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## Council shapes up as tallies wrap up

Left wing likely to grow as final runoff votes are counted

BY JOHN BYRNE  
Chicago Tribune

The City Council that will greet Mayor-elect Lori Lightfoot is coming into focus, and it looks like the left wing will get a little louder as a Northwest Side ward dynasty exits the stage.

Democratic Socialist Rossana Rodriguez Sanchez maintained a 13-vote lead over Ald. Deb Mell in the 33rd Ward on Wednesday, in what the Chicago Election Board said was the final tally of straggling mail-in and provisional ballots from the April 2 runoff election. And in the North Side 46th Ward, Ald. James Cappleman held off challenger Marianne Lalonde by 25 votes, according to board results that will be made official Thursday.

Mell said she would ask for a discovery recount, in which the votes in a portion of the ward's precincts will be double checked. "In lots of municipalities, with an election this close a recount like this would be automatic," Mell said. Lalonde also has reserved her right to proceed with such a recount, according to the election board. Lalonde could not be reached Wednesday for comment on whether she would take that step.

A Rodriguez Sanchez win would swell the ranks of Democratic Socialists on the council to six, with five of them winning seats this year. While that's still far short of the numbers needed to set the agenda on the 50-member council, the new bloc has promised to press its progressive priorities in the churn of the incoming administration when Lightfoot could need their votes to get things done.

Sanchez said she's looking forward to joining her left-leaning colleagues in using her platform to highlight "big issues" such as the Green New Deal proposal

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## Debate begins over restoration of Notre Dame

At issue is whether the French government should seek to re-create the cathedral as it was before the blaze, as many assumed. But expectations were upended with the announcement of an international competition to replace the iconic spire. **Nation & World**, Page 10

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Michael Gillam and Mary Green, who moved from Naperville to Texas last year with "no regrets at all," eat cupcakes in Houston this week.

# Is the Chicago metro area population down for count?

Declines in Cook, DuPage and Lake Cos. but some experts see no crisis

BY CECILIA REYES AND ANGIE LEVENTIS LOURGOS  
Chicago Tribune

New census data show the Chicago area lost population for the fourth consecutive year, continuing a statewide trend of decline that could threaten future federal funding, economic prosperity and political representation for those left behind.

The metro Chicago area lost an estimated 22,068 residents

from 2017 to 2018, according to U.S. Census Bureau data released Thursday. While New York and Los Angeles also shrank, the Chicago region saw bigger decreases both in total numbers and in percent change; the area lost 0.23 percent of its population, more than twice New York's 0.10 percent.

As defined by the census, the Chicago metro area stretches from Cook County to its suburbs and includes parts of southeast

Wisconsin and northwest Indiana. Despite the population decline, it is still home to nearly 9.5 million people, according to the latest estimates.

Cook County, which includes the city of Chicago, declined in population for the fourth year in a row, with an estimated loss of 24,009 residents or 0.46 percent from the previous year. While Cook is still the second most populous county in the United States, after Los Angeles County, it's on a downward trend unseen since the early 2000s, when the county's population dropped by 144,220 over seven straight years

before beginning to rise again.

Back then, the collar counties — DuPage, Lake, McHenry, Kane and Will — were adding hundreds of thousands of people as Cook's population dwindled. But that's no longer the case, the data show. The population growth in the collars has been slowing considerably, and the total population in the five counties actually decreased from 2017 to 2018.

Over the past eight years, the collar counties grew by 38,273 people. In an equivalent time period ending in 2007 — just

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Jeff Barton of Effingham competes in a bowling pin shooting tournament in Effingham on Tuesday. The county has passed a resolution protecting gun owners' rights.

# Second life in push for 2nd Amendment havens

Movement grows as organizers target new laws

BY KATHERINE ROSENBERG-DOUGLAS  
Chicago Tribune

It was no accident Effingham County's resolution to protect the rights of gun owners stole an important word from the very people the resolution was intended to provoke, supporters of the country's sanctuary cities move-

ment.

Effingham County State's Attorney Bryan Kibler last month told a raucous crowd the origin story behind the "Second Amendment sanctuary county" movement, which began in Effingham and now includes 64 of the state's 102 counties, counties in three other states, and nine more states in which counties are eyeing similar nonbinding measures. And as state legislators, emboldened by Gov. J.B. Pritzker, look at more

gun-control measures, counties are looking at more ways to resist them.

Effingham County Board member David Campbell came to Kibler with a resolution passed by Iroquois County regarding gun rights, saying he wanted to do something similar, but questioned if they could make the language "a little more provocative," he said in remarks posted on YouTube. He hit on the idea of

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THE REV. JOHN SMYTH 1934-2019

# Priest skipped NBA, led Maryville home and faced abuse claim

BY JOHN KEILMAN  
Chicago Tribune

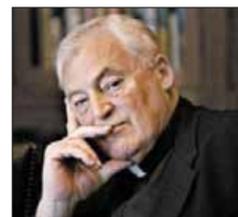
The Rev. John Smyth, a towering figure in Chicago's Catholic and child welfare communities who passed up an NBA career to become a priest beloved by the famous and the vulnerable, but who also faced late-life accusations of sexual abuse that are still being investigated, died Tuesday, the Archdiocese of Chicago said.

He was 84.

Smyth, who died at Loyola University Medical Center in Maywood, led Maryville Academy, a home for troubled children in Des Plaines, for more than three decades, saving it from closure through tireless fundraising and the force of his gregarious personality.

Even after leaving in a cloud of criticism for alleged poor management, some say he will be remembered best for what he accomplished there.

"He was a great, gregarious human being, and he had a lot of weight on his shoulders caring for these kids," said Linda Dolack of Elkhart Lake, Wis., who became a friend of Smyth



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The Rev. John Smyth, who died Tuesday, led Maryville Academy, a Des Plaines home for troubled kids.

after her cousins attended Maryville. "His only concern was for them. He never took anything for himself."

Smyth was born and raised in Chicago, becoming a star high school athlete at DePaul College Prep before taking his basketball talents to Notre Dame.

Built like an exceptionally tall linebacker, the 6-foot-5 Smyth was known for the ferocity of his play — "I made Dennis Rodman look like an altar boy," he once said — but he had plenty of skill too: In his final season, when he was team captain, he averaged 19 points and 15

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SUSANA MENDOZA

Susana Mendoza captures an image from video of John "Quarters" Boyle after he fled a four-car accident in 2017.



## JOHN KASS

# Foxx delivers blessings to Kass, Smollett, 'Quarters'

Ever have one of those movie moments when you know you're going to cry and you just don't care who sees your happy tears?

Like that moment when Dennis Quaid realizes that his old dog has been reincarnated as a new dog who still loves him?

Or when Roy Hobbs hits the home run to win the pennant?

Or when you're blessed by Cook County State's Attorney Kim Foxx?

"Bless his heart," Foxx texted her friends after she was sent my column about her inexplicable handling of the Jussie Smollett case.

When I heard she'd been kind enough to bless me, I was so emotional, I just had to blink twice.

Oh, Kim.

Now, how about when Foxx sees Smollett, the fake hate crime creator she blessed recently, in the same blessed headline with John "Quarters" Boyle?

Those tears just trickle down, don't they, Kim? But they're happy tears. So, pass the tissues, cause I'm gonna cry.

Quarters Boyle isn't a TV star like Jussie Smollett. He doesn't have Obama Celebrity Friends to ask Foxx for help so they could share OMG moments and actually type OMG.

No, Quarters Boyle isn't an OMG kind of guy. But he was a boss of the notorious Chicago Way political crew called the Coalition for Better Government.

He's also a twice-convicted felon who once stole millions of quarters from the Tollway.

When Boyle got out of prison for the quarters caper, he was given a clout-heavy City Hall job in the administration of then-Mayor Richard M. Daley.

Quarters brokered trucking contracts in the infamous Hired Truck scandal. Quarters was convicted on corruption charges and went away again.

His brother, Jeffrey "Matches" Boyle, is a former Chicago Fire Department lieutenant who was convicted of arson.

Their story would make a great TV show, shot in those West Side TV studios where Smollett's show, "Empire," is made. I'd cast Chicago's own John C. Reilly as Quarters, Steve Buscemi as Matches and Zoe Saldana

as Kim Foxx.

But this column isn't about Matches. It's about Quarters and Kim.

Two years ago, on the Northwest Side, Quarters ran a traffic light and smashed his truck into another car.

Witnesses, including Illinois Comptroller Susana Mendoza, chased him down. A video recorded by Mendoza shows Boyle after the accident, claiming to be a police officer and walking rather unsteadily before getting into his truck and speeding away before police arrived.

Quarters surrendered to police days later and was charged with driving without insurance, leaving the scene of an accident and leaving the scene of an accident with injuries.

Mendoza repeatedly asked Foxx to upgrade the charges. A spokeswoman for Foxx said that after a review of the case it was determined the evidence did not warrant a felony charge.

Quarters walked out of court Monday with a sweet deal: A \$500 fine for leaving the scene of an accident, \$400 in court costs and 12 months' conditional discharge, meaning Quarters has to stay out of trouble for a year. His driver's license was returned to him.

If leaving the scene only costs \$500 and you don't have to submit to any tests and you get your license back, shouldn't everyone do it?

Mendoza hasn't missed one court date. She's been dogging Quarters for years.

"There was an opportunity to show that no matter how politically connected you are, you're not going to get away with it," Mendoza told me. "But that's not what happened here. And what happens when this guy hurts the next person? They had the chance to stop that today?"

But they didn't.

Tribune reporter Megan Crepeau found my Kim Foxx blessing among documents released by Foxx's office the other day, and tweeted it out.

In a text group called "Foxxhole," Foxx and her top lieutenants were clearly freaking out over criticism Foxx received by dropping all charges against Smollett.

Foxx inexplicably dropped all 16 counts that a Cook County grand jury had put on Smollett for allegedly faking a racist hate crime and blaming it on supporters of President Donald

Trump.

Foxx had been quietly contacted by Smollett supporters, included Tina Tchen, Michelle Obama's former chief of staff, and a Smollett family member. They wanted Foxx to intercede with Chicago police on Smollett's behalf.

She said she recused herself from the case. She didn't.

I wrote a column about it, headlined "Kim Foxx's embarrassing OMG moment in the Jussie Smollett case."

"Bless his heart," Foxx typed in the Foxxhole group, adding a winking emoji.

When I first saw her blessing, I had to sit down: I'd been so critical of Kim Foxx and yet she'd blessed me? Talk about turning the other cheek.

So humbled and awed was I by Foxx's kindness, well, the happy tears flowed like water. Then reality bit me good.

Loyal reader and southerner Sue Schreiner was among those who told me Foxx didn't mean it when she said, "Bless John Kass."

"It is not a polite saying in the South," Schreiner wrote. "Usually it means you are such an idiot we can't believe you know how to breathe."

It's not my happy tears Kim Foxx has to worry about.

Foxx must worry about what happens when Quarters gets behind the wheel of that big black pickup truck of his.

Mendoza says if anything happens, it falls on the state's attorney.

"The people who felt he should just get a slap on the wrist should worry about what happens in the future," she said. "I don't think it's a matter of 'if.' It's a matter of when."

Down the hall at court, Quarters Boyle had nothing to say to me.

But his lawyer, Randy Rueckert, said "Justice is always served."

In Cook County?

"Justice is always served, isn't it, John?" Rueckert said.

I suppose so, especially if you're blessed.

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# The hunchbacked conspiracists of Notre Dame



REX W. HUPPKE

If the roaring fire that ravaged parts of the historic Notre Dame Cathedral in Paris taught the world one thing, it's this: We are living in the Golden Age of conspiracy theories.

At least that's what I, a card-carrying member of the "news media," want you to believe. Or do I? Who's to say nowadays. Maybe there's a nefarious puppet master pulling my strings, having me unspool narratives to distract you from the REAL TRUTH.

And what is that real truth? Consider that which flows from the mouth of Glenn Beck, a former Fox News host who now does something else extremely dishonest. In the wake of the Notre Dame fire, he said: "If this was started by Islamists, I don't think you'll find out about it, because I think it would set the entire country on fire."

Excellent point, Mr. Beck, if that is your real name. A factually incorrect point, of course, but excellently phrased in a manner that can't really be debunked because you debunk-proofed it with a thick layer of "you'll never know the truth because a truth-teller would be too scared to truth-tell."

It reminds me of that time back on May 6, 1937, when I said of the tragic Hindenburg crash: "If this was the work of Amelia Earhart, I don't think you'll find out about it, because I think it would set the entire country on fire."

And what happened? We never found out about it, of course.

(Not coincidentally, Earhart fled the country — under the guise of "attempting to fly around the world" — later that month, only to be abducted by aliens two months later while flying over the central Pacific Ocean near Howland Island. As to how I managed to be alive in 1937 and only 48 years old today, let's just say liberal billionaire George Soros has made more advances in time travel technology than you might have imagined.)

Getting back to Notre Dame Cathedral, Beck wasn't alone in drawing a line between one dot



THIERRY MALLET/AP

Flames and smoke rise from the blaze at Notre Dame Cathedral in Paris on Monday.

and a place where no other dot has ever existed.

Richard Spencer, an outspoken racist best known for getting punched on video by a person who thinks racists should be punched, was quick to tweet about (and misspell the name of) the famed church: "If the Notre Dame fire serves to spur the White man into action — to sieze power in his countries, in Europe, in the world — then it will have served a glorious purpose and we will one day bless this catastrophe."

Unclear in Spencer's comment is how a fire French authorities are treating as accidental will "spur the White man into action," though I have to assume it has something to do with the modern-day racist white man's innate dislike of unintentional conflagrations.

Others who intimated that a fire breaking out in an old and apparently quite flammable church that was undergoing widespread renovations might signal the collapse of Western civilization included noted conspiracy theorist Mike Cernovich, who not too long ago had a White House press credential even though he was the lead voice pushing a story about Hillary Clinton operating a child sex ring from a Washington, D.C., pizza parlor. Regarding Notre Dame, he tweeted: "The West has fallen."

All I can say is that if the West has fallen, I don't think we'll find out about it. (Of course that sounds exactly like something someone who knows the West actually has fallen would say, right?)

To further place the blame for the awful Notre Dame fire on

anything that isn't an accidental spark, Fox News host and person-who-knows-something-nefarious-is-going-on-wink-wink Tucker Carlson led his guest, Armageddon enthusiast Mark Steyn, down the path of kind-of-sort-of blaming non-Christian types, wink-wink.

Steyn said: "Christendom is in retreat in Europe, and in France particularly. France has actually quite an aggressive belief in secularism and, according to some polls, the French are even by the standards of the modern Western world among the most godless people in that sense."

Understand, Steyn and Carlson aren't suggesting that some kind of non-Christian faith or general godlessness is responsible for a beloved cathedral practically burning down. They're just suggesting that it's not non-impos-

sible that "other" faiths might be non-responsible. That's a totally reasonable point. And if it's not, I don't think you'll find out about it, because it would set all of the far-right media on fire.

My point here, if it is my point and not that of a darker force guiding me, is that we must not denounce intuitive, reverse-intellectual theorizers like Beck and Steyn and Carlson et al. We must continue to put them on television and allow them to utilize other platforms to amplify their voices and inform people who want the partial destruction of a historic Parisian cathedral to really mean something that it doesn't actually mean.

That makes sense, right?

It certainly does if you want it to. (Or does it?)

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The Rev. Kevin Hays pulls a rope to ring a large bell at Notre Dame de Chicago church, located at 1334 W Flournoy St

## Notre Dame namesake accents French connection

W. Side building links Chicago's Catholics, France

BY JAVONTE ANDERSON  
Chicago Tribune

The Rev. Kevin Hays, pastor at Notre Dame de Chicago, watched in sadness as an institution that directly influenced the parish he presides over burned.

"I had tears running down my face," Hays said.

Hays is pastor of a church that recalls the origins of Chicago's Catholic presence — religious missionaries from France who were among the first Europeans to explore the Midwest and the area that's now Chicago.

In a statement earlier this week, Cardinal Blase Cupich mentioned the historic ties between Chicago and the French Catholic Church.

"In this moment of sorrow, we stand arm in arm with the French people, whose church helped to establish our own diocese, knowing that just as our city once rose from ashes, Paris' great cathedral will again reach for the heavens," Cupich said.

But following an initial presence in the late 1600s, French Jesuits abandoned a seminary at or near Chicago before 1700, and there



Notre Dame de Chicago is said to be the best extant landmark associated with the French in Chicago.

was little presence of the Catholic Church until 1821. That year, a French immigrant priest whose family fled the French Revolution, the Rev. Gabriel Richard, said Mass here, according to histories of Chicago Catholicism.

It wasn't until 1833 that Chicago got its first full-time priest, the French-born Rev. John Mary Irenaeus St. Cyr, who had arrived in the United States in 1831. He came here after being sent by the French Association for the Propagation of the Faith.

French Catholics were the majority in Chicago in its early years — and Cyr's preaching at the first parish, now Old St. Mary's, alternated between French and English homilies. But Notre Dame de Chicago is the successor to St. Louis

Parish founded in the 1850s for French-speaking Catholics, according to histories of Chicago Catholicism. Notre Dame Parish was founded in 1864 by French-speaking immigrants from Quebec, Canada, Hays said.

The exterior design of Notre Dame de Chicago tells part of the parish's history, Hays said.

French names are inscribed in the large glass windows — presumably of the original French donors who contributed to the construction of the church building in 1887, Hays said. Notre Dame was then a pillar of Chicago's robust French community, a population that dwindled in size when people migrated west in the early 20th century. The building is on the National Register

of Historic Places.

"Notre Dame Church has long been a symbol of the history of the city, its French origins and its constant change," according to the building's nomination papers for the National Register.

The founders' connection with France is why the parish was named "Notre Dame de Chicago."

Not only is the church's design of French influence, but the church's original records — baptisms, marriages, confirmations, death records and communions — were written in French, Hays said.

"Historically, Notre Dame is the best extant landmark associated with the French in Chicago," according to the nomination papers.

Notre Dame de Chicago's architectural design doesn't strongly resemble the cathedral in Paris, but its design does have some French influence, said Ward Miller, executive director of Preservation Chicago.

But with its square dome and hipped roofs, Notre Dame de Chicago's French flavor is "unmistakable" with an imagery appropriate for its French genesis.

"There's a beautiful delicateness to it," Miller said.

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## Christians relieved some relics rescued

Notre Dame fire brings attention to the prized artifacts

BY JAVONTE ANDERSON  
Chicago Tribune



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A bone fragment is displayed from St. Louis IX of France, who saved early relics in the 13th century.

The inferno that partially destroyed the roof of the Notre Dame Cathedral in Paris not only marred the sanctity of the physical structure, but also a collection of Christian relics that represent a hallowed piece of history.

Rev. Dennis O'Neill, the pastor at All Saints Shrine at St. Martha Catholic Church in Morton Grove, had two thoughts when he first saw the cathedral on fire Monday.

"First, I hoped everyone was safe," he said.

Then he asked himself: "Did anybody save the relics?"

A relic is generally defined as any object that survived from the past. But in Christianity, relics have a more sacred meaning.

Christian relics are body parts or things that belonged to holy people — saints, the Virgin Mary and Jesus Christ — many preserved for centuries.

"The whole idea of why Christian churches venerate relics is a belief that the sanctity of a saint remains after death," said Karin Krause, assistant professor of Byzantine theology and visual culture at the University of Chicago Divinity School.

When a saint dies, and their soul ascends to heaven, many Christians believe the sanctity of that person remains on Earth in the presence of the relic, she said.

Christian relics typically fall under one of two classifications: a first-class or second-class relic. A first-class relic is the physical bodily remains of a saint — bones, blood or hair. Second-class relics are personal

possessions such as clothing, furniture, devotional objects or handwritten letters.

That's why there was a collective exhale from the Catholic community when the French government announced Tuesday that many of the relics inside the cathedral were safe. Others, relics of St. Denis and St. Genevieve that were in the church's spire, destroyed in the blaze, are presumed lost.

One of the most prized Christian relics rescued from Monday's fire was a crown of thorns purportedly worn during Jesus' crucifixion.

The crown of thorns is highly venerated for those who believe in its authenticity, Krause said. Although it isn't a first-class relic, it's believed to have absorbed the blood that covered Jesus' face during his suffering, and its value is amplified because it's associated with Jesus' suffering, his passion and his crucifixion, she said.

Unbeknownst to many, Chicago is home to some of the most hallowed Christian relics, O'Neill said.

There are relics from over 2,600 saints preserved at the Shrine of All Saints, most notably what's venerated as the left fibula of St. Peter the Apostle, he said.

"Relics are history," O'Neill said. "They help us connect with the saints. ... They're irreplaceable."

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## How to help restore Notre Dame

As people around the world witnessed footage of Notre Dame Cathedral in flames Monday, many wondered how they could help rebuild one of the world's most visited landmarks.

Chicagoans wanting to donate money to aid in rebuilding the cathedral can direct their donations to Friends of Notre-Dame de Paris, a representative from the Consulate General of France said Tuesday. The charity has been raising funds for the renovation of

the cathedral that was ongoing at the time of Monday's fire.

Donations can be submitted through the group's website or sent to:

Friends of Notre-Dame de Paris  
PNC Bank  
800 17th Street NW  
Washington DC 20006  
ABA: 031000053  
SWIFT: PNCCUS33 (For international wire only)  
Account Number: 5360272299

## DuPage won't retry man for death of 2-year-old in 2002

Conviction vacated, he has '1st real day' free after 17 years

BY CLIFFORD WARD AND  
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Standing in the same DuPage County courtroom where nearly 15 years ago a judge convicted him of fatally beating his girlfriend's toddler, Randy Liebich learned Wednesday that his long legal ordeal was finally over.

In a stunning turnabout, prosecutors said they will not retry Liebich for the Feb. 11, 2002, death of 2-year-old Steven Quinn. Liebich, 39, was granted a new trial last year after questions about ineffective counsel were raised regarding complex medical evidence in the case.

Liebich was 22 when he was arrested. Though he was released from prison nearly seven months ago after a judge vacated his conviction, Liebich said it wasn't until Wednesday that he felt truly free. He has spent the last several months on strict house arrest, leaving, he said, only

for work, church or to meet with his attorneys.

"Today's my first real day of freedom after 17 years," he said during an afternoon news conference with his legal team. "I don't even know how to explain how I feel. It's difficult. My family's been broke apart. But now it's time to move on with my life and start rebuilding those relationships and put my family back together."

Liebich, formerly of Hanover Park, had been sentenced to a 65-year prison term for murder after being convicted July 16, 2004. He did not testify during his three-week trial but has never wavered on his claims of innocence. He long struggled behind bars to find legal resources to take up his cause.

A lengthy 2011 Chicago Tribune article highlighted the case after experts came forward to argue that the medical diagnosis used to pinpoint the cause and timing of the child's brain injuries was flawed.

The Exonerated Project at the University of Chicago Law School took up the case years ago. One of Liebich's attorneys, Tara Thompson,

was by his side Wednesday for what was expected to be a routine status hearing at the Wheaton courthouse, before prosecutors said they wouldn't seek a retrial.

Thompson said she and Liebich were "shocked," though she said the facts in the case strongly support his innocence.

"All the scientific evidence shows that what happened to Steven Quinn is not something that Randy could have had anything to do with," she said. "He is an innocent man."

But prosecutors still aren't convinced.

"While the evidence supports the fact that Steven Quinn died as a result of inflicted blunt force injuries, the evidence is insufficient to prove Randy Liebich guilty beyond a reasonable doubt," DuPage County State's Attorney Robert Berlin said in a statement. "My decision today does not mean Randy Liebich is innocent, simply that my office cannot ethically proceed to a retrial based on the evidence we currently have."

In a 2018 court hearing, Liebich's attorneys presented medical evidence

and testimony they said supported the contention that Steven died of natural causes or from injuries that were inflicted days before Liebich was alleged to have caused them. In the end, DuPage County Judge John Kinsella agreed that Liebich's original attorneys had failed to pursue alternate medical theories at his trial, a failure that amounted to ineffective assistance of counsel. Kinsella ordered a new trial.

Authorities alleged that Liebich severely beat Steven Quinn while he was babysitting the boy on Feb. 8, 2002, in their Willowbrook-area apartment. Later that day, when the boy's mother arrived home from work, Steven seemed lethargic, and she and Liebich took the boy to a hospital. He died days later. The child's autopsy documented dozens of injuries, with the cause of death listed as blunt-force trauma to his head and abdomen. Prosecutors at trial said he died "at the hands of a monster."

Former DuPage County Judge Ann Jorgensen, who now serves on a state Appellate Court, convicted Liebich in a bench trial.

However, he won a new hearing in 2016. At last summer's hearing, a number of medical specialists, including the pathologist who conducted Steven's autopsy, said Steven had abdominal issues — either natural or caused by beating — that had been ongoing for a number of days before the date Liebich is alleged have caused them. Experts have opined since the trial that the evolving medical literature cited to convict Liebich was flawed.

Kinsella, in his ruling ordering a new trial, said the medical evidence casting doubt on Liebich's guilt was available in 2004 and his attorneys should have presented it at trial. Had it been presented, there was a reasonable likelihood Liebich would have been acquitted, the judge ruled.

Liebich said he knew this day would eventually come. He said his mother, who died while he was in prison and long believed in her son's innocence, "can finally rest" in peace.

Liebich thanked Thompson, as well as attorneys Joshua Tepfer and Seattle-based lawyer Heather Kirkwood for believing in him.



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Randy Liebich was released from prison nearly seven months ago after a judge vacated his conviction.

He hopes to spend more time with his 17-year-old daughter, who was a newborn when he was arrested, as well as travel and open his own business someday. For now, he said, he's detailing cars and working hard to rebuild his life.

Thompson said Liebich's legal team most likely will pursue an official certificate of innocence, which would allow him to recoup money from the state for nearly two decades of incarceration.

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# Few answers in Smollett document dump

No clues why actor case dropped in Foxx's released files

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The emails between lawyers for Jussie Smollett and top officials with Cook County State's Attorney Kim Foxx's office started flying on the day the "Empire" actor was arraigned on sensational charges alleging he'd faked a racist and homophobic attack on himself.

The correspondence continued for weeks, increasing in frequency in the days leading up to prosecutors' stunning decision on March 26 to drop the entire 16-count indictment against Smollett.

What was said in those crucial discussions, however, remains a mystery. The emails were among reams of material exempted from release by Foxx's office in response to public-records requests about the Smollett case by the Chicago Tribune and other news organizations.

Instead, the state's attorney's office on Tuesday night dumped thousands of pages of relatively inconsequential emails and text messages that mostly showed Foxx's public relations office scrambling to deal with the international firestorm created by the sudden end to the case.

The limited release of records leaves the public still largely in the dark about how exactly the deal to drop the charges was struck. It also will likely do little to quell the controversy over Foxx's handling of the prosecution that has led to harsh criticism in legal circles and calls for her resignation by several local pro-police organizations.

In fact, some of the emails that were released raise even more questions. An internal memo sent Feb. 20 by a top Foxx assistant, for example, said the state's attorney had likely violated her authority when she recused herself from Smollett's case because of a conflict. Instead of asking that a special prosecutor be appointed, Foxx handed the



Cook County State's Attorney Kim Foxx released thousands of pages of documents tied to the Jussie Smollett case.

decision-making to a top office deputy, the memo said.

In addition to the emails with Smollett's legal team, the state's attorney's office redacted some text messages between Foxx and her top assistant, Joseph Magats, that were sent after she had supposedly recused herself, according to an "exemption log" included with Tuesday night's release.

Correspondence between prosecutors and detectives investigating Smollett's allegations was also not made public. Nor were emails between Foxx's underlings and a lawyer representing two brothers who claimed Smollett had paid them to carry out the attack.

Other text message strings between Foxx and her top advisers — which named their messaging group "Foxxhole" — were heavily redacted. Requests by the Tribune for the office's internal files, meanwhile, were outright denied.

Smollett, who is African-American and openly gay, gained worldwide attention after he reported being the victim of a Jan. 29 attack in the Streeterville neighborhood by two people who shouted slurs, hit him and wrapped a noose around his neck.

Police initially treated the incident as a hate crime, but their focus turned to Smollett after the brothers alleged to have been his attackers told detectives that Smollett had paid them \$3,500 to stage the attack, with a promise of an additional \$500 later.

The move to drop charges — which blindsided police brass and even Mayor Rahm Emanuel — has provoked fierce criticism. Emanuel's administration has sued to try to force Smollett to reimburse Chicago for the more than \$130,000 in police overtime spent investigating the alleged hoax even though the charges were dropped.

Foxx has faced pressure to explain in more detail why the prosecution of Smollett was so quickly abandoned. In an op-ed in the Tribune, she backed off her office's initial stance that the case was strong, writing that they were uncertain of a conviction, but she offered no specifics.

At her request, Cook County Inspector General Patrick Blanchard agreed last week to investigate the office's handling of the Smollett case.

While much was withheld, the thousands of text messages and emails released late Tuesday did show that the office was

largely caught flat-footed by the massive response from the news media to its own stunning reversal. Texts between top-level prosecutors and its communications office show a scramble to coordinate their messaging and futilely try to tamp down the heated controversy.

"Just wish I could have anticipated the magnitude of this response and planned a bit better!" Assistant State's Attorney Risa Lanier, the lead prosecutor on the high-profile case, texted Magats hours after the charges were dropped.

"There's really no planning for this," Magats responded. "It's the right decision."

"I agree and absolutely stand by the decision made," Lanier replied.

The records also showed that although she'd stepped aside from the case, Foxx was on top of developments. After Smollett was indicted on 16 felony counts of disorderly conduct in early March, she texted Magats that Smollett was a "washed up celeb who lied to cops" and the number of counts he faced was excessive.

"So...I'm recused, but when people accuse us of overcharging cases...16 counts on a class 4 (felony) becomes exhibit A," wrote

Foxx, comparing Smollett's case to the office's pending indictment of R&B singer R. Kelly on 10 charges of aggravated criminal sexual abuse. "Pedophile with 4 victims 10 counts. Washed up celeb who lied to cops, 16 (counts). Just because we can charge something doesn't mean we should."

Foxx first withdrew herself from the case and appointed Magats, the first assistant state's attorney, on Feb. 13 after revealing that she'd been in contact with one of Smollett's relatives early in the investigation.

On Feb. 20, the day after Foxx's office notified the news media that she had stepped aside from the case, Alan Spellberg, a supervisor in the state's attorney's office appeals division, sent a four-page memo laying out why her recusal was, in his view, against legal precedent, according to the records released Tuesday.

Spellberg said state law and previous high court rulings showed that while Foxx had "the complete discretion" to recuse herself for any reason, "she cannot simply direct someone (even the First Assistant) to act in her stead."

The memo might help explain later backtracking by Foxx's office, which has since said she removed herself from the case only

informally, since an actual recusal would have required her entire office to step aside and request the appointment of a special prosecutor.

In a statement released Tuesday, Foxx said she had "reached out" to Magats after the indictment became public "to discuss reviewing office policies to assure consistencies in our charging and our use of appropriate charging authority."

But it's unclear what, if any, involvement Foxx had with the Smollett case as the deal to drop the charges was being fashioned.

The state's attorney's office also redacted parts of text message conversations between Foxx and Magats beginning Feb. 27, two weeks after she had purportedly removed herself from any dealings with the case.

Foxx and Magats exchanged texts on March 8, the day Smollett was arraigned at the Leighton Criminal Court Building, the exemption list showed. Two texts from Magats to Foxx that day cannot be released since they are subject to the order sealing the case file, according to the exemption list.

Smollett's attorneys have told the Tribune that Foxx's prosecutors first approached them after that March 8 hearing asking what could be done to make the case go away.

On March 26, the day the charges were dropped, Foxx and Magats texted back and forth several more times, the records show. One text from Foxx to Magats is almost entirely redacted.

The state's attorney's office said that message was withheld from disclosure under the "deliberative process" clause of the Illinois Freedom of Information Act — which carves out an exemption for "preliminary drafts, notes, recommendations, memoranda and other records in which opinions are expressed, or policies or actions are formulated."

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## Avenatti mulled taking on brothers in Smollett case

Attorney denies inappropriate contact claims

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Embattled celebrity attorney Michael Avenatti was in close contact with State's Attorney Kim Foxx in the lead-up to R&B singer R. Kelly's indictment — and a short time later he also mulled getting involved in Cook County's other hot-button case, the prosecution of Jussie Smollett, newly released texts show.

Foxx went so far as to secure a private office at O'Hare International Airport to meet with Avenatti while he was in Chicago on a layover, and Avenatti reached out to her directly when he was considering representing two brothers who allegedly helped Smollett stage a hoax attack, according to the messages obtained by the Chicago Tribune through a public-records request.

Within a month of that last conversation, Avenatti was charged on both coasts in separate federal criminal cases, one alleging he tried to extort Nike of millions of dollars.

And a day later in an unrelated bombshell, Cook County prosecutors dropped all 16 felony counts against Smollett.

The Tribune sought the internal texts and emails after Kelly's attorney, Steven Greenberg, asked a judge earlier this month to make prosecutors turn over their communications with Avenatti. Amid the firestorm of criticism over the abrupt dismissal of the Smollett charges, Green-

berg had raised questions if Avenatti "bullied or just simply manipulated" Foxx into charging Kelly with sexually abusing four women, three of whom were underage at the time.

The texts released to the Tribune appear to show little more than a close working relationship between Foxx and Avenatti. But Foxx's office withheld several communications between the two, citing its inability to disclose grand jury matters and "ongoing investigative tactics."

The texts show that in the weeks before Kelly's indictment, Foxx arranged to meet in a private room at O'Hare with Avenatti, who has said he represents several alleged victims and witnesses in the Kelly prosecution.

A few days later, Foxx appeared to have assured Avenatti that the years-old allegations against Kelly would fall within Illinois' statute of limitations for charges of sexual abuse. The two also coordinated the timing of their separate news conferences on the day of the indictment.

Avenatti, who has vowed to fight the separate federal charges he faces, told the Tribune on Wednesday that any claims of inappropriate contact between him and Foxx's office are "complete bull-----."

His own legal woes "have nothing to do with the R. Kelly case," Avenatti said. "... Any assertion to the contrary is more baseless nonsense," he said.

Greenberg said Wednesday he will continue to pursue all communications between Avenatti and prosecutors, calling Foxx "starstruck" and saying the newly released texts show



Attorney Michael Avenatti, currently facing his own federal criminal charges, forcefully denied any claims of inappropriate contact between him and Kim Foxx's office.

**"Where the entire forest is burning, there's got to be something on fire, right?"**

— Steven Greenberg, attorney for R. Kelly

"a complete lack of her understanding of her role and objectivity."

Greenberg also said the federal charges against Avenatti raise questions about his credibility.

"You don't want to say where there's smoke there's fire, but where the entire forest is burning, there's got to be something on fire, right?" he said.

The text messages show that Avenatti also considered representing the two brothers whose cooperation with police was key to Smollett being charged.

"I know you recused yourself," Avenatti, who is based in Los Angeles, texted to Foxx on March 3. "Who is in charge that I can

speak with?"

Foxx, who has said she had withdrawn from the investigation because of her communications with one of Smollett's relatives, directed Avenatti to speak with a top deputy whom she had placed in charge of the probe.

Smollett found himself at the center of an international media firestorm after he reported being the victim of a Jan. 29 attack by two people who shouted slurs, hit him and wrapped a noose around his neck. Police initially treated the incident as a hate crime, but their focus turned to Smollett after the two brothers who were alleged to have been his attackers told detectives that Smollett had paid them \$3,500 to stage the incident.

Avenatti told the Tribune on Wednesday that the brothers' attorney, Gloria Schmidt, had reached out to him about assisting in their defense.

Avenatti told the Tribune he reached out to Foxx's office as a courtesy, saying he has a close working relationship with Cook County prosecutors due to his involvement in the Kelly case.

Schmidt confirmed Wednesday that she had indeed reached out to Avenatti as well as two other attorneys for advice on how to handle the high-profile case. Ultimately, Schmidt said, both she and Avenatti decided that his direct involvement wouldn't be necessary.

The abrupt dismissal of Smollett's charges has provoked a firestorm of criticism for Foxx and her office. The administration of outgoing Mayor Rahm Emanuel has sued to try to force Smollett to reimburse Chicago for more than \$130,000 in police overtime for investigating the alleged hoax despite the dismissal of all the charges against the "Empire" actor.

Foxx has faced mounting pressure to explain in more detail why the office abandoned Smollett's prosecution so soon after bringing the charges. In an op-ed in the Tribune, she backed off her office's initial stance that the case was strong, writing that prosecutors were uncertain of a conviction, but she offered no specifics.

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## Mayor: Foxx should stay but probe to bring 'clarity'

BY JOHN BYRNE  
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Cook County State's Attorney Kim Foxx should not step down over her handling of the Jussie Smollett investigation, Mayor Rahm Emanuel reiterated Wednesday, but he said it's good there's an independent investigation into the case because Chicagoans deserve answers about how "this was not on the level."

Emanuel said she shouldn't step down despite recently released texts that show Foxx discussing the "Empire" actor's case with a deputy after she recused herself from overseeing it. "The short answer is no," he said at an unrelated event. "She should not leave the office. She should serve out her term as she was voted into the term."

The mayor said he expects an independent investigation by Cook County Inspector General Patrick Blanchard will give clarity about the handling of the case, which has drawn attention since Foxx's office dropped charges against Smollett for allegedly faking a racially motivated attack downtown.

"That office will review not only these text messages, but all the other material, and make sure everybody knows what happened, because, as I said before, there are more questions than there are answers, and the public deserves answers," he said.

"We now have an inspector general who will give all of us ... answers to all the questions that have been piling up, because this was not on the level," Emanuel said.

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# Opponents of legal pot: 'This is not a done deal'

Say big corporations will benefit, not black communities

BY DAN PETRELLA  
Chicago Tribune

While state lawmakers continue behind-the-scenes negotiations on a bill to legalize recreational marijuana, opponents of legal pot are trying to derail an outcome that some have treated as inevitable since the November election of Democratic Gov. J.B. Pritzker.

During the campaign and since taking office, Pritzker has framed legalization as a way to address the disproportionate effect the war on drugs has had on poor minority communities — while also generating much-needed tax revenue for the state. With Democratic supermajorities in the Illinois House and Senate, many think lawmakers will get it done this spring.

On Wednesday morning,



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Omari Prince, left, and Abu Edwards, center, of Smart Approaches to Marijuana, and Michael Childress, right, president of the DuPage County NAACP, at a news conference.

a handful of opponents gathered outside the district office of state Sen. Emil Jones III, a leader of the Illinois Legislative Black Caucus, to push back on the idea that legalizing marijuana would benefit communities like the Roseland neighborhood on the Far South Side.

"This is not about social justice," said Abu Edwards, national director of state

affairs for Smart Approaches to Marijuana, a nonprofit organization opposing legalization. "This is about big corporations and big greed coming into communities like Chicago and opening up dispensaries in low-income African-American communities. And the African-American community is not going to benefit from it.

"If we're going to talk

about real social justice reform, then let's separate legalization of marijuana and social justice."

Omari Prince, field director of the Illinois chapter of Smart Approaches to Marijuana, said the group has been meeting with lawmakers in Springfield throughout the spring legislative session and is heartened that a majority of House members — including several members of the Black Caucus — have signed on as cosponsors of a resolution urging lawmakers to slow down on the issue.

"This is not a done deal," Prince said.

Representatives from Smart Approaches to Marijuana were joined Wednesday by Michael Childress, president of the DuPage County branch of the NAACP. Childress said the west suburban chapter is following the lead of Illinois NAACP President Teresa Haley in opposing legalization.

"To say that it's an econo-

mic issue that's going to benefit our communities, we just haven't seen it," Childress said.

Karl Brinson, president of the NAACP's Chicago Westside Branch was expected to attend, but he was a no-show.

Jones was not at his district office and could not be reached for comment. Krista Burris, a spokeswoman for the Black Caucus, said the group has not taken a position on the issue.

Sen. Heather Steans, who along with Rep. Kelly Cassidy, also a Chicago Democrat, is leading the marijuana legalization effort in the General Assembly, said she expects to file a bill by late April or early May. She said she believes it's possible to pass the measure in both chambers before the legislative session's scheduled May 31 adjournment.

However, "there's always going to be drama on a big bill like this," Steans said.

Lawmakers are still

working out details, Steans said, but they plan to include provisions that would lower barriers for entry into the marijuana industry and help businesses get started in communities with high rates of poverty, unemployment and violence and large numbers of residents returning from prison. Critics have said the financial requirements for getting a state license to grow or sell medical marijuana have closed the doors of the growing industry to many minority-owned businesses.

The bill also will create a process for people to have their records expunged of low-level convictions for nonviolent marijuana-related offenses, Steans said. The sponsors are looking at ways to direct some of the tax revenue from legal marijuana to communities that have been hurt by the war on drugs, she said.

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## Guns

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alluding to some cities' policies on cooperating with federal authorities on immigration enforcement.

"I said, well, they're creating sanctuary counties for illegals up in Chicago, why don't we just steal their word and make Effingham County a sanctuary county for firearms?" Kibler relayed to the crowd at a conservative gathering, to massive applause.

Effingham's 2018 resolution asserted that at least five pieces of proposed Illinois legislation dealing with gun ownership would be unconstitutional. The resolution targeted proposed laws including those that would raise the minimum age for gun ownership to 21, outlaw various types of weapons, and outlaw bump stocks or body armor. It also demanded "the Illinois General Assembly cease further actions restricting the right of the people to keep and bear arms" and demanded the governor veto any such bills.

When the measure passed in the county of about 35,000 last spring, it may have looked like a publicity stunt or a way to provoke Chicago officials who object to Trump administration immigration policies. But as the movement gained traction, it also has grown in substance. County sheriffs and state's attorneys have publicly backed the cause, saying they will use their discretion to leave new gun laws unenforced.

Close to Chicago, Ogle, Boone and LaSalle counties have passed such resolutions and are among the more than 50 percent of Illinois counties to do so in the past year. Campbell keeps a map in which counties that have passed resolutions are colored green and those where no action has taken place are marked red. There also are yellow and orange counties, for those that are voting soon and those where a movement is underway to introduce the resolution to the county board.

Only 12 counties are red, including Cook County, meaning the other 90 are either on board or entertaining the idea.

In Cook County, officials have generally supported more restrictions on gun ownership and the types of guns available, in an attempt to reduce violence involving guns. Cara Smith, chief of policy for Cook County Sheriff Tom Dart, who has supported closing what he and others see as loopholes in firearm laws, including the firearm owner's identification card process, said she does not recall anyone reaching out to Dart's office to pitch a sanctuary county resolution.

"It's the age-old struggle with gun control efforts in Illinois. Historically, central and southern Illinois, fortunately for them, don't experience the kind of gun violence and trauma that Cook County and some of the collar counties do," Smith said. "There's always been this divide."

On April 9, Plainfield



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Contestants cheer on the competition during the Tuesday night bowling pin shooting tournament at Accuracy Firearms in Effingham on Tuesday.



Effingham County State's Attorney Bryan Kibler, seated, chats after the County Board asserted that the state's firearm owner's identification card law is unconstitutional.

Township adopted its own "Second Amendment sanctuary" resolution. It is notable not just because of Plainfield's proximity to Chicago, but also because it's the first township to pass this type of resolution.

The movement has spread "like wildfire," Campbell says, in part because gun rights advocates believe the state's current laws are unconstitutional.

"It's not a binding law, it's to get the attention of legislators. I think there is a big disconnect — our lawmakers down here really don't have a say, they're overwhelmed by the Democrats," Campbell said. "I will say that legal gun owners can rest much easier knowing they have a safe haven ..."

Effingham County on Monday upped the ante, this time adopting a resolution to ban state firearm owner's identification cards, Campbell said, mainly to send a signal, based on a White County case in which a rifle owner asserted Second Amendment rights after an arrest. Before Effingham even



Randy Kohnert of Effingham jokes with son Kaidan Kohnert, 14, during Tuesday's bowling pin shooting tournament.

passed the resolution, 20 counties had contacted Campbell to ask for a copy, he said.

But Campbell said until the Illinois Supreme Court weighs in on the matter, gun owners need to keep a current FOID card.

"I still believe that people need to have a FOID card, although I think it's unconstitutional to require someone to pay a fee for a constitutionally protected right," he said.

Monroe County Sheriff

can't assign police to families for personal protection and I think that's what the Second Amendment is all about — personal protection for yourself and your loved ones," Rohlfling said.

Rohlfling said the FBI's 2016 Uniform Crime Report — which details the number of violent felonies nationwide — explains why the sanctuary county movement has snowballed. There were 941 homicides in Illinois that year, and 762 of them were in Chicago, he said.

"All of them are tragic, all of them," Rohlfling said. "But we just don't have the type of illegal gun activity Chicago has."

If fingerprints become a requirement for a firearm owner's card, as proposed in House Bill 96, he said people would need to comply with that unless the group is successful in getting FOID cards declared unconstitutional statewide.

"I wouldn't take the approach of, hey, don't worry about it, and don't get the FOID cards," Rohlfling said. "... If you have to submit your prints every few years and that prevents something like Aurora, I wouldn't have a problem with that. I think most people wouldn't have a problem with that."

Edwards County also was added to the list of green counties this month.

Edwards County Sheriff Darby Boewe is a concealed-carry instructor who has taught many in his county. In a 2018 interview, he said the majority of applicants were pursuing the permit so they could leave a weapon in their vehicle during hunting season.

"We're actually closer hour- and mile-wise to Nashville, Tennessee, than we are to Chicago and we identify in most ways more with Kentucky, Indiana and such than with Chicago," Boewe said.

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— Effingham County Board member David Campbell

Kibler has said state's attorneys are able to weigh decisions on a case-by-case basis and that will continue. When explaining discretion, he often uses the example of a man from Mississippi who was passing through Effingham County on his way to visit relatives in Chicago. The man had a small revolver visible inside a driver's-side door compartment when he was pulled over. He originally was arrested by a state trooper for having a loaded weapon in the car.

"I said, 'Get him out of here and give him his gun back.' The state of Illinois should not be making a felon out of this man," Kibler said.

Kibler also said the central and southern parts of the state are dealing with high rates of methamphetamine use and police and the state's attorney's office don't have time to pursue minor gun cases.

"We don't have the luxury of trying to enforce the laws that come on down from high from liberal jurisdictions while we're making record numbers of arrests in a meth epidemic," he said.

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# Change seen as metro area changes

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before the Great Recession — that gain was more than 11 times as large, with 428,954 more residents calling these counties home.

There were a few pockets of growth in the area in the last year; Kendall, Kane, Will and McHenry counties all saw modest gains. But DuPage and Lake counties have each lost residents for the third year in a row, totaling 9,539 people between the two counties over that time period.

The data released Thursday include population numbers by county and by metropolitan region only. State-by-state data came out in December and showed Illinois declining in population for the fifth year in a row, losing roughly 45,000 residents from 2017 to 2018.

While much news coverage of Illinois' population woes has focused on residents who move away, the census numbers also reflect "natural" gains or losses — births vs. deaths — and the number of people who arrive from other counties, states or other nations. For the Chicago area, decreasing birthrates and stagnating international migration have added to the impact of residents choosing to move elsewhere in recent years.

The census numbers on migration are expressed only in terms of net gain or loss. Cook County's net migration has been negative for at least 27 years, meaning more people moved away than moved to the area. The newest data put the current rate of net migration loss at 8.6 per 1,000 people, though the county's lowest point came in 2005 when about 13 per 1,000 more people left than came in.

In the collar counties, meanwhile, more people have left than entered in every year since 2011, reversing the previous trend.

The census numbers don't explain the many reasons why people might move out of the Chicago area — some may have followed their employers, or graduated from school — but in interviews with the Tribune, former residents who chose to leave gave a litany of reasons, including high taxes, government corruption, crime rates, economic instability, long commutes, an overall rise in the cost of living and the weather.

Michael Gillam and Mary Green, both originally from Ohio, loved Chicago's skyline, lakefront and restaurant scene while living in the Ravenswood neighborhood in 2015 and 2016, and then enjoyed a more suburban lifestyle for another year in Naperville in DuPage County.

Yet when it came time to put down roots, the couple moved to Houston in February 2018, seeking more affordable housing and a warmer climate in one of the fastest growing areas of the country.

"We just wanted to move somewhere where our money would stretch further," said Gillam, 29, a software developer. "The housing market here is fantastic, it's exploding. In Illinois, it seems like people are leaving."

Gillam and Green, a 33-year-old licensed practical nurse, said they grew uneasy with crime in the city as well as instability in Illinois government, particularly after experiencing a two-year state budget stalemate that ended in 2017. They're looking to buy a home and had worried that real estate in an area with a declining population would prove a bad investment down the road.

While they'll return to Chicago for their wedding in 2021, they have no plans to do so permanently.

"No regrets at all," Gillam said.

## Not just migration

Flight to other states is one factor in the area's population decline, but not the only one.

Some experts note the metro region also isn't attracting enough newcomers to make up for people who move away. Immigration from other countries also



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Michael Gillam and Mary Green pass a mural downtown while walking year in Houston. They plan to return to Chicago to wed, but are happy in Houston.



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Jody Cameron hits a softball at Montrose Park earlier this month. He moved to Chicago from Dallas in 2016.

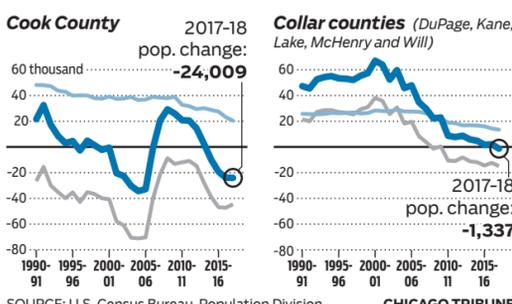
## Population change in the Chicago area

New census data show the population of Cook County has shrunk again; factors include a falling birthrate and more people migrating out of the county than moving in. In the five collar counties, total population fell for the first time in recent history.

### COMPONENTS OF POPULATION CHANGE

From 1990 to 2018

KEY:	Net natural increase	Net migration	Total change in population
	Number of births minus number of deaths	Number of people moving to the area minus number of people moving away	Net natural increase combined with net migration



SOURCE: U.S. Census Bureau, Population Division

has long helped stem population loss, but in recent years this influx has been less robust, according to census estimates. Meanwhile, birthrates are slowing statewide, which means fewer new residents to make up for other losses.

Take Cook County as an example. From 2017 to 2018 there were more births (63,850) than deaths (43,455), according to the census — creating what's known as a "natural increase." Over that same time period, Cook saw a net boost of 18,796 people arriving from other countries. (The census includes American troops and civilians moving back to the United States in this count.)

But both of these gains combined could not offset the 63,339 net loss on domestic migration. All together, these create the county's overall loss of more than 24,000 people.

In west suburban Kane County, the picture is different, as thousands of babies are helping drive population growth. Kane saw an estimated 6,516 births in the last year, enough to compensate for a net migration loss of 2,011 people and 3,446 deaths.

Kane had the highest rate of natural increase in the region from 2017 to 2018 — adding roughly 6 people per 1,000 residents when births and deaths are combined. Although Kane's birthrate has declined over the years

— mirroring the rest of the state — it remains the highest among the suburban counties in northeast Illinois at 12.2 births per 1,000 people.

These trends didn't surprise Tara Burghart, who is on the City Council in west suburban Geneva and used to run the blog "Go West Young Mom," a hyperlocal site for parents in the Kane County area.

Burghart believes the county tends to attract young families with great schools, libraries, thriving park districts and more affordable housing compared with other parts of the region.

"And people might feel they have more physical space, and maybe economic space, to have one more child," she said.

Geneva resident Amanda Pauli agreed that it's been a great place to raise children — but that isn't enough to keep her in the area. Her family is planning to move to Michigan in June, close to the town where she grew up and near relatives.

Pauli said they currently pay about \$1,000 a month in property taxes, versus the \$450 a month they expect to pay in Michigan. They'll also be living on a lake in a wooded area, with more opportunities for biking, hiking and skiing.

"The two biggest things are to be around family and cost of living," said Pauli, a stay-at-home mom of two

school-age kids. "And the outdoorsy part of it. We really miss that."

Her family will join one side of the net migration calculation: those who leave. But some experts say the focus should also be on attracting new people to the area.

"We don't have a particularly high rate of just out-migration, but very few people come here relative to our population, compared to the rest of the country," said Daniel Kay Hertz, research director at the Center for Tax and Budget Accountability.

Using numbers from the 2015 American Community Survey, conducted by the U.S. census, his agency found that Illinois ranked in the middle of the pack nationally on the rate of people leaving the state, but was third from the bottom on the rate of people coming in.

The potential reasons that people are not moving to Illinois should be part of the conversation, Hertz said.

"The narratives around the state matter and can shape people's decisions," Hertz said. "And the ones in Illinois are really, really, really negative in ways that I think overstate some of the issues relative to other places."

Jody Cameron, 44, who came to Chicago from Dallas in November 2016 for a job in radiology administration, said he's glad he made the move.

While he found the overall cost of living in Texas much lower — there is no state income tax in that state and fewer parking fees due to more open space — he said his salary increased by 50 percent because his training was more in demand here.

He appreciates Chicago's diversity, restaurants, cultural opportunities and sporting events, and doesn't feel any less safe than when he lived in Dallas. When he posts pictures of snow on social media, friends in Texas comment that they're jealous. He doesn't miss scorching hot summers.

"People here are like, why would you move here?" said Cameron, who lives in the Logan Square neighborhood. "Because people tend to think the grass is greener somewhere else. My view is, there's pros and cons of every place."

## Consequences of change

The Chicago area's population loss fits a broader pattern of decline in Illinois, which lost its spot as the fifth-largest state to Pennsylvania in 2017.

Of 102 counties in Illinois, only 16 experienced population growth from 2017 to 2018, and only 11 have had net gains so far this decade, said Brian Harger, research associate at the Center for Governmental Studies at Northern Illinois University.

After several decades of modest growth, the state

population began to drop after 2013, with a net loss of more than 138,000 people since then, he said. Growth in the Chicago area and a few pockets downstate used to be enough to offset losses elsewhere, but that's not been the case in more recent years, he said.

"Even the Chicago area did not do very well," Harger said. "There were only a couple of counties on the periphery that gained population and their gains were fairly modest."

Downstate metro areas — counties that surround an urban core of at least 50,000 people, such as Moline in the Quad Cities, Peoria and Bloomington — are similarly experiencing larger net migration deficits that have turned population gain to loss, census data show.

From 2001 to 2007, downstate metro areas added 144,089 residents, mostly driven by gains in migration. But in the last seven years, those areas have lost a third of that gain, about 43,000 people.

As for the state's rural counties, they have been losing population since 1997 as residents' deaths outpace births and more people move out than come in.

While many experts bemoan the population drops, Chicago demographer Rob Paral examined Cook County's most recent numbers and found "neither cause for joy nor cause for alarm."

Because Cook is such a large county, the number of residents lost is less important than the percent change, he said. Cook County's population increased for several years after 2010, Paral said, and while it's been falling since 2015, the percent decrease has been minimal.

While population loss is important to monitor, he said, he doesn't believe there's a crisis in Cook County.

"There's not some mass exodus going on," he said. "I think this is important, because for many years there was a worry that somehow the county was just going to have accelerated loss, but that's not what we see. People were using the loss of population here ... as a hook to hang their favorite issue on. They would say it was because of taxes, or because of this and that. But the numbers don't really support the idea that we have some kind of dire problem."

Other experts warn that the consequences of continued population loss could be bleak.

At least \$34 billion in federal funding for programs that directly assist Illinois residents is tied to the looming 2020 Census count, according to a recent report from the George Washington University Institute of Public Policy; population loss could mean less money to go around. Illinois also risks losing as many as two congressional seats if this once-in-a-decade count shows enough of a population decline, with ramifications for long-term

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political representation, according to a report from the Illinois Complete Count Commission.

Population loss in the Chicago area is particularly concerning in terms of the region's economy, said Aseal Tineh, associate policy analyst for the Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning.

"We talk a lot about how demographic trends and population changes are a condition and consequence of economic prosperity," she said. "When we see population decline, that might indicate how well the economy is doing for providing opportunity for individuals and communities. But then the reverse is true. As we lose population, we're also losing human capital and our workforce. And that's concerning for the growth of the regional economy. So the concern is both ways."

Norman Walzer, senior research scholar at the Center for Governmental Studies at NIU, who has studied economic development and public finance in rural areas for almost 50 years, noted that these parts of the state are already dealing with lack of access to health care. Dwindling populations also strain local government finances, Walzer said.

Population decline can tear at the social fabric of the hardest-hit communities, particularly when businesses shut down and local schools close or merge, said Kathleen Cagney, director of the Population Research Center at the University of Chicago.

An aging population with less growth and stagnating birthrates shifts more of the economic burden onto younger, working folks, she added.

"You have to think about something called the dependency ratio," she said. "The number of people who are in the labor market, essentially, compared to those who require support. Because people are living longer, many of those people are not fully engaged in the labor market. So you've got a population that requires some form of assistance and fewer people to assist."

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# Smyth

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rebounds a game and was named honorable mention All-American.

That got him drafted by the NBA's St. Louis Hawks, but he decided professional sports were not for him. Instead, he went to Mundelein Seminary, where he was ordained as a priest in 1962.

"There wasn't a lightning bolt or anything really dramatic about my vocation," he told a Notre Dame publication in 2012. "I'd been thinking about it for a while. I decided to try it, and I liked it."

His first assignment was Maryville. Created as an orphanage in 1882, the campus had fallen into disrepair so extreme that the archdiocese was thinking about shutting it down. Smyth spent eight years as assistant superintendent before he was put in charge and given one year to turn around the money-losing albatross.

He raised cash to renovate the campus, replaced the prisonlike dorms with group homes and instituted a program of child care that had been developed at Boys Town in Nebraska. He also commanded the deference of children who had endured difficult and violent lives.

"I was a child of the streets," recalled Anthony "Vito" Girona, who came to Maryville as an 11-year-old ward of the state in 1967. "When you come from where we did, if you don't stand up to us, then we're not going to respect you."

He said Smyth was intimidating but loving, and helped many alumni long after they graduated. Girona joined the Marines after leaving Maryville and went on to a career in aerospace before retiring in Florida.

"I'm a better human being because of him," he said. "And I know at least 1,000 other kids are the same way."

Susan Cloutier, who attended Maryville from age 14 to 17, said Smyth's "big heart" helped her overcome her history of childhood abuse.

"It was the best part of my growing up," she said. "I turned into a very incredible person because of how Father Smyth taught us and made us feel loved."

Smyth was a tireless promoter of Maryville, convincing everyone from Pete Townshend to Bobby Hull to Playboy Bunnies to contribute to his fundraising efforts, eventually building an endowment of more than \$100 million. Maryville expanded to include 21 facilities and became the state's largest provider of foster care.

But in 1995, some say, Smyth took on more responsibility than he could handle when he accepted an influx of mentally ill, sometimes aggressive children. Illinois officials had recalled from poorly run, out-of-state facilities.

Tragedy followed, including the 2002 suicide of a 14-year-old girl and two alleged sexual assaults. Illinois pulled its wards from Maryville, and

though Smyth fought back, saying "politics and jealousy" were behind the decision, he stepped down in late 2003.

Cook County Judge Patrick Murphy, who was the county's public guardian at the time, said he always admired Smyth, despite their differences.

"It was his dedication that got him in trouble," Murphy said. "He thought he could take on the worst kids and he couldn't. His facility wasn't built for that. But his problem came from overzealousness."

In 2007, Smyth became the president of Notre Dame College Prep, a high school in Niles that, much like Maryville in the early 1970s, was hovering on the edge of closure after the Congregation of Holy Cross religious order withdrew its sponsorship.

Ralph Elwart, the school's president, said Smyth's fundraising prowess helped convince the archdiocese to keep the school open, while his warmth endeared him to many students.

"He truly saw and valued the potential in every young person long before they saw it for themselves," Elwart said. "He was the right man at the right time for this job."

Smyth retired in 2014, but his reputation was challenged earlier this year by two men who claimed he molested them at Maryville in the early 2000s when they were teenagers. The archdiocese removed him from ministry and said he would no longer live at the rectory of the Shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe, a stone's throw from Maryville, while it investigated the claims.

The archdiocese said Wednesday it has suspended its review while civil authorities conduct their own investigations.

Des Plaines police Chief William Kushner said his department has ended its probe "based on the lack of any credible evidence or testimony from the accusers."

The Illinois Department of Children and Family Services, however, is still investigating.

"Our responsibility to reach a conclusion in this investigation is unchanged by (Smyth's) death," a spokesman said.

The men's attorney, Jeanine Stevens, said she now represents 10 other people who claim Smyth molested them, allegations that go back to the 1960s. She said she might file a lawsuit if she is dissatisfied with the archdiocese's review.

"My clients will not have the satisfaction of facing him ... (but) they want to see him answer for his crimes," she said.

Smyth's attorney, Frank DiFranco, said all the allegations are untrue, and are driven by the desire for a payout.

"The whole thing is outrageous," he said. "There's never been a single allegation against Father Smyth before now, and now she's got all these other clients? Come on."

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A Rossana Rodriguez Sanchez win would put six Democratic Socialists on the council.



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Ald. James Cappleman, 46th, seems to have prevailed, according to unofficial results.



JOSE M. OSORIO/CHICAGO TRIBUNE

In the South Side's 5th Ward, Ald. Leslie Hairston was leading her challenger.

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U.S. Rep. Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez, D-N.Y., has brought attention to since joining Congress. And she said she will advocate for more affordable housing in her ward.

She also said she's not concerned about ruffling feathers at City Hall. "What we have in the City Council has to be disrupted," she said. "There has been so much corruption. Disruption doesn't need to be a bad thing. That's what people are asking for."

Mell, meanwhile, apparently fell just short of winning a second full term succeeding her father. Richard Mell was 33rd Ward alderman and a consummate City Hall wheeler-dealer from 1975 until he stepped down in 2013. Mayor Rahm Emanuel appointed his daughter, who was then a state representative, to fill the seat. Deb Mell won a full term in 2015 representing the ward, which includes Ravenswood Manor and parts of Albany Park, Irving Park and Avondale.

In the 46th Ward, which includes Buena Park and parts of Uptown and Lake View, Cappleman declared

victory Wednesday. "I am honored to be your alderman for another 4 years and I owe this win to all those many people who believed in a vision that involves us working together to move this ward forward for the benefit" of all, he said in a statement.

Emanuel also released a statement congratulating Cappleman, who was in the political crosshairs during the campaign because he chaired the City Council Zoning Committee when it considered the controversial Lincoln Yards and The 78 development projects that the outgoing mayor strongly backs. Emanuel's campaign fund and a political action committee aligned with him contributed to Cappleman's campaign.

In the South Side's 5th Ward, activist William Calloway trailed Ald. Leslie Hairston by 176 votes, according to the election board. Calloway could not be reached to comment on whether he plans to challenge the result.

The election board will issue its proclamation Thursday, making the results official. Candidates can then request discovery recounts, in which they can choose to look at the ballots from up to 10 percent of the precincts in the ward.

Candidates use the dis-

covery process to try to find irregularities to build their case so they can go into court to argue for a full-blown recount, according to Election Board spokesman James Allen. "You're not going to overturn the election (with the discovery recount)," Allen said. "You're trying to put some meat on the bone so you can go in front of a judge and make your case."

The new City Council will be sworn in May 20 along with Lightfoot.

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## Naperville Ribfest to Romeoville in 2020

By ERIN HEGARTY  
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Ribfest's new home in 2020 will be Romeoville, the Exchange Club of Naperville announced Wednesday.

The club's board of directors voted Friday to approve their six-member relocation team's recommendation that the event, a Naperville institution for more than 30 years, be moved from Naperville's Knoch Park to the village located southeast of Naperville.

They are entering into the "final discussions" on a contract with Romeoville, an Exchange Club news release said. No specific location or contract terms were disclosed.

The announcement comes less than a week after it was announced another of Naperville's popular events, Christkindlmarkt at Naper Settlement, would not be returning this winter.

Ribfest, which brings as many as 200,000 people to Naperville over four days in the first week of July, is "one of, if not the premier event in the Chicagoland area," Romeoville Mayor John Noak said.

"It's a great organization, a great cause and a great event to work with," Noak said. "We're still working out all the details, but we're excited for the opportunity."

In a news release issued by the village, officials said they are finalizing details to ensure the festival is a good fit for the community and the club.

"There are still topics to negotiate in order to make sure that the concerns of the residents are addressed during this final process," Noak said in the release.

The village of Romeoville has a fairly large municipal campus on Romeo Road, just east of Weber Road and not far from Interstate 55, which includes fields, a music pavilion and a recreation campus, Noak said. That is location where Ribfest would be held in July 2020.

"We've got quite a bit more space than (the Exchange Club) currently has," Noak said.

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## NATION & WORLD

# Restoration debate ramps up

On rebuilding famed cathedral, a schism over old versus new

BY GRIFF WITTE  
The Washington Post

PARIS — Only two days after a devastating fire at Notre Dame Cathedral, France on Wednesday launched into a contentious debate over how to restore one of the world's most treasured architectural wonders.

At issue is whether the French government should seek to re-create the famed cathedral as it was before the blaze, sticking as close as possible to the 850-year-old structure's pre-fire style and substance. Before Wednesday, many preservationists had assumed that it would.

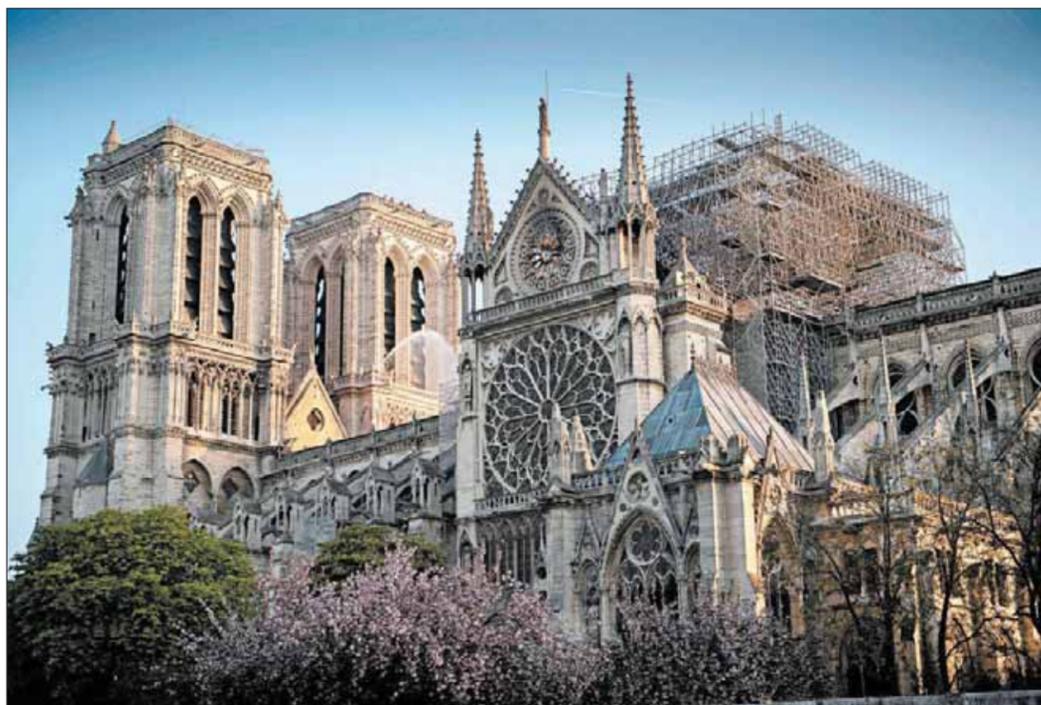
But Prime Minister Edouard Philippe upended expectations with an announcement of an international competition to replace the iconic spire that collapsed into Monday's inferno. He also raised the prospect of a 21st-century twist atop a 12th-century creation.

"This is obviously a huge challenge, a historic responsibility," Philippe said, noting that the new design would have to be "adapted to technologies and challenges of our times."

He questioned whether "we should re-create" the spire as it was or "as is often the case in the evolution of heritage, we should endow Notre Dame with a new spire."

Those words were heresy to many traditionalists.

"The spire is a masterpiece. It must be rebuilt as it



ERIC FEFERBERG/GETTY-AFF

Remarks from French leaders ignited a debate Wednesday over how to re-create the look of Notre Dame Cathedral.

was," said Benjamin Mouton, Notre Dame's former chief architect.

"In the coming months we're going to have a terrible debate," predicted Stéphane Berhault, an architect who specializes in restorations of historic structures. "It's always the same in France. Everyone will want to impose their point of view."

That debate was ramping up because French President Emmanuel Macron has plowed ahead with an ambitious timeline for the building's reconstruction.

Experts predict the process will take a decade or more, with many warning

that nasty surprises lurk as engineers test the stability of the structure's exterior stones. As of Wednesday, the charred cathedral was still considered so hazardous that investigators seeking to pinpoint the cause of the blaze were forbidden from entering.

Prominent French conservation architect Pierluigi Pericolo told *Inrocks* magazine the restoration work could take "no less than 15 years. It's a colossal task."

Pericolo, who worked on the restoration of the 19th-century St.-Donatien Basilica, which was damaged in a 2015 blaze in the French city of Nantes, said it could

take two to five years just to check the stability of Notre Dame, which dominates the Paris skyline.

But Macron told the nation he wants the work to be done within five years, a timeline that would have the building ready by the time Paris hosts the 2024 Summer Olympics.

That's a breakneck pace for a project of monumental scale that will involve hundreds, if not thousands, of master craftsmen, carpenters, masons and others working inch by painstaking inch to restore the structure to its past glory.

Outside Paris, bells of cathedrals across France

rang in a moving tribute Wednesday to Notre Dame as firefighters and experts continued to keep the weakened landmark under close surveillance.

According to a French government official, the building would have burned to the ground in a "chain-reaction collapse" had firefighters not moved as rapidly as they did to battle the blaze racing through the building.

The firefighters acted aggressively to protect wooden supports in the twin medieval bell towers from the flames, averting a bigger catastrophe, said Jose Vaz de Matos, a fire expert with

France's Culture Ministry. "If the fire reached this wooden structure, the bell tower would have been lost," de Matos said at a news conference. "From the moment we lose the war of the bell towers, we lose the cathedral, because it's a chain-reaction collapse."

Paris prosecutors said Wednesday that they continue to believe the fire was accidental. But the cause remains a mystery.

Investigators are interviewing dozens of workers who had been involved in a renovation project at the cathedral. Although none of the workers are believed to have been present when the fire broke out Monday evening, police hope they can offer clues to what sparked the blaze.

Whatever the cause, the scale of destruction was formidable — and not yet fully known.

Experts said that just assessing the damage will take a year or more, and that the stone exterior — saved from collapse Monday — may still need to be significantly repaired or replaced.

Whatever the ultimate scale of the work, planners will have a considerable budget. A fund set up to aid the renovation hit more than \$1.1 billion Wednesday.

Among the most immediate challenges in the restoration is the roof. A temporary one will need to be installed to prevent further damage to the interior. Then there will be the question of whether the permanent replacement should seek to replicate the original.

Associated Press contributed.

## After Paris fire, donations soar to help 3 black churches in La.

BY JENNY JARVIE  
Los Angeles Times

ATLANTA — They were modest brick buildings, without soaring Gothic spires, elaborate rosette windows or roofs carved of 12th-century timber.

But the three houses of worship that burned down last month in a rural part of south Louisiana were long-time pillars of their African-American congregations. Like the historic Notre Dame Cathedral in Paris, they were sacred to those

who worshipped inside.

So after flames consumed the roof and spire of the 850-year-old Gothic French landmark, and people across the world vowed to rebuild it, calls rang out to support a crowdfunding site raising money for the three small churches in Louisiana.

"The rebuild of Notre Dame will be well funded," journalist Yashar Ali said Tuesday on Twitter as he promoted a GoFundMe campaign for the Louisiana churches.

"In the past month, three historically black churches in Louisiana were destroyed by a racist arsonist. He has been charged with hate crimes, but these churches need your help," Ali said.

On Sunday, the fundraiser had raised just below \$50,000. By Wednesday, the total had skyrocketed to \$1.3 million.

Authorities have accused Holden Matthews, 21, of setting the fires that devastated three churches — St. Mary Baptist Church, Greater Union Baptist

Church and Mount Pleasant Baptist Church — in St. Landry Parish over 10 days in March and April.

Earlier this week, local prosecutors also charged Matthews with hate crimes. In Louisiana, hate crimes include offenses perpetrated against an individual because of their race, sexual orientation, national origin or disability.

The fundraising campaign was launched last week by the Seventh District Baptist Association, a 149-year-old nonprofit

group that includes 54 Baptist churches in southwest Louisiana. Any donations, it said, would be split among the three churches that burned.

"I am donating because historic black churches are no less historic or important than Notre Dame!" one donor, Stuart Feen, said on the fundraising website.

"You are someone's Notre Dame but you suffer more because you were harmed by cruelty," wrote a couple, Jane and Roger. "We admire you and believe you

will return strong."

"God is real," said David Sylvester, a 56-year-old deacon of St. Mary Missionary Baptist Church in Port Barre, when he heard about the spike in donations to the historic family church, where his brother, Kyle, is the pastor.

"Your Paris church, it's 800 or more years old. It's a national icon," he said, noting that he had visited Notre Dame last year with his son. "At the same time, here in America we need to focus on coming together."

## Trump cracks down on 'troika of tyranny'

Cuba, Nicaragua, Venezuela face new restrictions, sanctions

BY GISELA SALOMON, DEB RIECHMANN AND MATTHEW LEE  
Associated Press

CORAL GABLES, Fla. — The Trump administration on Wednesday intensified its crackdown on Cuba, Nicaragua and Venezuela, rolling back Obama administration policy and announcing new restrictions and sanctions against the three countries whose leaders national security adviser John Bolton dubbed the "three stooges of socialism."

"The troika of tyranny — Cuba, Venezuela and Nicaragua — is beginning to crumble," Bolton said in a speech near Miami on the 58th anniversary of the United States' failed Bay of Pigs invasion of the island, an attempt to overthrow the Cuban government.

The measures seem likely to hit hardest in Cuba, which is at a moment of severe economic weakness as it struggles to find cash to import basic food and other supplies following a drop in

aid from Venezuela and a string of bad years in other key economic sectors.

Bolton announced a new cap on the amount of money that families in the United States can send their relatives in Cuba. The Obama administration had lifted limits on remittances, but the new limit will be \$1,000 per person per quarter. Remittances to Cuba from the United States amounted to \$3 billion in 2016, according to the State Department.

Washington also moved to restrict "non-family travel" after a broad loosening of so-called purposeful visits under Obama led to soaring numbers of American trips for cultural and educational exchanges. Details on the restrictions were not immediately clear, but tourism is a key lifeline of hard currency for Cuba. Bolton called such visits "veiled tourism."

Bolton spoke hours after Secretary of State Mike Pompeo announced a new policy allowing lawsuits against foreign firms operating on properties Cuba seized from Americans after the 1959 revolution. The United States has enforced a trade embargo against

Cuba since the early 1960s. Cuban officials met the announcements with defiance.

"Nobody will snatch away from us, neither through seduction nor force, the Fatherland that our parents won for us by standing up," President Miguel Diaz-Canel said via Twitter. "We Cubans will not surrender."

Foreign Minister Bruno Rodriguez called it an attack on international law, Cuban sovereignty and countries that would do business with the island: "Aggressive escalation by #US against Cuba will fail. Like at Giron, we will be victorious," he tweeted, referring to a Bay of Pigs beach where invaders landed.

On Venezuela, Bolton said Washington was sanctioning the country's Central Bank, which the Trump administration says has been instrumental in propping up the embattled government of President Nicolas Maduro. The sanctions do not bar humanitarian aid or private remittances and aim to ensure reliability of debit and credit card transactions, which have become essential amid skyrocketing



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National security adviser John Bolton details the moves Wednesday in Coral Gables, Fla.

inflation and a shortage of cash notes.

Maduro called the move the latest example of "imperialist aggression." In a nationally broadcast TV appearance, he said any nation's central bank is "sacred" and deserves respect.

"I see imperialism as crazy, desperate," Maduro said.

Bolton also announced sanctions against financial services provider Bancorp, which he claimed is a "slush fund" for Nicaraguan President Daniel Ortega.

"The United States looks

forward to watching each corner of this sordid triangle of terror fall: in Havana, in Caracas, and in Managua," Bolton said in South Florida, which is home to many thousands of exiles and immigrants from the three countries.

He said Obama administration policies had given the Cuban government "political cover to expand its malign influence" across the region, including in Venezuela. Cuba has trained Venezuelan security forces to repress civilians and support Maduro,

Bolton said, calling Maduro "quite simply a Cuban puppet."

Bolton's pledge to "never, ever abandon" the people of Cuba, Venezuela and Nicaragua in their fight for freedom also might ring hollow in light of the historical events he sought to highlight at the event hosted by the Bay of Pigs Veterans Association.

Many Cuban Americans to this day resent the late President John F. Kennedy for not deploying American troops at a critical moment in the Bay of Pigs invasion.



JOHN MINCHILLO/AP

U.S. Attorney Benjamin Glassman describes the operation beside members of the Appalachian Regional Prescription Opioid Strike Force during a Cincinnati news conference.

## Doctors, dentist among 60 charged in opioid crackdown

BY DAN SEWELL  
Associated Press

CINCINNATI — Federal authorities said Wednesday they have charged 60 people, including a doctor accused of trading drugs for sex and another of prescribing to his Facebook friends, for their roles in illegally prescribing and distributing millions of pills containing opioids and other drugs.

U.S. Attorney Benjamin Glassman of Cincinnati described the action, with 31 doctors facing charges, as the biggest known takedown of drug prescribers.

Robert Duncan, U.S. attorney for eastern Kentucky, called the doctors involved “white-coated drug dealers.”

Authorities said the 60 includes 53 medical professionals tied to some 350,000 prescriptions and 32 million pills. The operation was conducted by the federal Appalachian Regional Prescription Opioid Strike Force, launched last year by the Trump administration.

Authorities said arrests were being made and search warrants carried out as they announced the charges at a news confer-

ence. U.S. health authorities have reported there were more than 70,000 drug overdose deaths in 2017, for a rate of 21.7 per 100,000 people. West Virginia and Ohio have regularly been among the states with the highest overdose death rates as the opioid crisis has swelled in recent years.

Among those charged was a Tennessee nurse practitioner who dubbed himself the “Rock Doc” and is accused of prescribing dangerous combinations of drugs such as fentanyl and oxycodone, authorities said.

An indictment states that Jeff Young operated a clinic in Jackson, Tenn., and promoted his practice with the motto “work hard, play harder.”

The indictment says he prescribed drugs that were highly addictive and at high risk of abuse as he tried to promote a “Rock Doc” reality TV pilot and podcast while obtaining sex and money for prescriptions.

A message seeking comment was left Wednesday for his attorney.

Another western Tennessee doctor is also accused of often trading drug prescriptions for sex.

Others charged include a Kentucky doctor who is accused of writing prescriptions to Facebook friends who came to his home to pick them up, another who allegedly left signed blank prescriptions for staff to fill out and give to patients, and a Kentucky dentist accused of removing teeth unnecessarily and scheduling unneeded follow-up appointments.

A Dayton, Ohio, doctor was accused of running a “pill mill” that allegedly dispensed 1.75 million pills in a two-year period. Authorities said an Alabama doctor recruited prostitutes and other women he had sexual relations with to his clinic and allowed them to abuse drugs in his home.

Most of those charged came from the strike force states of Alabama, Kentucky, Ohio, Tennessee and West Virginia. One person each was also arrested in Louisiana and Pennsylvania.

“The opioid crisis is the deadliest drug crisis in American history, and Appalachia has suffered the consequences more than perhaps any other region,” U.S. Attorney General William Barr said in a statement in Washington.

## DOJ gears up to release redacted Mueller report

BY CHAD DAY, ERIC TUCKER AND MICHAEL BALSAMO  
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WASHINGTON — After nearly two years of waiting, America will get some answers straight from Robert Mueller.

The Justice Department on Thursday is expected to release a redacted version of the special counsel’s report on Russian election interference and Donald Trump’s campaign, opening up months, if not years, of fights over what the document means in a deeply divided country.

Attorney General William Barr will hold a 9:30 a.m. EDT news conference accompanied by Deputy Attorney General Rod Rosenstein, who oversaw the investigation after Mueller’s appointment in May 2017. It’s unclear if Barr will speak before or after the report is released.

The nearly 400-page report is expected to reveal what Mueller uncovered about ties between the Trump campaign and Russia that fell short of criminal conduct. It will also lay out the special counsel’s conclusions about formative episodes in Trump’s presidency, including his firing of FBI Director James Comey and his efforts to undermine the Russia investigation publicly and privately.

The report is not expected to place the president in legal jeopardy, as Barr made his own decision that Trump shouldn’t be prosecuted for obstruction.

But it is likely to contain unflattering details about the president’s efforts to control the Russia investigation that will cloud his ability to credibly claim total exoneration. And it may paint the Trump campaign as eager to exploit Russian aid and emails stolen from Democrats and Hillary Clinton’s campaign



SAIT SERKAN GURBUZ/AP

Attorney General William Barr leaves his home in McLean, Va. He will hold a news conference Thursday morning.

even if no Americans crossed the line into criminal activity.

The report’s release will be a test of Barr’s credibility as the public and Congress judge whether he is using his post to shield the president who appointed him. Trump announced Barr’s news conference during a radio interview Wednesday before the Justice Department did.

President Trump also said he may take questions about the report after its release.

Barr will also face scrutiny over how much of the report he blacks out and whether Mueller’s document lines up with a letter the attorney general released last month. The letter said Mueller didn’t find a criminal conspiracy between the Trump campaign and the Russian government but he found evidence on “both sides” of the question of whether the president obstructed justice.

Barr has said he is withholding grand jury and classified information as well as portions relating to ongoing investigation and the privacy or reputation of uncharged “peripheral” people. But how liberally he interprets those categories is yet to be seen.

Democrats have vowed to fight in court for the disclosure of the additional

information from the report. They are expected to seize on any negative portrait of the president to demand the release of the full report and will be looking for any signs that Barr is trying to shield Trump and his family.

In addition to Comey’s firing, Mueller scrutinized the president’s request of Comey to end an investigation into Trump’s first national security adviser; his relentless badgering of former Attorney General Jeff Sessions over his recusal from the Russia investigation; and his role in drafting an incomplete explanation about a meeting his oldest son took at Trump Tower with a Kremlin-connected lawyer.

Justice Department legal opinions say that a sitting president cannot be indicted, but Barr said he did not take that into account when he decided the evidence was insufficient to establish obstruction.

Overall, Mueller brought charges against 34 people — including six Trump aides and advisers — and revealed a sophisticated Russian effort to influence the 2016 presidential election. Twenty-five of those charged were Russians accused either in the hacking of Democratic email accounts or of a hidden social media effort to spread disinformation online.

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# Giving a voice to women's rights

Afghan's first lady emerges as a factor on U.S.-Taliban talks

BY AMIE FERRIS-ROTMAN AND SAYED SALAHUDDIN  
The Washington Post

KABUL, Afghanistan — For many women in Afghanistan, peace talks between the United States and the Taliban are evoking the darkest days of their lives, when the group stripped women of their most basic rights.

The Taliban regime banned girls from going to school. Women were forbidden from working. They had to be covered head to toe when venturing outside and accompanied by a male relative, even if that meant their baby boy. Showing a wisp of hair would get them whipped by vigilantes.

The peace talks could return the Taliban to power, and Afghan President Ashraf Ghani's government has been excluded from the dialogue. But his wife, first lady Rula Ghani, has emerged as a powerful voice on the talks and women's role in them. She is working to become, as she says, "the little stone you put under the urn so it will not fall. This is what I do for Afghan women."

Her involvement has bolstered grass-roots movements around the country of women who insist, in the words of one popular hashtag, that Afghan women will not go back.

"I realized, that as first lady, I do have some privileges," Rula Ghani said in her chambers within the presidential palace in the center of Kabul, where security concerns have largely confined the 70-year-old to its scented gardens and cherry blossom-lined paths.

With women in government, women at universities, thriving rights groups and a capital city abuzz with young men and women in



Afghan first lady Rula Ghani is pushing for women's involvement in the peace process between the U.S. and the Taliban.

its cafes, the country has dramatically changed from the time of the Taliban in the late 1990s.

The first lady wants women's voices in the peace process to be heard, pushing the dialogue beyond the unheeded calls by the United States and NATO for women to be at the table.

"We were not seeing any kind of real work being done to understand what women really want. What are their thoughts? What are their priorities? What do they see as obstacles to peace?" Ghani asked with a faint but recognizable French lilt, a nod to her upbringing in Lebanon and studies in Paris.

Afghan women activists say the stated focus of the U.S. peace talks — the withdrawal of foreign troops and efforts of counterterrorism — sideline them by definition. U.S.-Taliban talks in

Doha, Qatar, have been marked by all-male photo sessions. Talks in Moscow between Afghan power brokers and the Taliban recently included two Afghan women at a 42-seat table.

And when U.S. envoy for peace Zalmay Khalilzad held a large high-level meeting in Kabul this month with the Afghan president and the top U.S. commander in Afghanistan, Scott Miller, not a single woman was present.

Even the Taliban have said it now supports women's rights, including education — as long as the rights comply with Islamic principles. Afghan women and men have chafed at this, saying that leaves much to interpretation.

To address women's concerns, the first lady's office and women's organizations set out in August to survey 15,000 women in Af-

ghanistan's 34 provinces, including those contested or under Taliban control.

Each meeting was different.

In southern Helmand province, women said learning how to read and write was the only way to achieve peace. In central Samangan, participants burst into song, demanding their voices be heard by the international community. In Konar in the east, where only a handful of those attending had their faces uncovered, women asked to be included "because it is a woman who has raised the Talib and a woman who has raised the soldier," the women from the province wrote in a statement on Twitter.

But not all have embraced Ghani's efforts. When her office distributed tens of thousands of dollars last month to impoverished

women in eastern Nangahar province, members of the Taliban seized the money and set it on fire. Local officials also viewed the move with suspicion, saying it was a political maneuver designed to benefit her husband, who is seeking reelection this year.

The six-month project culminated in an all-women conference in February in Kabul, where 3,500 Afghan women gathered under the massive tent used for the loya jirga, a traditional gathering for debates and decision-making — and the conventional domain of men.

"It was a little bit overwhelming," Ghani said.

There, alongside the first lady and the president, the women demanded a ceasefire and that their rights be protected going forward. Attendees later described the mood in the tent's air as one of defiance.

But the event drew zero responses from the U.S. government or the Taliban.

Now, as the next round of intra-Afghan talks gets underway, still without government representation, 40 women belonging to the umbrella rights group Afghan Women's Network are heading to Doha — even though only around five were officially invited to attend.

"We wanted more women. We were not content," said Wazhma Frogh, a member of the Afghanistan High Peace Council, adding that all 40 have received their Qatari visas. "There is no clarity yet if we are going to be at the table, but we want to be physically there," she said.

Women's rights activists fear that U.S. statements, including that women's rights must be protected in any peace deal, could be no more than lip service.

"As we've seen, the Americans have their own politics, agenda and plan. But we have told them, a peace deal without women is not a deal at all," said Mary Akrami, director of the Afghan Women Network.

When Khalilzad's American wife, the scholar Cheryl Benard, penned a recent op-ed about Afghan women, her views were seen as representing the U.S. diplomat instead. Writing for the Center for the National Interest, Benard said Afghan women should work hard for their rights, just as Western women did, and stop relying on foreign money and pity to do their bidding.

The Afghan backlash was indignant.

"We have been fighting for our rights long before the American military arrived and will continue long after it has withdrawn," Palwasha Hassan, executive director of the Afghan Women's Educational Center, wrote in response in the same publication.

## Midwives help maternal deaths drop in S. Sudan

BY SAM MEDNICK  
Associated Press

JUBA, South Sudan — Seated in a stifling hallway in South Sudan's main hospital, the midwife recounted the day she watched a young mother bleed to death after giving birth.

"She died while holding my hand," said Aber Evaline, hanging her head. Her patient was one of more than 40 women who died in Juba's Teaching Hospital in 2016 in a country with one of the highest maternal mortality rates in the world.

For every 100,000 live births in South Sudan an estimated 789 mothers die, according to 2015 statistics from the United Nations and the World Bank. Recently, however, despite a civil war that killed almost 400,000 people, South Sudan's maternal health has shown improvement. By last year deaths in Juba's Teaching Hospital, regarded as the best in the country, had dropped to 21, said Evaline, one of four midwives there.

The decline is attributed to a concerted effort by South Sudan's government and partners that began before the civil war erupted in 2013. It has dramatically

increased the number of trained midwives from less than 10 when the program started seven years ago to more than 700 today. The project provides scholarships, training and other support for clinics and schools across the country of some 12 million people.

The initiative has made "sexual and reproductive health and rights closer to reality for the women of South Sudan," said Mary Otieno, the United Nations Population Fund's country chief.

The effects are seen outside the capital as well. For three consecutive years clinics serving the displaced persons' site in Mingkaman registered zero maternal deaths, while the clinic in the U.N.'s civilian protection site in Wau has had zero deaths since it opened in 2016, the U.N. fund said.

Immense challenges remain. While 15% of the government's budget is meant to be allocated for overall health care, less than 2% is being received, said Felix Lado Johnson, the minister of health for the capital, Juba.

The government estimates that it needs 10 times the number of trained midwives across the country to further reduce the number

of deaths. Trained midwives rarely find government jobs, however, leading many to work with international aid groups. State-run hospitals need the midwives' expertise but often cannot pay them.

Zeitun Abdullah, head midwife at Juba's Teaching Hospital, said she has not been paid since November.

Compounding the problem is the health care system itself, which already was weak before the civil war.

About 40% of health care facilities remain functional, according to the U.N., and the clinics that do work are poorly equipped.

Juba's Teaching Hospital has 13 beds in its delivery ward yet about 25 women give birth there daily, according to staff. Mothers and newborns who are meant to be monitored for 24 to 48 hours after birth are discharged after two hours due to a lack of space, staffers said.

At least five babies have died in the past three years from being sent home before they were well enough to leave, according to the hospital's midwives.

Electricity at the hospital is limited. When the AP visited earlier this month, it had not had power in a



Midwives hold up a woman in labor last month at Juba Teaching Hospital in South Sudan.

week due to broken generators and not enough money to fuel the ones that worked. The only ward with consistent power is the one for premature babies, where solar panels provide electricity for the machines that supply oxygen.

The United Nations Population Fund has appealed for more than \$18 million for South Sudan, estimating that 42,000 pregnant women will endure complications during childbirth this year.

As South Sudan faces the next phase of a fragile peace deal signed in September, female leaders are calling for women's health to be a central issue for the country.

"In this day and age, for you to be producing babies to die and for mothers to die in birth, it's not acceptable," Angelina Teny, wife of opposition leader and incoming vice president Riek Machar, told the AP. It is detrimental not only to the women but to the nation,

she said.

Cradling her 3-day-old baby girl, Sonia Joyce said she kept her midwife close when giving birth in Juba's Teaching Hospital last month because she was scared she might die.

She named her daughter, born two months early, Tabu, which means "tired" in Arabic.

"I named her that because she disturbed me a lot," she said as she looked lovingly at the child in her arms.

## Researcher defends female colleague who became black-hole star

BY TIM ELFRINK  
The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — As the world stared in wonder at the first image of a black hole, a new star was born here on Earth: Katherine Bouman, 29, a postdoctoral researcher who developed an algorithm that was key to capturing the stunning visual.

On the ugliest corners of the internet, however, this sudden fame for a young woman in a male-dominated field couldn't stand. A corrective was quickly

found in Andrew Chael, another member of the Event Horizon Telescope team, who, not coincidentally, is white and male.

On Reddit and Twitter, memes quickly went viral contrasting Bouman with Chael, who — per the viral images — was actually responsible for "850,000 of the 900,000 lines of code that were written in the historic black-hole image algorithm!"

The implication was clear: Bouman, pushed by an agenda-driven media, was getting all the attention.

But Chael had done all the real work.

That's wrong, Chael said in a Twitter thread of his own. Not only are the claims in the meme incorrect, but Chael — as an openly gay man — is also part of an underrepresented demographic in his field.

"While I appreciate that people who were upset that a woman had become the face of this story and decided, 'I'm going to find someone who reflects my narrative instead,'" Chael said in an interview with The Washington Post. But those claims are

wrong, Chael said. He certainly didn't write "850,000 lines of code," a false number likely pulled from GitHub, a Web-based coding service. And while he was the primary author of one piece of software that worked on imaging the black hole, the team used multiple different approaches to avoid bias. His work was important, but Bouman's was also vital as she helped stitch together all the teams, Chael said.

"Katie was a huge part of our collaboration at every step," Chael said.

In truth, singling out any one scientist in a massive, cross-disciplinary group effort like the Event Horizon Telescope's project is bound to create misapprehensions. "No one algorithm or person made this image," Bouman wrote on Facebook. "It required the amazing talent of a team of scientists from around the globe and years of hard work to develop the instrument, data processing, imaging methods, and analysis techniques that were necessary to pull off this seemingly impossible feat."

# The high cost of flood protection

For some river towns, they just can't afford it

By JIM SALTER  
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Associated Press

CLARKSVILLE, Mo. — The window of the Bee Naturals bath-and-body shop offers a view out of a Mark Twain novel: The sprawling Mississippi River at one of its widest points lapping against a small-town Missouri waterfront as barges float by and eagles dart in the air above.

But with a major flood receding and predictions of potentially even worse flooding to come later in the spring, owner Barbara Chappuis is moving her business, abandoning the Clarksville riverfront for higher ground across Highway 79.

"We're looking at potential historic floods," Chappuis said. "I can't risk that."

Most communities on America's rivers have some sort of flood protection — usually a concrete wall or an earthen levee.

But a few places such as Clarksville do not. They simply cannot afford it, either because Congress will not authorize money or because the local share of the project is more than a small town can pay for.



A playground is submerged in Clarksville, Mo., a town that is suffering its seventh major flood in the past decade, with potentially worse flooding to come this spring.

Clarksville, a town of 450 people 90 miles north of St. Louis, just endured its seventh major flood in the past decade. Volunteers spent days filling sandbags and building a 4-foot rock-and-sandbag fortress that successfully kept water out of the downtown arts-and-craft shops that operate out of 19th-century brick buildings.

But with snowmelt still coming down from the north and more spring rain expected, the National Weather Service warns that the potential for even worse

flooding is high.

Clarksville leaders have long opposed an earthen levee because of how it would change the local scenery.

"If we don't have anything left," Mayor Jo Anne Smiley said.

That doesn't mean they don't want protection. Town officials favor a system that consists of a removable wall with pieces stored inside a pod. When a flood threatens, the interlocking steel and aluminum pieces can be installed in a

day. When the water goes down, the wall goes down.

The proposal would cost \$4 million. Smiley said the federal government and Missouri would provide \$1 million each. The rest of the money is up to Clarksville to find — a tall task for a city with an annual budget of \$550,000.

A comparable problem has developed in South Dakota, where the Big Sioux River offers dramatic scenery and abundant recreation for the 22,000 residents of Watertown.

But the river is also a

curse.

Six major floods over the past two decades have cost Watertown millions of dollars. Local leaders want to build a dam upstream that would regulate the river, but Congress will not authorize funding.

"So here we are, we're in the midst of another flood," Mayor Sarah Caron said.

Officials in some small towns believe the government sees them as expendable when it comes to flooding, while hundreds of millions of dollars are spent to protect larger communities.

About 150 miles north of Watertown stand the neighboring communities of Fargo, North Dakota, and Moorhead, Minn., which straddle the Red River and together are home to 250,000 people. A \$2.8 billion floodwater-diversion project has been in the works there since a record-breaking 2009 flood. The federal government has already dedicated \$450 million and promised \$300 million more.

Similarly, the Army Corps of Engineers agreed to spend \$117 million to fend off future flooding in Cedar Rapids, Iowa's second-largest city, after a devastating 2008 flood caused \$5.4 billion in damage. That money, combined with more than \$100 million

from the city and \$284 million from the state, is funding improvements.

Meanwhile, officials in Hamburg, Iowa, population 1,000, have tried for years to come up with money to restore a levee damaged in the 2011 flood. The money never came, and when massive flooding arrived again in March, the town was swamped. Eighty-eight percent of businesses were damaged.

Mayor Cathy Crain doesn't know if a higher levee would have been enough to save the town, but "it sure would have given us a better chance."

The water "would have only overtopped by half a foot. Instead, we had 9 feet."

The National League of Cities said small flood-prone communities suffered a blow in 2011, when House Republicans banned earmarks, or items placed in spending bills by individual lawmakers for favored projects.

That step left communities of all sizes competing for the same federal dollars.

"Metro areas, they have more buildings and infrastructure. Their needs are going to be greater," said Yucel Ors, the league's program director of public safety. "With limited resources, it's hard (for Congress) to find funding for smaller communities."



JOE MAHONEY/AP

The search led to the closure of Columbine High and other Denver-area schools.

## Florida student 'infatuated' with Columbine found dead

By KATHLEEN FOODY  
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Associated Press

LITTLETON, Colo. — A Florida student who authorities say was obsessed with the Columbine school shooting and may have been planning an attack of her own in Colorado just days ahead of the 20th anniversary was found dead Wednesday in an apparent suicide after a nearly 24-hour manhunt.



Pais

Jefferson County Sheriff Jeff Shrader said Sol Pais, 18, was discovered by the FBI with what appeared to be a self-inflicted gunshot wound.

The manhunt had led to the closing of Denver-area schools as a precaution, with classes and extracurricular activities canceled for a half-million students.

During the urgent search, the FBI said Pais was "infatuated" with the 1999 mass shooting at Columbine High School and made threats against the Denver area ahead of Saturday's anniversary of the attack that killed 13 people.

The Miami Beach high school student flew to Colorado on Monday night and bought a pump-action shotgun and ammunition from a gun shop in Littleton, not far from Columbine, authorities said.

The FBI described Pais

as "extremely dangerous."

"We're used to threats, frankly, at Columbine," John McDonald, executive director of security for the Jefferson County school system, said when the manhunt was over. "This one felt different. It was different. It certainly had our attention."

Her body was found off a trail not far from the base of Mount Evans, a popular recreation area about 60 miles southwest of Denver, authorities said.

McDonald described her trip as a "pilgrimage" to Columbine and cited her purchase of the shotgun as one reason officials took her as a serious threat.

Colorado Gov. Jared Polis said after receiving word that the hunt was over that he and all Colorado parents are "hugging their children a little tighter."

Authorities said Pais was last seen in the Jefferson County foothills outside Denver wearing a black T-shirt, camouflage pants and black boots.

Police were instructed to detain her for a mental health evaluation.

The sheriff said the sale of the shotgun apparently followed the state's legal process. Out-of-state residents who are at least 18 can legally buy shotguns in Colorado. Gun buyers must provide fingerprints and

pass a criminal background check.

In Pais' Florida hometown, Surfside Police Chief Julio Yero asked that the family be given "privacy and a little time to grieve."

"This family contributed greatly to this investigation from the very onset. They provided valuable information that led us to Colorado and a lot of things that assisted in preventing maybe more loss of life," he said.

Pais' parents last saw her Sunday and reported her missing Monday night, Surfside police said.

Authorities said she did not single out a specific school.

Jefferson County school officials said events planned to mark the anniversary this weekend will go on as scheduled, including a ceremony Saturday at Columbine.

Two teenage gunmen attacked Columbine on April 20, 1999, killing 12 classmates and a teacher before taking their own lives. The massacre has inspired cult-like admirers and motivated other mass shooters over the decades.

Adam Charni, a Miami Beach High School senior, said Pais dressed in black and kept mostly to herself. He said he was "baffled" to learn she was the person authorities in Colorado were searching for. Another classmate, Drew Burnstine, 17, described Pais as quiet and smart.

## Pig brain research could lead to new therapies for strokes

By MALCOLM RITTER  
Associated Press

NEW YORK — Scientists restored some activity within the brains of pigs that had been slaughtered hours before, raising hopes for some medical advances and questions about the definition of death.

The brains could not think or sense anything, researchers said. By medical standards "this is not a living brain," said Nenad Sestan of the Yale School of Medicine, one of the researchers reporting the results Wednesday in the journal Nature.

But the work revealed a surprising degree of resilience among cells within a brain that has lost its supply of blood and oxygen, he said.

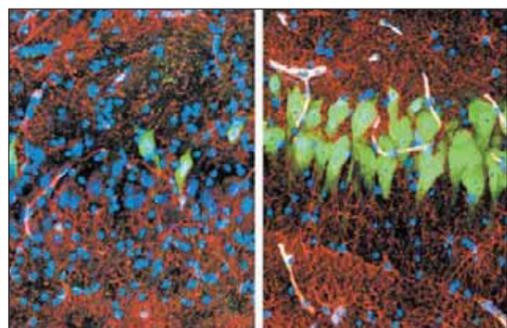
"Cell death in the brain occurs across a longer time window than we previously thought," Sestan said. Such research might lead to new therapies for stroke and other conditions, as well as provide a new way to study the brain and how drugs work in it, researchers said. They said they had no current plans to try their technique on human brains.

The study was financed mostly by the National Institutes of Health.

The 32 brains came from pigs killed for food at a local slaughterhouse. Scientists put the brains into an apparatus in their lab. Four hours after the animals died, scientists began pumping a specially designed blood substitute through the organs.

The brains showed no large-scale electrical activity that would indicate awareness. Restoring consciousness was not a goal of the study, which was aimed instead at exploring whether particular functions might be restored long after death.

After six hours of pumping, scientists found that individual brain cells in one



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These images are from a pig brain untreated for 10 hours after death, left, and another with a specially designed blood substitute pumped through it.

area of the brain had maintained key details of their structure, while cells from untreated brains had severely degraded. When scientists removed these neurons from treated brains and stimulated them electrically, the cells responded in a way that indicated viability. And by studying the artificial blood before it entered the treated brains and after it emerged, researchers found evidence that brain cells were absorbing blood sugar and oxygen and producing carbon dioxide, a signal that they were functioning.

They also found that blood vessels in treated brains responded to a drug that makes vessels widen.

Sestan said researchers don't know whether they could restore normal whole brain function if they chose that goal. If such consciousness had appeared in the reported experiments, scientists would have used anesthesia and low temperatures to quash it and stop the experiment, said study co-author Stephen Latham of Yale. There's no good ethical consensus about doing such research if the brain is conscious, he said.

Researchers are now seeing if they can keep the brain functions they observed going for longer than six hours of treatment, which Latham said would be necessary to use the

technology as a research tool.

Christof Koch, president of the Allen Institute for Brain Science in Seattle, who didn't participate in the study, said he was surprised by the results, especially since they were achieved in a large animal.

"This sort of technology could help increase our knowledge to bring people back to the land of the living" after a drug overdose or other catastrophic event that deprived the brain of oxygen for an hour or two, he said. Unlike the pig experiments, any such treatment would not involve removing the brain from the body.

The pig work also enters an ethical minefield, he said. It touches on the widely used definition of death as the irreversible loss of brain function because irreversibility "depends on the state of the technology; and as this study shows, this is constantly advancing," he said.

And somebody might well try this with a human brain someday, he said. If future experiments restored the large-scale electrical activity, would that indicate consciousness? Would the brain "experience confusion, delusion, pain or agony?" he asked. That would be unacceptable even in an animal brain, he said.



CHRIS GARDNER/AP 1995

Mumia Abu-Jamal is serving a life sentence after spending decades on death row.

## Ex-Black Panther gets new hearing in 1981 police death

By MARYCLAIRE DALE  
Associated Press

PHILADELPHIA — A former Black Panther and death row activist convicted of killing a Philadelphia police officer decades ago will get a new appeals hearing after the city prosecutor on Wednesday dropped his opposition to it.

Mumia Abu-Jamal, 64, is serving a life sentence after spending decades on death row in the 1981 slaying of Officer Daniel Faulkner, who had pulled his brother

over in an overnight traffic stop.

Abu-Jamal, who was shot during the encounter, was largely tried in absentia at his 1982 capital murder trial, after being removed over his repeated objections and efforts to serve as his own lawyer.

A former radio journalist, Abu-Jamal's prison writings made him a popular cause among death penalty opponents worldwide — and a foe of police unions and the slain officer's widow. The attention to his case

quieted after his death sentence was set aside over flawed jury instructions in 2011, and his appeals appeared exhausted.

However, in December, Philadelphia Common Pleas Judge Leon Tucker granted Abu-Jamal a new chance to argue his initial appeal after the U.S. Supreme Court said a former Pennsylvania Supreme Court justice had improperly heard a murder case he had overseen as Philadelphia district attorney. The justice, Ronald Castille, had

done the same in Abu-Jamal's case.

District Attorney Larry Krasner initially fought Tucker's order, fearing it could affect a large number of cases. On Wednesday, he dropped his challenge, citing a revised ruling from Tucker that narrows the scope of his order.

Krasner agreed that Castille should not have worn "two hats" in the case, a fact made more egregious, he suggested, by the discovery of a 1990 note Castille sent Gov. Robert Casey

about "police killers," urging him to issue death warrants to "send a clear and dramatic message to all police killers that the death penalty actually means something."

Judith Ritter, a lead lawyer for Abu-Jamal, said her client will now get a chance to air the alleged trial errors at "a fair appellate hearing."

"The DA's decision is in the interests of justice. We look forward to having our claims of an unfair trial heard by a fair tribunal," Ritter said.

## NEWS BRIEFING

Staff and news services

## Supreme Court asked to void Louisiana abortion clinic law

WASHINGTON — A Louisiana abortion clinic is asking the Supreme Court to strike down regulations that could leave the state with just one clinic.

A divided high court had previously agreed to block the law pending a full review of the case.

An appeal filed Wednesday said the justices should take the next step and declare the law an unconstitutional burden on the rights of women seeking an abortion.

The Louisiana provision is similar to a Texas law the court struck down in 2016.

If the justices agree to hear the Louisiana case, as seems likely, it could lead to a decision on the high-profile abortion issue in spring 2020 during the presidential campaign.

Louisiana's law requires abortion providers to have admitting privileges at nearby hospitals. In 2016, the justices said a Texas law provided "few, if any, health benefits."



TIMUR MATAHARI/GETTY-AFP

**People vote** at a flooded polling station Wednesday in Bandung. Preliminary election results showed Indonesian President Joko Widodo won a second five-year term, in a victory for moderation over the nationalistic rhetoric of his rival, Prabowo Subianto.

## Ex-Peru president kills himself as police try to arrest him

LIMA, Peru — Former Peruvian President Alan Garcia, 69, fatally shot himself Wednesday as officers waited to arrest him in a massive graft probe that has put the country's most prominent politicians behind bars and provoked a reckoning over corruption.

Authorities broke through a door at Garcia's mansion in the Peruvian capital after hearing gunfire.

It was a shocking end for a man who twice ruled Peru — once in the 1980s and then again more than two decades later. In more recent years, he became ensnared in Latin America's biggest corruption scandal, a sweeping investigation of politicians' dealings with the Brazilian construction giant known as Odebrecht that involved bribes paid for lucrative public-works contracts.

## Astronaut to spend 11 months in space, establish female record

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. — A NASA astronaut will spend nearly a year at the International Space Station, setting a record for women.

Station astronaut Christina Koch will remain on board for about 11 months, until February — approaching but not quite breaking Scott Kelly's 340-day U.S. record.

"One month down. Ten to go," she tweeted Wednesday. She said it

feels awesome having so much extra time in space and "a true honor and a dream come true."

Koch knew before launching last month that her flight might stretch into 2020 and sought advice from Kelly as well as retired astronaut Peggy Whitson, the current record-holder for female space fliers.

Koch will break Whitson's 288-day record at the end of December.

## No bond for asylum seekers who can show credible fear

PHOENIX — Detained asylum seekers who have shown they have a credible fear of returning to their country will no longer be able to ask a judge to grant them bond.

Attorney General William Barr decided Tuesday that asylum seekers who clear a "credible fear" interview and are facing removal don't have the right to be released on bond by an immigration court judge while their cases are pending. The attorney general has the authority to overturn prior rulings made by immigration courts, which fall

under the Justice Department.

It's Barr's first immigration-related decision since taking office.

Typically, an asylum seeker who crosses between ports of entry would have the right to ask a judge to grant them bond for release. Under the new ruling, they will have to wait in detention until their case is adjudicated.

"There will be many, many people who are not gonna even have the opportunity to apply for release now," said Gregory Chen, director of government relations for the American

Immigration Lawyers Association. Chen said that about 90 percent of asylum seekers pass their credible fear interview, the first step in seeking asylum.

The decision doesn't affect asylum-seeking families because they generally can't be held for longer than 20 days. It also doesn't apply to unaccompanied minors. Barr's ruling takes effect in 90 days.

There were 161,000 asylum applications filed in the last fiscal year and 46,000 in the first quarter of 2019, according to the Executive Office for Immigration Review.

## N. Korea says it tested new tactical guided weapon

SEOUL, South Korea — North Korea announced that it has test-fired a new type of tactical guided weapon.

The Korean Central News Agency said Chairman Kim Jong Un observed the firing of the weapon Wednesday by the Academy of Defense Sciences.

The agency reports that

Kim said "the development of the weapon system serves as an event of very weighty significance in increasing the combat power of the People's Army."

The announcement came after reports of new activity at a North Korean

missile research center and long-range rocket site where the North is believed to build long-range missiles targeting the U.S. mainland.

The White House said it was aware of the report and had no comment.

News services could not and independently verify Pyongyang's claim.

## U.S. halts disclosure of nuclear arms stockpile

WASHINGTON — The Trump administration has halted, without explanation, the recent U.S. government practice of disclosing the current size of the nuclear weapons stockpile.

The decision was revealed in a recent Department of Energy letter to the Federation of American Scientists, a private group that advocates for government openness on national security issues.

The Obama administration, in May 2010, had declassified for the first time the full history of the U.S. nuclear weapons stockpile from its beginning in 1945. It revealed that the warhead total stood at 5,113 as of Sept. 30, 2009, approximately the number that private experts had estimated.

As recently as last year, the U.S. disclosed that the stockpile consisted of 3,822 nuclear warheads as of Sept. 30, 2017.

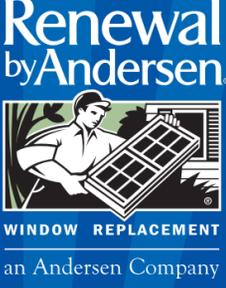
**In Israel:** Benjamin Netanyahu was formally nominated for a fourth consecutive term as prime minister, officially launching a process that is expected to result in a new government dominated by religious and nationalist parties in the coming weeks.

In one of the president's few non-ceremonial roles, Israeli President Reuven Rivlin tasked Netanyahu with assembling a governing coalition within 42 days.

The move was widely expected after Netanyahu's Likud party and its right-wing allies captured a majority of seats in parliamentary elections last week.

Netanyahu's right-wing bloc now commands a 65-55 majority in the 120-seat parliament.

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## EDITORIALS

Foxx's office and the truth.  
The whole truth. Under oath.

We can imagine prosecutor Kim Foxx in a courtroom, interrogating a public official who changes her stories:

*On Feb. 19, your office said you would "recuse" yourself from a legal case. But on March 8 you're as involved as can be — scolding your top assistant for how he's handling that very case. Why didn't you keep your distance, as you had declared?*

The glitch in this scenario, of course, is that in today's Chicago, the public official in the dock is Cook County's state's attorney. So prosecutor Foxx would be interrogating herself about her alternate realities.

Foxx also could ask herself: *On March 27 you told the Sun-Times your office "had a strong case ... that would have convinced a trier of fact" that a defendant had lied about staging a hate crime. But on March 29 you wrote to the Tribune that aspects of the evidence and testimony would have made the trial outcome "uncertain." But nobody ever knows how a trial will end. Please tell the court why, exactly, your office dropped this case?*

**Earlier this week, we offered questions** that loom over Foxx and her office's handling of the Jussie Smollett case. We urged Cook County Inspector General Patrick Blanchard to find the answers. We didn't know that, in response to public records requests, Foxx's office late Tuesday would make public thousands of internal texts and emails. That trove establishes that instead of distancing herself from the case,



BRIAN CASSELLA/CHICAGO TRIBUNE

Cook County State's Attorney Kim Foxx needs to answer questions about the handling of the Smollett case.

Foxx told her first assistant that the number of felony counts facing Smollett was excessive. Referring to her office's pending indictment of R&B singer R. Kelly, Foxx wrote: "Pedophile with 4 victims 10 counts. Washed up celeb who lied to cops, 16 (counts). Just because we can charge something doesn't mean we should."

Maybe so. But Foxx never has stated that comparison in public, for the benefit of citizens who

can't turn her contradictory statements into a coherent explanation of her conduct. Why she supposedly removed herself from the case yet was scolding her top assistant for how he handled it is one more mystery in a case full of them.

After Tuesday's info dump, Foxx's office said she had written her note "to discuss reviewing office policies to assure consistencies in our charging and our use of appropriate charging authority."

If Foxx values consistency, she should have a consistent practice of explaining her office's reasons for abruptly changing course in high-profile cases. That would have been especially responsible in a case her office had taken before a grand jury, only to abandon the resulting 16 felony counts.

The communiqués disclosed Tuesday primarily reflect a state's attorney and staff so obsessed with how their decisions would look to the public that they didn't

realize how their decisions would look to the public.

The Tribune's Megan Crepeau reports that the documents do little to illuminate why prosecutors decided to dismiss the charges so soon after bringing them.

The documents do, however, show that the office was largely caught flat-footed by the massive response from the news media to its own stunning reversal. Texts between top-level prosecutors and Foxx's communications office show a scramble to coordinate their messaging and futilely try to tamp down the heated controversy.

**Inspector General Blanchard, Chicagoans** who've devoted great expense to this case deserve to know who was directing the prosecution of it, start to finish — including such secretive moves as the unannounced court session that ended with charges dropped and official records sealed. And other than the politically connected lawyer who contacted Foxx, did any other outsiders seek to influence her office's decisions?

We don't yet know whether a special prosecutor will be appointed by the courts to determine whether prosecutorial conduct reflected honesty to the public, justice for this defendant and fairness to everyone who comes to court in Cook County. Whoever's the finder of fact, the documents released Tuesday should affirm the imperative, as we keep writing, to find the truth. The whole truth. Under oath.

## A new Cold War where? In the Arctic, of course.

The world's next hot spot theoretically could be its coldest. Atop the globe, the Arctic expanse is a new frontier for the United States and friends to fortify against an aggressive, ambitious Russia.

The West used to rely on the polar cap as a trusty, ice-covered moat to keep the Russians at bay. But climate change is slowly melting that cap. As ice sheets shrink, Russia's assertiveness in the Arctic grows. Moscow has reopened military bases in its Arctic regions that closed down when the Cold War ended. The New York Times recently reported. Russia has ramped up its fleet of icebreaker ships, and it has Arctic-based anti-ship missile launchers and air defense systems at the ready.

Russian President Vladimir Putin recently said he isn't done beefing up Russia's presence in the Arctic, announcing a plan to establish new ports along the northern coastline and build more icebreakers.

So a very different "Cold War" is brewing where only polar



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Russian President Vladimir Putin gives a speech during the International Arctic Forum earlier this month in St. Petersburg, Russia.

bears, narwhals and walrus venture. It's not just a tussle over ice floes. It is believed that at least a quarter of the world's undiscovered oil and natural gas is locked underneath the Arctic Ocean. And as Arctic ice melts, those new

sources of energy will be ripe for exploration, and new shipping lanes will become accessible.

Putin has known this for some time, which is why, in 2007, the Kremlin sent a couple of submarines to the seabed under-

neath the North Pole to plant a titanium Russian flag and claim the Pole in the name of Mother Russia. At the time, it was derided as a stunt. Today, Russia's growing military presence in the Arctic is a concern.

The U.S. and its allies cannot afford to cede the Arctic to the Kremlin. NATO recently conducted military exercises in northern Canada aimed at training alliance troops to deploy and fight in extreme cold. Troops from Canada, Norway, Sweden, Finland and France took part — the U.S. sent observers. The troops made igloos, fought off frostbite and snowmobiled in minus 22 degrees Fahrenheit.

Not that we should expect something like a sequel to "Ice Station Zebra" breaking out anytime soon. But if the U.S. has learned anything in the time that Putin has ruled over Russia, it's that Washington cannot let its guard down while the ex-KGB spy's in power. Crimea, Syria, assassinations, U.S. presidential election meddling — the Putin-led

Kremlin's list of gambits is long. Putin relishes the prospect of a dominant presence in the Arctic: a day when the region's energy wealth and strategic value are firmly in Russia's grasp.

Fortunately, the U.S. has been thinking about this. The Pentagon's strategy includes ramping up the number of fighter jets stationed in Alaska, conducting more extreme-cold training for troops and upgrading its military radar network on the Aleutian Islands. "Certainly America's got to up its game in the Arctic. There's no doubt about that," Jim Mattis told reporters in Alaska last summer when he still was defense secretary. "The reality is that we're going to have to deal with the developing Arctic."

Mattis was right. Global warming is setting up the day when the Arctic becomes a shipping superhighway, and reveals the world's next trove of natural resources wealth. The last thing the U.S. and its allies want to see is an Arctic expanse studded with Russian flags.

## WHAT OTHERS ARE SAYING

This 4/20 will be different, at least in Canada. It will be the first celebration of marijuana since the country made pot legal in October 2018. The time passed since the end of prohibition hasn't been long enough to establish any direct consequences from legalization so far, but one thing has already become painfully clear from Canada's experiment. When you make pot legal, you make it super, super boring. ...

The pot dispensaries, semi-underground before the end of prohibition, were supposed to disappear, but went on just as before. They've just become increasingly polished. The place where I buy my weed looks like a Pottery Barn, and it was so busy the other day that they gave me one of those buzzers they hand out at Shake Shack to tell you when your order is ready. I had to wait 20 minutes.

Even a few months after legalization, I find myself wondering how much of the pleasure of marijuana came from its illicitness. When you used to pass around a joint, you were sharing a little naughtiness, a tiny collective experience of rebellion. Now, at a party, when you pass around a joint, you're basically saying let's go stare at things for a while.

When I see cops on the street today, there is nothing I do that might upset them. We are on the same side, utterly. It's pathetic.

Stephen Marche, *The New Yorker*

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Democratic presidential candidate Sen. Bernie Sanders greets supporters following a campaign rally Sunday in Pittsburgh.

# Can Sanders be stopped?

In 2020 presidential race, experience could pay off



STEVE CHAPMAN

At the bottom of my list of the Democratic candidates I would like to see nominated in 2020 is Bernie Sanders. At the top of my list of the candidates I expect to see nominated? Same.

The presidential campaign is still young. The first actual votes will not be cast for more than nine months, when the Iowa caucuses are held on Feb. 3. In a congested race, as we know from the Kentucky Derby, the fastest contenders can find themselves hopelessly boxed in. But at the moment, it's easier to see a path for Sanders to win the Democratic nomination than it is for anyone else.

I have written before of my many objections to Sanders, which have not abated. But his political strengths are not to be underestimated.

Plenty of politicians look formidable until they actually enter the campaign. Remember Rudy Giuliani in 2008? Or Rick Perry in 2012? The jump to the major leagues is bigger than it looks.

Sanders, however, has competed at this level before, and he came close to defeating a rival who was the most admired woman in America for 17 consecutive years.

Hillary Clinton was a savvy, impeccably qualified and lavishly funded candidate who had the backing of the party establishment and the nostalgic power of her husband's presidency. Yet Sanders won 23 of the contests and 43 percent of the votes cast. He excited crowds in a way that Clinton never could.

He has raised far more money than anyone else this time around, the great majority from small donors — which suggests that a lot of people who voted for him in 2016 are eager to do it again.

Sanders' central advantage in 2016 was the blunt repetition of his signature themes: "Medicare for All," taxing the rich, free college, fighting Wall Street, attacking inequality. No one can match his credentials on these issues. No one is better at communicating them in a forceful manner.

His status as the only democratic socialist in Congress gave him an anti-establishment credibility that remains as potent as ever. But for all his eccentricities, Sanders proved to be a sure-footed campaigner who avoided gaffes without ever sounding canned or cautious. His appearance at a Fox News town hall Monday showed

fearlessness.

Sanders has wrought a change in the Democratic Party, pushing its ideological center of gravity well to the left of where it was just four years ago. He paved the way for such firebrands as Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez and Rashida Tlaib to be elected to the House. The Congressional Progressive Caucus has 98 members, up from 69 in 2014.

"Medicare for All" has gained the support of many Democratic politicians, including several of those running against him. On that and other issues, the senator from Vermont could sue most of his opponents for plagiarism.

His disadvantage is that he's well to the left of most Democratic voters — half of whom say they are moderate or conservative. The New York Times noted that "perhaps 1 in 10 Democrats over all ... might identify as democratic socialists, based on recent polls."

Among less liberal Democrats, the obvious alternative to Sanders is Joe Biden. But Biden has run twice for president with dismal results. His responses to women's complaints about his unwanted touching were tone-deaf — and revived bitter memories of how he handled the Clarence Thomas confirmation hearings.

His past positions on abortion, criminal justice and the Iraq War will

be used against him. He has a propensity for unforced errors, brought on by his garrulous nature and thirst for attention. If any candidate is a good bet to self-destruct, it's Biden.

Donald Trump got the Republican nomination not because he was the best candidate but because the better ones split up the voters who disliked him. Sanders may not be the choice of most Democrats, but he is better placed to capture consistent pluralities than anyone else.

Candidates who might outshine him in a small field, such as Elizabeth Warren, Kamala Harris, Cory Booker and Julian Castro, will struggle to set themselves apart from each other. The fresh-faced Beto O'Rourke and Pete Buttigieg are bound to seem underprepared next to the battle-scarred Bernie.

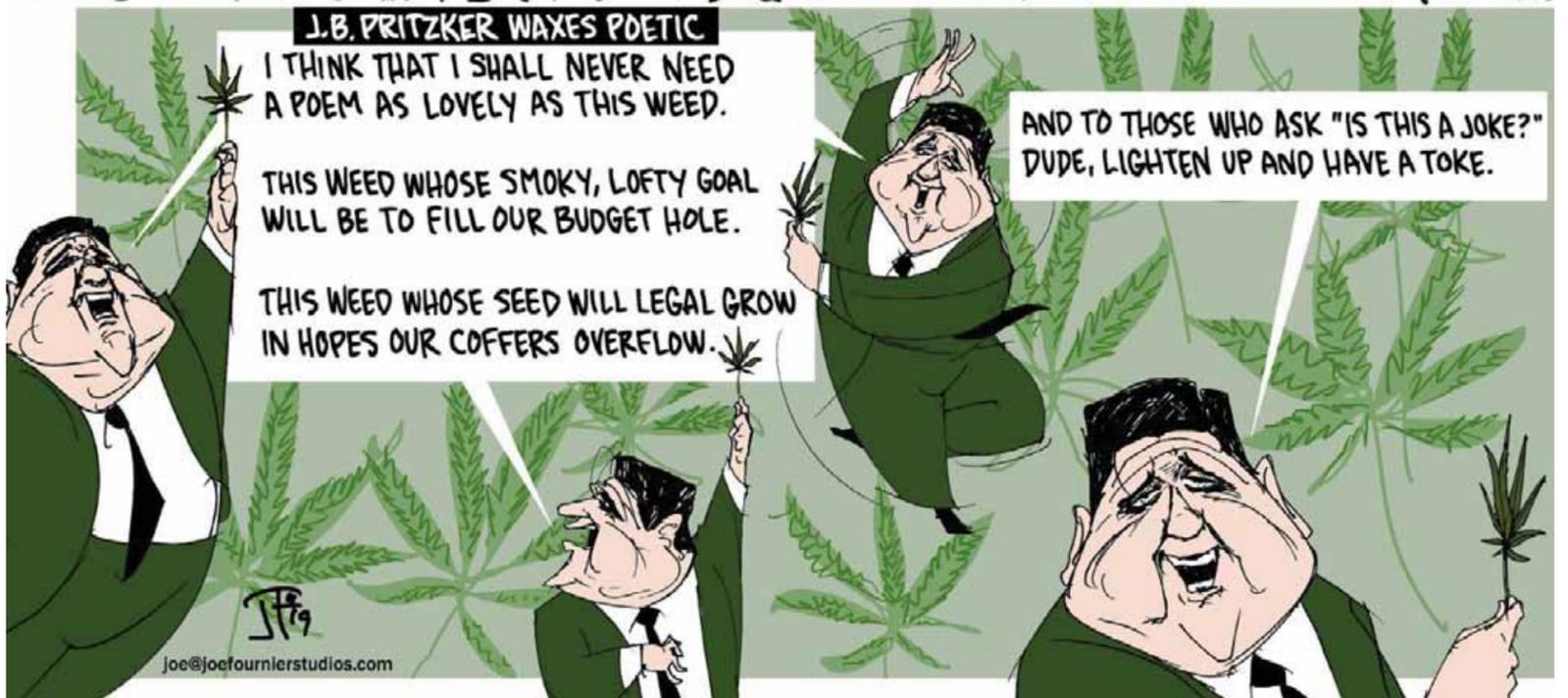
Most Democrats would probably prefer not to risk losing the election by nominating an avowed democratic socialist. But as Trump showed in 2016, a majority that is divided can be conquered.

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A shopper at Trader Joe's in Pinecrest, Fla., in 2013. Company officials said they will cut down on the use of plastic.

## Hey, Trader Joe's: Do cucumbers really need to be plastic-wrapped?

BY MARIEL GARZA

For many years, Trader Joe's was my main stop for groceries, booze and dog food. But as I wrote more about the environmental cost of single-use plastic I started noticing how much plastic I was bringing home as part of the weekly Trader Joe's haul — and was appalled.

American grocery stores in general sell a tremendous amount of products encased in some sort of plastic packaging. But Trader Joe's, it seemed, had taken it to a whole new, horrifying level: Persian cucumbers entombed in hard plastic shells. Tomatoes ensconced in crinkly plastic bags. Individually wrapped tea bags. Greeting cards encased in protective plastic film. For crying out loud, that's not even food!

So my Trader Joe's runs tapered off to occasional jaunts for wine and the few things I couldn't find elsewhere (hello, blue cheese mustard). Now I rely on farmers markets for the bulk of my groceries, which still push way too much plastic on customers, in my opinion, and grocery stores with bulk grains and seed bins that don't mind if you fill up with reusable bags from home.

I'm not the only customer who has been turned off by the chain's volume of plastic packaging. In the Feb. 4 edition of the "Inside Trader Joe's" podcast, a crew member at a Los Angeles store said that when people find out where she works, "their first thing is always, 'Oh my God, I love Trader Joe's.' And the second thing is, 'Why do you use so much plastic?'"

Greenpeace, which last year included single-use plastic as one of its top environmental concerns, noticed as well, and started a pressure campaign targeting Trader Joe's, gathering more than 100,000 signatures. The pushback seems to have worked. On New Year's Eve, the Southern

California-based (but German-owned) grocery empire announced a plan to cut its plastic footprint by a million pounds this year. Also, it would continue to look for ways to deploy less single-use plastic packaging.

Whoa, big victory, right? That's 1 million pounds of plastic that won't have a chance to end up in the ocean to kill whales or in our food chain to do who knows what to our bodies. Hooray for Trader Joe's for listening to public concerns and responding.

But ... I just can't help being a bit underwhelmed by the proposal. It's like the grocery equivalent of California banning straws. For example, here's what the company is working on this year:

- Dumping plastic and foil packages from boxes of tea and finding a nonplastic bag for flowers.

- Replacing polystyrene foam meat trays with a PET trays, which is a plastic that is easier to recycle — though we know that doesn't guarantee it will be recycled, what with the global recycling market breaking down.

- Replacing the plastic sleeve on greeting cards with something made from renewable, compostable material. (Better, but do greeting cards really need sleeves? Other stores don't seem to think so.)

- Evaluating plastic packaging for produce. Here's a better idea: Get rid of packaging for any produce larger than a strawberry. Most produce comes wrapped in its own natural packaging.

See what I mean? Small potatoes — which don't need to be in a bag either. Who eats a raw, unwashed potato?

A spokeswoman for Trader Joe's told me recently there may be another announcement soon about other sustainability steps. I hope so, and also that it will be more

impressive than this first set of actions. Trader Joe's, which has styled itself as a more socially conscious choice for young, hipster urbanites, ought to be a leader in sustainability, not a reluctant follower. This is an opportunity to do so.

I'm not in any way suggesting that people stop shopping at Trader Joe's because of its plastic habit.

In fact, I'm more inclined to return to my local store, now that I know Trader Joe's is listening to customers' concerns. It will also give me an opportunity to see if the company backslides on its commitment to continue cutting down in its single-use plastic.

What I am suggesting, though, is that everyone pay more attention to the plastic that's being pushed upon them at every point of purchase — at the grocery store, the pharmacy, the department store and online retailers — and push back a little themselves.

Fill out customer suggestion forms and call customer service numbers and tell them about whales dying because they've ingested so much plastic that there is no room for food in their stomachs. Maybe take it a step further and tweet pictures of the piles of plastic packaging accrued from just one shopping trip.

It's a dog-eat-dog world in retailing these days as online companies chip away at the customer base of local outlets, and it's just possible that local stores have never been as desperate to please their customers and ensure their loyalty as they are now. That makes this a perfect time for this simple request: Less plastic with my food, please.

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### VOICE OF THE PEOPLE

#### Notre Dame is magical

I am one of many millions of people who were enriched by the experience of visiting Notre Dame Cathedral in Paris. I have been there several times starting in 1968. People experience Notre Dame on different levels. For some, it is a chance for a selfie to prove you have visited France. For others, it is a religious experience. Yet for others, me included, it is a chance to view in context beautiful and historic art both in the artifacts and the building itself.

However, there is something else even greater. It is a chance to connect with people both living today and long gone. In my visits, I was able to feel a connection with those who had stood where I was standing and view what I was viewing over a period of 800 years. Not only was I able to feel inspired by a particular piece of art but also I was able to connect with the centuries of people who were inspired by the same piece. I could touch the stone they had touched. The workmen who built the towers had the same view I saw except it was ever changing from a village to a metropolis. I was able to connect with those who attended the coronation of Napoleon or the removal of the windows as a defense against Nazi bombings.

A part of Notre Dame has been lost. My hope is that what happened in 2019 will be much later seen as a part of its vast history.

— Jerome C. Yanoff, Chicago

#### Giving Notre Dame its due

With respect to your coverage of the tragic fire at Notre Dame Cathedral in Paris: As a Roman Catholic and Francophile having visited that city and country many times, I cannot think of another word to describe your reporting and editorial other than "excellent." Ladies and gentlemen, well done.

— Richard D. Shaw, Des Plaines

#### Foxx's actions matter

I take letter writer Neal Spira at his word ("Don't force out Kim Foxx," April 13) when he writes that Kim Foxx made an excellent impression while they participated in a panel discussion of our criminal justice system. Even so, as Cook County state's attorney, she should be judged not on words, but deeds. As matters now stand, there is no danger of her being forced out of office. Voters next year, however, will have more than a say in the matter, as we evaluate her "colloquial refusal," a smokescreen par excellence.

— Joe English, Chicago

#### Joe Biden's hugging

I am a lifelong Democrat who is not in favor of Joe Biden running for president. But I am seriously troubled by commentary writer Virginia Heffernan's conclusions related to his act of hugging ("Biden is sorry, not sorry. And that's the problem," April 10).

I am older than Joe Biden and was brought up in a neighborhood where virtually everyone greeted others, men or women, with a hug. Does this make me and the rest of my family "creepy"? Only twice in my 81 years have I detected reluctance from the other party when I greeted them in this manner. I never greeted those people with a hug after that initial occasion. The hundreds of people I have hugged over the years remain my friends, and not once have I been judged as being perverted or creepy.

I don't believe that because some people reject a particular approach, that puts them in a position of determining what is right for all of their fellow human beings.

— Dale Knapp, Chicago

#### 'Fair' tax may fall on us all

I have to thank the Tribune for providing a more thorough explanation and understanding of Gov. J.B. Pritzker's proposed tax plan. The real problem is that once the state constitution is changed to allow for a progressive tax system, this allows politicians to change the tax progression in the future. Maybe the first time, only the top 3 percent are taxed more heavily, but in the future, there's nothing to prevent the tax code from being changed so that middle-income taxpayers are also taxed more heavily.

Taxpayers need to be aware of that when they vote on this in the future.

— Herb Hupfer, Kildeer

#### Stripped of usefulness

Just call the release of the Robert Mueller report by Attorney General William Barr the "Game of Bones," as by the time it is released after heavy redaction, it will be hardly recognizable — just a collection of bare bones.

— Kenneth L. Zimmerman, Huntington Beach, Calif.

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## Why Michelle Obama's joke about Trump was unfair to divorced dads

BY JEFFERY M. LEVING

Michelle Obama was joking when she said recently that what America is going through with President Donald Trump in the White House is like a child spending the weekend with a divorced dad. Unfortunately, this is a sensitive subject and it reinforces negative stereotypes.

"Having good parents, it's tough," the former first lady said at an appearance in London promoting her book, "Becoming." "Sometimes you spend the weekend with divorced dad. And that seems fun until you get sick. That's what America is going through."

The implication is that mothers are good parents: They make their kids eat their vegetables, do their homework, go to bed on time, and they limit how much time kids can spend staring at their phones or playing video games. The divorced dad is irresponsible: He'll let the kids eat pizza and ice cream, stay up all night if they want, maybe even let 'em have a little beer. It's a fun weekend if you're a teenager, but obviously not in your long-term best interest.

Politically, Obama means that American voters, in electing Trump, chose the "fun" of putting the political newcomer in charge over the serious but stern Hillary Clinton. The metaphor works politically, but it comes unfortunately at the expense of the reputation of divorced fathers.

In my four decades practicing family law, I have seen bias in our legal system and in society that is based on the very trope that Obama joked about. The system assumes that fathers can earn money but can't be responsible parents. This assumption is not based in fact.



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Former first lady Michelle Obama's recent comments about Donald Trump reinforced negative stereotypes about divorced dads.

Why is it harmful to joke that divorced dads are fun but irresponsible?

**It gives divorced fathers a bad name.** Television, film and literature use the goof-ball father — either married, divorced or remarried — for humor. But in real life, divorced fathers care every bit as much about the well-being of their children as divorced mothers do — mothers who, by the way, are often depicted in popular entertainment as heroic and caring. See the bias? Based on nothing, divorced mothers are valiant and compassionate, while fathers are fun but reckless, rash and unreliable. In real life, divorced fathers are also brave, affectionate and interested in the success of their children. I know because

these men are my clients, and I am one of them. Securing for them a meaningful relationship with their kids — beyond a weekend of pizza, beer and video games — is an uphill battle in a prejudiced system.

**Children need their dads, and they must take them seriously, not as cartoon characters.** Kids without a meaningful relationship with their father can have a rough time, far beyond missed homework: 70 percent of children in juvenile detention grew up in a single-parent environment; children whose fathers are absent consistently score below average on reading and math tests; 3 out of 4 teen suicides occur in single-parent families; the absence of a biological father substantially increases a daughter's vulnerability to rape and sexual abuse, often committed by the boyfriends or new husbands of custodial mothers.

**It's not good for kids to hear about the gender bias in the divorce and child custody field from TV, movies, books, comedians and now from the former first lady.** This will lead them to assume that their father is a triviality — someone to have some fun with, but not someone to take seriously as a parent.

In real life, these valiant and earnest dads strive to make a meaningful, positive difference in the upbringing of their kids. And that's no joke.

Jeffery M. Leving is president of the Law Offices of Jeffery M. Leving Ltd. in Chicago. He is an advocate of the rights of fathers and the author of "Fathers' Rights: Hard-Hitting and Fair Advice for Every Father Involved in a Custody Dispute."

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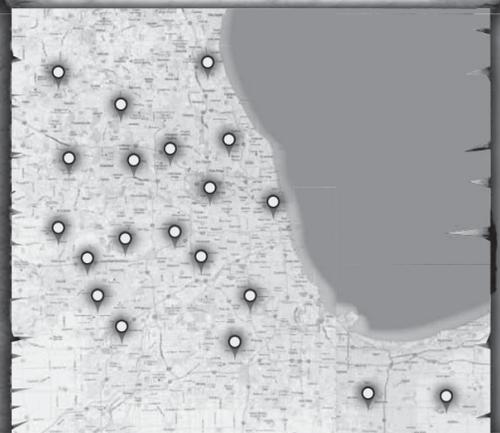


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Hospital workers, community members and politicians protest Monday against the closing of Westlake Hospital in Melrose Park.

## A future in question

Day after rebuke, owners of Westlake Hospital offer to give it to Melrose Park

BY LISA SCHENCKER  
Chicago Tribune

A day after a judge rebuked the owner of Westlake Hospital, its owner is offering to give it to the village of Melrose Park — a pitch the village is calling a “stunt.”

“If Melrose Park truly values Westlake Hospital and is so sure it can do a better job of either running this antiquated facility or finding a buyer, they should take us up on this offer,” said Los Angeles-based Pipeline, which owns Westlake, in a statement Wednesday. Pipeline said it would give the 230-bed hospital to Melrose Park at no cost.

In a statement, Melrose Park Mayor Ron Serpico called the offer “another attempt for them to deflect their responsibility.”

“The Village has never claimed the

expertise to run a hospital and Pipeline’s comments expose their continued dedication to misinformation and deception,” Serpico said. Still, the village will look at the offer if Pipeline provides terms and its financial documents, said Andrew Mack, a spokesman for the mayor.

The offer is the latest twist in an ongoing fight over the hospital’s future — and comes just a day after a Cook County judge found Pipeline in contempt of court.

It all started in January when Pipeline bought Westlake, West Suburban Medical Center in Oak Park and Louis A. Weiss Memorial Hospital in Chicago, for \$70 million. Pipeline pledged at the time to save the hospitals. Just weeks after that purchase, Pipeline stunned community leaders, saying it would close Westlake by July because financial losses exceeded projections, threatening to drag down the other two hospitals.

Last week, however, Pipeline announced it would begin winding down operations at the hospital early, citing

low staffing levels that it said put patient safety at risk. Melrose Park won a temporary restraining order to keep Pipeline from cutting services further. On Tuesday, Judge Moshe Jacobius found Pipeline in indirect civil contempt of court after doctors and nurses said equipment was still being removed from the hospital and services stopped despite the restraining order.

The judge ordered Pipeline to restore most of its services, including admitting patients and operating most departments of the hospital, by Thursday morning. If Pipeline doesn’t follow the order, it will be fined \$200,000 for each day it’s out of compliance.

After the ruling Tuesday, Pipeline said it would protect the safety of patients.

“While we respectfully disagree with the judge’s ruling today, we will take every step necessary to protect patients and their safety,” said Natalie Bauer Luce, a spokeswoman for Pipeline, in a state-

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RYAN ORI  
On Real Estate

## Project near Soldier Field wins support of Chamber

Nonprofit: Project could create \$120 billion worth of jobs, taxes and benefits

The Chicagoland Chamber of Commerce is throwing its support behind the massive transit center and megadevelopment proposed over train tracks near Soldier Field, which it says could create \$120 billion worth of new jobs, taxes and other economic benefits over the next four decades.

The nonprofit business organization, which represents more than 1,000 companies in the Chicago area, on Wednesday unveiled a report outlining the potential impact of the proposed One Central project on the local economy, tourism and regional transportation.

CEO Jack Lavin said he plans to push area and state leaders to support the \$19 billion project. “We’re involved because we need to be bold and innovative and use our money wisely,” Lavin said. “By doing the economic impact study, we’re showing that the potential returns are really spectacular.”

“This project can be transformative for the city, region and state.”

His group’s support comes about a month after the One Central plan was unveiled by Landmark Development. The firm, led by Wisconsin-based Bob Dunn, in March showed conceptual renderings of a row of dramatic skyscrapers along Lake Shore Drive.

One Central would create a massive transit center that would bring together CTA, Metra and Amtrak trains, as well as bus station and a bus or tram route on an existing access road along train tracks between the McCormick Place conven-

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## United Airlines’ profit doubles despite 737 woes, shutdown

BY DAVID KOENIG  
Associated Press

DALLAS — United Airlines said Tuesday that its first-quarter profit doubled to \$292 million as it carried more passengers and limited costs other than fuel.

The results beat Wall Street expectations for a quarter that began with the partial government shutdown, which dinged travel by federal employees, and ended with Boeing 737 Max jets grounded around the world.

The airline gave an upbeat forecast of second-quarter revenue trends. However, Chicago-based United did not raise its full-year earnings prediction.

Executives of parent United Continental Holdings are scheduled to talk about the results with analysts and reporters on Wednesday. In a message to employees, CEO Oscar Munoz said the latest results vindicated a strategy of adding more flights, investing in customer service and managing costs.

The second quarter is likely to benefit slightly by having Easter travel fall entirely in April, unlike last year. At United, that could be offset, however, by the additional costs of managing around the grounding of its 14 Max planes.

Regulators around the world

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## Evers: 13,000 Foxconn jobs is ‘unrealistic’

Wisconsin governor wants to renegotiate the contract with the global electronics leader

BY SCOTT BAUER  
Associated Press

MADISON, WIS. — Gov. Tony Evers said Wednesday it’s “unrealistic” to think that Foxconn Technology Group will employ 13,000 people in Wisconsin as originally promised and that he wants to renegotiate the contract with the global electronics leader.

Evers told reporters that the state was working with Taiwan-based Foxconn to look at revising the original contract for the proposed facility to build liquid crystal display panels because it “deals with a situation that no longer exists.”

President Donald Trump has touted the Foxconn project in Wisconsin as a sign of the return of manufacturing to the United States. It would be Foxconn’s first manufacturing facility outside Asia, but skeptics have questioned the project that was announced more than a year ago.

Under terms of the original deal struck by Evers’ predecessor Gov. Scott Walker, Foxconn could get more than \$4 billion in tax credits if it employs 13,000 people and invests



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Foxconn Chairman Terry Gou and then-Wisconsin Gov. Scott Walker talk June 28 at the groundbreaking for the Foxconn plant in Mount Pleasant, Wis.

\$10 billion in the state.

That deal was roundly criticized by Democrats, including Evers, as being too favorable for Foxconn. The incentive package was the largest of its kind in U.S. history for a foreign company and the biggest ever in

Wisconsin.

Foxconn, the world’s largest provider of electronics equipment, has repeatedly insisted that it will meet the original invest-

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## LOVE YOUR JOB? NOMINATE IT AS A TOP WORKPLACE

The Chicago Tribune is seeking nominations for our annual Top Workplaces special report, in which we explore how organizations create and sustain a positive and productive culture. We’ll also compile a list of this year’s top workplaces in Chicago.

This is the 10th year that the Tribune has produced this report, and every year we hear about novel ways in which companies and their managers are engaging, motivating and rewarding employees.

A lot has changed in 10 years, and

the discussion of what makes a top workplace has particular relevance today. The economy is strong, unemployment is low and more than ever, employees are looking for a better job if they don’t like the one they have. Consider this: The number of people who voluntarily left their jobs has been on the upswing for years, and last year 40.1 million workers quit, according to the Labor Department. That’s 2.4 million more people who quit than the year before.

A top workplace can be described

this way: It’s an organization that is successful because its employees enjoy their work, embrace their mission and feel like valued teammates. Compensation and perks are factors, but the more important components include opportunities for professional growth and being treated with respect.

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Top performers will be recognized in the report, in an online directory and at a Tribune-sponsored event. There is no fee to participate.

To nominate a company, go to [www.chicagotribune.com/nominate](http://www.chicagotribune.com/nominate) or call 312-878-7356. The deadline is May 10.

# CEO: Abbott has cash to burn, sees nothing attractive

Medical company has made strides in paying debt

BY MICHELLE FAY CORTEZ  
Bloomberg News

Abbott Laboratories is back in the driver's seat when it comes to acquisitions, Chief Executive Officer Miles White said. Problem is, nothing looks good.

The medical-device and diagnostics company has made significant strides in paying down the \$28 billion in debt it picked up with the purchases of St. Jude Medical and Alere in 2017, White said Wednesday on a call with analysts. Along with strong cash

flow, that gives Abbott the strategic flexibility to get back into the buying game, he said.

"I don't see a very robust, target-rich environment out there," White said. "If something comes along, I would say we're well positioned to be ready to do something, but to be honest, we haven't seen something that attractive."

On Wednesday, Abbott, based in Chicago's north suburbs, posted first-quarter earnings from continuing operations of 63 cents per share, above the 61 cents expected by analysts, on \$7.5 billion in sales. Last year the company had \$4.9 billion in free cash flow.

"One of our challenges is going to be capital deployment because we're going



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Abbott Laboratories CEO Miles White says the medical-device and diagnostics company has the strategic flexibility to get back into the buying game.

to have a lot of it," he said. "We're going to generate a lot of cash over the coming years, and we are going to generate a lot of profit. We want to either invest that or return it to shareholders at the highest possible return."

To be fair, White con-

fessed that even if there were something he was interested in acquiring, he wouldn't give industry watchers a heads-up. The key point, he said, is that the company is now in a position to act.

"We are no longer constrained," he said.

## ANALYSIS



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A worker pulls a wheelbarrow containing bricks at a construction site on the outskirts of Beijing on Thursday.

# China's economy not as bad as Trump thinks

BY ANNA FIFIELD  
The Washington Post

BEIJING — China's economy has again defied President Donald Trump's predictions that it is in trouble, with official statistics showing that it grew by a surprisingly robust 6.4 percent in the first three months of the year.

Although analysts are skeptical about Chinese data, and although the figures showed the growth was fueled largely by unsustainable government spending, the numbers underscore the resilience of the world's second-largest economy.

"Trump should realize this is a sign that China's economy is not about to fall off a cliff," said Andrew Polk of Trivium China, a consultancy.

As the United States and China edge toward a deal to end their protracted trade war, Trump has repeatedly suggested that Beijing is desperate for a deal because its economy is in trouble. By contrast, he has bragged about the United States' improving economy

and buoyant stock markets. But the reality is not quite so black-and-white.

The National Bureau of Statistics said the Chinese economy grew by 6.4 percent compared with the first quarter of last year, maintaining the pace recorded in the previous three months. "The national economy enjoyed stable performance and growing positive factors, stronger market expectations and confidence," bureau spokesman Mao Shengyong told reporters Wednesday.

But he also struck a cautious note. "However, at the same time, we should also be aware that ... the task of reform and development is arduous, and downward economic pressures still persist," he said.

Growth in the first quarter was supported by infrastructure spending and bonds issued by local governments. The government was trying to "front-load" this spending to boost statistics, economists said.

"The latest growth numbers suggest that the government's stimulus mea-

sures are taking hold and stabilizing growth," said Eswar Prasad of Cornell University, although he warned this could create bigger financial risks for the future.

China's industrial production grew a much stronger-than-expected 8.5 percent in March from a year earlier, the biggest jump in more than five years and far exceeding expectations. That suggested it was a one-off blip.

Chinese authorities have also injected record amounts of money into the financial system to stave off the slowdown, perhaps so as not to appear weak while the trade negotiations continue. Bank loans hit a record high of \$865 billion during the first quarter.

The trade war has had a relatively small effect on China's economy. The Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development, a group of rich nations, estimates that the trade war has shaved one-quarter of a percent off the growth rate in both China and the United States.

Overall, it will reduce total world trade by 0.4 percent by 2020, OECD Deputy Secretary General Ludger Schuknecht said in Beijing this week.

Recent statistics, combined with murmurings about a trade deal, suggested that there was reason to be more optimistic about China's economy than even a few months ago, Prasad said.

Economists at UBS upgraded their forecast for Chinese growth this year from 6.1 percent to 6.4 percent.

During a major Communist Party meeting in March, Premier Li Keqiang set a growth target of 6 to 6.5 percent for this year.

The OECD this week warned about the rising financial risks in China from high corporate debt.

In its latest report on the Chinese economy, the OECD said China should avoid channeling its fiscal stimulus to state-owned enterprises and local governments. In many provinces, public debt exceeds annual revenue, sometimes by a large margin, it says.

# Some Chewy Chips Ahoy cookies recalled

Consumers report gagging, choking when eating item

BY ALEXIA ELEJALDE-RUIZ  
Chicago Tribune

Mondelez has recalled some Chewy Chips Ahoy cookies after getting reports that solidified cornstarch caused some consumers to gag or choke when eating the product.

Deerfield-based Mondelez, which makes Oreos and Cadbury as well as Chips Ahoy, issued the voluntary recall over the weekend, initially warning of an "unexpected solidified ingredient" found in the cookies.

Mondelez spokesman Tom Armitage later clarified in an emailed statement: "In some instances, the cornstarch in our Chewy Chips Ahoy recipe did not fully incorporate in the mixing procedure and solidified in the baking process. The vast majority of consumers have not reported adverse events with respect to the product in the four code dates re-



ALEX GARCIA/CHICAGO TRIBUNE

Some Chewy Chips Ahoy cookies have been recalled after getting reports that solidified cornstarch caused some consumers to gag or choke.

called. However, a small number of consumers have reported gagging, choking or dental injury, but none of these reports have been confirmed at this time. We issued this voluntary recall as a precaution, as the safety of our consumers is our top priority."

The recall is limited to 13-ounce packages of Chewy Chips Ahoy cookies with best-by dates of Sept. 7, 8, 14 and 15 of 2019.

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tion center and the Loop.

One Central will need all the help it can get as it tries to coordinate plans with transit agency leaders, handle the concerns expressed by neighbors and alderman and deal with a new mayor. Landmark will need all of them on board before it can break ground.

It's unclear how the developer plans to finance the complex project, and whether it might include state or federal funds. Landmark has previously said it does not intend to seek tax-increment financing from the city.

The firm is led by Dunn, a newcomer to Chicago whose previous developments have included new or redeveloped stadiums for NFL teams such as the Green Bay Packers, Minnesota Vikings and Detroit Lions. The venture also includes Gerald Fogelson, who developed the nearby Central Station.

The chamber commissioned the report, which was conducted by engineering firm AECOM.

Landmark has been short on specifics of its plan. But the chamber's report said the development could bring almost 20 million square feet of skyscrapers, including homes, offices and hotels, to a 34-acre platform that would be built over train tracks between McCormick Place and the Field Museum. It could cost up to \$19 billion, including \$3.8 billion to build the transportation infrastructure, the report said, using information from the developer.

"One Central is among the most significant development opportunities in the country, with the extraordinary potential to connect the defining civic elements of Chicago with transit infrastructure and urban lifestyle amenities," Dunn said in a

statement. "We applaud the Chicagoland Chamber's leadership and vision to help support future growth in the city and the state by focusing on opportunities to grow the economic base of the region as One Central does."

One Central would complement the massive Union Station and Ogilvie transportation centers on the west edge of downtown, and it would better connect the city center to trains serving the South Side and south suburbs, Lavin said. The convergence of city, regional and national train lines on the site would make the project unique in the U.S., he said.

The 34-acre platform and walkways over Lake Shore Drive would fill in the valleylike divide between existing residential neighborhoods and tourist attractions such as Soldier Field, the Museum Campus and Lake Michigan.

The Chicago area would reap about \$120 billion in economic benefits over the next 40 years, including new jobs, taxes, train fares and other revenue, according to the study.

Construction of the transit station could take about three years, and the entire project could take about 15 years, Dunn said in March.

Before construction can even begin, Landmark has a long way to go to gain zoning approval from the city. Ald. Pat Dowell, 3rd, said she plans to seek major changes to the proposal, including the inclusion of a park and public schools, decreased density, and moving foot traffic away from Mark Twain Park.

In an email, Dowell described the project's planning as "in its infancy," and said the developer is planning public workshops, tentatively scheduled to start in late April, to hear more about community concerns.

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## Foxconn

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ment and employment targets, even as the scope of the project has been reduced.

Last month, Foxconn said it would begin construction later this year on a Generation 6 factory, where it would produce small screens for cellphones, tablets, televisions and other devices. Foxconn initially said it was going to build a larger Generation 10 plant that would have produced screens three-times as large.

Evers was asked Wednesday if he still thinks Foxconn will employ 13,000 people in the state.

"I think at this point in time that would be an unrealistic expectation when they're downsizing the footprint of what they're doing," Evers said. "So, 13,000 people as Foxconn employees is probably difficult to imagine for me right now."

Evers said he didn't know what a more realistic num-

ber would be.

"Less, that's for sure," he said.

The reduction in the size of the project means changes must be made to the contract that was based on Foxconn building a larger facility, Evers said.

"Clearly the deal that was struck is no longer in play," Evers said. "It's our goal to make sure that the taxpayers are protected and environmental standards are protected and we believe that we need to take a look at that contract and see if it needs to be downsized as a result fix it."

A Foxconn representative had no immediate comment.

Evers also said he didn't think the Wisconsin project would be affected by Foxconn Chairman and CEO Terry Gou's decision to run for president of Taiwan. Gou negotiated the deal with Wisconsin officials and has been a frequent visitor to the state.

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## Westlake

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ment.

Jacobius did not find that Pipeline acted in bad faith, but said Pipeline should not have been able to temporarily suspend services last week.

Illinois administrative code allows hospitals to temporarily suspend services because of "unanticipated or unforeseen circumstances." But Jacobius said that Pipeline knew staff would leave after it announced plans to close

the hospital. That code also says that hospitals must have a "timetable to reopen the service," but Pipeline did not have that, because it intends to close the hospital.

Debra Casanave, a nurse in Westlake's emergency department, said not much had changed at the hospital as of Wednesday afternoon.

Still, she said she was happy that the judge found Pipeline in contempt. "We take care of the underprivileged," Casanave said. "We take anybody with any kind of insurance or without insurance. We don't give

them a hard time."

The temporary restraining order prohibiting Pipeline from cutting services further remains in effect until May 1, at which point another court hearing is scheduled to determine whether a preliminary injunction should be issued. Melrose Park has a pending lawsuit against Pipeline, accusing its leaders of lying about their intention to close the hospital before it closed on the purchase of Westlake, so it wouldn't face opposition.

The state Health Facilities and Services Review Board is scheduled to con-

sider Pipeline's application to close the hospital April 30. The board can't legally deny Pipeline's application to close the hospital, but the board can defer the application because of the pending litigation.

Lawmakers are also considering a bill in Springfield that would allow the governor to reverse a decision made by the board to allow a hospital to close, and would prohibit the board from taking action on an application to close when a lawsuit is pending.

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# FCC unsure who lacks broadband

\$4.5B program on hold as feds try to get accurate wireless picture of rural America

BY ANTHONY IZAGUIRRE  
Associated Press

There is a way around the notoriously sluggish internet in West Virginia. You just need a car and some time.

Kelly Povroznik can tell you, when she happens to get a good signal. She teaches an online college course so hampered by unreliable connections that she has had to drive a half-hour to her brother's place just to enter grades into a database.

"It added so much additional work for me, and I just don't have the time," said Povroznik, who lives in Weston, W.Va. "I just kept wanting to beat my head into a wall."

Across rural America, a bandwidth gap separates communities like Weston from an increasingly digital world where high-speed internet has become a fundamental component of modern life, putting them at a disadvantage when it comes to economic growth and quality of life advancements.

A \$4.5 billion federal grant program earmarked to expand wireless internet in rural areas was supposed to address the problem, but it's on hold while the Federal Communications Commission investigates whether carriers submitted incorrect data for the maps used to allocate grants.

The broadband maps deemed Weston, a city of about 4,000 people, too well connected to qualify for a grant — even though the problems there are obvious to anyone who's tried to send emails from their

phones or gotten lost because Google Maps wouldn't work.

FCC Commissioner Jessica Rosenworcel concedes that the agency doesn't know where the needs are most acute, calling it "embarrassing" and "shameful."

"Our maps simply do not reflect the state of deployment on the ground. That's a problem," Rosenworcel said. "We have a digital divide in this country with millions of Americans who lack broadband where they live."

Lawmakers across the country are concerned that flawed, carrier-submitted maps on cellphone and home internet connectivity are crippling the effectiveness of various grant programs. In February, West Virginia Democratic Sen. Joe Manchin joined 10 other senators in pushing the FCC for more accurate baselines.

Disagreements over the data have led to different figures on high-speed internet availability nationwide — and a growing sense that the government just doesn't know.

On one end, the FCC says more than 24 million people lack access to broadband at home. On the other, a recent study by Microsoft — which is pushing its own approach to extending broadband to rural areas — found that 162.8 million Americans don't use the internet at high speeds, a problem that may point to cost of access, as well as lack of availability.

Part of the discrepancy has to do with how the FCC collects data. The agency considers an entire area



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Kelly Povroznik tends to her horse Rambling Jack outside of Clarksburg, W.Va. Povroznik teaches an online college course.



Povroznik's online college course has been hampered by slow connections on her computer and phone.

covered if a carrier reports that a single building on a census block has fast internet speeds. Experts say this method allows carriers to attract more customers by advertising larger coverage areas. Critics argue that it is a poor way to determine internet speeds and have long called for more granular data.

Complaints about the wireless map have poured in to the FCC.

The Rural Wireless Association, a trade group, asked the agency to investigate data submitted by Verizon and T-Mobile, suggesting the companies overstated coverage. The companies have denied doing so.

The February letter from Manchin and the other senators implored FCC Chairman Ajit Pai to use crowdsourced data and public feedback to create more accurate maps. Some

of them have since introduced legislation to force the FCC to widen the scope.

Federal lawmakers from New Hampshire sent a separate letter, saying the FCC was forcing cash-strapped local governments there to disprove overstated claims made by carriers in the agency's formal process for challenging the mapping data.

All told, only about 20 percent of the 106 carriers, government and tribal entities who could have challenged the FCC's wireless map data did so, according to the FCC.

The process frustrated Manchin, who told the AP in an email: "As long as we continue to rely on carriers just telling us what they cover, we will never have a complete picture that depicts the real-world experiences of West Virginians."

The FCC put the grant process for the \$4.5 billion program on hold late last year as it launched an investigation into whether one or more major carriers vio-

lated rules and submitted incorrect maps. The investigation is ongoing.

Christopher Ali, an assistant professor of media studies at the University of Virginia, said the looming mapping question leaves the government flailing blindly at a problem that prevents it from meeting the needs of rural America.

"We can't fix a problem when we don't know where it exists," he said, "and at the moment we don't know where broadband deserts exist."

Povroznik knows they exist in Weston, where she had to come up with workarounds — including jumping in her car — to cope with spotty connections that disrupted her ability to field questions submitted by students online. She saw some improvement after switching service providers.

"In this technologically advanced world that we live in, it shouldn't have been as difficult as it was for me to get this situation resolved," she said.

## United

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grounded the Max last month after a second deadly crash. As a result, American and Southwest have removed thousands of flights from their schedules out into August. United, which has fewer Max jets than those two rivals, has claimed to be less affected.

United removed the planes from its schedule into July and is shuffling other planes to make do. In some cases, United has substituted large, two-aisle planes to fly domestic routes previously flown by the single-aisle 737, which is more expensive.

United said that first-quarter earnings, adjusted to exclude one-time gains and costs, came to \$1.15 per share.

The average prediction of 19 analysts surveyed by Zacks Investment Research was for 94 cents per share.

Revenue rose 6% to \$9.59



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In results that beat Wall Street expectations, United Airlines said that its first-quarter profit doubled to \$292 million.

Analysts in the Zacks survey were looking for \$9.6 billion on average. The airline carried 6% more passengers than a year ago.

United predicted that a key figure — revenue for each seat flown one mile — would rise between 0.5% and 2.5% in the second quarter when compared with the same period last year. That is a closely watched figure and, though while not perfect, indicates that the airline expects

slightly higher fares than last spring.

Shares of United Continental Holdings rose 65 cents to close at \$85.17 before the first-quarter results were posted. After nearly two hours of extended trading, they were up another \$3.08, or 3.5%, to \$88.25. At the closing price, the shares had gained 2% this year and 27% in the last 12 months.

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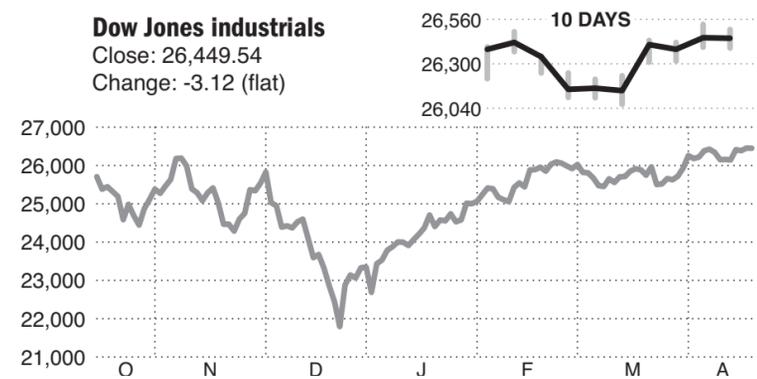
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-4.14 (-.05%)	-6.61 (-.23%)	-15.19 (-.96%)
Close: 7,996.08	Close: 2,900.45	Close: 1,567.60
High: 8,052.40	High: 2,918.00	High: 1,569.84
Low: 7,973.38	Low: 2,895.45	Low: 1,561.57
Previous: 8,000.22	Previous: 2,907.06	Previous: 1,582.79

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Major market growth and decline

5-day % change			30-day % change			1-year % change		
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COMMODITY	AMOUNT-PRICE	MO.	OPEN	HIGH	LOW	SETTLE	CHG.
WHEAT (CBOT)	5,000 bu minimum- cents per bushel	May 19	446.50	450	444.75	447	+2
CORN (CBOT)	5,000 bu minimum- cents per bushel	May 19	358.25	360	356.75	358.25	-.75
SOYBEANS (CBOT)	5,000 bu minimum- cents per bushel	May 19	887.75	890.50	878.50	879	-9
SOYBEAN OIL (CBOT)	60,000 lbs- cents per lb	May 19	28.72	28.94	28.45	28.46	-.26
SOYBEAN MEAL (CBOT)	100 tons- dollars per ton	May 19	306.50	307.20	303.50	303.90	-2.60
LIGHT SWEET CRUDE (NYMX)	1,000 bbl.- dollars per bbl.	May 19	64.32	64.61	63.66	63.76	-.29
NATURAL GAS (NYMX)	10,000 mm btu's, \$ per mm btu	May 19	2.572	2.582	2.503	2.517	-.055
NY HARBOR GAS BLEND (NYMX)	42,000 gallons- dollars per gallon	May 19	2.0386	2.0521	2.0318	2.0418	+0.0101

LOCAL STOCKS

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STOCK	XCHG.	CLOSE	CHG.	STOCK	XCHG.	CLOSE	CHG.
Abbott Labs	N	72.88	-3.50	Equity Commonwh	N	31.32	-.05
AbbVie Inc	N	77.98	-2.23	Equity Lifesty Prop	N	112.48	+1.17
Allstate Corp	N	97.43	-.76	Equity Residential	N	74.29	-1.44
Aptargroup Inc	N	107.70	-1.52	Exelon Corp	N	48.89	-2.91
Arch Dan Mid	N	43.04	+0.08	First Indl RT	N	34.54	-2.91
Baxter Intl	N	74.99	-3.23	Fortune Brds Hm&Sec	N	48.53	-.84
Boeing Co	N	377.52	-4.20	Gallagher AJ	N	80.26	-.64
Brunswick Corp	N	53.61	...	Grainger WW	N	308.32	+2.32
CB&E Global Markets	N	100.80	+1.87	GrubHub Inc	N	65.94	-.37
CDK Global Inc	O	60.63	-3.42	Hill-Rom Hldgs	N	95.34	-5.66
CDW Corp	O	105.19	-2.49	IDEX Corp	N	154.49	-1.29
CF Industries	N	44.62	+7.76	ITW	N	156.15	-1.60
CME Group	O	176.92	+3.00	Ingredion Inc	N	93.46	+1.16
CNA Financial	N	44.49	-.41	Jones Lang LaSalle	N	152.48	+4.11
Cabot Microelect	O	125.88	+1.04	Kemper Corp	N	84.41	-.59
Caterpillar Inc	N	142.74	+7.71	Kraft Heinz Co	O	32.89	-.15
ConAgra Brands Inc	N	30.12	+0.03	LKQ Corporation	O	31.12	+0.01
Deere Co	N	165.45	+8.89	Littelfuse Inc	O	198.96	-1.88
Discover Fin Svcs	N	76.86	-.09	McDonalds Corp	N	191.61	-.09
Dover Corp	N	96.80	-.69	Middleby Corp	O	134.97	-.73
				Mondelez Intl	O	50.23	+1.11
				Morningstar Inc	O	133.45	+3.34
				Motorola Solutions	N	143.62	-1.19
				NISource Inc	O	27.59	-.01
				Nthn Trust Co	O	92.42	-3.20
				Old Republic	O	21.05	-.26
				Packaging Corp Am	N	95.36	-2.58
				Paylocity Hldg	O	91.01	+7.4
				Stericycle Inc	O	57.12	+4.3
				TransUnion	N	71.01	+0.06
				TreeHouse Foods	N	63.20	-.75
				Tribune Media Co A	N	46.19	+1.1
				US Foods Holding	N	35.64	+0.15
				USG Corp	N	43.37	-.04
				Uita Salon Cosmetics	O	354.33	-.75
				United Contl Hldgs	O	89.24	+4.07
				Ventas Inc	N	58.29	-1.46
				Walgreen Boots Alli	O	55.14	+3.0
				Waltrust Financial	O	77.54	+1.05
				Zebra Tech	O	232.22	-1.99

MOST ACTIVE STOCKS

NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE

STOCK	CLOSE	CHG.
Bank of America	30.03	+1.15
Newmont Mining	34.18	-.61
Gen Electric	9.12	-.02
Sprint Corp	5.64	-.37
Pfizer Inc	39.88	-1.04
Goldcorp Inc	11.19	-.23
Rite Aid Corp	.48	+0.03
Freoport McMoran	14.20	+0.04
Merck & Co	73.92	-3.64
Ford Motor	9.50	+1.14
Chesapeake Engy	3.06	-.03
Nokia Corp	5.82	+1.10
Wells Fargo & Co	47.55	-.14
Qudian Inc	6.10	+3.36
Americold Realty Tr	30.42	+4.42
Itau Unibanco Hldg	8.27	-.19
Vale SA	13.27	-.30
Unitedhealth Group	216.84	-4.12
CVS Health Corp	52.54	-1.36
AT&T Inc	31.95	-.30
Aurora Cannabis Inc	8.96	+3.08
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Anadarko Petrol	64.03	+4.43
Brist Myr Sqb	45.80	-.22

LARGEST COMPANIES

Based on market capitalization

STOCK	CLOSE	CHG.
Alibaba Group Hldg	187.55	+1.77
Alphabet Inc C	1236.34	+9.21
Alphabet Inc A	1240.14	+8.23
Amazon.com Inc	1864.82	+1.78
Apple Inc	203.13	+3.88
Bank of America	30.03	+1.15
Berkshire Hath B	210.37	-1.43
Exxon Mobil Corp	81.43	+2.3
Facebook Inc	178.78	-.09
HSBC Holdings prA	26.09	+0.08
Intel Corp	58.56	+1.85
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Johnson & Johnson	138.52	+0.50
Microsoft Corp	121.77	+1.00
Procter & Gamble	105.85	+1.18
Royal Dutch Shell B	65.95	+1.17
Royal Dutch Shell A	64.59	+2.29
Visa Inc	160.44	+2.1
WalMart Strs	103.16	+2.3

LARGEST MUTUAL FUNDS

Based on total assets

FUND	NAV	CHG	1-YR %RTN
American Funds AMCPA m	31.94	-.21	+5.7
American Funds AmrnBAlA m	27.04	-.03	+5.5
American Funds CptWldGrInCA m	m48.95	-.06	+5
American Funds CptIncBlldrA m	61.07	-.04	+2.9
American Funds FdmTlnvsA m	60.01	-.02	+5.3
American Funds GrfAmrCA m	49.63	-.20	+6.1
American Funds IncAmrCA m	22.39	-.01	+4.0
American Funds InvCAMrCA m	38.39	-.10	+5.2
American Funds NwPrspctVA m	44.06	-.09	+5.2
American Funds WAMTlnvsA m	46.15	+0.1	+8.2
DFA EMktCorEq	21.50	...	-6.6
DFA IntlCorEqIn	13.31	...	-6.8
Dodge & Cox Inc	13.65	...	+4.3
Dodge & Cox IntlStk	42.43	+1.1	-5.8
Dodge & Cox Stk	189.53	-.55	+5.3
DoubleLine TtRetBdl	10.48	...	+3.9
Fidelity 500DlxnsPrm	100.82	-.22	+9.3
Fidelity Contrafund	12.72	-.07	+7.4
Fidelity TlMktDlxnsPrm	82.02	-.29	+8.4
Fidelity USBldxlnsPrm	11.45	...	+4.1
Franklin Templeton IncA1 m	2.34	...	+6.3
Metropolitan West TtRetBdl	10.57	...	+4.3
PIMCO IncInslT	12.05	+0.1	+4.7
PIMCO TtRetIns	10.06	...	+3.4
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T. Rowe Price GrStk	67.36	-.38	+9.1
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Vanguard EqInAdmrl	74.79	-.05	+7.6
Vanguard GrldxAdmrl	82.74	-.21	+1.6
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Vanguard IntTREAAdmrl	14.13	-.01	+4.9
Vanguard InslDlxns	262.58	-.58	+9.3
Vanguard InslDlxnsPlus	262.60	-.57	+9.3
Vanguard InslDlxnsPlus	62.60	-.22	+8.6
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Vanguard STInvmGrdAdmrl	10.57	...	+3.7
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Vanguard TrgtRtr2025Inv	18.76	-.02	+3.9
Vanguard TrgtRtr2030Inv	34.30	-.04	+3.8
Vanguard TrgtRtr2035Inv	21.13	-.02	+3.7
Vanguard TtBMDlxAdmrl	10.61	...	+4.0
Vanguard TtBMDlxns	10.61	...	+4.0
Vanguard TtInBdxAdmrl	22.18	-.02	+4.6
Vanguard TtInBdxns	33.29	-.03	+4.7
Vanguard TtInBdxInxv	11.10	...	+4.6
Vanguard TtInSldxAdmrl	28.72	+0.5	-3.9
Vanguard TtInSldxns	114.86	+1.19	-3.8
Vanguard TtInSldxnsPlus	114.89	+2.0	-3.8
Vanguard TtInSldxInv	17.17	+0.3	-3.9
Vanguard TtSMldxAdmrl	72.06	-.25	+8.5
Vanguard TtSMldxns	72.07	-.26	+8.5
Vanguard TtSMldxInxv	72.04	-.25	+8.4
Vanguard WngtAdmrl	70.19	-.02	+7.2
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Mexico (Peso)	.8851
Poland (Zloty)	6.6883
So. Korea (Won)	3.78
Taiwan (Dollar)	1132.23
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INDEX	CLOSE	CHG./%
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**SHIRLEY ROSE HIGGINS 1929-2019**

# Freelance travel writer explored film locations

By **BOB GOLDSBOROUGH**  
Chicago Tribune

Shirley Rose Higgins was a travel writer who explored film locales in columns she wrote for the Chicago Tribune.

Higgins shared some bylines with her brother, Jim, and, in addition to their love for travel, the two owned and maintained their family's historic greenhouse property on Ridge Road in Wilmette.

"She was a force," said her cousin, Chris Arns. "In some ways, she and Jim were kind of a mysterious couple. They had the greatest stories on earth."

Higgins, 89, died of congestive heart failure March 16 at the Hampton Inn & Suites in Skokie, said a cousin, Chris Arns. She had been a lifelong Wilmette resident.

Higgins was the daughter of Margaret Higgins, an owner and operator of the Hubert Hoffmann & Sons Greenhouse in Wilmette, and the granddaughter of Hubert Hoffmann, who in 1908 founded the greenhouse on the border of Evanston and Wilmette.

Ties to that North Shore suburb ran deep, as Higgins' great-great-grandfather was Bartholomew Hoffmann, who came to what now is Wilmette in 1844.

Higgins grew up in Wilmette and attended St. Joseph School. She received a bachelor's degree in economics from Mundelein College in Chicago, which now is part of Loyola University Chicago.

In 1963, Higgins began writing freelance travel articles for the Tribune. Her first story, published in September 1963, contained her photo and listed a variety of fall festivals and fairs in Wisconsin, including Kraut



FAMILY PHOTO

Shirley Rose Higgins' ties to Wilmette ran deep.

and Wiener day in Waterloo, the giant Oktoberfest in La Crosse and the Vilas County Colorama, which offered a look at north woods fall foliage.

Higgins' later travel articles covered places such as Canada's Yukon Territory, the French Riviera and Scotland's Highlands.

In 1970, Higgins began coauthoring a weekly column, titled "Movie Fan's Guide to Travel," with her younger brother, Jim, who was an attorney. He died Jan. 2.

"Shirley ... wrote mainly about Midwest destinations but was best-known for the column she co-authored with her brother Jim, 'Movie Fan's Guide to Travel,' which focused on destinations and attractions featured in films," recalled retired Tribune travel editor Al Borcover.

The column, which ran until 1983, offered details on where popular films were shot. For instance, upon the release of a 1975 British musical film, "Mister Quilp," based on a novel by Charles Dickens, the Higginses wrote an article titled "Getting to know Dickens' London," in which they shared locations and details

of major, authenticated Dickens sites around London.

Higgins won many awards for her travel writing, including four Mark Twain Awards from the Midwest Travel Journalists Association. Also, in 1970, she was awarded an honorable mention in the annual George Hedman Memorial Awards competition in travel journalism for a two-part series she wrote about the Hebrides Islands that appeared in the Tribune's Travel section in August 1969.

By the late 1970s, Higgins had begun writing less frequently for the Tribune. However, her byline occasionally appeared in the paper through the end of 1983. One of her final articles was on the "Star Wars" trilogy film "Return of the Jedi," and featured an interview with filmmaker George Lucas and information on how readers could see the California redwoods shown in the film.

Higgins also served as a Midwest-based correspondent for Ski magazine in the late 1960s and early and mid-1970s.

Outside of work and overseeing the family greenhouse property, Higgins enjoyed researching her family's history, Arns said. She and her brother also were committed to protecting monarch butterflies and restoring and re-growing natural prairies, he said.

The pair continued traveling the world until about 2016, when they were sidelined by health problems, Arns said.

There were no immediate survivors.

Services were held.

*Bob Goldsborough is a freelance reporter.*

**Chicago Tribune Death Notices**  
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**Death Notices**

**Becharas, Eugenia**  
Eugenia Becharas, nee Andrews-Andriopoulos, age 89, passed away on Tuesday, April 16, 2019. Beloved wife of the late Christ and loving mother of the late Mary Becharas. Dear sister of Helen (the late Gus) Leontios, the late Des (the late Gus) Mantis and the late Louis Andrews. Fond aunt of many nieces and nephews and their families. Family and friends will meet Friday morning, April 19, 2019, at St. Haralambos Greek Orthodox Church, 7373 Caldwell Ave., Niles, IL 60174 for Funeral Service at 10:00 a.m. Interment Memorial Park Cemetery, Skokie, IL. Arrangements made by John G. Adinamis Funeral Director, Ltd. For more information please call 847-375-0095.

*John G. Adinamis*  
Funeral Director, Ltd.  
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**Burstyn, Leonard "Lenny"**  
Leonard "Lenny" Burstyn, 50. Beloved husband of Julie nee Rudder. Loving father of Noah and Jesse. Cherished son of Mira and Morris Burstyn and son-in-law of Gail and the late Ernest Rudder. Dear brother of Garry (Nancy) Burstyn, Benjamin Burstyn and brother-in-law of Ilene (Michael) Stewart and Elisa (Paul) Metsger. Fond uncle of Jake, Griffin, Shelby, Michael, Jacob, Ryan, Shannon, Josh and Jordan. Service Monday 11AM at North Shore Congregation Israel, 1185 Sheridan Road, Glencoe, IL 60022. Interment Memorial Park. Memorials in his memory to North Shore Congregation Israel or University of Chicago Head and Neck Cancer, Gift Administration and Business Data, 5235 S. Harper Court, 4th Floor, Chicago, IL 60615, <http://bit.ly/universityofchicago>. Arrangements by **Chicago Jewish Funerals** - Skokie Chapel, 847.229.8822, [www.cjinfo.com](http://www.cjinfo.com)

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**Crawford, Eleanor**  
Mother Eleanor M. (Petty) Crawford, 96, matriarch of her family, her church family and the previous pastor's wife (of the late Rev. Hiram Crawford) of Israel Methodist Community Church, Chicago Illinois went home to be with her Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ on Wednesday April 10th, 2019 at South Lake Methodist Hospital in Merrillville, Indiana. She is survived by eight children Minister Morris (Faynell) Crawford of Merrillville, IN, Dr. Hiram (Dr. Joronda) Crawford and Ceasor Crawford of Chicago IL, Dr. Paul (Carolyn) Crawford of Oak Park IL, Laetitia Benberry of Aurora, IL, Esther Fuller of Oklahoma City, OK, Overseer Thomas (Pastor Constance) Crawford of Maywood, IL and Pastor Miriam McFarland of Baker, LA; one special daughter in love Dr. Alice Maria Crawford of Frankfort, IL, one sister, Mrs. Elsie Petty King of Detroit, MI. along with many grandchildren, great-grandchildren, great-great-grandchildren and relatives. Arrangements are as follows: Visitation Friday April 19, 2019 from 9-10am followed by the funeral service at 10am at Israel Methodist Community Church, 7620 South Cottage Grove Chicago, Illinois, 60619. Funeral services are entrusted to Leak and Sons Funeral Home 7838 South Cottage Grove, Chicago, Illinois 60619, (773) 846-6567  
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**Gardner, Lois F.**  
Lois F. Gardner nee Sica, beloved wife of the late Donald E. Gardner; loving mother of Donald A. (Mary Rose), Mary J., & Susan M. Gardner; dear grandmother of Sara (Tim Kaiser) Gardner, Kevin J. Gardner, & Donald P. Gardner; daughter of the late Angelo & Rose Sica; sister of Norma Lebeau & the late Marie Lebeau, Gertrude Gust, John Sica, Betty Daulton, Arthur Sica, Donald Sica, Annamae Sica & little Norma Sica; loving aunt to many nieces, nephews and friend to many. Visitation Monday from 3:00 - 9:00 p.m. at Lack & Sons Funeral Home, 9236 S. Roberts Rd. (8000 W.) Hickory Hills. Funeral Service Tuesday at 9:00 a.m. at the funeral home to St. Patricia Church for a 9:30 a.m. Mass. Interment Queen of Heaven Cemetery. Donations to St. Jude Children's Hospital ([www.stjude.org/donate](http://www.stjude.org/donate)) or Mercy Home for Boys and Girls ([www.mercyhome.org/giving](http://www.mercyhome.org/giving)) would be appreciated. For info 708-430-5700.

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**Giannoulis, Antigoni**  
Antigoni Giannoulis, nee Stergiou, 92, formerly of Chicago. Beloved wife of the late John Giannoulis. Adored mother of Alexandra (George) Vlahos. Dear Yia Yia of Dr. Athanasios (Julie) Vlahos, Gena (Demetrie) Livaditis and Joanna (Bill) Apostolou. Loving Great Grandmother of five. Antigoni and her husband John owned Balo Cleaners on Lake Street in Chicago for almost 40 years. Visitation 10 AM, Friday, April 19th, St. Nectarios Greek Orthodox Church, 133 S Roselle Rd, Palatine, IL 60067, until time of Funeral Service at 11 AM. Interment Elmwood Cemetery. Info 847-359-8020 or visit [www.smithcorcoran.com](http://www.smithcorcoran.com)

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**Gulino, Shelly Renee**  
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**Karlinsky, Vivian M.**  
Vivian M. Karlinsky, age 85, of Bellevue, WA, formerly of Northbrook; beloved wife of the late Arnold; loving mother of Debbie (Jim) Spira, Paul Karlinsky and Neal (Malia) Karlinsky; adored grandma of Lauren, Andrew, Danielle, Jacob, Lee, Max, Mia, and the late Nina; dear sister of the late Marshall Monarch. Graveside service Friday, 1:30 p.m. at Westlawn Cemetery, 7801 W. Montrose Ave., Norridge, Section Eastlake. In lieu of flowers, contributions to the Nina Karlinsky Memorial Team-Dance Marathon- Miracle Network, <https://events.dance-marathon.com/index.cfm?fuseaction=donorDrive.teamDonations&teamID=32688>. Info: The **Goldman Funeral Group**, [www.goldmanfuneralgroup.com](http://www.goldmanfuneralgroup.com) (847) 478-1600.

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**LeBlanc, Shirley**

Shirley LeBlanc nee Orszulak, 67, passed away at her home in Georgia after a lengthy battle with ovarian cancer. She is survived by her husband Douglas LeBlanc, daughter Jennifer LeBlanc (Patrick Brachmann), grandchildren Quinn & Julie, mother Ethel Orszulak and sister Linda (David) Mikos. Visitation is April 23 from 2-3 p.m. at Lutheran Church of the Resurrection, 15050 S. Central Ave., Oak Forest, with a memorial service immediately following. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to St. Jude Children's Hospital.  
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**Loukopoulos, Alex C**  
Alex C. Loukopoulos, 41, Cherished and devoted son of Christos and Dimitra (nee Altanopoulos) Loukopoulos; Loving brother of Stacey Loukopoulos; Dearest nephew, cousin, and friend to many here and Greece. Alex worked at Abbott Laboratory as a Scientific Medical Researcher. Visitation Thursday, April 18, 2019 from 4 - 9 p.m. at Salerno's Rosedale Chapels 450 W. Lake St., (3/4 mile West of Roselle/Bloomington Rd.) Roselle, IL. Family and friends will meet Friday morning at St. Demetrios Greek Orthodox Church 893 N. Church Rd. Elmhurst, IL. for 10:00 a.m. Funeral service. Interment will follow to Arlington Cemetery. Arrangements by **NICHOLAS M. PISHOS FUNERAL DIRECTOR, LTD.**, info: 630-889-1700 or [www.salerno-funeralhomes.com](http://www.salerno-funeralhomes.com)

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**Paradiso, Audrey**  
Audrey J. Paradiso, 86 of Berwyn formerly Riverside, beloved wife of the late Neno; cherished mother of Larry (Mary Anne) Paradiso, David Paradiso and Holly (Don) Lukas; dearest grandma of Sarah, Maxwell and Aaron; dear sister of the late Melvin Wilke. Visitation Friday, April 19, 2019, 3 till time of services at 8:00 p.m. at Vins/Moravecek Funeral Home 80 E. Burlington St. Riverside. In lieu of flowers donations Breast Cancer Research Foundation at [www.bcrf.org](http://www.bcrf.org). Funeral info 708-447-2261 or [www.moravecek.com](http://www.moravecek.com).  
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**Roder, Nicholas**  
Former husband of Mary (nee Hehir) Roder; loving father of Nicholas G. Jr. (Dawn), Kelly (Rick Lockard) (the late Michael) Karas, and Erin (Dan) Hickey; proud and cherished grandfather of Emma, Annabel, and Nicholas Roder, Megan Karas, and Luke Hickey; dear brother of Trish (Gene) Autrey. USMC Veteran during Vietnam War. Visitation Monday from 3:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m. at **Cooney Funeral Home** located at 625 Busse Hwy. in Park Ridge. Funeral Tuesday, prayers at 9:30 a.m. to St. Paul of the Cross Church for Mass at 10:00 a.m. Interment Rosehill Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, please consider a gift to the Alzheimer's Association at [www.alz.org](http://www.alz.org). For information please call 847-685-1002 or visit [www.cooneyfuneralhome.com](http://www.cooneyfuneralhome.com)  
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**Swierczynski, Gerald**  
Mesa- Gerald Swierczynski, 76, passed away April 11, 2019. Gerald was born August 16, 1942 in Chicago, IL to Mary Mateja and Stephen Swierczynski. Gerald graduated from St. Rita High School and later served in the U.S. Army during the Korean conflict. Gerald and his wife raised two sons, Thomas and Robert. Gerald was known for riding his Harley and driving for the Teamsters nearly 40 years. Gerald loved his family where they resided on the southwest side of Chicago. The things Gerald loved most in life was his family and his work. Gerald is survived by: brothers Eugene and Joseph, sons Thomas and Robert, grandchildren Sophia, Kaitlynn, Bonnie, Ryan, and Joseph. A memorial service will be held for Gerald in Chicago at St. Mary Catholic Cemetery on W. 87th street and Hamlin Avenue in Evergreen Park, IL at a date to be announced this summer.  
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**Vrablik, Richard John**  
Richard John Vrablik, 92, loving father of Gregory (Joanne) and Bryan Vrablik. Cherished grandfather of Gina (Don) Martin and Gabriella Vrablik. Adored great-grandfather of Carmella. Richard founded The Presidents Forum in 1964 in Chicago, and it's legacy continues through his sons Gregory and Bryan. Visitation Saturday, April 20th, 9 AM at **Smith-Corcoran Funeral Home**, 185 E Northwest Highway, Palatine, until time of the funeral service at 11 AM. Interment All Saints Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, donations to St. Jude's Children's Hospital would be appreciated. 847-359-8020 or [www.smithcorcoran.com](http://www.smithcorcoran.com).

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**ON APRIL 18 ...**

**In 1775**, Paul Revere began his famous ride from Charlestown to Lexington, Mass., warning American colonists that the British were coming.

**In 1906** a devastating earthquake struck San Francisco, followed by raging fires; about 700 people died.

**In 1921** Junior Achievement, created to encourage business skills in young people, was incorporated.

**In 1923** the first game was played in Yankee Stadium.

**In 1938** Action Comics No. 1 was published, marking the debut of Superman.

**In 1942** an air squadron from the USS Hornet led by Lt. Col. James Doolittle raided Tokyo and other Japanese cities.

**In 1944** the ballet "Fancy Free," with music by Leonard Bernstein, premiered.

**In 1945** famed American war correspondent Ernie Pyle, 44, was killed by Japanese gunfire on the Pacific island of Ie Shima, off Okinawa.

**In 1949** the Irish republic was proclaimed.

**In 1956** actress Grace Kelly married Prince Rainier of Monaco in a civil ceremony.

**In 1978** the U.S. Senate voted 68-32 to turn the Panama Canal over to Panamanian control on Dec. 31, 1999.

**In 1980** Zimbabwe Rhodesia became the independent nation of Zimbabwe.

**In 1983** 62 people, including 17 Americans, were killed at the U.S. Embassy in Beirut by a suicide bomber.

**In 1988** an Israeli court convicted John Demjanjuk, a retired auto worker from Cleveland, of committing war crimes at the Treblinka death camp.

**In 1991** the Census Bureau estimated its 1990 census had failed to count up to 6.3 million people.

**In 1993** the government of Bosnia-Herzegovina agreed to a truce, effectively relinquishing besieged Srebrenica; meanwhile, Bosnian Serb leader Radovan Karadzic threatened to boycott further UN peace talks if tougher UN sanctions against Yugoslavia went into effect.

**In 1995** quarterback Joe

Montana retired from professional football. **Also in 1995** the Houston Post newspaper closed after more than a century.

**In 1996** Israeli shells killed 91 Lebanese refugees in a U.N. camp; Israel called the attack an "unfortunate mistake."

**In 1998**, despite fierce internal dissent, Northern Ireland's main Protestant party, the Ulster Unionists, approved a peace agreement.

**In 1999** NATO launched its most active day of airstrikes in its assault on Yugoslavia, pummeling refineries, bridges and dozens of other targets in the 25th straight day of attacks.

**In 2000**, in a defeat for the United States, a United Nations commission in Geneva voted 22-18 against censuring China's human-rights record.

**In 2002** four Canadian soldiers in Afghanistan were killed when they were mistakenly bombed by an American F-16 pilot.

**In 2004** Spanish Prime Minister Jose Luis Rodriguez Zapatero ordered a withdrawal of Spanish troops from Iraq.

**In 2005** cardinals meeting at the Vatican failed to select a successor to Pope John Paul II in their first round of voting. **Also in 2005** Lance Armstrong announced he was retiring after the upcoming Tour de France.

**In 2013** Illinois Gov. Pat Quinn declared a state of emergency after rivers in the Chicago area surged to record-high levels, flooding hundreds of homes in several towns and neighborhoods.

**In 2014** an avalanche on Mount Everest killed 16 Nepalese guides, the single deadliest accident on the world's highest peak.

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<b>ILLINOIS</b>	
April 17	
Powerball	01 15 17 46 66
Powerball jackpot: \$118M	
Lotto jackpot: \$2.5M	
Pick 3 midday	393/7
Pick 3 evening	6279/3
Lucky Day Lotto midday	17 19 40 41 42
Pick 3 evening	166 / 8
Pick 4 evening	0071/5
Lucky Day Lotto evening	02 17 18 31 33
April 19 Mega Millions: \$175M	
<b>WISCONSIN</b>	
April 17	
Megabucks	05 14 18 38 45 47
Pick 3	103
Pick 4	0440
Badger 5	01 02 10 20 23
SuperCash	03 07 10 17 33 37

<b>INDIANA</b>	
April 17	
Lotto	07 12 20 31 39 40
Daily 3 midday	054/3
Daily 4 midday	2959/3
Daily 3 evening	176/1
Daily 4 evening	0407/1
Cash 5	05 07 27 40 42
<b>MICHIGAN</b>	
April 17	
Lotto	15 19 32 33 34 35
Daily 3 midday	648
Daily 4 midday	6586
Daily 3 evening	583
Daily 4 evening	8522
Fantasy 5	01 14 15 20 32
Keno	05 12 14 20 21 25
	33 34 35 36 37 38 42 47
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Specifications will be issued to prime bidders, which may be obtained from the Purchasing Department or by visiting [www.triton.edu/rfp](http://www.triton.edu/rfp). Bid proposals will be received up to the hours and dates listed above in room A-306. Finance Office located in the Learning Resource Center building at Triton College. Immediately after the closing hour for receiving bids, they will be publicly opened and read aloud in room A-300.

All questions pertaining to construction documents should be sent to Arcon & Associates, Inc., attention Gaspare Pittello (630) 495-1900 Ext. 210 or email [gpittello@arconassoc.com](mailto:gpittello@arconassoc.com)

## LEGAL NOTICES GOVERNMENT/EDUCATION

### FOREST PRESERVE DISTRICT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS BOND ISSUE NOTIFICATION ACT NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Please take notice that the Forest Preserve District of Cook County, Illinois (the "District") will hold a public hearing before the Board of Commissioners of the District on April 25, 2019, at 1:00 p.m. at a Special Meeting of the Board of Commissioners. The hearing will be held in the County Board Room, Room 569, Cook County Building, 118 North Clark Street, in the City of Chicago, Illinois. The purpose of the hearing will be to receive public comments on the proposal to sell limited tax general obligation bonds of the District, in one or more series, in the amount of \$8,500,000 (the "Bonds") for the following purposes: (a) to construct, acquire, equip, repair and renovate buildings and make other improvements to land of the District; (b) to acquire land and equipment for the District; and (c) to finance costs of issuance relating to the Bonds. Matthew B. DeLeon, Secretary, Forest Preserve District of Cook County, Illinois 6240430 04/18/2019

### LEGAL ADVERTISEMENT THE HOUSING AUTHORITY OF THE COUNTY OF COOK DEPARTMENT OF PROCUREMENT SERVICES

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Project Name: **C o l l e c t i o n**  
Services - Re-Bid  
Specification Number: 2019-100-016  
Questions Deadline: May 1, 2019  
Time: 2:00 P.M.  
Proposal Due Date: May 15, 2019  
Time: 2:00 P.M.  
Contact Person: **D e b o r a h**  
O'Donnell  
Telephone Number: (312) 542-4725  
E-mail Address: [dodonnell@thehacc.org](mailto:dodonnell@thehacc.org)

The RFP Package, specifications and architectural drawings may be downloaded by registering on our website which lists a complete list of all current bid opportunities with the HACC: [www.thehacc.org/e-procurement-services](http://www.thehacc.org/e-procurement-services)

Proposals that are not properly submitted will be considered non-responsive and be disqualified from consideration. Proposals submitted late will not be accepted. The Authority reserves the right to reject any or all Proposals if deemed in the best interest of the Housing Authority of Cook County.

Richard Monocchio,  
Executive Director  
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### PUBLIC NOTICE

On Thursday, April 25, 2019 at 4:00 P.M., a meeting conducted by West Northfield School District 31 will take place at the district office located at 3131 Techny Rd., Northbrook. The purpose of this meeting will be to discuss the District's plans for providing special education services to students with disabilities who attend private schools and home schools within the District for the 2019-20 school year. If you are a parent of a home-schooled student who has been or may be identified with a disability, and you reside within the boundaries of West Northfield School District 31, you are urged to attend. If you have further questions pertaining to this meeting, please contact Dr. Janine Gruhn at 847-313-4412.

### IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS JUVENILE JUSTICE AND CHILD PROTECTION DEPARTMENT CHILD PROTECTION DIVISION

IN THE INTEREST OF  
**Viola Gonzalez**

MINOR(S) CHILD(REN) OF **Violetta Petrov (Mother)**

JUVENILE NO.: **19JA00272**

### NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

NOTICE IS GIVEN YOU, **Violetta Petrov (Mother)** and **Carlos Gonzalez (Father)**, respondents, and to **All Whom It May Concern** that on **March 21, 2019**, a petition was filed under the Juvenile Court Act by **KIM FOXX** in this court and that in the courtroom of Judge **Maxwell Griffin**, 1100 So. Hamilton Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, ON **05/08/2019 at 9:30 AM** in **CALENDAR 10 COURTROOM J**, 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  
**April 18, 2019**

## LEGAL NOTICES

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**Network Analyst (Original & Promotional)**

**Application Filing Period:** April 5, 2019 through May 24, 2019. **Examination Date:** June 8, 2019 at Chicago High School for Agricultural Sciences (CHAS), 3857 West 111th Street, Chicago, IL. **Scope of Examination:** Knowledge of network analyst practices. **Nature of Position and Duties:** Under supervision, installs, maintains, troubleshoots and tests District Wide and Local Area data and telecommunications networks and assists in the maintenance of the computer security program. **Pay:** \$72,075.12 per year

**Safety Manager (Original & Promotional)**

**Application Filing Period:** April 12, 2019 through May 10, 2019. **Examination Date:** May 31, 2019 at MWRD Main Office Building Annex, 111 East Erie Street, Chicago, IL. **Scope of Examination:** Knowledge of safety manager practices. **Nature of Position and Duties:** Under general direction, manages the safety programs for the District. **Pay:** \$109,991.70 per year

**Senior Structural Engineer (Original)**

**Application Filing Period:** April 12, 2019 through to be announced. **Examination Date:** To be announced. **Location:** To be announced. **Scope of Examination:** Knowledge of senior structural engineering practices. **Nature of Position and Duties:** Performs supervisory professional structural engineering work in connection with the design, layout, preparation of plans and estimates and erection or alteration of structural steel, timber, concrete and reinforced concrete structures. **Pay:** \$97,995.04 per year

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The Illinois Housing Development Authority (the "Authority"), gives notice that it will hold a public hearing on May 16, 2019 at 10:00 A.M. at the offices of the Authority located at 111 East Wacker Drive, Suite 1000, Chicago, Illinois 60601, in compliance with the applicable provisions of the Internal Revenue Code and in connection with a plan of finance by the Authority to issue not to exceed \$125,000,000 aggregate principal amount of its mortgage revenue bonds, in one or more series, on one or more issue dates during the next three (3) years (the "Bonds"). The Bonds will be issued (i) to finance previously originated (or to-be-originated) qualifying mortgage loans on residences located in the State of Illinois through the purchase of Mortgage Backed Securities owned and held by the Authority in its Administrative Fund or other Authority funds (or participation interests in such Mortgage Backed Securities), (ii) to pay the costs of issuing the Bonds, (iii) to pay accrued interest and capitalized interest on the Bonds, if required, and/or (iv) to finance second lien loans for down payment assistance or closing cost assistance that will not be subject to the lien and pledge of the General Indenture pursuant to which the Bonds will be issued.

All interested persons may attend the public hearing to express their views relative to the proposed financing either orally or in writing. Written comments presented prior to the public hearing should be sent to the Authority, attention: Legal Department, at the above address or [maohle@ihoa.org](mailto:maohle@ihoa.org). Oral comments will be limited to ten minutes per commentator. Accommodation will be made for persons with special needs by contacting the Legal Department at the above address. Further information may be obtained in advance of the public hearing by calling the offices of the Authority, Legal Department, Maureen G. Ohle at 312-836-5339 on regular business days between the hours of 8:30 A.M. and 5:00 P.M.

Date of Notice: April 18, 2019  
Audra Hamerik Executive Director  
Illinois Housing Development Authority

## FORECLOSURES

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF ILLINOIS - EASTERN DIVISION (CHICAGO) - CIVIL DIVISION FUND THAT FLIP, INC., Plaintiff, v. EQUIVALENT EXCHANGE INVESTMENT HOLDINGS, LLC 852 BURNS AVE, a series of EQUIVALENT EXCHANGE INVESTMENT HOLDINGS, LLC, an Illinois limited liability company, et al., Defendants CASE 1:18-CV-02854-2511 Brumley Drive, Flossmoor, Illinois 60422 NOTICE OF SALE PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to the Judgment Entry and Decree of Mortgage Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on November 9, 2018, and the Order appointing The Judicial Sales Corporation as Special Commissioner entered in the above cause on November 21, 2018, an agent for The Judicial Sales Corporation, will at 10:30 a.m. on May 3, 2019, at The Judicial Sales Corporation, 1 South Wacker Drive, Floor 24, Chicago, Illinois 60606, sell at public auction to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate: Commonly known as 2511 BRUMLEY DRIVE, FLOSSMOOR, ILLINOIS 60422 (PROPERTY INDEX NO. 31-01-217-016-0000). The real estate is improved with a residence. Sale terms: 10.00% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the sale payable to The Judicial Sales Corporation. No third-party checks will be accepted. The balance in certified funds or wire transfer is due within 10 days. No fee shall be paid by the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by the Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4). If this property is a condominium unit which is part of a common interest community, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments required by the Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/18.5(g-1). IF YOU ARE THE MORTGAGOR (HOMEOWNER), YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO REMAIN IN POSSESSION FOR 30 DAYS AFTER ENTRY OF AN ORDER OF POSSESSION, IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 15-1701(C) OF THE ILLINOIS MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE LAW. You will need a photo identification issued by a government agency (driver's license, passport, etc.) in order to gain entry into our building and the foreclosure sale room in Cook County and the same verification for sales held at other county venues where The Judicial Sales Corporation conducts foreclosure sales. For information, examine the court file or contact Plaintiff's attorney, Michael J. Palumbo, at Gingo Palumbo Law Group LLC, 4700 Rockside Road, Suite 440, Independence, OH 44131, Tel: (216) 503-9512, E-Mail: [michael@jplawllc.com](mailto:michael@jplawllc.com). The Judicial Sales Corporation, 1 South Wacker Drive, Floor 24, Chicago, IL 60606-4650, Tel: (312) 236-SALE, Ref. TJSC File 39-1978. You can also visit The Judicial Sales Corporation at [www.jscc.com](http://www.jscc.com) for a 7 day status report of pending sales. NOTE: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act, if applicable, you are advised that Plaintiff's attorney is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. Pub: 4/4, 11, 18, 25/2019 6220372



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**ROYALS 4, WHITE SOX 3 (10)**



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White Sox shortstop Tim Anderson (7) is held back during a benches-clearing altercation Wednesday afternoon against the Royals.

## Putting on show

Anderson flips bat, vows he won't change how he celebrates after near brawl

By PHIL THOMPSON  
Chicago Tribune

Royals starter Brad Keller showed Tim Anderson on his next at-bat how much he didn't appreciate the White Sox shortstop's bat flip after a fourth-inning home run.

Umpire Joe West showed Anderson he might have a longer memory.

Keller plunked Anderson in the posterior in the sixth inning Wednesday, and the benches cleared, leading to lots of yelling and shoving — but no punches — and even some jostling and jawing between Sox manager Rick Renteria and Royals bench coach Dale Sveum.

"(Anderson's) not looking at anybody else, he's not trying to show them up," Renteria said after the game. "You want him to not do that? Get him out."

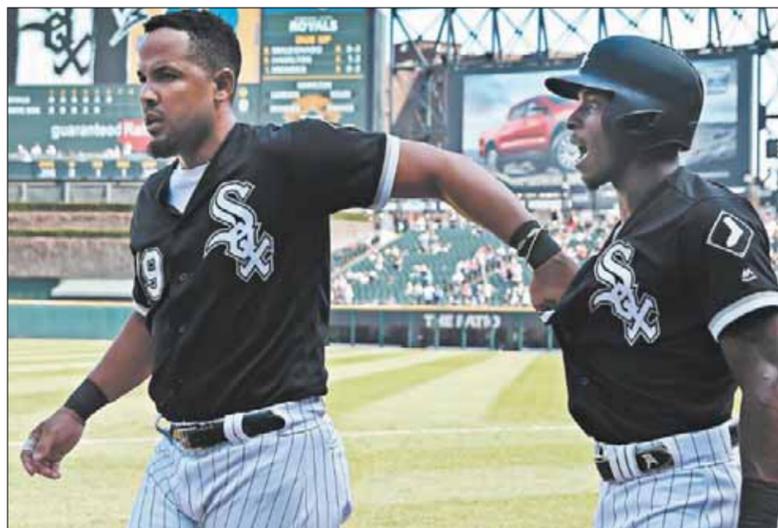
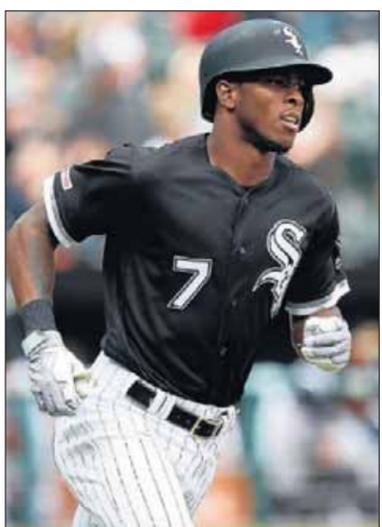
When the dust settled, West ejected Keller, Anderson, Renteria and Sveum.

They didn't get to see the game go to the 10th inning, when Nate Jones — the fifth Sox reliever — gave up a leadoff home run to Hunter Dozier. That was the only edge the Royals needed to secure a 4-3 win and foil a Sox sweep.

It wasn't clear why Anderson, the person who got plunked, was tossed. The umpires issued a statement through the Sox that said: "Because of the language that was used on the field, the umpires declined comment."

Anderson was one of many who had animated conversations on the field, but for the most part Sox bench coach Joe McEwing got in front of Anderson and kept him from the middle of the scrum.

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**CUBS 6, MARLINS 0**

## Succumb to slump? Not Bryant

3B ignoring struggles, has sights set on what is ahead

By MARK GONZALES  
Chicago Tribune

MIAMI — Kris Bryant has reached a point where he understands the scrutiny he and other struggling athletes face.

"It's where the world is going," Bryant said. "Not just sports, (but) life in general. Everything is scrutinized, so you just got to accept it for what it is and don't pay attention to it."

He went 1-for-4 in Wednesday in the Cubs' 6-0 win over the Marlins, extending his hitting slump to 9-for-48.

"It's a tough game, a very tough game," Bryant said. "It will humble you very quickly. It will make you feel great for 30 seconds and make you feel awful for a full day. It's how this game works, and we experience it here."

"We realize it's part of the job. We get compensated well for what we do, so it's a fine line to talk about it. But it's a tough game and will wear you down mentally and physically."

For the record, Bryant, 27, maintains he's not bogged down by his recent lack of success and playing under the microscope.

Bryant hit a single that ignited a four-run rally in the third inning against the Marlins, and he made two excep-

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BRYNN ANDERSON/AP

The Cubs' Kris Bryant walks away after striking out during the first inning against the Marlins on Wednesday.

## Loyola needs to reward Moser's loyalty

Coach deserves more for improving Ramblers' profile



SHANNON RYAN  
On college basketball

Mid-major coaches aren't supposed to stick around.

When a high-major program comes calling — especially when it loosens its purse strings — a coach is supposed to jump at the opportunity.

Loyola's Porter Moser opted against this, turning down a reported eight-year deal worth \$17 million to \$18 million from St. John's.

"At the end of the day, it's being at a place where I can influence," Moser told the Tribune on Tuesday. "You can't put a price tag on that."

Credit Moser for appreciating that sometimes you don't mess with a good thing.

Throughout the years, Gonzaga's Mark Few has turned down high-major offers and built the Bulldogs into a perennial national title contender. Villanova coach Jay Wright has turned down offers from supposedly bigger and better schools and even overtures from the NBA to build a two-time national champion.

Of course, those two are paid much more than Moser.

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# TOP OF THE SECOND



PAUL SULLIVAN

## Four questions after 3 weeks

The baseball season is in full swing, with new stars emerging, such as the Rays' Tyler Glasnow and the White Sox's Tim Anderson, and old stars struggling, such as the Red Sox's Chris Sale and the Indians' Jose Ramirez.

The defending champion Red Sox, Yankees, Cubs and Rockies are under-achieving. The San Diego Machados are overachieving. And the games are longer than ever despite rule changes designed to quicken the pace.

As we enter Week 4 of the marathon, here are four questions to ponder:

### 1. Can the Brewers afford a \$400 million player?

The best bargain in baseball is Brewers outfielder Christian Yelich, who earns \$9.75 million this season after signing a seven-year, \$49.57 million deal with the Marlins in 2015. With a \$15 million club option in 2022, he'll be wearing a Brewers uniform the next four years.

After shocking the baseball world with his National League MVP season in 2018, Yelich is off to another great start. He began Wednesday tied for the National League lead in home runs with nine and led the majors with 25 RBIs.

Mike Trout's record-setting \$430 million deal last month set the pace, but Yelich could wind up in Mr. Trout's neighborhood if he hits free agency in 2022 and his hometown Dodgers come calling. Or perhaps even — dare we say — the Cubs?

When I recently asked Brewers general manager David Stearns if it was important to extend Yelich now, he replied: "We've got Christian for four years, so at this point (there's no urgency)."

Ryan Braun's five-year, \$105 million deal runs through next year with a \$15 million mutual option for 2021. So the Brewers will have some economic flexibility after Braun departs, which will be necessary because Yelich's price tag will go up if he continues to hit like this.

Obviously Stearns would like to keep the face of the franchise around for a decade or so, but he doesn't seem too concerned.

"Look, we'd love to have Christian for as long as possible," he said. "We're really fortunate we have Christian for at least four more years, and we'll go from there."

### 2. What's wrong with Chris Sale?

The previous titleholder of best bargain in baseball was Red Sox left-hander Chris Sale, who relinquished his crown in March by signing a five-year, \$145 million extension.

Now he can't pitch, or at least he can't pitch up to the high standards Sale set for himself in a stellar career with the White Sox and Red Sox.

Sale's fastball was back up to 97 mph Tuesday night against the Yankees, a vast improvement over his first three starts. But he was hit hard in an 8-0 loss, leaving Sale 0-4 with an 8.50 ERA and looking for answers.

"I just flat-out stink right now," Sale said. "I don't know what it is. When you're going good, it's good. When you're going bad, it's pretty bad."

Right now it's pretty bad. And with Yoan Moncada starting to play up to his potential, the trade that kicked off the White Sox rebuild is starting to look very good for the White Sox. It could look even better if Michael Kopech has a strong comeback season in 2020.

Of course, Sale did help the Red Sox win a ring in 2018 — and he's still Chris Sale.

"I'm not going to be surprised if, in his next outing, he's right where we need him to be," Red Sox manager Alex Cora said. "He's very close to the real Chris Sale."



JOHN J. KIM/CHICAGO TRIBUNE

White Sox shortstop Tim Anderson hits a two-run home run in the fourth inning Wednesday against the Royals. Anderson has raised his batting average to .424.

### 3. Will the Rays ever convince fans to come out to Tropicana Field?

The Rays are off to the best start in baseball. They have an exciting team, great pitching and one of the game's most outside-the-box thinkers in manager Kevin Cash, the patron saint of the opener — relievers who start games.

They entered Wednesday leading the majors with a 2.41 ERA with a staff that's unrecognizable to the average fan, at least outside of Blake Snell.

"We think we're better at finding out what our pitchers do well than what opposing hitters don't do well," Cash said recently before a game at Guaranteed Rate Field.

But they always wind up at or near the bottom in attendance despite playing in the same division as the Yankees and Red Sox, two of the biggest road draws in the majors.

Even their 13-4 start hasn't helped much. The Rays averaged 14,411 per game through Tuesday at Tropicana Field, ranked 28th out of 30 teams. After returning from a 7-2 trip Tuesday against the Orioles, they drew a paltry 9,842.

The usual factors have been cited, including the ugly domed stadium, the long trip in rush-hour traffic from Tampa to St. Petersburg and the area's focus on the Tampa Bay Lightning, who finished the regular season with the NHL's best record.

But now that the Blue Jackets swept the heavily favored Lightning out of the playoffs in the first round, there are fewer excuses.

If Rays fans can't be bothered to come out and watch this team, they might as well relocate to Montreal or Charlotte, N.C., instead of trying to build a new ballpark.

### 4. Can Tim Anderson win a batting title?

The 25-year-old White Sox shortstop entered Wednesday's game against the Royals leading the American League in hitting.

He went 1-for-2 before he was ejected in the sixth inning, belting his fourth home run of the season and raising his average to .424.

He has at least one hit in 13 of his 15 games and seven multihit games. For good measure, Anderson hit a grand slam Sunday at Yankee Stadium while everyone was busy watching Tiger Woods win the Masters.

"Tiger told me to do that," he joked. "We were on the same page."

Anderson hit .240 last season and posted an average of .258 over his first three years on the South Side, so to see this kind of jump is startling, to say the least.

I wouldn't put money on him to beat out Trout or Jose Altuve for the American League batting crown.

But with his newfound confidence and his ability to leg out infield hits, hitting over .300 seems possible, especially if he learns to take a walk now and then. He has only two in 59 at-bats.

Anderson told reporters Monday he doesn't look at the stats and wasn't aware he was leading the league.

"No, that's for you guys, not me," he said.

It's hard to believe that in this day and age Anderson didn't know he was leading the league.

With social media and the internet, it would be hard not to discover that fact just by accident.

"I mean, I know now," he said with a smile. "You guys telling me, all these cameras. I guess that's what comes with it. I'm going to continue to be me. I'm going to keep having fun."

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### LET'S PLAY 2

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<b>COLLEGE BASEBALL</b>	
5 p.m. Missouri at Georgia	ESPNU
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7 p.m. 76ers at Nets	TNT
8 p.m. Nuggets at Spurs	NBA TV
9:30 p.m. Warriors at Clippers	TNT
<b>GOLF</b>	
2 p.m. RBC Heritage	Golf
6 p.m. LOTTE Championship	Golf
<b>NHL</b>	
6 p.m. Capitals at Hurricanes	NBCSN
7:30 p.m. Blues at Jets	USA
9 p.m. Golden Knights at Sharks	NBCSN
<b>COLLEGE LACROSSE</b>	
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5 a.m. (Fri.) Monte Carlo Masters	Tennis

### ASK THE REPORTER

BRAD BIGGS

**First pick for the Bears should be what position?** — @rickygcity  
You can get yourself into trouble if you lock into a position, especially when you're talking about not picking until No. 87 in the third round. Let's say the Bears really would like a cornerback. Well, what happens if there is a solid run on cornerbacks late in Round 2 and through the first half of Round 3? What happens if the three or four cornerbacks the Bears figured they would be able to pick from are off the board? If you're fixated on a position, then you can wind up taking a less-talented cornerback and passing on players at different positions that can be of more help. Running back sticks out as a position where the Bears could strengthen themselves, but a lot of the folks clamoring for the Bears to take a running back are not aware of how much the team likes free-agent addition Mike Davis. Tight end would make sense if there is a player the Bears really like. A defensive back would make sense.

**Which would you consider the weaker group, tight end or running back? I worry about tight end depth. No one on the roster has made that step forward yet. It worries me going into the season having to hope this is the year someone does.** — @bearboards\_

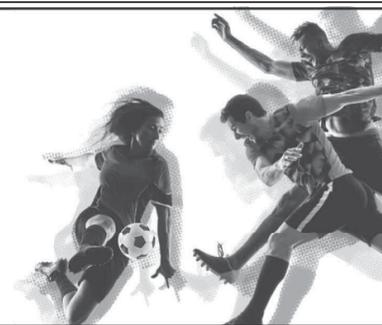
I don't know that I would describe either position as "weak." As I said above, the Bears have a lot more confidence in Mike Davis and project him to be their primary ballcarrier this season. A roster never looks complete before the draft. When you take a close look at the tight end position, I would say that it's possible people thought Trey Burton would have better pass-catching statistics last season. If Ben Braunecker is more involved on offense, his playing time on special teams (239 snaps) could dip. What is uncertain is how Adam Shaheen will perform in his third season.

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## WHITE SOX



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Daniel Palka jogs off the field after grounding out to end the game. He was then optioned to Triple A.

# Putting on show

White Sox, from Page 1

Renteria and Anderson said they never got an explanation of why West ejected him.

"I really didn't want to get into it with Joe," Renteria said.

Anderson has a history with West, who ejected him from a Sept. 22 game against the Cubs at Guaranteed Rate Field. Anderson felt Javier Baez reached out while sliding into second and prevented him from turning a double play, and he asked West why he didn't get the call.

Anderson said he dropped the subject but West kept "barking" and staring at him and then ejected him.

"Everybody knows he's terrible," Anderson said after that game. "But I didn't say much and he threw me out. It's OK."

Anderson wouldn't speculate if his past run-in with West came back to haunt him.

"I don't think about that," he said. "I go day by day, and the past is in the past."

This also wasn't the first time the Royals took exception to Anderson's home-run antics. He was at the center of a bench-clearing incident in April 2018 when he shouted an expletive and "Let's go!" after hitting a leadoff home run, and veteran catcher Salvador Perez expressed his displeasure.

Renteria defended how Anderson emphatically chucked his bat toward the Sox dugout after hitting a two-run homer to left, his fourth home run of the season.

"Timmy wasn't showing them up or showing the pitcher up," Renteria said. "He was looking into our dugout, getting the guys going. Obviously they didn't take kindly to it. They took their retaliatory position, he took his base."

"You go ahead and drill the guy — well then, OK, just leave it. You've already done your piece. You don't need how many guys (who were) out there chirping at him as well. Quite frankly, that was the only thing I took offense to."

Anderson said he doesn't mean to rub his peers the wrong way, but he doesn't plan to change the way he celebrates.

"I'm going to continue to be me and keep having fun," he said. "Our fans pay their hard-earned money to come to the ballpark to see a show, so why don't I give them one?"

For a game between two American League Central cellar dwellers, the 4-hour, 4-minute series finale didn't lack for drama.

Sox starter Lucas Giolito left in

## WHITE SOX

## Numbers not adding up, so Palka is heading to minors

By PHIL THOMPSON  
Chicago Tribune

Wouldn't it figure? Daniel Palka singled Wednesday after going hitless in 32 at-bats to start the season, and his reward is a trip to Triple-A Charlotte.

"The numbers kind of speak for themselves," said Palka, who's hitting .029 after going 1-for-3 in the 4-3, 10-inning loss to the Royals. "So competitively speaking, I myself would have done it earlier."

"I'm glad I got a chance. I'll be working."

Everything was looking up when Palka pinch-hit in the seventh for Yoan Moncada, who was taken out as a precaution after getting hit in the helmet with a throw while stealing second base. Palka slapped a first-pitch grounder to left-center and was "cheesing the whole time" at first base.

But after he stranded four runners in his next two at-bats, the Sox optioned him to the Knights. They might have been inclined to give him more time to find his bat, but circumstances may have dictated a move.

Starting pitcher Lucas Giolito tweaked his left hamstring and left in the third, and he's listed as day to day.

Sox officials said the team will make a roster move Thursday morning to correspond with Palka's demotion. Carson Fulmer pitched well in a one-day call-up from Charlotte earlier this month, striking out

three and allowing a run in three innings against the Rays.

However the Sox proceed, it became clear Palka was having trouble recapturing the magic of 2018, when he tied for the lead among major-league rookies with 27 home runs.

"When he finally joined us last year, he was on a pretty good roll and then he ended up doing very, very well (in) the lineup," manager Rick Renteria said before the game.

"We were hoping that he'd get into a situation where, with the at-bats we're giving him, he'd finally be able to settle down a little bit. He missed a portion of the spring with a hamstring issue, so he could have got started a little late."

Palka struck out 15 times in his first 12 games.

"Just a rough stretch," he said. "But I think it makes you better. (There's been) a lot of overthinking and it's a good thing to get past, so same plan: just go down and get right, and hopefully I can help out the team later on."

Palka said he hasn't lost confidence, though he acknowledged "the emotions have been getting to me. ... It winds on you a little bit." He said he needs to identify "minuscule stuff."

"It's not necessarily changing the approach," he said. "I've been seeing good pitches and (making) good swings on pitches. Something is a tad bit off and I don't feel it's major."

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the third with left hamstring tightness and was listed as day to day.

Yoan Moncada also left the game after Royals catcher Martin Maldonado's throw hit him on the left side of his batting helmet during a steal of second base. The Sox said Moncada was removed as a precaution and tested negative for a concussion.

"I'm good. It's just a headache right now," he said through an interpreter.

Daniel Palka pinch-hit for Moncada in the seventh and ended his 0-for-32 streak with a single off reliever Ian Kennedy. Palka smiled when he got to

first base and received a round of applause. His good feelings didn't last long.

With the bases loaded and one out in a tie game in the eighth, Palka grounded into a double play. And with the tying run aboard in the 10th, he grounded out to end the game. The Sox optioned him to Triple-A Charlotte after the game.

"Ultimately I've just got to get back on my game," he said. "So the plan is to go down and get back in rhythm and when they need a bat, hopefully I'm that bat."

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## CUBS

## CUBS NOTES

## Edwards slips on stairs, heads to IL

By MARK GONZALES  
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MIAMI — Reliever Carl Edwards Jr. won't return to the Cubs anytime soon.

Edwards scraped his right hand while trying to brace himself after slipping on a flight of stairs Tuesday. The damage was severe enough to force Edwards to Triple-A Iowa's seven-day injured list.

This was the latest setback for Edwards, whom the Cubs were counting on to provide late-inning stability.

Edwards was told shortly after the start of the season that the pause in his revamped delivery was illegal, and he never found his rhythm afterward. He was charged with six runs on five walks and three hits in 1<sup>2</sup>/<sub>3</sub> innings over three appearances and was demoted to Iowa.

On Tuesday, Major League Baseball confirmed it was investigating racist messages sent to Edwards in the wake of his struggles.

Edwards posted a 2.25 ERA in three appearances with Iowa, striking out three and walking one in four innings.

Meanwhile, left-hander Mike Montgomery struck out four while pitching two scoreless innings in his first minor-league rehab appearance Wednesday for Class-A South Bend.

Montgomery, making his first appearance since being placed on the IL on April 5 because of a left lat strain, allowed a single to James Outman of Great Lakes with two out in the second. Montgomery threw 19 of 27 pitches for strikes.

Reliever Xavier Cedeno will make his first rehab appearance Thursday night for Double-A Tennessee. Cedeno hasn't pitched since injuring his left wrist in February.

**Bullpen battles back:** After posting a 9.51 ERA in its first eight

games, the Cubs bullpen has rebounded with a 1.00 ERA in its last eight games entering play Wednesday.

The only runs allowed during the last eight games occurred on Saturday when the bullpen issued seven walks.

"We have to attack the strike zone to be successful," manager Joe Maddon said. "We continue to encourage these guys to challenge the hitters. The walks are what put us behind the proverbial 8-ball."

With closer Brandon Morrow on the IL, Maddon has placed greater trust in Brandon Kintzler in late-inning situations like Tuesday when he induced a double play grounder in the eighth.

"He changed his delivery to the point where it will benefit him for several years," said Maddon, adding that Kintzler has worked well with new pitching coach Tommy Hottovy.

**Workhorse Willson:** Maddon reiterated the days off on Thursday and Monday will allow Willson Contreras to start more frequently at the expense of recently promoted backup catcher Taylor Davis.

Maddon said Davis would have started in Monday's series opener against the Marlins had Sunday's game not been postponed due to inclement weather.

"The days off will keep Willson in the game," Maddon said. "I'm not afraid of Taylor. It's just a matter right now that Willson is playing pretty good. I don't want to get him out."

Maddon said he hasn't spoken recently with President Theo Epstein or General Manager Jed Hoyer about the catching depth with Victor Caratini sidelined for up to six weeks after fracturing his left hamate bone.

"I'm OK with what we got," Maddon said. "As long as Willson stays healthy, Taylor as the backup is fine."



BRYNN ANDERSON/AP

Javier Baez celebrates in the dugout after hitting a solo home run in the eighth inning Wednesday against the Marlins.

## Bryant looking ahead

Cubs, from Page 1

## CUBS RECAP

Cole Hamels was effective and efficient, allowing three hits and walking none in seven innings, and Javier Baez hit his sixth home run in the eighth as part of his fourth consecutive multihit game as the Cubs beat the Marlins 6-0 to complete a three-game sweep Wednesday in Miami. In his last three starts, Hamels has allowed three earned runs in 21 innings with 19 strikeouts and no walks. Cubs starters haven't allowed a run in their last 15<sup>2</sup>/<sub>3</sub> innings. For more, go to [chicagotribune.com/sports](http://chicagotribune.com/sports)

tional backhanded stops at third base before bobbling a potential double-play grounder in the seventh.

"He's not living in the past or sitting on his laurels," manager Joe Maddon said of Bryant, who was the 2015 National League Rookie of the Year and 2016 NL MVP. "I love him for that."

Maddon would simply like for Bryant to "please himself" instead of trying to satisfy others.

"He's so hard on himself," Maddon said. "That's the whole thing — he wants to please every night. But I want him to please KB first."

"Right now when he has a bad game, he's just not hitting to his standards. That's the disconnect. But he'll hit back to his standards."

There have been many theories as to why Bryant entered Wednesday's game batting only .217 with no home runs since the season opener March 28. But he quelled any suspicions that the bone bruise that caused him to miss 50 games last season was a factor.

"I realize it might be a little slow getting to where I want to be game-wise, but there's no concerns about the shoulder," Bryant said. "It's a matter of getting in there every day, getting at-bats and continuing to battle it out (against) the guys on the mound."

"I'm learning a lot about myself the last couple years, good things and bad things. It's kind of good to simplify things a little bit."

Bryant pulled a curve down the left-field line for a double Monday, and a deep drive to right was caught Tuesday.

"I'm going to right-center, center, staying up the middle," Bryant said. "That all points in a positive

direction for me, so that's what I'm trying to do: drive it up the middle. I'm confident the swings I'm taking are right where they need to be. Hopefully they start falling for me."

But he also hit two balls hard that resulted in double plays in the first two games of this series.

"I'm really happy with the swings," Bryant said. "There's just no hits, which is frustrating. That's what this game is about — hits."

In the meantime, Bryant will try to avoid beating himself up mentally.

"At the plate I'll try not to do too much or think too much," he said. "It's crazy. As I continue to play more, I feel we put more pressure on ourselves just to go out there and perform, when it should be going the other way."

"So that's where I'm at: chill and take it easy. Don't put too much pressure on yourself, go out there, see the ball and hit it. After that, you can't control what happens."

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BASEBALL

American League

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Late games noted below

THURSDAY'S PROBABLE PITCHERS

Table with columns: NATIONAL LEAGUE, TEAM, PITCHER, TIME, W-L, ERA, TR, 2018 VS. OPP., 2018 W-L, IP, ERA, LAST 3 STARTS, W-L, IP, ERA. Lists pitchers like Ari Weaver, Atf Toussaint, SF Pomeranz, Was Corbin, LA Urias, Mil Davies, Phi Eflin, Col Freeland, Cin Roark, SD Paddack, AMERICAN LEAGUE, Chi Nova, Det Norris, Tor Buchholz, Min Pineda, KC Bailey, NY German, Bal Cashner, TB TBD, Sea Hernandez, LA Stratton.

TR: Team's record in games started by today's pitcher.

RESULTS, SCHEDULE

AMERICAN LEAGUE WEDNESDAY'S RESULTS

Kansas City 4, Chicago White Sox 3 (10) N.Y. Yankees 5, Boston 3 Cleveland 1, Seattle 0 Tampa Bay 8, Baltimore 1 Pittsburgh 3, Detroit 2 (10) Minnesota 4, Toronto 1 Texas 5, L.A. Angels 4 Houston 2, Oakland 1 FRIDAY'S GAMES Kansas City at N.Y. Yankees, 6:05 p.m. Minnesota at Baltimore, 6:05 p.m. Atlanta at Cleveland, 6:10 p.m. Boston at Tampa Bay, 6:10 p.m. Chicago White Sox at Detroit, 6:10 p.m. Houston at Texas, 7:05 p.m. Seattle at L.A. Angels, 9:07 p.m. Toronto at Oakland, 9:07 p.m. TUESDAY'S RESULTS N.Y. Yankees 8, Boston 0 Pittsburgh 5, Detroit 3 (10) Tampa Bay 4, Baltimore 2 Toronto 6, Minnesota 5 Texas 5, L.A. Angels 0 Chicago White Sox 5, Kansas City 1 Houston 9, Oakland 1 Cleveland 4, Seattle 2

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BOX SCORES

Box score for DODGERS 3, REDS 2. Includes batting stats for Votto, Pujig, Winker, Kemp, Dietrich, Suarez, Casali, B-Barnhart, Iglesias, Farmer, Gray, Schieber, and totals.

Box score for LOS ANGELES. Includes batting stats for Pederson, Turner, Jansen, Bellinger, Pollock, Muncy, Hernandez, Verdugo, Taylor, Barnes, Buehler, Freese, Seager, and totals.

Box score for Cincinnati. Includes batting stats for Gray, Kemp, Pollock, Pujig, Baines, Kemp, Buehler, Martinez, Jansen, Seager, and totals.

Box score for Los Angeles. Includes batting stats for Gray, Kemp, Pollock, Pujig, Baines, Kemp, Buehler, Martinez, Jansen, Seager, and totals.

Box score for Yankees 5, Red Sox 3. Includes batting stats for Betts, Rizzo, Bogaerts, Martinez, Pearce, Moreland, Pedroia, Nunez, Devers, Vazquez, and totals.

Box score for Boston. Includes batting stats for E. Nunez, Frazier, Martinez, Gardner, Judge, Voit, Torres, LeMahieu, Frazier, Tauchman, Urshela, Romine, and totals.

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NATIONAL LEAGUE WEDNESDAY'S RESULTS

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Box score for Cardinals 6, Brewers 3. Includes batting stats for Carpenter, Goldschmidt, DeJong, Ozuna, Martinez, Gant, Wong, Wieters, Wacha, Gant, a-Gyorko, and totals.

Box score for Milwaukee. Includes batting stats for Gamel, Pina, Yelich, Grandal, Moustakas, Braun, Shaw, Aguilar, Gant, Burnes, Barnes, B-Perez, and totals.

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A.J. Pollock hits a three-run home run during the Dodgers' victory Wednesday.

DODGERS 3, REDS 2

Dodgers tie home HRs mark

Associated Press LOS ANGELES — No team in major league history has homered in more consecutive home games than these Dodgers. They only got one against Sonny Gray and the Reds, and it was all they needed. A.J. Pollock hit a three-run homer in the sixth inning, and the Dodgers tied the big-league record by hitting a homer in their 32nd consecutive home game during a 3-2 victory Wednesday. Pollock broke open a scoreless game when he

National League

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MARCIO JOSE SANCHEZ/AP

INDIANS 1, MARINERS 0

connected off Gray (0-3), providing the Dodgers with all of their runs in their fourth consecutive victory. The Dodgers don't ascribe much importance to their streak, other than the majors-best nine home victories generated from it. "It's a cool stat, for sure," Pollock said. "Honestly, there's a lot of power on this team. These guys are really trying to do damage. ... We like hitting at home." The Dodgers have homered in every regular-season home game since Aug. 21, including 13 straight this season. While the Dodgers matched the

mark set by the Rockies over three months of the 1999 season, they won't get the chance to break it until April 26 when they return from a road trip. Gray remained winless with the Reds despite a fourth straight solid start, yielding only two hits and striking out nine over six innings. After the Reds intentionally walked Cody Bellinger, Pollock drove his low curveball into the left-field bleachers. "The Dodgers, they've got a great lineup," Gray said. "They're going to grind. They're going to put pressure on you."

AROUND THE HORN

Braves: Closer Arodys Vizcaino will miss the rest of the season after undergoing right shoulder surgery. Vizcaino, 28, was placed on the 10-day injured list early in the week. Indians: Carlos Carrasco struck out 12, Jake Bauers hit a solo HR and the Indians beat the Mariners 1-0 in Seattle to complete a three-game sweep. Carrasco (2-2) pitched three-hit ball over seven innings, dominating as the Indians handed the Mariners their sixth straight loss. The Mariners ended their 20-game HR streak, a record to open a season. ... Three-time All-Star SS shortstop Francisco Lindor will appear in a third minor league rehab game Thursday before rejoining the Indians on Friday. The team then will re-evaluate Lindor's injured left ankle and determine when he will be activated off the IL. Cardinals: Michael Wacha cooled off NL MVP Christian Yelich, Matt Carpenter and Marcell Ozuna each went deep, and the Cardinals beat the Brewers 6-3 in Milwaukee to avoid being swept. Yelich entered the game batting .556 with four HRs and 10 RBIs in the series, but he was 0-for-2 with a strikeout and a walk against Wacha. Yelich singled in a run off Andrew Miller in the eighth. Wacha (1-0) struck out seven over six innings, allowing two runs and five hits to move to 6-0 in his career against the Brewers. Reliever Aaron Wilkerson spoiled Wacha's shutout bid in the fifth with a two-run HR. Yankees, Red Sox: Brett Gardner hit a grand slam off Ryan Brasier in the seventh for his 100th career HR, and the Yankees rallied to beat the Red Sox 5-3 in New York for a two-game sweep of the reeling World Series champions. The Red Sox's 6-13 start is the worst for a champion since the 1998 Marlins opened 5-14. ... Red Sox 2B Dustin Pedroia left in the second due to left knee discomfort. Cubs: Cole Hamels (3-0) surrendered just three hits, struck out eight and didn't issue a walk in seven innings to help the Cubs complete a three-game sweep of the Marlins with a 6-0 win in Miami. Daniel Descalso had two hits and three RBIs and Javier Baez homered and knocked in two for the Cubs, who have won five of six. Baez went 8-for-13 with a double, two HRs, six runs scored, and four RBIs in the series. Extra innings: Jake Arrieta pitched into the ninth, Scott Kingery and Cesar Hernandez hit solo HRs and the Phillies beat the visiting Rays 8-1. ... Tim Anderson spiked his bat to celebrate a HR, and the Royals' Brad Keller drilled him two innings later, setting off a benches-clearing fracas in the visiting Royals' 4-3, 10-inning win over the White Sox. Anderson, Keller, White Sox manager Rick Renteria and Royals bench coach Dale Sveum were ejected.

Box score for Phillies 3, Mets 2. Includes batting stats for McNeil, Alonso, Cano, Conforto, Davis, Rosario, a-Nraud, B-Ramos, Broxton, Wheeler, a-Smith, and totals.

Box score for Philadelphia. Includes batting stats for McCutchen, Kingery, Harper, Hoskins, Realmuto, Herrera, Altherr, Hernandez, a-Castro, Arrieta, and totals.

Box score for New York. Includes batting stats for Alonso, Arrieta, Kingery, Hernandez, Hoskins, and totals.

Box score for Philadelphia. Includes batting stats for Arrieta, Nunez, Ruiz, Neris, and totals.

Box score for Rays 8, Orioles 1. Includes batting stats for Villar, Rizzo, Albert, Mancini, Smith, Nunez, Ruiz, Rickard, Martin, Martin, Mullins, and totals.

Box score for Tampa Bay. Includes batting stats for Meadows, Heredia, Pham, Diaz, Zunino, Adams, and totals.

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Box score for Royals 4, White Sox 3 (10). Includes batting stats for Mondesi, Gordon, Dozier, O'Hearn, Soler, McCann, Merrifield, Duda, Owings, Alonso, Hamilton, and totals.

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# COLLEGE BASKETBALL

## SIGNING DAY ROUNDUP

### Loyola adds two transfers to guard lineup

Chicago Tribune staff

College basketball's spring signing period began Wednesday, and Loyola added to the three players it signed in November with a pair of junior-college transfers.

Keith Clemons, a 6-foot-1 guard originally from Norcross, Ga., and 6-4 guard Jalon Pipkins of Paris, Texas, will join the Ramblers with two seasons of eligibility.

Clemons averaged 15.1 points and 5.1 assists this past season for Vincennes (Ind.), which went 34-2 and won the NJCAA Division I national title. In a statement, coach Porter Moser called Clemons "an absolute winner" with "a high basketball IQ."

Pipkins, who began his college career at Cal State Northridge in 2017-18, averaged 21.4 points, 4.5 rebounds and 4.5 assists and shot 35.8 percent on 3-pointers for Paris Community College.

Moser said Pipkins "has the athleticism to be a great two-way player in the (Missouri) Valley. He's long, competitive, has range from 3 and can finish at the rim."

**Illinois:** The Illini have commitments from three big men, although there are reports that 6-11 Antwan January of Santa Monica, Calif., is unlikely to sign.

The headliner of the class, 6-10 Kofi Cockburn of Oak Hill Academy in Virginia, told WCIA-TV he is waiting to sign when his mother arrives from Jamaica, likely Friday. Cockburn is a four-star recruit and the No. 41 prospect in the nation in the 247Sports.com composite rankings.

The Illini also expect 6-10 Bernard Kouma of New York, who committed last week, to sign before the spring period ends May 15.

**Northwestern:** Jared Jones, a 6-9 big man from Powder Springs, Ga., plans to sign Thursday, according to Wildcat Report. Jones, a three-star prospect and onetime Auburn commitment, committed to Northwestern in September but did not sign during the early period with four-star forward Robbie Beran of Richmond, Va., and three-star point guard Daniel Buie of Bethel, Maine.

Coach Chris Collins also got his first Class of 2020 commitment Wednesday from Joe Bamisile, a 6-5 shooting guard from Richmond. The Wildcats beat out Virginia Tech and Georgia Tech for Bamisile, the nation's No. 212 recruit in the composite but a four-star and No. 100 in 247's own rankings.



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Porter Moser turned down a lucrative offer to become coach at St. John's.

## Loyalty should be rewarded

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Loyola should consider itself lucky Moser was inclined to stay in Chicago, proud of the program he has built, his Midwest recruiting ties and an athletic culture that rivals any team in the state.

According to a source, Loyola did not make a counteroffer to keep Moser. The university did give him a substantial raise to about \$900,000 after the 2018 Final Four.

Moser had logical reasons to leave. St. John's reportedly was willing to more than double his salary. He undoubtedly would have shined in the New York media market. Maybe most important, Moser would have left behind the headaches of coaching in a one-bid, mid-major conference.

Moser struggles to find teams willing to play the Ramblers — and the challenge grows with the team's success.

"One thing that's frustrating was the body of work in college basketball doesn't mean anything," he said. "It's a big reason I was (considering an offer) but also a big reason I didn't take it."

"This year we lose three guys, Lucas (Williamson) missed 19 games and we win the league again. Then in the (Missouri Valley) tournament, Marques (Townes) has the worst game of his career and we lose by two. The body of work doesn't mean anything. I don't want mid-major basketball to turn into that."

This setup can drive coaches out of mid-major conferences. Until the system changes and more mid-major pro-

grams earn at-large NCAA Tournament bids, schools need to get creative to keep their coaches.

Loyola doesn't have the deep pockets of high-major teams (or big donors such as Wichita State, which has managed to keep Gregg Marshall). But to keep Moser long term, the Ramblers probably need to come up with a plan that's more thought out than relying on Moser's good nature.

For coaches, high-paying contracts often are not about living luxuriously. It's about being shown respect.

Moser, who will enter his ninth season in 2019-20, has won back-to-back conference titles and has three 20-win seasons in five years.

Despite all the reasons he could have felt conflicted, Moser sounded genuinely content — actually excited — about remaining at Loyola. Even if the process with St. John's was a "wild ride."

"So many other coaches were telling me I was dumb (to turn down St. John's) with the money and all that," Moser said. "But they don't know our locker room like I do, the culture we created on campus. People say it's going to be a rebuilding year. That just fuels me. When I told my players I was staying, it was: 'Let's go. Let's prove everyone wrong.'"

Loyola needs the same mindset when it comes to figuring out how to keep Moser long term. Right now, it's lucky.

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## JOHN MACLEOD 1937-2019

### Coached Notre Dame for 8 seasons

Associated Press

PHOENIX — John MacLeod, the longtime NBA coach who also coached Notre Dame for eight seasons, has died. He was 81.

MacLeod's son, Matt, confirmed his father's death Sunday to the Associated Press. MacLeod fought Alzheimer's disease for more than a decade.



MacLeod

MacLeod coached the Irish from 1991 to '99, going 106-124. LaPhonso Ellis, Troy Murphy and Monty Williams were among the former Notre Dame greats who either played for or were recruited by MacLeod.

He also coached at Oklahoma (1967-73), going 90-69, but he had his most success in the pros with the Suns, whom he coached to the 1976 NBA Finals.

The "Sundarella Suns" went 42-40 before upsetting the defending champion Warriors in seven games in the Western Conference finals. They lost to the Celtics in six games in the NBA Finals, with the Celtics' triple-overtime victory in Game 5 at Boston Garden regarded as one of the greatest games ever.

MacLeod is the winningest coach in Suns history, going 579-543 in the regular season from 1973 to '87. He also coached the Mavericks (1987-89) and Knicks (1990-91), finishing his 18-year NBA coaching career with a 707-657 record.

"His passion for the game was matched only by his endearing personality, humility and class, a man who was loved by everyone that had the pleasure of interacting with him," the Suns said in a statement. "Coach MacLeod was a winner in every sense and will be dearly missed by our entire Phoenix Suns family."

His Suns teams made nine playoff appearances, also reaching the Western Conference finals in 1979 and 1984. He had a franchise-record 37 playoff victories and was placed in the Phoenix Suns Ring of Honor in 2012. MacLeod starred at Providence High School in Clarksville, Ind., and in college at Bellarmine in Louisville, Ky. In addition to Matt — who played at Notre Dame in his father's last two seasons — MacLeod is survived by wife Carol and daughter Kathleen.

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### ACROSS

- 1 Sit-; ab exercises
- 4 Instruct
- 9 Diminishes
- 13 Increase
- 15 Ease, as another's fears
- 16 Ivory or Dial
- 17 Circle dance
- 18 Annoying people
- 19 Sightseeing trip
- 20 Seven weeks after Easter
- 22 TV show award
- 23 Small fruit pie
- 24 Female animal
- 26 Laundry problems
- 29 Quivering
- 34 Elephant's nose
- 35 Pigtail
- 36 Gun the engine
- 37 Ladder step
- 38 Punctuation mark
- 39 Elvis' "\_\_\_ Me Tender"
- 40 \_\_\_ like; pretend to be
- 41 Window pieces
- 42 Creator
- 43 Bothered
- 45 Dressy clothes
- 46 "If I \_\_\_ a Hammer"
- 47 James \_\_\_; 007
- 48 Long narrative
- 51 Rebel
- 56 First man
- 57 Lasso loop
- 58 Authentic
- 60 Rattle; upset
- 61 Mt. Aconcagua's range
- 62 "Oh, for Pete's \_\_\_!"
- 63 Peepers
- 64 Minimum
- 65 Ball holder

### DOWN

- 1 Word of disgust
- 2 \_\_\_ up; support
- 3 Blister or boil
- 4 Narrow candles
- 5 Chosen few
- 6 Additionally
- 7 Popular pets
- 8 Frenzied stage
- 9 Hold in high regard
- 10 Sound of an explosion
- 11 "The Wizard of Oz" author
- 12 Nimble
- 14 Desiring
- 21 \_\_\_ top; sleeveless shirt

### Solutions

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- 25 Marry
- 26 Satchel feature
- 27 Cease-fire
- 28 Dad's sisters
- 29 Carrying a gun
- 30 Flat caps
- 31 Penniless
- 32 Crowbar
- 33 Each
- 35 Humerus or clavicle
- 38 Church official
- 39 Columnist Ann
- 41 Split \_\_\_ soup
- 42 Actress \_\_\_-Na Wen
- 44 Longest river entirely in England
- 45 Woods
- 47 Public transports
- 48 Not in danger
- 49 One \_\_\_ Multivitamins
- 50 Long look
- 52 Nary a one
- 53 Ice cream concoction
- 54 \_\_\_ as a pin
- 55 \_\_\_ away; subtract
- 59 Gen. Robert E. \_\_\_

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## SCOREBOARD

## NFL WEEK-BY-WEEK SCHEDULE

**WEEK 1**  
**Thursday, Sept. 5**  
 Green Bay at Chicago, 7:20

**Sunday, Sept. 8**  
 L.A. Rams at Carolina, noon  
 Tennessee at Cleveland, noon  
 Kansas City at Jacksonville, noon  
 Baltimore at Miami, noon  
 Atlanta at Minnesota, noon  
 Buffalo at N.Y. Jets, noon  
 Washington at Philadelphia, noon  
 Indianapolis at L.A. Chargers, 3:05  
 Cincinnati at Seattle, 3:05  
 Detroit at Arizona, 3:25  
 N.Y. Giants at Dallas, 3:25  
 San Francisco at Tampa Bay, 3:25  
 Pittsburgh at New England, 7:20

**Monday, Sept. 9**  
 Houston at New Orleans, 6:10  
 Denver at Oakland, 9:20

**WEEK 2**  
**Thursday, Sept. 12**  
 Tampa Bay at Carolina, 7:20

**Sunday, Sept. 15**  
 Arizona at Baltimore, noon  
 San Francisco at Cincinnati, noon  
 L.A. Chargers at Detroit, noon  
 Minnesota at Green Bay, noon  
 Jacksonville at Houston, noon  
 New England at Miami, noon  
 Buffalo at N.Y. Giants, noon  
 Seattle at Pittsburgh, noon  
 Indianapolis at Tennessee, noon  
 Dallas at Washington, noon  
 Kansas City at Oakland, 3:05  
 Chicago at Denver, 3:25  
 New Orleans at L.A. Rams, 3:25  
 Philadelphia at Atlanta, 7:20

**Monday, Sept. 16**  
 Cleveland at N.Y. Jets, 7:15

**WEEK 3**  
**Thursday, Sept. 19**  
 Tennessee at Jacksonville, 7:20

**Sunday, Sept. 22**  
 Cincinnati at Buffalo, noon  
 Miami at Dallas, noon  
 Denver at Green Bay, noon  
 Atlanta at Indianapolis, noon  
 Baltimore at Kansas City, noon  
 Oakland at Minnesota, noon  
 N.Y. Jets at New England, noon  
 Detroit at Philadelphia, noon  
 Carolina at Arizona, 3:05  
 N.Y. Giants at Tampa Bay, 3:05  
 Houston at L.A. Chargers, 3:25  
 New Orleans at Seattle, 3:25  
 Pittsburgh at San Francisco, 3:25  
 Philadelphia at Cleveland, 7:20

**Monday, Sept. 23**  
 Chicago at Washington, 7:15

**WEEK 4**  
 off: N.Y. Jets, San Francisco

**Thursday, Sept. 26**  
 Philadelphia at Green Bay, 7:20

**Sunday, Sept. 29**  
 Tennessee at Atlanta, noon  
 Cleveland at Baltimore, noon  
 New England at Buffalo, noon  
 Kansas City at Kansas City, noon  
 Carolina at Houston, noon  
 Oakland at Indianapolis, noon  
 L.A. Chargers at Miami, noon  
 Washington at N.Y. Giants, noon  
 Seattle at Arizona, 3:05  
 Tampa Bay at L.A. Rams, 3:05  
 Minnesota at Chicago, 3:25  
 Jacksonville at Denver, 3:25  
 Dallas at New Orleans, 7:20

**Monday, Sept. 30**  
 Cincinnati at Pittsburgh, 7:15

**WEEK 5**  
 off: Detroit, Miami

**Thursday, Oct. 3**  
 L.A. Rams at Seattle, 7:20

**Sunday, Oct. 6**  
 Jacksonville at Carolina, noon  
 Arizona at Cincinnati, noon  
 Atlanta at Houston, noon  
 Tampa Bay at New Orleans, noon  
 Minnesota at N.Y. Giants, noon  
 Chicago at Oakland (London), noon  
 N.Y. Jets at Philadelphia, noon  
 Baltimore at Pittsburgh, noon  
 Buffalo at Tennessee, noon  
 New England at Washington, noon  
 Denver at L.A. Chargers, 3:05  
 Green Bay at Dallas, 3:25  
 Indianapolis at Kansas City, 7:20

**Monday, Oct. 7**  
 Cleveland at San Francisco, 7:15

**WEEK 6**  
 off: Buffalo, Chicago, Indianapolis, Oakland

**Thursday, Oct. 10**  
 N.Y. Giants at New England, 7:20

**Sunday, Oct. 13**  
 Car. vs. Tampa Bay (London), 8:30 a.m.  
 Cincinnati at Baltimore, noon  
 Seattle at Cleveland, noon  
 New Orleans at Jacksonville, noon  
 Houston at Kansas City, noon  
 Washington at Miami, noon  
 Philadelphia at Minnesota, noon  
 Atlanta at Arizona, 3:05  
 San Francisco at L.A. Rams, 3:05  
 Tennessee at Denver, 3:25  
 Dallas at N.Y. Jets, 3:25  
 Pittsburgh at L.A. Chargers, 7:20

**Monday, Oct. 14**  
 Detroit at Green Bay, 7:15

**WEEK 7**  
 off: Carolina, Cleveland, Pittsburgh, Tampa Bay

**Thursday, Oct. 17**  
 Kansas City at Denver, 7:20

**Sunday, Oct. 20**  
 L.A. Rams at Atlanta, noon  
 Miami at Buffalo, noon  
 Jacksonville at Cincinnati, noon  
 Minnesota at Detroit, noon  
 Oakland at Green Bay, noon  
 Houston at Indianapolis, noon  
 Arizona at N.Y. Giants, noon  
 San Francisco at Washington, noon  
 L.A. Chargers at Tennessee, 3:05  
 New Orleans at Chicago, 3:25  
 Baltimore at Seattle, 3:25  
 Philadelphia at Dallas, 7:20

**Monday, Oct. 21**  
 New England at N.Y. Jets, 7:15

**WEEK 8**  
 off: Baltimore, Dallas

**Thursday, Oct. 24**  
 Washington at Minnesota, 7:20

**Sunday, Oct. 27**  
 Seattle at Atlanta, noon  
 Philadelphia at Buffalo, noon  
 L.A. Chargers at Chicago, noon  
 N.Y. Giants at Detroit, noon  
 Oakland at Houston, noon  
 N.Y. Jets at Jacksonville, noon  
 Cincinnati at L.A. Rams (London), noon  
 Arizona at New Orleans, noon  
 Tampa Bay at Tennessee, noon  
 Carolina at San Francisco, 3:05  
 Denver at Indianapolis, 3:25  
 Cleveland at New England, 3:25  
 Green Bay at Kansas City, 7:20

**Monday, Oct. 28**  
 Miami at Pittsburgh, 7:15

**WEEK 9**  
 off: Atlanta, Cincinnati, L.A. Rams, New Orleans

**Thursday, Oct. 31**  
 San Francisco at Arizona, 7:20

**Sunday, Nov. 3**  
 Houston at Jacksonville (London), 8:30 a.m.  
 Washington at Buffalo, noon  
 Tennessee at Carolina, noon

## MAJOR LEAGUE SOCCER

EASTERN	W	L	T	PT	GF	GA
D.C. United	4	1	2	14	12	7
Columbus	4	2	1	13	7	5
Montreal	3	2	2	11	8	11
Toronto FC	3	1	1	10	14	8
Philadelphia	3	3	1	10	9	9
Orlando City	2	3	2	8	11	13
Cincinnati	2	3	2	8	10	10
Chicago	1	2	3	6	8	10
N.Y. Red Bulls	1	3	2	5	8	8
Atlanta	1	2	2	5	4	6
N.Y. City FC	0	1	5	5	7	11
New England	1	5	1	4	5	12

WESTERN	W	L	T	PT	GF	GA
Los Angeles FC	6	1	1	19	21	6
Seattle	5	0	1	16	14	5
LA Galaxy	5	1	0	15	11	6
Houston	4	0	1	13	12	6
FC Dallas	4	2	1	13	12	8
Minnesota	3	2	1	10	14	11
Sporting KC	2	1	3	9	14	7
Real Salt Lake	2	4	7	7	14	7
Vancouver	1	4	2	5	6	10
San Jose	1	5	0	3	6	16
Colorado	0	5	2	11	19	19
Portland	0	5	1	1	6	17

## WEDNESDAY'S RESULT

Vancouver 1, Los Angeles FC 0

## FRIDAY'S GAMES

Real Salt Lake at Cincinnati, 6:30 p.m.

Minnesota at Toronto FC, 7 p.m.

Houston at LA Galaxy, 10 p.m.

## SATURDAY'S GAMES

Colorado at Chicago, noon

Montreal at Philadelphia, noon

Vancouver at Orlando City, 2 p.m.

FC Dallas at Atlanta, 3 p.m.

N.Y. Red Bulls at New England, 6:30 p.m.

Portland at Columbus, 6:30 p.m.

Sporting KC at San Jose, 9 p.m.

## SUNDAY'S GAMES

N.Y. City FC at D.C. United, 3 p.m.

Seattle at Los Angeles FC, 6 p.m.

## NBA PLAYOFFS

## EASTERN CONFERENCE

## Milwaukee 2, Detroit 0

April 14: Milwaukee 121-86

Wednesday: Milwaukee 120-99

Saturday: at Detroit, 7 p.m.

Monday: at Detroit, 7 p.m.

x-April 24: at Milwaukee, TBA

x-April 26: at Detroit, TBA

x-April 28: at Milwaukee, TBA

## Orlando 1, Toronto 1

April 13: Orlando 104-101

April 16: Toronto 111-82

Friday: at Orlando, 6 p.m.

Sunday: at Orlando, 6 p.m.

Tuesday: at Toronto, TBA

x-April 25: at Orlando, TBA

x-April 27: at Toronto, TBA

## Brooklyn 1, Philadelphia 1

April 13: Brooklyn 111-102

April 15: Philadelphia 145-123

Thursday: at Brooklyn, 7 p.m.

Saturday: at Brooklyn, 2 p.m.

Tuesday: at Philadelphia, 7 p.m.

x-April 25: at Brooklyn, TBA

x-April 27: at Philadelphia, TBA

## Boston 2, Indiana 0

April 14: Boston 84-74

Wednesday: Boston 99-91

Friday: at Indiana, 7:30 p.m.

Sunday: at Indiana, noon

x-April 24: at Boston, TBA

x-April 26: at Indiana, TBA

x-April 28: at Boston, TBA

## WESTERN CONFERENCE

## Golden State 1, L.A. Clippers 1

April 13: Golden State 121-104

April 15: L.A. Clippers 135-131

Thursday: at L.A. Clippers, 9:30 p.m.

Sunday: at L.A. Clippers, 2:30 p.m.

April 24: at Golden State, TBA

x-April 26: at L.A. Clippers, TBA

x-April 28: at Golden State, TBA

## San Antonio 1, Denver 1

April 13: San Antonio 101-96

April 16: Denver 114-105

Thursday: at San Antonio, 8 p.m.

Saturday: at San Antonio, 4:30 p.m.

Tuesday: at Denver, TBA

x-April 25: at San Antonio, TBA

x-April 27: at Denver, TBA

## Portland 2, Oklahoma City 0

April 14: Portland 104-99

April 16: Portland 114-94

Friday: at Oklahoma City, 8:30 p.m.

Sunday: at Oklahoma City, 8:30 p.m.

x-Tuesday: at Portland, TBA

x-April 25: at Oklahoma City, TBA

x-April 27: at Portland, TBA

## Houston 2, Utah 0

April 14: Houston 122-90

Wednesday: Houston 118-98

Saturday: at Utah, 9:30 p.m.

Monday: at Utah, 9:30 p.m.

x-April 24: at Houston, TBA

x-April 26: at Utah, TBA

x-April 28: at Houston, TBA

(best-of-7 series; x-if necessary)

## BUCKS 120, PISTONS 99

DETROIT: Kennard 6-13 3-19, Maker 2-9

2-6, Drummond 8-15 2-4 18, Jackson 7-

16 3-4 18, Ellington 3-10 0-8, B.Brown 2-4

0-5, Smith 3-13 1-2 7, Calderon 0-0 0-0

Galloway 3-7 0-9, Robinson III 3-10 2-2

9, Thomas 0-2 0-0, Totals 37-99 13-17 99

MILWAUKEE: Middleton 7-15 8-8 24, An-

tetokounmpo 11-18 3-5 26, Lopez 3-8 1-2

8, Bledsoe 11-19 2-3 7, S.Brown 3-5 1-3

3, Wilson 0-0 0-0, Ilyasova 1-3 0-3 8,

Mirotic 1-5 0-2, Hill 2-7 0-4, Frazier 0-0

0-0, Connaughton 8-10 0-0 18, Totals 47-

90 15-21 120.

Detroit	27	32	17	23	99
Milwaukee	38	20	35	27	120

## 3-Point Goals—Detroit 12-36 (Kennard

4-6, Galloway 3-5, Ellington 2-7, B.Brown

1-1, Jackson 1-3, Robinson III 1-6, Thomas

0-1, Drummond 0-1, Maker 0-3, Smith

0-3), Milwaukee 11-26 (Bledsoe 3-8, Con-

naughton 2-3, Middleton 2-6, Ilyasova

1-1, S.Brown 1-1, Lopez 1-3, Antetokoun-

mpo 1-3, Mirotic 0-1). **Rebounds—De-**

troit 43 (Drummond 16), Milwaukee 54

(Antetokounmpo 12). **Assists—Detroit**

23 (Jackson 8), Milwaukee 32 (Middle-

ton 8). **Total Fouls—Detroit 21, Milwau-**

kee 21. **Technical—Griffin, A.—17,513.**

## NHL PLAYOFFS

## EASTERN CONFERENCE

## Columbus 4, Tampa Bay 0

April 10: Columbus 4-3

April 12: Columbus 5-1

April 14: Columbus 3-1

April 16: Columbus 7-3

## Toronto 2, Boston 2

April 11: Toronto 4-1

April 13: Boston 4-1

April 15: Toronto 3-2

Wednesday: Boston 6-4

Friday: at Boston, 6 p.m.

Sunday: at Toronto, TBA

x-Tuesday: at Boston, TBA

## Washington 2, Carolina 1

April 11: Washington, 4-2

April 13: at Washington 4-3 (OT)

April 15: Carolina 5-0

Thursday: at Carolina, 6 p.m.

Saturday: at Washington, 7 p.m.

x-Monday: at Carolina, TBA

x-April 24: at Washington, TBA

## N.Y. Islanders 4, Pittsburgh 0

April 10: N.Y. Islanders 4-3 (OT)

April 12: N.Y. Islanders 3-1

April 14: N.Y. Islanders 4-1

April 16: N.Y. Islanders 3-1

## WESTERN CONFERENCE

## Nashville 2, Dallas 2

April 10: Dallas 3-2

April 13: Nashville 2-1 (OT)

April 15: Nashville 3-2

Wednesday: Dallas 5-1

Saturday: at Nashville, 2 p.m.

Monday: at Dallas, TBA

x-April 24: at Nashville, TBA

## St. Louis 2, Winnipeg 2

April 10: St. Louis 2-0

April 12: St. Louis 4-3

April 14: Winnipeg 6-3

April 16: Winnipeg 2-1 (OT)

Thursday: at Winnipeg, 7:30 p.m.

Saturday: at St. Louis, 6 p.m.

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## Colorado 3, Calgary 1

April 11: Calgary 4-0

April 13: Colorado 3-2 (OT)</

BEARS

# Spring folly

It's an April tradition: We ask our writers to predict how the Bears' season will unfold 140 days before their opener



SEPTEMBER		Expanded analysis at <a href="http://chicagotribune.com/bears">chicagotribune.com/bears</a>				
<b>THU 5</b>	<b>Packers</b> 7:20 p.m. NBC-5	Their 197th meeting kicks off the NFL's 100th season. The Packers' first prime-time visit to Soldier Field since 2010 offers more than the pregame party in Grant Park. Just as Matt Nagy debuted on national TV last year, new Packers coach Matt LaFleur draws the Bears for his first game.	<b>W</b>	<b>W</b>	<b>W</b>	<b>W</b>
<b>SUN 15</b>	<b>@Broncos</b> 3:25 p.m. FOX-32	How badly will the Bears miss Vic Fangio? It likely will be too early to tell in Week 2 when they face the architect of their defense. The new Broncos coach will have ideas about how to attack the four 2018 Pro Bowlers he helped develop.	<b>W</b>	<b>W</b>	<b>L</b>	<b>L</b>
<b>MON 23</b>	<b>@Redskins</b> 7:15 p.m. ESPN	The Bears have visited every NFC opponent since they last played at the Redskins in 2013. With the Redskins searching for a quarterback in the draft, it's difficult to have a good feel for a team that has won between seven and nine games each of the last four seasons.	<b>W</b>	<b>W</b>	<b>W</b>	<b>W</b>
<b>SUN 29</b>	<b>Vikings</b> 3:25 p.m. CBS-2	The Vikings have been regrouping since the Bears ended their 2018 season with a 24-10 win that wasn't that close. The Vikings made Kevin Stefanski the permanent offensive coordinator after he finished as the interim. Now what can he get out of QB Kirk Cousins?	<b>W</b>	<b>W</b>	<b>W</b>	<b>L</b>
OCTOBER						
<b>SUN 6</b>	<b>@Raiders</b> Noon FOX-32 <i>In London</i>	The Bears' visit to London and Tottenham Hotspur's new stadium is Khalil Mack's first game against the team that preferred to trade him rather than pay him. A season later, they're rebuilding under coach Jon Gruden, while Mack leads a playoff contender.	<b>W</b>	<b>W</b>	<b>W</b>	<b>W</b>
<b>SUNDAY, OCT. 13: OPEN DATE</b>						
<b>SUN 20</b>	<b>Saints</b> 3:25 p.m. FOX-32	For the Bears' Super Bowl dream to become reality, they'll have to unseat the Saints, who led the NFC last season with a 13-3 record. Bears Pro Bowl defensive lineman Akiem Hicks has never forgotten how he fell out of favor with Saints coach Sean Payton in 2015.	<b>W</b>	<b>W</b>	<b>L</b>	<b>W</b>
<b>SUN 27</b>	<b>Chargers</b> Noon FOX-32	The Chargers and Bears each missed a first-round bye last season despite finishing 12-4, the first time since 2011 that two teams with at least a dozen wins had to play in the wild-card round. QB Philip Rivers, 37, leads an offense that ranked third in the NFL in yards per play.	<b>L</b>	<b>W</b>	<b>W</b>	<b>W</b>
NOVEMBER						
<b>SUN 3</b>	<b>@Eagles</b> Noon FOX-32	This is about unfinished business. The double doink that sealed last season's 16-15 playoff loss has the Bears still searching for a kicker. Will tight end Trey Burton be ready this time against his former team? Will Nagy solve the Eagles' sleeper hold on Tarik Cohen?	<b>L</b>	<b>L</b>	<b>L</b>	<b>L</b>
<b>SUN 10</b>	<b>Lions</b> Noon CBS-2	The Lions and Bears ended 2018 headed in opposite directions under first-year coaches. Nagy was named NFL Coach of the Year after the Bears won the NFC North. The Lions won only six games under Matt Patricia.	<b>W</b>	<b>W</b>	<b>W</b>	<b>W</b>
<b>SUN 17</b>	<b>@Rams</b> 7:20 p.m. NBC-5	The defending NFC champs edged the Bears last season for a first-round playoff bye despite losing 15-6 at Soldier Field on a subfreezing December night. The Bears intercepted Jared Goff four times. The Rams promise to have their offense humming in favorable SoCal conditions.	<b>L</b>	<b>L</b>	<b>L</b>	<b>L</b>
<b>SUN 24</b>	<b>Giants</b> Noon FOX-32	The last-place Giants dealt the Bears one of their four losses last season. The Bears' rally ultimately fell short in overtime as backup QB Chase Daniel struggled with ball security. At least the Giants no longer have Odell Beckham Jr. to burn the Bears with a TD pass.	<b>W</b>	<b>W</b>	<b>W</b>	<b>W</b>
<b>THU 28</b>	<b>@Lions</b> 11:30 a.m. FOX-32	The NFL is showcasing a sequel to the Bears' 23-16 win over the Lions last Thanksgiving. That victory completed their first sweep of the Lions since 2012 and improved their record on Thanksgiving to 18-15-2. It's the Bears' fourth Thanksgiving game since 2014.	<b>L</b>	<b>W</b>	<b>W</b>	<b>W</b>
DECEMBER						
<b>THU 5</b>	<b>Cowboys</b> 7:20 p.m. FOX-32	This matchup of defending division champions should have playoff implications. The Cowboys were 10-6 last season but only 3-5 on the road. They re-signed Pro Bowler Demarcus Lawrence, who had 10½ sacks for the NFL's seventh-ranked defense in 2018.	<b>W</b>	<b>W</b>	<b>W</b>	<b>W</b>
<b>SUN 15</b>	<b>@Packers</b> Noon FOX-32	The Packers are in transition around QB Aaron Rodgers, needing him to lift them from their two-year playoff absence. You'll recognize safety Adrian Amos on a defense the Packers strengthened in free agency. It would be the Bears' first day game at Lambeau since 2010.	<b>W</b>	<b>L</b>	<b>L</b>	<b>L</b>
<b>SUN 22</b>	<b>Chiefs</b> 7:20 p.m. NBC-5	Nagy will face his mentor, Andy Reid. Reid gave Nagy his first coaching job as an intern with the Eagles in 2008. After 10 seasons in Philadelphia and Kansas City, Nagy brought Reid's offensive system to the Bears. Oh, yeah, there's also Mitch Trubisky vs. Patrick Mahomes.	<b>L</b>	<b>W</b>	<b>L</b>	<b>L</b>
<b>SUN 29</b>	<b>@Vikings</b> Noon FOX-32	The Bears finish the regular season in Minneapolis for the fourth straight season. The Vikings' record by day's end will be pivotal in the franchise's direction. Coach Mike Zimmer's contract runs only through 2020. They've missed the playoffs twice in the last three seasons.	<b>L</b>	<b>L</b>	<b>W</b>	<b>W</b>



<b>So ... Bears record in 2019</b>	<b>10-6</b>	<b>12-4</b>	<b>10-6</b>	<b>10-6</b>
<b>Predicted record in 2018 (Bears finished 12-4)</b>	<b>7-9</b>	<b>7-9</b>	<b>8-8</b>	<b>7-9</b>
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<b>Exhibition schedule</b>	<b>Panthers</b> Thursday, Aug. 8 7 p.m.   FOX-32	<b>@Giants</b> Friday, Aug. 16 6:30 p.m.   FOX-32	<b>@Colts</b> Saturday, Aug. 24 6 p.m.   FOX-32	<b>Titans</b> Thursday, Aug. 29 7 p.m.   FOX-32
<b>Bears odds to win the Super Bowl: 12-1.</b> Only four teams have better odds than Mitch Trubisky and company on Bovada's big board: the Chiefs (7-1), Patriots (7-1), Rams (9-1) and Saints (9-1). The rest of the NFC North looks like this: Packers, 22-1; Vikings, 22-1; and Lions, 80-1.				

## NFL Defense finally will rule when draft commences

Offenses' record-breaking year has teams wanting to counter

BY MARK MASKE | The Washington Post

For the NFL, 2018 was all about revved-up offenses. Defenses get their chance to catch up, at least a little bit, on draft night. The speculation during the buildup to the 2019 NFL draft has focused, as is the case in most years, on the quarterbacks. Will Kyler Murray, the dynamic but undersized Heisman Trophy winner from Oklahoma, go first to the Cardinals? Where will Ohio State's Dwayne Haskins, Missouri's Drew Lock and Duke's Daniel Jones land? But even if the Cardinals do select Murray with the No. 1 choice, the first round is likely to progress from there into a parade of defensive players walking across the draft-night stage. The expectation is that close to two-thirds of the first-round picks will be used on defensive players, with pass rushers likely to come off the board early and often and defensive tackles trailing close behind. Asked at the NFL scouting combine to assess the strengths of this draft, Browns general manager John Dorsey said: "It's defensive line. We all know that. ... Overall this draft class is a pretty good draft class. I think the defensive line really helps it." The off-the-edge pass rushers are the stars of this defensive draft class. Ohio State's Nick Bosa and Kentucky's Josh Allen are regarded as likely top-five selections.



Ohio State's Nick Bosa, left, and Kentucky's Josh Allen are two highly rated linemen.



JAY LAPRETE/AP; ANDY LYONS/GETTY

Other potential first-rounders include Mississippi State's Montez Sweat, Michigan's Rashan Gary, Florida State's Brian Burns and Clemson's Clelin Ferrell. "I think there's more defensive linemen than normal," said Charley Casserly, the former GM of the Redskins and Texans. "You don't normally see this. The front defensive guys, the pass rushers, there's more of them." Outside pass rushers, whether they're placed at outside linebacker in a three-linemen, four-linebacker defensive scheme

or at defensive end in a 4-3 setup, have become ever more valuable as passing numbers have increased and rules have evolved. With defensive backs limited by prohibitions against clutching-and-grabbing tactics in the secondary and mindful of the safety-related officiating emphasis on illegal hits on receivers, defensive tacticians often have come to the conclusion that getting to the quarterback is about the only effective way to defend the pass in today's NFL. That was complicated early last season

by an upswing in roughing-the-passer penalties. But as the season progressed, fewer flags were thrown and quarterback-chasing defenders such as the Bears' Khalil Mack and the Rams' Aaron Donald managed to make their mark even in an NFL season in which quarterbacks threw the most touchdown passes in history and teams scored the second-most points ever. The defensive tackles in this draft also are highly regarded. Alabama's Quinnen Williams and Houston's Ed Oliver could join Bosa and Allen as top-five choices. Clemson's Christian Wilkins and Dexter Lawrence and Notre Dame's Jerry Tillery are potential first-rounders. Mississippi State's Jeffery Simmons was regarded as a possible top-10 pick until suffering a torn ACL in his left knee while training for the draft. Bosa and Williams will be the standouts among this defensive draft class, in Casserly's view. "Bosa is," Casserly said. "He's the best. Quinnen Williams is a difference-maker too." A half-dozen or so defensive players at other positions, including linebackers Devin White of LSU and Devin Bush of Michigan and LSU cornerback Greedy Williams, also could be first-round choices. But as NFL defenses do what they can to close the competitive gap on offenses, their draft-night prizes will be the defensive linemen. "There's depth among a lot of positions," Dorsey said at the combine. "It just so happens this year that the defensive line really sticks out over all the other positions."

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ADAM CAIRNS/COLUMBUS DISPATCH

Dan Girardi and Braydon Coburn (55) and the Presidents' Trophy-winning Lightning were swept in the first round of the Stanley Cup playoffs by the underdog Blue Jackets.

## Lightning's sad sweep again underscores why *Being the best is the worst*

BY ISABELLE KHURSHUDYAN  
The Washington Post

The night the Tampa Bay Lightning was officially presented the Presidents' Trophy, the NHL's award to the team with the best regular-season record, the Washington Capitals were in the building, waiting in the locker room during the ceremony. The Capitals had won it three times since 2010, so they knew to keep a safe distance from what's a nice achievement on its own but toxic when it comes to winning the sport's ultimate prize. As Tampa Bay won a whopping 62 games this season, lapping the field, Washington might have seen the Lightning's unfortunate fate coming.

"Typically when things are going really well for you and you're having a lot of success, at least from my experience, the longer that success was coming, the easier it was to forget how you created that success," Capitals forward T.J. Oshie said a month ago.

It was eerily similar to what Lightning coach Jon Cooper said after the Columbus Blue Jackets completed their shocking first-round sweep of Tampa Bay on Tuesday night.

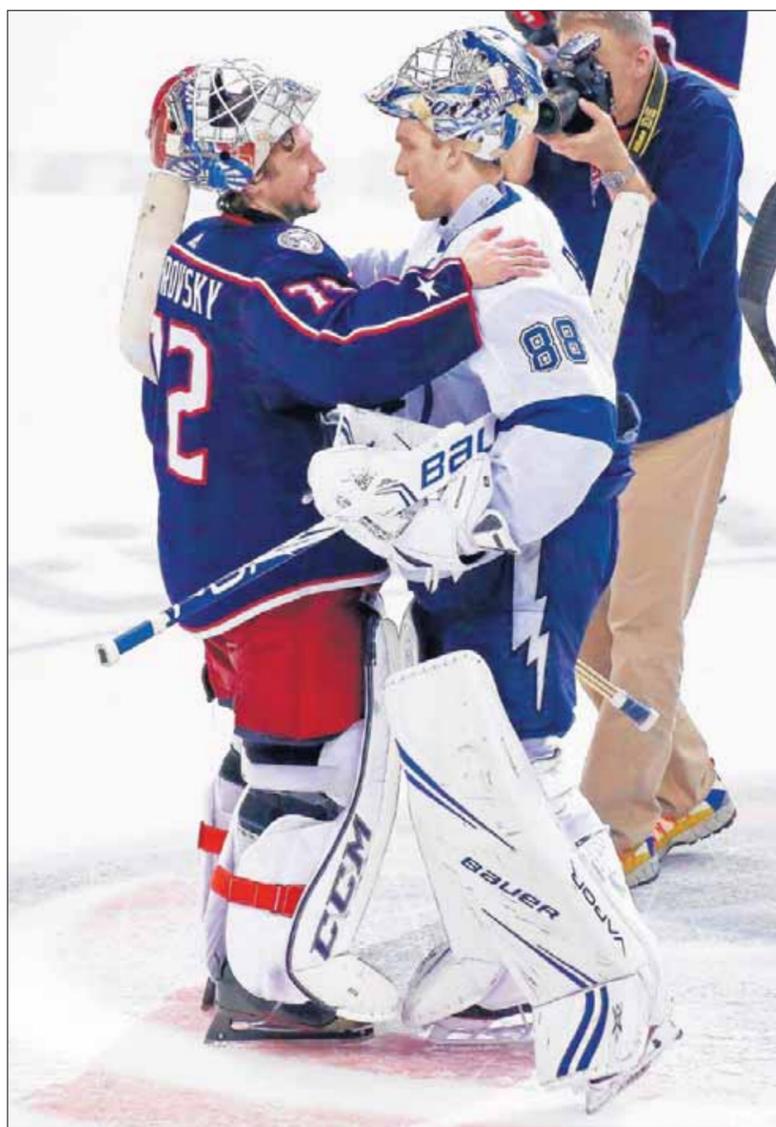
"In today's game with the parity, it's not unusual that an eight (seed) beats a one anymore," Cooper told reporters in Columbus. "Everybody's that close. In the end, we just couldn't find our game. That's it. It'd been with us all year, and for six days in April, we couldn't find it."

No league is as unintentionally cruel to its top seed as the NHL. In the 32 years that the Presidents' Trophy has been awarded, just eight teams that claimed it have gone on to win the Stanley Cup; the 2012-13 Chicago Blackhawks are the last team to pull it off, and that was the lockout-shortened season. The Capitals finished with the league's best regular-season record in 2010 (first-round loss), 2016 (second-round loss) and 2017 (second-round loss) before winning a franchise-first Stanley Cup last year, when Nashville won the Presidents' Trophy and then got eliminated in the second round. The playoffs have repeatedly proven that it's about which team is playing best in the moment rather than which team is the best, and this historic exit — Tampa Bay is the first Presidents' Trophy team to be swept in the first round — could have ripple effects throughout the league for years to come with how clubs approach the regular season.

"When you have the amount of points we had, it's a blessing and a curse," Cooper said. "You don't play any really meaningful hockey for a long time, then all of a sudden you've got to amp it up. It's not an excuse, it's reality. That's how it goes, and so you have a historic regular season the way we did and then had basically a historic playoff in defeat."

It's hard to argue the Lightning should have purposefully lost more games this season. And no team would seek out adversity. But perhaps there really is something predictive, and negative, about enjoying so much success before the chase for the game's top prize really begins.

During the regular season, Tampa Bay had the NHL's top power play, top penalty kill and scored the most goals per game. The



KIRK IRWIN/GETTY

Lightning goaltender Andrei Vasilevskiy congratulates counterpart Sergei Bobrovsky of the Blue Jackets after the end of Game 4 and the series Tuesday night in Columbus.

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— Jon Cooper, Lightning coach

team had Nikita Kucherov, who put up a league-leading 128 points this season, and two other players — Steven Stamkos and Brayden Point — finished with more than 90. All three then fell short against Columbus. Kucherov tallied just two points with no goals in three games played, suspended for Game 3 of the series after he needlessly boarded Columbus's Markku Nurminen late

in a Game 2 blowout. Stamkos finished with an abysmal minus-8 rating with just one goal and one assist, and Point scored one goal with no assists.

The Lightning had a 3-0 lead in the first period of the first contest, but then the Blue Jackets stormed back to win that game and every other, outscoring Tampa Bay 19-5 over the final 11 periods of the series. Top

defenseman Victor Hedman was out Games 3 and 4 because of an undisclosed injury.

"If you don't accomplish your goal of winning it all, it's a failure," Stamkos told reporters. "We don't care about what happened in the regular season."

Others will learn from the Lightning's downfall, but the Blue Jackets' bold approach to this season could similarly become a model. Columbus was in a position to make the playoffs before the late-February trade deadline, but it wasn't a sure thing and there was nothing obvious that suggested this group would be the one to finally win a series for the first time in franchise history. General manager Jarmo Kekalainen had a conundrum on his roster: The team's most talented player, winger Artemi Panarin, wouldn't commit to re-signing, so Kekalainen had to consider dealing him to get some return on the asset rather than lose him for nothing in free agency. He decided to hold onto Panarin for the postseason push and then doubled down, acquiring pending free agent forwards Matt Duchene and Ryan Dzingel from Ottawa in a haul that included at least one first-round pick and two second-rounders.

The Blue Jackets struggled immediately after the trades, but then they surged, winning seven of their final 10 games. Just getting into the postseason, the last team to punch its ticket, gave Columbus a chance. Might that lead to general managers now being more aggressive with in-season deals? Duchene scored three goals with four assists in the Blue Jackets' four playoff games.

After Stamkos scored his lone goal of the series 8:44 into Game 4 to halve Columbus' lead, the camera showed Cooper on the Tampa Bay bench imploring his players. "This is our (expletive) chance," he seemed to say. The Lightning tied it at 3 in the second period, but then the Blue Jackets pulled back ahead less than a minute later and stayed there. There's a case to be made that so much regular-season success doesn't prepare a team for the adversity it could face in the playoffs. It also adds pressure; the Tampa Bay Times newspaper announced it would produce a hardcover coffee-table book on the Lightning's season regardless of the ultimate outcome.

Tampa Bay advanced to the Stanley Cup Final in 2015, losing to the Blackhawks, and the team has gotten to the Eastern Conference finals twice since. But for how much talent is on the roster, the Lightning has taken over the postseason underachievers mantle from the Capitals. Overturning a roster that had so much regular-season success and contains some of the best bargains in the league would probably be an overreaction. Cooper's job seems safe after he signed a multiyear extension during the season.

If Washington could impart some advice, it'd probably be to stay patient.

"It's funny, we were expected to go far this year, and we go nowhere," Cooper said. "How many teams have gone through this? They knock at the door, they knock at the door, and look at Washington for example. Didn't they win the Presidents' (Trophy)? They had two remarkable years and were bounced in the second round, and the year that nobody expected them to do anything, they won the Stanley Cup. I mean, it's crazy how it works, but that's what happens."

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JOHN LEICESTER/AP

Marco Trungelliti and his wife, Nadir, walk their dog earlier this month. Trungelliti says he's "still paying the price" for speaking frankly about the fixers who pay tennis players to lose.

## Whistleblower spurned by players for exposing cheats

By JOHN LEICESTER | Associated Press

ORDINO, Andorra — As a brave whistleblower, Marco Trungelliti should be feeling good about himself. The Argentine player exposed match-fixing crooks in tennis, helped the fight against the criminal gambling syndicates that are corroding his sport from within and testified about dishonest fellow professionals who, in part thanks to his evidence, are now banned.

But instead, the 29-year-old says doing the right thing cost him dearly. Ranked No. 139, he's one of the few players so established in the sport willing to speak frankly about the fixers who pay athletes to lose so they can profit from bets on the crooked results. The price of Trungelliti's honesty has been rejection by other players and stress that hurt his health and his game.

Compounding his unhappiness, Trungelliti also feels he's been left out to dry by tennis administrators and their anti-corruption investigators. Having pumped him for evidence, he says they failed to publicly defend him against those in tennis who muddied his name, questioned his motives for giving evidence and labeled him a rat.

"They just used me," he says. "They just dropped me in the middle of the sea."

"It was a disaster, disaster. In my opinion, it was one of the worst procedures that I have ever seen," he adds. "I'm still paying the price."

Trungelliti caused a sensation at the French Open last year when he, his younger brother, mother and 88-year-old grandmother squeezed into a rental car and dashed 1,000 kilometers (600 miles) from Spain to Roland Garros so he could fill a "lucky loser" spot at the Grand Slam tournament that opened at the last minute when injured players withdrew.

What few knew at the time was that behind his easy smile, thick curls and feel-good 6-4, 5-7, 6-4, 6-4 first-round victory against Australian Bernard Tomic, Trungelliti was shouldering a weighty secret: He'd been a key witness in a match-fixing probe that snared three fellow Argentines, testifying even though he knew that, back in Argentina, he'd likely face a back-

lash for doing so.

Best-known of the three was Nicolas Kicker, at No. 84, the highest-ranked player convicted so far of fixing matches. The Tennis Integrity Unit, the sport's anti-corruption body with 17 full-time staffers, an annual budget of nearly \$5 million and veteran ex-police investigators, announced Kicker's guilt just three days before the French Open, where he had been preparing to play. Neither the TIU nor Trungelliti gave even the slightest hint at the time of the role he'd played.

In the aftermath, however, Trungelliti noticed player attitudes changing toward him. Even some he regarded as friends asked why he didn't keep his mouth shut.

"No one was saying Hi' any more. No one was looking at me," he says. "It's sad."

Contacted by The Associated Press, the TIU said it couldn't comment because of its "long-standing confidentiality policy with regard to disciplinary hearings and witness evidence."

Behind the scenes, Trungelliti has repeatedly contacted the unit, asking without success for it to defend him.

"Due to my participation in the trial, I receive all kinds of insults from players to managers," he emailed the TIU last August. "They are trying soil my honor."

Trungelliti's wife, Nadir, says there were times when the stress reduced him to tears. When he was playing, he just wanted to be home. He smashed rackets. A back injury flared again.

But he's not shutting up. Trungelliti says match-fixing is an open secret in the game and getting worse.

"It's not just the players' problem," he says. "There are a lot of coaches involved. A lot. A lot. More than we think."

"If you are weak mentally, then you go in, you are all in, for sure, because it's easy money," he says. "If you think about it, this is like one hour working for one hundred thousand dollars."

The evidence bears him out. An investigation commissioned by tennis administrators concluded last December that betting-related corruption is "particularly acute and pervasive" at



THIBAUT CAMUS/AP

Trungelliti returns the ball during a match in last year's French Open.

lower- and mid-level Futures and Challenger tournaments, below the top-tier ATP tour.

Gambling syndicates often target players who, unlike the sport's multi-millionaire stars, struggle to make a good living. In Belgium, prosecutors say they identified 137 mostly lower-level players, from more than a half-dozen countries, suspected of having worked with an Armenian-led gang rolled up last June that allegedly paid 500 to 3,000 euros (\$570 to \$3,400) for fixed matches and sets. Police say the syndicate employed mules, people hired for a few dollars to place bets small enough to slip under the radar of gambling watchdogs. Two other match-fixing operations were broken up in Spain, in June and October.

Trungelliti says he felt compelled to come forward when he was approached in July 2015 by a fixer who posed as a potential sponsor and was introduced via his coach. He wrote to the TIU, saying the fixer "asked me to keep quiet."

"But I can't because I hate this," he wrote. "Can you please tell me what I can do? I have his name, his telephone number and a few things he told me."

Those "things" proved explosive.

In a subsequent hour-long interview with a TIU investigator and in a four-page witness statement, Trungelliti meticulously detailed what he knew. He said the fixer laid out a sliding scale of bribes: \$2,000 to \$3,000 for fixed Futures matches; \$5,000 to \$10,000 in mid-level Challenger tournaments; \$50,000 to \$100,000 on the ATP tour where the biggest stars play.

The fixer said he paid cash and communicated using encrypted, easily deleted text messages. He reeled off players he said he'd fixed matches with. Three leapt out at Trungelliti, all Argentines: Kicker, Patricio Heras and Federico Coria.

The fixer was particularly "proud" of a Challenger match fixed in Italy with Kicker, Trungelliti told the TIU. Kicker lost 6-1, 6-2 in 63 minutes to South Korea's Duckhee Lee, then ranked 74 spots below Kicker, at No. 278.

Kicker is now serving a three-year ban, with the possibility of an additional three-year suspension hanging over him if he breaches anti-corruption rules again.

Heras, whose career-best ranking was No. 269 in 2013, also is

banned for three years, with an additional two years suspended.

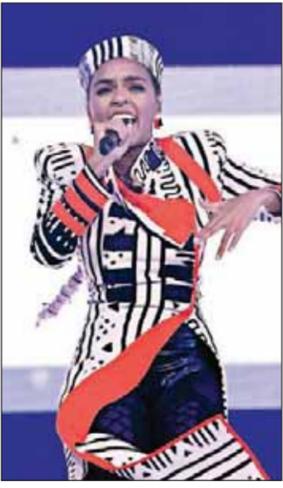
Coria was banned for two months, with another six months suspended, for failing to report that he was offered money in July 2015 to lose a set at a Futures tournament in Italy and for not telling the TIU of another approach a month later to lose several matches. The TIU specified that Coria hadn't actually taken money or fixed games. But the TIU investigator who questioned Coria testified there was evidence in his iPhone of contacts with the fixer who also sought to groom Trungelliti.

Whether the fixer is still operating is unclear. The TIU hasn't announced any sanctions against the fixer or said whether it shared Trungelliti's testimony about him with police.

As painful as the whistleblowing process has been for Trungelliti, he says he'd go through it again if he had to. He says he reported a separate approach by another fixer in 2016.

His TIU witness statement neatly summed up his thinking.

"I love tennis," he testified. "I feel very saddened by the state of tennis and the fact that match-fixing is happening so often."



VALERIE MACON/GETTY-AFF

Janelle Monáe performs onstage at the Coachella Valley Music and Arts Festival on April 12 in Indio, Calif. She will appear at Lollapalooza on Aug. 2.

## Lolla daily lineup set, more than 180 bands

1-day tickets will go on sale Tuesday; 4-day tickets still available

BY GREG KOT  
Chicago Tribune

It took longer than usual, but Lollapalooza finally has its daily schedule and is putting single-day tickets (\$130) on sale Tuesday.

Four-day tickets (\$340) remain available as of Wednesday.

The festival spreads more than 180 bands over four days, Aug. 1-4 in Grant Park. Headliners break down this way: The Strokes and Chainsmokers on Aug. 1, Childish Gambino and Tame Impala on Aug. 2, Twenty One Pilots and J Balvin on Aug. 3, and Ariana Grande and Flume on Aug. 4.

Here's a quick overview of each day's lineup:

### Aug. 1:

The Strokes, the Chainsmokers, Hozier, Rufus du Sol, H.E.R., Gud Vibrations vs. Sluzg Music, Lil Baby, King Princess, Fitz and the Tantrums, Fisher, Lauren Daigle, FKJ, Deorro, Saba, Normani, Hayley Kiyoko, Lennon Stella, Hobo Johnson & the Lovemakers, Jeremy Zucker, Cautious Clay, Ghostemane, Shallou, Clozee, Emily King, Gothboiclique, YBN Cordae, Svdden Death, Elephante, Ducky (Live), Half Alive, Killy, Max Frost, Beach Bunny, Harry Hudson, Cousin Stizz, Des Rocs, Win and Woo, Ama Lou, Willaris K, Evan Konrad, Bad Chil, Alexander 23, Jackie Foster.

The headliners are underwhelming — the Strokes are perilously close to becoming a nostalgia act, and the Chainsmokers are electro-pop vanilla. Hozier's set may rise to the occasion if they're able to coax recent collaborator Mavis Staples to the stage to reprise her vocal on "Nina Cried Power." Maybe this is one of those days to arrive early to catch two Chicago stars — hip-hop master Saba and ascending rockers Beach Bunny — plus soulful singer-songwriter Emily King, and then rest up for the remainder of the weekend.

### Aug. 2:

Childish Gambino, Tame Impala, Janelle Monáe, 21 Savage, Death Cab for Cutie, Maggie Rogers, Alesso, NF, Snails, Bring Me the Horizon, Chevelle, Matoma, Whethan, Rich the Kid, Bishop Briggs, Party Favor, Japanese Breakfast, Idles, Conan Gray, Sigrid, Honne, Omar Apollo, Tierra Whack, Alec Benjamin, Boy Pablo, Said the Sky, Calboy, the Nude Party, Roy Blair, Picture This, Baynk, Tyla Yaweh, Yultron, Cray, Dreamers, Shaed, Nothing Nowhere, CharlesTheFirst, Shlump, Yoshi Flower, Upsahl, Tessa Violet, the New Respect, Against the Current.

Best headlining combo of the festival with Childish Gambino and Tame Impala, but I'm bet-

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Christine Mild, front, and Dina DiCostanzo, who perform as the Yacht Rockettes, will be appearing at Wire in Berwyn on Tuesday. The group, which performs popular soft-rock songs from the 1970s and '80s, was formed last year.

# YACHT ROCK COMING TO CHICAGO

Bands performing smooth songs from the '70s and '80s becoming increasingly popular

BY STEVE JOHNSON | Chicago Tribune

With a big lake, a yacht club and a river cutting through it, Chicago is more boatin' than most Midwestern cities, but that hardly explains what's going on here in the coming days.

In the span of four days beginning Saturday, three nightclubs will feature cover bands playing what is billed confidently as "yacht rock," on the assumption that potential ticket buyers will know exactly what that means. Having such faith in a genre defined after the fact is not what a fool believes. In the years since the heyday of Kenny Loggins, Michael McDonald, Toto and so many other purveyors of "rich jazzy textures and irresistible melodies," as Rolling Stone put it, yacht rock has become an out-of-left-field — sorry, an in-from-a-distant-mooring — cultural force.

How did smooth, slickly produced pop-rock explode (gently! melodically!) onto the scene with all the power of the rains down in Africa? And how did it meet in an accidental, synthesizer-backed harmonic convergence in the Chicago area this month, with shows booked independently at House of Blues on Saturday (Yacht Rock Revue), City Winery on Monday (Yacht Rock Night with Maggie Speaks) and Wire in Berwyn on Tuesday (The Yacht Rockettes)?

Here's the lowdown:

"You want me to give you like a little rap that you can work with?"

The voice on the other end of the phone sounds uncannily like the voice on 1980 yacht rock classic, "Steal Away." The New York accent is more pronounced than on that single or on "Hot Rod Hearts," but, yeah, it's Robbie Dupree all right.

"I think it was six years ago; it might be as long as seven," he said. "I got a phone call from Brian Ray, who is Paul McCartney's guitarist and bass player. He started out playing with me on the first record."

"Anyway, he was (playing) on a cruise, a Weezer cruise. He called me up and said, 'Hey, the most popular thing on the cruise was this band from Atlanta called the Yacht Rock Revue.'"

In other words, even amid bands playing original music, people were saying, "I can go for that (yes can do)," most fervently to a group dedicated to revisiting a particular tranche of 1970s and early '80s Top 40.

Granted, they were on a boat and Weezer was there. But still.

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## MY WORST MOMENT

# Morris Chestnut and aiming to land non-gang member role

BY NINA METZ  
Chicago Tribune

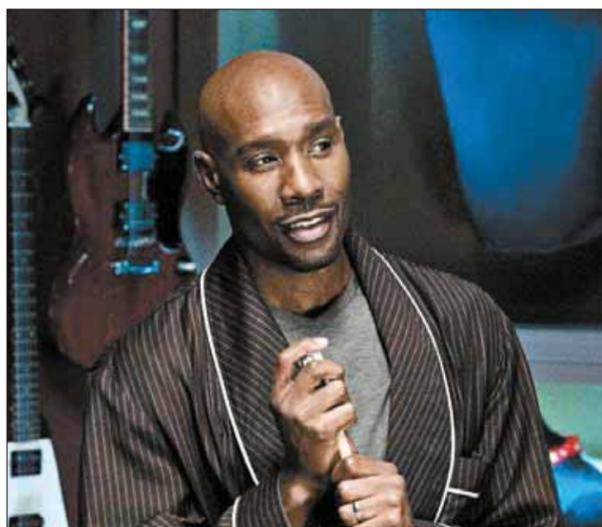
On the NBC drama "The Enemy Within," Morris Chestnut plays an FBI agent who teams up with an imprisoned former CIA operative (played by Jennifer Carpenter) to take down a network of spies. There's an extra wrinkle causing tension between the two: She caused the death of someone very close to him.

"The one thing about this show that I love is, it's not just an FBI show or a CIA show," said Chestnut. "We're dealing with layers and layers of issues and emotions. And mine is working with this woman, knowing she cost my fiancée her life and I still don't have closure on that."

He also appears in the series finale of "Being Mary Jane," airing this week.

Chestnut's credits include everything from movies like "Girls Trip" and "The Best Man" franchise, to TV series such as "American Horror Story," "Nurse Jackie," "Goliath," and "Rosewood."

When asked to share a worst moment from his career, he recalled feeling a deep frustra-



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Morris Chestnut was Lance Sullivan in "The Best Man Holiday" in 2013.

tion about the kind of roles available to him early in his career.

### My worst moment ...

"My story dates back to 'Boyz n the Hood' (from 1991). I was maybe 19 or 20 and I had just gotten an agent, so I hadn't really done anything up to that point —

at the time I was doing student films and non-union films that would never see the light of day.

"So I get sent out to audition for 'Boyz n the Hood' for the character of Tre. This was the lead role, so it was a really big opportunity. And they liked me enough from that audition that

they wanted me to come back. So I came back and I read again. John Singleton, who wrote the film and directed, he was at that audition.

"But after that my agent basically said: 'Bad news, they don't want to see you anymore. They're not interested in you.' And I was like, oh wow — I was so disappointed."

### It's not uncommon for actors to audition and not get the job — why was this experience so disappointing?

"Because at that time in the industry, a lot of the roles that were open to me were only gang roles. Like, Gang Member No. 3. So I wasn't getting many opportunities because there weren't a lot of films hiring African-American actors in other roles.

"And here was 'Boyz n the Hood,' a feature film with a lead role for a guy that *wasn't* a gang member — and I was really excited about that.

"So when they said they weren't interested in me, the air just went out of me.

"I had heard so many times when I'd go in for a role, 'You

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Actress Demi Moore's memoir, "Inside Out," is scheduled for release in September.

## Moore memoir said to be 'deeply candid'

Nine years after her book deal was first announced, Demi Moore is ready to release a memoir her publisher calls "deeply candid and insightful."

HarperCollins announced "Inside Out" is scheduled for a September release, and said Moore is writing openly about everything from her "tumultuous relationship" with her mother, from whom she was long estranged, to her three marriages, among them to Bruce Willis and Ashton Kutcher.

"Throughout her rise to fame and during some of the most pivotal moments of her life, Moore battled addiction, body image issues, and childhood trauma that would follow her for years — all while juggling a skyrocketing career, celebrity status, and raising a family," the publisher said. " 'Inside Out' is a story of survival, success, and surrender — as well as resilience: a wrenchingly honest portrayal of one woman's at once ordinary and iconic life."

Moore, 56, was a high school dropout who became a television star in her early 20s on the daytime soap opera "General Hospital" and later starred in such hit films as "St. Elmo's Fire," "Ghost" and "A Few Good Men." She is also a longtime activist for children's rights and is the co-founder of Thorn, a nonprofit which combats child sex trafficking.

The deal for her memoir, reportedly worth seven figures, was announced in 2010, when she and Kutcher were still together. Moore announced in 2011 that she was ending the marriage and they divorced two years later.

— Associated Press



CHRIS PIZZELLO/INVISION

**Bey surprise:** Beyoncé has surprised her fans by releasing a soundtrack to her Netflix documentary "Homecoming." The 37-year-old superstar debuted "Homecoming: The Live Album" Wednesday, the same day a Netflix documentary exploring her historic performances at the 2018 Coachella Valley Music and Arts Festival was released. She was the first black woman to headline the event in which she paid tribute to America's historically black colleges.

**Dem donors:** Celebrities lined up to give money — and a dash of star power — to their favorite Democratic presidential candidates. Last month, California Sen. Kamala Harris was feted at the home of director J.J. Abrams and his wife, Katie McGrath. Among the attendees was TV hitmaker Shonda Rhimes. Harris also has received money from Ben Affleck, Eva Longoria, Quincy Jones and Jon Hamm. In Beto O'Rourke's camp are Willie Nelson, Bob Odenkirk, Richard Linklater, Cecily Strong and Anna Wintour. Danny DeVito, Susan Sarandon and Norah Jones gave to Bernie Sanders. And up-and-comer Pete Buttigieg has received donations from actors Bradley Whitford and Ryan Reynolds.

**April 18 birthdays:** Actor Robert Hooks is 82. Actress Hayley Mills is 73. Actor Rick Moranis is 66. Actress Jane Leeves is 58. Talk show host Conan O'Brien is 56. Actor Eric McCormack is 56. Actor David Tennant is 48. TV personality Kourtney Kardashian is 40. Actress America Ferrera is 35. Actor Tom Hughes is 34. Actress Britt Robertson is 29. Actress Chloe Bennet is 27. Singer Nathan Sykes is 26.



# ASK AMY

By AMY DICKINSON

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## Aunt cries over niece's life choices

**Dear Amy:** My 21-year-old niece will be graduating from a well-known college in May. She has secured a great job in another state and has the potential to relocate to different offices around the world. She is bright, beautiful and has a budding future ahead of her.

Here's the rub: She announced in January that she and her (off-and-on-again) high school sweetheart are getting married. We were all shocked and hoped for a long engagement, but they decided it will happen in June, in the smallish city they grew up in. He is a really nice guy and I like him, but he did not go to college and his aspiration in life is to own a used-car lot. I'm worried that the disparity in aspirations might be an issue in the future. Plus, he is not planning to move with her to the big city she'll be working in (what the heck?)

My niece is traveling to England right before her wedding.

My aging parents are in no shape to travel the eight hours to the wedding, so they won't be able to see their first grandchild married. My father is unwell and may die before then, and then my siblings and I would be planning a funeral!

In the space of a month, my niece will graduate from college, go abroad, get married, move and start a new job. I'm mad at her. I don't understand why she feels this great rush to get married. I didn't get married until later and had such grand adventures and experiences. I was hoping she would, too. Sometimes I cry about it.

I love her. I try to be interested and supportive, but it's really hard. I'm afraid she'll get pregnant right off the bat and put her career on hold.

How can I wrap my head around this and get past my disappointment? She's so young, but I know she's going to do what she wants to do.

— Sad Aunt

**Dear Sad Aunt:** People your niece's age often have boundless energy to cram in many momentous experiences. From your perch, this must seem like an exhausting whirlwind.

It is worrying that you would be brought to tears over your niece's (mainly positive) life choices. You view every one of these choices through a scrim of your own needs and experiences. But she is not you. She is not supposed to serve your needs. She is definitely herself, and she has the right — and the need — to live her own life.

She will definitely make mistakes along the way. This marriage might be one of them. Unfortunately, you cannot inoculate her from either the mistakes or the consequences.

Your only job is to continue to love her; you should not concern yourself too much with the particulars or judge her harshly as she plods her own path. That's her parents' burden.

**Dear Amy:** As school has become harder and more academically challenging, I'm finding it necessary to quit some other activities. One in particular is my music lessons.

I have always enjoyed

playing the harp, and my teacher has become a mentor to me. I eventually told her that I am thinking about moving on and I told her why, but I could tell that I made her sad.

I don't want to hurt her feelings, but how do I discontinue lessons without doing that?

— Young Harpist

**Dear Harpist:** It is an unfortunate fact of life that sometimes we simply must disappoint people in order to see to our own needs.

Your first duty in your youth is to find ways to be compassionate toward yourself. You sound like a kind and compassionate person (how right the harp seems to be for you!). Your teacher is sad because she will miss her regular contact with you. She may also miss the income that your lessons bring in.

Say goodbye with certitude, gratitude and respect. Your teacher will have to manage her sadness, just as you will have to manage your various burdens. She'll be fine. So will you.

**Dear Amy:** Regarding "Expectant," whose husband was going to be at his father's heart operation instead of attending the birth of his child, I'll tell you this much: If my husband was having heart surgery, we would both tell our son to be with his wife when their child was born.

— Happily Healthy

**Dear Happily:** I would do the same.

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# Lolla

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ting Janelle Monae will be the artist everyone's talking about on this night.

## Aug. 3:

Twenty One Pilots, J Balvin, Lil Wayne, Gary Clark Jr., Tenacious D, RL Grime, 6lack, Gunna, Madeon, Gryffin, Judah & the Lion, Smino, AJR, Lil Skies, Boombbox Cartel, Loud Luxury, Chelsea Cutler, Yaeji, Bad Suns, Calpurnia, Pink Sweats, Jade Bird, Jonas Blue, Mondo Cozmo, Magic City Hippies, the Band Camino, Men I Trust, Fantastic Negrito, Bea Miller, Ruston Kelly, Slow Hollows, Crizly, Whipped Cream, Houses, Sam Fender, Diablo, Role Model, Witt Lowry, Russo, Coi Leray, Age.Sex.Location, Wavedash, Lucas Dell'Abate, Lilly.



CHARLES SYKES/CHARLES SYKES/INVISION/AP

Donald Glover, who performs as Childish Gambino, will be one of the headliners at Lollapalooza on Aug. 2 in Grant Park. Also appearing that day as a headliner will be Tame Impala.

Colombian reggaeton singer J Balvin will have everyone dancing, if nothing else. The undercard is more intriguing — Lil Wayne has a huge stockpile of hits and Gary Clark Jr. can be an incendiary live performer.

Early arrivals should not miss Fantastic Negrito, a garage-rocking rebel with a blues sensibility.

## Aug. 4:

Ariana Grande, Flume, Kacey Musgraves, Meek

and the Revivalists, Perry Farrell's Kind Heaven Orchestra, Louis the Child, Slash featuring Myles Kennedy and the Conspirators, San Hold, Sheck Wes, Rosalia, Mitski, J.I.D., Manic Focus, Denzel Curry, Lane 8, Jori, Sharon Van Etten, Francis and the Lights, Dean Lewis, Masego, Diesel (Shaquille O'Neal), (Sandy) Alex G, Still Woozy, Camelphat, Yung Gravy, Opiuo, G Flip, Ryan Beatty, Slenderbodies, Wilderado, Bayonne, GG Magree, Born Dirty, Arkells, Bulow, Malu Trevejo, Ilo Ilo, Tayla Parx, Illiterate Light, Yeek, Just Loud.

It's Ariana Grande's world as she edges closer to Taylor Swift-like ubiquity with four straight No. 1 albums.

Kacey Musgraves demonstrated on her recent theater tour that she can deliver a big show with personality and well-crafted yet personal songs that transcend genre boundaries.

The day also includes a couple of artists who dominated the rock landscape during Lollapalooza's first incarnation, circa 1991, in Slash (on hiatus from Guns N' Roses) and Perry Farrell (without Jane's Addiction), and Meek Mill is hip-hop royalty. But don't bet against Sharon Van Etten delivering the day's best set.

# Moment

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don't look hard enough, or 'You don't look mean enough,' or whatever it was back then. Sometimes if a buddy of mine would have an audition, I used to just show up and try to get in too — and when I would find out what the character was about, if it was a gang member? Sometimes I just wouldn't go in. I was just so impressionable at the time. You want to get a job, but a good job. And it was really frustrating because most of the parts were for gangbangers. That's just what it was.

"And here was an opportunity to play a lead role in a studio feature and it was very dejecting not to get it. (The role would ultimately go to Cuba Gooding Jr.)

"But it ended up being a great moment because a couple days later they called back and said they were interested in me for this other role — for Ricky, who is the best friend of Tre and a star high school football player who's stressing over the SATs.

"I played football and basketball in high school, so maybe that made more sense, that this was the role for me.

"Ricky dies in the movie, and that was OK; I was just so happy to get a job in a studio movie. I mean, before that, I had done a film with a guy who was filming on his video camera and we would go out and be anywhere, just start filming. I had done so many of those, and you know I wasn't getting paid! So I was just glad to be on a real SAG (Screen Actors Guild) job.

"It was a tremendous opportunity. Ricky's brother ended up being played by Ice Cube and that character was a gang member (laughs). People say to me now, they're still selling sweatshirts with our pictures on them! Someone sent me one

## "I was just so happy to get a job in a studio movie."

— Morris Chestnut after a 'Boyz n the Hood' audition

from London, someone else sent me one from California."

## Did he ever tell Gooding he had also been up for the role of Tre?

"I think he knew! Because everybody that came in read for the lead role initially. Everybody was reading for Tre — except Ice Cube, he didn't have to read! I think John Singleton wrote that role for Eazy-E (who had formerly been in the rap group N.W.A with Ice Cube) and he had a song out called 'Boyz-n-the-Hood' — and then, I don't know what happened, maybe Eazy-E wasn't interested? But John was working as a page for 'The Arsenio Hall Show' and I think that's how he got to Ice Cube, he went up to him and told him about the movie or got him the script."

## The takeaway ...

"This was a huge, huge experience for me because it let me know, just get in the room in front of people who make decisions and do your best, regardless of whether you're right for the part or not. Because they may have something else on that project that they think you're right for. Or they may have a project two years later that you could be right for.

"I know people who say they don't want to go in for guest star roles, or they don't want to do this, and they don't want to do that. And I don't think this is the kind of industry where you can have that kind of luxury. Especially when you're first starting out."

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**IN PERFORMANCE** 'Hannah and Martin' ★★★

# Why would a Jewish theorist defend a former Nazi?

**BY KERRY REID**  
Chicago Tribune

Kate Fodor set the stakes high in her first play, 2003's "Hannah and Martin," which debuted at TimeLine Theatre (and enjoyed a reprise with them the following season). By putting the thoughts and passions of two of the 20th century's most influential thinkers — Hannah Arendt and her mentor/one-time lover, Martin Heidegger — onstage, Fodor invited us to examine the very nature of forgiveness and mercy. Are some ideas too horrible for the people who endorse them to be granted a place at the table, no matter how brilliant and influential those people may be?

It's not surprising that Shattered Globe Theatre and director Louis Contey would want to revisit Fodor's play (which enjoyed runs in New York and elsewhere) in our current age of anxiety and raging debates about "de-platforming" public figures with what could charitably be called "problematic" ideas.

Then again, the Heidegger we meet in Fodor's play would posit that anxiety is the default setting for human experience. He would undoubtedly find this reduction crude, but essen-

tially, if you're not anxious, you're not really living. "You might as well be a clod of dirt," as he disdainfully describes one subpar student.

Heidegger's anxiety ultimately comes down to whether he can continue teaching university students after World War II, despite having been a member of the Nazi Party. If you feel an urge to reach for a violin in response to Heidegger's problems compared to victims of Nazism, that's understandable. But Fodor's play invites a deeper examination of the underpinnings of justice, especially for those who champion the messy clash of ideas inherent in democracy.

Heidegger and Arendt's relationship, which began when she was a teenage prodigy in his class at the University of Marburg and he was a 36-year-old married father of two, received renewed attention with the publication of their correspondence in 1999. Fittingly, Fodor's play uses a letter as a bookend device.

Hannah (Christina Gorman) has written to the administration of the University of Freiburg, which has banned the author of "Being and Time" from teaching. She describes her earlier letter denouncing

Martin (Lawrence Grimm) for his Nazi connections as arising from "hearsay" and asks that it be retracted. Her assistant, Alice (Jazzma Pryor) is horrified and warns her that she will have "blood on her hands" if she goes through with supporting Heidegger.

Yet as Fodor's play moves backward, we see how the thorny personal and political entanglements between Hannah and her mentor have shaped and challenged her own world views. One of the many questions we're left with is whether affection and admiration for the "great man" perhaps warped Arendt's views on him. What really is the difference between Heidegger and Baldur Von Schirach (Drew Schad), the Hitler Youth leader whose trial Arendt covered for the New Yorker (and whose conviction she views as just)? Both had access to molding young minds and both wholly embraced Hitler as the way forward for Germany, even if Heidegger's infatuation with the Fuhrer was of seemingly shorter duration.

In fact, shouldn't we set the bar higher for someone as brilliant as Heidegger, who should have been able to see through Hitler? Gorman's Hannah reminds him



Christina Gorman and Lawrence Grimm in Shattered Globe Theatre's production of "Hannah and Martin" at Theater Wit.

later in the play, "It was so clear what Hitler was from the beginning."

This is a play of ideas, but it's not an exercise in didacticism. One of the strengths of Fodor's script is the way she anchors these characters to everyday experiences. Grimm's Heidegger, the brilliant man of letters, struggles to find simple words for praising his children, as his wife, Elfride (Cortney McKenna), insists he must.

Grimm in particular is compelling to watch and it's easy to understand why Gorman's Arendt fell under his influence. He's an intellectual whose passion for thought as the spark to meaningful individual action comes through with

palpable fire. When he visits Hannah and her first husband, Gunther Stern (Steve Peebles), he's aghast that they allow communist friends to sleep on their floors. Grimm's Heidegger has a horror of the "sameness" he believes communist champions.

Gorman has the tougher job in many respects — while Heidegger is brilliant, he's also not the person who undergoes the greatest transformation in the play. Gorman's Hannah must both observe and participate in her life story and carry the moral payload, and that balance sometimes shifts awkwardly over the course of the play. The shorter scenes of the first act compress a lot of time for Han-

**When:** Through May 25**Where:** Theater Wit, 1229 W. Belmont Ave.**Running time:** 2 hours, 15 minutes**Tickets:** \$15-\$39 at 773-975-8150 or www.shatteredglobe.org

nah's biography.

The longer scenes in the second act work to her advantage and give more breathing space. We see Hannah wrestling with her conscience in a visit with Karl Jaspers (Doug McDade), another mentor who was banned from teaching due to his Jewish wife, Gertrud (Daria Harper) and then confronting Martin and Elfride in their homes.

Both couples have endured privations. Can justice allow room for both their stories to be heard? Or does misplaced loyalty lead to forgiving the unforgivable? Fodor's play doesn't land on one side or another, but it asks us to consider who we're willing to listen to — and whether listening is enough when the jackboots are on the march.

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## Yacht

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### Rehearsal

It is a Sunday night at School of Rock in Evanston, and a group of musicians who look considerably older than the typical SOR student is letting it rip on Orleans' "Still the One."

The Yacht Rockettes formed last year because the title came in a flash of inspiration during yoga class to Dina DiCostanzo, one of the lead singers. Her friends on Facebook and her husband Jim Barclay, a drummer, loved the idea: a female-fronted yacht rock band that would give them a marketing hook for playing songs laden with musical hooks. The combination of yoga and yacht rock is perhaps not surprising.

The show at Wire will be their second gig, and they are here to add a few new tunes to the repertoire: "Sailing," by Christopher Cross, a yacht rock superhero in part because he's still touring, in part because he had a massive hit called "Sailing"; "This Is It," Loggins' 1979 paean to affirmative living now (!) that also featured McDonald; and "Escape (The Pina Colada Song)" because it's almost a prerequisite for a yacht rock show.

DiCostanzo and fellow lead singer Christine Mild have their lyrics on iPads perched on music stands. Mild handles the Loggins parts, while DiCostanzo takes the distinctive tone of McDonald, a husky soul timbre that is "higher than you think," she says.

"Did you just call him 'Kenny Longings?'" keyboardist Sean Hughes asks DiCostanzo as they prepare to begin on "This Is It."

After some debate over how to handle the second verse, and whether they'll go full-reggae during the bridge, they finish a third take of the Loggins tune, the vocals coming together at the end on an exultant, "This is it!"

Hughes exclaims, not without a touch of wryness, "That was it!"

It goes like that throughout the rehearsal: songs that are harder to learn than one might imagine, despite how smooth they might have sounded on the radio, and band members who are wrapping their rock-loving hearts around the notion of playing this stuff without irony.

"There's a chord in 'This Is It' that is ridiculous," Hughes tells his bandmates. He has already said that as a music fan he never had much love for "Sailing," but as a keyboard player it's impressive.

"These are like real soft, soothing melodies," Barclay says, "but the drum parts



Co-creator of the Yacht Rockettes Dina DiCostanzo, left, and vocalist Christine Mild rehearse at the School of Rock in Evanston in advance of an upcoming show. They are among several acts paying homage to 1970s smooth pop-rock.

are pretty kicking and, you know, lots of production stuff's happening. If you're going to really do it right, you have to have about 80 musicians because there are string parts and multiple keyboard parts."

"Does anyone really love this song unironically," guitar player Patrick Martin asks about "Escape," the Rupert Holmes tale of a couple each placing classified ads for a new love only to — spoiler alert — find each other again over the pineapple-rum drink in the parenthetical.

"Drunk people," says DiCostanzo.

"(Bleeping) adulterers," says Hughes.

"Ashley Madison subscribers," says Barclay. It's kind of a plodding melody, but the story satisfies, and they play it twice because they know the crowd will practically swoon in nostalgia for it. Being a yacht rock band can be about delivering pleasure more than receiving it.

On "Sailing," horn player Kevin Gawthorp handles the shaker and the triangle as if he's delivering a guitar solo.

"It's really all about the triangle," he says.

### The Yachtfathers

Yacht Rock Revue, who'll be at House of Blues on Saturday as part of a national tour sponsored by LiveNation and SiriusXM, are, it is fair to say, the admiralty of the yacht rock bands. They got on board this musical vessel almost by accident.

Nick Niespodziani graduated Indiana University, and he and his IU band Y-O-U relocated to Atlanta. They toured some, got some of their original songs in commercials and opened

for well-known acts, he explains, but they weren't making a living.

Niespodziani, a talented vocalist who had entered IU thinking he'd sing opera, was in law school, and other band members were thinking about getting real jobs too, he recalls. But they did have a regular Thursday night cover gig at an Atlanta club.

Niespodziani says it started, sort of, via temp jobs: "Our drummer, Mark, and I, we were both secretaries in the same insurance office. He had this mix that he called the 'Dentist Office Mix' that we would play. And it was all like, 10 CC and Player, Orleans.

"As it turned out, it didn't annoy them; they loved it. And so we were like, man, wouldn't it be kind of funny if we did a whole show of songs like that?"

They were going to call it something like "Seventies AM Gold," but they discovered the web series "Yacht Rock," from 2005, one of the first viral successes of the internet era.

Each episode in the comedy series purported to tell the story of how a yacht rock hit was born, with the actors playing Loggins, ex-partner Jim Messina, McDonald and so on. John Oates, in the series, is kind of a thug, Daryl Hall his stooge. It still holds up. (And the show's writers now have a podcast called "Beyond Yacht Rock" because of course there's a podcast.)

But the musical point is: This juggernaut of a cover-rock genre takes its name from a web comedy series, and that series seems to have taken its name from the Loggins and Messina LP "Full Sail," which gets held up at the start of each episode.

When the band that would become Yacht Rock Revue played their first yacht rock gig, in 2008, the crowd at the club responded like the workers in the insurance office, "and then it kind of went crazy from there," Niespodziani says.

Slowly, he recalls, he got over his conflicted feelings about playing these songs rather than ones he'd written.

"In 2010 everybody was into everything being ironic," he says. "And so there were people in the crowd that were kind of elbowing each other like, yeah, this is funny, right? But that's not the vibe at all anymore. Now it's people who just genuinely love Hall and Oates."

His own stance evolved along a similar path, and the shows moved from a touch campy to more celebratory. The crowds kept coming. Yacht Rock Revue bought a van. They got an office and people to work in it. They developed a Beatles act and a Prince act, and they bought a club so they'd have something to fall back on when yacht rock dried up. It hasn't.

"As it turns out, yacht rock is super sustainable and not going anywhere," he says.

The SiriusXM Yacht Rock channel supporting the tour is on the air in warm months, he notes, and there is talk of it going year-round.

YRR has sold out a 6,500-seat venue in Atlanta and has performed with many of the original yacht rock musicians at their annual yacht rock festival. And, Niespodziani notes with something approaching wonder, the band members have health insurance and 401K plans.

"You know, we're playing

a Gary Wright song or a Pablo Cruise song, but we're playing it with the intensity of an AC/DC song," he says. "There's something about it that connects when you bring that kind of energy."

"It's weird to be up there playing a Kenny Loggins song and seeing, you know, crazy ladies out there who look like they're ready to eat each other's brains or something. They just get wild. You never knew this soft rock could bring that out of people, but it kind of gives them a sense of empowerment, like, I can't believe this band is playing these songs, and now I can do whatever I want and drink whatever I want."

### The Canon and the Credo

"The kind of genre-defining song, I would say, is 'What a Fool Believes,' by the Doobie Brothers," Niespodziani says. "In terms of songs that we play that really connect with the crowd, there's only one song that we have to play every show or people will riot, and that's 'Africa,' the Toto hit about almost nothing that has since been covered by Weezer.

"We can't really get off stage without it."

The genre has been defined as California musicians in the late 1970s, many of them working on each other's records. Steely Dan is a pillar too.

"We define it much more broadly," Niespodziani says. "It's just kind of mellow, catchy tunes" from that general era. "It can't have big, heavy guitars in it. It can't be politically oriented."

The Yacht Rockettes define the genre as songs between 1975 and 1983, but

they'll stretch it to do Phil Collins' "Easy Lover," even though he's British, or the Hughes Corporation's "Rock the Boat," even though it's kind of a disco tune.

There's room for looseness, Barclay says, considering "it's a term that was coined 30 years after the genre existed."

"The only thing that's funny about it," Dupree says, "is that the audience is all under 30 years old. So the audience looks the same as it used to look back in 1980. You know, only the song and me got older."

The music is popular now, the performers think, partly because live music is doing well and cover or tribute bands are on the rise. So is a certain mellowness.

"You hear a lot of bands now trying to capture some of that vibe," Niespodziani says. "The new Tame Impala song actually sounds like a yacht rock song."

And the music was quality, adds Dupree, who is still making original music: "These bands all had really good singers, really good songs and really good musicians. ... The second thing is I think that the popular music of today is not as innocent. These are songs that talk about boyfriends and girlfriends and romance and all of that."

But there may be bigger factors in play.

The soft rock arose, Niespodziani thinks, in reaction to the likes of Led Zeppelin, Cream and the harder, blues-edged music of the late 1960s and early '70s and the seriousness of the Vietnam War and Watergate.

"People were like, man, let's just vibe out to music that you can sit on the beach and drink a margarita too," he says. "I think that in many ways people are feeling the same way now, which is maybe why our band has continued to grow."

And he wants it to keep on growing. Irony isn't the yacht rock thing, but it is certainly ironic that Yacht Rock Revue have noticed in recent years bands in cities around the country that seem to have soaked in their act and are essentially doing a tribute to the tribute band.

"It gets a little old," Niespodziani says. "I'm like, Go find your own, unoriginal idea. But if anybody wants to challenge us to a Yacht Rock-off, I welcome the challenge."

More than that, Niespodziani says Yacht Rock Revue are taking some of their earnings to chase down that original dream band members had.

"We just finished recording an album," he says. "It's all originals."

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# Martin, Ewing win CPL literary honors

Sandburg and 21st Century award winners tied to city

By JENNIFER DAY  
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George R. R. Martin, author of the “Song of Ice and Fire” series that inspired HBO’s “Game of Thrones,” will be honored this fall by the Chicago Public Library with its 2019 Carl Sandburg Literary Award.

Sociologist and writer Eve L. Ewing, author of “Ghosts in the Schoolyard: Racism and School Closings on Chicago’s South Side,” has been named winner of the library’s 21st Century Award.

Both authors will receive their awards Oct. 10 at a fundraiser dinner. Martin will also engage in an on-

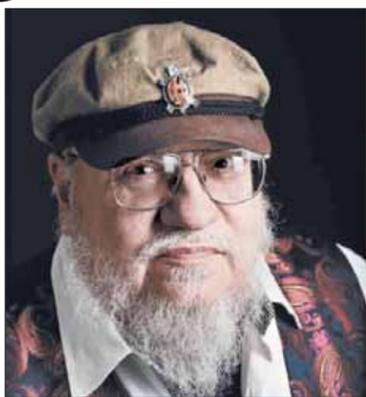
stage conversation with National Public Radio host Scott Simon.

“We are celebrating two ground-breaking authors who are sparking literary revolutions in their respective genres,” said Brenda Langstraat, president of the Chicago Public Library Foundation, in a statement.

Martin was unavailable for comment. Past winners of the Sandburg Literary Award, which marks its 20th anniversary this year, include Toni Morrison, Robert Caro and Judy Blume.

Ewing, who grew up going to the Logan Square Branch Library and attended its Popcorn Poets class as a child, cried when she was told of her award.

“Chicago Public Library means a lot to me and has been really instrumental to me in my life as a reader and



Author George R.R. Martin will receive the Chicago Public Library’s 2019 Carl Sandburg Literary Award, while sociologist and writer Eve Ewing will receive the 21st Century Award.

as a writer,” said Ewing, who is an assistant professor at the University of Chicago School of Social Service Administration.

She noted that she wrote much of what would be-



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come “Ghosts in the Schoolyard” in the Harold Washington Library Center, CPL’s main branch, partly because of its archival holdings and partly because she felt emboldened by the

spirit of the place.

“I remain really attached and beholden to the library,” Ewing said.

Langstraat said in a phone interview that she thinks Martin and Ewing

are ideal winners for these awards since the library aims to honor writers who are relevant in both the literary world and pop culture. Martin also has ties to Chicago — he earned bachelor’s and master’s degrees of journalism at Northwestern University.

The Sandburg Literary Award dinner, hosted by Chicago newscaster Bill Kurtis, will be at 5:30 p.m. on Oct. 10 in the Isadore & Sadie Dorin Forum. Individual tickets start at \$1,250.

Last year’s event raised \$2.5 million for the Chicago Public Library Foundation.

Ewing, who writes the Ironheart comic for Marvel, said she was thrilled to appear alongside Martin. “This is unbelievable,” she said.

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## BOOK REVIEW

# Boyle tunes in to passenger on Leary’s psychedelic ride

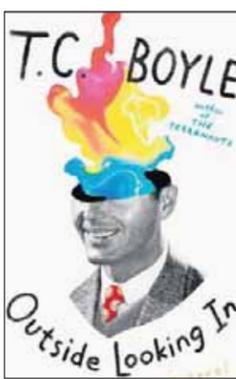
By RON CHARLES  
The Washington Post

In 1997, a few grams of Timothy Leary’s ashes were blasted into orbit aboard a Pegasus rocket. As a metaphor of the grand showman’s spaced-out antics, it was the perfect conclusion. And if Leary’s expanded consciousness is still out there peering down on planet Earth, he must be wondering what took T.C. Boyle so long to write a novel about him.

Leary, the infamous promoter of LSD, the guru whom Richard Nixon once called “the most dangerous man in America,” feels like a character God cooked up in a lab specifically for T.C. Boyle. With a Ph.D. in psychology, Leary first gained notoriety in the early 1960s at Harvard where he made wild claims for the therapeutic and transformative effects of hallucinogens. When the faculty turned against him, Leary began a decades-long trip — sometimes as a fugitive — that took him in and out of prison.

No fiction writer could compete straight on with that psychedelic life. But for his novel “Outside Looking In,” Boyle wisely keeps to Leary’s early career. And besides, he isn’t interested so much in staring directly at Leary as at the shadow this great burning ball of gas casts on ordinary people caught in its orbit.

The protagonist of “Outside Looking In” is a hard-working young man named Fitz Loney. Despite having a wife and young son, Fitz has quit his job as a high school psychologist to pursue a Ph.D. at Harvard under the tutelage of a “shining star” named Tim Leary. Before he got to Harvard, the riskiest thing Fitz had ever ingested was



## ‘Outside Looking In’

By T.C. Boyle, Ecco, 400 pages, \$27.99

vodka with orange juice: “He hadn’t come to grad school for God or mysticism or mind expansion or whatever they were calling it,” Boyle writes, “but for a degree that would lead to a job that would pay his bills and get him a house and a car that actually started up when you inserted the key and put your foot down on the gas pedal.”

Such square attitudes make Fitz reluctant to turn on, tune in and drop out, but the politics of graduate school require him to participate. Boyle portrays Leary as a blend of cheerfulness and manipulation, and he’s attentive to the new lingo that Leary and his disciples are slipping into the language — somewhere between science and mysticism — like “the Fifth Freedom, the freedom to explore your own mind.” Sensing Fitz’s hesitancy to jump in, Leary tells him, “It’s hard to let go, hard to evolve, but that’s what we’re doing here, that’s what the project is all about. We’re explorers, right?”

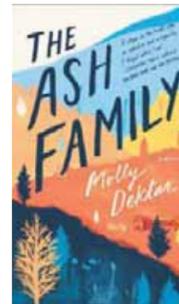
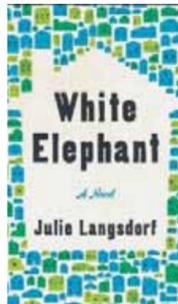
Leary’s “experiments” involve weekly sessions at

his house where sympathetic faculty members, sycophantic grad students and various hangers-on come together, drop acid and have mind-blowing sex. Boyle re-creates those sessions in all their super-cool flimflammy, along with the haze of legitimacy meant to obscure Leary’s violations of basic medical procedure. “It was research, that was all, only research,” Fitz tells himself. But he’s astute enough to know that what’s happening here has no clinical justification, and we can feel Boyle’s censorious attitude pumping through these pages like a naloxone drip.

That’s not to say that “Outside Looking In” is one long buzzkill, but it is a farce laced with tragedy: the story of a good man’s increasingly tortuous moral gymnastics. “Tim was unorthodox, but that was the whole attraction, wasn’t it?” Fitz asks himself.

There’s plenty of zany comedy here; the humor, though, is tempered by the damage that Leary wreaks on Fitz and his family. Boyle may sympathize with Fitz and his wife as they slide toward oblivion on Leary’s snake oil, but he’s a merciless chronicler of their descent. And all along the edges of “Outside Looking In,” we can see signs of the country growing more alarmed and more enchanted by the promise of a drug-induced nirvana.

This is a superbly paced novel that feels simultaneously suspenseful and inevitable. As Boyle has suggested in the past, “casting off societally imposed strictures” is often a recipe for loneliness at best, abuse at worst. Yes, it’s a drag, man, but any enlightenment that comes from a pill isn’t worth having.



## BOOK REVIEWS

# 7 highly anticipated debut novels to check out this spring

By MICHAEL SCHAUB  
Los Angeles Times

It’s shaping up to be yet another busy season for publishers and bookworms, with the next few months bringing new novels by literary stalwarts like Karen Russell, Colson Whitehead and Brian Evenson.

But there are quite a few neophytes hoping to make a splash with their first novels too, so if you’re looking for a brand-new voice, you’re in luck. Here are seven debut novels just published or coming out this spring to check out:

“**White Elephant**” by Julie Langsdorf, Ecco, 320 pages, \$26.99, out now

If you’ve spent any time on the social media website Nextdoor, you know that neighborhoods are teeming with quiet (and sometimes not so quiet) resentments and bitter turf wars. The debut comic novel from Washington, D.C., author Julie Langsdorf focuses on residents of a suburb locked in an angry fight about the construction of a new large house that some neighbors find too gaudy for their tastes.

“**Lights All Night Long**” by Lydia Fitzpatrick, Penguin, 352 pages, \$27, out now

Los Angeles writer

Lydia Fitzpatrick’s first novel has drawn praise from fellow authors Anthony Marra and R.O. Kwon. It tells the story of a young Russian exchange student in Louisiana intent on proving the innocence of his older brother, who has been falsely implicated in the murders of three women in their hometown.

“**The Ash Family**” by Molly Dektar, Simon & Schuster, 352 pages, \$26, out now

North Carolina-born Molly Dektar sets her first novel in her home state, following a young woman named Berie who joins an “intentional community” in the mountains. Things seem to go well at first until people she befriends at the farm start to go missing.

“**The Unpassing**” by Chia-Chia Lin, Farrar, Straus and Giroux, 288 pages, \$26, May 7

Bay Area author Chia-Chia Lin has drawn praise for her debut novel, which tells the story of a family of immigrants from Taiwan living in Anchorage. When one of their children dies of meningitis and the father is sued over a near-fatal plumbing accident, the family struggles to stay together in the face of tragedy.

“**Riots I Have Known**” by Ryan Chapman, Simon & Schuster, 128 pages, \$24, May 21

The editor of a prison literary magazine attempts to explain how he’s not responsible for a jailhouse riot in this comic debut from New York author Ryan Chapman. Sam Lipsyte called the novel “tender, cruel, profane, wildly inventive and, finally, unforgettable.”

“**In West Mills,**” De’Shawn Charles Winslow, Bloomsbury, 272 pages, \$26, June 4

Set in mid-20th-century North Carolina, the first novel from New York author De’Shawn Charles Winslow tells the story of the friendship between Azalea “Knot” Centre, a free-spirited woman, and her neighbor Otis Lee, a man dealing with problems in his own family.

“**On Earth We’re Briefly Gorgeous**” by Ocean Vuong, Penguin, 256 pages, June 4

One of the most anticipated books of the year is this debut novel from critically acclaimed poet Ocean Vuong, which takes the form of a son’s letter to his illiterate mother about their family’s history and his own life. Author Marlon James praised the novel as “a powerful testimony to magic and loss.”

## BOOK REVIEW

# Challenging history traces a dismal time

Compressed book covers vast sweep

By HOWELL RAINES  
The Washington Post

Harvard professor Henry Louis Gates Jr. felt the first stirrings of what would become his latest book, “Stony the Road: Reconstruction, White Supremacy, and the Rise of Jim Crow,” during his 1969-70 sophomore year at Yale. He was enrolled in his first African-American history course and was introduced to Reconstruction, the brief period after the Civil War when blacks exerted their newfound rights and leadership in the former slave states. The course also covered the racist reaction to Reconstruction, known as Redemption, Gates writes, “when the former Confederate states ‘re-deemed’ themselves at the expense of black rights” and took up with vehemence and violence the dictates of

white supremacy. “I have connected Reconstruction with Redemption ever since, as the apex and nadir ... of the African American experience.”

During that academic year, Gates also took a course on the Harlem Renaissance, a period of black intellectual and artistic ferment from the late 19th century to the mid-1920s; he continued to study that period and the emergence in those years of what became known as the New Negro. “In this book,” Gates writes, “I attempt to show that the New Negro was the black community’s effort to roll back Redemption, which was itself a rollback to Reconstruction.” The result is “Stony the Road” — as Gates describes it, “an intellectual and cultural history of black agency and the resistance to and institutionalization of white su-

premacyp.” His title is borrowed from James Weldon Johnson’s 1900 poem, “Lift Every Voice and Sing,” known as the Negro national anthem: “Stony the road we trod/ Bitter the chast’ning rod.”

Gates’ book covers territory well-known to scholars and Civil War buffs: how our received wisdom of the “tragic decade” of Reconstruction flows from two polluted streams, the myth of the Lost Cause and the Jim Crow segregation mania. For those wanting to know more about this dismal story of racial hysteria in places as high as Woodrow Wilson’s White House and as low as the blackface minstrel show, “Stony the Road” is excellent one-stop shopping.

With a main text of about 250 pages, Gates offers a compressed yet surprisingly comprehensive narrative sweep, in addition to the usual catalog of political

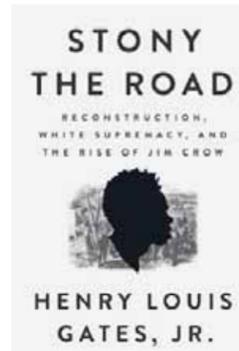
sins, an overview of the lesser-known stories of how our “best” universities, such as Columbia and Harvard, allowed two pseudo-disciplines — “scientific racism” and eugenics — to create a false dogma of black misrule and white suffering at the center of the Reconstruction narrative.

In tracing the emergence of the New Negro, Gates notes that Booker T. Washington “was named the very first new Negro” by the white press. But Washington was “problematic” — he called for a regime of economic cooperation and social separation as a necessary condition of black progress. Gates observes that Washington was gradually eclipsed by more militant followers of Frederick Douglass and W.E.B. Du Bois. The latter’s scholarship in combination with the Harlem Renaissance saw the emergence of a “newer New Negro” and vigorous pur-

suit of the rights of equal treatment.

Gates is at his most fluent in defining the newer Negro as a feature of the Harlem Renaissance powered by Alain Locke, Langston Hughes, James Weldon Johnson and other key figures of the black creative pantheon. Locke is depicted as a flawed visionary who believed artistic achievement would be as sure a path to equality as politics or economics. “They saw themselves as members of the black upper class,” Gates writes, “a cosmopolitan mobile elite that could be integrated into American society, even if ‘the slow-moving black masses’ (as head of the Urban League Charles S. Johnson would call them) could not.”

Notwithstanding his high regard for the Renaissance, Gates clearly tilts toward politics, rather than art-for-art’s-sake or pure commerce, as the most reliable



## ‘Stony the Road’

By Henry Louis Gates Jr., Penguin, 296 pages, \$30

vehicle for black progress. “No people, in all of human history, has ever been liberated by the creation of art. None,” Gates asserts with a sense of certainty that is a signature of his rhetoric.

Howell Raines is a former executive editor of *The New York Times*, a political commentator on MSNBC and the author of “*My Soul Is Rested*,” an oral history of the Southern civil rights movement.

# WATCH THIS: THURSDAY



Betsy Brandt

**"Life in Pieces"** (7:31 p.m., CBS): Season 4 of this comic mosaic of family life opens with the premiere "Jungle Push Resort Anniversary," wherein the Short family arrives for a Yucatan vacation to discover their resort accommodations are far from what they were expecting. Heather (Betsy Brandt) becomes over-protective of Sophia (Giselle Eisenberg) during a family outing. Dianne Wiest and James Brolin also star.

**"The Big Bang Theory"** (7 p.m., CBS): Knowing how much it would mean to women everywhere if she were to win a Nobel Prize, Amy (Mayim Bialik) grows obsessed with the prospect, then starts to crack under the purely self-imposed pressure, in a new episode called "The Inspiration Deprivation." Meanwhile, Howard and Raj try to recapture the good old days when the former buys a scooter that looks like one of his old ones.

**"Superstore"** (7 p.m., NBC): Convinced that several of her colleagues are making fun of her behind her back, a suspicious Amy (America Ferrera) recruits Jonah (Ben Feldman) to help monitor the Cloud 9 employees via the store's security system in the new episode "Easter." Meanwhile, Dina (Lauren Ash) tries to track down an unsanctioned Easter Bunny in the store, and Glenn (Mark McKinney) prepares for his church's annual Passion play. Colton Dunn also stars.

**"Gotham"** (7 p.m., FOX): As Bane (Shane West) puts his endgame for the destruction of Gotham into play, Gordon (Ben McKenzie) is forced to take the drastic step of recruiting some of his past adversaries to save the city in a new episode called "They Did What?." Meanwhile, Nyssa al Ghul (Jaime Murray) kidnaps Barbara's (Erin Richards) newborn daughter, planning to raise the child as her own.

**"In the Dark"** (8 p.m., CW): Murphy (Perry Mattfeld) enlists the help of Felix (Morgan Krantz) to organize an outreach program at Fairview High School, which is really mere subterfuge for her true goal: locating Tyson's (Thamela Mpumlwana) girlfriend, Kyra. After her presentation goes off the rails, however, Murphy and Felix have their first real heart-to-heart conversation during a smoke break.

**"Sex for Sale: The Untold Story"** (8 p.m., 12:03 a.m., AE): In this new two-hour documentary, TV journalist Elizabeth Vargas delves into the inner workings of a new sex trade, one that relies on the Internet to exploit a stronger-than-ever demand for sex, intimacy and companionship. Her investigation takes viewers on a revealing journey through the individuals whose lives are affected by this practice.

### TALK SHOWS

**"Conan"** (10 p.m. 11:30 p.m., TBS): Actor Bill Hader.\*

**"The Tonight Show Starring Jimmy Fallon"** (10:34 p.m., NBC): TV host Andy Cohen; former race car drivers Michael Andretti and Mario Andretti; race car driver Marco Andretti; chef José Andrés.\*

**"The Late Show With Stephen Colbert"** (10:35 p.m., CBS): TV host Samantha Bee; actress Retta; Spiritualized performs.\*

**"Jimmy Kimmel Live"** (10:35 p.m., ABC): Singer-songwriter Lionel Richie; actress Sharon Horgan; Lizzo performs.\*

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	<b>NBC</b> 5	Superstore: "Easter." (N)	A.P. Bio (N) ©	Brooklyn Nine (N)	Abby's (N) ©	Law & Order: Special Victims Unit: "Caretaker."	NBC 5 News (N) ♣	
	<b>ABC</b> 7	Grey's Anatomy: "Head Over High Heels." (N) ©		(8:01) Station 19: "Friendly Fire." (N) ©		For the People: "The Boxer." (N) ©	News at 10pm (N) ♣	
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	<b>MeTV</b> 26.3	Andy Griffith	Andy Griffith	Gomer Pyle	WKRP Cincinnati	Hogan Hero	Hogan Hero	C. Burnett
	<b>H&amp;I</b> 26.4	Star Trek ©		Star Trek: Next		Star Trek: Deep Space 9	Star Trek ♣	
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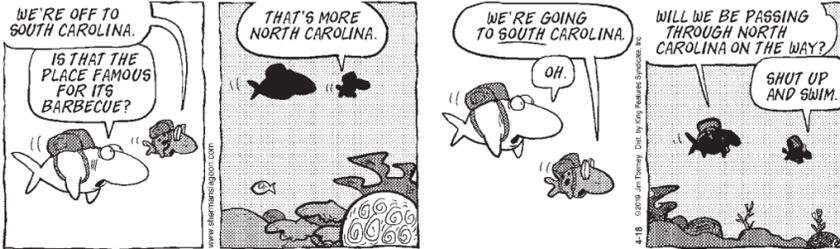
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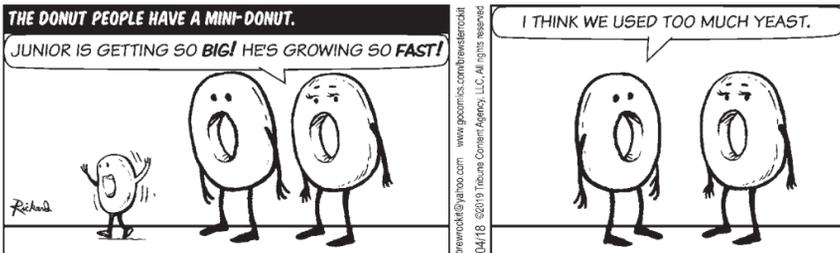
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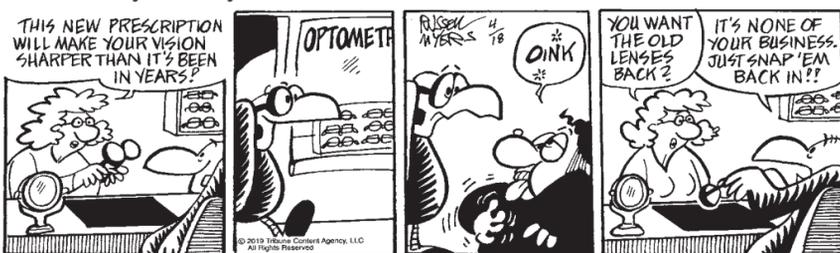
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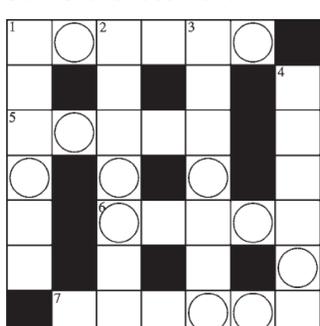


**Trivia Bits**

**Wiping out mosquitoes that carry malaria and yellow fever was crucial to the construction of what landmark?**  
 A) Empire State Building  
 B) Great Pyramids at Giza  
 C) Panama Canal  
 D) Sydney Opera House

Wednesday's answer: Scarabs are beetle-shaped amulets from ancient Egypt.  
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**Jumble Crossword**



**CLUE ACROSS**

- Learn perfectly
- Bakery staple
- Interior design
- Small bed

**CLUE DOWN**

- Chaos
- Scandalous remark
- Lured
- Golf

**ANSWER ACROSS**

1. AREMST  
 2. SYTAE  
 3. ODERC  
 4. LCREAD

**ANSWER DOWN**

1. MEHMYA  
 2. ALSRND  
 3. CENTDIE  
 4. SURCOE

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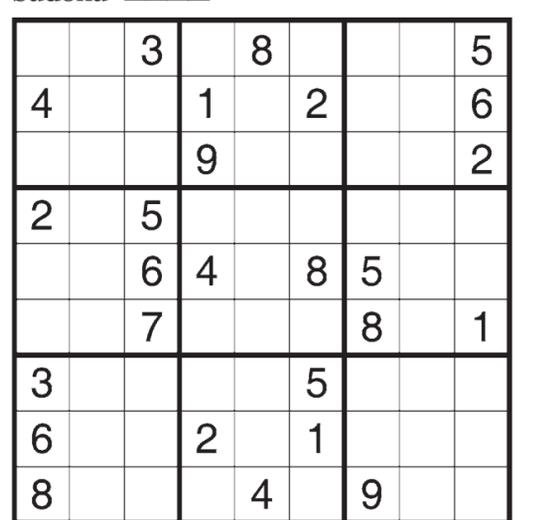
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**Sudoku** 1 2 3 4

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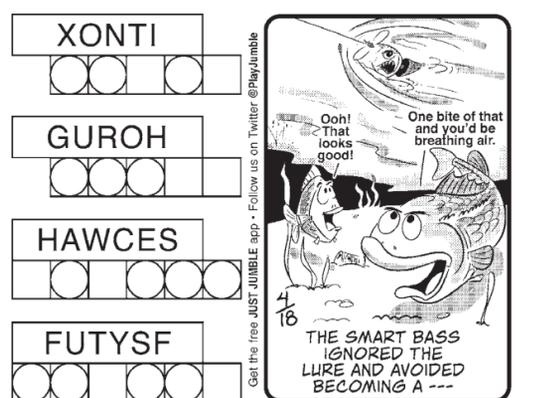
Complete the grid so each row, column and 3-by-3 box in bold borders contains every digit 1 to 9.

**Wednesday's solutions**

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**Jumble**

Unscramble the four Jumbles, one letter per square, to form four words. Then arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by this cartoon.



Answer here

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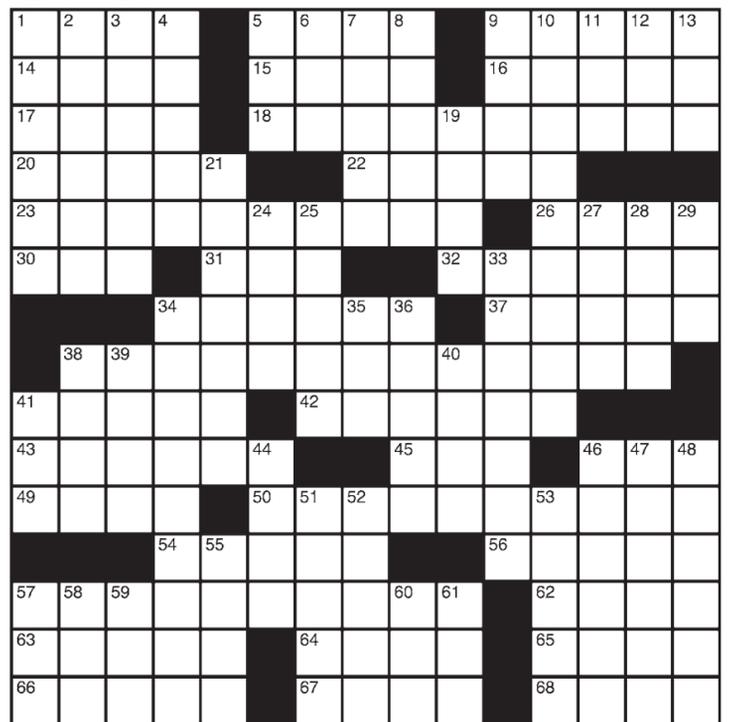
**Wednesday's answers**

Jumbles: BRASH TARDY ENZYME CAMPUS  
 Answer: The stage actors who liked to go fishing together were — CAST MEMBERS

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**Crossword**

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**Across**

- Onetime capital of the Mughal Empire
- Idea, at times
- Pop star
- Apparently are
- Bering Sea port
- Center for Auto Safety co-founder
- Part of the supreme Hindu trinity
- Penny pincher
- Trooper's outfit?
- Moan and groan
- Knot used to take up slack
- Garden nuisance
- Prof.'s helpers
- Overly
- Fill with affection
- Relax completely
- Like lambs and rams

**Down**

- Clouseau's rank, briefly
- Rock the boat
- Periodontist's org.
- Come down with
- Long starter, once
- Toll road
- Passing muster
- Footprint maker
- Raise on a pole
- Many an oil-rich ruler
- Many ages
- Death Row Records co-founder, familiarly
- "You're way over the line"
- Tantrum while playing Xbox
- Old conductance unit
- Ice cream buys
- Mmes., in Madrid
- House-shaped browser button
- School group
- 41 Group prefix
- Each
- Disco light
- Passionate about
- Passionate
- Upper regions of space
- "Likewise"
- Blabbed about, in a way
- World Cup cheers
- Go \_\_\_: succeed
- Rite answer?
- Short snooze
- Bit of a draft?
- Côte d'Azur saison

**Wednesday's solution**

AKITSA ANTI COHO  
 APOITA BORN OPEC  
 BREAKOUT INARASH  
 AARP RSVF WORSE  
 LACE MOLTIER  
 WAVEFAREWELL  
 ALERT RAW ALSO  
 NOR SPANGLE ETA  
 DEAF OWB BLOAT  
 RIDETHEBENCH  
 PATENS OAST  
 PISC BROS TAPA  
 CATCHMETFYOCAN  
 OCHO PAPT ICHAT  
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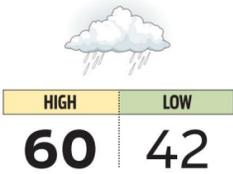
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THURSDAY, APRIL 18 NORMAL HIGH: 60° NORMAL LOW: 40° RECORD HIGH: 89° (2002) RECORD LOW: 23° (1983)

## Brief cool-down before weekend warms nicely

### LOCAL FORECAST



■ Cold front passes through the Chicago area from the west early in the morning. Winds shift to the northwest.  
 ■ With the cold front moving off to the east, highs for the day will probably occur in the morning as colder air sweeps into our area. Falling temperatures during the afternoon.  
 ■ Unstable atmospheric conditions will still keep cloudiness and scattered showers over our area until later in the day.  
 ■ Partly cloudy overnight, still a chance of a light shower or two.

### NATIONAL FORECAST

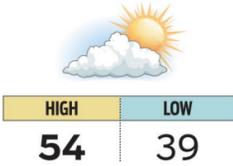


A cold front will sweep through our area early Thursday, but unstable conditions will persist resulting in cloudiness, scattered light showers and falling temperatures. Highest readings will occur during the forenoon with afternoon temperatures falling through the 50s.

With low pressure still a little to our east, clouds will persist Friday, slowly breaking up overnight. Winds gradually shift southerly allowing a warm-up to begin Saturday which will peak in the 70s on Easter Sunday.

A buckle in the jet stream to our southwest will establish a series of low pressure systems that will see cloudiness spread over our area Sunday night and result in periods of showers at least into the middle of next week.

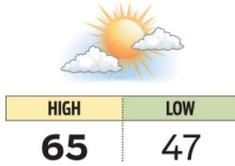
### FRIDAY, APRIL 19



Clouds persist during the forenoon with a chance of showers south and east of Chicago. A sun/cloud mix in the afternoon. Quite windy and cooler. Gusty north winds 20-30 mph. Clear, and diminishing winds overnight.



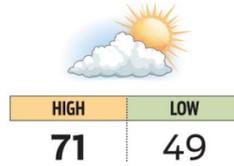
### SATURDAY, APRIL 20



Sunshine returns as temperatures rebound into the middle 60s. Turning cooler near the lake in the afternoon. Diminishing winds.



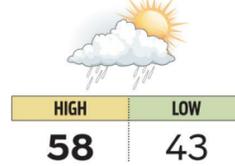
### SUNDAY, APRIL 21



Highs reach into the lower 70s. Brisk southerly winds 10-20 mph. Clouds increase at night.



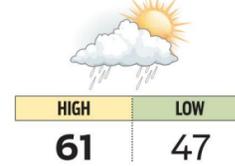
### MONDAY, APRIL 22



Mostly cloudy with a growing risk for showers. Clouds hold high temps below the 60 degree mark. Winds pick up out of the east. Clouds and showers likely overnight.



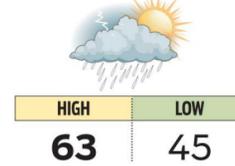
### TUESDAY, APRIL 23



Mostly cloudy with scattered showers possible. High temps in the upper 50s to lower 60s with much cooler readings along the lakefront. Clouds and a chance of showers overnight. Easterly winds 10-20 mph.



### WEDNESDAY, APRIL 24



Mostly cloudy skies - another day with scattered showers likely along with a few thunderstorms. High temps 60-65. Partly cloudy overnight.



### ASK TOM

Dear Tom,  
 As I watch Sunday's snowstorm, I remember a very big one on Easter in the early 1960s. Could you tell me about my recollection? Thanks,  
 Penny Mayer,  
 Aurora  
 Lloyd Fry

Dear Penny and Lloyd,  
 On March 29, 1964, the Chicago area was hit with its heaviest Easter snowfall, when an official 7.1 inches were measured at Midway. The snow was even heavier north and west of the city with 8.5 inches in Buffalo Grove and 9 inches at the Glenview Naval Air Station. The snow, which began before sunrise, fell steadily through the morning and then became extremely heavy in the afternoon. Strong northwest winds gusting to nearly 40 mph created near-blizzard conditions, causing a rash of accidents. Another heavy Easter snow occurred on April 4, 1920, when 6.4 inches fell.

Write to: ASK TOM  
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 Chicago, IL 60618  
 asktomwhy@wgn9.com

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## Early t-storms/showers Thursday; weekend warm-up ahead

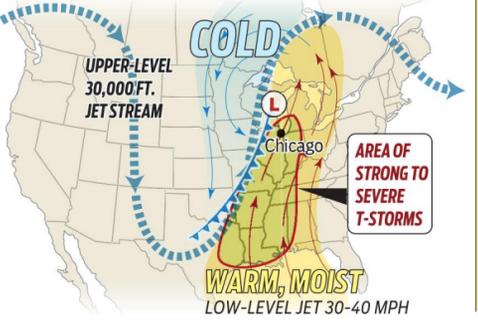
**WEDNESDAY'S CHICAGO WARMTH**  
 2019's warmest temperature yet  
**77°** ■ 16° warmer than normal  
 ■ Warmest high temp since Oct. 9, 2018

**FINALLY MORE 70s!**  
 Tuesday-Wednesday's temps  
 Chicago experienced back-to-back 70° readings Tuesday-Wednesday. Before Tuesday there was only one other 70° temp (April 8) since Oct. 11. Such few 70s by April 15 has not happened since 1926-27- and occurred only 7 times before:

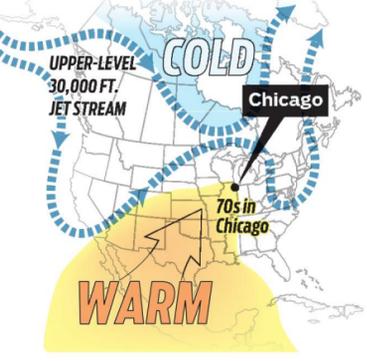
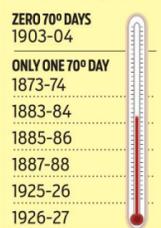
**EASTER SUNDAY SET-UP**  
 Upper-air jet steam and low-level temps  
 Strong jet steam to our north through southern Canada blocking cold air to the north in Canada, while allowing SW low-level flow to bring warmer air into the Midwest and the Chicago area

### MIDNIGHT WEDNESDAY

Cold front moving east across northern Illinois triggers strong to severe t-storms with warm, moist unstable air pouring in from the Gulf of Mexico



SOURCES: Frank Wachowski, National Weather Service archives



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### MIDWEST CITIES

THURS./FRI.	FC	HI	LO	FC	HI	LO
Illinois	ts 65 44	sh 52 39	pc 61 40	pc 51 34		
Carbondale	sh 62 42	pc 55 35				
Champaign	sh 62 42	pc 55 35				
Decatur	sh 62 42	pc 55 35				
Moline	sh 56 41	pc 61 38				
Peoria	sh 53 41	pc 61 38				
Quincy	sh 58 43	pc 61 38				
Rockford	sh 52 40	pc 59 33				
Springfield	sh 57 42	sh 58 36				
St. Louis	sh 52 40	pc 60 33				
Stirling	sh 52 40	pc 60 33				
Indiana						
Bloomington	ts 64 41	sh 48 40				
Evansville	ts 66 43	sh 50 40				
Fort Wayne	ts 67 41	sh 47 40				
Indianapolis	ts 66 41	sh 47 39				
Lafayette	ts 64 38	sh 47 37				
Lafayette	ts 61 37	sh 48 36				
St. Paul	ts 61 37	sh 48 36				
Wisconsin						
Green Bay	sh 48 37	pc 58 34				
Kenosha	sh 52 39	pc 49 35				
La Crosse	sh 51 36	pc 62 38				
Madison	sh 49 37	pc 59 34				
Milwaukee	sh 51 39	pc 51 36				
Wausau	sh 44 32	su 58 32				
Michigan						
Detroit	ts 68 43	rn 46 39				
Grand Rapids	ts 61 39	sh 56 37				
Marquette	sh 41 33	su 49 33				
St. Joseph	sh 45 35	cl 48 30				
Traverse City	sh 56 37	su 49 33				
Iowa						
Ames	sh 55 37	su 63 37				
Cedar Rapids	sh 52 36	su 61 35				
Des Moines	sh 55 39	su 62 39				
Dubuque	sh 52 38	su 61 36				
El Paso	su 79 54	su 87 59				

### OTHER U.S. CITIES

THURS./FRI.	FC	HI	LO	FC	HI	LO
Albany	pc 72 48	su 74 54				
Albuquerque	pc 56 33	rn 72 61				
Albuquerque	su 71 46	su 77 51				
Amarillo	pc 67 40	su 74 49				
Anchorage	sh 41 33	pc 42 29				
Asheville	sh 76 60	ts 65 42				
Aspen	pc 53 31	su 62 37				
Atlanta	cl 80 63	ts 65 44				
Atlanta City	sh 62 56	sh 63 58				
Austin	pc 73 54	su 77 63				
Baltimore	cl 75 66	ts 73 63				
Birmingham	pc 68 48	pc 78 50				
Birmingham	sh 77 53	rn 57 44				
Bismarck	pc 60 36	pc 74 49				
Boise	pc 72 50	pc 80 47				
Boston	sh 54 50	pc 70 61				
Brownsville	pc 91 60	su 87 61				
Buffalo	sh 68 51	sh 63 58				
Burlington	sh 57 51	sh 66 46				
Charlotte	pc 81 65	ts 72 48				
Charlottesville	sh 76 68	ts 76 54				
Charlottesville	pc 86 65	ts 68 46				
Chattanooga	cl 81 59	sh 63 43				
Cheyenne	pc 55 36	su 70 45				
Cincinnati	sh 77 51	sh 56 39				
Cleveland	ts 72 50	rn 52 42				
Colorado Spgs	pc 61 37	su 72 45				
Columbia MO	sh 59 44	pc 63 39				
Columbia SC	pc 82 68	ts 76 50				
Columbus	pc 77 60	rn 62 42				
Concord	sh 51 45	sh 67 53				
Corpus Christi	pc 59 39	su 84 64				
Dallas	pc 72 52	su 71 50				
Daytona Bch.	pc 86 72	ts 84 57				
Denver	pc 64 41	su 76 48				
Duluth	sh 48 32	su 55 40				
El Paso	su 79 54	su 87 59				
Fairbanks	sh 44 29	su 41 26				
Fargo	sh 55 36	pc 61 47				
Flagstaff	su 67 30	su 72 36				
Fort Myers	pc 89 74	ts 86 66				
Fort Smith	ts 64 46	pc 67 41				
Fresno	pc 89 60	cl 90 61				
Grand Junction	su 70 44	su 77 50				
Great Falls	pc 65 52	pc 71 42				
Harrisburg	sh 73 64	ts 75 61				
Hartford	sh 52 51	rn 67 60				
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Jackson	ts 74 49	su 58 43				
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Oklahoma City	pc 68 46	su 68 49				
Omaha	pc 59 39	pc 72 44				
Orlando	pc 91 73	ts 86 61				

### WORLD CITIES

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Palm Beach	sh 86 76	ts 84 66				
Palm Springs	pc 97 68	su 67 67				
Philadelphia	sh 76 63	ts 76 62				
Phoenix	su 93 66	su 99 68				
Pittsburgh	sh 81 64	ts 70 53				
Portland, ME	sh 49 43	sh 60 52				
Portland, OR	pc 73 53	rn 59 43				
Providence	sh 53 49	sh 66 60				
Raleigh	pc 81 65	ts 76 54				
Rapid City	pc 59 38	su 75 52				
Reno	sh 79 49	sh 61 50				
Richmond	pc 84 64	ts 75 61				
Rochester	pc 72 58	ts 62 42				
Sacramento	su 82 55	sh 83 55				

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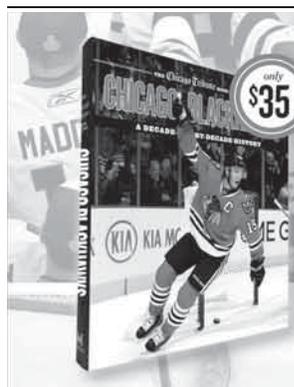


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# Organic modernism blends best of nature and design

BY JENNA SCHUSTER  
HomeAdvisor

If you haven't heard of organic modernism yet, then get ready — it's about to become your favorite design trend. It all started in 1941, when the Museum of Modern Art in New York hosted a show titled Organic Design in Home Furnishings. The furniture featured in the exhibition brought together crisp, modern design and natural elements. Now this trend is re-emerging, covering entire rooms in clean lines, curved furniture and the healing power of nature.

Organic modernism brings together sleek surfaces, cozy textures and warm neutrals to create a space that blends the best of nature and modern design. These tips will help you get the look in your own home.

**Add texture:** If you'd like to sample this trend before you commit to expensive upgrades, start with texture. Hemp and jute macrame decorations make great rough wall materials, and they instantly add interest



DREAMSTIME

An organic modern home is filled with neutral colors, textures and natural elements.

to a space. Different textured metals, such as dimpled copper vases and rustic bronze lamps, can also engage the senses. For a softer take, incorporate woven rugs and knit pillows into your design. And for texture inspired by nature, use faux animal skins and furs as floor cov-

erings and wall hangings.

**Bring in neutrals:** Neutrals have a unique ability to make seemingly opposite elements work in a cohesive design, so a neutral color palette is a perfect fit for organic modern spaces. Slowly integrate warm colors like creamy whites,

wicker browns and hemp beiges to create a cozy, airy feel in any room. If you'd like to add a touch of color contrast, copper, charcoal and denim shades are great complements to these neutrals. You can start small with a few neutral throws and work your way up to fresh greige paint or

new camel-colored furniture.

**Change up furniture:** You can't talk about organic modern design without talking furniture. It is how the trend got started after all. If you decide to switch out your furniture to get the look, search for an

eclectic combination of pieces. Simple, clean-lined, midcentury modern furniture and lively, rough-hewn wood styles can live in harmony in the organic modern space. Pair live-edge tables, curved furniture and irregularly shaped items with starkly basic, standard furnishings. For a good starting point, look for furniture made of wicker, stone or leather.

**Incorporate nature:** Don't just mimic nature with textures, colors and furnishings. Truly bring the outdoors in by artfully distributing organic elements throughout your home. Natural antlers, driftwood, branches and interesting rocks from the garden can all find new lives as one-of-a-kind decor pieces. And don't forget about potted plants. Ferns, palms and cactuses are easy, low-cost indoor plants you can use to bring real nature into your space. If you'd like to take it one step further, consider upgrading to river rock backsplashes and marble countertops — and even real hardwood floors.

## Brighten decor with spring blues

BY CATHY HOBBS  
Tribune News Service

When thinking of spring, what colors come to mind? For me, it's pink, yellow and blue.

Blue is not only one of the most popular colors, it's also an ideal color for spring. Looking for ways to use blue in your spring decor? Here are some tips.

**1.** Use different tints, tones and shades of blue. It is OK to mix light blue and indigo,

for example.

**2.** Integrate blue accents through elements such as artwork.

**3.** Look to accessories such as toss pillows, throws and vases as a way to infuse blue into a space.

**4.** Don't be afraid to use black. Black can help make certain shades of blue look richer.

**5.** Pair darker shades of

blue with light colors such as taupe and white to add a sense of contrast.

**6.** Consider using blue as a foundation color. It can be used a base color similar to colors such as black or brown.

**7.** Purchase an area rug that contains blue to make a bold blue color or pattern statement.

**8.** Blend different shades of blue in a single room if you

are looking for a more interesting and less monochromatic color palette.

**9.** Color map blue in a room or throughout a home. The design technique known as color mapping involves repeating the same or similar colors to create a cohesive color story.

**10.** Consider gray. Whether a light gray or a deep charcoal, pairing blue with gray is a powerful and intriguing combination.



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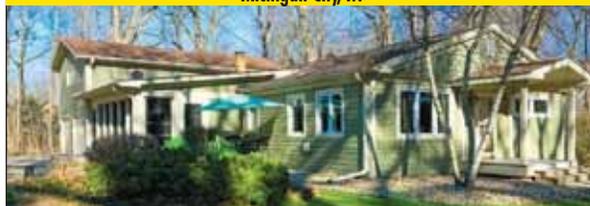


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# These organizing pros let you keep more stuff

BY ALICIA RANCILIO  
Associated Press

NEW YORK — Joanna Teplin and Clea Shearer of the Nashville-based company The Home Edit believe in streamlining your belongings to get organized, but they say it isn't realistic to expect people to pitch so much of their stuff.

"We definitely are more lenient in purging than Marie Kondo's method," said Shearer, referring to the author of the best-selling book "The Life-Changing Magic of Tidying Up: The Japanese Art of Decluttering and Organizing." Kondo also has her own series on Netflix, "Tidying Up With Marie Kondo," and has sparked the verb "Kondo-ing," meaning purging anything that doesn't "spark joy."

"In our consumer-driven culture, we do understand people are going to own a few more things than she would suggest," said Shearer. "We just try and coach (clients) to think through it."

The questions they ask are: Do you love it, do you use it, or is it special?

"A plunger brings nobody any joy, but you must own one," added Shearer. "People sometimes get so excited they cleaned out everything, and now they're left with three tank tops and a pair of leggings."

Teplin and Shearer are sharing their philosophy in the New York Times best-selling book "The Home Edit: A Guide to Organizing and Realizing Your House Goals."

"To hire us is a luxury service, just like hiring a personal trainer," said Shearer. "Our book allows our way to be accessible for people who want to do it themselves."

In this interview, edited for length and clarity, they talk more about their technique, celeb clientele and



THE HOME EDIT

Labeling is a big part of The Home Edit's signature style, whether with handwritten signs or a color-coded system.



more.

**Q: Your Instagram and book show you using multiple containers — like baskets or bins — that look the same. What do you think about organizational hacks like using empty tissue boxes or toilet paper rolls to bunch items together?**

**Shearer:** That's just not who we are. I totally respect if people want to do that. We pick items that look beautiful. While I

know people want to reuse an empty shoe box, it's just not our thing.

**Teplin:** Uniformity of product is so important to us. To make it look a certain way, it's important to keep it uniform. If you have one basket that looks one way and another one that looks totally different and another one off over here, you lose that aesthetic that is so pleasing to the eye.

**Q: What's your advice for people who have collections?**

**Shearer:** We love to honor a collection. If someone really loves something, we will find a way to highlight it and make something that they are happy to look at. We'll say, is this a collection because you love it, or do you get a souvenir cup every time you go to the zoo? Let's dig a little bit deeper and figure out what we're working with.

**Teplin:** There are things that people have accidentally collected that can be



JOHN SHEARER/THE HOME EDIT

Joanna Teplin, left, and Clea Shearer founded The Home Edit, based in Nashville.

pared down.

**Q: What about keeping track of your kids' artwork?**

**Shearer:** What I do is each kid has a sentimental box throughout the school year or calendar year. When schoolwork comes home, you slip it into the box. At the end of the year, you go through it and weed out what you don't want. You don't know what you need to keep until you look back with some perspective, so you kind of put it in a holding pattern.

**Q: You've organized for celebrities including Christina Applegate, Tiffani Thiessen, Gwyneth Paltrow and**

**Khloe Kardashian. Please say celebrities are like regular people who have messy closets.**

**Shearer:** We've never walked into a home and said, "We're not needed here." Well, Khloe Kardashian's was pretty close. **Teplin:** It really isn't organizing for her. It's more like a collaboration. She's like 99.9 percent there. If she wasn't busy, we would love to have her work for us.

**Shearer:** We've done her pantry, her kitchen, her laundry room, her home office. We just adore her. She gets us in a way that no one really does.

**Q: Reese Witherspoon produces a show with**

**you both for DirecTV called "Master the Mess." How did that come about?**

**Shearer:** Reese found us on Instagram, and her company, Hello Sunshine, DM'd us. I remember the moment. They said, "Reese suggested we reach out" and I pulled my car over to the side of the road and I said, "I need you to repeat that."

**Q: Have you organized for her?**

**Shearer:** No! We have offered so many times. I feel like she feels bad like she doesn't want to take advantage. I'm like, "Let us in! Let us into your messiest space!" I think she's saving it for the TV cameras.

A mixed planting of trees, shrubs and perennials can provide screening without a massive wall of evergreens.

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## Several attractive ways to make yard more private

BY BETH BOTTS

Chicago Tribune

Do you feel your yard could be more private? Does it have an unwelcome view or a busy road that's too close? Are you tired of sharing evenings on the back deck with your next-door neighbors?

Many homeowners seek privacy with a tall board fence or a hedge of closely spaced evergreen arborvitae trees. But those are not the only options, according to Julie Janoski, Plant Clinic manager at the Morton Arboretum in Lisle.

"There are more attractive ways to get that sense of enclosure and seclusion," said Janoski, who is also a landscape designer. "Ask yourself, what are the particular areas where you need screening, and when do you need it?"

For example, you probably only sit on your patio or deck from May through September, so that's when you need it screened.

"You can use deciduous blooming shrubs rather than evergreens," Janoski said, "and when they drop their leaves in winter, it won't matter."

Think not just about blocking others' sightlines but about creating an attractive view from your

vantage point. Enclosing the whole yard with a line of arborvitae can be boring: "It's a blank green wall," Janoski said. "You'll get a much more interesting look if you use a wider palette of plants, including trees, deciduous and evergreen shrubs, perennials and grasses."

A single-species hedge also is risky, according to plant knowledge specialist Sharon Yiesla, because the whole planting is vulnerable to any insect or disease that attacks that species.

Tall evergreen walls also cut airflow, Yiesla said. For enclosure in her own yard, she has vertical arbors covered with woody vines such as clematis.

Some spots may require year-round screening, such as a kitchen window that looks right into your neighbor's. There, an arborvitae or two may be in order.

"But then put something more interesting in front," Janoski said, such as an attractive small flowering tree, a birdbath to attract birds, or rose bushes.

You may not have to completely block unpleasant views, she said, if you can distract attention from them. For example, a group of red-twig dogwoods, with their vivid winter bark, might attract the eye away from an ugly shed.

Sometimes there's a need for a fence — to keep dogs or children in the yard, or to keep deer out. But it doesn't necessarily need to be solid and it doesn't have to run along the property line. You can place it with space inside and out for trees, shrubs and perennials.

"That will soften the line of the fence and give everyone a more interesting view," Janoski said. "When I plan for my own privacy, I still don't want to be unneighborly."

She recommends that you consider your whole property, including the views from inside the house as well as from the deck or patio and yard, and make a plan to screen only those spots that need it with plants that will add interest.

"Be sure to include trees," Janoski said. "Over time, trees will grow to screen your outdoor spaces from overhead and also will block the neighbors' view into your upstairs windows."

For tree and plant advice, contact the Arboretum's Plant Clinic (630-719-2424 or [plantclinic@mortonarb.org](mailto:plantclinic@mortonarb.org)).

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## Start planting cool season annuals, but wait on others

BY TIM JOHNSON

Chicago Tribune

**The recent warm weather has me excited about starting to plant in my garden. I am seeing flowers in my garden center and wonder if it is OK to add some color to my garden.**

— Jennifer Jackson, Grayslake

You can plant cool season annuals, such as pansies and primulas, which can tolerate cold weather and a light frost in early April, to add color to your garden. Pansies and primulas are good performers for early season planting.

Since the season is short, I try to buy well-developed plants already in bloom and plant them close together for a good show. Ideally, the plants would have been hardened off (gradually introduced to outside growing conditions) before you plant them. If they are coming right out of a greenhouse, then wait to plant them if there are temperatures below 30 degrees forecast within the week. If the plants have been acclimated to being outside, then it will be OK to plant them.

As temperatures drop below 28 degrees, there will be more risk of damage to the pansies and primulas, so it will be best to cover them for those nights.

Less frost-tolerant cool season annuals like Persian buttercup (*Ranunculus asiaticus*) and Iceland poppy (*Papaver nudicaule*) should be planted later in April to avoid a hard frost that is more common in early April. Go ahead and seed your cool season vegetable crops like peas, cilantro, lettuce and radish. May 1 is a good time to start planting potatoes.

It is important to avoid working the garden soil



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Pansies are good performers for early season planting.

when it is too wet. The soil will take longer to dry out after rain in the early cool spring season. It should crumble in your hand when you form a ball with it and squeeze it with your fingers. If the soil forms a sticky ball that will not crumble, then it is too wet for planting.

Sandy soils can be worked much sooner after rain than soils with more clay, so you will need to check your garden's soil rather than using a general rule or what your friends might be doing in their gardens. Working the soil when it is too wet can increase compaction and break down the structure of the soil, leaving you with hard crusts or clumps when it dries out.

It is fine to plant any hardy trees, shrubs, perennials and ground covers that you can buy now. Plants are coming into garden centers now and this is a good time to plant.

The one thing to watch for would be any plants in the nursery that may have been shipped from a warmer area and are much more advanced in foliage development than the same plants in the area. The soft new growth on these particular plants could be damaged by a

typical frost that will occur between now and late May.

Install bare root plant materials as soon as you can after they arrive in the mail. Unpack plants and make sure the packing around the roots is moist. Store the plants in a cool place that will not freeze until they can be planted.

The average last frost at the Chicago Botanic Garden is May 15 so that date provides a guideline for installing plants that are frost- or cold-sensitive. That date will vary depending on where you live in the Chicago area, so monitor the weather forecasts to make sure there are no late cold spells predicted that could damage or kill your plants.

For example, flowers like petunias and impatiens are sensitive to cold so you need to wait until the danger of frost is well past. Coleus and tropical plants can be set back by cold nights. I lost a large planting of coleus one spring after an extended period of wet and cool weather that occurred during the third week of May.

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# Not all tape measures created equal

Some tips on giving the gift of hand tools

BY TIM CARTER  
Tribune Content Agency

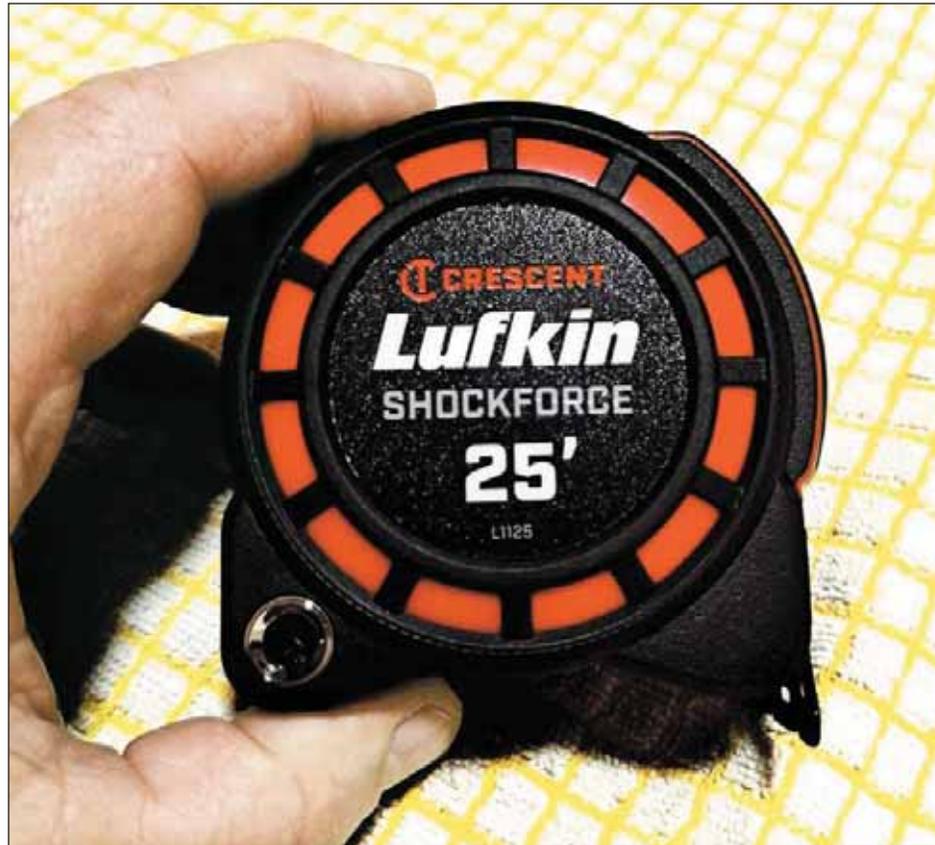
**Q: I'm sure you get to see new tools all the time. I'm curious if certain tools become your favorite or if you see vast improvements over older models. I want to create a set of simple hand tools for both my daughter and son who now live in their own homes.**

**A:** New hand tools appear in the marketplace every year. Keeping up with them is a full-time job.

I have to admit it's often hard for new tools to wow me, but every now and then magic happens. A few weeks ago two new tape measures put my head on a swivel. One would think it's impossible to significantly improve a standard steel retractable tape measure. Think again.

This new tape measure, the Lufkin Shockforce, has a blade hook that is coated on both sides with fine diamond grit. Every other tape I've owned has a shiny chrome hook that slips off things you are trying to measure. The Shockforce also has extra reinforcement ribs to protect it in case you drop it. Finally, it has a hole in the lower left corner that allows you to transform it into a tool that will help you draw circles or ovals.

Other useful hand tools



TIM CARTER PHOTO

The new Lufkin Shockforce tape measure features a blade hook coated on both sides with fine diamond grit to prevent slippage and a tool that helps you draw circles.

to give to your kids are screwdrivers. I gravitate to the screwdrivers that contain six or seven assorted bits in the handle. This gives you multiple screwdrivers in one tool. The screwdrivers like this that cost more money are usually the ones that perform best and will have the most comfortable fit in the hand.

Everyone needs a hammer, but most homeowners don't realize they come in different weights. You need to match the hammer to

the job. A 16-ounce hammer is probably the most common, but I typically use a 20-ounce one. The heavier the hammer, the fewer blows are required to get the job done.

Drywall repair tools can be handy, as it always seems a wall or ceiling requires some work. I discovered long ago it really pays to invest the extra money for stainless steel taping and broad knives. You can also get stainless steel mud pans. These

tools, if cared for, will last for generations.

Tool storage should be high on your list. You want a nice box where you can store most of your tools so they're protected and you know where to find them. Newer plastic boxes are a vast improvement over the old heavy steel boxes that were so prone to rust.

**Q: I'm an owner/build-er of a new home. A few days ago an on-grade slab was poured. I got to the**



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Screwdrivers are a toolbox must. You can buy them separately or get one that includes assorted bits in the handle.

**job as the workers were finishing the concrete, and I noticed the plumber had put in the bathroom pipes on the wrong side of the house. I think the plumber should pay to rip out all the concrete and redo everything the correct way. I think tearing into the concrete to move the pipes will harm the entire slab. What would you do if this was to be your home?**

**A:** It's never any fun to deliver tough-love answers. This happens to be one of those occasions. Let's first discuss the concrete slab stability issue.

I would never rip out the entire slab. It's an unreasonable request. The concrete slab can be cut all the way through with a large

diamond wet saw that contractors often use to cut into roadways or other large slabs.

Once you make all the cut lines to create the space needed to move the pipes to the correct location, jackhammer out the concrete between the cut lines. Because the saw cut all the way through the slab, the concrete that's away from the pipes will not be affected by the pounding of the jackhammer.

After the new plumbing pipes are in and the fill material is compacted, it's time to pour the replacement concrete. I'd drill into the sides of the original slab with a 1/2-inch rotary hammer drill every 16 inches along the cut lines of the slab. Drill 3 or 4 inches deep and tap into the holes 8-inch-long pieces of 1/2-inch rebar. These pins will help lock the new concrete to the original pour. A great finisher can easily match the top surface of the concrete so it's in the same plane as the original slab.

Now for the tough love. The builder bears 50 percent of the responsibility of the mistake. Yes, the plumber read the plans upside down, but you should have inspected the location of the pipes before the concrete was on its way to the job site. You can't hope things are done correctly. Every aspect of the work done by the subcontractors needs to be checked by the builder before it's covered up by something else.

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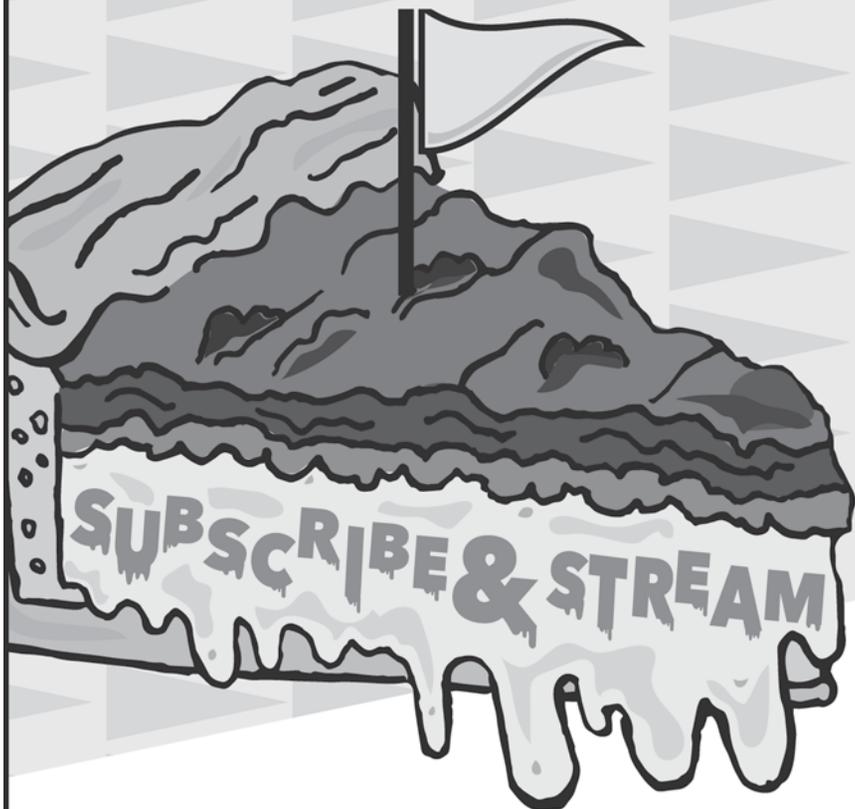
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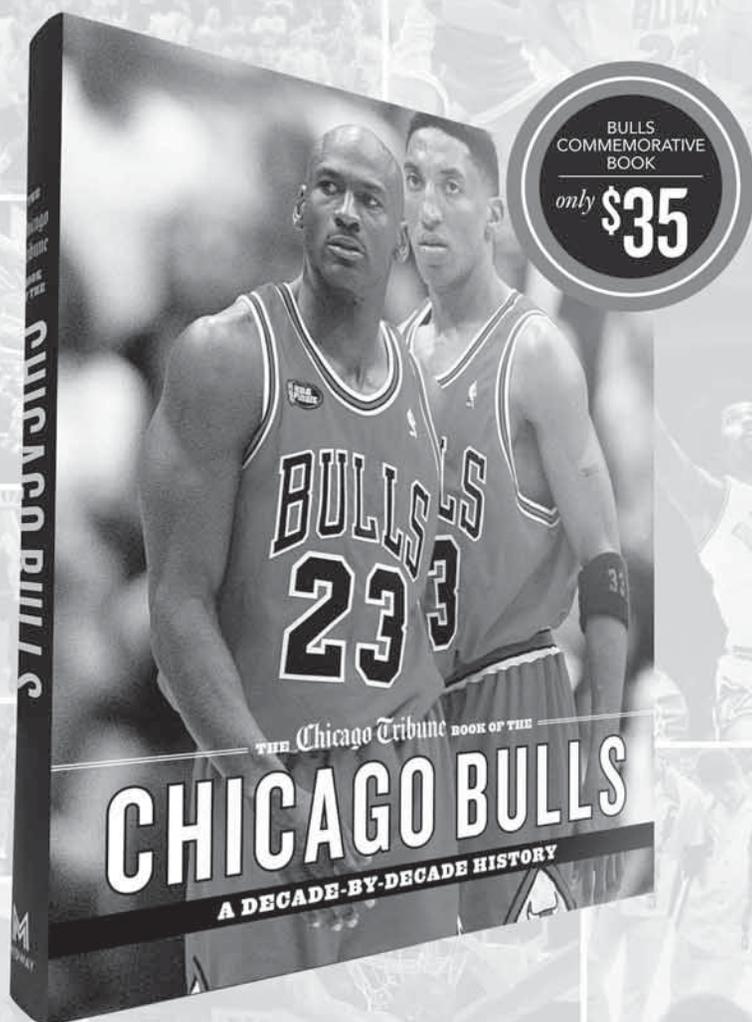


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# Preparing your irrigation system for springtime

BY PAUL F.P. POGUE  
Angie's List

If you've installed an automatic irrigation system in your lawn, you already know you've made a significant investment in your lawn's health. Protect that investment by taking the proper steps to turning it on for the first time of the season. Irrigation systems involve many small moving parts and a constant water flow, and these elements require frequent maintenance. You should perform an inspection at least twice a year — when you start up for spring and when you close up for winter.

### Startup after freezing ends:

You can handle many elements of preparation yourself with a little know-how and care. If you properly winterized your system last fall, you've already drained and blown out all the excess water, so the pipes are clear. Check the weather report before turning on your system for the first time. Ice is an irrigation system's greatest nemesis. Make sure you've passed the season's last frost before turning things on.

If you activate your system yourself, make sure you check all zones to be sure the heads are working properly and rotors and sprayers are doing what they should be doing. Look closely for water bubbling up around the heads. That could indicate a crack or a leak that will need to be repaired. In any case, it's a good idea to hire an irrigation professional to perform a thorough inspection, which can help pinpoint leaks or other potential problems. This service usually costs between \$65 and \$100.

An inspection helps catch problems early. For minor problems, early repair will prevent your system from wasting water. And for bigger problems, you could prolong your system's life by repairing them before they cause major damage. A technician can also offer advice about the best way to set up each sprinkler head to allocate water use.

An irrigation inspector will check for leaks, check for wiring issues, verify that the timer is working properly, slowly pressurize the main line, check the rain sensor, check all the

zones for proper function and spray patterns, straighten crooked heads, and perhaps most important, test the backflow preventer.

### Check the backflow:

Your backflow preventer is a crucial component of the irrigation system, and often you can't check it yourself. Outdoor water can easily become tainted by fertilizers, pesticides and animal waste. If that material flows back into the potable water system, your family could easily become sick by drinking the tainted water. A backflow preventer makes sure the flow of irrigation water goes only one way: out.

In fact, this is so important that many municipalities require irrigation system owners to hire a certified professional to perform a test and verify it works, even if you aren't performing separate maintenance. In most cases, a pro will include this service as part of the overall system inspection. Check your local regulations for details, and even if it's not required, strongly consider a backflow inspection anyway.

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Refinancing your mortgage or applying for a home equity line of credit can be tempting, since interest rates on these tend to be significantly lower than student, parent and personal loans. They're also fairly easy to access as long as you have a decent credit score and more than 20 percent equity in your home.

But just because you can tap home equity for college doesn't mean you should. The biggest argument against doing so is that taking any loan out against your home requires offering your house as collateral. Should you have trouble repaying that debt in the future, your ownership of the home can be jeopardized.

Contrast that to parent or personal loans, or student loans your child takes out. Although these will carry higher rates, they aren't secured by your home. Some education-oriented loans also offer flexibility for repayment should you fall on hard times, with policies for temporarily deferring payments or even forgiving the loan.

If you still decide that tapping home equity is your best avenue for making college ends meet, note that a home equity line of credit may be better for families applying for financial aid, since a cash-out refinance can hurt your eligibility calculation. You can also run into financial aid ramifications with home equity lines of credit, if you don't time your withdrawals carefully.

As with many tempting uses of your home equity, putting your house on the line can be a risky proposition. So you owe it to yourself and your future to carefully consider all of the available options.

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