers suffering trauma related to use of a weapon. The point is to get used to holding it and taking it apart — a form of exposure therapy.

For an officer who was attacked in a jail cell, Steiner conducted the session in the relatively enclosed space of a hallway.

She is also certified to use a technique called eye movement desensitization and reprocessing, or EMDR, originally developed for veterans, that helps patients reprocess trauma.

'Family gets hit twice'

As intense as their job is under normal circumstances, Chicago officers have been placed under even more stress over the last four years: a sharp rise in street violence, a spike in distrust in neighborhoods and scandals within their department. The 2017 Justice report that led to the consent decree criticized officers for widespread civil rights violations and described their department as woefully negligent in terms of support and training.

Yet many officers struggle to admit that any of this gets to them — because they fear losing their jobs, promotions or the confidence of their peers, experts say.

"Underneath it all, they are human with human emotions and

the trauma experience they have hurts," said John Violanti, a researcher at the University of Buffalo.

Early intervention is key, experts say.

"It's like a bottle," said Greco, of Blue HELP. "How much liquid can that bottle hold before it will overflow or burst? We have to have a safe way to drain that. ... We need to change that culture. The whole idea that most officers don't know they can seek outpatient treatment. There is nothing wrong with talking to somebody."

Greco, who is making a presentation at one of two upcoming conferences in the Chicago area on suicide prevention for law enforcement, said there are simple but effective steps that can help, like regular exercise and a healthy diet and unplugging from the cop culture. One of the most important steps might be getting deeply restful sleep.

"First and foremost, we talk about getting good sleep," Greco said. "Sleep is restorative for anything. If you want to exacerbate any situation, deprive (someone) of sleep."

Departments should consider flexible job assignments or adding exercise to work schedules as a way to release stress. Mental health should be regularly addressed at roll calls, and departments generally have to reduce the stigma — in part by acknowledging the deaths.

"People don't come to the funeral," said Greco, whose organization raises money to send families care packages in the wake of a death. "There is no pomp and circumstance. There is nothing that celebrates a person's life. The family gets hit twice."

Steiner said departments need to expand what they consider to be a traumatic incident, and possibly have a clinician, rather than a sergeant, make that determination. She said the department generally only considers police-involved shootings to be critical incidents.

Steiner recalled watching as a suspect fleeing in a car ran down a family of six with a baby carriage crossing a street. She opened the baby carriage not knowing what she would find. The baby had a broken leg. A 4-year-old was lying nearby bleeding from the ears and nose. He was dead.

That wasn't considered a critical incident, Steiner said. "I took the little boy's dead body to the hospital," she said. "After that, I had to go to a traffic complaint."

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Flooding along the Rock River in Machesney Park, Ill., is visible on Tuesday. The river is flooding at historic levels. This could be Illinois' new normal, thanks to climate change, experts say.

Climate change affecting Great Lakes region

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northwestern Illinois, where record flooding prompted communities near the Rock River to evacuate.

A new report released Thursday by a team of Midwestern researchers suggests extreme bouts of precipitation and flooding could be the new normal in the Great Lakes region due to climate change.

Three of the top five wettest years on record in Chicago have occurred in the last decade, including last year, which ranked fourth with 49.23 inches of precipitation, according to the National Weather Service.

While the United States has seen annual precipitation climb 4 percent between 1901 and 2015, Great Lakes states have experienced a 10 percent rise over this same period, with much of the additional precipitation coming in the form of heavy rainfall.

The boosted precipitation is expected to exacerbate urban flooding and challenge aging infrastructure. Water quality will be diminished as stormwater and sewer systems are overpowered, and as fertilizer from farms is swept into waterways, possibly triggering algae blooms and bacteria. Wetter winters and springs are forecast, but summer precipitation is anticipated to fall by 5 to 15 percent for most of the Great Lakes states by 2100. Corn and soybean production are likely to decline 10 to 30 percent as saturated farm fields delay planting and crops endure hotter, drier summers, the report says.

"A warmer atmosphere, by basic physics, holds more moisture, so it's really not that surprising that we've had bizarre flooding events over the last few decades. It connects very clearly with what we expect," said Donald Wuebbles, a University of Illinois professor of atmospheric sciences and the lead author of the study commissioned by the Environmental Law and Policy Center and Chicago Council on Global Af-

fairs.

For every one degree of warming, the atmosphere can hold 4 percent more water vapor that can turn into precipitation. Illinois has already warmed about 1.2 degrees statewide in the last century, and the state could warm by about 4 degrees by midcentury, said former Illinois state climatologist Jim Angel.

According to the weather service, the Rock River basin, a system that courses through southern Wisconsin and northern Illinois, has averaged about 6 inches more precipitation annually this decade — a 19 percent increase — compared with the 1950s. The river basin has also been on the receiving end of 14 inches of average annual runoff, a 75 percent increase over the same time period.

When the bomb cyclone arrived from the Gulf of Mexico, it only brought an inch of rainfall, but it combined with an existing 8-inch layer of snowpack, said Scott Lincoln, a senior hydrologist with the weather service.

"When that (weather system) moved through, we had a big warming trend, and it melted all that snow in a two-day period," Lincoln said. "So it was basically like getting 3 to 5 inches of rainfall."

"Not only that, but the ground was still frozen in some areas, so it blocked the vast majority of water from soaking into the soil and it went straight into the river."

But this could just be the beginning.

Thursday's report said extreme precipitation could rise 10 to 40 percent in southern Wisconsin, the feeder system to many Illinois waterways.

In Machesney Park, ducks swam past mailboxes nearly at eye level. Displaced residents returned to survey their homes with chest-high waders. On a dead-end street in nearby Roscoe, flooding isolated more than a dozen houses and high school students resorted to kayaking to the mainland.

In addition to those who sustained flood damage to their homes, perhaps the greatest set-

back will be to Illinois farmers.

The soggy conditions will likely delay planting, again. Dillon, the Machesney Park resident, lives across the river from a plot of farmland he said has been barren for the last five years due to persistent flooding.

"You used to be able to raise corn in that field," Dillon said. "In the last five years, I don't know if he's had a crop in there or not. It's always flooded. It's too wet to plant, too wet to harvest."

The torrential rainfall and runoff has been known to wash fertilizer, animal waste and other pollutants from farm fields into waterways. It can also cause sewer systems to back up.

In either scenario, the untreated water can contain an unsafe amount of nitrogen, which can render the water dangerous for consumption. Fertilizer and sewage can also stimulate algae blooms that can degrade water quality. This, in turn, raises the costs associated with treating water, the new report says.

Infrastructure improvements

While major cities have committed large amounts of money toward building infrastructure that can handle severe storms, many of their regulations are outdated. Precipitation is increasing, and in urban areas like Chicago, where 59 percent of the surface is paved, there are fewer pathways for water to drain.

"As more precipitation comes in over the spring, a lot of water treatment plants aren't designed to deal with that additional runoff," Wuebbles said.

Guidelines for stormwater infrastructure will need to meet a higher bar. Scientists in a federal report estimate the annual cost of retrofitting urban stormwater systems will exceed \$500 million for the Midwest by the end of the century.

Earlier this month, Angel, who retired as the state climatologist in December, finished a report on

precipitation trends that will update the benchmark for the design of storm sewers, retention ponds and road drainage in Illinois.

To receive state permits, many projects are built based on a calculation of a rainstorm that has a 1 percent chance of occurring in any given year. In the past 30 years, for northeastern Illinois, this estimate meant a weather system that could dump 7.58 inches of rain in 24 hours.

Now, after updated calculations, this kind of storm is estimated to deliver 8.57 inches of rain in 24 hours. New stormwater systems will have to be designed to withstand these heavier rains, such as the downpour that dumped nearly 8 1/2 inches on Chicago between July 22 and 23, 2011.

That deluge flooded basements and streets, and first responders had to use a boat to rescue stranded truck drivers on Interstate 57. The heavy rainfall, which set a single-day record, forced the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District to open the locks in Wilmette and at the mouth of the Chicago River downtown, releasing a mix of stormwater and raw sewage into Lake Michigan, prompting swim bans at the height of beach season.

"The bottom line is, it will increase the cost for any kind of retention pond or storm sewer, because it needs to be built bigger," Angel said. "But the upside is that it should hopefully help protect you from the next flood. By building it to more recent records, it (should) be able to handle the kind of flooding we've had trouble with in Illinois."

Environmental agenda

Howard Learner, executive director of the Environmental Law and Policy Center, said the organization intended to share Thursday's 70-page report with Gov. J.B. Pritzker's administration in addition to other state lawmakers in hopes of encouraging them to

reduce greenhouse gases that contribute to climate change.

Learner said Midwestern states need to take the lead when it comes to mitigating the effects of climate change on the Great Lakes basin, the planet's largest system of freshwater. However, it comes as President Donald Trump's administration has assembled a panel to reassess and possibly counter a sweeping government analysis on climate change published in November. Trump has also recently proposed a budget that would slash funding for Great Lakes cleanup and restoration efforts by 90 percent.

"Even though he won his election in 2016 in Wisconsin, Michigan and Pennsylvania, President Trump's budget cuts for the Great Lakes' programs and his regulatory rollbacks, his clean water regulatory rollbacks, amount to a war on the Great Lakes," Learner said. "While President Trump is stepping back from climate change realities, it's imperative that our states and regions step up with realistic solutions that make a difference for our future."

On Wednesday, Pritzker toured flooded areas of Winnebago and Stephenson counties. While no deaths related to the flooding have been reported, state and local officials say nearly 200 people have been evacuated.

"These are some of the highest river levels this area has seen in more than three decades, and I commend local emergency managers, law enforcement, fire and the volunteer organizations that have come together to keep people safe and preserve property," Pritzker said. "For downstream communities that will be impacted by flooding in the days and weeks to come, I know that many groups are already preparing to help their neighbors. While we know that rebuilding will take a lot of time and work, we are committed to being your partners for the future."

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Nearly 400 accused clergy in Illinois named

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The authors note that in many cases settlements were paid to victims, but in numerous other cases the alleged abuses were never substantiated in court, sometimes because a statute of limitations prevented lawsuits or criminal investigations from moving forward.

"We have chosen to reveal this information because the Catholic bishops and the religious orders, who are in charge and have this information and hold it secret, have chosen to conceal it," said attorney Jeff Anderson.

John O'Malley, who serves as special counsel to the Chicago Archdiocese on misconduct issues, contests the report's claim that church officials have not been transparent in disclosing priests known to be predatory. He said all allegations contained in the report already were reported to and investigated by law enforcement.

"When an allegation comes in and the priest is in ministry, he is withdrawn from ministry and put on leave pending a resolution," O'Malley said. He added that, in such cases, the parish is notified and the archdiocese puts out a media release.

"Those are very public moments, so we're not hiding this issue," O'Malley said.

In separate responses to the Anderson Report, the Diocese of Springfield questioned the study's accuracy because it said the whereabouts of several diocese priests were unknown, even though the diocese has confirmed their deaths.

"The facts are clear in the Diocese of Springfield that the majority of instances of abuse occurred more than 30 years ago, and only one instance has occurred in the past 20 years," spokesman Andrew Hansen said in a statement.

A Chicago leader of the Survivors Network of those Abused by Priests, Larry



Joe Iacono, center, and Cindy Yesko, who say they were victims of sexual abuse in the Catholic Church, speak at a news conference Wednesday, in Chicago at which a report on clergy sexual abuse in Illinois was released. They are with attorney Jeff Anderson, left.

Antonsen, said he's not surprised by the number of priests named in the report.

He noted that the report includes photographs of the accused priests and their work history, which Antonsen said is important because it can help jog victims' memories and encourage them to speak out.

"I believe that telling your story to somebody ... is the beginning of healing," Antonsen said. "The more you keep it in, it just eats away at you and eats away at you."

Still, the new report cites a much smaller number than the 690 priests that then-Illinois Attorney General Lisa Madigan said her office identified in its own investigation last year into priest sexual abuse. Anderson hypothesized that Madigan's numbers were

higher because the office set up a hotline to receive reports directly from victims.

Madigan began looking into priest sexual abuse after a report in Pennsylvania revealed widespread abuse and cover-ups not before known. Her preliminary report was critical of the Illinois dioceses' handling of abuse allegations, saying their investigations were sometimes flawed and lacked transparency, but her office did not release a full list of accused priests.

The victims' advocates who released Wednesday's new report, Anderson and Chicago attorney Marc Pearlman, said at the time that they would publish their own set of names if Illinois officials did not make their list public. The attorneys have released

similar lists in other areas of the country, though Anderson said this is the first statewide report of this kind he has compiled.

The Illinois list includes only one priest who is still in active ministry, Anderson said. In that case, the priest was reinstated in 2014 after an investigation by law enforcement and child welfare officials found two separate allegations unsubstantiated, according to the Chicago Archdiocese.

Additionally, one priest is under investigation and has been removed from ministry since January while authorities investigate the alleged abuse of a minor in 1979, according to the archdiocese.

Madigan's successor, Kwame Raoul, issued a statement before he took office in January saying he remained committed to continuing the investigation. His office has not released further information, citing the ongoing inquiry.

On Wednesday, Raoul's office released a statement saying it "will review any new information that could be relevant" to the investigation.

O'Malley said the church has reported all allegations to law enforcement since 1992, when Chicago Cardinal Joseph Bernardin led a commission on the sexual abuse scandal. In 2002, U.S. bishops adopted the policy nationwide.

"If the public authorities choose not to prosecute or can't prosecute, we then have our own investigative process," O'Malley said Wednesday. "If, as a result of the public authorities, or if as a result of our own process, an allegation is substantiated, it has been posted on our website with a description since 2006."

At that time, the practice of dioceses publishing names of priests who had substantiated allegations against them was much less common than it is now.

A statement Wednesday from the Chicago Archdiocese said it found 22 clerics named in the Anderson Report who are not included in the list the archdiocese has provided online. Of those, 20 already were reported to civil authorities, one came to the attention of the archdiocese when the priest was arrested and one involved an allegation of misconduct involving an adult, not a minor, the statement said.

The sexual abuse scandal has roiled the church for decades, but it received renewed attention last year after a sweeping grand jury report in Pennsylvania identified more than 300 predator priests. In response to the report, Madigan launched her own investigation in August.

In December, the attorney general said her preliminary findings indicated that 690 clergy members were accused of abuse, but the Illinois dioceses had identified only 185 clergy at that time as having been "credibly accused." A few names have since been added

to some of those public lists, and some Catholic religious orders, including the Midwest Province of the Society of Jesus, a Jesuit order, released their own lists of accused priests, brothers or lay people around the time Madigan's preliminary findings were unveiled.

Madigan's bombshell report also found that Illinois dioceses did not investigate allegations in many instances, including in some cases if a lawsuit had been filed, when a victim wanted to remain anonymous, when only one complainant came forward or if the clergy member had previously resigned. In cases in which the claim involved clergy who were visiting from a religious order, the allegations often were referred to the order rather than being investigated by the diocese, the Madigan report said.

O'Malley disputed that finding as it applied to the Chicago Archdiocese, saying all allegations had been forwarded to law enforcement over nearly three decades. He acknowledged the possibility that oversights occurred in other Illinois dioceses.

The list of credibly accused clergy members provided by the Chicago Archdiocese also does not include the names of those who had died before an allegation surfaced. The archdiocese also may not include a name if the priest was listed by a different diocese.

Anderson and Pearlman made a point to include those cases in theirs.

In one example, a priest who reportedly was ministering at St. Stanislaus Church in south suburban Posen between 1963 and 1964 was named in the Pennsylvania report. According to the grand jury report, the Rev. Raymond Lukac, who died in 2000, had a history of misconduct, including an allegation from when he served in the Diocese of Gary in Indiana. The report said the Archdiocese of Chicago requested information about Lukac in August 2006 after receiving a complaint that Lukac had sexually abused an 11-year-old girl between 1962 and 1964 in the St. Stanislaus rectory.

Asked why the Chicago Archdiocese does not include names of priests who have died before an allegation arises, O'Malley said the priest has no opportunity to defend himself.

"The church's policy has been to not include it for the reason that in the case of the deceased priest, there is no risk to children and there is no question of fitness of ministry," he said.

But Antonsen, of the victims advocacy group SNAP, said it's important for dioceses to be transparent about those who are accused of abuse, including clergy members who died before allegations were made, because it can inspire other victims to come forward.

Antonsen said Catholic

Church leaders, including Pope Francis, aren't doing enough to hold abusers accountable. Despite the conference on sexual abuse at the Vatican in February, Antonsen said few officials have faced real consequences for covering up abuse allegations.

"The church never seems to do anything until they are absolutely forced to do it," he said.

Antonsen said he himself was sexually abused by a priest when he was a sophomore at St. Rita High School in Chicago in the 1960s. The priest, the late Rev. Michael P. Hogan, was a teacher at St. Rita and is named in the new report.

Antonsen said he reported the abuse in 2006 to the Archdiocese of Chicago but was told the archdiocese could not handle the investigation because Hogan was not a diocesan priest but belonged to the Order of St. Augustine. He said he took his allegation to the order and was told that Hogan, then in a nursing home, denied the claim but that the order offered to pay for two years of counseling, which he declined. He said he felt he was not believed, which he said "felt like a slap in the face."

Church leaders "really do not care about survivors. They don't realize what we live with every day," Antonsen said. "I still wake up almost every night with nightmares."

No one from the order could immediately be reached for comment.

After hearing of Madigan's report, Antonsen decided to try again and said he made a report to the attorney general's office in January. He was told the allegation would be reported to the police but said he's heard nothing more since.

Another man who said he was the victim of priest sexual abuse in the Chicago area appeared at a news conference Wednesday where the Anderson Report was released.

Joe Iacono, now 68, said he was abused in the 1960s by the late Rev. Thomas Kelly at St. John Vianney Catholic Church in west suburban Northlake. Kelly is included in the archdiocese's list of those credibly accused.

Iacono blamed the church for moving Kelly to a number of different parishes even though they knew he was dangerous. Iacono said it was powerful to see the long list of names and know he was not alone.

"Through (the church's) actions, they have destroyed my foundation for morality, for values, for trust," he said as he started to cry. "But all of that now has come back to me, and through therapy, through my loving wife."

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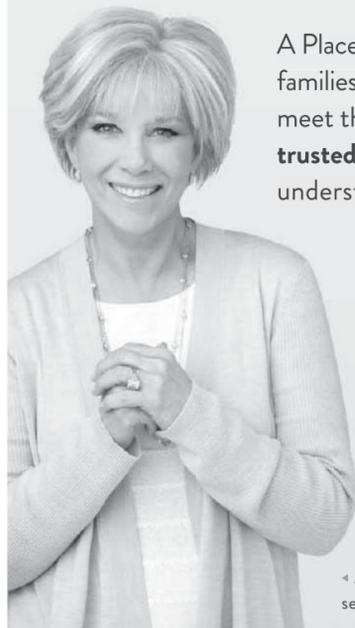
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Destination Everest in fundraiser

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He had to use his coat as a tourniquet, leaving him unprotected against the cold as night closed in. He had no cellphone reception and so little hope of rescue that he made videos saying goodbye to his family and friends.

But he kept his wits about him enough to start crawling down the mountain and eventually found a signal. He called for help, and soon a helicopter arrived to whisk him to a hospital. Doctors were able to save his leg, and six weeks later, he was on to Cho Oyu on the China-Nepal border, the sixth highest mountain in the world.

"That was a moment where I truly thought I was going to die," he said recently as he prepared to tackle Mount Everest, the world's tallest peak and the second-to-last climb on his list. "I remember how I felt in that exact moment. That really kind of humbled me. I would say that I've really grown to love risk-taking, but at the same time I've learned to be very calculated about it, keeping the big picture in mind."

That picture includes using his climbs to raise hundreds of thousands of dollars for Lurie Children's Hospital, where Pancoe was treated for a brain tumor when he was a teen. He dedicates all his adventures to the hospital's patients and stopped by Wednesday to have kids sign a flag he plans to carry to the summit.

"It's very encouraging to hear other people's stories. ... He's inspired me to never give up, definitely," said Serena Lewis, a 15-year-old from Geneva who underwent multiple surgeries to remove a brain tumor before being declared cancer-free.

Pancoe grew up in Highland Park and attended Northwestern University, where he felt a vague presence in his brain slowly grow into a painful, paralyzing tumor. Even though it turned out to be benign, he still underwent surgery to have it removed.

He went into the financial industry and made shrewd investments, but a few years ago, he said, he became unsatisfied with the comfortable life. He went on an extended safari in Africa and had a revelation.

"For me, it was like this curtain just lifted," he said. "It's such an amazing world. That's when I kind of started to realize that I hadn't spent enough time valuing experiences. I really wanted to keep doing that, but I wanted to challenge myself in a way I'd never been challenged."

Though he wasn't much of an athlete, he vowed to attempt Mount Kilimanjaro, which at 19,341 feet is Africa's highest peak. He wasn't sure he would make it, but once he did, the intoxicating feeling of accomplishment inspired him to set his sights on a rarefied goal — the Explorers Grand Slam.

That feat was first achieved in 1998, and only 70 people have done it, said Vanessa O'Brien, a Grand Slam veteran who runs a website recognizing those who have earned the distinction.

She said including pole exploration in the criteria — it counts only if a person treks there from the 89th parallel, a 69-mile trip — greatly increases the difficulty.

"Especially with climate change today, conditions in



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Alexander Pancoe trains for his climb of Mount Everest by marching up and down dozens of flights of stairs in the stairwell of his building. The backpack he carries weighs approximately 70 to 80 pounds.

places like the North Pole make it increasingly more challenging with open water (exposed through the ice) and more dangerous, so I would say there is respect and recognition (from other adventurers)," she said. "These activities are hard, filled with misery and discomfort, and it takes a strong constitution and mindset to continue."

Pancoe said the poles indeed posed some of his biggest challenges. The cold is so extreme that exposed skin becomes frostbitten almost instantly, he said, but explorers need to maintain enough dexterity to tie ropes and set up camp.

"You're literally playing this cat-and-mouse game where you rip off your big mittens that are protecting your hands," he said. "Within seconds, you can tell your fingers are getting frostbitten. You throw them back in your gloves and warm them up, then you rip them out again. ... You're in a constant battle to keep your fingers and toes."

He's also dealt with pulmonary edema — excess fluid in the lungs — when he ascended Cayambe, a 19,000-foot volcano in Ecuador, without getting properly acclimated. He's also had to call off climbs because of bad weather or teammates' illness.

Everest, at 29,000 feet, is next. He is due to fly out this weekend, and after spending a week in Hong Kong, he'll arrive at base camp in mid-April. If all goes well, he will reach the summit about a month later.

While thousands of climbers have reached the top of Mount Everest, it is still a forbidding and potentially lethal undertaking. People die there almost every year — 2018 saw five fatalities — and James Holliday, a Pittsburgh engineer who achieved the Grand Slam earlier this year, said it is the most daunting challenge of all.

"Everest is so high it exposes flaws in your physiology," said Holliday, 63, whose first attempt at Everest failed when a stomach bug caused him to pass out at 22,000 feet. "Anything wrong with you is going to be magnified."

Pancoe has hired Adventure Consultants, a New Zealand-based guide company he has worked with throughout his quest, to assist him on the climb (Pancoe declined to say exactly how much he has spent in pursuit of the Grand Slam, but said it's above six figures).

Guy Cotter, the company's CEO, said Pancoe is ready to make a serious attempt at the summit.

"When adventuring at this level a successful outcome is never guaranteed," he said in an email. "That is the definition of adventure, not knowing the outcome at

the outset, yet Alex has set himself up with the skills and support network to achieve his goals, and his prior accomplishments endorse that he is ready."

Should Pancoe make it to the top, he plans to immediately try to climb Everest's sister peak, Lhotse — it's right there, after all — and then make his second attempt at Denali in June. If successful, he will add his name to the Grand Slam list.

Before it's over, Pancoe said he hopes to raise \$1 million for Lurie Children's Hospital through donations via his website at www.peaksofmind.org and social media channels (the hospital said he has already raised more than \$400,000).

Lucy Dennis of Minooka, whose 3-year-old son River is being treated at the hospital, said she has a special understanding of what Pancoe is trying to accomplish.

"I actually climbed Kilimanjaro years ago; that's the easiest (of the seven peaks), I would say, and it's really hard," she said. "I honestly can't believe the strength and perseverance he has to get through all this, because I know how difficult it is on those last moments. Doing it for a cause like the pediatric brain tumor program ... it just means so much."

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Munoz barred from family home again; trial date set

Ald. faces domestic battery charge

By ROSEMARY SOBOL
Chicago Tribune

Weeks after a reconciliation with his wife appeared possible, Ald. Ricardo Munoz has again been barred from his family home by a Cook County judge who scheduled a trial for May on a domestic battery charge.

The sudden turnabout came after the same judge had lifted restrictions last month on Munoz returning to his home after his wife announced she wanted to reconcile with him despite the misdemeanor charge he physically attacked her on New Year's Eve.

But on Wednesday, the tone dramatically shifted as Judge Callie Lynn Baird barred the embattled 22nd Ward alderman from his home after his wife, Betty Torres Munoz, said he had entered the residence without her knowledge.

The judge extended an order of protection until May 15 — the date she set for a bench trial for Munoz — and acknowledged a divorce had been filed.

Court records show that Torres Munoz filed for divorce on Jan. 23, citing irreconcilable differences in their nearly 30-year marriage.

After the court hearing ended, Torres Munoz shouted an expletive at her husband and made an obscene gesture toward him.

Munoz, wearing black gym shoes, beige pants and a long-sleeved sweatshirt over an untucked beige shirt, told reporters "no comment" as he left the domestic violence court in the South Loop.

"I'm still worried about my safety," his wife told reporters after court.

At the hearing last month, the judge



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A judge set a May 15 trial date for Ald. Ricardo Munoz on a domestic battery charge.

amended an order of protection so Munoz could have physical contact with his wife.

"He's a really good man," Torres Munoz, who that day had given her husband cards for his belated birthday and Valentine's Day, said at the time. "(Alcohol) addiction has taken the best of him."

At the time, Munoz told reporters that he understood the judge meant he could return home "as long as I'm not intoxicated."

"I'm going back to Carol Stream to work on my sobriety," Munoz, who indicated he'd been living with his sister in the west suburb while attending alcoholism therapy for four hours a day in Elgin, said at the time.

In filing for an order of protection on Jan. 2, Torres Munoz alleged her husband "forcibly" grabbed and pushed her during a heated argument two nights earlier, causing her to fall and hit her back and head, as well as twist her left arm.

"Ricardo had been drinking all day + was drunk," she wrote in the filing. She said she feared "for my well-being."

In issuing the order of protection, Judge Megan

Goldish told the alderman to not only stay away from his wife but also from their home, a dog named Rambo and his wife's downtown workplace — 118 N. Clark St. — the same government building where Munoz works.

Munoz, who was appointed to his seat by Mayor Richard M. Daley in 1993, is the city's longest-tenured Hispanic alderman, but he announced in July that he would not seek re-election. At the time he said he was retiring because he was "having fun writing the next chapter of my life."

A native of Monterrey, Mexico, Munoz has faced other controversies over the years. He acknowledged that he intervened to help a relative get into a prestigious city high school in 2009.

And in 2008, his estranged father was sentenced to four years in prison for taking part in a fake ID ring.

The alderman also previously disclosed that as a teenager he had been affiliated with a Little Village gang and had been arrested on charges of unlawful use of weapons and controlled substances. Daley hailed Munoz, who rose to become then-Ald. Jesus "Chuy" Garcia's chief of staff, as a positive role model for youths.

In 2010, six months before the City Council election, Munoz said he was an alcoholic, admitting he drank excessively after work but not in the mornings and afternoons. He was re-elected twice after that.

As part of a 2013 story on Cook County judges sealing divorce records for an array of powerful and connected people, the Tribune reported that a judge had impounded a divorce case filed by Munoz's wife in 2009.

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May asks a wary EU to delay Brexit

British PM seeks to postpone departure until end of June

BY JILL LAWLESS AND LORNE COOK
Associated Press

LONDON — Exactly 1,000 days after Britain voted to leave the European Union — and eight days before it is scheduled to walk out the door — Prime Minister Theresa May hit the pause button Wednesday, asking the bloc to postpone the U.K.'s departure until June 30.

EU leaders, who are exasperated by Britain's Brexit melodrama, will only grant the extension if May can win the U.K. Parliament's approval next week for her twice-rejected Brexit deal. Otherwise, the U.K. is facing a chaotic "no-deal" departure from the bloc within days, or a much longer delay that May says she will not allow while she is in power.

May, who has spent two-and-a-half years trying to lead Britain out of the EU, said it was "a matter of great personal regret" that she had to seek a delay to Brexit.

In a televised statement from 10 Downing St., May said she shared the frustration felt by many Britons who have "had enough" of endless Brexit debates and infighting — though she did not accept a role in causing it. Instead, she blamed Parliament for the deadlock, and warned that if lawmakers did not back her deal it would cause "irreparable damage to public trust."

In a letter to European Council President Donald Tusk, May acknowledged that the Brexit process "clearly will not be com-



Pro-Brexit activists demonstrate Wednesday in London. Prime Minister Theresa May looks to delay Brexit until June 30.

pleted before 29 March, 2019" — the date fixed in law two years ago for Britain's departure.

May asked to delay Britain's withdrawal until June 30, and said she would set out her reasons to EU leaders at a summit in Brussels on Thursday.

Her long shot plan is to hold a third vote in Parliament on her deal next week, then use the EU-granted extension to pass legislation needed for an orderly departure from the EU.

"As prime minister I am not prepared to delay Brexit any further than June 30," May told the House of Commons — a hint she could quit if Britain is forced to accept a longer pause.

Tusk said he thought a short delay to Brexit "will be

possible, but it would be conditional on a positive vote on the withdrawal agreement in the House of Commons."

May's request — and Tusk's response — leaves Britain and the bloc facing Brexit uncertainty right up to the deadline. Withdrawing without a deal could mean huge disruptions for businesses and U.K. residents, as well as those in the 27 remaining EU countries.

"Even if the hope for a final success may seem frail, even illusory, and although Brexit fatigue is increasingly visible and justified, we cannot give up seeking until the very last moment a positive solution," Tusk said in Brussels.

Tusk made clear what other EU leaders have long

hinted: The EU is unwilling to give Britain more time unless the government can find a way out of the Brexit impasse.

German Foreign Minister Heiko Maas said that "if the (EU) Council is to decide on extending the deadline for Britain, then we would like to know: Why, why, why?"

French Foreign Minister Jean-Yves Le Drian said a delay could only be granted if May guaranteed that its purpose "is to finalize the ratification of the deal already negotiated."

EU leaders are united in saying that the divorce deal it spent more than 18 months negotiating with Britain can't be renegotiated.

But the deal has twice been rejected twice by hefty margins in Britain's Parlia-

ment, amid opposition from pro-Brexit and pro-EU lawmakers.

May had planned to try again this week to get the agreement approved, until the speaker of the House of Commons ruled that she can't ask Parliament to vote on the deal again unless it is substantially changed.

May told Tusk that despite the ruling "it remains my intention to bring the deal back to the House." She's likely to do that next week — within days or hours of Britain's scheduled departure — by arguing that circumstances have changed and the speaker's bar on a third vote no longer applied.

But she faces a struggle to overturn the huge margins of defeat for her deal in previous votes in January and last

week.

Tusk did not say whether the EU would be willing to grant a long delay to Brexit if Britain changed course and abandoned May's deal for a new approach.

British opposition politicians, and pro-EU members of May's Conservative government, have urged a longer extension, saying a delay of just a few months could leave the country once again facing a no-deal Brexit this summer.

They want to commit to a close post-Brexit economic relationship with the bloc to ease disruption for businesses and citizens.

Opposition Labour Party lawmaker Angela Eagle said May should "stop banging her head against the brick wall of her defeated deal" and seek cross-party support for a new Brexit strategy.

But a shift to "soft Brexit" would infuriate the pro-Brexit wing of May's divided party, and a long delay would require Britain to participate in May 23-26 elections for the European Parliament.

May said postponing Brexit beyond June would result in Parliament spending "endless hours contemplating its navel on Brexit."

Any delay that required Britain to take part in European parliamentary elections would be a major headache for the bloc. Britain's seats already have been allocated to other countries to fill in the May election.

The Brexit-fueled political chaos has drawn reactions ranging from sympathy to scorn at home and around the world. On its front page Wednesday, the Brexit-backing Daily Mail bemoaned the time since the referendum as "1,000 lost days."

Trump: Let Mueller's findings be released

Questions if the 'ridiculous' report is 'legit' before rally

BY JILL COLVIN
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — President Donald Trump said Wednesday that he believes special counsel Robert Mueller's report should be released to the public, even as he disparaged its very existence as "ridiculous."

"Let it come out, let people see it," Trump told reporters Wednesday as he left the White House for Ohio. "Let's see whether or not it's legit."

Mueller is expected to present a report to the Justice Department soon outlining the findings of his nearly two-year investigation into Russian election meddling, possible collusion with Trump campaign officials and possible obstruction of justice by Trump.

Mueller is required to produce a confidential report that at a minimum explains decisions about who was and was not prosecuted.

Attorney General William Barr is then ex-

pected to produce his own report for Congress and has said he wants to make public as much of Mueller's findings as he can under the law.

Trump said he was looking forward to reading the findings, even as he scorned the fact that Mueller was empowered to write the report in the first place.

"I just won one of the greatest elections of all time in the history of this country. And now I have somebody writing a report that never got a vote?" Trump said. "It's called the Mueller report. So explain that because my voters don't get it. And I don't get it."

Trump went on to mischaracterize the effort, saying "it's sort of interesting that a man out of the blue just writes a report."

The House voted unanimously last week for a resolution calling for any report in Mueller's investigation to be made public. It was a symbolic action designed to pressure Barr into releasing as much information as possible.

Trump and his outside attorneys have worked for months to undermine Mueller and cast doubt on his eventual findings.

Trump continued that effort Wednesday, calling Mueller "conflicted" and criticizing the lawyers who have worked on the case.

The president also claimed that Mueller's "best friend is Comey, who's a bad cop," referring to James Comey, whom Trump fired as FBI director.

Comey's firing in 2017 is among the actions being examined by Mueller's team as it probes whether Trump has sought to obstruct the investigation into Russian interference in the 2016 presidential election, including possible coordination between the Trump campaign and Russia.

Though Mueller's office has said nothing publicly about the timing of a report, several prosecutors detailed to Mueller's team have left in recent months, suggesting the investigation is winding down.

Trump, for his part, said he had no idea when the report would be released, but maintained his innocence, saying there was "no collusion" and "no obstruction. There was no nothing."

Meanwhile, a new poll finds that most Americans are at least moderately confident that Mueller's probe



President Donald Trump gives a speech Wednesday in Lima, Ohio. Prior to leaving the White House, Trump called for Special Counsel Robert Mueller's report to be released.

has been fair and impartial.

The poll from The Associated Press-NORC Center for Public Affairs Research also finds that most Americans have some concern that Trump's campaign had improper connections to Russia, though fewer than half say the president has done something illegal in his ties to Russia.

Overall, about 6 in 10 Americans have at least some confidence in the fairness of the investigation, with 33 percent very confident. Thirty-seven percent are not very or not at all confident in a fair investigation.

Approval of Trump in the new poll stands at 40 percent, up from 34 percent who approved in January. The January poll was conducted during the month-long government shutdown and found a dip in his approval rating. But compared with previous presidents, Americans' feelings on Trump have been remarkably stable, fluctuating within a narrow band from about the mid-30s to the mid-40s.

In the latest poll, 80 percent of Republicans and just 8 percent of Democrats say they approve of Trump.

Fifty-five percent of Re-

publicans say they have little to no confidence in a fair investigation by Mueller. Just 18 percent of Republicans are very confident, though another 28 percent say they are moderately confident. By contrast, most Democrats — 80 percent — have at least some confidence.

The AP-NORC poll of 1,063 adults was conducted March 14-18. The margin of sampling error for all respondents is plus or minus 4.1 percentage points.

The Washington Post contributed.

Finland tops list of happiest nations; U.S. falls to 19th



Boats are docked in a Helsinki, Finland, harbor. Finland has repeated atop a list of the world's happiest nations.

BY JARI TANNER
Associated Press

HELSINKI — Finland has topped an index of the happiest nations for the second consecutive year, with researchers saying the small Nordic country of 5.5 million has succeeded in generating a happiness recipe for a balanced life not simply dependent on economic and material wealth.

The World Happiness Report, produced by the U.N. Sustainable Development Solutions Network,

ranks 156 countries by how happy their citizens see themselves to be.

It's based on factors including economic wealth, life expectancy, social support, freedom to make life choices and levels of government corruption.

The index, published Wednesday, showed Denmark, Norway and Iceland taking the next spots. The remaining top ten nations were The Netherlands, Switzerland, Sweden, New Zealand, Canada and Austria.

The United States dropped from the 18th to 19th despite a booming economy in the past few years.

The 134-page report noted that happiness levels have decreased worldwide despite continued economic growth. That's partly explained by "dramatic falls" in happiness in population dense countries like the United States, Egypt and India, it said.

"The worldwide tendency of a considerable decline in average happiness, de-

spite the general growth in GDP per capita, is proof that measuring happiness in terms of economic wealth alone is not at all sufficient," said Meik Wiking, CEO of think tank The Happiness Research Institute in Copenhagen, Denmark.

Wiking believes the erosion of happiness in the United States can be blamed on a "social crisis" where many Americans are increasingly feeling that they cannot trust their fellow citizens.

'Medicare for All' put in crosshairs

GOP plans to use health push against Democrats in 2020

BY ALAN FRAM
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — "Medicare for All" has become catnip for Democratic presidential candidates and many lawmakers, yet Republicans prepping for next year's congressional races are also flocking to it — for different reasons.

GOP strategists say they'll use proposals to expand government-run health insurance to pummel Democrats for plotting to eliminate job-provided coverage, raise taxes and make doctors' office visits resemble trips to the Department of Motor Vehicles.

If Republicans can define the health care issue on their terms — and they face obstacles — that would be a stunning turnabout.

"Democrats have opened the door," GOP consultant Glen Bolger said.

Democrats made health care their defining 2018 issue as they captured the House and limited losses in a difficult set of Senate races. They denounced Republicans, who tried repealing President Barack Obama's health care law, for seeking to end coverage for patients with pre-existing conditions.

In one monthlong stretch last fall, 6-in-10 ads backing Democratic House candidates focused on health care, according to the nonpartisan Wesleyan Media Project.

Rep. Tom Emmer, R-Minn., chairman of the House GOP's campaign committee, says thanks to Medicare for All, times have changed.

"We are going to associate every Democrat running with socialized medicine," he said. "By the end of this cycle, that is going to be, to them, their pre-existing condition Waterloo."

Republicans intend to tie



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Sens. Elizabeth Warren, Bernie Sanders, second from right, and Kirsten Gillibrand have embraced "Medicare for All."

the proposal to other currents in Democratic politics, including the Green New Deal for fighting climate change and talk of President Donald Trump's impeachment and reparations to slaves' descendants.

The goal: A narrative that Democrats are marching toward socialism and beholden to extremists.

Yet it's unclear that Medicare for All will be the tonic GOP tacticians envision.

Elections are 21 months off and will be dominated by Trump and his Democratic presidential rivals, whatever congressional candidates emphasize.

And Republicans start with a disadvantage: A November poll by the Pew Research Center found most people preferred Democrats' to Trump's handling of health care.

Looking to woo moderate voters, Democrats led by now-Speaker Nancy Pelosi, D-Calif., campaigned last year on an agenda that

included curbing prescription drug and other medical costs. A total health care overhaul wasn't featured.

"Nobody has to advise Nancy on the political implications of any policy," said House Budget Committee Chairman John Yarmuth, D-Ky.

While Pelosi said in a brief interview that there will "probably" be votes on some type of Medicare for All, few expect a full-blown version to reach the House floor.

Instead, committees will hold hearings while work proceeds on other measures, like curbing prescription drug prices.

"We will deliver on our promise of passing legislation to lower the costs of health care," said Rep. Cheri Bustos, D-Ill., who heads House Democrats' campaign organization. Medicare for All is "just one idea," she said.

Democrats worry that Medicare for All would put

candidates on the defensive in suburban swing districts, where moderate voters abound. Those districts were crucial to House Democrats' 40-seat gain last November and will be 2020 battlegrounds.

"Do what you can to help people now, and don't get yourself in a box on Medicare for All, which can't pass Congress" soon anyway, advises Democratic consultant John Anzalone.

There are several Medicare for All variants.

The most sweeping would replace today's blend of private and federal health care like Medicare and Medicaid with a federally run system for everyone, likely financed by higher taxes or astronomical boosts in federal deficits.

One was introduced by Sen. Bernie Sanders, I-Vt., a Democratic presidential candidate, and co-sponsored by fellow presidential contenders Sens. Cory Booker of New Jersey, New

York's Kirsten Gillibrand, Kamala Harris of California and Massachusetts' Elizabeth Warren.

A similar House measure by Reps. Pramila Jayapal, D-Wash., and Debbie Dingell, D-Mich., has more than 100 Democratic co-sponsors.

Government coverage would replace private policies and patients would pay no premiums or deductibles. The 10-year price tag would be \$25 trillion to \$35 trillion, private estimates say, though supporters say it would cost less.

While Medicare for All polls well, the details face skepticism.

While a January survey by the nonpartisan Kaiser Family Foundation showed that 56 percent back the overall idea, majorities turned against it when told it could boost taxes and eliminate private health insurance companies.

"Once you get past the bumper sticker, it doesn't do

that well. It's got a glass jaw" when details are explained, said Jim Kessler, executive vice president of center-left research group Third Way.

Because Medicare for All is popular with Democrats' presidential contenders and galvanized liberal wing, it should remain a prominent campaign theme.

That invites Republicans to wield it against Democrats whether they're supporters or not.

"It's hard to imagine that Medicare for All doesn't become the banner which Democrats have to defend up and down the ticket," said Steven Law, the president of the Senate Leadership Fund, a super political action committee whose purpose is to help Republicans win more Senate seats.

In 2018, Republicans had little success accusing Democrats of backing Medicare for All. Democrats won House seats in Maine, Texas and elsewhere despite such attacks.

But in one open seat in eastern Kansas, Democrat Paul Davis lost by 1 percentage point after ads linked him to Pelosi. One spot accused them of backing "a government takeover of health care" that "could double your income taxes."

Those ads tried tying him "to national Democrats and policies that were not going to have a great deal of acceptance," Davis said this month.

The proposals could also fuel Democratic primary challenges, particularly in urban districts loaded with liberal voters.

Activist groups like Justice Democrats, which last year backed Rep. Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez's successful ouster of a longtime Democratic incumbent from New York City, say Medicare for All will be one test as they seek targets.

"We need Democrats fighting for big ideas and big solutions," said Waleed Shahid, spokesman for the group.

Plastics a potent threat to whales

One with 88 lbs. in belly is latest victim

BY DEANNA PAUL
The Washington Post

By the time marine biologist Darrell Blatchley arrived at the fishing village Saturday, the young Cuvier's beaked whale was already floating, dead in the water, its eyes sunken and ribs protruding through its skin. The current off the southern Philippine island of Mindanao had washed away the blood it vomited before its death.

He already knew how the 15-foot-long whale had died. "I knew this whale had died due to plastic ingestion," Blatchley, president and founder of the D' Bone Collector Museum, told The Washington Post, noting that the animal showed tell-tale signs of dehydration and emaciation. "I was not prepared for the amount of

plastic."

The autopsy he conducted revealed more than 88 pounds of waste in the young whale's stomach — grocery bags, plastic garbage bags, four banana plantation sacks and 16 rice sacks.

"It was so bad the plastic was beginning calcification," he said. "The plastic had been there a long time. The stomach was trying to absorb it any way possible."

Lindsay Mosher, Oceanic Society's Blue Habits project manager, said in an email to The Post that "this whale's tragic death by plastic is an important wake-up call to the fact that we can and must do more to stop ocean plastic pollution."

Over the past decade, D' Bone Collector Museum has recovered 57 whales and dolphins that have died after consuming plastic garbage and fishing nets, of which four were pregnant. Blatchley said was the "most plastic" he has ever seen in a

whale.

"This cannot continue," Blatchley said, noting the Philippines ranks as the second most plastic-polluted country in the world. Cetaceans — marine mammals including whales, dolphins and porpoises — do not drink ocean water but absorb fresh water through their food, he explained.

National Geographic reported that more than 30 whales with plastic debris in their bellies washed up on European beaches in 2016. Since then, plastic trash has been discovered increasingly in the stomachs of dead seabirds and whales.

A 2017 study predicted a spike in plastic-related waste over the next decade, further highlighting potential future harm to marine life.

Last April, a male sperm whale beached off the coast of Spain with 64 pounds of trash bags and garbage in its digestive system.

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Salt emerges as another climate change issue

Leaching from ocean may poison fertile land in N.C.

By SARAH KAPLAN
The Washington Post

MIDDLETOWN, N.C. — The salty patches were small at first — scattered spots where soybeans wouldn't grow, where grass withered and died, exposing expanses of bare, brown earth.

But lately those barren patches have grown. On dry days, salt precipitates out of the mud and the crystals make the soil sparkle in the sunlight. And on a damp and chilly winter afternoon, the salt makes Dawson Pugh furrow his brow.

"It's been getting worse," the farmer told East Carolina University hydrologist Alex Manda, who drove out to this corner of coastal North Carolina with a group of graduate students to figure out what's poisoning Pugh's land — and whether anything can be done to stop it.

Of climate change's many plagues, saltwater intrusion in particular sounds almost like a biblical curse. Rising seas, sinking earth and extreme weather are conspiring to cause salt from the ocean to contaminate aquifers and turn formerly fertile



EAMON QUEENEY/FOR THE WASHINGTON POST

Graduate students at East Carolina use a probe to check the chemistry of water in a ditch on a North Carolina farm. Salt from ocean water may be damaging fertile farmland.

fields barren. A 2016 study in the journal *Science* predicted that 9 percent of the U.S. coastline is vulnerable to saltwater intrusion, a percentage likely to grow as the world continues to warm.

Scientists are just beginning to assess the potential effect on agriculture, Manda said, and it's not yet clear how much can be mitigated.

"We spend a lot of time and money to try to prevent salt," Pugh said. "I worry what the future is. If it keeps getting worse, will it be worth farming?"

If farmers in coastal areas

have any hope of protecting their land and their livelihoods, the first step is to disentangle the complex causes that can send ocean water seeping into the ground beneath their feet.

With that in mind, Pugh, Manda and Andrea Gibbs, the local agriculture agent for North Carolina Cooperative Extension, convened at the edge of Pugh's saltiest field on a recent blustery afternoon.

Pugh has spent his adult life growing soybeans, corn and cotton in North Carolina's "blacklands," where the

dark and fertile soil is a legacy of nutrient-rich swamps that were drained to make the region arable. His father farmed here in Hyde County before him, and his grandfather before that.

Pugh felt he was prepared for the challenges he would face with the brackish Pamlico Sound within spitting distance and just the thin sandy barrier of the Outer Banks between his farmland and the open ocean.

But lately, the problems have become relentless. Hyde County has been part

of a declared disaster zone during four of the past five years, Gibbs said. Heavy rainfall and strong winds have caused millions of dollars in damage. Hurricanes Matthew in 2016 and Florence in 2018 brought several feet of storm surge that inundated the area with seawater.

Science suggests that climate change plays a major role. Data from the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration show that sea levels near Pamlico Sound are rising at a rate of 4.4 millimeters per year — equivalent to nearly 1.5 feet over the next century. Other research has shown that warmer oceans make Atlantic hurricanes wetter, slower and more intense, resulting in more catastrophic storms like Florence.

Pugh estimates that recent flooding — and the associated salinization — cost him \$2 million in lost crops over the past five years. Last year, the field where Manda is now working became so pockmarked with barren patches Pugh stopped planting.

"No point in spending the money," he said, "or the seed."

And the barren patches may be growing. Most of the 4,000 acres that Pugh farms were inundated during Flor-

ence. Gibbs, who tested salinity levels in this field after the storm, said the results scared her.

"The numbers that were on that sheet ..." she said. "You shouldn't be able to grow anything in that."

After the storm, Manda and his students placed scientific instruments in Pugh's abandoned field: wells to monitor groundwater, probes that take salinity measurements at 10-minute intervals.

Though it's known that saltwater intrusion is linked to sea level rise caused by climate change, scientists aren't certain how salt winds up in farmers' fields. One hypothesis is that strong winds may blow saltwater from the sound into the canals and ditches that crisscross the county, which then leak into the soil. Another possibility is that the salt was left behind by storm-surge events and simply takes a long time to wash away.

Scientists are increasingly concerned that rising sea levels are shifting the "zone of transition," the underground gradient where fresh groundwater meets salty seawater. This issue may be compounded by the slow sinking of North Carolina's coastal plain since the end of the last ice age about 12,000 years ago.



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President Trump disembarks from Air Force One upon arrival Wednesday in Ohio.

Trump steps up attacks on McCain, draws GOP rebukes

By ALEX HORTON
The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — President Donald Trump continued Wednesday to attack the late Sen. John McCain, even as a growing number of Republican senators rose to McCain's defense, calling him a war hero and a patriot — although most were careful not to criticize the president directly.

During a White House event at a manufacturing facility in Lima, Ohio, Trump lashed out at McCain, saying, "I endorsed him at his request, and I gave him the kind of funeral he wanted, which as president I had to approve."

"I don't care about this," Trump continued. "I didn't get a thank-you. That's OK. We sent him on the way. But I wasn't a fan of John McCain."

Presidents don't "approve" the funerals of members of Congress. To lie in state, one needs the approval of Congress. The funeral would have been approved by the Washington National Cathedral. Trump did approve the military transportation of McCain's remains from Arizona to Washington, military pallbearers, a band and military horses.

Comments like Wednesday's and those that have preceded it were too much for Sen. Johnny Isakson. The Georgia Republican

called the duration of the White House's tribute to McCain "unthinkable" last year, after it lowered its flag to recognize the death of McCain on a Saturday, then raised it again by Monday. Trump rejected his staff's suggestions and refused to follow a tradition of leaving the flag at half-staff until the senator was laid to rest.

Isakson has said that moment and others fit a troubling pattern, and after an escalation of bitter words from the president this week, the senator took to the airwaves in a rare moment for his party: a stinging rebuke of Trump.

"It's deplorable what he said," Isakson said Wednesday on Georgia Public Broadcasting, as he decried the public criticism of McCain, a former Navy pilot who spent years in brutal captivity in Vietnam. "There aren't Democratic casualties or Republican casualties on the battlefield," he said.

Trump unloaded on the legacy of McCain, who died of brain cancer last year, in several tweets this week.

"I think that's a disgrace, plus there are other things," Trump said Tuesday in the Oval Office. "I was never a fan of John McCain, and I never will be."

Meghan McCain, a co-host of ABC's "The View," blasted Trump and defended her father Wednesday.

Her father "would think

it was hilarious that our president was so jealous of him that he was dominating the news cycle in death," she said.

Trump's attacks have also appeared to unleash trolls targeting the McCain family. Soon after the president's Oval Office remarks, Cindy McCain posted a profanity-laced message she received on Facebook.

A woman called John McCain "traitorous" and celebrated his death.

"I want to make sure all of you could see how kind and loving a stranger can be," Cindy McCain wrote on Twitter, referring to the woman.

Sen. Mitt Romney, R-Utah, rallied to McCain's defense Wednesday.

"I can't understand why the President would, once again, disparage a man as exemplary as my friend John McCain: heroic, courageous, patriotic, honorable, self-effacing, self-sacrificing, empathetic, and driven by duty to family, country, and God," Romney wrote on Twitter.

Sen. Martha McSally, an Arizona Republican appointed to McCain's former seat, also defended the former senator.

"Everyone should give him and his family the respect, admiration, and peace they deserve," she wrote on Twitter.

Associated Press contributed.

Pentagon to see if Shanahan used his office to help Boeing

By LOLITA C. BALDOR
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The Pentagon's inspector general has formally opened an investigation into a watchdog group's allegations that acting Defense Secretary Patrick Shanahan has used his office to promote his former employer, Boeing Co.

Citizens for Responsibility and Ethics in Washington filed an ethics complaint with the Pentagon's inspector general a week ago, alleging that Shanahan has appeared to make statements promoting Boeing and disparaging competitors, such as Lockheed Martin.

Shanahan, who traveling Wednesday with President Donald Trump to Ohio, spent more than 30 years at Boeing, leading programs for commercial planes and missile defense systems. He has been serving as acting Pentagon chief since the beginning of the year, after James Mattis stepped down.

The probe comes as Boeing struggles to deal with a public firestorm over two deadly crashes of the Boeing 737 Max 8 jetliner within the last five months. And it focuses attention on whether Trump will nominate Shanahan as his formal pick for defense chief.

Dwrena Allen, spokeswoman for the inspector general, said Shanahan has been informed of the investigation. And, in a statement, Pentagon spokesman Tom Crosson said Shanahan welcomes the review.

"Acting Secretary Shanahan has at all times remained committed to upholding his ethics agreement filed with the DoD," said Crosson. "This agreement ensures any matters pertaining to Boeing are handled by appropriate officials within the Pentagon to eliminate any perceived



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An ethics complaint has been filed against Acting Defense Secretary Patrick Shanahan, a former Boeing executive.

or actual conflict of interest issue(s) with Boeing."

During a Senate hearing last week, Shanahan was asked by Sen. Richard Blumenthal, D-Conn., about the 737 Max issue. Shanahan said he had not spoken to anyone in the administration about it and had not been briefed on it. Asked whether he favored an investigation into the matter, Shanahan said it was for regulators to investigate.

On Wednesday, Blumenthal said that scrutiny of Shanahan's Boeing ties is necessary. "In fact, it's overdue. Boeing is a behemoth 800-pound gorilla — raising possible questions of undue influence at DOD, FAA and elsewhere," said Blumenthal.

Shanahan signed an ethics agreement in June 2017, when he was being nominated for the job of deputy defense secretary, a job he held during Mattis' tenure. It outlined the steps he would take to avoid "any actual or apparent conflict of interest," and said he would not participate in any matter involving Boeing.

The CREW ethics complaint, based to a large part on published reports, including one by Politico in January, said Shanahan has made comments praising Boeing in meetings about government con-

tracts, raising concerns about "whether Shanahan, intentionally or not, is putting his finger on the scale when it comes to Pentagon priorities."

One example raised by the complaint is the Pentagon's decision to request funding for Boeing 15EX fighter jets in the 2020 proposed budget. The Pentagon is requesting about \$1 billion to buy eight of the aircraft.

Shanahan, 56, joined Boeing in 1986, rose through its ranks and is credited with rescuing a troubled Dreamliner 787 program. He also led the company's missile defense and military helicopter programs.

Trump has seemed attracted to Shanahan partially for his work on one of the president's pet projects — creating a Space Force. He also has publicly lauded Boeing, builder of many of the military's most prominent aircraft, including the Apache and Chinook helicopters, the C-17 cargo plane and the B-52 bomber, as well as the iconic presidential aircraft, Air Force One.

This is only the third time in history that the Pentagon has been led by an acting chief, and Shanahan has served in that capacity for longer than any of the others.

Pompeo praises Netanyahu before Israeli elections



SEBASTIAN SCHEINER/AP

U.S. Secretary of State Mike Pompeo, left, greets Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu on Wednesday.

By MATTHEW LEE
Associated Press

JERUSALEM — U.S. Secretary of State Mike Pompeo on Wednesday lauded the White House's warm ties with Israel during a visit to the country and promised to step up pressure on Iran, giving a public boost to Israel's prime minister at the height of a tight re-election campaign.

The White House, meanwhile, announced that Prime Minister Benjamin

Netanyahu would be welcomed in Washington next week.

The men made no mention of the heated Israeli election campaign. But Netanyahu, facing a tough challenge from a popular former military chief and reeling from a series of corruption allegations, has repeatedly sought to focus attention on his foreign policy record and strong ties with President Donald Trump.

Pompeo touted last month's Mideast conference

in Poland, where he said dozens of countries discussed ways "to stop Iran's regional rampage."

Accusing Iranian leaders of seeking the "annihilation and destruction" of Israel, he pledged continued American support. "With such threats a daily reality of Israeli life, we maintain our unparalleled commitment to Israel's security and firmly support your right to defend yourself," he said.

Netanyahu considers Iran to be Israel's greatest threat.

He is also one of Trump's strongest backers on the global stage.

White House press secretary Sarah Sanders said Trump and Netanyahu will have a meeting Monday focused on the Middle East and then reconvene for dinner Tuesday.

Netanyahu said he was looking forward to making the relationship "even stronger" during the visit.

The Washington Post contributed.

Trauma haunts children held by IS

Family reunion for former captives reveals deep scars

By NABIH BULOS
Los Angeles Times

TALL AFAR, Iraq — The beat-up Hyundai station wagon turned onto the street, a signal that the party could begin. The women gathered at the door, ululating as children spilled past them to lob candy at the three boys who slowly disembarked from the vehicle.

For a moment, the boys — 11-year-old Ali Aoun and his two brothers, Khalil, 9, and Ahmad, 7 — stood by the car, looking dazed as relative after relative came to kiss their shaved heads.

Hours earlier, the three had boarded a bus along with 14 other children for the journey from eastern Syria to their families across the border in Iraq. It had been the last stop in a five-year ordeal.

It was 2014 when Islamic State mounted its genocidal rampage against the religious minorities who had long made Tall Afar and the bucolic plains of northwestern Iraq their home. The militants slaughtered thousands of Yazidis and Shiite Turkmens, groups they considered infidels. But they also kidnapped their children, seeking to indoctrinate them and press them into service as future sex slaves or child soldiers.

That these boys had escaped five years later was little short of a miracle. They had fled the eastern Syrian hamlet of Baghouz, 150 miles away, where the extremists are mounting their last stand against a U.S.-backed militia known as the Syrian Democratic Forces.

Yet they seemed drained of happiness as they sat in three plastic chairs arrayed in the family's courtyard.

A woman brought out a table laden with bowls overflowing with candy. She placed it before the boys. The family gathered around them, some of them bran-



NABIH BULOS/LOS ANGELES TIMES

The Aoun brothers, left front, gather with family members for the first lunch together in almost five years.

dishing their smartphones to record the occasion.

But the boys didn't move. They didn't eat. They didn't smile. They didn't even look up from the floor.

Someone threw another handful of bonbons in a determined attempt to turn the mood festive. They smacked against the boys' knees, but got no reaction.

A moment later, Ahmad's face scrunched into a scowl before he began to cry. Khalil followed suit, while Ali buried his head in his hands, his body doubled over in the chair as if he were in pain.

Around them, the adults looked helpless, their eyes filling with tears. One of the men came forward and scooped Ahmad in his arms, trying to get any response. Finally, two women peeled them off their chairs and took them inside.

The boys' homecoming should have been a moment of joy. But those who make it back from Islamic State's clutches return to ravaged communities, and families ill-equipped to heal the scars of their time with the extremists.

And perhaps the most remarkable aspect of their bittersweet story is how many others share the same fate: Up until last week, the Aoun boys had been among more than 120 Shiite Turkmens and hundreds of Yazidi children still missing. It's not clear how many remain or were killed.

The Aoun brothers' bondage began for the most quotidian of reasons: A car broke down.

When the militants stormed Tall Afar in mid-2014, the boys' family escaped along with hundreds of thousands of others to the town of Sinjar. But a week later, it was clear it too would soon fall into Islamic State hands.

The boys crammed into a car with their uncles and mother, while their father, Shehab Aoun, took other members of the family in another car. They took the road leading to the top of nearby Sinjar mountain, where they hoped to evade Islamic State.

"But the road was too crowded. One car stopped in the middle of the road and blocked the path, and

they couldn't get through," said Aoun, 55, who worked as a farmer before 2014 but now is part of the Shiite-dominated militias known as the Popular Mobilization Forces.

The militants caught up with them. The men were taken away and killed; the women, including Aoun's wife, were dragged off to become sex slaves (she remains missing); the three boys were sent to an Islamic State orphanage in Mosul.

There they found another Shiite Turkmen boy, Mahdi Ghazi Jolac, who was 6 at the time.

Mahdi had been brought to the orphanage along with his 5-year-old sister Laila and 4-year-old brother Jamil. His two younger siblings, Ali, who was 10 months old, and Ramleh, just 2 weeks old, were placed with Islamic State families to be raised as their own.

Mahdi, who had returned with the Aoun children on Monday, described his time with Islamic State as a series of moves, many of them mirroring the group's retreat before the U.S.-led

coalition's offensives in Iraq and Syria.

The children were made to wear Kandahari-style clothes, the long tunic and pants set worn by many Islamic State members, he recalled, and put in an intensive program of religious study, punctuated by beatings for any perceived bad behavior.

"They taught us Islamic doctrine, creed, Quran, Quranic recitation," he said.

By the time they had reached Baghouz in December, Islamic State was besieged on all sides. Matters turned desperate, and Mahdi said the children were fed nothing but lentils.

Then this month, he said, as a truce with the Syrian Democratic Forces ended, the head of the orphanage told the boys it was time for them to escape.

The children made the trek across the desert, dodging gunfire as well as Islamic State members who would force them to turn back, Mahdi said. (Mahdi's family said two of his four siblings have been returned, but one remains with Islamic State and one has been

adopted by a family in Turkey, which is fighting his return.)

The Aoun children and Mahdi made it to the Kurdish-led camps. There, a spokesman for the Syrian Democratic Forces filmed them and posted the video to Twitter. Five days later, they were in Tall Afar.

It's too early to know whether the end of their captivity spelled the end of their suffering, said Mohammad Nathem, a 34-year-old businessman and activist from Tall Afar.

"The situation of these children is a crime. How will they be rehabilitated? There are no centers to help them, and the families themselves have been destroyed," he said.

"Tall Afar can't do anything for them. We don't even have good schools here, and who will know how to handle their needs?"

For their part, the Aoun children seemed unwilling to believe they were home. Around them, their family members spoke the Turkic language of their ethnic group.

But the boys now could speak only Arabic.

As the family brought out trays of chicken and bulgur wheat, they ate silently.

"You were imprisoned? How did you escape from Daesh?" asked one of the boys' uncles, speaking to Ali in a loud voice as if he were hard of hearing. (The uncle referred to Islamic State by its Arabic acronym.) To this, Ali said nothing, staring at the ground as he curled up in a corner of the room.

Finally his father pulled him to his side to have sugary tea, while one of his older brothers, 21-year-old Ibrahim, pulled the woolen hat from Ali's head and rubbed his scalp. To his side, Ahmad kept eating, while Khalil, sitting in the lap of one of his relatives, stared at a cellphone.

A moment later, Ali brought his arm to his face, as if he were rubbing his eye.

He sobbed quietly as the family kept on talking.



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Mourners on Wednesday carry the coffin of a victim from Friday's two mosque attacks.

New Zealand PM announces ban on 'military-style' rifles

By NICK PERRY,
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Associated Press

CHRISTCHURCH, New Zealand — Prime Minister Jacinda Ardern said New Zealand is immediately banning assault rifles, high-capacity magazines and "military style semi-automatic rifles" like the weapons used in last Friday's attacks on two Christchurch mosques.

Ardern announced the ban Thursday and said it would be followed by legislation to be introduced next month.

She said the man arrested in the attacks had purchased his weapons legally and enhanced their capacity by using 30-round magazines "done easily through a simple online purchase."

On Wednesday, families of some victims held funeral services.

A father and son who fled the civil war in Syria for "the safest country in the world" were buried before hundreds of mourners Wednesday, the first funerals for victims of shootings at two mosques in New Zealand that horrified a nation known for being welcoming and div-

erse.

The funerals of Khalid Mustafa, 44, and Hamza Mustafa, 15, came five days after a white supremacist methodically gunned down 50 worshippers at two mosques in Christchurch — a massacre that he broadcast live on Facebook.

Police said Wednesday they believe he was on his way to a third attack when officers ran him off the road and arrested him. They declined to release any more details.

During the funerals, Hamza's high school principal described the student as compassionate and hardworking, and said he was an excellent horse rider who aspired to be a veterinarian.

Those present included Hamza's younger brother, 13-year-old Zaed, who was wounded in an arm and a leg during the attack. The boy tried to stand during the ceremony but had to sit back in his wheelchair, one mourner said.

"We tried to not shake his hand, and not touch his hand or his foot, but he refused, he wanted to shake everybody's hand, he wanted to show everyone that he appreciated them. And that's amazing," said Jamil El-Biza, who traveled

from Australia to attend the funeral.

The Mustafas had moved to New Zealand last year after spending six years as refugees in Jordan. Mustafa's wife, Salwa, told Radio New Zealand that when the family asked about New Zealand they were told "it's the safest country in the world, the most wonderful country; you can go, you will start a very wonderful life there."

She added, "But it wasn't."

Prime Minister Jacinda Ardern said the family should have been safe.

"I cannot tell you how gutting it is to know that a family came here for safety and for refuge," she said.

Four other burials were held Wednesday. Those victims included Junaid Ismail, Ashraf Ali and Lilik Abdul Hamid. The fourth victim's name was suppressed by court order.

Families of those killed had been awaiting word on when they could bury their loved ones. Police Commissioner Mike Bush said police have now formally identified and released the remains of 21 of those killed. Islamic tradition calls for bodies to be cleaned and buried as soon as possible.

'There is death all over': Toll from Africa cyclone tops 300

By FARAI MUTSAKA
Associated Press

CHIMANIMANI, Zimbabwe — Mozambique began three days of national mourning on Wednesday for more than 200 victims of Cyclone Idai, while the death toll in neighboring Zimbabwe rose to more than 100 from one of the most destructive storms to strike southern Africa in decades.

Torrential rains were expected to continue into Thursday and floodwaters were still rising, according to aid groups trying to get food, water and clothing to desperate survivors. It will be days before Mozambique's inundated plains drain toward the Indian Ocean and even longer before the full scale of the devastation is known.

People have been clinging to trees and huddling on rooftops since the cyclone roared in over the weekend. The United Nations humanitarian office said the town of Buzi, with some 200,000 people, was at risk of becoming at least partially submerged.

"Floodwaters are predicted to rise significantly in the coming days and 350,000 people are at risk," the U.N. office said.

Zimbabwean President Emmerson Mnangagwa received a somber welcome in the hard-hit mountain community of Chimanimani near the border with Mozambique. Zimbabwean officials have said some 350 people may have died.

"We do not want to hear that anyone has died of hunger," Mnangagwa said.

Clutching a bag of his few remaining possessions, Amos Makundwa described the devastation with one stark sentence. "There is death all over," he said.

The force of the flood waters swept some victims from Zimbabwe down the mountainside into Mozam-



ZINYANGE AUNTONY/GETTY-AFP

A man stands during a traditional ritual at a mass gravesite Wednesday in Zimbabwe days after Cyclone Idai.

bique, officials said. "Some of the peasants in Mozambique were calling some of our people to say, 'We see bodies, we believe those bodies are coming from Zimbabwe,'" said a local government minister, July Moyo.

Entire villages were swept away, said Gen. Joe Muzvidziwa, who was leading the military's rescue efforts in Zimbabwe. Some people had been out at beer halls when the cyclone hit and came home to find nothing left.

Mozambique's President Filipe Nyusi said late Tuesday that more than 200 people were confirmed dead in his country. After flying over the affected region on Monday, he said he expected the death toll to be more than 1,000.

Aid workers were shocked as they arrived in the Mozambique port city of Beira, estimated to be 90 percent destroyed. The 500,000 residents of the city, which has some neighborhoods that are below sea level, were scrambling for food, fuel and medicine.

"The power of the cyclone is visible everywhere, with shipping containers moved like little Lego blocks," said Marc Nos-

bach, Mozambique country director for the aid group CARE.

In footage shot by South African broadcaster eNCA, food and other supplies were dropped from a helicopter to a survivor standing waist-deep in water outside Beira. Another man clinging to a tree branch was hoisted to safety. Rescuers cradled small children, keeping them warm.

Meanwhile, international aid started trickling in.

"Everyone is doubling, tripling, quadrupling whatever they were planning" in terms of aid, said Caroline Haga of the Red Cross in Beira.

The United Arab Emirates pledged \$4.9 million to Mozambique, Zimbabwe and Malawi, the Emirates News Agency reported, citing the Emirates Red Crescent. Norway said it was providing \$700,000.

The chairman of the African Union Commission said it would provide \$350,000 in immediate support to the countries, and the United Nations allocated \$20 million.

The European Union released \$3.9 million in emergency aid, and Britain pledged up to \$7.9 million.

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Italy: All safe after bus driver abducts 51 kids, torches vehicle

MILAN — A bus driver in northern Italy abducted 51 children and their school chaperones Wednesday, threatening the hostages' lives for 40 minutes and set the bus on fire at a Carabinieri blockade.

Officers from the national police force broke windows at the back of the bus to reach the passengers and got all of them out without serious injuries before flames destroyed the vehicle, au-

thorities said.

The driver, identified as Ousseynou Sy, was treated for burns.

Prosecutors described him as a 47-year-old Italian citizen of Senegalese origin and said he told authorities he wanted to vindicate Europe-bound migrants who have died in the Mediterranean Sea.

Chief prosecutor Francesco Greco praised officers for moving swiftly to block the bus and remove the children.



TED S. WARREN/AP

The body of sheriff's deputy Ryan Thompson, 42, is draped with a U.S. flag Wednesday in Ellensburg, Wash. Thompson was killed and Kittitas police Officer Benito Chavez, 22, was injured after an exchange of gunfire with a road-rage suspect. The driver also was killed.

Trump: Tariffs on China could stay to ensure deal's compliance

WASHINGTON — President Donald Trump said Wednesday that if the U.S. gets a trade deal with China, tariffs could stay in place for some time to ensure Beijing "lives by the deal."

Trump said the White House was discussing keeping tariffs for a "substantial period of time," adding that China has had "problems living by certain deals."

Trump said officials are

set to visit China for more talks, declaring the deal is "coming along nicely."

Business lobbyists say a sticking point is what type of enforcement mechanism will be included. The Trump administration, they say, wants to have the option to impose tariffs on Chinese goods if China doesn't abide by the terms of the pact. The U.S. also wants China to promise not to retaliate against those tariffs.

Cleanup starts as crews put out blaze at petrochemical facility

HOUSTON — Crews on Wednesday extinguished a fire that burned for days at a Houston-area petrochemicals storage facility and began cleaning up the site.

International Terminals Co. spokeswoman Alice Richardson said the cleanup efforts will allow workers to reach the site and begin the investigation into what caused the blaze.

Crews will continue

spraying foam and water on tanks that caught fire to cool them down and prevent the blaze from reigniting. The tanks contained components of gasoline and materials used in nail polish remover, glues and paint thinner.

The fire, which was extinguished early Wednesday, began Sunday at the facility southeast of Houston, sending a dark plume of smoke thousands of feet in the air.

Medicines for opioid addiction vastly underused, experts say

WASHINGTON — Medicines proven to treat opioid addiction remain vastly underused in the U.S., the nation's top medical advisers said Wednesday.

Only a fraction of the estimated 2 million people addicted to opioids are getting the medications, according to a report by the National Academies of Sciences, Engineering and Medicine. The group, which advises the federal government, called for increased prescribing of the drugs and other changes to reduce barriers to their use.

In 2017, opioids were involved in nearly 48,000

deaths — a record. In recent years, there have been more deaths involving illicit opioids, including heroin and fentanyl, than the prescription forms of the drugs, which include oxycodone and codeine.

Government-approved medications, which include methadone, buprenorphine and naltrexone, help control cravings and withdrawal symptoms like nausea, muscle aches and pain. Their use is backed by most medical groups. Yet they still have skeptics, especially among supporters of 12-step programs that favor abstinence-only approaches.

The report concludes

that patients taking the medicines fare better over the long term and are 50 percent less likely to die than if they weren't on them. An "all hands on deck" response is needed — including doctors, law enforcement and family members — to expand access to treatment, it said.

The group's conclusions echo similar reports from the U.S. Surgeon General and a presidential commission appointed by President Donald Trump to make recommendations for curbing the epidemic.

Mormon missionaries held by Russia back in U.S.

SALT LAKE CITY — The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints said Wednesday that two of its missionaries have returned to the United States after they were detained in Russia for more than two weeks in an alleged visa violation case.

The Utah-based faith

had previously said it was "troubled by the circumstances" of the young men's detention but declined to elaborate or discuss the case in more detail.

Latter-day Saint missionaries have not been allowed to legally proselytize in Russia since 2016 and are called "volunteers"

while they perform missionary duty in the country. The change was triggered by an anti-terrorism law signed that year by President Vladimir Putin that put restrictions on missionaries and dictates that religious work can only be done in houses of worship and other religious sites.

British judge denies bail to fugitive tycoon sought in India

LONDON — Diamond tycoon Nirav Modi, whose jewels once adorned stars from Bollywood to Hollywood, was ordered held without bail in London on Wednesday, more than a year after Indian authorities alleged he was involved in a \$1.8 billion bank fraud.

District Judge Marie Mallon remanded Modi into custody at the end of a hearing.

Modi, 48, refused to submit to extradition to India. Modi, who has been living in London since June 2018, was arrested Tuesday.

Indian authorities have sought Modi's arrest since February 2018, when they alleged companies he controlled defrauded the state-owned Punjab National Bank by using fake financial documents to get loans to buy and import jewels. He denies the allegations and has sought political asylum.

Nexstar-Tribune Media: Nexstar is selling 19 television stations for \$1.32 billion as part of its buyout deal with Tribune Media.

Nexstar agreed in December to buy Chicago's Tribune Media for about \$4 billion. Part of that agreement requires Nexstar to sell certain stations in order to comply with FCC local and national ownership rules and to get FCC and Justice Department approval of the Tribune Media transaction.

Nexstar Media Group Inc. is selling 11 stations to Tegna Inc. for \$740 million and eight stations to E.W. Scripps Co. for \$580 million. Nexstar said it's in talks to sell two stations in Indianapolis. Nexstar said it will use proceeds from the sale of the TV stations to fund its Tribune deal and to lower debt.

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EDITORIALS

Suicide and the strains of Chicago policing

The federal consent decree, which governs Chicago police efforts to reform and improve, contains a chapter titled "Officer Wellness and Support." It's located fairly deep in the document, behind higher-profile policing issues such as "Use of Force," but thank goodness that chapter exists because the department is confronting a quiet crisis of well-being: Officers are dying by their own hand.

Since last summer, two CPD detectives, three officers and a sergeant have committed suicide. Five of the six died of self-inflicted gun wounds. Three were found in their squad car or parked outside their district station, according to Tribune reporting by Madeline Buckley and Annie Sweeney.

Six suicides in eight months isn't normal. While no number is acceptable, the annual figure typically had fluctuated between two and four. "Chicago is kind of like ground zero with the number of sui-

cides that are happening on a monthly basis," said Daniel Hollar, a behavioral expert at Bethune-Cookman University in Florida.

Suicide is a tragic, desperate act borne of pain and isolation. Each situation is unique, but members of law enforcement, who routinely confront stress and trauma, appear at elevated risk. CPD officers go to work daily amid the elevated threat of gun violence — nearly 3,000 people were shot last year. Residents of many neighborhoods distrust the police.

On good days the job of a law enforcement officer — in Chicago or elsewhere — can be a tension-filled grind. On bad days, when professional or personal troubles may also overwhelm, life on the force can turn bleak. Yet the demanding culture of policing doesn't traditionally encourage members of the force to seek counseling for mental health issues because doing so may suggest weakness. Of course that's not so. Emotional or psychological troubles,

like physical illnesses and ailments, happen. They are real, and they improve with treatment.

There appear to be at least two critical steps for CPD to take to better care for its officers: First, ensure members of the force know that if they are struggling, it's vitally important, and permissible, to seek help. Second, make sure all forms of support, including counseling, are readily available. The consent decree — a by-product of the U.S. Justice Department investigation into civil rights violations at the Police Department — will help. It puts the onus on Chicago to provide adequate care for officers, including having at least 10 clinicians on staff by 2020.

Superintendent Eddie Johnson made an important contribution by acknowledging in a note to the entire department the most recent loss of an officer. Additionally Johnson has told his command staff that officer wellness is now his priority. Acts such as

that should help alleviate the stigma.

That stigma is real. The Tribune report noted that police suicides may go unacknowledged within the department: People don't go to the funeral. Another recent Tribune story by Sweeney reported on the case of Officer Brian Warner, who suffered from PTSD after fatally shooting a suspect in 2011 and recently lost a fight to retain full benefits while on disability. Each such case is different, but one expert suggested police departments and pension boards need a fuller understanding of the psychological toll of being a police officer. "You put a man or woman in a job for 25 years and they see what they see, you damn well are going to be affected," according to John Violanti, a University of Buffalo specialist in police stress and a former New York state trooper.

Policing is tough. Officers aren't supposed to be indestructible. The more support CPD can provide employees, the better the department will be.

Death of a drive-in. Roll the credits at the Cascade in West Chicago.

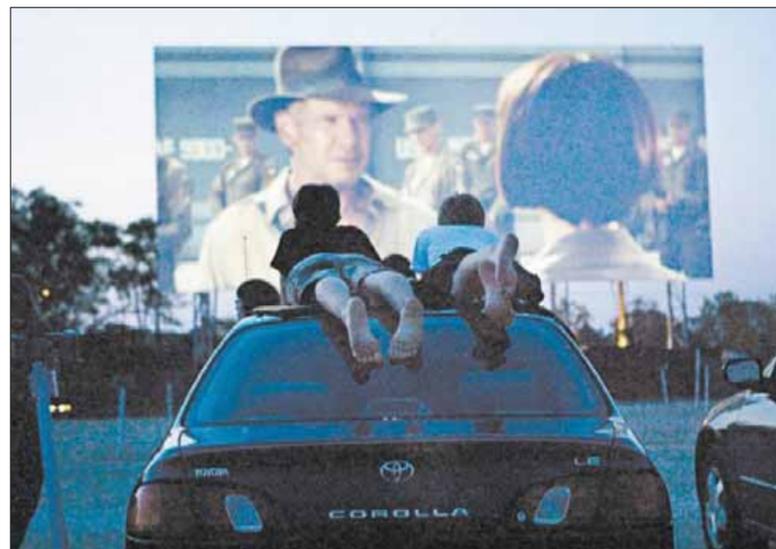
If you're old enough, you'll remember the *feel* of an outing to the drive-in movie theater. The crunch of gravel as your car wheeled up to the speaker post. The heft of that speaker as you hung it on the door, the staticky audio that filled the car with the clarity of a CB radio transmission. People thunking their car doors as they headed out for a hot dog.

Maybe you sat in your car, or maybe you sat on the hood, where you could toggle your gaze between the feature flick and the blanket of stars above.

With that in mind, allow us to pay tribute to the Cascade in West Chicago as the ending credits roll.

The Cascade, one of the last two drive-ins in the Chicago area, is closing down after more than 57 years of cinema al fresco. The owner says the drive-in's lease is up, and the landowner's not renewing. Joni Mitchell sang "they paved paradise and put up a parking lot." In West Chicago, they'll raze paradise and put up retail.

Why so dreamy about drive-ins? you may ask. Not everything that fades into obsolescence requires an elegy. We'll never cry for those bygone car phones that looked and weighed like World War II field phones, or pine to hear again the ka-chunk of an eight-track getting shoved into its slot. PalmPilots, floppy disks, mullets — we bade farewell to each with a



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Teenagers on top of their car watching the latest "Indiana Jones" film at the Cascade Drive-In theater in West Chicago. After more than 57 years, the theater is closing.

"meh."

But some objects of yesteryear have too much charm to size up with a shrug. Vinyl's comeback is in full swing. Audio-

philes say there's a richness to the sound of an LP that's missing from a CD, which is maybe why the slow demise of compact discs hasn't been mourned.

We can't resist throwbacks steeped in style. There's a reason why New Orleans keeps its streetcars, or why the cable cars of San Francisco are a must-do on any tourist's itinerary. Chicago's quintessential throwback? Wrigley Field, of course! Yes, the bells and whistles include skyboxes, cabernet and a jumbo-size video board. But the old green scoreboard's still there, and so are the vines, the bleacher bums and "Take Me Out to the Ball Game" at every seventh-inning stretch.

Put drive-ins in that same charm box. The Chicago area once had an array of them — the 53 Drive-In in Palatine, the Dundale in East Dundee, the Harlem Outdoor Theater in Norridge and others. You'd never get megaplex-caliber recliners, surround-sound or a pricey Malbec at a drive-in. But there's nothing like watching "Godzilla" or a rom-com while a July breeze sweeps through your car.

So, yes, bid adieu to the Cascade. But remember this. There's still one drive-in left in metro Chicago — the McHenry Outdoor Theater in northwest suburban McHenry. Open since 1945, the drive-in's 2019 season begins April 26, according to its website. Coming soon — "Avengers: Endgame." Maybe that's the best way to say goodbye to the Cascade. By saying hello to the McHenry. See you at the snack bar.

As Chicago's April 2 election approaches, you'll find our endorsements at chicagotribune.com/endorsements, the candidates' survey responses at chicagotribune.com/candidates, and all Tribune opinion content on the runoff at chicagotribune.com/runoff.

WHAT OTHERS ARE SAYING

Illinois has been a fiscal mess for years, but a saving grace has been that the state Constitution mandates a flat tax rate that is now 4.95 percent on personal income. This makes it harder to raise taxes because politicians have to include the middle class. Now Gov. J.B. Pritzker is bidding to blow up that safety valve with a progressive tax that would drive even more taxpayers out of the state. ...

With his proposal, Mr. Pritzker is doing the bidding of the state's public unions, which have long run the state through the office of House Speaker Michael Madigan. ...

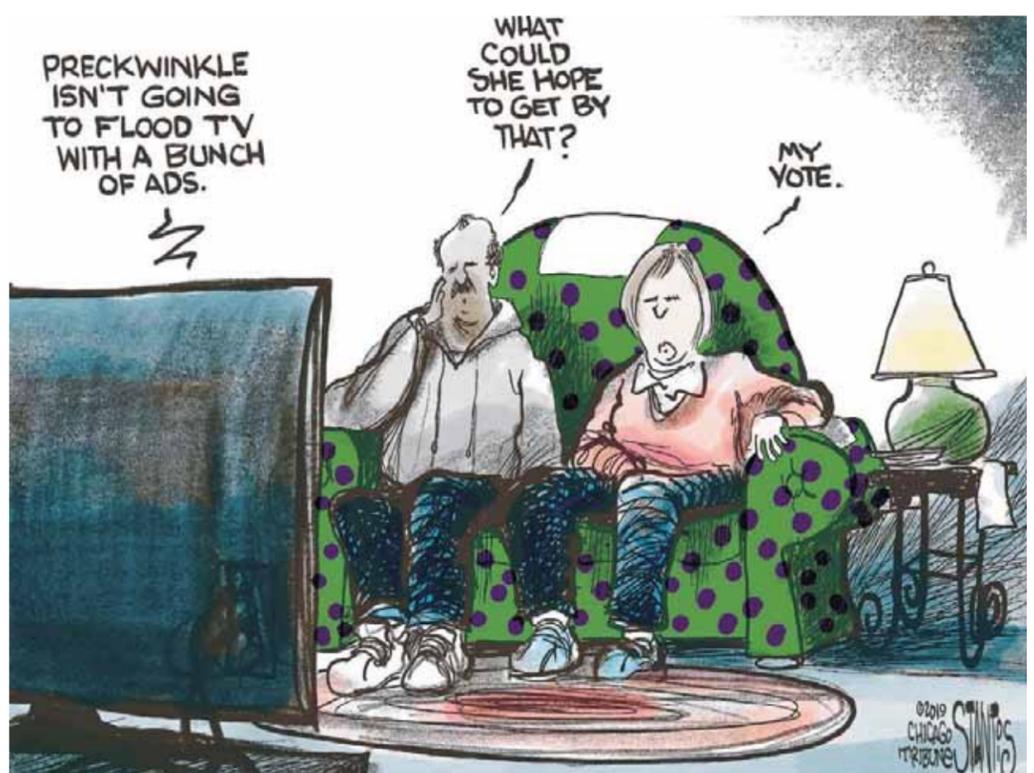
In a Feb. 25 interview on CNBC, Warren Buffett warned investors to avoid states with large unfunded pension liabilities. He said he couldn't be sure how such states would try to bring in more revenue — whether by raising corporate taxes, personal income taxes, or a combination. But he had no doubt the taxes are coming.

When he looks at the billions that some states owe, Mr. Buffett said he asks himself: "Why do I wanna build a plant there that has to sit there for 30 or 40 years? Cause I'll be here for the life of the pension — plan — and they will come after corporations, they'll come after individuals. They — just — they're gonna have to raise a lotta money."

Mr. Buffett didn't mention Illinois specifically, but everyone knows that's one of the states he is talking about. With his tax proposal, Mr. Pritzker has now confirmed everything Mr. Buffett said.

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Democratic presidential candidate Beto O'Rourke stands on a chair in the midst of a crowd of students Tuesday on the Penn State campus in State College, Pa.

Is Beto O'Rourke another Kennedy or Obama?



STEVE CHAPMAN

For decades, the Democratic Party has been haunted by a specter: the specter of John F. Kennedy and Robert F. Kennedy. Liberals have yearned for a young, handsome, eloquent and charismatic man to move them, enchant them and return them to Camelot.

They've never quite found him, though Gary Hart (1984) and John Kerry (2004) tried to fill the role. Even Ted Kennedy didn't quite measure up. Bill Clinton — who was serendipitously photographed at 17 shaking JFK's hand — managed a faint resemblance that he strove to heighten.

I thought Barack Obama had put that dream to rest. He had some of the same qualities as Jack and Bobby, and he had a successful two terms in the White House. But the Kennedy hunger apparently still lives on in the Democratic body politic, like a dormant virus that occasionally causes a spike of fever and delirium. How else can the Beto O'Rourke frenzy be explained?

He was a legitimate phenomenon last year, when he came close to winning a U.S. Senate race in a red state. Being a Texan whose skin crawls at the mention of Ted Cruz, I am a member of a group that numbers at least 4 million, judging from the vote O'Rourke got. But nearly upsetting Cruz in a Senate race is like winning your high school talent show. It doesn't mean you're ready for Broadway.

O'Rourke, however, has joined the presidential race, propelled by his mysterious sense of destiny. "I want to be in it," he told a Vanity Fair scribe. "Man, I'm just born to be in it." If an ego as big as the Ritz is mandatory in a presidential candidate, O'Rourke qualifies.

His main assets are his boyish good looks, complete with the RFK-like shock of hair falling over his forehead, and his flair for oratory, or what passes for oratory these days. Something is working: In the first 24 hours after announcing his candidacy for president, he raised a record \$6.1 million.

Some of his admirers don't see him as another JFK; they see him as another Obama. Former Obama strategist Dan Pfeiffer is one of them, scolding "political elites" who say of O'Rourke, "He hasn't paid his dues" or "It's not his time."

Wrote Pfeiffer in November, "These are the exact arguments people made to me when I told them I was considering working for Barack Obama 10 years ago." Of course, they are also the same arguments made about countless other unready candidates who have been forgotten because the "political elites" were right about them.

O'Rourke is a former member of the El Paso City Council and a three-term congressman who did nothing to distinguish himself from most of the other 434 House members. That's no crime; making a mark in the House usually takes many terms. But his service there is hardly thorough preparation for a job that is normally one of the most challenging on Earth. (For Donald Trump, it's not a challenge because he doesn't really do the job.)

Obama's political resume was also thin — three terms as a state senator and four years as a U.S. senator. But besides his broad life experiences, he had shown intellectual heft, formidable discipline, gravity of purpose and genuine oratorical brilliance. Being African-American, Obama also brought a vital perspective that had never been present in the White House. O'Rourke doesn't.

Obama was a highly exceptional figure, which makes him a poor model

for lesser mortals. Just because Kevin Garnett went straight from high school to NBA stardom doesn't mean other high school players — even stars — would be equipped to do the same.

Nor has O'Rourke offered a comprehensive program that sets him apart from other Democratic candidates who have compiled more substantial records. On the issues, he manages to be both completely conventional and annoyingly vague.

A measure of his low-content approach is that his campaign website provides no policy statements. It does, however, offer "Beto for America" T-shirts.

Another indicator is his claim, "I don't ever prepare a speech." In one appearance, O'Rourke told Vanity Fair, it felt as though "every word was pulled out of me. Like, by some greater force." He seems to see this campaign as an exercise in self-discovery.

The Democratic field features several candidates with weightier accomplishments and down-to-earth policy solutions. But flying high at the moment is one who is lighter than air.

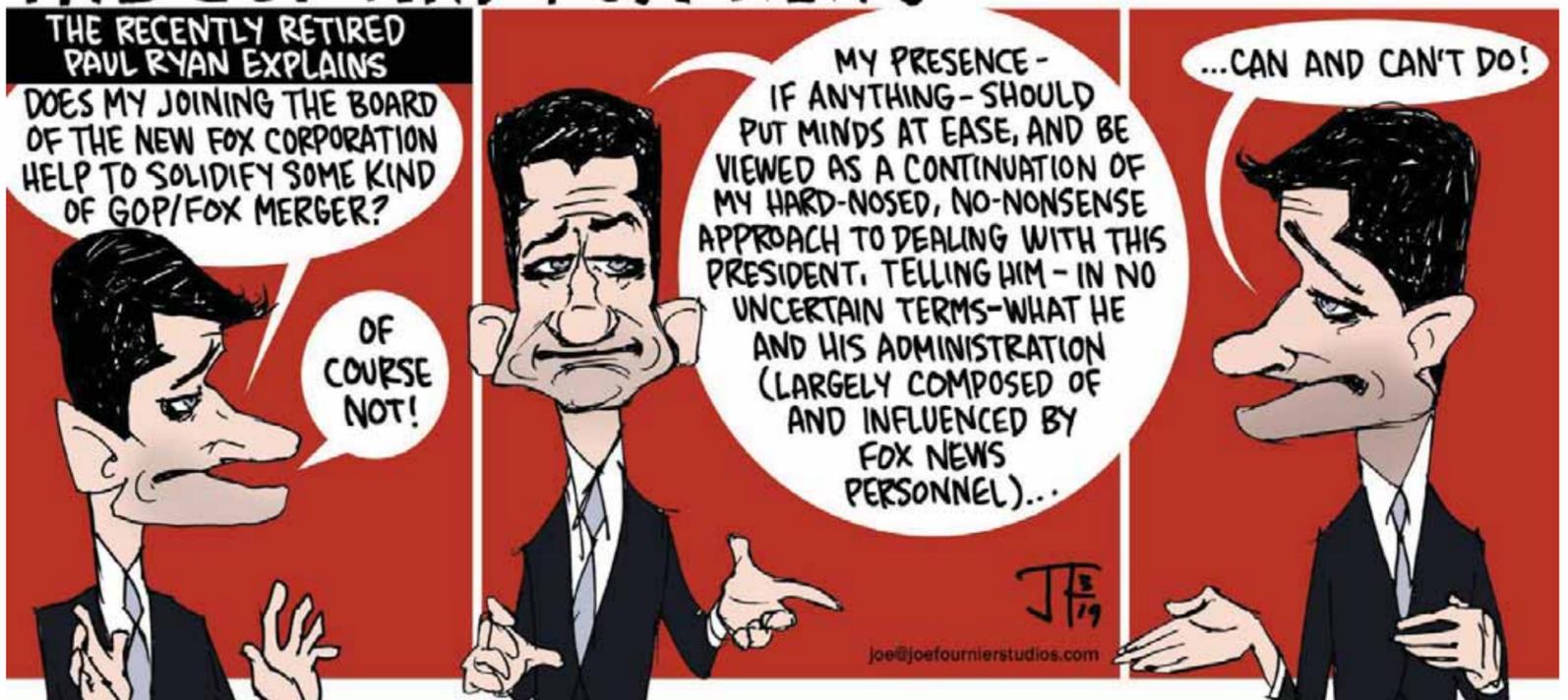
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President Donald Trump pumps his fists as he arrives to deliver remarks at the Lima Army Tank Plant on Wednesday in Lima, Ohio.

Can Trump win again in 2020?



VICTOR DAVIS HANSON

In 2016, Donald Trump overwhelmed 16 qualified Republican primary rivals and became the first major-party presidential nominee without prior political or military experience. Against even greater odds, Trump defeated in the general election a far better funded and politically connected Hillary Clinton.

What are his chances of repeating that surprising victory in 2020?

In 2016, Trump had no record to run on. That blank slate fueled claims that such a political novice could not possibly succeed. It also added an element of mystery and excitement, with the possibility that an outsider could come into town to clean up the mess.

Trump now has a record, not just promises. Of course, his base supporters and furious opponents have widely different views of the Trump economy and foreign policy.

Yet many independents will see successes since 2017, even if some are turned off by Trump's tweets. Still, if things at home and abroad stay about the same or improve, without a war or recession, Trump will likely win enough swing states to repeat his 2016 Electoral College victory. If, however, unemployment spikes, inflation returns or we get into a war, he may not.

At about the same time in their respective presidencies, Bill Clinton and Barack Obama had approval ratings similar to Trump's. In Clinton's first midterms, Democrats lost 14 more House seats than Republicans lost last November. Democrats under Obama lost 23 more seats in his first midterms than Republicans lost under Trump. Democrats lost eight Senate seats in 1994 during Clinton's first term. They lost six Senate seats in 2010 during

Obama's first term. Republicans actually picked up two Senate seats last fall.

Yet Clinton and Obama handily won re-election over, respectively, Bob Dole and Mitt Romney. In other words, the 2020 election is likely Trump's to win or lose.

It's also worth remembering that Trump does not exist in a vacuum. In 2016, many voters preferred Trump because he was not Hillary Clinton.

In 2020, there will be an even starker choice. Trump, now an incumbent, will likely run on the premise that he is the only thing standing between voters and socialism.

The power of that warning will depend on whether the Democrats continue their present hard-left trajectory or the eventual Democratic nominee manages to avoid getting tagged with what are, as of now, extreme progressive talking points.

The Green New Deal, a wealth tax, a top marginal income tax rate of 70 percent, the abolition of ICE, the abolition of the Electoral College, reparations, the cancellation of student debt, free college tuition, Medicare for all and the banning of private insurance plans are not winning, 51 percent issues.

If the Democratic nominee embraces most of these fringe advocacies — or is forced by the hard left to run on some of them — he or she will lose. If the Democrats nominate Sen. Kamala Harris, Sen. Elizabeth Warren, Sen. Bernie Sanders or Sen. Cory Booker, Trump will seem moderate by comparison and have more relative experience at both presidential campaigning and governance.

Also, with a few notable exceptions, such as John F. Kennedy and Barack Obama, senators do not have a good record of winning the presidency.

If the Democrats nominate a veteran politician such as former Vice President Joe Biden, then the two rivals will be more equally matched in appealing to the middle classes.

Another thing to consider: What will the Mueller investigation and a flurry of

House investigations of Trump look like by November 2020?

If special counsel Robert Mueller concludes that there was no collusion between the Trump campaign and Russia, then Trump's charges of a "witch hunt" will more than likely stick. But if Mueller's investigation proves that Trump negotiated with the Russians to stop the Clinton campaign, Trump will be in considerable trouble.

At some point, all the progressive obsessions to abort the Trump administration — the efforts to warp the voting of the Electoral College electors; to invoke the 25th Amendment, the Logan Act and the emoluments clause; and to thwart Trump from the inside, as former FBI Deputy Director Andrew McCabe and the anonymous New York Times editorialist have detailed — have to show results.

If they do not by 2020, then these attempts will be seen more as bitter-end vendettas. And they may work in Trump's favor, making him appear a victim of an unprecedented and extraconstitutional assault. Then, in Nietzschean terms, anything that did not end Trump will only have made him stronger.

Finally, Trump himself is not static. For a while, relative calm has returned to the White House. Secretary of State Mike Pompeo, national security adviser John Bolton and Attorney General William Barr are more in sync with Trump's style and message than the previous holders of those positions.

Trump himself often displays more self-deprecation. Like other incumbents, Trump may be becoming savvy about the complexities of the job.

Democrats think 2020 will be an easy win over a controversial and often wounded president. Republicans thought the same thing in 2012.

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VOICE OF THE PEOPLE

CSO musicians deserve more pay

I am dismayed at the conflict between the musicians and the Chicago Symphony Orchestra Association board. Our Chicago Symphony Orchestra is an amazing and world-class orchestra. Its members are ambassadors of arts and culture around the world, inspiration for new generations of artists and one of the prides of this city.

They deserve generous — not simply adequate, but competitively generous — pay that reflects the quality of musician we expect in Chicago and that reflects the time, work and money that goes into the formation and development of a world-class musician. They deserve health care that reflects the toll that musicianship takes on their bodies. And they deserve generous pensions that allow them to be guides and mentors for new generations of musicians.

I hope that the CSOA board will step up, grant the musicians their terms, save our CSO and be lauded as true benefactors of our national arts.

— Hilary Krivchenia, Palatine

Court is right to uphold sentence

I'm pleased to see the Illinois Supreme Court affirmed the trial judge's sentence in the Jason Van Dyke murder case. Judges have a wide range of discretionary authority when sentencing people, though there are guidelines and parameters.

If the state Supreme Court had overturned Van Dyke's sentence, Pandora's box would have been opened for possible future reversals predicated on emotions. Disliking a sentence isn't sufficient grounds for a reversal as long as the judge acted legally and appropriately under state statutes.

— Ballard J. Powell, Chicago

Turn off light at the Drive, Chicago

While the mayoral candidates debate big-ticket transformational transportation ideas, they are ignoring some much lower-cost items that would make a positive difference. I'd like to hear about some of these: Turn off the red light at Chicago Avenue and Lake Shore Drive. This is truly inconveniencing a great many for a very few. Which candidate would do this first?

Convert the city portions of the Metra Electric Line to a CTA "L." Very inexpensive, compared to a lot of other transit ideas. Repaint the lane markers where they are worn off, such as on Lake Shore Drive, Roosevelt Road, the Dan Ryan between the Eisenhower and the Stevenson, and many other places. This is plainly just for safety.

— Roger Deschner, Chicago

CTA should revisit some things

Ride-sharing may be hurting the CTA, but safety factors are hurting it, too. As a senior who uses a cane, I don't feel safe riding the "L" trains. I remember too well when a woman died from a fall at a station after a teen robbed someone of a cellphone. There have been other violent episodes. I also remember when the Brown and Purple lines worked better. When the Brown Line was known as Ravenswood, there were A and B stops. The trains were faster and divided up the ridership. The Purple Line was once known as the Evanston Express, which made no stops between Howard and the Merchandise Mart. Now it stops at every Brown Line station south of Belmont, and Brown Line riders stuff themselves into northbound Purple Line trains and force riders who need to get to Howard and beyond to wait 15 minutes or more just to board a train.

If I must go the Loop, I will drive down. More expensive, but safer.

— Judy Arkes, Chicago

Time to find new whipping post

Does President Donald Trump know that Sen. John McCain passed away several months ago?

— Gerry Shacter, Buffalo Grove

Boeing CEO, fly on 737 Max

I read your excellent editorial regarding Boeing's CEO and the responsibility he has to answer questions regarding the problems that have occurred with the 737 Max ("Four questions for Boeing's CEO about the 737 Max airplane crisis," March 19). However, one more item needs to be added. When the new software is all ready and the plane is to be tested, I think it is imperative that the president and CEO of Boeing, Dennis Muilenburg, be the first passenger on that test flight. That would send confidence to the traveling public that this plane is, indeed, ready for full-time duty in the airline industry.

— Joel Wineberg, Wilmette

The next #MeToo movement: Older women confront ageism

BY BONNIE MARCUS

House Speaker Nancy Pelosi dominates the headlines each week. At 78, her power and political influence have earned her respect and admiration. Supreme Court Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg, the subject of two newly released films, is an icon at 86. Glenn Close, 72, received a standing ovation when awarded the Golden Globe for best actress.

With all the media attention on accomplished older women, one might assume that women over 50 are now vigorously embracing their age and rejecting society's ageist assumptions.

However, here's the truth of the matter: Beyond the celebrities who are in the spotlight right now, there's a tribe of older women in the workplace who are struggling to keep their jobs due to ageism and sexism. These women suffer in silence as they are marginalized, passed over and pushed out.

"Look around you. Everybody in the company is young. You're too old," Blair David-Garett's 34-year-old supervisor at Anthropologie told her. David-Garett, 52, was initially thrilled to work there, but subsequently experienced ongoing age discrimination then retaliation after she complained on the company hotline. She was fired and eventually filed a lawsuit.

"Blair isn't the only one who's gone through this," her attorney, Brian Heller, told a Manhattan three-judge panel in October, "This is the next #MeToo movement."

According to a 2018 AARP report, 64 percent of women say they've been the target of or witnessed age discrimination. But it's also just a tip of the iceberg. It's estimated that only 3 percent of older

workers have ever made an official complaint to a supervisor, human resource person, or another organization or government agency.

One woman I spoke with, youthful and hip at 50, had a 22-year track record of excellent performance. A managing director for a bank, she was subjected to demeaning comments from her younger colleagues and subsequently fired. The company said it was downsizing. She suspected otherwise, yet she left without a fight.

Similar to the shame women felt about sexual harassment prior to the #MeToo movement, many professional women remain silent when subjected to ageist behavior in the workplace. They choose silence, afraid to complain and draw attention to their age for fear they'll lose their jobs. Because then what? For many, it's almost impossible to get rehired as a woman over 50.

"I've been in this emotional slump but for no reason other than my own anxiety," another woman confided in me. At 62, she uses Botox and filler to hide the signs of aging. She is an executive in the fashion industry, where looks and age matter. "I can't breathe at night because of the fear," she said. "If I lose my job, (who's) going to hire me now? And it's this fear, this gripping fear."

The stress and fear of losing a job just as it's becoming more difficult to get rehired is one critical part of the equation. But the humiliation older women feel about aging compromises who we are as women. We've adopted society's ageist assumptions that we need to be young and attractive to succeed. So we hide our age, and as a result, we relinquish our power.

Researchers have come to the conclusion that aging is a gendered process and that women face grave challenges and discrimination during the aging process, especially when it comes to financial and work-related matters. Women understand that with every new wrinkle, they lose more credibility. Their once sought after opinions are ignored; their workload reassigned.

In a recent study, economists sent about 40,000 invented resumes to employers who'd advertised jobs, then analyzed which applicants got callbacks. "The callback rate declined with age. But the age factor proved even stronger for women."

This should be our time. We're 50 and beyond. We've endured the demanding juggle of work with family time for decades. Most likely we've had to play the political games at work, danced the #MeToo tango to survive. And now we've reached a point where we have the time and passion to do the work of our lives and we're cut down because we no longer look 20.

Frustrated, David-Garett told me, "I just wanted to work. I wanted to move up. I wanted a career. I just wanted what everyone else wants."

The next #MeToo movement calls for older women to dispel the myth that they no longer have value. It's time for us to overcome the fear and shame about aging, to emerge from the shadows to celebrate who we are, and proudly claim our history and experience. Now that's real power.

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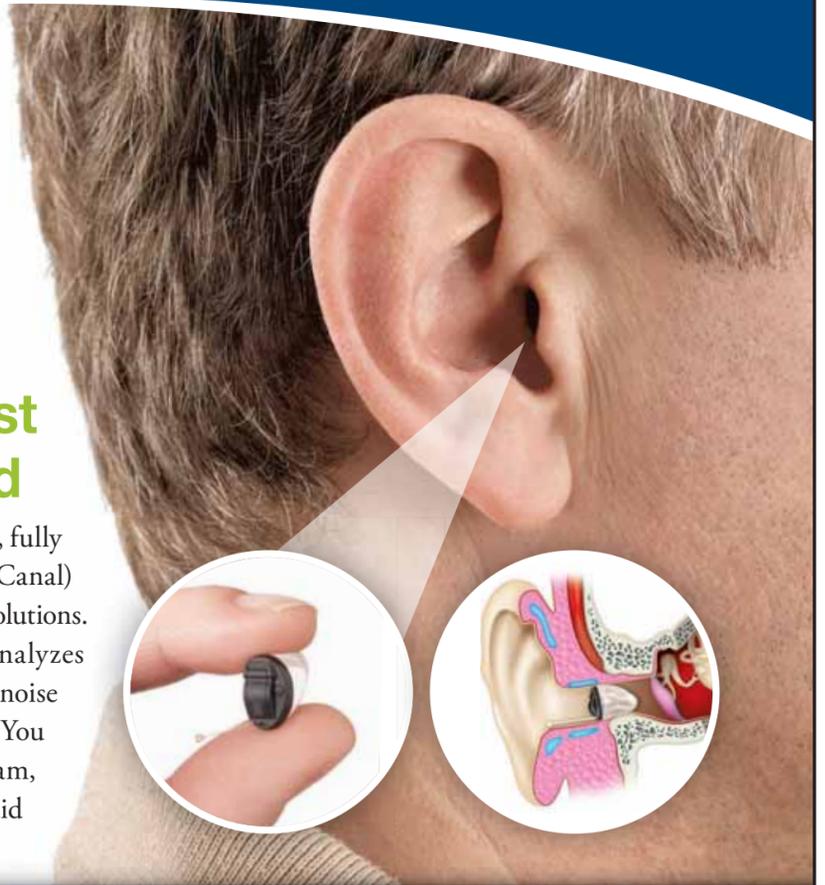
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Fed Reserve plans no interest rate hikes in '19

BY MARTIN CRUTSINGER
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The Federal Reserve left its key interest rate unchanged Wednesday and projected no rate hikes this year, reflecting a dimmer view of the economy as growth weakens in the United States and abroad.

The Fed said it was keeping its benchmark rate — which can influence everything from mortgages to credit cards — in a range of 2.25 percent to 2.5 percent. It also announced it will stop shrinking its bond portfolio in September, a step that should help hold down long-term rates. It will begin slowing the runoff from its bond portfolio in May.

Combined, the moves signal no major increases in borrowing rates for consumers and businesses. And together with the Fed's dimmer forecast for growth this year — 2.1



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Federal Reserve Chairman Jerome Powell: "It is a great time for us to be patient and to watch and wait."

percent, down from a previous projection of 2.3 percent — the statement it issued after its latest policy meeting suggests it's grown more concerned about the economy. What's more, with inflation

remaining mild, the Fed feels no pressure to tighten credit.

In signaling no rate increases for 2019, the Fed's policymakers reduced their forecast from two that were previously predicted in De-

Stocks rally, fall after Fed update

NEW YORK — Banks led U.S. stocks mostly lower Wednesday after a brief rally sparked by the Federal Reserve's latest policy update faded.

The S&P 500 dropped 8.34 points, or 0.3 percent, to 2,824.23. The Dow Jones industrial average fell 141.71 points, or 0.5 percent, to 25,745.67. The average had been down more than 216 points earlier.

The Nasdaq composite eked out a slight gain, adding 5.02 points, or 0.1 percent, to 7,728.97. The Russell 2000 index of smaller-company stocks gave up 11.83 points, or 0.8 percent, to 1,543.16.

They now project one rate hike in 2020 and none in 2021. The Fed had raised rates four times last year and a total of nine times since 2015.

The central bank's theme Wednesday, in its statement and in a news conference by Chairman Jerome Powell, is that it will remain continually "patient" about pursuing any further rate hikes.

The Fed's decision was approved on an 11-0 vote.

After the Fed issued its forecast

of no credit tightening this year, Treasury yields sank sharply, with the 10-year yield touching its lowest level in more than a year. Yields have been falling since November as worries rose about a weaker global picture and a more patient Fed. On Wednesday, the 10-year Treasury yield dropped as low as 2.53 percent, from 2.61 percent late Tuesday and 3.2 percent late last year.

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An image grab from video shot by the man involved in the shootings at two mosques in New Zealand, which he livestreamed on Facebook.

Livestreams expose fatal flaw in tool

Facebook says no one told it about feed of New Zealand shootings

BY KELVIN CHAN
AND ANICK JESDANUN
Associated Press

LONDON — Why did Facebook air live video of the New Zealand mosque shooting for 17 minutes? Didn't anyone alert the company while it was happening?

Facebook says no.

According to its deputy general counsel, Chris Sonderby, none of the 200 or so people who watched the live video flagged it to moderators. In a blog post this week, Sonderby said the first user report didn't come until 12 minutes after the broadcast ended.

All of which raises additional questions — among them, why so many people watched without saying anything, whether Facebook relies too much on outsiders and machines to report trouble, and whether users and law enforcement officials even know how to reach Facebook with concerns about what they're seeing on the service.

"When we see things through our phones, we imagine that they are like a television show," said Siva Vaidyanathan, a professor of media studies at the University of Virginia. "They are at a distance, and we have no power."

Facebook said it removed the

"You have to train people in a new way if you see an emergency happening not in person but online."

Tim Cigelske, director of social media at Marquette University in Milwaukee

video "within minutes" of being notified by New Zealand police.

But since then, Facebook and other social media companies have had to contend with copies posted by others.

The shooting suspect modeled his attack for an internet age, as he livestreamed the killing of 50 people at two mosques in Christchurch, New Zealand.

Tim Cigelske, who teaches about social media at Marquette University in Milwau-

kee, said that while viewers have the same moral obligations to help as a bystander does in the physical world, people don't necessarily know what to do.

"It's like calling 911 in an emergency," he said. "We had to train people and make it easy for them. You have to train people in a new way if you see an emergency happening not in person but online."

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Miller Lite not taking Bud Light jabs lightly

Beer maker's new ads will co-opt fantasy world created by rival

BY ROBERT CHANNICK
Chicago Tribune

Miller Lite is invading Bud Light's "Dilly Dilly" medieval kingdom with two attack ads set to air during March Madness broadcasts.

The latest salvo in the escalating Corn Syrup War is a mock behind-the-scenes look at the Bud Light Super Bowl ads, where the costumed knights and crew crack open cans of Miller Lite when the fantasy world filming is over.

The new tag line is: In the real world more taste is what matters.

"We're using their Dilly Dilly world as a foil," said Anup Shah, vice president for the Miller brands at Chicago-based Miller-Coors. "This is simply a way to pivot the message back from corn syrup to our message: more taste, less calories. We feel good about the spots."

Bud Light started the Corn Syrup War with an ad during last month's Super Bowl TV broadcast, where the mythical king leads a quest to return corn syrup mistakenly delivered to his castle to Miller Lite and Coors Light.

"We don't brew Bud Light with corn syrup," the king proclaims during the spot.

In response, MillerCoors pulled out of a long-planned industry advertising collaboration with Bud Light brewer Anheuser-Busch, and defended its use of corn syrup in the brewing process

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Layoffs thin the creative ranks at Groupon

Chicago-based deals website dismissed about 20 employees last week

BY ROBERT CHANNICK
Chicago Tribune

Groupon, the Chicago-based daily deals website, laid off about 20 employees last week, purging a number of members of its creative services team, the company confirmed Wednesday.

The staffers, who were dismissed Thursday, included writers and photographers who developed content for social media intended to drive visitors to Groupon's website.

"Last week, we parted ways with fewer than 20 people, including some members of our creative services teams," Groupon spokesman Nick Halliwell said in an email. "We thank these individuals for their contributions to Groupon

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JLL acquiring Dallas real estate firm HFF in \$2B deal

Property company expected to close transaction this year

BY STEVE BROWN
The Dallas Morning News

Commercial property company Jones Lang LaSalle is buying Dallas' HFF, one of the country's biggest investment property brokers and real estate finance firms, in a \$2 billion deal.

It will become part of Chicago-based JLL in a cash and stock transaction expected to close in the third quarter of this year.

HFF has handled some of

North Texas' biggest real estate buys and since 1998 has closed more than \$800 billion in property transactions.

Last year the company, based in Dallas' Victory Park, had revenues of more than \$650 million.

"We have long admired HFF for its expertise and leading reputation in the industry, as well as its client-first culture of teamwork, ethics and excellence, which aligns with our own," Christian Ulbrich, Global CEO of JLL, said in a statement. "I believe that combining our organizations will deliver a range of compelling benefits for our clients, employees and shareholders."

HFF CEO Mark Gibson after the merger will become JLL's CEO of Capital Markets, Americas and co-chair of its Global Capital Markets Board.

"This is a terrific transaction for our shareholders, providing them with an immediate cash payment and the opportunity to participate in the long-term value of the combined company," Gibson said in a statement. "In addition, we believe the combination with JLL will create a superior platform for our shareholders, clients and employees than either company would have independent of the other and will

significantly accelerate our firm's strategic plan."

JLL officials said the HFF acquisition will allow JLL to rapidly grow its U.S. capital markets presence and grow its debt advisory business in Europe and Asia Pacific.

JLL is already one of the biggest commercial real estate players in North Texas.

In 2008 it bought the operations of Dallas-based Staubach Co.

JLL, with annual revenue of \$16.3 billion, operates in more than 80 countries with a worldwide workforce of more than 90,000.

Facebook says no one told it about feed of New Zealand shootings

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To report live video, a user must know to click on a small set of three gray dots on the right side of the post. A user who clicks on "report live video" gets a choice of objectionable content types to select from, including violence, bullying and harassment. Users are also told to contact law enforcement if someone is in immediate danger.

Facebook also doesn't appear to post any public information instructing law enforcement how to report dangerous or criminal video.

Facebook uses artificial intelligence to detect objectionable material, while relying on the public to flag content that violates its standards.

Those reports are then sent to human reviewers, the company said in a November video.

The video also outlined how it uses "computer vision" to detect 97 percent of graphic violence before anyone reports it. However, it's less clear how these systems apply to Facebook's livestreaming.

Experts say live video poses unique challenges, and complaints about livestreaming suicides, murders and beatings regularly come up. Nonetheless, they say Facebook cannot deflect responsibility.

"If they cannot handle the responsibility, then it's their fault for continuing to provide that service," said Mary Anne Franks, a law professor at the University of Miami.

She calls it "incredibly offensive and inappropriate" to pin responsibility on users subjected to traumatic video.

In some cases, it's not



This image taken from the alleged shooter's video, which was filmed Friday shows a gun in his vehicle in New Zealand.

clear at the outset whether a video or other post violates Facebook's standards, especially on a service with a range of languages and cultural norms. Indecision didn't seem to be the case here, though. Facebook simply didn't know about it in time.

Facebook's Sonderby said in Tuesday's blog post that the company "designated both shootings as terror attacks, meaning that any praise, support and representation of the events" are violations.

Vaidhyathan said Facebook's live video feature has turned into a beast that Facebook can do little about "short of flipping the switch."

Though Facebook has hired more moderators to supplement its machine de-

tection and user reports, "you cannot hire enough people" to police a service with 2.3 billion users.

"People will always find new ways to express hatred and instigate violence," he said.

New Zealand Prime Minister Jacinda Ardern expressed frustration that the footage remained online four days after the massacre.

Machines can detect when users try to repost banned videos by matching patterns, or digital fingerprints, in the files. But users determined to get around these checks can make small alterations, such as tweaking the color or the video speed.

The Global Internet Forum to Counter Terrorism, a group of global internet

companies led by Facebook, YouTube, Microsoft and Twitter, said it has identified 800 different versions and added them to a shared database used to block violent terrorist images and videos.

Sonderby said some variants are tough to detect and that Facebook has "expanded to additional detection systems including the use of audio technology."

In a series of tweets a day after the shootings, Facebook's former chief security officer, Alex Stamos, laid out the challenge for tech companies as they raced to keep up with new versions of the video.

"What you are seeing on the major platforms is the water leaking around thousands of fingers poked in a dam," he said.

Office casual collateral damage

As men shed neckties, Hermes feels the pinch

BY ROBERT WILLIAMS AND THOMAS MULIE
Bloomberg News

Hermes International has become the latest fashion industry victim of men's casual dress, signaling weakness in its silk business as neckties lose their allure.

Revenue from silk and textiles rose 3 percent in 2018, the slowest growth of the French luxury goods-maker's business units. CEO Axel Dumas said Wednesday the company has been shifting production to adjust to men's new preferences.

"There's a structural decline" in neckties, Dumas said on a call with reporters. "We have a lot of novelties coming. We're launching more scarves for men."

As Goldman Sachs Group pushes a freer dress code, makers of formal wear have been changing tack to maintain sales growth. Hugo Boss CEO Mark Langer said earlier this month that men's dress codes will never return to their strictness of the 1990s,

and so it's branching out more so its portfolio includes more sweaters and casual shoes instead of such a big focus on suits.

Top-end leather goods for women like the \$10,000-plus Birkin and Kelly handbags dominate the Hermes balance sheet. But neckties have long been a key driver for the company's menswear business, as gents could don jumping horses or interlocking "Hs" at the office for a more modest \$195.

Hermes has been pushing its silk cashmere blend for men, hoping to win them over with products such as the \$780 Last Night Scarf, which features the image of a DJ's turntable. The company also occasionally throws parties and events where customers are taught how to tie scarves while being entertained with music and Champagne.

The French maker of Birkin bags also said demand from Chinese consumers kept rising in the start of the year after operating profit rose 6 percent in 2018, maintaining its margin at the top among luxury goods-makers. The company raised prices globally by about 3 percent on average last year.

Uber expanding freight operations into Europe

Associated Press

SAN FRANCISCO — Ride-hailing giant Uber is expanding its freight business into Europe.

The service connects trucking companies with shippers who have loads to haul. The Uber Freight unit is based in Chicago.

Uber said Wednesday it would launch freight operations in the Netherlands and would later expand into other parts of Europe.

Lior Ron, head of Uber Freight, says there's a se-

vere shortage of truck drivers in Europe. He also says trucks there are empty for 21 percent of the kilometers traveled.

Uber says it aims to bring more efficiency and transparency to the freight market.

Uber Freight began in the U.S. in 2017. The company says it had 30,000 active users in the last quarter of 2018, and the Uber Freight app was downloaded more than 328,000 times. It did not disclose revenues.

Miller Lite ads set to invade 'Dilly Dilly'

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in full page ads and on social media.

MillerCoors does not add high fructose corn syrup, which some consumers avoid as a potential health risk, to its beer, the company said.

Now MillerCoors is going on the offensive with the new TV campaign, which will debut on air when the NCAA men's basketball tournament tips off Thursday. The spots will be in heavy rotation during March Madness broadcasts, Shah said.

Created by ad agency DDB Chicago and filmed in Slovenia, the two commercials replicate Bud Light's medieval world, with some plot twists. One spot, "Aftermath," picks up amid the carnage of Bud Light's "Game of Thrones" Super Bowl ad. When the director yells "cut," the vanquished Bud Light Knight rises, takes his helmet off, puts his glasses on and grabs a Miller Lite from the cooler.

The second spot, "Snow," follows two actors released from punishment in the



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MillerCoors has fired a new salvo in beer's Corn Syrup War with attack ads aimed at Bud Light set to air during the college basketball tournament.

stocks who make a beeline for a bucket filled with Miller Lite.

For its part, Anheuser-Busch is not backing down. The beer maker posted a response video online Wednesday featuring its fictional king pontificating on the new Miller Lite attack ads.

"Look, if you're this set on imitating our kingdom may I suggest also imitating

us by putting an ingredients label on your packaging," the king says in the spot, "Imitation," which will also air on TV.

Andy Goeler, vice president of marketing for Bud Light, issued a corporate response as well, echoing the king's sentiments.

"In the real world, people want to know what's in their beer," Goeler said in an emailed statement Wednesday.

"We hope MillerCoors is also planning to imitate us by adding ingredient labels to their packaging. It's good for the consumer and the right thing for the beer industry too."

The fight between Anheuser-Busch and MillerCoors comes as the taste for beer more broadly is waning.

Beer sales, which peaked at 214.7 million barrels in 2008, have fallen 4 percent to about 206 million barrels last year. The growth of wine and spirits has drained some of beer's market share, but less demand from younger drinkers has also played a role.

Bud Light, Coors Light and Miller Lite are the three largest-selling beer brands in the U.S., and all are losing market share faster than the industry.

Like many conflicts, however, ending the Corn Syrup War may require deft and persistent peace negotiations.

Bud Light's Goeler said the beermaker will "continue to push transparency forward."

MillerCoors won't talk peace — or pull its new attack ads — until at least one demand is met, Shah said.

"Bud Light needs to stop spewing misleading information, stop trying to tie corn syrup to high-fructose corn syrup, stop trying to denigrate the category," he said. "We'll see how this plays out."

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Fed Reserve plans no interest rate hikes

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The Fed's policymakers have clearly settled on the belief that more than a decade after they cut their benchmark rate to a record low near zero — and kept it there for seven years — that rate has now reached what's called "neutral": neither stimulating nor restraining economic growth.

The central bank's pause in credit tightening is a response, in part, to slow-downs in the U.S. and global economies. It says that while the job market remains strong, "growth of economic activity has slowed from its solid rate in the fourth quarter."

Some Fed watchers have said they think the next rate move could be a cut later this year if the economy slows as much as some fear it might. But at his news

conference, Powell played down that prospect.

"It is a great time for us to be patient and to watch and wait," Powell said, invoking the theme he has sounded in recent months.

In its statement, the Fed laid out a plan for stemming the reduction of its balance sheet: In May, it will slow its monthly reductions in Treasuries from \$30 billion to \$15 billion and end the runoff altogether in September. Starting in October, the Fed will shift its runoff of mortgage bonds into Treasuries so its overall balance sheet won't drop further.

The central bank's new embrace of patience and flexibility reflects its response since the start of the year to slow growth at home and abroad, a nervous stock market and persistently mild inflation.

Layoffs thin Groupon's creative ranks

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and wish them well. Those affected will receive full severance benefits."

In a current online posting for a new head of creative services, Groupon describes the unit as a "large group of in-house creative and operations professionals who support all of Groupon's branded creative marketing and merchandising needs globally."

The layoffs come after the Chicago tech giant reported last month it saw a 7 percent decline in revenues during 2018.

Groupon had 2,522 North American employees and 4,054 international

employees as of Dec. 31, according to its 2018 annual report, filed last month with the Securities and Exchange Commission. That includes about 1,500 employees at its Chicago headquarters, Halliwell said.

Launched in 2008, Groupon created its own e-commerce niche with heavily discounted daily deals on everything from manicures to meals, blasted out to subscribers via email.

Google tried to buy Groupon for \$6 billion in 2010, but investors said no deal.

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So what to do if you have more than that on deposit? Fortunately, it's as simple as diversifying across multiple banks or credit unions. As long as you stay below \$250,000 per institution, your deposits will be fully insured.

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The Goop, the bad and the ugly

Gwyneth Paltrow's lifestyle brand is cashing in on booming wellness market

BY RILEY GRIFFIN
Bloomberg News

Goop, the lifestyle brand helmed by Gwyneth Paltrow, is best known as an online product platform for luxury goods. Yet, to the surprise of the medical community, the company has become the epicenter of the multi-trillion dollar wellness industry.

The market, which spans everything from mind-body fitness to preventive medicine to spa tourism, was valued at \$4.2 trillion in 2017, and grew almost 13 percent the two years prior, according to the nonprofit Global Wellness Institute. "Personal care, beauty and anti-aging" represents the most lucrative sector, topping more than \$1 trillion, while "healthy eating, nutrition and weight loss" takes second place at \$702 billion. Paltrow is partially responsible for this growth. Her company, which launched as a newsletter for recipes and products a decade ago, has dominated the conversation among women seeking alternatives to traditional medicine.

At the "In Goop Health" conference in New York earlier this month, women in expensive athleisurewear signed liability releases absolving the company of responsibility should the "services, products, or equipment involved in the event" require later medical treatment.

Upon entering the event space overlooking the East River, attendees — who paid \$1,000 or \$4,500 — were given free Keds sneakers and an orange drink called "GOOPGLOW," which tasted vaguely like Fanta. Unprompted, a male server said the sweet concoction would "revitalize the skin."

The conference, which began in 2017, has expanded in recent years from Los

Angeles to London, promoting products ranging from "psychic vampire repellent" to an \$85 "goop medicine bag" of gemstones. All are available for sale on the company's website.

Goop now makes 70 percent of its total revenue through product sales, offering everything from Chanel bags to CB2 pink velvet sofas, according to the company. Its own line of products, including Paltrow's G. Label clothing brand and Goop dietary supplements, have become the company's fastest growing revenue stream, seeing 50 percent year-over-year growth. Revenue from wellness products and events has nearly tripled in the last two years.

"We're marketing to a very actionable consumer because they're a shopper," said Kimberly Kreuzberger, chief revenue officer.

Since it began fundraising, Goop has pulled in more than \$82 million from venture capital firms and outside investors, and is valued at over \$250 million, according to PitchBook Data, a market research firm. (The company noted this is a somewhat dated valuation.) And there's demand for brand partnerships. Major players such as Lululemon, Tumi, Native Shoes and Ketel One Botanical have sponsored integrations during the company's health conferences.

"Gwyneth was super sophisticated in how she thought about the market opportunity," said Tony Florence, a general partner at Goop's first institutional investor, the venture capital firm New Enterprise Associates. "She saw the trends around self-care early."

Arianna Huffington, the founder of Thrive Global, a wellness and performance company, called Paltrow an



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Gwyneth Paltrow attended the "In Goop Health" wellness summit in New York earlier this month.

ambitious leader in the arena. "Goop has only just barely begun to scratch the surface in terms of demand," she said.

But the company has faced criticism for promoting health products that lack evidence of medical benefit. Last year, Goop agreed to pay \$145,000 to settle allegations that it made unverified health claims about \$66 jade and rose quartz "eggs" meant to be inserted into one's genitals to enhance sexual energy and balance hormones, and the drinkable "Inner Judge Flower Essence Blend," which was said to prevent depression.

The unvetted health and wellness claims reportedly pushed Conde Nast to end

its relationship with the platform last year. Goop contends the split was mutual and amicable.

"Paltrow and other celebrity wellness brands are emblematic of a broader issue," said Timothy Caulfield, a professor of health law and policy at the University of Alberta and the author of "Is Gwyneth Paltrow Wrong About Everything?" "They are pushing an ethos built on pseudoscience."

Goop, which never admitted wrongdoing during the lawsuit, agreed to refund customers who purchased the products and stop making claims about their efficacy. The company has since introduced a "Science & Regulatory Wellness

Portal," which aims, by mid-2019, to offer proof of the quality, safety and efficacy of all the products it sells. The project has enlisted a science, research and regulatory team composed of a certified acupuncturist, a nutritional biochemist and a traditional Chinese medicine doctor, among others. "We're creating controlled growth around the broader Goop brand," said Kreuzberger when asked about the lawsuit. "We would never compromise the integrity and trust that we have spent a decade creating."

Paltrow has repeatedly said her platform is not "prescriptive," but rather serves as a space to discuss interesting holistic alternatives for women.

"There's an idea that women are, at our source out of our reproductive abilities, hysterical," said Elise Loehnen, Goop's chief content officer. "Women's experiences are real and we're validating them."

Indeed, there are considerable health and treatment disparities between men and women. Although women report more severe levels of pain, they're treated less aggressively with painkillers, according to research from the University of Maryland. Other research shows doctors have greater difficulty connecting women's symptoms with their proper diseases than they do among men.

Caulfield believes Paltrow has exploited these gaps in women's health care coverage for profit. Simply being exposed to medical misinformation increases its believability. "Research tells us consistently that a good narrative will always overwhelm data," he said. "These kind of conferences legitimize magical thinking."

But the women who attended the recent conference weren't all true believers. Most were profession-

als — public relations and brand experts, along with beauty industry representatives looking to gain a better understanding of how everything Paltrow touches, no matter how medically absurd-sounding, turns to gold.

Leigh Winters, who is launching her own aromatherapy skin-care line, trekked from San Francisco to New York for the networking opportunities. "I've been trading numbers with PR people," she said. "It's an expensive day, but it's a potent crowd and you never know who you're going to meet."

Winters, who holds a master's degree in neuroscience, is skeptical of some of the events offerings. "Smart people question everything," she said. "But brand differentiation is the name of the game. Goop isn't just a trend, it's literally changing the way the whole world is living their lives."

Many of the products and treatments featured at the event have gained mainstream acceptance simply through association with Paltrow's platform.

"Four years ago, IV therapy was looked at as crazy, but Gwyneth pushed it to the forefront," said Shaun Hayward, the director of operations at The Hydration Room, an IV and injection therapy company that set up a stand at the conference.

To Hayward's right, women line up and pull down their pants so nurses can administer B-12 shots. The injections "offer mental clarity and energy, while clearing brain fog," he explained.

"Goop is a leader in the field, and their brand exposure is important to us," Hayward said, as yet another woman pulled aside her Lululemon leggings for the injection.

Walking away from the stand, she turned to her friend and laughed. "What did I just get?"



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A breakneck growth rate is putting pawn shops in the Chinese government's crosshairs.

China's \$43B pawn industry is borrowing regulatory trouble

Bloomberg News

China's pawnshops may be growing too big for their own good.

Unlike their small-dollar-lending, used-guitar-selling peers in America, pawnshops in Asia's largest economy have become a major force in the shadow-finance industry. They lent the equivalent of \$43 billion in 2017, often to small firms and at much higher interest rates than banks. The number of Chinese pawnshops has doubled since 2010, to more than 8,500, and their average loan size exceeds \$26,000, versus about \$100 in the U.S.

That breakneck growth is putting pawnshops in the Chinese government's crosshairs. The country's banking and insurance regulator is drafting new rules that will toughen oversight of the industry, people familiar with the matter said.

The move will target one of the last untouched corners of China's \$9 trillion shadow-banking industry, broadening a more than two-year government effort to improve the stability of the country's finances. It suggests that authorities aren't finished with their cleanup campaign, despite

recent signs that they've dialed back deleveraging measures elsewhere to support economic growth.

The China Banking and Insurance Regulatory Commission's inclusive financing division is drafting the new rules after taking over jurisdiction of pawnshops from the Ministry of Commerce last year, the people said. One of the rules may increase the minimum capital requirement for pawnshops from its current level of 3 million yuan, the people said. While CBIRC oversees the industry, local governments will handle day-to-day supervision, they said, an approach used for peer-to-peer lenders.

The CBIRC didn't immediately reply to a fax seeking comment.

China's pawnshops are often used by small-business owners to access high-cost funds for working capital. More than half of pawnshop loans extended in 2017 were backed by real estate. And unlike typical bank loans, borrowers don't need to disclose how the money will be used.

More than a third of China's pawnshops were loss-making in the first two months of 2018, and their overdue loan ratio exceeded 13 percent amid

rising competition with online lenders, official data show. Shares of Sunny Loan Top and Changsha Tongcheng Holdings, two China-listed companies that invest in pawnshops, have dropped more than 20 percent over the past three years, even as the Shanghai Composite Index gained.

In recent years, some outlets have expanded to accept stocks and accounts receivable as collateral, in addition to luxury watches, jewelry, automobiles and properties. To supplement their own capital and increase their capacity to lend, pawnshops have also borrowed from banks.

A typical loan in Shanghai comes with an interest rate of about 2 percent a month, or 24 percent annually, compared with the benchmark one-year lending rate of 4.35 percent. Pawnshops will typically lend up to 40 percent of the value of an apartment pledged as collateral, renewing the loan every six months.

A recent court case in Beijing showed how large such sums can get. The dispute involved a three-month \$648,000 property-backed loan with a 30 percent annualized interest rate. The borrower ultimately defaulted.

Czech Budweiser brewer worries about Brexit impact

BY KAREL JANICEK
Associated Press

CESKE BUDEJOVICE, Czech Republic — The Budejovicky Budvar brewery in the Czech Republic managed to survive a decades-long trademark battle over whether it could call its beer Budweiser. But now it faces another potential threat: Brexit.

The United Kingdom is one of the brewer's top five markets, though it won't say how much beer it sends there. Like many other businesses, it's concerned about what will happen if Britain leaves the European Union without an agreement governing trade.

That exit is due to happen March 29, though with political wrangling underway, a delay looks likely.

That's meant worrying uncertainty for businesses such as Budvar that rely on being able to send their goods to Britain without inspection delays at borders.

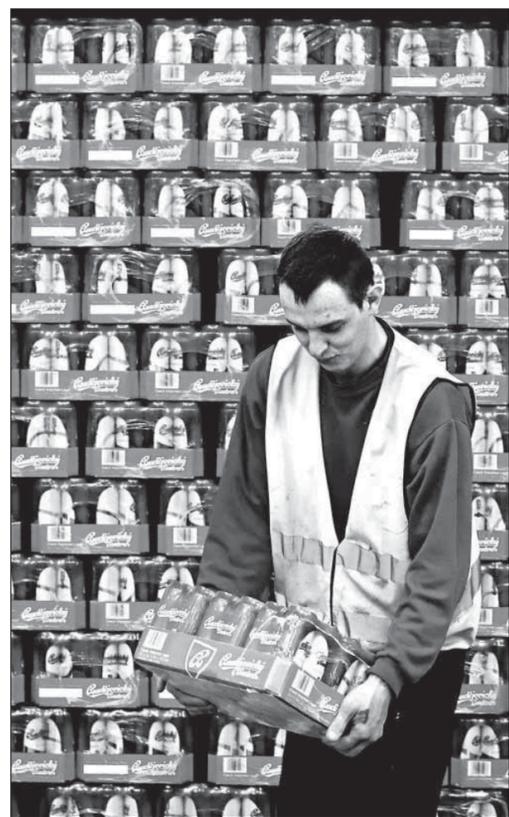
"It's about two weeks to Brexit and nobody knows anything," said Budvar director Petr Dvorak. "We're now waiting for what happens because it's going to be uncertain till the last moment."

Budvar's business has been growing — it increased exports by 8.5 percent to reach 28.4 million gallons last year. The brewer reached its production capacity in recent years and has been expanding to be able to produce more.

Still, a loss of U.K. business would be a blow, Dvorak said.

"It might threaten our positions in bars and restaurants if we're not able to supply the market in the long term," he said.

Budvar is also among the major Czech brewers that in recent years started to deliver beer in tanks in an effort to keep it fresher. That unpasteurized beer expires after 21 days, mean-



PETR DAVID JOSEK/AP

A worker carries a case of beer at the Budejovicky Budvar Brewery in Ceske Budejovice, Czech Republic.

ing big problems if trucks get stuck at customs posts can't get it to the U.K. in a timely fashion.

"The last thing we need for our beer is to get stuck somewhere on the border," Dvorak said.

Among the few things Budvar can do is to stockpile as much beer as possible in Britain in hopes that a deal will be reached soon. But that's a short-term solution that works only for beer in barrels, bottles and cans.

Budejovicky Budvar and U.S. beer giant Anheuser-Busch have been in a trademark dispute over the Budweiser brand since 1906. Anheuser-Busch joined InBev in 2008.

Budejovicky Budvar holds exclusive rights to

sell Budweiser beer in most major European markets, including Germany. But in the U.K., both Budvar and AB InBev can sell Budweiser after a court ruled that consumers can tell the difference between the two. AB InBev is significantly bigger.

Brexit won't change anything about that arrangement. So might British customers start drinking American Budweiser if they can't get Budvar after Brexit? Dvorak thinks the two beers are different enough that they won't.

"In the meantime, we can only hope that the British government has a plan because it is, of course, in the interest of the British government to allow free trade," he said.

MARKET ROUNDUP

Dow High: 25,929.52 Low: 25,670.63 Previous: 25,887.38



Nasdaq	S&P 500	Russell 2000
+5.02 (+.07%)	-8.34 (-.29%)	-11.83 (-.76%)
Close: 7,728.97	Close: 2,824.23	Close: 1,543.16
High: 7,779.24	High: 2,843.54	High: 1,561.74
Low: 7,674.04	Low: 2,812.43	Low: 1,535.41
Previous: 7,723.95	Previous: 2,832.57	Previous: 1,554.99

10-yr T-note	Gold futures	Yen	Euro	Crude Oil
-0.08 to 2.53%	-4.50 to \$1,300.50	-0.80 to 110.61/\$1	-0.0072 to .8737/\$1	+1.09 to \$60.12

Major market growth and decline

5-day % change			30-day % change			1-year % change		
DOW +.17	NASD +1.12	S&P +.47	DOW -0.80	NASD +3.20	S&P +1.42	DOW +4.31	NASD +5.22	S&P +4.14

COMMODITY	AMOUNT-PRICE	MO.	OPEN	HIGH	LOW	SETTLE	CHG.
WHEAT (CBOT)	5,000 bu minimum- cents per bushel	May 19	456.75	465	454.75	464.75	+8.25
CORN (CBOT)	5,000 bu minimum- cents per bushel	May 19	371.50	372.50	368.75	371.50	+0.25
SOYBEANS (CBOT)	5,000 bu minimum- cents per bushel	May 19	902.75	906.50	899.25	906	+2
SOYBEAN OIL (CBOT)	60,000 lbs- cents per lb	May 19	29.29	29.40	29.20	29.27	+0.03
SOYBEAN MEAL (CBOT)	100 tons- dollars per ton	May 19	310.10	311.90	308.60	311.60	+0.80
LIGHT SWEET CRUDE (NYMX)	1,000 bbl- dollars per bbl.	Apr 19	59.02	60.12	58.39	60.12	+1.09
NATURAL GAS (NYMX)	10,000 mm btu's, \$ per mm btu	Apr 19	2.863	2.872	2.814	2.820	-0.054
NY HARBOR GAS BLEND (NYMX)	42,000 gallons- dollars per gallon	Apr 19	1.8930	1.9190	1.8787	1.9166	+0.0235

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	79.94	-.02	Equity Lifesty Prop	N	111.70	+4.8
AbbVie Inc	N	80.43	-.39	Equity Residential	N	73.62	+1.2
Allstate Corp	N	93.04	-1.17	Exelon Corp	N	49.10	+0.2
Aptargroup Inc	N	103.95	+3.35	First Indl RT	N	34.49	+0.02
Arch Dan Mid	N	42.30	-.71	Fortune Brds Hm&Sec	N	45.56	-.57
Baxter Intl	N	77.38	-.41	Gallagher AJ	N	77.82	-1.41
Boeing Co	N	376.16	+2.73	Grainger WJ	N	298.02	-1.52
Brunswick Corp	N	51.40	-1.27	GrubHub Inc	N	68.85	-1.75
CBOE Global Markets	N	94.69	-.82	Hill-Rom Hldgs	N	104.01	-.40
CDK Global Inc	O	56.88	-1.52	IDEX Corp	N	148.56	-.63
CDW Corp	O	97.17	-.38	ITW	N	145.66	-.33
CF Industries	N	41.59	-.50	Ingredion Inc	N	93.71	-1.39
CME Group	O	164.79	-3.94	Jones Lang LaSalle	N	153.57	-6.92
CNA Financial	N	43.03	-.62	Kemper Corp	N	76.80	-.31
Caterpillar Inc	N	133.01	-1.14	Kraft Heinz Co	O	32.02	-.11
ConAgra Brands Inc	N	22.90	+0.09	LKQ Corporation	O	28.70	+0.06
Deere Co	N	159.66	-1.31	Littelfuse Inc	O	188.00	-2.75
Discover Fin Svcs	N	71.50	-2.13	MB Financial	O	43.90	-1.99
Dover Corp	N	91.34	-1.11	McDonalds Corp	N	184.97	+1.86
Equity Commonwth	N	32.68	-.20	Middleby Corp	O	127.62	-2.05
				Mondelez Intl	O	48.18	-.06
				Morningstar Inc	O	121.69	-.77
				Motorola Solutions	N	138.70	-1.76
				NISource Inc	N	27.95	+1.15
				Nthn Trustst Cp	O	92.42	-2.64
				Old Republic	N	20.52	-.38
				Packaging Corp Am	N	96.48	-1.82
				Payload Hldg	O	87.39	-.30
				US Foods Holding	O	48.58	-.48
				TransUnion	N	65.49	+3.3
				TreeHouse Foods	N	60.65	-.39
				Tribune Media Co A	N	46.08	...
				US Foods Holding	N	34.40	-.17
				USG Corp	N	43.06	-.07
				Ultra Salon Cosmetics	O	330.79	-3.66
				Ventas Inc	N	61.68	+0.60
				Walgreen Boots Alli	O	62.79	-.98
				Wintrust Financial	O	69.14	-2.41
				Zebra Tech	O	214.59	+9.1

MOST ACTIVE STOCKS

STOCK	CLOSE	CHG.
Bank of America	28.64	-1.01
Chesapeake Energy	3.26	+1.10
Ford Motor	8.51	-.19
Gen Electric	10.22	+0.03
Aurora Cannabis Inc	9.81	-1.15
EnCana Corp	7.51	+1.16
Disney	109.99	-.01
Vale SA	13.49	-.21
AT&T Inc	30.51	-1.17
Oracle Corp	52.64	-1.40
Ambev S.A.	4.51	-.02
Nokia Corp	6.29	-.06
Freemport McMoran	12.82	+1.14
Goldcorp Inc	11.04	+0.19
Twitter Inc	32.57	+1.30
Pfizer Inc	42.17	-.13
Banco Bradesco ADS	11.66	-.21
Petrobras	17.63	+2.6
Wells Fargo & Co	50.40	-1.01
Invitation Homes Inc	23.30	...
Itau Unibanco Hldg	9.38	...
Sthwstn Energy	4.58	+2.2
Snap Inc A	10.94	+3.1
Keycorp	16.53	-.93

LARGEST COMPANIES

STOCK	CLOSE	CHG.
Alibaba Group Hldg	181.28	-.86
Alphabet Inc C	1223.97	+25.12
Alphabet Inc A	1226.43	+23.97
Amazon.com Inc	1797.27	+35.42
Apple Inc	188.16	+1.63
Bank of America	28.64	-1.01
Berkshire Hath B	203.27	-1.88
Exxon Mobil Corp	81.32	+4.5
Facebook Inc	165.44	+3.87
HSBC Holdings prA	26.11	+1.3
Intel Corp	53.82	-.35
JPMorgan Chase	104.52	-2.28
Johnson & Johnson	137.29	-1.15
Microsoft Corp	117.52	-.13
Procter & Gamble	101.72	-.18
Royal Dutch Shell B	65.92	+0.68
Royal Dutch Shell A	64.48	+0.53
Visa Inc	153.75	-.84
WalMart Strs	98.64	-1.21

LARGEST MUTUAL FUNDS

FUND	NAV	CHG	1-YR %RTN
American Funds AMCPA m	31.38	...	+3.3
American Funds AmrnBAlA m	26.69	-.02	+5.1
American Funds CptWldGrInca m	647.83	-.08	-1.9
American Funds CptInclBldrA m	60.30	-.04	+2.7
American Funds FdmTllvnsA m	58.53	-.17	+3.2
American Funds GrfAmrca m	48.71	+1.0	+4.0
American Funds InvCAMrca m	22.02	-.06	+3.7
American Funds InvCAMrca m	37.52	+0.3	+2.9
American Funds NwPrspctvA m	44.91	-.21	+6.3
DFA EMktCorEq	21.16	+0.3	-9.5
DFA IntlCorEqIns	13.07	-.01	-7.2
Dodge & Cox Inc	13.65	+0.3	+4.0
Dodge & Cox IntlStk	41.47	-.21	+7.6
Dodge & Cox Stk	193.20	-1.40	+2.7
DoubleLine TlRetBdl	10.51	+0.3	+4.4
Fidelity 500IdxInsPrm	98.59	-.29	+6.0
Fidelity Contrafund	12.55	+0.2	+4.6
Fidelity GroCo	19.15	+0.4	+3.3
Fidelity TlMktIdxInsPrm	80.20	-.28	+5.3
Fidelity USBldIdxInsPrm	11.44	+0.4	+4.5
Franklin Templeton IncA1 m	2.32	...	+6.3
Metropolitan West TlRetBdl	10.56	+0.4	+4.2
PIMCO IncInstl	11.98	...	+4.6
PIMCO TlRetIns	10.03	...	+4.2
Schwab SP500Idx	43.36	-.12	+6.0
T. Rowe Price BCGR	111.67	+1.2	+7.0
U.S. Fund GrStk	66.24	+1.2	+5.9
Vanguard 500IdxAdmrl x	260.51	-2.21	+6.0
Vanguard DivGrInV	27.41	-1.1	+11.8
Vanguard EqInAdmrl x	73.15	-.89	+5.8
Vanguard GrIdxAdmrl	80.29	+2.1	+7.0
Vanguard HCAdmrl	88.66	-.30	+9.7
Vanguard InTrTEAdmrl	14.08	+0.1	+4.6
Vanguard InslIdxIns	257.59	-.74	+6.0
Vanguard InslIdxInsPlus	257.61	-.74	+6.0
Vanguard InstSMlInPls	61.47	-.21	+5.5
Vanguard IntlGrAdmrl	91.87	-.26	-5.1
Vanguard MdlCpldxAdmrl	197.36	-1.14	+2.3
Vanguard PrmCpAdmrl	135.90	-.66	+4.2
Vanguard STInvmGrdAdmrl	10.56	+0.2	+3.6
Vanguard SmCpldxAdmrl	73.17	-.56	+3.0
Vanguard TrgtRtr2020Inv	30.80	+0.2	+2.8
Vanguard TrgtRtr2025Inv	18.47	...	+2.6
Vanguard TrgtRtr2030Inv	33.72	-.01	+2.4
Vanguard TrgtRtr2035Inv	20.74	-.01	+2.1
Vanguard TlBMDIdxAdmrl	10.60	+0.4	+4.3
Vanguard TlBMDIdxIns	10.60	+0.4	+4.3
Vanguard TlBMDIdxAdmrl	22.16	+0.3	+5.0
Vanguard TlBMDIdxIns	33.26	+0.5	+5.1
Vanguard TlBMDIdxAdmrl	28.29	+0.1	-4.8
Vanguard TlBMDIdxIns	113.13	+0.4	-4.8
Vanguard TlBMDIdxInsPlus	113.15	+0.4	-4.8
Vanguard TlBMDIdxIns	16.91	+0.1	-4.9
Vanguard TlBMDIdxAdmrl	70.54	-.25	+5.4
Vanguard TlBMDIdxIns	70.55	-.25	+5.5
Vanguard TlBMDIdxIns	70.50	-.25	+5.3
Vanguard WnglntAdmrl x	68.93	-.59	+5.6
Vanguard WsllyIncAdmrl x	62.27	-.41	+6.0
Vanguard WndsrAdmrl	62.03	-.40	+4.1

TREASURY YIELDS

DURATION	CLOSE	PREV.
3-month disc	2.41	2.39
6-month disc	2.42	2.43
2-year	2.38	2.45
10-year	2.53	2.61
30-year	2.97	3.02

SPOT METALS

	CLOSE	PREV.
Gold	\$1300.50	\$1305.00
Silver	\$15.245	\$15.301
Platinum	\$859.60	\$852.60

INTEREST RATES

Prime Rate	5.50
Discount Rate Primary	3.00
Fed Funds Target	2.25-2.50
Money Mkt Overnight Avg.	0.58

FOREIGN EXCHANGE

A U.S. Dollar buys ...	
Argentina (Peso)	40.8380
Australia (Dollar)	1.4002
Brazil (Real)	3.7433
Britain (Pound)	.7549
Canada (Dollar)	1.3270
China (Yuan)	6.6946
Euro	.8737
India (Rupee)	68.545
Israel (Shekel)	3.6123
Japan (Yen)	110.61
Mexico (Peso)	18.7774
Poland (Zloty)	3.74
So. Korea (Won)	1124.79
Taiwan (Dollar)	30.72
Thailand (Baht)	31.64

FOREIGN MARKETS

INDEX	CLOSE	CHG./%
Shanghai	3090.64	-3/-0.1
Stoxx600	380.84	-3.5/-0.9
Nikkei	21608.92	+42.1/+0.2
MSCI-EAFE	1899.12	-9.4/-0.5
Bovespa	98041.38	-1547.0/-1.6
FTSE 100	7291.01	-33.0/-0.5
CAC-40	5382.66	-43.2/-0.8

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OBITUARIES

ALAN KRUEGER 1960-2019

Noted economist served as top adviser in two administrations

By JOSH BOAK
Associated Press

Alan Krueger, a groundbreaking Princeton University economist who served as a top adviser in two Democratic administrations and was an authority on the labor market, has died, according to a statement from the university Monday.

The economist took his own life during the week-end, according to a separate statement from Krueger's family that the university released. He is survived by his wife, Lisa, and two adult children, Benjamin and Sydney.

Krueger, 58, devoted much of his research to the job market and, in particular, to the impact of a minimum wage. His work concluded that a higher minimum wage did not generally slow hiring as many conservative critics have argued.

After serving as a Labor Department economist under President Bill Clinton, Krueger worked for President Barack Obama as a top Treasury official and then as chairman of the Council of Economic Advisers from 2011 to 2013.

In a statement, Obama credited Krueger with helping revive the U.S. economy after the devastating 2008 financial crisis.

"He spent the first two years of my administration helping to engineer our response to the worst financial crisis in 80 years and to successfully prevent the chaos from spiraling into a second Great Depression," Obama said. "He helped us return the economy to growth and sustained job creation, to bring down the deficit in a responsible way and to set the stage for wages to rise again."

Cecilia Rouse, dean of Princeton's Woodrow Wilson School for Public Policy and International Affairs, said she first met Krueger during the 1980s when she was a student at Harvard University and he was a



JEWEL SAMAD/GETTY-APP

Chairman of then-President Barack Obama's Council of Economic Advisers Alan Krueger speaks during a 2012 press briefing at the White House in Washington.

graduate student there.

"He was incredibly creative, dedicated and prolific," Rouse said. "He couldn't have been a better friend or mentor. It's a loss for economics and public policy."

Krueger had been teaching at Princeton since 1987. His research extended to such issues as economic inequality and the consequences of opioid addiction for the job market.

He also applied his economic work to some unconventional areas, from terrorism to the music industry. Krueger found, for example, a surging wealth gap within pop music. In a 2005 paper, he illustrated how a rising share of concert revenue was flowing to a narrow top sliver of recording artists. Krueger went on to write a book about economics and the music industry, "Rockonomics," that is set to be published in June.

While serving under Obama, Krueger developed and popularized the concept of the "Great Gatsby Curve." It showed that high economic inequality corresponds with low economic mobility on a generation-to-generation basis. In short, it meant that when economic disparities between the rich and everyone else are wide, people's ability to improve their financial health depends even more heavily on their parents' economic status.

The curve was named after F. Scott Fitzgerald's

iconic literary character Jay Gatsby, who rose from being a poor Midwestern boy to a wealthy bootlegger.

But Krueger was perhaps best-known for his research on the minimum wage with David Card. Their 1993 paper found that a rise in New Jersey's minimum wage had had no effect on employment in the state's fast food sector compared with the same sector just across the state line in Pennsylvania.

Widely admired in both economic and political circles, Krueger was known as an avid tennis player and for frequently taking time to discuss the nuances of public policy with reporters.

Gene Sperling, who worked with Krueger in the Obama administration as the director of the National Economic Council, tweeted Monday that he was, "Just shocked, just stunned, so, so saddened."

"Alan has been my friend and colleague for over 20 years — and one of the very most consequential economists of our generation," Sperling said. "His path-breaking work on minimum wage was only one of many ways he used his genius for the good of all."

In his statement, Obama said of Krueger:

"He had a perpetual smile and a gentle spirit — even when he was correcting you. That's what made him Alan a fundamentally good and decent man."

Chicago Daily Tribune

ON MARCH 21 ...

In 1685, composer Johann Sebastian Bach was born in Eisenach, Germany.

In 1790 Thomas Jefferson reported to President George Washington in New York as the new secretary of state.

In 1804 the French civil code, or the "Code Napoleon" as it was later called, was adopted.

In 1806 Mexican statesman Benito Juarez was born in Oaxaca.

In 1839 composer Modest Mussorgsky was born in Karevo, Russia.

In 1869 theater producer Florenz Ziegfeld was born in Chicago.

In 1871 journalist Henry Stanley began his famous expedition to Africa to find missing Scottish missionary David Livingstone.

In 1900 an agreement was signed to bring the Saint Paul Saints to Chicago's South Side; the team would be renamed the Chicago White Stockings.

In 1944 Charles Chaplin went on trial in Los Angeles, accused of transporting former protegee Joan Barry across state lines for immoral purposes. (Chaplin was acquitted but later lost a paternity suit despite tests showing he wasn't the father of Barry's child.)

In 1945, during World War II, Allied bombers began four days of raids over Germany.

In 1946 the United Nations set up temporary headquarters at Hunter College in New York.

In 1956 "Marty" won best picture at the Academy Awards; its star, Ernest Borgnine, won best actor; Anna Magnani won best actress for "The Rose Tattoo."

In 1960 about 70 people were killed in Sharpeville, South Africa, when police fired on demonstrators.

In 1963 the Alcatraz federal prison island in San Francisco Bay was emptied of its last inmates at the order of Attorney General Robert Kennedy.

In 1965 more than 3,000 civil rights demonstrators led by Martin Luther King Jr.

began their march from Selma to Montgomery, Ala.

In 1972 the Supreme Court ruled that states may not require at least a year's residency for voting eligibility.

In 1979 the Egyptian Parliament unanimously approved a peace treaty with Israel.

In 1985 police in Langa, South Africa, opened fire on blacks marching to mark the 25th anniversary of the Sharpeville shootings, killing at least 21 demonstrators.

In 1990 Namibia, formerly known as South West Africa, became independent after 75 years of South African rule.

In 1991 a U.N. Security Council panel decided to lift the food embargo on Iraq.

In 1994 "Schindler's List" won best picture at the 66th Academy Awards; Holly Hunter was named best actress for "The Piano" while Tom Hanks was named best actor for "Philadelphia."

In 1995 thousands of Japanese police raided the offices of a secretive religious group, Aum Shinri Kyo, in connection with nerve-gas attacks on Tokyo subways that killed 12 people and sickened thousands.

In 1996 General Motors and the United Auto Workers reached a settlement in a 17-day brake-factory strike that idled more than 177,000 employees and brought the automaker to a near standstill.

In 1999 Israel's Supreme Court rejected a final effort to have American teenager Samuel Sheinbein returned to the United States to face murder charges. (Under a plea agreement with Israeli prosecutors, Sheinbein was later sentenced to 24 years in prison for the murder of Alfred Tello Jr.)

WINNING LOTTERY NUMBERS

ILLINOIS
March 20
Powerball 10 14 50 53 63 / 21
Powerball jackpot: \$550M
Lotto jackpot: \$13.5M
Pick 3 midday 024 / 5
Pick 4 midday 3513 / 5
Lucky Day Lotto midday
13 21 22 34 41
Pick 3 evening 251 / 9
Pick 4 evening 7291 / 0
Lucky Day Lotto evening
08 11 12 27 40

March 22 Mega Millions: \$50M

WISCONSIN
March 20
Megabucks 02 06 21 22 35 36
Pick 3 697
Pick 4 9183
Badger 5 06 07 12 18 20
SuperCash 04 05 16 23 31 37

INDIANA
March 20
Lotto 04 08 16 18 20 28
Daily 3 midday 152 / 8
Daily 4 midday 0260 / 8
Daily 3 evening 295 / 7
Daily 4 evening 0387 / 7
Cash 5 02 13 16 23 24

MICHIGAN
March 20
Lotto 07 08 13 17 28 44
Daily 3 midday 943
Daily 4 midday 3422
Daily 3 evening 314
Daily 4 evening 9229
Fantasy 5 09 16 27 32 37
Keno 04 09 11 12 17 22
24 25 27 36 39 42 47 49
53 55 63 64 67 73 74 80

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Abendroth, Magdalena

(nee Rodriguez)—Beloved wife of the late Klaus; loving mother of Claudia and Karin (Kenneth Moore); dear grandmother of Liberty; fond sister of Celina, Nelida, and Sandra. Visitation at **Cooney Funeral Home** located at 3918 W. Irving Park Rd. in Chicago on Thursday from 3:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m. Funeral Friday, prayers at 9:15 a.m. to St. Benedict Church for Mass at 10:00 a.m. Interment Fairview Memorial Cemetery. For information please call 773-588-5850 or visit www.cooneyfuneralhome.com

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Allegrini, Lida

Lida Allegrini nee Giometti, age 95. Devoted wife of the late Vincent; beloved mother of Robert (Cristina); loving grandmother of Alessandro and Marco; dear sister of the late Gino Giometti. Visitation Friday March 22, 2019 from 3:00 until 9:00 p.m. at Cumberland Chapels, 8300 W. Lawrence Ave., Norridge, IL. Funeral services begin Saturday 9:00 a.m. at the funeral home and will proceed to St. Vincent Ferrer Church in River Forest, IL for Mass at 10:00 a.m. Entombment Queen of Heaven Mausoleum. In lieu of flowers please make contributions to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital (Memorial ID. # 11590854) or to the Elmwood Park High School Lida Allegrini Scholarship Fund by calling 708-583-6203 or making a check payable to Elmwood Park High School. Info 708-456-8300 or www.cumberlandchapels.com.



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Asher-Becker, Ruth

Ruth Asher-Becker nee Goldberg, age 92. Beloved wife of the late Harmon Asher and the late Harold Becker. Loving mother of the late Sheryl Asher and step-mother of Amy E. Becker. Proud grandmother of Reva A. Gillman. Fond daughter of the late Lillian and George Goldberg. Dear sister of the late June (Howard) Zimmerman. Service Thursday 11AM at **Chicago Jewish Funerals**, 8851 Skokie Blvd., (at Niles Center Road) Skokie. Interment Memorial Park. In lieu of flowers, memorials can be made to Osher Lifelong Learning Institute at Northwestern University, 500 Davis St., Suite 700, Evanston, IL 60201, <https://sps.northwestern.edu/osher-lifelong-learning>, Keshet, 600 Academy Dr., Suite 130, Northbrook, IL 60062, www.keshet.org or National MS Society, P.O. Box 4527, New York, NY 10163, www.nationalmssociety.org. Arrangements by **Chicago Jewish Funerals - Skokie Chapel**, 847.229.8822, www.cjinfo.com



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Baumel nee Waring, Shirley Jean

Shirley Jean, 82 passed away March 10, 2019. She is survived by her brother George Waring and her six children: Cynthia (Gerald), Dawn (Brian), Bambi (Donald), Ralph (Nancy), Leslie (Joseph) and Jennifer (Matthew). Grandchildren and Great Grandchildren.

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Brandenbusch, Theodore H.

Theodore H. Brandenbusch, 81, of Huntley, died peacefully, March 19, 2019.

Visitation will be on Sunday from 12-4pm at DeFiore Funeral Home-10763 Dundee Road, Huntley. A Mass will be celebrated on Monday at 10:00am at St. Mary Catholic Church-10307 Dundee Road, Huntley. Burial will be in St. Mary Cemetery.

Ted was born November 20, 1937 in Chicago, Illinois the son of Theodore and Mary Brandenbusch. He served in the United States Navy. On August 27, 1960 he married Joanne Dzedzic. Ted worked as a machinist and was a handy man and could fix anything. His greatest joy was spending time with his family, especially fishing with his grandson, Nicholas and Cameron. He was a loving husband, father and grandfather who will be missed by all who knew him.

Ted is survived by his daughters, Susan Brandenbusch and Sheryl (Ron) Piro and by his two grandsons, Nicholas and Cameron. He was preceded in death by his wife, Joanne. For further information please call the funeral home at 847-515-8772 or on-line condolences may be directed to www.defiorefuneral.com



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Dallafior, Alma

Alma Dallafior, age 90, passed away on March 14, 2019. Beloved daughter of the late John and Mary (nee Ioriatti) Dallafior; Loving sister of Ernest (Kathleen) Dallafior, the late Natalie Smith-Barbour and the late Mary J. Dallafior; Cherished aunt of John (Diane), Peter (Mary Jane) and Paul (Jennifer) Smith, Maryellyn Roberts, Sandra (Brian) Dearthoff, David (Amira) Dallafior and Lynne (Tony) Wildman; dearest great, great-great and great-great-great aunt of many and a friend to all who knew her. Visitation Friday March 22 from 3:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. at **Cumberland Chapels**, 8300 W. Lawrence Ave., Norridge. Funeral Saturday 9:30 a.m. from the funeral home to St. Monica Church (5136 N Nottingham, Chicago, IL 60656) for Mass at 10:30 a.m. Interment will be held privately at St. Joseph Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations to St. Monica Church. Funeral Info: 708-456-8300 or www.cumberlandchapels.com.



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Djurisic, Ilija 'Eli'

Ilija "Eli" Djurisic, 78, husband, father, grandfather, friends to many; Son of the late Vojvoda Pavle Djurisic and the late Gorica (nee Bakic); Beloved husband of Lois; Loving father of Pavle "Paul" (Tamara) and Marko (Sheni); Cherished grandfather of Maya, Nikola, Luka and Sofia. Family and friends to meet for a Celebration of Life Friday, March 22, 2019, 6:00 to 10:00 p.m. at Skadarliya Restaurant, 9237 Ogden Ave., Brookfield, IL. Visitation to be held March 23, 2019, 10:30 to 11:00 a.m. at New Gracanica Serbian Orthodox Monastery, 34520 E. Grant Ave., Third Lake, IL with Opelo (Funeral Service) Interment and Dacha (Lunch) to follow. In lieu of flowers, donations to New Gracanica please.

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Eastman, Barbara S.

Barbara S. Eastman (nee Bowen), beloved wife of the late James Jerome Eastman; loving mother of James J. Eastman II, Jon J. (Kim) Eastman, Julia A. Eastman (Partner Amy Ashby), Mary F. (Kevin) Mann, Jennifer S. (Paul) Hansen, Molly M. (Larry) Williams; cherished grandmother of Jack, Matthew (fiancé Rachael), Meghan, Riely, Ally,

Aidan, Cole, Abigail, Lilli, Grace, Anne, Clare; fond sister of Joseph (Gloria) Bowen, Mary Jean (John) Wesely, and the late Clarence (Kay), Jack (Judy) Bowen; fond aunt of many nieces and nephews. Barbara's greatest accomplishment and gift were her six children and twelve grand children. Barbara was a Palos Heights resident for 47 years, Palos Township clerk for 16 years and the Palos Township deputy assessor for 4 years. She was very proud of her Irish heritage, and her family in Grand Rapids, MI. In lieu of flowers donations can be made to the Lora Contorno Benevolent Fund in care of Peace Village, donation envelopes will be provided. Visitation Friday 3 to 9 P.M. Funeral Saturday 9:15 A.M. from **Lawn Funeral Home** 7732 W. 159th St. Orland Park, IL 60462 to St. Alexander Church. Mass 10:00 A.M. Interment Holy Sepulchre Cemetery. Funeral info (708) 429-3200



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Egan, Gerard V.

Gerard "Gerry" Vincent Egan of Park Ridge, formerly of Evanston, passed away peacefully on Monday March 18, 2019. He was surrounded by his wife, five children, and other family members as Irish tunes played in the background. He was 90 years old. Gerry was born in Buffalo, New York on August 27, 1928. He was the youngest of four boys who grew up in the Depression Era. His father worked the railroads. Gerry started his Jesuit education with a BA at West Baden College, then earned a Master's in Psychology at Fordham, and a PhD at St. Louis University. He then taught Psychology and Pastoral Studies at Seton Hall, North Park, and Loyola Chicago. He team-taught with his wife, Jeanette. Gerry also had a private psychology practice in Chicago. Gerry was actively involved in social justice work throughout his life, including Civil Rights, protesting Vietnam, serving in mental health clinics in the Virgin Islands, volunteering in Haiti, at the Marjorie Kovler Center for torture victims, the social justice committee at St. Anne Church, and wounded veterans at the V.A. Gerry taught his family that all of us struggle, that no one is perfect, and that each individual should be regarded as a thoughtful, unique person who has their own grace. He was an astute listener who could be your advocate, counselor, and role model. Gerry is survived by his wife of 34 years, Jeanette (nee Matthews) Egan; loving father of five; cherished grandfather of nine; dear step father of four; fond step-grandfather of nine; proud step-great grandfather of one; dearest brother of one. Visitation, 10am until time of funeral Mass 11am, Saturday, at St. Anne Catholic Church, 120 Ela St., Barrington. A memorial service is being planned for early Spring please refer to <http://gerryegan-memorial.page> for updated details. In lieu of flowers, please make a donation to one of Gerry's favorite charities: St. Jude's Children's Research Hospital, Habitat for Humanity, and Hope for Haiti. Arrangements were entrusted to **Davenport Family Funeral Home** and Crematory, Barrington. For information, please call 847-381-3411 or visit www.davenportfamily.com to leave an online condolence for the family.



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Ford, Joseph Gregory 'Greg'

Joseph Gregory "Greg" Ford, age 88, U.S. Army Veteran, beloved husband of the late Rosemary "Babe" (nee Pacifico) and the late Kathleen "Sissy" (nee Robson); loving father of Joseph (Connie) and the late James (Geri) Ford; devoted grandfather of Kathleen, James "Jimbo", Addison, Luke, Colton, Sheridan and Elizabeth; cherished uncle of many nieces and nephews; dearest friend to many. Greg worked for many years at Peoples Gas, Treasurer of Burbank School District 111 and 220 and Past President of South Stickney Sanitary District. Visitation Friday 2-8 P.M. Funeral Saturday 12:00 Noon from Lawn Funeral Home 7909 State Rd. (5500W) to St. Albert the Great Church Mass 12:30 P.M. Interment Holy Sepulchre Cemetery. Funeral Info: 708 636-2320

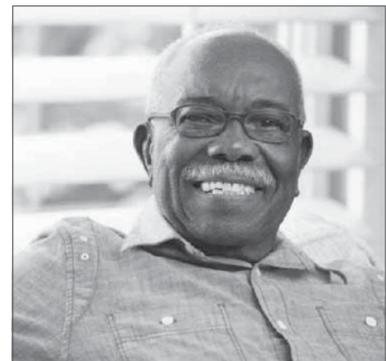


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Friedman, Sondra

Sondra Friedman, nee Cohen, 79, of Chicago, March 18, 2019. Beloved wife of Sherwin "Dick". Loving mother of Earl, Bryan, and Dale. Graveside Service only Friday, March 22, 2019, 12:00 pm Noon at Westlawn Cemetery, 7801 W. Montrose Avenue, Norridge, Illinois, 60706. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the American Cancer Society. For information, please call **Weinstein & Piser Funeral Home** at 847-256-5700.

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Gery, James

James Kurtz Gery was born February 20, 1968 in Indianapolis, went to North Central High School, graduated from the University of Michigan, and earned his MBA from the University of Chicago. He had a bunch of great jobs, but none of that defined him.

Jim lived for his family and friends. Lori is his true love and his perfect person. He loves and respects her with every ounce of his being. His son Will (aka "Willie") is his utter pride, his mini-me, "exactly like me" he would say with a smile. And Jim met his match with his best girl, Lilah, his "Hootie Hoo", his sports star and TV watching pal.

His band of brothers is vast - Mike, Kip, Ted, Thad, his River Forest posse, his college crew and countless more. He had an unparalleled level of acceptance of others. He did not allow complaining and freely shared gratitude for his life. "Truly blessed" he would say, with an element of sarcasm.

Walloon Lake was his happy place. He loved nothing more than our new "little house", his snowmobiles, a boat cruise to the Barrel Back and golf at the WLCC. It was there that he died in a snowmobile accident on March 15, 2019.

He is survived by his parents, Lee & Ellis Gery, his sister Shawn (Dave) Trippel, his beloved Aunts Marilyn (Phil) Parker, Diann (Bobby) Walker, and Carolyn Kurtz. His in-laws Pat (Harriet) Brazil, Sister-in-law Maria (Bruce) Ianni, and his beloved Isabelle, Mack and Matia.

Be "Jim Gery-like" (pronounced Jim Gerry-like), live, laugh and love deeply. Be grateful. Be kind. A memorial service is being held at the First Presbyterian Church of River Forest at 7551 Quick Ave. on Friday April 5, 2019 at 2pm. In lieu of flowers, please donate to the Walloon Lake Association. www.walloon.org Family and friends wishing to share a thought or memory of Jim are encouraged to do so online at www.stonefuneralhomeinc.com.

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Gifford, Reed E.

Reed E. Gifford, 64, of Naperville, IL, passed away Tuesday, March 19, 2019. He was born October 29, 1954 in Minneapolis, MN. Devoted husband of Pamela (nee Paluch) Gifford, loving son to Nerine Gifford, and beloved brother to, Noel (Chuck) Hamm, Dean (Debbie), Kurt (Diane), Quin, Tara, and Glen (Kumi) Gifford, and dear Uncle to many nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his first wife; Kris (nee Kalejs) Gifford and his father, Raymond Gifford. He was previously employed at River View Ford, as Senior Master technician. Visitation will be held on Thursday, March 21, 2019, from 4:00 PM-8:00 PM at the **Beidelman-Kunsch Funeral Homes & Crematory**, 24021 Royal Worlington Drive, Naperville. A Mass of Christian Burial will be held Friday, March 22, 2019, at 10:30 AM at Holy Spirit Catholic Church, 2003 Hassert Blvd. Naperville. Interment will follow at Lincoln Memorial Park, Aurora, IL. Info: 630-922-9630 or www.beidelmankunschff.com

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Granat, Sidney Fred

Sidney Fred Granat. Beloved husband of Verna, née Greenfield. Loving father of Marla (John) Schimpf and Howard Granat. Cherished Papa of Rianna Weil, Justin (significant other Tatiana), and Chase Granat and great-grandpa of Olivia. Dear brother of Harriet (Howard) Bernstein and the late Gloria (the late Sol) Medville. Dear uncle, cousin and friend of many. Graveside services 12 Noon at Shalom Memorial Park, Rand Road and Rt 53, Arlington Heights, IL. In lieu of flowers, remembrances to The Longest Day: Alzheimer's Association Mississippi Chapter, 232 Market Street, Flowood, 39232 would be appreciated. Arrangements by **Mitzvah Memorial Funerals**, 630-Mitzvah (630-648-9824) or www.MITZVAHFUNERALS.com.

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Hampton, Frank E.

Frank E. Hampton, 59, of Lake Villa, died March 18, 2019. Beloved husband of Annette; loving dad of Samantha and Kaitlyn Hampton; loving son of Jackie (the late John) Perez; dear brother of Ed (Eileen) and Nancy (Chris) Valenziano; fond godfather of Eddie Hampton and devoted uncle to the late Eric Hampton and many other living nieces and nephews. Visitation Saturday, March 23, from 2-9 p.m., with a prayer and eulogy service at 6 p.m., at **Hamsheer Lakeside Funerals and Cremations, 12 N. Pistakee Lake Rd., Fox Lake**. Please no flowers. Memorials to www.DaretoCare.us. Information, 847-587-2100; condolences www.HamsheerLakeside.com.

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Kimura, Grace Watanabe

Grace Kimura, age 93, of La Grange Park, IL passed away after a short illness. Beloved wife of Dr. Eugene Tatsuru Kimura, dear mother of Kathryn (Timothy) Mlsna of Oak Brook, IL, Eugenie (Dr. Eugene) Chiu of Burr Ridge, IL and Dr. Alan Kimura of Denver, CO.; loving grandmother and great-grandmother. A memorial service and reception will be held on March 24, 2019 at 4:00 p.m. at Plymouth Place, 315 N. LaGrange Rd., LaGrange Park, IL, 60526. In lieu of flowers, memorials in her name to the Japanese American Service Committee, 4427 N. Clark Street, Chicago, IL 60640, would be appreciated. Arrangements entrusted to **Hallowell & James Funeral Home**, Countryside.

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Kinder, Carolyn L.

Carolyn L. Kinder (nee Blair) age 89, beloved wife of 49 years to the late Joseph; loving mother of Dana Morgan, Brian, John, Leslie Donovan and the late Paul; dearest grandma of Jillian, Joseph, Bret and John; great-grandma of Daniel; preceded in death by her brothers Francis (Jane), Richard (Patricia), and Lawrence (Roberta) Blair; fond aunt and great aunt of many nieces and nephews. Mom we'll miss your fabulous meals! Visitation Saturday 8 A.M. until time of prayers 9:30 A.M. at **Lawn Funeral Home** 17909 S. 94th Ave. Tinley Park, IL 60487 Funeral Mass 10:00 A.M. at St. Stephen Deacon and Martyr Church. Interment Private. In lieu of flowers, donations to Sacred Heart Southern Missions, 6050 Highway 161, Walls, MS 38686, www.shsm.org in memory of Carolyn will be deeply appreciated. Funeral info (708)532-3100

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Koblynk, Dora

Dora Koblynk beloved wife of the late Roman. Loving mother of the late Eugene & the late Jerry (Sandy). Dear grandmother of Karlyn, Eugene & Linda. Great grandmother of Cameron. Graveside service Friday, 10:00 am at Saint Nicholas Ukrainian Catholic Cemetery 8901 W. Higgins Rd. Chicago, IL Arrangements by **Giancola Funeral & Cremation** 800.975.4321 www.giancolafuneral.com

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Kotlinski, Rosemary C.

Rosemary C. Kotlinski. Age 81. Beloved sister of Marcella (the late Edward) Kooi and the late George, Alice and Robert Kotlinski. Loving aunt of many nieces, nephews and great-nieces and great-nephews. Visitation Saturday, March 23, 9 a.m. until time of prayers, 12 noon at **Ryan-Parke Funeral Home**, 120 S. Northwest Hwy., Park Ridge. Funeral to follow at St. Paul of the Cross Church. Mass 12:30 p.m. Interment St. Adalbert Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, memorials to the charity of your choice appreciated. Funeral information, www.ryan-parke.com.

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Kozlowski, Jerry J.

Jerry J. Kozlowski; beloved husband of Linda; loving father of Robert (Kelly); cherished grandfather of 2; also survived by many loving family members. Visitation Friday 3-9 P.M. at **Modell Funeral Home**, 7710 S. Cass Avenue, Darien where a Funeral Service will be held Saturday at 10:00 A.M. Interment Queen of Heaven Cemetery. For info: (630) 852-3595 or www.modelldarien.com

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Maiman, Karen Ann

Karen Ann Maiman, 76 of Huntley, died peacefully, March 15, 2019 at her home surrounded by her family. Visitation will be on Friday, March 22, 2019 from 4:00 to 8:00pm at DeFiore Funeral Home-10763 Dundee Road, Huntley. Visitation will continue on Saturday, March 23 at the Church from 9:30am to 10:30am with the service at 10:30 am all at Shepherd of the Prairie Lutheran Church. Burial will be at Windridge Memorial Park in Cary. In lieu of flowers memorials may be directed to Shepherd of the Prairie Lutheran Church.

Karen was born November 15, 1942 the daughter of David and Dorothy Evans. On April 4, 1964 she married the love of her life Richard E. Maiman. She worked in customer service throughout her career. She truly enjoyed crocheting, scrapbooking, traveling to Marco Island and her greatest joy was spending time with her four grandchildren. Karen was a life-long Chicago White Sox Fan as well as a NASCAR fan. Karen courageously battled many health issue's but always fought the good fight with grace until the very end. She was a devoted wife, mother, grandmother, sister and dear friend who will be missed by all who knew her.

She is survived by her husband, Richard Maiman, children, Bryan (Crystal) Maiman and Heather Maiman. By her grandchildren, 6 great grandchildren and 1 great great grandson and brother, David (Bethany) Evans. She was preceded in death by her parents, by her brother, Bob, sisters, Jean and Dorothy. For further information please call the funeral home 847-515-8772 or on-line condolences may be directed to www.defiorefuneral.com

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Maniscalco, Charles "Chuck"

Charles "Chuck" Maniscalco, age 65, of Winnetka and Chicago, passed away peacefully in his home surrounded by family after a courageous battle with cancer. He was the beloved husband of Aimee Anderson; loving father of Jamey (Stacey) Maniscalco and Ryan (fiancée Jacqueline Fegan) Maniscalco; proud Granddad of Katherine Maniscalco; dear brother of Angela (Robert) Thompson and the late Donna (Bob) Selak. Visitation, Sunday March 24th, 2019, 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. at **Donnellan Family Funeral Home**, 10045 Skokie Blvd, at Old Orchard Road, Skokie IL 60077. In lieu of flowers, please make donations to the Robert H. Lurie Comprehensive Cancer Center of Northwestern University (<https://www.cancer.northwestern.edu/about/donate-volunteer/>). Info: 847-675-1990 or www.donnellanfuneral.com.

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Mau, Maria

Maria Mau, nee Peragowits, 73, of Mt. Prospect, IL. Born March 12, 1946, in Hungary, passed away March 19, 2019. Loving mother of Karen (Frank) Saverino and Diane Mau. Beloved companion of Bill Darman for 33 years. Cherished grandmother of Frank and Gianna Saverino and Sarah, Ethan and TJ Noonan. Dear sister of Joseph (Gitta) Peragowits. Former employee of the Adler Planetarium. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made in Maria's name to The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society, Donor Services, PO Box 98018, Washington DC, 20090-8018. A memorial service will be held on Saturday, March 23, 2019, 2 PM at Christ Lutheran Church, 41 S. Rohlwing Road, Palatine. 847-359-8020 or www.smithcorcoran.com.

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McGarr, Paul

Died of a Tuesday. He was preceded in death by Emmett and Gloria McGarr, his parents, and Megan Flood, his sister-in-law. He leaves behind four loving siblings, Gail Reilly, Janet (Robert) Bahnson, Phylis and Emmett (Lisa) O'Keefe and eight wonderful nieces and nephews John, Jennifer, Eimear, Eamonn, Emmett, Eoghan, Reilly, Connor, great niece Ada, Great nephews Braydon and Gavyin. Private services have been held. In lieu of flowers donations can be made to Park Lawn, 10833 S. La Porte, Oak Lawn, IL 60453

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McGrath, Janice D.

Janice D. McGrath, age 79, March 18, 2019. Beloved wife of the late Edward; loving mother of Jeff (Stacey) and Kimberly (Daniel) Sass; cherished grandmother of Ryan, Nicholas, Corey, Madison and great grandmother of Russ; dear sister of Joyce (Keith) Engstrom; fond aunt of many nieces and nephews.

Funeral Saturday 9 a.m. from **Woodlawn Funeral Home** 7750 W. Cermak Road; Forest Park to St. Bernardine Church Mass 10a.m. Entombment Woodlawn Cemetery, Eternal Light Mausoleum. Visitation Friday 3-8p.m.

Fond memories and expressions of sympathy may be shared at www.woodlawnchicago.com for the McGrath family. (708)-442-8500

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Nessel, Margaret Ann "Peggy"

Margaret Ann "Peggy" Nessel nee Pastirik. March 19, 2019, Age 67. Late of Thornton, formerly of Chicago's East Side Neighborhood. Beloved wife of Gary W. Nessel. Dear mother of Amanda Lyn Nessel, Sara Beth (Tim) Carrigan and Andrew Harvey Nessel. Cherished grandmother of Kara Michelle Bryant and Baby Carrigan. Dearest daughter of the late Joseph and the late Mary Ellen Pastirik. Loving sister of Mary Therese (Jim) Meyer, the late Michael (Sharon) Pastirik, Patrick (Marsha) Pastirik, Dennis (Janice) Pastirik, the late Joseph Pastirik, the late Bernard Pastirik, John Pastirik, the late Paul Pastirik and Kathy (Ron) Hajduk. She will be loved and missed by many. Member of St. John's Catholic Church Woman's Club. Visitation at the **Tews-Ryan Funeral Home**, 18230 S. Dixie Hwy, Homewood, Friday, March 22, 2019 from 3:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. and Saturday, March 23rd from 8:00 a.m. until time of prayers at 9:00 a.m. Funeral mass 10:00 a.m. at St. John Catholic Church, 301 Cottage Grove, Glenwood, Illinois 60425. Interment Assumption Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, memorials to St. Jude Children's Hospital, www.stjude.org/ would be appreciated. Info www.tews-ryanfh.com or 708.798-5300.

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O'Connell, William J

William J. O'Connell, age 84. Beloved husband of Mildred "Millie" nee O'Brien. Loving dad of Mary Alice (Tony) Ziola, Beth (Tom) Menke, Kevin (Vickie McClintic), Peggy (Matt) Bailey, Brian and Shawn O'Connell. Cherished "Grandpa Silly Goose" of Zach (Angie), Allison (Chris), Liz, Amanda(Jeff), Eric (Karissa), Ryan, Luke, Paige and Katie. "GGSG" of Jack, Audrey and Izzie Mae. Fond brother, brother-in-law and Uncle of many. Best friend of the ROMEO's. Friends and family will gather on Saturday, March 23, 2019 at Our Lady of the Woods Church, 10731 W. 131st Street, Orland Park for a 10:00 AM mass. Interment Private. In lieu of flowers donations to St. Jude, 501 St.Jude Pl. Memphis, TN. 38105-9959 appreciated. For information 708-448-6000 or www.Schmaedekefuneralhome.com

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Pirovano, Russell Regan

Russell Regan Pirovano died peacefully in Cary, IL on March 18, 2019 at the age of 82. Russell was the devoted husband of Mary (nee McVittie); dear father of Thomas (Ina), Anne Marie Elementi, John (Patty), Margaret (Robert), and Francesca (Rudi) Steenbakkers; cherished grandfather of Michael, Megan, Hannah, Alexis, Ray, Natalie, Christopher and Jason. Visitation will be Sunday, March 24 from 3-7 p.m. at **Davenport Family Funeral Home**, 419 E. Terra Cotta Ave., Crystal Lake. Memorial mass will be Monday, March 25 at 10 a.m. at SS Peter & Paul Catholic Church, 410 N. 1st St., Cary. For a full obituary and to leave an online condolence for the family, visit www.davenportfamily.com or call 815-459-3411 for more information.

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Statham, Thomas Victor

Passed away at home on March 6, 2019. He is survived by his father, Victor Statham, his daughter's Nicole and her husband(Ramon) Delatorre, Theresa Statham, Jennifer Statham(Rick Vegas), and his son Thomas Statham and his wife Lora, his siblings Elaine (Jamie) Sanberg, David (Kathleen)Statham, Brian (Susan)Statham, Janice Statham, Keith Statham, Patrick(Corine)Statham and Tina(Dana) Statham-Ball. There will be a Memorial at the American Legion, 10739 S. Ridgeland, Chicago Ridge, Illinois 60415 from 1:00-5:00 p.m on Sunday March 24th.

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Straub, Barbara J

Beloved wife of the late Joseph Straub, Sr. Loving mother of Donna (Jim) Rohrlack, and Joseph (Theresa) Straub, Jr. Proud grandmother of James (Amy), Stephanie, Justine(Mike), and Joe. Cherished great grandmother of Justin, Hayden, Henry, Alden, and Leo. dear sister of the late Oliver, Muriel, Beverly, Charles, and Ralph. Aunt and Great Aunt of many. Visitation Thursday, March 21, 2019 3:00 pm to 9:00 pm at Sax-Tiedemann Funeral Home, 9568 Belmont Ave., Franklin Park. Funeral Friday, March 22, 2019 11:00 am at the funeral home. Interment Irving Park Cemetery. In lieu of flowers donations to your favorite charity appreciated. For info please call (847) 678-1950 or www.sax-tiedemann.com

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Tres, Donald G.

Donald G. Tres, age 83, suddenly, March 4, 2018, long time resident of West Rogers Park, dear son of the late John P. and Catherine nee Heirens. Loving brother of the late Jack(Evelyn) Tres, Lorraine(Janet Ralph) Welter, Robert(late Janet) Tres. Dear friend of Mary Lou Quinn. Fond uncle of 10 nephew and nieces and two deceased nephew and niece. Long time employee of NiCor Gas, member of the Knights of Columbus, Army veteran, member the American Legion, long time volunteer at Misericordia, Don was an avid golfer, tennis player and member of the "400 Ski Club", last but not least, Don loved to travel, Visitation, Monday, March 18, from 9:30am until time of Mass at 11:00am at St. Margaret Mary Church, 2324 W. Chase, Chicago. Interment Mt. Carmel, 6400 N. Ridge Ave, Chicago, IL 60660. Funeral info:(773)764-1617

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Tsaros, Constantine L.

Constantine L. Tsaros, age 97, of Western Springs. Beloved husband of the late Gladys T. Tsaros. Loving father of Jonell (George Michael) Knue, Julia (Michael) Rominger, Janet (James) Fechner, and Jennifer (Richard) Hayes. Devoted grandfather of eight. Dear great-grandfather of two. Cherished brother of the late Elaine (late Joseph) Bell and the late Betty (late Jack) Rooney. Constantine received his BS in Chemical Engineering from Purdue University and MS in Chemical Engineering from University of Michigan. He spent most of his career at the Institute of Gas Technology. Memorial Service 1:00 PM Saturday, March 23, 2019 at the First United Methodist Church, 4300 Howard Ave., Western Springs. Visitation and Reception to follow immediately after. Interment will be held in private at Bronswood Cemetery, Oak Brook. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Heifer Project International, 1 World Ave., Little Rock, AR 72202 or to the First United Methodist Church, Western Springs. Arrangements entrusted to **Hallowell & James Funeral Home**, 1025 W. 55th St., Countryside. For Information: 708-352-6500 or hjfunerals.com

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Weiner, Dolores "Dee"

Dolores "Dee" Weiner, nee Smith, 91. Beloved wife of Seymour Weiner. Devoted mother of Sandi (Mike) Muhich, Robbin Smith and the late Donna (Dave) Oorlog; loving step-mother of Naomi (Robert) Hofkin, Lynn Weiner the late Rahael (Zaharia) Libi. Adoring grandmother of Gwen, Spencer, Michael, Josh, Einat, Naama, and Sara and loving great-grandma of Mika, Henry, Emi, Stellan, Lisa, Akiva, Ben and Guy. Dear sister of the late Bea (the late Julian) Grombacher and the late Mort (the late Lois Kerman) Smith. Service Friday, 12 noon, at Chicago Jewish Funerals, 8851 Skokie Blvd., (one block North of Dempster) Skokie. Interment private. In lieu of flowers, memorials to your charity of choice would be appreciated. Arrangements by Chicago Jewish Funerals - Skokie Chapel, 847.229.8822, www.cjfmf.com

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Zapala, Janina

Janina Zapala, nee Palka, 89. Beloved wife of the late Joseph Zapala. Adored mother of John Zapala, Catherine (Alberto) Foschi, and Joseph Zapala. Cherished grandmother of Cristina and Michael Foschi. Loving daughter of the late Katarzyna and Jozef Palka. Sister of the late Jozef (Maria), Casey (Irinia), John (Anna), and Antoni (Irena) Palka. Janina will be remembered by her family and friends as devoted to her Polish culture, an outstanding chef, and nourishing gardener of flowers and vegetables. Most importantly, she will be forever celebrated for her genuine compassion for others. Janina brought a smile to the faces of many- whether family or stranger- and took every opportunity to support those around her. Janina graced this world with an unforgettable sense of laughter, love, and joy- qualities she reminded everyone around her to embrace. Dziekuje, siodki anioiku (Thank you, sweet angel). Friends and family to meet for visitation at 9:30am Friday, March 22nd, Faith, Hope, and Charity Catholic Church, 191 Linden Street, Winnetka until time of the Funeral Mass at 10am. Interment Private Ascension Cemetery. Info 773-736-3833 or visit Janina's memorial at www.smithcorcoran.com.

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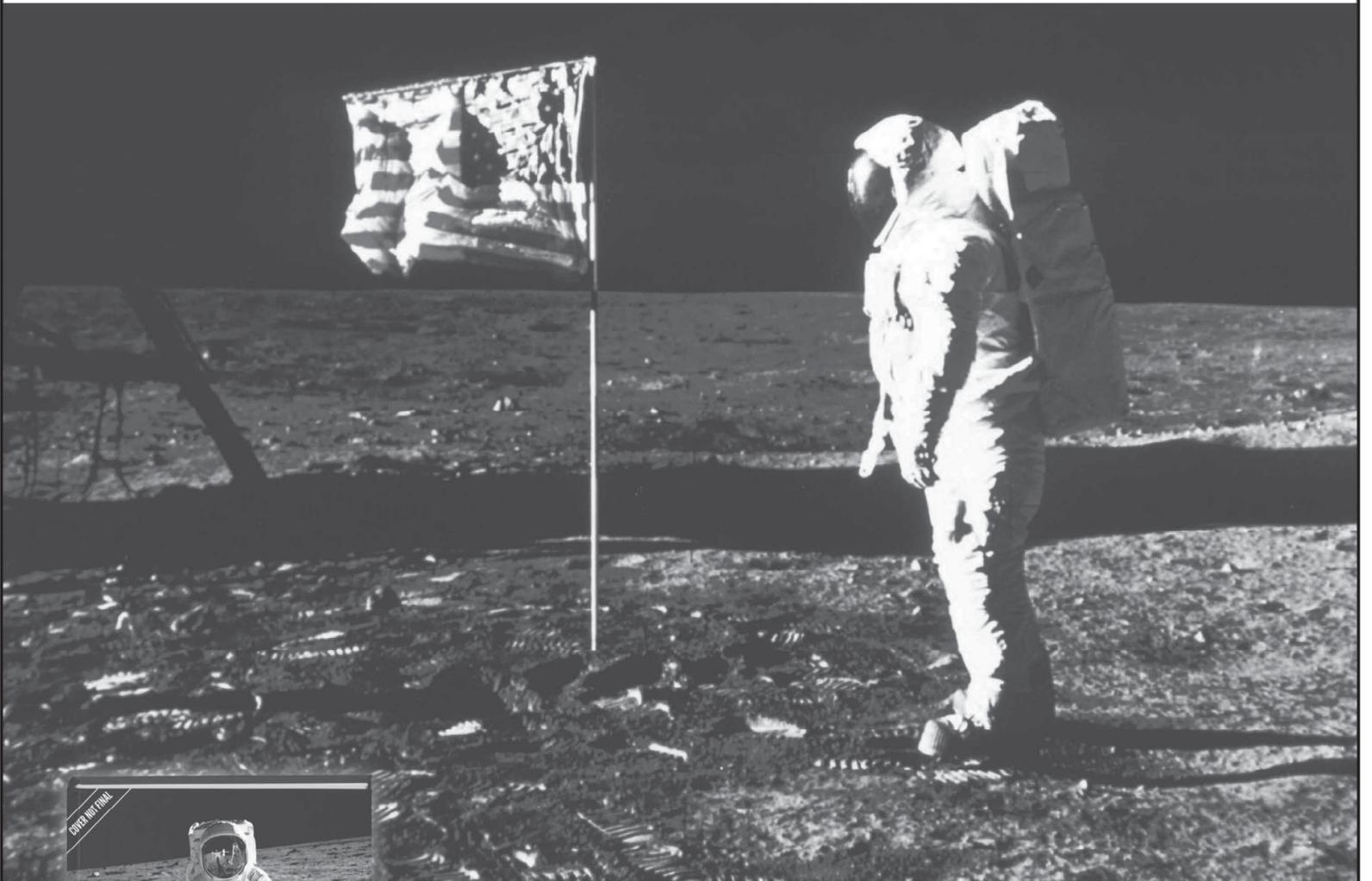
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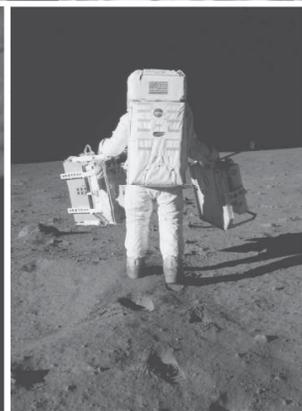
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Y19000698 on the Date: 03/01/2019 Under the Assumed Name of: Chitown Style with the business located at: 5822 N. West Circle Chicago, IL 60631

Notice is hereby given, Pursuant to "An Act in relation to the use of an Assumed Business Name in the conduct of or transaction of Business in the State" as amended, that a Certification was filed by the Undersigned with the County Clerk of Cook County

Y19000774 on the Date: March 8, 2019 Under the Assumed Name of: DB MARKETING STRATEGY with the business located at: 5328 W Cuyler Ave Chicago, Illinois, 60641

LEGAL NOTICES GOVERNMENT/EDUCATION

COUNTY OF COOK OFFICE OF THE CHIEF PROCUREMENT OFFICER FOR THE COOK COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF FACILITIES MANAGEMENT INVITATION FOR BID (IFB) FOR BODY (CADAVER) BAGS IFB NO.: 1945-17806

IFB Document: The IFB document is available for download at: https://legacy.cookcounty.com/purchasing/bids/listAllBids.php

Contact Person: if you are not able to download the IFB or if you have other questions, please contact Daniel Gizzi, Specifications Engineer III, at (312) 603-6825 or Dan.Gizzi@cookcounty.il.gov.

Non-Mandatory Pre-Proposal Conference Date, Time, and Location: None

Questions: Questions can be submitted in writing to the contact person above until 12:00 P.M. Tuesday, March 26, 2019 (CST)

Proposal Due Date, Time, and Location: Friday, April 5, 2019 at 10:00 A.M.P.M (CST) Office of the Chief Procurement Officer Cook County Building, 118 North Clark Street, Room 1018 Chicago, Illinois 60602

Toni Preckwinkle President, Cook County Board of Commissioners

Raffi Sarrafian Chief Procurement Officer

LEGAL NOTICE OF THE BOARD OF REVIEW OF COOK COUNTY OF THE TIME AND PLACE FOR FILING VALUE ADDED TAX RETURNS (ASSESSMENT APPEALS) RELATING TO 2018 REAL ESTATE ASSESSMENTS

Notice is hereby given that during the period MARCH 25, 2019 THROUGH APRIL 23, 2019, the Board of Review of Cook County will accept the filing of valuation complaints (assessment appeals) for all RAILROADS AND ALL NON-CARRIER PARCELS IN ALL TOWNS AND TOWNSHIPS OF COOK COUNTY for the revisions and corrections of the 2018 Real Estate Assessments.

All complaints will be considered by the Board in Room 601 of the County Building, 118 North Clark Street, Chicago Illinois, in accordance with the laws of Illinois, under the provisions of the Illinois Property Tax Code (formerly the Revenue Act of 1939), as amended. Call (312) 603-5542 for a complaint form and further information.

Approved by the Board of Review of Cook County for the revisions and corrections of the 2018 Real Estate Assessments, this 18th day of March, 2019. MICHAEL M. CABONARGI COMMISSIONER DAN PATLAK COMMISSIONER LARRY R. ROGERS, JR. COMMISSIONER

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 Cateleya Lopez

MINOR(S) CHILDREN OF Marilynn Alvarez AKA Marlynn Lopez AKA Marlynn Reyes AKA Marlynn Lopez (Mother)

JUVENILE NO.: 18JA00749

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

NOTICE IS GIVEN YOU, Unknown (Father), respondents, and to All Whom It May Concern, that on August 9, 2018, a petition was filed under the Juvenile Court Act by KIM FOXK in this court and that in the courtroom of Judge Demetrios Kottaras in the Cook County Juvenile Court Building, 1100 So. Hamilton Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, ON 04/04/2019, at 10:00 AM in CALENDAR 7 COURTROOM G, or as soon thereafter as this case may be heard, an adjudicatory hearing will be held upon the petition to have the minor declared to be a ward of the court and for other relief under the Act.

THE COURT HAS AUTHORITY IN THIS CASE TO TAKE FROM YOU THE CUSTODY AND GUARDIANSHIP OF THE MINOR, TO TERMINATE YOUR PARENTAL RIGHTS AND TO APPOINT A GUARDIAN WITH POWER TO CONSENT TO ADOPTION. YOU MAY LOSE ALL PARENTAL RIGHTS TO YOUR CHILD. IF THE PETITION REQUESTS THE TERMINATION OF YOUR PARENTAL RIGHTS AND APPOINTMENT OF A GUARDIAN WITH POWER TO CONSENT TO ADOPTION, YOU MAY LOSE ALL PARENTAL RIGHTS TO THE CHILD.

UNLESS YOU appear, you will not be entitled to further written notices or publication notices of the proceedings in this case, including the filing of an amended petition or a motion to terminate parental rights.

UNLESS YOU appear at the hearing and show cause against the petition, the allegations of the petition may stand admitted as against you and each of you, and an order of judgment entered.

DOROTHY BROWN, CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS March 21, 2019

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS JUVENILE JUSTICE AND CHILD PROTECTION DEPARTMENT JUVENILE JUSTICE DIVISION

IN THE INTEREST OF Dayion K Jones

A MINOR NO. 2019JD00136

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

Notice is given you, Maurice Aerkins (Father), respondents, and TO ALL WHOM IT MAY CONCERN, that on January 24, 2019, a petition was filed under the Juvenile Court Act by KIM FOXK, STATE'S ATTORNEY OF COOK COUNTY through her assistant State's Attorney in this court and that in the courtroom of Judge Marianne Jackson in the Cook County Juvenile Court Building located at 1100 South Hamilton, Chicago, Illinois on 03/28/2019, at 9:00 AM in CALENDAR 61 COURTROOM 6,

or as soon thereafter as this case may be heard, an adjudicatory hearing will be held upon the petition to have the minor declared to be a ward of the court and for other relief under the Act. The court has authority in this case to take from you the custody and guardianship of the minor.

Unless you appear at the hearing and show cause to the contrary, an order of judgment by default may be entered against you for the relief asked in the petition.

DOROTHY BROWN, CLERK OF COURT March 21, 2019

ASSISTANT STATE'S ATTORNEY: M. Tracz, L. Baker 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 JUVENILE JUSTICE DIVISION

IN THE INTEREST OF Devante Meeks

A MINOR NO. 2019JD00109

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

Notice is given you, Erica Meeks (Mother) Unknown (Father), respondents, and TO ALL WHOM IT MAY CONCERN, that on January 19, 2019, a petition was filed under the Juvenile Court Act by KIM FOXK, STATE'S ATTORNEY OF COOK COUNTY through her assistant State's Attorney in this court and that in the courtroom of Judge Edward Bowden in the Cook County Juvenile Court Building located at 1100 South Hamilton, Chicago, Illinois, on 04/03/2019 at 9:00 AM in CALENDAR 61 COURTROOM 6,

or as soon thereafter as this case may be heard, an adjudicatory hearing will be held upon the petition to have the minor declared to be a ward of the court and for other relief under the Act. The court has authority in this case to take from you the custody and guardianship of the minor.

Unless you appear at the hearing and show cause to the contrary, an order of judgment by default may be entered against you for the relief asked in the petition.

DOROTHY BROWN, CLERK OF COURT March 21, 2019

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CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT, COOK COUNTY OF ILLINOIS

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS JUVENILE JUSTICE AND CHILD PROTECTION DEPARTMENT CHILD PROTECTION DIVISION

IN THE INTEREST OF Kenneth Taylor

MINOR(S) CHILDREN OF Anitra Taylor (Mother)

JUVENILE NO.: 18JA00990

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

NOTICE IS GIVEN YOU, Leon New (Father) Any And All Unknown Fathers Any , respondents, and to All Whom It May Concern, that on October 4, 2018, a petition was filed under the Juvenile Court Act by KIM FOXK in this court and that in the courtroom of Judge Andrea Buford in the Cook County Juvenile Court Building, 1100 So. Hamilton Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, ON 04/04/2019, at 11:00 AM in CALENDAR 4 COURTROOM D, or as soon thereafter as this case may be heard, an adjudicatory hearing will be held upon the petition to have the minor declared to be a ward of the court and for other relief under the Act.

THE COURT HAS AUTHORITY IN THIS CASE TO TAKE FROM YOU THE CUSTODY AND GUARDIANSHIP OF THE MINOR, TO TERMINATE YOUR PARENTAL RIGHTS AND TO APPOINT A GUARDIAN WITH POWER TO CONSENT TO ADOPTION. YOU MAY LOSE ALL PARENTAL RIGHTS TO YOUR CHILD. IF THE PETITION REQUESTS THE TERMINATION OF YOUR PARENTAL RIGHTS AND APPOINTMENT OF A GUARDIAN WITH POWER TO CONSENT TO ADOPTION, YOU MAY LOSE ALL PARENTAL RIGHTS TO THE CHILD.

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UNLESS YOU appear at the hearing and show cause against the petition, the allegations of the petition may stand admitted as against you and each of you, and an order of judgment entered.

DOROTHY BROWN, CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS March 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 Nicholas Webb

MINOR(S) CHILDREN OF Erin Nagel (Mother) AKA Erin Nagel

JUVENILE NO.: 15JA01183

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

NOTICE IS GIVEN YOU, Kevin Webb (Father), respondents, and to All Whom It May Concern, that on February 4, 2019, a petition was filed under the Juvenile Court Act by KIM FOXK in this court and that in the courtroom of Judge Richard Stevens in the Cook County Juvenile Court Building, 1100 So. Hamilton Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, ON 04/10/2019, at 10:00 AM in CALENDAR 6 COURTROOM F, or as soon thereafter as this case may be heard, a hearing will be held upon the petition to terminate your parental rights and appoint a guardian with power to consent to adoption.

THE COURT HAS AUTHORITY IN THIS CASE TO TAKE FROM YOU THE CUSTODY AND GUARDIANSHIP OF THE MINOR, TO TERMINATE YOUR PARENTAL RIGHTS AND TO APPOINT A GUARDIAN WITH POWER TO CONSENT TO ADOPTION. YOU MAY LOSE ALL PARENTAL RIGHTS TO YOUR CHILD. IF THE PETITION REQUESTS THE TERMINATION OF YOUR PARENTAL RIGHTS AND APPOINTMENT OF A GUARDIAN WITH POWER TO CONSENT TO ADOPTION, YOU MAY LOSE ALL PARENTAL RIGHTS TO THE CHILD.

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DOROTHY BROWN, CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS March 21, 2019

BID NOTICE Evanston/ Skokie School District 65, will accept sealed bids for the following:

HOUSEKEEPING PRODUCTS

PAPER PRODUCTS To be received prior to 1:00 P.M. and opened on April 2, 2019 at the Evanston School District 65, Building and Grounds, 2017 Greenleaf, Evanston, IL 60202 at which time they will be opened publicly and read aloud at that time.

Specifications may be obtained at the Evanston School District 65, 2017 Greenleaf Street, Evanston, IL 60202 starting March 21, 2019.

It is the policy of School District 65 to provide equal opportunity to all qualified businesses in awarding of contracts, and accordingly promotes the utilization of diversified and local businesses to the maximum extent feasible in any contract issued against this solicitation of bid.

The owners reserve the right to waive any or all bids, or to accept that bid which in the Board's opinion is in the best interest of the Board of Education.

REQUEST FOR RELEASE OF FUNDS

On or about April 5, 2019 the Cook County Department of Planning and Development will submit a request to the U.S Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) to release Federal funds under Title I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974 (PL 93-383) for the following projects:

Cook County will provide approximately \$2,400,000 in HOME funds for:

Fifth Avenue Apartments, 802-820 South 5th Avenue, Maywood, Illinois: \$1,600,000 The HOME funds will support the new construction of 72 residential family units with a mix of one-, two-, and three-bedroom units. Upon completion, the project will also meet the Enterprise Green Communities Certification, including a solar hot water system while providing abundant natural light and durable finishes throughout the residential units.

Spruce Village, 498 East Spruce Drive, Palatine, Illinois: \$800,000 The loan will fund the new construction of a forty-four (44) unit, fully HOME-assisted, fully accessible development for individuals and families with developmental and physical disabilities under the Permanent Supportive Housing model of operation.

FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT

The Cook County Department of Planning and Development has determined that the project will have no significant impact on the human environment. Therefore, an Environmental Impact Statement under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA) is not required. Additional project information is contained in the Environmental Review Record (ERR) on file and available for the public's examination and copying, upon request, between the hours of 9:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M., Monday through Friday (except holidays) at 69 W. Washington Street, Suite 2900, Chicago, IL 60602.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Any individual, group, or agency may submit written comments on the ERR to the Cook County Department of Planning and Development. All comments received by April 5, 2019 will be considered by Cook County prior to authorizing submission of a request for release of funds. Comments should specify which Notice they are addressing.

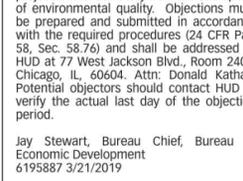
ENVIRONMENTAL CERTIFICATION

Cook County is certifying to HUD that Cook County and Jay Stewart, in his capacity as Bureau Chief, consents to accept the jurisdiction of the Federal Courts if an action is brought to enforce responsibilities in relation to the environmental review process and that these responsibilities have been satisfied. HUD's approval of the certification satisfies its responsibilities under NEPA and related laws and authorities and allows the Cook County to use Program funds.

OBJECTIONS TO RELEASE OF FUNDS

HUD will accept objections to its release of funds and Cook County's certification for a period of fifteen (15) days following the anticipated submission date or its actual receipt of the request (whichever is later) only if they are on one of the following bases: (a) the certification was not executed by the Certifying Officer; (b) the applicant has omitted a step or failed to make a decision or finding required by HUD regulations at 24 CFR part 58; (c) the grant recipient or other participants in the development process have committed funds, incurred costs or undertaken activities not authorized by 24 CFR Part 58 before approval of a release of funds by HUD/State; or (d) another Federal agency acting pursuant to 40 CFR Part 1504 has submitted a written finding that project is unsatisfactory from the standpoint of environmental quality. Objections must be prepared and submitted in accordance with the required procedures (24 CFR Part 58, Sec. 58.76) and shall be addressed to HUD at 77 West Jackson Blvd., Room 2401, Chicago, IL, 60604. Attn: Donald Kathan. Potential objectors should contact HUD to verify the actual last day of the objection period.

Jay Stewart, Bureau Chief, Bureau of Environmental Development 6195887 3/21/2019



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LEGAL NOTICES

The Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago will be accepting applications for the following classification(s):

Assistant Chief Operating Engineer (Promotional)

Application Filing Period: March 22, 2019 through April 19, 2019. Examination Date: May 10, 2019 at MWRD Main Office Building Annex, 111 E. Erie Street, Chicago, IL. Scope of Examination: Knowledge of assistant chief operating engineer practices. Nature of Position and Duties: Under general supervision, supervises and participates in the operation and maintenance of treatment plant or pumping station equipment within a sewage treatment plant complex. Pay: \$87,792.38 per year

Associate Process Control Engineer (Original)

Application Filing Period: March 15, 2019 through April 12, 2019. Examination Date: April 27, 2019 at Chicago High School for Agricultural Sciences (CHAS), 3857 West 111th Street, Chicago, IL. Scope of Examination: Knowledge of associate process control engineer practices. Nature of Position and Duties: Under general supervision, provides engineering services for the design, construction, improvement, modernization and maintenance for process instrumentation and computer control systems for water reclamation plants, pumping stations, and flood control reservoirs. Pay: \$79,107.08 per year

Desktop Engineer (Original & Promotional)

Application Filing Period: March 15, 2019 through April 12, 2019. Examination Date: May 4, 2019. Location: To be announced. Scope of Examination: Knowledge of desktop engineer practices. Nature of Position and Duties: Under supervision, manages and supports desktop enterprise solutions for hardware, operating systems, patch management, anti-virus, software distribution, and mobile device management and contributes to the design and implementation of core end-user technology standards. Pay: \$87,792.38 per year

Laborer Foreman (Promotional)

Application Filing Period: March 22, 2019 through April 19, 2019. Examination Date: May 4, 2019 at Stickey Water Reclamation Plant (SWRP), 6001 West Pershing, Stickney, IL. Scope of Examination: Knowledge of laborer foreman practices. Nature of Position and Duties: Under general supervision, has immediate charge of a crew of unskilled laborers working on general cleaning and grounds maintenance at a sewage treatment plant. Pay: \$43.25 per hour

Senior Desktop Engineer (Original & Promotional)

Application Filing Period: March 15, 2019 through April 12, 2019. Examination Date: May 4, 2019. Location: To be announced. Scope of Examination: Knowledge of senior desktop engineer practices. Nature of Position and Duties: Under direction, plans, manages and supports all desktop enterprise solutions for hardware, operating systems, patch management, antivirus, software distribution, and mobile device management and contributes to the design and implementation of core end-user technology standards. Pay: \$109,991.70 per year

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F18100292 SLS IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT, CHANCERY DIVISION Specialized Loan Servicing LLC Plaintiff, vs. Ricardas Sileikis aka Sileikis Ricardas; Burr Deed, L.L.C.; BMO Harris Bank N.A.; 850 Village Center Drive Condominium Association; Unknown Owners and Non-Record Claimants Perkins Landmark 62 Defendants. CASE NO. 19 CH 714 850 Village Center Drive, Unit 211 Burr Ridge, Illinois 60527 NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION The requisite affidavit for publication having been filed, notice is hereby given you, Ricardas Sileikis aka Sileikis Ricardas, and UNKNOWN OWNERS and NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS, defendants in the above entitled cause, that suit has been commenced against you and other defendants in the Circuit Court of Cook County, Illinois, and that the date and time for the judicial Circuit by said plaintiff praying for the foreclosure of a certain mortgage conveying the premises described as follows, to wit: PARCEL 1: UNIT 211 PARKING SPACE P-67 STORAGE SPACE S-5 IN 850 VILLAGE CENTER DRIVE CONDOMINIUM AS DEFINED ON A SURVEY OF THE FOLLOWING DESCRIBED REAL ESTATE: LOT 6-2 IN THE FINAL PLAT OF SUBDIVISION FOR BURR RIDGE VILLAGE CENTER RESUBDIVISION, A SUBDIVISION OF PART OF THE WEST 1/2 OF SECTION 30, TOWNSHIP 38 NORTH, RANGE 12 EAST OF THE THIRD PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN; WHICH SURVEY IS ATTACHED AS EXHIBIT "B" TO THE DECLARATION OF CONDOMINIUM RECORDED MAY 23, 2008 AS DOCUMENT 0814422089; AND AS AMENDED BY 0814422092 TOGETHER WITH ITS UNDIVIDED PERCENTAGE INTEREST IN THE COMMON ELEMENTS, ALL IN COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS. PARCEL 2: NON-EXCLUSIVE EASEMENTS FOR THE BENEFIT OF PARCEL 1 AS CREATED BY THE DECLARATION OF RECIPROCAL EASEMENTS, COVENANTS, CONDITIONS AND RESTRICTIONS RECORDED NOVEMBER 30, 2007 AS DOCUMENT 0733403124 FOR ACCESS, PARKING, STORM WATER DRAINAGE, SANITARY SEWER, WATER, GAS, ELECTRIC, TELEPHONE, CABLE TELEVISION AND COMMUNICATION, VERTICAL UTILITIES, MAINTENANCE, EROSION CONTROL, CONSTRUCTION, ENCROACHMENT, AND STRUCTURAL SUPPORT OVER, UPON AND UNDER THE COMMON AREAS OF LOTS 1 THROUGH 8 AND OUTLOTS A AND B IN BURR RIDGE VILLAGE CENTER SUBDIVISION. P.N. 1: 18-30-0028-0000 (underlying); 18-30-000-054-1001 (new) Said property is commonly known as 850 Village Center Drive, Unit 211, Burr Ridge, Illinois 60527, and which said mortgage(s) was/were made by Ricardas Sileikis and recorded in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds as Document Number 0815442054 and for other relief; that Summons was duly issued out of the above Court against you as provided by law and that said suit is now pending. NOW THEREFORE, unless you, the said above named defendants, answer to the complaint in the said suit or otherwise make your appearance therein, in the Office of the Clerk of the Court at Cook County on or before April 8, 2019, a default may be taken against you at any time after that date and a judgment entered in accordance with the prayer of said complaint. E-filing is now mandatory for documents in civil cases with limited exceptions. To e-file, you must first create an account with an e-filing service provider. Visit http://efile.illinoiscourts.gov/ service-providers.htm to learn more and to select a service provider. If you need additional help or have trouble e-filing, visit www.illinoiscourts.gov/FAQ/gethelp.asp. This communication is an attempt to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. Steven C. Lindberg ANSELMO LINDBERG & ASSOCIATES LLC 1771 W. Diehl Rd., Ste 120 Naperville, IL 60563-4947 630-453-6960 | 866-402-8661 | 630-428-4620 (fax) Attorney No. Cook 05852 DuPage 29317 Kane 09126104 Peoria 1749 Winnebago 3802. IL 03126232 llp@anselmolindberg.com THIS LAW FIRM IS DEEMED TO BE A DEBT COLLECTOR. Pub: 3/7, 14, 21/2019 6174731

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To: Cook County Clerk - Karen A. Yarbrough, Estate of T Prociuk SR, and Unknown Owners and Occupants, JP Morgan Chase Bank, National Association, s/v/i American National Bank and Trust Company of Chicago, as Trustee Under Trust Agreement dated July 30, 1993, and known as Trust Number 117221-05, any Unknown Owners and Nonrecord Claimants. TAX DEED NO. 2019COTD000590, FILED: 3/5/2019, TAKE NOTICE. County of Cook, Date Premises Sold July 20, 2017 Certificate No. 175-0002246. Sold for General Taxes of 2006-2015 Sold for Special Assessment of 2006-2015 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 2549 N. Cicero Ave., Chicago, Illinois 60639. Legal Description or Property Index No. 13-27-312-037-0000. 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 July 1, 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 July 1, 2019. This matter is set for hearing in the Circuit Court of this County in Room 1704 of the Richard J. Daley Center, 50 West Washington Street, Chicago, Illinois at 9:30 A.M. on August 7, 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 July 1, 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. COUNTY OF COOK, D/B/A COOK COUNTY LAND BANK AUTHORITY. Purchaser or Assignee, Date: 3/13/2019. Pub: 3/19, 20, 21/2019. 6189087

To: Clerk of Cook County, Unknown Owners and Occupants, Clerk of the City of Chicago, City of Chicago - Department of Streets and Sanitation, and Mitchell Bujak, any Unknown Owners and Nonrecord Claimants. TAX DEED NO. 2019COTD000553, FILED: 3/5/2019, TAKE NOTICE. County of Cook, Date Premises Sold July 20, 2017 Certificate No. 175-0002258. Sold for General Taxes of 2009-2015 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 2549 N. Cicero Ave., Chicago, Illinois 60639. Legal Description or Property Index No. 13-27-312-037-0000. 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 July 1, 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

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To: Clerk of Cook County, Unknown Occupants, Marquette Bank, Taxpayer of, Michael Pliuksis n/k/a Michael Lukis, Tile Roots, Inc. c/o Michael Pliuksis n/k/a Michael Lukis, Imants Lukis, and Imants Lukis, Michael Pliuksis n/k/a Michael Lukis, any Unknown Owners and Nonrecord Claimants. TAX DEED NO. 2019COTD000690, FILED: 3/13/2019, TAKE NOTICE, County of Cook, Date Premises Sold July 24, 2017 Certificate No. 175-0009675. Sold for General Taxes of 2013-2015 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 12109 S. Union Ave., Chicago, Illinois 60628. Legal Description or Property Index No. 25-28-118-003-0000. 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 July 1, 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 July 1, 2019. This matter is set for hearing in the Circuit Court of this County in Room 1704 of the Richard J. Daley Center, 50 West Washington Street, Chicago, Illinois at 9:30 A.M. on August 7, 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 July 1, 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. COUNTY OF COOK, D/B/A COOK COUNTY LAND BANK AUTHORITY. Purchaser or Assignee. Date: 3/14/2019. Pub: 3/19, 20, 21/2019. 6190288

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To: Clerk of Cook County, Meat Factory, Inc., and Unknown Owners and Occupants, Meat Factory, Inc. c/o Terry G. Chapman, any Unknown Owners and Nonrecord Claimants. TAX DEED NO. 2019COTD000534, FILED: 2/15/2019, TAKE NOTICE, County of Cook, Date Premises Sold July 24, 2017 Certificate No. 175-0009703. Sold for General Taxes of 2013-2015 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 12835 S Halsted St, Chicago, Illinois 60628. Legal Description or Property Index No. 25-33-110-001-0000. 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 July 1, 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 July 1, 2019. This matter is set for hearing in the Circuit Court of this County in Room 1704 of the Richard J. Daley Center, 50 West Washington Street, Chicago, Illinois at 9:30 A.M. on August 7, 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 July 1, 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. COUNTY OF COOK, D/B/A COOK COUNTY LAND BANK AUTHORITY. Purchaser or Assignee. Date: 3/19/2019. Pub: 3/19, 20, 21/2019. 6183124

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To: Cook County Clerk - Karen A. Yarbrough, Unknown Owners and Occupants, and DEDA, Mako Properties, Inc. c/o Olga Nitchoff, any Unknown Owners and Nonrecord Claimants. TAX DEED NO. 2019COTD000592, FILED: 3/5/2019, TAKE NOTICE, County of Cook, Date Premises Sold July 14, 2017 Certificate No. 175-0003016. Sold for General Taxes of 2007-2015 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 14141 Chicago St, Dolton, Illinois 60419. Legal Description or Property Index No. 29-03-202-036-0000. 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 July 1, 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 July 1, 2019. This matter is set for hearing in the Circuit Court of this County in Room 1704 of the Richard J. Daley Center, 50 West Washington Street, Chicago, Illinois at 9:30 A.M. on August 7, 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 July 1, 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. COUNTY OF COOK, D/B/A COOK COUNTY LAND BANK AUTHORITY. Purchaser or Assignee. Date: 3/14/2019. Pub: 3/19, 20, 21/2019. 6189912

To: West Town Buyers Group LLC, c/o Joel L. Chupack; West Town Buyers Group LLC, c/o Brian Huffman; Lester Hill; Judgment Creditors, And Secree Creditors, Any and The Above Described As "Unknown Owners"; David D. Orr, Cook County Clerk; Parties in Occupancy Or Actual Possession Of Said Property; Unknown Owners Or Persons Interested In Said Land Or Lot. TAX DEED NO. 2019COTD000444, FILED: March 7, 2019 TAKE NOTICE, County of Cook, State of Illinois Date Premises Sold: January 15, 2019 Certificate No. F56613 Sold for General Taxes of: 2016 Forfeiture (including prior years 2010-2015) Sold For Special Assessment of (Municipality) Not Applicable. And Special Assessment No. Not Applicable. Warrant No. Not Applicable. Inst. No. Not Applicable. THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES Property located at: 13500 S. Calhoun Ave., Chicago, Illinois 60633 Legal Description or Property Index No. 25-36-413-019-0000 Vol. 294 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 July 15, 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 July 15, 2019. This matter is set for hearing in the Circuit Court of this County in Room 1704, Richard J. Daley Center, 50 W. Washington Street, Chicago, Illinois on August 2, 2019 at 9:30 a.m. 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 July 15, 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 N. Clark Street, Room 434, Chicago, IL 60602 Telephone: (312) 603-5645 WILLIAM PACELLA, purchaser or assignee Dated: March 13, 2019. Judd Date Premises Sold: 9/27/2015. Certificate Suite 304 Chicago, IL 60607 312-795-9600 harrislaw@sbcbglobal.net. Pub: 3/19, 20, 21/2019. 6188363

To: Cook County Clerk - Karen A. Yarbrough, Unknown Owners and Occupants, Clerk of the City of Chicago, City of Chicago - Building and License Enforcement Division, and Levester Husband, any Unknown Owners and Nonrecord Claimants. TAX DEED NO. 2019COTD000653, FILED: 3/11/2019, TAKE NOTICE, County of Cook, Date Premises Sold July 19, 2017 Certificate No. 175-0004426. Sold for General Taxes of 1997-2015 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 8727 S. Escanaba Ave, Chicago, Illinois 60617. Legal Description or Property Index No. 26-06-200-026-0000. 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 July 1, 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 July 1, 2019. This matter is set for hearing in the Circuit Court of this County in Room 1704 of the Richard J. Daley Center, 50 West Washington Street, Chicago, Illinois at 9:30 A.M. on August 14, 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 July 1, 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. COUNTY OF COOK, D/B/A COOK COUNTY LAND BANK AUTHORITY. Purchaser or Assignee. Date: 3/13/2019. Pub: 3/19, 20, 21/2019. 6188251

To: Donald F Schroud, Unknown Owners and Occupants, Chicago Title Land Trust Company, as successor trustee to American National Bank and Trust Company, as trustee, Draper and Kramer, Inc. c/o CT Corporation System, Cook County Clerk - Karen A. Yarbrough, Erik Lien, Anthony C. Scolaro, Anthony C. Scolaro, George Locasto, George Locasto, Maria Smithburg, and Maria Smithburg, Chicago Title Land Trust Company, as successor trustee to American National Bank and Trust Company, as trustee under trust agreement dated March 15, 1994 and known as trust number 118069-08, any Unknown Owners and Nonrecord Claimants. TAX DEED NO. 2019COTD000608, FILED: 3/5/2019, TAKE NOTICE, County of Cook, Date Premises Sold July 24, 2017 Certificate No. 175-0006585. Sold for General Taxes of 2006-2015 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 12800 S Burley Ave, Chicago, Illinois 60633. Legal Description or Property Index No. 26-30-416-010-0000. 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 July 1, 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 July 1, 2019. This matter is set for hearing in the Circuit Court of this County in Room 1704 of the Richard J. Daley Center, 50 West Washington Street, Chicago, Illinois at 9:30 A.M. on August 21, 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 July 1, 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. COUNTY OF COOK, D/B/A COOK COUNTY LAND BANK AUTHORITY. Purchaser or Assignee. Date: 3/14/2019. Pub: 3/19, 20, 21/2019. 6190863

To: Cook County Clerk - Karen A. Yarbrough, Unknown Owners and Occupants, Michael Pliuksis n/k/a Michael Lukis, Tile Roots, Inc. c/o Michael Pliuksis n/k/a Michael Lukis, and Imants Lukis, any Unknown Owners and Nonrecord Claimants. TAX DEED NO. 2019COTD000629, FILED: 3/5/2019, TAKE NOTICE, County of Cook, Date Premises Sold July 24, 2017 Certificate No. 175-0009673. Sold for General Taxes of 2013-2015 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 12101 S Union Ave, Chicago, Illinois 60628. Legal Description or Property Index No. 25-28-118-001-0000. 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 July 1, 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 July 1, 2019. This matter is set for hearing in the Circuit Court of this County in Room 1704 of the Richard J. Daley Center, 50 West Washington Street, Chicago, Illinois at 9:30 A.M. on August 21, 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 July 1, 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. COUNTY OF COOK, D/B/A COOK COUNTY LAND BANK AUTHORITY. Purchaser or Assignee. Date: 3/14/2019. Pub: 3/19, 20, 21/2019. 6189995

To: Michael Pliuksis, Unknown Occupants, Cook County Clerk - Karen A. Yarbrough, Ollie Johnson, Michael Pliuksis n/k/a Michael Lukis, Tile Roots, Inc. c/o Michael Pliuksis n/k/a Michael Lukis, and Imants Lukis, any Unknown Owners and Nonrecord Claimants. TAX DEED NO. 2019COTD000561, FILED: 2/25/2019, TAKE NOTICE, County of Cook, Date Premises Sold July 24, 2017 Certificate No. 175-0009676. Sold for General Taxes of 2013-2015 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 12115 S. Union Ave., Chicago, Illinois 60628. Legal Description or Property Index No. 25-28-118-034-0000. 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 July 1, 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 July 1, 2019. This matter is set for hearing in the Circuit Court of this County in Room 1704 of the Richard J. Daley Center, 50 West Washington Street, Chicago, Illinois at 9:30 AM, on August 7, 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 July 1, 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. COUNTY OF COOK, D/B/A COOK COUNTY LAND BANK AUTHORITY. Purchaser or Assignee. Date: 3/7/2019. Pub: 3/19, 20, 21/2019. 6179797

To: Gods Plan LLC c/o Illinois Secretary of State, Unknown Occupants, Cook County Clerk - Karen A. Yarbrough, City of Chicago Clerk, Anna M. Valencia, and City of Chicago - Department of Streets and Sanitation, any Unknown Owners and Nonrecord Claimants. TAX DEED NO. 2019COTD000539, FILED: 2/19/2019, TAKE NOTICE, County of Cook, Date Premises Sold July 24, 2017 Certificate No. 175-0009686. Sold for General Taxes of 2006-2015 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 12315 S. Lowe Ave., Chicago, Illinois 60628. Legal Description or Property Index No. 25-28-303-024-0000. 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 July 1, 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 July 1, 2019. This matter is set for hearing in the Circuit Court of this County in Room 1704 of the Richard J. Daley Center, 50 West Washington Street, Chicago, Illinois at 9:30 AM, on August 7, 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 July 1, 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. COUNTY OF COOK, D/B/A COOK COUNTY LAND BANK AUTHORITY. Purchaser or Assignee. Date: 3/6/2019. Pub: 3/19, 20, 21/2019. 6179140

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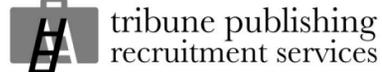
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Bradley's brave new world

International recruiting helped transform Braves into a tournament team

BY SHANNON RYAN
Chicago Tribune

DES MOINES, Iowa — The extent of what Luuk van Bree knew about Bradley was what showed up when he Googled the university at his prep school in Spain.

He saw where it was on a map of the United States, read about its strong academic programs and observed photos of a nice arena. When he received a Skype call from Bradley coaches, he was sold.

Without ever visiting the Peoria campus, the 6-foot-9 Dutch forward committed to the Braves.

"I wasn't super aware how recruiting worked," van Bree said. "They said, 'You should come play for us.'"

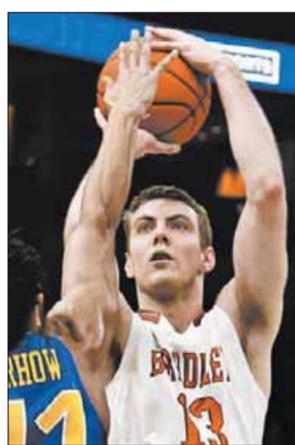
He said, "OK." Bradley has more foreign countries represented on its roster than any other team in the NCAA Tournament with players from Australia, Cameroon, Canada, England, Netherlands and South Sudan.

"It's worldwide now, more than

ever," Braves coach Brian Wardle said of recruiting. "And it's easier to get film more than ever."

The 15th-seeded Braves will try to upset No. 2 seed Michigan State in the first round of the NCAA Tournament on Thursday in Des Moines. Bradley (20-14) went from an 0-5 start in Missouri Valley Conference play to winning nine of its last 11 games, including the conference tournament, to earn its first appearance in March Madness since 2006.

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Dutch forward Luuk van Bree committed to Bradley in 2015 without visiting the campus.

NCAA TOURNAMENT

Thursday's top games
Louisville vs. Minnesota
 11:15 a.m., CBS-2
Michigan State vs. Bradley
 1:45 p.m., CBS-2
Maryland vs. Belmont
 2:10 p.m., truTV
Marquette vs. Murray State
 3:30 p.m., TBS
Michigan vs. Montana
 8:20 p.m., TNT
Purdue vs. Old Dominion
 8:50 p.m., TBS

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Sox all in on Eloy

Team places 6-year, \$43 million bet that Jimenez is ready to become the face of the franchise

If you checked the White Sox's Twitter page Wednesday afternoon for the big Eloy Jimenez news out of Arizona, you might have seen a photo of a plate of sweet potato fries smothered in Hershey's syrup and Nutella.

No, that wasn't it, although nothing gets fans as excited for opening day at Sox Park as the thought of food, unless of course it's the thought of beer.

Scrolling up to the top of the @whitesox feed revealed a video of Michael Kopech hiking in the mountains and philosophizing about finding "true peace." A nice reminder that Kopech is handling his elbow injury



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On the White Sox

well, but not exactly as big as the Eloy rumor.

Fortunately, the White Sox game was televised on NBC Sports Chicago. Play-by-play broadcaster Jason Benetti teased the news before saying reporter Chuck Garfien would have the full story after the commercial break.

I couldn't wait that long, so I took another look at the phone and searched for the Twitter account of trusted Athletic/MLB Network/Fox Sports reporter Ken Rosenthal, who along with ESPN's Jeff Passan confirmed a report that Jimenez had agreed to a six-year, \$43 million con-

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CUBS

Rizzo 'ready for every scenario'

After slow start to '18, first baseman vows to stay patient, productive

BY MARK GONZALES
Chicago Tribune

When Anthony Rizzo was mired in one of the most prolonged slumps of his otherwise successful career, the Cubs slugger admittedly was frustrated but wasn't about to overhaul his swing.

The trust Rizzo has in his swing — learning that panicking doesn't

help and a season doesn't consist of only one month — puts him at ease at the plate.

"There were a couple (of) factors last year," Rizzo said.

He was referring to leaving spring training in February 2018 to support those affected by the Stoneman Douglas High School shooting in Parkland, Fla., that left 17 dead. Rizzo, a Stoneman Douglas graduate, gave an emotional speech at a vigil for the victims in Parkland.

He also dealt with back tightness that sidelined him for eight games in early April.

"By going through that last year, I'm ready for anything," Rizzo said. "It's kind of a calmness I've had about hitting .130 or .140 in April and still ending up where I ended up. I'm ready for every scenario. It's a good feeling."

"There's no reason to panic because I've definitely panicked in April before. And it just doesn't do you any good."

Rizzo hopes his smooth start in spring training will carry over to a daunting opening stretch for the Cubs. They start the season with

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Despite a cold start in 2018, Anthony Rizzo finished with 100 RBIs for the fourth straight season and 25 homers for the fifth consecutive year.

TOP OF THE SECOND



PHIL ROSENTHAL

Tournament is must-see TV

With Minnesota coach Richard Pitino out to avenge Louisville's firing of his father, Rick, at 11:15 a.m. Thursday on CBS, the NCAA Tournament's Round of 64 really gets rolling.

By the time Vermont-Florida State tips at 1 p.m. on TBS, four games could be going on simultaneously, what with New Mexico State-Auburn having started at 12:30 p.m. on TNT and Yale-LSU at 11:40 a.m. on TruTV.

Wow. Haven't thought about TruTV since last year's tournament. Why are they starting games there?

Not a fan of "The Carbonaro Effect" or "Impractical Jokers," I take it. Well, it's a Turner channel, like TBS and TNT, now all under the WarnerMedia banner. CBS and Turner share the NCAA Tournament rights.

Where do I find TruTV on my cable or satellite provider?

What am I, psychic? Not knowing where you live or which cable or satellite provider you use, I have no idea what channel number it is for you. But if you go to trutv.com, click on the schedule site, then "Channel Finder" and enter your ZIP code, you should get your answer. I'm assuming you know where TNT, TBS and CBS are.

How long do I have to remember TruTV?

Just through the first weekend of the tournament. By the Round of 16, all the games are on CBS or TBS. The Final Four, on April 6, and title game, on April 8, are on CBS.

Can I just stream the games?

Sure. You can stream on desktop and mobile web via NCAA.com, as well as the websites and apps for each channel. You also can use the March Madness Live app, available for such platforms as Android, Android TV, iOS, Apple TV, Amazon Echo, Amazon Fire tablets, Amazon Fire TV, Chromecast, Xbox One, Roku, Oculus Go and Samsung Gear VR. That's not an exhaustive list, just exhausting. But you get the idea.

That sounds almost too easy. What am I missing?

After watching long enough to see a little more than one game, Turner will require the log in from a cable, satellite or streaming provider. CBS requires a subscription sign-in for its "All Access" site. The March Madness Live app will stream CBS games but not allow you to use a digital media player to watch them on a TV or with a video projector.

What do I do if I'm not paying for my TV service now and don't want to start?



JARED C. TILTON/GETTY

Maryland-Baltimore County players celebrate their stunning upset of Virginia last year.

Get some friends. Go to a bar. Seriously? For the cable games, live-streaming services such as YouTube TV, Hulu+Live TV, Sling TV and Fubo TV have five- to seven-day free-trial periods. That won't get you access to the whole tournament gratis — how diabolically clever of them — but it's better than nothing. The good news is all you should need is a digital antenna and TV to get the CBS games on free TV.

But ...

I'm going to stop you right there. I'm sure there are other hacks. But while I think the multibillion-dollar CBS/Turner TV deal with the NCAA is obscene, especially given where that money goes and doesn't go, it would be somewhat hypocritical for someone who writes for a media outlet reliant on paid subscriptions and advertising revenue to get too deep in the weeds on how to circumvent another outlet's turnstile. That's what Google is for.

So that's it?

You can always listen to the games. WMVP-AM 1000 is the Chicago outlet for Westwood One tournament broadcasts. All the games' radio broadcasts are available on the March Madness Live website and app. Funny story: One year I was in Ecuador and had no access to tournament games. Video was unavailable, but thanks to the app I was able to listen on my phone as my alma mater was bounced from the regional semifinals by one point in overtime.

That's not such a funny story. Maybe it would be if Charles Barkley told it. He even makes puns seem funny in those credit-card ads. What's he doing during the tournament besides commercials?

He'll be on some of the Turner studio shows working as an analyst and bemoaning his bracket picks going up in smoke.

Sir Charles isn't picking Duke?

Maybe he will. Maybe he won't. Either way, he almost always is out of contention by the first Saturday. Certainly a lot of people are picking the Blue Devils. With Zion Williamson, RJ Barrett and Cameron Reddish potentially the first three picks in the NBA draft, they are an 11-5 tournament favorite, the top overall seed, the No. 1 seed in the East and one of three Atlantic Coast Conference No. 1 seeds in the tournament. So yeah, it will not be a big surprise if Duke wins the thing. One highly predictable shining moment.

Like Virginia last year?

Touche. Many thought the ACC's Cavaliers were glory-bound. Instead, they were homeward bound, the first No. 1 seed to get ousted by a No. 16 seed, Maryland-Baltimore County. That's part of what makes the tournament must-see TV. Gonzaga, for example, is a No. 1 seed despite not being in the ACC and losing in the West Coast Conference Tournament to St. Mary's. Just goes to show you never know.

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LET'S PLAY 2

	Thursday Giants 3:05 p.m.	Friday (ss) Rangers/ @Indians 3:05/8:05 p.m.
	Thursday Rangers 3:05 p.m.	Friday @Angels 3:10 p.m. NBCSCH
	Saturday Jazz 7 p.m. WGN-9	Tuesday @Raptors 6:30 p.m. NBCSCH
	Thursday Flyers 7:30 p.m. WGN-9	Saturday @Avalanche 2 p.m. NBCSCH
	March 30 Red Bulls Noon ESPN+	April 6 @Toronto 2 p.m. ESPN+

THURSDAY TV/RADIO

MLB	4:30 a.m. Mariners vs. A's	ESPN
	Noon Blue Jays at Phillies	MLB Network
MEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL	11 a.m. Minnesota vs. Louisville	CBS-2
	11:30 a.m. Yale vs. LSU	truTV
	12:20 p.m. New Mexico St. vs. Auburn	TNT
	12:50 p.m. Vermont vs. Florida St.	TBS
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	5:45 p.m. Florida vs. Nevada	TNT
	6 p.m. Abilene Chr. vs. Kentucky	CBS-2
	6:15 p.m. St. Mary's vs. Villanova	TBS
	6:25 p.m. F. Dickinson vs. Gonzaga	truTV
	8:15 p.m. Montana vs. Michigan	TNT
	8:30 p.m. Seton Hall vs. Wofford	CBS-2
	8:45 p.m. Old Dominion vs. Purdue	TBS
	8:55 p.m. Baylor vs. Syracuse	truTV
GOLF	1 p.m. Valspar Championship	Golf
	5 p.m. Bank of Hope Founders Cup	Golf
	2:30 a.m. (Fri.) Maybank Champ.	Golf
NHL	7:30 p.m. Flyers at Blackhawks	WGN-9 WGN-AM 720
WOMEN'S COLLEGE LACROSSE	4 p.m. Maryland at Penn State	ESPNU
	6 p.m. Michigan at Ohio State	BTN
SOCCER	2:30 p.m. Belgium vs. Russia	ESPN2
	7 p.m. United States vs. Ecuador	ESPN2
TENNIS	10 a.m. Miami Open	Tennis
	6 p.m. Miami Open	Tennis
COLLEGE WRESTLING	11 a.m. NCAA Tournament	ESPNU
	6 p.m. NCAA Tournament	ESPN

Wobbly Wildcats have work to do

Those social media photo montages look sweet, don't they?

First we were treated to 10 mini-pics of Aaron Falzon, outlined in purple, next to an all-caps statement opening with "I'd like to thank Coach Collins ..."

Jordan Ash's online art project was unveiled three days later. Same framing, same font: "I sincerely appreciate Coach Collins ..."

And Tuesday evening brought images of a smiling, screaming Barret Benson. Same purple, same caps: "I am extremely thankful for my time ..."

Who needs a transfer portal when you have the Northwestern basketball Twitter feed?

Seriously, though, the transfers are leaving NU hoops fans miffed and wondering: Why is this happening? What does this mean for the future? Will it take another 78 years to make the NCAA Tournament again?

Here are some thoughts from a guy who has been observing the program since coach Chris Collins was 16. (Pssst ... he's 44 now.)

1. Big picture, this is not good. Northwestern needs to be a developmental program, like Wisconsin and Notre Dame. Bring in three-star players such as Bryant McIntosh, Scottie Lindsey and Dererk Pardon, add proper coaching and ... yada yada yada ... they become All-Big Ten-caliber players. One-and-dones and one-hit wonders are for other programs.

2. Five players have transferred out since the end of the 2017-18 season: Benson, Falzon, Ash, Rapolas Ivanauskas and Isiah Brown. Attribute that to a mix of recruiting mistakes, injuries and impatience.

None is an A-list player, but Ivanauskas and Brown could have helped Northwestern avoid the Big Ten cellar this season. Instead Ivanauskas is playing in the NCAA Tournament for Colgate after earning Patriot League player of the year honors. Brown sat out after transferring to Grand Canyon. Did Collins run them off? Was he too honest with them, too reluctant to promise playing time? An estimated 1,000 players are in the transfer portal, seeking bluer skies. Players want minutes. Now. And some coaches think they can shop for victories. *Has anyone seen the stretch-five in Aisle 10?*



TEDDY GREENSTEIN
On Northwestern

3. NU higher-ups are concerned but not alarmed.

Collins remains very highly regarded and has a contract through 2025. He broke through in 2017 despite crummy facilities. Now the Wildcats play in a glistening Welsh-Ryan Arena, and a \$30 million practice facility will be unveiled soon. In addition, Benson, Falzon and Ash all earned their undergraduate

degrees. Flip side, Collins has had four losing seasons in six years. And as for next season ...

4. The Wildcats will be picked to finish last in the Big Ten.

Which doesn't mean they will. But that's what happens when you finish 14th and lose your top three scorers in Vic Law, Pardon and Ryan Taylor.

5. The Benson transfer was a surprise.

Ash and Falzon took part in senior day festivities. Had Falzon stayed, he might have been a valuable long-range shooter next season, but he's limited defensively because of injuries and wanted a fresh start. Benson regressed in his three seasons but has a great spirit. He's popular, friendly, local (Hinsdale South), smart and has great hair. Plus he's 6-foot-10. He was definitely not run off. Perhaps he didn't think he would get a legitimate chance to re-establish himself given that the Wildcats still have four players 6-9 or taller.

Bottom line: The final link to Northwestern's greatest modern team is gone.

6. The number of transfers who contributed to NU's breakthrough tournament season: zero.

That season came two years ago. I double-checked. It only seems like 20.

7. Collins has become too reliant on transfers.

And he will have to be again. Only six scholarship players are returning: senior A.J. Turner, junior Anthony Gaines, sophomore Pete Nance, Miller Kopp and Ryan Greer and redshirt freshman Ryan Young. Turner, Gaines, Nance and Kopp are Big Ten-caliber players; Greer and Young are unproven.

Collins has three incoming freshmen, including the highest-rated recruit in program history in 6-9 Robbie Beran. The others are point guard Daniel "Boo" Buie, whom skeptics view as more of a midmajor talent, and big man Jared Jones, who is

said to be a high-energy defender with a nice shooting touch.

That's nine players.

8. A source said Northwestern is pursuing guard Javon Freeman, a Young alumnus who is transferring from Valparaiso, and forward Justin Pierce, a graduate transfer from William & Mary whom Wisconsin also reportedly has offered.

Pierce is an alumnus of Glenbard West, which produced John Shurna.

Transfers, as one college coach put it, are a "crapshoot." Counting on midmajor guys who may or may not fit into a team's culture is no way to live.

Collins is 0-for-3 in getting much production from grad transfers, starting with big men Jeremiah Kreisberg and Joey van Zegeren.

Taylor was a hot commodity after averaging 21.3 points for Evansville. He scored 9.8 a game for Northwestern and had one assist every 24.5 minutes.

9. The retain-and-develop model can work.

Look at Northwestern football. No one ever leaves. Hunter Johnson is a stud quarterback who figures to take every meaningful snap for the next two to three years. There's a reliable backup in TJ Green. Yet quarterbacks Aidan Smith, Andrew Marty and Jason Whittaker are all sticking around. Matt Alviti waited five years to get his chance, which came after Clayton Thorson blew out his knee in the Music City Bowl. No one leaves.

Collins needs to develop his players, starting with Nance and Kopp. They are four-star talents who did not play like it this season. (In his defense, Nance lost a month and 20 pounds because of mono.) Coincidence or not, player development has slowed since the departure of two assistant coaches — Pat Baldwin, who took over at Milwaukee, and Armon Gates, who left for Nebraska.

10. Collins got unlucky

when incoming freshman Jordan Lathon had his admission revoked in the spring. Lathon would have been the starting point guard. His commitment led to Brown's departure, and his disappearance forced players such as Law and Turner to play out of position. Still, you can't allow the loss of one player to wreck your season. What if Lathon had blown out a knee?

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Barret Benson, a Hinsdale South grad, will transfer for his final college season.

Mullins set to return to SIU as next coach

Porter Moser is losing his right-hand man at Loyola.

Associate coach Bryan Mullins will return to his alma mater to take over at Southern Illinois, Stadium reporter Jeff Goodman tweeted.

The Downers Grove South product led the Salukis to a 29-7 record and a Sweet 16 appearance as a player in 2006-07 and earned second-team all-conference honors the next season. He joined Loyola as director of basketball operations in 2013 before earning promotions to assistant and associate head coach.

Last year Moser said of Mullins: "He has every quality I'd want in someone on my staff: loyal, hard-working, smart, tough, winning mentality. He checks all those boxes."

Mullins takes over for Barry Hinson, who finished over .500 in each of his final four seasons (out of seven) but never led the Salukis to a Missouri Valley Conference title or the NCAA Tournament.

— Teddy Greenstein

MEN'S NCAA TOURNAMENT

MICHIGAN STATE
VS. BRADLEY

Breaking down the matchups

BY SHANNON RYAN
Chicago Tribune

Bradley drew one of the toughest first-round matchups in its first NCAA Tournament appearance since 2006.

The 15th-seeded Braves (20-14) will need to replicate the magic of that Sweet 16 run to get past Michigan State on Thursday in Des Moines, Iowa. The second-seeded Spartans (28-6) present a nightmarish matchup with depth, size, experience and swagger after winning the Big Ten regular-season and tournament titles.

Here's a look at how these teams stack up.

Offense

Point guard Cassius Winston (18.9 points, 7.6 assists per game), the Big Ten player of the year, is the latest in a long line of Spartans leaders who can take over a game. Injuries have plagued Michigan State this season. Joshua Langford, who averaged 15 points, was lost for the season, and Nick Ward returned in the Big Ten Tournament after missing five games. The Spartans have weathered the injuries with quality depth and multiple scoring options. Reserve guard Foster Loyer hit four 3-pointers to help beat Ohio State in the Big Ten quarterfinals. Matt McQuaid hit seven 3s to help beat Michigan in the title game.

Bradley can hit 3s, too, making 36.6 percent on the season. Guard Darrell Brown, the Braves' leading scorer with 14.7 points per game, shoots 43.9 percent from beyond the arc. Nate Kennell is a 40.3 percent shooter on 3-pointers, and Dwayne Lautier-Ogunleye makes 39.2 percent. In the Missouri Valley Conference Tournament, the Braves offense went long stretches without scoring against Loyola and Northern Iowa. Against Missouri State on Jan. 26, Bradley managed only 37 points in an 18-point loss. The Braves average only 66.6 points — 13.1 fewer than Michigan State.

Advantage: Michigan State.

Defense

Ward needs to return to full strength to help the Spartans dominate, but his imposing size alone will disrupt the Braves. Like many Michigan State teams, this one controls the boards, outrebounding opponents by nine per game. The Spartans are well-balanced, ranking 37th in the country in points per game (79.7) and 38th in opponents' points per game (65.5).

This is Bradley's strength. The Braves held their last three opponents under 60 points and give up only 65 per game and 41.1 percent field-goal shooting. Watch out for Bradley forward Elijah Childs, who is among the nation's top 100 shot blockers with 47.

Advantage: Michigan State.

Coaching

Bradley's Brian Wardle, 39, deserves credit for transforming one of the nation's youngest teams — that won only five games his first season — into an experienced bunch that is headed to the NCAA Tournament. This is his first time coaching in the tournament.

Michigan State's Tom Izzo, 64, is among the most accomplished coaches to stand on a sideline. He has guided the Spartans to 22 NCAA Tournament appearances and has coached in seven Final Fours. He's looking for his second national championship after winning in 2000. Izzo recently earned his 600th career victory.

Advantage: Michigan State.

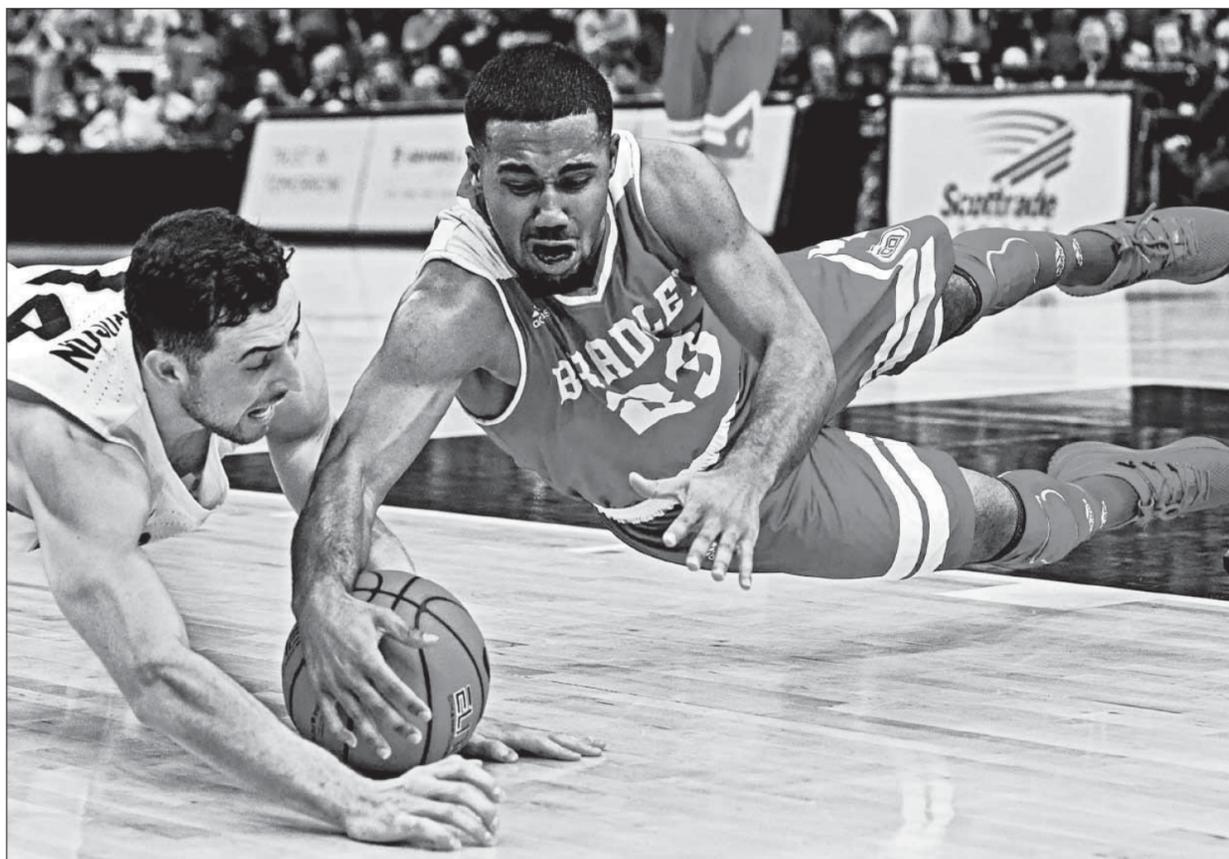
Intangibles

Bradley already has experienced a bit of a Cinderella run, overcoming an 0-5 start in the Missouri Valley to win nine of its last 11 games and earn an automatic bid. The Braves have won eight games by five or fewer points and won the last three by three or fewer. There's also that whole underdog storyline that motivates teams this time of year. It fits Bradley as Michigan State is an 18½-point favorite.

The Spartans are on a roll after their Big Ten Tournament victory and beating rival Michigan three times in three tries. They've won 10 of their last 11 games.

Advantage: Bradley.

Prediction: Michigan State 77, Bradley 61.



Senior guard Dwayne Lautier-Ogunleye of England is one of six current Bradley players from foreign countries.

International flavor

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"Just seeing how happy people are and how excited they are we're back here at this stage," said van Bree, a senior who averages 5.7 points and 4.1 rebounds. "The excitement we can share with (fans) is pretty cool."

It's a marvel that young men from all over Earth have come together to reach this stage. But Bradley isn't alone.

From Suriname to Serbia, Nigeria to Norway, college basketball brims with international talent.

Forty-six of the 68 NCAA Tournament teams have at least one player from a foreign country. There are 110 players born outside of the United States competing, with 42 countries represented.

"It shows what people can do when they work together," Bradley assistant coach Drew Adams said. "(Bradley players) won five games as freshmen and now have back-to-back 20-win seasons and are in the NCAA Tournament. It's what college really should be about, meeting people from other cultures and learning about the world."

Bradley's international roster was assembled out of necessity.

When Bradley hired Wardle in May 2015, others had already scooped up most recruits. Adams said the program had about nine scholarships available, so the coaches reached out to international contacts and reviewed film of players who had excelled in U-18 FIBA competition.

Van Bree and Englishman Dwayne Lautier-Ogunleye were part of that first recruiting class. Center Koch Bar from South Sudan and guard Jayden Hodgson of Australia followed the next year. Canadian swingman Ja'Shon Henry and center Ari Boya of Cameroon are freshmen this season.

Bradley's rosters used to be built on Chicago-area talent. The Braves don't list one player from the area on their roster and have only four from Illinois. Wardle, a standout player at Hinsdale Central and Marquette, said city recruiting is important, but so is fit — no matter where the player hails from.

"We saw the pedigree, and they were high-character guys," Wardle said. "The network has been built. They love Bradley. It's a diverse campus. The education is great. It's a smaller campus. The word has spread."

Lautier-Ogunleye was a 15-year-old in London in 2012, dreaming about playing college basketball in the U.S. His friend Jesse Chuku had committed to play at Lehigh the next season, so Lautier-Ogunleye watched as the 15th-seeded Mountain Hawks upset No. 2 Duke in the NCAA Tournament.

It's poetic that he's now trying to pull off a similar 15-vs.-2 shocker.

"This team (Lehigh) everyone said was going to lose and it won," he said. "I said at that age, I want to be part of (the tournament) in the future."

Lautier-Ogunleye, a 6-4 senior

guard who averages 8.6 points and 5.4 rebounds, heard from Adams for the first time via Facebook after one of Adams' coaching friends told him about the promising player.

"I came on my visit, maybe a week after we actually spoke," he said. "I loved my visit and I committed before leaving Bradley. The coach said they wanted to change the program from the ground up and said I would be a part of it from the start, and I was sold. To take the program from where it was my freshman year to now is incredible."

Players said the experience has been enriching and eye-opening.

Van Bree said he would look quizzically at the sky when classmates asked him, "What's up?" He couldn't understand why nobody answered when he said, "How are you?" and he received a "How are you?" in return.

Even the length of meals — some players are more accustomed to enjoying meals rather than rushing through them like many Americans — was a difference. Boya is more comfortable speaking French.

"It's little things," van Bree said.

Every summer, Bradley players conduct presentations on their home city and cultural traditions.

"Just to get educated on a whole different side, really a way of thinking and a way of living," Wardle said. "It's great for our guys to experience it."

The basketball part was easier for the international players as they adjusted quickly to different

rules and style of play. Adams said coaches love the direct nature of many European players.

The team trained in the off-season in the Netherlands and Britain. While he said he doesn't try many teammates' home cuisine, New Jersey native Luqman Lundy said the American-born Braves embrace learning about their international teammates.

"No matter what language someone speaks or where they're from, we have one goal," Lundy said. "That's winning."

Bradley's recruiting profile now has cachet overseas, coaches said. Articles about Bradley players have appeared in newspapers in Sydney, Amsterdam and London.

Ville Tahvanainen, a 6-4 guard from Finland, has signed with Bradley for the Class of 2019. He was the No. 2 scorer in the FIBA Europe U-18 championship. Another top player from the Netherlands is expected to sign as well.

This NCAA Tournament appearance will go into Bradley's history books, but van Bree said he'll remember something else even more.

"Looking back (someday) on my college career, all this will be great, but what I'll remember is all the relationships I've had with people all over the world," he said. "You have people from all different backgrounds. What a brotherhood you can form with people you might not have ever interacted with."

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Bradley boasts 'fighter's mentality'

No knockout: Rough start to MVC season didn't deter Braves

BY SHANNON RYAN
Chicago Tribune

DES MOINES, Iowa — It took two meetings, but Bradley finally figured it out.

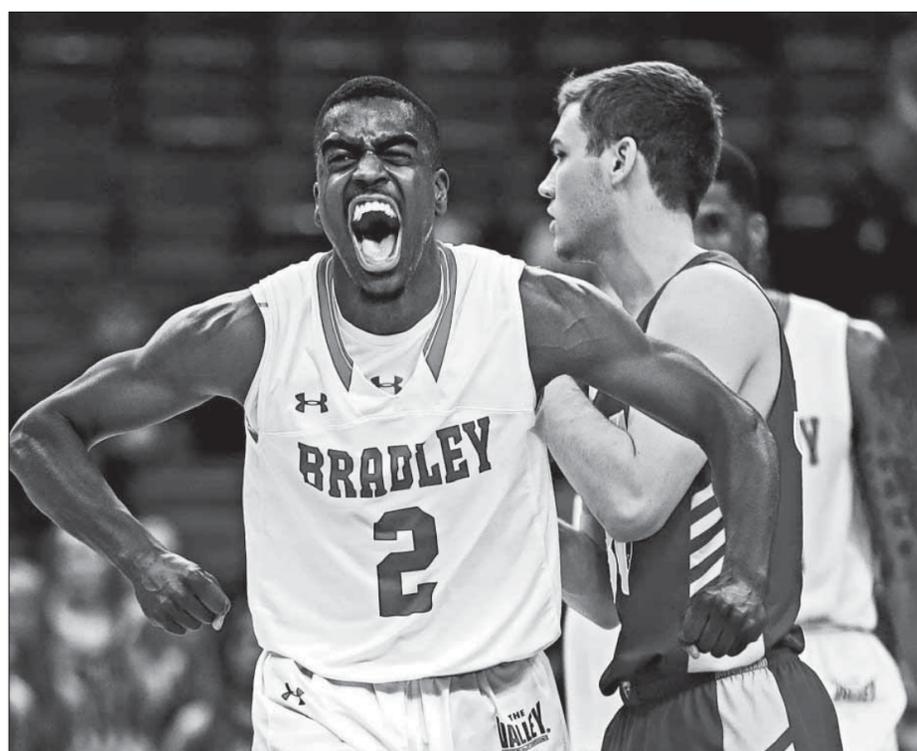
After a 0-3 start to Missouri Valley Conference play, Braves players met in January to try to smooth out the rough start. They lost the next two games.

That was enough. "There was a big meeting after the fifth loss," senior guard Dwayne Lautier-Ogunleye said of a 17-point home defeat against Drake. "The seniors came together as well as the rest of the players and the coaching staff, and we sat down and said this hasn't started the way we wanted to, but we have time to change. I don't think we made major adjustments. We concentrated on the little things."

Bradley won nine of its last 11 games, including a run through the Missouri Valley Conference Tournament as the No. 5 seed.

The Braves focused on defending and rebounding. As the season went on, they began to play at a faster pace as well. They also started using smaller lineups.

"We always want to run and be aggressive and hunt our shots," coach Brian Wardle said. "In the Valley, like in the Big Ten, you don't get a lot of good looks if you're set in the half court the



Bradley senior guard Luqman Lundy: "We respect Michigan State, but we're not afraid of them."

whole game. Anything in the first 10 seconds, we'll take."

These are lessons Bradley can apply Thursday as a No. 15 seed trying to upset No. 2 seed Michigan State in the first round of the NCAA Tournament.

"There's a lot of similarities,"

Wardle said of Bradley's and Michigan State's styles. "But the toughness, the loose balls, the 50-50s, we're going to have to win to give ourselves an opportunity."

In some ways, the Braves have already gone on a Cinderella run. Or maybe it's more like Rocky.

After each road victory, the player of the game signs a boxing glove.

"We've had a fighter's mentality," senior guard Luqman Lundy said. "We can take hits. We respect Michigan State, but we're not afraid of them."

MEN'S NCAA TOURNAMENT



Louisville getting it right

With new attitude thanks to Mack, Cardinals recover after scandals

BY LUKE MEREDITH
Associated Press

DES MOINES, Iowa — Louisville wasn't expected to be here this March.

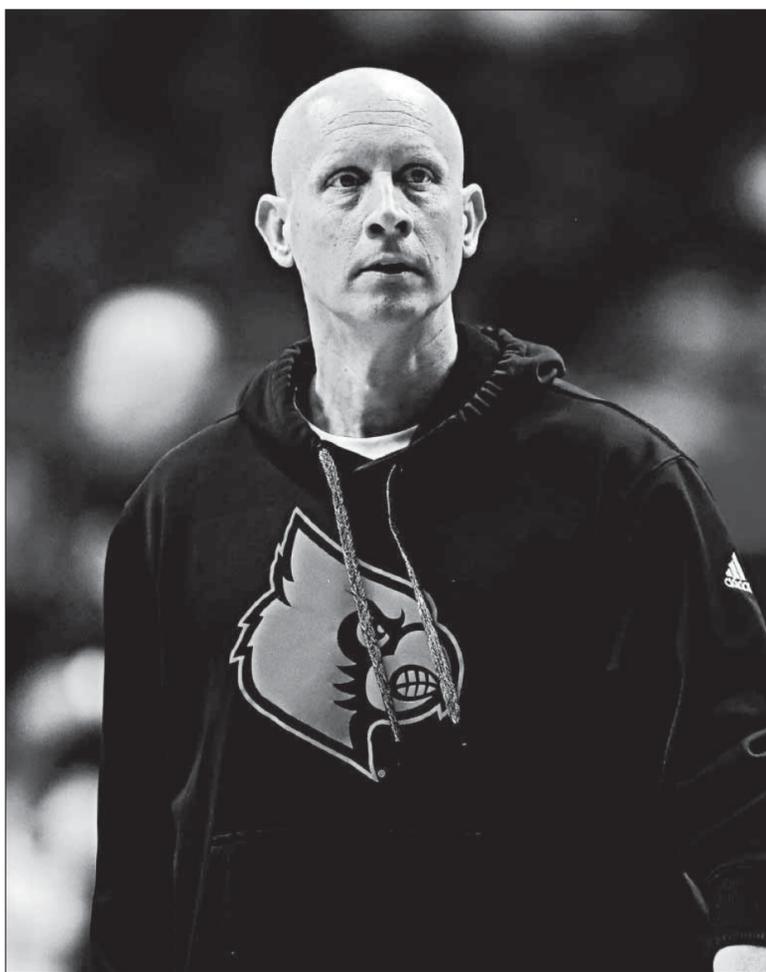
But the Cardinals adopted a motto of sorts — “working hard and being tough” — and they have done just enough of both to get back to the NCAA Tournament after a turmoil-filled season in 2017-18. Picked to finish 11th in the 14-team ACC in the preseason under new coach Chris Mack, Louisville will face 10th-seeded Minnesota (21-13) on Thursday in the East Region as the tourney gets rolling in earnest.

“We were a resilient group,” said guard Christen Cunningham, a graduate transfer from Samford averaging 9.8 points per game. “We had a really tough schedule. We knew that coming into the year, but we took the motto of being stronger together and unbreakable and we used being (picked) 11th as a chip on our shoulder for motivation.”

Hall of Fame coach Rick Pitino was fired before the 2017-18 season after the school acknowledged its involvement in a federal corruption investigation of college basketball, and the NCAA stripped the Cardinals of their 2013 NCAA championship last February as discipline for a sex scandal. The Cardinals also lost point guard Quentin Snider and three other starters from a 22-14 team that reached the NIT quarterfinals under coach David Padgett.

Louisville then poached Mack from Xavier, where he was 215-97 in nine seasons. Most believed the Cardinals might need some time to get back to where they once were after losing four starters, but it hasn't gone quite as expected.

“It's no secret that when



Louisville coach Chris Mack heads into the tournament with a raw but resilient team.

I took over there wasn't the greatest light around the program,” Mack said. “I told our players in the very beginning when I met with them that they weren't the cause for it, but they could certainly be the cure for it. I think anybody that's watched us play this year, I've asked our players to be this way.”

Louisville, behind Cunningham, an improved Dwayne Sutton and a breakout season from sophomore Jordan Nwora (17.2 points per game), didn't waste time, either. The Cardinals stunned Michigan State 82-78 in overtime early in the season. Close losses to Tennessee and Marquette before that had given the players the confi-

dence they needed for the Spartans — and the slog ahead.

“I don't feel like anybody in our locker room felt like we played perfect in either of those,” Mack said of the losses to the Vols and Golden Eagles. “So when we left, we felt like we could have done the job, should have done the job. Now we have to figure out what we need to do to win those types of games.”

The Cardinals (20-13) won six straight in ACC play in January before going just 2-6 in February, a stretch that included a crushing home loss to Duke. Louisville rallied though, notching a pair of wins over Notre Dame — sandwiched around a close

loss at top-seeded Virginia — to secure their place in the NCAA Tournament.

These Cardinals don't have a ton of tournament experience; no starter has played in an NCAA game. But they are a favorite against the Golden Gophers, and if Louisville can survive the first round there could be a rematch ahead with a Michigan State team the players know they can beat.

“I tell our team all the time that we don't have to be perfect. Nobody that we play is going to be perfect,” Mack said. “It's not going to require a perfect effort to win or a perfect game plan. It's just our effort and our energy and our resiliency. Those have to be perfect.”

NOTES

NDSU earns a shot at Duke

Associated Press

Tyson Ward scored 23 points, and North Dakota State advanced to the NCAA Tournament round of 64 with a 78-74 win over North Carolina Central in a First Four game Wednesday night in Dayton, Ohio.

Vinnie Shahid had 14 points, including a pair of foul shots with 8 seconds left to seal the game for North Dakota State (19-15), which advances to play East Region No. 1 seed Duke on Friday in Columbia, S.C.

Sam Griesel and Jared Samuelson each added 10 points for the Summit League Tournament winners.

N.C. Central (18-16) squandered an outstanding night by senior center Raasean Davis, who scored 20 points and pulled down 16 rebounds.

In the final First Four game in Dayton, Arizona State topped St. John's 74-65.

Going on a tear: Joe Golding hopes his team holds up better than his suit.

Golding ripped his pants celebrating Abilene Christian's seeding Sunday night and wasn't able to get them repaired before leaving for Jacksonville, Fla., where the 15th-seeded Wildcats will face second-seeded Kentucky in the opening round of the NCAA Tournament on Thursday.

The 43-year-old coach considered buying a new suit with his postseason bonus money, but he learned he won't see that money until June. So he's sticking with the one he has.

“It is what it is, man,” Golding said. “We're going to be who we are and go out there and embrace it.”

An embrace is what started this fashion faux pas. Golding shared a lengthy hug with longtime assistant Brette Tanner, causing his pants to split. It

wasn't much of a problem at the time since he was mostly surrounded by family, friends and team members.

Syracuse suspension: Syracuse senior guard Frank Howard is out “for an indefinite period of time” for violating school policy.

The school announced Howard's suspension Wednesday, the eve of the Orange's NCAA Tournament game against Baylor.

The 6-foot-5 Howard lit up social media during the ACC tournament against Duke last week when he appeared to stick his foot out as Blue Devils star Zion Williamson ran by. Howard denied trying to trip Williamson and the school did not say if the suspension was related to the incident.

DePaul wins CBI opener: Max Strus' 33 points led four DePaul players in double figures as the Blue Demons (16-15) defeated Central Michigan 100-86 in the first round of the College Basketball Invitational at McGrath-Phillips Arena. Eli Cain had 20 points and seven assists, Paul Reed added 17 points and 10 rebounds and Devin Gage scored 14 for DePaul, which advances to a quarterfinal Monday against Longwood.

Layups: Kentucky coach John Calipari expects scoring and rebounding leader PJ Washington to play Thursday despite seeing a foot specialist. Washington spent several days in a walking boot as a precaution after spraining his foot in the SEC Tournament against Tennessee. Calipari says X-rays and MRI results were negative. ... Todd Bozeman has been fired as Morgan State's coach after a 13-year run. Bozeman was 195-218 with the Bears and leaves as the winningest coach in school history.

NCAA TOURNAMENT

Back in style: Short shorts popular again

Among college players, uniform trend returns to heyday of '70s, '80s

BY SHANNON RYAN
Chicago Tribune

At his first practice as a Michigan freshman, Jordan Poole panicked when coach John Beilein shook his head and told Poole his basketball shorts were too short and he had to stop rolling down the waistband.

"I was like, 'Yo, let me talk to Bob (Bland, the team equipment manager),' " recalled Poole, now a sophomore guard. "I was like, 'Bob, I need some smaller shorts. If Coach won't let me (wear) them, I don't know how good I'll be.' "

Beilein eventually relented as Poole wore a smaller size — and continued to roll down the waistband to make the shorts look even tinier.

Poole's shorts stop about four or five inches above his knee with little breathing room between skin and fabric, and he isn't alone in college basketball. Nobody seems able to pin down when and where this throwback look reignited into a sports fashion statement.

But it's obvious: Short shorts are back.

"Some guys like to show off their legs," Louisville forward Jordan Nwora said Wednesday in Des Moines, Iowa, "especially if you've got bounce."

While it's a bit of a chicken-or-egg debate, most believe sports apparel companies began to downsize their shorts after noticing players rolling down their waistbands. Uniforms already were becoming tighter, following the trend of non-sportswear such as skinny jeans and buttoned-to-the-top fitted dress shirts.

"Everything is faster with social media," said Paul Lukas, who runs Uni Watch, a blog devoted to sports uniforms. "If a trend is happening at some high school in rural wherever, everyone will know and it can become cool."

The length of basketball shorts has risen and fallen over the years like a yo-yo.

Wilt Chamberlain's 1960s shorts look like underwear compared with today's standards. Larry Bird and Magic Johnson showed plenty of leg in the 1980s. Jazz point guard John Stockton was among the last to wear the form-fitting style.

Then things went the other way in the 1990s. There's a theory that Michael Jordan started the trend of requesting looser shorts so he could grab the hems when he was bent over and tired.

The Fab Five from Michigan took it farther — literally. The group that reached the 1992 and '93 NCAA championship games used yards more fabric than the uniforms Poole and his teammates wear today, their billowy shorts hanging below the knees.

"Yeah, I don't know about those," Minnesota guard Amir Coffey said.

"It's more comfortable," Poole said of the shorter style. "You don't have to worry about the shorts being too baggy and you crossing over the ball and it hitting your



TONY DING/AP

Michigan guard Jordan Poole says wearing shorter shorts is "more comfortable."

shorts."

Some college players ask their equipment managers for shorts a size smaller than they typically would wear. Some roll the waistband to make them shorter.

Louisville forward Dwayne Sutton said he prefers two rolls, sometimes three. In high school, he said, opponents told him that's how girls wear their shorts.

"I don't care," he said. "I just laughed at it."

Companies such as Under Armour have begun placing branding inside the waistband. Players said the Adidas Nations camp customized its shorts to a tighter fit.

"I actually wish mine were shorter," Ohio State guard Musa Jallow said. "But if I keep on rolling them, it wouldn't be appropriate."

In the 1970s and '80s, sock height rose with shorts height as knee-high tube socks were in fashion. With the longer shorts in the 1990s, ankle-length socks became the rage.

Now it's about showing all the leg you can.

"Pushed-down socks, rolled-down shorts, baby," Minnesota's Jarvis Omersa said.

Most current college players began wearing their shorts smaller in high school. Some say former Illinois and Oakland guard Kendrick Nunn started the trend at Simeon. Others point to former Cal star and current Celtics guard Jaylen Brown or former Indiana guard OG Anunoby.

Poole said he wore shorter shorts in high school when nobody else did. He said he played for a "strict coach" at Milwaukee's King High School who, like Beilein, wasn't keen on a freshman standing out with a different style.

"I feel faster ... more athletic with the short shorts," he said.

After Michigan reached the national title game in 2018, Poole said he has seen more players latch on to the trend. He turned to teammate Zavier Simpson in the locker room and asked, "Are you in the short-shorts game?"

Simpson laughed and indicated his thigh-length shorts to acknowledge he has indeed adopted the look.

Not many NBA players sport the shorter length. Poole hopes to change that.

"If I can get there, I'm going to bring it there," he said. "I'm a trendsetter."

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MEDIA NOTES

Score moves Holmes from nights to middays

BY PHIL ROSENTHAL
Chicago Tribune

WSCR-AM 670 has carved out a solo noon-to-2 p.m. weekday slot for nighttime stalwart Laurence Holmes.

The move, coinciding with a new contract for Holmes, is effective with the start of Cubs season on March 28.

"(Moving to middays) was an idea I had a while ago, and from a quality-of-life standpoint, it was really important," Holmes, 43, said from Arizona, where he has been covering spring training. "I felt like I had kind of done everything I could. I had been doing the nighttime show for 10 years, so I felt like I needed a change."

To accommodate the change, the Score's midday program co-hosted by Dan Bernstein and Connor McKnight and the afternoon show with Dan McNeil and Danny Parkins each will be trimmed by an hour. Bernstein and McKnight now will run from 9 a.m. to noon and McNeil and Parkins will run from 2-6 p.m.

Holmes' old 6-10 p.m. show will be hosted by Joe Ostrowski.

Guillen new Sox analyst: Ozzie Guillen, who managed the White

Sox to their 2005 World Series title, will be a studio analyst on NBC Sports Chicago's Sox pregame and postgame shows.

This is in addition to the work Guillen began last season as a contributor to the channel's "Baseball Night in Chicago."

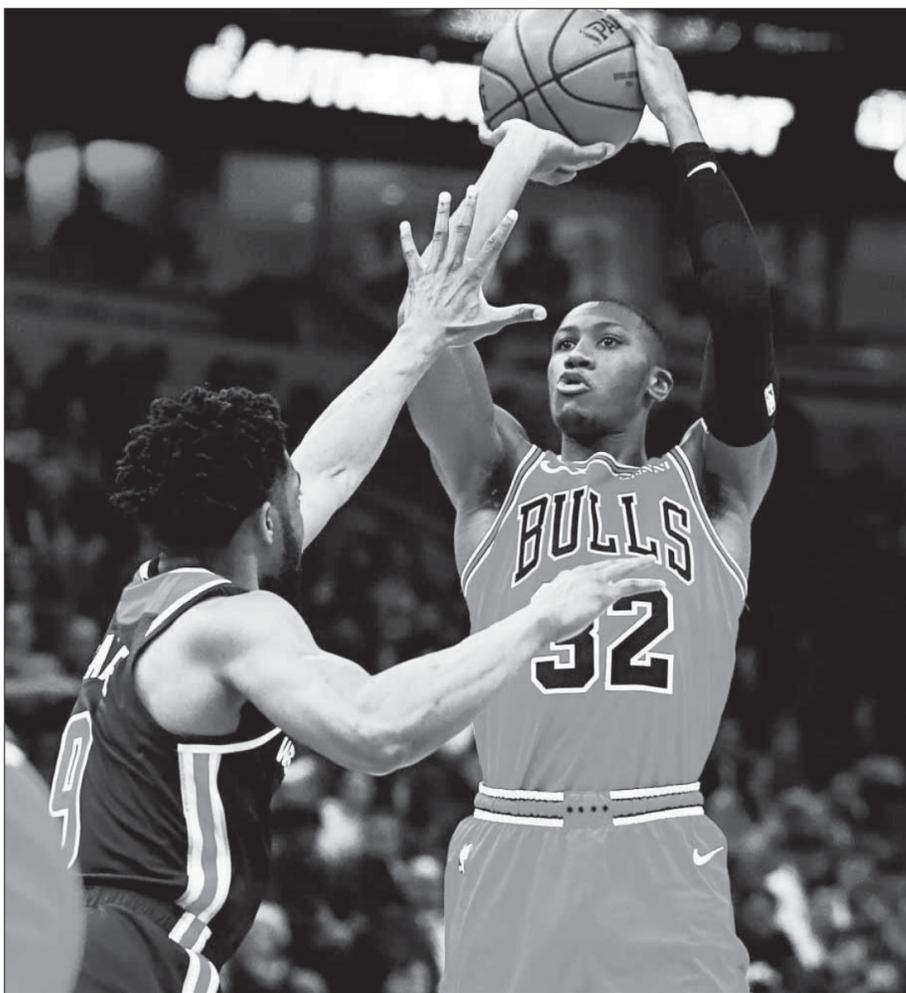
Earlier this month, Guillen, 55, announced his amicable split from ESPN Deportes after five seasons at the conclusion of his latest contract. That left him available to pick up the slack from former Sox slugger Bill Melton, 74, who plans to cut back on his TV workload.

Patrick back at Indy 500: Danica Patrick is returning to Indianapolis Motor Speedway, where she officially retired from the sport last year, as a studio analyst for NBC's inaugural Indy 500 telecast on May 26.

The retired IndyCar and NASCAR driver, whose hiring the network announced Wednesday, will lend her insights and characteristic candor to pre-race, in-race, and post-race coverage alongside host Mike Tirico. Patrick also will part of NBC's Indy 500 pole-day coverage on May 19.

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BULLS



JOHN J. KIM/CHICAGO TRIBUNE

Bulls guard Kris Dunn rises up for shot against the Wizards' Chasson Randle on Wednesday night.

BULLS 126, WIZARDS 120 (OT)

Evolving role

Dunn looks to be more aggressive as injuries pile up

BY K.C. JOHNSON
Chicago Tribune

With Otto Porter Jr. sidelined by his right shoulder injury and Zach LaVine a late scratch with a right thigh contusion, the Bulls started their 21st different lineup for Wednesday's matchup with the Wizards.

The new-look lineup, which featured Antonio Blakeney's first career NBA start, changed Kris Dunn's role again as it eliminated two primary scorers.

Then again, Dunn sounded intent on getting back to a more aggressive approach anyway.

"I took a sacrifice for this team because we have so many great scorers. And I understand that. But at the same time, I feel like I have to get back to what I do," Dunn said. "Be more aggressive. That's the approach I'm taking."

When Dunn is at his best, he talks about playing with swagger. But when coach Jim Boylen moved to a multi-ballhandler system several weeks ago, Dunn admitted to playing more stationary. He talked about playing off the ball and in the corner, saying it "kind of deterred" his strengths.

"It's still a learning process," Dunn said. "Growing up, I always had that ball in my hands. I never had to play off guard. So I'm trying to figure it out and stay positive."

In this regard, Dunn has been exemplary, according to Boylen.

"He cares about the team. It's not about him. He'll do whatever we ask him to do to try to win. He will make the adjustment," Boylen said. "He guarded a shooting guard the other night. So now he's in chase mode instead of

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The Bulls outlasted the Wizards 126-120 in overtime with Lauri Markkanen supplying the dagger on a 3-pointer with 32.3 seconds left off a pass from Kris Dunn. Markkanen had 32 points and 13 rebounds for his first 20-point game since March 1, while Dunn had a monster game with a season-high 26 points, 13 assists, six rebounds and two steals.

Shaq Harrison, solid with 18 points and four steals, inexplicably fouled Bradley Beal (27 points) on a 3-pointer with 44.6 seconds left in overtime. Jabari Parker led the Wizards with 28 points.

In regulation, Ryan Arcidiacono split two free throws with 14.2 seconds left, and Beal's baseline jumper with 2.4 seconds left tied it. After a timeout, Robin Lopez couldn't complete a handoff to Markkanen and drove to dunk after the buzzer.

A huge play occurred with 50.5 seconds left in regulation when officials upgraded Bobby Portis' foul on Markkanen to a flagrant-one. Markkanen sank both free throws for a three-point lead.

(defending) dribble drive mode. Those are different positions to guard. He just locked in and did what he was asked to do.

"I talk about options and obligations. He feels very obligated to play well for the team. And when he doesn't, it bothers him."

Dunn no longer is mentioned when management talks about the core or foundational pieces and management is focused on upgrading the position either via the draft or free agency. That doesn't mean there's not a place on next season's roster for Dunn, who remains on his team-friendly, rookie-scale contract.

It just means Dunn may be done as a starter.

Then again, maybe not. Dunn always seems to play best when backed into a corner. And after returning from a left MCL sprain that cost him 24 games, the third-year guard focused on getting primary scorers like LaVine and Lauri Markkanen in their element. The February acquisition of Porter added a scorer to Dunn's to-do list.

It's clear when there are fewer scorers that Dunn looks for his shot more. He almost posted a double-double by halftime against the Wizards.

Dunn also has tried to make adjustments at the defensive end. After ranking among the league leaders with 2 steals per game last season, Dunn is down to 1.5 this season.

"Just trying to not gamble too much," he said. "It's all about the team. You have to be fundamentally sound for the team. If I get out of position, it breaks down the defense. I still have that tendency because I love to ballhawk. I think I improved a little bit on that — not too much. But I've tried to stay out of foul trouble. Because I play so aggressive and so hard, the refs are going to blow that whistle. I feel if I keep doing it, it will help my career."

Boylen admitted he rode Dunn hard on the recent three-game trip, taking out some frustrations on how the Bulls were operating as a unit on his point guard.

"And he took it and tried to get us going in the right direction," Boylen said. "We need leadership. We need guys who take control of the team. A couple times I got on him about that and he responded, which I like. He's a tough kid."

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BULLS NOTES

Porter vows to return from injury

BY K.C. JOHNSON
Chicago Tribune

Otto Porter Jr. had no knowledge that the Bulls shut down Zach LaVine last season as they prioritized draft lottery positioning. So he was incredulous Wednesday when asked if he'd return from the right shoulder injury that sidelined him for a second straight game.

"What do you mean?" Porter said. "You thought I was going to be out the rest of the season?" Porter said he's "probably day-to-day" after an MRI exam confirmed the strain and bruise that occurred Sunday in Sacramento. Coach Jim Boylen said there's no timetable for Porter's return.

"We got a lot of young guys learning and growing together," Porter said. "And I think the future is very bright. It's actually kind of exciting, and I can't wait to be a part of it and watch it grow."

Trade winds: Rather than take the Wizards' team bus, Bobby Portis drove to his second United Center appearance as a visitor after spending time at the home he still rents in Chicago.

"There's love between me and everybody on that side," Portis said of the Bulls. "I still watch their games and check the stats for their games and still chime in with them. They support me and I support them."

Porter said he also checks on his former Wizards teammates and friends but otherwise cut the cord, even as he keeps his home in Washington for now.

"When I got traded, it was immediately 'Get focused on coming to Chicago,'" Porter said. "I couldn't keep emotions towards Washington at all. It actually helped me make the transition a lot easier, and it helped me focus on what's ahead and not what's behind me. And it helped me get

in touch with my guys here."

Boylen called last month's trade, in which Jabari Parker also went to the Wizards, "good for both teams, which doesn't always happen in this league." Boylen also said "there's nobody here in this organization rooting against those guys."

Layups: Fred Hoiberg continues to be strongly associated with the Nebraska job that is expected to be vacated whenever the Huskers' NIT run ends. The Bulls owe Hoiberg \$5 million next season, but that would be offset by whatever Hoiberg would make if he's hired for next season. ... The Bulls and Blackhawks announced plans for an 8,600 square foot, high-resolution "center-hung scoreboard" and "fully immersive arena audio system" for next season. That's just in time for the Bulls to host the 2020 NBA All-Star game.

SCOREBOARD

ODDS

NBA	pregame.com	THURSDAY
at Charlotte	off	Minnesota
Denver	6½	at Washington
Utah	7	at Atlanta
at Sacramento	8½	Dallas
Detroit	7	at Phoenix
at Golden State	11	Indiana

COLLEGE BASKETBALL

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Villanova	4½ Saint Mary's Ca
Purdue	12½ Old Dominion
Marquette	3 Murray State
Florida St	9 Vermont
Maryland	3 Belmont
LSU	7½ Yale
Wofford	2½ Seton Hall
Kentucky	22 Abil. Christian
Louisville	5 Minnesota
Michigan St	18½ Bradley
Nevada	2 Florida
Michigan	15 Montana
Auburn	5½ New Mexico St
Kansas	6½ Northeastern
Gonzaga	27½ Fairleigh Dickinson
Syracuse	2 Baylor

NIT

THURSDAY	
at Chas So.	4 FAU
at Hampton	8½ St. Francis (NY)
at Fullerton	6½ Cs Bakersfield
at La.-Monroe	3½ Kent St

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FRIDAY	
UCF	1 Va Common.
Virginia	21½ Gardner Webb
Mississippi	1½ Oklahoma
Cincinnati	3½ Iowa
Tennessee	17½ Colgate
N. Carolina	23 Iona
Utah St	3 Washington
Iowa St	5½ Ohio State
Houston	12 Georgia St
Texas Tech	13 N. Kentucky
Miss. St.	6½ Liberty
Virginia Tech	10 Saint Louis
Wisconsin	2 Oregon
Kansas St	4½ UC Irvine

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DRAKE	FRIDAY
Drake	4½ at S. Utah

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AT TEXAS STATE	SATURDAY
at Texas State	8 FIU

NHL

THURSDAY		
at Florida	-128 Arizona	+118
at Carolina	off Tampa Bay	off
Boston	-260 at New Jersey	+230
at Montreal	-123 NY Islanders	+113
at Nashville	-152 Pittsburgh	+142
at St. Louis	-310 Detroit	+280
at Dallas	-136 Colorado	+126
at Chicago	-123 Philadelphia	+113
at Calgary	-375 Ottawa	+345
Columbus	-134 at Edmonton	+124
at Las Vegas	off Winnipeg	off
San Jose	-220 at Los Angeles	+200

MLB

THURSDAY'S PITCHING MATCHUP

AMERICAN LEAGUE	2018 TEAM
TM PITCHER	TIME W-L ERA REC

Sea	Kikuchi (L)	0-0 0.00	-
Oak	Estrada (R)	5:35a 7-14 5.64 12-16	

2018 VS OPP	LAST 3
PITCHER	W-L IP ERA W-L ERA

Kikuchi	1-0	7.0 1.29	0-3 3.78
Estrada	1-0	7.0 1.29	0-3 3.78

Team rec: Team's record in games started by today's pitcher. **Vs. Opp:** Pitcher's record versus this opponent.

MARINERS 9, ATHLETICS 7

SEATTLE	AB	R	H	BI	SO	AVG
Gordon 2b	4	1	1	1	0	.250
Haniger cf	4	0	0	1	1	.000
Bruce lf-rf	4	1	1	1	0	.250
Encarnacion dh	3	2	0	0	3	.000
Santana lf	5	1	1	4	2	.200
Narvaez c	3	0	0	0	1	.000
Healy 3b-1b	4	1	1	1	1	.250
Beckham ss	3	3	3	2	0	1.000
Suzuki rf	1	0	0	0	0	.000
Vogelbach 1b	0	0	0	0	0	—
Moore 3b	0	0	0	0	0	—
TOTALS	31	9	7	9	10	

OAKLAND	AB	R	H	BI	SO	AVG
Laureano cf	5	0	0	0	3	.000
Chapman 3b	5	2	2	3	1	.400
Piscotty rf	4	1	1	1	1	.250
Davis dh	4	1	1	2	0	.250
Pinder lf	4	1	1	1	1	.250
Olson 1b	3	0	0	0	0	.000
Profar 2b	4	0	1	0	1	.250
Semien ss	2	1	1	1	0	.500
Hundley c	2	0	0	0	0	.000
a-Grossman ph	1	1	1	0	1	1.000
Phegley c	1	0	0	0	1	.000
TOTALS	35	7	9	7	8	

Seattle	005 13000 -9 7 1
Oakland	112 000 300 -7 9 0

a-singled for Hundley in the 7th. **E:** Healy (1). **LOB:** Seattle 5, Oakland 4. **2B:** Healy (1), Chapman (1), Pinder (1), Profar (1), Santana (1), off Fiers; Beckham (1), off Dull; Piscotty (1), off Gonzales; Davis (1), off Gonzales; Chapman (1), off Rumbelow. **RBIs:** Gordon (1), Haniger (1), Santana 4 (4), Healy (1), Beckham 2 (2), Chapman 3 (3), Piscotty (1), Davis 2 (2), Semien (1). **SB:** Gordon (1), Moore (1). **CS:** Beckham (1). **SF:** Haniger. **S:** Gordon.

Runners left in scoring position: Seattle 3 (Haniger, Bruce, Encarnacion); Oakland 2 (Laureano, Olson). **RISP:** Seattle 4 for 9; Oakland 3 for 10. **Runners moved up:** Narvaez, Piscotty, Hundley. **GIDP:** Hundley 2. **DP:** Seattle 2 (Healy, Gordon, Bruce). **HR:** Healy, Gordon, Vogelbach.

SEATTLE	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Gonzales, W, 1-0	6	7	4	3	1	4	4.50
Rumbelow	½	2	3	3	1	1	81.00
Gearrin, H, 1	½	0	0	0	1	0	0.00
Roscup, H, 1	½	0	0	1	0	0	0.00
Strickland, S, 1-1	1	0	0	0	2	0	0.00

OAKLAND	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Fiers, L, 0-1	3	4	5	2	3	15	0.00
Hendriks	1	0	1	2	1	9	9.00
Dull	½	2	3	3	1	1	40.50
Buchter	½	0	0	0	0	0	0.00
Wendelken	2	0	0	0	2	0	0.00
Redney	1	0	0	1	0	0	0.00
Trivino	1	0	0	0	3	0	0.00

HBP: Fiers (Bruce), Buchter (Vogelbach). **WP:** Fiers 2, Rumbelow. **Umpires:** H, Jeff Nelson; 1B, Tripp Gibson; 2B, Lance Barksdale; 3B, Mike Muchlinski. **Time:** 3:24. **A:** 45,787 (45,600).

SPRING TRAINING

WEDNESDAY'S RESULTS

Pittsburgh 6, Minnesota 5
Detroit 3, Philadelphia 1
Houston 2, N.Y. Yankees 1
Miami 6, St. Louis 0
Atlanta 6, Toronto 7
Cincinnati 6, Texas 1
Arizona 11, Chicago White Sox 2
Milwaukee 10, San Diego 7
Boston 6, Baltimore 4
Cleveland (ss) 4, L.A. Angels 2
Kansas City 8, Colorado 7
San Francisco 13, Cleveland (ss) 0
L.A. Dodgers vs. Chicago Cubs, late

THURSDAY'S GAMES

Atlanta vs. Tampa Bay (ss), 12:05 p.m.
Houston vs. Detroit, 12:05 p.m.
Yankees vs. St. Louis (ss), 12:05 p.m.
Toronto vs. Philadelphia, 12:05 p.m.
Baltimore vs. Pittsburgh, 12:05 p.m.
Miami vs. N.Y. Mets, 12:10 p.m.
Kan. City vs. Cincinnati (ss), 3:05 p.m.
San Francisco vs. Chi. Cubs, 3:05 p.m.
Cleveland vs. Texas (ss), 3:05 p.m.
L.A. Dodgers vs. Milwaukee, 3:05 p.m.
Texas (ss) vs. Chi. White Sox, 3:05 p.m.
L.A. Angels vs. Arizona, 3:10 p.m.
Tampa Bay (ss) vs. Boston, 5:05 p.m.
St. Louis (ss) vs. Washington, 5:35 p.m.
Cincinnati (ss) vs. Seattle, 8:40 p.m.

FRIDAY'S GAMES

Pittsburgh vs. Tampa Bay, 12:05 p.m.
St. Louis vs. N.Y. Mets (ss), 12:10 p.m.
Texas vs. Chicago Cubs (ss), 3:05 p.m.
Arizona vs. L.A. Dodgers, 3:05 p.m.
Cincinnati vs. Milwaukee, 3:05 p.m.
Chi. White Sox vs.
L.A. Angels (ss), 3:10 p.m.
Detroit vs. Atlanta, 5:05 p.m.
Boston vs. Minnesota, 5:05 p.m.
N.Y. Mets (ss) vs. Houston, 5:05 p.m.
Baltimore vs. Toronto, 5:07 p.m.
Philadelphia vs. N.Y. Yankees, 5:35 p.m.
Washington vs. Miami, 6:05 p.m.
San Fran. (ss) vs. Kansas City, 8:05 p.m.
Chi. Cubs (ss) vs. Cleveland, 8:05 p.m.
L.A. Angels (ss) vs. Seattle, 8:40 p.m.
San Diego vs. Colorado, 8:40 p.m.
Colo. (ss) vs. San Fran. (ss), 9:05 p.m.

COLLEGE BASKETBALL

MEN'S NATIONAL INVITATION TOURNAMENT

WEDNESDAY'S FIRST ROUND

Wichita State 76, Furman 70
Harvard 71, Georgetown 68
Norfolk State 80, Alabama 79, OT
Xavier 78, Toledo 64
TCU 82, Sam Houston State 69
Nebraska 80, Butler 76

SATURDAY'S SECOND ROUND

Arkansas (18-15) at Indiana (18-15), 11 a.m.
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SUNDAY'S SECOND ROUND

Harvard (19-11) at N.C. State (23-11), 6:30 p.m.
Wichita State (20-14) at Clemson (20-13), TBA

MARCH 23-25

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BASEBALL



ELAINE THOMPSON/AP

Yu Darvish played catch Wednesday without any problems involving the blister on his right ring finger.

CUBS TAKEAWAYS

Darvish on the mend

Blister appears better, but Cubs may push righty's 1st start back

BY MARK GONZALES
Chicago Tribune

MESA, Ariz. — Here are three takeaways from Cubs' spring training Wednesday:

1. Yu Darvish rebounds from his blister, but the Cubs still uncertain about his first start.

Darvish played catch without any problems involving the blister on his right ring finger. Darvish is scheduled to throw a bullpen session Friday and is expected to make his final start of spring training Sunday in a minor-league game or against the Padres in Peoria, Ariz.

The biggest issue is making sure the blister is healed, which leaves the rest of the rotation after Jon Lester uncertain. Darvish is lined up to start the second game of the season on March 30 against the Rangers — his former team.

The Cubs could push Darvish's start back a day and adjust the rotation because they have days off on March 29 and April 2.

"It depends on what happens the next time he goes out there," manager Joe Maddon said. "We have to make sure when he pitches there's no chance to open it up again."

Darvish tore the skin on his finger while throwing a slider in the fifth inning against the Mariners. He immediately left the game because he didn't want to overcompensate for the injury by putting stress on his right shoulder or elbow.

Meanwhile, infielder Daniel Descalso looks like he might be ready by the March 28 opener. Descalso, who hasn't played since March 9 because of a sore left shoulder, took a few swings Tuesday and felt fine.

Maddon said Descalso could make up for lost time by getting extra at-bats in minor-league games this weekend.

2. Carl Edwards Jr. defends his actions.

Edwards wasn't sure whether he'll face discipline from Major League Baseball, but he defended his decision Tuesday to nail Mariners minor-league catcher Austin Nola in retaliation for Mariners pitchers hitting Kris Bryant and Willson Contreras. Edwards was ejected.

"Spring training or not, you get to a point where you are kind of tired of guys getting hit," Edwards said Wednesday. "Those are our big guys. Those guys are going to help us win a championship and help us win games."

Bryant and Contreras have been hit three times each this spring. Bryant was hit in the third inning by Nabil Crismatt, and Contreras was moved off the plate by sidearm pitcher Wyatt Mills in the fifth before getting hit later in the at-bat.

Edwards said he was surprised home-plate umpire Alfonso Marquez ejected him in the sixth inning, considering Edwards allowed a home run to Kyle Lewis and retired Tim Lopes on a fly ball before nailing Nola.

"It's the nature of the game," Edwards said. "When the regular season starts, if it's a series and guys get hit, I would expect us to do the same thing. And I'd expect the same thing from other teams."

"I know I don't want to hit nobody. I want everyone to be healthy going into the season, regardless of who they are. I'm just tired of it."

Maddon, however, didn't believe the errant pitches thrown by the Mariners pitchers were "mean-spirited."

"I don't think I've ever told a pitcher to hit a player," Maddon said.

3. Bringing back the bunt?

Anthony Rizzo's bunt that ignited a three-run rally Tuesday was endorsed by Maddon as a way to prevent teams from employing shifts against the pull-happy left-handed slugger.

"If they want that shift to soften, they have to do that," Maddon said.

When he managed the Rays, Maddon would use four-man outfield alignments and shifts to the right side to combat left-handed sluggers such as David Ortiz of the Red Sox, Jim Thome of the White Sox, Travis Hafner of the Indians and Jason Giambi of the Yankees.

"At that time, we thought it was a victory even if they bunted for a single," Maddon said. "I think the way the game is played and the way the offenses are, that was the American League East, when there were a lot of runs and it was hard to keep them from scoring runs."

"Now with runs at a premium, it may have shifted into a better play."

Maddon said Rizzo's bunt was executed perfectly, as he pushed the ball down the third-base side past the pitcher.

"If it's there, we might take advantage of it, if possible," Maddon said.

Rizzo pledges to stay patient

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nine straight road games — six against the Braves and Brewers, both of whom made the playoffs last season.

Rizzo, 29, finished April with a .149 average, one home run (on opening day) and nine RBIs. He also struck out 15 times and drew only four walks.

But Rizzo finished with 100 RBIs for the fourth consecutive season and 25 home runs for the fifth consecutive year, and his .283 average was 13 points above his career line.

The only significant dip was in OPS — Rizzo's dropped by 53 points to .846, which he attributes to his miserable April.

"The best hitters are fearless," hitting coach Anthony Iapoce said. "When you're fearless and you work on your craft the way he does, trying to make an efficient swing so he can hit when he's not on time. So if he's late, he can get jammed but hit a single the other way. If he's early, he can flex out on his knee and pull the ball."

"He's the best at getting hits when he's not on time. And the goal of a hitter is to hit when everything is not perfect and still be efficient with your swing."

The most noticeable difference in Rizzo's approach came in 2015, when he moved closer to the plate to combat defensive shifts, daring pitchers to hit a specific spot. Rizzo still faced shifts in 476 plate appearances in 2018, according to the 2019 Bill James Handbook.

But the preparation remains the same.

Rizzo said he usually starts swinging around New Year's Day in South Florida, hitting off a batting tee to get his muscles accustomed to his swing.

"Everyone requires maintenance on their swing, but he's so well-maintained in his routine when he steps in the cage, he's got a great idea of what he wants to accomplish ... where he wants the balls thrown," Iapoce said. "He's created low maintenance through his practice and routine, which creates confidence."

The priority is keeping the swing compact and precise, and Rizzo's commitment is reflecting in that his 12 percent swing-and-miss rate was fourth-lowest in the NL last season.

"With the video we have now, I see my swing, and the swing is good," Rizzo said. "It's just everything for me in spring training is timing. My swing path and tim-

ing is good. Once that comes, which usually tends to come around now with some decent at-bats, it all starts to click."

Rizzo still faces challenges, even while playing in a division in which he might not face a left-handed starter. The Brewers (Josh Hader), Cardinals (Andrew Miller), Pirates (Felipe Vazquez) and Reds (Amir Garrett) possess hard-throwing left-handed specialists whose job it is to shut down hitters like the Reds' Joey Votto and Rizzo, who hit .190 (8-for-42) with one home run and five RBIs and 16 strikeouts against left-handed relievers last season.

"That's the tough part," Rizzo said of making the transition from facing right-handed starters to left-handed relievers. "When you do face a lefty, you face a guy coming out of the bullpen throwing 95 mph-plus."

"Those are your (key) at-bats. It's nice to face lefty starters so (you're used to them) when all the dominant lefty relievers in the game come in. Sometimes that's your first at-bat against a lefty in a week. That's what it is, and you just go up and battle."

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BASEBALL NOTES

Ichiro provides buzz as Mariners outhit A's

Associated Press

Ichiro drew all the cheers. The rest of the Mariners did all the hitting.

A crowd that came to salute Ichiro Suzuki in his homeland saw Domingo Santana deliver the biggest hit at the Tokyo Dome, a grand slam that sent the Mariners over the Athletics 9-7 Wednesday in the Major League Baseball opener.

Batting ninth and knowing he'd get two plate appearances, Ichiro popped up and worked a walk. The 45-year-old star took his spot in right field to begin the bottom of the fourth inning, then was pulled to another huge ovation. He was met with hugs from the Mariners on the diamond.

"The fans in Japan probably aren't used to the reception I got from my teammates, but it's not that unusual in the majors," Ichiro said.

Mariners manager Scott Servais said Ichiro will play in Thursday's final game of the series, but there is no guarantee he'll start.

"We certainly want to give him an opportunity to go out and play, but we also want to get some other guys in the game," Servais said. "I understand everybody wants to see him go all nine innings. We're trying to do the best thing for the team and Ichiro understands."

This marked the earliest opening day ever — the summer sport actually started on the last day of winter. No doubt, most fans in North America were sound asleep when Oakland's Mike Fiers threw the first pitch at 5:36 a.m. EDT (6:36 p.m. local).

A packed crowd of 45,787 was buzzing for its favorite star, sending cheers, chants and camera

flashes for Ichiro bounding all around the park. Ichiro became the second-oldest position player to start an opener, only a few months younger than Julio Franco was for the Braves in 2004.

Trout deal official: Mike Trout and the Angels announced their 12-year contract, a record deal that ties baseball's top player to the Orange County club for what likely will be the rest of his career.

A person with knowledge of the contract told The Associated Press the deal is worth \$432 million, shattering baseball's previous high set when Bryce Harper and the Phillies struck a \$330 million, 13-year agreement earlier in spring training.

The Angels will celebrate with a public appearance by Trout outside Angel Stadium on Sunday when the team returns from spring training for the first of three exhibitions against the Dodgers.

"This is where I wanted to be all along," Trout said in a statement.

Extra innings: The Reds' first African-American player has died at the age of 94. The team said Charles "Chuck" Harmon died Tuesday, nearly 65 years after he made his debut against the Braves in Milwaukee on April 17, 1954. ... Alex Bregman and the Astros agreed on a \$100 million, six-year deal that keeps the All-Star third baseman under contract with the team through 2024, according to a person with knowledge of the situation. ... Rookie Brandon Lowe, who made his big-league debut in August, agreed to a \$24 million, six-year deal with the Rays.

Sox make Jimenez face of the franchise

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tract with two club options.

There was no immediate confirmation from the Sox, but multiple reports said Jimenez would make up to \$77.5 million if the two option years are picked up.

It was the end to a long saga that began last August, when Jimenez's agents loudly complained after he wasn't added to the September call-up list. And it's the beginning of a new, presumably happier saga in which the Sox's top prospect gets to carry the franchise on his big shoulders.

When we spoke two weeks ago at Sox camp, Jimenez, 22, admitted he was feeling the pressure of being the face of the rebuild but also looking forward to the challenge.

Now that challenge has arrived, and we'll soon see if he's up to the task.

It's good news for Jimenez, who presumably will get a chance to play in the majors sooner than expected and gets more guaranteed money than any other prospect before his major-league debut. And it's even better news for the Sox, who will have a relatively inexpensive player with superstar potential under their control for eight years, or one more than they would've otherwise, assuming Jimenez remained in the minors until late April to prevent him from becoming a free agent until after 2025.

Whether Jimenez ultimately will regret the deal is another question. Frank Thomas signed a seven-year deal at the end of the 1997 season that potentially was worth \$85 million with two option years. But by 2001, Thomas held out of camp in Tucson when Alex Rodriguez got a deal worth \$25 million annually while the Big Hurt was making only \$10.3 million.

"You see the pay scale is getting out of whack," Thomas said. "You can't have an A-Rod making \$25 million and we're coming in at \$7, 8, 9 million. It's a business. It's just like Hollywood. You can't have the top actor making \$25 million and the rest (of the stars) making \$10 million."

The salaries for elite young players continue to escalate, as Alex Bregman's six-year \$100 million extension with the Astros attests, so Jimenez may have been able to get more if he waited a few years and proved himself. But he also could've gotten injured and blown the chance.

Cubs first baseman Anthony Rizzo signed a seven-year, \$41 million deal in 2013, with options through 2020 and '21, taking security over the possibility of a megadeal down the road. Now

WHITE SOX RECAP

Former Sox catcher Alex Avila hit two three-run home runs in the Diamondbacks' 11-2 victory. Ryan Goins hit his first home run for the Sox. Ervin Santana allowed four runs, eight hits and two walks in four innings. Lucas Giolito entered in the sixth and went four innings, allowing seven runs and eight hits.

Rizzo is one of the most underpaid stars in baseball and won't be a free agent until he's 32. But that's the tradeoff, as Rizzo knew well when he signed the contract.

The Sox are adept at getting their stars signed to long-term, team-friendly deals. The decisions to give Chris Sale, Adam Eaton and Jose Quintana long-term deals well before they hit free agency also worked out well. Quintana's team-friendly contract was the reason the Cubs agreed to give up both Jimenez and Dylan Cease for him in the July 2017 trade.

The Sox and shortstop Tim Anderson agreed to one such deal in 2017, a relatively modest 6-year, \$25 million contract with two club options that could push the total value to \$50.5 million. Anderson, 25, has a way to go before making that look like a bargain for the Sox, but he showed much improvement in 2018.

There's always the chance Jimenez could turn out to be a slightly above average hitter, or an injury-plagued outfielder. That's the risk the Sox are taking by putting their faith in a player who is not major-league tested.

By all accounts Eloy is the real deal, but then again, so was Joe Borchard. Remember Joe? He was the Sox's first-round draft pick in 2000, a switch-hitting outfielder who signed for a then-record \$5.3 million bonus instead of returning to Stanford to be the Cardinal's starting quarterback.

Sox GM Ron Schueler had to have him at any cost.

"That's the market today," Sox designated hitter Harold Baines said at the time of Borchard's bonus. "It's outrageous, but good for him. If you can get it, why not go for it?"

Borchard hit 27 home runs with 98 runs in Double A in 2001 but fizzled out by the time he got to the Sox, hitting .205 with 26 home runs in a six-year career.

Jimenez surely will out-hit Borchard, and if all goes to plan he could be the millennial version of the Big Hurt.

The Sox may be in Year 3 of their rebuild, but in essence the clock starts when Eloy makes his debut.

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BLACKHAWKS



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Corey Crawford and the Blackhawks lost 3-2 in overtime to the Canucks on Monday at the United Center, costing them a valuable point in their push for a playoff spot.

Stretch will stand out

In chase for postseason berth, Hawks nearing critical set of games

BY JIMMY GREENFIELD | Chicago Tribune

Peek all you want into the future. The Blackhawks won't mind. They just won't join you.

The only game that matters to them is their meeting against the Flyers on Thursday at the United Center, the last one before a possible season-defining three-game stretch against the Avalanche and Coyotes, two of the three teams standing between them and the final wild-card playoff spot in the Western Conference.

But just because the Hawks are focused on the Flyers doesn't mean they've buried their heads in the sand. They look at the standings, know their schedule and understand that not all games have equal importance.

The Hawks play the Avalanche on Saturday in Denver and Sunday at the United Center before opening a three-game trip against the Coyotes on Tuesday in Phoenix. The Hawks (74 points in 72 games) are four behind the Coyotes (78 points in 73 games) for the second wild-card spot, with the Wild (77 points in 74 games) and Avalanche (76 in 73) in between. "Those are definitely games ... we need to win," Alex DeBrincat said after practice Wednesday at MB Ice Arena. "Those are teams we're battling with for that spot, and if we win those, that's really gonna help us. We're aware they're there and we've just got to do our part in every other game too.

Hawks to open season in Prague

The Blackhawks have made it official: They will be heading to Europe to open the 2019-20 season against the Flyers on Oct. 4 in Prague.

The game will be played at Prague's O2 Arena, which also was the site of the 2008-09 NHL opener between the Rangers and Lightning. It has a capacity of about 18,000.

The Hawks will be the road team, so they still will have 41 games at the United Center next season. Puck drop will be at 2 p.m. Central time.

"It just elevates our franchise to participate in these jewel events," Hawks President John McDonough said Wednesday. "It's high exposure, it's an opportunity for our players to participate in something in Europe (and) give some of our youngsters who haven't been over there before a full flavor of what this is like."

The Hawks will end training camp in Chicago about a week before the opener and play their final preseason game Sept. 29 at Mercedes Benz Arena in Berlin against Eisbaeren Berlin, one of the

teams in Germany's top league. The game is scheduled to start at 1:30 p.m. Central time.

Tickets will go on sale for both games March 27.

McDonough said he first discussed the Hawks returning to Europe with NHL Commissioner Gary Bettman and deputy commissioner Bill Daly a couple of years ago, and plans started to come together over the last two to three months.

"They know that we're going to commit, they know that we're going to put all our resources into promoting it and we're going to represent the NHL well," McDonough said. "We feel honored, privileged. It's very, very good for us."

The last time the Hawks played in Europe was in 2009, when they split two games with the Panthers in Helsinki to launch a Stanley Cup-winning season. The rest of the Hawks' schedule will be announced this summer.

— Jimmy Greenfield

at the standings and you know how important the game is."

Because of that, Colliton won't be afraid to alter combinations if necessary. In an effort to get Patrick Kane more ice time and jump-start a quiet offense Monday against the Canucks, Colliton shifted the lines around.

It appears Kane, Jonathan Toews and Dylan Sikura will begin Thursday's game against the Flyers on a line together, a contrast from the previous few games in which Kane started with Artem Anisimov and Dominik Kahun.

Kane has eight points — two goals, six assists — in his last 10 games, a veritable feast for most players but bordering on a slump for the high-scoring forward.

"I just felt like (against the Canucks) we needed something," Colliton said. "We needed a little jolt. I like the combos. We'll see. We could change them back."

This will be the second Hawks-Flyers matchup of the season. The first — Nov. 10 in Philadelphia — was Colliton's second game with the team after taking over for the fired Joel Quenneville. The Hawks lost 4-0, starting a stretch in which they scored only four goals over four games while trying to adapt to Colliton's system.

"It's totally different now, of course," Colliton said. "(I) feel a lot more comfortable with our team and how we're playing and the position we're in.

"Now it's fun. You play important games at this time of year. ... It's a privilege to play in big games as the calendar turns. We've got to enjoy it and we will."

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Bigger, better: UC getting new hi-def scoreboard

It will be largest screen of its kind among NBA, NHL arenas

BY PHIL THOMPSON | Chicago Tribune

Bulls sharpshooter Lauri Markkanen will look even sharper and Blackhawks star Patrick Kane will look even larger on a new, state-of-the-art scoreboard the United Center plans to install this summer, along with an upgraded sound system.

The new board will display video in ultrahigh definition 4K and will be 8,660 square feet, almost four times larger than the current scoreboard and feature a higher resolution.

It's the largest of that screen quality among NBA and NHL arenas, according to United Center officials.

"We want to make sure fans get the best that's out there," said Joe Myhra, senior vice president of operations and administration for the United Center. Since 2014, renovations have included the East Atrium addition, new restaurants, remodeled suites and new seats in the main bowl.

The new video screens' 4-millimeter pixel pitch — the distance between LED diodes — will produce a much sharper image than the current boards' 10-mm pitch.

Fans on the 100-section level will be able to see videos and stats on a one-of-a-kind, continuous LED inner ring underneath the

main screens.

The old 2,300-square-foot scoreboard, installed in 2005, will be removed after the end of the Bulls' and Blackhawks' seasons, and the new Mitsubishi board will be erected in the last two weeks of August.

Building bigger, top-resolution scoreboards has become a trend among sports arenas.

Last month, Comcast Spectacor, owner of the Flyers and landlord to the 76ers, announced plans to install a 6,600-square-foot "Kinetic 4K" system at Philadelphia's Wells Fargo Center before next season. Capital One Arena in Washington, where the Capitals and Wizards play, will install a similar high-end LED scoreboard — this one 7,000 square feet — by the fall.

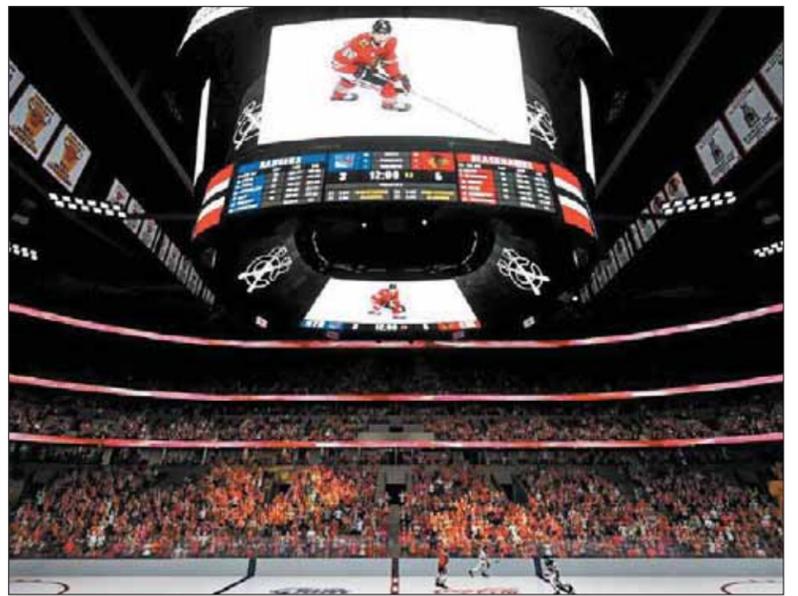
"Wells Fargo and Capital One and United Center will be three of the first that have 100 percent (of their main screens) at that (4-millimeter) pixel pitch," Myhra said.

He admitted there has been an arms race of sorts among stadium operators. "Not competitive at all," he said with a hint of humor.

Meanwhile, within the last four years, the Bears, White Sox and Cubs ordered video boards at Soldier Field, Guaranteed Rate Field and Wrigley Field, respectively.

"It's interesting," Myhra said, "The technology has now gained traction to point where it can be (today), and then it can have scale, and it's more economical to do so."

The new board also will feature four



UNITED CENTER

A rendering of the United Center's new scoreboard, which will be installed in the summer.

drop-down panels from the 32-by-18-foot main screens called auxiliary boards. Fully extended, the display will be almost 40 feet tall and 20 feet above the playing surface.

But fans will only see the auxiliary boards pre- and postgame and during special events, part of an overall effort at the United Center to give the animation and other displays more pop and ramp up the entertainment experience.

The new sound system will provide better clarity and flexibility and allows

stadium operations staff to customize acoustics to announcements, musical interludes and concerts, United Center officials said.

The upgrades won't affect traditional elements, such as the Blackhawks' goal celebration, Myhra said.

"Chelsea Daggner" will always be there — and it will sound better," he said.

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Nickell Robey-Coleman's uncalled hit on Saints wide receiver Tommy Lee Lewis prompted calls for replay reviews of pass interference, but the NFL is unlikely to go that way.

It's always under review

NFL constantly looking for ways to tweak rules, but change isn't instant

BY ARNIE STAPLETON
Associated Press

DENVER — In no sport but the NFL do players, fans, coaches and general managers annually debate the rules of the game, advocating ways to make pro football better, safer, fairer.

Officiating is especially a hot topic around the league after a blown call late in the NFC championship game pretty much cost the New Orleans Saints a trip to the Super Bowl.

That capped a season which began with the long-awaited clarification of what constitutes a catch and then was marred by widespread confusion over what exactly is a legal takedown of the quarterback. While defenders learned new ways to tackle to avoid flags for even glancing blows to the helmet, they complained about O-linemen illegally blocking too far downfield in the run-pass option craze that has successfully seeped in from the college game.

Giants owner John Mara hears the cries to change officials failed to flag the blatant pass interference penalty and a helmet-first hit by the Rams' Nickell Robey-Coleman deep in Los Angeles territory in the NFC championship match. The non-calls helped Los Angeles force overtime and eventually win the game to reach the Super Bowl,

leading to widespread displeasure with the current system regarding coaches' challenges.

Mara said last month at the NFL combine that the powerful competition committee isn't in a rush to change the replay system.

"I just don't sense a lot of support to use replay to call penalties. I don't sense a lot of support for the expansion of it, either," Mara said. "We're early on, so that might change, but that's my sense of where we are right now. I'm not saying it won't change."

The Canadian Football League has allowed pass interference, either called or uncalled, to be reviewed for the last five years. But the NFL has long been reluctant to expand replays for officiating because it would slow games even further.

Other major moves will be considered by the 32 owners at the league meetings in Phoenix beginning Sunday.

Several teams are proposing big changes to replay and overtime after a season of consistent criticism of officiating and which plays can be challenged or automatically reviewed. Any change requires a 24-vote threshold to pass.

Just like the USFL did with the 2-point conversion and other innovations back in the 1980s, the Alliance of American Football's debut this spring has brought novel ideas, some of which could find their way into the NFL rule book. Baltimore Ravens coach John Harbaugh, a staunch advocate for adding more replay reviews to the NFL, is a big fan of the AAF's "sky judge," an official watching from the press box level who can help call penalties from a bird's-

eye view.

"Look how tough it is for these officials, all right. I know as a coach, what's the worst spot to watch the game from? Sideline. You see the least amount from the sideline. That's why you put coaches in the box," Harbaugh said. "OK. So we've got all this technology and the fans actually have a better view of the game from an officiating standpoint than the officials do."

"So these clear and obvious mistakes that are inevitably going to get made, it's not just one play in a championship game; it happens every single week, because the job is so tough and moves so fast and the angles aren't great," Harbaugh added. "If we can put somebody up there in the box that has a better angle that can help officiate the game from up there, do that. If we can add more replay, let's do that."

Harbaugh said the league would save face by fixing a system everyone knows is flawed.

"Because at the end of the day it's about the credibility of the sport, and we can't have the other leagues outpacing us in terms of use of technology to make sure games are fair and well-officiated," Harbaugh said. "We have great officials. These guys are incredible with what they do. We've also put a lot of rules in place that've made it really tough on them. They've got a lot on their plate."

"So let's add an official, let's add two officials, let's put one up in the box, let's expand replay if we want. Let's make sure that at the end of the day the fans walk out of the stadium and walk away from their TV sets knowing that was a good, hard-fought,

well-officiated game and the outcome is as it should be and it was correct. The right team won the game."

Players have their own ideas about ways to make the game better.

Broncos cornerback Chris Harris Jr. said the rules already in place need to be enforced, like flagging O-linemen who block too far downfield on the run-pass option plays that have become all the rage, leading to wide-open tight ends as linebackers come up to play the run.

"You can't have guys 4 or 5 yards downfield and (the quarterback is) still throwing the ball," Harris said.

"They've got to figure out the RPO stuff, but let me suggest a better rule," teammate Von Miller said. "You know how you can't hit a defenseless receiver coming across the field? I feel like edge rushers should have the same protection from chippers. I feel like it's not fair."

"I'm looking right and I've got a receiver that shuffles in and blindsides me while I'm focusing on this play. I actually tore my ACL in a play like that in 2013," Miller said. "I feel like the chips should be gone. I'm dead serious about that. You see guys get blindsided all the time."

Miller said owners are eager to protect QBs and nowadays great edge rushers are getting paid just like franchise quarterbacks.

"We've got a lot of star pass rushers. All it takes is one of those plays and boom, that could be it for one of those guys," Miller said. "This league is all about protecting the quarterbacks. How come they get protection and we don't?"

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US soccer tries new path

Berhalter aims to change long-held perception of team

BY STEVEN GOFF
The Washington Post

ORLANDO, Fla. — The U.S. men's national soccer team has been training this week a few exits down Interstate 4 from Disney World, which is fitting because its new coach, Gregg Berhalter, has ventured into a version of Tomorrowland.

Cynics might call it Fantasyland.

For a program still haunted by a failed World Cup qualifying campaign — one that cost two famous coaches their jobs, led to an interim guide for a year and caused the greatest embarrassment to the program since its founding a century ago — Berhalter is attempting to angle the team into the future.

To prepare the players, he and his staff have been in constant communication for weeks, supplying video files highlighting themselves and the next opponent, reaching out via Skype and making personal visits to MLS and European markets.

"They are probably sick of me by now," he said.

After a winter camp and two low-key matches featuring MLS-based players, Berhalter will have his first global cast available for Thursday's friendly against Ecuador at Orlando City Stadium and Tuesday's test against Chile in Houston.

"It's cool to have a fresh face, a new coach, a new staff," said Christian Pulisic, the 20-year-old centerpiece of Berhalter's reconstruction. "We feel like we have a new beginning now, a fresh start and a good coach to help us with a good style. Everyone is just hungry right now."

This is the first year of a new World Cup cycle, which will begin with regional competitions (Concacaf Gold Cup and Nations League) and accelerate into the qualifying phase for the 2022 tournament in Qatar.

Berhalter, 45, was hired in December, plucked from MLS's Columbus Crew, where he made the most of limited resources and forged an identity through meticulous preparation, ball control and movement.

A former World Cup defender who spent most of his club career abroad, he will attempt to mesh a small group of experienced players with a rising generation led by Pulisic, who this summer will join Premier League club Chelsea from German titan Borussia Dortmund, and two other Bundesliga-based 20-year-olds: Weston McKennie and Tyler Adams.

The mission includes altering the perception of the men's program, which, since missing the World Cup for the first time since 1986, has been ridiculed at home and abroad. This year, the men will operate in the shadows of the top-ranked women's team, which in the summer in France will bid for a fourth world title.

McKennie said, "That is one of the goals that we have as a national team: to change the way people look at American [men's] soccer."

English-based defender Matt Miazga said: "It's the start of a new cycle — new staff, new regime, trying to build a new culture and new identity. We are all on board, we are all excited about the challenge and we know it's not going to be smooth sailing. It never is."

To accelerate the process, Berhalter barnstormed Europe to meet individually with players in their club routines, establishing a steady line of transatlantic communication.

"They are here for the first time together," he said this week, "but there is a familiarity in that we've already seen them and talked to them."

No matter who is summoned for matches and tournaments in the coming years, he added: "The philosophy will remain consistent: What we're trying to do with the ball, how we want to disorganize the opponent using the ball to create goal-scoring opportunities. That is who we are."

The formation is likely to feature Pulisic and McKennie in central attacking midfield roles behind a three-man front line.

Pulisic described it as "a very certain style that is what this country needs, and it's really positive."

Berhalter, Pulisic added, is "very focused on all details of the



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game. I have been amazed in the first few days how much information he has gotten across and how he wants every guy to have a perfect understanding of how we want to go into the game. He has taken pride in making sure every single guy understands the system."

Beyond the tactical changes, players say Berhalter is implementing a fresh culture.

"We have a structure," McKennie said. "We have a set idea and a game plan. We are all trying to get on the same page."

The approach stands in contrast to Jurgen Klinsmann's tenure from 2011 through 2016, when players privately grumbled about the coaching staff's lack of preparation and ill-defined roles before training camps opened.

There is also a new culture evolving, anchored by holdovers like Michael Bradley, John Brooks and DeAndre Yedlin but open to fresh voices, such as McKennie's.

Asked who is speaking up, Brooks said: "Weston. Definitely Weston. Who else? I think it's only Weston. He's so loud."

"Everyone compared to him is like quiet."

Pulisic concurred.

"I am next to him in the hotel; I can hear him. He is loud, all right. It's his personality. He will say what is on his mind."

The bond between Pulisic, McKennie and Adams is strong — they rose together through the U.S. youth system and have landed starting roles on one of the sport's most prestigious circuits. Last Saturday, after McKennie and Adams faced one another in a Bundesliga match, Adams crashed at McKennie's place and they flew together to Orlando.

On the long path to the World Cup, building chemistry and establishing communication is one part of the process.

"When you think about all the miles you traveled to meet players and now to have them all here is a great feeling and we're looking forward to the games," Berhalter said. "We really see this as trying to set the stage for the Gold Cup (this summer). This is the starting point."



TONY AVELAR/AP

Berhalter hugs defender Paul Arriola after a 2-0 victory against Costa Rica in a friendly last month.



Headliners for Lollapalooza 2019 include, from left, Childish Gambino, Ariana Grande and Twenty One Pilots. The festival will take place in Grant Park on Aug. 1-4.

LOLLA 2019 LINEUP

Childish Gambino, Ariana Grande, Twenty One Pilots among headliners



GREG KOT
Tribune music critic

Ariana Grande, Childish Gambino, Twenty One Pilots and the Strokes will be among the headliners when Lollapalooza returns to Grant Park on Aug. 1-4.

Also headlining: Tame Impala, Flume, the Chainsmokers and J Balvin.

Unlike last year, when seven of the eight headliners were returning to the

festival, it's a relatively fresh look this year at the top of the bill. Only the Strokes return as a headliner, after last performing in Grant Park in 2010. But it's a mixed bag in terms of talent and glitter.

Grande has become a pop superstar, and Gambino released one of 2018's signature songs, "This is America." Reggaeton artist J Balvin collaborated on one of last year's biggest hits with Cardi B, "I Like It." But the absence of Cardi B, who was reportedly slated to play last year's Lolla before she got pregnant and had to cancel all tour dates, is a disappointment.

Australian electronic artist Flume has risen fast; in 2013 he was a newcomer playing to a few dozen people at the South by Southwest Music Festival in Austin, Texas. Now he's one of the most in-demand producer-DJs in the world.

The rock-pop representatives at the top are underwhelming: The Strokes are now a nostalgia act, and Twenty One Pilots and the Chainsmokers represent a washed-out mainstream.

The festival announced 181 bands and artists Wednesday. Daily line-

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MICHAEL BROSILOW PHOTO

Aubyn Heglie and company in "Things I Know To Be True" in Milwaukee.

IN PERFORMANCE "Things I Know to be True" ★★★★★

Nothing in life is for sure except for change

Story of Midwestern family one of the best new plays of the year

BY CHRIS JONES
Chicago Tribune

She tells her mom she's leaving her husband. And her kids. And the boring Midwest.

Being older and wiser about life, this Midwest mother immediately senses that her grown-but-troubled daughter has another man. Her daughter swears otherwise. The mother tries to

get her to think of the girls, to give it another shot, to keep the family together in the same town, to understand that a good partner is hard to find. But she gets nowhere. The unhappily married woman leaves. There is another man, we soon know, not that we did not know from the beginning. And he's married. Happiness goes "Boom!"

At that martial revelation in playwright Andrew Bovell's spectacular "Things I Know to be True," a deceptively titled play

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Den Theatre offering different environment for comedy show

Performers praise converted mainstage setting used by acts

BY ZACH FREEMAN
Chicago Tribune

"I thought to myself, 'Oh, wouldn't this be a great place to shoot an album?'" comedian Maria Bamford said Saturday night of the elegant new comedy space at the Den Theatre, where just minutes earlier, in front of a packed house, she had wrapped up the fifth of a six-show run.

"It's so nice. It's so lovely." Show host and Chicago comic Alex Kumin agrees.

"You walk into this room and think (snaps fingers), this would be a perfect space for that," she said, nodding.

We're in the green room — along with Bamford's featured comic Paige Weldon — talking about the newest venue in Chicago's booming stand-up scene. The three comics are seated on a couch and have nothing but praise for Den owner Ryan Martin's brainchild, a conversion of the Den's Heath mainstage into a deluxe, 280-seat comedy club, complete with a thrust stage surrounded by raised seating on three sides and an ample supply of VIP tables — with drink service — in the center.

"I was surprised," said Bamford. "I had no idea it was their



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Maria Bamford performs at the Den Theatre last Thursday.

first weekend in that space."

If she had stopped by the Wicker Park theater as late as Wednesday afternoon, just a day before her — and the space's — first comedy show, Bamford would have been less surprised. All of the seats were stacked neatly in a corner, the stain was still drying on the stage, and saws

and people buzzed about as I talked with Martin, who looks like a young Dana Carvey, about his plans for the newly remodeled space.

"I've built my own set that we can take apart when we have other shows coming in if we need

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CELEBRITIES

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Miley Cyrus will be one of the headliners at the Woodstock anniversary festival Aug. 16-18 in New York.

Jay-Z, Cyrus top Woodstock 50 bill

Jay-Z, Miley Cyrus, Dead & Company and the Killers will headline one of the 50th anniversary shows commemorating the groundbreaking Woodstock festival this summer.

Woodstock co-founder Michael Lang announced Tuesday that Santana, Imagine Dragons, Robert Plant, the Black Keys and Chance the Rapper will also perform at the Woodstock 50 Music and Arts Fair, which will take place Aug. 16-18 in Watkins Glen, New York, about 115 miles northwest of the original site. The event is separate from an anniversary concert planned at the site of the original festival in 1969.

Tickets for the three-day festival pushing the message of peace, love and music go on sale April 22, which is Earth Day.

More than 80 artists, including David Crosby, Janelle Monae, Brandi Carlile, Country Joe McDonald, Halsey and the Lumineers are expected to perform on three main stages at Watkins Glen International racetrack in the Finger Lakes for Woodstock 50. The original concert was held on a farm in Bethel, New York, that is now run as an attraction by The Bethel Woods Center for the Arts. The venue plans its own anniversary event Aug. 16-18. More than 400,000 people attended the Woodstock Music and Arts Fair, which was held Aug. 15-17, 1969.

— Associated Press



DARRON CUMMINGS/AP

Patrick to join Indy 500 NBC team: Danica Patrick will join NBC Sports' inaugural coverage of the Indianapolis 500 as a studio analyst alongside host Mike Tirico. Patrick retired from racing after last year's Indianapolis 500. She will also be part of the broadcast team for qualifying on May 19 and will promote the race across numerous NBCUniversal platforms.

Jay-Z, Lauper added to National Recording Registry: Songs performed by Jay-Z and Cyndi Lauper are among 25 recordings being inducted to the National Recording Registry. The Library of Congress announced Wednesday that Lauper's "She's So Unusual" and Jay-Z's "Blueprint" albums are being added. The library selects titles for preservation because of their cultural and historic importance to the American soundscape.

Lewis recovering from stroke: Rock 'n' roll pioneer Jerry Lee Lewis has been transferred from a hospital to a rehabilitation center following a stroke last month. Still, the 83-year-old will have to cancel upcoming shows, including his appearance at the New Orleans Jazz Festival. Lewis is expected to fully recover with aggressive and intensive rehab. Lewis is known for his outrageous energy and piano skills on songs like "Great Balls of Fire" and "Whole Lotta Shakin' Goin' On."

March 21 birthdays: Singer Eddie Money is 70. Actor Gary Oldman is 61. Actor Matthew Broderick is 57. Actress-comedian Rosie O'Donnell is 57. Actor Scott Eastwood is 33.



ASK AMY

By AMY DICKINSON

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Worried about son's MJ fandom

Dear Amy: My 7-year-old son has recently discovered Michael Jackson. I am having a hard time with it. Considering the child-molestation allegations against Jackson, it's hard to constantly hear his music being played by my child.

My son's interest is at the point where for his recent birthday friends and family bought him a record, an MJ patch to wear on his jacket and a white bedazzled glove.

My son has definitely received instruction about "stranger danger" and such, but do I tell him his musical idol would potentially be a grownup that might want to harm him?

If I told him he simply wasn't allowed to listen anymore, he would want some kind of explanation. Or do we simply wait this out until it passes and have a difficult conversation when he's older?

For the record, Amy, I believe the accusers, which makes this all especially hard. What is your advice?
— Concerned Parent

Dear Concerned: No parent should quash their own instincts in order to let something slide. However, I do NOT think you should actively discourage your son from listening to Michael Jackson's music.

Parents who find that their kids are playing games featuring pretend weapons or other violence (via video or in real life) must explain that real guns hurt people. And so it is with this musical icon (and many others).

If you find the right moment, you should say to your son, "Michael Jackson was an amazing performer! But I want you to

know that he also hurt some children when he was a grownup. My job is to try to always tell you the truth about things. So you can listen to his music and love his music, but I want you to know this about him."

Your son might be interested in becoming a musician or dancer. Make sure he sees video of young Michael performing with the Jackson Five. Also introduce him to appropriate selections of the work of artists like Beyonce, Usher, Justin Timberlake, the Backstreet Boys, Prince, Bruno Mars, vintage Justin Bieber and of course, Janet Jackson.

Many of them also started their careers as children — and this idea might appeal to your son. He might enjoy the G-rated fan film about Bieber's career, "Never Say Never," which features clips of the singer as a tiny talent.

I don't assume that any artists are angels (Frank Sinatra, anyone?), but because Jackson has been accused of crimes against children, his legacy carries a unique challenge for fans.

Dear Amy: Every year, I try to give up something for Lent. This year I'm trying to give up alcohol, but I'm nervous that I won't be able to do it. I'm not a heavy drinker, but the more I think about it, the more I wonder if I can give up that nightly glass, or two, of wine.

Do you have any words of wisdom for how to succeed?
— Tippler

Dear Tippler: Many people give up alcohol, either during the Lenten season,

or just after Christmas ("dry January" — it's a thing!). It helps to "check" your consumption and also leads many people to lose weight from eliminating alcohol's empty calories.

There are also spiritual benefits to going without. Your fear is exactly why you should embrace the challenge. Just as you drink alcohol every day, you will have to choose to give it up every day. The mantra "one day at a time" was never so useful. If you can break this up into daily stages, your successes will build upon one another. Research shows it takes about a month to break a habit. Succeeding at this could lead to other benefits for you.

Dear Amy: I do believe that your advice is usually sound and that you write well. However, when you printed a letter from a whiner who complained that an elderly neighbor "posted a radical, right-wing political ad on her Facebook page," you stepped into dangerous territory.

It was not at all necessary for you to include the words "right-wing" in this put-down of this old lady. Amy, you either made an honest and dumb mistake or ... you are a looney leftist!
— John

Dear John: I don't generally excise or change the words people use when they write to me, including yours.

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BOOK REVIEW

See America through eyes of immigrants

Essay collection leaves mind abuzz

By **BILAL QURESHI**

The Washington Post

Two years before the election of President Trump and the bitter politics of border walls, Muslim bans and s---hole countries, the American publishing industry was facing an identity crisis. A viral social media movement led by writers of color called #WeNeedDiverseBooks began pushing the industry to acknowledge and address its resounding whiteness. The failure to cultivate the voices of American writers of minority and immigrant backgrounds was the failure to tell a full national story, writer Junot Diaz explained in a New Yorker essay.

Soon after the 2016 election, Pulitzer Prize-winning writer Viet Thanh Nguyen published a piece in The New York Times arguing that the outcome was partly the failure of writers. "The struggle over the direction of our country," he wrote, "is also a fight over whose words will win and whose images will ignite the collective imagination." Immigrants needed to tell their story — and tell it better.

"The Good Immigrant" is a culmination of the current political moment and a natural extension of the ongoing work to integrate the American publishing. The 26 essays in this anthology are deeply personal reflections on adolescence, family, love and identity as experienced and felt by the American immigrant artist. From published heavyweights like Teju Cole and



'The Good Immigrant'

Edited by Nikesh Shukla and Chimene Suleyman, Little, Brown, 324 pages, \$28

Alexander Chee to newer voices like Muslim American punk-rocker Basim Usmani and Pakistani Kashmiri-American poet Fatimah Asghar, this banquet of writing is a triumphant celebration of American multiplicity.

The book was inspired by an original British edition, which was published at the height of the Brexit debate with a largely different roster of writers. In the introduction to the American edition, the editors, Nikesh Shukla and Chimene Suleyman, explain that what both collections share is their desire to amplify the voices of immigrants through a kind of collective literary activism. In a cultural climate defined by xenophobia and anti-immigrant policies, this book seeks to showcase the gifts and humanity of



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This banquet of writing by the famous as well as first-timers is a triumphant celebration of American multiplicity.

immigrant artists.

It's a noble mission. And yet, as a reader, I worried that a collection defined by politics could crumble under the weight of good intentions. Essays lifted from social media outrage or powered by reactionary rage can satisfy in the instant but fade as the moment passes. Thankfully, this collection is a resounding success on multiple fronts. Its righteous rage is perfectly matched by its literary rewards.

The American edition of the "The Good Immigrant" is best heard as a surround-sound chorus that bristles with an unpredictable, electric energy. Language, style and rhythm shift with each piece, keeping our attention. In "Luck of the Irish," Maeve Higgins explores how white privilege helped her, an Irish immigrant living in the country illegally, as brown families in similar conditions are prosecuted. In a love letter to her mother, Indian-American writer Krutika Mallikarjuna finds

humor in the ridiculous conundrum of dating in the multiracial mayhem of Brooklyn. "Of the many pitfalls of being a queer desi woman swimming through Tinder," she writes, "I never expected to find myself getting trashed in a bar trying to forget that I was on a date with a white girl named India."

Several of the essays are by first-time authors who work in other artistic mediums. My favorite essay is by Nigerian-American fashion designer Wale Oyejide. The African-inspired textiles and silhouettes of his celebrated fashion line Ikire Jones are regularly shown on global runways and featured prominently in the Oscar-winning blockbuster "Black Panther." In an essay about his artistic coming of age, Oyejide explores the struggles of stay-at-home fatherhood with biting humor and then widens his lens to a crisis of masculinity that fails to allow men to be more than conventional breadwinners and pursue

the arts. He writes about his designs as a political instrument to restore dignity and beauty to black bodies draped in shades of violence and suffering in popular culture.

"Our uprisings don't always come in the guise of smashed windows, overturned cars or respectable slave owners forcibly torn from their stone housings in front of Capitol buildings. Sometimes they come in the form of building-sized brown faces broadcast on cinema screens, portraying characters who are miles away from the token mistress we have to come to accept for want of more inspiring alternatives," he writes. Immigrant creativity is about imagining new possibility, he explains: "There will be endless stories to write. And, increasingly, there will be audiences filled with us waiting to hear them being told."

The best work here offers reflections on the creative process, alongside the fear of family, society

and failure that keeps many immigrant artists from expressing themselves. The collection concludes with a call to arms by novelist Jade Chang, with a practical step-by-step guide to embracing one's voice titled "How to Center Your Own Story."

As I finished "The Good Immigrant," my mind was buzzing with the multitude of voices, stories, heartbreaks and dreams featured in its 300-plus pages. The book is a welcome corrective to the nationalist calls for walls, borders and exclusion that seek to narrow the boundaries of what it means to be American. Each essay is a tantalizing introduction — and invitation — to the larger body of work these artists have already created and will continue to make long after this moment passes.

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BOOK REVIEW

A powerful indictment of prison system

Black Panther tells wrenching tale

BY ROSA BROOKS
The Washington Post

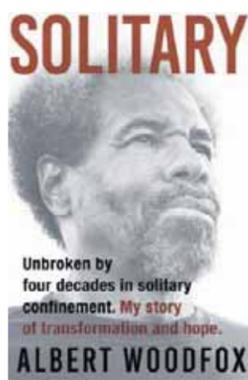
After his plane was shot down during the Korean War, CIA operative John Downey spent more than 20 years in a Chinese prison, much of it in solitary confinement. When he was finally released in 1973, friends urged him to write a book, but Downey demurred: A book about his time in prison, he said, would consist of “500 blank pages.”

This is the dilemma facing anyone trying to write about solitary confinement. How do you communicate to the fortunate, oblivious inhabitants of the outside world what it's like?

In “Solitary,” an account of his 40 years in Angola, one of America's most notorious prisons, Albert Woodfox takes up the challenge Downey declined. The result is a book that is wrenching, terrible, sometimes numbing, sometimes almost physically painful to read. You want to turn away, put the book down. But you can't, because after 40-plus years, the very least we owe Woodfox is attention to his story, however agonizing we find it.

Woodfox was an ordinary boy, growing up poor and black in segregated New Orleans. The oldest child of a single mother who struggled to feed and clothe her children, Woodfox learned early that survival meant hustling.

Woodfox drifted from petty crime to petty crime. He was eventually sent to Angola, a former Louisiana



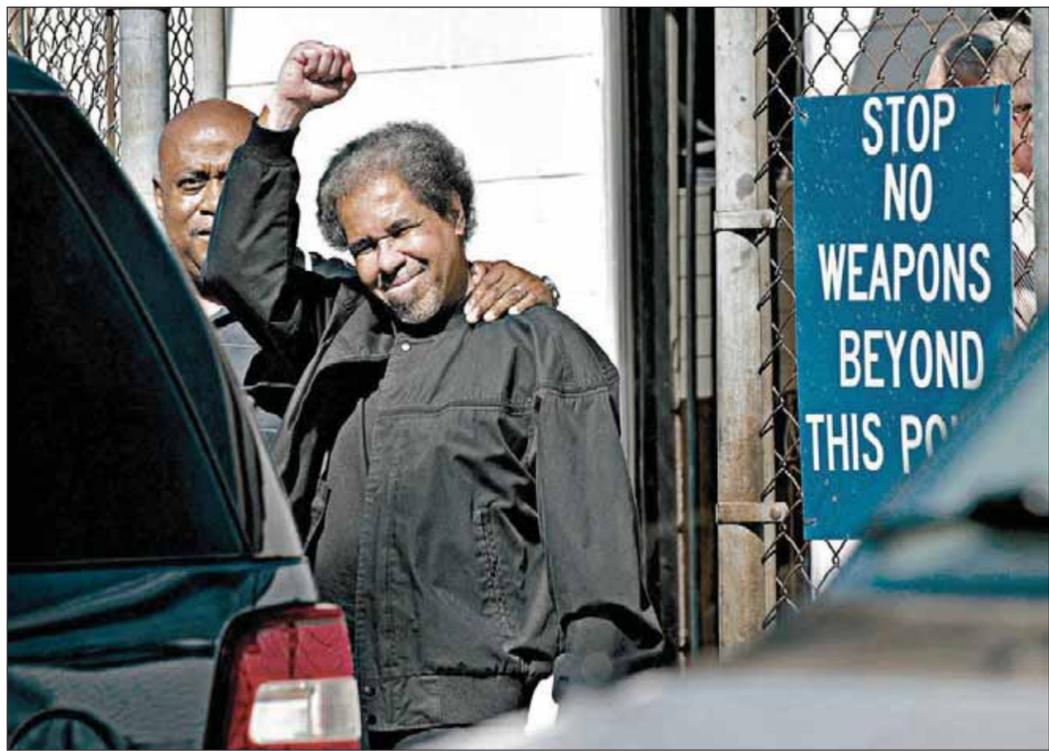
'Solitary'

By Albert Woodfox with Leslie George, Grove, 433 pages, \$26

slave plantation turned state prison. Woodfox endured the horrors Americans have come to accept as “normal” in prisons: violence from inmates and guards alike, the constant threat of rape, substandard food, and unsanitary conditions.

In 1970, after he was arrested during a trip to New York and sent to the Manhattan House of Detention, Woodfox met members of the Black Panther Party. He was entranced. Unlike most of the prisoners he had encountered, the Panthers had “pride and confidence ... fearlessness, but there was also kindness. ... They treated all of us as if we were equal to them, as if we were intelligent.”

The Panthers set up meetings, taught people how to read and tried to organize the men. Woodfox



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Albert Woodfox is released from prison in Louisiana in 2016, after decades in solitary confinement.

jolted into political awareness with a convert's zeal. He learned about the “institutionalized racism” of the criminal justice system: “It was purposeful and deliberate ... and it wasn't just blacks who were marginalized. It was poor people all over the world. ... It was as if a light went on in a room inside me that I hadn't known existed.”

But to law enforcement officials in the early 1970s, the only thing worse than an African-American petty criminal was a radicalized black man, and Woodfox's determination to spread the principles of Black Pantherism to his fellow prisoners earned him punishment piled upon punishment. Extradited to Louisiana and back in Angola, he, along with soon placed in solitary confinement, where he remained for four decades.

His hopes for an early release are destroyed when he and several others are accused in the 1972 stabbing death of a prison guard. Much of the evi-

dence is exculpatory to Woodfox, but lawyers fail him. Years pass. Woodfox's siblings grow old. His mother dies, and he can't attend her funeral. The day-to-day brutalities continue.

Woodfox reads; he learns the law; he writes hundreds of letters seeking pro bono legal assistance. Outside the prison, the Black Panther Party has ceased to exist. Inside his cell, Woodfox remains sustained by his commitment to the party's principles and by his deep belief that neither he nor any other human being should be discarded and forgotten.

“Sometimes I felt cheated,” he writes, “knowing that being born black pretty much determined where I'd wind up. ... I considered myself to be a political prisoner. Not in the sense that I was incarcerated for a political crime, but because of a political system that had failed me terribly as an individual and citizen of this country.”

Finally, Juan Mendez, the United Nations special rapporteur on torture, took up Woodfox's cause: “Keeping Albert Woodfox in solitary confinement for more than four decades clearly amounts to torture,” Mendez told reporters in 2013. Activists and pro bono lawyers rallied around him, and in 2016, after reluctantly accepting a manslaughter plea bargain as the price of freedom, Woodfox was finally released from prison. He emerged, miraculously, a free man and a generous man, determined to get to know his grandchildren and fight for the rights and dignity of the hundreds of thousands of human beings still behind bars.

His relentless account of four decades of injustice, imprisonment and brutality is difficult to read and difficult to write about — its moral power is so overwhelming. Every summary phrase that comes to mind is a cliché: “a triumph of the human spirit,” “inspiring,” “a call to arms.” But in

Woodfox's case, the clichés all ring true.

When John Downey spoke of the abuses he endured in his two decades in Chinese prisons, Americans nodded sympathetically. We expect our enemies to behave abusively. But here in America, we think, things are different, and better.

They are not. It is America's broken and inhumane political system that allows us to lock up a higher percentage of our population than any other nation in the world, a majority of them people of color, born poor and on a playing field so unequal they might as well have been shackled from birth.

Woodfox's story makes uncomfortable reading, which is as it should be. “Solitary” should make every reader writhe with shame and ask: What am I going to do to help change this?

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BOOK REVIEW

Eggers' 'The Parade' a cynical look at mismatched co-workers

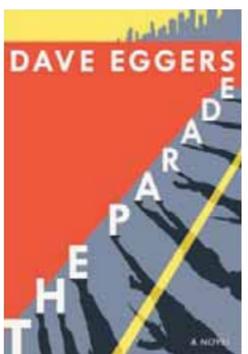
BY RON CHARLES
The Washington Post

Dave Eggers has spent much of his life figuring out how best to help people. He first gained widespread attention in 2000 with “A Heartbreaking Work of Staggering Genius,” an ironic memoir about dropping out of college to raise his little brother after their parents died. His first novel, “You Shall Know Our Velocity,” was about a couple of friends tearing around the world trying to give away money. His other books have brought attention to the plight of teachers, wrongfully convicted prisoners and the Lost Boys of Sudan. Eggers befriended an entrepreneurial Yemeni-American, traveled with him to Africa and last year published a book about the coffee industry and the Yemeni civil war called “The Monk of Mokha.” And along the way, he founded 826 National, a literacy organization for children with branches in eight cities.

In other words, Eggers is not just a charitable person; he's not writing checks and turning away. He thinks deeply about complex social and political problems and then rolls up his sleeves.

Given that record of active concern and service, what are we to make of his slight new novel, “The Parade,” a tale of Western assistance in the developing world?

The story opens in an unnamed country that has recently emerged from civil war. To reunify this broken land, an international company has been hired to build a highway connecting the rural south to the urban north. In two weeks, when the work is done, the president will hold a parade to demonstrate his nation's new era



'The Parade'

By Dave Eggers, Knopf, 192 pages, \$25.95

of peace and prosperity. All that remains is to pave and paint this 150-mile road. That job will be accomplished by a single gargantuan machine driven by one man, assisted by another man who drives ahead to keep the path clear. Completing the job from start to finish is the whole plot of “The Parade.”

For security reasons, the two men entrusted with this work don't give their names, identifying themselves only by numbers. The driver of the giant paving machine is “Four,” an experienced construction worker who holds strictly to every company policy, particularly the rule prohibiting interaction with the local populace. Much to Four's consternation, his partner, “Nine,” is a cavalier novice who constantly wanders away to frolic with the people they pass.

Four deplores everything about his younger partner, from his ridiculously long hair to his disregard for the dangers of their job. But Nine has such a buoyant spirit and such an appreciation for this place and these native people that he makes Four

seem dour and hard-hearted.

When Nine asks him to come enjoy a meal at a nearby village, Four angrily rebuffs him.

All of this is fairly engaging, though it's tempting to think we've seen this buddy film before: the grumpy old crank who does everything by the book and the carefree heartthrob who drives him crazy, *gosh darnit!* We know they will engage in epic arguments. We know that after some crisis the old guy will soften up and appreciate his partner's joie de vivre, while the younger man will learn to respect his boss's wisdom.

These are not spoilers so much as the terms of the buddy genre, and for most of the novel, Eggers does not deviate from that. Nine's delight with everything is a constant irritant to his machine-like partner, but it's also a persistent reminder of how much life Four is missing.

Which brings us to what this novel is missing. Eggers has pared his clever style down to a series of flat, declarative sentences. The characters have been crunched into types. The details of this place have been sandblasted away.

At best, we're left with the stark elements of a parable, which raises the book's pretentiousness quotient to dangerously high levels. At worst, we have a story that conforms to the West's reductive attitudes about the developing world. Writers and politicians have long generalized about those individual cultures. A novel that lumps them together into a nameless, primitive nation only plays into that tendency.

But what's truly disappointing is the novel's final paragraph, which lands like a molotov cocktail of toxic cynicism.

BOOK REVIEWS



BY KATHIE MEIZNER, ABBY MCGANNEY, NOLAN AND MARY QUATTLEBAUM
Special to The Washington Post

“Brave Ballerina” by Michelle Meadows, illustrated by Ebony Glenn, Holt, 32 pages, \$17.99, ages 3-7

“Brave Ballerina” begs to be read aloud. The book, by Michelle Meadows, tells the story of Janet Collins, a gifted dancer born in New Orleans in 1917, a time when many ballet companies would not accept a black artist. Meadows' simple rhyming narrative introduces young listeners and readers to the moments that made up Collins' road to success as a dancer — including the young ballerina's own hard work and the strong support of her family — and to the heartbreaking ways she was thwarted by racial segregation. Ebony Glenn's graceful, friendly illustrations show Collins as a child, arms outstretched in the joy of dancing, and later as a young woman working to perfect her art in lithe poses and wearing beautiful costumes. Collins became the Metropolitan Opera's first African-American prima ballerina. The triumphant closing lines, “This is the dancer, / bold like the sun, / a prima ballerina / in 1951” ring both victorious and beautiful. This is a wonderful and inspirational biography for aspiring young dancers and other athletes.

— Kathie Meizner

“Hedy Lamarr's Double Life” by Laurie Wallmark, illustrated by Katy Wu, Sterling, 48 pages, \$16.95, ages 5+

“Hedy and Her Amazing Invention” by Jan Wahl, illustrated by Morgana Wallace, Penny Candy, 36 pages, \$16.95, ages 7-11

Hedy Lamarr's initial heyday came during World War II, when she starred in Hollywood movies and raised money for the American War effort. But the glamorous actress (1914-2000) also had an inventive mind, and she is belatedly being celebrated for her discoveries. There have been magazine articles, a major biography and a feature-length documentary (aptly named “Bombshell”); now there are two illustrated books for children celebrating her work. Hedy Lamarr's “Double Life” starts by showing how Lamarr's creativity emerged early in her Viennese childhood: Her father encouraged her scientific thinking, and she loved to play pretend and imitate others. Laurie Wallmark's lively biography also explains Lamarr's most brilliant idea (conceived with composer George Antheil), which improved the guidance system for torpedoes and led to today's wireless communications. Jan Wahl's “Hedy and Her Amazing Invention” proceeds in seven short chapters and may leave the slightly older reader wanting more. Either way, Mor-

gana Wallace's charming collage illustrations convey the intelligence and charisma of this newly appreciated pathbreaker.

— Abby McGanney Nolan

“Watch Us Rise” by Renee Watson and Ellen Hagan, Bloomsbury, 368 pages, \$18.99, ages 13+

At the beginning of the intelligent young-adult novel “Watch Us Rise,” best friends Jasmine Gray and Chelsea Spencer announce their goal for junior year: to “totally shut down the patriarchal systems of oppression.” Co-authors Watson, who won a Newbery Honor last year for “Piecing Me Together,” and poet and activist Hagan chart the course as their protagonists take strong action. Marginalized and even mocked for their feminist stance on body shaming, racism and artistic integrity, Jasmine, a black actress and writer, and Chelsea, a white poet, start a club “specifically for women” at their progressive high school. When their blog goes viral, the young women must deal with the mixed reactions: affirmation from kindred spirits, resistance from fellow students, and disciplinary action from the principal. The girls' poems and reflective essays are interspersed. Through this intense year of change and growth, Jasmine and Chelsea persist in speaking their truth.

— Mary Quattlebaum



ARMANDO L. SANCHEZ/CHICAGO TRIBUNE PHOTOS
Attendees wait for comedian Maria Bamford to begin her performance last Thursday at the Den Theatre.

Den

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to,” Martin said excitedly, gesturing around the space.

And though stand-up comedy is a new venture for the Den, he doesn’t plan to be a dilettante, diving head-first into the comedy scene and not looking back.

“After we do ‘La Havana Madrid’ (a remount of the Teatro Vista production that played at The Goodman in 2017), I want to go about a year before I bring a theater production back,” Martin said. “The idea is to do one really solid theater production in here a year and then the rest (will be) comedy.”

The bookings — handled by Martin — are already lining up for the new space, with Vicki Barbolak and Christopher Titus booked for shows in April, and Greg Fitzsimmons and Joel Kim Booster confirmed for May.

Martin has also started booking familiar comedians in other, smaller spaces at the Den. The same weekend that Bamford was playing the mainstage, comedian Kate Quigley was performing in the 99-seat upstairs space. And comedian and former Chicagoan Beth Stelling will be in that same space Saturday trying out new material.

“I wanted a smaller, intimate room,” said



A light illuminates the sidewalk outside the Den Theatre.

Stelling. “So I’m in the Bookspan Theatre.”

The Den has been a theatrical space since 2010, but it was a comedy-show booking exactly one year ago that led Martin down this new path. In March and April of 2018, comedian Cameron Esposito set up a two-week residency in a smaller space at the Den to work out new material (that material eventually became her well-received special “Rape Jokes”). That experience got Martin thinking.

“I saw how successful it could be and how much demand there is,” he said. “People want to laugh. People want to see comedians.”

And though a number of venues in town regularly host comedy, Martin feels the Den offers something unique.

“I just think that it would be exciting, not only for the

Den as a venue but for audiences, to experience some of these big, well-known comedians in a Chicago storefront theater,” he said. “It’s just not done a lot.”

The space itself — designed by Martin and resident designer Jeffrey D. Kmiec — is also unique in the stand-up space, and not just for its Wicker Park location. The lighting and the way the stage juts out into the audience in the relatively intimate space provides a feeling of being closer and more involved in the action on stage.

“It’s very cozy,” said Bamford, who played at the 984-seat Athenaeum Theatre when she was last in Chicago in 2016. “It’s very nice for the audience and the performer. It’s great because everyone can see. It’s not like some of these comedy clubs, where it’s

like” — here she dipped into a sad character voice — “I’m not really a part of it.”

Looking around the house during Bamford’s set Saturday night, her sentiment rings very true. There are no bad sight lines, and the filament lighting that hangs over the stage provides a warm glow to the room. Large bookshelves on either side of the proscenium give a cultured vibe to the proceedings and the backdrop — a large, well-lit Den Theatre logo displayed on open books.

On opening weekend, the audience members walking into the space for Bamford’s show seemed impressed. And, for their part, the comedians did as well.

“This is right up there,” said Kumin, who has performed all over Chicago. “It really is such a perfect size. There’s not a bad seat in the house and the ambiance in there is really wonderful.”

Let the countdown begin to see which comedian chooses the Den to shoot his or her next special.

Beth Stelling performs 7:30 p.m. and 9:30 p.m. Saturday at the Den Theatre, 1333 N. Milwaukee Ave., \$25, 773-697-3830 and theden theatre.com/comedy.

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Lolla

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ups will be announced at a later date, the festival said. Four-day passes (\$340) are on sale at Lollapalooza.com. One-day tickets (\$130) are not yet available.

Among the highlights in the tier below the headliners is Kacey Musgraves, who won the Grammy Award for album of the year (“Golden Hour”). The singer will make her first Lollapalooza appearance.

And Janelle Monae will undoubtedly make the case that she should be a headliner the next time she’s booked to play the festival. Also providing spark are veteran MC’s Lil Wayne and Meek Mill.

The lower reaches of the bill include Sharon Van Etten, who is coming off her first album in five years, the brilliant “Remind Me Tomorrow”; the hard-charging British quintet Idles; soulful singer-songwriter Emily King; and post-modern blues innovator Fantastic Negrito.

Among the artists representing Chicago are hip-hop soul-stirrer Saba and rising coed rockers Beach Bunny. If you’re in need of a novelty act, there’s former basketball star Shaquille O’Neal making his musical comeback (two decades after his last album) with something called “Honne 79 Diesel.”

Here is the complete lineup of 181 bands and artists announced Wednesday: Ariana Grande, Childish Gambino, Twenty One Pilots, the Strokes, Tame Impala, Flume, the Chainsmokers, J Balvin, Kacey Musgraves, Lil Wayne, Janelle Monae, Meek Mill, Hozier, Rufus du Sol, Gary Clark Jr., Tenacious D, 21 Savage, Death Cab for Cutie, the Revivalists, H.E.R., Maggie Rogers, Perry Farrell’s Kind Heaven Orchestra, Alesso, GUD Vibrations Vs Sluzg Music, Louis the Child.

RL Grime, 6LACK, NF, Slash feat. Myles Kennedy and the Conspirators, Lil Baby, Gunna, King Princess, Madeon, Gryffin, San Holo, Snails, Fitz and the Tantrums, Judah & the Lion, Sheck Wes,

Smino, Fisher, Lauren Daigle, Rosalia, Mitski, Bring Me the Horizon, J.I.D. Chevelle, FKJ, AJR, Lil Skies.

Boombox Cartel, Matoma, Deorro, Manic Focus, Whethan, Rich the Kid, Saba, Normani, Bishop Briggs, Hayley Kiyoko, Denzel Curry, Party Favor, Loud Luxury, Japanese Breakfast, Lane 8, Joji, Lennon Stella, Sharon Van Etten, Francis and the Lights, Chelsea Cutler, Yaeji, Idles, Conan Gray, Sigrid, Dean Lewis. Masego, Hobo Johnson & The LoveMakers, Honne 79 Diesel (Shaquille O’Neal), Bad Suns, Omar Apollo, Tierra Whack, Jeremy Zucker, (Sandy) Alex G, Calpurnia, Alec Benjamin, Still Woozy, Boy Pablo, Cautious Clay, Ghostemane, Pink Sweat\$, shallou, Jade Bird, Said the Sky, Camelphat, Jonas Blue, CloZee, Mondo Cozmo, Magic City Hippies, the Band Camino.

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Crizzly, Yultron, Cray, Whipped Cream, Max Frost, Bayonne, Dreamers, Houses, Shaed, Sam Fender, GG Magree, Born Dirty, Diablo, Beach Bunny, Arkells, Harry Hudson, Cousin Stizz, Role Model, nothing.,nowhere, CharlesTheFirst, Shlump, Witt Lowry, Des Rocs, bülow, Malu Travejo.

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Things

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being as it is all about how there is absolutely nothing you can count on in life except wrenching change, the audience at the Milwaukee Repertory Theatre Sunday afternoon let out a

communal, collective sound — part of dread, part of sorrow, wholly of recognition. It was intense enough to be shocking.

I’ve always found the theater-going people of Wisconsin to be, on balance, a kind and empathetic group, and there was no “gotcha” element. The matinee audience mostly

was older, probably full of people with kids and grandkids. So carefully balanced is Bovell’s writing, and so intense the empathetic engagement with both of these women, you could almost feel an entire theater willing things to turn out for the best for both of them. Not that it would.

It had gone that way all afternoon. “Things I Know to Be True” is about a family — two lower-middle class parents and their four grown kids, all at various points in their mid-to-late 20s or slightly beyond. They’re neither happy nor dysfunctional. They are ordinary people doing their best. None of them realize their time on this earth is short.

But where to spend this time? At its core, Bovell’s mercifully agenda-less play centers on how your dreams for your future so rarely pan out. Because the competing dreams of the people you love intrude.

You might imagine grandkids playing under your backyard tree but, hey, their parents might move to another country. But the play hardly restricts itself to the parental view. In scene after scene, it explores the fumbling attempts at adulthood of those on the cusp of Gen X and millennials, fitting neither profile but being no different, really, from other humans.

It asks if you should leave, come home, stay away, hold on to your aging parents, let them go, love yourself, subjugate yourself, save your siblings from themselves, find yourself. In other words, this play is about the stuff we all think about all the time. It is about how life never, ever follows a straight line. It is about how pathetic we all are with the inevitable change that lies ahead. It is about the human inability



MICHAEL BROSILOW PHOTO

“Things I Know to Be True” at Milwaukee Repertory Theater stars Bill Geisslinger, Jordan Baker, Zach Fifer and Aubyn Heglie.

to live in the moment and to fully appreciate the comforts of being loved before all of that goes away.

I can’t overstate how much I admire this work, which is receiving its American premiere in Milwaukee, under the warm-centered artistic director Mark Clements, nor how much I saw it move an audience.

Bovell is an Australian playwright. He is best known Stateside for the superb play “When the Rain Stops Falling,” which David Cromer directed years ago, even though that great production still lies fresh in my mind. Clements has collaborated with the Chicago choreographer Julia Rhoads to create a movement-based vocabulary, which is interesting and creative if not always necessary, given the level of emotional realism. I wouldn’t say the production is perfect; not all the

scenes work nor does every performance range as deep as it could. No easy task.

But the two most important ones, the parents, played by Jordan Baker, who has worked often in Chicago, and Bill Geisslinger, are unforgettable in their sincerity. Frankly, everything done by Kelley Faulkner, Zach Fifer, Aubyn Heglie and Kevin Kantor (as the kids) also feels drawn from deep in their hearts.

Bovell is chronically under-appreciated and under-produced in this country. “Things I Know to Be True” was originally set in Adelaide, Australia, but Bovell has re-written the piece for Milwaukee with this Midwest setting. It works perfectly because the writing is that good.

I think this the best new play I have seen this year: I saw it several days ago, have seen other work since then, but still it dances in

When: Through March 31

Where: Milwaukee Repertory Theatre, 108 E. Wells St., Milwaukee

Running time: 2 hours, 20 minutes

Tickets: \$20-\$75 at 414-224-9490 or www.milwaukeeerep.com

my head.

There is no sentimentality in the room though: actually, Bovell puts all of this family under a microscope, removes all their comforts. He is at once looking at their choices in the cold light of day and yet still giving them compassionate voice.

What more could you ask? Get up there. And let me know what you felt.

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Miss D

"Bring It!" (8 p.m., 12:01 a.m., Lifetime): Miss D and the Dancing Dolls hit the road for a highly anticipated live tour, but the fate of that entire venture is thrown up in the air by multiple roadblocks along the way in the Season 5 finale, "Bring It Live! Detour." As the hours tick down to the opening-performance curtain, Princess struggles to get control of a serious case of beginner doubts, while Faith struggles to bounce back after an injury.

"Gotham" (7 p.m., FOX): As they stand on the very brink of Gotham City's re-unification, Gordon and Bruce (Ben McKenzie, David Mazouz) find themselves confronted by a recently transformed Eduardo (guest star Shane West), who turns out to be the ultimate puppet master behind the current chaos gripping the city in the new episode "I am Bane." Elsewhere, Barbara (Erin Richards), now pregnant, seeks help from Lee (Morena Baccarin).

"Supernatural" (7 p.m., CW): At this point in their very long career as hunters, Sam and Dean (Jared Padalecki, Jensen Ackles) have just about been there, done that and got the T-shirt to prove it. The new episode "Don't Go in the Woods" presents the brothers Winchester with a rarity, however: a monster they've never heard of. Meanwhile, Jack (Alexander Calvert) goes all out to impress a new group of friends. We're sure that will go well.

"Million Dollar Listing Los Angeles" (8:30 p.m., 12:02 a.m., Bravo): Pursuing a listing that could completely change her life if she lands it, Tracy makes the long journey to Dubai, where she spends her free time hanging out with a friend, local celebrity Caroline Stanbury, in the new episode "Dubai It." Back in California, Josh Altman goes looking for a mystery property in Malibu.

"Kindred Spirits" (9 p.m., 12 a.m., TRAVEL): The new episode "The Villisca Axe Murders" takes paranormal investigators Amy Bruni and Adam Berry to Iowa, where they explore a rural farmhouse where an entire family was murdered in 1912 by an assailant who was never identified or apprehended. They have reason to fear that the spirit of the guilty party may still hold sway over the residence.

"The Other Two" (9:32 p.m., Comedy Central): A new episode called "Chase Drops His First Album" finds teen phenom ChaseDreams (Case Walker) throwing an album release party on a private plane, with the event being live-streamed to his fans. With all the world watching, however, fate plays a nasty prank when a devastating family secret winds up accidentally being exposed.

TALK SHOWS

"The Tonight Show Starring Jimmy Fallon" (10:34 p.m., NBC): Jimmy Fallon brings A-list guests, signature comedy bits and chart-topping music to late night.*

"Jimmy Kimmel Live" (10:35 p.m., ABC): Actor Michael Keaton; actress Retta; Jenny Lewis performs.*

"Conan" (11:30 p.m. midnight, TBS): Celebrity guests, music acts and comics.*

"The Late Show With Stephen Colbert" (11:35 p.m., CBS): Actor Kit Harington; actress Amber Tamblyn; Hozier performs.*

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TCM	The China Syndrome (PG,'79) *** Jane Fonda. ©		The China Syndrome (PG,'79) *** Jane Fonda. ©		(9:15) Network (R,'76) **** © ♦		(9:15) Network (R,'76) **** © ♦	
TLC	My 600-Lb. Life: "Supersized: Jeanne's Story." (N)		My 600-Lb. Life: "Supersized: Jeanne's Story." (N)		Hoarding: Buried Alive		Hoarding ♦	
TLN	Humanit		Wretched		Remember the Goal		Life Today	
TNT	* NCAA Tournament (N)		2019 NCAA Basketball Tournament: First Round: Teams TBA. (N)		2019 NCAA Basketball Tournament: First Round: Teams TBA. (N)		2019 NCAA Basketball Tournament: First Round: Teams TBA. (N)	
TOON	Samur. Jack		Amer. Dad		Burgers		Burgers	
TRAV	The Dead Files ©		The Dead Files (N) ©		Kindred Spirits (N) ©		Dead Files ♦	
TVL	Raymond		Raymond		Raymond		Two Men	
USA	* (6) Harry Potter and the Order of the Phoenix ***		Harry Potter and the Order of the Phoenix ***		Harry Potter and Half-Blood		Hip Hop ♦	
VH1	RuPaul's Drag Race ©		RuPaul's Drag Race (N) ©		RuPaul's Drag Race (N) ©		RuPaul's Drag Race (N) ©	
WE	* Growing Up Hip Hop ©		Growing Up Hip Hop (N)		Marriage- Stars (N)		Hip Hop ♦	
WGN America	Last Man		Last Man		Last Man		Last Man	
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	MAX	Resident Evil: Apocalypse (R,'04) **		Resident Evil: Apocalypse (R,'04) **		(8:35) Van Helsing (PG-13,'04) ** Hugh Jackman. (N)		(8:35) Van Helsing (PG-13,'04) ** Hugh Jackman. (N)
	SHO	* Running (7:25) Billions ©		Running (7:25) Billions ©		(8:25) The Hunted (R,'03) ** ©		(8:25) The Hunted (R,'03) ** ©
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STZNC	* (6:01) The Saint ('97) **		The Other Guys (PG-13,'10) *** Will Ferrell.		The Other Guys (PG-13,'10) *** Will Ferrell.		Bloodsport ♦	

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Horoscopes



Today's birthday (March 21): Your feet have wings this year. Carefully coordinate to pursue career opportunities. Domestic blossoming this summer comes before a professional challenge. Winter brings a career highlight, before home developments require your attention.

Aries (March 21-April 19): Today is a 7. Changes with a romance or partnership require sensitivity and diplomacy. Stand up to your fears. You can get too much of a good thing. Avoid overindulging.

Taurus (April 20-May 20): 8. Your charisma and sex appeal are attracting attention. Guard your health despite challenges. Avoid overworking or pushing yourself too hard.

Gemini (May 21-June 20): 7. Love could seem both overwhelming and fickle. Passions flare and then fizzle. Beware hassles or irritations. A partnership formed now is beneficial.

Cancer (June 21-July 22): 8. Love is the bottom line at home. Things may not go as expected. Keep angry words from falling out. Reaffirm your commitment and care.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22): 8. The action is backstage. Let the passion build. Ignore teasing or comments from the peanut gallery. Articulate feelings into words of inspiration and persuasion.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): 8. Frugality serves you best. Resist impulsive spending and financial fussing. Add sex appeal to your marketing materials. Craft a winning pitch.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): 9. Pursue personal ambitions. Conditions may seem unsettled. Wear something that makes you feel beautiful and attractive. Avoid overeating, overindulging or overspending. Listen to your heart.

Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): 6. Postpone an outing. Costs may be higher than expected. Guard peaceful time to get away privately and think. Notice your own emotions, and focus on love.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): 8. Controversy or confrontation could disrupt a group situation. Consider all points of view before rendering judgment. Find the common heart thread. Enunciate the love story.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): 8. Your good work reflects you well. Passions can get intense. Hold off on new ideas, expenses or distractions. Provide excellence.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): 7. Travel expenses could add up excessively. Don't buy expensive gifts. Go for moderation, especially with food and spirits. Express your feelings without breaking the bank.

Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20): 7. Contribute to family finances. Add your potatoes to the stew. Together, you can cook up something delicious. Budget carefully to meet the need.

— Nancy Black, Tribune Content Agency

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Bridge

East-West vulnerable, South deals

North

- ♠ K 2
- ♥ A J 4 3
- ♦ A 10 5
- ♣ 8 7 6 3

East

- ♠ 8 5 4
- ♥ 9 8 6 2
- ♦ Q J 7 6 3
- ♣ 10

South

- ♠ A 9 7
- ♥ 5
- ♦ K 4 2
- ♣ A Q J 9 5 4

North's two-diamond bid confirmed game-going values with the ability to play in clubs, or possibly no trump. South's jump to three hearts was an obvious splinter bid,

The bidding:

South	West	North	East
1♣	Dbl	Redbl	1♦
2♣	Pass	2♥	Pass
3♥*	Pass	3♠	Pass
4♣	Pass	4♦	Pass
6♣	All pass		

*Splinter bid, shortness in hearts

Opening lead: Queen of ♠

his four-club bid, but then leaped to slam when his partner cue bid four diamonds. A good auction — now to make it.

South won the opening spade lead in hand with the ace and laid down the ace of clubs, hoping for a singleton king. No luck there, so he set out to eliminate the side suits. A heart to the ace and a heart ruff was followed by a spade to the king and another heart ruff. Declarer ruffed his last spade in dummy and ruffed dummy's last heart in hand. He could only partially eliminate the diamonds, so he cashed his king of diamonds and led a diamond to the ace.

A trump now put West on lead with nothing but spades remaining. South ruffed in dummy while discarding his last diamond and claimed his slam. Very well done!

— Bob Jones
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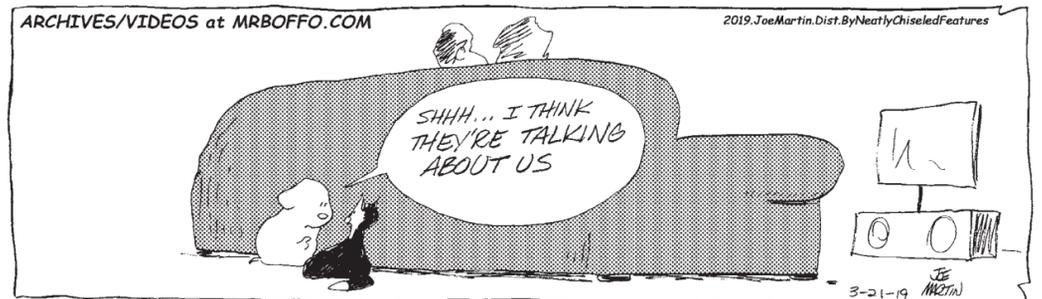
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Zits



Mr. Boffo



Frazz



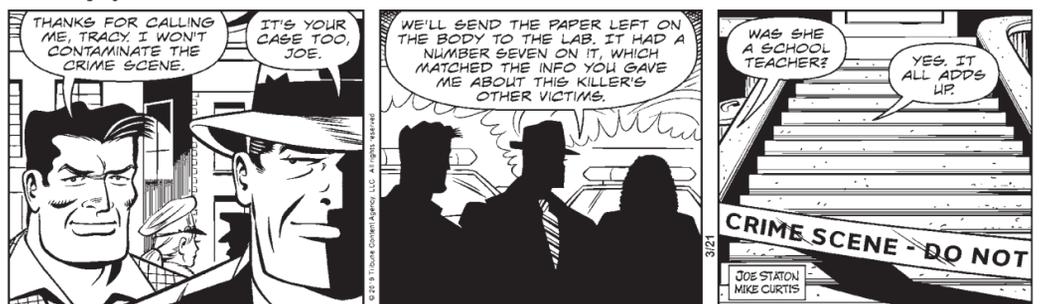
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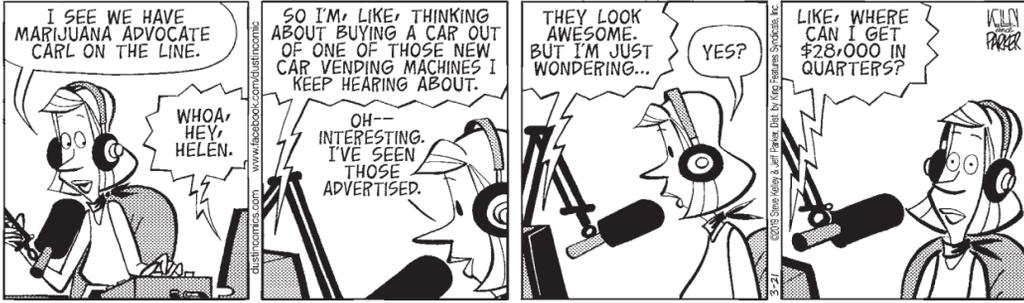
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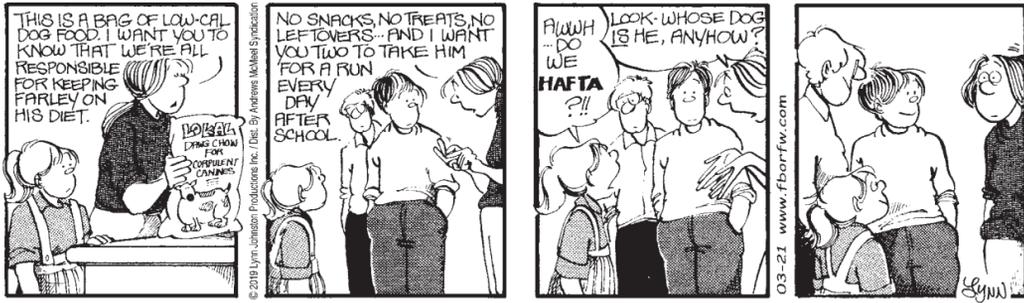
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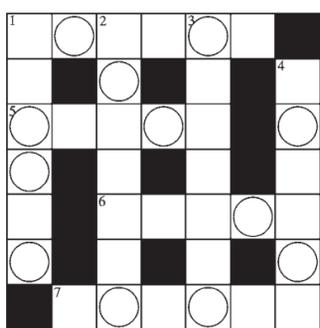
Broom-Hilda By Russell Myers



Trivia Bits

Which of these is among Thomas Edison's many inventions?
 A) Laser
 B) Talking doll
 C) Windshield wiper
 D) X-ray machine
 Wednesday's answer: Rick Springfield (Dr. Noah Drake from "General Hospital") is often a subject of questions in the annual KVSC trivia competition at St. Cloud State.
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Jumble Crossword

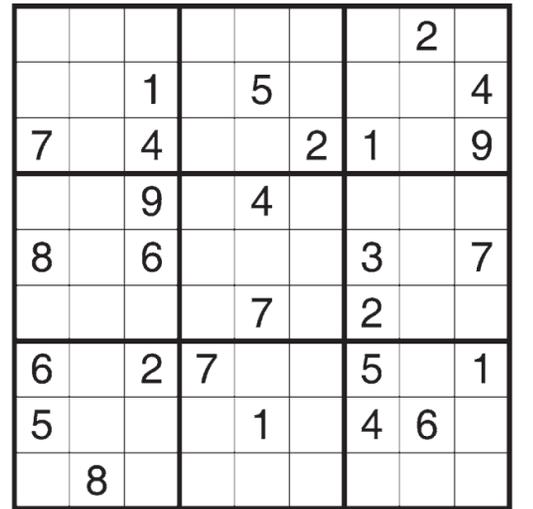


CLUE ACROSS
 1. Penalize
 5. Lemon
 6. Lift
 7. Play
ANSWER
 SHNPUI
 UIEJC
 SHOTI
 CROFLI
CLUE DOWN
 1. pants
 2. one
 3. Unique
 4. Country, rural
ANSWER
 PAAMAJ
 EIREHNT
 CIPASLE
 SUTCIR

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.
 3-21-19
CLUE: _____ had a son with Cleopatra.
BONUS _____
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 ANSWERS: 1-A-Punish 5-A-Juice 6-A-Hoist 7-A-Play 2-D-Unique 3-D-Play 4-D-Country, rural 5-D-Play 6-D-Lift 7-D-Play
 By David L. Hoyt.

Sudoku 1 2 3 4

3/21



9	3	2	8	7	1	5	4	6
1	4	8	2	6	5	9	7	3
7	5	6	4	9	3	1	8	2
4	9	1	7	8	6	2	3	5
3	8	7	5	2	9	4	6	1
2	6	5	1	3	4	8	9	7
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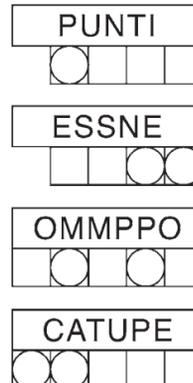
Complete the grid so each row, column and 3-by-3 box in bold borders contains every digit 1 to 9.

Wednesday's solutions

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Jumble

Unscramble the four Jumbles, one letter per square, to form four words. Then arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by this cartoon.



Answer here



Wednesday's answers

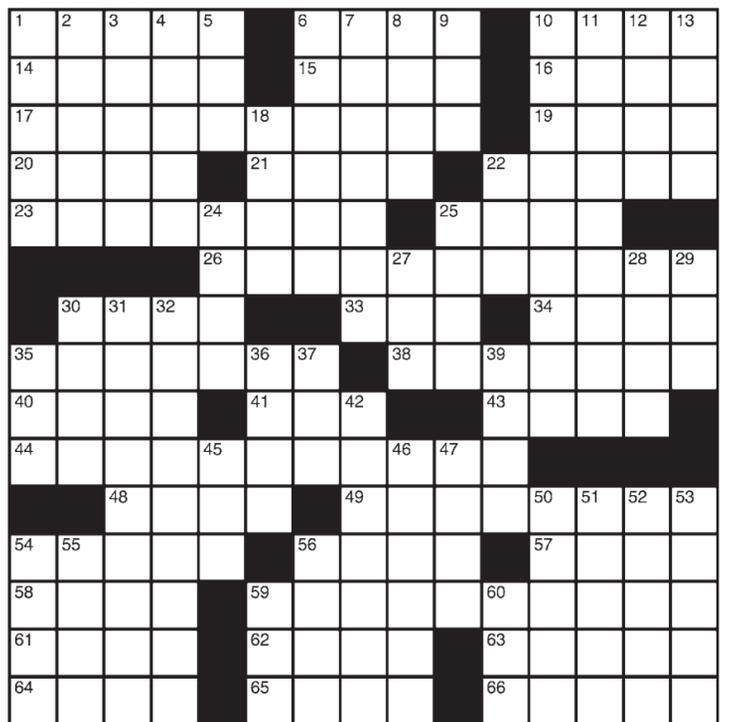
Jumbles: NIPPY TOKEN GLASSY PALACE
 Answer: When the restaurant charged 1 cent for its noodle dish, customers enjoyed the — "PENNY" PASTA

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Crossword

3/21



Across

- 1 Mosque leaders
- 6 Teddy-bearlike Star Wars figure
- 10 What many icons open
- 14 Prime production
- 15 Vase-making dynasty
- 16 Legal plea, briefly
- 17 *Hazards for herpetologists
- 19 Ring calls
- 20 Falco of "The Sopranos"
- 21 Designer Schiaparelli
- 22 Classic mother-and-son statue
- 23 Didn't emulate Washington?
- 25 Programming language with a coffee icon
- 26 *Square-shaped ice cream treat
- 30 North-of-the-border gas
- 33 Not sharp

- 34 What the fourth little piggy had
- 35 Erode
- 38 Better expectations
- 40 Brought up
- 41 Shuttlecock's path
- 43 Dols. and cts.
- 44 *Novel narrated by a horse
- 48 Spelled-out strikeouts
- 49 Best Buy buys
- 54 Sacked out
- 56 Great Plains tribe
- 57 Eurasia's ___ Mountains
- 58 Groups of two
- 59 Breadcrumb coating brand ... or, as two words, what is found in the answers to starred clues
- 61 Poet St. Vincent Millay
- 62 Funny Fey
- 63 Meant to be
- 64 Road sign animal
- 65 Fragrant arrangement
- 66 Property claims

- 11 *Pry
- 12 Novelist's starting point
- 13 Slugger Sammy
- 18 Tolling place
- 22 Karachi's country: Abbr.
- 24 "Locked Up" rapper
- 25 Two ___
- 27 Drop down
- 28 Lines in the sand, perhaps
- 29 Hi-___ image
- 30 First name in tea
- 31 *Doggie bag item
- 32 Host of the 1950s' "Your Show of Shows"
- 35 Drop off
- 36 Keep-on connection
- 37 Cal. neighbor
- 39 Sisterhood name in a 2002 film
- 42 Mideast tunics
- 45 "The Spanish Tragedy" dramatist
- 46 "I guess it's fine"
- 47 Genealogy chart
- 50 Largest UAE city
- 51 Fuming
- 52 Like some casks
- 53 Downhill runners
- 54 Fingered
- 55 Art class subject
- 56 Birthplace of seven presidents
- 59 Oil additive brand
- 60 Org. with Vikings

Wednesday's solution



Down

- 1 "That's enough, thanks"
- 2 Columbus' world
- 3 Be of use to
- 4 Ready to be recorded
- 5 Use one's eyes
- 6 Estevez of "The Breakfast Club"
- 7 Breaking point
- 8 Service status
- 9 Metric wts.
- 10 Treatment for 17-Across

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THURSDAY, MARCH 21 NORMAL HIGH: 49° NORMAL LOW: 31° RECORD HIGH: 87° (2012) RECORD LOW: 9° (1888)

Northerly winds bring chance of night showers

LOCAL FORECAST

HIGH 48 **LOW** 35

■ Low pressure clears out to the east with north-northwest winds steering cool air into our area. An upper-air disturbance brings clouds and possible precipitation overnight.

■ Mostly sunny with brisk north to northwest winds gusting over 20 mph. Seasonable temperatures with highs in the upper 40s, about normal for this date.

■ Clouds increase overnight with a chance of rain or wet snow showers toward morning.

NATIONAL FORECAST



Winds aloft will be out of the north the next few days, steering weather systems out of central Canada into the Great Lakes and the Chicago area. After the sun returns Thursday, an upper-air disturbance will ripple through from the north overnight giving a quick increase in cloudiness and a chance of light rain or wet snow showers by Friday morning. Cool high pressure will follow into Saturday.

Precipitation will be light, allowing area rivers to continue a slow fall, although significant flooding will continue to the north on the Pecatonica and Rock Rivers into the weekend.

Our next weather-producing cold front looks to move through later Sunday, preceded by a brief warm-up into the 50s, followed by much colder high pressure with reinforcing northeast winds off Lake Michigan next Monday and Tuesday.

FRIDAY, MARCH 22

HIGH 43 **LOW** 27

Clouds and a chance of rain or wet snow showers early. Becoming partly sunny in the afternoon. Cooler with afternoon highs 40 to 45. Clear skies and cold overnight. Lows 25 to 30. North to northwest winds.

SATURDAY, MARCH 23

HIGH 48 **LOW** 37

High pressure dominates. Mostly sunny and milder with highs 45 to 50 — much cooler along the lakefront. Mostly clear skies overnight. Light winds become southerly at night.

SUNDAY, MARCH 24

HIGH 52 **LOW** 34

Thickening and lowering clouds during the day with an increasing chance of showers during the afternoon. Highs 50 to 55. Showers likely overnight. Southwest winds.

MONDAY, MARCH 25

HIGH 38 **LOW** 31

Cloudy, much colder with some rain or wet snow likely. Highs in the upper 30s. Partly cloudy overnight. Gusty east to northeast winds.

TUESDAY, MARCH 26

HIGH 40 **LOW** 31

Partly cloudy and continued cool — high temperatures about 10 degrees below normal for this date — readings in the 30s along the lakefront and not a lot better inland. Clear skies overnight. Light easterly winds.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 27

HIGH 53 **LOW** 41

Mostly sunny and warmer — highs 50 to 55. Clouding up overnight. Southwest winds.



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,
I heard that there was a mini-tornado in the late '80s/early '90s that skipped through Evanston. Is that true?

Thanks,
Mary Brugliera

Dear Mary,
It is definitely true. Mother Nature provided some extra fireworks on a hot 91-degree July 4, 1985, when an EF-1 tornado with estimated 100 mph winds touched down in east-central Evanston before moving out into Lake Michigan. The tornado was embedded in a large area of downburst winds, which began in Skokie near East Prairie and Greenleaf avenues, and moved east-northeast into Evanston. The storm uprooted many trees and damaged some homes. The worst damage was east of Ridge Avenue in Evanston. The storm damaged 12 sailboats as it moved into Lake Michigan, becoming a water-spout before it dissipated.

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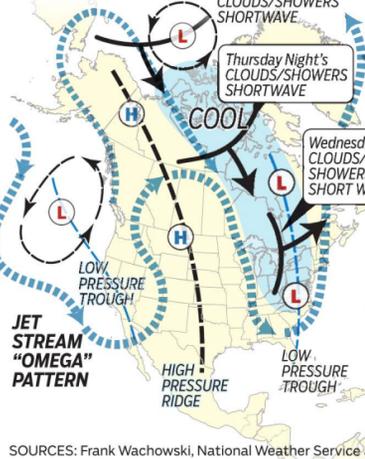


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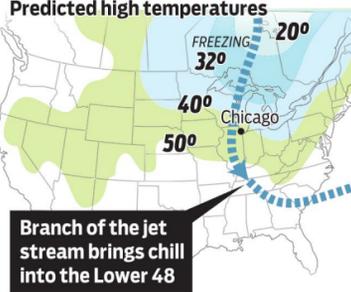
Northerly flow aloft; cool temps and periodic showers here

THURSDAY'S SNAPSHOT

"Short waves" lined up to trigger clouds and showers in Chicago Thursday night/Sunday into Monday



FRIDAY'S CHILLY SURGE



CHICAGO TEMPS

DATE	FORECAST HIGH	STATUS
THUR. 3/21	48°	1° BELOW NORMAL
FRI. 3/22	43°	6° BELOW NORMAL
SAT. 3/23	45°	5° BELOW NORMAL
SUN. 3/24	52°	2° ABOVE NORMAL
MON. 3/25	38°	12° BELOW NORMAL

THE WEEK AHEAD—TEMPS WILL AVERAGE 1-2° BELOW NORMAL

DATE	21	22	23	24	25	26	27
MARCH 21-27 FORECAST	40°	40°	40°	41°	41°	42°	42°
NORMAL AVERAGE	40°	40°	40°	41°	41°	42°	42°
FORECAST AVERAGE	42°	39°	37°	45°	36°	36°	41°
DEPARTURE FROM NORMAL	+2°	-1°	-3°	+4°	-5°	-6°	-1°

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MIDWEST CITIES

CITY	THURS./FRI.	FC	HI	LO	FC	HI	LO
Illinois	pc 49 35	su 55 31					
Carbondale	sh 45 33	pc 46 25					
Champaign	sh 45 33	su 48 27					
Decatur	sh 53 33	su 51 28					
Moline	pc 49 32	su 49 27					
Peoria	pc 52 34	su 51 31					
Quincy	pc 47 34	su 50 28					
Rockford	pc 51 32	su 49 27					
Springfield	pc 47 34	su 50 28					
Sterling	pc 51 32	su 49 27					
Indiana							
Bloomington	sh 43 34	pc 48 26					
Evansville	sh 46 35	pc 53 28					
Fort Wayne	sh 46 34	pc 41 23					
Indianapolis	sh 42 34	pc 45 25					
Lafayette	sh 42 32	pc 42 24					
South Bend	sh 40 32	pc 36 23					
Wisconsin							
Green Bay	pc 47 32	pc 40 24					
Kenosha	sh 48 33	pc 39 26					
La Crosse	pc 49 30	pc 45 25					
Madison	pc 51 31	pc 43 24					
Milwaukee	pc 49 33	pc 45 25					
Wausau	pc 44 27	pc 37 18					
Michigan							
Detroit	pc 49 34	pc 39 23					
Grand Rapids	pc 46 32	pc 37 21					
Marquette	cl 45 25	pc 29 19					
St. Ste. Marie	rs 40 24	pc 29 12					
Traverse City	sh 42 30	ss 33 20					
Iowa							
Ames	pc 53 28	su 50 27					
Cedar Rapids	pc 51 29	su 48 27					
Des Moines	pc 54 30	pc 51 29					
Dubuque	pc 52 32	su 48 27					

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CITY	THURS./FRI.	FC	HI	LO	FC	HI	LO
Albany	sh 73 51	sh 70 55					
Albuquerque	sh 60 43	pc 59 36					
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Anchorage	sh 43 37	sh 45 36					
Asheville	sh 52 33	pc 53 30					
Aspen	sh 46 29	sh 38 25					
Atlanta	pc 60 38	su 64 38					
Atlantic City	rn 49 42	sh 53 32					
Austin	su 77 53	pc 76 57					
Baltimore	su 62 45	su 56 35					
Billings	su 57 30	cl 54 40					
Birmingham	pc 64 39	su 66 47					
Bismarck	su 42 18	pc 39 24					
Burlington	sh 61 42	pc 60 43					
Boston	sh 49 42	sh 50 37					
Brownsville	pc 77 60	cl 78 66					
Charlottesville	pc 66 47	su 67 46					
Charlottesville	su 50 37	sh 46 28					
Chattanooga	cl 59 36	su 63 36					
Cheyenne	pc 51 30	pc 46 32					
Cincinnati	sh 49 36	pc 48 25					
Cleveland	sh 45 36	ss 38 27					
Colorado Springs	cl 53 34	sh 54 32					
Columbia MO	su 51 33	su 56 33					
Columbia SC	pc 66 41	su 69 39					
Columbus	sh 49 36	sh 43 24					
Concord	cl 56 29	su 38 25					
Corpus Christi	su 74 58	pc 73 64					
Dallas	pc 75 49	cl 76 53					
Daytona Bch.	su 74 49	su 74 49					
Denver	cl 58 36	sh 55 36					
Duluth	pc 46 29	su 38 25					
El Paso	pc 74 51	pc 72 45					

WORLD CITIES

CITY	THURS./FRI.	FC	HI	LO	FC	HI	LO
Fairbanks	pc 47 30	sh 48 28					
Fargo	pc 41 24	su 36 23					
Flagstaff	rs 40 20	pc 46 24					
Fort Myers	pc 76 54	su 75 51					
Fort Smith	su 66 36	pc 70 45					
Fresno	pc 65 45	cl 67 51					
Grand Junc.	su 52 36	pc 52 38					
Great Falls	su 44 24	pc 44 30					
Harrisburg	rn 46 40	sh 50 30					
Hartford	sh 48 41	sh 45 33					
Helena	pc 48 24	pc 43 33					
Honolulu	pc 83 70	pc 83 70					
Houston	su 78 54	pc 79 57					
Int'l Falls	pc 43 24	su 39 21					
Jackson	su 69 43	su 70 44					
Jacksonville	su 74 50	su 74 50					
Janeau	sh 54 45	sh 55 43					
Kansas City	pc 54 35	pc 60 38					
Las Vegas	pc 61 45	pc 69 51					
Lexington	rn 49 35	cl 50 25					
Lincoln	pc 58 30	pc 57 34					
Little Rock	su 66 38	pc 68 40					
Los Angeles	pc 62 51	pc 66 54					
Louisville	sh 48 37	pc 53 27					
Macon	pc 65 39	pc 69 40					
Memphis	su 61 37	su 65 40					
Miami	pc 78 58	su 76 58					
Minneapolis	pc 47 30	su 45 27					
Mobile	su 71 47	su 72 48					
Montgomery	pc 67 41	su 70 43					
Nashville	pc 55 37	su 62 32					
New Orleans	su 71 51	su 73 54					
New York	rn 49 44	sh 51 34					
Norfolk	sh 58 43	sh 61 36					
Oklahoma City	su 67 43	sh 70 49					
Omaha	pc 56 30	su 55 32					
Orlando	pc 75 51	su 75 50					

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CITY	THURS./FRI.	FC	HI	LO	FC	HI	LO
Palm Beach	pc 75 55	su 75 52					
Palm Springs	pc 70 50	pc 76 55					
Philadelphia	su 50 43	pc 53 32					
Phoenix	pc 72 51	pc 73 53					
Pittsburgh	sh 52 37	rs 42 26					
Portland, ME	cl 45 37	rs 42 26					
Portland, OR	sh 59 43	rs 58 44					
Providence	sh 50 41	sh 49 33					
Raleigh	sh 58 41	pc 61 35					
Rapid City	su 55 25	cl 44 36					
Reno	pc 54 33	cl 55 39					
Richmond	rn 53 41	pc 58 33					
Rochester	sh 51 35	rs 39 21					
Sacramento	pc 64 46	pc 66 44					
Salem, Ore.	sh 59 41	rs 55 48					
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Pros to hire for a successful sale

BY LAUREN WHITE
HomeAdvisor

Selling a house can be as stressful as it is exciting. Hiring professionals for these five services can make it less taxing, allowing you to spend less time tweaking your property description and more time making plans for your new home.

Real estate expert: Real estate experts deliver more benefits than people realize. They provide useful guidance on paperwork and proper documentation. And they possess the industry knowledge necessary to make your listing stand out in your local market. Real estate experts not only have the most up-to-date pricing data on homes in your area, but they can also help you list your home — and, more importantly, sell it — at a price that fits the true worth of your property.

Handyman: Most homes need at least a few repairs before they go up for sale, and some sellers try to fix



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Real estate agents bring valuable knowledge and expertise to a home sale.

small problems on their own. But savvy homebuyers can spot amateur DIY work from a mile away, and it will make them wonder what other parts of the home are held up with tape and string. According to HomeAdvisor's True Cost Guide,

homeowners report paying around \$200 to \$700 for handyman services. Your cost will vary depending on the work you need, but it will be well worth it to present your home at its best and gain the trust of buyers.

Professional cleaner: Dirt and grime are often easy to remove. But the work takes time — especially when you're tackling the whole house. If you only do the bare minimum to clean up, you're selling yourself short. Don't leave it

to your buyers' imaginations to envision the home in peak condition, and don't let your house get stuck on the market because of cobwebs and stains. Hire a deep-cleaning service, and trust the pros to catch the blemishes in your blind spots. If you have carpets, call a steam cleaner to get them in pristine condition.

Landscaper: You may be tempted to let your landscape fall by the wayside as you prep your home for pictures and showings. But potential buyers see the exterior before anything else, and a beautiful yard can set your property apart from the competition. Homeowners report spending an average of \$1,500 to \$5,000 on landscaping

installation. Your services might include added foliage, artfully designed flower beds, and landscape curbing along gardens, walkways and driveways. Just be sure not to go overboard. To home buyers, a high-maintenance yard

could be just as unappealing as an unmaintained yard.

Home stager: People tend to overlook staging their home, but it's a key secret to success. Studies show that staged homes sell faster — many times at a higher price. You could try your hand at staging using minimal furniture and decor of your own. But this isn't always convenient for those who have moved into a new home. According to HomeAdvisor's True Cost Guide, hiring a professional can cost \$300 to \$1,500 or more based on the extent of staging you need and the size of your space.

Depending on your home and circumstances, you may need a few extra helpers before you list your home. Older houses, for example, present unique issues and may call for a professional appraisal and official home inspection. Consult with your real estate agent to determine whether you should seek these services before moving forward.

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Wi-Fi booster eliminates dead zones

BY GREGG ELLMAN
Tribune News Service

The Mercku M2 Wi-Fi router system, which is accurately called "the Wi-Fi system that has your whole house covered" on the Mercku homepage, is a product I loved instantly because it's simple, easy to install and worked perfectly on the first try.

This system doesn't replace your existing Wi-Fi;

you'll still need that from your local provider. Instead, the Mercku hardware takes the signal and sends it to the dead zones in your home, which just about everyone has, including me.

Most homes have Wi-Fi brought in where it was convenient for the cable company or your provider. For the most part, it was the right choice at the time because that's where your

computer and the router were needed. But now in the era of smartphones, tablets, smart TVs and Alexa, we need Wi-Fi everywhere.

First for the setup: Along with the router, a 3-foot Ethernet cable and an AC adapter is included. A quick start guide instructs you to plug in the power connection and connect the Ethernet cable to the back of the Mercku M2 router.

To complete the setup, use either a browser or a smartphone app. Consider the first M2 router you connect as your home base; now you can add M2 routers to conquer the dead zones, which can be upstairs, downstairs or around corners.

Along with the advantage of spreading around your Wi-Fi signal, according to Mercku, the M2 performs nearly twice as



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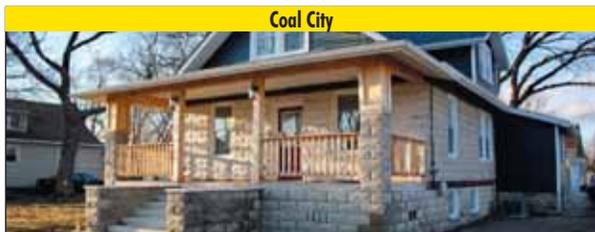
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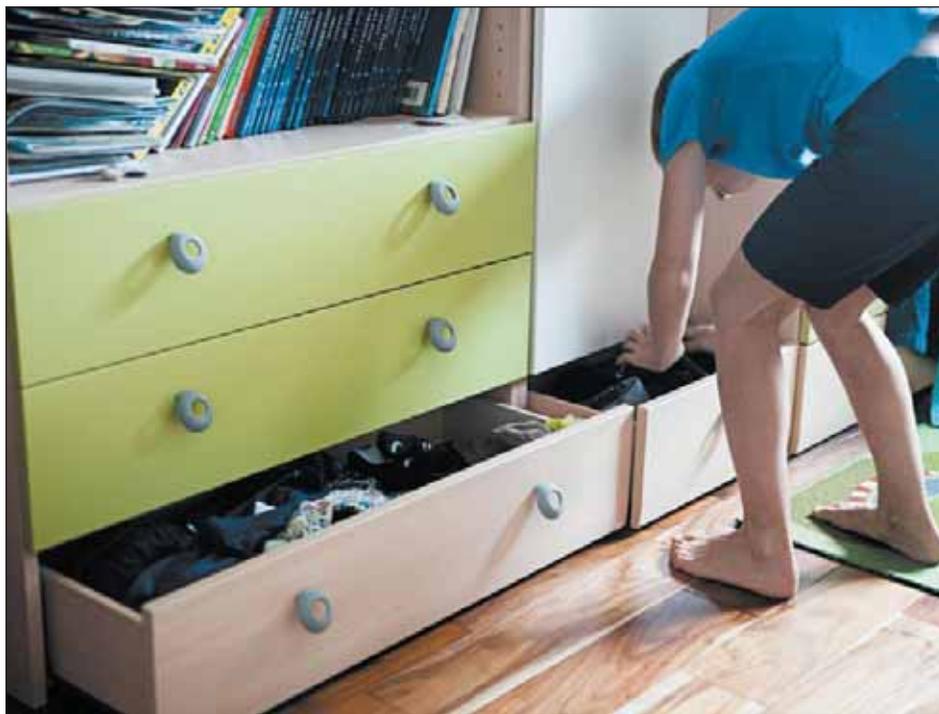
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Keep frequently used items where kids can reach them.

Keeping kids' rooms calm, colorful and tidy

BY MELISSA RAYWORTH
Associated Press

Spring cleaning season is here, and some of us got a head start by taking Marie Kondo's message to heart: You'll be happier if you eliminate clutter.

In many households, no room is a bigger magnet for clutter than a child's bedroom. Designers say parents are increasingly interested in managing that clutter effectively — and attractively.

"Everybody wants their house to look like a magazine and that includes the kids' rooms," says Los Angeles designer Betsy Burnham.

But her advice to parents: Be realistic about how you and your kids actually live. Be honest, and really ask, "Are we a tidy family? Are we too busy? Do we have too much stuff? It's OK if you're not a tidy household."

Once you've got those answers, Burnham says,

there are lots of storage options out there.

Here, she and two New York-based interior designers — Deborah Martin and Fawn Galli — offer advice on creating great kids' bedrooms that can stay relatively clutter-free.

Colorful, yet relaxing

Galli says she hears clients talking about Kondo's anti-clutter message. But she says parents also want more restful bedrooms for their kids as a response to digital overstimulation and the pace of modern kids' lives.

She says a space can be colorful yet restful if it's been planned with a consistent color palette and materials that work well together.

Martin agrees: Choose a neutral color palette for the major design elements in the room, like furniture and wall color, she says. Then you can add pops of color through rugs, bedding and pillows.

Burnham also likes the neutral palette for kids' rooms, where, she says, it's easy "to overdo it, and think that just because they're kids they get a brighter palette."

Another way to create a relaxing feel for kids: Leave open play space.

"To maximize their creativity and their imaginative play," Martin says, "it's important to have an area where they can actually play in the center of the room."

Easy, ample storage

All three designers mentioned the value of beds with storage underneath. Bunk beds or loft beds can be perfect, especially for smaller bedrooms.

They also suggest labeling bins and baskets, especially for younger kids. A bookcase with deep shelves is perfect for holding labeled bins and baskets, with books on higher shelves.

Martin suggests consid-



COSTAS PICADAS/FAWN GALLI; BETSY BURNHAM

To create a child's bedroom that is saturated with cheerful color and yet still remains stylish, interior designer Betsy Burnham skips the primary colors traditionally associated with kids and instead uses more sophisticated shades of dusty rose, brown, ivory and black.

ering the room from a child's-eye view and planning storage from the ground up. Keep the most-used items where the child can easily reach them.

Double rods in a child's closet will maximize space and help keep clothing organized. For very young kids, you can even add dividers along the rods that specify clothing sizes, so you'll know which ones they haven't grown into yet.

Keep your child's habits in mind: Some kids will fold their clothing Kondo-style and tuck it neatly into drawers. If yours won't,

choose bins or baskets where items like socks and underwear can easily be tossed and kept sorted.

Timeless style

To keep a child's room from having a "kiddie" vibe that they'll quickly outgrow, Burnham suggests avoiding primary colors.

Also, keep desks and dresser tops relatively clear, Galli says, to keep the space feeling calm and more organized. "It's a clean canvas," she says, "to just start fresh at whatever your next project is."

That might be easier to achieve by having less

space rather than more: Desks don't have to be large, Martin says, since many kids end up doing homework or projects at a kitchen table.

One last bit of advice: Involve kids, especially older ones, in designing a space that fits their personalities. Have it reflect their interests, and add items like a wall rail where they can post things like a rotating display of photos.

Involving kids in their room's design "creates what you can call 'pride of place,'" she says. And that might make it more likely they'll keep the room tidy.



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To avoid compacting your garden soil this spring, don't walk on it or dig in it until it has thawed completely and is no longer wet.

Important do's and don'ts for early spring gardening

BY BETH BOTTS
Chicago Tribune

A warm day in March can inspire a kind of madness in gardeners. It can cause them to burst out the door, desperate after months cooped up by cold and snow, and start work way too soon.

"Be careful what you do right now," said Sharon Yiesla, plant knowledge specialist at the Morton Arboretum in Lisle. "There are things it's just too early for."

Here are some do's and don'ts for early spring gardening:

Do get rid of tree wrap. If you wrapped the trunk of a young tree to protect it from animals over the winter, unwrap it now. "Leaving tree wrap on too long can trap moisture and encourage disease," Yiesla said.

Don't walk on or dig in wet soil. "That can compact the soil, which smothers plant roots," Yiesla said. "Compacted soil is a very difficult condition to correct." Wait until the soil has thawed all the way down and water is draining freely through it before you start digging or even walking on any part of the yard, including the lawn.

Do force branches of

flowering shrubs. Cut branches of forsythia, flowering quince or other spring bloomers and stand them in a vase of warm water to encourage them to bloom indoors. "Just make sure you prune carefully and leave the overall shape of the shrub looking good," Yiesla said.

Don't prune trees. If you prune certain trees such as maples, elms and birches now that their sap is flowing, the pruning cuts will "bleed" with sap that is not only unsightly but can attract diseases and insects. Other species, such as oaks, also will be vulnerable to infectious diseases through pruning wounds. "The best time to prune trees is in the winter, when the trees are dormant, the leaves are gone and diseases don't spread easily," Yiesla said.

Do cut back perennials and grasses. Cut last year's stalks on ornamental grasses back to a couple of inches above the ground before new growth starts. Remove any dried stalks of perennials that are still standing. Do this while the soil is still frozen or after it has thoroughly drained to avoid walking on wet soil.

Don't clean up too much. Fallen leaves on garden beds protect plants

from hard freezes, which are still common in March and early April. Even later in the season, keep some leaves on the ground as mulch, protecting plants' roots and enriching the soil.

Do prune shrub roses. There's no need to cut back every stem, as you would with a hybrid tea rose. Instead, prune out any stem or part of a stem that has died over the winter, and prune the shrub as needed for overall size and shape.

Don't mow, fertilize or treat the lawn. Let grass grow for a few weeks before you work on it. Wait until mid- to late April to apply pre-emergent herbicides that aim to prevent crabgrass.

Do plan your planting. If you intend to add trees, shrubs or perennials this year, now is the time to figure out the species or varieties that are best for your site and locate a source.

For tree and plant advice, contact the Arboretum's Plant Clinic (630-719-2424 or plantclinic@mortonarb.org).

Beth Botts is a staff writer at the Morton Arboretum in Lisle (www.mortonarb.org).

Potted shamrocks are easy to grow and do well inside

BY TIM JOHNSON
Chicago Tribune

I purchased some shamrock plants for a party at my home and was wondering how I can keep them growing since they are nice-looking plants.

— Beth Anderson, Lincolnshire

Potted shamrock plants are commonly available around St. Patrick's Day and are fun decorations for a party as well as attractive indoor plants for other times of year. They are members of the wood sorrel family of the genus *Oxalis*. The leaves are clover-shaped and come in a range of shades — from bicolor to completely purple to solid green. Some consider the plants to bring good luck because of the clover shape of the leaves. The leaves fold up at night and open again when light returns. The plants can have small flowers during the fall, winter and spring.

In general, shamrocks are easy to grow and will thrive when provided with bright light such as in a west- or south-facing window. It is best to protect the plants from extended periods of direct summer sun by adding a sheer curtain, moving the plants some or shifting them to a different exposure. You can also grow them under artificial grow lights running 12 to 14 hours a day. The more bright, indirect light you are able to provide, the better color you will have in the leaves and flowers.

The ideal room temperature for them is from 65 to 75 degrees Fahrenheit during the day and 50 to 65 degrees at night, so most home environments should be fine. Try to keep them away from cold or hot drafts. You can also move your plants outside



CHICAGO BOTANIC GARDEN

Burgundy shamrock is part of the wood sorrel family. Some consider the plants to bring good luck because of the clover shape of the leaves, which fold up at night.

in late May after the danger of frost has passed. Gradually acclimate them to growing outdoors and keep them in dappled shade for the summer. Then acclimatize them to growing indoors in fall when low temperatures approach 40 degrees.

Shamrocks prefer a uniform growing medium and do not like to be overwatered. Thoroughly water the plants so that water runs out of the bottom of the pot when the medium is dry, about 1 to 2 inches down in the pot. The growing medium surface will be noticeably dry at this point. Empty any excess water out of the saucers after watering. They will perform best when humidity is low in the house.

These plants have low nutrient requirements, so use a common fertilizer about once every four weeks between April and September. If you do not plan to grow your plants for a long time, you will probably not need to apply

any fertilizer. It is best to fertilize when the growing medium is moist to avoid burning the roots with the fertilizer.

Groom the plants by cutting any spent flowers and yellow leaves on a regular basis to keep them looking their best. They generally need a few rest periods each year. You will recognize these dormancy periods when all the leaves begin to turn brown. Let the leaves shrivel and cut back on watering.

Gently remove all the leaves when the plant is completely dormant and stop watering for two to three months for green-leaf varieties and one month if it has purple leaves. Then you can either repot the plants or simply begin watering again. Once you see new foliage growing, move the plants back into the light and resume watering and fertilizing.

Tim Johnson is director of horticulture for the Chicago Botanic Garden in Glencoe.

Consider factory-built walls for home

BY TIM CARTER
Tribune Content Agency

Q: A new house is being built near me using wood walls made in a factory. I was astonished that the house was under roof in just two days. What's better, walls built on the job site by carpenters or those built in a factory? Can you get walls like this for a room addition or a separate outbuilding like a garage? Where do you find the places to order these things?

A: It's not unusual to pass a huge tractor-trailer on the highway that's loaded with prefabricated walls. These walls make it possible to build houses in hours instead of days. And, yes, prefabricated walls, both interior and exterior, can be used on your next project.

Back when I was building, I didn't have the opportunity to use these magical building components, but they're being used to construct my daughter's new home right now. I witnessed the exterior walls of her home be set and secured in just a few hours. A standard carpentry crew could never achieve this task in the same amount of time cutting studs and headers and pounding nails at the job site.

The prefabricated wall panels go together like giant Lego blocks. They're perfectly square from the factory, and the precision is astounding. My daughter's home was 44 feet long and the dimension was off only $\frac{1}{16}$ inch. It's possible that error was in my tape measure, not the wall panels!

There are countless advantages to using prefabricated wall panels. The walls are built in an enclosed factory so the material stays dry. High-tech computer programs are used to create the layouts and assist with the cutting



TIM CARTER PHOTO

The exterior and interior walls of this house were made in a factory. The construction process is expedited with prefabricated wall panels.

of the material. Nails are driven exactly as engineering specifications call out. The walls can be delivered to the job site in the morning and the walls set by the end of the day.

The factory generates a plan for the carpenters in the field to set the panels. The panels arrive in stacks, so they panels only need to be pulled off the pile and put into position. The carpenters don't have to scratch their heads trying to find a panel. They're

erected in the reverse order that they were stacked on the delivery truck.

Builders and remodeling contractors are having increasing difficulty locating and hiring carpenters who treat what they do as a vocation instead of a job. If quality is important to you, then you'll do whatever possible to have prefabricated wall panels on your job.

The builder of my daughter's home had only dealt with prefab-

ricated panels on one previous job when he was a carpenter. After setting all of the exterior and interior walls that make up my daughter's two-story home in just a few days, he told me that he'll never stick-build a house again. He was astonished at the amount of time the panels saved him.

Odds are any factory that makes these panels will gladly do smaller jobs for garages or room additions. You can find out for yourself by visiting a new website

I discovered back in the fall: www.bestwaytoframe.com.

Q: I just retired and I'd like to build a small structure to store firewood. My skills are limited, as are my tools. What does success look like to you considering I'm going to do the work? Don't sugarcoat it. If you feel I should hire a pro, just say so.

A: Attitude is 90 percent, maybe more, of accomplishing anything, including building a simple open shed for firewood.

There are countless designs for these firewood storage shelters on the internet. I'd pick one that you like and just replicate it. It's important to look at a project like this as a few components. This reduces the mental challenge.

The simplest shelter might be a shed that's 4 feet wide by 8 feet long. You can build the floor frame from treated lumber 2-by-6s that are covered by a single sheet of treated plywood.

The walls can be built using standard two-by-fours. There are countless videos on YouTube showing you how to build a simple wall. Be sure to watch a video that shows how to install a diagonal brace to keep the wall square. You don't want to cover the sides of the wall completely with siding as you want air to move through the wood to help dry it.

The roof may be the biggest challenge, but, again, there are lots of online videos that will help you through this final challenge. You can get fancy with a gable roof, or you can go with a simple low-slope roof that just slopes front to back. The point is to just keep the wood dry, and it doesn't take lots of ingenuity to accomplish this.

I can't wait to see a photo of the finished wood shelter.

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Prepare your home for spring

BY PAUL F. P. POGUE
 Angie's List

With the change of seasons, it's time to update your home task list and get ready for spring.

Don't overlook basic maintenance during your preparations.

These tasks may be among the least glamorous, but they're crucial to keeping your home in tip-top shape.

Get an HVAC inspection: You should hire a professional to assess your HVAC system twice a year — shortly before you begin to use heating in fall, and again when you begin to use air conditioning in spring.

A thorough inspection will address the thermostat, all electrical connections, lines and hoses, the condenser coil, all seals, refrigerant levels, the compressor, fan blades and all moving parts. They'll also make sure the drain pan and evaporator coil surface are clean.

An HVAC inspection usually takes only an hour or two and costs \$50 to \$200. You may also have one available if you maintain a yearly service plan.

Also, as always, check

your HVAC filter and replace it if needed.

Clean your gutters: Branches, debris and leaves can build up on your roof or in your gutters over the course of the winter. A good gutter cleaning gives water a clear path off your roof, prevents roof leaks and helps preserve your foundation and basement walls. Also, verify that your downspouts direct water at least 3 feet away from your walls. On average, you can expect to pay \$100 to \$190 for gutter cleaning.

Check the outdoors: Clean up the lawn, flower and garden beds. Clear out all branches and debris, including leaves and yard waste in flower beds.

Turn on any closed exterior water lines you shut down for the winter. Unpack and reattach hoses, and check for leaks.

If you have an irrigation system, ensure it's turned back on according to local codes. You may need to contact a qualified professional to check out the system and perform a backflow test.

Get a professional to tune up your lawnmower and sharpen the blades. Dull blades tear grass, and

can damage your lawn in the long term.

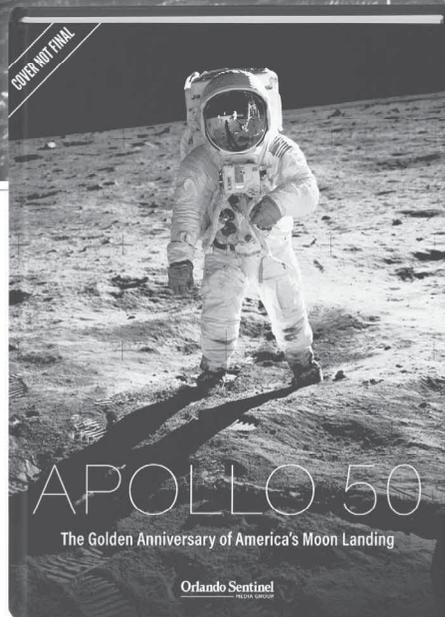
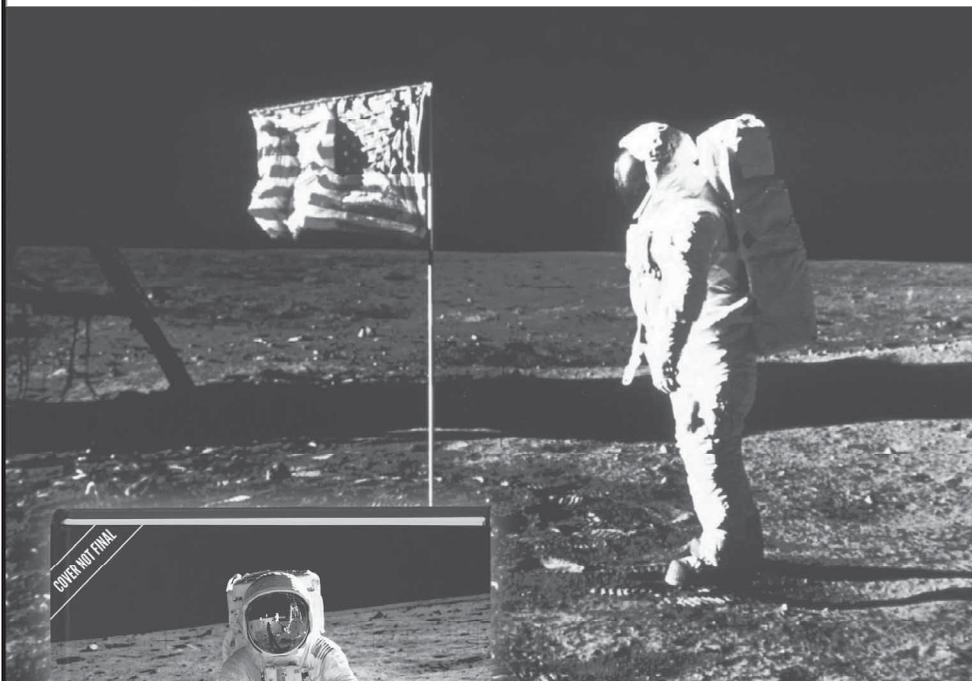
If you're planting this year, perform a soil test to determine your pH levels and nutrients. You can purchase a DIY test, but it's best to have a local extension office or a professional help you understand the results and develop a plan to address your soil.

Other exterior issues:

Take a close look at your roof and attic. The effects of snow and ice buildup often don't usually reveal themselves until spring. If you notice interior water damage or had significant ice damming over the winter, contact a reputable roofing company to perform an inspection. You may have damage you can't see. In addition, if you had ice dams, you may need to add insulation to your attic.

Inspect your deck or fence for safety issues. In particular, wood structures can deteriorate over time due to moisture or insect damage. Loose fasteners, railings and stairs can present hazards. A professional can conduct an inspection and address issues. Also, check your staining, sealing or paint job to see if it needs to be redone.

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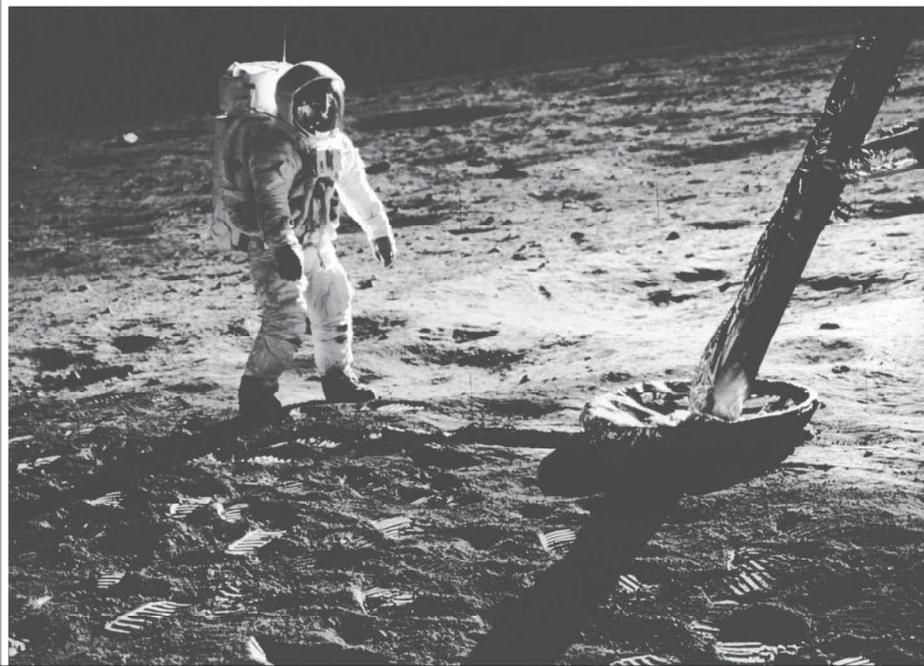
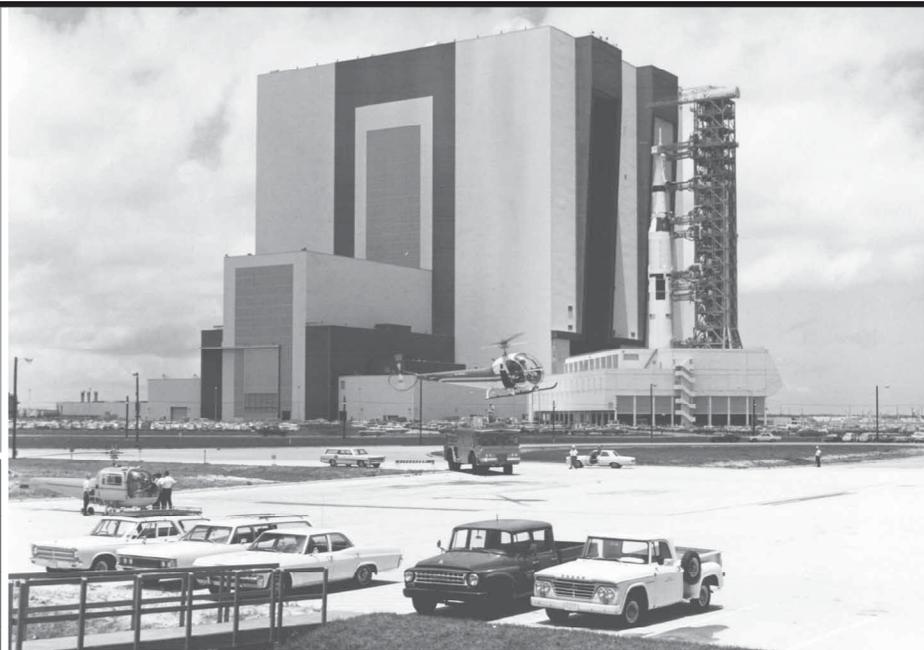
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The day of the month you close will impact how much is due at closing. But one thing won't change, no matter when you close: You won't have to make a mortgage payment the next month.

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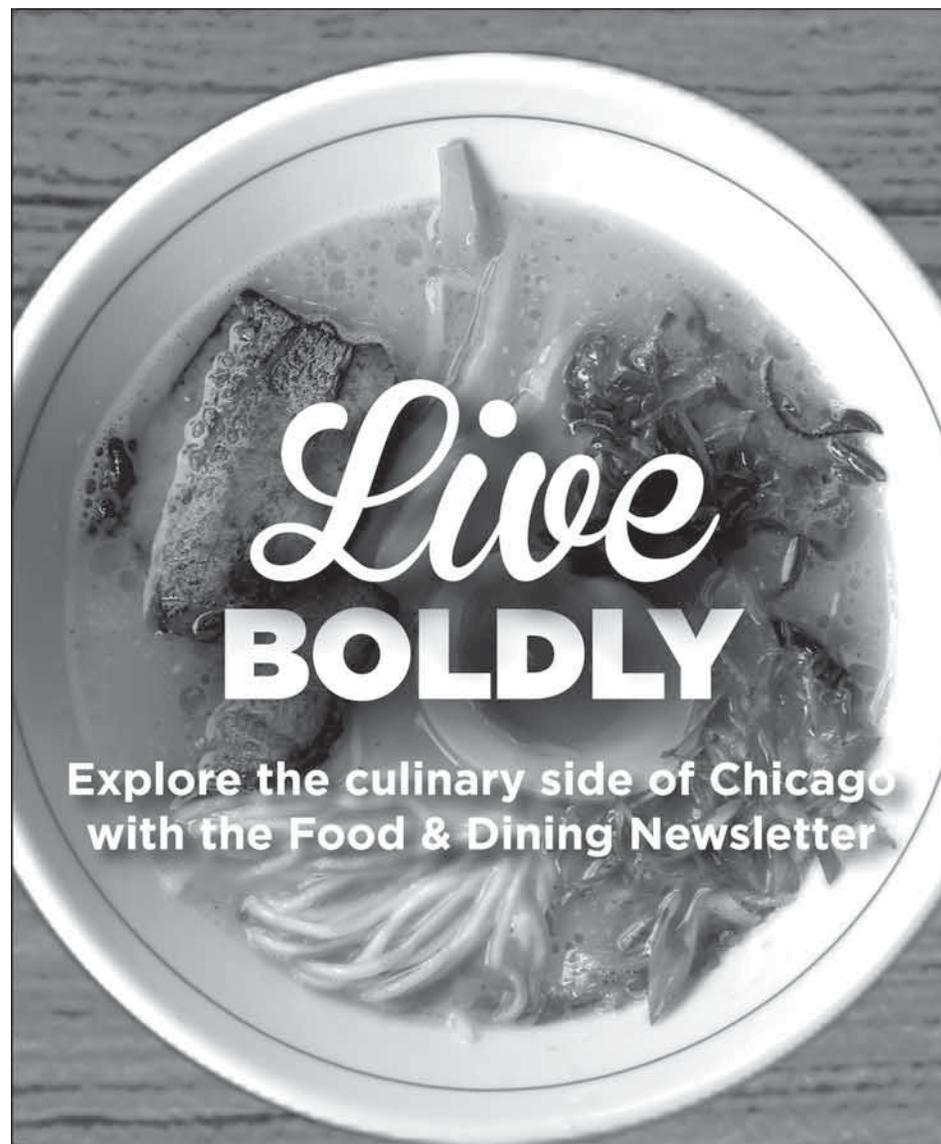
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